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**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH,
SPORTS AND CULTURE
ON THE
2007 ANNUAL ESTIMATES OF THE
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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Following the presentation of the 2008 Budget Statement and Economic Policy of the Government by the Hon. Minister of Finance on Thursday, 15th November, 2007, and the subsequent Motion for its adoption, the Annual Estimate for the fiscal year 2008 of the Ministry of Chieftaincy and Culture was referred to the Select Committee on Youth, Sports and Culture for consideration and report pursuant to Orders 140 (4) and 187 of the Standing Orders of the House and Article 179 of the Constitution.

2.0 COMMITTEE SITTING

The Estimates of the Ministry of Chieftaincy and Culture was considered with the assistance of the Minister responsible for Chieftaincy and Culture and his technical team as well as officials of Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning.

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

3.0 REFERENCE DOCUMENT

Reference documents used by the Committee during its deliberations were:

- i) The 1992 Constitution of the Republic of Ghana
- ii) The Standing Orders of the House (2000 Edition).
- iii) The 2007 Estimates and Actual Expenditure of the National Commission on Culture.
- iv) The 2008 Draft Annual Estimates of the Ministry of Chieftaincy and Culture
- v) The Budget Statement and Economic Policy of the Government of Ghana for the 2007 financial year
- vi) The Budget Statement and Economic Policy of the Government of Ghana for the 2008 financial year

4.0 MISSION STATEMENT AND OBJECTIVES

The mission of this Ministry is to develop effective interface between Government and Civil society on matters relating to Chieftaincy and Culture for the promotion of peace, good governance and international partnership for the overall development of Ghana.

This would be achieved through initiating and formulating policies for the Chieftaincy and Culture Sector as well as coordinating, monitoring and evaluating the efficiency and effectiveness of the performance of the sector.

In pursuit of this, the Ministry will:

- i. Promote and protect economic, social, cultural, civil and political rights as enshrined in the constitution and all African and international human rights to which Ghana is a signatory.
- ii. Promote coordination, harmonization and ownership of development process.
- iii. Deepen pluralistic involvement in support of poverty reduction and growth.
- iv. Ensuring higher civic responsibility and citizen's involvement in economic development.
- v. Promote Development Communication.
- vi. Promote sustainable and responsible tourism in such a way to preserve historical, cultural and natural heritage.
- vii. Promote domestic tourism to foster national cohesion as well as redistribution of income.
- viii. Increase industrial output and improve the competitiveness of domestic industrial products.

5.0 PERFORMANCE IN THE YEAR 2007

During the year under review, a total amount of **Seven Million Four Hundred Forty and Six Thousand Seven Hundred GH¢ (GH¢7,446,700.00)** was

approved by Parliament for carrying out the activities of the Ministry and its agencies. This amount included Internally Generated Fund and Donor funding.

The actual releases however was **Six Million, Sixty Thousand and Seven Hundred GH¢ (GH¢6,060,700.00)**. Additionally, a total amount of **One Million, Five Hundred and Five Thousand, Four Hundred and Sixty GH¢ (GH¢1,505,460)** was released for the payment of allowances to Traditional Leaders.

The delay in releases and in some cases, non-releases of approved funds by the Ministry of Finance made the period under review a very hectic one for the Ministry in view of the long list of programmes the Ministry had drawn up. In spite of these difficulties, the Ministry successfully undertook the following activities:

- i. Organised a National Conference on culture and Education with the principal actors and stakeholders with the aim to integrate culture into education curriculum to make education more relevant to the demands of society
- ii. Cultural Policy document was reviewed to reflect contemporary challenges in cultural administration and development vis-à-vis global cultural diversity impacts in the midst of globalization.
- iii. Collaborated with the Ghana Broadcasting Corporation to feature a Weekly Cultural Magazine programme on GTV to educate Ghanaians on their cultural frontiers to position the youth on a sound cultural footing.
- iv. Brainstorming sessions were organized to derive appropriate cultural strategies and linkages that could lead to the eventual attainment of the MDGs within the communities.
- v. NAFAC 2007 was organized in Kumasi as part of the 50th Anniversary celebrations of Ghana's Independence as a means to achieve national unity through cultural diversity.

- vi. The National House of Chiefs in conjunction with the Law Reform Commission launched a project to ascertain and codify customary laws relating to land inheritance.

6.0 PROJECTION FOR THE YEAR 2008

For the year 2008, the Ministry's has scheduled to undertake the following programmes and activities:

- Public Education on the economic, social, cultural, political and civil rights of the citizenry through inter-cultural dialogue
- Participate in cultural exchange programmes and international experience sharing.
- Conduct research into archaeological and historical sites to determine their viability for wealth creation in collaboration with the Ministry of Tourism and Diasporan Relations, to explore the tourism potentials of these sites.
- Continue the review of syllabi and production of books for the teaching of national traditions and culture.
- Embark on national publicity exercise on traditional laws and practices and empower traditional authorities to enforce responsible cultural and civic behavior in their respective traditional areas.
- Continue the project to ascertain and codify customary laws relating to land inheritance and ascension to stools and skins.

7.0 TOTAL EXPENDITURE ESTIMATES FOR 2008

In order to achieve the above-mentioned activities, the Ministry of Chieftaincy and Culture and its affiliated bodies have been allocated, an amount of **Nine Million, Eight Hundred and Thirty Six thousand, One Hundred and Thirty Three GH¢ (GH¢9,836,133.00)**. Aside the GOG funding of **Seven Million, Eight Hundred and Three Thousand, Three Hundred and Thirteen Hundred GH¢ (GH¢7,803,313)** and Donor **Seven Hundred and Sixty Four Thousand, Four Hundred and Forty Two GH¢ (GH¢764,442)**,

it is expected that **One Million, Two Hundred and Sixty Eight Thousand, Three Hundred and Seventy Seven GH¢ (GH¢1,268,377)** of IGF would be realized during the year for the programmes and projects of the Ministry.

Breakdown

A breakdown of the allocation is as follows:

	PE Item 1	Admin Item 2	Service Item 3	Inv Item 4	TOTAL
Total : Ministry of Chieftaincy and Culture	4,,449,478	841,356	300,804	2,211,675	7,803,313
	57%	10.79%	3.86%	28.35%	100%
Chieftaincy	227,164	300,000	112,012	316,368	955,544
					12.25%
Culture	4,219,113	541,356	188,792	1,895,307	6,844,567
					87.75%

SUMMARY OF ALLOCATIONS - DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

S/NO.	AGENCY/DEPARTMENT	TOTAL ALLOCATION (¢)
1.	Ministry of Chieftaincy (General Administration)	955,544
2.	National Commission on Culture	439,688
3.	Bureau of Ghana Language	268,736
4.	Copyright Administration	31,914
5.	Greater Accra Region	305,062
6.	Volta Region	441,863
7.	Eastern Region	497,543
8.	Central Region	328,448
9.	Western Region	490,811
10.	Ashanti Region	790,859
11.	Northern Region	293,027
12.	Brong Ahafo Region	481,090
13.	Upper East Region	231,456

14.	Upper West Region	344,367
15.	National Symphony Orchestra	218,793
16.	Abibigroma Theatre Company	80,675
17.	Museums and Monuments	1,080,724
18.	Ghana Dance Ensemble	137,437
19.	W.E.B. Du Bois Memorial Centre	38,961
20.	Pan African Writers' Association	25,074
21.	National Theatre	232,559
22.	Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Park	55,054
	Folklore Board	30,426
	GRAND TOTAL	¢7,800,111

Variance between 2007 & 2008

		ITEM 1	ITEM 2	ITEM 3	ITEM 4	TOTAL
01	APPROVED '07	1,783,500	816,900	300,800	3,159,500	6,060,700
02	APPROVED '08	4,449,473	841,356	300,804	2,211,675	7,803,313
03	ESTIMATE '08	7,371,000	6,823,458	2,621,600	4,644,000	21,460,058
04	Variance between '08 approved budget and '08 Estimates	2,921,527	5,982,102	2,320,796	2,432,325	13,656,745

The approved budget for 2007 including IGF and Donor Funding was Seventy Four Billion, Four Hundred and Sixty Seven Million Cedis (¢74,467,000,000) or Seven Million, Four Hundred and Forty Six Thousand, Seven Hundred Ghana Cedis (GH¢ 7,446,700.00). The approved budget for 2008 including IGF and Donor funding is Nine Million, Eight Hundred and Thirty Six thousand, One Hundred and Thirty Three

Ghana Cedis (GH¢9,836,133.00). Though this is an improvement over the previous year's allocation, the shortfall would adversely affect the Administration, Service and Investment expenses since Personnel Emolument had to be paid at all cost.

8.0 OBSERVATIONS

The Committee made the following observations during its deliberations:

The Committee realized the need to continue upgrading the staff at the various regional House of Chiefs and Regional Councils. This would enable the Ministry to meet the increasing work load. Further more, it would enhance the Ministry's efficiency and maximize the use of resources available to the Ministry.

Personnel Emoluments

The Ministry requires **Seven Million, Three Hundred and Seventy-One Thousand GH¢ (GH¢7,371,000)** to cover Personnel Emoluments. However, the budget provides only an amount of **Four Million, Four Hundred and Forty-Nine Thousand, Four Hundred and Seventy-Three GH¢ (GH¢4,449,473)** for this purpose. The Committee is of the view that the Ministry's budgetary allocation for Personnel Emoluments is woefully inadequate and should be increased to meet the needs of the Ministry.

Administration

Actual Administration requirement for the Ministry including salary related allowances totalled **Six Million, Eight Hundred and Twenty Three Thousand, Four Hundred and Fifty Eight GH¢ (GH¢6,823,458)**. This is due to the increment in salary related allowances, monthly allowances for chiefs and in line with the agreed salary levels for all Ministries. However, the figure released within ceiling is only **Eight Hundred and Forty-One Thousand, Three Hundred and Fifty-Six GH¢ (GH¢841,356)**. This would create problems for the Ministry with regards to the payment of salaries as well as monthly allowances for the chiefs.

Service and Investment

The Allocated Ceiling for Service estimates is only **Three Hundred and Thousand, Eight Hundred and Four GH¢ (GH¢300,804)**. This is **Two Million, Three Hundred and Twenty Thousand, Seven Hundred and Ninety Six GH¢ (GH¢2,320,796)** short of the estimate required by the Ministry. The Ministry requires an amount of **Two Million, Six Hundred and Twenty One Thousand, Six Hundred GH¢ (GH¢ 2,621,600)** to complete projects in the regions.

Another **Four Million, Six Hundred Forty-Four Thousand GH¢ (GH¢4,644,000)** is required by the Ministry for Investment in similar construction projects in the regions and the acquisition of vehicles for the operation of the Ministry. However, an amount of **Two Million, Two Hundred and Eleven Thousand, Six Hundred and Seventy-Five GH¢ (GH¢2,211,675)** has been allocated to the Ministry.

The Ministry therefore would like the allocated ceilings for both Services and Investment to be reviewed to help meet the targets for the year 2008.

RECOMMENDATION

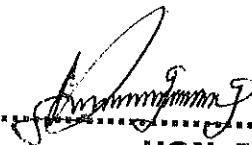
In view of the workload of the Ministry, the Committee recommends that adequate funding is imperative if the Ministry is to implement its programmes and activities effectively and efficiently.

The Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning is therefore being urged to raise a supplementary budget for the Ministry in order not to jeopardise the its activities and programmes outlined for 2008.

CONCLUSION

The Ministry of Chieftaincy and Culture plays a significant role in the socio-economic development of the nation and as such needs to be adequately resourced. To this end, the Committee recommends for the approval of the House, the sum of **Nine Million, Eight Hundred and Thirty Six thousand, One Hundred and Thirty Three GH¢ (GH¢9,836,133.00)** to enable the Ministry of Chieftaincy and Culture meet its operational expenditure for the period ending **31st December, 2008.**

Respectfully submitted.



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