To the Hon. Prime Minister and Minister of General Affairs
Ms. S.E. Jacobs
Government Administration Building
Philipsburg

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Philipsburg, August 5, 2020

Re: Questions from MP M.D. Gumbs and MP R.A. Peterson regarding Government’s execution of Parliament’s motion of July 8, 2020 in Public meeting no. 31

Hon. Prime Minister Jacobs,

Herewith I submit to you questions posed by Members of Parliament, Ms. M.D. Gumbs and Mr. R.A. Peterson 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,

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President of Parliament
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Parliament of St. Maarten  
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Subject: Questions for Minister of General Affairs

Dear Honorable President of Parliament:

Pursuant to article 69 of the Rules of Order of Parliament, we hereby request that you forward the attached questions to the Minister of General Affairs, the Honorable Prime Minister Silveria Jacobs. Thank you in advance.

Respectfully,

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Honorable Prime Minister Jacobs:

On 8 July 2020, in Parliament’s public meeting 31 with agenda point “Discussion regarding the decision to be taken in the Kingdom Council of Ministers,” a motion regarding the proposed Kingdom consensus law was passed by the entire Parliament with five key resolutions. The PFP Faction, keeping this motion in consideration, has prepared the below questions for your person, with regards to Government’s actions on the resolutions in question:

1. Considering that the so-called hervormingsentiteit will be on the RMR agenda once more on 14 August 2020, has the St. Maarten Government issued a counterproposal to the Kingdom Government, in accordance with resolution point 2 of the motion (“To request Government to present a counterproposal to the Kingdom Council of Ministers”)?
   a. If yes, we request that this counterproposal be sent to the Parliament of St. Maarten.
   b. If no, when does Government plan to issue a counterproposal?
2. Has the St. Maarten Government, in accordance with resolution point 3 of the aforementioned motion, maintained communication and dialogue with the Kingdom Government?
   a. If yes, what is the current status of that dialogue?
3. Has the Government completed the socio-economic recovery and development strategy, as mentioned in resolution point 4 of the aforementioned motion?
   a. If yes, can this document be sent to the Parliament of St. Maarten?
   b. If no, when can the Parliament expect said document, as the deadline of three (3) weeks has now lapsed?
4. Considering the precarious financial position of the country, we ask that Government share their plan B for St. Maarten’s short-term and future recovery.

Given the urgency of the matter, we would appreciate if the answers can be given by the Prime Minister by no later than Friday, 7 August 2020.

Respectfully,

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