

**SUFFICIENT REASON...**

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Parliament, contrary to the Members of Government, have a direct mandate of the voters. The opinion of [the majority in-Ed.] Parliament is decisive and they can send one or more Ministers home or the entire cabinet for that matter," stated Van Rijn.

If the four Ministers refuse to resign, they act in contravention of the Constitution. According to Van Rijn, the Prime Minister would be authorised, based on her special position and general responsibility, and also considering Article 40(2) of the Constitution, to dismiss the Ministers in question.

The remaining members of the cabinet would then also resign to give the Parliament the opportunity to



*Arjen van Rijn*

install another coalition for the remaining part of its term, which is until the subsequent elections. However, the logical step would be for the entire Council of Ministers to resign. The lame duck cabinet does have the right to dissolve the current Parliament and to call new elections.

Van Rijn said there was sufficient reason to dissolve the Parliament and to bounce the ball back to the voter by convoking new elections. "For the second time in more than a year, the Members of Parliament are switching pennies while the voters have to look on," he said.

"The question is whether they, the voters, in 2010 intended to give Parliament a mandate for three successive cabinets of changing colour with the same Prime Minister. That is not very credible and doesn't strengthen confidence in the objective of the democracy. If the Parliament is so capricious, then it is time to go back to the voters."



*Prom attendees, more specifically young ladies, will benefit from the presence of make-up line Maybelline at Prom 2013.*

**Maybelline teams up with Teen Times for Prom Night**

PHILIPSBURG--World renowned make-up line Maybelline has teamed with *Teen Times* to support, promote and have a presence at Prom Night 2013. The annual event for high school seniors, now in its 17th year, will be held at The Westin St. Maarten Dawn Beach Resort and Spa, on Sunday, June 30, under a Chinese theme "Night of the Dancing Dragon."

Maybelline is giving high school seniors the opportunity to win US \$1,500 for their senior function and have professional make-up artist Delvin Gonzalez visit their school to offer girls make-up tips for the Prom and their big night. These workshops will be held from June 3 to 5.

Thus far the response from the schools has been very positive and, according to *Teen Times*, teachers and seniors alike are looking forward to it. To participate, the students, their parents, teachers, friends and family need only purchase any

Queen a gift basket from Maybelline and a Spa Package. "We are very happy that Maybelline has chosen to partner with us in this way for our senior students. This is the 17th year of Prom Night on St. Maarten and it could not have been possible if private sector partners such as Maybelline were not willing to contribute and add to the overall promotion of Prom Night. The young ladies should be very happy with their presence at Prom Night," *Teen Times* Coordinator Mike Granger said.

Additionally, Maybelline will also be present at Prom Night with three make-up specialists, who will be offering the students free "touch-up" moments to fix their make-up while at Prom.

To give back to Prom Night and to *Teen Times*, Maybelline will sponsor the cost of the deejay for the night as well as offer the Prom

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**Labour Force and Well-Being Surveys**

PHILIPSBURG--Recently, sixteen interviewers completed a five-day training course for the Labour Force and Well-Being Surveys being conducted by STAT. They received both theoretical and practical training including an interaction and interview technique evening with communication specialist Ronaldo Baker.

The last Labour Force Survey was conducted by CBS Curaçao in 2009. The Labour Force Survey is an annual survey with the main objective being to measure the unemployment rate of St. Maarten. It also measures the job demand and supply, average income and expenses by asking questions regarding household compo-

sition, education, labour, income and expenses.

The main objective of the Well-being Survey is to provide a measure of the level of satisfaction of St. Maarten and to add meaning to the concept of "Living a Healthy and Balanced Life." It is an opinion-based survey which gauges the perception of the general public on subjects such as poverty, social support and material items. The results will be used in conjunction with a future survey to establish a minimum standard of living for St. Maarten.

Data-collection for the surveys will be conducted in May and June 2013. A total of 1200 households have been randomly selected. Each member of

the household, older than 5, is obligated to fill out the Labour Force Survey while one spokesperson needs to fill out the well-Being survey. The Labour Force Survey should take about 20 minutes for each member and the Well-Being survey should be about 45 minutes.

STAT urges all individuals/households to give full cooperation to its interviewers, should you be selected to participate in these sample-surveys. Be kindly reminded that all data will be handled anonymously and confidentially. STAT looks forward to partnering with you in making these surveys a success.

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