

## INTRODUCTION

This report covers the period from Tuesday, 1st to Friday, 4th November 2022, thus, four (4) Sittings of the Third Meeting of the Second Session of the Eighth Parliament.

## HIGHLIGHTS AND KEY OBSERVATIONS

Below are some highlights of what happened in Parliament within the past four (4) Sittings before recess.

### Bills and Papers

##	Title	Date presented	Stage of Bill/Paper	Committee Responsible
1.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

### Papers

- Budget performance report of Ministry of Food and Agriculture for the period January – December, 2021.
- Budget performance report of Ministry of Fisheries and Aquaculture Development for the period January – December, 2021.
- Budget performance report of Ministry of Railway Development for the period January – December, 2021.
- Budget performance report of the Ministry of Energy for the period January – December, 2021.
- Budget performance report of the Ministry of Finance for the period January – December, 2021.
- Budget performance report of the Public Services Commission for the period January to December, 2021.
- Budget performance report of National Development Planning Commission for the period January to December, 2021.
- Report of the Committee on Employment, Social Welfare, and State Enterprises on audited financial statements of Ghana National Petroleum Commission for 2019 and 2022 financial year has been debated and adopted.

- Report of the Committee on Employment, Social Welfare and State Enterprises on GIHOC for the year 2021 was debated and adopted by the House.
- Annual Audit committee statement of the Ministry of Education for the year 2020.
- Annual Audit committee statement of Koforidua Technical University for the year 2020.
- Annual Audit committee statement of the University of Health and Allied Sciences - Ghana for the year 2020.
- Annual Audit committee statement of Takoradi Technical University for the year 2020.
- The annual statements of the audit committee for the year 2020 for the Ministry of Information, the Ghana Commercial Bank, Ghana News Agency, and NAFTI have been presented and referred to the Committee on Communications.
- Annual Audit committee statement of the University of Ghana for the 2020.
- Annual Audit committee statement of the Ministry of Transport for the year 2020.
- Annual Audit committee statement of the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Authority for the year 2020.
- Annual Audit committee statement of the Ghana Atomic Energy Commission for the year 2020.
- Annual Audit committee statement of the Council for Scientific and Industry Research (CSIR) for the year 2020.
- Request for waiver of import duty, import GETFund levy, import NHIL, import VAT, EXIM levy, COVID-19 recovery levy and SIL amounting to €9,481,884.06 on materials and equipment for Obetsebi Lamptey interchange.
- Audit committee statement of Ghana Immigration for the year (2020). It's referred to the committee on Defense and Interior.
- Annual statements of audit committee for the year 2020 for the Mampong Municipal, Bekwai Municipal, Adansi Asokwa District, Jaman North District, Kwadaso Municipal, Offinso North District, Adentan Municipal has been presented and referred to the committee on Local Government.

## MPs Statements

- Hon. Akwasi Konadu (MP, Manhyia North) made a statement to commemorate the International Day to End Impunity Against Journalists on the 2nd of November. He called for justice for all journalists who lost their lives in the course of their duty especially Ahmed Suale, who was brutally murdered.
- Hon. Mustapha Ussif (MP, Yagaba/Kubori), Minister for Youth and Sport made a statement on preparations of the senior men's national football team towards the FIFA World Cup in Qatar. A

combined total of \$14,184,100 is likely to be spent on Ghana Black stars if they progress from the group stages all the way to quarter finals of the upcoming World Cup.

## Gender Highlights

- Dr. Afriyie answered a question of **urgent nature by Dzifa Gomashie (MP, Ketu South)** asked on her behalf by Angela Oforiwaa Alorwu-Tay (MP, Afadzato South).

## KEY OBSERVATIONS

1. The majority leader drew the House's attention to a paper which was laid in respect of the Ministry of Finance that was originally laid on 25th May, 2022.
2. Hon. Alex Afenyo-Markin repeats his application for Parliament to give the Minister of Finance Ken Ofori-Atta a fair hearing to the motion of censure. He asked if the House would allow Mr. Ofori-Atta elects to employ the services of a lawyer.
3. Hon. Haruna Iddrisu is emphatic that he will move the motion of censure after 14 days. He believes that even though his side may not have the required threshold to censure the finance minister, there are some 'like-minded' MPs in the Majority in support.
4. A petition by the Minority Leader on behalf of the National Democratic Congress about the Electoral Commission's proposed **CI** has been deferred for further consultation with leadership. The proponents of the petition want the said CI not laid until Ghana Card – National Identification Authority backlog has been cleared.
5. The Committee on Employment, Social Welfare and State Enterprises has observed in a report that Tema Development Company (TDC) demonstrated **strong profitability** for the 2019 and 2020 financial years with 75% gross earnings and about 25%-45% net earnings.
6. Ghana's delegation led by the First Deputy Speaker Joseph Osei-Owusu (MP, Bekwai) is in Midrand, South Africa attending a meeting of the Pan-African Parliament; ECOWAS Parliament.
7. Minister for Roads and Highways Kwasi Amoako-Attah answers questions on constituency roads. In such responses Benjamin Kpodo (MP, Ho Central) on Volta Barracks-Tokokoe rd, acknowledged slow progress due to delayed payment for certified work done.
8. Minister for Environment, Science, Technology and Innovation Kwaku Afriyie (MP, Sefwi Wiawso) answered to Kwame Gakpey (MP, Keta) question on whether proper environmental impact assessment was conducted before a license was given to Kensington Industries.

9. Mr. Amoako-Attah, Minister for Roads and Highways answered questions from Twumasi Ampofo (MP, Sene West), K. Nokoe (MP, Evalue Ajomoro Gwira), Vincent Asamoah (MP, Dormaa West), Bismark Nyarko (MP, Upper Manya Krobo), Peter Kwakye-Ackah (MP, Amenfi Central), John Bless (MP, Nkwanta North).
10. The Volta Regional Minister, Dr. Achibald tells Parliament GH¢2mn was raised by Ketu South Municipal Assembly and his office to resettle persons displaced by Tidal Waves that hit the Ketu South Constituency a year ago; Ghana Red Cross has erected 20 tents for 150-200 people.
11. Mr. Amoako-Attah, Minister for Roads and Highways answered questions from Twumasi Ampofo (MP, Sene West), K. Nokoe (MP, Evalue Ajomoro Gwira), Vincent Asamoah (MP, Dormaa West), Bismark Nyarko (MP, Upper Manya Krobo), Peter Kwakye-Ackah (MP, Amenfi Central) and John Bless (MP, Nkwanta North).

## CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- A total of 46 questions have been programmed by the Business Committee for the ensuing week (Tuesday 8th November to Friday 11th).
- The following Ministers are scheduled to answer questions in the ensuing week;
- The Minister for Youth and Sport, Oti region, Food & Agriculture, Lands & Natural Resources, Interior, Roads & Highways and Fisheries & Aquaculture Development.