

IN THE FIRST SESSION OF THE SEVENTH PARLIAMENT  
OF THE FOURTH REPUBLIC OF GHANA

**REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE ON**  
**THE APPROPRIATION BILL FOR THE**  
**FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER**  
**2018**

**1.0 INTRODUCTION**

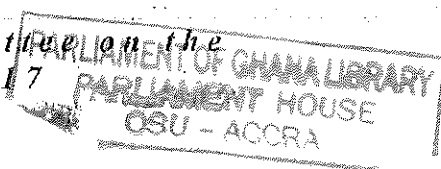
The Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 2017 was *presented and read the first* time in the House on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2017 by a Deputy Minister for Finance, Hon. Kwaku Kwarteng. The Bill was subsequently *referred* to the Finance Committee for consideration and report in accordance with article 179 (2) of the 1992 Constitution and the Standing Orders of the House. This followed the presentation of the Budget Statement and Economic Policy of Government for the 2018 Financial Year by the Minister of Finance, Hon. Ken Ofori-Atta.

Following the *referral*, the Committee met and considered the Bill with the Deputy Ministers for Finance, Hon. Kwaku Kwarteng and Hon. Abena Osei-Asare, the Chief Director and other officials from the Ministry of Finance.

The Committee is grateful to the Hon. Deputy Ministers for Finance and the officials from the Ministry of Finance for attending upon the Committee.

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## **1.1 Urgency of the Bill**

The Committee determined and hereby certifies that the Bill is of an urgent nature and must be taken through all the stages of passage in one day in accordance with Article 106(13) of the Constitution, 1992 and Order 119 of the Standing Orders of the House.

## **2.0 REFERENCES**

The Committee referred to and was guided by the following documents *inter alia* during its deliberations on the Bill:

- The 1992 Constitution of the Republic of Ghana
  - The Standing Orders of the Parliament of Ghana
  - Interpretation Act, 2009 (Act 792)
  - The Budget Statement and Economic Policy of the Government of Ghana for the 2018 Financial Year.
- Reports of Parliamentary Committees on the 2018 Annual Estimates for the various Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs).

## **3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Pursuant to Article 179 of the Constitution, the Minister for Finance acting on the authority of His Excellency the President has requested the House to approve and authorize the withdrawal

of monies from the Consolidated Fund and other funds for the running of the State during the Financial Year commencing on the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of January 2018 and ending on 31<sup>st</sup> Day of December 2018. The House having approved various sums as Budget Estimates for Ministries, Departments and Agencies of Government, it has become imperative that the Minister be given authority to withdraw such approved funds for the purposes thereof.

#### **4.0 OBJECT OF THE BILL**

Pursuant to Article 179 (2) (a) of the Constitution, the Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 2017 is seeking Parliamentary authority to enable a sum of money not exceeding *Sixty-Seven Billion, Two Hundred and Seventy-Nine Million, Nine Hundred and Fifty-Five Thousand and Eighty-Five Ghana Cedis* (GH¢67,279,955,085) to be issued from the Consolidated Fund and other funds during the Financial Year commencing the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of January 2018 and ending 31<sup>st</sup> Day of December 2018 for the purpose of meeting government expenditure.

The specific purposes for which the sum shall be appropriated have been specified in the Schedules to the Bill, all of them geared towards efficiently carrying out the services of Government for the 2018 Financial Year.

The summary of expenditures covered in the Bill is captioned "First Schedule – section 1" and attached to this Report as Appendix 1.

## **5.0 OBSERVATIONS**

### **Internally Generated Funds**

The Committee observed that Ministries, Departments and Agencies shall be permitted to retain and use an amount of **Three Billion, Seven Hundred and Sixty-One Million, Two Hundred and Forty Thousand and Seventy-Two Ghana Cedis (GH¢3,761,240,072)** of Internally Generated Funds (IGFs) during the 2018 Financial Year.

### **Government Obligations**

Out of the total amount of **GH¢67,279,955,085** estimated expenditure in 2018, the Committee noted that **Thirty-Seven Billion, Four Hundred and Eighty-Six Million, Fifty-Two Thousand, Nine Hundred and Seventy-Eight Ghana Cedis (GH¢37,486,052,978)** would constitute payments of **Other Government Obligations** whilst the rest would cover discretionary payments.

### **Repeal**

The Bill repeals the Appropriation Act, 2017 (Act 945).

The Appropriation Act, 2017 (Act 945) was passed by the House in March 2017 to authorize the withdrawal of moneys from the Consolidated Fund and other funds for the implementation of the Budget for the 2017 Financial Year.

## **5.0 AMENDMENTS PROPOSED**

The Committee respectfully proposes the following amendments to the Bill:

- i. **Clause 2 – Amendment Proposed** – In line 3 *delete* “Fort” and *insert* “Forty” and in line 7, *delete* “2017” and *insert* “2018”

**Reason:** To correct typographical errors

- ii. **2<sup>nd</sup> Schedule – Section 1 - Amendment Proposed** – Item 037 found at page 17/29, *delete* “Ministry of Interior (MINT)” and *insert* “Ministry of The Interior”

**Reason:** To have the correct designation of the Ministry

- iii. **DATE OF ASSENT – Amendment Proposed** – *Delete* “December 2017”

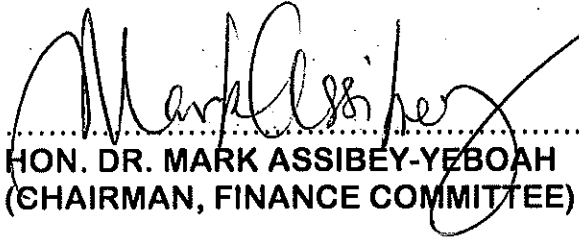
**Reason:** To enable the actual date of Assent to be inserted upon Assent.

## **7.0 RECOMMENDATION AND CONCLUSION**

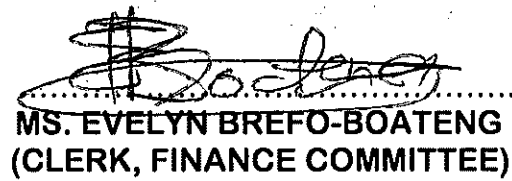
The Committee recommends that the sum of money *not exceeding Sixty-Seven Billion, Two Hundred and Seventy-Nine Million, Nine Hundred and Fifty-Five Thousand and Eighty-Five Ghana Cedis (GH¢67,279,955,085)* be approved to be issued from the Consolidated Fund and for withdrawal from other funds for the purposes of financing Government operations during the Financial Year commencing the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of January 2018 and ending the 31<sup>st</sup> Day of December 2018.

The Committee thus recommends to the House to *pass* the **Appropriation (No.2) Bill, 2017** *subject to the amendments proposed.*

Respectfully Submitted.



HON. DR. MARK ASSIBEY-YEBOAH  
(CHAIRMAN, FINANCE COMMITTEE)



MS. EVELYN BREFO-BOATENG  
(CLERK, FINANCE COMMITTEE)

21<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER, 2017



# 1.1. Appropriation Bill

1<sup>st</sup> Schedule - Section 1

Year: 2018

Currency: Value

Version 1

	Value
<b>Total Appropriation</b>	<b>67,279,955,085</b>
<b>Compensation of Employees</b>	<b>19,595,126,198</b>
Wages & Salaries	16,762,297,860
Pensions	1,005,737,872
Gratuities	385,532,851
Social Security	1,441,557,616
<b>Use of Goods and Services</b>	<b>3,548,137,121</b>
o/w ABFA - Use of Goods and Services	463,179,589
<b>Interest Payments</b>	<b>14,909,848,896</b>
Domestic	12,165,240,329
External (due)	2,744,608,567
<b>Subsidies</b>	<b>171,980,514</b>
Subsidies to Utility Companies	
Subsidies on Petroleum products	171,980,514
<b>Grants to Other Government Units</b>	<b>12,030,373,884</b>
National Health Fund	1,814,537,436
GET Fund	928,041,133
Road Fund	884,501,241
Petroleum Related Fund	20,869,895
DACF	1,812,144,435
Retention of Internally-generated funds (IGFs)	3,761,240,072
Transfer to GNPC	1,001,516,165
<b>Other Earmarked Funds</b>	<b>1,807,523,508</b>
GRA Retention	974,806,710



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	Budget
Youth Employment Agency	202,565,261
Student Loan Trust	2,532,066
Export Development Levy	205,719,191
Ghana Airport Authority	314,997,533
Mineral Development Levy and Stool Land	96,060,428
Plastic Waste Recycling Fund	10,842,318
<b>Social Benefits</b>	<b>257,486,654</b>
Lifeline consumers of electricity	89,116,853
Transfers for Social Protection	168,369,800
<b>Other Expenditure</b>	<b>2,104,476,410</b>
ESLA Transfers	2,104,476,410
<b>Capital Expenditure</b>	<b>6,896,301,891</b>
<b>Domestic Financed</b>	<b>3,339,114,808</b>
o/w ABFA - Domestic financed	1,080,752,375
<b>Foreign Financed</b>	<b>3,557,187,083</b>
<b>Non Road Arrears</b>	<b>858,457,472</b>
<b>Tax Refund Vote</b>	<b>1,638,079,036</b>
<b>Amortization</b>	<b>5,269,687,009</b>