

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE ON THE APPROPRIATION BILL, 2021

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The **Appropriation Bill, 2021** was *presented and read the first* time in the House on Tuesday 30th March, 2021 by the Minister of State responsible for the Ministry of Finance, Hon. Osei Kyei-Mensah-Bonsu. The Bill was subsequently *referred* to the Finance Committee for consideration and report in accordance with Article 179 (2) of the 1992 Constitution and the Standing Orders of the House. This followed the presentation of the Budget Statement and Economic Policy of Government for the 2021 Financial Year by the Minister of State responsible for the Ministry of Finance.

The Committee met and considered the Bill with the President's representative at the Ministry of Finance, Hon. Charles Adu-Boahen, Senior Technical Advisor at the Ministry of Finance, Hon. Abena Osei-Asare and a team of officials from the Ministry of Finance and the Attorney General's Department.

The Committee is grateful to the President's representative at the Ministry of Finance, the Senior Technical Advisor and the team of officials for attending upon the Committee.

1.1 URGENCY OF THE BILL

The Committee determined and hereby certifies that the Bill is of an urgent nature and may be taken through all the stages of passage in one day in accordance with Article 106(13) of the 1992 Constitution and Order 119 of the Standing Orders of the House.

2.0 REFERENCES

The Committee referred to and was guided by the following documents *inter alia* during its deliberations on the Bill:

- The 1992 Constitution of the Republic of Ghana
- The Standing Orders of the Parliament of Ghana
- Interpretation Act, 2009 (Act 792)
- The Budget Statement and Economic Policy of the Government of Ghana for the 2021 Financial Year.
- Reports of Parliamentary Committees on the 2021 Annual Estimates for the various Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs).

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Pursuant to Article 179 of the Constitution, the Minister of State responsible for the Ministry of Finance acting on the authority of

His Excellency the President has requested the House to approve and authorize the withdrawal of monies from the Consolidated Fund and other funds for the running of the State during the Financial Year commencing on the 1st day of January 2021 and ending on 31st day of December 2021.

Upon Parliament's approval of various sums as Budget Estimates for Ministries, Departments and Agencies of Government for the 2021 Financial Year, it has become imperative that the Minister responsible for Finance be given authority to withdraw such approved funds for the purposes thereof.

4.0 OBJECT OF THE BILL

Pursuant to Article 179 (2) (a) of the Constitution, the Appropriation Bill, 2021 is seeking Parliamentary authority to enable a sum of money not exceeding **One Hundred and Twenty-Nine Billion, Thirty-Two Million, Eight Hundred and Four Thousand, Two Hundred and One Ghana Cedis (GH¢129,032,804,201)** to be issued from the Consolidated Fund and such other public funds during the Financial Year commencing on the **1st day of January 2021** and ending on the **31st day of December 2021** for the purpose of meeting Government expenditure.

The specific purposes for which the sum shall be appropriated have been specified in the **schedules** to the Bill, all of them geared towards efficiently and effectively carrying out the services of the Government for the 2021 Financial Year.

The summary of expenditures covered in the Bill is captioned “1st Schedule – Section 1” and attached to this Report as APPENDIX.

5.0 OBSERVATIONS

5.1 Retained Internally Generated Funds

The Committee observed that Ministries, Departments and Agencies shall be permitted to retain and use an amount of **Five Billion, Eight Hundred and Ninety-Three Million, Seven Hundred and Seventy-Two Thousand, Three Hundred and Fifty Ghana Cedis (GH¢5,893,772,350)** of Internally Generated Funds (IGFs) during the 2021 Financial Year.

5.2 Other Government Obligations

Out of the total amount of **One Hundred and Twenty-Nine Billion, Thirty-Two Million, Eight Hundred and Four Thousand, Two Hundred and One Ghana Cedis (GH¢129,032,804,201)** estimated expenditure in 2021, the Committee noted that **Eighty Billion, Eight Hundred and Sixty-Nine Million, Five Hundred and Twenty Five Thousand, Four Hundred and Eighty-Two Ghana Cedis (GH¢80,869,525,482)** would constitute payments of *Other Government Obligations* whilst the rest would cover discretionary payments.

5.3 Repeal

The Bill repeals the Appropriation Act, 2019 (Act 1008).

Act 1008 authorized the withdrawal of moneys from the Consolidated Fund and other public funds for the implementation of the Budget for the 2020 Financial Year.

6.0 RECOMMENDATION AND CONCLUSION

The Committee recommends that the sum of money *not exceeding One Hundred and Twenty-Nine Billion, Thirty-Two Million, Eight Hundred and Four Thousand, Two Hundred and One Ghana Cedis (GH¢129,032,804,201)* be approved and authorized to be issued from the Consolidated Fund and for withdrawal from other funds for the purposes of financing Government operations during the Financial Year commencing the **1st day of January 2020** and ending on the **31st day of December 2020**.

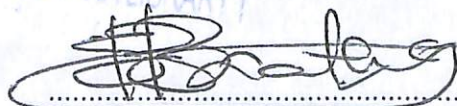
The Committee thus recommends to the House to **pass the Appropriation Bill, 2021** into law in accordance with Article 106(13) of the 1992 Constitution and Order 119 of the Standing Orders of the House.

Respectfully Submitted.



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HON. KWAKU KWARTENG
(CHAIRMAN, FINANCE COMMITTEE)

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MS. EVELYN BREFO-BOATENG
(CLERK, FINANCE COMMITTEE)

30TH MARCH, 2021



1.1. Appropriation Bill

1st Schedule - Section 1

Year: 2021

Currency: Ghanaian Cedi (GHS)

2021 Full Year Budget

	Budget
Total Appropriation	129,032,804,201
Compensation of Employees	30,313,597,722
Wages & Salaries	25,798,806,572
Pensions	1,651,123,621
Gratuities	515,976,131
Social Security	2,347,691,398
Use of Goods and Services	5,966,791,693
o/w ABFA - Use of Goods and Services	775,530,399
Interest Payments	35,863,814,494
Domestic	28,368,065,813
External (due)	7,495,748,681
Subsidies	247,678,856
Subsidies on Petroleum products	247,678,856
Grants to Other Government Units	18,081,390,563
National Health Fund	1,903,907,554
GET Fund	1,442,796,479
Road Fund	1,191,805,239
Petroleum Related Fund	29,807,346
DACF	2,402,331,910
Retention of Internally-Generated Funds (IGFs)	5,893,772,350
Transfer to GNPC	1,047,451,904
Ghana Infrastructure Fund	361,914,186
Other Earmarked Funds	3,807,603,596
Social Benefits	165,084,002
Lifeline consumers of electricity	165,084,002
Other Expenditure	7,884,158,132



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ESLA Transfers	2,979,531,071
COVID-19 Related Expenditures	4,509,527,061
COVID-19 Alleviation Programme (Water & Electricity)	200,000,000
Provision of Health Infrastructure	1,476,308,149
National COVID-19 Response	597,651,913
Seed Fund For Capitalisation of Development Bank	306,370,389
Economic Revitalization payment	1,000,000,000
Covid-19 Vaccines (Operational & Procurement)	929,296,610
Capital Expenditure	11,527,711,135
Domestic Financed	3,415,317,127
o/w ABFA - Domestic financed	1,318,401,678
Foreign Financed	8,112,394,008
Arrears	3,700,000,000
Amortization	15,282,577,604

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