

I hereby offer you the answers to the written questions that have been asked by the SP and PvdA groups about the second progress report on St. Eustatius. These questions were sent in on 30 November 2018, with reference 164124.01u.

The members of the SP and PvdA groups ask the State Secretary to indicate which steps have been taken since the entry into force of the Temporary Act on the neglect of tasks of St. Eustatius to get the administration in order, in the sense of regaining the trust of the population. For example, are there now contacts with people - not from the 'old' political groups - who want to be actively involved in politics and government?

In the past year the current Board of St. Eustatius has taken various measures to regain the confidence of the population in the Board. The progress reports on St. Eustatius explain various measures that the board has taken or will take, such as the weekly walk-in consultation hours with the government commissioner and the thematic Town Hall Meetings that take place on a regular basis. In addition, the second progress report provides insight into, among other things, the various training courses offered by the public body to civil servants, (former) politicians and residents with political ambitions. For a complete picture of the measures, I would like to refer you to the enclosed progress reports that were sent to the Senate and House of Representatives.

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