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**ON**

**HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT'S  
NOMINATIONS FOR DEPUTY REGIONAL  
MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENTS**

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**1.0 INTRODUCTION**

In accordance with Article 256 (2) of the 1992 Constitution, H. E. the President communicated to Parliament the nomination of ten persons for appointment as Deputy Regional Ministers on 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2017.

Consequently, the nominations were referred to the Appointments Committee by the Rt. Hon. Speaker for consideration and report pursuant to Order 172 of the Standing Orders of the House.

The nominations are:

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| i.   | Hon. Solomon Boar                     | - | Deputy Regional Minister-Designate for the Northern Region       |
| ii.  | Hon. Elizabeth Kwatsoe Tawiah Sackey- | - | Deputy Regional Minister- Designate for the Greater Accra Region |
| iii. | Hon. Gifty Eugenia Kusi (Mrs.)        | - | Deputy Regional Minister- Designate for the Western Region       |
| iv.  | Hon. Elizabeth Agyeman                | - | Deputy Regional Minister-Designate for the Ashanti Region        |
| v.   | Hon. Joseph Tetteh                    | - | Deputy Regional Minister-Designate for the Eastern Region        |
| vi.  | Hon. Evans Opoku Bobie                | - | Deputy Regional Minister-Designate for the Brong Ahafo Region    |

- vii. Mr. Maxwell Qophy Blagodzi - Deputy Regional Minister-Designate for the Volta Region
- viii. Mr. Thomas Yaw Adjei-Baffoe - Deputy Regional Minister-Designate for the Central Region
- ix. Mr. Adongo Frank Fuseini - Deputy Regional Minister-Designate for the Upper East Region
- x. Mr. Amidu Chinnia Issahaku - Deputy Regional Minister-Designate for the Upper West Region

## 2.0 REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

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

- i. The 1992 Constitution;
- ii. The Standing Orders of Parliament; and
- iii. The Curriculum Vitae of the Nominees.

## 3.0 CONSIDERATION OF THE REFERRAL

- 3.1 Pursuant to Order 172 (3) of the Standing Orders of the House, the Committee in the first instance caused to be published in newspapers of national circulation, the names of the nominees and notice of the Committee's Public Hearing for the attention of the general public. The publication further requested Memoranda from the general public on any of the nominees.
- 3.2 The Committee subsequently obtained Confidential Reports on the nominees from the Ghana Police Service and the Bureau of National Investigations (BNI) as part of its background checks. Tax Status Reports were obtained from the Ghana Revenue Authority (GRA).
- 3.3 A Public Hearing was thereafter held to consider the nominations. On commencement of proceedings, the Nominees subscribed to the Oath of a Witness and subsequently answered questions relating to their Curriculum Vitae, matters



relating to their eligibility, issues pertaining to the offices to which they have been nominated and other issues of national concern.

3.4 The Committee has duly considered the nominations and reports as follows:

4.0 HON. SOLOMON NAMLIIT BOAR - DEPUTY REGIONAL  
MINISTER-DESIGNATE FOR THE  
NORTHERN REGION

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#### Background

Hon. Solomon Namliit Boar was born on 15<sup>th</sup> July 1968 at Bunbuna and hails from Bunkpurugu all in the Northern Region.

He had his primary and middle school education at Bunbuna Primary School (1977 - 1982) and Bunkpurugu Zongo Middle School (1982 -1984) respectively. He then proceeded to Tamale Secondary School from September, 1984 to June, 1989 where he obtained the GCE 'O' Level Certificate and later to the Tamale Training College from September, 1989 to June, 1992 where he obtained a Teacher's Certificate 'A'. In 1994, he obtained the GCE 'A' Level as a private candidate. He thereafter proceeded to the Tamale Polytechnic and pursued a Higher National Diploma in Secretaryship and Management Studies from September, 1996 to June, 1999. From August, 2002 to October, 2002, he enrolled at the Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration for a Certificate in Budgeting and Financial Management programme. He subsequently enrolled at the University of Cape Coast and was awarded a Bachelor of Management Studies from September, 2003 to October, 2007. Hon Boar from September, 2010 to June, 2012 enrolled at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology and was awarded an Executive Masters in Business Administration. He was again awarded an Executive Masters in Alternative Dispute Resolution by the Institute of Paralegal Training and Leadership Studies from September, 2014 to April, 2015.

The Hon. Nominee started his career as a teacher at the Nyohini Presby JSS at Tamale from September, 1995 to August, 1996. He was later transferred to Sobelle JHS at Tumu (September, 1994 - August, 1995), Nabulo JSS (September, 1992 - August, 1994) and Kalpohin SHS, Tamale (September, 1999 - December,

2000). From 2001 to 2007, the nominee worked as the Finance and Administrative Officer for an NGO named New Energy. The nominee has been the Member of Parliament for the Bunkpurugu Constituency from 2013 to date and has served on a number of committees including the Public Accounts Committee, Works and Housing, among others.

### Responses to Questions

#### **EXPERIENCES GAINED AT THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE**

The nominee in answering a question on the experiences gained as a Member of the Public Accounts Committee over the last Parliament, said he noticed that procurement was a major issue and that, should the timing between asking permission from the National Procurement Agency and the procurement of goods and services from Ministries, Departments and Agencies were to be realistic enough, the public purse would be safeguarded better.

Secondly, Officers who administered imprests in the public sector hold onto such moneys for such a long period of time before retiring same. The nominee told the Committee that he hoped to see a situation where the abuse of the public procurement process would be curtailed, especially relating to sole sourcing.

#### **SOLVING THE WATER SHORTAGE**

The nominee in responding to how to prevent the unreliable flow of water in the Northern Region said, he would assist the Minister to alleviate the situation. He intimated that he was privileged to have participated in a presentation that was made to the Minister at Tamale where early warning signs of water shortage were brought to the fore. He also mentioned that he would avail the enormous experience he had gained from his association with Non-Governmental Organizations in the water sector and ensure an improvement in the provision of water. He reiterated the need to support the establishment of a point source mechanisation to prevent future water crisis.

The Deputy Regional Minister Designate also told the Committee he would leverage support from other NGOs in the North in the provision of boreholes.



## **COTTON DEVELOPMENT IN THE NORTHERN REGION**

On the development of the Cotton Industry, the nominee said cotton has been the main stay of the Northern Region over the years and he would support the Minister to ensure that the impact of cotton as a means of providing livelihood for the people took centre stage again in the Region.

## **PEACE AND SECURITY**

In responding to a question on how to maintain the peace in the Region, the nominee mentioned that the education of the people on the benefits of peace was vital to the peace process and he would facilitate that. He stressed the need for the people to own the peace process in its entirety.

In his reaction to the rampaging of the offices of the Savanna Accelerated Development Authority, he said he least anticipated that such an occurrence could happen. However, the nominee said he would work with the Minister to ensure that Tamale continue to be peaceful to attract the inflow of investors.

He further indicated the establishment of a peace fund to support the mobilisation of Chiefs, Religious Leaders, and the irate youth to promote peace at various fora.

## **LOGGING OF ROSEWOOD PLANT**

The nominee said illegal logging of the Rosewood plant in the North has become a matter of concern, as such plants were of enormous benefits to the environment. He intimated that continuous logging of the plant may result in its extinction and promised to liaise with the Minister to address the issue of uncontrolled logging of the Rosewood Plants.

## **WOMEN EMPOWERMENT**

The nominee in answering a question on women empowerment in the Region said, women are the backbone of family and society at large, and their empowerment would go a long way to alleviate poverty in the Region. He suggested that the provision of credit through microfinance to the women would help families. He said the theme for this year's international women's day "be bold for change" indicated that women were ready to change their socio economic status for the better.

## REDUCING ILLITERACY

The nominee in responding to how to further reduce illiteracy in the Region said, the current illiteracy rate of 62% was unacceptable and efforts should be made to improve upon the educational standards of the people. He said access to educational facilities was also a challenge especially during the raining season. He believed that the provision of more educational facilities would help improve upon the situation and reduce the illiteracy rate.

### Recommendation

The Committee recommends to the House to approve *by consensus* the nomination of Hon. Solomon Namliit Boar for appointment as the Deputy Regional Minister for the Northern Region.

## 5.0 HON. ELIZABETH KWATSOE TAWIAH SACKEY- DEPUTY REGIONAL MINISTER- DESIGNATE FOR THE GREATER ACCRA REGION

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### Background

Hon. Elizabeth Kwatsoe Tawiah Sackey was born on 6<sup>th</sup> May, 1958 in Tamale in the Northern Region and hails from Ga Mashie in the Greater Accra Region.

She began her elementary education at the Sakasaka Experimental School, Tamale (1964-1966) and continued at the Kitson Mills Primary School, Accra between 1966 and 1969. She thereafter proceeded to the Mamprobi Girls School from 1970 to 1972. She then attended the Accra High School from 1972 to 1977 for her secondary education. She again studied at Wang Computers, Accra in 2000 where she obtained a Certificate in Computing. She further studied at the Academy of Business Administration, Accra in 2003 and was awarded a Certificate in Marketing. Between 2008 and 2010, Hon. Sackey attended the University of Ghana, Legon, and was awarded BSc. in Public Administration.

Hon. Elizabeth Sackey worked at the Controller and Accountant-General's Department as Accounts Clerk and as an Attaché to the Department of Rural Development and Cottage Industry (1977-1983). She subsequently moved to work with the Ghana Commercial Bank (1983-2005).



The Hon. Nominee served as the Assembly Member for the Akweteman Electoral Area in the Accra Metropolitan Assembly between 2002 and 2006. She served on the Authority, Finance and Administration Committees of the Assembly.

Between 2005 and 2009, the nominee served as a Board Member for the State Insurance Company, she was a Member of the Fire Service Council and served on the Entity Tender Committees of the Ministry of Defence and the Ghana Prisons Service.

The nominee was the Member of Parliament for the Okaikwei North Constituency in the Greater Accra Region and served in that capacity from 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2005 to 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2017. As part of her duties in Parliament, she served on a number of Committees including the Committees on Finance, Mines and Energy, and Foreign Affairs. She also served as the Secretary-General for the ECOWAS Female Parliamentary Association (2009-2011).

### Responses to Questions

#### **NOMINEE'S EXPERIENCE IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE**

On how she intends to bring her rich experience in public service to bear on her new role if approved by the House, she cited her role on the Entity Tender Committees of the Ministry of Defence, the Prisons Service and the Fire Service where the usual practice was to scan through bids to find which of them offered the lowest. She adverted the Committees' attention to the need to ensure value for money as an integral part of their role leading to the introduction of that audit into the procurement processes' of the concerned entities. She disclosed that when value for money was introduced, they realized that some of the goods supplied by the contractors were inferior and were below the standard. To that end, she opined that her initiative helped to achieve value for money. She therefore urged all Entity Tender Committees to assess bids not only on the count of cost but also that the bid provides the best value for money.

#### **ENSURING HARMONIOUS WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE REGIONAL MINISTER**

On how she would work harmoniously with the Regional Minister, the nominee indicated that she has worked with the Hon. Ishmael Ashitey, the Regional Minister for almost 12 years in his capacity as the Regional Chairman of the NPP.



On that basis, she was therefore optimistic that she would work harmoniously with him if given the nod.

On how she would deal with possible conflict in her line of duty, the nominee indicated that she does not foresee any conflict but said that as human beings there was bound to be conflicts. However she has inculcated in herself a nice way of handling people and promised to work around conflicts should they arise. She further counted on her strong Christian values and her great interpersonal skills to deal with such situation that may involve handling persons including her superiors.

#### **HELPING SANITARY CONDITIONS AT BEACHES IN THE GREATER ACCRA REGION**

On what she would do to stop open defecation at the beaches in the Region to improve sanitation and safeguard the country's coast line, the nominee stated she would support the Regional Minister to collaborate with the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development, the Ministry of Tourism and the District Assemblies in the Region to create more places of convenience in the city to help put an end to the appalling practice.

#### **IMPROVING THE WELLBEING OF CHILDREN IN THE REGION**

Hon. Sackey informed the Committee that she is of the firm view that education holds the key to women empowerment so she would continue to impress upon all parents to ensure that their female children are educated to enable them achieve their full potential and to make them contribute their quota to development. She accordingly assured the Committee that she would support the Regional Minister to collaborate with the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection to enhance the welfare of children in the Region.

#### **STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS THE LANDGUARD PHENOMENON**

On her plans to address the land guard phenomenon in the Region, the nominee indicated her firm support for the view espoused by the Regional Minister to address the menace through the creation of jobs. She is of the firm view that the creation of employment for the youth in the Region would help lessen the activities of land guards in the Region. She added that with the support of the Regional Minister and with the intended implementation of the One District/One Factory policy proposed by the Government, more jobs would be created for the youth which would go a long way to assist in curbing the menace.

## IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF KAYAYEI AND INNER CITIES IN THE REGION

On how she intends to assist the Regional Minister to improve the conditions of Kayayei and inner cities in the country, the nominee alluded to the fact that the Greater Accra Region is one of the booming regions that play hosts to Kayayei in the country. She however believed that both issues are being handled by the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection and the Ministry of Inner Cities and Zongo Development. In that regard, she promised to assist the Regional Minister to collaborate with the sector ministries to address the issues.

## ADDRESSING TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN THE REGION

The nominee stated that she is aware of the growing vehicular congestion in the country, largely in the Greater Accra Region. She accordingly promised to discuss the issue with the Regional Minister to adopt the appropriate strategies and collaborate with the relevant authorities in the Region to address the situation.

### Recommendation

The Committee recommends to the House to approve *by consensus* the nomination of Hon. Elizabeth Kwatsoe Tawiah Sackey for appointment as Deputy Regional Minister for the Greater Accra Region.

6.0 HON. GIFTY EUGENIA KUSI

- DEPUTY REGIONAL  
MINISTER- DESIGNATE FOR THE  
WESTERN REGION

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### BACKGROUND

Hon. Gifty Eugenia Kusi was born on 11<sup>th</sup> February, 1956 at Tarkwa in the Western Region. She started her basic school at Dunkwa Methodist Primary and Middle School from September, 1961 to June, 1967. Between September, 1967 and June, 1971, she attended Dunkwa L. A. Middle School where she obtained her Middle School Leaving Certificate.

Hon Kusi later attended Accra Christian Methodist School from September, 1971 to June, 1976 where she obtained her G.C.E. Ordinary Level Certificate. From



September 1976 to June 1978, Hon Kusi attended Accra High School. She did Advance Level Remedial at Accra Workers College (1978 -1980) where she obtained her Advanced Level Certificate.

Between 1980 and 1984, Hon Kusi attended the University of Ghana where she was awarded a B. A. Hons in Sociology and Psychology. From 1996 to 1999, Hon. Kusi pursued a Master's Degree program with the University of Ghana and was awarded an M. Phil in Sociology.

Hon. Kusi started work as a Clerk at the Post and Telecommunications from 1978 to 1980. She later taught as in the Defunct College of Professional Studies, Asaba Delta State, Nigeria from September 1984 to June, 1987.

In 1990, Hon. Kusi did her national service with the University of Ghana Medical School. From 1991 to 1998, she worked with the University of Ghana Medical School as a Senior Research Assistant. From 1998 to 2000, she was the Principal Research Assistant with the University of Ghana Medical School. She has been a part-time lecturer at the University of Ghana Medical School from 2006 to date.

Hon. Kusi was the Member of Parliament for Tarkwa Nsuaem Constituency in the Western Region from January, 7, 2001 to January 6, 2017.

As a Member of Parliament, Hon. Kusi held a number of leadership positions. She was the Ranking Member for the Committee on Gender and Children from January 7, 2013 to January 6, 2017. She was the 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy Majority Chief Whip from June 7<sup>th</sup> 2001 to January 6<sup>th</sup> 2009 as well as 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy Minority Whip from January 7, 2009 to January 6, 2013.

Hon. Kusi has also held other positions. She was the resource person for the Needs Assessment of Maternal Health Services in Tarkwa Government Hospital and Other Health Institutions in Wassa West District in Western Region in September, 2001. She was also a Board Member for the Ablekuma Health Committee responsible for a study into Family Life Education and Health of School Children from 1992 to 1996. She was a Core Team member for the World Health Organization (WHO) Sponsored Project on a Study into the Determinants of Decision- Making Factors in Women with knowledge in Contraception who resort to induced abortion. She was the Social Scientist and Core Member of the Ghana Prevention of Maternal Mortality from 1996 to 2001.

Hon Kusi held a number of Board positions. She was a Board Member for the AngloGold Ashanti (Iduapriem Mines) Foundation from January 2009 to January 2017. She was also a Board Member for the National Petroleum Authority

(January, 2006 - January 2009) and Goldfields Foundation (January 2005 - January, 2017).

## Responses to Questions

### **PUBLIC POLITICAL LIFE**

The nominee informed the Committee that she became a member of the leadership when she joined Parliament in 2001. As a member of the Leadership, she was a member of the Business Committee which was responsible for the business of the House. She said this position exposed her to the inner workings of the House.

While in Parliament, she served on a number of Committees beside the Business Committee. She indicated that she served on the Health Committee, Mines and Energy Committee, and the Committee on Gender and Children, among others.

She further indicated that during her tenure as the Chairman for the Committee on Mines and Energy, Parliament passed the first Mining Law.

### **MAKING PARLIAMENT MORE ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC**

The nominee informed the Committee that in her view, Parliament was very accessible and that while in Parliament she observed that Parliament is open to the public than people tend to believe. She intimated that access to Parliament is open to everybody who cares to attend. Members of the Public could observe sittings in the Chamber. Further, Committees of the House receive Memoranda from the Public. The House also receives petitions. In her view, the very workings of Parliament make Parliament easy to engage with the public.

She however observed that most people did not know much about Parliament. She therefore called on the House to strengthen its sensitization programmes about the House so that the public could be aware of the activities of Parliament.

### **WOMEN IN GALAMSEY**

The nominee confirmed that a lot of women are engaged in galamsey. She was of the view that most of these women undertake the galamsey in order to make ends meet. If these women are gainfully employed, most of them would not be in this illegal mining activity. She said as a Deputy Minister, she would liaise with her Minister to address the issue.



## **YOUNG GIRLS IN PROSTITUTION IN WESTERN REGION**

The nominee also agreed to the suggestion that a significant number of prostitutes who ply the trade in the Region are of old, compared to the norm where the trade is patronized more by the young. She said that these women engage in prostitution just to make ends meet and therefore there was the need to undertake a research to tease out some other reasons for their acts in order to find lasting solutions.

She called for strong advocacy and assured the Committee that, given the nod, she would assist the Minister to find solutions to the problem.

## **TENAGE PREGNANCY**

The nominee acknowledged the challenge and indicated that in order to address the issue of teenage pregnancy, there was the need to find out and understand teenagers if an effective strategy is to be developed to address the issue.

She said health education, contraceptives as well as other forms of family planning methods may lead to the prevention of diseases. She however reiterated the need to study these adolescents and come up with very effective solutions especially as they are sexually active. She called for the sensitization of both sexes.

She said as a Deputy Minister she would assist the minister to address the issue.

## **INCORPORATING MENTAL HEALTHCARE WITH THE REGULAR HOSPITALS**

The nominee agreed to the suggestion that there is the need to integrate the mental healthcare to the regular hospitals in order to reduce the stigma of going for any care relating to mental health. This policy is clearly captured in the Mental Health Act, 2012, Act 846 which was passed by Parliament.

She assured the Committee that she would assist her Minister to implement the Act in the Region.

## **SUICIDE**

The nominee informed the Committee that suicide tendencies are issues relating to the state of the mind. This she stressed could be addressed through



strengthened and sustained counselling as well as seeking early treatment for any mental condition.

She however decried the poor amount of resources being injected into mental healthcare. She called for an increase in the allocations to the sector if the attainment of the Mental Health Act is to be realized.

She further called for an expansion in counseling services in every sector of the country and it being made readily available and accessible to everyone.

She was of the view that if we chart this path issues leading to suicide as well as other mental challenges would be addressed.

### **TRAINING OF NURSES FOR MENTAL HEALTH CARE**

The nominee informed the Committee that there are a number of healthcare facilities as well as CHPS compounds. The challenge has been the necessary personnel to assist in healthcare delivery. She called for training of more nurses in the mental healthcare area. She further called for incentives to lure more people to take up training in this area.

As a health person, she noted that there is the need to collaborate with other implementing agencies so that special privileges are given to students who pursue mental healthcare.

She said she would advise her minister to take the issue up.

### **Recommendations**

The Committee recommends to the House for the approval *by consensus* the nomination of Hon. Gifty Eugenia Kusi for appointment as Deputy Regional Minister for the Western Region.

**7.0 HON. ELIZABETH AGYEMAN**

- **DEPUTY REGIONAL  
MINISTER-DESIGNATE FOR THE  
ASHANTI REGION**

## Background

Hon. Elizabeth Agyeman was born on 13<sup>th</sup> May, 1949 at Kotei at Kumasi in the Ashanti Region. She had her Primary and Middle School education at Kotei Roman Catholic Primary and Middle Schools from September 1954 to May 1963. She continued to Akrokerri Training College where she obtained a Teacher's Certificate 'A' from September, 1967 to May, 1971. In September, 1980, Hon. Elizabeth Agyeman enrolled at St. Andrews Training College at Mampong for a Diploma in Agriculture programme but did not complete because of financial challenges. Hon. Agyeman from 4<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2014 studied at the Galilee International Management Institute in Israel where she obtained a Diploma in Advanced Health Systems Management. The nominee again studied at Harvard Kennedy School (Executive Education) at Boston, USA from 15<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> May 2016 for a certificate in Global Change Agents.

The nominee started her career as a teacher at Adankwame L/A Middle School at Adankwame in the Ashanti Region from September, 1971 to May 1973. She was later transferred to Obiri Yeboah Primary School (September 1973 - May 1975) and Yaa Achiaa Girls L/A Middle (September 1976 - May 1980) all in Kumasi. The nominee travelled to Liberia and worked as a teacher at Area 'B' Primary School at Yekepa in Nimba County. Hon. Agyeman ventured into cocoa farming in 1986 and has been a cocoa farmer since then.

Hon. Elizabeth Agyeman was elected as a Member of Parliament for Oforikrom Constituency and served three terms from 2005 to 2017. She became a member of the Pan African Parliament from January 2009 to January 2017 and again as a member of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association from January 2005 to her exit as a Parliamentarian in January 2017. She has served on a number of Parliamentary Committees in both the Parliament of Ghana and the Pan African Parliament, among which, include Committees on Health, Employment, Social Welfare and State Enterprises.

The nominee was a Member of the Customs Excise and Preventive Service (CEPS) Procurement Board from March 2005 to January 2009 and also the Chairperson for the Akrokerri Training College Board from August 2008 to September 2009. She has attended several conferences both in Ghana and abroad, like the WHO Conference on Tobacco at Geneva from 18 to 20 October 2007, Women Deliver Conference at Washington DC from 7 - 9 June 2010.



She was a Member of a Joint Africa Union/Pan African Parliament (AU/PAP) Election Observer Mission to Malawi (June 2014), Algeria (June 2012) and Head of Delegation for PAP Election Observer Mission to Ethiopia in June 2010.

She has since December 2012 been involved in a pet project of seeing to the welfare of head porters (kayayei) and is the founder and CEO of Easybirth Foundation, an NGO that provides lifesaving health interventions for underprivileged women during pregnancy and childbirth from 2015 to date.

### Nominee's Responses to Questions

#### **PROGRAMME FOR YOUNG WOMEN IN THE ASHANTI REGION**

Answering a question on what she would do to help solve the myriad problems facing young women and girls in the Ashanti Region, the nominee stated that she already has a project that promotes the welfare of head porters (kayayei) in the Kumasi Metropolis. She continued that given the nod as the Deputy Ashanti Regional Minister, she would confer with the Regional Minister and together find a lasting solution to the problem.

#### **PROMOTING FARMING AMONG WOMEN IN THE ASHANTI REGION**

On what she would do to encourage women to go into farming being a farmer herself, she stated that the NPP Government mentioned a lot of policies under agriculture. She assured the Committee that together with the Regional Minister they would meet with the Minister for Agriculture to know his policies on Agriculture and how best to benefit from them.

#### **ENHANCING TOURISM IN THE ASHANTI REGION**

On what she would do to enhance tourism in the Ashanti Region and to restore Kumasi to its 'garden city' status, the nominee stated that she would advocate for afforestation in the region. According to her, she had already discussed with the Regional Minister on the need to embark on an afforestation project in the Ashanti Region and that the Minister had confirmed his commitment to it.

## IMPROVING THE HEALTH DELIVERY AT THE KOMFO ANOKYE TEACHING HOSPITAL (KATH)

Answering a question on what she would do to improve the health delivery at the Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital on the face of high infant and maternal mortality rates, the nominee informed the Committee that as a Member of Parliament on the Select Committee on Health, she together with the Committee visited KATH more than ten times all in a bid to find solution to the challenges but all to no avail.

She assured the Committee that when given the nod as the Deputy Ashanti Regional Minister, she would do all in her power to assist the Regional Minister and the Sector Minister to complete the Maternity building which has been ongoing for decades.

## COMBATING ILLEGAL MINING IN THE ASHANTI REGION

On what she would do to address illegal mining (galamsey) and the pollution of water bodies in the region, the nominee stated that the issue of illegal mining was one of a national issue and government was working on it. She intimated that whatever policies Government rolled out would be supported, by her and the Regional Minister to ensure successful implementation.

### Recommendation

The Committee recommends to the House for the approval *by consensus* the nomination of Hon. Elizabeth Agyeman for appointment as Deputy Regional Minister for the Ashanti Region.

8.0 JOSEPH TETTEH - DEPUTY REGIONAL  
MINISTER- DESIGNATE FOR THE EASTERN  
REGION

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### Background

Hon. Joseph Tetteh was born on 14<sup>th</sup> May, 1966 at Asesewa in the Eastern Region of Ghana. He had his basic and Middle school education in Asesewa Anglican Primary School and Asesewa Roman Catholic Middle School from 1972 to 1978 and



1978 to 1982 respectively. He enrolled in New Juaben Secondary School in 1982 where he was awarded the G. C. E. "O" Level certificate in 1987. In 2010, the nominee enrolled in the Graduate School of Governance and Leadership where he was awarded a Certificate in Public Procurement.

The nominee began his career as a farmer between 1987 and 1990 before taking up the post of sales attendant at Asodam Enterprise. He later established his own business, Joetee Enterprise Limited, where he worked as the Chief Executive Officer between 1997 and 2016. Along the line, he ventured into the financial service industry and established the KLO Financial Service, acting as the chief executive officer until his election as the Member of Parliament for the Upper Manya Constituency. The nominee held several political positions including being a member of the NPP Council of Patrons in the Eastern Region and the Upper Manya Constituency. The nominee is married with three children and speaks English, Twi, Ga and Dangme.

### Response to Questions

#### **PROPOSAL TO DEAL WITH ILLEGAL MINING IN THE EASTERN REGION**

The nominee in a response to a question on the most effective way of dealing with the menace of illegal mining in the Eastern Region, lamented the extent of the problem and its attendant effect on water bodies and agriculture. He explained that the Eastern Region has become a fertile ground for the activities of illegal miners because of its vast deposit of mineral resources, including gold and diamonds. He acknowledged that, efforts put in place by successive governments to arrest the problem have yielded little result. He indicated his intention to support the Regional Minister to liaise with the relevant state agencies including the Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources and the Ministry of Interior to devise a new strategy to curb the menace of illegal mining in the Region.



## **ACTIVITIES OF POLITICAL VIGILANTE GROUPS**

In a response to a question on what actions he intended to take to control the activities of political vigilante groups in the Eastern Region, the nominee explained that, the activities of those vigilante groups were illegal and should not be entertained in any form. He indicated that a crime committed constituted a crime, and any individual or group of persons found culpable of any crime should be dealt with in accordance with the laws of the state irrespective of political affiliation. If given the nod, he said he would assist the Regional Minister, and with support from the security services clamp down on the activities of political vigilante groups in the Eastern Region.

## **IMPROVING GIRL CHILD EDUCATION**

On specific intervention to be put in place to promote girl child education in the region, the nominee lamented the dwindling public interest in the promotion of girl child education. He emphasized the significance of girl child education to women empowerment and poverty reduction. He assured the Committee that, given the nod, he would propose a collaboration with the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection to intensify public education on the importance of girl child education to his Regional Minister.

## **PROMOTING YOUTH IN AGRICULTURE**

In a response to a question on plans he would to put in place to encourage the youth to take agriculture as a career, the nominee explained that agriculture is the predominant activity of the people of the Eastern Region and provides employment for majority of the inhabitants. He indicated that, most of the farmers are aged hence the need to encourage more of the youth to venture into farming to ensure food security. He admitted that most of the youth in the region

are not interested in agriculture because of the labour intensive nature of the venture and the high level of risk associated with farming. The problem being further compounded by the failure of financial institutions to extend credit to the agriculture sector. The nominee was however optimistic that with the implementation of the government's agriculture sector initiatives including "planting for jobs and food" more youth would be attracted to the agriculture sector. He assured of his preparedness to support the youth to access the needed financial resources to motivate them venture into agriculture.

### Recommendation

The Committee, recommends to the House for approval *by consensus* the nomination of Hon. Joseph Tetteh for appointment as Deputy Regional Minister for the Eastern Region.

9.0 HON. EVANS OPOKU BOBIE - DEPUTY REGIONAL  
MINISTER-DESIGNATE FOR THE BRONG  
AHAFO REGION

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### Background

Hon Evans Opoku Bobie was born on 1<sup>st</sup> December, 1974 at Goaso in the Brong Ahafo Region. He had his basic education at Methodist Primary and Junior High Schools between 1982 and 1990 where he obtained his B.E.C.E certificate. He proceeded to Gyamfi Kumanin Senior High School where he obtained his Senior Secondary School Certificate in 1993. Between 2000 and 2002, the nominee pursued a Diploma in Adult Education at the University of Ghana. He was later awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Work and Psychology by the same

University in 2005. In 2008, He enrolled in the University of Cape Coast and was awarded a Master of Arts Degree in Development Management in 2012.

The nominee began work as a Pupil teacher at Asunafo Educational Complex and Dominase Junior High School from 1994 to 1996 and 1997 to 2000 respectively. Having completed his mandatory National service assignment with the Department of Community Development at Asunafo North Municipal Assembly in 2003, Hon. Evans Opoku Bobie began his professional career as Credit Manager at the Ahafo Community Bank Limited at Kukuom. He rose through the ranks as a Personnel Officer and was appointed General Manager of the bank in 2010. This position, he held until his election as a Member of Parliament in January, 2017. The nominee has participated in several training and capacity building workshops on financial institution management and regulations. He is married with two children.

### Response to Questions

#### **ACHIEVEMENT AS MANAGING DIRECTOR OF AHAFO COMMUNITY BANK**

Espousing his achievements as the Managing Director of the Ahafo Community Bank Limited, the nominee indicated to the Committee that when he took over the financial institution, it had very weak fundamentals. He said, at the time he became the Managing Director, the deposit base of the bank had reduced significantly. The bank at the time was also struggling with a high portfolio of non-performing assets. The bank had weak internal control systems and the Central Bank rated the bank as a distressed financial institution. With pragmatic leadership, introduction of appropriate management and strong internal controls and measures, the fortunes of the Ahafo Community Bank were turned around from a distressed bank to one that merited a satisfactory Central Bank rating. He said, by the time he was exiting, the customer and deposit levels of the bank had increased significantly leading to the establishment of new branches. He said, under his watch the assets of the bank increased significantly.



## **SUPPORT FOR AGRICULTURE**

On the specific interventions he would introduce to help improve agriculture in the region, the nominee was of the view that the participation of the youth was vital in any effort to sustain the image of the Brong Ahafo Region as the hub of agriculture in Ghana. He cited the lack of financing and the destructive effects of annual bush fires as some of the major factors inhibiting the attractions of the youth into agriculture. The nominee expressed his readiness to assist the youth have access to finance to support investment in agriculture. On the effects of bushfires on agricultural productivity, he expressed the need for closer collaboration between the Local Authorities and the National Commission for Civic Education to educate farmers on the causes and effects of bush fires. This would help reduce the incidence of bush fires and its attendant effect on agricultural productivity.

## **WOMEN EMPOWERMENT**

Responding to a question on the specific actions he would undertake to ensure women empowerment in the Brong Ahafo Region, the nominee acknowledged the important role of women in nation development. He indicated that women play a vital role in the agricultural value chain. Their business activities however are impaired by unavailability of credit to support their businesses. He indicated that when given the nod, he intend to work with the Minister to encourage women to form groups to enable them access credit facilities to support their businesses. He assured the Committee that, he would work with all stakeholders to ensure that the needs of women are factored into the implementation of all government development programs and projects at the Regional and District level.

### Recommendation

The Committee recommends to the House for the approval *by consensus* the nomination of Hon. Evans Opoku Bobie for appointment as Deputy Regional Minister for Brong Ahafo Region.

## 10.0 MR. MAXWELL QOPHY BLAGODZI - DEPUTY REGIONAL MINISTER-DESIGNATE FOR THE VOLTA REGION

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### Background

Mr. Maxwell Qophy Blagodzi was born on 18<sup>th</sup> November, 1966 at Chillinga in the Volta Region. He had his primary education at Bontibor L/A Primary School and continued at Nkwanta L/A Middle 'A' School in the Volta Region from 1973 to 1979 and 1979 to 1983 respectively. In 1986 he enrolled at the St. Francis College of Education where he obtained a Teachers Certificate 'A' in 1990. In 1993, the nominee registered as a private candidate and obtained the GCE Ordinary Level Certificate. The nominee in 2002 enrolled at the Central University College for a four-year Bachelor of Business Administration Degree, he is yet to complete the program.

Mr. Blagodzi started his career as a teacher at the Chillinga D/A Primary School from 1990 to 1992 and moved to the New Agou D/A Primary School from 1992 to 1994. He was later transferred to Bontobor D/A Junior High School (JHS) (1994 - 1997), Brewaniase D/A JHS (1997 - 1999), Keri D/A JHS (1999 - 2002), Ntruboman SHS (2006 - 2011), Nkwasec D/A JHS (2011 - 2013) and Nkwanta D/A JHS 'A' from 2013 to 2016. He has been the Headmaster of Nkwasec Basic Schools of the Nkwanta South District in the Volta Region from September 2016 to date.

Mr. Blagodzi started his political career as the Nkwanta Constituency Youth Organizer for the NPP from 1996 to 2009. He was also the Nkwanta Constituency Secretary for the NPP from 1999 to 2002 and again the Volta Regional Youth Organizer for the party from 2005 to 2009. He was a Government Appointee to the Nkwanta District Assembly from 2001 to 2006, becoming the Volta Regional campaign coordinator for the NPP in 2008. The nominee was elected as an Assembly Member for the Shiare-Chillinga Electoral Area from 2006 to 2010.



## Responses to Questions

### **SECESSION OF PART OF THE VOLTA REGION**

On whether he was aware and would support the Regional Minister to deal ruthlessly with one group advocating for the secession of part of the Volta Region from Ghana in an unlawful manner, the nominee stated he was aware of a group calling itself the Western Togoland Movement. He declined further comments on the issue stating that the matter was before the court of law.

### **KENTE WEAVING CENTRE AND THE POLICY OF ONE DISTRICT ONE FACTORY**

Asked whether the establishment of a kente factory in the Volta Region satisfied the requirements of the policy of One District One Factory, the nominee stated that the establishment of a factory is to ensure the addition of value to whatever one engaged in and as such the establishment of a kente factory would qualify as such. He however stated that he was yet to quantify the number of jobs that a kente factory would provide for the people in the region.

### **COOPERATION AND SUPPORT FOR THE REGIONAL MINISTER**

On whether he would give the Regional Minister maximum cooperation and support to achieve his mandate, the nominee informed the Committee that as a constitutional requirement, the President in nominating him for the position of a deputy regional minister, consulted the Regional Minister. The Minister thus had a hand in his nomination and as such he would do all in his power to ensure a harmonious working relationship between him and the Minister.

### **LANDING SITES FOR FERRIES**

Answering a question on whether he would support the Minister to provide a landing site for ferries as provided for in the 2017 Budget Statement. The nominee stated that the problems with the ferries was not wholly about the landing sites but also involved the fares and complaints by cargo drivers. He continued that

hailing from that area himself, he would discuss with the Minister to come up with a solution expeditiously.

#### **TENAGE PREGNANCY IN THE VOLTA REGION**

On how he would help the Minister to address the canker of teenage pregnancy in the Volta Region being a teacher for many years, the nominee said that there is the need to educate and sensitize the region on the importance of girl-child education and to bring on board all stakeholders in addressing this canker. According to him there would be the need to motivate the girl-child to be in school and also project role models to help girls aspire for higher educational achievements.

#### **CREATION OF A NEW REGION OUT OF THE VOLTA REGION**

On his view on a provision in the NPP Manifesto seeking to create a new region out of the Volta Region to be known as the Volta North or Oti Region, the nominee stated that the proposal came from the people of the area through their Chiefs. He continued that they would do their utmost best to give the people what they wanted but would sensitize the people on the possible advantages that would come with the creation of the new region for them to get the maximum benefit.

#### **COMPLETION OF THE EASTERN CORRIDOR ROAD**

On concerns raised about the completion of the Eastern Corridor road and his commitment to ensure the completion of the project, the nominee assured the Committee that he would remind the Minister constantly about the need to complete that project.

#### **SOLVING THE PROBLEM OF YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE VOLTA REGION**

On how he would support the Regional Minister to solve the problem of youth unemployment in the Volta Region, the nominee stated that he would support the Minister to solve that problem by opening their doors to the youth of the region and ensure open discussion about the problem which would eventually lead to workable solutions to the problem of youth unemployment.



### Recommendation

The Committee recommends that the House approves *by consensus* the nomination of Mr. Maxwell Qophy Blagodzi for appointment as Deputy Regional Minister for the Volta Region.

**11.0 MR. THOMAS YAW ADJEI-BAFFOE - DEPUTY REGIONAL  
MINISTER-DESIGNATE FOR THE  
CENTRAL REGION**

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### Background

Mr. Thomas Yaw Adjei-Baffoe was born on 12<sup>th</sup> May, 1966 at Twifo Praso and hails from Denkyira Akropong in the Central Region.

The nominee had his elementary education at the Catholic Primary and Middle School at Twifo Nyenase in the Central Region from 1971 to 1981. He proceeded to the Twifo Praso Secondary School between 1981 and 1986 for his 'O' Level. He again attended the Dormaa Secondary School, Dormaa Ahenkro for his G.C.E. 'A' Level (1987-1989). For his tertiary education, the nominee studied at the University of Cape Coast from 1991 to 1996 and obtained a Diploma in Economics and a Bachelor of Education in Psychology.

Mr. Adjei-Baffoe taught at the Twifo Kayireku D/A Junior High School between 1989 and 1991 for his national service. He again taught at the Twifo Praso Senior High School between 1997 and 1999. Between 2002 and 2004, the nominee worked with the National Disaster Management Organization as the District Co-ordinator. He was later appointed the Regional Liaison Officer for the Central Region by the National Youth Employment from 2007 to 2009.

For his political background, the nominee has held several leadership positions in the New Patriotic Party (NPP) including as NPP Regional Organizer for the Central Region (2009 to date), NPP National Council Member (2009 to date) and Member of the 2012 and 2016 NPP Campaign Teams.



## Responses to Question

### **STRATEGY FOR POVERTY REDUCTION**

On the strategy he would adopt to assist in reducing poverty in the Central Region, the nominee reiterated his proposal to adopt stakeholder consultations with the people in the Region including prominent businessmen like Dr. Papa Kwesi Nduom and Hon. Kennedy Agyapong. He was of the firm conviction that the outcome of the consultations would enable the Minister produce a blueprint to give direction on the way forward. He emphasized that, the Regional Coordinating Council could not be tasked with the work alone and that there is the need to bring all hands on deck. On his part, the nominee promised to work assiduously to support the Regional Minister to change the negative image associated with the Region as the Fourth Poorest in Ghana.

### **MAINTENANCE OF INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE REGION**

On how he would assist in improving the maintenance of facilities in the Region, the nominee recognized the efforts made by the previous NDC Administrations in the construction of the Cape Coast Stadium, the Kotokuraba Market and the revival of the Komenda Sugar factory. He accordingly promised to support the Regional Minister to ensure that such facilities were well maintained.

### **PROMOTION OF QUALITY EDUCATION IN THE REGION**

The nominee indicated his commitment to assist the Regional Minister to promote quality education in the Region. He was of the view that if the prominent educational institutions are supported they would produce high profile personalities of the likes of Dr. Kwegyir Aggrey.

### **CONFLICT BETWEEN MPS AND DCEs**

The nominee acknowledged that the problem is pervasive and goes beyond political connotations as such conflict arise even between MPs and DCEs of the same political party. He wondered why the problem persists because the two public officers had distinct roles to play in the country. He accordingly called for a critical look at the issues which give rise to such negative tendencies and promised to work hard to ensure that DCEs do not frustrate MPs in the course of

their work. He stated that he would advocate for the use of dialogue to resolve the problem but affirmed that he would push for the removal of any recalcitrant DCEs should it become impossible to achieve an amicable resolution.

#### **MANAGEMENT OF PREMIX FUEL**

The nominee advocated for an all hands-on-deck approach and intimated that he would closely work with MPs to ensure the efficient management of premix fuel in the Region. He noted that poor management of the product may affect the political fortunes of MPs and hence the need to involve them in all decisions relating to the management of premix fuel. He therefore promised to work with the Regional Minister in that regard.

#### **CONSTRUCTION OF LANDING SITES**

On whether he would accept proposal to construct landing sites along the Region's coast line to boost the fishing industry, the nominee responded in the affirmative. He hinted that he would support the Regional Minister to collaborate effectively with the Ministry of Fisheries to accomplish that task and suggested Manford and Moree as possible locations for the siting of the facilities.

#### **REVAMPING OF THE KOMENDA SUGAR FACTORY**

The nominee said he was committed to assisting in sourcing additional US\$24.5m which had been approved by the Indian Exim bank for Irrigation and out the grower Scheme as being part of the efforts to revamp the Factory. He recalled the recent working visit by the Regional Minister to the Factory and promised to provide the needed support to ensure that the factory becomes functional to provide jobs for the teeming youth in the Region and to ensure that Komenda becomes vibrant again.

#### **REFORMS IN DISASTER MANAGEMENT**

Mr. Adjei-Baffoe suggested that the country's approach to disaster management be looked at again. He noted that the current approach focuses on disaster management and stressed that that had to change, with more emphasis placed on disaster prevention.



### Recommendation

The Committee recommends that the House approves *by consensus* the nomination of Mr. Thomas Yaw Adjei-Baffoe for appointment as Deputy Regional Minister for Central Region.

12.0 HON. ADONGO FRANK FUSEINI

- DEPUTY REGIONAL  
MINISTER-DESIGNATE FOR THE  
UPPER EAST REGION

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### Background

Hon. Adongo Frank Fuseini was born on 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 1960 in Yikurugu-Zebilla in the Upper East Region. He had his basic education at the Yikurugu Primary School from 1965 to 1971 and obtained Middle School Leaving Certificate from the Zebilla Middle School in 1975. The Nominee also obtained a General Nursing Certificate from the Presbyterian Nursing Training College, Bawku in 1980 and has since been a Member of the Nurses and Mid-Wifery Association of Ghana.

Hon. Adongo Fuseini worked as a Pupil Teacher at the Yikurugu Primary School, Bawku from 1976 to 1978. He also worked as a Nurse in the Binaba Health Centre, Binaba, Bawku from 1980 to 1983, Omolaya Medical Centre Oyo State, Nigeria from 1983 to 1987 and Abiye Maternity Centre, Oyo State, Nigeria from 1987 to 1991. Hon. Adongo has been the Director of his own health facility registered as F.F.A Faith Clinic, Zebilla, since 1995. The Nominee was the Assembly Member for Yikurugu Electoral Area, Bawku West District from 2006 to 2015. He is currently the Member of Parliament for the Zebilla Constituency and serves on the Parliamentary Committees on Health and Poverty Reduction Strategy.

The Honourable Nominee was the Chairman for the Literacy and Development Committee in the Bawku West District from 2006 to 2012 and the Secretary for the Association of Private Health Care Providers in the Upper East Region from 2011 to 2015. He is currently the Public Relations Officer of the National Health Insurance Providers Association of Ghana, Upper East Chapter, a position which he has held since 2013.

Hon. Frank Fuseini Adongo participated in a workshop on anti-corruption in 2014 and another one on women empowerment in 2015, all organised by IDEG and held at Tamale. He also attended a seminar dubbed "Alliance Building and Health Practice" organised by the District Health Directorate and World Vision in



September 2016 and “Inter-Agency Collaborative Effort in Health” organised by the District Health Directorate and Oxfam in April 2016, all in Zebilla.

Hon. Adongo is a Christian and married with six (6) children. Reading, music and volley ball are his hobbies.

### Nominee’s Responses to Questions

#### **CONFLICT BETWEEN MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT AND DISTRICT CHIEF EXECUTIVES IN THE UPPER EAST REGION**

Asked of what he would do to resolve conflict between Members of Parliament and District Chief Executives in the Upper East Region, the Nominee informed the Committee that he had already taken steps to address the issue with the support of Mr. Rockson Bukari, the Hon. Minister for the Region. He disclosed that they met with all the Members of Parliament in the Region and discussed how they can all work together to ensure peace and harmony to enhance development.

#### **VIOLENCE IN THE UPPER EAST REGION**

On the issue of violence in the Upper East Region resulting in loss of lives and property, the nominee lamented that it had mainly resulted from land disputes and chieftaincy conflicts. He shared the same sentiment with the Committee that, as a result of the conflicts, Bawku once a sprawling commercial hub, has now become dormant. He assured the Committee that he will intensify strategies already put in place to deal with the issue. He also said they will work very hard and involve the Chiefs, District Chief Executives and opinion leaders to bring a lasting solution to the bane.

#### **ILLEGAL MINING**

Responding to the issue of economic potentials of some of the rocks in the Upper East Region, the Nominee said though attempts are being made to harness mineral resources from such rocks, illegal mining commonly known as “galamsey” is thwarting the efforts. He informed the Committee that the menace is gradually rearing its ugly head in some of the towns in the Region like Nagori, where such economic rocks exist. He assured the Committee that he will support the Minister to solicit the support of other Members of Parliament, District Chief Executives

and the security agencies, to combat the menace, since it is a threat to national security.

## **JOB CREATION FOR THE YOUTH**

Regarding youth unemployment in the Upper East Region and rural-urban drift, the Nominee said that jobs can be created from culture, arts and crafts. He informed the Committee that in his quest to create employment opportunities for the youth, he would tap the experience of Mr. Rockson Abukari, since the Hon. Minister is a former Municipal Chief Executive for the Bolgatanga Municipal Assembly. He lauded the One Village One Dam initiative by His Excellency, the President, Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo Addo and said it would also help in dealing with the unemployment situation in the Region. The Nominee was of the opinion that the terrain coupled with the vast farm lands in the Upper East Region, would make the implementation of the Project very easy. He said the One Village One Dam Project in the New Patriotic Part Manifesto would complement the efforts made by previous governments such as the initiation of the Tono and Tamini Irrigation Projects started by the immediate past President, His Excellency, John Dramani Mahama.

Mr. Adongo also said that the issue of job creation can also be addressed through the One District One Factory initiative. He said the Upper East Region has rich Baobab trees with many economic benefits and can serve as a raw material for some of the factories that will be built in the Region.

## **UNCOMPLETED PROJECTS**

The Nominee assured the Committee that he will liaise with the Minister to ensure that the proposed Aerodrome would be constructed in the Upper East Region, would be completed for usage in case of medical emergencies apart from commercial purposes. He also assured the Committee that he will see to the execution of contracts signed in respect of the Rural Electrification Project in the Region.

## **NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE SCHEME**

The Nominee admitted that the National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS) accreditation of his health facility, FFA Faith Clinic in Zebilla was withdrawn in



2011, after a clinical audit conducted by the National Health Insurance Authority (NHIA), in accordance with Section 68(a) of the National Health Insurance Act, 2003 (Act 650) and Regulation 23(k) of the National Health Insurance Regulations, 2004 (L.I. 1809).

In his response to the audit query, the nominee explained that some of the issues raised in the Report were as a result of human errors and others were due to some teething challenges that confronted the facility. He said he wrote to the NHIA after addressing all the issues raised in the query and got the accreditation restored. He was delighted to inform the Committee that the facility has since had the right complement of staff and met all the other requirements for the accreditation.

### Recommendation

The Committee recommends to the House to approve *by consensus* the nomination of Hon. Adongo Frank Fuseini for appointment as Deputy Regional Minister for the Upper East Region.

13.0 MR. AMIDU CHINNIA ISSAHAKU

DEPUTY REGIONAL  
MINISTER-DESIGNATE FOR  
THE UPPER WEST REGION

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### Background

Mr. Amidu Chinnia Issahaku was born on 20<sup>th</sup> May, 1978 in Techiman in the Brong Ahafo Region.

Mr. Issahaku attended Nabugubelle Primary/JSS for his basic education. From 1994 and 1996 he attended Tumu Secondary Technical School where he obtained his Senior Secondary School Certificate.

Between 1997 to 2000, Mr. Issahaku attended Nastrat Jahan Teacher Training College, and was awarded a Teachers' Certificate "A". From 2003 to 2007, Mr. Issahaku later attended the University for Development Studies where he pursued and was awarded a BSc in Agriculture Technology.

Mr. Issahaku started work as a teacher at Nemora JSS and also taught at Gwollu Wuljua Primary between 2000 and 2003. From 2007 to 2009, he was a tutor at



Tumu Junior High School. Between 2009 to 2010, Mr. Issahaku was the headmaster of Pina Basic School. He was also the headmaster of Bugubelle Basic School between 2010 and 2012.

From 2013 to 2015, Mr. Issahaku worked with Nabugubelle Junior High School as a tutor. He is the Public Relations Officer of the Ghana Education Service, Wa East District from September 2015 to date.

Mr. Issahaku has held several leadership positions. He was the Government Appointed Assembly Member for the Sissala East District Assembly from 2005 to 2006. He was the SRC Vice President of the University of Development Studies - Nyankpala campus from 2005 to 2006.

He was the NPP Assistant Constituency Secretary for the Sissala Constituency and the TESCON President for the UDS-Nyankpala campus.

Mr. Issahaku was a Member of the Ghana National Association of Teachers from 2000 - 2008. He is currently a Member of the National Association of Graduate Teachers from 2009 to date.

Mr. Issahaku has attended a number of conferences and Training Programmes. He attended a three day capacity building program on enhancing growth in New Enterprises (ENGINE) Scale up in Business Plan from 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2016. He also attended a three-day Leadership for change workshop for GES Management Staff in twenty UNICEF Focused Districts from 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2016.

### Nominee's Responses to Questions

#### **ARMED ROBBERY IN THE REGION**

The nominee agreed that armed robbery was one of the challenges facing the region. He said that there was the need to support the Police to flush out the criminals in the region. Further, the Police need to be supported to organize in-house training and refresher courses and to be equipped to deal with the situation.

#### **CHILD PROSTITUTION**

The nominee informed the Committee that he was aware of the growing menace of child prostitution in the region. He said the trend was worrying and there was the need for steps to be taken to resolve the problem.

He indicated that he was also aware that the Sissala Literacy Development Project had conducted a study into child prostitution in the area, but was however not aware of the details of the study.

He assured the Committee that given the nod, he would assist his Minister to get a copy of the Study and address the issue with the relevant stakeholders.

#### **COLLAPSE OF THE COTTON INDUSTRY**

The Nominee conceded that the Cotton industry in, the Region had collapsed despite Government's efforts to revive it. He said OLAM, a private company with the Government's help established a cotton factory. The company however was faced with a number of challenges and it had to abandon the venture.

The nominee indicated that job opportunities in the region were very few and the cotton industry was an important source of employment in the region. There is therefore the need to revive the industry to create job opportunities in the region.

He assured the Committee that when he becomes the Deputy Minister, he would assist his Minister to liaise with the Ministries of Trade and Industry and Agriculture to come up with measures to revamp the cotton industry.

#### **QUALITY OF EDUCATION IN THE REGION**

The nominee informed the Committee that the quality of education was necessary and therefore there was the need to train and produce quality manpower

To ensure that the quality of education is maintained, there was the need to have regular supervision of teachers by the regional and district directors. He however noted that the directors are unable to undertake the needed supervision due to challenges in financial releases and logistics.

He said that he would assist his Minister to find means to support the directors in the region to perform their jobs effectively.

#### **ADDRESSING THE MIGRATION ISSUE**



The nominee informed the Committee that the issue of migration stemmed from the fact that the job opportunities in the region were very few. As such most people from the region migrate to the south in search of jobs and other better facilities that are not present in the region. He further indicated that most of the jobs in the region related to farming but the erratic rain pattern in the region, do not make venturing into farming activities lucrative.

To address the issue of jobs, it was important for the region to take advantages of opportunities such as MASLOC and the Youth Enterprise Fund. He informed the Committee that he was grateful for government's effort to establish the one village-one dam policy in the region as it would go a long way to address the issue of the unreliable rainfall pattern and thereby encourage people to go into farming.

He said he would assist his Minister to pursue these lofty government initiatives for the wellbeing of the region.

#### **EXECUTION OF CONTRACT AWARDED TO THE NOMINEE'S COMPANY**

The nominee informed the Committee that his company was awarded a contract to upgrade the Gwollu Market. However, after discussions with the traditional leaders, the project was revised to the construction of a new market. He said since his company had already been awarded the initial contract, the Assembly revised it to that of a new project which was the construction of a new market-phase one.

He informed the Committee that the phase one included construction of some stores, office complex as well as a mosque. He indicated that his company duly executed the project and handed it over to the Assembly.

He explained that the initial contract could not cover the entire project and that was why he was only asked to complete phase one. The second phase was awarded to another contractor who is yet to execute it. He said he is not responsible for the non-execution of the Phase II of the project.

#### **ONE DISTRICT -ONE DAM INITIATIVE**

The nominee informed the Committee that under this initiative, there was the need to identify areas that could create jobs for the people as well as the need for projects with high market value.



This he said would be the only way that the region could benefit from the initiative. It would also address the major challenges facing the region.

He said he would discuss with stakeholders areas that the region would benefit under the initiative and advise the Regional Minister to inform the technical team handling the program accordingly.

### **Recommendation**

The Committee recommends that the House approves *by consensus* the nomination of Mr. Amidu Chinnia Issahaku for appointment as Deputy Minister for the Upper West Region.

## **12.0 CONCLUSION AND GENERAL RECOMMENDATION**

The Committee has duly considered the nominations of His Excellency the President for Deputy Regional Ministerial appointments in line with the 1992 Constitution and the Standing Orders of the House and recommends the following ten (10) nominees to the House for approval:

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|-------|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| x.    | Hon. Solomon Namliit Boar             | - | Deputy Regional Minister-Designate for the Northern Region       |
| xii.  | Hon. Elizabeth Kwatsoe Tawiah Sackey- | - | Deputy Regional Minister- Designate for the Greater Accra Region |
| xiii. | Hon. Gifty Eugenia Kusi (Mrs.)        | - | Deputy Regional Minister- Designate for the Western Region       |
| xiv.  | Hon. Elizabeth Agyeman                | - | Deputy Regional Minister-Designate for the Ashanti Region        |
| xv.   | Hon. Joseph Tetteh                    | - | Deputy Regional Minister-Designate for the Eastern Region        |

- xvi. Hon. Evans Opoku Bobie - Deputy Regional Minister-Designate for the Brong Ahafo Region
- xvii. Mr. Maxwell Qothy Blagodzi - Deputy Regional Minister-Designate for Volta Region
- xviii. Mr. Thomas Yaw Adjei-Baffoe - Deputy Regional Minister-Designate for the Central Region
- xix. Hon. Adongo Frank Fuseini - Deputy Regional Minister-Designate for the Upper East Region
- xx. Mr. Amidu Chinnia Issahaku - Deputy Regional Minister-Designate for the Upper West Region

Respectfully submitted.



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**HON. JOE OSEI-OWUSU**  
**(FIRST DEPUTY SPEAKER,**  
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**APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE)**



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**(CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE)**

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