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**PNP Patriots Demand Full Disclosure and Accountability in \$31 Million Bustamante Drill Scandal**

**"Who Is Person A, and Why Are They Being Protected?"**

**Kingston, Jamaica – May 27, 2025** - The PNP Patriots are calling for urgent transparency and accountability in what is rapidly becoming a textbook case of state-sanctioned corruption—the \$31 million procurement of a neurosurgical drill for the Bustamante Hospital for Children. This scandal raises grave concerns about conflict of interest, inflated pricing, and a broader culture of impunity that has flourished under the current Jamaica Labour Party (JLP) government.

At the heart of this controversy lies a disturbing attempt to shield the identity of “Person A”, the silent partner in Medical Technologies Limited—a company in which Donovan Williams, MP for Central Kingston, is a confirmed shareholder. The company was awarded a government contract to supply the drill at more than double its estimated market cost, according to healthcare procurement experts.

Despite legitimate public concern and cries for transparency, Mr. Williams sought and received a Supreme Court injunction to keep the identity of “Person A” secret, even as the company reaped taxpayer dollars through the public health system. Why the secrecy—especially when public funds are involved?

Key questions remain unanswered:

- Who is Person A?
- Are they the true beneficial owner of shares held by MP Williams?
- Do they have ties to the Ministry of Health or the South East Regional Health Authority (SERHA)?
- Did their relationship influence the awarding of the contract?
- Why has the government refused to release documentation requested under the Access to Information Act?

The ongoing refusal of SERHA and the Ministry of Health to release critical procurement records is deeply troubling and violates the principles of public sector transparency and citizen oversight enshrined in Jamaican governance frameworks. Rather than cooperate with legitimate inquiries, Mr. Williams and Meditech have resorted to legal intimidation, filing a defamation suit against Dr. Alfred Dawes, the Opposition Spokesman on Health, in an apparent attempt to suppress public discourse.

Dr. Dawes has openly questioned the glaring discrepancy in pricing, stating:

*“The Ministry could have procured the same neurosurgical drill for under \$10 million, based on comparable international purchases. Yet, taxpayers were charged \$31 million, with no justification offered. This is not just fiscal recklessness—it’s an ethical crisis.”*

This scandal comes against the backdrop of repeated failures by the JLP administration to uphold transparency.

The implications are not abstract; they have a direct impact on lives. The \$31 million spent on this single piece of equipment could have been used to repair dilapidated hospital infrastructure, restock life-saving medications, or expand paediatric surgical capacity. Instead, Jamaica’s children are being shortchanged while those in power evade scrutiny.

The PNP Patriots are therefore demanding:

1. Immediate disclosure of “Person A” and any other politically connected beneficiaries.
2. The Auditor General conducts a forensic audit of the procurement process.
3. A full investigation by the Integrity Commission into potential conflicts of interest and breaches of the Integrity Commission Act.

If the JLP administration continues to stonewall, it will confirm what many Jamaicans already suspect: that corruption is not an aberration but a governing principle of this administration. We stand firmly with the Jamaican people in demanding truth, transparency, and justice.

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