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FOURTH ORDINARY SESSION IN THE 2025 LEGISLATIVE YEAR

The Fourth Ordinary Session of the National Assembly for the 2025 Legislative Year convened from 31st October to 17th December 2025.

It was a period marked by high-stakes financial scrutiny, sensitive social inquiries, and critical legislative updates that directly touch the lives of every Gambian.



BILLS



The Assembly considered and passed the following Bills:

i. Appropriation (Budget) Bill 2026, tabled by the Honorable Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs

ii. National Assembly Salaries and Pensions (Amendment) Bill, 2025 tabled by the Chairperson of the Standing Committee of the Assembly.

iii. Early Warning and Response Mechanism Bill, 2025 tabled by His Excellency the Vice President.

iv. National Population Bill, 2025, tabled by His Excellency the Vice President.



The Gambia Investment and Export Promotion Agency (Amendment) Bill, 2025 was tabled by the Hon. Minister for Trade, Industry, Regional Integration and Employment and is expected to be scheduled for Second Reading by the Assembly Business Committee in subsequent sittings.

The following Bills underwent both First and Second Readings and were referred to the relevant Committees for further scrutiny:



National Food Security Corporation Bill, 2025 tabled by the Hon. Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Food Security was committed to the Select Committee on Agriculture.



Prerogative of Mercy Bill, 2025 tabled by the Hon. Member for Upper Saloum was admitted to the Standing Committee on human Rights & Constitutional Matters and the Committee on Public Appointments for further scrutiny.

MOTIONS

The Assembly also considered and adopted the following Motions;



Motion on the Laying of the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure of the Republic of The Gambia for the fiscal year 1st January to 31st December 2026 (Moved by the Hon. Minister of Finance and Economics Affairs.



Motion on the Appointment of Candidates for the positions of Chairperson and Commissioners of The Gambia Anti-Corruption Commission (Moved by the Hon. Attorney General and Minister for Justice)



Motion to Extend the Mandate of the Special Select Committee established to inquire into the sale and disposal of assets identified by the Commission of Inquiry into the Financial Activities of Public Bodies, Enterprises and Offices in relation to former President Yahya A.J.J. Jammeh and connected matters (Moved by the Chairperson of the Committee)

MATTERS OF THE DAY

Pursuant to Standing Order 51, the Assembly considered statements under Matters of the Day.

- A statement was delivered by the Hon. Member for Lower Saloum on “the recent remarks of former President Yahya Jammeh as a threat to national security.”
- Another statement was delivered by the Hon. Member for Sabach Sanjal on “the issue of stateless persons living in Ghana Town.”

PARLIAMENTARY REPORTS

During this session, a total of three Committee Reports were tabled and adopted, and one Report from International Parliamentary Delegations were also tabled and adopted by Plenary.



Consolidated Report of the Finance and Public Accounts Committee on the Committee's consideration of the 2026 Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure of the Republic of The Gambia (Presented by the Chairperson of the Committee)



Report of the Select Committee on Regional Government, Lands, Ombudsman and the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) on the Performance Audit Report by the National Audit Office on the Management of Land Registration and Documentation by the Ministry of Lands and Regional Government (Presented by the Chairperson of the Committee)



Report of the Select Committee on Gender, Children and Social Welfare on the National Assembly country-wide tour to selected Orphanages, Rehabilitation Centres and the Juvenile Prison (5th–10th May 2025) (Presented by the Vice Chairperson of the Committee)



Report of the Gambian Delegation to the Fifth Ordinary Session and related meetings of the Pan-African Parliament, held in Midrand, South Africa, from 16th July to 1st August 2025, under the AU Theme of the Year: "Justice for Africans and People of African Descent through Reparations and the State of Human Rights in Africa" (Presented by the Head of Delegation)

MINISTERIAL ENGAGEMENTS

In accordance with Standing Order 100, His Excellency the Vice President and the following Honourable Ministers delivered replies to reports adopted during previous sessions:



Ministerial Reply to the Report and Resolution of the Finance and Public Accounts Committee on the 2020 Audited Accounts of the Government of The Gambia, including Annual Activity Reports and Audited Financial Statements of Public Agencies, Hospitals, and Local Government Councils (Delivered by His Excellency the Vice President).



Ministerial Reply to the Report of the Select Committee on Tourism, Arts and Culture, Youth and Sports on the Committee's follow-up tour to selected sporting facilities and cultural sites (3rd–9th February 2025) (Delivered by the Hon. Minister for Youth and Sports).

In pursuant to Standing Order 41 of the National Assembly Standing Orders a total of 38 Oral Questions and Answers Sessions were posed to Honorable Ministers with respect to their various portfolios of responsibilities, the following Hon. Ministers appeared before the Assembly to orally answer questions from the Honorable members in which they were notified before appearance.

1. Hon. Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs;
2. Hon. Minister of Youth & Sports;
3. Hon. Minister of Health;
4. Hon. Minister of Lands, Regional Government and Religious Affairs;
5. Hon. Minister of Communication and Digital Economy;
6. Hon. Minister of Interior;
7. Hon. Minister of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Security;
8. Hon. Minister of Environment, Climate Change and Natural Resources;
9. Hon. Minister of Fisheries and Water Resources;
10. Hon. Minister of Basic and Secondary Education;
11. Hon. Minister of Transport, Works and Infrastructure;
12. Hon. Minister of Public Service, Administrative Reform, Policy Coordination and Delivery;
13. Hon. Minister of Petroleum and Energy.

SPECIAL BUDGET HIGHLIGHT

The National Assembly passed the Appropriation Bill, 2026 during its plenary sitting on Tuesday, 9th December 2025.

The 2026 National Budget reflects a significant expansion in government expenditure, with total spending increasing from GMD 37.85 billion in 2025 to GMD 43.49 billion in 2026.

On the revenue side, total projected revenue (tax and non-tax) is expected to rise from GMD 29 billion to GMD 32 billion, driven largely by improved collections in key revenue-generating institutions, including the Ministries of Interior, Health, Fisheries, and Water Resources.

The passage of the Appropriation Bill followed a rigorous six-week legislative process, characterised by:

The laying of the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure by the Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs on Friday, 31st October 2025;

Budget bilateral between National Assembly Committees and Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDAs);

Extensive plenary debates by Honorable Members;

The presentation of the Budget Speech (Appropriation Bill, 2026) on Friday, 5th December 2025, in accordance with Section 152(3) of the 1997 Constitution and Standing Order 87(2) of the National Assembly.

Motion to Adjourn Sine Die

The National Assembly adjourned sine die on Wednesday, 17th December 2025, following a motion moved by Hon. Abdoulie Ceesay, Deputy Majority Leader and Member for Old Yundum, and seconded by Hon. Alhagie Mbow, Member for Upper Saloum.

Thereafter, Hon. Alhagie Mbow, rising on Standing Order 53(c), moved that the Assembly adjourn without debate. The motion was seconded by Hon. Sainey Jawara, Member for Lower Saloum.

The Assembly subsequently adjourned Sine Die without debate.

THE SESSION AT A GLANCE

Duration of Session : **7 weeks**

Reports Adopted: **4**

Matters of the Day Discussed: **2**

Ministerial Replies Delivered: **2**

Bills Passed: **3**

Bills Tabled & Referred to Committees: **2**

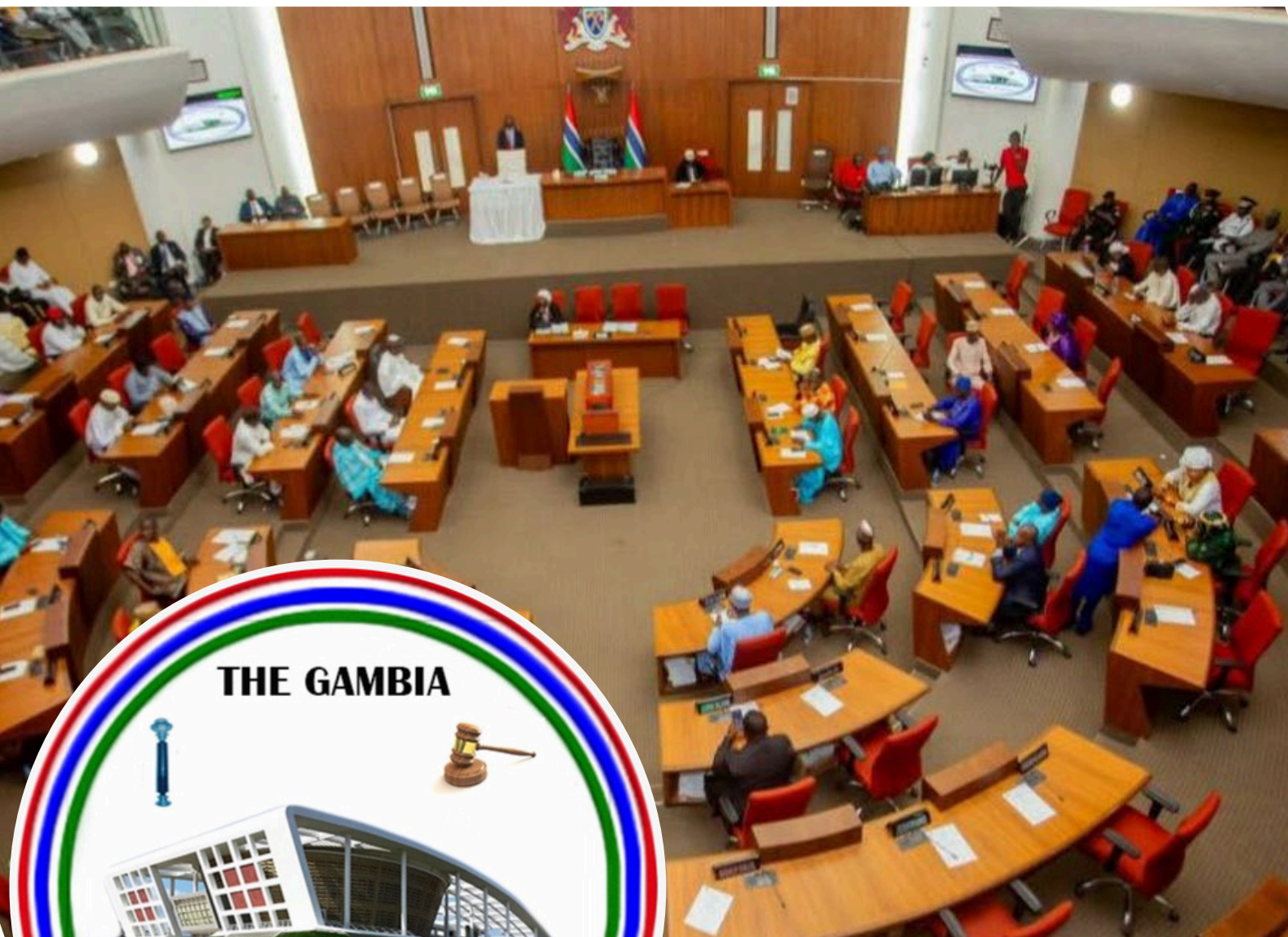
Motions Adopted: **3**

Special Committees Active: 1 (Special Select Committee on Jammeh's Assets)

National Budget Considered: 2026 Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure



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