

Your Excellency (*through the Committee on Public Health, Welfare and Sport*),

On July 6, 2020, a letter was sent to the Lower House of Parliament on your part - State Secretary P. Blokhuis - concerning "Commission letter on Response with regard to Health Insurance Office in the Dutch Caribbean, in particular St. Eustatius".

This in response to a letter sent by me on December 19, 2019 (via the Lower House of Parliament/Commission VWS).

Immediately after I read through the reaction of the State Secretary carefully, I sent a reaction to it on July 7, 2020 (to the House of Representatives/Commission of the Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport). I assume that this reaction has been brought to your attention - State Secretary Blokhuis. I have not yet seen a response to my letter of 7 July 2020.

The last paragraph of this letter (of 7 July 2020) reads as follows: *"For the target group of Caribbean Dutch students, in possession of a Dutch passport and studying in the European Netherlands, a way could be found - in anticipation of a broad, structural solution - by having the students take out their own health insurance and claim the premium for the basic insurance (and possibly for the dental supplement) from the ZVK (which, in my opinion, falls entirely under the State Budget for the Department of Health, Welfare and Sport)."*

A concrete case now presents itself as follows. A student from St. Eustatius has a Dutch passport and studies at the Hogeschool Zeeland (Middelburg). She is registered with NNAM/OOM via ZVK. Now - on 12 August 2020 - she receives a letter from the CAK that research by the SVB shows that she is uninsured and that she must take out Dutch health insurance within 6 weeks.

In short, where the State Secretary speaks of a privileged situation for the Dutch Caribbean student, I note that this has led to the fact that this student is now registered as an "uninsured Dutch citizen", a status that cannot be envied.

I will see to it that she is registered with a "real" health insurance and suppose that at the same time applying for care allowance it will be achieved that she will at most spend a few euros per month on this health insurance.

May I then request that you terminate the scheme as it is currently set up (i.c. ZVK => NNAM/OOM) and that the students involved are informed accordingly. When the information provision through the Rijksdienst Caribisch Nederland (in which ZVK is housed) is also adjusted then the situation that you call completely unjustly privileged will come to an end.

Thank you in advance!

Kind regards,

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cc: *Chairman and members Committee Kingdom Relations*

cc: *'ZVK' (in which case I will inform the 'ZVK' about the name of the student)*