To the Hon. Minister of Tourism, Economic Affairs, Transport and Telecommunication
Ms. L.N.L de Weever
Government Administration Building
Philipsburg

UV/016/2020-2021

Philipsburg, September 30, 2020

Re: Questions from MP S.A. Wescot-Williams regarding the St. Maarten's Timeshare Industry

Hon. Minister de Weever,

Herewith I submit to you questions posed by Member of Parliament Mrs. S.A. Wescot-Williams pursuant to article 62 of the Constitution and article 69 of the Rules of Order of the Parliament of Sint Maarten.

The letter is self-explanatory.

Yours truly,

R. Brison
President of Parliament
To:
Parliament of Sint Maarten
Attention: President of Parliament
Wilhelminastraat #1
Philipsburg, St. Maarten

Philipsburg, September 21, 2020

Dear Honorable President of Parliament,

I hereby submit to you questions directed to Minister of Tourism, Economic Affairs, Transport and Telecommunication (TEATT), Honorable Ludmila N.L. de Weever regarding St. Maarten’s Timeshare Industry.

I kindly ask that these be forwarded.

Respectfully,

Sarah A. Wescot-Williams,
Member of Parliament
United Democratic (UD) Party
Minister of Tourism, Economic Affairs, Transport and Telecommunication (TEATT)
Honorable Ludmila N.L. de Weever
Government Administration Building

Philipsburg, September 21st, 2020

Ref: St. Maarten’s Timeshare Industry.

Honorable Minister de Weever,

Kindly take note of my letter to the former Minister of TEATT, Mrs. M. Arrindell-Doncher dated October 5, 2017, which is self-explanatory and the Minister’s response at that time.

Many inquiries and meetings since then have not yielded any results. Given the economic realities of today, I am of the belief that our timeshare industry is one that should be buoyed in preparation for any industry shifts due to the global pandemic. One of the reasons for this ordinance was exactly to strengthen this industry.

I hereby once again inquire about the ratification of the Timeshare Ordinance by the Government of St. Maarten.

What is Government’s position on the timeshare industry in general?

Does Government intend to ratify this ordinance? If yes, when? If not, why not?

What does the Government plan (if not to ratify the ordinance) to do to buoy the timeshare sector on St. Maarten and by extension the tourism industry?

Respectfully,

Sarah A. Wescot-Williams,
Member of Parliament
United Democratic Party
Parliament of Sint Maarten
Attn. President of Parliament, Mrs. S.A. Wescot-Williams
Wilhelminastraat 1
Philipsburg, Sint Maarten

Re: Reminder update ratification Timeshare Ordinance

Dear Mrs. Wescot-Williams,

Your letter of October 5th last was received in good order. In your letter you have requested to be provided with an update on the ratification process of the Initiative national ordinance to revise the rules pertaining to timeshare (Timeshare Ordinance) [Parliamentary Year 2013-2014-038], which was approved by Parliament on February 22, 2017, in the Public meeting no. 11.

Please be informed that the advice concerning the ratification of the revised Timeshare Ordinance was prepared by the Department of Legal Affairs prior to Hurricane Irma. We are in the final stages and should be able to present the advice in the meeting of the Council of Ministers within a few weeks.

Kind regards,

Melissa Arrindell-Doncher
Minister of Tourism, Economic Affairs, Traffic and Telecommunications
Re: Reminder update ratification Timeshare Ordinance

Hon. Minister Arrindell-Doncher,

By letter of July 12, 2017, UV/259/2016-2017, you were requested to provide an update on the ratification process of the Initiative national ordinance to revise the rules pertaining to timeshare (Timeshare Ordinance) (Parliamentary Year 2013-2014-038)/Initiatief ontwerplandsverordening tot herziening van de regels betreffende timeshare (Timeshare Ordinance) (Zittingsjaar 2013-2104-038) that was approved by the Parliament of Sint Maarten on February 22, 2017, in Public meeting no. 11.

To date Parliament hasn’t received an update on the aforementioned process.

By means of this letter I would like to remind you to provide an update on the ratification process as soon as possible.

Your cooperation in this is highly appreciated.

Respectfully,

S.A. Wescot-Williams
President of Parliament