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Banjul, The Gambia



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Wednesday  
28<sup>th</sup> September, 2022  
@ 10:00 a.m.

**1. PRAYERS**

**2. Correction and Approval of Record of Votes and Proceedings of the National Assembly Sitting of Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2022**

**3. Questions for Oral Answer (Standing Order 36 & 41)**

**1. MINISTER FOR HIGHER EDUCATION, RESEARCH, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY**

**SEPTEMBER 2022 QUESTIONS**

**0126/2022(Member for Old Yundum) – Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology inform this august Assembly how many registered/accredited higher education institutions are in The Gambia?**

**0127/2022 (Member for Jarra West) – Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Higher Education inform this august Assembly if the ministry has any plan to establish a senior secondary school in Kabada of Jarra?**

## **2. MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION & GAMBIANS ABROAD**

### **SEPTEMBER 2022 QUESTIONS**

**098/2022(Member for Latrikunda Sabiji)** – Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation & Gambians Abroad inform this august Assembly the position of the ministry to professionalise the foreign service postings as opposed to political avenue for compensation?

**099/2022 (Nominated Member Fatou K. Jawara)** – Hon. Speaker, the dead rate of Gambian migrants in Europe is alarming, could the Hon. Minister for Foreign Affairs tell this august Assembly whether government could consider conducting post-mortem of repatriated corps to ascertain cause of death?

**0100/2022(Member for Sabach Sanjal)** – Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation and Gambians Abroad update this august Assembly on the deportation arrangement between The Gambia and Europe, especially in Germany?

## **3. MINISTER FOR BASIC AND SECONDARY EDUCATION**

### **SEPTEMBER 2022 QUESTIONS**

**069/2022 (Member for Banjul South)** – Hon. Speaker, considering the downward trend in the quality of results coming out of the West African Examination Council, could the Hon. Minister for Basic and Secondary Education inform this August Assembly what are the ministry's plans on improving the quality of education in this country?

**070/2022 (Member for Banjul South)** – Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Basic and Secondary Education inform this august Assembly her ministry's plan to mitigate the plight of pupils in Half Die Ward in Banjul South Constituency since the closure of school in that ward?

**071/2022 (Member for Jokadu)** – Hon Speaker, Munyagen Secondary School was upgraded to a Basic Cycle more than a decade with only two classroom blocks without a kitchen and a staff quarter, could the Hon. Minister for Basic and Secondary Education inform this august Assembly when would the ministry address this situation?

**072/2022 (Member for Serekunda)** – Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister tell this august Assembly whether the ministry has any plan to address the insecurity at Serekunda Lower Basic School considering the associated security ramifications in the community?

**073/2022 (Member for Illiassa)** – Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister inform this august Assembly what steps the ministry intends to take to address the issue of the many schools whose fences and roofs were damaged by the windstorm last year?

Hon. Lamin Ceesay – Kiang West Constituency

**074/2022** – Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Basic and Secondary Education inform this august Assembly whether the ministry would consider including the staff of Public Arabic Schools on the Government payroll or pay subvention to these schools?

#### **4. MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

##### **SEPTEMBER 2022 QUESTIONS**

**086/2022 (Member for Kiang East)** – Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Health inform this august Assembly whether the ministry has plans to take over Kolior Health Post in Kiang East?

**087/2022 (Member for Kiang Central)** – Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Health inform this august Assembly if and when Jappineh Health Post would receive its community ambulance designated to the community since 2021?

**088/2022 (Member for Foni Brefet)** – Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Health inform this august Assembly whether his Ministry has plans to upgrade the health facilities in Besse and Bullock in the Foni region and provide the necessary human resources?

**089/2022 (Member for Kiang Central)** – Hon. Speaker, Sasita Toranka, and Minna villages all stand 7km off the Soma-Basse highway without any health facility. Could the Hon. Minister for Health inform this august Assembly if and when the ministry intends to build a health post in each of the said communities?

**090/2022 (Member for Kiang Central)** – Hon. Speaker, there is no major health centre in the whole of Kiang Central, could the Hon. Minister for Health tell this august Assembly what are the ministry's plan to build a major health centre for the constituency?

**091/2022 (Member for Sami)** – Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Health inform this august Assembly the reason behind the shortages of essential drugs at health centres?

**092/2022 (Member for Wuli West)** – Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Health inform this august Assembly what the ministry’s plans are to improve the management as well as augment the personnel at Yero Bawol Health Centre?

**093/2022 (Member for Serekunda)** – Hon. Speaker, the Hon Minister for Health indicated to this august Assembly in the previous Legislature that the Ministry would rehabilitate the Serekunda Health Centre to a state-of-the-art facility, could the Hon. Minister tell this august Assembly whether the rehabilitation of the facility will only stop at the renovation of the maternity ward?

**094/2022 (Member for Sanimentereng)** – Hon. Speaker, could the Hon Minister for Health tell this august Assembly the concrete measures in place to reduce the maternal mortality rate in public health facilities?

## **5. MINISTER FOR INTERIOR**

### **SEPTEMBER 2022 QUESTIONS**

**001/2022 (Member for Foni Kansala)** – Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Interior inform this august Assembly about the findings of the Government investigation on the activities of the Senegalese Forces in the Foni region leading to the displacement of residents and arrest of Gambian citizens during the early part of 2022?

**002/2022 (Member for Brikama South)** – Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Interior inform this august Assembly of his preparedness to deport Mr. Saisu Badjie, a foreigner residing in Kombo Darsilameh and claiming to be an Alkali representing the Republic of Senegal in the said village despite the presence of a Gambia Alkali in the person of Mr. Tabally Bojang?

**003/2022 (Member for Sami)** – Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Interior inform this august Assembly what are his ministry’s long-term plans to put an end to armed robbery which is common in Sami District during the rainy season?

**004/2022 (Member for Wuli East)** – Hon. Speaker, could the Hon Minister for Interior inform this august Assembly on the status of the Baja Kunda Fire and Rescue Service Station?

**005/2022 (Member for Brikama North)** – Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister inform this august Assembly when and where the Ministry plans to construct its own office complex, bearing in mind that the Ministry is renting an expensive private building?

**006/2022 (Member for Lower Saloum) – Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Interior explain to this august Assembly the fate of the PIU officers allegedly involved in the Faraba Banta incident?**

**007/2022 (Member for Serrekunda West) – Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Interior inform this august Assembly why ECOMIG soldiers are still in the country and the transformation of the Force to a Police mission?**

**008/2022 (Nominated Member Fatou K. Jawara) – Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Interior tell this august Assembly if his ministry has any plans to install CCTV cameras along highways to address the alarming rate of road accidents mostly due to over speeding or recklessness of drivers?**

**009/2022 (Nominated Member Fatou K. Jawara) – Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Interior inform this Assembly whether his Ministry has any plans to build Police Stations within the Kanifing Municipality and the West Coast (Tallinding, Bundung Borehole, Abuko and Sukuta Nema) since most stations are on rented property and without proper storage facilities to keep exhibits?**

**010/2022 (Member for Busumbala) – Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Interior update this Assembly on the crime rate in the country from 2021 to date and the efforts of the Ministry to combat crime?**

## **6. MINISTER FOR FINANCE AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS**

### **SEPTEMBER 2022 QUESTIONS**

**011/2022 (Member for Foni Kansala) – Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Finance and Economic Affairs provide this august Assembly with details of the sales of Former President AJJ Jammeh’s Assets, including total sales, buyers, and price of each asset sold?**

**012/2022 (Member for Bakau) – Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Finance and Economic Affairs inform this august Assembly of his Ministry’s policy regarding the operation of the ‘black market’ and its impact on the foreign exchange industry in this country?**

**013/2022 (Member for Banjul South) – Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Finance and Economic Affairs inform this august Assembly whether his Ministry would consider giving civil servants allowances for incentives instead of reducing their allowances since civil servants in the lower grade of the government’s integrated Pay scale are poorly paid?**

**014/2022 (Member for Upper Saloum) – Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Finance and Economic Affairs confirm to this Assembly if the Government has any shares in RASCOM, the value of its shareholding and the current status of the company?**

**015/2022 (Member for Upper Saloum) – Hon. Speaker, the Digital Economy is taking shape in the country, contributing to the GDP, but could be used in terrorist financing and money laundering schemes, can the Hon. Minister for Finance and Economic Affairs inform this Assembly, of the legal and policy framework in place regarding it, especially mobile money services?**

**016/2022 (Member for Kiang West) – Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Finance and Economic Affairs update this august Assembly on the Country's debt servicing?**

**017/2022 (Nominated Member Kebba Lang Fofana) – Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs tell this august Assembly the total value of tax expenditures from January 2022 to date and the legal authority under which such exemptions were made?**

**018/2022 (Nominated Member Kebba Lang Fofana) – Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Finance and Economic Affairs inform this august Assembly of the value of benefits received from the tax expenditures and the basis used by the ministry to establish those benefits.**

**019/2022 (Nominated Member Kebba Lang Fofana) – Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Finance and Economic Affairs tell this august Assembly the total fuel subsidy by the government from January 2022 to date, and how it is being administered?**

**020/2022 (Nominated Member Kebba Lang Fofana) – Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Finance and Economic Affairs tell this august Assembly the legal instruments that his ministry relies on to implement the fuel subsidy?**

**021/2022 (Member for Serekunda West) – Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Finance and Economic Affairs inform this august Assembly government's plan to improve the pension package for pensioners considering the current low pension pay vis-à-vis the cost of living?**

**022/2022 (Member for Busumbala) – Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Finance and Economic Affairs inform this august Assembly the circumstances surrounding the alleged Central Bank 155 million mutilated notes and 11 million bribery case?**

**023/2022 (Member for Busumbala)** – Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Finance and Economic Affairs inform this august Assembly the total value of domestic tax collection from January to date and capacity of the Revenue Authority in the collection?

## **7. MINISTER FOR PETROLEUM & ENERGY**

### **SEPTEMBER 2022 QUESTIONS**

**056/2022 (Member for Sami)** – Hon. Speaker, the government, through the President promised the people of Sami electricity by the year 2023, could the Hon. Minister for Petroleum and Energy forward for the information of this august Assembly, the names of the villages that are supposed to benefit from the said electricity project in Sami?

**057/2022 (Member for Wuli East)** – Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Petroleum and Energy update this august Assembly on the rural electrification project in the URR, the Northern part in particular?

**058/2022 (Member for Foni Brefet)** – Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Petroleum and Energy tell this august Assembly how soon his Ministry intends to provide electricity supply to the villages of Jajil and Jalokoto on the highway and Ndemban-Jola to Kanjabina in the interior who were omitted in the first phase of the Rural Electrification Project?

**059/2022 (Member for Foni Kansala)** – Hon. Speaker, can the Hon. Minister for Petroleum and Energy inform this august Assembly what causes the Gam-Petroleum oil spillage at Mandinaring and what steps were taken to mitigate the impact on the environment as well as to prevent its reoccurrence?

**060/2022 (Member for Jarra Central)** – Hon. Speaker, can the Hon. Minister for Petroleum and Energy inform this august Assembly when his ministry intends to electrify the following communities in Jarra Central: Buiba Jallow Kunda, Buiba Sanukoli, Buiba Mandinka, Buiba Musa Njado, Sare Saidy, Foroya, Foroya Wolof, Sasita Toranka, Medina Sasita, Diganteh, Sare Bully, Jobe Kunda, Sare Kiffa, Fololo, Badumeh Koto, Badumeh Kuta, Kanuma, Sare jama, Sare Omar, Suluko and Minna?

**061/2022 (Member for Basse)** – Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister of Petroleum and Energy tell this august Assembly what plans are available for his ministry to resolve water shortage in the Basse Layouts and satellite villages?

**062/2022 (Member for Latrikunda Sabiji)** – Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Petroleum and Energy inform this august Assembly what measures are in place to address the water pressure problem experienced by residents in Abuko, Latrikunda, and Fajikunda who continue to suffer on daily basis, and sometimes for weeks without a droplet of water from their taps?

**063/2022 (Member for Jokadu)** – Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Petroleum and Energy inform this august Assembly when would the rural electricity expansions project reach the following villages which were surveyed a year ago including Kerr Jarga, Kerr Amadou, Memmeh, Kerr Omar Saine, Kerr Ngorr, Kerr Omar Manneh, Medina Madum Kerr Jain, Misira Alh Karu, Kissimajaw?

**064/2022 (Member for Kiang Central)** – Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Petroleum and Energy explain to this august Assembly if the ministry has plans to provide electricity to the residents of Kiang Central especially Kabada and its environs at the soonest possible time?

**065/2022 (Member for Lower Baddibu)** – Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Petroleum and Energy tell this august Assembly when would the ministry provide electricity to the northern part of Lower Baddibu?

**066/2022 (Member for Kiang Central)** – Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister explain if, and when the ministry plans to provide the people of Kiang Central and their livestock with clean drinking water?

**067/2022 (Member for Wuli West)** – Hon. Speaker, considering the importance of electricity, could the Hon. Minister for Petroleum and Energy inform this august Assembly if and when the ministry plans to electrify the local communities in Wuli West?

**068/2022 (Member for Illiassa)** – Hon. Speaker, electricity remains a major challenge for many villages in Badibu especially the northern side of Kerewan and parts of Farafenni. Would the Hon. Minister for Petroleum and Energy consider expanding its project into these communities?

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