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Questions from member Van Houwelingen (FvD) to the Prime Minister about the character of and relations of cabinet members with the World Economic Forum in response to previous answers from the cabinet (WEF follow-up questions) (submitted September 21, 2021).

Question 1

Can you explain whether Dutch politicians/members of the cabinet have followed training courses at the World Economic Forum (WEF)? If so, was that before or during their appointment or both? If so, which training? If not, why not?

Question 2

Can there be a list of the status of cabinet members at the WEF?

Question 3

Do you understand that, in his answer to our previous set of questions, a reference to the website is not sufficient because this information is not included there?

Question 4

Is it true that at least these (former) ministers, mayor, European Commissioner, party leader and member of the royal family are involved in the WEF?¹ Can you confirm or deny that?

Question 5

Is the rumor true that you are a candidate to succeed Schwab as WEF leader?

Question 6

Why have you been ostentatiously walking around with a WEF bag for years?

Question 7

What is your commitment to the WEF's purpose and to Schwab personally?

Question 8

Do you consider Schwab to be a teacher?

Question 9

If not, can you provide a specific explanation of your relationship with Schwab?

Question 10

The answer to question 2 about the previous set of questions on this subject² indicates that cabinet members are approached by the WEF, how are they approached? Is this done at the personal invitation of Schwab itself?

Question 11

Is it explained to the Ministers what the invitation is based on?

Question 12

Can we get those invites for inspection?

Question 13

If a cabinet member is invited, is it customary to hire him?

Question 14

Is accepting such an invitation encouraged by the cabinet?

Question 15

Is advice given to the cabinet member on how to deal with the WEF?

Question 16

Has it already happened that cabinet members have not accepted the invitation? If so, why have they not done so and which cabinet members are involved?

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² Appendix to Acts, Session 2020-2021, No. 3963

Question 17

The answer to question 3 of the previous set of questions on this subject indicates that the WEF itself determines which cabinet members are approached, on what basis does the WEF make such decisions?

Question 18

Is information shared by the government with the WEF?

Question 19

For example, does the cabinet inform the WEF of who will join the cabinet in the Netherlands? If so, what is the procedure? If not, how does the WEF get its information about Dutch cabinet members?

Question 20

The answer to question 4 of the previous set of questions on this subject indicates that the WEF itself is responsible for the management of its website, does this mean that the cabinet has no influence whatsoever on the way cabinet members are displayed on the website?

Question 21

Do you deny that the cabinet has requested the WEF to make the profiles invisible?

Question 22

The answer to question 6 of the previous set of questions on this subject deals with the involvement of cabinet members in the WEF, can you provide a detailed list of what exactly that involvement comes down to?

Question 23

Can you provide a detailed list of each WEF meeting attended by ministers, the role played there, the duration of participation and the precise content of the activity?

Question 24

Can you also provide a list of the other participants of each WEF meeting attended by Dutch ministers?

Question 25

Can you provide all correspondence related to WEF meetings and all documents produced from such meetings? If so, can you send it as soon as possible?

Question 26

Are there minutes of WEF meetings? If so, can you send it as soon as possible? If not, why not?

Question 27

In the answer to question 8 of the previous set of questions on this subject, you indicate that there will only be communication with the cabinet about involvement in the WEF if the subjects concerned touch on the portfolio of other ministers. share the cabinet?

Question 28

The answer to question 9 of the previous set of questions on this topic indicates that participation in WEF activities is announced in the public agenda of government officials, how come this involvement has remained completely under water until recently? Or does the government consider involvement in the WEF not essential for its functioning? If not, why not? If so, why do Ministers participate in WEF meetings anyway?

Question 29

The answer to question 10 of the previous set of questions on this subject indicates that the cabinet is prepared to provide access to the (written) communication between the cabinet and the WEF. send senior officials and the WEF?

Question 30

Can you also specify the full information on the costs of participating in WEF meetings borne by the State? If so, can you send this itemized per minister and per meeting?

Question 31

In the answer to question 11 of the previous set of questions on this subject, it is stated that the WEF website indicates which position cabinet members hold within the WEF, can you still specify this list?

Question 32

The answer to question 12 of the previous set of questions on this subject indicates that the information about which cabinet members attended which WEF meetings can easily be found on the WEF website. Do you understand that this is an unacceptable answer to this question? Do you understand that you are asked to provide a list so that we can then compare this list with the data on the website? Can you still answer this question and provide the list? If not, why not? In addition to this list, can you also specify the costs incurred by cabinet members in connection with these meetings?

Question 33

Can you provide the transcript of the conversation the Queen and her delegation had with Klaus Schwab?¹

Question 34

Why did Queen Máxima participate in a conversation between Schwab, Minister Kaag and yourself? What was the purpose of this conversation?

Question 35

At whose initiative did the conversation take place?

Question 36

On whose initiative was Máxima added to the conversation?

Question 37

Has this been discussed with the cabinet?

Question 38

What is the outcome of the conversation? Were certain conclusions drawn or certain agreements made? If so, which ones and can they be made public? If not, why not?

Question 39

Can you explain whether the cabinet also supports the WEF's goal, which is to bring about the so-called 'Great Reset'?

Question 40

The answer to question 15 of the previous set of questions on this subject indicates that cabinet members may possibly share WEF objectives: does this mean that the cabinet is behind the Great Reset? If not, can you explain why you signed this letter⁴? If not, can you explain why you used the slogan "Build Back Better"?

Question 41

Can you explain in which parts the vision of the cabinet overlaps with that of the WEF? Also, is there any overlap regarding the concept of "The Great Reset"? If so, can you provide a list of these?

Question 42

Can you answer the questions individually?

Explanation

These questions are in addition to previous questions from the member of

¹ Facebook page of The Royal House, 24 January 2019, www.facebook.com/TheRoyalHouse/photos/a.285013738314321/1225904160891936

⁴The Mail Online, March 30, 2021, «No one recovers until everyone recovers»: World needs a post-Covid treaty to put nationalism aside and ensure virus stays defeated, 23 heads of state including Johnson, Merkel and Macron declare in open letter», <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-9416347/Johnson-Merkel-Macron-declare-world-needs-post-Covid-treaty.html> – Bruno Bruins – Carola Schouten

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