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**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON
WORKS AND HOUSING**

ON

**THE 2010 ANNUAL BUDGET ESTIMATE
OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER
RESOURCES, WORKS AND HOUSING**

*** DECEMBER, 2010

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Annual Budget Estimates of the Ministry of Water Resources, Works and Housing was referred to the Committee on Works and Housing for consideration and report in accordance with Orders 140 (4) and 180 of the Standing Orders of the House. This followed the presentation of the Budget Statement and Economic Policy of the Government for 2010 to House by the Hon. Minister for Finance, Dr. Kwabena Dufuor on 18th November, 2009, pursuant to Article 179 of the Constitution and Order 140 (1) of the Standing Orders of the House.

To consider the Estimates, the Committee met with the Hon. Minister of Work and Housing, Hon. Albert Abongo (MP) and his two Deputies, and Officials from the Ministry, its Departments and Agencies. An official from the Ministry of Finance also attended the sitting. The Committee is grateful to the Hon. Minister and his team for their assistance.

2.0 REFERENCES

The Committee availed itself of the following reference documents during deliberations on the Budget Estimates:

- a. The 1992 Constitution of the Republic of Ghana.
- b. The Standing Orders of the House.
- c. The Budget Statement and Economic Policy of the Government for the 2010 Financial Year.
- d. Report of the Committee on the 2009 Annual Budget Estimates of the Ministry of Water Resources, Works and Housing.
- e. The 2010 Draft Annual Estimate of the Ministry of Water Resources, Works and Housing.

3.0 MISSION STATEMENT OF THE MINISTRY

The Ministry exists to formulate and implement policies and programmes for the provision of adequate housing, other landed properties, potable water and development of infrastructure facilities in the areas of water and flood control systems, drainage and coastal protection works and operational hydrology for the benefit and improvement of the welfare of all people living in Ghana.

4.0 OBJECTIVES OF THE MINISTRY

The Ministry has outlined the following objectives among others for the attainment of its Mission:

- a. To accelerate the provision of safe water.
- b. To promote rural and urban infrastructure development and the provision of basic services.
- c. To strengthen and support human resources training.
- d. To promote the provision of adequate sanitation facilities.
- e. To increase access to safe, decent and affordable shelter.

5.0 DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES UNDER THE MINISTRY

The Ministry seeks to achieve its objectives through the combined efforts of the under-listed Departments and Agencies:

- a. Rent Control Department
- b. Hydrological Services Department.
- c. Ghana Water Company Limited.
- d. Department of Rural Housing.
- e. Public Servants Housing Loan Scheme.
- f. Water Resources Commission.

- g. Community Water and Sanitation Agency.
- h. Architects Registration Council.
- i. Public Works Department.

6.0 BUDGETARY ALLOCATION FOR YEAR 2009

For the 2009 financial year, the Ministry was allocated the sum of **Two-Hundred and Eighty-Five Million, Nine Hundred and Twenty-Nine Thousand, Five Hundred and Forty-Seven Ghana Cedis (GH¢285,929, 547.00)** for its programmes and activities.

BELOW IS THE BREAKDOWN OF THE ALLOCATION FOR YEAR 2009

ITEM	AMOUNT (GH¢)
GoG	46,122,240.00
IGF	1,554,764.00
HIPC	19,507,000.00
Donor	218,755,543.00
TOTAL	GH¢285,929,547.00

6.1 PERFORMANCE FOR 2009

The Committee noted that the untimely releases and in some cases the non-releases of funds to the Ministry, its Departments and Agencies affected the attainment of some objectives in year 2009. Nevertheless, the Ministry was able to carry out the following projects among others:

- a. Construction of 280 new boreholes, 40 more have been completed awaiting hand-pump installation and 5 small town pipe systems are almost completed.
- b. Completion of 1,375 household places of convenience (latrines) with 909 more still under construction, construction of 314 KVIPs (latrines) and 191 institutional places of convenience (latrines) also completed.

- c. Rehabilitation of existing plants at Barekese and Owabi and distribution improvements at Kwanyaku and Tamale.
- d. Completion of the East – West water transfer interconnection, expansion of the Weija water treatment plant and replacement of 2 defective pumps and motors.
- e. Construction of water distribution pipelines at Swedru, Amasaman, Kasoa, Kumasi, Tamale, Koforidua, Cape Coast and Komenda as well as the relocation of pipelines along the Tetteh Quarshie Mallam road.
- f. Completion of the design of the Kpong water treatment plant, transmission pipeline and ground reservoirs for the expansion of water supply.
- g. Completion of feasibility study and preliminary technical design for the Sogakope-Lome Water Supply Project.
- h. Continued the construction of the 5,140 safe, decent and affordable housing units, acquired 74 acre land at Nsakina, Amasaman for the construction of another 10,000 safe, decent and low income affordable housing units. The acquisition of the 50,000 acres of land in other areas was continued in order to accelerate the Housing Programme.
- i. Construction of 19 units of 3-bedroom self-contained houses for cocoa farmers in the Brong Ahafo, Ashanti and Central Regions using locally manufactured building materials.
- j. Construction of primary storm water drainage and sanitation system at various locations.
- k. Government continued with the routine maintenance of the coastal protection programmes at Ngyeresia, Discove, Prince Akatkyie, Sakumono, Axim, New Amanful Kuma/Funkoe, Osu/Castle, Elmina, Anomabu, Nkontompo, Prampram, Ningo and Senya Breku.

- I. Award of contracts to construct about 100 houses at the Keta Sea Defence resettlement site.

7.0 BUDGETARY ALLOCATION FOR YEAR 2010

The Ministry of Water Resources, Works and Housing has been allocated a total amount of **One Hundred and Seventy Eight Million, Eight Thousand Nine Hundred and Two Ghana Cedi (GH¢178,008,902.00)** to undertake its programmes and activities for the 2010 financial year.

BELOW IS THE BREAKDOWN OF THE ALLOCATION FOR YEAR 2010

ITEM	AMOUNT (GH¢)
GoG	23,141,670.00
IGF	845,430.00
HIPC	15,164,000.00
DONOR	138,857,802.00
TOTAL (GH¢)	178,008,902.00

Summary of the Budget Allocations for 2010 Fiscal Year.

Cost Cent.	PE	Adm.	Service	Invest.	Total GoG	Total IGF	Donor	HIPC	Grand Total
Gen. Adm.	265,187	186,141	209,717	3,831,358	4,492,403	814,908	26,961,429	15,164,000	47,432,740
RCD	149,368	16,958	6,630	119,117	292,073	-	-	-	292,073
HSD	392,605	61,390	23,867	1,140,540	1,618,401	-	-	-	1,618,401
GWCL	-	-	7,172	2,041,359	2,048,531	-	69,346,510	-	71,395,041
DRH	432,349	47,438	7,594	354,066	841,447	-	-	-	841,447
PSHLS	42,092	12,501	9,945	680,453	744,992	-	-	-	744,992
WRC	153,076	16,751	8,755	204,136	382,718	30,522	-	-	413,240
CWSA	2,281,463	562,190	34,655	3,803,265	6,681,573	-	42,549,862	-	49,231,435
ARC	33,517	24,713	19,768	85,434	163,432	-	-	-	163,432
PWD	4,728,681	56,442	14,705	1,076,272	5,876,100	-	-	-	5,876,100
Grand Total	8,478,338	984,524	342,808	13,336,000	23,141,670	845,430	138,857,801	15,164,000	178,008,902

7.1 ACTIVITIES FOR YEAR 2010

The under-listed are some programmes and projects to be carried out by the Ministry in year 2010:

- a. Sink 1,474 new boreholes, rehabilitate 225 boreholes, dig 1,093 hand dug wells, construct 34 small town pipe systems and construct 134 small community pipe systems.
- b. Train 2,702 Water and Sanitation personnel's, 27 District Water and Sanitation Teams, 55 Partner Organizations and Technical Assistance.
- c. Construction of the Water Expansion II, 4mgd Abesim Water Project, 4mgd Koforidua water project, 2mgd Bolgatanga Water Project, 3mgd Water Project and 2.5mgd Damongo Water Project.
- d. Undertake the Berekum water supply expansion as well as the Winneba distribution network and rehabilitation of minor and low capacity treatment plants in various parts of the country.
- e. Payment of compensations to land and crop owners across the country particularly at Weija, Cape-Coast Sunyani, Tamale, Baifikrom and Wa to arrest the continuing encroachment of areas acquired for water supply systems.
- f. Exploring of avenues for securing funding with the view of completing the 5,140 safe, decent and low income Government Affordable Housing Units at Borteyman, Nungua; Kpone, Tema; Asokore-Mampong, Kumasi, Wamale, Tamale, Koforidua and Wa. Construction of the third-phase of the Affordable Housing Units at Ho, Sekondi/Takoradi, Sunyani, Cape Coast and Bolgatanga will also commence.
- g. Construction of 10,000 safe, decent and low income affordable housing units on 74 acres of land at Nsakina, Amasaman in the Ga East District released to Messrs Agu Resources'.
- h. Continue to undertake various flood mitigation Programmes including widening, deepening and redreging of 20 km stretch of primary drains in Accra the other regional capitals and some selected district capitals as well as undertake the

construction of culverts and corresponding inlets and outlets of all primary storm water drainage systems.

- i. Undertake the construction of a number of primary storm water drainage and sanitation systems in all the regional capitals to improve upon sanitation and ensure a sustainable environment. Drainage Master Plans will also be developed for various communities so as to improve upon sanitation, ensure sustainable environment and orderly development of physical properties.
- j. Continue to pursue coastal protection programmes at Dixcove, Prince Akatakyie, Sakumono, Axim, New Amanful Kuma/Funkoe, Osu/Castle, Elmina, Anomabo, Nkontompo, Prampram, Ningo and Senya Breku.
- k. Government plans to contract out 160 houses of various designs and ensure the connection of water supply, sewerage and electricity to completed houses at Kedzi, Vodza and Adzido. It is also programmed to establish the Keta Basin Development Authority (KBDA) with the objective of supervising all developments in the Keta Basin which is to include among others the administration of the reclaimed land and the management of the KSDP following the completion of the Keta Sea Defence Project.
- l. Commence work on the construction of groyne fields and beach nourishment at the shoreline fronting the 5km critical area of the coast of Ada to protect present and future infrastructure development including salt production.
- m. Continue maintenance work on the Elmina Benya Lagoon Restoration Project to enhance its performance Sourcing of funds to restore the lagoons at Cape Coast and Sekondi will also be carried out.

8.0 OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee observed that there was a decrease of 62.26% of the total budgetary allocation to the Ministry, its Departments and Agencies. Whereas in 2009 fiscal year the Ministry received an amount of **Two Hundred and Eighty-Five Million, Nine Hundred and Twenty-Nine Thousand, Five Hundred and Forty-Seven Ghana Cedis (GH¢ 285,929,**

547.00), an amount of **One Hundred and Seventy- Eight Million, Eight Thousand Nine Hundred and Two Ghana Cedis (GH¢178,008,902.00)** has been allocated for the operations of the Ministry in the 2010 fiscal year.

The Committee observed that the shortfall in the 2010 budgetary allocation was largely attributed to a total reduction in GoG, IGF, HIPC and Donor allocations made to the sector. The Committee noted that most of the agencies and department may not be able to execute their projects as a result of the inability of the Ministry of Finance to meet up their budgetary requirement. The Committee therefore recommends that government should take a serious look at the sector and treat it with the needed urgency it deserves.

8.1 Main Ministry/Headquarters

For its operations in 2010, the Main Ministry has been allocated an amount of **Forty-Seven Million, Four Hundred and Thirty-Two Thousand, Seven Hundred and Forty Ghana Cedi only (GH¢47,432,740.00)** as against **Sixty-Five Million, Eighty-Six Thousand, Eight Hundred and Fifty-Eight Ghana Cedi (GH¢65,086,858)** for 2009 fiscal year. The reduction of 27% this year's allocation would affect largely the operations of the Ministry.

The Committee noted that for year 2009 the main Ministry received substantial level of its approved budgetary allocation for all the items except for the third and fourth quarter releases for Service allocation.

The Committee further noted that the high rate of urban migration, high cost of land and building materials, the lack of low income houses, and the non-enforcement of regulatory frameworks continued as main sources of proliferation of slumps in our major cities. In view of this, the Committee commends the Ministry for its initiatives to up-grade and to ensure

maintenance of physical infrastructure and social facilities. The Ministry was however urged to speed the process so as to enhance the social and economic lives of the people.

8.2 Community Water and Sanitation Agency

For year 2010, the Agency has been allocated an amount of **Forty-Nine million, Two Hundred and Thirty-One Thousand, Four Hundred and Thirty-Five Ghana Cedis (GH¢49,231,435.00)** for its operations. Out of this amount, **Thirty-One Million, Three Hundred and Fifty-Three Thousand, One Hundred and Twenty-Seven Ghana Cedis (GH¢31,353,127.00)** has been allocated for investment activity which is slightly higher than the 2009 allocation of **Thirty Million, Six Hundred and Fifty-Nine Thousand, One Hundred and Fifty-Three Ghana Cedis (GH¢30,659,153.00)**. The increment in the Investment allocation is attributed to the continued priority given to water and sanitation issues by the Government.

The Committee however noted that in view of the current intermittent water shortages in the country, there is the need for a higher investment allocation and prioritization of programmes to enable the Agency improve its service delivery. This would go a long way to address the water supply problem especially in Assin Fosu, its environs as well as other parts of the country.

The Committee noted that the service allocation of **Thirty Thousand, Five Hundred and Thirty-Three Ghana Cedis (GH¢30,533.00)** for 2009 had not been released to the Agency and this affected its service delivery. The Committee appeals to MOFEP to ensure the total release of the service allocation to the Agency for 2010.

The Committee further observed that at the end of the 2009 fiscal year, the Agency's budget deficit in respect of its administration stood at **One Million, Four Hundred and Eight-Nine**

Thousand, Eight Hundred and Three Ghana Cedis and Thirty-Six Ghana Pesewas (GH¢1,489,803.36). Whereas an amount of Four Hundred and One Thousand, Five Hundred and Seventy-Five Ghana Cedis (GH¢401,575.00) was approved for administration, the sum of Two Hundred and Ninety-Eight Thousand, Six Hundred and Forty-Three Ghana Cedis (GH¢298,643.00) was released for the year. However, by the end of October, 2009, the Agency's actual expenditure for Administration was One Million, Eight Hundred and Ninety-One Thousand, Three Hundred and Seventy-Eight Ghana Cedis and Thirty-Six Ghana Pesewas (GH¢1,891,378.36), thereby resulting in the above-mentioned deficit.

While the Agency's projected administration expenditure is Three Million, Three Hundred and Ninety-Six Thousand, Four Hundred and Fifty Ghana Cedis (GH¢3,396,450.00) for year 2010, an amount of Five Hundred and Sixty-Two Thousand, One Hundred and Ninety Ghana Cedis (GH¢562,190.00) has been allocated to the Agency. This is woefully inadequate and would affect administration activities. The Committee therefore recommends that the Administration Expenditure for the Community Water and Sanitation Agency should be given serious attention.

8.3 Hydrological Services Department

For year 2010, the Department has been allocated an amount of One Million Six Hundred and Eighteen Thousand, Four Hundred and One Ghana Cedis (GH¢1,618,401.00) as against Five Hundred and Thirty-Four Thousand, Seven Hundred and Eighty-One Ghana Cedis (GH¢534,781.00) for year 2009.

The Committee noted that the investment allocation of Two Hundred and Twenty-Five Thousand, Three Hundred and Fifty-Five Ghana Cedis (GH¢225,355.00) to the Department for the 2009 fiscal year had not been released although the intended projects

have been executed, Certificates for the execution of the investment projects have been prepared and lodged at the Ministry of Finance awaiting disbursement.

The Committee further noted that there has been a substantial increase in investment allocation to the department from **Two Hundred and Twenty-Five Thousand, Three Hundred and Fifty-Five Ghana Cedis (GH¢225,355.00)** in 2009 to **One Million, One Hundred and Forty Thousand, Five Hundred and Forty Ghana Cedis (GH¢1,140,540)** in 2010. The increment is partly attributed to the inability of MOFEP to release the 2009 investment allocation. The Department is encouraged to prioritize its Investment programmes to ensure value for money.

8.4 **Public Works Department**

The Public Works Department exists to implement Government Policy on good construction practice, effective management and maintenance of public buildings, contract administration and to offer technical advice to government at central and local levels.

The Committee was informed that there are a total of 11,000 government bungalows nationwide, and for effective maintenance, each bungalow must have some form of rehabilitation at least once every five years. The Department would therefore be required to rehabilitate at least 2000 bungalows a year to meet this demand. Consequently, it has programmed to undertake routine works on 1500 bungalows with periodic works on 240 bungalows this year.

To carry out its objectives for the **2010 fiscal year**, an amount of **Five Million, Eight Hundred and Seventy-Six Thousand, One Hundred Ghana Cedis (GH¢5,876,100.00)** has been allocated to the Department.

The Committee was informed that no releases were made for investment activity for the Department for year 2009. It however noted that the investment allocation for year 2010 is **One Million and Seventy-Six Thousand, Two Hundred and Seventy-Two Thousand Cedis (GH¢1,076,272.00)** representing an increase of **Four Hundred and Thirty-Eight Thousand, Five Hundred and Four Ghana Cedis (GH¢438,504.00)**. The Committee was informed that the increment of the investment figure for 2010 is largely attributed to the inability of MOFEP to release last year's investment allocation of **Six Hundred and Thirty-Seven Thousand, Seven Hundred and Sixty-Eight Ghana Cedis (GH¢637,768.00)**.

The Committee expressed concerns about the inability of the Public Works Department to effectively recover debts and urged the department to critically address the situation. In the same vein, the Committee found that it would be prudent to find a way of strengthening the Department to enable it enhance its IGF to help address the lingering challenges of the Department.

8.5 Public Servants Housing Loan Scheme Board

The Committee noted that a total amount of **Seven Hundred and Forty-four Thousand, Nine Hundred and Ninety-Two Ghana Cedis (GH¢744,992.00)** has been allocated to the Board for the performance of its activities for year 2010 as against a total allocation of **Four Hundred and Fifty-Four Thousand, Five Hundred and Fifteen Ghana Cedis (GH¢454,515.00)** for year 2009. It is however important to indicate that out of the approved allocation of **Four Hundred Thousand Ghana Cedis (GH¢400,000.00)** for investment for year 2009, **One Hundred Thousand Ghana Cedis (GH¢100,000.00)** was released to the Board. This resulted in the Board's inability to meet the overwhelming requests of applicants.

The Committee is of the view that the loan facility is a source of incentive to Public and Civil servants and therefore recommends that the total investment allocation to the Board should be released fully and on time to enable it assist more applicants.

8.6 Water Resources Commission

The Water Resources Commission pursues its core mandate to regulate and manage the use of raw water resources. The function ranged from the issue of water use permits through the development of regulations on drilling, and ground water to public awareness and education campaign.

The Committee noted that as part of its activities for 2009, the Commission issued 22 new drilling licences and the water use register of licensed users was produced and published. Subsequently, 10 new applications were processed for approval and issuance of permits.

For the 2010 fiscal year, the Commission has been allocated an amount of **Four Hundred and Thirteen Thousand, Two Hundred and Forty-One Ghana Cedis (GH¢413,241.00)**. This amount is made up of **Three Hundred and Eighty-Two Thousand, Seven Hundred and Eighteen Ghana Cedis (GH¢382,718.00)** as GOG funds and **Thirty thousand, Five Hundred and Twenty-Two Ghana Cedis (GH¢30,522.00)** as IGF. The Committee observed that the major challenges confronting the Commission include inadequate professional staff and delay in the approval and issuance of permits. It therefore urges the newly inaugurated board to address the human resource challenge to enable the Commission get the required expertise to carry out its activities effectively.

8.7 Ghana Water Company Limited (GWCL)

The Ghana Water Company Ltd. has been provided with a total amount of **Seventy-One Million, Three Hundred and Ninety-Five Thousand and Forty-Two Ghana Cedis**

(GH¢71,395,042.00) to carry out its operations for the 2010 fiscal year. The amount is made up of **Two Million and Forty-Eight Thousand, Five Hundred and Thirty-One Ghana Cedis (GH¢2,048,531.00)** as GoG and a Donor component of **Sixty-Nine Million, Three Hundred and Forty-Six Thousand, Five Hundred and Ten Ghana Cedis (GH¢69,346,510.00)**. The Committee was informed that the Kpong Water Supply Project would be expanded to meet water demand for the metropolis. It noted that work will commence on the following projects in 2010:

the Sunyani Water Supply Expansion Project, Essakyer Water Supply Expansion Project, Damango Water Supply Project among others, whilst financing arrangement is expected to be completed in the course of the year for the Sogakope-Lome Water Project.

The Committee was further informed that the following water supply projects will continue in the course of the year: the HIPC Funded Poverty Alleviation Project, the Koforidua Project, ATMA Rural Rehabilitation Project and the Baifikrom project among others.

The Committee noted that allocation was made in the 2009 budget for the payment of compensation for lands and crops to pave way for the construction of water supply systems at Cape Coast, Sunyani, Tamale and other areas. Unfortunately, monies have not been released, as a result, the problem of encroachment still linger and must be addressed.

The Committee was however pleased to hear that a steering committee is being set up to ensure effective collaboration between AVRL and GWC to improve the water situation in the country.

8.8 Architects Registration Council

A subverted Agency under the Ministry of Water Resources, Works and Housing, the Council is mandated by the Architects Decree, NLCD 357 of 1969 to regulate and control

the practice of architecture in the country. The Committee observed that the Council plays a crucial role in the area of capacity building of personnel at the various district assemblies to enable them render modern professional architectural services.

For the 2010 fiscal year, the Council has been allocated a sum of **One Hundred and Six-Three Thousand, Four Hundred and Thirty-three Ghana Cedis (GH¢163,433.00)** as against an amount of **Ninety-four Thousand, Three Hundred and Ninety-One Ghana Cedis (GH¢94,391.00)** for year 2009, representing an increment of **Sixty-Nine Thousand and Forty-two Ghana Cedis (GH¢69,042.00)**.

The Committee noted that although the Council plays a crucial role in the area of capacity building of personnel at the various district assemblies, inadequate service allocation to the Council hinders its ability to reach out to all the districts and only limits itself to a few regions.

The Committee recommends that the Service allocation should be increased to enable the Council divide the country into three zones for the purposes of reaching out to all the districts in the country.

The Committee further observed that the delay in the approval of the National Shelter Policy has negative consequences on the sector and is of the view that if the Policy is passed and properly monitored, it would go a long way to address shelter and environmental issues in the country. The Committee therefore urges the Ministry to speed up the realization process of the policy.

8.9 Department of Rural Housing

The Department exists to implement policies and programmes for the development of housing for peri-urban and rural areas through training and capacity building in construction, and dissemination of research finding and application of appropriate construction technologies.

The objective of the department is to build the capacities of district assemblies, and communities in quality local building materials production, and improve building skills, for the purpose of promoting self employment in housing construction activities, to improve living conditions, and reduce poverty.

For its operations in 2010, an amount of **Eight Hundred and Forty-One Thousand, Four Hundred and Forty-Seven Ghana Cedis (GH¢841,447.00)** has been provided for the department of rural housing. The amount includes an investment allocation of **Three Hundred and Fifty-Four Thousand and Sixty-Six Ghana Cedis (GH¢354,066.00)** and a PE allocation of **Four Hundred and Thirty-Two Thousand, Three Hundred and Forty-Nine Ghana Cedis (GH¢432,349.00)**.

The Committee observed that the Department proposed to employ 88 Engineering Technicians in the 2009 Budget but failed to secure approval from the Ministry of Finance. The Department however hopes to secure the approval in 2010 so that 88 Engineering Technicians will be employed and posted to the various District Assemblies to implement its activities.

The Committee lauded the idea of the Department to introduce the use of pozzolana, a local building material, with the aim of improving living conditions and reducing costs of construction especially in the rural areas. The Committee recommends that government

supports this initiative in the area of budgetary allocation to enable the Department achieve this objective.

8.10 Rent Control Department

The Department has been allocated an amount of **Two Hundred and Ninety-two Thousand and Seventy-three Ghana cedis (GH¢292,073.00)** for year 2010 as against an amount of **Two Hundred and Ninety-five Thousand, Seven Hundred and Ninety-One Ghana cedis (GH¢295,791.00)** for year 2009, thus representing a reduction of **Three Thousand, Seven Hundred and Eighteen Ghana Cedis (GH¢3,718.00)** or 1.27%.

The Committee observed that the decrease will have serious repercussions particularly on investment which has been reduced from **One Hundred and Forty-four Thousand, Seven Hundred and Eighty-two Ghana Cedis (GH¢144, 782.00)** to **One Hundred and Nineteen Thousand, One Hundred and Seventeen Ghana Cedis (GH¢119,117.00)**.

The Committee recommends that the Ministry of Finance should endeavour to timely release the funds due the department to enable it carry out its activities effectively.

The Committee was surprise to hear that the Department presently has only one vehicle that operates throughout the country. All other vehicles are completely broken down. This situation exerts so much pressure on the only remaining vehicle and causes intermittent break down. The Committee recommended that the Ministry of Water Resources, Works and Housing should as a matter of urgency address this problem.

The Committee was further informed that the Department has enormous potential to generate revenue. It is of the view that measures should be put in place to enable the

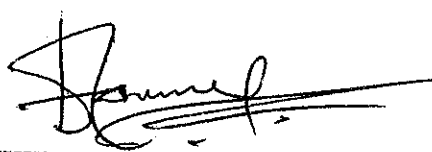
Department place reasonable charges on its services in order to generate and retain a percentage of its IGF. This would make the department more effective in its service delivery.

9.0 CONCLUSION

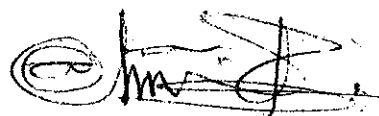
Madam Speaker, projects in the Water, Works and Housing Sub-Sectors are capital intensive and cover important physical and social infrastructural facilities for the development of the economy. Potable water is required for good health, while investments in hydrological facilities provide protection and security for life and property. In a similar vein, decent housing stock is essential for shelter, health and increased productivity. Adequate resources are therefore required for the Ministry to provide these essential facilities.

The Committee hereby recommends to the House, to approve the sum of **One Hundred and Seventy- Eight Million and Eight Thousand, Nine Hundred and Two Ghana Cedis (GH¢178,008,902.00)** for the programmes and activities of the Ministry of Water Resources, Works and Housing for the 2010 financial year.

Respectfully Submitted.



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December, 2010