

**IN THE FOURTH PARLIAMENT OF THE
FOURTH REPUBLIC OF GHANA**

**SIXTEENTH REPORT OF THE
APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE**

ON

**THE PRESIDENT'S NOMINATION FOR
MINISTERIAL
APPOINTMENT**

28th February 2008

1.0 INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to article 78 (1), of the Constitution, His Excellency the President communicated to Parliament, for prior approval, his nomination of Hon. Richard Anane (Dr.) for appointment as Minister of Transportation:

- 1.1 In accordance with Order 172 (2) of the Standing Orders, the Speaker referred the nominations to the Appointments Committee on 13th February 2008 for consideration and report.

2.0 REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

The Committee made reference to the under-listed documents during its deliberations:

- i. Constitution of the Republic of Ghana, 1992
- ii. Standing Orders of the Parliament of Ghana

3.0 PROCEDURE

After the referral, the Committee held preliminary discussions on the nomination. The nomination was then published in the mass media in accordance with Order 172 (3) to formally invite written memoranda from the general public on the conduct of the nominee.

On appearing before the Committee, the nominee took an oath and answered questions on issues relevant to his record of public office and the position for which he has been nominated.

4.0 OBSERVATIONS

4.1 Mr. Richard Anane - Minister designate for Transportation

Mr. Richard Anane, who had been re-nominated by H. E. the President, as Minister of Transportation, appeared before the Committee and answered a wide range of questions that included his family life with particular reference to a son he has with a US citizen. Even though the nominee had requested that his family life remain private, he disclosed that he had to streamline the process of remittances to his son at a family tribunal in the US to avoid personal mediation which could lead to disagreements in future.

Allegations

When asked about some allegations of corruption, perjury among others against him, the nominee responded that CHRAJ's findings were unfounded. This was in respect of some statements he was alleged to have made during a public hearing of the Appointments Committee. The statement was in respect of money's he was said to have remitted to the mother of his child in the US. He explained that the CHRAJ's findings were unsubstantiated and that he did not lie to the Committee when he appeared before it or to CHRAJ. He however pointed out that there was no need to revisit the matter since the court had ruled on the matter and ordered that the evidence be expunged from the records.

Road Network

On the country's road network, the nominee said it has been one of the priorities of the ruling government to expand and improve on available infrastructural facilities to enhance development. He said particular attention was being given to major roads that link the various regional capitals to improve access from one point to the other. He again noted that one of the major objectives of the government was to improve the transit of goods and services in the country and would therefore ensure that transportation is improved upon.

When asked about how he would improve upon traffic jams in the country including access roads on the motorway, he assured the Committee that he would put in much effort to have the problem resolved. Building of overpass, he said, would be an option to help ease traffic congestion. He assured the Committee that he would not allow officials or agencies which conspire with contractors found culpable of shoddy performance to get away with their wrong doings. He also cited instances where some contractors had been relieved of their contracts and some consultants surcharged for supervision. He commended Members of Parliament for their unwavering and diverse support during his tenure of office as Transportation Minister. He appealed to Honourable Members to continue to cooperate with him if and when given the nod to enable him perform as he should.

Profession and Duties

In response to questions about his profession and how it related to his previous and current portfolio which he was being considered, the nominee indicated that his instinctive nature always drives him to study at all times with the notion of not knowing it all. He also mentioned that his profession as a surgeon had placed him in a better position to appreciate diligence and meticulousness which he

applied in all spheres of life and would continue to do so if given the nod.

Mr. Anane who is also MP for Nhyiaeso responded to questions why he resigned from his former position as a Minister of Transportation and why he had accepted the President's nomination. In his response he reiterated that the circumstances demanded that he resigned to make sufficient time to contest allegations levelled against him in the court. He also noted that even though it was the prerogative of the President to nominate him, 'in his heart of hearts' he was inspired by his willingness to serve his country and to conform to rule of law in Ghana's democracy.

5.0 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee has dutifully performed its function under the standing Orders of the House and in accordance with the Constitution in respect of the nominee, **Hon. Dr. Richard Anane.**

Having met the requirements of the law in full, the Committee hereby recommends the nominee, by consensus to this Honourable House for approval.



Hon. Frederick W. A. Blay
1st Deputy Speaker and Chairman,
Appointments Committee



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Committee Clerk

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