

## **TRANSLATION OF THE OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF SINT MAARTEN (AB 2010, GT no. 15)**

### **EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

Article 58 of the draft Constitution provides that the financial facilities for Members of Parliament shall be regulated by national ordinance. This regulation serves that purpose, to enable Members of Parliament to fulfil their tasks in the best possible manner.

The Governor, as the Head of Government, must always be informed if Members of Parliament travel anywhere in their capacity as Members of Parliament, as is applicable to Ministers. Article 1(2) provides that the President of Parliament should always do this if such a case arises.

It is fair that Members of Parliament should be able to enjoy a travel supplement as a form of compensation for the costs they incur if they need to travel for their work. The regulation also states which procedure should be followed if a journey is made and how the amount of the daily allowance should be assessed. The proposal is based on the Netherlands-Antillean regulation.

As prescribed by law in the Netherlands-Antillean regulation, the Clerk to Parliament is equated with a Member of Parliament in that regard, as is every other staff member of the Department of the Clerk to Parliament, the latter only in the event that they make the journey as part of the Parliamentary delegation or on behalf of a Parliamentary committee.

Finally, it is necessary that when making a journey as referred to in this regulation, delegation members should be insured against accidents while travelling.

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