last night i sent the attached letter to the kingdom relations committee of the second chamber in the hope of reaching them before their todays procedural meeting.

at the same time, the press conference of the island council was still to come, so in fact i ended up a bit incomplete.

i had already gathered informally that the conversation between the state secretary and the island council did not go well.

that was also confirmed at the press conference this morning.

the joint work of the island council - an aptitude test where it concerns working together! - has been dismissed by the state secretary.

and also otherwise it has become clear to me that the atmosphere was anything but respectful.

for reasons that are not clear to me, it seems as if State Secretary knops doesn't care about what is really happening on the island.

it seems that the impression must be given that the intervention of the national government was justified in all respects.

and of course the best way to make this plausible is by "demonstrating" that the island council is, in his eyes, unwilling and incapable.

truly incomprehensible!

i hope the good cooperation in the island council has not suffered a dent because of this (and has perhaps even become more intense).

my hope is established on a good relationship between the island council and the kingdom relations committee of the second chamber.

the end result must be: a well governed island, led by those who are equipped or trained for the job (including the financial means to do so).

let true democracy prevail (demos = people; up to now it is unclear to me where state secretary knops gave weight to this aspect).

greetings,

jan meijer.