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

UV/207/2020-2021

Philipsburg, May 3, 2021

Re: Questions from MP C.A. Buncamper regarding casino operations and policies

Hon. Minister De Weever,

Herewith I submit to you questions from Member of Parliament, Mr. C.A. Buncamper, 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,

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President of Parliament



Claudius A. Buncamper BSc.

Member of the Parliament of Sint Maarten

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President of Parliament Parliament of Sint Maarten Wilhelminastraat 1 Philipsburg, St. Maarten

Subject: Questions for Minister of TEATT

Dear Honorable President of Parliament:

Pursuant to article 69 of the Rules of Order of Parliament, I hereby request that you forward the attached questions to the Minister of TEATT, the Honorable Lumilla de Weever.

Thank you in advance.

Respectfully,

Claudius A. Buncamper Member of Parliament

Faction Leader, United St. Maarten Party



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Minister of Tourism, Economy Affairs, Telecommunication and Transportation The Honorable Ludmilla de Weever Government Administration Building Soualiga Boulevard #1 St. Maarten

Ref: Questions regarding casino operations and policies.

Philipsburg, April 28, 2020

Honorable Minister De Weever,

On Monday, April 26, 2021 a meeting of Parliament regarding casinos and the policies governing their operations was held. Below please find a number of queries regarding this subject matter, to which I would appreciate your attention and prompt response.

- 1) How much is the monthly license fees to be paid by each casino? Are the casinos up to date on these payments? If not, what is the amount in arears?
- 2) Please provide the amount collected annually from each individual casino over the last seven years. (2014 to 2020)
- 3) Which casinos are currently in arrears? What is the amount due? And what period of time does this amount represent?
- 4) Please provide the name of the license holder for each casino as of December 31, 2020?
- 5) How much funds has government collected from casinos in TOT, wage taxes and profit tax over the past 5 years? (2016 to 2020)
- 6) Is the policy to control and limit the number of visits per month to the casinos by residents still in effect? If so, do the casino controllers actually check the IDs of visitors to the casinos and record the number of times residents visit the casinos?

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- 7) Please provide the number of employees, including management, of each casino, in order to establish how many persons are employed in the casino industry?
- 8) Have any casinos received liquidity and wage support under the liquidity support program? If so, please indicate which casinos have benefitted from the liquidity support and the amount(s) received.
- 9) How many casino employees earn a gross monthly salary between the minimum wage and Naf 1800,-?

I thank you in advance for your usual attention and understanding, and await your prompt response..

Respectfully,

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