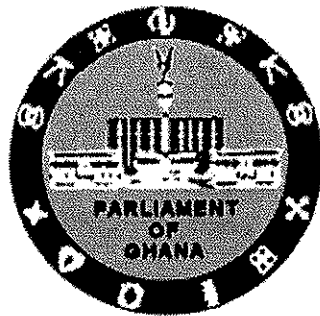


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**ON THE
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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Further to the presentation of the Budget Statement and Economic Policy of the Government for the financial year ending 31st December 2019 by the Hon. Minister for Finance, Ken Ofori-Atta on Thursday, 15th November 2018 and in accordance with Article 179 of the Constitution and Standing Order 140(4) of the Standing Orders of the House, the 2019 Annual Estimates of the Ministry of Works and Housing were committed to the Committee on Works and Housing for consideration and report.

2.0 DELIBERATIONS

The Committee was assisted in its deliberations by the Hon. Minister for Works and Housing, Mr. Samuel Atta-Akyea, His two deputies Mrs. Freda Prempeh and Mr. Eugene Boakye Antwi, and a technical team from the Ministries of Works and Housing and Finance.

The Committee is grateful to the Hon. Minister, the Deputy Ministers and the technical team for the cooperation and assistance.

3.0 REFERENCE

The Committee made reference to the under-listed documents during its deliberations:

- a) The 1992 Constitution of Ghana;
- b) The Standing Orders of the Parliament of Ghana;
- c) The Budget Statement and Economic Policy of the Government of Ghana for the 2018 Financial Year;

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- e) The 2018 Annual Estimates of the Ministry of Works and Housing;
- f) The 2019 Annual Estimates of the Ministry of Works and Housing; and
- g) Oral and written submissions by the Minister and his technical team.

4.0 **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The Ministry of Works and Housing (MWH) is a government of Ghana Central Management Agency responsible for formulating, implementing, monitoring and evaluating the policies and programmes for the works and housing sub-sector under the infrastructure sector of the economy.

4.1 **Vision and Goals**

The vision of the Ministry is to provide a robust and sustainable development of Works and Housing infrastructure. In line with the Sector Medium Term Development Plan of the Ministry, MWH has three (3) board sectoral goals in line with its mandate. The goals of the Ministry are:

- Reduce the national housing deficit through the provision of adequate, safe, secure, quality and affordable housing schemes in collaboration with the private sector
- Reduce coastal and marine erosion and build a competitive and modern construction industry to protect life, property and the environment
- Address recurrent devastating floods and promote proper maintenance culture to protect life, property and the environment.

4.2 **Mission Statement**

The Ministry exists to manage available resources to improve access to safe, secure, decent and affordable housing to reduce the huge housing deficit and to ensure the sustainable development of infrastructure facilities in the area of flood control systems, drainage, coastal protection works and operational hydrology.

4.3 **Sectorial Policy Objectives**

The key policy objectives the Ministry is hoping to achieve over the medium term are:

- To reduce coastal and marine erosion;
- To address recurrent devastating floods;
- To promote enhance climate change resilience;
- To promote proactive planning for disaster prevention and mitigation;
- To promote proper maintenance culture;
- To provide adequate, safe, secure, quality and affordable housing;
- To build a competitive and modern construction industry;
- To enhance the quality of life in rural areas; and
- To enhance production and supply of quality raw materials;

5.0 **SUMMARY OF 2018 KEY ACHIEVEMENTS**

WORKS SECTOR PROGRAMME

Infrastructure Management Programme

Activities under the infrastructure management programme are mainly coastal protection and drainage management.

Coastal protection

The Ministry continued the various coastal protection works at Adjoa, Blekusu, New Takoradi phase II (Elmina), and Dansoman of which the current status of completion stand at 75%, 62%, 75% and 70% respectively. Work also commenced on the construction of the 5km sea defence wall at Axim.

The Dixcove Coastal Protection Works also continued in earnest and is about 30% complete.

Drainage management

To solve the perennial flooding and erosion problems affecting most communities, the Ministry continued its drainage improvement works at some of the flood-prone areas. The Sakaman Lot 1 and Goaso Lot 1 and 2 are progressing gradually. The Ejura Lot 2 as well as Goaso Lots 1 and 2 are at 32%, 68% and 76% respectively whereas Sakaman, Agona Swedru and Tewa are at various levels of completion.

HOUSING SECTOR

Human Settlement and Development Programme

The Ministry and its Departments and Agencies in consonance with Government's efforts to address the national housing deficit, rolled out a number of flagship housing projects aimed at reducing the housing shortfall facing the country. Below are the summary of some of the achievements recorded in the housing sub-sector:

Housing for Security Agencies

The second phase of the security agencies housing project comprising 368 housing units for the Ghana Navy was completed and duly commissioned by H.E. the Vice President. The phase III comprising 320 housing units for the Ghana Police Service has also commenced.

Affordable Housing

The stalled Government Affordable Housing Project at Asokore-Mampong, Kumasi comprising 1,030 units which were handed over to the Social Security and National Insurance Trust (SSNIT) for completion is about 80% complete and progressing steadily.

The Ministry also continued the construction of 1,024 out of 5,000 housing units of which 628 units have been completed at Saglemi in the Ningo-Prampram District under the OAS Affordable Housing Programme.

Further, the 24 blocks handed over to TDCL under the Kpone Affordable Housing project stands at 50% complete. The Ministry has also submitted a proposal to the Ministry of Finance to provide an amount of US\$65,000,000.00 required for the completion of the remaining 686 affordable housing units at Koforidua, Wa and Tamale.

Additionally, a total of 39 units of townhouses and a block of 24 units of flats at Roman Ridge have been provided to house public and civil servants under the Redevelopment Programme.

6.0 SUMMARY OF BUDGET ALLOCATION AND PERFORMANCE IN 2018

For the 2018 fiscal year, the Ministry was allocated a total amount of *Ninety-one Million, Four Hundred and Eighty-one Thousand and Forty-five Ghana Cedis (GH¢91,481,045.00)* for the implementation of its programmes. This consists of GoG component of GH¢91,380,363.00 for employee compensation, goods and services and capital expenditure, and GH¢100,682.00 retained IGF for goods and services.

This allocation was to be expended under the core expenditure items of the Ministry as follows:

TABLE 1: SUMMARY OF 2018 BUDGET ALLOCATION TO THE MINISTRY'S PROGRAMMES

No. ITEM	PROGRAMME	TOTAL (GH¢)	PERCENTAGE (%)
1	Management And Administration	8,337,613.00	9.1
2	Human Settlement Development	13,872,951.00	15.2
3	Infrastructure Management	69,270,481.00	75.7
GRAND TOTAL		91,481,045.00	100

Source: 2018 Budget Statement and MWH 2018 Budget Performance Report to the Committee

Below is the summary of the Ministry's 2018 outturns by funding sources and core expenditure items.

TABLE 2: SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE FOR THE 2018 FINANCIAL YEAR

	FUND SOURCES	TOTAL IN GH¢	ACTUAL EXPENDITURE AS AT OCTOBER 31	VARIANCE	%
1	Government of Ghana (GOG)	91,380,363.00	136,347,822.68	(44,967,459.68)	149.21
2	Internally Generated Funds (IGF)	100,682.00	10,108.00	90,574.00	10.04
3	Annual Budget Funding Amount (ABFA)	-	-	-	-
4	DONOR	-	-	-	-
GRAND TOTAL		91,481,045.00	136,357,930.68	(44,876,885.68)	149.06

Source: 2018 Budget Statement and MWH 2018 Budget Performance Report to the Committee.

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE 2018 BUDGET IMPLEMENTATION

TABLE 3: EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION

№ ITEM	DESCRIPTION OF MINISTRY/DEPT./AGENCIES	ANNUAL BUDGET (GH¢)	CUM. ACTUAL EXPENDITURE AS AT OCTOBER, 2018 (GH¢)	VARIANCE (GH¢)	% EXPENDED
HEADQUARTERS					
1	Headquarters	1,626,890.00	1,290,247.82	336,642.18	79.31
SUB-TOTAL		1,626,890.00	1,290,247.82	336,642.18	79.31
HOUSING SUB-SECTOR					
2	Rent Control Department	2,258,024.00	1,758,887.02	499,136.98	77.89
3	Public Servants Housing Loans Scheme Board	239,417.00	80,196.96	159,220.04	33.50
4	Department of Rural Housing	289,713.00	383,905.45	(94,192.45)	132.51
5	Architects Registration Council	475,198.00	124,465.25	350,732.75	26.19
6	Engineers Council	-	-	-	-
SUB-TOTAL		3,262,352.00	2,347,454.68	914,897.32	71.96
WORKS SUB-SECTOR					
7	Public Works Department	3,574,575.00	3,646,190.15	(71,615.15)	102.00
8	Hydrological Services Department	1,043,946.00	482,755.03	561,190.97	46.24
SUB-TOTAL		4,618,521.00	4,128,945.18	489,575.82	89.40
GRAND TOTAL		9,507,763.00	7,766,647.68	1,741,115.32	81.69

Source: 2018 Budget Statement and MWH 2018 Budget Performance Report to the Committee

TABLE 4: GOODS AND SERVICES EXPENSES

No. ITEM	DESCRIPTION OF MINISTRY/DEPT./AGENCIES	ANNUAL BUDGET	CUM. ACTUAL EXPENDITURE AS AT OCTOBER, 2018 (GH¢)	VARIANCE	PERCENTAGE EXPENDED
		(GH¢)		(GH¢)	
	HEADQUARTERS				
1	Headquarters	1,469,063.95	908,517.95	560,546.00	61.84
	SUB-TOTAL	1,469,063.95	908,517.95	560,546.00	61.84
	HOUSING SUB-SECTOR				
2	Rent Control Department	25,715.05	25,715.05	0	100
3	Public Servants Housing Loans Scheme Board	25,715.05	25,715.05	0	100
4	Department of Rural Housing	41,023.21	41,023.21	0	100
5	Architects Registration Council	22,766.27	22,766.27	0	100
6	Engineers Council	22,766.27	22,766.27	0	100
	SUB-TOTAL	137,985.85	137,985.85	0	100
	WORKS SUB-SECTOR				
7	Public Works Department	41,967.39	41,967.39	0	100
8	Hydrological Services Department	36,792.81	36,792.81	0	100
	SUB-TOTAL	78,760.20	78,760.20	0	100
	GRAND TOTAL	1,685,810.00	1,125,264.00	560,546.00	66.75

Source: 2018 Budget Statement and MWH 2018 Budget Performance Report to the Committee

TABLE 5: CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

NO. ITEM	DESCRIPTION OF MINISTRY/DEPT./AGENCIES	ANNUAL BUDGET	CUM. ACTUAL EXPENDITURE AS AT OCTOBER, 2018 (GH¢)	VARIANCE	PERCENTAGE EXPENDED
		(GH¢)		(GH¢)	
	HEADQUARTERS				
1	Headquarters	44,372,255.53	55,023,102.26	(10,650,846.73)	124
	SUB-TOTAL	44,372,255.53	55,023,102.26	(67,388,699.00)	124
	HOUSING SUB-SECTOR				
2	Rent Control Department	516,788.26	164,999.99	351,788.27	31.93
3	Public Servants Housing Loans Scheme Board	619,534.13	314,767.30	304,766.83	50.81
4	Department of Rural Housing	353,149.17	0	353,149.17	0
5	Architects Registration Council	408,737.64	550,000.00	(141,262.36)	134.56
6	Engineers Council	485,696.78	0	485,696.78	0
	SUB-TOTAL	2,383,905.98	1,029,767.29	1,354,138.69	43.2
	WORKS SUB-SECTOR				
7	Public Works Department	2,052,206.80	2,613,907.47	(561,700.67)	127.37
8	Hydrological Services Department	31,378,421.69	68,789,133.98	(37,410,712.29)	219.22
	SUB-TOTAL	33,430,628.49	71,403,041.45	(37,972,412.96)	213.59
	GRAND TOTAL	80,186,790.00	127,455,911.00	(47,267,121.00)	158.95

Source: 2018 Budget Statement and MWH 2018 Budget Performance Report to the Committee

TABLE 6: INTERNALLY GENERATED FUNDS (IGF) – EXPENDITURE

N ^o ITEM	DESCRIPTION OF MINISTRY/DEPT./ AGENCIES	ANNUAL BUDGET	CUM. ACTUAL EXPENDITURE AS AT OCTOBER, 2017	VARIANCE	PERCENT- AGE EXPENDED (%)
HEADQUARTERS					
1	Headquarters	-	0	-	-
SUB-TOTAL		-	0	-	-
HOUSING SUB-SECTOR					
2	Rent Control Department	14,257.00	-	14,257.00	-
3	Public Servants Housing Loans Scheme Board	28,030.00	-	28,030.00	-
4	Department of Rural Housing	15,615.00	-	15,615.00	-
5	Architects Registration Council	0	0	0.00	-
6	Engineers Council	0	0	0.00	-
SUB-TOTAL		57,902.00	-	57,902.00	-
WORKS SUB-SECTOR					
7	Public Works Department	42,780.00	10,108.00	32,672.00	23.63
8	Hydrological Services Department	-	0	-	-
SUB-TOTAL		42,780.00	10,108.00	32,672.00	23.63
GRAND TOTAL		100,682.00	10,108.00	90,574.00	10.04

Source: 2018 Budget Statement and MWH 2018 Budget Performance Report to the Committee

TABLE 7: INTERNALLY GENERATED FUNDS (IGF) – COLLECTIONS

NO	DESCRIPTION OF MINISTRY/DEPT /AGENCY	PROJECTED REVENUE (GH¢)	CUM. ACTUAL AS AT OCTOBER, 2018 (GH¢)	VARIANCE (GH¢)	PERCENT AGE COLLECTED
HEADQUARTERS					
1	Gov't Bungalows/Flats	5,449,546.79	4,824,569.80	624,976.99	88.53
2	Contractor Classification	2,110,944.00	3,990,060.00	(1,879,116.00)	189.02
3	UNDP Block of Flats	477,553.56	323,374.00	154,179.56	67.71
SUB-TOTAL		8,038,044.35	9,138,003.80	(1,099,959.45)	113.68
HOUSING SUB-SECTOR					
4	Rent Control Dept.	80,000.00	217,667.00	(137,667.00)	272.08
5	Public Servants Housing Loan Scheme Board	27,593.62	30,300.00	(2,706.38)	109.81
SUB-TOTAL		107,593.62	247,967.00	(140,373.38)	230.47
WORKS SUB-SECTOR					
6	Public Works Department	124,095	2,400.00	121,695.00	1.93
7	Hydrological Services Department	-	-	-	-
SUB-TOTAL		124,095	2,400.00	121,695.00	1.93
GRAND TOTAL		8,269,732.97	9,388,370.80	(1,118,637.83)	113.53

Source: 2018 Budget Statement and MWH 2018 Budget Performance Report to the Committee.

7.0 OUTLOOK FOR 2019

Infrastructure Sector Management Programme

In 2019, the Ministry will commence coastal protection works on Amanful Kumah, Dansoman phase II, Komenda, Anomabo, Cape Coast, Mensah Guinea, Ningo Prampram, New Takoradi phase III (Elmina), Apam, Kokrobite, Bortianor, Blekusu phase II, Aboadze-Shama phase II, Maritime University, Nungua, Takoradi, Anyanui and Essipong.

The Ministry will also undertake the construction of various reinforced concrete drains over the medium term in Effiduase Sekyere East District, Okaikoi Central, Adentan, Goaso, Mim, Asutifi, Hwidiem, Ejura, Tapa, Kumasi Tafo, Tamale, Subin, Ofoase-KorKorben, Odorkor, Boanim, Dwinase, Abuakwa South, Asankragua, Nkrankwanta, Adrobaa, Awoshie Amongoase, Santa Maria, New Ningo, Weija, Densu, Nsawam Gyankrom, Berekum, Tano North, Kasoa, Koforidua, Abuakwa, Kanjarga Jinningsa,

Bolga Soe, Kumbosco, Yamfo, Bafokrom, Bourkrukruwa, Jaman, Dormaa, Onyasia, Kordjor, Baale, Lafa, Onukpawahe, among others.

The Ministry in collaboration with the Ministry of Fisheries and Aquaculture Development will implement the Elmina Fishing Port rehabilitation and expansion project in two phases. The first phase entails the upgrading of the existing fishing ports as well as the construction of a new port to include, among others, a basin area and a quay wall for vessels to moor and offload. The second phase of the project will entail the creation of new facilities such as sheds for the fish market and fishing nets mending, as well as the construction of a new slipway for bigger vessels with a boat refurbishment area.

The project, when completed, will boost the fishing industry in Elmina along fishing chains from the netting of the fish to consumption, while expanding the potentials for exports.

Human Settlement and Development Programme

The Ministry would ensure the completion of the remaining 686 affordable housing units at Koforidua, Wa and Tamale. Government Affordable Housing Project at Asokore- Mampong for 1,030 housing units currently at 80% would be completed. Further, 4,314 units out of the 5,000 Saglemi Housing Units, will be completed.

The Ministry will also commence the construction of about 200,000 housing units of various types in all the regional capitals of the country in our bid to reduce the national housing deficit.

State Housing Company

The government is committed to revamping the State-Housing Company to make it more relevant to address the housing challenges facing the nation. In line with this, the government will support the Company to create real-estate hubs in all 10 regions of the country.

The State-Housing company will lead government effort in collaborating with the private sector to complete all affordable housing projects in Wa, Tamale, and Koforidua that were abandoned. These projects when completed would go a long way to reduce the housing deficit facing the nation.

The Phase III of the Security Agencies Housing Project comprising 320 housing units for the Ghana Police Service which commenced during the year under review will continue in 2019.

8.0 2019 BUDGET ALLOCATION

For the implementation of its programmes for the year 2019, the Ministry has been allocated a total amount of *Two Hundred and Sixty-four Million, One Hundred and Nine Thousand, Seven Hundred and Sixty-one Ghana Cedis (GH¢264,109,761.00)*. This consists of GoG component of GH¢184,151,965.00 for employee compensation, goods and services and capital expenditure with GH¢111,796 and GH¢79,846,000.00 being retained IGF and Development Partners Funds (DP Funds) respectively.

The GOG component of GH¢184,151,965.00 is broken down into: -

i. Employee Compensation (i.e. Wages and Salaries)	-	GH¢11,633,602.00
ii. Goods and Services	-	GH¢ 1,340,912.00
iii. Capital Expenditure (CAPEX)	-	GH¢171,177,451.00

The Internally Generated Funds (IGF) component of GH¢111,796.00 is to support the Goods and Services allocation of the Ministry.

The Donor component of GH¢79,846,000.00 is also broken down as follows:

i. Goods and Services	-	GH¢50,024,000.00
ii. Non-Financial Assets	-	GH¢29,822,000.00

Details of the 2019 Budget Ceilings as allocated by the Ministry to the various Directorates, Departments and Agencies for the 2019 programmes and sub-programmes of the Ministry are as indicated below:

PROGRAMME	GH¢
Management and Administration	6,356,506.00
Human Settlement and Development	45,540,840.00
<i>Housing Sector Management</i>	<i>29,194,253.00</i>
<i>Urban Housing Management</i>	<i>9,604,367.00</i>
<i>Rural Housing Management</i>	<i>1,961,369.00</i>
<i>Management of Public Construction</i>	<i>4,780,851.00</i>
Infrastructure Management	212,212,415.00
<i>Works Sector Management</i>	<i>139,910,892.00</i>

<i>General Maintenance Management</i>	<i>11,102,306.00</i>
<i>Drainage Management</i>	<i>12,108,855.00</i>
<i>Coastal Management</i>	<i>49,078,362.00</i>
<i>Applied Hydrology</i>	<i>12,000.00</i>
Grand Total	<u>264,109,761.00</u>

9.0 OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

9.1 *Need for special financial Package*

The Committee was happy to note that for the year 2019, there has been an appreciable increase in the Ministry's allocation from the meagre ***GHc91,481,045.00*** in 2018 to ***GHc264,109,761.00***. This actually represents ***189%*** increment over that of the 2018 allocation. Though the Committee views this development as laudable, it still considers the allocation inadequate considering the fact that most of the Ministry's programmes and activities are capital intensive, and are for the public good. Projects such as; Coastal Protection and Drainage Improvement Works to solve perennial flooding and erosion problems, as well as the provision of Affordable Housing, require huge capital outlays which cannot be adequately financed by the Ministry's Annual Budgetary Allocations alone. The Committee is, therefore, appealing to H. E., the President and the Finance Ministry to consider raising special financial packages for the Ministry to meaningfully carry out its planned programmes.

9.2 *Outstanding Commitments*

The Committee noted that though the Ministry was able to honour a substantial part of its indebtedness, it has huge outstanding commitments and indebtedness to the tune of ***Four Hundred and Forty-nine Million, Six Hundred and Sixty-five Thousand, Eight Hundred and Sixty-seven Cedis, Forty-three pesewas (GHc449,665,867.43)***, as at 30th August, 2018. The Committee was also informed that the Ministry expects to receive additional certificates for work done, particularly, for pre-financed projects. This, the Committee believes will eventually increase the outstanding bills and indebtedness of the Ministry and expose it to a risk of being hauled before the Law Court for delayed payments which may in effect threaten the effective operation of the Ministry.

The Committee, therefore, appeals to the Ministry of Finance to allocate additional resources to enable the Ministry settle its huge indebtedness.

9.3 *Covered/ Underground Drainage System*

It became evident during the Committee deliberations that in order to find a lasting solution to the perennial flooding nationwide, there would be the need for a complete overhaul of the current drainage and sewage systems. It was mentioned that the drainage and sewage system in most parts of the country are poorly constructed, and coupled with the indiscriminate disposal of waste, particularly, in the open gutters and drains, flooding after a downpour becomes inevitable. It was added that in spite of the huge sums of money expended annually on desilting and dredging, the problem still persists. The Hon. Minister added that to actually tackle the perennial flooding, there will be an urgent need for structural changes in the manner in which drains and sewage systems are constructed, especially, in the area open drainage systems. The Minister insisted that the solution is for the nation to raise substantial funds to construct an underground drainage system nationwide, and called for the support of all.

The Committee appreciates this and urges the Ministry to present its proposal including funding options to Cabinet for consideration.

9.4 *Funding For Affordable Housing Projects*

The Hon. Minister for Works and Housing informed the Committee that the Ministry of Finance in partnership with banks, pension trustees and security market players have advanced in the process of developing and deepening the local mortgage and housing finance market to offer affordable housing mortgages at subsidised interest rates to lessen the problem of affordability. The Committee was informed that currently there are a lot of local and foreign investors interested in undertaking affordable housing projects across the country. The concern, however, has been the uncertainty on the return on their investments. The Hon. Minister was optimistic that this policy initiative, when fully completed and rolled out would reduce the cost of local currency mortgage being offered by the banks, and encourage the use of technology to lower the cost of housing by the private sector.

9.5 ***Greater Accra Resilient and Integrated Development (GARID) Project***

The Committee was informed that the Government, with the assistance of the World Bank, Swiss International Cooperation, Agence Francais de Development (AFD) and other partners, has initiated the Greater Accra Resilient and Integrated Development Project (GARID). The project, among others, aims at finding a lasting solution to the perennial flooding and its attendant effect on lives and properties. It has been established that the perennial flooding has been the result of poor drainage capacity, non-existent warning systems for flooding, poor solid waste management, weak institutional arrangements for mitigation and management, weak operations, poor financing and unsustainable maintenance practices. To this end, the project will focus on (i) drainage and flooding management; (ii) solid waste management; (iii) improvement of infrastructure in vulnerable communities; and (iv) enhancing the institutional framework for governance and asset management of critical infrastructure.

The Committee was also informed that the project which is a multi-phased and integrated will involve the Ministry of Works and Housing (MWH), Ministry of Sanitation and Water Resources (MSWR), Ministry of Inner City and Zongo Development (MICZD), and the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development (MLGRD). It was further indicated that the first phase of the project will target the interventions around the Odaw Drainage basin and its tributaries, together with the adjoining communities which are vulnerable to flooding while the second and third phases will extend the interventions to the other drainage basins of the Greater Accra Region. It is anticipated that the project will cost in excess of US\$750 million from the government, donor and public-private partnership sources and yield a flood safety level of one in twenty-five years (1:25 years), as against the current situation of annual flooding incidents.

9.6 ***2018 Financial Performance***

The Committee noted that though the Parliament approved and appropriated a total amount of *Ninety-one Million, Four Hundred and Eighty-one Thousand and Forty-five Ghana Cedis (GHc91,481,045.00)* for the implementation of the Ministry's programmes, an amount of *One Hundred and Thirty-six Million, Three Hundred and Fifty-seven Thousand, Nine Hundred and Thirty Ghana Cedis and Sixty-eight pesewas (GHc136,357,930.68)* has been spent as at 31st October, 2018. The Committee

queried this additional release of *Forty-four Million, Nine Hundred and Sixty-seven Thousand, Four Hundred and Fifty-nine Ghana Cedis and Sixty-eight pesewas (GH¢44,967,459.68)* to the Ministry and wondered if it was part of the Mid-year Review allocations or virement.

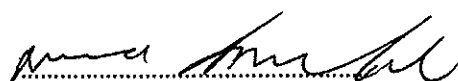
It was however, explained by the Officials of Ministry of Finance that the allocation was made from the 2018 Non-Road Fund and Arrears Votes to defray some of the Ministry's outstanding arrears to contractors.

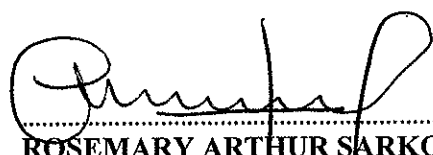
10.0 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

Having regards to the strategic role of the Ministry in the development drive of the country, the Committee recommends to the House to approve the sum of *Two Hundred and Sixty-four Million, One Hundred and Nine Thousand, Seven Hundred and Sixty-one Ghana Cedis (GH¢264,109,761.00)* for the implementation of the Ministry of Works and Housing programmes and activities for the 2019 financial year.

In addition, the Committee reiterates its appeal to the Ministry of Finance to come to the aid of the Ministry of Works and Housing by providing additional resources for the settlement of the huge outstanding financial commitments.

Respectfully submitted.


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