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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Budget Statement and Economic Policy of the Government of Ghana for the 2014 Financial Year was presented to the House on Tuesday, 19th November 2013 by the Hon. Minister for Finance, Mr. Seth Terkper in accordance with Article 179 of the 1992 Constitution. Pursuant to Order 140(4) and 186 of the Standing Orders of the House, the Rt. Hon. Speaker referred the Annual Budget Estimates of the Ministry of Youth and Sports to the Committee on Youth, Sports and Culture for consideration and report.

1.2 Subsequently the Committee met with the Hon. Deputy Minister for Youth and Sports, Mr. Joseph Yamin, and his technical team on Wednesday, 11th December 2013 and considered the referral.

The Committee expresses its appreciation to the Hon. Deputy Minister and his team for their co-operation.

2.0 REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

The Committee made reference to the following documents during its deliberations:

- I. The 1992 Constitution of the Republic of Ghana
- II. The Standing Orders of the Parliament of Ghana
- III. The Budget Statement and Economic Policy of the Government of Ghana for the 2013 Financial Year
- IV. The 2014 Annual Budget Estimates of the Ministry of Youth and Sports
- V. The Budget Statement and Economic Policy of the Government of Ghana for the 2014 Financial Year.

VI. 3.0 MISSION STATEMENT

The Ministry of Youth and Sports is responsible for the formulation, implementation, co-ordination as well as monitoring and evaluation of Youth and Sports policies in the country.

4.0 IMPLEMENTING DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

Four main Agencies and Institutions are responsible for the implementation of the policies and programmes of the Ministry. These are:

- I. The National Sports Authority (NSA)
- II. The National Sports College – Winneba (NSC –W)
- III. The National Youth Authority (NYA)
- IV. Ghana Youth Employment and Entrepreneurial Development Agency (GYEEDA)

5.0 POLICY OBJECTIVES

The broad policy objectives of the Ministry are to:

- I. Provide adequate and disability friendly infrastructure for sports in communities and schools
- II. Strengthen national capacity for sports management
- III. Support the development of lesser known sports
- IV. Ensure integration of youth concerns into national development planning processes and programmes
- V. Ensure provision of adequate training and skills development in line with global trends
- VI. Ensure adequate capacity and skills development of youth with disability.

6.0 PERFORMANCE FOR YEAR 2013

6.1 A total allocation of **Fifty-three Million, Eight Hundred And Seventy-two Thousand, Eight Hundred and Seventy-one Ghana Cedis** (GH¢53,872,871.00) comprising a **GOG** amount of GH¢ 53,639,101.00 and an

IGF component of GH¢233,770.00 was approved for the programmes and activities of the Ministry of Youth and Sports for the 2013 financial year.

As at November 2013, actual expenditure stood at GH¢46,783,834.00. It came to the attention of the Committee that an amount of GH¢3,312,387.00 was provided for Assets; however, the Ministry spent GH¢4,748,290.14. The Committee was informed that the excess amount of GH¢1,435,903.14 was provided to undertake ground preparatory works for the construction of the Cape Coast Stadium.

6.2 During the year under review, the Ministry undertook, developed and promoted a number of activities, some of which yielded the following results:

- I. The ground preparatory works, which involves ground levelling, extension of utilities to the site, construction of drainage facilities and the layout of the road network at the Cape Coast Stadium commenced, and it is almost completed.
- II. The Black Stars qualified for the 2014 FIFA World Cup Tournament to be staged in Brazil.
- III. The National U-20 Football Team, the Black Satellites placed second in the African U-20 Youth Championship in Algeria and third in the FIFA World Youth Tournament in Turkey.
- IV. The National Female U-17 Football Team, the Black Maidens, also placed second in the African U-17 Female Championship in Morocco, and third in the FIFA U-17 World Cup Tournament in Azerbaijan. They have again qualified for the 2014 FIFA World Cup Tournament to be staged in Costa Rica.
- V. Ghana won gold and silver in the girls and boys divisions respectively at the Africa Zone 3 U-19 Beach Volleyball Championship in Benin.
- VI. Ghana won gold at the ICC Africa Regional Division 2 U-19 Cricket Tournament in South Africa
- VII. In Table Tennis, Ghana won one (1) gold and three silver medals in the West Africa Zone 3 U-15 and 18 Junior Championships held in Accra

VIII. In line with the UNESCO International Convention Against Doping in sports, and with support from the World Anti-Doping Office, the Ministry established a National Anti-Doping Office in Accra.

7.0 BUDGETARY ALLOCATION FOR YEAR 2014

7.1. The Ministry of Youth and Sports has been allocated a total amount of GH¢36,134,116.00 made up of a GOG component of GH¢35,685,666.00 and an IGF of GH¢448,450.00 for the execution of its programmes for year 2014

The table below indicates the breakdown:

Table I

	Agencies	Compensation GH¢	Goods & Services GH¢	Assets GH¢ (Capex)	IGF GH¢	Total GH¢
1	Headquarters	989,796	9,050,000	2,400,000		12,439,796
2	National Sports Authority	4,242,336	4,699, 999	1,900,000	448,450	11,290,785
3	National Sports College	372,071	1,481,402	366,328		2,219,801
4	National Youth Authority	4,283,734	4,200,000	1,700,000		10,183,734
	Totals	9,887,937.00	19,431,401.00	6,366,328.00	448,450.00	36,134,116.00

7.2 Some Major Activities for 2014

Major activities for next year include the following:

- i. The Senior National football team, the Black Stars will participate in the 2014 FIFA World Cup in Brazil
- ii. The Senior National Women Football Team, the Black Queens will participate in the 2014 African Women Qualifiers and Championships
- iii. The Local Black Stars will participate in the African Nations' Championship in South Africa

- iv. The National Female U-17 Football Team, the Black Maidens will participate in the 2014 FIFA World Cup Tournament to be staged in Costa Rica.
- v. Ghana will participate in the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, Scotland

7.2 It is significant to note that in spite of the major activities to be undertaken next year, the total budgetary allocation for 2014, compared to the 2013 allocation of GH¢53,872,871.00, has been reduced by a whopping sum of GH¢17,738,755.00 (32.9%).

8.0 OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 Main Ministry/Headquarters

An amount of GH¢12,439,796.00 comprising GH¢989,796.00 for Compensation; GH¢9,050,000.00 for Goods and Services, and GH¢2,400,000.00 for Capital Expenditure has been allocated to the Main Ministry (Headquarters).

For year 2014, the Ministry (Headquarters) intends to implement a number of activities including the following:

- i. Facilitate the passage of the Ghana Youth Employment and Entrepreneurial Development Agency (GYEEDA) Law to provide a legal framework and streamline its operations
- ii. Complete the process of acquiring land for the construction of the Ho Sports Stadium and finalise arrangements for the funding of the project
- iii. Commence construction works of Sports Arenas and Youth Resource Centres in some selected districts and educational institutions in the country to improve community and institutional sports infrastructure

The Committee was informed that due to funding constraints, the revision and implementation of important policy frameworks like the Sports Law was put on

hold. The Committee therefore recommends that adequate financial provision is made for the Ministry of Youth and Sports to effectively implement its programmes.

8.2 National Sports College (NSC)

For year 2013, the College was allocated an amount of GH¢2,667,268.00 and it utilised its resources to implement the following programmes, among others:

- i. Organised six (6) coaching courses in football, tennis, table tennis for two hundred and seventy-six (276) participants
- ii. Trained one hundred and twenty (120) academy students
- iii. Developed, in collaboration with UK Sports/British Council, a “Community-Coach Education and Development Framework” which is ready to be launched early next year

8.2.1 The National Sports College (NSC) has been allocated a total sum of GH¢2,219,801.00 to execute its programmes for year 2014. This is made up of an amount of GH¢372,071.00 for Compensation, GH¢1,481,402.00 for Goods and Services and GH¢366,328.00 for Capital Expenditure.

8.2.2 The Committee was informed about the shortage of critical core staff, especially in the Technical Department of the College. At the moment, the College needs to recruit about twenty-two (22) persons; however, various attempts by the College to get clearance from the Ministry of Finance to recruit more staff have yielded no results, thus, affecting the College’s output and productivity. Under the circumstance, the College sometimes engages experts from the universities as facilitators/instructors for some programmes. Consequently, the College is gradually losing its customers to the universities who are now becoming competitors in running the programmes.

Against this background, it is important that adequate resources are made available to the College to enable it offer the needed technical training and skills development for stakeholders.

8.2.3 It came to the attention of the Committee that infrastructural facilities such as buildings, playing pitches, courts and equipment have deteriorated over the years due to unavailability of funds to undertake routine maintenance and renovation. Unfortunately, for year 2013, no releases were made from an amount of GH¢401,387.00 allocated for Assets. It is even worrying that this year's allocation of GH¢366,328.00 for Assets is less than the amount provided for last year.

The College has indicated that given the requisite human resource mix and improvement in facilities, it will be able to generate funds internally through its various training programmes.

While urging the Ministry of Finance to make adequate financial provision to the College, the Committee also entreats the College to continue to explore alternative sources of funding for its programmes through Private-Public Partnerships.

8.3 National Sports Authority (NSA)

8.3.1 An amount of GH¢11,290,785.00 has been allocated for the implementation of the programmes of the National Sports Authority (NSA) for year 2014. This amount comprises a GOG component of GH¢10,842,335.000 and an IGF of GH¢448,450.00.

For year 2014, the Authority plans to undertake a number of activities including the following:

- i. Support various national sports associations to compete in international and continental events.
- ii. Complete hostel facilities at Essipong and Tamale Stadia
- iii. Prepare and participate in ECOWAS Games in Cote d'Ivoire, Commonwealth Games in Glasgow and the Africa Youth Games in Botswana

8.3.2 The Committee was informed that a key challenge facing the Authority is the lack of standard and modern state-of-the art facilities, equipment and kits for training. The Authority also lacks adequate Technical Personnel such as coaches, trainers and officiating officials. However, all efforts to secure clearance from the Ministry of Finance to employ more technical staff have not been fruitful.

It is important that the Authority is equipped with the relevant facilities and given clearance to employ the needed personnel to enable the Authority function at its full capacity.

8.3.3 It came to the attention of the Committee that no releases were made for Assets for year 2013 and this affected the Authority's capacity to manage the facilities. Again, only 10% of monies generated from the use of the stadia and other sports facilities are given to the Authority to manage the facilities. This proportion, in the Committee's view, is inadequate, given that the maintenance of such facilities comes at a high cost.

The Committee is therefore of the view that a new arrangement should be put in place to ensure that the Authority is given an appreciable percentage of the proceeds from various activities, especially football matches, to enable it undertake continuous maintenance of the stadia.

8.4 National Youth Authority (NYA)

8.4.1 In year 2013, the Authority was constrained by irregular release of funds and this affected the execution of various programmes and activities. Nevertheless, the Authority organised, among others, Youth Volunteer Work Camps, National Youth Week Celebrations, Presidential Dialogue with the youth, Regional Dialogues and Stakeholder Workshops.

The NYA, in collaboration with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) intensified its campaign against drugs and substance use, and provided reproductive health education, including the prevention of sexually transmitted diseases.

8.4.2 The National Youth Authority (NYA) has been allocated an amount of GH¢10,183,734.00 for the implementation of its programmes for year 2014. This comprises an amount of GH¢4,283,734.00 for Compensation, GH¢4,200,000.00 for Goods and Services and GH¢1,700,000.00 for Capital Expenditure.

In year 2014, the Authority plans to carry out various activities, including the following:

- i. Complete and furnish the National Youth Resource Centre, which is a multi-purpose building at the National Headquarters
- ii. Rehabilitate the Volta Regional Secretariat office building
- iii. Refurbish and equip existing Youth Resource Centre at Secondi.
- iv. Construct two dormitories and two workshops each at the Nzema and Ajumako Institutes.

However, out of the budgetary requirement of GH¢7,731,000.00 for Capital Expenditure, only GH¢1,700,000.00 constituting 21.99%, was approved. The inadequate allocation may affect the Authority's ability to execute the above projects.

8.4.3 The Committee noted that generally, the inadequate budgetary allocations and irregular release of funds over the years have often compelled the Authority to roll on the implementation of important programmes to succeeding years.

Considering the important role the Authority plays in providing leadership and skill training for the youth, particularly in deprived communities, it is important that the Authority is adequately resourced to deliver.

8.5 Ghana Youth Employment and Entrepreneurial Development Agency (GYEEDA)

The Committee noted that even though GYEEDA is an agency under the Ministry of Youth and Sports, no allocation was made to the Agency in the 2014 Annual Estimates of the Ministry.

The Committee was however informed that in line with Government's plan to streamline the operations of the Agency, a Scheme of Service for GYEEDA has been developed and approved by the Public Service Commission.

Furthermore, in line with the policy of engaging beneficiaries for a period of two years, persons who have served two years or more on GYEEDA have been exited from the programme, and arrears owed them paid.

9.0 Conclusion

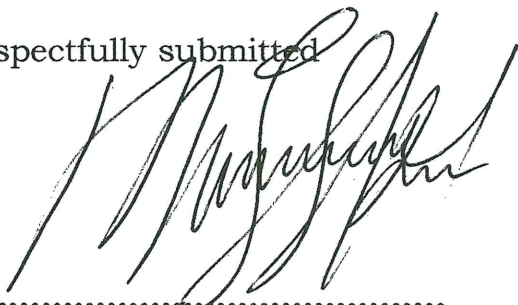
The important role of the Ministry of Youth and Sports in the socio-economic development of the country cannot be underestimated. The Ministry, through its education and skill development programmes, empowers the youth to realise their full potential.

Again, through sports, the Ministry promotes good health, peace and national unity, and fosters international co-operation.

Considering the fact that the various national teams including the Senior National Football team (the Black Stars), the Local Black Stars, and the Black Maidens will participate in continental and world championships at various levels in year 2014, the Committee is of the view that the amount allocated to the Ministry is woefully inadequate. It is therefore necessary that the Ministry of Finance makes provision for additional resources to the Ministry of Youth and Sports in the course of the year.

Nevertheless, the Committee recommends that an amount of **Thirty-six Million, One Hundred and Thirty-four Thousand, One Hundred and Sixteen Ghana Cedis (GH¢36,134,116.00)** be approved for the Ministry of Youth and Sports to implement its programmes for year 2014.

Respectfully submitted



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