

**IN THE FIRST SESSION OF THE THIRD
PARLIAMENT OF THE
FOURTH REPUBLIC OF GHANA**

**TENTH REPORT OF THE APPOINTMENTS
COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL NOMINATIONS**

1.0 INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to Article 103 of the Constitution and Standing Order No. 172 (1) and (2), the Appointments Committee has the mandate to consider nominations for Ministerial and such other appointments made by the President as specified under Article 78 of the Constitution for prior approval of Parliament.

In accordance with Standing Orders 156 and 172 and Article 78 of the Constitution, Mr. Speaker on Tuesday, 16th October 2001, referred His Excellency the President's nominations for Ministerial appointments to the Appointments Committee for consideration and report.

The Committee met on Tuesday, 6th November 2001 to consider the nominees and reports as follows:

2.0. NOMINEES CONSIDERED

The underlisted nominees appeared and testified on oath before the Committee at its sitting.

- i. Hon. Yaw Barimah - MP & Minister for Works & Housing - designate
- ii. Hon. Edward Osei Kwaku - MP & Minister for Youth & Sports - designate
- iii. Mr. Prince Imoro Andani - Northern Regional Minister - designate
- iv. Prof. Kasim Kasanga - Minister for Lands & Forestry - designate.

3.0. PROCEDURE ADOPTED

The media was used to solicit public opinion in the form of written memoranda and or oral submissions on the eligibility, competence, experience or otherwise of each of the nominees.

The nominees, on appearing before the Committee at its public hearing session, were interviewed extensively on a wide range of issues.

4.0 OBSERVATIONS

- 4.1 The Committee did not receive any adverse reports, petitions or objections regarding the suitability or otherwise on any of the nominees.

The nominees submitted their Curriculum Vitae to the Committee but owing to their voluminous nature, copies could not be attached to the Report. However, few copies are available at the Committee's Secretariat for the perusal of interested Hon. Members.

4.2 The Committee observed that all the nominees have the requisite qualification and experience to handle their respective portfolios.

4.3 With respect to Hon. Yaw Barimah, Minister for Works & Housing designate, the Committee observed that his background as a lawyer coupled with his experience as Deputy Minister at the Ministry of the Interior, would be added advantage in the performance of his new role at the Works & Housing Ministry.

The Committee was particularly impressed with his in-depth knowledge of issues relating to the Sector Ministry. In his response to questions on water privatization for instance, the nominee convinced the Committee that he would be able to stand up to the challenges of the water sector with diligence.

4.4 With regard to Hon. Edward Osei Kwaku, Minister for Youth & Sports designate, the Committee observed that he has had a stint with football administration during his tenure of Office as

Board Member of Asante Kotoko football club. He, however, convinced the Committee at the end of the Public Hearing that his interest in football and his desire to promote it would not be at the expense of other sporting disciplines and most importantly, youth development in Ghana. In the absence of any adverse findings against the nominee, the Committee hereby recommends his approval by this august House.

- 4.5 Mr. Prince Imoro Andani, Minister designate for the Northern Region was straight to the point and concise in his responses to questions on the experiences he had acquired from working with a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) and as the Municipal Chief Executive of Tamale.

He proved to the Committee that since his NGO had been focused on animating and educating the rural folk, his experience would bear on the general management of the regional administration and also strive for the economic development of the Northern Region. The Committee noted that, the nominee is well informed on matters relating to his region and would prove capable of performing satisfactorily if given the Parliamentary approval.

- 4.6 In respect of Prof. Kasim Kasanga, Minister for Lands & Forestry designate, the Committee observed that his working experience


as a land economist would enhance his performance as Minister for Lands & Forestry.

He convinced the Committee that, not only will he help to formulate sustainable policies to bring a change into the Lands & Forestry Ministry but that he would also be an effective implementer of such policies by working hand in hand with his team members in the Ministry. The Committee accordingly recommends him to the House for approval.

5.0 RECOMMENDATION AND CONCLUSION

In the light of the foregoing observations, the Committee unanimously recommends all the four nominees to the House for approval.

Respectfully submitted.


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HON. F. W. A. BLAY
(1ST DEPUTY SPEAKER &
CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE)


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(CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE)