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SECOND REPUBLIC

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THIRD & FOURTH ORDINARY SESSIONS

RECORD OF VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
SITTING OF

Wednesday 14TH OCTOBER, 2026

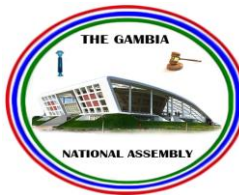
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THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY



6TH LEGISLATURE IN THE 2ND REPUBLIC

THIRD & FOURTH ORDINARY SESSION

RECORD OF VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Sitting of Wednesday 14th October, 2026.

The Assembly convened at fifty-seven minutes after eleven o'clock in the afternoon (11:57pm). Prayers were read, and the Hon. Speaker, Fabakary Tombong Jatta, took the Chair.

ORDER PAPER

1. P R A Y E R S

2. Correction and Approval of the Record of Votes and Proceedings, sitting of Monday, 12th October 2026.

3. MOTION – Order 90

Committee of Supply on the 2027 Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure of the Republic of The Gambia.

(By the Hon. Minister for Finance and Economic Affairs, Hon. Seedy KM Keita)

ATTENDANCE

The following Hon. Members were **present**:

1. Hon. Fabakary Tombong Jatta -	Speaker
2. Hon. Seedy SK Njie	- Deputy Speaker
3. Hon. Billay G. Tunkara	- Kantora (Majority Leader)
4. Hon. Alhagie S. Darbo	- Brikama North (Minority Leader)
5. Hon. Abdoulie Ceesay	- Old Yundum (Deputy Majority Leader)
6. Hon. Madi M.K. Ceesay	- Serekunda West (Deputy Minority Leader)

7. Hon. Omar Darboe	- Upper Niumi (Majority Chief Whip)
8. Hon. Sulayman Saho	- Central Baddibu (Minority Chief Whip)
9. Hon. Kebba Toumanding Sanneh	- Foni Jarrol
10. Hon. Almameh Gibba	- Foni Kansala
11. Hon. Lamin J. Sanneh	- Brikama South
12. Hon. Suwaibou Touray	- Wuli East
13. Hon. Assan Touray	- Bakau
14. Hon. Yahya Sanyang	- Latrikunda Sabiji
15. Hon. Kebba K. Barrow	- Kombo South
16. Hon. Sulayman Jammeh	- Bundungka Kunda
17. Hon. Kebba Lang Fofana	- Nominated Member
18. Hon. Lamin Ceesay	- Kiang West
19. Hon. Dawda Jeng	- Niamina East
20. Hon. Kebba Jallow	- Jarra Central
21. Hon. Musa Cham	- Serekunda
22. Hon. Fatou K. Jawara	- Nominated Member
23. Hon. Abdoulie Njai	- Banjul Central
24. Hon. Alfusainey Ceesay	- Sami
25. Hon. Nfamara Sabally	- Wuli West
26. Hon. Nfally M. Kora	- Tumana
27. Hon. Modou Lamin B. Bah	- Banjul North
28. Hon. Saikou Bah	- Basse
29. Hon. Musa Badjie	- Tallinding Kunjang
30. Hon. Pa Dembo Sanneh	- Foni Bondali
31. Hon. Salifu Jawo	- Jokadu
32. Hon. Tamsir Cham	- Lower Niumi
33. Hon. Sheriff S. Sarr	- Jeshwang
34. Hon. Maimuna Ceesay	- Nominated Member
35. Hon. Amadou Camara	- Nianija
36. Hon. Fatoumatta Njai	- Banjul South
37. Hon. Kemo Gassama	- Lower Baddibu
38. Hon. Yaya Gassama	- Kiang East
39. Hon. Essa Conteh	- Jimara
40. Hon. Alhagie Babou Ceesay	- Sabach Sanjal
41. Hon. Alhagie Mbow	- Upper Saloum
42. Hon. Birom J.S. Sowe	- Niamina West
43. Hon. Haruna Barry	- Jarra East
44. Hon. Omar Jammeh	- Janjanbureh
45. Hon. Muhamed Kanteh	- Busumbala
46. Hon. Omar Jobe	- Niani
47. Hon. Gibbi Mballow	- Lower Fulladu West

48. Hon. Sankung Dampha	-	Illiassa
49. Hon. Bakary Kora	-	Upper Fulladu West
50. Hon. Ebrima Jaiteh	-	Sandu

The following Hon. Members were absent ***with permission:***

51. Hon. Fatou Cham	-	Sanimentereng
52. Hon. Alieu Baldeh	-	Jarra West
53. Hon. Sainey Jawara	-	Lower Saloum
54. Hon. Abdou Sowe	-	Kombo East
55. Hon. Amie Colley	-	Foni Brefet
56. Hon. Bakary K. Badjie	-	Foni Bintang Karanai
57. Hon. Yunusa N. Bah	-	Kiang Central
58. Hon. Samba Jallow	-	Niamina Dankunku

1. Correction and Approval of the Record of Votes and Proceedings of the National Assembly Sitting of Wednesday 14th October, 2026.

Hon. Suwaibou Touray, Member for Wuli East moved the motion for the Assembly to consider and approve the Record of Votes and Proceedings of the National Sitting of Wednesday 19th November, 2025.

Hon. Fatou Cham, Member for Sanimentereng seconded the motion

The Record of Votes and Proceedings, as corrected, was approved.

2. MOTION - Order 90

Committee of Supply on the 2026 Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure of the Republic of The Gambia for the fiscal year 1st January – 31st December, 2026

(By: Hon. Minister for Finance and Economic Affairs)

CONSIDERATION STAGE: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ASSEMBLY: ORDER 90

At twenty minutes after twelve o'clock in the afternoon (12:20pm), the Hon. Speaker resolved the Assembly into Committee of the Whole Assembly.

Consideration at the Committee of the Whole House

The Committee of the Whole Assembly agreed to consider the 2027 Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure of the Republic of The Gambia head by head as follows:

1. Question put, that Head **01- Office of The President** stands part of the **2027 Estimates** of Revenues and Expenditures of the Republic of The Gambia with amendments as proposed by the Finance and Public Accounts Committee (FPAC) in its report adopted by the Assembly during the sitting of **Monday 12th October, 2026**.
2. Questions put, that Head **02- National Assembly**, stands part of the **2027 Estimates** of Revenues and Expenditures of the Republic of The Gambia with amendments as proposed by the Finance and Public Accounts Committee (FPAC) in its report adopted by the Assembly during the sitting of **Monday 12th October, 2026**.
3. Question put, that Head **03-Judiciary** stands part of the **2027 Estimates** of Revenues and Expenditures of the Republic of The Gambia with amendments as proposed by the Finance and Public Accounts Committee (FPAC) in its report adopted by the Assembly during the sitting of **Monday 12th October, 2026**.
4. Question put, that Head **04- Independent Electoral Commission**, stands part of the **2027 Estimates** of Revenues and Expenditures of the Republic of The Gambia with amendments as proposed by the Finance and Public Accounts Committee (FPAC) in its report adopted by the Assembly during the sitting of **Monday 12th October, 2026**.
5. Question put, that Head **05- Public Service Commission**, stands part of the **2026 Estimates** of Revenues and Expenditures of the Republic of The Gambia as amended

RESUMPTION OF THE ASSEMBLY

At fifty-five minutes after two o'clock (14:55pm), the Assembly resumed.

SUSPENSION AND RESUMPTION OF THE ASSEMBLY (Order 13)

At fifty-eight minutes after two o'clock in the afternoon (14:58pm), the Hon. Speaker suspended the Assembly for prayers (forty-five minutes).

The Assembly resumed at fifty-one minutes after three o'clock in the afternoon (15:51pm)

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY CONTINUED...

6. Question put, that Head **06-National Audit Office**, stands part of the **2027 Estimates** of Revenues and Expenditures of the Republic of The Gambia as amended

RESUMPTION OF THE ASSEMBLY

At thirty minutes after five o'clock in the evening (17:30pm), the Assembly resumed.

MOTION TO SIT BEYOND SIX O'CLOCK

Hon. Billay G Tunkara, Member for Kantora and Majority Leader, moved a motion for the Assembly to sit beyond six o'clock to finish business

The motion was seconded by Hon. Alhagie S Darbo, Member for Brikama North and Minority Leader.

Question put and accordingly agreed to;

The Assembly agreed to sit beyond six o'clock to finish business.

59. Question put, that Heads **07- Ministry of Defence**, stands part of the **2027 Estimates** of Revenue and Expenditure of the Republic of The Gambia with *amendments* as proposed by the Finance and Public Accounts Committee (FPAC) in its report adopted by the Assembly during the sitting of **Monday 12th October, 2026**.
60. Question put, that Head **08- Ministry of Interior** stands part of the **2027 Estimates** of Revenue and Expenditure of the Republic of The Gambia with *amendments* as proposed by the Finance and Public Accounts Committee (FPAC) in its report adopted by the Assembly during the sitting of **Monday 12th October, 2026**.
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62. Question put, that Head **09- Ministry of Tourism and Culture** stands part of the **2027 Estimates** of Revenue and Expenditure of the Republic of The Gambia with *amendments* as proposed by the Finance and Public Accounts Committee (FPAC) in its report adopted by the Assembly during the sitting of **Monday 12th October, 2026**.
63. Question put, that Head **10 – Ministry of Foreign Affairs**, stands part of the **2027 Estimates** of Revenues and Expenditures of the Republic of The Gambia with *amendments* as proposed by the Finance and Public Accounts Committee (FPAC) in its report adopted by the Assembly during the sitting of **Monday 12th October, 2026**.
64. Question put, that Head **11- Ministry of Justice** stands part of the **2027 Estimates** of Revenues and Expenditures of the Republic of The Gambia with *amendments* as proposed by the Finance and Public Accounts Committee (FPAC) in its report adopted by the Assembly during the sitting of **Monday 12th October, 2026**.
65. Question put, that Head **12 - Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs**, stands part of the **2027 Estimates** of Revenues and Expenditures of the Republic of The Gambia with *amendments* as proposed by the Finance and Public Accounts Committee (FPAC) in its report adopted by the Assembly during the sitting of **Monday 12th October, 2026**.

66. Question put, that Head **13-Pension and Gratuities** stands part of the **2027 Estimates** of Revenue and Expenditure of the Republic of The Gambia without *amendments*.
67. Question put, that Head **14 – Ombudsman**, stands part of the **2027 Estimates** of Revenue and Expenditure of the Republic of The Gambia with *amendment* as proposed by the Finance and Public Accounts Committee (FPAC) in its report adopted by the Assembly during the sitting of **Monday 12th October, 2026**.
68. Question put, that Head **15 - Centralized Services**, stands part of the **2027 Estimates** of Revenue and Expenditure of the Republic of The Gambia with *amendments* as proposed by the Finance and Public Accounts Committee (FPAC) in its report adopted by the Assembly during the sitting of **Monday 12th October, 2026**.
69. Question put, that Head **16 – Ministry of Lands and Regional Government**, stands part of the **2027 Estimates** of Revenue and Expenditure of the Republic of The Gambia with *amendments* as proposed by the Finance and Public Accounts Committee (FPAC) in its report adopted by the Assembly during the sitting of **Monday 12th October, 2026**.
70. Question put, that Head **17 - Ministry of Agriculture** stands part of the **2027 Estimates** of Revenue and Expenditure of the Republic of The Gambia with *amendments*.
71. Question put, that Head **18 – Ministry of Transport, Works, and Infrastructure**, stands part of the **2027 Estimates** of Revenue and Expenditure of the Republic of The Gambia without *amendments*.
72. Question put, that Head **19 – Ministry of Trade, Industry, Regional Integration and Employment**, stands part of the **2027 Estimates** of Revenue and Expenditure of the Republic of The Gambia without *amendments* as proposed by the Finance and Public Accounts Committee (FPAC) in its report adopted by the Assembly during the sitting of **Monday 12th October, 2026**.

SUSPENSION AND RESUMPTION OF THE ASSEMBLY (Order 13)

At twenty-two minutes after eight o'clock in the evening (20:32pm), the Hon. Speaker suspended the Assembly until ten o'clock in the evening (22:00pm)

The Assembly resumed at thirty-one minutes after nine o'clock in the evening (22:09pm).

HON. DEPUTY SPEAKER, SEEDY SK NJIE, TOOK THE CHAIR

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY CONTINUED...

73. Question put, that Head **20 – Ministry of Basic and Secondary Education**, stands part of the **2027 Estimates** of Revenue and Expenditure of the Republic of The Gambia without *amendments* as proposed by the Finance and Public Accounts Committee (FPAC) in its report adopted by the Assembly during the sitting of **Monday 12th October, 2026**.
74. Question put, that Head **21 - Ministry of Health**, stands part of the **2027 Estimates** of Revenue and Expenditure of the Republic of The Gambia with *amendments* as proposed by the Finance and Public Accounts Committee (FPAC) in its report adopted by the Assembly during the sitting of **Monday 12th October, 2026**.
75. Question put, that Head **22 - Ministry of Youth and Sports**, stands part of the **2027 Estimates** of Revenue and Expenditure of the Republic of The Gambia without *amendments* as proposed by the Finance and Public Accounts Committee (FPAC) in its report adopted by the Assembly during the sitting of **Monday 12th October, 2026**.
76. Question put, that Head **23 – Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Natural Resources** stands part of the **2027 Estimates** of Revenue and Expenditure of the Republic of The Gambia without *amendments* as proposed by the Finance and Public Accounts Committee (FPAC) in its report adopted by the Assembly during the sitting of **Monday 12th October, 2026**.
77. Question put, that Head **24 – Ministry of Information, Media and Broadcasting Services**, stands part of the **2027 Estimates** of Revenue and Expenditure of the Republic of The Gambia without *amendments* as proposed by the Finance and Public Accounts Committee (FPAC) in its report adopted by the Assembly during the sitting of **Monday 12th October, 2026**.
78. Questions put, that Heads **25 – Ministry of Fisheries and Water Resources**, stands part of the **2027 Estimates** of Revenue and Expenditure of the Republic of The Gambia with *amendments* as proposed by the Finance and Public Accounts Committee (FPAC) in its report adopted by the Assembly during the sitting of **Monday 12th October, 2026**.
79. Questions put, that Heads **27 – Ministry of Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology** and **29 – Ministry of Petroleum and Energy**, stand part of the **2027 Estimates** of Revenue and Expenditure of the Republic of The Gambia without *amendments* as proposed by the Finance and Public Accounts Committee (FPAC) in its report adopted by the Assembly during the sitting of **Monday 12th October, 2026**.

80. Questions put, that Heads **31 –Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Welfare, 33 - National Human Rights Commission and 34 - Ministry of Communications and Digital Economy** stand part of the **2027 Estimates** of Revenue and Expenditure of the Republic of The Gambia without amendments as proposed by the Finance and Public Accounts Committee (FPAC) in its report adopted by the Assembly during the sitting of **Monday 12th October, 2026**.

81. Questions put, that **Heads 35 – Ministry of Public Service, Administrative Reforms & Policy Development, and 36 - Office of the Vice President** stand part of the **2027 Estimates** of Revenue and Expenditure of the Republic of The Gambia with amendments as proposed by the Finance and Public Accounts Committee (FPAC) in its report adopted by the Assembly during the sitting of **Monday 12th October, 2026**.

82. Question put, that the **Development Budget** of Head **01- Office of The President** stands part of the **2027 Estimates** of Revenue and Expenditure of the Republic of The Gambia with amendments as proposed by the Finance and Public Accounts Committee (FPAC) in its report adopted by the Assembly during the sitting of **Monday 12th October, 2026**.

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85. Question put, that the **Development Budget** of Head **04- Independent Electoral Commission**, stands part of the **2027 Estimates** of Revenue and Expenditure of the Republic of The Gambia without amendments as proposed by the Finance and Public Accounts Committee (FPAC) in its report adopted by the Assembly during the sitting of **Monday 12th October, 2026**.

86. Question put, that the **Development Budget** of Head **06-National Audit Office**, stands part of the **2027 Estimates** of Revenue and Expenditure of the Republic of The Gambia with *amendments* as proposed by the Finance and Public Accounts Committee (FPAC) in its report adopted by the Assembly during the sitting of **Monday 12th October, 2026**.

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102. Question put, that the ***Development Budget*** of Head **33 – National Human Rights Commission**, stands part of the **2027 Estimates** of Revenue and Expenditure of the Republic of The Gambia without *amendments*.
103. Question put, that the ***Development Budget*** of Head **34 – Ministry of Communication and Digital Economy** stands part of the **2027 Estimates** of Revenue and Expenditure of the Republic of The Gambia with *amendments*.
104. Question put, that the ***Development Budget*** of Heads **35 – Ministry of Public Service, Administrative Reforms & Policy, and Office of the Vice President** stand part of the **2027 Estimates** of Revenue and Expenditure of the Republic of The Gambia without *amendments*.

RESUMPTION OF THE ASSEMBLY

At fifty-one minutes after eleven o'clock in the evening (23:51pm) the Assembly Resumed.

SUSPENSION AND RESUMPTION OF THE ASSEMBLY (Order 13)

At fifty-three minutes after eleven o'clock in the evening (23:53pm), the Hon. Speaker suspended the Assembly for twenty minutes to allow for the reconciliation of the savings made.

The Assembly resumed at thirty-one minutes after midnight (12:31am).

RESUMPTION OF THE ASSEMBLY

At thirty-six minutes after twelve o'clock in the morning (12:36am) the Assembly Resumed.

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY CONTINUED...

The sum of **D241, 253, 899.00** was 'saved' from the 2027 Estimates, and was reallocated to the following Ministries and State institutions as follows:

- i. Head 01 – Office of the President (NCCE) the sum of 23,000,000
- ii. Head 36 - Office of the Vice President (Early Warning, National Population, and Social Protection Secretariat) a sum of 18,000,000
- iii. Head 27 - Ministry of Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology, the sum of D10,244,550.
- iv. Head 12 - Ministry of Finance & Economic Affairs, the sum of D65,000,000.
- v. Head 20 – Ministry of Basic and Secondary Education the sum of D67,000,000.
- vi. Head 34 – Ministry of Communications & Digital Economy the sum of D9,000,000.
- vii. Head 22 - Ministry of Youth and Sports the sum of D10,000,000
- viii. Head 23 - Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Natural Resources the sum of D10,000,000
- ix. Head 21 – Ministry of Health the sum of D15,000,000.
- x. Head 31 – Ministry of Gender, Children & Social Welfare the sum of D7,000,000

- xi. Head 19 – Ministry of Trade, Regional Integration & Employment the sum of D7,009, 349

The Clerk read the short title of the *2027 Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure of the Republic of The Gambia (01st January – 31st December 2027 – both dates inclusive)*.

At the invitation of the Hon. Speaker, the Minister for Trade, Regional Integration & Employment, Hon. Mod. K Ceesay, stepping in for the Hon. Minister for Finance and Economic Affairs, moved that the *2027 Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure of the Republic of The Gambia (01st January – 31st December 2027 – both dates inclusive)* having gone through the Committee of the Whole Assembly be approved with amendments.

Question put and agreed:

The Assembly agreed to approve the Estimates

The *2027 Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure of the Republic of The Gambia (01st January – 31st December 2027 – both dates inclusive)* was approved with amendments.

ADJOURNMENT

At twenty-seven minutes after one o'clock in the morning (01:27am), the Assembly was adjourned until Monday 19th October, 2026 at 10am.