

Dear Chairman and Members of the Committee on Kingdom Relations,

In one week's time, a number of two-minute debates will be held in which motions can also be submitted. In preparation, I would like to present you with a few draft motions (i.e. not fully worked out according to the correct format, as you probably know it better than I do ;)

BSN and DigiD available for all residents of the Dutch Caribbean

Considering that...

- The European and Caribbean Netherlands are part of the same country, the Netherlands;
- many (more and more) (government) services are offered and provided digitally;
- these digital services require a DigiD;
- the BSN is the basis for this DigiD;
- an account at a NL bank also requires a BSN,

requests the House of Representatives to the Government...

- make the BSN and the DigiD easily - so not at one central point on Bonaire - available to all residents of the Caribbean Netherlands (insofar as they wish).

Improve legislation and regulations regarding benefits and taxes in the Dutch Caribbean

Considering that...

- article 132a of the Constitution (paragraph 4) allows for legislation and regulations to be tailored to the public entity *for special circumstances that make these public entities substantially different from the European part of the Netherlands*;
- since the formation of the Dutch Caribbean in 2010, poverty has only increased (ref. Spies Commission Report and - more recently - findings of the National Ombudsman);
- the Gini factor (the ratio between the highest and lowest incomes) in the Dutch Caribbean is approximately one-third higher than in the European Netherlands (*i.e. a more unbalanced income distribution in the Dutch Caribbean than in the European Netherlands*),

requests the Second Chamber to the Government...

- immediately replace all "nonsense" (according to the National Ombudsman) regarding the benchmark subsistence level with the Dutch system of social laws and regulations and apply this to the Caribbean Netherlands (including unemployment and old age benefits, minimum wage, etc.);
- introduce a fairer (more level) income tax in the Dutch Caribbean based on a progressive increasing rate as the taxable income increases (just like in the European Netherlands).

Return of democracy on St. Eustatius

Considering that...

- the intervention of the government on St. Eustatius is expected to last about four to five years while the precedent of 1951 (seventy years ago) lasted about one year;
- all measures taken and to be taken are infrastructural and administrative in nature and none of them are aimed at an (intensified) contact with the population and/or its representatives;
- consultation with the population on the basis of mutual respect and an equal contribution of all interlocutors will be a (relatively) new experience for Stadians,

requests the House of Representatives to the Government....

- a periodic townhall consultation between the Government Commissioners (on behalf of the European Netherlands) and the people of Statia on
 - the future of the island;
 - the relationship with the European Netherlands,
- these consultations will take place on the basis of mutual respect and equal input and with a periodicity of at least twice a month; reporting (to be provided by the Government Commissioners) to be made public on the website as well as on the Facebook page of the local government.

Connectivity the Caribbean Netherlands

Considering that...

- The Caribbean Netherlands (Bonaire, St. Eustatius, Saba) has no regular intra-island connectivity;
- Winair is an airline with its registered office in another country in the Kingdom (Sint Maarten);
- The European Netherlands, as co-owner of Winair, does not tolerate open competition for the intra-island connections (monopoly, keeping the price artificially high),

requests the House of Representatives to the Government...

- divest the interest of European Netherlands in Winair;
- to promote open competition for connectivity between the islands of the Caribbean Netherlands;
- no longer to leave the Bonarian airline EZ Air out of the equation in the discussion of intra-island connectivity.

Kind regards,

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