

The Chairman
Parliament Appointment Committee
Parliament of Ghana

Dear Honorable,

VETTING - SPORTS MINISTER DESIGNATE

Happy 98.9FM; a subsidiary of Global Media Alliance Broadcasting Group (GMABC) and Ghana's No. 1 Sports Station respectfully writes to the Ministerial Appointment Committee on behalf of our listeners to present questions for the committee's consideration ahead of the vetting of the Minister of Youth and Sports designate; Hon. Mustapha Ussif.

The questions were carefully selected from responses received from listeners and followers of our sports programs via our wide radio and digital network. We believe these questions are critical to the development of Ghana's sports industry and we would be glad if the Sports Minister designate could address them.

Kindly find the questions below;

1. Globally, sports management require solid financial foundation. Our ability to compete at the highest level globally such as Olympics, Commonwealth Games and Africa Games requires that we focus on funding sports in Ghana. The impact of the Ghana Education Trust Fund (GETFund) on the development of education cannot be underestimated and imperative that we have a deliberate plan to fund sports in Ghana. Other countries such as the United Kingdom (UK) strategically invest national lottery and exchequer income in sports to maximize the performance of UK athletes in the Olympic and Paralympic Games and the global events which precede them. Investment decisions are made on a four-year basis wherever possible to cover a complete Olympic or Paralympic cycle but are focused on an eight-year performance development model. Based on the above, what is the Minister of Sports designee's long-term plan to fund sports in Ghana?
2. The Ghana Football Association (GFA) and other sporting federations pay custom duties when sports paraphernalia and equipment are shipped for the national teams such as balls and jerseys. Does the Minister of Sports designate have any plans to propose a waiver of those duties and in addition, does he have any plans to create an ecosystem of local sports accessories producers to create jobs and stability?

3. The former Minister of Youth and Sports began the construction of 10 multi-purpose sports facilities across 10 regions in Ghana but none has been completed. What are the likely causes of delay to the project and what would he do differently (with clear timelines) to complete them for the development of sports in Ghana?
4. In the government's 2016 manifesto, two important promises were made which hasn't been fulfilled.
 - a. Establish three Sports Colleges in collaboration with the private sector.
 - b. Invest in a Special Women in Sports Program to unearth and support female athletes and sports talents across the country.

Considering the positive impact, the above promises are estimated to have on the development of sports in Ghana, does the Sports Minister designee have plans to execute these promises and what specific timelines would he give to the public and sports lovers.

Respectfully, we would be grateful if these questions which represents the views of Ghanaians and sports lovers are considered by the Vetting Committee.

Yours faithfully,



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