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National Ordinance stipulating the Budget of Country Sint Maarten for the service year 2022 (National Ordinance Budget 2022)

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The Parliament, in its meeting of the Central Committee, had an exchange of views with the Government on the Draft National Ordinance stipulating the Budget of Country Sint Maarten for the service year 2022.

The Parliament considers the draft to be sufficiently prepared if the questions asked below are answered in time for the public meeting so that the draft can be discussed in a public meeting.

The **National Alliance faction** has taken note of the draft with interest and has the following questions and remarks.

Ministry of Finance

The faction mentions the issue of debt cancelation. This is an issue that should be pursued seriously. The faction believes that this draft budget is a reflection of what is needed to execute governments policies. With the cuts implemented to appease the Cft, we have regressed.

The issue of the online payments is a benefit. The faction would like to suggest if there is a possibility that civil servants who have land on long lease can make an arrangement that when the time comes the monies can be deducted from their salaries instead of having to remember or getting a summons to do so. This can be applied for other matters as well.

The faction also mentions that it is important if we can find ways and means in the budget of ensuring that the pensioners whose incomes are very low that they are exempted from paying taxes. This way we could minimize taxes being charged to pensioners whose incomes are very minimum.