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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Following the presentation to Parliament of the Budget Statement and Economic Policy of the Government of Ghana for the 2007 Financial Year on Thursday, 16th November 2006, by the Minister of Finance and Economic Planning, the Annual Budget Estimates of the Ministry of National Security were referred to the Committee for its consideration and report, in accordance with Article 179 of the Constitution and Orders 140 (4) and 158 of the Standing Orders of the House.

1.2 The Committee met to deliberate on the referral and attended upon the Committee, were the Chief Director and other Officials of the Ministry. The Committee would like to express its appreciation to them for assisting the Committee to clarify issues raised by Hon. Members.

2.0 REFERENCES

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

- (a) The 1992 Constitution of the Republic of Ghana
- (b) The Standing Orders of the House
- (c) The Budget Statement and Economic Policy of the Government for the 2007 Financial Year.
- (d) The Annual Budget Estimates of the Ministry of National Security for the 2007 Financial Year.

3.0 OBJECTIVE OF THE MINISTRY

- 3.1 The Ministry is a recent creation by the Government. Hitherto the operations now under the Ministry were handled by the National Security Co-ordinator and its budget treated in the Government Machinery Volume under the Office of the President. The Ministry is to advise Government and implement Government Policies on Security of the State and relevant issues internally and externally to ensure the stability of the State, for the benefit of the people of Ghana.

These functions are performed by:

- a. Collecting and Collating information on relevant security issues.
- b. Processing, analyzing and evaluating information on national security.
- c. Providing accurate timely and reliable security information to Government.
- d. Assessing and appraising the objectives, commitments and risks in the military field.
- e. Taking appropriate measures to facilitate co-ordination among Security Agencies.

The Ministry aims at achieving these objectives through the use of motivated, well trained, dedicated and impartial personnel using modern technology.

The Ministry consists of the following:

- a. The Ministry (Headquarters)
- b. Office of the National Security.
- c. National Security Council.
- d. Bureau of National Investigations.
- e. Research Department (Headquarters).
- f. Research Department (Foreign Missions)

4.0 THE 2007 ANNUAL ESTIMATES

A total budgetary provision of €366,666 billion has been made to the Ministry. The details are as shown in table 1.

MINISTRY / AGENCIES	P. E (BN)	ADMIN. (BN)	SERVICE (BN)	INVESTMENT (BN)	TOTAL (BN)
Ministry of National Security	-	-	-	-	-
Office of National Security	€213,932	€49,239	€49,251	€54,244	€366,666
National Security Council	€34,486	€12,169	€11,333	€10,244	€68,232
Research Department HQ	€8,536	€3,466	€3,581	€6,000	€21,583
BNI	€77,422	€19,663	€9,284	€18,000	€124,369
Research Department FM	€93,488	€13,941	€25,054	€20,000	€152,483
Grand Totals	€213,932	€49,239	€49,251	€54,244	€366,666

5.0 OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee could not make any comparison between the 2006 and 2007 budget provisions. This is because as mentioned earlier, it is a new Ministry and the first time of being treated in a separate Volume. (Volume 43). The Committee however noted that no significant changes have taken place in terms of personnel since the staff who were serving under the National Security Co-ordinator are the same servicing the Ministry. Hence, no changes in personnel emoluments.

The Ministry planned to put up its Head Office Complex in 2007 and therefore made a provision under its Investment budget for the construction of the building. The Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning, however did not approve of the proposal. Hence the Ministry would have to continue using the existing structures which are being over utilized.

The Committee recommends to the Finance and Economic Planning Ministry to look into the issue to see to the possibility of allocating resources to the Ministry for the stated purpose. As a Ministry, it needs office befitting of its status.

- 5.1 The Committee also observed that the Investment vote for the Ministry is woefully inadequate judging from the activities to be embarked upon. The BNI for instance intends to continue work on its Academy at Koforidua and would require enough resources especially at the current level of construction. A budget of ₦40,000,609,000.00 was proposed but this was reduced to ₦18,000,000,000.00 creating a shortfall of ₦22,000,609,000.00.

5.2 The Investment allocation to the Research Department (Foreign Missions) is equally inadequate. The Department has added 8 more offices to the existing 16. It is also in the process of completing its Headquarters building. It is therefore important that the necessary resources are provided for the completion of the project. The Committee recommends that enough funds be made available to the Department for the completion of its office building and for provision of office equipment.

5.3 The Committee observed that the Ministry is indebted to several Service Organizations due to the inadequate provision made for its operations. The bills cover stationery, hotel accommodation, fuel etc. The Committee would like to appeal to the Finance and Economic Planning Ministry to take care of these debts.

6.0 CONCLUSION

The role played by the Ministry of National Security cannot be over-emphasized. The responsibility of ensuring security, stability and peace internally and externally require huge financing for the realization of these objectives. Being a new Ministry, there are several challenges facing it. Adequate resources must therefore be made available for the effective performance of its functions.

The Committee accordingly recommends to the House for approval the sum of ₦366,666,000,000.00 under Head 43 for the services of the Ministry of National Security for the Financial Year ending 31st December 2007.

Respectfully submitted.



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