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OF THE FOURTH REPUBLIC OF GHANA**

REPORT

OF

**THE COMMITTEE ON WORKS AND
HOUSING ON THE 2002 ANNUAL
ESTIMATES OF THE MINISTRY OF
WORKS AND HOUSING**

11TH MARCH 2002

1.0 INTRODUCTION

Following the motion by the Hon. Minister for Finance on Thursday, 21st February, 2002 urging the House to approve the Budget statement and Economic Policy for the 2002 Financial Year, the Draft Annual Estimates of the Ministry of Works and Housing was referred to the Committee in accordance with Article 179 of the 1992 Constitution and Orders 140 (4) and 179 of the Standing Orders of the House for consideration and report.

- 1.1 The Committee in deliberating on the Estimates met with the Deputy Minister of Works and Housing as well as the Heads of the various Departments and Agencies under the Ministry. The Committee wishes to express its appreciation to them for their immense contributions.

2.0 REFERENCES

In discussing the estimates, the under-listed documents served as terms of references for the Committee:

- 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 of Ghana for the 2002 financial year

- d. Report of the Committee on the 2001 Annual Estimates of the Ministry of Works and Housing.

3.0 FUNCTIONS OF THE MINISTRY

The Mission of the Ministry of Works and Housing is to formulate and implement policies and programmes for the provision of adequate housing, potable water, other landed properties 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.

The Ministry fulfils this mission by:

- Ensuring efficient management of all water resources and increasing accessibility to potable water, adequate flood control systems and drainage as well as decent shelter.
- Formulating, implementing, monitoring and evaluating policies that enhance the provision of infrastructural facilities and services.
- Promoting and facilitating private sector participation in housing delivery and potable water supply, flood control systems and coastal protection works.

- Providing, maintaining and protecting public property and infrastructure and ensuring protection for communities and infrastructure facilities.
- Establishing an effective database for efficient planning and service delivery.
- Improving Human Resources Development and Building Institutional Management capacity.

4.0 REVIEW OF 2001 BUDGETARY ALLOCATION

The Ministry in the 2001 fiscal year was given provisional budgetary allocation of Fifty-six Billion, Five Hundred and Twenty-Three Million, Two Hundred and fifty Thousand, Three Hundred and Thirty-one cedis (¢56,523,250,331). However, budgetary constraints compelled the Ministry of Finance to cut this to Twenty-seven billion, Two Hundred and ninety-eight Million, Twenty-two Thousand, four Hundred and forty-six, eighteen pesewas (¢27,298,022,446.18) plus personnel emolument of about Ten Billion (¢10.1 Billion). There was a cut of 52% (per centum). Even though not much in the area of service and investment items could be done yet almost all outstanding certificates were honoured through the Ministry of Finance.

5.0 THE 2002 DRAFT ANNUAL ESTIMATES

The 2002 budget is slightly different from that of 2001 in the sense that, it has been designed to fit the socio-economic development plan of the Government. The underlying principle and focus is on poverty reduction, particularly in the housing and water sub-sectors.

In order to meet the above -mentioned objectives, the Ministry was allocated a total amount of Six Hundred and twenty Three Billion, One Hundred and Eighty Million, Seven Hundred and Fifty- five thousand, Two Hundred and Forty cedis (¢623,180,755,240) to meet its total expenditure for the 2002 fiscal year.

Out of the amount of Six Hundred and Twenty- Three Billion and One Hundred and Eighty Million, Seven Hundred and Fifty-five thousand, Two Hundred and Forty cedis (¢623,180,755,240) the Government of Ghana is funding a total estimate of Forty-nine Billion, Eighty-four Million, Three Hundred and seventy-three Thousand, Four Hundred and Twenty-two cedis (¢49,084,373,422) and Donor component amounts to Five Hundred and Seventy-four Billion, Ninety-six Million, Three

Hundred and Eighty one Thousand, Eight Hundred and thirteen cedis (¢574,096,381,813). The break down is as follows:

<u>Government Of Ghana</u>		¢
i.	Personnel Emoluments	- 15,251,999,997
ii.	Administration	- 8,903,031,867
iii.	Service	- 3,751,254,869
iv.	Investments	- <u>21,178,086,689</u>
	Total	= <u>¢49,084,373,422</u>

<u>Donor Component</u>		¢
i.	Service	- 24,458,311,382
ii.	Investment	- <u>549,638,070,436</u>
	Total	- <u>¢ 574,096,381,818</u>

Personnel Emoluments

An amount of Fifteen Billion, Two Hundred, Fifty One Million, Nine Hundred and Ninety Nine Thousand, Nine hundred and Ninety-Seven cedis (¢15,251,999,997) has been provided as personnel emoluments for the staff of the Ministry of Works and Housing and its Departments and Agencies. This amount will cater for Salaries, Contract Appointments, Daily rated expenses and Social Security Fund.

Administration

The Ministry was allocated an amount of Eight Billion, Nine Hundred and Three Million, Thirty One Thousand, Eight Hundred and Sixty-Seven cedis (¢8,903,031,867). The said sum of money is to be utilized for the core business of the Ministry and Institutions within.

Service Activities

For its service activities, the Ministry was given an amount of Three Billion, Seven Hundred and Fifty-One Million, Two Hundred and Fifty Four Thousand, Eight Hundred and Sixty Nine cedis (¢3,751,254,869) as Government of Ghana component and a Donor Component of Twenty Four Billion, Four Hundred and Fifty Eight Million, Three Hundred and Eleven Thousand, Three Hundred and Eighty Two cedis (¢24,458,311,382. This is meant for the purchase of materials and consumables such as training, stationery, printing, publications, travel and transport.

Investment

The Ministry is being allocated an amount of Twenty One Billion, One Hundred and Seventy Eight Million, Eighty Six Thousand, Six Hundred and Eighty-Nine cedis (¢21,178,086,689) from the Government of Ghana funds and a Donor component of Five

Hundred and Forty-nine Billion, Six Hundred and Thirty-eight Million, Seventy Thousand, Four Hundred and Thirty One cedis (¢549,638,070,431). These would cater for construction, drainage and hydrological works, equipment, logistics, provision of potable water and facilitation of housing projects.

4.2 OBSERVATIONS

The Committee observed that the allocation for Ghana Water Company for the 2002 fiscal year is far lower than what was provided in the year 2001. In view of this the company would not be able to implement new projects this year.

It was revealed that the Hydrological Services Department has not been able to replace its staff lost through retirement, resignation and expiration of contract appointment since approval has not been granted for their replacement.

The Committee realized further that the Hydrological Services Department was in dire need of Gabions accessories for coastal protection works. It is believed Keta has a large stock of Gabions accessories, which could be brought down for use elsewhere.

The Committee was also informed that the Ministry of Finance delayed in issuing out letters for commencement of projects for

the various Departments and Agencies in the Ministry of Works and Housing hence projects were implemented late in the raining season instead of the dry season. This in effect affects the general performance of the Ministry.

The Committee observed with disappointment that District Assemblies are not co-operating in paying 5% of their District Assemblies common fund proceeds for rural housing projects under the Department of Rural Housing.

The Committee was not happy with the fact that the Public Works Department could not utilize its allocation for investment activities in the year 2001 because they were not given certificates of commencement from the Ministry of finance.

The Committee noted with concern that the Public Works Department (P.W.D) lacks vehicles to work with. This thus handicaps its operations.

It was further revealed that, the Rent Control Office, the Public Servants Housing Loans Schemes Board and the newly created Architects Registration Council were in dire need of vehicles to

enable them perform their duties and functions effectively and efficiently.

It came to light that, the Ministry of Works and Housing (Headquarters) would need extra funds to accommodate six (6) institutions which include the Ghana Aids Commission, Ghana Education Trust fund, Games Commission, Architects Registration Council, Ministry of Energy, etc.

The Committee is not happy that whilst the Public Works Department and the Ministry itself have the men, expertise, and machines to carry out the various public works and that these men are left under utilized, the various Ministries, Departments and Agencies are now establishing their own Project Management Units, thereby, duplicating the work of the Public Works Department and the Ministry.

6.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee commends the Ministry of Works and Housing for its undaunting efforts and achievements for the nation in the wake of the numerous constraints. To this end, the committee wishes to make the following recommendations in respect of the above observations and to propel the Ministry to achieve its set objectives:

- (a) That future allocations for the Ghana Water Company should be increased to enable the company embark on new projects.
- (b) That adequate measures should be put in place to fill in all vacant positions at the Hydrological Services Department. The Ministry of finance should give the necessary approval in this regard.
- (c) That the Hydrological Services Department should arrange to take over any excess stock of Gabions accessories at Keta for use in its coastal protection works in other parts of the country.
- (d) That the Ministry of Finance makes it a point to issue certificates for commencement of projects early so that Departments and Agencies under the Ministry would be able to carry out their works such as desilting all drains in the dry season before the rain sets in.
- (e) That the District Assemblies should be encouraged to pay the 5% of their proceeds allocated for Rural Housing to the Department of Rural Housing to enable it provide housing for the rural population.
- (f) That the Public Works Department should be given enough funds to purchase vehicles for its operations.

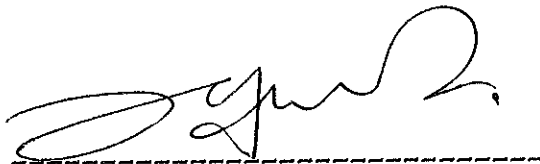
- (g) That vehicles be given to the Rent Control Office, the Public Servants Housing Loans Schemes Board and the Architects Registration Council to enable them perform their duties and functions efficiently and effectively.
- (h) That extra funds be sought for the Ministry of Works and Housing to enable it accommodate the six (6) newly created institutions, like the Ghana Aids Commission, Ghana Education Trust Fund, Architects Registration Council, Games Commission, Ministry of Energy, etc.

7.0 CONCLUSION

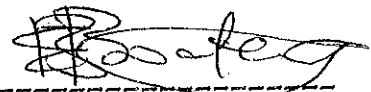
In view of the fact that Government is committed to the development of infrastructural base of the Country and having regard to the fact that our housing, water and other needs far outstrip the current supply thereof, it is imperative that the Ministry of Works and Housing be adequately resourced to enable it carry out its duties, responsibilities and objectives effectively and efficiently.

In the light of the above, the Committee recommends to this august House to approve the sum of Six Hundred and Twenty Three Billion, One Hundred and Eighty Million, Seven Hundred and Fifty-five Thousand, Two Hundred and Forty cedis (¢623,180,755,240) for the operations of the Ministry of Works and Housing for the 2002 fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted.



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(CHAIRMAN)



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(CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE)

Table 1. Summary by Head and Subhead by GoG - Donor, Year 2002

	Total Estimates	Personnel Emolument	Item 2 - 4	Administration Expenses		Service Expenses		Investment Expenses	
				GoG	Donor	GoG	Donor	GoG	Donor
07 Ministry of Works and Housing	623,180,765,240	15,251,998,997	607,928,755,243	8,903,031,867	0	3,751,254,889	24,458,311,382	21,178,086,689	549,638,070,436
100 Ministry of Works & Housing Headquarters	610,978,354,331	7,073,254,399	603,905,099,932	6,582,796,192	0	3,702,410,203	24,458,311,382	19,523,511,719	549,638,070,436
010 General Administration	337,557,178,178	527,937,098	337,028,241,082	1,077,920,326	0	3,037,740,573	0	9,932,537,500	322,981,042,883
020 Rent Control	826,924,093	404,011,842	422,912,551	278,612,338	0	9,140,135	0	135,160,080	0
030 Hydrological Services Department	7,372,310,264	1,008,745,245	6,363,565,019	632,400,000	0	107,950,019	0	5,624,115,000	0
040 Ghana Water Company Limited	73,865,517,696	0	73,865,517,696	0	0	134,517,696	0	2,947,000,000	70,784,000,000
050 Department of Rural Housing	1,417,827,961	966,797,000	452,030,961	180,124,804	0	24,806,949	0	237,099,308	0
06S Public Servants Housing Loans Scheme Board	396,985,337	137,002,483	259,982,854	114,025,400	0	17,629,240	0	128,328,214	0
07S Technical Services Centre	113,897,265	106,022,057	7,875,208	7,875,208	0	0	0	0	0
08S Water Resources Commission	1,028,608,265	400,783,782	627,822,503	346,144,287	0	47,023,002	0	234,555,214	0
09S Community Water & Sanitation Agency	187,673,612,017	3,435,519,086	184,239,092,931	3,760,043,950	0	23,993,443	24,458,311,382	122,718,403	155,873,027,753
10S Architects Registration Council	726,486,255	87,496,128	638,059,127	175,649,881	0	300,509,246	0	161,900,000	0
102 Public Works Department	12,202,400,908	8,178,745,598	4,023,655,311	2,320,235,676	0	48,944,666	0	1,654,574,970	0
010 General Administration	10,757,277,504	8,178,745,598	2,578,531,906	875,112,270	0	48,944,666	0	1,654,574,970	0
020 Estates Management	1,346,157,697	0	1,346,157,697	1,346,157,697	0	0	0	0	0
030 Stores	98,965,708	0	98,965,708	98,965,708	0	0	0	0	0