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**PANGELINAN URGES AG TO REQUEST REDUCTION IN COURT  
PAYMENTS FOR MENTAL HEALTH INJUNCTION BY \$3.5M IN FY 2011**

**FOR IMMEDIATE NEWS RELEASE (April 12, 2011– Hagåtña)** – Senator Vicente (ben) Cabrera Pangelinan (D), Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, Taxation, Public Debt, Banking, Insurance, Retirement & Land (Committee) sent a letter to Attorney General Lenny Rapadas urging him to request for a reduction in the FY 2011 court ordered scheduled payments mandated in the Amended Permanent Injunction (API). The senior senator from Barrigada attached a cost analysis report by the Office of Finance and Budget (OFB) on the Federal Management Team's (FMT) Plan of Action (POA) along with the letter. The cost analysis report recommends a reduction in FY 2011 scheduled payments by \$3.5M, mostly for expenses in the plan that were not incurred throughout the year.

<b>Request for Reduction in Estimated Costs of the FMTs POA for FY 2011</b>	
<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Lapsed Personnel Costs (Oct. 2010 - Mar 2011)	1,283,239
Cancellation of Hay Study Costs	573,379
Planned Unnecessary Consultant Costs	1,200,000
ARRA Funded Main Facility Repairs	450,000
Other Miscellaneous Costs	72,000
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>3,578,618</u></b>

“The Amended Permanent Injunction (API) is an unbudgeted expense for the government of Guam. Every dollar spent for the API siphons resources from government operations, which affects our ability to pay tax refunds and the budgeted Hay Study salary increases. I urge the executive branch to evaluate and continue to monitor the POA and ensure that any funds requested are reasonable,” stated the Senator.

Pangelinan, who submitted the request directly to the District Court visiting Judge Consuelo Marshall, during the last hearing, is asking the Attorney General to file a motion for a modification of the required payments with the court in response to statements noted by the Judge during the hearing.

Pangelinan concluded “As a government, we cannot afford to continue to give a blank check for court ordered mandates. We must maintain a healthy level of professional skepticism and question proposals and plans presented to us and the Attorney General as the Chief Legal Officer of the Government must represent our interest with the Court.”

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