

Allowances to members

14. A member of the Board and a person co-opted to the Board shall be paid such allowances as the Minister may approve.

PART III – FUNCTIONS

Functions of the Authority

15. The Authority shall –

- (a) promote, establish, equip, maintain and develop libraries in the urban and rural areas of The Gambia;
- (b) impose fees for services rendered to the public;
- (c) provide relevant advice, when requested, to Government Departments, Local Government Councils or public bodies;
- (d) plan and coordinate the various documentation in the National Library and other information services in The Gambia;
- (e) sponsor, make arrangements, and provide facilities and services for conferences and seminars, for discussions of matters connected with the Authority and other information services;
- (f) advise Government on library education and training needs for library, documentation and related services;

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(g) develop bibliography and undertake bibliographical services, which include operating as the national agency library for the International Standard Book Numbering (ISBN) and the International Standard Serial Number (ISSN);

(h) promote and encourage the development of a reading culture generally, and public interest in Gambian literature;

(i) participate and assist in campaigns to eradicate illiteracy;

(j) encourage the development and production of literature in local languages;

(k) require all categories of public libraries in The Gambia to be registered with the Authority and make provisions for the form and fees for registration;

(l) by regulations, with the approval of the Minister, make provisions for the category of persons qualified to be employed as librarian or documentalist in any public library; and

(m) perform such other acts to achieve the purpose of this Act.

PART IV – MANAGEMENT AND STAFF

16. (1) There shall be for the Authority, a Director-General who shall be appointed by the President after consultation with the Board and the Public Service Commission.