To the Hon. Minister of Tourism, Economic Affairs, Transport and Telecommunication
Mr. R. Lawrence
Government Administration Building
Philipsburg

UV/014/2021-2022

Philipsburg, September 20, 2021

Re: Questions from MP C.T. Emmanuel regarding developments between PJIA, Schiphol and Ballast Nedam

Hon. Minister Lawrence,

Herewith I submit to you questions from Member of Parliament, MP Mr. C.T. Emmanuel, according 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 the Chairman of Parliament
Mr. Rolando Brison
Wilhelminastraat 1
Philipsburg

September 15, 2021

Re: PJIA-Schiphol-Ballast Nedam

Dear Chairman,

Please find attached letters to be forwarded to the Honorable Minister of TEATT Roger Lawrence, in connection with the developments between Schiphol and Ballast Nedam.

Thank you for your Cooperation

Christophe Emmanuel
Member of Parliament
To: The Honorable Minister of TEATT  
Mr. Roger Lawrence  
Government Administration Building  
Philipsburg, St. Maarten  
Dutch Caribbean  

August September 15, 2021  

Re: Developments between Schiphol & Ballast Nedam  

Dear Minister,

In the week of August 27, 2021, several media outlets in the Netherlands reported on the significant financial losses of Schiphol International Airport. Included in these reports are the delays Schiphol is now faced with on the construction of a new wing at the airport due to conflicts with contractor Ballast Nedam. The reports specifically mentioned rising costs and shortage of building materials. The issue between Schiphol and Ballast Nedam could result in a legal dispute between the two. As Schiphol is heavily involved at the Princess Juliana International Airport (PJIA) and as Ballast Nedam has recently been awarded the bid for the re-construction of PJIA, I would appreciate answers to the following questions:

1. Has Schiphol or Ballast Nedam informed PJIA of any consequences for the re-construction of PJIA due to the reported dispute between Schiphol and Ballast Nedam? If yes, please elaborate.
2. Has Schiphol or Ballast Nedam informed PJIA of any cost overruns for the re-construction of PJIA due to increase of material cost? If yes, please indicate how much cost overrun can be expected?
3. Has Schiphol or Ballast Nedam informed PJIA of any delays in the re-construction of PJIA due to shortage of material? If yes, please indicate the length of this delay.
4. Please explain if there is any clause in the re-construction contract of PJIA that indemnifies PJIA from additional costs related to third party disputes and delays.
5. If a legal dispute develops between Schiphol and Ballast Nedam, how will this affect the re-construction of PJIA?
6. Please indicate if the re-construction is on schedule.

Lastly Minister, if PJIA does not have any information regarding the aforementioned questions or if they have not been briefed by Schiphol or Ballast Nedam, I hereby also request that you insist that PJIA reaches out to both Schiphol and Ballast Nedam with the questions in order to provide you with the answers. You can in turn inform my person and Parliament accordingly.

Looking forward to your reply with answers soonest

Thank you for your Cooperation

[Signature]

Christophe Emmanuel
Member of Parliament