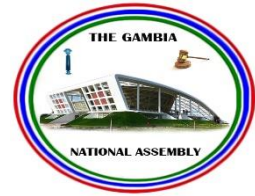




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Wednesday
29th March, 2023
@ 10:00 a.m.

1. P R A Y E R S

2. Correction and Approval of Record of Votes and Proceedings of the National Assembly Sitting of Tuesday 28th March, 2023

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

1. HON. MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

MARCH, 2023 Questions

Question No. 016/2023 (Member for Niani) - Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Natural Resources inform this august Assembly what the long term plans are (Disaster Risk Reduction Approaches) in respond to climate change and climate variability impacts/ disasters e.g. victims of the July- August 2022 flash floods that hit the country?

Question No. 017/2023 (Member for Jeshwang) - Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Natural Resources explain to this august Assembly the reason behind the clearing of the Kamalo area within the Tanbi wet land?

Question No. 018/2023 (Member for Central Baddibu) - Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Environment informs this august Assembly about the successes and challenges of EBA project?

2. HON. MINISTER FOR HEALTH

MARCH, 2023

Question No. 019/2023 (Member for Banjul South) - Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Health tell this august Assembly why there was no working dialysis machine in The Gambia since January 2023 to date, and what is being done as a matter of urgency to address the matter?

Question No. 020/2023 (Member for Foni Bintang) - Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Health tell this august Assembly whether his ministry has any plans or strategies to better the poor health system of our beloved country, and how soon?

Question No. 021/2023 (Member for Sabach Sanjal) - Hon Speaker, could the Hon. Minister inform this august Assembly of his ministry's plan to construct a Health Center in Sabach Ward, Saback Sanjal Constituency, which consist of over 35 villages but has no such facility?

Question No. 022/2023 (Member for Serekunda) - Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Health update this august Assembly on the ministry's efforts to ensuring that there is a standard laboratory to test all the medicines before entering the country?

Question No. 023/2023 (Member for Serekunda) - Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Health update this august Assembly on the availability of bioengineers in all the referral hospitals in the country?

Question No. 024/2023 (Member for Banjul Central) - Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Health brief this august Assembly on the status of the rehabilitation work at EFSTH since Ndemban is

already overwhelmed by referrals, and why is the work so slow?

Question No. 025/2023 (Member for Illiassa) - Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Health inform this august Assembly whether his ministry has any plans to rehabilitate and upgrade Illiassa Health Centre?

Question No. 026/2023 (Member for Latrikunda Sabiji) - Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Health inform this august Assembly the steps the Ministry have taken to bring culprits to book found wanting of mismanagement and embezzlement of Covid-19 funds as indicated in the Auditor General's report?

Question No. 027/2023 (Member for Latrikunda Sabiji) - Hon. Speaker, the Acute Kidney Injury (Aki) that killed over 70 children in the country has surfaced again and this time from same drugs that were recalled, collected, and kept in government stores. Could the Hon. Minister for Health inform this august Assembly, how, where, when and who smuggled these dangerous and killer drugs from the government stores and reintroduced them to the market whilst they continue to kill our innocent children?

Question No. 028/2023 (Member for Tumana) - Hon. Speaker, Primary Health Care is an important component of our health system. Could the Hon. Minister for Health tell this august Assembly about the Village Health Workers (VHW) and Traditional Birth Attendants (TBAs) in our communities, and what is his ministry doing to empower them?

Question No. 029/2023 (Member for Niamina Dankunku) - Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Health inform this august Assembly whether his Ministry has any plans to upgrade the Gissadi Health Post in the Niamina Dankunku Constituency to a Health Center as promised by the President during the 2021 meet the People's tour?

Question No. 030/2023 (Member for Central Baddibu) - Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Health inform this august Assembly about the current status of work at a new health facility in salikenni and the effectiveness of the new ambulance in Daru Rilwan?

3. His Excellency, The Vice President

MARCH, 2023 Questions

Question No. 001/2023 (Member for Banjul North) - Hon. Speaker, could H.E. the Vice President update this august Assembly on the number of affected families supported during the last year's flash floods, the type of relief packages given to them, and whether the Government is still supporting them or not?

Question No. 002/2023 (Member for Niani) - Hon. Speaker, could H.E. the Vice President inform this august Assembly how committed is the Government in implementing the Security Sector Reforms (SSR), TRRC recommendations and promulgating a new constitution?

4. HON. MINISTER FOR PETROLEUM AND ENERGY

MARCH, 2023 Questions

Question No. 031/2023 (Member for Brikama South) - Hon. Speaker, access to water is generally recognized as fundamental human right. Is the Hon. Minister for Petroleum and Energy actually engaging the Hon. Minister for Lands for the preservation of Land for future borehole drilling to supply the Gambian population with pipe bone water, and if no when does his ministry intend to do it?

Question No. 032/2023 (Brikama South) - Hon. Speaker, is the Hon. Minister for Petroleum and Energy considering to supply water and

electricity to Kombo Bagiran, one of the most isolated villages in Brikama South, that lies between Dimbaya and Giboro around the border?

Question No. 033/2023 (Member for Niani) - Hon. Speaker, what plans do the Ministry of Petroleum and Energy have with regard to reinforcing renewable energy service to curb the menace of inefficient power supply and ensuring customer satisfaction?

Question No. 034/2023 (Brikama North) - Hon. Speaker, the Brikama Power Plant is located in Brikama North Constituency yet parts of communities in the area, especially those close to the power plant, are without electricity, and in some instances, residents contribute to buy poles for extension. Could the Hon Minister for Petroleum and Energy inform this august Assembly how and when will this situation be addressed?

Question No. 035/2023 (Tallinding Kujang) - Hon. Speaker, could the Hon Minister for Petroleum and Energy inform this august Assembly the state of the OMVG Project in respect of its implementation, successes and challenges both strategically and financially?

Question No. 036/2023 (Tallinding Kujang) - Hon. Speaker, could the Hon Minister for Petroleum and Energy tell this august Assembly if The Gambia is outsourcing electricity supply from Senegal or any other country, and at what cost does it bear annually on the Government of The Gambia?

Question No. 037/2023 (Member for Central Baddibu) - Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Petroleum and Energy inform this august Assembly whether sand mining at denton bridge is environmental friendly as global warming is real?

Question No. 038/2023 (Member for Kiang East)
- Hon. Speaker, the ongoing electrification project in Kiang East has by-passed the communities of Yorajula, Sare Musa and Sare Babou even though these communities are located on the highway. Could the Hon. Minister of Petroleum and Energy inform this Assembly as to whether they have any plans to include these communities in the ongoing electrification project?

Question No. 039/2023 (Member for Foni Bondali) - Hon. Speaker, access to electricity is increasingly becoming a right for all individuals. Could the Hon. Minister for Petroleum and Energy explain the ministry's plans to extend electricity supply to the communities of Kanwally, Burambang and Kanjibat, as well as Mayork?

5. HON. MINISTER FOR FISHERIES AND WATER RESOURCES

MARCH, 2023 Questions

Question No. 040/2023 (Member for Brikama South)
- Hon. Speaker, when exactly would the Hon. Minister for Fisheries and Water Resources supply the ADB Water Project for Kitty and Brikama Madina and to what extent would the coverage be for both communities?

Question No. 041/2023 (Member for Brikama North)
- Hon. Speaker, the sewage and drainage condition of Brikama Fish Market remain unresolved. Could the Hon. Minister for Fisheries and Water Resources tell this august Assembly why has work not still commenced at the Market, and when will it start?

Question No. 042/2023 (Member for Kiang East) - Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Fisheries and Water Resources update this august Assembly on the status of The Draft Gambia Water Bill, 2020, The Draft National Water Resources Authority Bill, 2019 and The draft Meteorological Authority bill, 2018?

6. HON. MINISTER FOR BASIC AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

MARCH, 2023 Questions

Question No. 045/2023 (Member for Banjul South) - Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Basic and Secondary Education provide this august Assembly a complete update on the situation of St. Mary's Primary School in Banjul?

Question No. 046/2023 (Member for Banjul South) - Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Basic and Secondary Education tell this august Assembly the current status of school enrolment, especially for girls, vis-à-vis the introduction of free uninterrupted basic education since the previous regime?

Question No. 047/2023 (Member for Foni Bintang Karania) - Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Basic and Secondary Education tell this august Assembly whether her ministry has any plans to construct more staff quarters for teachers especially those in provincial Gambia?

Question No. 048/2023 (Member for Niani) - Hon. Speaker, as we are faced with alarming truancy in schools, and threats on the lives of teachers leading to poor performance of students in external examinations (GABECE &WASSCE). Could the Hon. Minister for Basic and Secondary Education explain to this august Assembly how MoBSE intends to address this poor performance and other issues?

Question No. 049/2023 (Member for Niani) - Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Basic and Secondary Education assure this august Assembly that the second term School Improvement Grant (SIG) will be paid to schools before the end of the term?

Question No. 050/2023 (Member for Serekunda) - Hon. Speaker, is the Hon. Minister for Basic and Secondary Education aware that some of the schools in the Greater Banjul Area are being used as

sanctuaries by criminals at night, and if yes, is her ministry collaborating with the Ministry of Interior/GPF to tackle the issue?

Question No. 051/2023 (Member for Illiassa) - Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Basic and Secondary Education inform this August Assembly how soon schools affected by windstorm will be rehabilitated?

Question No. 052/2023 (Member for Illiassa) - Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Basic and Secondary Education inform this august Assembly when her ministry plans to supply core text books in schools?

Question No. 053/2023 (Member for Foni Kansala) - Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Basic and Secondary Education inform this august Assembly why girls are not allowed to wear Hijab or Niqab (Muslim veil) in some schools in the country?

Question No. 054/2023 (Member for Tumana) - Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister of Basic and Secondary Education shed light on her ministry's plans to strengthen SMCs and Mother's Clubs in our schools?

7. HON. MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE

MARCH, 2023 Questions

Question No. 074/2023 (Member for Serekunda) - Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for tourism and Culture clarify to this august Assembly as to who is the right authority to collect the operational licenses for the tourism establishments?

Question No.075/2023 (Member for Bakau) - Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Tourism and Culture tell this august Assembly what plans or measures, if any, are in place to properly appropriate (levy/account for) the twenty dollars (\$20) collected from travellers departing and

arriving at the Banjul International Airport and the status of the collection?

Question No. 076/2023 (Member for Bakau) - Hon. Speaker, it appears that most managerial positions at hotels based in The Gambia are occupied by non-Gambian citizens. Would the Hon. Minister for Tourism and Culture tell this august Assembly what measures his ministry plans to put in place to stop this marginalisation of Gambians when it comes to occupying senior managerial positions at these hotels?

Question No. 077/2023 (Member for Bakau) - Hon. Speaker, most stakeholders in the hospitality industry complain that the all-inclusive package is a great hindrance to the industry. Could the Hon. Minister for Tourism and Culture inform this august Assembly why his Ministry tolerates the practice and whether his Ministry cannot negotiate a more advantageous package with tour operators?

**8. HON. MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION & GAMBIANS
ABROAD**

MARCH, 2023 Questions

Question No. 079/2023 (Member for Latrikunda Sabiji) - Hon. Speaker, travelling to India especially for treatments is tedious, time consuming and very inconvenient for sick persons to undergo the normal visa processing. Could the Hon. Minister for foreign affairs inform this august Assembly whether his ministry will work out modalities to ensure that the Visa exemption for diplomatic and service passport holders is extended to sick ordinary Gambian passports holders for medical treatments?

Question No. 080/2023 (Member for Tumana) - Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation and Gambians abroad inform this august Assembly whether the Ministry have any plans to enfranchise Gambian diaspora to vote during elections?

9. HON. MINISTER FOR DEFENCE

MARCH, 2023 Questions

Question No. 096/2023 (Member for Foni Bintang Karania) - Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Defence tell this august Assembly whether it is allowed for the Senegalese soldiers to use our airspace and our land to fight the rebels in Cassmance?

Question No. 097/2023 (Member for Brikama North) - Hon. Speaker, could the Hon Minister for Defense update this august Assembly on the state of relocation of the Lance Corporal Lamin Bojang Firing Range at Brikama Jamisa, the plans for the construction of a Military Hospital and the demarcation of the site?

Question No. 098/2023 (Member for Foni Kansala) - Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Defence inform this august Assembly why are Senegalese drones roaming in Foni satellite villages, and continues shooting of shells landing into compounds in Foni and displacing citizen internal in The Region resulting to them abandoning their lands, which they depend on for their livelihoods?

Question No. 099/2023 (Member for Kansala) - Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Defence update this august Assembly on the efforts his ministry is doing to ensure that the satellite villagers, that are deprived of their rice fields because of the Senegalese ECOMIG Check point at Bwiam is resolved?

10. HON. MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND DIGITAL ECONOMY

MARCH, 2023 Questions

Question No. 100/2023 (Member for Brikama South) - Hon. Speaker, is the Hon. Minister for Digital Economy prepared for the digitalisation of all the

potential revenue with unique identification number in order to enhance domestic revenue mobilisation in consultation with the Minister for Finance and Economic Affairs?

Question No. 101/2023 (Member for Jeshwang) -
Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Information explain to this august Assembly the contractual agreement between Gamtel and Sonatel of Senegal on the back-up ace cable and who is bearing the cost?

Question No. 102/2023 (Member for Jeshwang) -
Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Information tell this august Assembly why Gamtel is still not in control of the gateway?

11. HON. MINISTER FOR GENDER, CHILDREN AND SOCIAL WELFARE

MARCH, 2023 Questions

Question No. 103/2023 (Member for Banjul North) -
Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Gender, Children and social welfare inform this august Assembly whether the women groups in Banjul are servicing their women enterprise loans now?

Question No. 104/2023 (Member for Banjul Central) -
Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Gender and social welfare clarify to this august assembly if consistent subventions have been received by the federation of Persons with Disabilities as allocated for in the approved budgets under “rehabilitation services” for persons with disabilities?

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