



MINISTER OF FINANCE
Minister van Financiën

To: Parliament of Sint Maarten
Attn. President of Parliament, Mrs. S.A. Wescot-Williams
Wilhelminastraat #1
Philipsburg, Sint Maarten

Subject: Update 2026 budget and status of the budget amendment for 2025

DIV No.: 5781-A

Excellency,

Please find attached the planning for the 2026 budget and the 2025 budget amendment.

With respect to the 2027 budget, my focus in 2026 will be on improving the budget process. This will be achieved by ensuring that the Council of Ministers is aligned on the budgetary thresholds within the first quarter of the year. As a result, it is expected that significant progress will be made in meeting the required timelines.

I trust that this information is sufficient.

Yours sincerely,



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CC: The Council of Ministers

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Planning Budget Amendment 2025	
January 12, 2026	Advice Council of Advice received
January 16, 2026	Draft Nader Rapport to department of Legal Affairs and Legislation
January 30, 2026	Advice of department of Legal Affairs and Legislation received
February 3, 2026	Budget Amendment for approval at Council of Ministers
February 9, 2026	Budget Amendment submitted to Parliament*
Planning Budget 2026	
January 20, 2026	Budget for approval at the Council of Ministers
January 23, 2026	Request advice department of legal affairs and legislation
January 23, 2026	Request article 11 Rft advice from Cft
February 6, 2026	Advice of department of Legal Affairs and Legislation received
February 6, 2026	Advice of Cft received
February 17, 2026	Budget for approval at the Council of Ministers
February 23, 2026	Budget at Council of Advice for advice
April 6, 2026	Advice from the Council of Advice received
April 17, 2026	Draft Nader Rapport to department of Legal Affairs and Legislation
May 1, 2026	Advice of department of Legal Affairs and Legislation received
May 12, 2026	Budget for approval at the Council of Ministers
May 18, 2026	Budget submitted to Parliament*

* The Government has no authority over the management of Parliament. However, once a budget is submitted to Parliament, Central Committee Meetings as well as Public Meetings are held, a process which may take two to three weeks. In addition, once Parliament has approved the 2025 budget amendment or the 2026 budget, the final text must be established and the relevant budget ratified. This process may also take an additional two to three weeks.

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