To the Hon. Minister of Public Health, Social Development and Labor
Mr. O.E.C. Ottley
Government Administration Building
Philipsburg

UV/312/2020-2021
Philipsburg, August 18, 2021

Re: Questions from MP S.A. Wescot-Williams regarding update on pending items to be received by Parliament

Hon. Minister Ottley,

Herewith I submit to you a request 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.

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, August 16, 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, Labor & Social Affairs (VSA)
Honorable Omar E.C. Ottley
Government Administration Building
Philipsburg, Sint Maarten

Philipsburg, August 16, 2021

Honorable Minister Ottley,

During the past months, Parliament has been apprised by the SZV of draft legislation in process to solidify the position of SZV and the overall state of public health on St. Maarten. During the budget debate it was confirmed by your person that such is the case and that these drafts of legislation are currently at your office.

Similarly, the Minister revealed an impending overhaul of the laws governing social assistance (so-called onderstand).

Also pending to be received by Parliament are updated numbers regarding work permits, dismissal requests, requests for social and medical assistance.

Can the Minister inform Parliament:

- What is currently the status of the draft “SZV Legislation”?
- How far is the VSA Ministry with the (new) draft law regarding social assistance, burial cost etc.?
- What are the most recent numbers for employment permits, unemployed, dismissal requests and requests for medical and social assistance?

Sincerely,

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Member of Parliament
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