

**IN THE FIRST SESSION OF THE EIGHTH PARLIAMENT
OF THE FOURTH REPUBLIC OF GHANA**



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**REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE ON THE
ANNUAL ESTIMATES OF *OTHER GOVERNMENT
OBLIGATIONS* FOR THE 2022 FINANCIAL YEAR**

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Expenditure Estimates of ***Other Government Obligations*** for the **2022 Financial Year** were *laid* in the House on Wednesday 17th December, 2021 and *referred* to the Finance Committee for consideration and report in accordance with the Constitution and the Standing Orders of the House following the presentation of the Budget Statement and Financial Policy of the Government for the 2022 Financial Year.

The Committee subsequently met and considered the Estimates with the Minister for Finance, Hon. Ken Ofori-Atta, Minister of State at the Ministry of Finance, Hon. Charles Adu-Boahen, Deputy Ministers for Finance, Hon. Abena Osei-

Asare and Hon. John Kumah, the Chief Director and other officials from the Ministry of Finance and hereby presents this report to the House pursuant to Order 161(1) of the Standing Orders of the House.

2.0 2022 ESTIMATES

A total amount of **Eighty-Five Billion, Six Hundred and Seventy-Six Million, Five Hundred and Ninety-Seven Thousand, Six Hundred and Eighteen Ghana Cedis (GH¢85,676,597,618)** has been allocated to be expended on the under-listed Government Financial Obligations also referred to as **Statutory Payments** for the 2022 financial year.

General Government Services	GH¢1,071,537,000
Social Contribution	GH¢4,944,288,658
Subscriptions	GH¢100,000,000
GhanaCARES	GH¢1,033,000,000
YouStart	GH¢1,000,000,000
e-Transaction Levy Services	GH¢64,710,879
Agenda 111	GH¢518,000,000
Contingency Vote	GH¢993,007,000
Interest Payments	GH¢37,447,234,536

Subsidies on Petroleum Products	GH¢326,482,442
Grants to Other Government Units (Earmarked Funds)	GH¢18,694,081,754
Social Benefits (Lifeline Consumers of Electricity)	GH¢187,095,202
Other Expenditure	GH¢9,453,843,105
Arrears Clearance	GH¢1,900,000,000
Amortisation	GH¢7,943,317,043
TOTAL	GH¢85,676,597,618

ATTACHMENT

Please find attached as **APPENDIX 1** the detailed assumptions underlying the 2022 Budget Estimates of *Other Government Obligations*.

3.0 OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 District Assemblies' Common Fund

3.1.1 The Committee took note of the judgment of the Supreme Court in Suit No. J1/3/2018 dated the 12th day of June, 2019 regarding the computation of revenue for purposes of allocation to the District Assemblies' Common Fund.

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The Committee thus enquired to know whether the DACF allocation for 2022 had complied with the said judgment.

3.1.2 To this, officials of the Ministry of Finance explained to the Committee that the allocation to DACF for 2022 had indeed been in compliance with Article 252(2) of the 1992 Constitution and the decision of the Supreme Court.

3.1.3 Accordingly, the DACF allocation for 2022 has not been subjected to capping.

3.2 Capping Weights for the 2022 Financial Year

3.2.1 The Committee noted that the Earmarked Funds Capping and Realignment Act, 2017 (Act 947) provides a cap on specified Earmarked Funds to ensure that revenue encumbered by the Earmarked Funds as a result of allocations is twenty-five percent of tax revenue.

3.2.2 In accordance with Section 3 of Act 947, the Ministry of Finance provided the weights for the allocation of the capped earmarked funds for the 2021 financial year.

Please find attached as **APPENDIX 2**, the weights for earmarked funds for the **2022** financial year.

3.3 Allocation to e-Transaction Levy Services

3.3.1 The Committee observed that an amount of **GH¢64,710,879** has been allocated to cater for the estimated operational cost for the setting up of the common platform for the efficient collection of the e-Transaction Levy. It was explained that this is a one-off allocation and thus separate and distinct from the GRA Retention which is for the regular operational cost of the Authority.

3.3.2 The Committee however expressed concern about the allocation since the amount of **GH¢2,314,069,117** allocated for GRA Retention already takes care of revenue to be realized from the e-Transaction Levy.

3.3.3 The Committee therefore recommends that during the implementation of the Budget, the Ministry of Finance moves the amount of **GH¢64,710,879** allocated to *e-Transaction Levy Services* to the *Contingency Vote*.

4.0 CONCLUSION

The Committee, having carefully examined the Estimates of the *Other Government Obligations*, recommends to the House to adopt this report and approve the sum of **Eighty-Five Billion, Six Hundred and Seventy-Six Million, Five Hundred and Ninety-Seven Thousand, Six Hundred and Eighteen Ghana Cedis (GH¢85,676,597,618)** for the discharge of the *Other Government Obligations* (also referred to as **Statutory Payments**) for the Financial Year commencing on the **1st day of January 2022** and ending on the **31st day of December 2022**.

Respectfully submitted.



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15TH DECEMBER, 2021

