

### **Governor de Jongh presents the Executive Budget for Fiscal Year 2009**

The budget outlines the funding required for the Government of the Virgin Islands (the "Government") to maintain the services required by our residents and the operation of their Government. The budget also, to the extent that our severe financial restraints permit, includes initiatives that Lieutenant Governor Gregory R. Francis and I believe are central to our continuing efforts to improve the quality of public services in our Territory, as well as to implement programs as required by measures passed by the Legislature. It is our sincere intent to continue to work very closely with the members of the Legislature to ensure that the people of our community receive the very best services that our collective leadership can provide to meet their needs and aspirations.