

**IN THE FIRST SESSION OF THE THIRD PARLIAMENT OF THE  
FOURTH REPUBLIC**

**FIFTH REPORT OF THE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE ON  
DEPUTY MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENTS**

**1.0 INTRODUCTION**

The Appointments Committee is appointed under Article 103 of the Constitution and Standing Order No. 172 (1) and (2) to consider Deputy Ministerial and such other appointments made by the President as specified, in this instance under Article 79 of the Constitution for prior approval of Parliament.

Pursuant to Standing Orders 156 and 172 and Article 79 of the Constitution, the Rt. Hon. Speaker of Parliament, on Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> February and on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> May 2001, referred nominations made by His Excellency the President for Deputy Ministerial Appointments to the Committee for consideration and report.

The Committee, having held seven sittings in the course of the recess from Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> April to Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> May 2001 to consider twenty-eight of the nominees, reports as follows:

**2.0. NOMINEES CONSIDERED**

Hon. Papa Owusu-Ankomah	-	Dep. Minister for Government Business designate
Hon. Nkrabeah Effah-Dartey-	-	Dep. Minister for Local Government & Rural Development designate
Hon. John Setuni Achuliwor	-	Dep. Minister for

		Transport & Communications designate
Hon. Akwasi Osei-Adjei	-	Dep. Minister for Trade & Industry designate
Hon. Nana Akomea	-	Dep. Minister for Tourism designate
Hon. Edward Osei-Kwaku	-	Dep. Minister for Presidential Affairs designate
Hon. Mustapha Ali Idris	-	Dep. Minister for Foreign Affairs designate
Hon. Yaw Barimah	-	Dep. Minister for the Interior designate
Hon. Grace Coleman (Mrs)	-	Dep. Minister for Finance designate
Dr. G. Adombila Agambila	-	Dep. Minister for Finance designate
Hon. Edward Martey Akita	-	Dep. Minister for Defence designate
Hon. Theresa Ameley Tagoe	-	Dep. Minister for Works & Housing Designate
Hon. Joseph Aggrey	-	Dep. Minister for Youth & Sports Designate
Hon. Dr. Mathew Kwaku Antwi	-	Dep. Minister for Agriculture designate
Mr. Clement L.N. Eledi	-	Dep. Minister for Lands, Forestry & Mines designate
Hon. Rashid Bawa	-	Dep. Minister for Education designate

Dr. Abdel-Majeed Haroun	-	Dep. Minister for Agriculture designate
Ms. Alima Mahama	-	Dep. Minister for Local Gov't & Rural Dev. designate
Mr. Issah Ketekewu	-	Dep. Minister for Northern Region designate
Mr Yaw Adjei-Duffour	-	Dep. Minister for Brong Ahafo Region Designate
Mr. Gustav Jonathan Narh-Dometey	-	Dep. Minister for Eastern Region designate
Mr. Samuel Kofi Ahiave Dzamesi	-	Dep. Minister for Volta Region designate
Hon. Joe Donkor	-	Dep. Minister for Manpower Dev. & Employment Designate
Hon. Kobina Tahir Hammond	-	Dep. Minister for Energy designate
Hon. Anna Nyamekye (Mrs)	-	Dep. Minister for Environment, Science & Technology designate
Hon. Moses Dani Baah	-	Dep. Minister for Trade & Industry Designate
Hon. Boniface Abu-Bakar Saddique	-	Dep. Minister for Trade & Industry Designate
Ms. Gloria Afua Akuffo	-	Dep. Attorney-General & Dep. Minister for Justice designate.

### 3.0 **PROCEDURE ADOPTED**

The Committee continued to apply its time-tested method of getting an informed opinion as to the competence, eligibility and experience of Nominees.

As has been the practice, the media was used as a conduit for advertisements soliciting for public opinion in the form of submissions on the suitability or otherwise of nominees.

The Committee further relied on the expertise of a state intelligence institution to verify the credentials of nominees in order to determine their qualification and experience.

The nominees, on appearing before the Committee at the public hearing sessions, were extensively interviewed on oath.

### 4.0 **OBSERVATION**

4.1 A few petitions were received in respect of some of the nominees which were considered trivial. The Committee noted that all the nominees had the requisite qualification and experience to handle their respective portfolios.

4.2 Hon. Papa Owusu-Ankomah, Deputy Minister for Government Business designate, convinced the Committee at the end of the public hearing that he had the requisite experience to effectively handle his duties in view of the fact that he was already the Deputy Majority Leader. The Committee approves of his nomination.

- 4.3. In respect of Hon. John Setuni Achuliwor, Deputy Minister for Transport and Communications designate, the Committee observed that not only did he have the managerial capacity to handle his assigned portfolio but had also given himself a sound computer education up to an appreciable level. The Committee is optimistic that he will deliver.
- 4.4. In the case of Hon. Nana Akomea, Deputy Minister for Tourism designate, the Committee believes that he can perform in view of his experience in Client Service Management. The Committee approves of his nomination.
- 4.5. The Committee again approves of the nomination of Hon. Akwasi Osei-Adjei and hopes that he will bring his rich experience as a Deputy Minority Spokesman on Trade and Industry in the Second Parliament of the Fourth Republic to bear on his new portfolio. His indepth knowledge of account and finance will help a lot.
- 4.6. In respect of the Deputy Minister for the Interior designate, Hon, Yaw Barimah, the Committee noted that besides his rich managerial experience gained at the Leadership of the Ghana BAR Association, he had also served on a Police Committee for four (4) years. The Committee therefore has no doubt about his ability to perform.
- 4.7. The Committee further approved of the nomination of Hon. Nkrabeah Effah-Dartey, Deputy Minister for Local Government and Rural Development designate. The Committee received a petition from one Mr Owusu who made some allegations of improper conduct on the part of the said nominee 19 years ago while he was a member

of then National Investigation Committee. The Committee considered the content of the petition but was of the view that, the said allegations in the petition could not be used as basis for disapproval of his nomination. The Committee is hopeful that with his legal background he will stand up to the task in the Ministry, given Parliamentary approval.

4.8. It is also the conviction of the Committee that Hon. Edward Osei-Kwaku, Deputy Minister for Presidential Affairs designate, is experienced enough to handle his duties at the Presidency with tact in view of his thirty-three (33) year standing at the Bar. The Committee acknowledged the fact that he already had an in-depth knowledge of his role at the new designation. Without hesitation, his nomination is approved.

4.9. The Committee observed that the Deputy Minister designate for Foreign Affairs, Hon. Alhaji Mustapha Ali Idris has the requisite exposure, suaveness, diplomacy, eloquence and the composure to effectively handle his portfolio. His nomination is therefore approved.

4.10. The Committee is convinced of the ability of Hon. Grace Coleman, Deputy Minister for finance designate, to deliver. The Committee was pleased to know that she had gained enough experience in the Ministries of Finance and Foreign Affairs, which could be tapped for an efficient output in her designated portfolio.

4.11. Dr. G. Adombila Agambila, also a Deputy Minister designate for Ministry for Finance, was noted to have demonstrated his ability to handle the assigned position having worked at the managerial level in high-ranking organisations. The Committee approves of his nomination hoping that he will

bring his management consultancy experience to bear on the Ministry and the country at large.

- 4.12. In the case of Hon. Edward Martey Akita, Deputy Minister for Defence designate, the Committee approved of his nomination having regard to his managerial background as well as his para-military training. He will undoubtedly be able to excel.
- 4.13. In respect of Mr. Joseph Aggrey, Deputy Minister designate for Youth and Sports, in approving of his nomination, the Committee urged him to marshal all his expertise and energy into lifting the image of Ghana's sports and particularly, in ensuring Ghana's berth at the world cup.
- 4.14. At the end of the vetting, Hon. Theresa Ameley Tagoe could convince the Committee that although she had no experience in the Estate Industry, she has the managerial know how to handle her assigned post. She cited her entrepreneurial success in operating a secretarial school as indicative of her capacity to efficiently discharge her duties. The Committee approves of her nomination.
- 4.15. In respect of Hon. Bawa Rashid, Deputy Minister for Education designate the Committee noted that as lawyer by profession coupled with his leadership exposure, the Committee observed during his vetting that he had the capacity to learn quickly on the job. The Committee therefore urged him to bring his student leadership experience to bear on his portfolio especially in times of student unrest.
- 4.16. Also, the Committee approved of the nomination of Hon. Dr. Mathew Kwaku-Antwi, Deputy Minister designate for Agriculture and expressed the hope

that he would be put in charge of the Animal Husbandry section of the Ministry having regard to the enormous research he had done over the years in the sector.

- 4.17. At the vetting, Mr. Clement Lugri Nyivori Eledi, Deputy Minister designate for Lands, Forestry and Mines, was observed to have, in addition to his legal profession, a grasp on the Alternative Dispute Resolution system of judicature which could be of help in resolving the numerous land-related disputes in the sector for the effective management of our land, mineral and forest resources. The Committee recommends his approval by the House.
- 4.18. The Committee was impressed about the performance of Ms. Alima Mahama at the vetting. Her eloquence and precision in answering questions were commendable. The Committee is convinced that she has the acumen to hold the fort as Deputy for Local Government and Rural Development given Parliamentary approval. It therefore recommends her approval by the House.
- 4.19. Dr. Abdul-Majeed Haroun, Deputy Minister for Agriculture designate also appeared to have a firm grasp of the work at the Ministry having worked as a consultant over a long period of time. The Committee approved of his nomination hoping that he would help the country save the hard won income that would, otherwise, have been spent on consultants.
- 4.20. The Committee further approved of the nomination of Mr. Issah Ketekewu, Deputy Minister designate for the Northern Region urging him to strive to be a pillar of reconciliation, peace and



unity for the accelerated development of the region.

- 4.21. Mr. Yaw Adjei-Duffour, Deputy Minister designate for Brong Ahafo Region, also had the approval of the Committee having ably demonstrated his knowledge of the dynamics of development in the region and having shown a passion for wealth creation for the people in the region. The Committee urged him to live up to his word given the approval of the House.
- 4.22. In approving the nomination of Mr. Gustav Jonathan Narh-Dometey, Eastern Regional Deputy Minister designate, the Committee observed that his architectural background would be an asset both to himself and the region at large. His flair for beauty could be harnessed for the development of the region. The Committee further urged him to help open the region up for tourism.
- 4.23. The Committee on a similar note approved of the nomination of Mr. Samuel Kofi Ahiave Dzamesi, Deputy Volta Regional Minister designate encouraging him to bring his managerial experience to bear on the region.
- 4.24. With regards to Hon. Joe Donkor, Deputy Minister designate for Manpower Development and Employment, he appeared on top of issues relating to the Ministry. He exhibited a high sense of maturity at the vetting and in the process demonstrated his ability to handle all labour related issues. The Committee, in approving of his nomination, had no doubt that he will excel having regard to his success as Managing Director for the State Insurance Corporation for eleven consecutive years.

- 4.25. The Committee also approved of the nomination of Hon. Anna Nyamekye (Mrs), Deputy Minister designate for Environment, Science and Technology taking into consideration her educational background, her humility and down-to-earthness.
- 4.26. In the case of Hon. Moses Dani Baah, Deputy Minister for health designate, the Committee observed that his background as an Engineer would have positive rather than negative impact on his work since he would be in the position to help streamline the Ministry's projects and supplies which had been a source of leakage to the State. The Committee approves of his nomination.
- 4.27. Hon. Kobina Tahir Hammond, Deputy Minister for Energy designate, also appeared to have a grasp of the work involved in the assigned Ministry during his turn at the public hearing. In approving his nomination the Committee urged him to bring his professional experience to bear on the work of the Ministry particularly in the award and execution of contracts, which had often been bedevilled with scandals, leading to the loss of huge sums of Government resources.
- 4.28. The Committee approved of the nomination of Hon. Boniface Abu-Bakar Saddique, Deputy Minister designate for Trade and Industry having no doubt of his ability to deliver with his rich experience at the Ministry of Finance and on the number of courses he has attended.
- 4.29. The Committee finally approved of the nomination of Ms. Gloria Afua Akuffo, Deputy Attorney-General and Deputy Minister for Justice designate. The Committee noted that, not only was she a lawyer of good standing but she had also contributed immensely to the transformation of the legal

system in Ghana having worked in various capacities and on various Committees at the Ghana Bar Association. At the vetting, the Committee was convinced of her astuteness, her eloquence and her grasp of the intricacies of her portfolio. The Committee is convinced of her ability to excel.

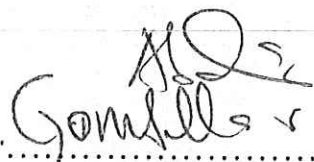
#### 5.0 **RECOMMENDATION**

The Committee unanimously recommends to the House for approval, the twenty-eight aforementioned nominees of His Excellency the President for Deputy Ministerial Appointments.

Respectfully submitted.



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**1<sup>ST</sup> DEPUTY SPEAKER &**  
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