IN THE SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTH PARLIAMENT OF THE FOURTH REPUBLIC OF GHANA

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

ON THE **2011 ANNUAL ESTIMATES**

OF THE

MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC PLANNING

10TH DECEMBER, 2010.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The **2011 Annual Estimates** of the **Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning (MOFEP)** were laid in the House on Thursday 18th November, 2010 and *referred* to the Finance Committee for consideration and report in accordance with Article 179 of the Constitution and order no. 140(4) of the Standing Orders of the House. This followed the presentation of the Budget Statement and Economic Policy of the Government for the 2011 Financial Year by the Minister of Finance and Economic Planning, Hon. Dr. Kwabena Duffuor.

To consider the Ministry's 2011 Annual Estimates, the Committee met with the Deputy Minister of Finance & Economic Planning, Hon. Fifi Kwetey as well as officials from the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning and its Departments and Agencies and reports as follows:

2.0 REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

In considering the Budget Estimates for the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning, the Committee referred to and/or was guided by the following:

- i The 1992 Constitution of the Republic of Ghana
- ii. Standing Orders of the Parliament of Ghana
- iii. The Budget Statement and Economic Policy of the Government of Ghana for the 2011 Financial Year

3.0 BACKGROUND

The Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning exists to ensure economic growth with stability for the promotion of sustainable development of Ghana and her people through:

> The formulation and implementation of sound financial, fiscal and monetary policies;

- ➤ The efficient mobilization, allocation and management of financial resources;
- ➤ Establishing and disseminating performance-oriented guidelines and accurate user-friendly financial management information system.
- ➤ Creating an enabling environment for investment. In furtherance of the foregoing the ministry is committed to the pursuit of excellence, transparency, probity and accountability in the management of financial resources.

4.0 OBJECTIVES AND TARGETS

The primary objectives and targets for the Ministry among others are:

- To improve and sustain macroeconomic stability and growth
- To improve fiscal resource mobilization
- To formulate and implement sound macro-economic policies
- To allocate and manage financial resources efficiently, effectively and rationally
- To account for all public finances properly and to improve public expenditure management
- To promote effective and efficient debt management
- To deepen the capital markets and create a more diversified financial sector
- To improve the human resources and logistical support base of the Ministry and its Agencies.

❖ To mobilize resources from domestic and external sources, with authorization from Parliament, and advise Government on the total resources to be allocated to the public sector;

The Ministry will also continue to pursue its mandate of ensuring macroeconomic stability and prudent fiscal policy management.

5.0 2010 ALLOCATIONS AND OUTTURN

For the 2010 financial year, the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning was allocated a total budget of **GH**¢125,052,510.00 made up of GH¢85,408,725.00 from G.O.G, GH¢1,770,100.00 from Internally Generated Funds, GH¢1,483,000.00 of HIPC, and GH¢36,390,685.00 from Donor sources for the activities of all cost centres of the Ministry.

Actual **outturn as at 31st October, 2010** was as follows:

GoG disbursement - GH¢61,269,630.90

IGF retention and utilization - GH¢1,772,308.30

HIPC disbursement - GH¢995,070.00

Donor disbursement - GH¢70,060,000.00

TOTAL - GH¢134,097,009.20

IGF retention by the Controller and Accountant General's Department, Securities and Exchange Commission, and Institute of Accountancy Training was exceeded by GH¢2,208.30

Also, expected Donor disbursement of Project Loans and Grants of GH¢36,390,685.00 was exceeded by GH¢33,669,315.00, thus recording a total outturn of GH¢70,060,000.00 at the end of October, 2010.

6.0 THE 2011 ANNUAL ESTIMATES FOR THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC PLANNING

A total amount of **GH¢178,559,490.00** has been allocated to the Ministry of Finance & Economic Planning and its Departments and Agencies for the year 2011.

A summary of the total budgetary provisions for the Ministry is as follows:

PERSONNEL EMOLUMENTS:

Government of Ghana - GH¢54,913,132
Internally Generated Funds - GH¢0
Funds (HIPC) - GH¢0
Donor Sources - GH¢107,738
Subtotal: GH¢55,020,870

ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES:

Government of Ghana - GH¢10,426,407
Internally Generated Funds - GH¢539,390
Funds (HIPC) - GH¢0
Donor Sources - GH¢1,465,881
Subtotal: - GH¢12,431,678

SERVICE EXPENSES

Government of Ghana - GH¢8,887,243
Internally Generated Funds - GH¢1,564,900
Funds (HIPC) - GH¢0
Donor Sources - GH¢80,372,451
Subtotal: - GH¢90,824,594

INVESTMENT EXPENSES:

Government of Ghana - GH 6,271,253Internally Generated Funds- GH 6308,520Funds (HIPC) - GH 60Donor Sources - GH 6308,520Subtotal: - GH 6308,520 GH 6308,520GH 6308,520

GRAND TOTAL

· GH¢178,559,490

6.1 ALLOCATIONS TO DEPARTMENTS/AGENCIES

The amounts stated below represent allocations to the various Departments, Divisions and Agencies of the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning:

Finance Headquarters

The Headquarters of the Ministry has been allocated a total of **GH¢79,429,394** to prosecute its programmes and activities for the 2011 financial year:

Personnel Emoluments: GH¢13,153,160

Administration Expenses: GH¢4,419,891

Service Expenses: GH¢59,827,793

Investment Expenses : GH¢2,028,550

Total GH¢79,429,394

This amount would be spent on the various units of the Headquarters as follow:

General Administration - GH¢19,258,696

Budget Division - GH¢7,888,743

Debt Management Division - GH¢251,740

External Economic Relations Division - GH¢42,856,384

Economic Research and Forecasting Division- GH¢634,670

Public Investment Division - GH¢3,857,467

Real Sector Division - GH¢697,794

Financial Sector Division - GH¢3,983,900

Total - GH¢79,429,394

Securities and Exchange Commission

The Securities and Exchange Commission has been allocated a total amount of **GH¢2,340,661** for the 2011 financial year. The breakdown is as follows:

Personnel Emoluments:

GH¢848,720

Administration Expenses:

GH¢621,490

Service Expenses:

GH¢367,675

Investment Expenses:

GH¢502,776

TOTAL

GH¢2,340,661

Out of the total amount of $GH \not\in 2,340,661$, $GH \not\in 1,569,001$ would be provided by GOG whilst the remaining amount of $GH \not\in 771,660$ would be obtained from Internally Generated Funds (IGF).

Public Procurement Authority

For the year 2011, the Public Procurement Authority (PPA) has been allocated a total Budgetary Estimate of **GH¢7,986,224** for its programmes and activities as follows:

Personnel Emoluments:

GH¢1,299,000

Administration Expenses:

GH¢767,340

Service Expenses:

GH¢4,934,096

Investment Expenses:

GH¢985,788

TOTAL

GH¢7,986,224

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Ghana Statistical Service (GSS)

An amount of **GH¢11,428,974** has been allocated to the Statistical Service for the 2011 Financial year.

Personnel Emoluments:

GH¢3,895,040

Administration Expenses:

GH¢994,405

Service Expenses

GH¢5,507,666

Investment Expenses:

GH¢1,031,863

Total

GH¢11,428,974

The various divisions of the Service would benefit from the allocation as follows:

Finance and General Administration - GH¢4,519,797

Technical Services - GH¢76,500

Statistical Operations - GH¢6,014,356

Regional Services - GH¢764,218

Internal Audit - GH¢54,103

Total - GH¢11,428,974

7.0 OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee observed that major programmes and activities undertaken by the Ministry in the year 2010 include:

- The reorganization of the Ministry and the implementation of a new organogram
- Finanlisation of the Ghana Aid Policy and Strategy (Phase 1)
- The development of "Development Partner Performance Assessment Framework (DP-PAF)
- The 2010 Population and Housing Census
- Audits on the collection and utilization of Internally Generated Funds
- Development of a framework for the extension of the Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative (EITI) to the oil and gas sector
- Preparatory work for the introduction of Programme Based Budgeting and the development of a Budget Strategy Paper
- Migration of payroll of subvented agencies onto the IPPD system

The Ministry further undertook a study on fiscal decentralization with a view to facilitating its implementation.

Other activities undertaken in the outgoing year include the establishment of a contract management database, preparation and submission of the Petroleum Revenue Management Bill and the 2011 Budget to Parliament.

In the year 2011 and in the medium term, the Ministry will deliver the following three main programmes based on the Ghana Shared Growth and Development Agenda:

- the Ministry will seek to achieve five policy objectives. These objectives include strengthened economic planning and forecasting to ensure the development of strategic sectors, formulation and implementation of sound macroeconomic policies, improved accessibility and use of existing data-base for policy formulation, analysis and decion-making, accelerated economic integration with other regional and sub-regional States, creation of a more diversified financial sector and improved access of the populace to financial services and to deepen the capital markets.
- (ii) Public Financial Management Programme Under this programme, the Ministry will pursue the attainment of three policy objectives namely improved public expenditure management, improved fiscal resource mobilization and promotion of effective debt management.
- Human Resource and Institution Management Capacity

 The main policy objective to be pursued under this
 programme is to upgrade the capapcity of the public and civil
 service for transparent, accountable, efficient, timely, and
 effective performance.

The **Ghana Statistical Service (GSS)** will in the year 2011 undertake data capture, report writing and publication of the 2010 Population and Housing Census. The Service will also undertake preparatory activities for the Agricultural Census.

The **Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)** will in the year 2011, develop a five-year strategic plan to strengthen its regulatory capacity to cope with the increasing dynamics of the securities industry.

The Ghana Stock exchange will also establish a Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) development market to provide viable sources of raising relatively cheaper medium to long term capital on the capital market and create an active trading platform to complement the first official list of the Exchange.

The **Public Procurement Authority (PPA)** will continue its assessment of procurement entities to ensure compliance with the provisions of the Public Procurement Act, 2003 (Act 663). It is estimated that one thousand (1000) entities will be assessed during the 2011 financial year.

On the revenue front, the Ministry will in the coming year implement the use of country systems in the mobilization and utilization of external resources whilst implementing measures to improve domestic resource mobilization.

Investment activities to be undertaken by the Ministry would include the completion of Institute of Accountancy Training Building Complex at Adenta as well as the commencement of construction of an office block for the Public Procurement Authority.

The Committee further noted that as at 31st October 2010, the Ministry had exhausted 77.6% of its Personnel Emolument (P.E) vote for the year 2010. This was however found to be without the Single Spine Salary Structure (SSSS).

The Controller and Accountant General, Mr. Raphael Tuffuor informed the Committee that so far, about ninety (90) organizations have been successfully placed on the IPPD 2 system. Forty (40) institutions are however yet to come on board. These include the Security Agencies, Revenue Agencies, the Legislature, Universities and Polytechnics.

It was observed that eventually, when Fiscal Decentralization is fully implemented, national budgets would capture the estimates of both Metropolitan/Municipal/District Assemblies (MMDAs) and Central Government.

The technical team from the Ministry informed the Committee that the Contract Management Database (CMD) being developed would assist the Ministry to track government contracts to enable the easy monitoring of expenditures, releases, variations and any capital expenditure overruns.

Members encouraged the Ministry to expedite work on the CMD and assured the Ministry of their desire to support them in dealing with recalcitrant MDAs who award non-budgeted contracts without commencement certificates from the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning.

It was noted that the Ministry will be monitoring government programmes and policies as contained in the 2011 Budget and will be reporting to Cabinet as and when necessary.

8.0 CONCLUSION

The Committee has critically examined the 2011 Annual Budget Estimates of the Ministry of Finance & Economic Planning and respectfully recommends to the House to approve the sum of one hundred and seventy-eight million, five hundred and fifty-nine thousand, four hundred and ninety Ghana Cedis (GH¢178,559,490) for the implementation of programmes and activities of the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning and its Agencies for the 2011 Financial Year.

Respectfully submitted.

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