



**SENATE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

**LEAD DEBATE ON THE
FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY STATUTORY
APPROPRIATION BILL, 2019**

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Mr. President, Distinguished Colleagues, thank you for the opportunity to lead the debate on the General Principles of the FCT Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2019.

The Bill was read the first time on Tuesday, 28th May, 2019.

The 2019 FCT Statutory Appropriation Bill seeks to authorize the issue from the Federal Capital Territory Administration Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federal Capital Territory Administration Account, the total sum of =N=243,374,511,077.00 (Two Hundred and Forty Three Billion, Three Hundred and Seventy Four Million, Five Hundred and Eleven Thousand, Seventy Seven Naira) only, out of which the sum of =N=55,043,425,247.00 (Fifty Five Billion, Forty Three Million, Four Hundred and Twenty Five Thousand, Two Hundred and Forty Seven Naira) only, is for Personnel Costs and the sum of =N=57,610,188,661.00 (Fifty Seven Billion, Six Hundred and Ten Million, One Hundred and Eighty Eight Thousand, Six Hundred and Sixty One Naira) only, is for Overhead Cost while the balance of =N=130,720,897,169.00 (One Hundred and Thirty Billion, Seven Hundred and Twenty Million, Eight Hundred and Ninety Seven Thousand, One Hundred and Sixty Nine Naira) only, is for Capital Projects, for the service of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja for the financial year commencing from 1st January and ending 31st December, 2019.

AN APPRAISAL OF 2018 FCT STATUTORY APPROPRIATION ACT

In the 2018 fiscal year, the FCT Administration received an Appropriation of N271,532,518,887 (Two Hundred and Seventy One Billion, Five Hundred and Thirty Two Million, Five Hundred and Eighteen Thousand, Eight Hundred and Eighty Seven Naira) only, as its Statutory Budget, out of which the sum of N56,194,171,520 (Fifty Six Billion, One Hundred and Ninety Four Million, One Hundred and Seventy One Thousand, Five Hundred and Twenty Naira) only, was for Personnel Costs and the sum of N57,517,045,738 (Fifty Seven Billion, Five Hundred and Seventeen Million, Forty Five Thousand, Seven Hundred and Thirty Eight Naira) only, was for Overhead Cost while the balance of N157,821,301,629 (One Hundred and Fifty Seven Billion, Eight Hundred and Twenty One Million, Three Hundred and One Thousand, Six Hundred and Twenty Nine Naira) only, was dedicated to Capital Expenditure.

During the year 2018, a total sum of N164,541,832,414.60 (One Hundred and Sixty Four Billion, Five Hundred and Forty One Million, Eight Hundred and Thirty Two Thousand, Four Hundred and Fourteen Naira, Sixty Kobo) only, accrued to the FCT as revenue. This shows 61% level of performance.

The breakdown of 2018 expenditure shows that the sum of N54,715,836,171.60 (Fifty Four Billion, Seven Hundred and Fifteen Million, Eight Hundred and Thirty Six Thousand, One Hundred and Seventy One Naira, Sixty Kobo) only, was spent on Personnel Costs, representing 97%. The sum of N54,028,539,140.51 (Fifty Four Billion, Twenty Eight Million, Five Hundred and Thirty Nine Thousand, One Hundred and Forty Naira, Fifty One Kobo) only, was expended on Overhead Costs, representing 94% and the sum of N55,797,457,102.52 (Fifty Five Billion, Seven Hundred and Ninety-Seven Million, Four Hundred and Fifty Seven Thousand, One Hundred and Two Naira, Fifty Two Kobo) only, was expended on Capital Projects, representing 35%.

THE THRUST OF THE FCT 2019 STATUTORY BUDGET

The thrust of the FCT 2019 Statutory Budget is to ensure an effective service oriented Administration in order to ensure completion of ongoing projects and the provision of effective services to the residents of the FCT.

HIGHLIGHT OF THE CAPITAL EXPENDITURE OF FCT 2019 STATUTORY APPROPRIATION BILL

The total sum of =N=243,374,511,077.00 (Two Hundred and Forty Three Billion, Three Hundred and Seventy Four Million, Five Hundred and Eleven Thousand, Seventy Seven Naira) only, is proposed for the FCT Administration in 2019, out of which the sum of =N=130,720,897,169.00 (One Hundred and Thirty Billion, Seven Hundred and Twenty Million, Eight Hundred and Ninety Seven Thousand, One Hundred and Sixty Nine Naira) only, is earmarked for Capital Expenditure.

The highlight of the critical projects to be executed by the FCTA/FCDA in year 2019 are as follows:

1. FEDERAL CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (FCDA)

- a) Expansion and Rehabilitation of Outer Northern Expressway and Airport Expressway. The sum of N1.5bn is earmarked for the completion of the above two major roads. These projects when completed, will remove the traffic congestion experienced by commuters and will drastically reduce travel time.
- b) The sum of N5.4bn is proposed for the provision of infrastructural facilities to Districts and Road Construction in Jahi, Wuye, Abuja Northwest and Katampe Districts.
- c) N1bn is proposed for the reconstruction and dualization of Lower Usman Dam, Gurara Road.
- d) N300m is earmarked for the provision of access road to Kabusa Garden.
- e) N1.5bn is proposed for the Construction of 2,276 Resettlement Houses at Galuwyi/Shere Resettlement Site.
- f) The sum of N4bn is proposed as counter-part funding for greater Abuja Water Supply.
- g) N2bn is proposed for the Rehabilitation and Expansion of Outer Southern Expressway from Villa Roundabout to Osex/Ring Road 1 (PR1) Junction, including four (4) Nos. interchange.

2. SATELLITE TOWNS DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (STDD)

The sum of N24.1bn is proposed for STDD for the year 2019 for its capital projects.

3. TRANSPORTATION SECRETARIAT

The Transport Sector has the mandate of providing effective and efficient transportation system in the FCT. A proposal of the sum of N12.3bn is for Capital Projects.

Key among these projects is the Rail Project with an allocation of the sum of N10bn in 2019 fiscal year. Other important projects include:

- a) Mass Transit Operation, which includes provision of transit way, lay-byes, bus shelter, BRT lanes, etc.
- b) Traffic Management Operations, Accident Reduction, Safety and Enforcement.
- c) Transport Data Management.

4. EDUCATION SECRETARIAT

The sum of N9.5bn is proposed for Capital Projects for the Education Secretariat in the 2019 fiscal year. This includes the sum of N2.5bn primarily intended to service ongoing projects. Other projects include:

- a) Completion of existing structures at Maitama Model School.
- b) Provision of additional schools, classrooms, rehabilitation and expansion of existing ones.
- c) Construction of Zonal Education Offices, Teachers Development Centre, etc.

5. HEALTH SECRETARIAT

The FCT Health Secretariat has a proposal of the sum of N4.5bn for capital expenditure to complete critical ongoing projects.

6. AGRIC AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT SECRETARIAT

The total sum of N2.5bn is earmarked for Capital Expenditure to complete ongoing projects, thereby enhancing food security in the FCT. The proposal is targeted towards:

- a) Procurement and distribution of farming inputs.
- b) Addressing the global food crises initiative.
- c) Provision of Buffer Stock Programme.

7. FCT WATER BOARD

The total sum of N1.93bn is proposed as capital expenditure to enhance water supply in the FCT.

It is worthy of note that investment in water supply in the FCT is mostly reflected in the FCT National Priority Budget.

8. ABUJA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD (AEPB)

The AEPB is charged with the responsibility of ensuring and maintaining a clean and healthy environment for inhabitants of the FCT. A total sum of N8.04bn has been earmarked for its operations in the FCT Statutory Budget, out of which N517,350,811 (Five Hundred and Seventeen Million, Three Hundred and Fifty Thousand, Eight Hundred and Eleven Naira) only, is for its key capital projects, as follows:

- a) Maintenance of Wupa Sewage Plant.
- b) Acquisition of heavy duty cleaning equipment.
- c) Construction of solid waste plant; and
- d) Evacuation and construction of solid waste plant.

Mr. President, Distinguished Colleagues, considering the dwindling funding from the statutory revenue allocation to FCT, emphasis has been placed on the completion of ongoing projects, particularly those with high impact on the provision of services and infrastructures to the residents of the FCT.

However, a few new projects that are considered absolutely necessary have been included in the Budget Proposal.

Mr. President, Distinguished Colleagues, I urge you all to give this Bill an expeditious passage into law.

Thank you and God Bless.

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