



# Parliament of Sint Maarten

---

## Staten van Sint Maarten

To the Hon. Prime Minister and Minister of General Affairs  
Ms. S.E. Jacobs  
Government Administration Building  
Philipsburg

UV/097/2020-2021

Philipsburg, January 5, 2021

Re: Questions from MP S.A. Wescot-Williams regarding conditions liquidity assistance by the Netherlands

Hon. Prime Minister,

Herewith I submit to you questions posed by Member of Parliament, Mrs. S.A. Wescot-Williams, 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,

R. Brison

President of Parliament



# Sarah A. Wescot-Williams

---

## Member of Parliament Sint Maarten

To:  
Parliament of Sint Maarten  
Attention: President of Parliament  
Wilhelminastraat #1  
Philipsburg, St. Maarten

STATEN VAN SINT MAARTEN	
Ingek. 04 JAN 2021	
Volgnr. 18/282/20-21	
Par.	AG

Philipsburg, January 4, 2021

Honorable President of Parliament,

Kindly find attached a letter to the Prime Minister of St. Maarten with the request to forward same.

Respectfully,

  
Sarah A. Wescot-Williams,  
Member of Parliament  
United Democratic (UD) Party



# Sarah A. Wescot-Williams

---

## Member of Parliament Sint Maarten

Prime Minister of Sint Maarten  
Honorable Silveria Jacobs  
Government Administration Building  
Philipsburg, Sint Maarten

Philipsburg, January 4, 2021

Honorable Prime Minister Jacobs,

I wish you a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Thank you for your swift response via email to my queries regarding the correspondence between State Secretary R. Knops and yourself pertaining to the agreed upon conditions for the liquidity assistance from the Netherlands (3<sup>rd</sup> tranche).

While I do appreciate your prompt response, I have to disagree with your motivation for labeling the documents provided to parliament confidential.

While I concur that deliberations and supporting documents of the Kingdom Council of Ministers (RMR) are of a confidential nature, signed agreements on behalf of St. Maarten are not, or are positions/decisions taken by the COM such. Neither is it justifiable to insist on confidentiality from parliament in matters that affect the lives of our people for the foreseeable future.

Given the above, kindly inform me:

When will the agreement and country package, agreed to between the Netherlands and St. Maarten governments be made public?

What are now the precise conditions, the Government of St. Maarten has agreed to and how does the government envisage their implementation without (the) required legislation? Which measures, in the opinion of the government, require legislative approval?

Does the government consider that parliament by "endorsing" the negotiated agreement between the 2 governments, also endorses the measures taken by the government of St. Maarten, without parliament's legislative oversight?

May I request that these answers be provided post haste, given the upcoming visit by State Secretary Knops and the virtual IPKO meeting on January 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully,

  
Sarah A. Wescot-Williams,  
Member of Parliament  
United Democratic Party

Wilhelminastraat #1, Philipsburg, Sint Maarten  
Tel: +1 (721) 542-0812 / +1 (721) 542-2929  
Email: sarah.wescot-williams@sxmparliament.org | www.sxmparliament.org