

LEAD DEBATE ON THE GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF THE BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE FEDERAL UNIVERSITY BIRNIN KEBBI, (SB.165)

SPONSOR: SENATOR MUHAMMAD ADAMU ALIERO (KEBBI CENTRAL)

His Excellency, the President of the Senate, my Distinguished and respected colleagues, I am happy to stand on this hallowed chamber to lead a debate on the general principles of the Bill for Act to establish the Federal University Birnin Kebbi.

This Bill was read for the first time on the **14th November, 2019.**

Mr. President, my most Distinguished colleagues, Kebbi State is desirous to have a Federal University like any other state of the federation. In line with this desire, and in tune with the advantages associated with the establishment of such an institution, the Federal Executive Council (FEC) in its sitting of 9th day of January, 2013 approved the establishment of three (3) additional Federal Universities in Nigeria. The additional Federal Universities are those of Birnin Kebbi, (Kebbi State), Gashua in Yobe State and that of Gusau in Zamfara State.

Mr. President, my most Distinguished colleagues, permit me to notify you that since the establishment of the Federal University Birnin Kebbi, academic activities have commenced accordingly but without the legal frame work.

Mr. President, my Distinguished colleagues, we are here to make laws for good governance, increase economic productivity, enhance national sustainability and national growth in all facets of national endeavor. Education is one of the primary platforms for attainment of these and other laudable objectives.

Mr. President, my Distinguished colleagues, I stand to inform you all that, the first matriculation of students was done in 2014 and the degree programmes commenced in 2015.

Mr. President, my Distinguished colleagues, the Federal University Birnin Kebbi is a necessity for the people of Kebbi State and beyond which if approved could;

- (i) Develop and promote scholarship and conduct research in restricted fields of learning and human endeavor.
- (ii) Train and develop qualified caliber of graduates for national growth and development;
- (iii) To impart knowledge to all persons without segregation or discrimination based on race, sex, religion, gender or political affiliation;

- (iv) Give citizenship education as basis for effective participation in the peace, stability and progress of the society.

Mr. President, my Distinguished colleagues, the idea behind the presidential and Federal Executive Council approval for the establishment of the Federal University, Birnin Kebbi is to cater primarily for prospective students from Kebbi, Sokoto, Zamfara States and the wider catchment areas of Kastina, Kano, Jigawa, Niger and Kwara States. The aggregated population of the catchment area for admission is about 11.6 million. The desire of which cannot simply be ignored.

Mr. President, my Distinguished colleagues, this Bill when approved, will not only give legal backing to the already existing Federal University Birnin Kebbi but will further strengthen the legislative efforts to realizing the importance of these objectives by seeking to address the issues of provision of education to Nigerian citizens by giving access to quality education for our children.

Mr. President, and my distinguished colleagues, please permit me to appeal to all of us individually and collectively, to support this Bill for and Act to establish the Federal University, Birnin Kebbi

Mr. President, and my Distinguished colleagues, I state that this Bill has no extra-ordinary budgetary demand other than the ones the Federal Government has been providing for in

respective national budgets and there has been steady budgetary provisions. However, in compliance with **Order 77 (3) of the Senate Standing Rules**, find attached as **ANNEXTURE I** the financial implication to the government accordingly.

Mr. President, and my distinguished colleagues, it is my humble request once more to you all, to support the passage of this Bill for an Act to establish the Federal University, Birnin Kebbi for the second reading. So I move Mr. President.

Thank you.

COMPENDIUM

Sponsored by Senator Muhammad Adamu Aliero

In compliance with Order 77(3) of the Standing Order of the Senate 2015 (as amended) with respect to the procedure on Bills, Compendium and Consolidation, which states inter alia that "On the introduction of a Bill, a compendium on background information and financial implications of such Bills if passed into law shall be delivered to all senators. The following compilation with regard to the aforementioned Bill is herewith presented for the general information of Senators.

It is worthy of note that the compilation shown below is a summary of the Personnel Costs, Overhead Costs, Recurrent and Capital Expenditure for the Establishment of Federal University Birnin-Kebbi, Kebbi State, which is already covered in the 2020 appropriation Act.

TABLE A: FINANCIAL SUMMARY

S/N	ITEMS	AMOUNT (N)
1	Total Personnel Costs	2,122,238,127
2.	Total Overhead Costs	161,286,951
3.	Total Recurrent Expenditure	2,283,525,078
4.	Total Capital Expenditure	220,992,973
	Total	2,504,518,051

TABLE B: FINANCIAL DETAILS

S/N	ITEMS	AMOUNT (N)
1.	Expenditure	2,504,518,051
2.	Personnel cost	2,122,238,127
3.	Salary	1,801,956,599
4.	Salaries and wages	1,801,956,599
5.	Salary	1,801,956,599
6.	Allowances and social contribution	320,281,528
7	Allowances	96,421,168
8.	Non regular allowances	96,421,168
9.	Social contributions	223,860,360
10.	NHIS	89,544,144
11.	Contributory pension- employer's contribution	134,316,216

12.	Other recurrent costs	161,286,951
13.	Overhead cost	161,286,951
14	Travel and transport- general	23,250,000
15	Local travel & transport: others	23,250,000
16	Utilities- general	46,800,00
17	Electricity charges	35,800,000
18	Internet access charges	11,000,000
19	Materials& supplies – general	35,992,951
20	Office stationeries/computer consumables	19,264,207
21	Teaching Aids/ Instructional materials	16,728,744
22	Training- general	15,400,000
23	Local training	15,400,000
24	Fuel & lubricants – general	27,844,000
25	Other transport equipment fuel cost	8,480,000
26	plant/ generator fuel cost	19,364,000
27	Miscellaneous	12,000,000
28	Direct teaching & laboratory cost	12,000,000
29	Capital expenditure	220,992,973
30	Construction/provision	220,992,973
31	Construction/ provision of fixed assets- general	220,992,973
32	Construction/ provision of infrastructure	220,992,973
33	Total personnel	2,122,238,127
34	Total overhead	161,286,951
35	Total recurrent	2,283,525,078
36	Total capital	220,992,973
37	Total allocation	2,504,518,051
38	Construction and furnishing of 6 in 1, 100 seat capacity class rooms	220,992,973