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Where will it end?

Donastorg reveals another \$44k spent on Gov's personal residence

ST. THOMAS – Senator Adlah "Foncie" Donastorg has obtained documentation detailing an additional \$43,774.75 spent on improvements to the Governor's private residence at Estate Mafolie on St. Thomas.

The improvements include a new septic system, a "shower room" for the security cottage, and new exterior lighting all on Governor John de Jongh's private property.

The additional expenditures were documented in change orders to the original contracts executed with WMK Mechanical Group. Donastorg said he expects there is more to come.

"I have been informed that what we had documented in terms of misuse of public funds was only the tip of the iceberg," Donastorg said. "And we still have not gotten the response to the Legislature's subpoena for documents."

Donastorg said he brought the matter of spending at the Governor's private home forward as a matter of principle.

"A lot of rumors about questionable spending have been circulating for quite some time," Donastorg said. "As senators, we are charged with overseeing the operations and spending of the Administration and I was duty bound to bring this to light. Anyone can clearly see that what the Governor has done is surely unethical and immoral, if not outright illegal."

Donastorg said that given the hundreds of new employees hired by the Administration during a so-called hiring freeze and the blatant misuse of funds, he was very concerned about the Territory's fiscal affairs.

"Where does it end?" Donastorg asked. "We can't keep spending and borrowing like drunken sailors, meanwhile asking Government employees to prepare for layoffs and cut out paid holidays. Where is the spirit of public service? Where is the love for our people?"

Donastorg said he was truly disappointed in the Administration and its apologists.

"There is now a paper trail documenting nearly \$400,000 in spending at the Governor's private home," Donastorg said. "Again, I ask – where do we draw the line? This is simply obscene."