TESTIMONY TO THE 31ST LEGISLATURE'S
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Provision of a Temporary and Permanent Residence for
The Governor of the Virgin Islands and
WICO PILOT
July 9, 2015

Randolph N. Bennett
Commissioner Designee
Virgin Islands Department of Property and Procurement

THE HONORABLE NEVILLE JAMES, PRESIDENT OF THE THIRTY- FIRST LEGISLATURE, SENATORS, LEGISLATIVE STAFF, FELLOW TESTIFIERS, VIEWERS, LISTENERS, MEDIA AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT THIS MORNING.

AN UNSIGNED DOCUMENT PURPORTING TO BE A LEASE WAS SENT TO MY DEPARTMENT FOR HANDLING. PROPERTY AND PROCUREMENT PLAYED NO ROLE IN THE PROCESSING OF THE PROPOSED LEASE.

SINCE THAT TIME THE DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED NO REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR REGARDING A TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT RESIDENCE. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE GOVERNOR AND HIS STAFF ARE FORMULATING A PLAN TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES. THE GOVERNOR WILL PRESENT THE PLAN WHEN IT IS READY AND WILL REFER ALL PROPERTY AND PROCUREMENT ISSUES TO THE DEPARTMENT AT THAT TIME.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

RANDOLPH N. BENNETT