

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

**TWELFTH REPORT OF THE APPOINTMENTS
COMMITTEE ON DEPUTY MINISTERIAL
NOMINATIONS**

1.0 INTRODUCTION

In accordance with Standing Order 156 and 172 and Article 79 of the Constitution, the Rt. Hon. Speaker of Parliament on Tuesday, 19th February 2002, referred two nominations made by His Excellency the President for Deputy Ministerial appointments to the Appointments Committee for consideration and report.

The Committee, appointed under Article 103 of the Constitution has the mandate to consider nominations for Deputy Ministerial and such other appointments made by the President as specified in Standing Order No.172 (1) and (2), met on Tuesday, 12th March 2002 to consider the nominees and reports as follows:

2.0 NOMINEES CONSIDERED

The nominees considered by the Committee were:

- i. Mr. Thomas Broni - Deputy Minister for
Lands & Forestry – Designate

- ii. Mr. Kwadwo Afram Asiedu - Deputy Minister for the Interior – Designate

3.0 POCEDURE ADOPTED

To enable the Committee decide on the competence, experience and suitability of the nominees, advertisements were placed in the media to solicit public opinion in the form of submissions on the suitability or otherwise of the nominees.

The Committee, at its Public Hearing session also questioned the nominees on a broad range of issues.

4.0 OBSERVATIONS

The Committee did not receive any adverse reports, petitions or objections on any of the nominees. It also observed that the nominees have the requisite qualifications and experience to handle their respective portfolios.

- 4.1 With respect to Mr. Thomas Broni, Deputy Minister for Lands & Forestry designate, the Committee observed that with his academic and professional background as an educationist he has the requisite managerial skills to undertake his new assignment efficiently and effectively.

The Committee was particularly impressed about Mr. Broni's in-depth knowledge of issues relating to lands and forestry although he does

not have personal experience in that Sector. In his response to questions on deforestation in the country for instance, the nominee convinced the Committee that he would bring his personal commitment to bear on his work. He also convinced the Committee that he would be a valuable asset to the Ministry of Lands and Forestry in the implementation of its policies on afforestation.

At the end of the Hearing session, the Committee was convinced that given the opportunity, Mr. Asiedu would be up to the responsibilities and challenges of the Lands and Forestry Ministry as a Deputy Minister. The Committee therefore recommends the nominee for approval by the House.

4.2 Mr. Kwadwo Afram Asiedu, Deputy Minister for the Interior designate was concise and straight to the point in his responses to questions on the activities of the security agencies, posed by members of the Committee.

An avowed opponent of military rule, Mr. Asiedu indicated to the Committee that his background as a lawyer, coupled with his international exposure to activities of security agencies elsewhere would be an added advantage in the performance of his new duties. The Committee noted that the nominee is well prepared to help combat the spate of corruption, indiscipline, crime, etc. in the country. He indicated further his preparedness to push for policies and strategies that would ensure that the Ministry of the Interior is

country. He indicated further his preparedness to push for policies and strategies that would ensure that the Ministry of the Interior is adequately resourced to take care of security problems in the country. This, the nominee said, would be pursued together with other team players in the Ministry.

In the absence of any adverse findings against the nominee, the Committee recommends his approval by the House.

5.0 RECOMMENDATION AND CONCLUSION

The Committee, in the light of the foregoing observations unanimously recommends that the House approves the two nominees of His Excellency the President for the Deputy Ministerial appointments.

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)

13TH MARCH 2002