Re: Questions from MP S.A. Wescot-Williams regarding the recommendations of the RIVM on the corona pandemic

Hon. Minister Ottley,

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

Pursuant to article 69a of the Rules of Order, if you are unable to answer the questions within three weeks please notify my person stating the underlying reason. In doing so you can send the answers that you already have and answer the remaining questions in writing within (another period of) three weeks.

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 29, 2021

Honorable President of Parliament,

Kindly find attached a letter to the Minister of Public Health, Labor & Social Affairs (VSA), Honorable Omar E.C. Ottley with the request to forward same.

Respectfully,

Sarah A. Wescot-Williams,
Member of Parliament
United Democratic (UD) Party
Minister of Public Health, Social Development and Labor (VSA)
Honorable Omar E.C. Ottley
Government Administration Building
Philipsburg, Sint Maarten

Philipsburg, September 29, 2021

Honorable Minister Ottley,

Recent reports suggest that the RIVM has stated that cautions and precautions to St. Maarten regarding the corona pandemic have mostly gone unheeded, despite repeated requests. These reports prompt me to ask the following:

Is the minister aware of these statements by the RIVM?

Does the minister agree with these statements?

What recommendations has the government of St. Maarten not followed?

What consequences has this had for combatting the corona pandemic on the island?

What was the government’s reason for not complying with the recommendations of the RIVM?

Has anything been done to rectify this situation?

Kindly provide all communication pertaining to the above between the Ministry and the RIVM.

Sincerely,

Sarah A. Wescot-Williams,
Member of Parliament
United Democratic Party