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OF THE FOURTH REPUBLIC OF GHANA**

REPORT OF THE

FINANCE COMMITTEE

ON THE

2017 ANNUAL BUDGET ESTIMATES

FOR THE

**NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLANNING
COMMISSION (NDPC)**

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

The 2017 Annual Estimates for the National Development Planning Commission (NDPC) was laid in the House on Thursday 2nd March 2017 and referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and report in accordance with the Constitution and Standing Orders of the House. This referral followed the presentation of the 2017 Budget Statement and Economic Policy of the Government to the House by the Hon. Minister of Finance Mr. Ken Ofori-Atta.

The Committee, in considering the Estimates, met with the Minister for Planning, Hon. Professor George Gyan-Baffour, Director-General of the Commission, Dr. Nii Moi Thompson and a technical team from the Commission as well as officials of the Ministry of Finance and hereby presents this report to the House.

2.0 BACKGROUND

The National Development Planning Commission (NDPC) exists to advise the President on national development planning policy and strategy, to prepare and ensure the effective implementation of approved national development plans and to coordinate the decentralized planning system.

3.0 OBJECTIVES AND FUNCTIONS

The objectives of the Commission as derived from the Medium-Term Development Policy Framework: The Ghana Shared Growth and Development Agenda (GSGDA II) are as follows:

- Strengthen policy formulation, development planning and Monitoring and Evaluation processes for equitable and balanced spatial and socio-economic development; and

6.5 Key Challenges

The Committee was informed that the Commission currently faces numerous challenges. Notable among them are:

6.5.1

The Committee was informed that currently the Commission has inadequate technical staff. Instead of fifty-two (52) established post, twenty-nine (29) are at post.

The Committee recommends to the Commission and the Ministry of Finance to ensure that the required number of technical staff for the Commission are at post.

6.5.2

It was also revealed that the Commission was saddled with logistical constraints. Eighteen (18) out of the twenty-six (26) vehicles at the Commission's disposal were overaged.

The Committee therefore recommends to the Ministry of Finance to replace some of the over aged vehicles of the Commission.

6.5.3

The Committee was made aware that the Commission's outstanding claims as at 31st December 2016 at the Ministry of Finance amounted to **Seven Hundred and Forty-Two Thousand, Nine Hundred and Forty-Eight Ghana Cedis (GH¢742, 948.00)**.

The Ministry of Finance should see to it that the Commission's outstanding claims are duly paid.

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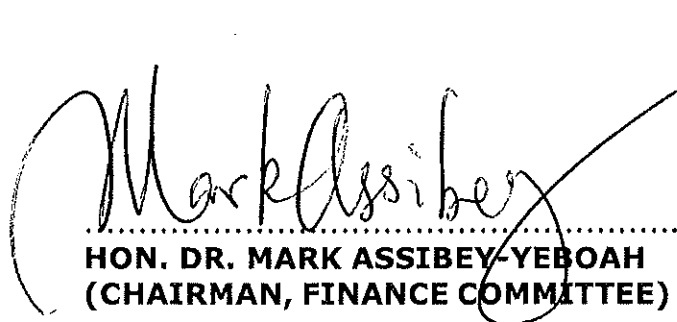
It came to light that insufficient funds were given to the Commission to run its key programmes.

The Committee recommends that the Commission be given sufficient funds to run its key programmes.

7.0 CONCLUSION

The Committee, after careful consideration of the Budget Estimates of the **National Development Planning Commission (NDPC)**, recommends that the House approves the sum of **ten million, three hundred and thirty thousand, and ninety-nine Ghana Cedis (GH¢10,330,099)** for the implementation of the programmes and activities of the Commission for the 2017 financial year.

Respectfully submitted.



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