

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

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES OF THE NINTH SITTING OF THE
THIRD MEETING OF PARLIAMENT

TUESDAY, 10TH NOVEMBER, 2009

1. The House met at twenty-five minutes after ten o'clock in the forenoon. Prayers were read. The Rt. Hon. Speaker took the Chair.

2. The following Hon. Members were **present**:
 1. Abayateye, Alfred W. G.
(*Sege*)
 2. Abdul-Karim, Iddrisu (Alhaji)
(*Nanton*)
 3. Abdul-Razaq, A. Umar
(*Tolon*)
 4. Abongo, Albert
(*Bongo*)
 5. Abukari, Sumani (Alhaji)
(*Tamale North*)
 6. Acheampong, Kwame Seth
(*Mpraeso*)
 7. Ackah, Stephen M. E. K.
(*Suaman*)
 8. Addae, Christopher
(*Bibiani-Anhwiaso-Bekwai*)
 9. Addai, Simons
(*Techiman South*)
 10. Addo, Grace (Ms)
(*Amansie West*)
 11. Addo, Irene Naa Torshie (Mrs)
(*Tema West*)
 12. Adiyia, Akuoko Richard
(*Ahafo Ano North*)
 13. Adjaho, Edward K. D.
(*Avenor Ave*)
 14. Adjei-Baah, Seth
(*Nkawkaw*)

15. Adjei-Yeboah, Andrews
(*Tano South*)
16. Adu-Asare, Kojo
(*Adenta*)
17. Afeku, Catherine Abelema (Mrs)
(*Evalue-Gwira*)
18. Afful, Yaw Maama
(*Jaman South*)
19. Afotey-Agbo, Joseph Nii Laryea
(*Kpone-Katamanso*)
20. Agbenyefia, Lassey Richard
(*Keta*)
21. Agbesi, Alfred Kwame
(*Ashaiman*)
22. Agyapong, Ken Ohene
(*Assin North*)
23. Agyeman, Elizabeth
(*Oforikrom*)
24. Agyeman-Manu, Kwaku
(*Dormaa West*)
25. Agyen, Frank Boakye
(*Effiduase/Asokore*)
26. Ahaligah, Raphael Kofi
(*Afram Plains South*)
27. Ahi, Sampson
(*Juaboso*)
28. Ahmed, Mustapha (Maj [rtd]) (Dr) (Alh)
(*Ayawaso East*)
29. Aidoo, Evans Paul
(*Sefwi-Wiawso*)
30. Aidoo, Joseph Boahen
(*Amenfi East*)
31. Akolbire, Opam-Brown Emmanuel
(*Bolgatanga*)
32. Akomea, Nana
(*Okaikwei South*)
33. Akoto, Owusu Afriyie (Dr)
(*Kwadaso*)
34. Akunye, Simon Atingban
(*Pusiga*)
35. Alhassan Dubie, Halutie Rafatu (Hajia)
(*Sissala East*)
36. Alhassan, Ahmed Yakubu (Dr)
(*Mion*)
37. Alidu, Iddrisu Zakari
(*Walewale*)
38. Alowe, Leo Kabah
(*Chiana/Paga*)
39. Amadu, Seidu (Alhaji)

- (Yapei/Kusawgu)*
40. Amankwanor, Joseph Sam
(Upper West Akim)
 41. Amenowode, Joseph Z.
(Hohoe South)
 42. Ameyaw-Cheremeh, Kwasi
(Sunyani East)
 43. Amoah, Anthony Evans
(Mpohor Wassa East)
 44. Amoah, Osei Bonsu
(Aburi-Nsawam)
 45. Amoah-Tetteh, Elizabeth (Mrs)
(Twifu-Atti Morkwaa)
 46. Amoako, Samuel K. (Prof [Emeritus])
(Akim Abuakwa North)
 47. Amoakoh, Nana
(Upper Denkyira East)
 48. Annan, Joseph (Dr)
(Komenda Edina/Eguafo/Abrem)
 49. Anyimadu-Antwi, Kwame
(Asante Akim North)
 50. Appiah, Justice Joe
(Ablekuma North)
 51. Appiah-Kubi, Kojo (Dr)
(Atwima Kwanwoma)
 52. Appiah-Ofori, P.C.
(Asikuma/Odoben/Brakwa)
 53. Appiah-Pinkrah, Kwabena
(Akrofuom)
 54. Armah, Ernest Attuquaye
(Trobe-Amasaman)
 55. Arthur, Francis Kojo
(Gomoa West)
 56. Arthur, George Kofi
(Amenfi Central)
 57. Asare, Kofi (Dr.)
(Akwatia)
 58. Asare-Akoto, Joses (Rev) (Dr)
(Asuogyaman)
 59. Asiamah, Amankwa Kwabena
(Fanteakwa)
 60. Asiamah, Isaac Kwame
(Atwima-Mponua)
 61. Asimah, Simon Edem
(South Dayi)
 62. Asum-Ahensah, Alex
(Jaman North)
 63. Avedzi, James Klutse
(Ketu North)
 64. Awontiirim, Ataboadey Timothy
(Builsa North)
 65. Awuah, Ignatius Baffour
(Sunyani West)
 66. Ayeh, Benjamin Kofi
(Upper Denkyira West)

67. Ayeh-Paye, Samuel
(*Ayensuano*)
68. Azong, Alhassan
(*Builsa South*)
69. Baah, Yaw
(*Kumawu*)
70. Baffour, Fritz Frederic
(*Ablekuma South*)
71. Bagbin, Alban S. K.
(*Nadowli West*)
72. Baidoe-Ansah, Joe
(*Effia Kwesimintim*)
73. Baloroo, Doughr John
(*Lambussie*)
74. Banda, Ben Abdallah
(*Offinso South*)
75. Bandua, Emmanuel Kwasi
(*Biakoye*)
76. Bayirga, Haruna H.
(*Sissala West*)
77. Bayon, Godfrey Tangu
(*Wa East*)
78. Bedzrah, Emmanuel Kwasi
(*Ho West*)
79. Blankson, George Kuntu
(*Mfantseman East*)
80. Boakye, George
(*Asunafo South*)
81. Boampong, Michael Coffie
(*Bia*)
82. Boateng, Beatrice Bernice (Ms)
(*New Juaben South*)
83. Boforo, Mary Salifu (Hajia)
(*Savelugu*)
84. Botwe, Daniel
(*Okere*)
85. Buah, Emmanuel Armah-Kofi
(*Ellembele*)
86. Bukari, Joseph Nikpe
(*Saboba*)
87. Chaie, Theophilus Tetteh
(*Ablekuma Central*)
88. Cobbina, Herod
(*Sefwi Akontombra*)
89. Dadzie, Anthony Christian
(*Abura-Asebu-Kwamankese*)
90. Dakura, Francis Bawaana (Dr)
(*Jirapa*)
91. Dansua, Akua Sena (Ms)
(*North Dayi*)
92. Dapaah, Cecilia Abena (Ms)
(*Bantama*)
93. Daramani-Sakande, Adamu
(*Bawku Central*)
94. Debrah, Ernest Akobuor
(*Tano North*)

95. Didieye, Aboagye Emmanuel
(*Afram Plains North*)
96. Donkor, Benjamin B. (Rev)
(*Hemang Lower Denkyira*)
97. Dua, Nii Nortey R.
(*Ledzokuku*)
98. Duut, Emmanuel Kwame
(*Bunkpurugu/Yunyoo*)
99. Eduamoah, Ekow Panyin Okyere
(*Gomoa East*)
100. Effah-Baafi, Yaw
(*Kintampo South*)
101. Ennin, Edward M.
(*Obuasi*)
102. Essilfie, Gabriel Kodwo
(*Shama*)
103. Fobih, Dominic K. (Prof)
(*Assin South*)
104. Forson, Cassiel Ato
(*Ajumako/Enyan/Essiam*)
105. Frimpong, Kofi
(*Kwabre East*)
106. Fuseini, Inusah Abdulai B.
(*Tamale Central*)
107. Gbediame, Gershon K. B.
(*Nkwanta South*)
108. Gyamfi, Emmanuel Akwasi
(*Odotobri*)
109. Gyan-Baffour, George Yaw (Prof)
(*Wenchi*)
110. Gyetuah, John
(*Amenfi West*)
111. Hayibor, Prince Jacob
(*Hohoe North*)
112. Hodogbey, Charles S.
(*North Tongu*)
113. Humado, Clement Kofi
(*Anlo*)
114. Ibrahim, Ahmed
(*Tain*)
115. Ibrahim, Tanko Abdul-Rauf
(*Yagaba/Kubori*)
116. Iddrisu, Dawuda
(*Karaga*)
117. Iddrisu, Haruna
(*Tamale South*)
118. Idrissu, Sulemana Ibun Baba
(*Yendi*)
119. Imoro, Yakubu Kakpagu
(*Kumbungu*)
120. Jabaah, John Bennam
(*Zabzugu/Tatale*)
121. Johnfiah, Samuel
(*Ahanta West*)
122. Jumah, Maxwell Kofi
(*Asokwa*)

123. Kan-Dapaah Albert
(*Afigya-Sekyere West*)
124. Klenam, Gifty
(*Lower West Akim*)
125. Koffie, Francis Adu-Blay
(*Prestea/Huni-Valley*)
126. Kunsu, Stephen
(*Kintampo North*)
127. Kusi, Gifty Eugenia (Mrs)
(*Tarkwa-Nsuaem*)
128. Kwao, Stephen Amoanor
(*Upper Manya*)
129. Kyei-Mensah-Bonsu, Osei
(*Suame*)
130. Larbie, David Nana
(*Awutu-Senya*)
131. Likpalimor, Kwajo Tawiah
(*Kpandai*)
132. Manu, S. K. Balado
(*Ahafo Ano South*)
133. Mensah, Enoch Teye
(*Ningo-Prampam*)
134. Muntaka, Mohammed-Mubarak (Alhaji)
(*Asawase*)
135. Namoale, Nii Amasah
(*Dade Kotopon*)
136. Narh, Samuel Evans Ashong
(*Tema East*)
137. Nasah, Thomas Kwesi
(*Gushiegu*)
138. Nayan, Joseph Kwaku
(*Nkwanta North*)
139. Nfojoh, G. K. (Capt) (rtd)
(*Ho Central*)
140. Nitiwul, Dominic B. A.
(*Bimbilla*)
141. Ntim, Augustine Collins
(*Offinso North*)
142. Ntow, Mathias Kwame
(*Aowin*)
143. Ntow-Ababio, Yaw
(*Dormaa East*)
144. Nyaunu, Michael Teye
(*Lower Manya*)
145. Obodai, Samuel K.
(*Agona West*)
146. Oduro, Derek Yaw (Maj. [rtd])
(*Nkoranza North*)
147. Ofori, Joseph Kwadwo
(*Akan*)
148. Ofori-Kuragu, E. Nana Yaw
(*Bosome-Freho*)
149. Ohene-Konadu, Gifty (Mrs)
(*Asante Akim South*)
150. Opere-Ansah, Frederick
(*Suhum*)

151. Oppon-Kusi, David
(*Ayirebi/Ofoase*)
152. Oquaye, Aaron Michael (Prof.)
(*Dome-Kwabanya*)
153. Osei, Anthony Akoto (Dr)
(*Old Tafo*)
154. Osei-Mensah, Simon
(*Bosomtwe*)
155. Osei-Opare, Akosua Frema (Mrs)
(*Ayawaso West Wuogon*)
156. Osei-Owusu, Joseph
(*Bekwai*)
157. Osei-Prempeh, Kwame
(*Nsuta-Kwamang Beposo*)
158. Osei-Sarfo, Francis Yaw
(*Krachi West*)
159. Owusu-Agyemang, Hackman
(*New Juaben North*)
160. Owusu-Ankomah, Papa
(*Sekondi*)
161. Owusu-Bio, Benito
(*Atwima-Nwabiagya*)
162. Owusu-Boateng, Yaw
(*Akim Oda*)
163. Pepera, Peter Wiafe
(*Abetifi*)
164. Prempeh, Matthew Opoku (Dr)
(*Manhya*)
165. Puozaa, Mathias A.
(*Nadowli East*)
166. Quansah, Aquinas
(*Mfantseman West*)
167. Quaye, I. C. (Sheikh)
(*Ayawaso Central*)
168. Quaye-Kumah, Nii Oakley (Dr)
(*Krowor*)
169. Saani, Iddi (Alhaji)
(*Wulensi*)
170. Sackey, Elizabeth K. T. (Mrs)
(*Okaikwei North*)
171. Sarfo-Mensah, Robert
(*Asunafo North*)
172. Soditey, Donald Dari
(*Sawla/Tuna/Kalba*)
173. Sorogho, Amadu B. (Alhaji)
(*Abokobi-Madina*)
174. Tackie-Komme, Jonathan
(*Odododiodio*)
175. Tawiah, Raymond A.
(*Yilo Krobo*)

176. Tettey-Enyo, Alexander Narh
(*Ada*)
177. Twumasi, Kwame Amporfo
(*Nkoranza South*)
178. Woyome, Kobena Mensah

- (*South Tongu*)
179. Wusah, Sammy B.
(*Damongo/Daboya*)
 180. Yakah, Ernest Kofi
(*New Edubiase*)
 181. Yakubu, Stephen
(*Binduri*)
 182. Yeboah, David Hennric
(*Afigya-Sekyere East*)
 183. Zigah, Albert Kwasi
(*Ketu South*)

3. The following Hon. Members were absent with Permission:

1. Abdul-Rahman, Masoud Baba
(*Pru*)
2. Abubakari, Ibrahim Dey (Alhaji)
(*Salaga*)
3. Adda, Joseph Kofi
(*Navrongo Central*)
4. Ankamah Annoh, Kwasi
(*Atiwa*)
5. Azumah-Mensah, Juliana (Mrs)
(*Ho East*)
6. Mohammed, Issifu Pangabu (Alhaji)
(*Ejura-Sekyedumase*)
7. Owusu-Mainu, Emmanuel
(*Atebubu/Amanting*)
8. Tia, Alfred Sugri (Dr)
(*Nalerigu/Gambaga*)

4. The following Hon. Members were absent:

1. Abu-Bonsra, Nana
(*Fomena*)
2. Addai-Nimoh, Francis
(*Mampong*)
3. Agyabeng, John
(*Agona East*)
4. Agyenim-Boateng, Kwaku
(*Berekum*)
5. Akologu, John Tia
(*Talensi*)
6. Akyea, Samuel Atta
(*Akim Abuakwa South*)
7. Ameyaw-Akumfi, Christopher (Prof)
(*Techiman North*)
8. Anane, Richard W. (Dr)
(*Nhyiaeso*)
9. Asaga, Moses
(*Nabdam*)

10. Ashietey, Nii Armah
(*Klottey Korle*)
11. Assumeng, David Tetteh
(*Shai Osudoku*)
12. Avoka, Apul Cletus
13. Azumah, Dominic Azimbe
(*Garu/Tempane*)
14. Barton-Odro, Ebo
(*Cape Coast*)
15. Boafo, William Ofori
(*Akropong*)
16. Bosompem, Joseph Ampomah
(*Akim Swedru*)
17. Botchway, Shirley A. (Ms)
(*Weija*)
18. Chireh, Joseph Yieleh
(*Wa West*)
19. Darko-Mensah, Kwabena Okyere
(*Takoradi*)
20. Dauda, Collins
(*Asutifi South*)
21. Dery, P. Ambrose
(*Lawra/Nandom*)
22. Ghartey, Joe
(*Esikadu/Ketan*)
23. Gidisu, Joe Kwashie
(*Central Tongu*)
24. Gidisu, Wisdom
(*Krachi East*)
25. Hammah, Mike Allen
(*Effutu*)
26. Hammond, Kobina Tahir(*Adansi Asokwa*)

- Jabanyite, Samuel Abdulai
(*Chereponi*)
27. Kamel, Henry Ford
(*Buem*)
28. Nkrumah, Samia Yaba Christina
(*Jomoro*)

29. Obeng Dappah, Esther (Ms)
(*Abirem*)
30. Ofosu, Asamoah
(*Kade*)
31. Okoh, Paul
(*Asutifi North*)
32. Osei, Isaac
(*Subin*)
33. Owusu-Aduomi, Kwabena
(*Ejisu-Juaben*)
34. Owusu-Ansah, Emmanuel Asamoah
(*Kwabre West*)
35. Pelpuo, Abdul-Rashid
(*Wa Central*)
36. Saaka, Joseph Akati
(*Bole/Bamboi*)
37. Twumasi-Appiah, Felix
(*Sene*)
38. Yemoh, Daoud Anum
(*Domeabra-Obom*)

5. CORRECTION OF THE VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE EIGHTH SITTING HELD ON FRIDAY, 6TH NOVEMBER, 2009.

- i. Page 5, item 4, paragraph 1 *delete* “**Abdul-Karim, Iddrisu (Nanton)**” and *add* same to the list of **Hon. Members Absent with Permission.**
- ii. Page 6, item 4, paragraph 15 *delete* “**Ayeh-Paye Samuel (Ayensuano)**” and *add* same to the list of **Hon. Members Absent with Permission.**
- iii. Page 5, item 4, paragraph 20 *delete* “**Debrah, Enerst Akobuor (Tano North)**” and *add* same to the list of **Hon. Members Absent with Permission.**
- iv. Page 6, item 4, paragraph 22 *delete* “**Essilfie, Gabriel Kodwo (Shama)**” and *add* same to the list of **Hon. Members Absent with Permission.**
- v. Page 6, item 4, paragraph 25 *delete* “**Humado, Clement Kofi (Anlo)**” and *add* same to the list of **Hon. Members Absent with Permission.**
- vi. Page 6, item 4, paragraph 29 *delete* “**Ntim, Augustine Collins (Offinso North)**” and *add* same to the list of **Hon. Members Absent with Permission.**
- vii. Page 6, item 4, paragraph 30 *delete* “**Oduro, Derek Yaw (Maj. [rtd]) (Nkoranza North)**” and *add* same to the list of **Hon. Members Absent with Permission.**
- viii. Page 6, item 4, paragraph 35 *delete* “**Sarfo-Mensah, Robert (Asunafo North)**” and *add* same to the list of **Hon. Members Absent with Permission.**

The Votes and Proceedings as corrected were adopted as the true record of proceedings.

6. The Official Reports of the Seventh and Eight Sittings of the Third Meeting held on Thursday, 5th November, 2009 and Friday, 6th November, 2009 as corrected were also adopted as true records of Proceedings.
7. The Rt. Hon. Speaker acknowledged the presence in the House of the following Honourable Members and Officers from some sister Parliaments in Africa who were in the country to participate in a training programme on financial oversight function of Parliamentarians jointly organised by the Parliamentary Centre and the Austrian Development Cooperation:

i.	Hon. N. Masebo	Malawi
ii.	Hon. D. Kankhwani	Malawi
iii.	Hon.C. Kaphamtengo Yona	Malawi
iv.	Mr. Felix Bello	Malawi
v.	Hon. F. Kanzama	Zimbabwe
vi.	Hon. R. Ndava	Zimbabwe
vii.	Mr. Christian Ratsakatika	Zimbabwe
viii.	Hon. D. Sibanda	Zimbabwe
ix.	Hon. Rose Akol	Uganda
x.	Hon. Sarah Nyombi Nansubuga	Uganda
xi.	Ms. Jane Rose Ikiror Semakula	Uganda
xii.	Hon. John Odit	Uganda
xiii.	Hon. Esther M. Banda	Zambia
xiv.	Hon. Highvie H. Hamududu	Zambia
xv.	Hon. Sydney Chisanga	Zambia
xvi.	Ms. Monica K. Sampa	Zambia

Rt. Hon. Speaker on her own behalf and on behalf of the House wished the visiting Honourable Members and Officers a pleasant stay.

8. (a) The following **Urgent Questions** were *asked* of and *answered* by the Deputy Minister for Energy, Hon. Emmanuel Armah- Kofi Buah:
 - i. **Mr. John Doughr Baloroo (Lambussie)**: To ask the Minister for Energy when electricity will be provided for Piina Senior High School, the only senior high school in the Lambussie- Karni District, for the ICT Centre and the TV Distance Learning Programme to become operational.
 - ii. **Mr. Robert Sarfo-Mensah (Asunafo North)**: To ask the Minister for Energy the cause of the fuel shortage in Accra and other parts of the country recently and what pragmatic actions have been instituted to forestall future occurrence.
- (b) The following **Urgent Questions** were also *asked* of and *answered* by the Deputy Minister for Finance and Economic

Planning, Hon.Fifi Fiavi Kwetey;

- (i) **Dr. Owusu Afriyie Akoto (Kwadaso):** To ask the Minister for Finance and Economic Planning when cocoa farmers in this country will be paid at least 70% of the world market price of cocoa in view of the sharp depreciation of the cedi against the US dollar and the recent rise in the price of cocoa on the World Market.
- (ii) **Mr. Christopher Addae (Bibiani-Anhwiaso-Bekwai):**To ask the Minister for Finance and Economic Planning why allowances have been paid to the “new” Cocoa Spraying Gang members for the month of June when in actual fact no work was done.
- (c) The following Urgent Question was further *asked* of and *answered* by the Deputy Minister for Health, Hon. Dr. Benjamin Kunbuor;

Mr. John Bennam Jabaah (Zabzugu/Tatale): To ask the Minister for Health what efforts are being made to ensure that anti-snake serum is available and affordable in the Northern Region particularly in the Zabzugu/Tatale Constituency where several people have died recently from snake bites.

- (d) The following Questions were *asked of* and *answered by* the Deputy Minister for Energy, Hon.Emmanuel Armah- Kofi Buah;

***132. Mr. Ernest Attuquaye Armah (Trobu-Amasaman)**

***144. Mr. Albert Kwasi Zigah (Ketu South)**

The Rt. Hon. Speaker thanked the Hon. Deputy Ministers for attending upon the House to respond to the Questions.

9. The following Papers were laid:

By the Majority Chief Whip, Hon. E.T. Mensah on behalf Hon. Majority Leader.

- (i) Report of the Auditor-General on the Management and Utilisation of Statutory and Other Earmarked Funds for District Assemblies covering the period 1st January 2001 to 31st December 2004.
- (ii) Report of the Auditor-General on the Statement of Foreign Exchange Receipts and Payments of the Bank of Ghana for the first half year ended 30th June 2008.
- (iii) Report of the Auditor-General on the Public Accounts of Ghana (Consolidated Fund) for the year ended 31st December 2008.

- (iv) Report of the Auditor-General on the Public Accounts of Ghana (Ministries, Departments and Other Agencies of the Central Government) for the year ended 31st December 2008.

Rt. Hon. Speaker *referred* the Reports to the Public Accounts Committee for consideration and report.

*Rt. Hon. Speaker withdrew from the Chamber at 1:10 pm.
The First Deputy Speaker took the Chair.*

10. MOTION

That this Honourable House adopts the Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Report of the Auditor-General on the Statement of Foreign Exchange Receipts and Payments of the Bank of Ghana for the two half years ended 31st December 2005.

(Moved by the Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee, Hon. Albert Kan–Dapaah and seconded by the Majority Chief Whip, Hon. E.T. Mensah)

Question proposed: debate *arising*

The First Deputy Speaker having regard to the state of the Business of the House directed that Sitting be held outside the prescribed period in accordance with Standing Order 40 (3).

Question put and Motion *agreed to*

11. MOTION

That this Honourable House adopts the Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Report of the Auditor-General on the Statement of Foreign Exchange Receipts and Payments of the Bank of Ghana for the two half years ended 31st December 2006.

(Moved by the Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee, Hon. Albert Kan –Dapaah and seconded by the Majority Chief Whip, Hon. E.T. Mensah)

Question proposed: debate *arising*

Question put and Motion *agreed to*

12. The First Deputy Speaker *directed* that the concerns raised by Hon. Members during the debate on the two Motions be brought to the attention of the Bank of Ghana for necessary action and a report on remedial action taken by the Bank communicated to the House by the end of November 2009.

The First Deputy Speaker *also directed* the Finance Committee to discharge its mandate in relation to the subject matter as provided for under article 184 of the 1992 Constitution.

13. ADJOURNMENT

And it being eleven minutes after two o'clock in the afternoon the House was adjourned till Wednesday next at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

S U P P L E M E N T

JOINT COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT, CONSTITUTIONAL, LEGAL AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION

1. *Opening*

The Joint Committee held a workshop at Capital View Hotel, Koforidua from Friday 6th to Monday 9th November, 2009 and discussed Local Government Reforms and Decentralisation in Ghana.

The Chairman of the Committee on Local Government and Rural Development, Mr. Dominic Azimbe Azumah Presided.

2. *Attendance*

The following Hon. Members were present:

- i. Mr. George Kuntu Blankson
- ii. Mr. Maxwell Kofi Jumah
- iii. Mr. Kwasi Ameyaw- Cheremeh
- iv. Mr. Inusah Abdulai B. Fuseini
- v. Mr. Richard Lassey Agbenyefia
- vi. Mr. Emmanuel Kwasi Bandua
- vii. Mr. Paul Evans Aidoo
- viii. Alhaji Sumani Abukari
- ix. Mr. Gershon K. B. Gbediame
- x. Mr. Stephen Kunsu
- xi. Mr. Emmanuel Aboagye Didieye
- xii. Mr. Francis Kojo Arthur
- xiii. Mr. Yaw Maama Aful
- xiv. Mr. Joseph Boahen Aidoo
- xv. Mr. Kwabena Appiah-Pinkrah
- xvi. Mr. Ignatius Baffour Awuah
- xvii. Mr. David Oppon-Kusi
- xviii. Mr. Emmanuel Akwasi Gyamfi
- xix. Mr. Cletus Apul Avoka
- xx. Mr. Iddrisu Zakari Alidu
- xxi. Mr. Alfred Kwame Agbesi
- xxii. Mr. Ben Abdallah Banda

- xxiii. Mr. Leo Kabah Alowe
- xxiv. Mr. Joseph Sam Amankwanor
- xxv. Mr. Donald Dari Soditey
- xxvi. Mr. Wisdom Gidisu
- xxvii. Rev. Dr. Joses Asare- Akoto

3. *In Attendance*

- i. Hon. Joseph Yieleh Chireh MP & Minister LGRD
- ii. Hon. Samuel Oforu Ampofo E/ R Minister
- iii. Mr. Oforu Asamoah MP
- iv. Daasebre Prof. E. Oti-Boateng Paramount Chief, New Juaben Traditional Area
- v. Dr. F. D.Tay Resource Person
- vi Mr. D. A. Nyankamawu Chief Director (MLGRD)
- vii. Ms. Irene Messiba MLGRD
- viii. Mr. Kwamena Ahwoi GIMPA
- ix Prof. Yaw Agyeman Badu “
- x. Mrs. Gifty Anku “
- xi Dr. Napoleon Kwantin “
- xii. Dr. Lydia Apori-Nkansah “
- xiii. Dr. Samuel Adams “
- xiv Mr. Francis Agyekum “
- xv. Dr. Esther Ofei-Aboagye ILGS
- xvi Dr. Callistus Mahama “
- xvii. Mr. Richard A. Agyepong “
- xviii. Mr. David Osei-Wusu “
- xix Mr. Eric Oduro Osae “
- xx Mr. Martin Knoll GTZ/GDC/SFDR
- xxi Dr. Volker Nonilees “
- xxii. Mr. Simon Manu “
- xxiii. Mr. Haruna Bukari “
- xxiv Mr. Munirat Tawiah “
- xxv Mr. Emmanuel Mawutor “
- xxvi. Mr. James Ayarile “
- xxvii. Ms. Evelyn Brefo-Boateng Clerk, Committee on Local Gov’t and Rural Development
- xxviii. Mr. Eric Owusu-Mensah Clerk, Subsidiary Legislation
- xxix. Mr. Ebenzer Ahumah Djietror Clerk, Constitutional , Legal and Parliamentary Affairs
- xxx. Nana Tawiah Okyir Assistant Clerk
- xxxi. Ms. Akua Osei-Somuah “
- xxxii. Mr. Benjamin T. Antiedu “
- xxxiii. Ms. Josephine Yartey Parliamentary Service

- xxxiv. Ms. Patricia Oforiwaa Ofori “
- xxxv. Ms. Patience Cibil Osei “
- xxxvi. Ms. Maud Ameyibor “

4. *Closing*

The meeting was adjourned at 6.30pm on each day.

COMMITTEE ON WORKS AND HOUSING

1. *Opening*

The Committee paid a working visit to the Water Resources Commission on Tuesday 10th November, 2009 at 12:30 p.m.

The Vice Chairman, Mr. Simon Edem Asimah led the Committee.

2. *Attendance-*

The following Hon. Members were present-

- i. Mr. Stephen M.E.K. Ackah
- ii. Mr. Thomas Kwasi Nasa
- iii. Mr. Michael Teye Nyaunu
- iv. Mr. Joe Justice Appiah
- v. Mr. Samuel Evans Ashong Narh
- vi. Mr. Amadu Seidu (Alhaji)
- vii. Mr. Baloroo Duoghr John

3. *In Attendance-*

- i. Mr. Enoch Asare Head, W.R.C.
- ii. Mr. Edwards Agyemam-Gyasu Accounts Clerk
- iii. Ms. Adwoa Munkua Dako P. R. O.
- iv. Mr. Ben Ampomah Ag. Executive Secretary
- v. Mr. Delali Dane Coordinator
- vi. Ms. Adwoa Paintsil Water Quality Specialist
- vii. Mr. Francis Kwadade-Cudjoe Information Technologist
- viii. Ms. Bernadette Araba Adjei Legal Practitioner
- ix. Mr. Steven Acheampong-Boateng Accountant
- x. Mr. Edwin Afosah-Anim Assit. Officer, Surface Water
- xi. Mr. Ransford S.K Adjei Assit. Officer Info.Tech.
- xii. Mr. Ibrahim Gariba Assistant Clerk
- xiii. Ms. Irene Sakyiwa Owusu Parliamentary Service
- xiv. Ms. Josephine Nunoo “

4. *Closing-*

The visit ended at 1: 45 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS

1. *Opening*

The Committee paid a familiarisation visit to GC-NET on Tuesday, 10th November 2009 at 12.25p.m. to acquaint itself with the activities and challenges confronting the organisation.

The Chairman, Mr. Felix Twumasi-Appiah led the Committee.

2. *Attendance*

The following Hon. Members were present:

- i. Nana Akomea
- ii. Mrs. Catherine Ablema Afeku
- iii. Mr. Aquinas Quansah
- iv. Mr. Fritz Baffour
- v. Mr. Fuseini Inusah Abdulai B.
- vi. Mr. Anthony Evans Amoah
- vii. Mr. Ken Ohene Agyapong
- viii. Mr. Richard Adiyia Akuoko

3. *In Attendance*

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| i. Mr. Samuel Essel | GCNET |
| ii. Mr. S.B. Quarshie | “ |
| iii. Mr. Francis B. Danyi | “ |
| iv. Mr. Chris Holder | “ |
| v. Mr. Jimmy Allotey | “ |
| vi. Mr. Patrick De Souza | “ |
| vii. Mr. Carl Sackey | “ |
| viii. Mr. Emmanuel Darko | “ |
| ix. Mr. Hoegerle Alwin | “ |
| x. Ms. Sheba Osei | Assistant Clerk |

4. *Closing*

The meeting was adjourned at 1.55 p.m.

