



# Parliament of Sint Maarten

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## Staten van Sint Maarten

To the Hon. Minister of Public Health, Social Development and Labor  
Mr. E. Lee  
p/a Council of Ministers  
**Philipsburg**

UV/236/2016-2017

Philipsburg, May 31, 2017

Re: Questions from MP F.A. Meyers regarding presence legionella bacteria in hotels

Hon. Minister Lee,

Herewith I submit to you questions posed by Member of Parliament, Mr. Franklin A. Meyers pursuant 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,

S.A. Wescot-Williams  
President of Parliament



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Sint Maarten, May 24, 2017

The President of Parliament  
Sarah A. Wescot-Willams  
Present

Subject: Letter for Minister of Public Health, Social Development and Labor

Honorable President:

Via you Madame President I will like to address the following to the Minister of Public Health, Social Development and Labor, the Honorable Emil Lee.

It has been brought to my attention that the following hotels have been tested positive for legionella bacteria. Namely: Sapphire, Alegreia and Tamarind hotel.  
The St. Maarten Medical Center (SMMC) was also tested positive for legionella.

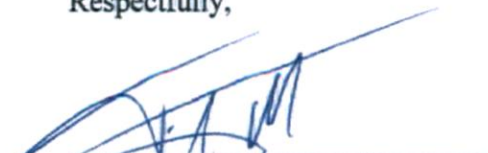
Based on the information received, in recent Princess Heights was tested positive for E-coli and legionella bacteria.

With the aforementioned information at hand and since legionella bacteria causes *legionellosis including a pneumonia-type illness called Legionnaires' disease and a mild flu-like illness called Pontiac fever.*

- My query to you as Minister of Public Health is; can you kindly confirm the accuracy of aforementioned information?
- Moreover, is it not mandatory for all hotels to have a bacteria monitoring program in place?

Thanking you in advance for your kind cooperation, and looking forward to a favorable response, I remain,

Respectfully,



MP Franklin A. Meyers,  
Faction Leader

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