Re: Questions from MP A.J.G. Romou regarding the set up and functioning Inspectorate of Health

Hon. Minister Ottley,

Herewith I submit to you questions posed by Member of Parliament, Ms. A.J.G. Romou (IS/201/2021-2022 dated November 9, 2021), 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,

G.S. Heyliger-Martens
2nd Vice President of Parliament
To: The Honorable Chairman of Parliament of Sint Maarten
Mr. Rolando Brison
Wilhelminastraat 1
Philipsburg, Sint Maarten

27 October 2021

SUBJECT: Questions to Minister Ottley regarding the set up and functioning of the Inspectorate of Health within the Ministry of VSA

Honorable Chairman R. Brison,

Please find attached a letter addressed to the Hon. Minister of VSA Mr. Omar Ottley with questions regarding the set up and functioning of the Inspectorate of Health within the Ministry of VSA.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

Angelique J.G Romou
Member of Parliament
Chairlady - Committee of Education, Culture, Youth and Sports Affairs
To: The Hon. Minister of Public Health, Social Development and Labor
Mr. Omar Ottley
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Pond Island, Philipsburg
Sint Maarten

October 27, 2021

Re: Questions regarding the set up and functioning of the Inspectorate of Health within the Ministry of VSA.

Dear Minister Ottley,

Via this medium, I hereby submit to you some questions that I have regarding the Inspectorate of Health that fall under your purview as Minister of Public Health, Social Development and Labor. My questions are as follow:

1. Can you provide me with the organogram of your Ministry?
2. Where does the Inspectorate of Public Health, Social Development and Labor fall within the Ministry of Public Health, Social Development and Labor?
3. What are the core tasks and responsibilities of the Inspectorate as laid down in the 35+ ordinances?
4. How many persons work within the Inspectorate and what are their functions?
5. Who does the Inspectorate directly report to?
6. Who supervises and monitors the work of the Inspectorate?
7. How does the Inspectorate, in particular Dr. Earl Best, report to you as Minister? How does this take place and how often?
8. How critical is the advice of the Inspectorate in the decision making of the Minister and in particular, which type of decisions?
9. Has there ever been any complaints lodged with the Ombudsman against the Inspectorate in the past five years?
10. How is the work and performance of the Inspectorate evaluated and by whom?
11. There have been quite a number of allegations made with regards to Dr. Best as it relates to his function as the inspectorate are you aware of these?

Please feel free to contact me should you require any further elucidation to the questions above and I look forward to receiving a response to my questions at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Angelique J. G. Romou, Msc