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GOVERNMENT HOUSE RESPONDS TO SLANDEROUS REMARKS BY SENATOR

Administration is currently reviewing all legal avenues

Government House Communications Director Jean P. Greaux, Jr. responded to inquiries that his office has received with respect to the unsubstantiated rumors being broadcast by Senator Adlah "Foncie" Donastorg, which alleged that the Governor had misspent public funds on renovations currently underway at the Governor and Mrs. deJongh's private residence.

"Government House will not dignify the slanderous remarks being made by this public official beyond stating that there is absolutely no truth to the allegations that public funds are being spent on work that is underway at the Governor's private residence," Greaux said.

"If Senator Donastorg believes that he has evidence that such funds were used then he should do what any citizen of the Territory should do when he, or she, believes that the law is being broken, and that is to contact the proper legal authorities, such as the Attorney General, or the Inspector General, and present that evidence."

Greaux went on to further explain that in keeping with the Governor's commitment to accountability throughout the government, the Administration is exploring all legal avenues in order to address the slanderous comments that were recently made by Senator Donastorg.

"If an individual is going to make such outrageous comments, then they, as well as the radio stations that allow those comments to be broadcast, are going to have to be held accountable for their action," said Greaux. "Failure to produce any proof to such ridiculous claims undermines the credibility and integrity of our news and talk radio programs. In the case of Senator Donastorg, knowing that such evidence does not and cannot exist, we will be examining all of our legal options," concluded Greaux.

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