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1.0 INTRODUCTION:

Following the presentation of the 2003 Budget Statement and Economic Policy of the Government by the Hon. Minister of Finance on Thursday, 27th February 2003 and subsequent Motion for its adoption, the Annual Estimates for the fiscal year 2003 of the Ministry of Youth and Sports and National Commission on Culture were referred to the Select Committee in accordance with Article 179 of the Constitution for consideration and report pursuant to Orders 140(4) and 187 of the Standing Orders of the House.

1.1 COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

The Committee first met to consider the Estimates of the Ministry of Youth and Sports. Those who assisted the Committee on Youth, Sports and Culture to review the Annual Estimates for the Fiscal Year 2003 were the Deputy Minister, the Chief Director of the Ministry of Youth and Sports and his technical team as well as the officials of the:

- (i) National Sports Council;
- (ii) National Youth Council; and
- (iii) National Sports College.

The Committee is grateful to the Deputy Minister, Chief Director and all the officials for their extensive co-operation in this regard.

2.0 **REFERENCES**

Reference documents used by the Committee were:

- (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 (2003) Financial Year as well as those of the immediate past years.
- (d) The detailed 2003 Draft Annual Estimates of Ministry of Youth and Sports as well as those of the immediate past years.
- (e) The 2003 State of the Nation Address delivered to the House by H.E. The President.

3.0 **MISSION STATEMENT AND OBJECTIVES**

- 3.1 The Mission of the Ministry of Youth and Sports is to formulate and implement policies to accelerate Youth and Sports development for all Ghanaians to achieve national integration and international recognition.

Pursuant to the above, the Ministry seeks to achieve the following objectives:

- (i) To set up an effective management system of both physical and human resources for optimum productivity in Youth and Sports development for National Integration and International Recognition.
- (ii) To promote Youth empowerment through education and training in the values of Sports, Nationalism, Patriotism, Hard work and Self-reliance.
- (iii) To promote private and public sector appreciation of and participation in Youth and Sports development activities.
- (iv) To research, formulate, monitor and evaluate policy on Youth and Sports.

3.2 The Ministry carries out the afore-mentioned functions through the following three subvented agencies:

- (a) National Sports Council
- (b) National Youth Council; and
- (c) National Sports College.

4.0 **TOTAL EXPENDITURE ESTIMATES FOR THE YEAR 2003**

In order to achieve the aforementioned objectives, the Ministry of Youth and Sports has been allocated a sum of **Thirty Eight Billion, Four Hundred and Seventy-two Million Cedis (¢38,472,000,000.00)** to cover Personnel Emoluments, Administration, Service and Investment Expenses of the Ministry and its affiliated bodies.

The breakdown of the allocation is as follows:

Breakdown of the Allocation

ITEM	PROGRAMME	ALLOCATION
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01	Personnel Emoluments	7,416,000,000.00
02	Administration	3,503,000,000.00
03	Service Activity	25,000,000,000.00
04	Investment Activity	2,553,000,000.00
TOTAL		¢38,470,000,000.00

* Please find Attached Appendix A indicating Summary of the Allocations to the various agencies of the Ministry.

5.0 PERFORMANCE IN THE YEAR 2002

During the year under review, a total amount of **Twenty-Three Billion, Three Hundred and Twelve Million Cedis (¢23,312,000,000.00)** was approved by this august House for carrying out the activities of the Ministry and its agencies. It should be noted however that, the actual releases made to the Ministry as at 31st December 2002 amounted to **Sixteen Billion, Six Hundred and Eight Million Nine Hundred and Sixty Four Thousand One Hundred and Ninety-Two Cedis (¢16,608,964,192.00)**. Representing a shortfall of about **Six Billion, Seven Hundred and Three Million Thirty-Five Thousand Eight Hundred and Eight Cedis (¢6,703,035,808.00)**.

This shortfall adversely affected the Administrative Service and Investment Expenses since Personnel Emoluments had to be paid at all cost.

The delay in release and some cases the non-release of approved funds by the Ministry of Finance made the period under review a very hectic one for the Ministry. This was particularly in view of the long list of programmes the Ministry had drawn up.

In spite of these difficulties the Ministry successfully undertook the following projects and activities:

- (a) Work continued on the Multi-Purpose Office Complex at Kaneshie to serve as the National Youth Council Headquarters.

- (b) Work commenced on the establishment of three Youth Leadership Training Institutes in Nalerigu in the Northern Region, Ajumako-Afranse in the Central Region and Wassa Akropong in the Western Region.
- (c) Arrangement was made to obtain a grant from the Government of China for the construction of Modern Youth Centres in Accra and Kumasi.
- (d) The Ministry in collaboration with Non-Governmental Organisations and the Commonwealth Youth Programme (CYP) continued to organise workshops and seminars on Youth Enterprise Development and the HIV/AIDS pandemic.
- (e) Ghana participated in the Commonwealth Games in Manchester in July/August 2002.
- (f) The Black Stars played two (2) African Cup of Nations qualifying matches in September and October 2002.
- (g) The National Women's Team, the Black Queens participated in African Women Championship in Nigeria in December 2002.
- (h) The Black Satellites and Black Starlets participated in the Africa Under 20 and Under 17 qualifiers respectively.
- (i) Rehabilitation works were undertaken at the North Wing of the Accra Sports Stadium which was affected by the Stadium Disaster (which occurred on the 9th May 2001).

- (j) Work commenced on the construction of two Tennis Courts and pavilion to seat 400 people at the Kumasi Sports Stadium.
- (k) Rehabilitation works commenced at the Kaladan Sports Stadium, Tamale.
- (l) Work also commenced on the Phase II of the rehabilitation of the National Sports College, Winneba.

6.0 **PROJECTION FOR YEAR 2003**

For the year 2003, the Ministry plans to undertake the underlisted activities and projects among others:

- (i) Work on the completion of structures for the establishment of a Youth Leadership Training Institute in Nalerigu in the Northern Region will be continued.
- (ii) Work will also continue on the construction of structures for the Youth Leadership Training Institutes at Wassa Akropong, in the Western Region and Ajumako-Afranse in the Central Region.
- (iii) Provision of **One Billion, Nine Hundred and Forty Four Million, One Hundred and Eighty Thousand Cedis (¢1,944,180,000.00)** has been made in the 2003 Annual Estimates to promote youth empowerment for sustained growth.
- (iv) The Ministry will also collaborate with the Ghana Aids Commission and other relevant organisations to educate the youth on the prevention of HIV/AIDS and the health implications of premature pregnancy and parenthood.

- (v) Construction work on two (2) Youth Centres in Accra and Kumasi with a grant of **\$937,500.00** from the Chinese Government under a Ghana – China Agreement will commence this year.

7.0 **OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

Mr. Speaker, the following observations were made by your Committee during its deliberations:

(a) **THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AND SPORTS (HEADQUARTERS)**

It came to the notice of the Committee that, the total budgetary allocation of the Ministry for the year 2002 was woefully inadequate. For example, a paltry sum of only **Four Billion, Nine Hundred and Eighty-Nine Million Nine Hundred and Forty Thousand, Four Hundred and Thirty Cedis (¢4,989,940,430.00)** was allocated for Service Activity. This adversely hampered the Ministry's ability to finance most of the National teams budget and also to honour other important assignments both locally and abroad.

Again, out of the meagre **One Billion Cedis (¢1,000,000,000.00)** allocated to cater for Investment Activity, only **Five Hundred and Sixteen Million, One Hundred and Ninety Seven Thousand, Ninety-One Cedis and Twenty-Two Pesewas (¢516,197,091.22)** was released. As a result the Ministry could not do much in the area of investment.

The Committee is therefore of the view that due to the importance of sports and soccer to the total physical, mental and emotional well being of Ghanaians and also for the fact that majority of Ghanaians have strong

attachment to soccer, the Ministry of Youth and Sports should be given adequate funds to carry out its service activity.

It also urges the Ministry of Finance to release in full what the Legislature has allocated to the Ministry to enable it carry out its assignments.

The Committee however noted with satisfaction that the Ministry, out of its own internally generated fund contributed about **Six Hundred and Fifty-Five Million Cedis (¢655,000,000.00)** toward the rehabilitations construction and fencing of about twelve (12) projects, including the rehabilitation of Konongo Stadium, rehabilitation of Handball Courts at Kpando and Construction of Gyamfi Park at Bekwai.

The Committee urges the Ministry to strengthen its internal revenue generation so as to reduce its over reliance on the Central Government.

The Committee is also happy to note that Cabinet has already approved a **Fifty Billion Cedis (¢50,000,000,000.00)** Youth Endowment Fund initiated by the sector Ministry to assist the Youth to set up private enterprise.

It is the wish of the Committee that action on the project will be expedited to bring the project into fruition to help reduce the unemployment rate in the country thereby promoting the socio-economic development of the nation.

(b) **NATIONAL SPORTS COLLEGE**

The Committee noted with regret that substantial part of the colleges allocation for Investment and Service Activities was not released. For instance out of the total sum of **Four Hundred and Forty-Eight Million,**

Eight Hundred Thousand Cedis (¢448,800,000.00) allocated to cater for Service Activity, only **Eighty-Five Million Cedis (¢85,000,000.00)** was released.

As if that was not enough, only **Seventy-Seven Million, Two Hundred and Seventy-three Thousand, Nine Hundred and Sixty-Two Cedis (¢77,273,962)** out of the total sum of **Two Hundred and Forty-One Million Cedis (¢241,000,000)** was released to carry out the college's Investment Activity.

This development in no small way affected the efficient running of the college, and also slowed down the phase II of the college's rehabilitation work.

The Committee considers the College very strategic in the development of sports in the country and urges the government to provide adequate resources for the efficient running of the college.

It was also observed that the college has facilities which if improved upon and upgraded could serve as both camping and training facilities for our sportsmen and women.

This in the view of the Committee would save the nation billions of cedis which is spent on hotel accommodation for sportsmen and women.

The College could also improve its income generation potential since some of the facilities especially conference rooms and hostels could be rented out to the general public.

This will help reduce the over reliance of the college on the central government.

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The Committee again noted with dissatisfaction, the non-release of funds to the Youth Council to carry out its activities. The Council could not undertake most of its planned activities for the year 2002 due to non-release of funds. For example its annual educational counselling service as well as the long awaited Youth Festival geared towards youth development could not be organised.

Indeed only **One Billion, Four Hundred and Forty Six Million Cedis (¢1,446,000,000.00)** out of the **Two Billion, Two Hundred and Thirty-Two Million Cedis (¢2,232,000,000.00)** was released under Service Activity. This unfortunately went into the funding of boarding and lodging of the students of the Seven Leadership Training Institutes and one International Travel.

The Committee therefore finds the situation unacceptable and urges the Ministry of Finance, as a matter of importance and also to support the government's desire to equip the youth with entrepreneurial skills, to ensure regular and timely release of funds to enable the National Youth Council carry out its activities.

The Committee further realised that apart from the rehabilitation of the Multi-Purpose Office Complex of the Council, nothing was done at any of the Leadership Training Institutes in terms of rehabilitation or maintenance. The Committee strongly recommends the adaption of the culture of maintenance by the Ministry to maintain the existing

infrastructure consistently. Unfortunately, this will not be achieved if the "no money syndrome" is not checked.

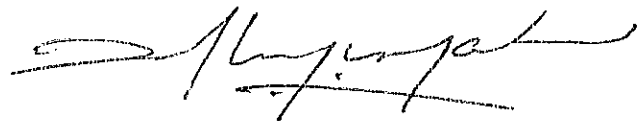
(d) **NATIONAL SPORTS COUNCIL**

Like the other agencies under the Ministry, the problem of non-release of funds affected the efficient performance of the Council.

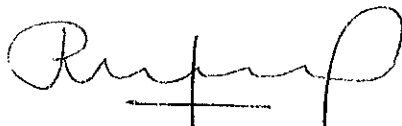
8.0 **CONCLUSION**

Taking into account the mission and policy objectives of the Ministry, it is important that the Ministry is adequately resourced to achieve overall goals and objectives. To this end, the Committee recommends for the approval of the House the sum of **Thirty Eight Billion, Four Hundred and Seventy-Two Million Cedis (¢38,472,000,000.00)** to enable the Ministry of Youth and Sports meet its operational expenditure for the period ending 31st December 2003.

Respectfully submitted for approval.



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