

Dear Chair and members of the Committee on Education, Culture and Science,

On one side I realize that I might be seen as "*there you have it again*", but then at the same time I think "*I'll have to*". The problem I address is not earth-shattering but at the same time the proverbial wound continues to fester.

I don't think it's necessary to pick up the whole history again, but is it really too much to ask for adequate decision making - I'm now referring to a good and usable CXC Decision - to be available to the public *five years after the introduction* of CXC education on St. Eustatius?

I will be honest with you: my source of information is the website <https://wetten.overheid.nl>. This is where I try to find the CXC Decision after it has been in consultation from 12 February 2020 to 18 March 2020. *Am I not looking in the right place? Please let me know...*

Am I perhaps too early? It's just how you look at it. Of course there is the summer recess in The Hague politics so if the CXC Decision really hasn't been published yet then it probably won't happen this month or maybe even next month. *What does happen this month:* in the period 15 July to 3 August 2020 the final exams of the CSEC education on St. Eustatius.

The students who started their secondary education in the school year 2015/2016 (*and are now on the eve of their exams*) will do so in the CXC regime as a result of the NL government's decision to do so in the autumn of 2014. The resulting regulations - i.e. the CXC Decision - have still not been published. The draft decree states that it will enter into force on 1 August 2020, whereby two earlier temporary decisions will be repealed simultaneously. These decisions to be withdrawn do not provide any information about the value of the diploma in the Dutch educational system, nor about profiles and subjects. Precisely this information has been missed for quite some time now (the current examination candidates determined their profile and associated subject package two years ago, without this, still missing information).

On two occasions so far I have heard that you will pass on this question to the Minister, but so far without any visible result. It is of course known to me that St. Eustatius is currently governed by a government commissioner as a result of the Temporary Act of Neglect for St. Eustatius. This concerned the neglect of duties by the local government. Without immediately mentioning heavy words like "neglect", I do have the impression that the education on St. Eustatius, at least the regulations concerning it, has a blind spot at the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science.

I would like to see the missing link in the legislation (i.e. the CXC Decree containing the information about the profiles, the subjects and the appreciation in the Dutch educational system) soon visible on <https://wetten.overheid.nl>. Thank you for your intervention.

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