

FUNCTIONS OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY MEMBERS (NAMs)



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Who is a National Assembly Member (NAM)?

As defined under Section 88 of the 1997 Constitution of The Gambia, a National Assembly Member (NAM) is an elected or appointed representative who serves in the country's legislature.



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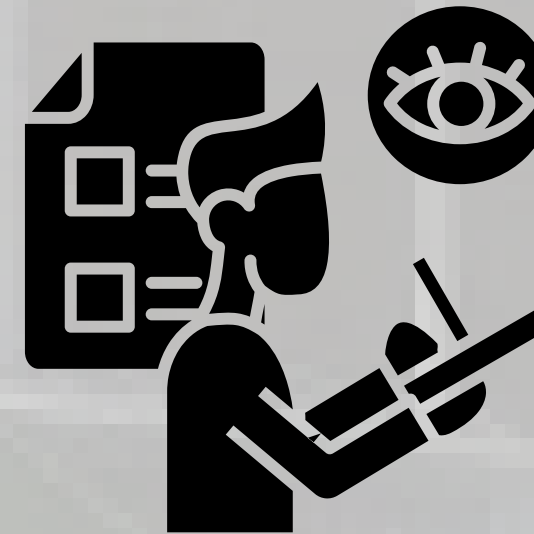
Legislation

A National Assembly Member debate and pass laws to guide the country's governance and development.
(Standing Order 65 of the National Assembly.)



Oversight

NAMs monitor government activities and expose any misuse of public funds, breaches of the rule of law, or unlawful conduct.
(As mandated by Section 109 of the Constitution.)



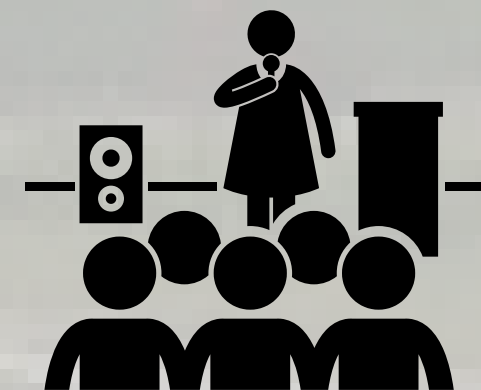
Budget Approval

NAMs scrutinise and approve the national budget and proposed loans for each financial year.
(Standing Order 81 of the National Assembly.)



Representation

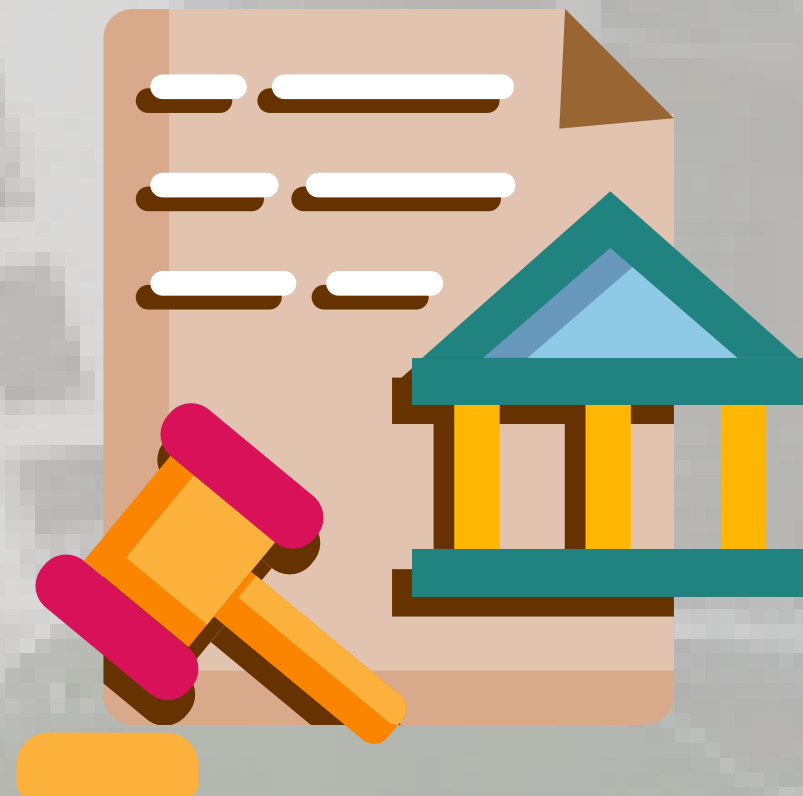
NAMs express the views and concerns of their constituents in the National Assembly, and raise matters of public interest with the relevant Ministers.
(As provided under Section 161 of the Constitution.)



OTHER FUNCTIONS OF NAMs

NAMs demand accountability from the Executive by raising issues on the Floor of the House and summoning Ministers or officials when necessary.

(Standing Order 36)



NAMs vet and approve persons nominated by the President to hold certain public offices, as required under the Constitution or other laws.

OTHER FUNCTIONS OF NAMs

IN THE CONSTITUENCIES

1. Community Consultation

NAMs engage with their constituents to share updates on government activities and gather opinions on issues affecting the community.

2. Public Mobilisation

NAMs encourage community participation in government initiatives and public health campaigns, such as immunisation drives, education programmes, and civic awareness efforts.

3. Monitoring Public Spending

NAMs assess how government and local authorities are utilising public funds allocated for development projects within their constituencies.

(As provided under Section 112(2) of the Constitution.)

WHAT NAMs DO NOT DO

- **NAMs are not responsible for building or repairing roads, bridges, schools, or hospitals.**
- **NAMs are not required to pay school fees or personal expenses for individuals.**
- **NAMs are not obligated to contribute to weddings, naming ceremonies, or other private social events.**

