

**Written questions member's Island Council for the Executive Council/ Government Commissioners.**  
(art.159, lid 1 WolBES/ art. 46 RvO Island Council)

Issue : Tariffs/fees Harbour Ordinance  
Date question : Thursday, 11 November 2021  
Sender : F. E. A. Spanner  
Date answer : **(within 15 days)**  
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Responsible editor :

**QUESTIONS:**

1. Are the tariffs for ships visiting Statia for the oil terminal compatible with those in the rest of the Caribbean region? Do the tariffs form a deterrent for tankers to choose the terminal facilities on Statia?
2. Seeing that the oil related activities are a major part of our St. Eustatius economy have you analysed the relationship between the raise in harbour tariffs/fees and the effect this has had on the operations at the oil terminal? What are your findings?
3. Has the oil terminal complained about the raise in harbour tariffs/fees in the current ordinance? What did they complain about specifically and when was this complaint received? Were the complaints reasonable?
4. Please inform what the current average harbour tariffs/fees, are in the region and whether or not the tariffs/fees charged here in St. Eustatius are above or below this average. Please specify what the differences are?
5. We have noticed that since the change to the harbour ordinance, the oil company was sold for a very low price, subsequently many workers or subcontractors were laid off and the harbour related income in the budget has declined. Now we are confronted with the economic effects of the ongoing global pandemic. Has government noticed any other signals that are or maybe cause for concern of the Island Council relating to the oil terminal?
6. Is the current harbour ordinance under review? Please inform us of your findings, conclusions and preferred course of action with timeline.