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The Parliamentary Year 2025-2026 was defined by the theme “Building Digital Trust,” reflecting Parliament's efforts to explore a national AI strategy and to further develop as an Open Parliament. The establishment of the AI and Digital Transformation Workgroup marked a concrete step in this direction, laying the groundwork for a more transparent and technologically capable institution in the years ahead.

Regionally and within the Kingdom, Parliament remained an active partner. Cooperation continued through the SSS Islands Cooperative, renewed engagement with Anguilla, alongside a deepened involvement in Parlatino with the acquisition of a Vice Chairmanship of a Parlatino Committee. A noteworthy milestone was Parliament's accension to ParlAmericas as an Associate Member building on its further regional cooperation. Within the Kingdom, Parliament ensured the continued work of the Expert Group on the Democratic Deficit and continues to fulfill its responsibilities toward its appointed Member. On the international stage, Sint Maarten spearheaded the discussions and fully supported the Joint Resolution expressing the disappointment of Sint Maarten, Aruba, and Curaçao, with the Kingdom's abstention on the UN resolution recognizing the trafficking of enslaved Africans and slavery as the gravest crime against humanity.

Institutionally, Parliament worked to improve the efficiency of its meetings and continued to strengthen its independent functioning. The assessment of the Function Book of the Secretariat of Parliament reached its final stages, alongside adjustments to finalize faction support arrangements, both important

steps toward a more effective and self-sufficient Parliament.

Investment in people remained a priority, with continued upgrading and training of Secretariat staff and a sharpened focus on the training and development of Members of Parliament, ensuring the institution's capacity keeps pace with its ambitions.

Finally, Parliament followed closely several matters of pressing public concern: the concerns surrounding GEBE, actions regarding the legal position of firefighters and ambulance workers, the parliamentary handling of financial and banking issues including draft legislation under review, and justice-related matters such as road safety, the new prison construction and crime overall. These issues underscore Parliament's role as a key stakeholder regarding these ongoing concerns and its continued commitment to the wellbeing and security of the community it serves.

None of this work would have been possible without the dedication of the Secretariat's staff, who carried out their duties under considerable strain this year. Staff shortages caused by turnover, retirement, and maternity leave placed real pressure on day-to-day

operations, yet the Secretariat continued to deliver, often stretching itself thin to do so. I want to extend my sincere thanks to every member of the Secretariat's staff for, quite simply, keeping it together.

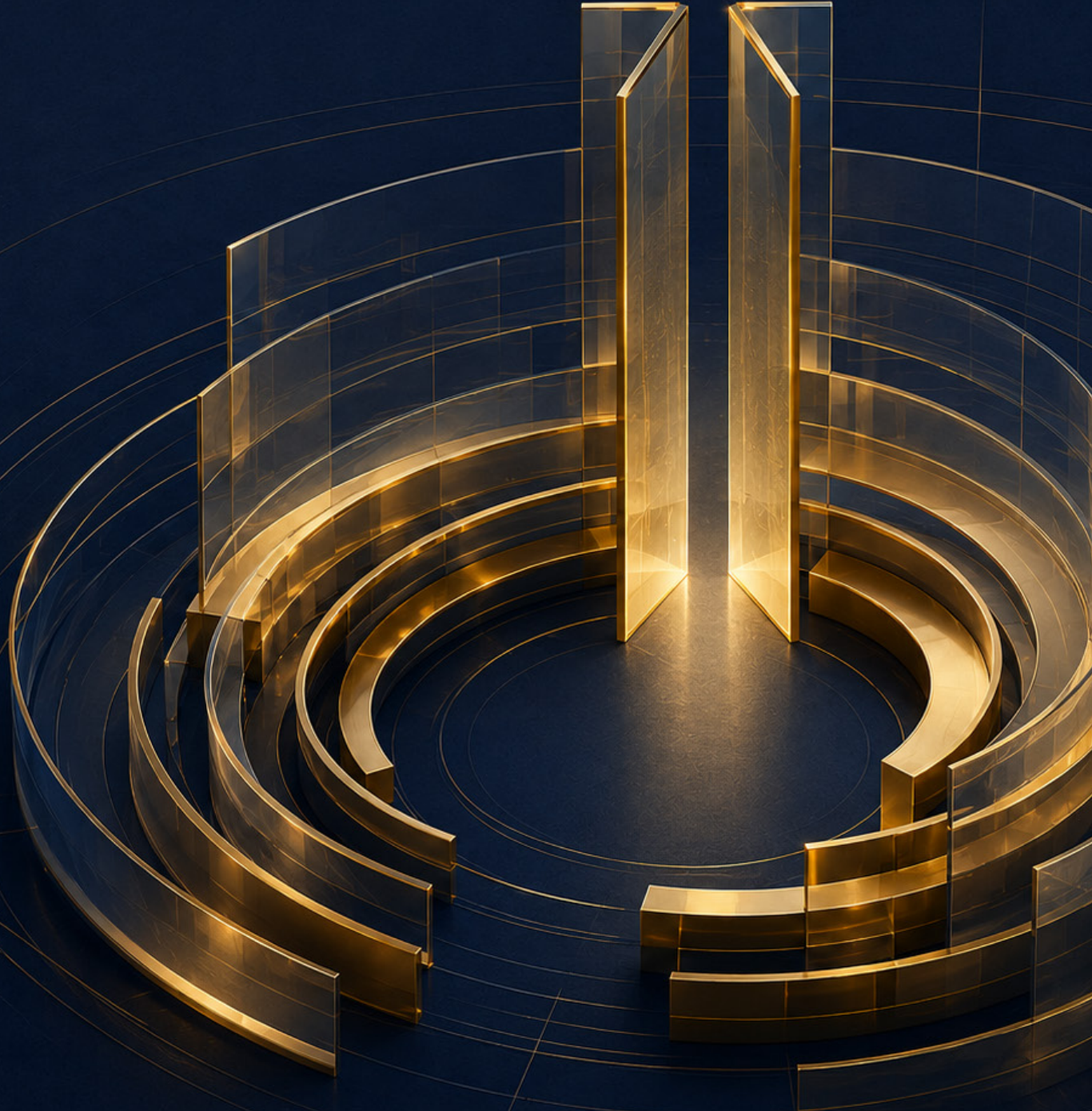
Looking ahead, the technological transformation of Parliament's business will continue into the new Parliamentary Year, building on the groundwork laid this year through the AI and Digital Transformation Workgroup and the broader Open Parliament initiative. Bringing Parliament closer to the people remains a key objective, and this continued digital transformation will be central to achieving it.

Respectfully,



President of Parliament
Sarah A. Wescot-Williams, MSc.

INTRODUCTION



TASKS AND COMMITTEES OF PARLIAMENT

The Parliament of Sint Maarten is the country's highest legislative body, and according to article 44 of the Constitution, it represents the entire population of Sint Maarten. The Parliament currently consists of 15 Members who are elected for four years.

According to article 46 of the Constitution, the Parliamentary year commences with a public session on the second Tuesday of September. During this meeting, the Governor delivers a speech laying out the Government's policies for the coming year.

Parliament elects a Chairperson and Vice Chairpersons from their Members. Together they form the Presidium. If the Chairperson is not available, the Chair will be taken over by one of the Vice-Chairs.

The main tasks of the Chairperson are:

- supervising the activities of Parliament and the Presidium;
- ensuring that the Rules of Order are adhered to;
- maintaining order during and the adjourning of deliberations;
- executing decisions taken by Parliament; and
- representing Parliament.

Parliament has Rules of Order that regulate amongst others the procedure of meetings. Meetings of Parliament are open to the public and broadcasted unless it is considered necessary, or it is requested by four Members,

to hold the meeting behind closed doors.

According to article 21 of the Rules of Order, Parliament consists of various permanent and ad hoc committees. These committees are for the investigation of certain subjects. All Members have the right to participate in the meetings of all committees, but only the members of the pertinent Committee have the right to vote.

Currently there are 17 Committees:

Committee of Public Housing, Spatial Planning, Environment, and Infrastructure

Commissie Volkshuisvesting, Ruimtelijke Ordening, Milieu en Infrastructuur

Committee of Education, Culture, Youth and Sports Affairs

Commissie Onderwijs, Cultuur, Jeugd en Sport Zaken

Committee of Justice

Commissie Justitie

Committee of Public Health, Social Development and Labor

Commissie Volksgezondheid, Sociale Ontwikkeling en Arbeid

Committee of Finance

Commissie Financiën

Committee of Kingdom Affairs and Interparliamentary Relations

Commissie Koninkrijksaangelegenheden en Interparlementaire Relaties

Committee of Tourism, Economic Affairs, Transport and Telecommunication

Commissie Toerisme, Economische Zaken, Vervoer en Telecommunicatie

Committee of Petitions

Commissie Verzoekschriften

Committee Country's Expenditures

Commissie Landsuitgaven

Committee of General Affairs

Commissie Algemene Zaken

Committee of Parlatino Matters

Commissie Parlatino Zaken

Committee for District Councils

Commissie voor Districtraden

Committee for Constitutional Affairs and Decolonization

Commissie Constitutionele Zaken en Dekolonisatie

Committee for Agriculture, Fisheries and Animal Husbandry

Commissie voor Landbouw, Visserij en Veeteelt

Ad Hoc Committee New Parliament Building

Bijzondere Commissie Bouwen Nieuw Gebouw voor de Staten

COMPOSITION OF PARLIAMENT

Ad Hoc Committee Integrity

Bijzondere Commissie Integriteit

Ad Hoc Committee Electoral Reform

Bijzondere Commissie Herziening Kiesstelsel

According to article 12 of the Rules of Order, the Faction Leaders meeting comprises the President of Parliament and the Faction Leaders. In the Faction Leaders meeting, political issues are discussed to determine each faction's point of view before the subjects are brought to a Public meeting.

The powers of (Members of) Parliament are clearly stated in the Constitution. These are:

- **Co-legislator**
(article 82 of the Constitution);
- **The right of initiative**
(article 85 of the Constitution);
- **The right of the amendment**
(article 86 of the Constitution);
- **Exercise control over Government's policies;**
- **The right to ask questions**
(article 62 of the Constitution);
- **The right of interpellation**
(article 63 of the Constitution);
- **The right of inquiry**
(article 64 of the Constitution); and
- **The right to approve and amend the budget**
(article 100 of the Constitution).

At present the Parliament of Sint Maarten comprises seven (7) factions: the faction of the Democratic Party (DP) with three seats (3), the faction of the National Alliance (NA) with three seats (3), the faction of the Unified Resilient St. Maarten Movement (URSM) with three seats (3), the faction of the Party for Progress (PFP) with two seats (2), the faction of the United People's Party (UPP) with two seats (2), the faction of the Nation Opportunity Wealth (NOW) with one seat (1), and the faction of the Soualiga Action Movement (SAM) with one seat (1).

Based on article 11 of the Rules of Order, the President and the Vice Presidents jointly form the Presidium. The Presidium comprised until September 9, 2025, of the President of Parliament, the Hon. Mrs. Sarah A. Wescot-Williams, the 1st Vice President of Parliament, the Hon. Ms. Sjamira D.M. Roseburg and the 2nd Vice President of Parliament, the Hon. Ms. Ludmila N.L. de Weever.

On September 15, 2025, the Parliament of Sint Maarten elected Member of Parliament, the Hon. Mr. Christopher L. Wever as 1st Vice President of Parliament. This election was necessary after the resignation of the former Vice President of Parliament, the Hon. Ms. Sjamira D.M. Roseburg, effective September 9, 2025.

Currently the Presidium of Parliament

comprises of the President of Parliament, the Hon. Mrs. Sarah A. Wescot-Williams, the 1st Vice President of Parliament, the Hon. Mr. Christopher L. Wever, and the 2nd Vice President of Parliament, the Hon. Ms. Ludmila N.L. de Weever.

**MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT
2024-2028**





Egbert J. Doran
PARTY: National Alliance

TERM:
04/02/2018 – 11/18/2019
02/10/2020 – 03/28/2020
02/10/2024 – 09/20/2024
09/20/2024 – Present



Ardwell M.R. Irion
PARTY: National Alliance

TERM:
10/31/2016 – 04/02/2018
04/02/2018 – 11/18/2019
02/10/2020 – 03/28/2020
02/10/2024 – 09/20/2024
09/20/2024 – present



Veronica C. Jansen-Webster
PARTY: Unified Resilient St.
Maarten Movement

TERM:
11/26/2024 – present



Viren V. Kotai
PARTY: Democratic Party

TERM:
05/21/ 2024 – 09/20/2024
09/20/2024 – present



Dimar C. Labega
PARTY: Democratic Party

TERM:
11/26/2024 – present



Francisco A. Lacroes
PARTY: United People's Party

TERM:
02/10/2024 – 09/20/2024
09/20/2024 – present



Lyndon C.J. Lewis
PARTY: Nation Opportunity Wealth

TERM:
09/20/2024 – present



Franklin A. Meyers
PARTY: Soualiga Action Movement

TERM:
10/10/2014 – 10/31/2016
10/31/2016 – 04/02/2018
04/02/2018 – 02/10/2020
09/20/2024 – present



Omar E.C. Ottley

PARTY: United People's Party

TERM:

02/10/ 2020 – 04/20/2021
02/10/2024 – 09/20/2024
09/20/2024 – present



Raeyhon A. Peterson

PARTY: Party for Progress

TERM:

02/10/2020 – 02/10/2024
11/26/2024 – present



Sjamira D.M. Roseburg

PARTY: Unified Resilient St.
Maarten Movement

TERM:

02/10/2024 – 09/20/2024
09/20/2024 – present



Ludmila N.L. de Weever

PARTY: Party for Progress

TERM:

5/19/2021 – 02/10/2024
02/10/2024 – 09/20/2024
09/20/2024 – present



Christopher L. Wever

PARTY: Unified Resilient St.
Maarten Movement

TERM:

11/26/2024 – present



Sarah A. Wescot-Williams

PARTY: Democratic Party

TERM:

10/10/2010 – 10/10/2010
10/10/2014 – 10/31/2016
10/31/2016 – 04/02/2018
04/02/2018 – 02/10/2020
02/10/ 2020 – 02/10/2024
02/10/2024 – 09/20/2024
09/20/2024 – present



Darryl T.J. YORK

PARTY: National Alliance

TERM:

09/20/2024 – Present

SUPPORT OF PARLIAMENT

The Parliament has a secretariat at its disposal. The core tasks of the secretariat are to give administrative support, procedural and legal advice to the President of Parliament, the Members of Parliament, and Parliament as a whole.

One of the most crucial tasks of the secretariat is the preparation of the Parliament meetings. The Parliament's public meetings are carried live via 98.1 Pearl Radio FM, SXM.gov radio FM 107.9, via the Internet www.pearlfradio.com, www.sxmparliament.org and by the link to the live stream via Parliament's YouTube Channel.

The public can also follow the Parliament of Sint Maarten via social media platforms:

Website: www.sxmparliament.org;

Facebook: www.facebook.com/sxmparliament;

Instagram: www.instagram.com/sxmparliament;

Twitter: www.twitter.com/sxmparliament; and

YouTube: www.youtube.com/sxmparliament.

To achieve the principal tasks, the secretariat is headed by the Secretary General of Parliament Mr. Garrick J. Richardson, LL.M., ML. The staff of the secretariat totals 12 at present.

It should also be noted that all 7 factions in Parliament are supported by their faction staff. Currently, there are 14 faction staff members employed with the different factions in Parliament.

OFFICIAL LOGO OF THE PARLIAMENT OF SINT MAARTEN

During the early part of February 2011, Parliament extended an invitation to all secondary education students on the island to design a draft logo for the Parliament of Sint Maarten. The task of the students was to create a draft logo based on the theme: "Coram Populo" meaning openly in presence of the people. A total of 28 entries were submitted.

Based on the draft logo of the winner, Mr. Loic Bryan, graphic designer, started to work on an abstract. Out of the two designs from the graphic designer, the Presidium and Faction leaders meeting chose the logo that they believed portrayed Parliament the best.

On April 15, 2011, the logo of the Parliament of Sint Maarten was revealed in a gathering of Parliament. On August 21, 2012, the logo was officially established by Parliament in a Public Meeting.



PARLIAMENT OF SINT MAARTEN

1 THE RISING SUN

The rising sun indicates a new day full of hope and possibilities.

2 THE PELICAN

The Pelican is our national bird and symbol.

3 ACCORDING TO LEGEND

According to legend, in a time of famine a mother pelican would draw blood from her own chest and give the blood to her chicks. Symbolic of sacrifice doing what is best for the nation.

4 THE WINGS OF THE PELICAN

The wings of the Pelican are also a stylized version of people symbolizing the People of Sint Maarten.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW



CASHFLOW STATEMENT

For the budget year 2025, Parliament had a total budget of Cg. 13,719,670 at its disposal, covering both the expenses of Parliament (budget post 2020) and the expenses of the Secretariat of Parliament (budget post 2030). Parliament's actual expenditures amounted to Cg. 13,304,941.

These expenditures included the salaries and other related costs of the Members of Parliament and their faction staff (47.55%), travel expenses for Members of Parliament (6.54%), representation expenses (1.86%), salaries and other related costs of the staff of the Secretariat of Parliament (22.20%), and other operating expenses (21.85%).

The category "other operating expenses" included, among other things, fuel for vehicles, office, kitchen and cleaning supplies, obligations arising from contracts with third parties such as the lease of the Parliament building, books and subscriptions, uniforms for Secretariat staff, legal and professional advisory services, courses and training, memberships, and other related expenditures.

In accordance with Article 35, sub a, of the Compatibility Ordinance and article 17, paragraph 1, of the Rules of Order of Parliament, the draft budget of Parliament for the budget year 2026 was submitted to the Minister of Finance on August 11, 2025 (UV/336/2024-2025). The draft budget was deliberated upon and approved by the Presidium on May 12, 2025. An amended draft budget was subsequently deliberated upon and approved by the Presidium on August 11, 2025.

The National Ordinance establishing the budget for Country Sint Maarten for the budget year 2026 was adopted on August 27, 2026. For the budget year 2026, an amount of Cg. 16,565,018 was approved for Parliament. This amount includes the operational expenses of Parliament and the Secretariat of Parliament, as well as the pension obligations for former political office holders.

TOTAL ACTUAL EXPENSES

Five categories • 100%



EXPENDITURE BREAKDOWN

Share of total expenses

48%

Salaries and related costs

MPs and faction staff

22%

Staff Secretariat salaries

and related costs

22%

Other expenses

6%

Travel by MPs

2%

Parliamentary representation

costs

PARLIAMENTARY YEAR IN REVIEW 2025-2026

The following provides an overview of the work undertaken by Parliament during the Parliamentary Year 2025-2026.





SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 9, 2025

On this day, on the occasion of the opening of the Parliamentary Year 2025-2026, a Solemn Public meeting of Parliament was held in the Legislative Hall at the House of Parliament. This is an annual occurring event, in accordance with article 46 of the Constitution, on the second Tuesday in September, that marks the beginning of the new Parliamentary Year. This new Parliamentary Year also began with a focus on Digitalization, AI, and Technology.

The agenda point for this meeting was: Opening of Parliamentary year 2025-2026 by the Chairperson of the Parliament of Sint Maarten with a speech by His Excellency the Governor of Sint Maarten.

His Excellency, Mr. Ajamu G. Baly, LL.M., the Governor of Sint Maarten, delivered his address, outlining the Government of Sint Maarten's priorities and policy plans for the Parliamentary Year 2025-2026. He focused on strengthening financial management and oversight, improving the efficiency and fairness of tax collection, ensuring full transparency in public finances; and creating fiscal space for investments that drive sustainable and inclusive growth.

He also mentioned sustainable Government finances, transparency and public trust, building a strong economic position for Sint Maarten, and ensuring inclusive growth and development. He also focused on inter alia the new prison project, the Sint Maarten Police Force (KPSM), the Child Safety Code, the Mental Health Project, health insurance reform, Climate Adaptation Leadership,

environmental protection, the Special Needs Education Funding Framework, the revision of the Education Funding Decree, development of a National AI in Education Policy, Positive Youth Development Programs, Service Improvement and Data-Driven Governance, Tourism Development, and Sport Diplomacy initiatives, amongst others.

Each year, Parliament focuses on a theme that plays a pivotal role throughout the ceremony, the reception and the new Parliamentary Year. This year was no exception, as the theme established was "Building Digital Trust: exploring a national AI strategy and further development of an Open Parliament.

As customary, the solemn meeting was followed by a military parade through the streets of Philipsburg, in which the Marine



Detachment on Sint Maarten, the Sint Maarten Police Force, the Royal Marechaussee, the Customs, the Coast Guard, the Voluntary Corps Sint Maarten (VKS), and the St. Maarten Youth Brigade members participated.

The students of group 7 of the Marie Genevieve de Weever Primary School, as well as those from the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. School, were invited to view the parade at Cyrus Wathey Square and interact with dignitaries present.

The reception following the ceremonial meeting was hosted by the President of Parliament, the Hon. Mrs. Sarah A. Wescot-Williams, at the Monumental Louisan Augusta Illidge Hall – Brick Building in the Methodist Church Complex on Back Street. During the reception, Mr. Jean-Marc Augusty was announced as the recipient of the President

of Parliament Award 2025. He was nominated by Mr. Ralph Cantave, Ms. Ludmila Duncan, Ms. Chelse McIlroy, Mr. David Richardson, and Ms. Natasha Richardson for his exceptional leadership, vision, integrity, and dedication to preserving Sint Maarten's heritage. Mr. Augusty has played a key role in rediscovering and documenting the island's history by locating endangered historic sites and plantation ruins, including the Diamond Estate, the site of the 1848 slave escape.

In observance of the theme, the Parliament of Sint Maarten also recognized individuals and institutions that contribute significantly to the



community in the field of digitalization and Artificial Intelligence. Ms. Ife Badejo, Mr. Ricky Sydney, Mr. Gregory Richardson, the St. Maarten Science Fair Foundation, the FAVE School Board, and Social Health Insurance (SZV) were recognized for their vision, commitment, and accomplishments in advancing digitalization, technology and AI.

During the reception, Parliament also officially launched its new website, providing access to information regarding the organization, the Members of Parliament, public documents (National Ordinances), scheduled meetings, and the live broadcast of public meetings.

SEPTEMBER 15, 2025

At the beginning of each parliamentary year, as well as in the first Public meeting after a periodic resignation or dissolution of Parliament, the President assigns the Members to the permanent committees in accordance with article 21, paragraph 3 of the Rules of Order. In Public meeting no. 02, the composition of the Permanent and Ad hoc Committees was approved unanimously.

The agenda points of this meeting were:

1. Incoming documents
2. Advice regarding the installation and composition of the Permanent and Ad hoc Committees of Parliament
3. Appointment Vice-Chairperson(s)

Parliament also approved the list of incoming documents, numbers IS/1127-IS/1351 of the Parliamentary Year 2024-2025. Subsequently, during the same meeting, Parliament elected Member of Parliament, the Hon. Mr. Christopher L. Wever as Vice President of Parliament. This election followed the resignation of the former Vice President of Parliament, the Hon. Sjamira D.M. Roseburg, who resigned effective September 9, 2025 (IS/1428/2024-2025).

SEPTEMBER 16, 2025

On this date the Committee of Justice met

in the continuation of meeting no. 10 of the Parliamentary Year 2024-2025, with the Nationaal Algemene Politiebond (NAPB) to discuss pressing justice-related concerns affecting its members and the broader public service. The representatives of NAPB, ABVO, and WICSU-PSU addressed questions posed by Members of Parliament during the initial meeting of August 28, 2025. The meeting was adjourned, and the Committee also agreed to send a letter to the Minister of Justice with specific questions regarding the ongoing situation, in preparation for the continuation of this Committee meeting.

SEPTEMBER 18-19, 2025



On these dates, as part of its 15th anniversary celebrations, the Parliament of Sint Maarten carried out its MP Read Aloud Project, a community-driven initiative aimed at promoting literacy and civic engagement among primary school students across the island. Members of Parliament visited 16 elementary schools



and read to Grade 4 (Group 6) students. The books *A Kids Book About Democracy* by Nora C. Melendez and *Democracy* by Philip Bunting were read to the students. Following the readings, copies of the books were donated to each school to encourage continued learning about democracy and citizenship.

SEPTEMBER 22-23, 2025

From September 22-23, 2025, the President of Parliament, the Hon. Mrs. Sarah A. Wescot-Williams, participated in several sessions of the 80th United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), held in New York, United States. On September 22, 2025, she attended the 2025 United Nations Day of Peace – First Ladies Becoming Actions for Peace: Ambition for Women as Key Players in Promoting Sustainable Development. At this event the President of Parliament presented on Women in Leadership and their role as key players in promoting peace, calling for increased consciousness of the realities faced by women, girls, and children.



On September 23, 2025, the Hon. President also attended the UNGA 80 Side Event – Better Together: A luncheon to commemorate the Pact for Sustainable Development Goals and the Commissioning of Science-Based Solutions for Clean Water and Sanitation. During her contribution she addressed women in



leadership, community building, collaboration, and water resource management.

The delegation consisted of President of Parliament, the Hon. Mrs. Sarah A. Wescot-Williams, and Mr. G.J. Richardson, LL.M., ML, Secretary General.

SEPTEMBER 23, 2025

On this date in Public meeting no. 01, a Question Hour, was held where the Minister of Finance, the Hon. Ms. Marinka J. Gumbs, was invited to answer questions related to the recent appointment process of the Chairman of the CBCS.

This question hour was requested by Member of Parliament, the Hon. Ardwell M.R. Irion.

SEPTEMBER 25 – 29, 2025

Tripartite and IPKO

During these days, a delegation of Parliament, consisting of Members of the Committee of Kingdom Affairs and Interparliamentary Relations (CKAIR), or their substitutes, participated in a Tripartite meeting for the three autonomous Caribbean countries of the Kingdom, Aruba, Curaçao and Sint Maarten, as well as the Interparliamentary Kingdom Consultations (IPKO) in The Hague, the Netherlands.

The objective of the Tripartite meeting on

September 25, 2025, was to prepare for the IPKO as well as discuss topics of mutual interest such as: the submitted draft Dispute Regulation and the next steps in the legislative process, strengthening regional cooperation from a parliamentary perspective, geopolitical developments, the democratic deficit expert committee, and the role of the Kingdom in foreign affairs and defense.



Subsequently, the Inter Parliamentary Kingdom Consultation (IPKO) was held from September 26-29, 2025. The IPKO meetings take place twice a year where delegations from the four countries of the Kingdom Aruba, Curaçao, the Netherlands and Sint Maarten meet and discuss a number of issues that pertain to their countries.

During this IPKO the main points of discussion were recent developments in the respective countries, Caribbean student success and multilingual education, the current geopolitical



It is noteworthy to mention that during the first IPKO Presidium meeting, prior to the start of the IPKO, the Presidents of the Parliaments of Aruba, Curaçao, and Sint Maarten submitted a joint resolution to the delegation of the First and Second Chambers of the Netherlands concerning Bonaire, Sint Eustatius, and Saba, and the process of amending the WolBes and FinBes, showing support for the Island Councils.

The Sint Maarten delegation partaking in the Tripartite and IPKO meetings consisted of the following members: the Hon. Mrs. Sarah A. Wescot-Williams, President of Parliament and Delegation leader; the Hon. Mr. Franklin A. Meyers, Vice Chairman Committee Kingdom Affairs and Interparliamentary Relations; the Hon. Mr. Egbert J. Doran; the Hon. Mrs. Veronica C. Jansen-Webster; the Hon. Mr. Lyndon C.J. Lewis; the Hon. Mr. Viren V. Kotai; the Hon. Mr. Omar E.C. Ottley; the Hon. Mr. Raeyhon A. Peterson; and Mr. G.J. Richardson, LL.M., ML, Secretary General.



developments, vocational education (beroepsonderwijs), the Council of State of the Kingdom of the Netherlands' spontaneous advice on the 70th anniversary of the Charter for the Kingdom, and demographic developments especially in terms of population ageing and migration.

A work visit to The Hague University of Applied Sciences was also included in the program. In addition, on September 29, 2026, the IPKO delegations were received by His Majesty King Willem-Alexander at Noordeinde Palace in The Hague. During the sessions, the meet with His Majesty they discussed their role as representatives of the people, the experiences and concerns of citizens across the Kingdom, and opportunities to strengthen practical

cooperation within the Kingdom.

The September 2025 IPKO officially concluded with the unanimous approval of the Agreements List, which was followed by the official signing by the Delegation Leaders, and a press conference featuring the Delegation Leaders of each country, as well as the Chairpersons of the Kingdom Affairs Committees of each country.

While in the Netherlands the delegation also took the opportunity to host Sint Maarten students studying in the Netherlands for a dinner, during which students from Sint Maarten shared their experiences and future endeavors.

SEPTEMBER 25–26, 2025

From September 25–26, 2025, a delegation of the Parliament of Sint Maarten participated in the 17th Gathering of the ParLAmericas Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality (PNGE), held under the theme “Beijing +30: Promoting Equality in a Changing World,” at the Federal Senate of Brazil in Brasilia, Brazil. The Gathering concluded with the presentation and adoption of the Brasilia Declaration, which reaffirmed the important role of parliaments in advancing gender equality, protecting the rights of women and girls, and safeguarding democratic values.

Through this Declaration, all present committed to strengthening legislation and public policies that promote equal opportunities, women’s leadership, inclusive governance, climate justice, digital inclusion, and protection against discrimination and gender-based violence.

The Declaration also emphasized the importance of youth participation, evidence-based policymaking, and international parliamentary cooperation to achieve more equitable, inclusive, and sustainable societies.

The Sint Maarten delegation participating in this ParLAmericas Gathering consisted of Members of Parliament, the Hon. Ms. Ludmila N.L. de Weever, the Hon. Ms. Sjamira D.M. Roseburg, and Mrs. J.S.K. Duzong-Weeks, 1st Acting Secretary General of Parliament.

OCTOBER

OCTOBER 7, 2025

On this day, during the continuation of Central Committee meeting no. 01, Mr. Gregory Richardson, a business leader and cybersecurity expert presented a presentation on the discussion topic and theme of the Parliamentary Year, namely Building Digital Trust, shaping a National AI strategy, and advancing an Open Parliament for Sint Maarten, with transparency, innovation, and citizen engagement at the center. Members of Parliament were given the opportunity to pose questions to and dialogue with Mr. Richardson.

OCTOBER 13, 2025



On October 10, 2025, Sint Maarten marked 15 years of being an autonomous country within the Kingdom of the Netherlands. It is also on that day, October 10, 2010, that the Parliament

of Sint Maarten came into existence. It is with that in mind that the Parliament of Sint Maarten convened a Solemn Public meeting of Parliament on October 13, 2025, to commemorate the 15th Anniversary of Country Status.



The Solemn Public meeting allowed the President of Parliament and Faction Leaders to reflect on Sint Maarten’s journey over the past fifteen years as well as the journey towards country status. The special meeting also





featured presentations by former President of Parliament Award recipients Mr. Ralph Cantave and Ms. Rochana Richardson, who shared their personal and professional growth since receiving the award and their vision for Sint Maarten. The Solemn meeting also included a virtual address by the Hon. drs. Gracita Arrindell, Sint Maarten's first President of Parliament and current Minister Plenipotentiary, as well as an address by the current Prime Minister of Sint Maarten, the Hon. Dr. Luc F.E. Mercelina. As for the activities of the 15th celebration



of Country Status and the existence of the Parliament of Sint Maarten, a Time Capsule was assembled and buried in the Parliament building containing inter alia letters from current Members of Parliament addressed to future parliamentarians, contributions from the Parliament Secretariat staff, and other significant items to be opened on October 10, 2040. Additionally, the unveiling of The Legacy Lane, a customary tribute within Parliaments throughout the world, paid tribute to all former Presidents of Parliament and Secretaries General of Parliament.

OCTOBER 16, 2025

On this date in Public meeting no. 03, a Question Hour, was held where the Minister of Finance, the Hon. Ms. Marinka J. Gumbs, was invited to answer questions related to oversight of TelEm and management accountability. This question hour was requested by Member of Parliament, the Hon. Darryl T.J. York.

OCTOBER 21, 2025

On this date, Central Committee meeting no. 03 was held behind closed-doors with representatives of the Law Enforcement Council. On June 9, 2025, the Law Enforcement Council issued a notification pursuant to article 32 of the Kingdom Act on the Law Enforcement Council concerning the unsustainable situation

at the Pointe Blanche Prison and House of Detention. The notification followed several reports and recommendations issued by the Council on the ongoing challenges and situation at the Prison and House of Detention. Under article 32, when the responsible Minister consistently fails to act on the Council's recommendations, the Council may notify both the representative body of the country concerned and the Council of Ministers of the Kingdom. During this closed-door meeting Parliament received further clarification on the issued notification.

OCTOBER 22, 2025

During the month of October 2025 Parliament recognized and celebrated Breast Cancer Awareness Month. On October 22, during Central Committee meeting no. 02, Parliament continued its breast cancer awareness efforts



and invited Mrs. Yolanda Jackson-Martina, a breast cancer survivor, to share her experience. Mrs. Jackson-Martina reflected on her journey as a four-year breast cancer warrior and emphasized early detection, regular screening, stress management, healthy diet, and regular exercise, noting that breast cancer could affect both men and women.

Following a brief adjournment, Parliament proceeded with the agenda of Central Committee meeting no. 02:

1. Appointment of the Monument Council for the period of 2025-2029 (IS/1384/2024-2025 dated August 29, 2025)
2. Re-appointment of the current Ombudsman ex. Article 2 of the National Ordinance Ombudsman (IS/1164/24-25 dated June 12, 2025).

OCTOBER 23, 2025

On this date, Members of Parliament met behind closed-doors in Central Committee meeting no. 04 to receive a technical briefing on NV GEBE's billing system and financial position, following a meeting request by MP D.C. Labega, MP V.V. Kotai, and MP S.D.M. Roseburg, based on the ongoing Public meeting of Parliament regarding NV GEBE.

OCTOBER 30, 2025

On this date, in Public meeting no. 04, the following agenda points were handled:

1. Incoming documents
2. Advice appointment of the Monument Council for the period of 2025-2029 (IS/1384/2024-2025 dated August 29, 2025)
3. Ratification Agreements Lists of the Interparliamentary Kingdom Consultation (IPKO) held from September 26-29, 2025, in the Hague, the Netherlands (IS/115/2025-2026 dated September 29, 2025)
4. Advice Re-appointment of the current Ombudsman ex. Article 2 of the National Ordinance Ombudsman (IS/1164/24-25 dated June 12, 2025)

Parliament approved the list of incoming documents numbers IS/1352 – 1435 of the Parliamentary Year 2024-2025 and IS/001 – 103 of the Parliamentary Year 2025-2026.

In this same meeting an advice from the Central Committee was handled based on a letter from the Minister of Education, Culture, Youth, and Sport regarding the formation of the Monument Council for the period of 2025-2029 (IS/1384/2024-2025 dated August 29, 2025).

Based on article 2, paragraph 1, of the National Decree on the Establishment and Working

Method of the Monument Council (AB 2013 GT no. 47), the approval of the Parliament of Sint Maarten is required before the members are appointed by national decree.

The Monument Council was appointed for Sint Maarten for 2025-2029 with as Chairperson Ms. Cadula Jones, and the following persons as members of the council: Ms. Sharilyn Bryson, Mrs. Alnisha La Cruz-Davis, Mr. Jean-Oneli Blaise, Ms. Samira George, and Mr. David Richardson.

Thereafter Parliament unanimously approved and ratified the Agreements List of the IPKO held from September 26-29, 2025, in The Netherlands.

In the same Public meeting no. 04 and based on article 2 of the National Ordinance Ombudsman, Parliament reappointed as the Ombudsman of Sint Maarten Mrs. Gwendolien E. Mossel for a period of seven years as of January 1, 2026. Mrs. Mossel started her first term as Ombudsman on January 1, 2019, and informed Parliament of her availability and willingness to continue serving the people of Sint Maarten for a consecutive term as Ombudsman by letter of June 12, 2025 (IS/1164/2024-2025).

NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER 5, 2025

On this date, Public meeting no. 05 was held during which the Parliament met with the Minister of Finance, the Hon. Ms. Marinka J. Gumbs regarding issues surrounding the Central Bank of Curaçao and Sint Maarten (CBCS). During the meeting requested by MP E.J. Doran, MP A.M.R. Irion, MP D.T.J. York, MP O.E.C. Ottley and MP F.A. Lacroes, the Minister addressed the nomination of a CBCS Chairman, provided an update on ENNIA, and addressed developments concerning Mullet Bay. The meeting was adjourned to allow the Minister time to prepare responses to questions posed.

NOVEMBER 6, 2025

On this day, in Central Committee meeting no. 07 the Ombudsman, Mrs. Gwendolien E. Mossel, presented the 2024 Ombudsman Annual Report, outlining her general overview and concerns, statistics of the complaints handled, as well as financial reporting and the future of the institution. The Ombudsman paid special attention to the Ministry of Public Housing, Spatial Planning, Environment and Infrastructure, and the DIDAM arrest, as well as the Ministry of Justice.

On this same date, the continuation of Public meeting no. 11 of the Parliamentary Year 2024–

2025 took place with the Minister of Finance, the Hon. Ms. Marinka J. Gumbs, regarding the draft National Ordinance on a basic payment account for consumers. The meeting was adjourned on this date to allow the Minister sufficient time to prepare her responses to the clarification questions posed in the second round.

Additionally, Committee of Justice meeting no. 02 took place on November 6, 2025, during which the Committee met with CLIMB Foundation representatives Dr. Delroy Pierre and Dr. Yadira Boston, who presented research conducted at Pointe Blanche Prison and the Miss Lalie Center. The CLIMB Foundation focused its presentation on providing Parliament with data-driven insights on prison education in Sint Maarten, educational programs in correctional institutions, and systemic linkages between school challenges and prison education outcomes. The Committee agreed to send a letter to the Minister of Justice raising concerns and questions regarding inmate education.

NOVEMBER 7, 2025

On this day, the Committee of General Affairs met with the Prime Minister, the Hon. Dr. Luc F.E. Mercelina, accompanied by ministry staff and representatives of the Tijdelijke Werkorganisatie (TWO), for a status update on the Country Package for Sint Maarten.

The Prime Minister presented updated progress and developments as it relates to the implementation of the projects under the Country Package.

NOVEMBER 11, 2025

Members of Parliament attended St. Martin Day celebrations, including the wreath-laying ceremony at the Bellevue Border Monument and festivities at the Jocelyn Arndell Festival Village. The Official Ceremony included remarks by various dignitaries and concluded with cultural entertainment.

NOVEMBER 16, 2025

On this date, Members of Parliament, the Hon. Mr. Lyndon C.J. Lewis, the Hon. Mr. Ardwell M.R. Irion, and the Hon. Mr. Franklin A. Meyers represented the Parliament of Sint Maarten and attended the Statia Day Celebration Ceremony at Historic Fort Oranje, in Oranjestad, Sint Eustatius commemorating the 249th anniversary of the First Salute.

NOVEMBER 17, 2025



On this date in Public meeting no. 06, a Question Hour, was held where the Minister of Public Housing, Spatial Planning, Environment and Infrastructure, the Hon. Mr. Patrice T. Gumbs, Jr., was invited to answer questions related to limited burial space and the overall management of cemeteries on Sint Maarten. This question hour was requested by Member of Parliament, the Hon. Mr. Darryl T.J. York. The intention of the “vragenuurtje” (question hour) is to enable Members of Parliament to engage with Ministers on current pressing matters. During the “vragenuurtje” (question hour) only questions and answers will be given on the topic at hand.



On this same date, Parliament met in urgent Public meeting no. 07 with the Prime Minister and Minister of General Affairs, the Hon. Dr. Luc F.E. Mercelina, and the Minister of Public Health, Social Development and Labor, the Hon. Mr. Richinel S.J. Brug, to address the escalating situation involving fire and ambulance personnel. During this urgent Public meeting,

requested by MP E.J. Doran, MP A.M.R. Irion, MP D.T.J. York, MP O.E.C. Ottley, MP L.C.J. Lewis and MP F.A. Lacroes, both Ministers presented the overview of the challenges, in chronological order, implemented initiatives, the current status as well as the proposed way forward. The meeting was adjourned to allow the Ministers sufficient time to prepare the answers to the questions of Members in the first round.

NOVEMBER 18, 2025

The Committee of Public Housing, Spatial Planning, Environment and Infrastructure met in meeting no. 02 on this day with representatives of the Green Dream Project Foundation.



President of the Foundation, Mr. Claude Javois, presented the Foundation's goals, ongoing projects and initiatives, and alignment with national policy priorities. The Committee

expressed appreciation for the Foundation's community work and recycling awareness programs.

NOVEMBER 19–22, 2025

From November 19 – 22, 2025, the President of Parliament, the Hon. Mrs. Sarah A. Wescot-Williams, participated in and chaired the 3rd International Conference on Gender Equality (ICGE-25) held at the University of Ghana in Accra, Ghana.



During her opening statement, tied to the theme of the Conference, “Charting the Next Frontier to Advance Gender Equality in Developing Economies in the Post-30 Years Beijing Declaration Era”, the President called for urgent global action to advance gender equality in an increasingly digital world. The conference featured a lineup of speakers from government, parliaments, academia, and civil society.



At the end of the conference the Chairperson of the 3rd Annual ICGE-25 Conference presented her closing remarks and the Accra Communiqué, in which the Conference called for stronger gender-responsive policies, increased funding for equality initiatives, greater representation of women in leadership, and expanded access to education and innovation—especially in STEM and digital fields.

Additionally, while in Ghana, the President of Parliament paid a courtesy visit to the Speaker of the Parliament of Ghana, the Rt. Hon. Alban Sumana Kingsford Bagbin, at the Parliament



House, who was joined by Members of Parliament, the Hon. Comfort Doyoe Cudjoe-Ghansah and the Hon. Patricia Appiagyei, as well as parliamentary staff. The delegations engaged in discussions on the role of women in society and development, and the importance of women's participation in Parliament and leadership positions. The President and the Speaker also explored opportunities for collaboration and networking among parliaments and countries, underscoring the value of regional and global partnerships in



advancing human development. The President also paid a courtesy visit to Ghana's Minister of Gender, Children, and Social Protection, the Hon. Dr. Agnes Naa Momo Lartey, during which they discussed matters relating to persons with disabilities, health and welfare of children, and the Ministry's ongoing swift work at the community level on the ground, particularly in addressing domestic violence.

The delegation consisted of the Hon. Mrs. Sarah A. Wescot-Williams, President of Parliament, and Mr. G.J. Richardson, LL.M., ML, Secretary General.

DECEMBER

DECEMBER 1-4, 2025

From December 1-4, 2025, the President of Parliament, the Hon. Mrs. Sarah A. Wescot-Williams participated in EuroLat meetings held at the European Parliament in Brussels, Belgium. Discussions focused on inclusive digitalization, climate financing, and the protection of strategic ecosystems; cooperation on climate adaptation and disaster risk reduction; the promotion of fair and sustainable trade; the implementation of Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools; human mobility; and migration management. The importance of strengthening partnerships in the current global context, continued EU cooperation with Latin American and Caribbean countries, addressing growing threats to democracy, and recognizing the vital role of parliamentary engagement in safeguarding democratic values were also underscored.

DECEMBER 2, 2025

On this date, closed-door Central Committee meeting no. 04 that commenced on October 23, 2025, continued with Members further discussing NV GEBE's billing system and

financial position with the Prime Minister, the Hon. Dr. Luc F.E. Mercelina, supported by representatives of the NV GEBE Board of Directors.

DECEMBER 4, 2025



On this date, the President of Parliament, the Hon. Mrs. Sarah A. Wescot-Williams, paid a courtesy visit to President of the First Chamber of the States General of the Netherlands, Dr. Mei Li Vos. Discussions included key regional and geopolitical developments, including the situation involving the United States and Venezuela, as well as climate change.

DECEMBER 5, 2025

On this day, Members of Parliament, the Hon. Mr. Francisco A. Lacroes, the Hon. Mr. Lyndon C.J. Lewis, the Hon. Mr. Dimar Labega, and the Hon. Ms. Sjamira D.M. Roseburg attended the 50th Saba Day Celebration in The Bottom, Saba.

DECEMBER 8, 2025



On this day, the President of Parliament, the Hon. Mrs. Sarah A. Wescot-Williams, paid a courtesy visit to President of the Second Chambers of the States General of the Netherlands, Mr. Thom van Campen. Both Presidents discussed regional and geopolitical developments, climate change, the Kingdom structure, safety and security, and parliamentary functioning.



On this same date, a delegation of the Parliament of Sint Maarten arrived in the Netherlands to attend the 36th InterExpo

Congres, and engaged, alongside parliamentary delegations from the Parliaments of Aruba and Curaçao, with Members of the Dutch Second Chamber Committee for Kingdom Relations.

The delegation of Sint Maarten also met with Mr. Randolph Duggins, Member of the Kingdom Council of State for Sint Maarten, to discuss the progress of the draft Kingdom Law Dispute Regulation and the unsolicited advice of the Council of State of the Kingdom on the 70th anniversary of the Charter for the Kingdom.

DECEMBER 9-11, 2025

From December 9-11, 2025, a delegation of the Parliament of Sint Maarten participated in 36th InterExpo Congress themed "15 Years After 10-10-10." This Congress gave presenters and attendees from across the Kingdom an opportunity to reflect on the relationships between the countries Aruba, Curaçao, and Sint Maarten and the Netherlands, as well as the position of the public entities Bonaire, Sint Eustatius, and Saba since the constitutional reform of October 10, 2010. Members of Parliament actively participated in the sessions by way of presentations, panel discussions as well as brief interventions and contributions during the sessions.

While in the Netherlands for the 36th InterExpo Congress, the delegation visited Na Brasa Restaurant in The Hague, co-owned by Sint Maartener Mr. Xavier York. The visit formed part of efforts to recognize and highlight Sint Maarten entrepreneurs in the Netherlands who operate established businesses. During the visit, Mr. York welcomed the delegation and shared his experiences as a business owner, as well as his vision for the continued growth and development of his restaurant.

The delegation of the Parliament of Sint Maarten consisted of the President of Parliament, the Hon. Mrs. Sarah A. Wescot-Williams, and Members of Parliament the Hon. Ms. Sjamira D.M. Roseburg, the Hon. Mr. Raeyhon A. Peterson, the Hon. Mr. Viren V. Kotai, the Hon. Mr. Omar E.C. Ottley, the Hon. Mr. Lyndon C.J. Lewis, the Hon. Mr. Egbert J. Doran, and Mr. G.J. Richardson, LL.M., ML, Secretary General.

DECEMBER 15, 2025

On this date, in Public meeting no. 09, a Question Hour, was held with the Minister of General Affairs, the Hon. Dr. Luc F.E. Mercelina, and the Minister of Tourism, Economic Affairs, Transport and Telecommunication, the Hon. Mrs. Grisha S. Heyliger-Marten, for questions from Members of Parliament, the Hon. Mr. Francisco A. Lacroes and the Hon. Mr. Egbert



J. Doran. The questions from the Hon. Mr. Francisco A. Lacroes related to Sint Maarten's national strategy for fuel diversification,



LNG transition, public utilities and the implementation of community benefits, while the questions from the Hon. Mr. Egbert J. Doran



related to the reconstruction of the Philipsburg Marketplace and support to displaced vendors.

DECEMBER 16, 2025

On this day, in Central Committee meeting no. 09, Member of Parliament, the Hon. Mr. Omar E.C. Ottley presented a draft Initiative National Ordinance amending the National Ordinance on admission and expulsion from Sint Maarten (Parliamentary Year 2023-2024-176)



(IS/107/2025-2026 dated September 25, 2025). One of the fundamental rights of Members of Parliament is the right of initiative.

In accordance with article 85 of the Constitution, a Member of Parliament has the right to submit a draft national ordinance to Parliament for consideration and approval.

After the presentation by MP Ottley, colleague Members of Parliament posed questions on the draft, after which the meeting was adjourned.



DECEMBER 17, 2025

On December 17, 2025, Parliament held its annual Christmas Cheer event. Each year for the Christmas season, the Parliament makes an effort to bring good cheer to the public and community of Sint Maarten. For this year Members of Parliament, Secretariat staff, and Faction staff joined together to serve meals and spread holiday cheer. The event, held in front of



the House of Parliament on Wilhelminastraat, featured a dedicated seating area for senior citizens this year and live entertainment by the Family String Band.

DECEMBER 18, 2025

On this date, in Public meeting no. 10, Members of Parliament approved the list of incoming documents numbers IS/104 – 406 of the Parliamentary Year 2025-2026.

Subsequently, Parliament considered and unanimously ratified the Declaration of the Parliamentary Alliance for Climate Action and a Just Transition. Through this Declaration, participating parliaments, for Sint Maarten through Parlantino, committed to strengthening legislative action on climate change, promoting a just and inclusive transition to sustainable development, advancing climate-related policies and human rights protections, and enhancing parliamentary cooperation at the international level.

The Parliament also decided to forward the Declaration to the Government of Sint Maarten for its consideration, response and further handling.

RECESS

Parliament went on Christmas recess from December 22, 2025, till January 2, 2026.

JANUARY

JANUARY 8, 2026

Urgent Public meeting no. 05, that commenced on November 5, 2025, reconvened with the Minister of Finance, Ms. Marinka J. Gumbs, who addressed questions regarding the Central Bank of Curaçao and Sint Maarten (CBCS), the ENNIA situation, and Mullet Bay. The meeting



was adjourned due to a previously scheduled closed-door Central Committee meeting.

JANUARY 9, 2026

On this date in the continuation of Public meeting no. 11 of the Parliamentary Year 2024-2025 the following draft National Ordinance was handled:

National Ordinance containing rules regarding a basic payment account for consumers (National Ordinance Basic Payment Account) (Parliamentary year 2023-2024-174)

The Parliament approved the proposed amendment presented by Member of Parliament, the Hon. Mrs. Sarah A. Wescot-Williams, as well as two proposed amendments presented by Member of Parliament, the Hon. Mr. Ardwell M.R. Irion.

One draft motion presented by Member of Parliament, the Hon. Mr. Francisco A. Lacroes was also passed.

The draft National Ordinance was subsequently approved with 14 votes for and 0 votes against.

JANUARY 12, 2026

On this date, the Women's Caucus of Parliament met for the first time during the Parliamentary Term 2024–2028 to discuss the further development of the caucus and preparation of rules of engagement. The caucus also prepared for a regional meeting in Port of Spain, Trinidad, regarding Technology-Facilitated Gender-Based Violence (TFGBV),



and appointed Members of Parliament, the Hon. Ms. Sjamira D.M. Roseburg and the Hon. Mrs. Veronica C. Jansen-Webster to represent the Parliament of Sint Maarten at this regional meeting.

The caucus currently consists of the female Members of Parliament, namely: the Hon. Mrs. Sarah A. Wescot-Williams, the Hon. Mrs. Veronica C. Jansen-Webster, the Hon. Ms. Sjamira D.M. Roseburg, and the Hon. Ms. Ludmila N.L. de Weever, and is supported by the Secretariat of Parliament.

JANUARY 13, 2026

On this date, the Committee for Kingdom Affairs and Interparliamentary Relations met for Committee meeting no. 05 to discuss the responses of the Governments of the countries of the Kingdom to the unsolicited spontaneous advice of the Council of State of the Kingdom on 70 years of the Charter for the Kingdom, as well as the draft Kingdom Law amending the Tax Regulation of the Netherlands and Sint Maarten. The Committee also prepared for Tripartite and IPKO meetings that were scheduled for February 19–23, 2026, in Oranjestad, Aruba.

JANUARY 16, 2026

On this date, Members of Parliament convened

in Central Committee meeting no. 12 with the Minister of Public Housing, Spatial Planning,



Environment, and Infrastructure, the Hon. Mr. Patrice T. Gumbs, Jr., regarding the 2025–2030 Nature Policy Plan.

The Nature Policy Plan Sint Maarten 2025–2030 was submitted to Parliament in accordance with article 2 of the National Ordinance on the Foundations of Nature Management and Protection. The Plan outlines the Government's objectives, priorities, and strategies for nature conservation and landscape management over the next five years, while incorporating Sint Maarten's international environmental obligations. The National Ordinance further requires that the Nature Policy Plan be approved by Parliament and that the Minister reports annually to Parliament on its implementation.

Following a presentation by the Minister on the proposed Nature Policy Plan Sint Maarten 2025–2030, and questions from Members of Parliament, the meeting was adjourned to allow the ministry time to prepare responses to the issues raised.

JANUARY 21–22, 2026

From January 21–22, 2026, a delegation of the Parliament participated in a ParlAmericas regional conference in Trinidad and Tobago focused on Technology-Facilitated Gender-Based Violence (TFGBV), with women parliamentarians from across the Caribbean and Latin America. Discussions at this meeting addressed legislative strengthening, updating parliamentary codes of conduct, raising public awareness regarding the topic, and improving regional cooperation.



Members of Parliament participated in the discussions and also moderated a session of the meeting.

The Sint Maarten delegation consisted of Members of Parliament, the Hon. Ms. Ludmila N.L. de Weever and the Hon. Ms. Sjamira D.M. Roseburg.



JANUARY 21–23, 2026

From January 21–23, 2026, staff members of the Parliament Secretariat participated in



a study visit on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Digital Transformation in Valparaíso, Chile, hosted by the Chamber of Deputies of Chile in collaboration with ParlAmericas. The visit aimed to strengthen the technical capacity of parliaments in Central America and the Caribbean.

Participants explored practical applications of AI and digital transformation in parliamentary operations, including AI-driven tools, ethics, cybersecurity, and institutional readiness.

The visit supported Parliament's modernization efforts and aligned with the Parliamentary Year theme.

The delegation of Sint Maarten consisted of the Secretary General of Parliament, Mr. G.J. Richardson, and the Communications and Media Interactive Designer, Mr. A. Prescod.

JANUARY 28, 2026

On this date, Parliament convened in Central Committee meeting no. 13 with the Minister of Justice, Ms. Nathalie Tackling, to address unresolved matters impacting justice workers and the relationship between the ministry and representative unions.

JANUARY 29, 2026

On this date, urgent Public meeting no. 07, that commenced on November 17, 2025, reconvened with Deputy Prime Minister, the Hon. Mrs. Grisha S. Heyliger-Marten and Minister of Public Health, Social Development and Labor, the Hon. Mr. Richinel S.J. Brug. During the second round of the deliberations, Member of Parliament, the Hon. Mr. Francisco A. Lacroes presented a draft Motion of Disapproval concerning the Prime Minister. However, following a roll call, quorum could not be established, resulting in the adjournment of the meeting in accordance with the Rules of Order.

JANUARY 30, 2026

The Committee of Petitions met and approved a draft proposal for the establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee on Sustainable and Affordable Electricity and Water, stemming from a petition related to GEBE that was handled behind closed doors by the Committee. The Committee decided that a report and proposal would be forwarded to the Central Committee for further handling.

FEBRUARY

FEBRUARY 2, 2026

On this date, in Public Meeting no. 11, the Minister of Finance, the Hon. Ms. Marinka J. Gumbs, was invited to answer questions regarding the application and extension of tax holiday legislation in a Question Hour. This question hour was requested by Member of Parliament, the Hon. Mr. Francisco A. Lacroes. After the initial rounds of questions, other Members of Parliament present were given the opportunity to pose questions related to the topic.

FEBRUARY 4, 2026

Central Committee meeting no. 14 was convened with the following agenda points:

1. Advice on the proposal by the Committee for Petitions on the establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee related to NV GEBE
2. Ontwerplandsverordening tot wijziging van de Algemene landsverordening landsbelastingen, de Landsverordening belasting op bedrijfsomzetten, de Landsverordening op de inkomstenbelasting, de Landsverordening op de loonbelasting, de Landsverordening op de winstbelasting, de Successiebelastingverordening,

de Verhuurautobelastingverordening, de Logeergastenbelastingverordening, de Invorderingsverordening, de Landsverordening op de invordering van directie belastingen en de Landsverordening dwanginvordering (Landsverordening herziening formeel belastingrecht) (Zittingsjaar 2023-2024-172) (IS/218/2023-2024 d.d. 20 november 2023).

(National Ordinance amending the General National Ordinance on National Taxes, the National Ordinance on Tax on Business Turnover, the National Ordinance on Income Tax, the National Ordinance on Wage Tax, the National Ordinance on Profit Tax, the Inheritance Tax Ordinance, the Rental Car Tax Ordinance, the Guest Tax Ordinance, the Collection Ordinance, the National Ordinance on Collection of direct taxes



and the National Ordinance on Compulsory Collection (National Ordinance on the Revision of Formal Tax Law) (Parliamentary year 2023-2024-172).

During the meeting the President of Parliament announced a change to the order of the agenda: agenda point 2, became agenda point 1, and the Advice on the proposal by the Committee for Petitions on the establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee related to NV GEBE would be handled as agenda point 2.

Under agenda point 1, a presentation regarding amendments to the draft National Ordinance on the Revision of Formal Tax Law was given by the Minister of Finance, the Hon. Ms. Marinka J. Gumbs. The topics discussed pertained to the legal trajectory, key reform objectives of the amendments and principal changes for the members' consideration.

On this same date, during the continuation of Urgent Public meeting no. 07, which was adjourned due to insufficient quorum on January 29, 2026, the Prime Minister, the Hon. Dr. Luc F.E. Mercelina and the Minister of Public Health, Social Development and Labor, the Hon. Mr. Richinel S.J. Brug provided second-round responses to the questions posed by the Members of Parliament. Additionally, the Prime Minister was afforded the opportunity

to respond to the draft Motion of Disapproval presented by Member of Parliament, the Hon. Mr. Francisco A. Lacroes.

The motion was subsequently voted on and rejected.

FEBRUARY 10, 2026

During Central Committee meeting no. 15, the General Audit Chamber presented its Annual Report 2024. The Audit Chamber highlighted its 2024 products, achievements as well as their budget and actuals, and its Audit Intelligence (AI).

FEBRUARY 13, 2026

On this date, Central Committee meeting no. 16 was held with the Minister of Finance, the Hon. Ms. Marinka J. Gumbs, regarding the draft National Ordinance Tax Reform, Phase I. The Minister presented the purpose and effects of repealing outdated tax regulations namely the regulations governing land tax and inheritance tax, which in practice were not being applied. The meeting concluded with establishing that the Final Report on the draft National Ordinance would be sent to the Minister for further handling.

FEBRUARY 19-23, 2026

From February 19-23, 2026, Members of the Committee of Kingdom Affairs and Interparliamentary Relations of Parliament participated in Tripartite and Interparliamentary Kingdom Consultations (IPKO) meetings in Oranjestad, Aruba.

These consultations regarding several key topics of mutual interest continue to serve as important platforms for parliamentary dialogue, cooperation, and strengthening of relations among the four countries within the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

The topics for discussions during this IPKO, included current national developments within the countries of the Kingdom, geopolitical and regional security developments, financial relations within the Kingdom, aviation connectivity and air service development, cybersecurity awareness, demographic trends such as the ageing population, and climate adaptation initiatives within the Caribbean region.

In addition, on February 23, the delegations from the Parliaments of Sint Maarten, Aruba, and Curaçao, held their customary Tripartite Consultation. During this meeting, the delegations discussed among other items the draft Kingdom Law Dispute Regulation, food security initiatives, flight tariffs, the Ministerial

Cooperation Arrangement, education policies related to returning graduates, and regional cooperation.

The delegation of Sint Maarten consisted of President of Parliament and Delegation Leader, the Hon. Mrs. Sarah A. Wescot-Williams, Chairlady of the Committee of Kingdom Affairs and Interparliamentary Relations, the Hon. Ms. Sjamira D.M. Roseburg, Members of Parliament, the Hon. Mr. Viren V. Kotai, the Hon. Mr. Egbert J. Doran, the Hon. Mr. Raeyhon A. Peterson, the Hon. Mr. Francisco A. Lacroes, the Hon. Mr. Lyndon C.J. Lewis, and Mr. G.J. Richardson, Secretary General of Parliament.

MARCH

MARCH 4, 2026

The Committee for Parlatino Matters met to discuss an advice on the number of Members of Parliament to be represented on Parlatino committees and a letter from Parlatino regarding the assignment of the First Vice Chairmanship of the Committee on Economic Affairs, Social Debt, and Regional Development to the Parliament of Sint Maarten. During this meeting Members of Parliament also provided updates and presentations on their participation in Parlatino committee meetings and engagements during the second semester of 2025.



MARCH 9, 2026

On this date, Parliament convened in Urgent Public meeting no. 13 to discuss the current state of operational and sanitary conditions in public schools, including supply shortages and instructional resource constraints with the



Minister of Education, Culture, Youth and Sport, the Hon. Ms. Melissa D. Gumbs. The Minister gave a presentation providing an overview of the challenges, ongoing assessments, and measures being taken by the ministry to address these challenges.

MARCH 10, 2026

The Committee of Country's Expenditures (CLU) of Parliament met on this date to discuss a proposed list of the General Audit Chamber reports for parliamentary handling. During the meeting, the Members agreed on an efficient approach for handling these reports, by combining several reports for future meetings with the Audit Chamber. The Committee also decided that the audit into the 2022 annual financial statements of Country Sint Maarten would be handled as the first priority in a separate meeting.

Additionally, it was agreed that future CLU meetings with the Audit Chamber would, in principle, be held in an open setting unless a topic required closed-door handling. Previously these meetings were held behind closed doors, this adjustment will improve public accessibility and underscores Parliament's commitment to increase transparency.

MARCH 11, 2026

Public meeting no. 14 was held with the Minister of Tourism, Economic Affairs, Transport, and Telecommunication, the Hon. Mrs. Grisha S. Heyilger-Marten to discuss the following agenda points:

1. The U.S.–China and related countries trade war and its broader economic implications.

2. The role of large-scale events, such as the Soul Beach Music Festival, in boosting tourism and business growth.
3. The prolonged delay in the construction of the vendor marketplace, initially scheduled to begin in August 2024, and its impact on small businesses (IS/768/2024-2025 dated March 26, 2025)

The meeting was requested by MP E.J. Doran, MP D.T.J. York, and MP A.M.R. Irion.

During the meeting, the Minister provided a broader update on ongoing global trade dynamics, geopolitical tensions, and possible disruptions in global shipping routes, and outlined how these developments could affect supply chains, pricing, and ultimately the cost of goods for the people of Sint Maarten. The Minister confirmed Government's continued



commitment to monitor developments closely and engaging with relevant stakeholders to

ensure that Sint Maarten remains informed, prepared, and responsive.

MARCH 13, 2026

On this day, the Committee of Agriculture, Fisheries and Animal Husbandry of Parliament met with representatives of Native Nations SXM. Mr. Robert Clifton Brown, Executive Representative of Native Nations SXM, delivered a presentation on a proposed regulatory model for the legalization and regulation of cannabis in Sint Maarten. The meeting provided Members of Parliament



with the opportunity to review and discuss potential frameworks and the possible impact on agriculture, economic development, and regulations in the country.

MARCH 16-18, 2026

From March 16 to 18, 2026, a delegation from

the Parliament of Sint Maarten, consisting of the President of Parliament, the Hon. Mrs. Sarah A. Wescot-Williams, and Members of Parliament, the Hon. Mr. Franklin A. Meyers, the Hon. Mr. Francisco A. Lacroes, and the Hon. Mr. Egbert J. Doran, attended several ceremonies and events surrounding the celebration of Aruba's 40th anniversary of Status Aparte within the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the 50th anniversary of Aruba's Flag and Anthem Day.

MARCH 19, 2026

Members of the Petit Comité Dispute Regulation on behalf of the Parliament of Sint Maarten, the President of Parliament, the Hon. Mrs. Sarah A. Wescot-Williams, and Member of Parliament, the Hon. Mr. Egbert J. Doran, accompanied by the Secretary General of Parliament, Mr. G.J. Richardson, LL.M., met with their counterparts from the Parliaments of Aruba and Curaçao in Oranjestad, Aruba, at the Parliament of Aruba. This Petit Comité meeting was held following its establishment by the Tripartite Consultation of the Parliaments of Aruba, Curaçao, and Sint Maarten. The work meeting focused on discussing the trajectory for handling the draft Kingdom Law, as well as formulating the responses to the recently issued advice from the Council of State of the Kingdom regarding the draft Dispute Regulation.



MARCH 20, 2026

On this day, the Committee of Public Housing, Spatial Planning, Environment, and Infrastructure of Parliament met with the Minister of Public Housing, Spatial Planning, Environment and Infrastructure, Mr. Patrice T. Gumbs Jr., to discuss the current state of national housing in Sint Maarten, cemetery capacity, development planning, and related infrastructure policy.

The Minister outlined key aspects of the policy, including target groups, spatial planning and land use, climate resilience, economic development and tourism, legislation and governance, and stakeholder collaboration. The meeting was adjourned to allow the Minister time to prepare responses to questions posed by the Members of Parliament.

MARCH 24-26, 2026

A delegation of the Parliament of Sint Maarten participated in the 39th General Assembly of the Parliament of Latin America and the Caribbean (Parlatino) which commenced at its Permanent Headquarters in Panama City, Panama. Prior to the General Assembly, Members attended and participated in committee meetings held on March 24 and 25, 2026. These included sessions of the Committee on Political, Municipal, and Integration Affairs; the Committee on Agriculture, Livestock, and Fisheries; the Committee on Human Rights, Justice, and Prison Policies; and the Committee on Economic Affairs, Social Debt, and Regional Development.

In addition, the President of Parliament attended and participated in the Board of Directors meeting held on March 25, 2026. During this meeting, the Board approved a proposal to establish a Temporary Committee for the Caribbean. This initiative stemmed from a prior meeting held in September 2025 with the Presidents of the Parliaments of Aruba, Curaçao, and Sint Maarten. The Temporary Committee was scheduled to convene for the first time from May 20–21, 2026, in Willemstad, Curaçao. The Committee would focus on analyzing priority issues affecting the Caribbean, formulating recommendations to strengthen Parlatino's agenda, and exploring the potential inclusion of delegates from



Caribbean parliaments that were not yet members of Parlatino.

The delegation in attendance comprised of the President of Parliament, the Hon. Mrs. Sarah A. Wescot-Williams, Members of Parliament, the Hon. Mr. Francisco A. Lacroes, the Hon. Mrs. Veronica C. Jansen-Webster, the Hon. Mr. Christopher L. Wever, the Hon. Mr. Egbert J. Doran, the Hon. Mr. Lyndon C.J. Lewis, the Hon. Mr. Viren V. Kotai, the Hon. Mr. Darryl T.J. York, the Hon. Mr. Dimar C. Labega, and Secretary General of Parliament, Mr. G.J. Richardson, LL.M.

MARCH 28, 2026.

On Saturday, March 28, the Parliament of Sint Maarten participated in the Ministry of Public Health, Social Development and Labor's Walk-A-Thon, promoting healthy lifestyles and encouraging physical activity to reduce the risk of non-communicable diseases. Parliament was



represented by a cross section of Parliament, highlighting its commitment to promote care and wellbeing both in and outside of the workplace.

MARCH 30, 2026

On this date, Members of Parliament participated in a training workshop with representatives from the Secretariat of the Board of Financial Supervision Curaçao and Sint Maarten (Cft) and the Secretary General of the Ministry of Finance. The workshop focused on the national budget of Country Sint Maarten, the role of the Cft, the Kingdom Law on Financial Supervision (Rft), and the recommendations from the most recent evaluation of the Rft. This session formed part of a series of refresher trainings organized by the Secretariat of Parliament for Members of Parliament. The session with the Cft Secretariat and the Ministry of Finance was aimed at preparing Members of Parliament for the review and handling of the draft 2026 National Budget of Sint Maarten.

APRIL

APRIL 1, 2026

On this date, Public meeting no. 16 was convened to address the following agenda points:

1. Incoming documents
2. Deliberations with the Minister of VROMI addressing various concerns related to the Ministry (IS/331/2025-2026 dated November 13, 2025)
3. Deliberations with the Minister of VROMI on the solid waste tenders and the current state of garbage collection across Sint Maarten, concerns from prospective garbage haulers with the 2026-2029 terms of reference and short- and long-term solutions for solid waste management for the country (IS/669/2025-2026 dated February 9, 2026)
4. Ratification Agreements Lists of the Interparliamentary Kingdom Consultation (IPKO) held from February 19-21, 2026, in Oranjestad, Aruba (IS/724/2025-2026 dated February 23, 2026)

Agenda point 2 was requested by MP F.A. Lacroes, MP O.E.C. Ottley, MP E.J. Doran, MP A.M.R. Irion, MP D.T.J. York and MP L.C.J. Lewis, and agenda point 3 was requested by MP F.A. Lacroes, MP O.E.C. Ottley, and MP L.C.J. Lewis.



Upon commencement of the meeting a proposal of order requested by the Member of Parliament, the Hon. Mr. Egbert J. Doran, was accepted whereby agenda points 2 and 3 were merged and agenda point 4 became agenda point 3.

Thereafter, Parliament approved the list of incoming documents numbers IS/551-689 of the Parliamentary Year 2025-2026.

Under agenda point 2, the Minister of Public Housing, Spatial Planning, Environment and Infrastructure, Mr. Patrice T. Gumbs Jr., gave a presentation on the current state of garbage collection, the solid waste tender process, and proposed short- and long-term solutions for waste management in Sint Maarten.

A draft motion of no confidence in the Minister of Public Housing, Spatial Planning, Environment and Infrastructure was presented by Member of Parliament, the Hon. Mr. Lyndon C.J. Lewis.

The meeting was adjourned to allow the Minister time to prepare responses to the questions posed in the first round.

APRIL 7, 2026.

On this day, Members of Parliament convened in Urgent Public meeting no. 15 with the Minister of Public Health, Social Development and Labor, the Hon. Mr. Richinel S.J. Brug, to discuss the state of affairs of the St. Maarten General Hospital and integrity-related allegations within the Ministry of VSA.

Parliament approved the list of incoming documents numbers IS/690 – 837 of the Parliamentary Year 2025-2026.

After adjourning the agenda point related to the hospital to allow the Minister time to prepare the answers to the questions posed in the first round, the meeting was to be adjourned entirely until further notice, however Member of Parliament, the Hon. Mr. Ardwell M.R. Irion, by a proposal of order, proposed that the meeting continue with deliberations on agenda point 3. The proposal was put to a vote and was rejected. As a result, the meeting was adjourned until further notice.

APRIL 8, 2026

On this date, the Members of the Committee of Justice convened in Committee meeting no. 03, which was requested by MP E.J. Doran, with the Prime Minister and Minister of General Affairs, the Hon. Dr. Luc F.E. Mercelina, and the Minister of Justice, the Hon. Ms. Nathalie M. Tackling. Following the decision to combine the original three agenda points into a single discussion point, the Prime Minister and the Minister of Justice delivered a presentation on the current crime situation affecting youth and communities, youth intervention options, including the re-introduction of military training in Curaçao, and the efforts of the Justice ministry to strengthen prevention and community support.



On this same date, the Committee of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Animal Husbandry continued its discussions regarding a proposed regulatory model for the legalization and regulation of cannabis in Sint Maarten. During

meeting no. 02, representatives of Native Nations SXM responded to questions and comments posed during the March 13 meeting and addressed additional questions from Members of Parliament during this continuation session. It was agreed that Native Nations SXM would submit their presentation and written responses to the Committee for further review.

APRIL 10, 2026



On this date, the Members of Parliament attended an introductory reception hosted by the Office of the Representative of the Netherlands in Sint Maarten (VNP), on the occasion of the introductory visit of the new State Secretary for Kingdom Relations, Mr. Eric van der Burg.

APRIL 16-17, 2026

On April 16 and 17, 2026, a delegation of the Parliament of Sint Maarten, participated in a workshop for Caribbean parliamentarians titled: "Better Practices in Legislation, Policy, and Financing Subsidized Care Systems: Using



APRIL 20, 2026

On this date, Members of Parliament reconvened for the continuation of Public meeting no. 14 with the Minister of Tourism, Economic Affairs, Transport and Telecommunication, the Hon. Mrs. Grisha S. Heyliger-Marten, to discuss the economic implications of the U.S.–China trade war, large-scale tourism events, and delays in the construction of vendor marketplaces, which commenced on March 11, 2026.

After providing responses to questions posed by Members of Parliament, agenda points 1 and 3 were closed, while agenda point 2 was adjourned and scheduled to be reconvened at a later date.

APRIL 22, 2026

On this day, Members of Parliament convened in Central Committee meeting no. 21 to discuss an advice on the First Vice Chairmanship of a Parlantino Committee, and to approve upcoming work travels. A debriefing on the recently attended ParlAmericas workshop in St. George's, Grenada, concerning paid and unpaid care work was also held.

Additionally, a report from the Committee of Kingdom Affairs and Interparliamentary Relations of Parliament was handled related to the proposed Kingdom Law amending the

Prior to their arrival in Grenada, the delegation, during a layover in Trinidad, paid a courtesy call on the President of the Senate, the Hon. Wade Mark, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Hon. Jagdeo Singh, at the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago in Port of Spain.

the '5R' Approach and Principles," held in St. George's, Grenada.

The workshop organized by the Parliament of Grenada, ParlAmericas, and UN Women allowed parliamentarians, civil servants from Gender Departments, and representatives of civil society organizations from several Caribbean countries to share their experiences on the care economy, while also examining the 5R care approach. This framework was designed to improve the care economy and promote gender equality by addressing both unpaid and paid care work through Recognizing, Reducing, and Redistributing unpaid care work, as well as Rewarding and Representing paid care workers, with the aim of achieving decent work.

The Sint Maarten delegation participating in this ParlAmericas workshop consisted of President of Parliament, the Hon. Mrs. Sarah A. Wescot-Williams, Members of Parliament, the Hon. Ms. Ludmila N.L. de Weever, the Hon. Mrs. Veronica C. Jansen-Webster, the Hon. Ms. Sjamira D.M. Roseburg, the Hon. Mr. Francisco A. Lacroes, and Mr. G.J. Richardson, Secretary General of Parliament.



Netherlands–Sint Maarten Tax Arrangement. In accordance with the Rules of Order the report was approved by the Central Committee and then sent to the Chairperson of the Second Chamber for further handling.

APRIL 23, 2026

The Members of Parliament met for the continuation of Urgent Public meeting no. 13 with the Minister of Education, Culture, Youth and Sport, the Hon. Ms. Melissa D. Gumbs on this date. Parliament continued and closed its deliberations on the current operational and sanitary conditions in public schools, including supply shortages and constraints related to instructional resources.

MAY

MAY 4, 2026

On this day, the President of Parliament, the Hon. Mrs. Sarah A. Wescot-Williams, together with Faction Leaders in Parliament or their representatives, attended and participated in the National Remembrance Day commemoration ceremony held at Captain Hodge Wharf in Philipsburg.



The 2026 observance was held under the theme, "Learning to Understand History."

MAY 9, 2026

On May 9, 2026, the President of Parliament, the Hon. Mrs. Sarah A. Wescot-Williams, together with Members of Parliament the Hon. Ms. Ludmila N.L. de Weever, the Hon. Mr. Egbert J. Doran, and the Hon. Ms. Sjamira D.M. Roseburg, met with the Prime Minister of the Netherlands, Mr. Rob Jetten, during his first official visit to Sint Maarten in his capacity as Prime Minister of the Netherlands.



MAY 12, 2026

On this date, Urgent Public meeting no. 15 was reconvened with the Minister of Public Health, Social Development and Labor, Mr. Richinel S.J. Brug, regarding the state of affairs of the St. Maarten General Hospital and recent integrity-related allegations within the Ministry.

The Minister provided responses to questions posed by Members of Parliament during the first round of deliberations in the meeting held on April 7, 2026. Following the Minister's responses, Members of Parliament were given the opportunity to pose additional questions during the second round.

MAY 13, 2026

The Presidium of Parliament officially established a Digital Transformation and Artificial Intelligence (AI) Workgroup as part of Parliament's efforts to modernize parliamentary operations and advance the integration of innovative technologies within Parliament. This initiative stemmed directly from insights and recommendations gathered by parliamentary staff during a ParlAmericas Study Visit on Artificial Intelligence and Digital Transformation hosted by the Chamber of Deputies of Chile. The establishment of the Workgroup also supports the theme of the Parliamentary Year 2025–2026, namely: "Building Digital Trust: Exploring a National AI

Strategy and the Further Development of an Open Parliament."

The Workgroup is tasked with guiding Parliament's progression through the stages of digitization, digitalization, and full digital transformation, while promoting the responsible, transparent, and ethical use of artificial intelligence.

One key priority identified is assisting the advancement of the implementation of a Document Management System, which is regarded as a critical foundation for improving digital workflows, efficiency, and access to information within and outside of Parliament.

On this same date, in Public meeting no. 17, a Question Hour was held with the Minister of Education, Culture, Youth and Sport, the Hon. Ms. Melissa D. Gumbs, who appeared before Parliament to respond to questions by Member of Parliament, the Hon. Dimar C. Labega concerning the levy on gasoline and diesel intended to fund sports programs. Other Members of Parliament were also afforded the opportunity to raise additional questions related to the subject.

Question Hours continue to serve as a mechanism through which Members of Parliament can engage Ministers on current and pressing national matters.

MAY 15, 2026

On this day, Parliament participated in SXM DOET 2026. A group consisting of Members of Parliament, Secretariat staff, and Faction staff joined the stage beautification project at St. Joseph Primary School, where they repainted the flooring to create a fresh, vibrant, and welcoming environment.



Parliament's annual participation in SXM DOET 2026 demonstrates its commitment to fostering a strong team culture within Parliament, while also reinforcing its dedication to proactive community engagement in Sint Maarten.



MAY 19-22, 2026

From May 19–22, 2026, a delegation from the Parliament of Sint Maarten participated in the 22nd ParlAmericas Plenary Assembly and the 10th Gathering of the Open Parliament Network in Ottawa, Canada, under the theme "Parliamentary Leadership for Shared Prosperity: Advancing Trade, Innovation, and Security in a Changing World."

The Assembly focused on democratic governance, regional cooperation, trade, innovation, security, and open parliament practices. Participants exchanged perspectives on strengthening transparency, accountability, public engagement, and economic resilience throughout the Americas.

Noteworthy is the attendance of the President of Parliament, the Hon. Mrs. Sarah



A. Wescot-Williams, to the Council Meeting of ParlAmericas where just before, the Council had unanimously approved the establishment of a new Associate Member category and officially invited the Parliament of Sint Maarten to join ParlAmericas as an Associate Member. This milestone reflected Parliament's continued efforts to strengthen regional parliamentary cooperation and engagement. Since 2023, the Parliament of Sint Maarten has actively participated in various ParlAmericas activities, including plenary assemblies, workshops, network meetings, and study visits.

Associate Membership provides the Parliament of Sint Maarten with opportunities to participate in ParlAmericas meetings and networks, engage in regional parliamentary dialogue, and access to knowledge-sharing and capacity-building initiatives.



The delegation comprised of the Hon. Mrs. Sarah A. Wescot-Williams, President of Parliament and Members of Parliament, the Hon. Mr. Egbert J. Doran, the Hon. Mr. Lyndon C.J. Lewis, the Hon. Ms. Ludmila N.L. de Weever, and the Hon. Mr. Viren V. Kotai, accompanied by the Secretary General of Parliament, Mr. G.J. Richardson, LL.M., ML.

MAY 20, 2026

On May 20, 2026, a delegation of Parliament participated in the official inauguration meeting of the Caribbean Special Commission of the Latin American and Caribbean Parliament (PARLATINO), hosted by the Parliament of Curaçao in Willemstad, Curaçao.

The delegation of Sint Maarten comprised the Vice President of Parliament, the Hon. Mr. Christopher L. Wever, and Chairman of the Committee for Parlatino Matters, the Hon. Mr. Francisco A. Lacroes.



MAY 25, 2026

On this date, the Parliament of Sint Maarten convened in Urgent Public meeting no. 19 with the Prime Minister and Minister of General Affairs, the Hon. Dr. Luc F.E. Mercelina, to address recent allegations of integrity breaches related to his involvement in matters concerning the Ministry of Public Health, Social Development and Labor (VSA).



During the meeting, which was requested by MP O.E.C. Ottley, MP F.A. Lacroes and MP L.C.J. Lewis, Members of Parliament engaged in the first round of questions, addressing matters related to healthcare projects, government procedures, and governance issues as well as claims of political interference. Thereafter the meeting was adjourned until further notice.

MAY 26, 2026

On this date, during the continuation of Public meeting no. 16, which commenced on April 1, and continued on May 11, Parliament concluded deliberations on matters concerning the Ministry of Public Housing, Spatial Planning, Environment and Infrastructure (VROMI). Following the deliberations, Members of Parliament rejected the draft motion of no confidence in the Minister of VROMI. Members of Parliament subsequently considered and unanimously ratified the Agreements List of the Interparliamentary Kingdom Consultation (IPKO), held in Oranjestad, Aruba, from February 19–21, 2026.

MAY 27, 2026

On May 27, 2026, Parliament reconvened for the continuation of Central Committee meeting no. 17, concerning several draft National Ordinances related to financial sector oversight. During the meeting, the Minister of Finance, the Hon. Ms. Marinka J. Gumbs, responded to questions regarding the draft National Ordinance on the Supervision of Securities Intermediaries and Asset Managers (Parliamentary Year 2023–2024–171) and the draft National Ordinance on the Supervision of Payment Service Providers (Parliamentary Year 2025–2026–187).

Following the deliberations, it was established that the Final Reports on both draft National

Ordinances would be submitted to the Government for further handling.

Additionally, the Central Committee agreed that parliamentary Factions would submit their questions and comments in writing on the following draft National Ordinances: the National Ordinance on the Supervision of Virtual Asset Service Providers (Parliamentary Year 2025–2026–188), the National Ordinance on Oversight of Systems in the Payment or Securities Settlement System (Parliamentary Year 2025–2026–189), and the National Ordinance on the Supervision of Operators of FMI Systems (Parliamentary Year 2025–2026–190). The corresponding Final Reports will be prepared and ratified at a subsequent Central Committee meeting before being forwarded to the Government for further handling.

MAY 29, 2026

On May 29, 2026, the Parliament of Sint Maarten convened in Urgent Public meeting no. 18 to address matters concerning the Minister of Public Health, Social Development and Labor (VSA), as well as other parliamentary business. Parliament approved the list of incoming documents numbers IS/838–904 of the Parliamentary Year 2025–2026.

During the meeting, Parliament also unanimously approved the nomination of Member of Parliament, the Hon. Mr. Francisco

A. Lacroes as First Vice Chairman of the Committee on Economic Affairs, Social Debt and Regional Development of the Parliament of Latin America and the Caribbean (Parlatino). Parliament also unanimously approved Sint Maarten's accession as an Associate Member of ParlAmericas.

After deliberations on the agenda point: The lack of confidence in the Minister of Public Health, Social Development and Labor (VSA) (IS/988/2025–2026 dated April 21, 2026), Parliament considered several draft motions related to the Minister of VSA. A motion of no confidence was adopted, a second motion concerning the investigation of matters related to the healthcare sector was adopted unanimously, while a third motion was withdrawn and not put to a vote.

JUNE

JUNE 4, 2026

On this day, the Parliament of Sint Maarten hosted a Tripartite Consultation in The Hague, the Netherlands, bringing together delegations from the Parliaments of Aruba, Curaçao, and Sint Maarten. The meeting formed part of the ongoing Tripartite Consultation framework through which the three Parliaments coordinate and discuss matters of mutual interest.

The discussions, chaired by the President of Parliament, the Hon. Mrs. Sarah A. Wescot-Williams, focused on the draft Dispute Regulation, proposals of the Tripartite-established Petit Committee, the evaluation of the Country Packages, the Monetary Union between Curaçao and Sint Maarten, the legacy of slavery, and efforts to further strengthen the Tripartite Consultation.

The delegations also prepared for the discussions to be had during the Interparliamentary Kingdom Consultation (IPKO) held from June 5–8, 2026, in the Netherlands.

A special point of attention was the adoption of a joint Resolution concerning the Kingdom of the Netherlands' abstention from voting on

a United Nations resolution addressing the trafficking of enslaved Africans and slavery as a crime against humanity. The Resolution expressed the delegations' concerns regarding the absence of prior consultation with the Caribbean countries of the Kingdom on a matter of significant historical and societal importance. It also highlighted concerns relating to consultation and representation within the Kingdom and requested a written response from the Kingdom Government.

JUNE 5-8, 2026

From June 5–8, 2026, a delegation of the Parliament of Sint Maarten participated in the Interparliamentary Kingdom Consultations (IPKO) in The Hague, the Netherlands.



The consultations focused on matters concerning the Kingdom, including institutional strengthening, cooperation among the countries of the Kingdom, personal data protection, the work of the Expert Group on the Democratic Deficit, recent developments in the countries, and climate change. A full day of this IPKO was geared towards the central theme: Cooperation within the IPKO and in the Kingdom, including an informal exchange with the State Secretary for Kingdom Relations on cooperation within the Kingdom and the importance of fostering effective partnerships in accordance with the Charter for the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

As part of the program, delegates also participated in a work visit centered on ageing and elderly care in the city of Haarlem.





The delegation consisted of the President of Parliament, the Hon. Mrs. Sarah A. Wescot-Williams; Chairlady of the Committee for Kingdom Affairs and Interparliamentary Relations (CKAIR), the Hon. Ms. Sjamira D.M. Roseburg; and Members of Parliament, the Hon. Mr. Viren V. Kotai, the Hon. Mr. Lyndon C.J. Lewis, the Hon. Mr. Omar E.C. Ottley, and the Hon. Mr. Egbert J. Doran.

While in the Netherlands for the Tripartite and IPKO meetings, the delegation met with Sint Maarten pageant ambassadors Ms. Zenarah Brown and Ms. Daniella Berry in The Hague at the Sint Maarten House, where they discussed leadership, personal development, and representing Sint Maarten.

JUNE 12, 2026

On this date, Public meeting no. 21 of the Parliamentary Year 2024-2025, which was adjourned on August 21, and on September 3, 2025, was reconvened. The Prime Minister and Minister of General Affairs, the Hon. Dr. Luc F.E. Mercelina, returned to Parliament to answer questions posed by the Members of Parliament in the first round of this meeting concerning pressing matters related to GEBE.

This meeting, which was requested by MP O.E.C. Ottley, MP F.A. Lacroes, MP L.C.J. Lewis, MP D.T.J. York, MP E.J. Doran, and MP A.M.R. Irion, was subsequently adjourned before going over to the clarification question in the first round, to allow the Prime Minister additional time to prepare responses to outstanding questions posed in the first round.

JUNE 21-24, 2026

From June 21-24, 2026, a delegation of the Parliament participated in the Caribbean



Artificial Intelligence (AI) Workshop for Members of Parliament held in Anguilla from June 21-24, 2026.

The workshop, organized by the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association UK in collaboration with regional and international partners, focused on the application of artificial intelligence in parliamentary work, cybersecurity, misinformation, and digital transformation. During the workshop, participants exchanged experiences on AI implementation within their respective jurisdictions.

The delegation of the Parliament of Sint Maarten consisted of the President of Parliament, the Hon. Mrs. Sarah A. Wescot-Williams, and Member of Parliament, the Hon. Mr. Ardwell M.R. Irion.

JUNE 22, 2026

The Committee of Public Housing, Spatial Planning, Environment and Infrastructure

of Parliament convened in the continuation of meeting no. 3 with the Minister of Public Housing, Spatial Planning, Environment and Infrastructure, the Hon. Mr. Patrice T. Gumbs Jr., to continue discussions on the state of national housing in Sint Maarten, cemetery capacity, development planning, and related infrastructure policies.

The meeting concluded with agenda point 1 being adjourned to allow the Minister time to prepare responses to the additional questions raised by Members, while agenda point 2 was closed.

JUNE 23, 2026

On this day, Members of Parliament convened in Central Committee meeting no. 12 with the Minister of Public Housing, Spatial Planning, Environment and Infrastructure, Mr. Patrice T. Gumbs Jr., to continue discussions on the Nature Policy Plan for Sint Maarten.

In accordance with the applicable legislation, Parliament is required to formally vote on the Nature Policy Plan, and thus the meeting concluded with establishing that an advice will be forwarded to the Public meeting for further handling.

On this same day, while attending the Caribbean Artificial Intelligence (AI) Workshop in Anguilla,

the President of Parliament, the Hon. Mrs. Sarah A. Wescot-Williams, participated in a bilateral meeting with the Speaker of the Anguilla House of Assembly, the Hon. Ms. Tara Carter.

The meeting focused on strengthening cooperation through shared best practices in parliamentary operations and exploring joint initiatives in AI training, debating, and a Code of Conduct for Members of Parliament.

JUNE 25, 2026



On this date, the Committee for Kingdom Affairs and Interparliamentary Relations met with the Expert Group on Democratic Deficit to discuss the issue of democratic deficit within the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the group's approach, and the progress of its work under the mandate of the Interparliamentary Kingdom Consultations (IPKO).

The Expert Group consist of Dr. Aubrich Bakhuijs, Chairman (Curaçao), Dr. Rachnilda

Arduin (Sint Maarten), Prof. Leonard Besselink (the Netherlands), and Mr. Johan Sjiem Fat (Aruba), supported by Secretary Ms. Gytha Boerwinkel.

In accordance with the 2024 IPKO Agreements List, the Expert Group was mandated to examine existing and new proposals to reduce the democratic deficit within the Kingdom of the Netherlands and to assess the scope and interpretation of relevant provisions of the Charter for the Kingdom. The Group is expected to submit its final report in time for the next IPKO meeting scheduled for January 2027 in Sint Maarten.

JUNE 26, 2026

On this date, in Central Committee meeting no. 23, Members of Parliament approved the Final Reports on the draft National Ordinance containing rules on the supervision of virtual asset service providers (National Ordinance on the Supervision of Virtual Asset Service Providers) (Parliamentary Year 2025–2026–188), the draft National Ordinance containing rules concerning oversight by the Central Bank of Curaçao and Sint Maarten (National Ordinance on Oversight of Systems in the Payment or Securities Settlement System) (Parliamentary Year 2025–2026–189), and the draft National Ordinance containing rules concerning clearing and settlement systems in the monetary union of Curaçao and Sint Maarten (National

Ordinance on the Supervision of Operators of FMI Systems)(Parliamentary Year 2025–2026–190), as well as several work travels.

The Minister of Finance, the Hon. Ms. Marinka J. Gumbs, was invited for the handling of agenda point 5, regarding the draft 2026 National Budget of Sint Maarten.

After deliberations on the written procedure for the handling of the draft 2026 National Budget, the meeting continued with a presentation by the Minister of Finance. The Members were then given the opportunity to address the Minister on the presentation and any other pertinent points and questions related to the draft 2026 National Budget. The meeting was adjourned before the finalization of the deliberations.

JUNE 29, 2026

On this day, Members of Parliament convened in the continuation of Central Committee meeting no. 23 with the Minister of Finance, the Hon. Ms. Marinka J. Gumbs, to continue deliberations on the draft 2026 National Budget of Sint Maarten, which was adjourned on June 26, 2026. The Members were provided the opportunity to seek further clarification on the proposed budget.

The meeting concluded with Members

agreeing to submit their further questions and comments in writing by July 2, 2026, allowing time for the compiling of the Final Report and ratification by the Central Committee in the continuation of the meeting on July 6, 2026.

RECESS

Parliament went on Summer recess from June 29, 2026, till August 7, 2026.

JULY

JULY 1, 2026

On this date, Members of Parliament attended the official annual Emancipation Day observance hosted by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Youth and Sport to commemorate the 163rd anniversary of the Proclamation of the



Abolishment of Slavery. The observance, held at Belvedere Plantation under the theme “Buss di Chain & Free Your...”, encouraged reflection on the enduring impact of slavery and its continued influence on society. The program included cultural performances and official addresses, including remarks by the President of Parliament, the Hon. Mrs. Sarah A. Wescot-Williams.

JULY 1-2, 2026



From July 1-2, 2026, a delegation of the Parliament of Sint Maarten, comprising of Members of Parliament, the Hon. Ms. Sjamira D.M. Roseburg, the Hon. Mr. Egbert J. Doran, the Hon. Mr. Lyndon C.J. Lewis, and the Hon. Mr. Dimar C. Labega, traveled to Curaçao and attended the official celebrations commemorating Emancipation Day as well as Curaçao's National Anthem and Flag Day (Dia di Himno i Bandera) in Willemstad, Curaçao.

JULY 6, 2026

On this date, Members of Parliament convened in the continuation of Central Committee meeting no. 23 to continue the handling of the draft National Ordinance establishing the 2026 National Budget.

The meeting focused on the ratification of the Final Report containing the written questions and comments submitted by Members following the continuation of the budget discussions held on June 26 and 29. The report, comprising 292 pages of questions, grouped by factions, was ratified without any further adjustments and forwarded to the Government for the preparation of the Note following the Final Report comprising the written responses, as part of the legislative process.

JULY 8, 2026

On this date, the Parliament of Sint Maarten participated in the CLIMB Foundation's National



Literacy Movement by hosting a special "Drop Everything and Read St. Maarten" (DEAR SXM) Book Party for the children and young family members of Members of Parliament, Secretariat Staff, and Faction Staff.



The President of Parliament, the Hon. Mrs. Sarah A. Wescot-Williams, welcomed the children to the Legislative Hall and encouraged them to embrace reading as a foundation for lifelong learning. Thereafter, local author, Mrs. Greta Rodney-Thompson, conducted an interactive reading of her children's book, *The Johnny Cake Delivery*.

JULY 14, 2026

On this date, the President of Parliament, the Hon. Mrs. Sarah A. Wescot-Williams, alongside His Excellency the Governor and the Council of Ministers, attended the Bastille Day celebrations in Marigot, Saint-Martin.

PARLIAMENT SCHOOL VISITS

During the 2025-2026 Parliamentary Year, Parliament continued to strengthen its commitment to civic education and public engagement by welcoming students, youth groups, and community organizations to the House of Parliament. Through its School Visits Program, Parliament provided participants with a firsthand understanding of the parliamentary system, the role of Members of Parliament, and the importance of democratic participation.

Over the course of this Parliamentary Year, Parliament hosted 17 educational visits from primary schools, secondary schools, tertiary institutions, youth camps, and community organizations.

These visits engaged more than 300 students and young people. Participants represented a broad age range, from primary school students aged 8 years to secondary and tertiary-level students.

Through these outreach efforts, Parliament reaffirmed its role as an important educational partner in promoting democratic awareness, transparency, and youth participation.

The photographs below highlight a selection of school and community visits hosted by Parliament during the 2025-2026 Parliamentary Year.

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EDUCATIONAL VISITS

300+

STUDENTS & YOUNG PEOPLE

THE PROGRAM PROVIDES

- An introduction to the structure and functions of Parliament;
- Insight into the legislative process and the role of Members of Parliament;
- Opportunities for a reenactment of a Parliament meeting;
- Opportunities to ask questions and engage in discussions on governance and democracy with Members of Parliament; and
- Guided tours of the Parliament building.



Martin Luther King Primary School



University of Sint Maarten



Performing Arts Dance School Summer Camp

SELECTED SCHOOL & COMMUNITY VISITS



Hillside Christian Primary School



Sister Magda Primary School



St. Dominic Primary School



Hillside Christian Primary School



Marie Genevieve de Weever Primary School



Sister Regina Primary School



MPC - HAVO



PSVE St. Maarten Academy



Sister Magda Primary School

PROMOTING DEMOCRATIC AWARENESS • TRANSPARENCY • YOUTH PARTICIPATION

PARLIAMENT MEETINGS OF THE YEAR



PARLIAMENT MEETINGS OF THE YEAR

Solemn and Public Meetings | Parliamentary Year 2025-2026

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

This register covers two solemn public meetings and twenty-three public-meeting records. Numbered and lettered agenda points are presented as separate entries for clear reference.

Solemn Public Meetings

MEETING	DATE	TYPE OF MEETING	AGENDA	REMARKS
POV 01	September 9, 2025	Solemn Public meeting	Opening of Parliamentary Year 2025-2026 by the Chairperson of the Parliament of Sint Maarten with a speech by His Excellency the Governor of Sint Maarten	
POV 02	October 13, 2025	Solemn Public meeting	10-10-2025: Commemorating the Fifteenth Anniversary of the attainment of Country Status of Sint Maarten within the Kingdom of the Netherlands; A reflection of 15 years Country Status.	

Public Meetings

MEETING	DATE	TYPE OF MEETING	AGENDA	REMARKS
OV 11 PY 24-25	October 30, 2025	Public meeting (Continuation)	2. Ontwerplandsverordening houdende regels met betrekking tot een basisbetaalrekening voor consumenten (Landsverordening basisbetaalrekening) (Zittingsjaar 2023-2024-174) (IS/292/2023-2024 d.d. 20 december 2023)	
OV 21 PY 24-25	June 12, 2026	Public meeting (Continuation)	Deliberations on the pressing matters related to GEBE: a. Update on the status, timelines and disbursement of the long-awaited promised relief measures; b. Update on GEBE Supervisory Board for clarity on the current composition, mandate, and operational status of the Supervisory Board as well as any recent or pending decisions impacting corporate governance; c. Update on unrest by middle management to remove the CEO by a specific date, in particular a detailed briefing on the government's position, planned interventions, and anticipated implications for the company's stability. (IS/1317/2024-2025 dated August 13, 2025). This meeting was requested by MP O.E.C. Ottley, MP F.A. Lacroes, MP L.C.J. Lewis, MP D.T.J. York, MP E.J. Doran, MP A.M.R. Irion	Meeting adjourned on September 3, 2025, and June 12, 2026.
OV 01	September 22, 2025	Public meeting (Question hour)	Question hour: Questions from MP A.M.R. Irion directed to the Minister of Finance regarding the recent appointment process of the Chairman of the CBCS (IS/069/2025-2026 dated September 17, 2025)	
OV 02	September 15, 2025	Public meeting	1. Incoming documents 2. Advice regarding the installation and composition of the Permanent and Ad hoc Committees of Parliament 3. Appointment Vice-Chairperson(s)	

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MEETING	DATE	TYPE OF MEETING	AGENDA	REMARKS
OV 03	October 16, 2025	Public meeting (Question hour)	Question hour: Questions from MP D.T.J. York directed to the Minister of Finance regarding oversight of TelEm and management accountability (IS/120/2025-2026 dated October 1, 2025)	
OV 04	October 30, 2025	Public meeting	1. Incoming documents 2. Advice appointment of the Monument Council for the period of 2025-2029 (IS/1384/2024-2025 dated August 29, 2025) 3. Ratification Agreements Lists of the Interparliamentary Kingdom Consultation (IPKO) held from September 26-29, 2025, in the Hague, the Netherlands (IS/115/2025-2026 dated September 29, 2025) 4. Advice Re-appointment of the current Ombudsman ex. Article 2 of the National Ordinance Ombudsman (IS/1164/2024-2025 dated June 12, 2025)	
OV 05	November 5, 2025	Public meeting (Urgent)	Deliberations on the issues surrounding the Central Bank of Curaçao and Sint Maarten a. The recent nomination of the Chairman of the CBCS by the Council of Ministers b. An update on the ENNIA situation c. Developments concerning Mullet Bay (IS/092/2025-2026 dated September 22, 2025) This meeting was requested by MP E.J. Doran, MP A.M.R. Irion, MP D.T.J. York, MP O.E.C. Ottley and MP F.A. Lacroes	
OV 06	November 17, 2025	Public meeting (Question hour)	Question hour: Questions from MP D.T.J. York directed to the Minister of Public Housing, Spatial Planning, Environment and Infrastructure regarding limited burial space and the overall management of cemeteries on Sint Maarten (IS/294/2025-2026 dated November 5, 2025)	
OV 07	November 17, 2025	Public meeting (Urgent)	Deliberations with the Minister of General Affairs, the Minister of Public Health, Social Development and Labor, and the Minister of Justice to address the escalating situation involving the nation's fire and ambulance personnel (IS/320/2025-2026 dated November 10, 2025) This meeting was requested by MP E.J. Doran, MP A.M.R. Irion, MP D.T.J. York, MP O.E.C. Ottley, MP L.C.J. Lewis and MP F.A. Lacroes	
OV 08	December 1, 2025	Public meeting (Question hour)	Question hour: Questions from MP F.A. Lacroes directed to the Minister of General Affairs regarding Sint Maarten's national strategy for fuel diversification, LNG transition, public utilities, and the implementation of community benefits (IS/368/2025-2026 dated November 19, 2025)	Meeting postponed on December 1, 2025, and not held.

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MEETING	DATE	TYPE OF MEETING	AGENDA	REMARKS
OV 09	December 15, 2025	Public meeting (Question hour)	Question hour: - Questions from MP F.A. Lacroes directed to the Minister of General Affairs regarding Sint Maarten's national strategy for fuel diversification, LNG transition, public utilities, and the implementation of community benefits (IS/368/2025-2026 dated November 19, 2025) - Questions from MP E.J. Doran directed to the Minister of TEATT regarding the reconstruction of the Philipsburg Marketplace and support to displaced vendors (IS/395/2025-2026 dated November 26, 2025)	
OV 10	December 18, 2025	Public meeting	- Incoming documents - Ratification of the founding document of the Parliamentary Alliance for Climate Action (IS/1219/2024-2025 dated June 30, 2025)	
OV 11	February 2, 2026	Public meeting (Question hour)	Question hour: Questions from MP F.A. Lacroes directed to the Minister of Finance on the application and extension of tax holiday legislation under the Landsverordening ter bevordering van bedrijfsvestiging en hotelbouw (LBBH) and broader framework of fiscal incentives. (IS/362/2025-2026 dated November 18, 2025)	
OV 12	February 5, 2026	Public meeting	- Incoming documents - Advice on the proposal by the Committee for Petitions on the establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee related to NV GEBE	Meeting adjourned on February 5, and February 11, 2026, at agenda point 2.
OV 13	March 5, 2026	Public meeting (Urgent)	Deliberations on the current state of operational and sanitary conditions in Public Schools, including supply shortages and instructional resource constraints (IS/739/2025-2026 dated February 26, 2026) This meeting was requested by MP E.J. Doran, MP A.M.R. Irion, MP D.T.J. York, MP O.E.C. Ottley, MP L.C.J. Lewis and MP F.A. Lacroes	
OV 14	March 11, 2026	Public meeting	- The U.S.-China and related countries trade war and its broader economic implications - The role of large-scale events, such as Soul Beach Music Festival, in boosting tourism and business growth - The prolonged delay in the construction of the vendor marketplace, initially set to begin in August 2024, and its impact on small businesses (IS/768/2024-2025 dated March 26, 2025) This meeting was requested by MP E.J. Doran, MP D.T.J. York, MP A.M.R. Irion.	Meeting adjourned on March 11, and April 20, 2026.

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MEETING	DATE	TYPE OF MEETING	AGENDA	REMARKS
OV 15	April 7, 2026	Public meeting (Urgent)	1. Incoming documents 2. Deliberations with the Minister of Public Health, Social Development and Labor regarding the state of affairs of the St. Maarten General Hospital (IS/775/2025-2026 dated March 4, 2026) 3. Deliberations with the Minister of Public Health, Social Development and Labor addressing the recent integrity-related allegations within the Ministry, including the request for an investigation by the Integrity Chamber (IS/919/2025-2026 dated April 2, 2026) Agenda point 2 was requested by MP O.E.C. Ottley, MP L.C.J. Lewis and MP F.A. Lacroes, and agenda point 3 was requested by MP O.E.C. Ottley, MP C.L. Wever and MP V.C. Jansen-Webster	Meeting adjourned on April 7, and May 28, 2026, at agenda point 3.
OV 16	April 1, 2026	Public meeting	1. Incoming documents 2. Deliberations with the Minister of VROMI addressing various concerns related to the Ministry (IS/331/2025-2026 dated November 13, 2025) 3. Deliberations with the Minister of VROMI on the solid waste tenders and the current state of garbage collection across Sint Maarten, concerns from prospective garbage haulers with the 2026-2029 terms of reference and short- and long-term solutions for solid waste management for the country (IS/669/2025-2026 dated February 9, 2026) 4. Ratification Agreements Lists of the Interparliamentary Kingdom Consultation (IPKO) held from February 19-21, 2026, in Oranjestad, Aruba (IS/724/2025-2026 dated February 23, 2026) Agenda point 2 was requested by MP F.A. Lacroes, MP O.E.C. Ottley, MP E.J. Doran, MP A.M.R. Irion, MP D.T.J. York and MP L.C.J. Lewis, and agenda point 3 was requested by MP F.A. Lacroes, MP O.E.C. Ottley, and MP L.C.J. Lewis	

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MEETING	DATE	TYPE OF MEETING	AGENDA	REMARKS
OV 17	May 13, 2026	Public meeting (Question hour)	Question hour: Questions from MP D.C. Labega directed to the Minister of Education, Culture, Youth and Sport regarding the levy on gasoline and diesel to fund sports programs (IS/941/2025-2026 dated April 8, 2026)	
OV 18	May 29, 2026	Public meeting (Urgent)	1. Incoming documents 2. Advice on a Report from the Committee of Parlatino Matters regarding the First Vice Chairmanship of a Parlatino Committee (IS/962/2025-2026 dated April 15, 2026) 3. Ratification of admission of the Parliament of Sint Maarten as an Associate Member of ParlAmericas (IS/1107/2025-2026 dated May 27, 2026) 4. The lack of confidence in the Minister of Public Health, Social Development and Labor (VSA) (IS/988/2025-2026 dated April 21, 2026) Agenda point 4 was requested by MP C.L. Wever, MP V.C. Jansen-Webster, and MP F.A. Meyers	
OV 19	May 25, 2026	Public meeting (Urgent)	Deliberations with the Prime Minister addressing the recent allegations of integrity breaches concerning the Prime Minister's involvement in the affairs of the Ministry of Public Health, Social Development, and Labor (VSA) (IS/926/2025-2026 dated April 7, 2026) This meeting was requested by MP O.E.C. Ottley, MP F.A. Lacroes, and MP L.C.J. Lewis	Meeting adjourned on May 25, and on June 10, 2026.
OV 20	June 11, 2026	Public meeting (Question hour)	Question hour: Questions from MP E. J. Doran directed to the Minister of Finance regarding the newly reported payment system, the processing and outstanding Government payments, and the possible impact of non-payment of suppliers, contractors, creditors and essential services. (IS/1126/2025-2026 dated May 28, 2026)	Meeting postponed on June 11, and on June 23, 2026, and subsequently not held.
OV 21	July 7, 2026	Public meeting	Deliberations with the Minister of Justice on the increase in traffic accidents and road safety concerns, and other Justice related matters (IS/1207/2025-2026 dated June 24, 2026) This meeting was requested by MP L.C.J. Lewis, O.E.C. Ottley, F.A. Lacroes	Meeting adjourned on July 7, 2026.

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CENTRAL COMMITTEE

2025-2026

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Numbered and lettered agenda points are presented as separate entries for clear reference. Remarks identify meetings that were adjourned, postponed, not held or otherwise affected.

Central Committee Meetings

MEETING	DATE	TYPE OF MEETING	AGENDA	REMARKS
CC 01	September 10, 2025	Central Committee Meeting	1. Discussion with External Expert on Building digital trust: exploring a national AI strategy and further development of an Open Parliament 2. Advice regarding the installation and composition of the Permanent and Ad hoc Committees of Parliament	<i>This meeting could not continue on the date for which it was originally called due to technical difficulties and continued on a later date.</i>
CC 02	October 22, 2025	Central Committee meeting	1. Appointment of the Monument Council for the period of 2025-2029 (IS/1384/2024-2025 dated August 29, 2025) 2. Re-appointment of the current Ombudsman ex. Article 2 of the National Ordinance Ombudsman (IS/1164/24-25 dated June 12, 2025)	
CC 03	October 21, 2025	Central Committee meeting (closed door)	Discussion on the notification under article 32 of the Kingdom Act on the Law Enforcement Council regarding the Point Blanche prison and house of detention in Sint Maarten (IS/1134/2024-2025 dated June 9, 2025)	
CC 04	October 23, 2025	Central Committee Meeting (closed door)	Technical closed-door meeting on NV GEBE'S billing system and financial position (IS/090/2025-2026 dated September 22, 2025) <i>This meeting was requested by MP D.C. Labega, MP V.V. Kotai and MP S.D.M. Roseburg</i>	
CC 05	October 28, 2025	Central Committee meeting (closed door)	Introduction and presentation on the Detention Sector Reform Program, as well as the construction and soft components of the new prison facility (IS/183/2025-2026 dated October 17, 2025)	
CC 06	November 4, 2025	Central Committee meeting	Presentation Annual Report 2024 - Social Economic Council (IS/206/2025-2026 dated October 21, 2025)	
CC 07	November 6, 2025	Central Committee meeting	Presentation Annual Report 2024 - Ombudsman (IS/1267/2024-2025 dated July 29, 2025)	
CC 08	December 3, 2026	Central Committee meeting	Discussion with the Minister of Finance and Kadaster regarding the Strategic Plan of the Kadaster, with specific attention to its financial, administrative and institutional consequences for the development of Sint Maarten (IS/073/2025-2026 dated September 17, 2025) <i>This meeting was requested by MP O.E.C. Ottley, MP F.A. Lacroes and MP L.C.J. Lewis.</i>	<i>This meeting was called but never took place.</i>

Central Committee Meetings | Continued

MEETING	DATE	TYPE OF MEETING	AGENDA	REMARKS
CC 09	December 16, 2025	Central Committee meeting	Initiatief ontwerp landsverordening tot wijziging van de Landsverordening houdende regeling van de toelating tot en de uitzetting uit Sint Maarten in verband met uitbreiding van de categorie personen die in aanmerking komen voor de toelating van rechtswege (Zittingsjaar 2023-2024-176) (IS/107/2025-2026 dated September 25, 2025)	This meeting was adjourned but has not been reconvened as yet.
CC 10	January 9, 2026	Central Committee meeting	1. Approval of composition delegation and provisions for Members of Parliament to participate in IPKO and Tripartite meetings in the Oranjestad, Aruba, from February 19-23, 2026 2. Approval of composition delegation and provisions for Members of Parliament to participate in a meeting of Caribbean women parliamentarians on January 21, 2026, in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago (IS/469/2025-2026 dated December 18, 2025)	
CC 11	January 8, 2026	Central Committee meeting (closed door)	Discussion with the Prime Minister on the geopolitical and military developments concerning Venezuela, including the security implications and potential overall impact on Sint Maarten, as well as any immediate and medium-term preparedness measures to be implemented. (IS/511/2025-2026 dated January 5, 2026 and IS/515/2025-2026 dated January 6, 2026)	
CC 12	January 16, 2026	Central Committee meeting	Nature policy Plan Sint Maarten 2025-2029 (IS/365/2025-2026 dated November 18, 2025)	
CC 13	January 28, 2026	Central Committee meeting	Discussion with the Minister of Justice on urgent unresolved matters impacting justice workers and the relationship between the ministry and representative unions (IS/091/2025-2026 dated September 22, 2025) This meeting was requested by MP F.A. Lacroes, MP O.E.C. Ottley, and MP L.C.J. Lewis	
CC 14	February 4, 2026	Central Committee meeting	1. Advice on the proposal by the Committee for Petitions on the establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee related to NV GEBE 2. Ontwerplandsverordening tot wijziging van de Algemene landsverordening landsbelastingen, de Landsverordening belasting op bedrijfsomzetten, de Landsverordening op de inkomstenbelasting, de Landsverordening op de loonbelasting, de Landsverordening op de winstbelasting, de Successiebelastingverordening, de Verhuurautobelastingverordening, de Logeergastenbelastingverordening, de Invorderingsverordening, de Landsverordening op de invordering van directie belastingen en de Landsverordening dwanginvordering (Landsverordening herziening formeel belastingrecht) (Zittingsjaar 2023-2024-172) (IS/218/2023-2024 d.d. 20 november 2023).	This meeting was adjourned but has not been reconvened as yet.
CC 15	February 10, 2026	Central Committee meeting	Annual Report 2024 - General Audit Chamber (IS/721/2024-2025 dated March 14, 2025)	
CC 16	February 13, 2026	Central Committee meeting	Ontwerplandsverordening houdende de intrekking van enkele landsverordeningen op het terrein van de belastingen, die in onbruik zijn geraakt (Landsverordening belastinghervorming, fase I) (Zittingsjaar 2025-2026-186) (IS/225/2025-2026 dated October 24, 2025)	

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MEETING	DATE	TYPE OF MEETING	AGENDA	REMARKS
CC 17	March 2, 2026	Central Committee meeting	1. Approval of travel schedule for the 1st Semester of the year 2026 in connection with Committee, General Assembly (Assamblea), Board of Directors (Junta Directiva) and Eurolat meetings of Parlatino (IS/636/2025-2026 dated February 2, 2026) 2. Approval of composition delegation and provisions for Members of Parliament to attend the celebration of 40 years of Status Aparte and 50 Years of Himno y Bandera on March 18, 2026 (IS/747/2025-2026 dated March 2, 2026) 3. Ontwerplandsverordening houdende regels inzake het toezicht op effectenbemiddelaars en vermogensbeheerders (Landsverordening toezicht effectenbemiddelaars en vermogensbeheerders) (IS/ 065/2023-2024 d.d. 2 oktober 2023) (ZJ 2023-2024-171) 4. Ontwerplandsverordening houdende regels inzake het toezicht op betaaldienstverleners (Ontwerplandsverordening toezicht betaaldienstverleners) (Zittingsjaar 2025-2026-187) (IS/526/2025-2026 dated January 7, 2026) 5. Ontwerplandsverordening houdende regels inzake het toezicht op virtuele activa dienstverleners (Ontwerplandsverordening toezicht virtuele activa dienstverleners) (Zittingsjaar 2025-2026-188) (IS/527/2025-2026 dated January 7, 2026) 6. Ontwerplandsverordening houdende regels inzake oversight door de Centrale Bank van Curaçao en Sint Maarten (Ontwerplandsverordening oversight op systemen in het betalings- of effectenverkeer) (Zittingsjaar 2025-2026-189) (IS/528/2025-2026 dated January 7, 2026) 7. Ontwerplandsverordening houdende regels inzake de clearing- en settlementssystemen in de monetaire unie van Curaçao en Sint Maarten (Ontwerplandsverordening toezicht beheerders FMI-systemen) (Zittingsjaar 2025-2026-190) (IS/529/2025-2026 dated January 7, 2026)	
CC 18	March 12, 2026	Central Committee meeting	Presentation by the Ministry of General Affairs concerning matters related to the Fire Department personnel (IS/656/2025-2026 dated February 4, 2026)	
CC 19	March 31, 2026	Central Committee meeting	1. Approval of composition delegation and provisions for Members of Parliament to participate in a Workshop on care for Caribbean Parliamentarians from April 16-17, 2026, in St. George's, Grenada (IS/798/2025-2026 dated March 10, 2026) 2. Discussion with the Minister of Finance on the future of the monetary union between Curaçao and Sint Maarten and the role and functioning of the Central Bank of Curaçao and Sint Maarten (IS/821/2025-2026 dated March 12, 2026) Agenda point 2 was requested by MP D.C. Labega, MP V.V. Kotai, MP C.L. Wever, MP V.C. Jansen-Webster, MP S.D.M. Roseburg, MP R.A. Peterson, MP F.A. Meyers and MP S.A. Wescot-Williams.	This meeting was adjourned at agenda point 2 but has not been reconvened as yet.
CC 20	April 7, 2026	Central Committee meeting (Closed-door)	Briefing and update by the Minister of Finance on the break-in incident that occurred at the Receiver's Office in March 2026 (IS/900/2025-2026 dated March 31, 2026)	

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MEETING	DATE	TYPE OF MEETING	AGENDA	REMARKS
CC 21	April 22, 2026	Central Committee meeting	1. Report from the Committee of Parlantino Matters regarding the First Vice Chairmanship of a Parlantino Committee (IS/962/2025-2026 dated April 15, 2026) 2. Approval of composition delegation and provisions for Members of Parliament to participate in the 22nd ParlAmericas Plenary Assembly and the 10th Gathering of the Open Parliament Network, in Ottawa, Canada, from May 19- 22, 2026 (IS/936/2025-2026 dated April 7, 2026) 3. Approval of composition delegation and provisions for Members of Parliament to participate in IPKO and Tripartite meetings in The Hague, the Netherlands from June 4-8, 2026 (IS/724/2025-2026 dated February 23, 2026) 4. Debriefing on ParlAmericas workshop on care systems for Caribbean Parliamentarians from April 16-17, 2026, in St. George's, Grenada 5. Discussion regarding the proposal of Kingdom Law amending the Netherlands-Sint Maarten Tax Arrangement in connection with the implementation of the outcomes of the Base Erosion and Profit Shifting project of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development, as well as other amendments (IS/256/2025-2026 dated October 30, 2025)	
CC 22	May 13, 2026	Central Committee meeting	Approval of composition delegation and provisions for Members of Parliament to participate in a Caribbean AI Workshop, in the Valley, Anguilla from June 21-24, 2026 (IS/1016/2025-2026 dated April 28, 2026)	
CC 23	June 26, 202	Central Committee meeting	1. Goedkeuring Eindverslag Ontwerplandsverordening houdende regels inzake het toezicht op virtuele activa dienstverleners (Ontwerplandsverordening toezicht virtuele activa dienstverleners) (Zittingsjaar 2025-2026-188) (IS/527/2025-2026 dated January 7, 2026) 2. Goedkeuring Eindverslag Ontwerplandsverordening houdende regels inzake oversight door de Centrale Bank van Curaçao en Sint Maarten (Ontwerplandsverordening oversight op systemen in het betalings- of effectenverkeer) (Zittingsjaar 2025-2026-189) (IS/528/2025-2026 dated January 7, 2026) 3. Goedkeuring Eindverslag Ontwerplandsverordening houdende regels inzake de clearing- en settlementssystemen in de monetaire unie van Curaçao en Sint Maarten (Ontwerplandsverordening toezicht beheerders FMI-systemen) (Zittingsjaar 2025-2026-190) (IS/529/2025-2026 dated January 7, 2026) 4. Approval composition delegations and provisions for Members of Parliament to attend official parliamentary invited events: several Parliament work visits: a. Approval of composition delegation and provisions for Members of Parliament to attend Curacao Flag Day celebrations on July 2, 2026 (IS/1158/2025-2026 dated June 11, 2026) b. Approval of composition delegation and provisions for Members of Parliament to attend the 250th Statia Day Celebration on November 16, 2026 (IS/1122/2025-2026 dated May 28, 2026) c. Approval of composition delegation and provision for the President of Parliament to attend the inauguration ceremony of the incoming Island Governor of Saba on July 9, 2026 (IS/1208/2025-2026 dated June 26, 2026) d. Approval of composition delegation and provision for the President of Parliament to attend the 48th Conference and the 19th Presiding Officers and Clerks Conference of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Caribbean, Americas and Atlantic Region Conference from August 30 - September 5, 2026, in Jamaica (IS/1168/2025-2026 dated June 12, 2026) 1. Ontwerplandsverordening tot vaststelling van de begroting van het land Sint Maarten voor het dienstjaar 2026 (Landsverordening begroting 2026) (Zittingsjaar 2025-2026-192)	

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COMMITTEE OF KINGDOM AFFAIRS AND INTERPARLIAMENTARY RELATIONS				
MEETING	DATE	TYPE OF MEETING	AGENDA	REMARKS
CKAIR 01	September 16, 2025	Permanent Committee meeting (closed door)	- Appointment of a chairman and vice-chairman of the committee - Preparations IPKO and Tripartite September 2025	
CKAIR 02	September 19, 2025	Permanent Committee meeting (closed door)	- Discussion with Dr. Arduin regarding Democratic Deficit and Kingdom Relations - Hearing of a delegation of Island Council and Commissioners of the Public Entities of Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba regarding current situation (IS/017/2025-2026 dated September 10, 2025)	
CKAIR 03	October 22, 2025	Permanent Committee meeting	- Incoming documents - Debriefing IPKO and Tripartite September 25-29, 2025	
CKAIR	November 25, 2025	Permanent Committee meeting (Informal meeting)	Preparations for InterExpo Congress in the Netherlands in December 2025	
CKAIR 05	January 13, 2026	Permanent Committee meeting	- Incoming documents - Discussion on responses of the Government of the countries of the Kingdom to the unsolicited advice of the Council of State: "70 years of the Charter for the Kingdom: cooperation based on mutual understanding" (IS/244/2025-2026 dated October 29, 2025, IS/280/2025-2026 dated November 4, 2025) - Voorstel van rijkswet tot wijziging van de Belastingregeling Nederland Sint Maarten in verband met de implementatie van de uitkomsten van het Base Erosion and Profit Shifting project van de Organisatie voor Economische Samenwerking en Ontwikkeling alsmede enige overige wijzigingen (IS/256/2025-2026 dated October 30, 2025). - Preparations Tripartite and IPKO February 2026	
CKAIR 06	February 11, 2026	Permanent Committee meeting (closed door)	Preparation Tripartite and IPKO February 2026	
CKAIR 07	February 16, 2026	Permanent Committee meeting (closed door)	Discussion regarding the task and activities of the Sint Maarten Member in the Expert Committee on the Democratic Deficit.	This meeting did not take place due to lack of quorum.

COMMITTEE OF KINGDOM AFFAIRS AND INTERPARLIAMENTARY RELATIONS

MEETING	DATE	TYPE OF MEETING	AGENDA	REMARKS
CKAIR 08	March 3, 2026	Permanent Committee meeting	1. Debriefing IPKO and Tripartite Consultations held from February 19-23, 2026, in Aruba 2. Discussions regarding the SSS Cooperative meeting to be held in April 2026 3. Discussion related to the proposal regarding the functioning of the Tripartite Consultation platform 4. Discussions on the submitted draft Dispute Regulation	
CKAIR 09	May 12, 2026	Permanent Committee meeting (closed door)	1. Incoming documents 2. Discussion on request for interest in reporting and sending special delegates for the handling of two Kingdom Laws (IS/992/2025-2026 dated April 22, 2026) 3. Discussion on the proposal of MP S.A. Wescot-Williams regarding IPKO 4. Preparations for Tripartite and IPKO June 4-8, 2026, in the Netherlands	
CKAIR 10	May 29, 2026	Permanent Committee meeting (closed door)	Preparations for IPKO and Tripartite June 4-8, 2026, in the Netherlands	
CKAIR	June 25, 2026	Permanent Committee meeting (Informal Meeting)	Visit by and discussion with the Expert Group Democratic Deficit installed by the IPKO	

COMMITTEE FOR AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY

MEETING	DATE	TYPE OF MEETING	AGENDA	REMARKS
CAFAH 01	October 7, 2025	Permanent Committee meeting	Appointment of a chairman and vice-chairman of the committee.	
CAFAH 02	March 13, 2026	Permanent Committee meeting	Presentation by Native Nations on the proposed regulatory model for the legalization and regulation of cannabis in Sint Maarten (IS/ 410/2025-2026 dated December 2, 2025)	

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

MEETING	DATE	TYPE OF MEETING	AGENDA	REMARKS
CF 01	September 18, 2025	Permanent Committee meeting (closed door)	Discussion with CFT regarding the finances of Sint Maarten (IS/1272/24-25 dated August 1, 2025)	
CF 02	October 7, 2025	Permanent Committee meeting	Appointment of a chairman and vice-chairman of the committee.	
CF 03	May 28, 2026	Permanent Committee meeting (closed door)	Discussion with CFT regarding the finances of Sint Maarten (IS/891/2025-2026 dated March 30, 2026)	

COMMITTEE OF JUSTICE

MEETING	DATE	TYPE OF MEETING	AGENDA	REMARKS
CJ 10 PY 24-25	August 28, 2025	Permanent Committee meeting (Continuation)	Discussion with the Nationaal Algemene Politiebond regarding pressing justice-related concerns that are currently affecting its membership and the broader public service environment (IS/1280/2024-2025 dated August 5, 2025)	This meeting was adjourned but will not be reconvened upon the request of the NAPB.
CJ 01	October 7, 2025	Permanent Committee meeting	Appointment of a chairman and vice-chairman of the committee.	
CJ 02	November 6, 2025	Permanent Committee meeting	Presentation by the CLIMB Foundation on research studies conducted at the Point Blanche Prison and the Miss Lalie Center (IS/1217/24-25 dated June 27, 2025)	
CJ 03	April 8, 2026	Permanent Committee meeting	1. Update on the current crime situation affecting youth and communities 2. Discussion on youth intervention options, including the re-introduction of military training in Curacao 3. Update on Justice Ministry efforts to strengthen prevention and community support (IS/350/2025-2026 dated November 17, 2025) This meeting was requested by MP E.J. Doran.	

COMMITTEE OF EDUCATION, CULTURE, YOUTH AND SPORTS AFFAIRS

MEETING	DATE	TYPE OF MEETING	AGENDA	REMARKS
CECYSA 01	October 7, 2025	Permanent Committee meeting	Appointment of a chairman and vice-chairman of the committee.	
CECYSA 02	February 26, 2026	Permanent Committee meeting	1. Discussion on the frameworks regulating medical education on the island of Sint Maarten (IS/370/2025-2026 dated November 20, 2025) 2. Presentation on the results of the Early Grade Reading Assessment (EGRA) and Early Grade Mathematics Assessment (EGMA) (IS/598/2025-2026 dated January 26, 2026) Agenda point 1 was requested by MP F.A. Lacroes, MP O.E.C. Ottley, and MP L.C.J. Lewis, agenda point 2 was requested by the Minister.	

COMMITTEE OF COUNTRY'S EXPENDITURES

MEETING	DATE	TYPE OF MEETING	AGENDA	REMARKS
CLU 01	October 7, 2025	Permanent Committee meeting	Appointment of a chairman and vice-chairman of the committee.	
CLU 02	March 10, 2026	Permanent Committee meeting	1. Incoming documents 2. Discussion on letter received from the General Audit Chamber with a proposed list of audit reports for parliamentary discussions (IS/583/2025-2026 dated January 21, 2026)	

COMMITTEE OF PETITIONS

MEETING	DATE	TYPE OF MEETING	AGENDA	REMARKS
CP 01	October 7, 2025	Permanent Committee meeting	Appointment of a chairman and vice-chairman of the committee.	
CP 02	January 13, 2026	Permanent Committee meeting (closed door)	Petition regarding concerns over the high cost of electricity, the lack of pricing transparency, and the absence of active economic supervision regarding the pricing by NV GEBE for electricity generation (IS/290/2025-2026 dated November 5, 2025)	
CP 03	January 30, 2026	Permanent Committee meeting	Proposal Ad Hoc Committee regarding GEBE	

AD HOC COMMITTEE NEW PARLIAMENT BUILDING

MEETING	DATE	TYPE OF MEETING	AGENDA	REMARKS
AHCNPB 01	October 7, 2025	Permanent Committee meeting	Appointment of a chairman and vice-chairman of the committee.	

COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC HEALTH, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND LABOR

MEETING	DATE	TYPE OF MEETING	AGENDA	REMARKS
CVSA 01	October 7, 2025	Permanent Committee meeting	Appointment of a chairman and vice-chairman of the committee.	
CVSA 02	April 2, 2026	Permanent Committee meeting	Work visit: Tour of the new St. Maarten General Hospital Building including a presentation from Management (IS/552/2025-2026 dated January 12, 2026)	Work visit was called but never took place.

COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC HOUSING, SPATIAL PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

MEETING	DATE	TYPE OF MEETING	AGENDA	REMARKS
CVROMI 01	October 7, 2025	Permanent Committee meeting	Appointment of a chairman and vice-chairman of the committee.	
CVROMI 02	November 18, 2025	Permanent Committee meeting	Presentation of the goals and ongoing project ideas of the Green Dream Projects Foundation (IS/1289/2024-2025 dated August 2025)	
CVROMI 03	March 20, 2026	Permanent Committee meeting	- Discussion on the current state of national housing in Sint Maarten, including government planning, (land use), and institutional capacity (IS/1057/2024-2025 dated May 19, 2025) - Follow-up discussion with the Minister of VROMI on cemetery capacity, development planning, and related infrastructure policy (IS/396/2025-2026 dated November 26, 2025) These agenda points were requested by MP D.T.J. York	This meeting was adjourned at agenda point 1 but has not been reconvened as yet. Agenda point 2 is closed.

COMMITTEE OF TOURISM, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, TRANSPORT AND TELECOMMUNICATION

MEETING	DATE	TYPE OF MEETING	AGENDA	REMARKS
CTEATT 01	October 7, 2025	Permanent Committee meeting	Appointment of a chairman and vice-chairman of the committee.	
CTEATT 02	November 13, 2025	Permanent Committee meeting	- Incoming documents - Update by the Minister of TEATT on plans for public transportation in general and the invite for persons to change from one license type to another license type (IS/1078/2022-2023 dated September 6, 2023) Agenda point 2 was requested by MP S.A. Wescot-Williams	

AD HOC COMMITTEE INTEGRITY

MEETING	DATE	TYPE OF MEETING	AGENDA	REMARKS
AHCI 01	October 7, 2025	Permanent Committee meeting	Appointment of a chairman and vice-chairman of the committee.	
AHCI 02	November 7, 2025	Permanent Committee meeting (closed door)	- Incoming documents - Discussion on the draft Code of Conduct for Members of Parliament	
AHCI	December 15, 2025	Permanent Committee meeting (Informal meeting)	Discussion on the draft Code of Conduct for Members of Parliament	
AHCI	January 16, 2026	Permanent Committee meeting (Informal meeting)	Discussion on the draft Code of Conduct for Members of Parliament - Articles 1-3	
AHCI	January 29, 2026	Permanent Committee meeting (Informal meeting)	Discussion on the draft Code of Conduct for Members of Parliament - Articles 1-3	
AHCI	February 3, 2026	Permanent Committee meeting (Informal meeting)	Discussion on the draft Code of Conduct for Members of Parliament - Articles 1-4	Informal meeting was called but did not take place.

COMMITTEE OF GENERAL AFFAIRS

MEETING	DATE	TYPE OF MEETING	AGENDA	REMARKS
CAZ 01	October 7, 2025	Permanent Committee meeting	Appointment of a chairman and vice-chairman of the committee.	
CAZ 02	November 7, 2025	Permanent Committee meeting	Status update on the respective themes of the Country Package (IS/916/2024-2025 dated April 22, 2025) This meeting was requested by MP S.A. Wescot-Williams	

AD HOC COMMITTEE ELECTORAL REFORM

MEETING	DATE	TYPE OF MEETING	AGENDA	REMARKS
AHCER 01	October 7, 2025	Permanent Committee meeting	Appointment of a chairman and vice-chairman of the committee.	

COMMITTEE OF PARLATINO MATTERS

MEETING	DATE	TYPE OF MEETING	AGENDA	REMARKS
CPM 01	October 7, 2025	Permanent Committee meeting	Appointment of a chairman and vice-chairman of the committee.	
CPM 02	March 3, 2026	Permanent Committee meeting	- Incoming documents - Advice regarding the number of members of Parliament representation in Parlatino committees (IS/394/2025-2026 dated November 28, 2025) - Letter from Parlatino regarding First Vice Chairmanship of the Committee on Economic Affairs, Social Debt, and Regional Development Parlatino Committee (IS/393/2025-2026 dated November 26, 2025) - Updates and presentations by Members of Parliament who have attended or participated in Parlatino committee meetings and engagements in the second semester of 2025 (IS/699/2025-2026 dated February 13, 2026 and IS/394/2025-2026 dated November 28, 2025)	
CPM 03	May 5, 2026	Permanent Committee meeting (closed-door)	Discussion and preparation for participation in inaugural meeting of Parlatino's Temporary Committee on the Caribbean to be held on May 20-21 in Willemstad, Curaçao (IS/954/2025-2026 dated April 14, 2026)	

COMMITTEE FOR DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING	DATE	TYPE OF MEETING	AGENDA	REMARKS
CDC 01	October 7, 2025	Permanent Committee meeting	Appointment of a chairman and vice-chairman of the committee.	
CDC 02	March 31, 2026	Permanent Committee meeting	Discussion on proposal to endorse the exploration and piloting of a Community-Drive District Development Fund for Sint Maarten (IS/596/2025-2026 dated January 26, 2026) This meeting was requested by MP S.A. Wescot-Williams	

COMMITTEE FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS AND DECOLONIZATION

MEETING	DATE	TYPE OF MEETING	AGENDA	REMARKS
CCAD 01	October 7, 2025	Permanent Committee meeting	Appointment of a chairman and vice-chairman of the committee.	

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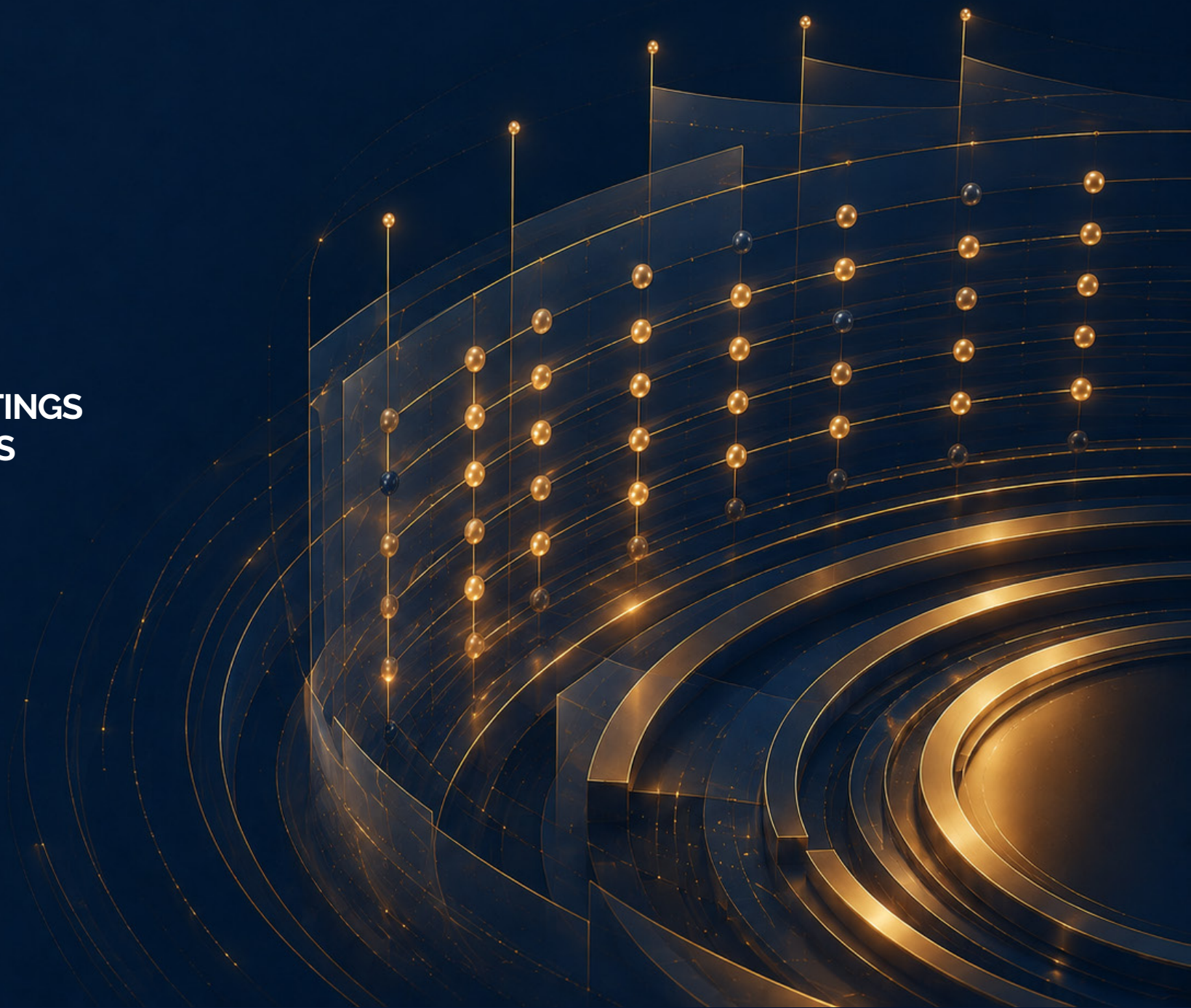
PRESIDIUM

MEETING	DATE	TYPE OF MEETING	AGENDA	REMARKS
Pres 01	October 31, 2025	Presidium		
Pres 02	January 14, 2026	Presidium		
Pres 03	February 17, 2026	Presidium		
Pres 04	May 11, 2026	Presidium		
Pres 05	July 13, 2026	Presidium		

FACTION LEADERS

MEETING	DATE	TYPE OF MEETING	AGENDA	REMARKS
FLM 01	May 13, 2026	Faction Leaders Meeting		
FLM 02	June 16, 2026	Faction Leaders Meeting		

**PARLIAMENT MEETINGS
ATTENDANCE LISTS**



Public meetings 2025-2026 / Part 1 of 2

Last name	First name / initials	POV No. 01	POV No. 02	OV No. 01	OV No. 02	OV 03 Question Hour	OV 04	OV 05 Urgent	OV 05 Urgent Cont.	OV 05 Urgent Cont.	OV 05 Urgent Cont.	OV 06 Question Hour	OV 07 Urgent	OV 07 Urgent Cont.	OV 07 Urgent Cont.	OV 07 Urgent Cont.	OV 09 Question Hour	OV 10	OV 11 PY24-25 Cont.	OV 11 PY24-25 Cont.	OV 11 PY24-25 Con
		9-Sep	13-Oct	22-Sep	15-Sep	16-Oct	30-Oct	5-Nov	8-Jan	9-Jan	12-Jan	17-Nov	17-Nov	29-Jan	03-Feb	04-Feb	15-Dec	18-Dec	24-Oct	30-Oct	6-Nov
Wescot-Williams	Sarah A.	P	P	AN	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	AN	AN	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Doran	Egbert J.	P	P	P	P	P	P	AN	P	P	P	AN	AN	P	ANN	AN	P	P	AN	P	AN
Irion	Ardwell M.R.	P	AN	P	ANN	P	AN	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	ANN	P	P	P	P	P	P
Jansen-Webster	Veronica C.	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	AN	P	P
Kotai	Viren V.	P	P	ANN	P	P	AN	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	AN	AN	P	P	ANN	P	P
Labega	Dimar C.	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Lacroes	Francisco A.	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	ANN	P	P	P	P	P	P
Lewis	Lyndon C.J.	P	AN	P	AN	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	ANN	P	AN	AN	AN	P	P
Meyers	Franklin A.	P	AN	P	P	AN	P	AN	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	AN
Ottley	Omar E.C.	P	P	P	ANN	P	ANN	P	ANN	P	ANN	AN	P	P	AN	P	P	AN	ANN	P	ANN
Peterson	Raeyhon A.	P	P	P	P	P	AN	P	AN	P	P	P	P	P	AN	P	P	ANN	ANN	P	P
Roseburg	Sjamira D.M.	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	ANN	P	P
de Weever	Ludmila N.L.	P	P	P	P	P	P	AN	P	AN	P	P	P	AN	P	P	P	P	P	P	AN
Wever	Christopher L.	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
York	Darryl T.J.	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	ANN	P	P	P	AN	AN	P	ANN	ANN	P	P

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Last name	First name / initials	OV 11 PY24-25 Con	OV 11 Question Hour	OV 12	OV 13 Urgent	OV 13 Urgent Cont.	OV 14	OV 14 Cont.	OV 15 Urgent	OV 15 Urgent Cont.	OV 16	OV 16 Cont.	OV 16 Cont.	OV 17 Question Hour	OV 17 Question Hour	OV 18	OV 18	OV 19 Urgent	OV 19 Urgent Cont.	OV 21 PY24-25 Urgent Cont.	OV 21 Urgent	Attended meetings	Absent %	Present %
		9-Jan	2-Feb	11-Feb	9-Mar	23-Apr	11-Mar	20-Apr	7-Apr	12-May	1-Apr	11-May	26-May	14-Apr	13-May	24-Apr	29-May	25-May	10-Jun	12-June	7-July			
Wescot-Williams	Sarah A.	P	P	P	P	AN	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	AN	P	AN	P	P	P	P	P	34	15%	85%
Doran	Egbert J.	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	ANN	P	ANN	P	P	P	P	P	31	22%	78%
Irion	Ardwell M.R.	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	ANN	ANN	ANN	P	P	P	P	P	33	18%	82%
Jansen-Webster	Veronica C.	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	AN	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	38	5%	95%
Kotai	Viren V.	P	AN	AN	P	AN	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	AN	P	P	P	P	P	31	22%	78%
Labega	Dimar C.	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	AN	P	P	P	P	AN	P	P	P	38	5%	95%
Lacroes	Francisco A.	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	AN	AN	P	P	P	AN	AN	P	35	12%	88%
Lewis	Lyndon C.J.	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	ANN	P	P	P	P	P	P	33	18%	82%
Meyers	Franklin A.	P	P	AN	P	P	P	P	P	AN	P	AN	P	AN	AN	AN	P	P	P	P	P	30	25%	75%
Ottley	Omar E.C.	P	P	AN	P	AN	P	ANN	P	P	P	P	P	AN	AN	AN	P	P	P	P	ANN	24	40%	60%
Peterson	Raeyhon A.	P	AN	ANN	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	ANN	P	P	P	P	AN	AN	AN	29	28%	72%
Roseburg	Sjamira D.M.	P	P	P	P	AN	P	P	AN	P	P	P	P	AN	P	AN	P	P	P	AN	P	34	15%	85%
de Weever	Ludmila N.L.	AN	P	P	P	P	AN	P	P	P	P	ANN	AN	AN	P	P	P	AN	P	AN	P	29	28%	72%
Wever	Christopher L.	P	P	P	ANN	AN	P	P	P	AN	P	AN	P	P	AN	AN	P	P	P	P	AN	33	18%	82%
York	Darryl T.J.	P	ANN	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	AN	P	P	P	ANN	ANN	P	P	P	AN	P	30	25%	75%

Central Committee meetings 2025-2026 / Part 1 of 2

Last name	First name / initials	CC 01	CC 01 Cont.	CC 01 Cont.	CC 02	CC 03	CC 04 Closed-door	CC 04 Closed-door Cont.	CC 04 Closed-door Cont.	CC 04 Closed-door Cont.	CC 05 Closed-Door	CC 06	CC 07	CC 09	CC 10	CC 11 Closed-door	CC 12	CC 12 Cont.
		10-Sep	15-Sep	7-Oct	22-Oct	21-Oct	23-Oct	2-Dec	11-Feb	24-Apr	28-Oct	4-Nov	6-Nov	16-Dec	9-Jan	8-Jan	16-Jan	9-Feb
Wescot-Williams	Sarah A.	AN	P	P	P	AN	P	AN	P	AN	P	P	AN	P	P	P	P	P
Doran	Egbert J.	ANN	P	AN	AN	AN	AN	P	P	AN	P	ANN	AN	P	P	P	P	P
Irion	Ardwell M.R.	P	AN	ANN	P	ANN	P	P	P	ANN	ANN	P	P	P	ANN	P	P	P
Jansen-Webster	Veronica C.	P	P	P	AN	AN	AN	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Kotai	Viren V.	AN	AN	ANN	AN	AN	P	P	AN	ANN	P	P	ANN	P	P	P	P	AN
Labega	Dimar C.	AN	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Lacroes	Francisco A.	ANN	P	P	P	AN	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Lewis	Lyndon C.J.	ANN	AN	ANN	P	P	P	ANN	P	P	P	AN	P	P	P	P	P	P
Meyers	Franklin A.	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	AN	AN	P	P	ANN	P	P	P	P	P
Ottley	Omar E.C.	ANN	ANN	P	AN	P	P	P	AN	AN	P	AN	AN	P	P	P	P	P
Peterson	Raeyhon A.	ANN	AN	AN	P	ANN	ANN	ANN	ANN	AN	P	P	AN	P	AN	AN	AN	ANN
Roseburg	Sjamira D.M.	P	AN	AN	P	ANN	P	P	P	AN	P	AN	P	P	P	P	AN	AN
de Weever	Ludmila N.L.	P	P	P	P	P	P	AN	P	P	P	P	AN	P	AN	P	AN	P
Wever	Christopher L.	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	AN	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	AN	P

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Last name	First name / initials	CC 12 Cont.	CC 12 Cont.	CC 13	CC 14	CC 14 Cont.	CC 15	CC 16	CC 17	CC 17 Cont.	CC 18 Closed-door	CC 19	CC 20 Closed-door	CC 21 Closed-door	CC 22	CC 23	CC 23 Cont.	CC 23 Cont.	Attended meetings	Absent %	Present %
		25-May	23-Jun	28-Jan	4-Feb	9-Feb	10-Feb	13-Feb	2-Mar	27-May	12-Mar	31-Mar	7-Apr	22-Apr	13-May	26-Jun	29-Jun	6-Jul			
Wescot-Williams	Sarah A.	P	AN	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	28	18%	82%
Doran	Egbert J.	ANN	ANN	P	AN	P	P	P	P	ANN	AN	P	ANN	P	P	P	P	P	20	41%	59%
Irion	Ardwell M.R.	ANN	AN	P	P	P	P	AN	P	P	ANN	P	ANN	ANN	P	P	P	P	22	35%	65%
Jansen-Webster	Veronica C.	P	AN	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	30	12%	88%
Kotai	Viren V.	P	ANN	AN	AN	AN	AN	AN	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	AN	P	18	47%	53%
Labega	Dimar C.	ANN	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	AN	P	P	ANN	P	P	P	P	P	30	12%	88%
Lacroes	Francisco A.	ANN	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	AN	P	P	P	30	12%	88%
Lewis	Lyndon C.J.	ANN	P	P	P	P	P	AN	P	P	ANN	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	26	24%	76%
Meyers	Franklin A.	P	AN	P	P	P	P	AN	AN	P	P	AN	P	P	AN	P	P	P	26	24%	76%
Ottley	Omar E.C.	AN	AN	P	ANN	ANN	AN	P	P	ANN	AN	P	ANN	AN	AN	P	ANN	AN	15	56%	44%
Peterson	Raeyhon A.	ANN	AN	ANN	P	ANN	ANN	P	P	AN	P	P	P	AN	P	AN	ANN	P	12	65%	35%
Roseburg	Sjamira D.M.	ANN	AN	P	P	AN	P	P	P	ANN	P	ANN	AN	AN	P	P	AN	P	19	44%	56%
de Weever	Ludmila N.L.	AN	ANN	ANN	P	P	P	AN	P	AN	AN	P	P	AN	P	P	P	P	23	32%	68%
Wever	Christopher L.	P	P	AN	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	AN	AN	P	P	P	29	15%	85%

Ad Hoc Committee New Parliament Building meetings 2025-2026

Last name	First name / initials	AHCNPB 01 7-Oct	Attended meetings	Absent %	Present %
Kotai	Viren V.	P	1	0%	100%
Labega	Dimar C.	P	1	0%	100%
Lacroes	Francisco A.	P	1	0%	100%
Lewis	Lyndon C.J.	P	1	0%	100%
Ottley	Omar E.C.	P	1	0%	100%
Peterson	Raeyhon A.	P	1	0%	100%
Wever	Christopher L.	P	1	0%	100%
York	Darryl T.J.	P	1	0%	100%

Ad Hoc Committee Electoral Reform meetings 2025-2026

Last name	First name / initials	AHCER 01 7-Oct	Attended meetings	Absent %	Present %
Wescot-Williams	Sarah A.	P	1	0%	50%
Doran	Egbert J.	AN	0	0%	0%
Irion	Ardwell M.R.	ANN	0	0%	0%
Kotai	Viren V.	P	1	0%	50%
Labega	Dimar C.	P	1	0%	50%
Lacroes	Francisco A.	P	1	0%	50%
Lewis	Lyndon C.J.	P	1	0%	50%
Meyers	Franklin A.	ANN	0	0%	0%
Ottley	Omar E.C.	P	1	0%	50%
Peterson	Raeyhon A.	P	1	0%	50%
Roseburg	Sjamira D.M.	P	1	0%	50%
Wever	Christopher L.	P	1	0%	50%
York	Darryl T.J.	P	1	0%	50%

Ad Hoc Committee Integrity meetings 2025-2026

Last name	First name / initials	AHCI 01 7-Oct	AHCI 02 Closed-door 7-Nov	Attended meetings	Absent %	Present %
Roseburg	Sjamira D. M.	P	P	2	0%	100%
Kotai	Viren V.	P	ANN	1	50%	50%
Labega	Dimar C.	P	ANN	1	50%	50%
Lacroes	Francisco A.	P	P	2	0%	100%
Lewis	Lyndon C.J.	P	P	2	0%	100%
Peterson	Raeyhon A.	P	AN	1	50%	50%
Wescot-Williams	Sarah A.	P	P	2	0%	100%
Wever	Christopher L.	P	P	2	0%	100%

Committee of General Affairs meetings 2025-2026

Last name	First name / initials	CAZ 01 7-Oct	CAZ 02 7-Nov	Attended meetings	Absent %	Present %
Wever	Christopher L.	P	P	2	0%	100%
Jansen-Webster	Veronica C.	P	P	2	0%	100%
Kotai	Viren V.	P	P	2	0%	100%
Lacroes	Francisco A.	P	P	2	0%	100%
Lewis	Lyndon C.J.	P	P	2	0%	100%
Peterson	Raeyhon A.	P	AN	1	50%	50%
Roseburg	Sjamira D.M.	P	P	2	0%	100%
Wescot-Williams	Sarah A.	P	P	2	0%	100%

Committee of Education, Culture, Youth and Sports Affairs meetings 2025-2026

Last name	First name / initials	CECYSA 01 7-Oct	CECYSA 02 26-Feb	CECYSA 02 Cont. 27-May	Attended meetings	Absent %	Present %
Labega	Dimar C.	P	P	AN	2	33%	67%
Doran	Egbert J.	AN	P	ANN	1	67%	33%
Jansen-Webster	Veronica C.	P	P	P	3	0%	100%
Kotai	Viren V.	P	P	P	3	0%	100%
Lacroes	Francisco A.	P	P	P	3	0%	100%
Lewis	Lyndon C.J.	P	P	P	3	0%	100%
Meyers	Franklin A.	P	P	P	3	0%	100%
Peterson	Raeyhon A.	P	ANN	P	2	33%	67%
Roseburg	Sjamira D.M.	P	P	P	3	0%	100%
de Weever	Ludmila N.L.	P	P	AN	2	33%	67%
Wescot-Williams	Sarah A.	P	P	P	3	0%	100%
Wever	Christopher L.	P	P	P	3	0%	100%
York	Darryl T.J.	P	P	P	3	0%	100%

Committee of Finance meetings 2025-2026

Last name	First name / initials	CF 01 18-Sep	CF 02 7-Oct	CF 03 Closed-door 28-May	Attended meetings	Absent %	Present %
Kotai	Viren V.	AN	P	P	2	33%	67%
Irion	Ardwell M.R.	P	ANN	P	2	33%	67%
Jansen-Webster	Veronica C.	P	P	P	3	0%	100%
Labega	Dimar C.	P	P	P	3	0%	100%
Lacroes	Francisco A.	AN	P	P	2	33%	67%
Lewis	Lyndon C.J.	ANN	P	ANN	1	67%	33%
Peterson	Raeyhon A.	P	P	AN	2	33%	67%
de Weever	Ludmila N.L.	P	P	AN	2	33%	67%
Wescot-Williams	Sarah A.	P	P	P	3	0%	100%
Wever	Christopher L.	P	P	P	3	0%	100%
York	Darryl T.J.	ANN	P	P	2	33%	67%

Committee of Justice meetings 2025-2026

Last name	First name / initials	CJ 01 7-Oct	CJ 02 6-Nov	CJ 03 8-Apr	CJ 10 Cont. PY 24-25 16-Sep	Attended meetings	Absent %	Present %
Meyers	Franklin A.	P	AN	P	P	3	25%	75%
Doran	Egbert J.	AN	AN	P	P	2	50%	50%
Jansen-Webster	Veronica C.	P	P	AN	P	3	25%	75%
Kotai	Viren V.	P	P	P	P	4	0%	100%
Labega	Dimar.C.	P	P	AN	P	3	25%	75%
Lacroes	Francisco A.	P	P	AN	P	3	25%	75%
Lewis	Lyndon C.J.	P	P	AN	ANN	2	50%	50%
Ottley	Omar E.C.	P	P	P	ANN	3	25%	75%
Peterson	Raeyhon A.	P	P	P	ANN	3	25%	75%
Roseburg	Sjamira D.M.	P	P	P	P	4	0%	100%
de Weever	Ludmila N.L.	P	AN	P	P	3	25%	75%
Wescot-Williams	Sarah A.	P	P	AN	P	3	25%	75%

Committee of Kingdom Affairs and Interparliamentary Relations meetings 2025-2026

Last name	First name / initials	CKAIR 01 Closed-door 15-Sep	CKAIR 02 Closed-door 19-Sep	CKAIR 03 22-Oct	CKAIR 05 13-Jan	CKAIR 06 11-Feb	CKAIR 07 Closed-door 16-Feb	CKAIR 08 3-Mar	CKAIR 09 Closed-door 20-Apr	CKAIR 09 Closed-door 5-May	CKAIR 09 Closed-door 12-May	CKAIR 10 Closed-door 29-May	Attended meetings	Absent %	Present %
Roseburg	Sjamira D.M.	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	11	0%	100%
Doran	Egbert J.	P	P	AN	P	P	ANN	P	ANN	ANN	P	P	7	36%	64%
Kotai	Viren V.	P	ANN	AN	AN	AN	ANN	AN	AN	P	P	P	4	64%	36%
Lewis	Lyndon C.J.	AN	ANN	P	P	P	P	P	P	ANN	P	P	8	27%	73%
Meyers	Franklin A.	P	P	P	P	AN	AN	AN	P	ANN	AN	P	6	45%	55%
Ottley	Omar E.C.	AN	P	ANN	ANN	AN	AN	AN	AN	AN	AN	ANN	1	91%	9%
Peterson	Raeyhon A.	P	P	P	P	P	AN	P	ANN	P	AN	ANN	7	36%	64%

Committee Country's Expenditures meetings 2025-2026

Last name	First name / initials	CLU 01 7-Oct	CLU 02 10-Mar	Attended meetings	Absent %	Present %
de Weever	Ludmila N.L.	P	P	2	0%	100%
Jansen-Webster	Veronica C.	P	P	2	0%	100%
Kotai	Viren V.	P	ANN	1	50%	50%
Lacroes	Francisco A.	P	P	2	0%	100%
Lewis	Lyndon C.J.	P	P	2	0%	100%
Wescot-Williams	Sarah A.	P	P	2	0%	100%

Committee Petitions meeting 2025-2026

Last name	First name / initials	CP 01 7-OCT	CP 02 Closed-door 13-Jan	CP 03 30-Jan	Attended meetings	Absent %	Present %
Wescot-Williams	Sarah A.	P	P	P	3	0%	100%
Jansen-Webster	Veronica C.	P	P	P	3	0%	100%
Kotai	Viren V.	P	AN	ANN	1	2	33%
Labega	Dimar C.	P	ANN	P	2	33%	67%
Lacroes	Francisco A.	P	P	P	3	0%	100%
Lewis	Lyndon C.J.	P	P	ANN	2	33%	67%
Ottley	Omar E.C.	P	P	ANN	2	33%	67%
Roseburg	Sjamira D.M.	P	P	P	3	0%	100%
de Weever	Ludmila N.L.	P	P	AN	2	33%	67%

Committee for District Councils meetings 2025-2026

Last name	First name / initials	CDC 01 7-Oct	CDC 02 31-Mar	Attended meetings	Absent %	Present %
Wescot-Williams	Sarah A.	P	P	2	0%	100%
Jansen-Webster	Veronica C.	P	P	2	0%	100%
Kotai	Viren V.	P	AN	1	50%	50%
Labega	Dimar C.	P	P	2	0%	100%
Lacroes	Francisco A.	P	P	2	0%	100%
Lewis	Lyndon C.J.	P	P	2	0%	100%
Ottley	Omar E.C.	P	AN	1	50%	50%
Roseburg	Sjamira D.M.	P	AN	1	50%	50%

Committee for Agriculture, Fisheries and Animal Husbandry meetings 2025-2026

Last name	First name / initials	CAFAH 01 7-Oct	CAFAH 02 13-Mar	CAFAH 02 Cont. 9-Apr	Attended meetings	Absent %	Present %
Labega	Dimar C.	P	P	AN	2	33%	67%
Irion	Ardwell M.R.	ANN	P	P	2	33%	67%
Jansen-Webster	Veronica C.	P	P	AN	2	33%	67%
Kotai	Viren V.	P	P	P	3	0%	100%
Lacroes	Francisco A.	P	P	AN	2	33%	67%
Lewis	Lyndon C.J.	P	AN	AN	1	67%	33%
Peterson	Raeyhon A.	P	AN	AN	1	67%	33%
Roseburg	Sjamira D.M.	P	P	P	3	0%	100%
Wescot-Williams	Sarah A.	P	P	P	3	0%	100%
Wever	Christopher L.	P	P	AN	2	33%	67%
York	Darryl T.J.	P	ANN	P	2	33%	67%

Committee for Constitutional Affairs and Decolonization meetings 2025-2026

Last name	First name / initials	CCAD 01 7-Oct	Attended meetings	Absent %	Present %
Roseburg	Sjamira D.M.	P	1	0%	100%
Doran	Egbert J.	AN	0	100%	0%
Irion	Ardwell M.R.	ANN	0	100%	0%
Jansen-Webster	Veronica C.	P	1	0%	100%
Kotai	Viren V.	P	1	0%	100%
Labega	Dimar C.	P	1	0%	100%
Lacroes	Francisco A.	P	1	0%	100%
Lewis	Lyndon C.J.	P	1	0%	100%
Peterson	Raeyhon A.	P	1	0%	100%
Wescot-Williams	Sarah A.	P	1	0%	100%
Wever	Christopher L.	P	1	0%	100%

Committee of Tourism Economic Affairs, Transport and Telecommunication meetings 2025-2026

Last name	First name / initials	CTEATT 01 7-Oct	CTEATT 02 13-Nov	Attended meetings	Absent %	Present %
Kotai	Viren V.	P	P	2	0%	100%
Doran	Egbert J.	AN	ANN	0	100%	0%
Irion	Ardwell M.R.	ANN	P	1	100%	0%
Jansen-Webster	Veronica C.	P	P	2	0%	100%
Labega	Dimar C.	P	P	2	0%	100%
Lacroes	Francisco A.	P	P	2	0%	100%
Lewis	Lyndon C.J.	P	P	2	0%	100%
Ottley	Omar E.C.	P	P	2	0%	100%
Peterson	Raeyhon A.	P	P	2	0%	100%
Roseburg	Sjamira D.M.	P	P	2	0%	100%
Wescot-Williams	Sarah A.	P	P	2	0%	100%
Wever	Christopher L.	P	P	2	0%	100%

Committee of Public Health, Social Development and Labor meetings 2025-2026

Last name	First name / initials	CVSA 01 7-Oct	Attended meetings	Absent %	Present %
Jansen-Webster	Veronica C.	P	1	0%	100%
Doran	Egbert J.	AN	0	0%	100%
Kotai	Viren V.	P	1	0%	100%
Labega	Dimar C.	P	1	0%	100%
Lacroes	Francisco A.	P	1	0%	100%
Lewis	Lyndon C.J.	P	1	0%	100%
Meyers	Franklin A.	P	1	0%	100%
Ottley	Omar E.C.	P	1	0%	100%
Peterson	Raeyhon A.	P	1	0%	100%
Roseburg	Sjamira D.M.	P	1	0%	100%
de Weever	Ludmila N.L.	P	1	0%	100%
Wescot-Williams	Sarah A.	P	1	0%	100%
Wever	Christopher L.	P	1	0%	100%

Committee of Public Housing, Spatial Planning, Environment and Infrastructure meetings 2025-2026

Last name	First name / initials	CVROMI 01 7-Oct	CVROMI 02 18-Nov	CVROMI 03 20-Mar	CVROMI 03 Cont. 22-Jun	Attended meetings	Absent %	Present %
Peterson	Raeyhon A.	P	P	P	AN	3	25%	75%
Doran	Egbert J.	AN	AN	AN	AN	0	100%	0%
Irion	Ardwell M.R.	P	P	P	AN	3	25%	75%
Jansen-Webster	Veronica C.	P	P	P	P	4	0%	100%
Kotai	Viren V.	P	ANN	P	AN	2	50%	50%
Lacroes	Francisco A.	P	P	P	P	4	0%	100%
Lewis	Lyndon C.J.	P	AN	AN	P	2	50%	50%
Ottley	Omar E.C.	P	ANN	P	AN	2	50%	50%
Roseburg	Sjamira D.M.	P	AN	P	P	3	25%	75%
de Weever	Ludmila N.L.	ANN	P	AN	P	2	50%	50%
Wever	Christopher L.	P	P	P	P	4	0%	100%
Wescot-Williams	Sarah A.	P	AN	AN	AN	1	75%	25%
York	Darryl T.J.	P	P	P	P	4	0%	100%

Committee Parlatino Matters meetings 2025-2026

Last name	First name / initials	CPM 01 7-Oct	CPM 02 3-Mar	CPM 02 4-Mar	CPM 03 Closed-door 5-May	Attended meetings	Absent %	Present %
Lacroes	Francisco A.	P	P	P	P	4	0%	100%
Jansen-Webster	Veronica C.	P	P	P	P	4	0%	100%
Kotai	Viren V.	P	AN	P	P	3	25%	75%
Labega	Dimar C.	P	AN	AN	P	2	50%	50%
Lewis	Lyndon C.J.	P	P	P	P	4	0%	100%
Ottley	Omar E.C.	P	AN	AN	ANN	1	75%	25%
Roseburg	Sjamira D.M.	P	AN	AN	ANN	1	75%	25%
Wescot-Williams	Sarah A.	P	ANN	ANN	P	2	50%	50%
Wever	Christopher L.	P	P	P	AN	3	25%	75%

FACTS & FIGURES



Written Questions to Ministers

Letters with questions in writing submitted during Parliamentary Year 2025-2026

NO.	MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT	NUMBER OF LETTERS WITH QUESTIONS IN WRITING
1.	Sarah A. Wescot-Williams	23
2.	Egbert J. Doran	18
3.	Ardwell M.R. Irion	7
4.	Veronica C. Jansen-Webster	3
5.	Viren V. Kotai	0
6.	Dimar C. Labega	1
7.	Francisco A. Lacroes	17
8.	Lyndon C.J. Lewis	6
9.	Franklin A. Meyers	0
10.	Omar E.C. Ottley	7
11.	Raeyhon A. Peterson	1
12.	Sjamira D.M. Roseburg	12
13.	Ludmila N.L. de Weever	1
14.	Christopher L. Wever	0
15.	Darryl T.J. York	33
TOTAL		129

In accordance with article 62 of the Constitution and the Rules of Order of Parliament, Members of Parliament have the right to submit written questions to Ministers. Written questions are an important mechanism through which Members obtain information, raise matters of public concern, and hold Ministers accountable for

government actions and policies.

For reporting purposes, the statistics below reflect the number of written parliamentary letters submitted to Ministers. As a single letter may contain one or more questions, these figures should be regarded as an indicator of

parliamentary oversight activity rather than a count of individual questions. It should be noted that, in some instances, written questions are submitted jointly by two or more Members of Parliament, or a single letter containing questions is addressed to more than one Minister.

Questions by Faction

Number of letters with questions in writing attributed to each parliamentary faction

NO.	FACTION	NUMBER OF LETTERS WITH QUESTIONS IN WRITING
1.	Unified Resilient St. Maarten Movement (URSM)	15
2.	Democratic Party (DP)	24
3.	National Alliance (NA)	50
4.	United People's Party (UPP)	23
5.	Party for Progress (PFP)	2
6.	Soualiga Action Movement (SAM)	0
7.	Nation Opportunity Wealth (NOW)	6
TOTAL		120

Questions by Ministry

Number of letters with questions in writing directed to ministers

NO.	MINISTER	NUMBER OF LETTERS WITH QUESTIONS IN WRITING
1.	Minister of General Affairs	24
2.	Minister of Tourism, Economic Affairs, Transport and Telecommunication	16
3.	Minister of Finance	22
4.	Minister of Education, Culture, Youth and Sport	14
5.	Minister of Public Health, Social Development and Labor	9
6.	Minister of Justice	28
7.	Minister of Public Housing, Spatial Planning, Environment and Infrastructure	13
TOTAL		126

Written Questions to Ministers

Letters with questions in writing from MPs submitted to ministers

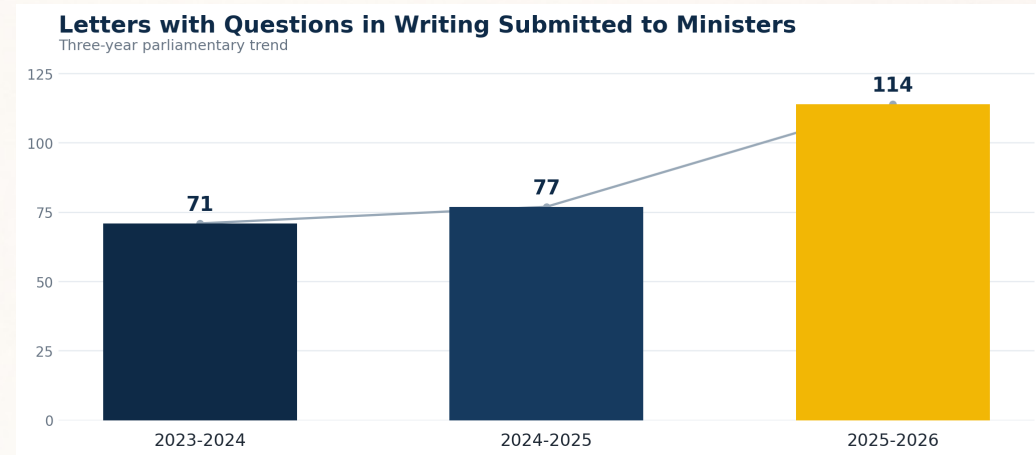
PARLIAMENTARY YEAR	LETTERS
2023-2024	71
2024-2025	77
2025-2026	114

2025-2026

114

letters submitted

Source: Parliament of Sint Maarten - Written Questions to Ministers records.



DRAFT NATIONAL ORDINANCES SUBMITTED IN THE PARLIAMENTARY YEAR 2025-2026

A National Ordinance is a law enacted by Government and Parliament jointly, containing general binding provisions for the legal subjects and applies to a specific territorial unit.

1. Landsverordening houdende intrekking van enkele landsverordeningen op het terrein van de belastingen, die in onbruik zijn geraakt (Landsverordening belastinghervorming, fase I) (Zittingsjaar 2025-2026-186)

National Ordinance retracting certain national tax ordinances that are not applied in practice (National Ordinance on Tax Reform, Phase I) (Parliamentary Year 2025-2026-186)

Submitted October 24, 2025

2. Landsverordening houdende regels inzake het toezicht op betaaldienstverleners (Landsverordening toezicht betaaldienstverleners) (Zittingsjaar 2025-2026-187)

National Ordinance containing rules on the supervision of payment service providers (National Ordinance on the Supervision of Payment Service Providers) (Parliamentary Year 2025-2026-187)

Submitted January 7, 2026

3. Landsverordening houdende regels inzake het toezicht op virtuele activa dienstverleners (Landsverordening toezicht virtuele activa dienstverleners) (Zittingsjaar 2025-2026-188)

National Ordinance containing rules on the supervision of virtual asset service providers (National Ordinance on the Supervision of Virtual Asset Service Providers) (Parliamentary Year 2025-2026-188)

Submitted January 7, 2026

4. Landsverordening houdende regels inzake oversight door de Centrale Bank van Curaçao en Sint Maarten (Landsverordening oversight op systemen in het betalings- of effectenverkeer) (Zittingsjaar 2025-2026-189)

National Ordinance containing rules concerning oversight by the Central Bank of Curaçao and Sint Maarten (National Ordinance on Oversight of Systems in the Payment or Securities Settlement System) (Parliamentary Year 2025-2026-189)

Submitted January 7, 2026

5. Landsverordening houdende regels inzake de clearing- en settlementssystemen in de monetaire unie van Curaçao en Sint Maarten (Landsverordening toezicht beheerders FMI-systemen) (Zittingsjaar 2025-2026-190)

National Ordinance containing rules concerning clearing and settlement systems in the monetary union of Curaçao and Sint Maarten (National Ordinance on the Supervision of Operators of FMI Systems) (Parliamentary Year 2025-2026-190)

Submitted January 7, 2026

6. Landsverordening tot wijziging van de Landsverordening Algemene Ouderdomsverzekering, de Landsverordening Algemene Weduwen- en Wezenverzekering, de Landsverordening ongevallenverzekering, de Landsverordening Uitvoeringsorgaan Sociale- en Ziektekostenverzekeringen, en de Landsverordening ziekteverzekering houdende reparaties en uniformering (Reparatielandsverordening sociale en ziektekostenverzekering) (Zittingsjaar 2025-2026-191)

National Ordinance amending the National Ordinance General Old Age Insurance, the National Ordinance General Widows and Orphans Insurance, the National Ordinance Accident Insurance, the National Ordinance on the Social Health Insurance and the National Ordinance Health Insurance, containing repairs and harmonization (Reparatory National Ordinance on Social and Health Insurance) (Parliamentary Year 2025-2026-191)

Submitted May 21, 2026

7. Landsverordening tot vaststelling van de begroting van het Land Sint Maarten voor het dienstjaar 2026 (Landsverordening begroting 2026) (Zittingsjaar 2025-2026-192)

National Ordinance stipulating the Budget for Country Sint Maarten for the Year 2026 (National Ordinance Budget 2026) (Parliamentary Year 2025-2026-192)

Submitted June 11, 2026

DRAFT NATIONAL ORDINANCES PASSED IN THE PARLIAMENTARY YEAR 2025-2026

1. Landsverordening houdende regels met betrekking tot een basisbetaalrekening voor consumenten (Landsverordening basisbetaalrekening) (Zittingsjaar 2023-2024-174)

**Goedgekeurd in Openbare vergadering no. 11
Zittingsjaar 2024-2025 d.d. 9 januari 2026.**

National Ordinance containing rules regarding a basic payment account for consumers (National Ordinance Basic Payment Account) (Parliamentary Year 2023-2024-174)

**Accepted in Public meeting no. 11,
Parliamentary Year 2024-2025 on January 9, 2026.**

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED IN THE PARLIAMENTARY YEAR 2025-2026

In accordance with article 86 of the Constitution, while a draft National Ordinance has still to be approved by Parliament, it may be changed by Parliament on the proposal of one or more Members of Parliament. In line with article 58 of the Rules of Order, from the moment Parliament decides to deliberate in a Public meeting on a draft or proposal, each Member is free to submit signed proposals for amendment, which must have an explanatory memorandum.

1. **Amendement ter harmonisatie en het voorkomen van juridisch onduidelijkheid ten aanzien van het maken van onrechtvaardig onderscheid tussen reguliere rekeninghouders en houders van een basisbetaalrekening.**
 - Landsverordening houdende regels met betrekking tot een basisbetaalrekening voor consumenten (Landsverordening basisbetaalrekening) (Zittingsjaar 2023-2024-174)

Ingediend door het lid mevrouw S.A. Wescot-Williams onder IS/243/2025-2026 d.d. 29 oktober 2025.

Amendment to harmonize and prevent legal ambiguity regarding unjustified discrimination between regular account holders and holders of a basic payment account.

- National Ordinance containing rules regarding a basic payment account for consumers (National Ordinance Basic Payment Account) (Parliamentary Year 2023-2024-174)

Submitted by Member of Parliament Mrs. S.A. Wescot-Williams under reference IS/243/2025-2026, dated October 29, 2025.

2. Amendement bevorderen van digitale toegankelijkheid van de basisbetaalrekening.

- Landsverordening houdende regels met betrekking tot een basisbetaalrekening voor consumenten (Landsverordening basisbetaalrekening) (Zittingsjaar 2023-2024-174)

Ingediend door het lid de heer A.M.R. Irion onder IS/539/2025-2026 d.d. 9 januari 2026.

Amendment to promote the digital accessibility of the basic payment account.

- National Ordinance containing rules regarding a basic payment account for consumers (National Ordinance Basic Payment Account) (Parliamentary Year 2023-2024-174)

Submitted by Member of Parliament Mr. A.M.R. Irion under reference IS/539/2025-2026, dated January 9, 2026.

3. Amendement bevestigen van het non-discriminatiebeginsel, versterken van de informatieplicht, en invoeren van structurele rapportage ten behoeve van toezicht en evaluatie.

- Landsverordening houdende regels met betrekking tot een basisbetaalrekening voor consumenten (Landsverordening basisbetaalrekening) (Zittingsjaar 2023-2024-174)

Ingediend door het lid de heer A.M.R. Irion onder IS/540/2025-2026 d.d. 9 januari 2026.

Amendment to affirm the principle of non-discrimination, strengthen information obligations, and introduce structural reporting for oversight and evaluation purposes.

- National Ordinance containing rules regarding a basic payment account for consumers (National Ordinance Basic Payment Account) (Parliamentary Year 2023-2024-174)

Submitted by Member of Parliament Mr. A.M.R. Irion under reference IS/540/2025-2026, dated January 9, 2026.

AMENDMENTS PASSED IN THE PARLIAMENTARY YEAR 2025-2026

1. Amendement ter harmonisatie en het voorkomen van juridisch onduidelijkheid ten aanzien van het maken van onrechtvaardig onderscheid tussen reguliere rekeninghouders en houders van een basisbetaalrekening.

- Landsverordening houdende regels met betrekking tot een basisbetaalrekening voor consumenten (Landsverordening basisbetaalrekening) (Zittingsjaar 2023-2024-174)

Goedgekeurd in Openbare vergadering no. 11 Zittingsjaar 2024-2025 d.d. 9 januari 2026.

Amendment to harmonize and prevent legal ambiguity regarding unjustified discrimination between regular account holders and holders of a basic payment account.

- National Ordinance containing rules regarding a basic payment account for consumers (National Ordinance Basic Payment Account) (Parliamentary Year 2023-2024-174)

Accepted in Public meeting no. 11, Parliamentary Year 2024-2025 on January 9, 2026.

2. Amendement bevorderen van digitale toegankelijkheid van de basisbetaalrekening.

- Landsverordening houdende regels met betrekking tot een basisbetaalrekening voor consumenten

(Landsverordening basisbetaalrekening)
(Zittingsjaar 2023-2024-174)

Goedgekeurd in Openbare vergadering no. 11 Zittingsjaar 2024-2025 d.d. 9 januari 2026.

Amendment to promote the digital accessibility of the basic payment account.

- National Ordinance containing rules regarding a basic payment account for consumers (National Ordinance Basic Payment Account) (Parliamentary Year 2023-2024-174)

Accepted in Public meeting no. 11, Parliamentary Year 2024-2025 on January 9, 2026.

3. Amendement bevestigen van het non-discriminatiebeginsel, versterken van de informatieplicht, en invoeren van structurele rapportage ten behoeve van toezicht en evaluatie.

- Landsverordening houdende regels met betrekking tot een basisbetaalrekening voor consumenten (Landsverordening basisbetaalrekening) (Zittingsjaar 2023-2024-174)

Goedgekeurd in Openbare vergadering no. 11 Zittingsjaar 2024-2025 d.d. 9 januari 2026.

Amendment to affirm the principle of non-discrimination, strengthen information obligations, and introduce structural reporting for oversight and evaluation purposes.

- National Ordinance containing rules regarding a basic payment account for consumers (National Ordinance Basic Payment Account)
(Parliamentary Year 2023-2024-174)

Accepted in Public meeting no. 11, Parliamentary Year 2024-2025 on January 9, 2026.

MOTIONS SUBMITTED IN THE PARLIAMENTARY YEAR 2025-2026

A motion is a statement or proposal put forward for deliberations and decision by Parliament. In line with article 45 of the Rules of Order, a member who has the floor may submit motions concerning the subject being deliberated. Such a motion must be formulated concisely and clearly, presented in writing, and signed by proponent. It can only be deliberated upon if it is co-signed or supported by at least two other members. Motions are handled simultaneously with deliberation on the subject being handled, unless Parliament decides to have it done later.

Motion 1 - Public Meeting no. 11 PY 24-25 of Friday, January 9, 2026 **Presented by MP F.A. Lacroes**

Motion requesting Government to advocate for raising the maximum monthly deposit limit for the basic payment account in Sint Maarten to at least XCG 5,400 per month, that Government reports back to Parliament within two months, and that periodic reviews of the deposit cap be conducted at least annually and that Parliament and the public are duly informed of the outcomes.

Motion 1 - Public Meeting no. 07 of Wednesday, February 4, 2026 **Presented by MP F.A. Lacroes**

Motion expressing disapproval of the manner in which the Prime Minister and Minister of General Affairs, Dr. L.F.E. Mercelina handled responsibilities related to several departments in the Ministry of General Affairs, particularly issues affecting the Fire Department and emergency services, and requesting the Prime Minister to urgently address these concerns and report back to Parliament within six weeks with a full update.

Motion 1 - Public Meeting no. 16 of Tuesday, May 26, 2026
Presented by MP L.C.J. Lewis

Motion stating that the Minister of Public Housing, Spatial Planning, Environment and Infrastructure, Mr. P.T. Gumbs, Jr., no longer enjoys the confidence of the Parliament of Sint Maarten.

Motion 1 - Public Meeting no. 18 of Friday May 29, 2026
Presented by MP C.L. Wever

Motion stating that the Minister of Public Health, Social Development and Labor, Mr. R.S.J. Brug, no longer enjoys the confidence of the Parliament of Sint Maarten.

Motion 2 - Public Meeting no. 18 of Friday May 29, 2026
Presented by MP F.A. Lacroes

Motion resolves to urge the Minister of Public Health, Social Development and Labor to investigate allegations of irregularities in the authorization of a medical practitioner, submit a confidential report of the findings to Parliament, take measures to halt any unauthorized medical practice, and ensure strict enforcement of all requirements for the authorization and practice of medical professionals in Sint Maarten.

Motion 3 - Public Meeting no. 18 of Friday, May 29, 2026
Presented by MP A.M.R. Irion

Motion resolves to express Parliament's dissatisfaction with the handling of the CZAR Management matter, to request that a comprehensive report from the Minister of Public Health, Social Development and Labor be submitted detailing the full chronology of events related to the matter, and to urge the Minister to identify and implement any additional safeguards, internal controls, reporting mechanisms or governance measures to prevent similar situations in the future.

MOTIONS PASSED IN THE PARLIAMENTARY YEAR 2025-2026

Motion 1 - Public Meeting no. 11 PY 24-25 of Friday, January 9, 2026
Presented by MP F.A. Lacroes

Motion requesting Government to advocate for raising the maximum monthly deposit limit for the basic payment account in Sint Maarten to at least XCG 5,400 per month, that Government reports back to Parliament within two months, and that periodic reviews of the deposit cap be conducted at least annually and that Parliament and the public are duly informed of the outcomes.

Accepted Friday, January 9, 2026

Motion 1 - Public Meeting no. 18 of Friday May 29, 2026
Presented by MP C.L. Wever

Motion stating that the Minister of Public Health, Social Development and Labor, Mr. R.S.J. Brug, no longer enjoys the confidence of the Parliament of Sint Maarten.

Accepted Friday, May 29, 2026

Motion 2 - Public Meeting no. 18 of Friday May 29, 2026
Presented by MP F.A. Lacroes

Motion resolves to urge the Minister of Public Health, Social Development and Labor to investigate allegations of irregularities in the authorization of a medical practitioner, submit a confidential report of the findings to Parliament, take measures to halt any unauthorized medical practice, and ensure strict enforcement of all requirements for the authorization and practice of medical professionals in Sint Maarten.

Accepted Friday, May 29, 2026

VOTING RECORDS

Members of Parliament | Parliamentary Year 2025-2026

The voting records below reflect how Members of Parliament voted on national ordinances, motions, amendments to national ordinances and other documents (e.g. Decision lists, Advice etc.) throughout this Parliamentary Year. This overview also reflects whether the item was accepted or rejected, what the voting ratio was and on what date the decision was taken.

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RECORDED DECISIONS

14

ACCEPTED

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RECORDS BY CATEGORY

1 NATIONAL ORDINANCE

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HOW TO READ THE TABLES

FOR marks are highlighted in gold; **AGAINST** marks are highlighted in navy. A dash is retained where the source records no For/Against mark.

NATIONAL ORDINANCE 01 01/17

Draft National Ordinance Basic Payment Account (Parliamentary Year 2023–2024–174) (IS/292/2023-2024 dated December 20, 2023)

Continuation Public meeting no. 11 PY 2024-2025 of Friday, January 9, 2026

This draft national ordinance was accepted with 14 votes for and 0 votes against.

No.	Member of Parliament	For	Against
1.	Sarah A. Wescot-Williams	X	
2.	Egbert J. Doran	X	
3.	Ardwell M.R. Irion	X	
4.	Veronica C. Jansen-Webster	X	
5.	Viren V. Kotai	X	
6.	Dimar C. Labega	X	
7.	Francisco A. Lacroes	X	
8.	Lyndon C.J. Lewis	X	
9.	Franklin A. Meyers	X	
10.	Omar E.C. Ottley	X	
11.	Raeyhon A. Peterson	X	
12.	Sjamira D.M. Roseburg	X	
13.	Christopher L. Wever	X	
14.	Darryl T.J. York	X	

MOTION 01 02/17

MOTION 1 PRESENTED BY MP F.A. LACROES

Motion requesting Government to advocate for raising the maximum monthly deposit limit for the basic payment account in Sint Maarten to at least XCG 5,400 per month, that Government reports back to Parliament within two months, and that periodic reviews of the deposit cap be conducted at least annually and that Parliament and the public are duly informed of the outcomes.

Continuation Public meeting no. 11 PY 24-25 of Friday, January 9, 2026

This motion was accepted with 13 votes for and 0 votes against.

No.	Member of Parliament	For	Against
1.	Sarah A. Wescot-Williams	X	
2.	Egbert J. Doran	X	
3.	Ardwell M.R. Irion	X	
4.	Veronica. C. Jansen-Webster	X	
5.	Viren V. Kotai	X	
6.	Dimar C. Labega	X	
7.	Francisco A. Lacroes	X	
8.	Lyndon C.J. Lewis	X	
9.	Franklin A. Meyers	X	
10.	Omar E.C. Ottley	X	
11.	Sjamira D.M. Roseburg	X	
12.	Christopher L. Wever	X	
13.	Darryl T.J. York	X	

MOTION 02 03/17

MOTION 1 PRESENTED BY MP F.A. LACROES

Motion expressing disapproval of the manner in which the Prime Minister and Minister of General Affairs, Dr. L.F.E. Mercelina handled responsibilities related to several departments in the Ministry of General Affairs, particularly issues affecting the Fire Department and emergency services, and requesting the Prime Minister to urgently address these concerns and report back to Parliament within six weeks with a full update.

Continuation urgent Public meeting no. 07 of Wednesday, February 4, 2026

This motion was rejected with 5 votes for and 7 votes against.

No.	Member of Parliament	For	Against
1.	Sarah A. Wescot-Williams		X
2.	Ardwell M.R. Irion	X	
3.	Veronica C. Jansen-Webster		X
4.	Dimar C. Labega		X
5.	Francisco A. Lacroes	X	
6.	Lyndon C.J. Lewis	X	
7.	Franklin A. Meyers		X
8.	Omar E.C. Ottley	X	
9.	Raeyhon A. Peterson	X	
10.	Sjamira D.M. Roseburg		X
11.	Ludmila N.L. de Weever		X
12.	Christopher L. Wever		X

MOTION 03 04/17

MOTION 1 PRESENTED BY MP L.C.J. LEWIS

Motion stating that the Minister of Public Housing, Spatial Planning, Environment and Infrastructure, Mr. P.T. Gumbs, Jr., no longer enjoys the confidence of the Parliament of Sint Maarten.

Continuation Public meeting no. 16 of Tuesday, May 26, 2026

This motion was rejected with 6 votes for and 7 votes against.

No.	Member of Parliament	For	Against
1.	Sarah A. Wescot-Williams		X
2.	Egbert J. Doran	X	
3.	Ardwell M.R. Irion	X	
4.	Veronica C. Jansen-Webster		X
5.	Viren V. Kotai		X
6.	Francisco A. Lacroes	X	
7.	Lyndon C.J. Lewis	X	
8.	Franklin A. Meyers		X
9.	Omar E.C. Ottley	X	
10.	Raeyhon A. Peterson		X
11.	Sjamira D.M. Roseburg		X
12.	Christopher L. Wever		X
13.	Darryl T.J. York	X	

MOTION 04 05/17

MOTION 1 PRESENTED BY MP C.L. WEVER

Motion stating that the Minister of Public Health, Social Development and Labor, Mr. R.S.J. Brug, no longer enjoys the confidence of the Parliament of Sint Maarten.

Public meeting no. 18 of Friday, May 29, 2026

This motion was accepted with 8 votes for and 7 votes against.

No.	Member of Parliament	For	Against
1.	Sarah A. Wescot-Williams	X	
2.	Egbert J. Doran		X
3.	Ardwell M.R. Irion		X
4.	Veronica C. Jansen-Webster	X	
5.	Viren V. Kotai	X	
6.	Dimar C. Labega	X	
7.	Francisco A. Lacroes		X
8.	Lyndon C.J. Lewis		X
9.	Franklin A. Meyers	X	
10.	Omar E.C. Ottley		X
11.	Raeyhon A. Peterson	X	
12.	Sjamira D.M. Roseburg		X
13.	Ludmila N.L. de Weever	X	
14.	Christopher L. Wever	X	
15.	Darryl T.J. York		X

MOTION 05 06/17

MOTION 2 PRESENTED BY MP F.A. LACROES

Motion resolves to urge the Minister of Public Health, Social Development and Labor to investigate allegations of irregularities in the authorization of a medical practitioner, submit a confidential report of the findings to Parliament, take measures to halt any unauthorized medical practice, and ensure strict enforcement of all requirements for the authorization and practice of medical professionals in Sint Maarten.

Public meeting no. 18 of Friday May 29, 2026

This motion was accepted with 15 votes for and 0 votes against.

No.	Member of Parliament	For	Against
1.	Sarah A. Wescot-Williams	X	
2.	Egbert J. Doran	X	
3.	Ardwell M.R. Irion	X	
4.	Veronica C. Jansen-Webster	X	
5.	Viren V. Kotai	X	
6.	Dimar C. Labega	X	
7.	Francisco A. Lacroes	X	
8.	Lyndon C.J. Lewis	X	
9.	Franklin A. Meyers	X	
10.	Omar E.C. Ottley	X	
11.	Raeyhon A. Peterson	X	
12.	Sjamira D.M. Roseburg	X	
13.	Ludmila N.L. de Weever	X	
14.	Christopher L. Wever	X	
15.	Darryl T.J. York	X	

AMENDMENT 01 07/17

Public meeting no. 11 PY 2024-2025 of Friday, January 9, 2026 Agenda point 2: National Ordinance containing rules regarding a basic payment account for consumers (National Ordinance Basic Payment Account) (Parliamentary Year 2023-2024-174)

Amendment to harmonize and prevent legal ambiguity regarding unjustified discrimination between regular account holders and holders of a basic payment account (submitted by Member of Parliament Mrs. S.A. Wescot-Williams under reference IS/243/2025-2026, dated October 29, 2025).

This amendment was accepted with 9 votes for and 4 votes against.

No.	Member of Parliament	For	Against
1.	Sarah A. Wescot-Williams	X	
2.	Egbert J. Doran		X
3.	Ardwell M.R. Irlon		X
4.	Veronica C. Jansen-Webster	X	
5.	Viren V. Kotai	X	
6.	Dimar C. Labega	X	
7.	Francisco A. Lacroes	X	
8.	Lyndon C.J. Lewis	X	
9.	Franklin A. Meyers	X	
10.	Omar E.C. Ottley		X
11.	Sjamira D.M. Roseburg	X	
12.	Christopher L. Wever	X	
13.	Darryl T.J. York		X

AMENDMENT 02 08/17

Public meeting no. 11 PY 2024-2025 of Friday, January 9, 2026 Agenda point 2: National Ordinance containing rules regarding a basic payment account for consumers (National Ordinance Basic Payment Account) (Parliamentary Year 2023-2024-174)

Amendment to promote the digital accessibility of the basic payment account (submitted by Member of Parliament Mr. A.M.R. Irion under reference IS/539/2025-2026, dated January 9, 2026).

This amendment was accepted with 9 votes for and 4 votes against.

No.	Member of Parliament	For	Against
1.	Sarah A. Wescot-Williams		X
2.	Egbert J. Doran	X	
3.	Ardwell M.R. Irion	X	
4.	Veronica C. Jansen-Webster		X
5.	Viren V. Kotai	X	
6.	Dimar C. Labega	X	
7.	Francisco A. Lacroes	X	
8.	Lyndon C.J. Lewis	X	
9.	Franklin A. Meyers		X
10.	Omar E.C. Ottley	X	
11.	Sjamira D.M. Roseburg	X	
12.	Christopher L. Wever		X
13.	Darryl T.J. York	X	

AMENDMENT 03 09/17

Public meeting no. 11 PY 2024-2025 of Friday, January 9, 2026 Agenda point 2: National Ordinance containing rules regarding a basic payment account for consumers (National Ordinance Basic Payment Account) (Parliamentary Year 2023-2024-174)

Amendment to affirm the principle of non-discrimination, strengthen information obligations, and introduce structural reporting for oversight and evaluation purposes (submitted by Member of Parliament Mr. A.M.R. Irion under reference IS/540/2025-2026, dated January 9, 2026).

This amendment was accepted unanimously.

No.	Member of Parliament	For	Against
1.	Sarah A. Wescot-Williams	X	
2.	Egbert J. Doran	X	
3.	Ardwell M.R. Irion	X	
4.	Veronica C. Jansen-Webster	X	
5.	Viren V. Kotai	X	
6.	Dimar C. Labega	X	
7.	Francisco A. Lacroes	X	
8.	Lyndon C.J. Lewis	X	
9.	Franklin A. Meyers	X	
10.	Omar E.C. Ottley	X	
11.	Sjamira D.M. Roseburg	X	
12.	Christopher L. Wever	X	
13.	Darryl T.J. York	X	

OTHER DECISION 01 10/17

Public meeting no. 02 of Monday, September 15, 2025

Agenda point 2:

Advice regarding the installation and composition of Permanent and Ad Hoc Committees of Parliament.

This advice was accepted unanimously.

No.	Member of Parliament	For	Against
1.	Sarah A. Wescot-Williams	X	
2.	Egbert J. Doran	X	
3.	Veronica C. Jansen-Webster	X	
4.	Viren V. Kotai	X	
5.	Dimar C. Labega	X	
6.	Francisco A. Lacroes	X	
7.	Franklin A. Meyers	X	
8.	Raeyhon A. Peterson	X	
9.	Sjamira D.M. Roseburg	X	
10.	Ludmila N.L. de Weever	X	
11.	Christopher L. Wever	X	
12.	Darryl T.J. York	X	

OTHER DECISION 02 11/17

Public meeting no. 04 of Thursday, October 30, 2025

Agenda point 2:

Advice appointment of the Monument Council for the period of 2025-2029 (IS/1384/2024-2025 dated August 29, 2025)

This advice was accepted unanimously.

No.	Member of Parliament	For	Against
1.	Sarah A. Wescot-Williams	X	
2.	Egbert J. Doran	X	
3.	Veronica C. Jansen-Webster	X	
4.	Dimar C. Labega	X	
5.	Francisco A. Lacroes	X	
6.	Lyndon C.J. Lewis	X	
7.	Franklin A. Meyers	X	
8.	Sjamira D.M. Roseburg	X	
9.	Ludmila N.L. de Weever	X	
10.	Christopher L. Wever	X	

OTHER DECISION 03 ^{12/17}

Public meeting no. 04 of Thursday, October 30, 2025

Agenda point 3:

Ratification Agreements List of the Interparliamentary Kingdom Consultations (IPKO) held from September 26-29, 2025, in the Hague, the Netherlands (IS/115/2025-2026 dated September 29, 2025)

This advice was accepted unanimously.

No.	Member of Parliament	For	Against
1.	Sarah A. Wescot-Williams	X	
2.	Egbert J. Doran	X	
3.	Veronica C. Jansen-Webster	X	
4.	Dimar C. Labega	X	
5.	Francisco A. Lacroes	X	
6.	Lyndon C.J. Lewis	X	
7.	Franklin A. Meyers	X	
8.	Sjamira D.M. Roseburg	X	
9.	Ludmila N.L. de Weever	X	
10.	Christopher L. Wever	X	

OTHER DECISION 04 ^{13/17}

Public meeting no. 10 of Thursday, December 18, 2025

Agenda point 2:

Ratification of the founding document of the Parliamentary Alliance for Climate Action (IS/1219/2024-2025 dated June 30, 2025)

This advice was accepted unanimously.

No.	Member of Parliament	For	Against
1.	Sarah A. Wescot-Williams	X	
2.	Egbert J. Doran	X	
3.	Ardwell M.R. Irion	X	
4.	Veronica C. Jansen-Webster	X	
5.	Viren V. Kotai	X	
6.	Dimar C. Labega	X	
7.	Francisco A. Lacroes	X	
8.	Franklin A. Meyers	X	
9.	Sjamira D.M. Roseburg	X	
10.	Ludmila N.L. de Weever	X	
11.	Christopher L. Wever	X	

OTHER DECISION 05 14/17

Public meeting no. 15 of Tuesday, April 7, 2026

Proposal by MP A.M.R. Irion to continue the meeting with agenda point 3.

This proposal was rejected with 6 votes for and 7 votes against.

No.	Member of Parliament	For	Against
1.	Sarah A. Wescot-Williams		X
2.	Egbert J. Doran	X	
3.	Ardwell M.R. Irion	X	
4.	Veronica C. Jansen-Webster		X
5.	Viren V. Kotai		X
6.	Dimar C. Labega	---	---
7.	Francisco A. Lacroes	X	
8.	Lyndon C.J. Lewis	X	
9.	Franklin A. Meyers		X
10.	Omar E.C. Ottley	X	
11.	Raeyhon A. Peterson		X
12.	Ludmila N.L. de Weever		X
13.	Christopher L. Wever		X
14.	Darryl T.J. York	X	

OTHER DECISION 06 ^{15/17}

Public meeting no. 16 of Tuesday, May 26, 2026

Agenda point 3:

Ratification Agreement Lists of the Interparliamentary Kingdom Consultation (IPKO) held from February 19-21, 2026, in Oranjestad, Aruba (IS/724/2025-2026 dated February 23, 2026)

This advice was accepted unanimously.

No.	Member of Parliament	For	Against
1.	Sarah A. Wescot-Williams	X	
2.	Egbert J. Doran	X	
3.	Ardwell M.R. Irion	X	
4.	Veronica C. Jansen-Webster	X	
5.	Viren V. Kotai	X	
6.	Francisco A. Lacroes	X	
7.	Lyndon C.J. Lewis	X	
8.	Franklin A. Meyers	X	
9.	Omar E.C. Ottley	X	
10.	Raeyhon A. Peterson	X	
11.	Sjamira D.M. Roseburg	X	
12.	Christopher L. Wever	X	
13.	Darryl T.J. York	X	

OTHER DECISION 07 16/17

Public meeting no. 18 of Friday, May 29, 2026

Agenda point 2:

Advice on a Report from the Committee of Parlatino Matters regarding the First Vice Chairmanship of a Parlatino Committee (IS/962/2025-2026 dates April 15, 2026)

This advice was accepted unanimously.

No.	Member of Parliament	For	Against
1.	Sarah A. Wescot-Williams	X	
2.	Egbert J. Doran	X	
3.	Ardwell M.R. Irion	X	
4.	Veronica C. Jansen-Webster	X	
5.	Viren V. Kotai	X	
6.	Dimar C. Labega	X	
7.	Francisco A. Lacroes	X	
8.	Lyndon C.J. Lewis	X	
9.	Franklin A. Meyers	X	
10.	Omar E.C. Ottley	X	
11.	Raeyhon A. Peterson	X	
12.	Sjamira D.M. Roseburg	X	
13.	Ludmila N.L. de Weever	X	
14.	Christopher L. Wever	X	
15.	Darryl T.J. York	X	

OTHER DECISION 08 ^{17/17}

Public meeting no. 18 of Friday, May 29, 2026

Agenda point 3:

Ratification of admission of the Parliament of Sint Maarten as an Associated Member of ParlAmericas (IS/1107/2025-2026 dated May 27, 2026)

This advice was accepted unanimously.

No.	Member of Parliament	For	Against
1.	Sarah A. Wescot-Williams	X	
2.	Egbert J. Doran	X	
3.	Ardwell M.R. Irion	X	
4.	Veronica C. Jansen-Webster	X	
5.	Viren V. Kotai	X	
6.	Dimar C. Labega	X	
7.	Francisco A. Lacroes	X	
8.	Lyndon C.J. Lewis	X	
9.	Franklin A. Meyers	X	
10.	Omar E.C. Ottley	X	
11.	Raeyhon A. Peterson	X	
12.	Sjamira D.M. Roseburg	X	
13.	Ludmila N.L. de Weever	X	
14.	Christopher L. Wever	X	
15.	Darryl T.J. York	X	



MEETINGS OF PARLIAMENT

MEETING ACTIVITY BY CATEGORY

2023–2024 2024–2025 2025–2026

PUBLIC MEETINGS



CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS



COMMITTEE MEETINGS



PRESIDIUM MEETINGS



FACTION LEADERS MEETINGS



2025–2026 AT A GLANCE

93

TOTAL MEETINGS
across five meeting categories
during the parliamentary year

PARLIAMENTARY YEAR	PUBLIC	CENTRAL	COMMITTEE	PRESIDIUM	FACTION
2023–2024	22	22	55	9	4
2024–2025	23	25	65	8	3
2025–2026	21	23	42	5	2

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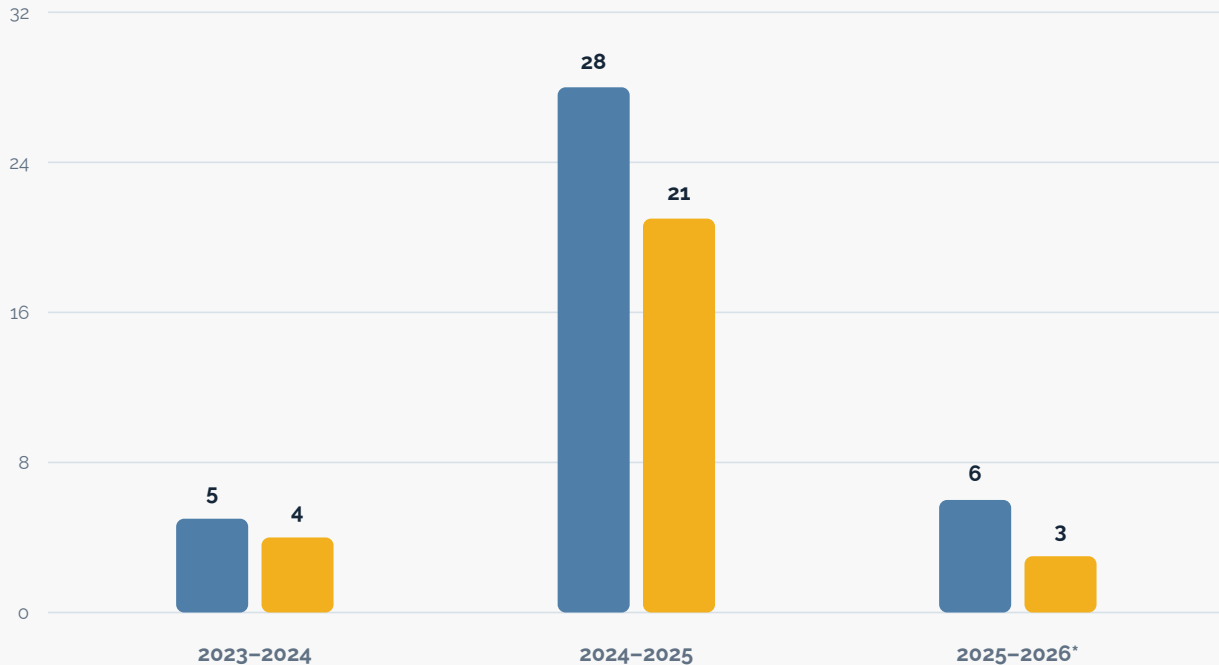
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MOTIONS SUBMITTED TO AND PASSED BY PARLIAMENT

THREE-YEAR COMPARISON

Submitted Passed



2025–2026 AT A GLANCE



Parliamentary Year	Submitted	Passed
2023–2024	5	4
2024–2025	28	21
2025–2026*	6	3

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*End date August 5, 2026

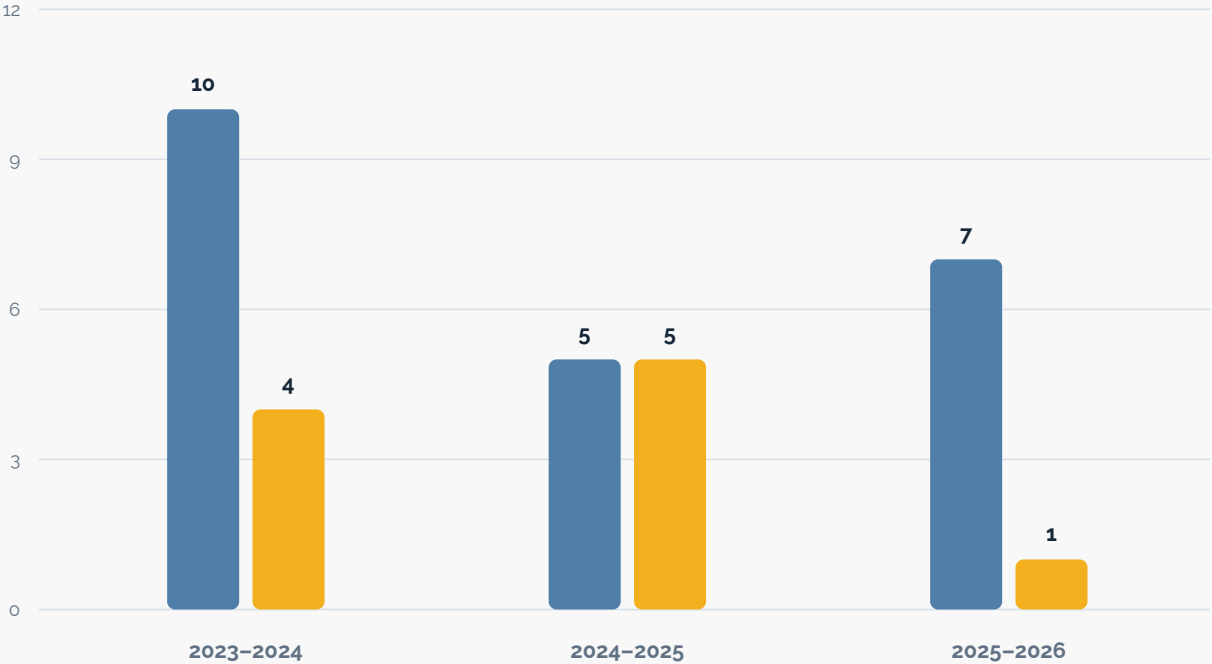


DRAFT NATIONAL ORDINANCES SUBMITTED TO AND PASSED BY PARLIAMENT

2025–2026 AT A GLANCE

THREE-YEAR COMPARISON

Submitted Passed



7

SUBMITTED

1

PASSED

PARLIAMENTARY YEAR	SUBMITTED	PASSED
2023–2024	10	4
2024–2025	5	5
2025–2026	7	1

NOTES

*End date August 5, 2026

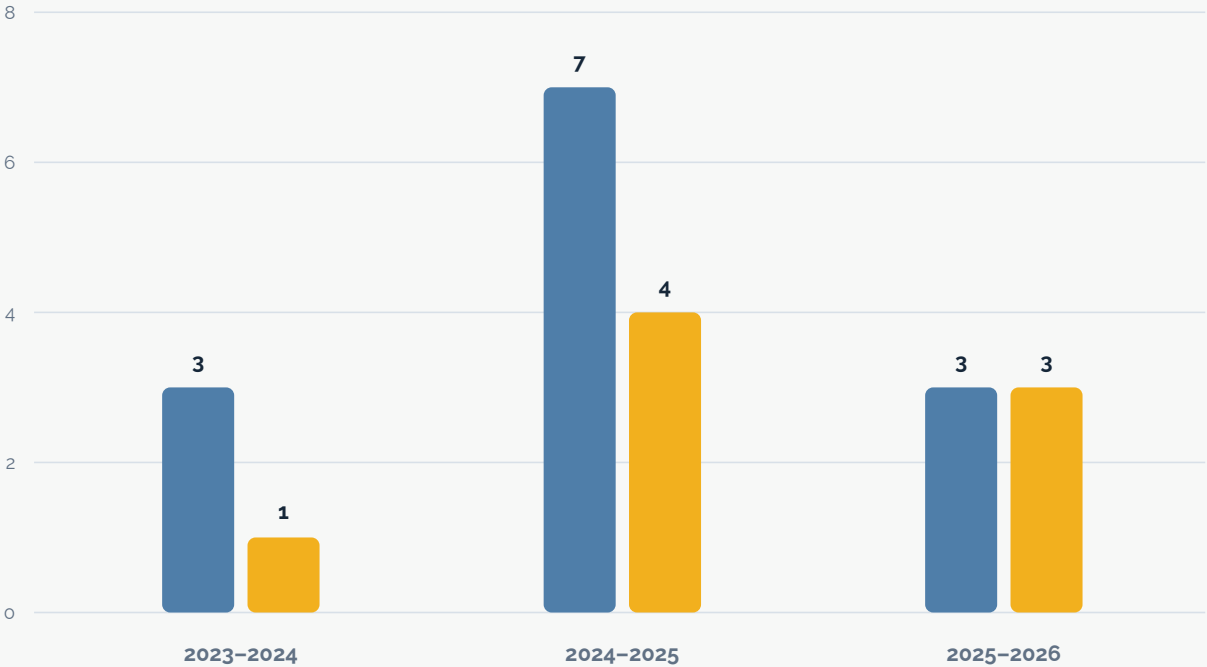


AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED TO AND PASSED BY PARLIAMENT

2025–2026 AT A GLANCE

THREE-YEAR COMPARISON

Submitted Passed



3

SUBMITTED

3

PASSED

PARLIAMENTARY YEAR	SUBMITTED	PASSED
2023–2024	3*	1
2024–2025	7*/**	4
2025–2026	3	3

*End date August 5, 2026

*A few of these amendments have been retracted; therefore, Parliament never voted on them.

**A few of these amendments were modified by a new amendment, therefore, Parliament never voted on them.

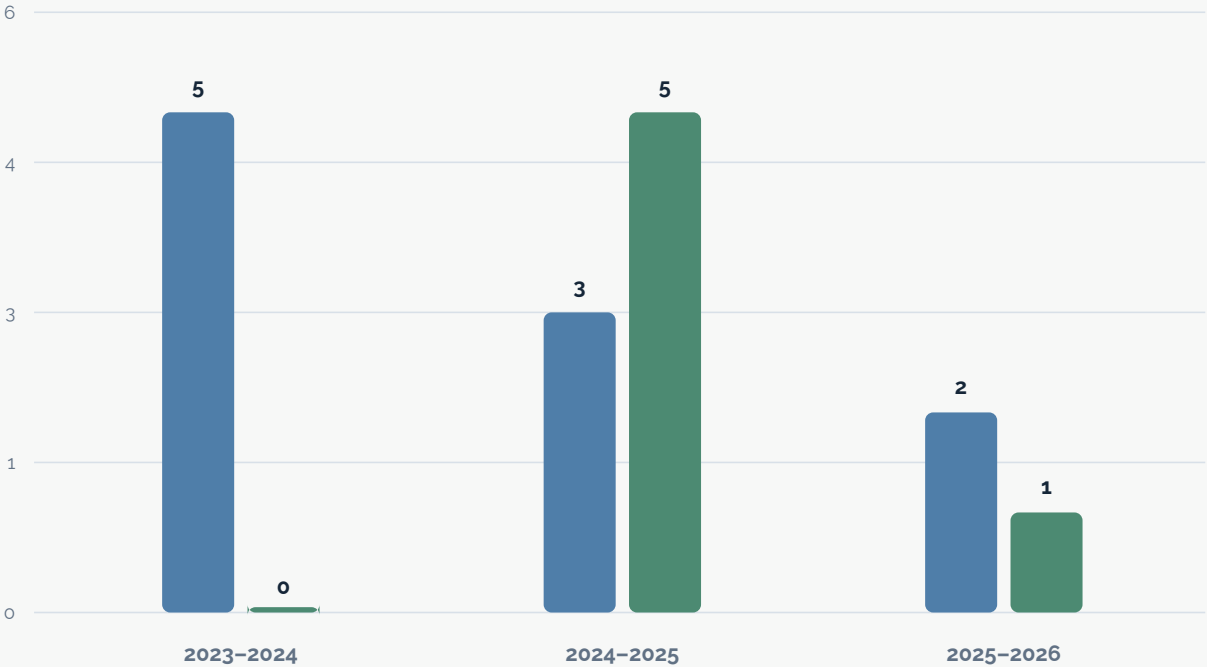


PETITIONS SUBMITTED TO AND HANDLED BY PARLIAMENT

2025–2026 AT A GLANCE

THREE-YEAR COMPARISON

Submitted Handled



2

SUBMITTED

1

HANDLED

PARLIAMENTARY YEAR	SUBMITTED	HANDLED
2023–2024	5	0
2024–2025	3	5
2025–2026	2	1

CONTEXT

The Committee of Petitions established a Regulation containing a work method for petitions in April 2015. This Regulation contains a clear definition of what constitutes a petition and other rules to determine the requirements for a petition and how a petition will be handled by the Committee.

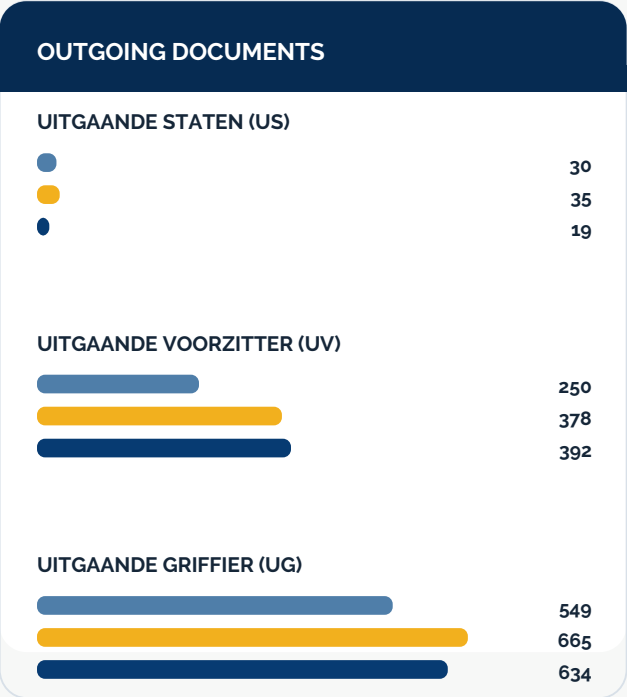
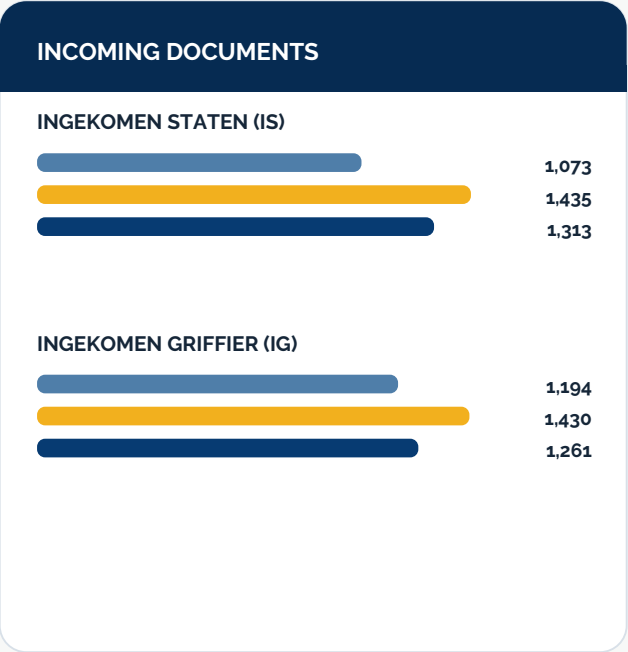


INCOMING AND OUTGOING DOCUMENTS OF PARLIAMENT

DOCUMENT FLOW BY PARLIAMENTARY YEAR

2023–24 2024–25 2025–26

EXACT FIGURES



PARLIAMENTARY YEAR	IS	IG	US	UV	UG
2023–2024	1073	1194	30	250	549
2024–2025	1435	1430	35	378	665
2025–2026	1313	1261	19	392	634

SOURCE LABELS

IS — Ingekomen Staten • IG — Ingekomen Griffier • US — Uitgaande Staten • UV — Uitgaande Voorzitter • UG — Uitgaande Griffier

COMMITTEES OF PARLIAMENT AND PARLATINO



PERMANENT & AD HOC COMMITTEES

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17 COMMITTEES

15 MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

Committee of Public Housing, Spatial Planning, Environment and Infrastructure

Commissie Volkshuisvesting, Ruimtelijke Ordening, Milieu en Infrastructuur

MP Egbert J. Doran	
MP Ardwell M.R. Irion	
MP Veronica C. Jansen-Webster	
MP Viren V. Kotai	
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MP Lyndon C.J. Lewis	
MP Omar E.C. Ottley	
MP Raeyhon A. Peterson	CHAIRMAN
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MP Ludmila N.L. de Weever	
MP Sarah A. Wescot-Williams	VICE CHAIRMAN
MP Christopher L. Wever	
MP Darryl T.J. York	
GRIFFIER G.J. Richardson, LL.M.	

Committee of Justice

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