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Wednesday 15 December 2021

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- **6.** National Institute for Hypertension and Diabetics Research and Treatment (Establishment) Bill, 2021(HB. 1784) (*Hon. Chinedu Ogah*) *First Reading*

- 7. National Apprenticeship Training Institute (Establishment) Bill, 2021(HB. 1785) (Hon. Abiola Peter Makinde) First Reading
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- **10.** Federal University of Tourism, Wamba (Establishment Bill, 2021(HB. 1788) (*Hon. Usman Abdulkarim*) *First Reading*.

PRESENTATION OF REPORT

Committee on Telecommunications:

Hon. Akeem Adeniyi Adeyemi:

"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Telecommunications on the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Nigerian Communications Commission, the Total Sum of (\infty\)-Three Billion, Three Hundred and Ninety-Three Million, Two Hundred and Eighty-Three Thousand Naira, only of which the sum of ¥86,242,952, 000. 00 (Eighty-Six Billion, Two Hundred and Forty-Two Million, Nine Hundred and Fifty-Two Thousand Naira) only is for Recurrent Expenditure, the sum of \(\mathbb{H}\)30,336,144, 000.00 (Thirty Billion, Three Hundred and Thirty-Six Million, One Hundred and Forty-Four Thousand Naira) only is for Capital Expenditure, the sum of N42,445,864,000.00 (Forty-Two Billion, Four Hundred and Forty-Five Million, Eight Hundred and Sixty-Four Thousand Naira) only is for Special Projects while the sum of \(\frac{\text{\text{\text{N}}}}{7,500,000}\) (Seven Billion Five Million) Naira only is for transfer to the Universal Service Provision Fund (USPF), \$\frac{1}{2}\$466, 868, 323, 000.00 (Four Hundred and Six-Six Billion, Eight Hundred and Sixty-Eight Million, Three and Twenty-Three Thousand Naira) only will be transferred to the Federal Government of Nigeria, and the sum of ₩8,824,847,408 Eight Billion (Eight Hundred and Twenty–Four Million, Eight Hundred and Forty Seven Thousand, Four Hundred and Eight Naira) only is for the Budget of the Universal Service Provision Fund (USPF) for the period ending on 31 December, 2022" (Pursuant to Order 18, Rule 91 (2) (c) and (h) of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives).

ORDERS OF THE DAY

BILLS

- **1.** A Bill for an Act to Prohibit Chemical and Biological Weapons and Establish National Authority for the effective Implementation of the Chemical and Biological Weapons Conventions in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 731) (*Hon. Abdulrazak Sa'ad Namdas*) *Second Reading*.
- **2.** A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Emergency Management Agency Act, Cap. N34, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for the Recruitment, Training, Equipping of Volunteers in Disaster Management; and for Related Matters. (HB.1481) (Hon. Kwamoti Bitrus La'ori) Second Reading.
- 3. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as Amended) to Enlarge the Jurisdictions of the Sharia Court of Appeal of the Federal Capital Territory and States Sharia Courts of Appeal; and for Related Matters (HB. 1312) (Hon. Abdullahi Balarebe Salami) Second Reading.
- **4.** A Bill for an Act to Establish Food Processing and Preservation Centre, Osi Ekiti Local Government Area of Kwara State which shall Collate, Process, Preserve Agricultural Produce into finished or Semi-Finished Goods, ensure Food Security in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 1624) (*Hon. Abdulraheem Tunji Olawuyi*) Second Reading.

- **5.** A Bill for an Act to Establish Solid Minerals Development Commission in the Federal Republic of Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 196) (*Hon. Simon D. Mwadkwon*) *Second Reading*.
- **6.** A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal Tertiary Teaching Hospitals Development Tax Fund for Rehabilitation, Restoration, and Improvement of Healthcare Delivery System in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 1639) (Hon. Sani Nazifi) Second Reading.
- 7. A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal Institute of Aviation Engineering and Technology, Oghara, Delta State; and for Related Matters (HB 1646) (*Hon. Igbakpa Ben Rollands*) *Second Reading*.

MOTIONS

8. Call for Expansion of Facilities at Osubi-Warri Airport: Hon. Oberuakpefe Anthony Afe:

The House:

Notes that the Osubi-Warri Airport is an important facility that was privately owned, operated by Shell Petroleum Development Company of Nigeria Limited and is located at Osubi Community in Okpe Local Government Area of of Delta State:

Also notes that the airport was built to ease air movements and attract commercial activities to enhance the economic development of the area;

Worried that the Osubi–Warri Airport operated for several years until its operators became incapable of running it, leading to termination of the contract in February 2020 by the Management of the Civil Aviation Authority;

Recalls that in February 2021, the House passed a resolution that the Ministry of Aviation should ensure the re-opening of the Osubi–Warri Airport;

Aware that the Federal Government has approved the re-opening of the Osubi–Warri Airport for operations in response to the call and plight of the people, which is a welcome development;

Convinced that the expansion of the runway will accommodate bigger Aircrafts which will, in turn, boost the commercial activities in the oil—rich areas considering the volume of passengers that ply the Lagos-Warri-Abuja routes as the present passenger Aircraft is not sufficient;

Appreciates President Muhammadu Buhari (GCFR), Delta State Governor His Excellency, Senator (Dr) Ifeanyi Authur Okowa, the Minister of Aviation, the Management of the Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA) and the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN)for re-opening of the Osubi–Warri Airport;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Ministry of Aviation and other relevant Agencies to commence the expansion of the facilities at the Airport to accommodate bigger Aircrafts that will increase the economic activities of Warri and its environs;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Aviation to ensure compliance.

9. Need for Continuous Training and Retraining of Teachers in Nigeria: Hon. Emmanuel Ukpong-Udo:

The House:

Notes that the Federal Ministry of Education is responsible for establishment and maintenance of minimum standards in Primary and Secondary schools across the Federation;

Worried that the current standard of education in government-owned schools does not equip the pupils and students to compete effectively in the modern age of science and technology and to raise a creative generation of entrepreneurs that will be self-sufficient;

Also worried that even when the curriculum is appropriately reviewed to promote STEM education, the teachers are not trained and sensitized to teach same;

Cognizant of the need to engage the Primary and Secondary School Teachers on a continuous training and retraining to enhance their capacity and productivity to be in line with modern day realities;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Basic Education, and Science and Technology to address the issues of falling standards of education in Government-owned schools to promote STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) education and ensure the training and retraining of Teachers across the Federation.

10. Need to Stop Exorbitant Charges for Mandatory Attachment Programe for Foreign Trained Medical and Dental Graduates:

Hon. Solomon Bulus Maren:

The House:

Notes that on December 1, 2021, the Leadership Newspaper publicised the details of requirements for the mandatory six-month attachment programme for foreign-trained Medical and Dental/Graduates including the sum of Nine Hundred Thousand Naira (N900,000) and One Million, Four Hundred Thousand Naira (N1,400,000) as charges by the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria (MDCN) for citizens and foreign graduates respectively.

Also notes that the aforementioned figures exclude accommodation additional charges of two hundred thousand Naira (N200,000) for Dental Graduates, which are all payable to the institution's account;

Further notes that the exorbitant charges imposed on foreign-trained Medical and Dental Graduates are a major requirement before they can be allowed to attend the mandatory six months' attachment programme which makes them eligible to sit for the MDCN pre-registration examination;

Concerned that the foreign-trained graduates are coming from where the profession is not only highly paid for but also sought after, hence, the move may discourage them from coming back to the country to practice;

Also concerned that the country has only about 4,8000 Medical and Dental Practitioners, which is inadequate, and may continue to reduce as a result of such irrational impositions by the governing bodies;

Worried that the efforts by the Federal Government to boost and improve healthcare delivery through human capital development may be jeopardized if such outrageous charges are not removed, as many intending graduates may not be able to enroll into the council, without which they cannot practice;

Also worried that if deliberate and proactive steps are not taken to check those atrocious charges, the healthcare system will suffer further lack of professionals, thereby increasing medical tourism out of Nigeria and jeopardizing the Federal Government's efforts at economic recovery;

Resolves to:

- (i) Call on the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria to stop the unnecessary and outrageous charges imposed on Medical and Dental Graduates before allowing them to undertake their six months' mandatory attachment programme;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Healthcare Services to investigate the matter and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

11. Call to Investigate the Non-Functional National Primary Health Care Centers in the Country: Hon. Sergius Ose Ogun:

The House

Notes that pursuant to section 3(b)(v) of the National Primary Healthcare Development Agency Act, the Primary Healthcare Development Agency was established to, among other things, stimulate the technical development of primary healthcare centres on an equitable basis in all Local Government Areas in the country;

Also notes that the Federal Government flagged off the Primary Healthcare Centres revitalization programme in 2017 to refurbish Primary Healthcare Centres and establish at least one functional Centre in each Senatorial District of the country;

Concerned that despite the revitalization programme, only less than 20% of the 30,000 Primary Healthcare Centres in the country are in good working condition, while others are either completely grounded or ineffective in the delivery of primary healthcare services;

Also concerned that most of the Primary Healthcare Centres lack basic healthcare services, essential drugs and services, and infrastructure and are located in unhygienic environments;

Worried that despite the huge resources invested into the scheme by Federal Government, the programme has failed to achieve the desired objectives;

Also worried that the failure of the primary healthcare development programme portends danger to the lives of citizens who cannot afford costly treatments;

Cognizant that rural community dwellers will suffer untold hardship that could lead to mass loss of lives if nothing is done urgently to ensure that the Primary Healthcare Centres across the country work efficiently and effectively;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Healthcare Services to investigate the non-functionality of the National Primary Healthcare Centres in the country and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

12. Need to Re-construct Bauchi-Gombe and Alkaleri-Futuk Roads in Bauchi State: Hon. Musa Mohammed Pali.

The House:

Notes that the Federal Government approved the construction of Alkaleri-Futuk road in Bauchi State to the tune of N35.015 billion naira since December 12, 2019;

Also notes that despite the approval two years ago, the construction work is yet to begin and the road is going from bad to worse;

Concerned that these roads lead to the site where crude oil is found in Bauchi State which attracts the presence of heavy-duty trucks and drilling activities by the Federal Government of Nigeria;

Worried that despite the importance of these roads, they are presently in a state of serious disrepair which causes lots of accidents and loss of human life and wastage of agricultural produce;

Further worried that because of the bad state of the roads, bandits, kidnappers and armed robbers take advantage to make life miserable for road users on a regular basis;

Disturbed that if these roads are not fixed within this dry season, they may be too dangerous to use by the next rainy season and that would hinder the smooth transportation of crude oil, agricultural produce and road users:

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Ministry of Works to urgently construct the Alkaleri-Futuk roads in Bauchi State:
- (ii) also urge the Minister of Works to declare a state of emergency on the and Alkaleri-Futuk roads in Bauchi State;
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Appropriations to make funds available for the construction of the Alkaleri-Futuk road:
- (iv) also mandate the Committee on Works to ensure compliance.

13. Need to Deploy Policemen to Toro Federal Constituency, Bauchi State: Hon. Muda Lawal Umar.

The House:

Notes that Toro Local Government Area of Bauchi State, with a landmass of 6,9322km, is arguably the largest Local Government Area in Nigeria;

Concerned that despite its large landmass, only about 70 policemen with limited arms, ammunitions and operational tools have been charged with the responsibility of safeguarding the area;

Also concerned that there has been growing insecurity in Toro since January 2021 as cases of kidnappings, robbery, theft and brutal murders have been on the increase in the area, and the people are living in constant fear for their lives;

Disturbed that even the security men are not left out of the mayhem as reports revealed that a gunman opened fire at the safer highways base of the Nigerian Police in Nabordo, Toro Local Government Area of Bauchi State, which resulted in the death of a Police Inspector;

Cognizant that deploying insufficient policemen with inadequate arms, ammunitions and other operational materials to a Local Government as large as Toro puts the Policemen and those they are meant to protect at the mercy of criminals and insurgents;

Worried that if adequate policemen are not deployed and properly equipped to repel attacks on Toro Local Government Area, the place may become the next hotbed of insecurity in Nigeria;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Inspector General of Police to deploy better-equipped policemen to Toro Local Government Area of Bauchi State;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Police Affairs to ensure compliance.

14. Need to Address Challenges of Food Security in Nigeria: Hon. Richard Gbande:

The House:

Notes the continuous insecurity, unemployment, climate change, population growth and low-income earnings by families has caused a negative effect on Nigeria's food security food plans;

Also notes that according to a world economic report, by the year 2050, the world may feed nine (9) Billion people;

Aware that the United Nations had set ending hunger, achieving food security and improved nutrition, and promoting sustainable agriculture as the second of its 17 sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) achievable by the year 2030;

Also aware that Nigeria's population is 200million people, and is projected to be about 450million in a few decades;

Worried that the novel Coronavirus COVID–19 Pandemic has shown that dangers lie ahead if we do not begin adequate plans to invest in agricultural production and locally made farms produce;

Also worried that the absence of efficient and valid agriculture model and framework, increase unemployment, and low household income and general standard of living portends great danger to the country's food security strategy;

Commend the Federal Government for its commitment towards future food security;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Ministries of Agriculture, and Finance, and the Central Bank of Nigeria to put in place adequate measures that will boost food security production in the country;
- (ii) also urge Federal Ministries of Agriculture, Rural Development, and Finance as well as the Central Bank of Nigeria to provide a monetary grant for the promotion of National Food Security;
- (iii) set up an ad hoc Committee to engage food security experts and recommend a medium, and long-time remedial measures that will promote the nation's food security strategic Plans;
- (iv) mandate the Committees on Agricultural Production and Services and Banking and Currency to ensure Compliance.

15. Need to Investigate the Assassination of Dr. Rabe Nasir in Katsina State. Hon, Isansi Sallsu Iro

The House:

Notes the media reports that the Katsina State Commissioner for Science and Technology and former member of the House of Representatives, Dr Rabe Nasir, was assassinated in his residence in the Katsina metropolis on Wednesday, 2 December 2021 at night by unidentified gunmen;

Concerned that about the increasing rate of insecurity, especially in the North, however, assassination is a new phenomenon in Katsina and other North-West States of the country;

Worried that the murder of Dr Nasir has further triggered anxiety and apprehension amongst the people of Katsina metropolis and the state at large as they have been living in constant fear for their lives;

Cognizant of the overwhelming need for security agencies to thoroughly investigate the assassination of Dr Nasir with a view to bringing the culprits to book and allay peoples fear as regards their safety in the state;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Nigeria Police Force to conduct exhaustive investigations into the gruesome murder of Dr Rabe Nasir and ensure that everyone complicit in the murder is brought to book;
- (ii) mandate the committee on police affairs to ensure compliance.

16. Need to Investigate the "Deep Blue" Contract to HSL International Limited: Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu:

The House:

Notes that on July 27, 2017, the Federal Ministry of Transportation, on behalf of the Federal Government of Nigeria, entered into a contract (the Deep Blue Contract) of \$195,300,000 (the equivalent of N59,839,930,000) with a Foreign private company, HLS International Limited (HLSI), for the supply of certain security and surveillance equipment and systems and also for establishing the "Integrated national Coastal Surveillance and Waterways protection solutions with command and control of Infrastructure in the Nation's Territorial waters";

Also notes that in addition to the contract sum of \$195,300,000, the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA) agreed to pay the sum of \$19,530,000 to HLSI as Management Training Consideration, and according to Appendix 4 of the agreement, both sums would be paid in monthly instalments, over a period of 36 months from July 2017 until June 2020, as further payments were also made as at July 2017 to date;

Further notes that Section 80(3) and (4) of the Constitution of the Federation Republic of Nigeria, 1999 provides that -

- "(3) No sums of money shall be withdrawn from any public fund of the Federation, other than the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation, unless the issue of those sums of money has been authorized by an Act of the National Assembly;
- (4) No amounts of money shall be withdrawn from the Consolidated Revenue Fund or any other public fund of the Federation, except in the manner prescribed by the National Assembly."

and therefore, the National Assembly is the only body constitutionally allowed to authorize any expenditure from all public funds of the Federation;

Aware that the National Assembly has neither authorized nor appropriated any monies for the Deep Blue Contract or any monthly expenditures according to the foregoing payment schedule;

Also aware that the 8th House Representatives investigated the Deep Blue Contract following petitions from civil groups that the contract was fraught with sharp practices and that in March 2018, the Committee on Public Petitions recommended an outright termination of the contract for violating Appropriation laws as it was not in the national budget;

Recalls that the Deep Blue Contract has since its execution, attracted public outcry regarding the grave national security implications of ceding the patrol of waterways from the statutory duties of the Navy to a private foreign firm, thereby undermining national sovereignty and security, following which President Muhammadu Buhari terminated the contract in 2018;

concerned that despite the foregoing, the Deep Blue Contract has remained illicitly financed with monies neither appropriated nor authorized by the National Assembly;

Worried by allegations that the Deep Blue Contract has remained serviced using monies diverted from the Cabotage Vessel Financing Fund (the Cabotage Fund) which was established by Coastal and Inland Shipping (Cabotage) Act as a fund strictly for the purpose of providing financial assistance to Nigeria operators to develop indigenous ship acquisition capacity in domestic coastal shipping; and which by Sections 42,44 and 45 of the Cabotage Act, can only be administered under the Ministry's guidelines approved by the National Assembly solely for Nigerian beneficiary;

Also worried that the payment of N59,839,930,000 made to the foreign company to secure and survey our Coastal waterways is astronomically higher than the annual capital expenditure budget of the Nigerian Navy which was N27.2bn in 2019; 20Bn in 2020, 26Bn in 2021 and approved the proposal of 27Bn in 2022:

Disturbed by allegations that HLSI has purchased more security surveillance equipment that was not in the original contract, thereby covertly using funds meant for the benefit of Nigeria and Nigerians to finance the security acquisitions of a foreign entity;

Also disturbed that the standards of most of the platforms are not good enough which has also violated the contract agreement as it was alleged that some of the "newly procured ships have to be towed by Navy before they could even arrive in Nigerian waters;

Resolves to:

- (i) Mandate the Committee on Navy to investigate:
 - (a) the legality of the Deep Blue Contract agreement whether it is in line with extant Laws and Regulations;
 - (b) the standards of all platforms purchased to the Nigerian Navy and determine whether they are according to specification(s);
 - (c) the actual amount of money spent by the government on the Deep Blue Contract.
 - (d) and any other matter(s) relating to the Deep Blue Contract and report back within eight (8) weeks for further legislative action.

17. Call for Urgent Investigation into the Abduction of Five Consultant Engineers in Effium, Ohaukwu Local Government Area of Ebonyi State: Hon. Ifeanyi Chudy Momah:

The House:

Notes that on Wednesday, November 3, 2021, five Engineers from NELAN Consultans, an Engineering Firm, who were supervising the Abakiliki Ring Road Project were abducted at Onu-Nwenewo village in Ohaukwu Local Government Area of Ebonyi State;

Also notes that the names and origin of the abductees who are now known as the NELAN 5 are Engr. Nelson Onyemeh from Ihiala in Anambra State, Engr. Ernest Edeani from Nkanu in Enugu East Local Government Area of Enugu State, Engr. Ikechukwu Ejiofor from Umunya in Oyi Local Government Area of Anambra State, Engr. Samuel Aneke from Nkanu in Enugu East Local Government Area of Enugu State and Engr. Stanley Nwazulum from Amawbia in Awka South Local Government Area of Anambra State:

Further notes that the project the NELAN 5 were supervising, according to a Vanguard Newspaper report of August 23,2017, is valued at 150 million dollars and financed by the African Development Bank (AIDB), and during its commissioning, the Governor of Ebonyi State charged the people to support State government in providing adequate security for the workers during the eighteen months' period of the contract:

Concerned that the Ebonyi State government allegedly released a rather premature news of the death and burial of the NELAN 5 to the general public during a security summit organized by the Christian Association of Nigeria, Abakiliki chapter without conssulting with the families of the victims first;

Also concerned that since the alleged press statement by the Ebonyi State Government, which was published in several newspapers, and claims the government was pacifying the affected families, till date, the families of the abductees have allegedly not been formally contacted by the Ebonyi State government;

Further concerned that the Ebonyi State Government has been accused of being complicit in the disappearance of the engineers as the State Governor was alleged to have been hostile towards the consultants and tried severally to interfere in their operations;

Worried that if the true condition of the victims is not properly ascertained, the people's confidence in the ability of the government to protect them will further deteriorate;

Also worried that further delay in conducting thorough investigations will create more complications as trails may run cold, giving the perpetrators enough time to alter evidences and maybe even escape justice;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Inspector General of Police to ensure a thorough investigation into the disappearance of the NELAN 5 Consultants; and
- (ii) Mandate the Committee on Police Affairs ensure compliance.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

18. Committee on Telecommunications:

Hon. Akeem Adeniyi Adeyemi:

"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Telecommunications on the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Nigerian Communications Commission, the Total Sum of (₹633,393,283,000.00) Six Hundred and Thirty—Three Billion, Three Hundred and Ninety-Three Million, Two Hundred and Eighty—Three Thousand Naira, only of which the sum of ₹86,242,952, 000. 00 (Eighty—Six Billion, Two Hundred and Forty—Two Million, Nine Hundred and Fifty—Two Thousand Naira) only is for Recurrent Expenditure, the sum of ₹30,336,144,000.00 (Thirty Billion, Three Hundred and Thirty—Six Million, One Hundred and Forty—Four Thousand Naira) only is for Capital Expenditure, the sum of

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Details of Framework of the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) Budget Proposals for the Year 2022

11	REVENUE I ROFILE	11 000
	Licensing Fees	1,500,000
	Annual Operating Levy	124,000,000
	Spectrum Fees	450,285,214
	Numbering Plan	9,510,000
	Admin Charges	4,400,300
	Type Approval Fees	902,000
	Sanction Fees	165,000
	Sundry Income	5,000
	Transfer from Reserve	1,000,000
	FG Intervention for Broadband Infrastructure	41,625,769
	Total Revenue	633,393,283
В.	Expenditures	
	Recurrent Expenditure	
	Establishment Costs	1,265,869
	Staff Costs	30,072,345
	Personnel Mgt. Cost	11,571,750
	Travel Costs	2,469,934
	Operational Costs	16,285,472
	Administration Costs	5,970,523
	Relocation of Nigcomsat for 5G Spectrum	10,961,898
	Shielding of TT&C Earth Station for 5G Spectrum	1,900,000
	Other Spectrum Expenses	5,745,161
	Total Recurrent Expenditure	86,242,952

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Capital Expenditure	
Internal Projects	10,131,533
School Support Programme	15,142,343
Digital Bridge Institute	2,471,700
Consultancies	2,590,569
Total capital expenditure	30,336,144
Special projects	
Emergency Communications Centres	5,460,852
Digital Parks	4,600,000
Subscribers Database Management	8,736,350
R&D in Emerging Trends in Telecoms	892,577
Broadband Infrastructure Development Project	21,321,587
GSM Networks QoS Compliance Monitoring	1,434,498
TOTAL SPECIAL PROJECTS	42,445,864
TRANSFER TO FEDERAL GOVT.	466,868,323
TRANSFER TO USPF	7,500,000
TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENDITURE	633,393,283

The sum of ₹633,393,283,000.00 (Six Hundred and Thirty-Three Billion, Three Hundred and Ninety-Three Million, Two Hundred and Eighty-Three Thousand Naira) only is hereby recommended for approval as the Nigerian Communications Commission's Budget for the Year 2022.

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	Income from AOL Contribution	7,500,000,000
	Accumulated Funds Tender Fees	1,324,847,408
	TOTAL REVENUE	8,824,847,408
В	EXPENDITURES RECURRENT EXPENDITURE	
	Employee Costs	1,306,209,964
	Operational Costs	481,725,068
	Administrative Costs	82,604,560
	Board Expenses	50,720,500
	Bank Charges	2,500,000
	TOTAL RECURRENT EXPENDITURE	1,923,760,092
C	CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	
	Computers	26,180,000
	Office Equipment	39,200,000
	Motor Vehicles	130,000,000
	Furniture and Fittings	162,579,020
	TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	357,959,020
D	PROJECTS EXPENDITURE	
	Connectivity Programs	3,763,609,041
	Access Programmes	2,126,193,575
	Technical Audit	315,644,680
	Institutional Strengthening and	317,681,000
	Consultancy Programmes	
	Consultancy on Assets Swap Valuation	20,000,000
	TOTAL PROJECTS EXPENDITURE	№6,543,128,296
	TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENDITURE	№ 8,824,847,408

The sum of №8,824,847,408 (Eight Billion, Eight Hundred and Twenty-Four Million, Eight Hundred and Forty-Seven Thousand, Four Hundred and Eight Naira) only is hereby recommended for approval as the Universal Service Provision Fund's Budget for the Year 2022.

- **19.** A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal University of Health Sciences, Otukpo, Benue State; and for Related Matters (HB. 1502)— *Committee of the Whole:24/11/2021*.
- **20.** A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal College of Education, Bassambiri, Bayelsa State; and for Related Matters (HB. 1741) (*Leader*) *Committee of the Whole:8/12/2021*.

21. Committee on Health Institutions:

Hon. Paschal Obi.

"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Health Institutions on a Bill for an Act to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Oghara, Delta State; and for Related Matters (HB. 573) and approve the recommendations therein" (*Laid:15/7/2021*).

22. Committee on Foreign Affairs:

Hon. Yusuf Buba:

"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Foreign Affairs on the Oversight Visit to the Nigerian Consulate, Atlanta, Georgia, United Sates of America, and the Nigerian High Commission in Kingston, Jamaica and approve the recommendations therein".

A. KINGSTON, JAMAICA

- (i) That the Ministry of Foreign Affairs must, as a matter of urgency and for face-saving measures, lift the ban on the continuation for the construction project, of the Haiti Model School. As the Committee will ensure that investigation of the mismanagement of the funds continue. The above has become necessary in the face of pressure being mounted by the international community on the Nigeria Mission in Kingston and on other Nigerian authorities;
- (ii) that the Ministry of Aviation and other relevant bodies be enjoined to promote the introduction of a direct flight from Nigeria to Jamaica to service all Caribbean countries. The issue of direct flight introduction should be made part of the agenda of the Bi-national Commission meeting to be hosted by Nigeria;
- (iii) that Government should immediately consider providing funds for the building of a minimum of 8-10 terrace duplexes on a land measuring about one hectare with the Chancery building in Kingston, which is not currently utilized, and has caused all Home-based Officers to rent their houses at exorbitant costs to government;
- (iv) that Urgent provision of representational vehicles to the High Commissioner and a utility vehicle for the High Commission should be made as a matter of crying need.
- (v) That the Ministry of Foreign Affairs be enjoined to ensure it gives approval to the High Commissioner in Jamaica to utilize the funds available in the Missions coffers to carry out renovations on the Chancery and the residence, while action on the contractual infractions detected continue.

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN RELATION TO THE NATION'S FOREIGN MISSIONS GLOBALLY

With the benefit of discoveries and knowledge garnered by members of the House delegation for the oversight visits under review, it is the opinion of the delegation that what we have seen in Atlanta, Georgia, USA, and Kingston, Jamaica, are a fair representation of what actually obtains in almost all Nigeria Foreign Missions across the globe.

Bearing the above in mind, the followings are recommended

(i) Zero Capital Budget for Missions

From realities on ground, the delegation discovered that over 70% of our Foreign Missions across the world have for several years received zero allocation in their Capital Budget year in year out. As a result of the above, this reality has led to infrastructural and structural decay in each of the Missions;

The above has caused a situation where Foreign Service Officers prefer to rent houses than staying in the Missions owned properties due to their dilapidated state. Considering the problem posed by the above, funding is needed to put the issue of renovation and sundry works at almost all our Missions abroad to rest;

(ii) Overshooting of Ceiling on Presidential Approval of Smart Missions. The House will recall that, Mr President as part of reforms of the Foreign Service, had sometime in 2020 approved the operation of smart Missions in over 75 Nigerian Missions across the world. This was in order to reduce funding costs. The Committee, in the course of the assignment under review, discovered cases of indiscriminate postings above the approved ceiling of Mr President for Foreign Service Officers. This has led to overstaffing and wastage of resources that ought to have been used for the maintenance of other staff, the Mission buildings and general infrastructure. The delegation advices that the reforms of Mr President in this regard be implemented or enforced.

(iii) Shortage of Passports and Surrounding Issues.

The delegation also discovered that the shortage in the number of passports required by Nigerians in the Diaspora has continued to be a major issue at our Missions. The reality on ground indicates that the Nigerian Standard Passport and others are still being printed outside the shores of our country. The delegation, in its consideration, believes that the problems associated with shortages in the required number of passports for Nigerians abroad can adequately be mitigated by the termination of existing contracts for the printing abroad, while commencing production locally. The foregoing will enable Nigeria as a nation service the increasing need of its citizens, especially, those abroad.

(iv) Lack of Synergy among Sister Agencies at Post

The delegation observed that, a typical Nigerian Mission abroad is peopled by officers from the below bodies/organisations:

- (a) Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- (b) Nigerian Immigration Service
- (c) National Intelligence Agency
- (d) The Nigerian Military
- (e) Accountants from Office of the Accountant General of the Federation

The delegation, in the course of its assignment, discovered very serious and unhealthy rivalry among officers of these bodies/organisations, who are serving at each of the Embassies/High Commissions abroad. In spite of the fact that roles are seemingly defined, as per the nature of services offered citizens of Nigeria on other lands, the clashes that sometimes occur appear likely to cause more serious problems than already seen;

There was even a case where the delegation was informed that the military attachee at post left the Embassy building to rent office space elsewhere and, again, where Immigration officers started to issue visa without the vetting of the Mission's Consular Officer (usually, NIA Officers). All of the above anomalies, the delegation opines, can be addressed by a serious definition of roles and the establishment of boundaries (or precincts of duty) for officers at post no matter from what body, Agency or department they have come. As the head of the Mission is the Ambassador/High Commissioner or Consular General who all the officers in the Mission must report to.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

S/N	Committee(s)	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Rules and Business	Wednesday, 15 December 2021	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 (White House) Assembly Complex
2.	Public Petitions (Investigative Hearing)	Wednesday, 15 December 2021	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 429 (New Building) Assembly Complex
3.	Ad-Hoc Committee on the Need to Intervene on the Diplomatic Row between Nigeria and UAE	Wednesday, 15 December 2021	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 201 (New Building) Assembly Complex