

dear chairman and members of the kingdom relations committee, dear government commissioner,

enclosed are two documents: an e-mail from me to the national ombudsman and a very prompt reply (one day later: today, 1 february 2021) from this organization.

note: both documents are dutch languaged

i would like to draw your attention to

- my letter, in order to be able to form a picture
- some passages from the response

the issue of the bsn has been around for several years and apparently there has been little or no progress. the response of the ombudsman cites a letter from stasbzk dated 21 december 2020 in which the introduction of the BSN in the caribbean netherlands was stated, among other things.

- "...worked out, with the intention of eventually introducing the BSN in the Caribbean Netherlands."
- "In order to proceed with introduction, various legislative changes are required, which are now being investigated additionally."

it is expected that next summer some students - in any case from sint eustatius - will once again go to the european netherlands to continue their studies. from the choice of words used, however, i think i understand that it is an illusion to count on the availability of a BSN for students on our island as early as next academic year, even before they have left for the european netherlands.

as far as i can see - and that is of course limited - i also see little movement in the file regarding the availability of NL banks on - for instance - sint eustatius.

if one really wants to, things can be done very quickly, but yes: is the will really there...?

of course, i know: covid19 requires a lot of attention from the cabinet and moreover, the cabinet is outgoing, but the origin of the alleged need dates from well before covid19 and with regard to the outgoing character of the cabinet: have these matters been declared 'controversial'? if not, then they can just be continued...

i hope to hear positive news on this soon.

yours sincerely,

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