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**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH, SPORTS
AND CULTURE
ON THE
2007 ANNUAL ESTIMATES OF THE
MINISTRY OF CHIEFTAINCY AND CULTURE**

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Furtherance to the presentation of the 2007 Budget Statement and Economic Policy of the Government by the Hon. Minister of Finance on Thursday, 16th November, 2007, and the subsequent Motion for its adoption, the Annual Estimate for the fiscal year 2007 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 Committee considered the Estimates of the Ministry of Chieftaincy and Culture with the assistance of the Minister of the Ministry of 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 2006 Estimates and Actual Expenditure of the National Commission on Culture.
- iv) The 2007 Draft Annual Estimates of the Ministry of Chieftaincy and Culture
- v) The Budget Statement and Economic Policy of the Government of the Ghana for the 2006 financial year
- vi) The Budget Statement and Economic Policy of the Government of the Ghana for the 2007 financial year

4.0 MISSION STATEMENT AND OBJECTIVES

The mission of this Ministry is to preserve, sustain and integrate the regal, traditional and cultural values and practices to accelerate wealth creation and harmony for the total national development.

This would be achieved through the education of Chiefs on Government policies for good governance and conflict resolutions among the various cultural groupings. Also by supporting the various chieftaincy and cultural institutions administratively, financially and reviewing the various chieftaincy and cultural legal framework to conform to international best practices.

5.0 PERFORMANCE IN THE YEAR 2006

Culture Sector

During the year under review, a total amount of **Forty Two Billion, Two Hundred and Sixty Six Million Cedi (¢42,266,000,000.00)**, was approved by Parliament for carrying out the activities of the Commission and its agencies.

The Internally Generated Funds (GF) from the institutions under the Commission from January to June 2006 was **¢1,47,290,860**. The breakdown is as shown below:

NO.	INSTITUTION	AMOUNT (¢)
1.	General Administration National Commission on Culture	-
2.	Bureau of Ghana Language	8,330,000
3.	Copyright Administration	-
4.	Greater Accra Region	84,234,000
5.	Volta Region	-
6.	Eastern Region	100,428,860
7.	Central Region	28,083,000
8.	Western Region	8,535,000
9.	Ashanti Region	-
10.	Northern Region	24,372,000
11.	Brong Ahafo Region	-
12.	Upper East Region	-

13.	Upper West Region	10,310,000
14.	National Symphony Orchestra	74,679,000
15.	Abibigroma Theatre Company	77,054,400
16.	Museums and Monuments	785,947,900
17.	Ghana Dance Ensemble	64,750,000
18.	W.E.B. Du Bois Memorial Centre	74,140,000
19.	Pan African Writers' Association	-
20.	National Theatre	-
21.	Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Park	161,689,000
22.	National Folklore Board	-
	Total	1,474,290,860

6.0 PROJECTION FOR THE YEAR 2007

For the year 2007, the Ministry's major activities and programmes to be undertaken among others are as follows:

- Further interaction with Regional Houses of Chiefs as well as Traditional Councils to share the vision of the Ministry.
- Collaboration with international bodies to develop and sustain Traditional and Cultural Institutions by setting up a branch of Madame Tussauds Museum in Ghana to showcase legends in the sub region.
- Organization of the National Festival of Arts and Culture (NAFAC) in Kumasi.
- Archaeological Survey of Historical Sites.
- Recording of Traditional Laws.
- Dissemination of Cultural Policy.
- Exchange of Cultural Delegates
- Review of syllabus and production of books for the teaching of culture, and
- Ghana at 50 Celebrations

In addition, the Ministry will also undertake the following:

- Organization of competition among theatre artists to achieve performance excellence and also to educate the populace on government programmes through drama.
- Inventorisation of National Arts Collection.
- Institution of effective strategies for commercializing of traditional and cultural products.
- Collaboration with Ministry of Manpower Development, Youth and Employment on the Community Youth Cultural Centre schemes to train the youth and school drop-outs in traditional skills acquisition.
- Establishment of Craft Shops/Stalls within Centres for National Culture and Community Youth Cultural Centres.
- Operationalisation of Culture Trust Fund to make available funding to needy applicants.

7.0 TOTAL EXPENDITURE ESTIMATES FOR 2007

In order to achieve the above-mentioned activities, the Ministry of Chieftaincy and Culture and its affiliated bodies have been allocated, an amount of **Seventy Three Billion, Nine Hundred and Forty Three Million Cedis (¢73,943 million)**. Apart from GOG funding of **Sixty Billion, Six Hundred and Seven Million Cedis (¢60,607 million)**, and Donor **Seven Billion, One Hundred and Ninety One Million Cedis (¢7,191 million)**, it is expected that **Six Billion, One Hundred and Forty Five Million Cedis (¢6,145 million)** of IGF would be realized during the year for the programmes and projects of the Ministry.

	PE Item 1	Admin Item 2	Service Item 3	Inv Item 4	TOTAL
Total : Ministry of Chieftaincy and Culture	17,835, 29.4%	8,169 13.5%	3,008 5%	31,595 52.1%	60,607 100%
Chieftaincy	1,594	3,000	1,200	12,656	18,450 30.44%
Culture	16,241	5,169	1,808	18,939	42,157 69.56%

Culture Sub-Sector

The total budget for the Culture Sub-Sector is **Forty Two Billion, One Hundred and Fifty Seven Million Cedis (¢42,157,000,000.00)** to cover their Personnel Emoluments, Administration Activity, Service Activity and Investment Activity Expenses which represents 69.56% of the allocation for the year 2007.

BREAKDOWN

A breakdown of the allocation is as shown below:

ITEM	PROGRAMME	ALLOCATION (¢)
01	Personnel Emolument	16,241,000,000
02	Administration	5,169,000,000
03	Service Activity	1,808,000,000
04	Investment Activity	18,939,000,000
	TOTAL	42,157,000,000

Chieftaincy Sub- Sector

The Chieftaincy sub-sector was allocated an amount of **Eighteen Billion, Four Hundred and Fifty Million Cedis (¢18,450,000,000.00)** to cover Personnel Emoluments, Administration Activity, Service Activity and Investment Activity Expenses and this amount is 30.44% of the total allocation.

BREAKDOWN

The breakdown of the allocation is as follows:

ITEM	PROGRAMME	ALLOCATION (¢)
01	Personnel Emolument	1,5494,000,000
02	Administration	3,000,000,000
03	Service Activity	1,200,000,000
04	Investment Activity	12,656,000,000
	TOTAL	18,450,000,000

8.0 OBSERVATIONS

The Committee made the following observations during its deliberations:

The Committee realized that the Ministry is grossly understaffed and offices allocated for use by the Ministry are not enough for the staff at post. There is the need to allocate more offices for use by the Ministry in order to effectively carry out its objectives.

CULTURE SECTOR

Personnel Emoluments

The Agencies under Culture require ₦22.3 billion to cover Personal Emoluments. This figure covers the recently announced salary increases for institutions of Culture among others. The ceiling for the Commission for the 2007 budget stands at ₦16.241 billion. This, according to the Ministry is woefully inadequate.

Administration

Actual Administration requirement for Culture including salary related allowances total ₦11,416,793,597. However, the figure released within ceiling is only ₦5,169,000,000. This figure cannot pay for salary related allowances. The result is that, running cost of vehicles, repair of equipment and payment of other allowances due staff and newspaper subscription may be affected considerably.

Service

Service allocation to Culture and its Agencies is ₦1,808,000,000. Of this amount, Culture (General Administration) had only ₦808 million. This amount is earmarked for NAFAC 2007 in Kumasi as part of the 50th Anniversary Celebration, Payment for Exchange of Cultural Delegations and for the running of our programmes including the following:

1. Archeological Survey of Historical Sites
2. Recording of Traditional Laws
3. Inventorization of National Cultural Assets
4. Support to website development

5. Support of Artistic Groups
6. Culture and Education – Follow-up Workshops to review syllabus and production of books for the teaching of Culture
7. Culture and HIV/AIDS
8. Workshop for Cultural Officers
9. International Workshop on NEPAD and Culture
10. Meeting of Regional Directors of Culture
11. Seminar to disseminate Cultural Policy
12. Congress of Cultural Workers
13. National Festival of Arts and Culture (NAFAC) 2007 at Kumasi
14. Ghana @ 50 Celebrations
15. Exchange of Cultural Delegates – International

Their actual requirement is ₵12,649,928,682 .

Investment

Investment allocation to Culture for the year 2006 totalled ₵19,281 billion. Of this amount, total payments as at end of November is ₵10,522,852,841.12. Commencement Certificates totalling ₵4,729,427,085.57 has been issued to cover payments for approved works including vehicles and some office equipment.

RECOMMENDATION

These shortfalls would adversely affect the implementation of the Ministry's programmes and activities since its budgetary requirements were based on a costing of its programmes and activities.

The Committee therefore recommends that adequate funding is imperative if the Ministry is to implement its programmes and activities effectively and efficiently to bring about improvement in the quality of culture and chieftaincy we all desire.


The Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning is therefore being urged to raise a supplementary budget for the Commission to meet the matching funds requirements in order not to jeopardise the Ministry's activities and programmes outlined for 2007.

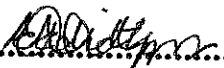
CONCLUSION

The Committee is of the view that, the provision of resources, development and promotion of culture and training of teachers in cultural activities are cardinal to job creation, local tourism and poverty reduction.

The Committee finds the Draft Budget proposal of the Ministry justifiable and therefore recommends that the sum of **Seventy Three Billion, Nine Hundred and Forty Three Million Cedis (¢73,943,000,000.00)** to enable the Ministry of Chieftaincy and Culture meet its operational expenditure for the period ending **31st December, 2007**.

Respectfully submitted.


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