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REPORT OF THE

FINANCE COMMITTEE

ON THE

2008 ANNUAL ESTIMATES FOR THE

OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT

MACHINERY

6TH DECEMBER, 2007.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The 2008 annual estimates for the Office of Government Machinery was laid in the House on Thursday November 15, 2007 and referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and report in accordance with the Constitution and Standing Orders of the House. This followed the presentation of the Budget Statement and Economic Policy of the Government for the 2008 Financial Year by the Minister for Finance and Economic Planning, Hon. Kwadwo Baah-Wiredu.

To consider the estimates, the Committee met with the Chief of Staff and Minister for Presidential Affairs, Hon. Kwadwo Mpiani, the Chief Director at the Castle, Osu and Officials from the Departments and Agencies under the Office of Government Machinery and reports as follows:

2.0 REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

The Committee referred to the following documents in considering the estimates of the Office of Government Machinery:

- i. The 1992 Constitution
- ii. The Standing Orders of the House
- iii. The Budget Statement and Economic Policy of the Government for the 2008 Financial Year.

3.0 BACKGROUND

Government Machinery embraces the Office of the President as the seat of Government, the Regional Co-ordinating Councils (RCCs) and those Organizations whose operations fall outside traditional areas of

sectoral responsibilities, for which the Office of the President (Core Government Machinery) exists to provide administrative, managerial and technical services. The Office of Government Machinery has ministerial responsibility for the following Agencies:

- (i) **Office of the President** and its subvented organizations i.e. Millenium Development Authority (MiDA), African Fund for BIO Fuels Development, Office of Accountability, Presidential Committee on Chieftaincy, National Identification System, State enterprises Commission (SEC), Divestiture Implementation Commission (DIC), National Population Council (NPC), Ghana Investment Promotion Centre (GIPC), Public Utilities Regulatory Commission (PURC), Pension reform Implementation Committee, Presidential Committee on Emoluments (Political), National Governance Programme (NGP) and the Internal Audit Agency Board.
- (ii) **Office of the Head of Civil Service;**
- (iii) **Scholarships Secretariat**
- (iv) **Public Records and Archives Administration Department (PRAAD)**
- (v) **Management Services**
- (vi) **Ghana AIDS Commission**

(vii) Commissions and Councils i.e. Council of State, and State Protocol

(viii) Ten (10) Regional Coordinating Councils and Budget Offices.

The main focus of the sector is to provide administrative, managerial and technical services to the Presidency of Ghana leading to improvement in social, economic and political direction of the nation in the best interest of all Ghanaians.

This is achieved through efficient service delivery for good governance through ensuring that all MDAs become transparent, accountable, efficient and responsive to the needs and direction of the country. This is to be accomplished through the following activities:

1. Formulating, implementing, co-ordinating, monitoring and evaluation of government policies and programmes.
2. Promoting political tolerance, stability, security and peace in Ghana and the sub-region
3. Researching and collating information for Executive policy formulation and review
4. Conveying Executive policies and decisions to MDAs, other public sector Organizations and monitoring the private sector's performance;

Some other objectives include:

- ❖ To formulate, implement, co-ordinate and evaluate government policies and programmes and to preserve and conserve public records for the benefit of the general public;
- ❖ To promote political tolerance, stability, and peace in Ghana and the sub region;
- ❖ To provide institutional capacity and enabling environment for effective, efficient and sustainable service delivery.
- ❖ To utilize Government/Donor funds and to mobilize funds from private sector for the provision of scholarships to students and workers at a minimum access cost in support of national development
- ❖ To counsel the President in the performance of his functions
- ❖ To ensure that Regional Co-ordinating Councils act as an arm of the Executive to provide effective and efficient administration and technical services through monitoring, evaluating, harmonizing and co-ordinating plans and programmes of MDAs, DAs and NGOs.

4.0 THE 2008 ANNUAL ESTIMATES OF THE GOVERNMENT MACHINERY

A total amount of **GH¢110,039,251** made up of **GoG (GH¢56,255,791)**; **Donor (GH¢53,540,631)**; and **IGF (GH¢242,830)** has been allocated to the Government Machinery for the 2008 financial year. The breakdown is as follows:

Personnel Emoluments	-	GH¢11,874,757
Administration	-	GH¢14,024,614
Service	-	GH¢21,302,120
Investment	-	GH¢62,837,760
GRAND TOTAL	-	GH¢110,039,251

4.1 Office of the President

The Office of the President caters for the following Departments, among others; General Administration, Vice-President's Secretariat, Cabinet Secretariat, Office of the Chief of Staff & Minister for Presidential Affairs, State Enterprises Commission, Divestiture Implementation Committee, National Population Council, Ghana Investment Promotion Centre, Public Utilities Regulatory Commission, Office of Accountability, Policy Co-ordination, Monitoring and Evaluation, Presidential Committee on Chieftaincy.

Personnel Emoluments	-	GH¢7,439,859
Administration Expenses	-	GH¢11,217,176
Service	-	GH¢ 17,583,961
Investment	-	GH¢58,272,884
Total	-	GH¢94,513,880

4.2 Allocations to Departments and Units etc.

The amounts stated below represent allocations to the various Divisions and Agencies under the Office of the President:

General Administration	-	GH¢41,427,538
Office of COS & Minister for Presidential Affairs	-	GH¢8,137,210
Vice President's Secretariat	-	GH¢2,565,000
Cabinet Secretariat	-	GH¢257,500
Press secretariat	-	GH¢120,040

Millennium Development Authority (MiDA)	-	GHC3,888,523
African Fund for Bio Fuels Development	-	GHC519,214
Office of Accountability	-	GHC306,934
Policy Co-ordination, Monitoring and Evaluation	-	GHC200,900
Presidential Committee on Chieftaincy	-	GHC165,400
National Identification System	-	GHC8,713,790
State Enterprises Commission	-	GHC356,271
Divesture Implementation Committee	-	GHC266,384
National Population Council	-	GHC690,702
Ghana Investment Promotion Centre	-	GHC20,635,784
Public Utilities Regulatory Commission	-	GHC1,097,552
Pension Reform Implementation Committee	-	GHC620,811
Presidential Committee on Emoluments (Political)	-	GHC192,820
National Governance Programme	-	GHC2,440,117
Internal Audit Agency Board	-	GHC1,911,391

4.3 Office of the Head of Civil Service

A total budgetary provision of **GH¢1,212,077** has been allocated to the Office of the Head of the Civil Service to be disbursed as follows:

Personnel Emoluments	-	GH¢368,124
Administration	-	GH¢327,600
Service	-	GH¢276,353
Investment	-	GH¢240,000
TOTAL	-	GH¢1,212,077

4.4 Scholarships Secretariat

An amount of **GH¢423,977** has been allocated to the Scholarships Secretariat to be disbursed as follows:

Personnel Emoluments	-	GH¢232,486
Administration	-	GH¢116,491
Service	-	GH¢75,000
Investment	-	-
TOTAL	-	GH¢423,977

*Out of the total allocation of **GH¢423,977** an amount of **GH¢205,186** has been allocated to General Administration whilst the remaining **GH¢218,791** goes to the London Office of the Secretariat.*

4.5 Public Records and Archives Administration Department
(PRAAD)

An amount of **GHC992,680** has been allocated to the Public Records and Archives Administration Department to be disbursed as follows:

Personnel Emoluments	-	GHC444,396
Administration	-	GHC123,656
Service	-	GHC110,628
Investment	-	GHC314,000
TOTAL	-	GHC992,680

4.6 Management Services

An amount of **GHC171,675** has been allocated to Management Services to be disbursed as follows:

Personnel Emoluments	-	GHC68,975
Administration	-	GHC37,700
Service	-	GHC65,000
Investment	-	-
TOTAL	-	GHC171,675

4.7 Ghana AIDS Commission

An amount of **GH¢1,244,038** has been allocated to Ghana Aids Commission to be disbursed as follows:

Personnel Emoluments	-	GH¢606,138
Administration	-	GH¢70,500
Service	-	GH¢367,400
Investment	-	GH¢200,000
Total	-	GH¢1,244,038

4.8 Commissions and Councils

An amount of **GH¢1,501,893** has been allocated to the Commissions and Councils for the 2008 financial year to be disbursed as follows:

Personnel Emoluments	-	GH¢735,353
Administration	-	GH¢302,040
Service	-	GH¢391,000
Investment	-	GH¢73,500
TOTAL	-	GH¢1,501,893

The total amount of **GHC1,501,893** would be shared between the Council of State and the Office of the Chief of State Protocol at **GHC752,208** and **GHC749,685** respectively. The breakdown is as follows:

4.9 Council of State

An amount of **GHC752,208** has been allocated to Council of State to be disbursed as follows:

Personnel Emoluments	-	GHC510,468
Administration	-	GHC134,240
Service	-	GHC91,000
Investment	-	GHC16,500
TOTAL	-	GHC752,208

4.1.1 Office of the Chief of State Protocol

An amount of **GHC749,685** has been allocated to the Office of the Chief of State Protocol for the 2008 financial year to be disbursed as follows:

Personnel Emoluments	-	GH¢224,885
Administration	-	GH¢167,800
Service	-	GH¢300,000
Investment	-	GH¢57,000
TOTAL	-	GH¢749,685

4.1.2 Greater Accra Regional Coordinating Council

The sum of **GH¢764,757** has been allocated to the Greater Accra Regional Coordinating Council for its operations and activities for the 2008 financial year. The breakdown is as follows:

Personnel Emoluments	-	GH¢265,073
Administration	-	GH¢167,217
Service	-	GH¢161,026
Investment	-	GH¢171,441
TOTAL	-	GH¢764,757

4.1.3 Volta Regional Co-Ordinating Council

The sum of **GH¢681,935** has been allocated to the Volta Regional Coordinating Council to be disbursed as follows:

Personnel Emoluments	-	GH¢154,685
Administration	-	GH¢150,848
Service	-	GH¢176,402
Investment	-	GH¢200,000
TOTAL	-	GH¢681,935

4.1.4 Eastern Regional Co-ordinating Council

The Eastern Regional Co-ordinating Council has been allocated the sum of **GH¢968,768** for the 2008 financial year to be disbursed as follows:

Personnel Emoluments	-	GH¢152,927
Administration	-	GH¢144,176
Service	-	GH¢221,022
Investment	-	GH¢450,643
TOTAL	-	GH¢968,768

5.1.5 Central Regional Co-ordinating Council

The sum of **GH¢1,127,171** has been allocated to the Central Regional coordinating Council to be disbursed as follows:

Personnel Emoluments	-	GH¢232,447
Administration	-	GH¢192,704
Service	-	GH¢252,020
Investment	-	GH¢450,000
TOTAL	-	GH¢1,127,171

4.1.6 Western Regional Co-ordinating Council

The sum of **GH¢1,004,999** has been allocated to the Western Regional Co-ordinating Council to be disbursed as follows:

Personnel Emoluments	-	GH¢140,509
Administration	-	GH¢171,258
Service	-	GH¢243,232
Investment	-	GH¢450,000
TOTAL	-	GH¢1,004,999

4.1.7 Ashanti Regional Co-ordinating Council

The sum of **GH¢1,261,908** has been allocated to the Ashanti Regional Co-ordinating Council to be disbursed as follows:

Personnel Emoluments	-	GH¢304,956
Administration	-	GH¢197,116
Service	-	GH¢317,837
Investment	-	GH¢442,000
TOTAL	-	GH¢1,261,908

4.1.8 Brong Ahafo Regional Co-ordinating Council

The sum of **GH¢844,433** has been allocated to the Brong Ahafo Regional Co-ordinating Council to be disbursed as follows:

Personnel Emoluments	-	GH¢292,029
Administration	-	GH¢182,094
Service	-	GH¢229,357
Investment	-	GH¢140,953
TOTAL	-	GH¢844,433

4.1.9 Northern Regional Co-ordinating Council

The sum of **GH¢1,174,903** has been allocated to the Northern Regional Co-ordinating Council to be disbursed as follows:

Personnel Emoluments	-	GH¢189,359
Administration	-	GH¢216,142
Service	-	GH¢255,088
Investment	-	GH¢514,313
TOTAL	-	GH¢1,174,903

4.2.1 Upper East Regional Co-ordinating Council

The sum of **GH¢1,100,140** has been allocated to the Upper East Regional Co-ordinating Council to be disbursed as follows:

Personnel Emoluments	-	GH¢155,313
Administration	-	GH¢199,822
Service	-	GH¢276,978
Investment	-	GH¢468,027
TOTAL	-	GH¢1,100,140

4.2.2 Upper West Regional Co-ordinating Council

The sum of **GH¢1,050,019** has been allocated to the Upper West Regional Co-ordinating Council to be disbursed as follows:

Personnel Emoluments	-	GH¢92,129
Administration	-	GH¢208,074
Service	-	GH¢299,816
Investment	-	GH¢450,000
TOTAL	-	GH¢1,050,019

4.0 OBSERVATIONS

The Committee observed that for the 2007 Financial Year, the Government Machinery was allocated a ceiling of **GH¢91,606,920** for its activities and operations, compared to the 2008 allocation of **GH¢110,039,251**.

The 2008 allocation shows an increase of **16.75%** over the 2007 allocation.

As at the end of the third quarter of 2007, total releases to the Government Machinery amounted to **GH¢75,475,858** leaving a balance of **GH¢16,131,062**

The Committee was informed that the **Millennium Development Authority (MiDA)** would grant a total amount of **US\$48 Million** in credit to Farm Based Organisations (FBOs) in the year 2008.

MiDA would also liaise with the Ministry of Transportation to construct a six lane dual-carriage road from Tetteh Quashie Interchange to Mallam Junction. This is to improve urban transport in Accra and to ensure that exportable foodstuffs and farm produce from Werstern and Central Regions get to the Kotoka International Airport and the Tema Harbour easily and in fresh state.

The **National Identification Authority** informed the Committee that actual data capturing for the national identity system would only begin after a Bill currently before Parliament to safeguard and secure people's personal information has been passed.

The Committee observed that out of a total of 70,000 people who require anti-retroviral treatment, only 11,000 are currently receiving the treatment. Members therefore advised the **Ghana AIDS Commission** to scale up its treatment campaign to ensure that AIDS patients live productive lives.

Members also expressed concern about the waning levels of HIV educational campaigns and urged the **Ghana AIDS Commission** to step up its educational campaign to ensure that the populace adopt more preventive and safe lifestyles.

The **Divestiture Implementation Committee (DIC)** informed the Committee that since their inception, they have successfully divested about three hundred and fifty (350) State-owned Enterprises (SOEs)

Currently, the DIC is pursuing the divestiture of SOEs through the Ghana Stock Exchange (GSE) so as to allow more Ghanaians to have the opportunity to own shares in the divested companies.

Some Members were of the view that the divestiture of the Ghana Telecommunications Company Ltd (GT) should be done via the stock Exchange to enable Ghanaians own the shares since almost all the other telecom companies in the Country are owned by foreigners.

The National Population Council (NPC) in 2007 organised Regional Population Advisory Committees (RPAC) to discuss region-specific issues on migration, labour and adolescent reproductive health issues.

The NPC also organized a two-week Training Programme on integration of population into development planning for District Planning and Budget officers from the Volta, Central and Western Regions in collaboration with KNUST and the UNFPA.

In 2008, the Council would build a strong population information network, train District Planning and Budget Officers in population integration modules and undertake monitoring visits to the regions and districts to monitor implementation of the population management component of the GPRS II.

The Ghana Investment Promotion Council (GIPC) has established an inter-agency monitoring team to ensure that all enterprises with foreign participation operating in the country complied with the regulations in the GIPC Act 478 of 1994.

The Committee was informed that this special exercise which started in Accra has resulted in some of these companies meeting the minimum requirements of the law.

Sector specific targeted investment promotion missions will also be undertaken by the GIPC in 2008 to follow up on identified investors as well as open at least one international office to help facilitate investments into the country.

The Office of the Head of Civil Service (OHCS) has programmed to organize 10 Regional Performance Review Monitoring workshops to evaluate the performance of Chief Directors/Regional Co-ordinators. The Office will also develop Performance Agreement and Staff Appraisal formats as well as review and validate performance of Civil Servants.

The administrative structures of the National Pensions Regulatory Authority would be established in 2008 with the Authority continuing the supervision of the restructuring of SSNIT

In the outgoing year, the Public Utilities Regulatory Commission (PURC) organised extensive public education and awareness programmes on regulations on termination of service and complaints policy and procedure, improved collaboration with stakeholders in the water and energy sectors and reviewed and adjusted utility prices.


In the ensuing year, the PURC will conduct technical and operational audit of the Utility Agencies. It will also conduct tariff and cost of service studies to enable the Commission determine tariffs more efficiently and effectively.

6.0 CONCLUSION

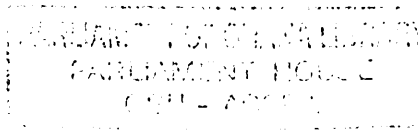
The Committee has carefully considered the estimates for the Office of Government Machinery and respectfully recommends to the House to adopt this report and approve the sum of **GHC110,039,251** for

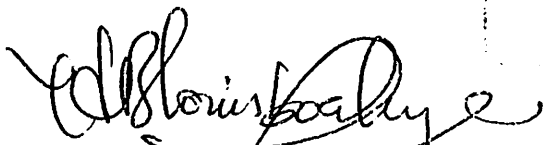
the activities and operations of the Office of Government Machinery
for the 2008 Financial Year.

Respectfully submitted.


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6TH DECEMBER, 2007