



Parliament of Sint Maarten

Staten van Sint Maarten

To
The Chairperson of Parliament
Dr. L. Richardson

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Subject: Questions to Minister of TEATT ref. Moratorium policy Public Transportation.

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In the TEATT Committee meeting of March 10th, Minister C. Conner requested that questions related to agenda point number 2 of that meeting (The moratorium policy on taxi, bus and tour licenses and the recommendation the PWC report on the policy), be submitted prior to the meeting being reconvened. (the meeting was adjourned after the first agenda point).

The Minister also announced that he has decided to keep in place the moratorium in the area of public transportation (Bus, Taxi, Tours, T&G), as per ministerial decision of February 19th, 2014.

Based on the above mentioned, I submit through you the following questions and observations to the Minister of TEATT, the Honorable Claret Conner.

- ❖ Can the Minister inform Parliament what the total picture is of the public transportation field: how many permits in each area, given out at what time (year), starting with the year 2010?
- ❖ How many permits were issued since the February 2014

moratorium? Please provide Parliament with the lists of permit holders (Bus, Taxi, Tours, T&G)

- ❖ Are all permits issued in accordance with the National Ordinance on Public Transportation? If not, what does the Minister plan to do to correct this situation?
- ❖ What other policies does the Ministry apply a/or adhere to as far as it pertains to requests for taxi, bus etc. permits. (Are there quotas, specific target groups etc.?)
- ❖ Is the public transportation committee operational? If not, why not? If yes, has the committee advised government on all permits issued since 2010? If not, on how many did the committee not advise on?
- ❖ How many taxi and bus permits have been issued to companies?
- ❖ How does the minister plan to curb the illegal leasing of taxi and bus permits?

Please provide the present waiting lists for taxi, bus and tour licenses.

Points of recommendations (to be included in the Minister's announced plan):

- Develop a system to enforce the laws and implement control mechanisms.
- Decide on the approach to the gypsy phenomenon.

- Develop a strategy for off-season business for taxis etc.
- Finalize Plans for a public transportation system.
- Make policies public.
- Implement recommendation of the PWC report regarding a public roster of licensees in all categories.

Respectfully submitted,


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