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Banjul, The Gambia

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13<sup>th</sup> September 2023  
@ 10:00 a.m.

#### 1. P R A Y E R S

2. Correction and Approval of Record of Votes and Proceedings  
of the National Assembly Sitting of Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September  
2023

3. Questions for Oral Answer (Standing Order 36 & 41)

#### 1. HIS EXCELLENCY, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC

##### **September, 2023**

199/2023 (Member for Sami Constituency)- Hon Speaker, the villages, and dwellers of Sami Suruwa kunda catchments find it difficult to reach each other, access health center and schools by students due to the poor terrain caused by erosion. Could His Excellency, the Vice President inform this august Assembly if his Office is aware of this, if so, what plans are in place to address this problem?

200/2023 (Member for Serrekunda Constituency) Hon. Speaker, could His Excellency the Vice President update this august Assembly as to how far has the government reached its poverty alleviation program for the citizens?

201/2023 (Member for Serrekunda Constituency) Hon. Speaker could His Excellency, the Vice President clarify as to who is doing

the dredging of the water canal that flows from Abuko to Kotu stream?

## 2. MINISTER FOR BASIC AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

**September, 2023**

225/2023 (Member for Foni Kansala Constituency) Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Basic and Secondary Education explain to this august Assembly in details why Teachers 1 x 6 payments are delayed only to be paid after the Tobaski Feast?

226/2023 (Member for Banjul South Constituency) Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Basic and Secondary Education tell this august Assembly why the Ministry insisted on selling the premises of St. Mary's Primary School yet Muslim high school old premises remain unoccupied?

227/2023 (Member for Banjul South Constituency) Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Basic and Secondary Education inform this august Assembly if there are plans to change the school curriculum following the trend of total failure in all aspects considering the results each year both in grade 9 and 12?

## 3. MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

**September, 2023**

207/2023 (Member for Brikama North Constituency) Hon. Speaker, the degradation of the three forest parks around Brikama are very worrying. Could the Hon. Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Natural Resources inform this august Assembly whether the Ministry is aware of the poor state of the said forest parks and if so, what plans do the Ministry have to ensure the protection and preservation of these forest parks?

## 4. MINISTER FOR TOURISM, ARTS & CULTURE

**September, 2023**

252/2023 (Member for Banjul North Constituency) Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Tourism, Arts and Culture update this

august Assembly what plans are in place to support Arts and Culture in the City of Banjul?

**253/2023 (Member for Upper Nuimi Constituency)** Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Tourism, Arts and Culture explain to this august Assembly when would his Ministry commence work to reclaim and maintain the Kunta Kinteh Island and the Jetty of Jufureh, which is being eroded by the river on daily basis?

## **5. MINISTER FOR FISHERIES WATER RESOURCES & NATIONAL ASSEMBLY MATTERS**

### **September, 2023**

**289/2023 (Member for Banjul South Constituency)** Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Fisheries and Water Resources tell this august Assembly how much they have made in the EU fishing agreement?

**290/2023 (Member for Banjul South Constituency)** Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Fisheries and Water Resources tell this august Assembly whether the devices and other monitoring centers were built as per the EU fishing agreement?

**291/2023 (Member for Wuli East Constituency)** Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Fisheries and Water Resources update this august Assembly on the state of implementation of the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) in relation to the mitigation of employment opportunities for our young people?

**292/2023 (Member for Wuli East Constituency)** Hon, Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Fisheries and Water Resources explain to this august Assembly why the observers posted on board licence fishing vessels in the Gambia receive far less remuneration compared to their peers in the sub region?

**293/2023 (Member for Wuli East Constituency)** Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Fisheries and Water Resources provide data to this august Assembly regarding the marketable fish species in the Gambia and what efforts are being done to ensure that they do not dwindle?

**294/2023 (Member for Wuli East Constituency)** Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Fisheries and Water Resources explain to this august Assembly whether he is aware that even the risk

allowances of the observers on board fishing vessels are not paid to them?

## 6. MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATION AND DIGITAL ECONOMY

**September, 2023**

**284/2023 (Member for Sami Constituency)** – Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Communication and Digital Economy inform this august Assembly what plans are in place for The Gambia to have second and third cables?

**285/2023 (Member for Foni Kansala Constituency)** Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Communication and Digital Economy inform this august Assembly in detail the Ministry's plans for the restoration of both Gamtel/Gamcel as the two companies that are at the brink of collapse?

**286/2023 (Member for Jarra Central Constituency)** Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Communication and Digital Economy furnish this august Assembly with information why internet is expensive and unreliable in most part of The Gambia?

**287/2023 (Member for Lower Saloum Constituency)** Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Communication and Digital Economy frankly tell this august Assembly whether it is true that the international gateway provides solid cash flow to the company (Gamtel) in hard currencies and healthy foreign exchange reserves for the government if yes, can the Minister explain from 2012 to date, what is the total revenues collected and what caused the liberalization of the international gateway?

## 7. MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT, WORKS & INFRASTRUCTURE

**September, 2023**

**238/2023 (Member for Banjul North Constituency)** Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Transport, Works and Infrastructure update this august Assembly as to what plans they have in place to avoid flooding in the City of Banjul and beyond?

**239/2023 (Member for Upper Fulladu West Constituency)** Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Transport, Works and

Infrastructure inform this august Assembly if the ministry have any plans to construct roads in my constituency?

**240/2023 (Member for Upper Fulladu West Constituency)** Hon. Speaker, Bansang- Bush town ferry crossing point is a nightmare for the people of that areas, could the Hon. Minister for Transport, Works and Infrastructure inform this august Assembly when will this ferry crossing services be improved?

**241/2023 (Member for Bundung Ka Kunda Constituency)** Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Transport, Works and Infrastructure inform this august Assembly whether his Ministry has plans to fast track the construction of the Bundung Highway?

**242/2023 (Member for Foni Kansala Constituency)** Hon. Speaker, can the Hon. Minister for Transport, Works, and Infrastructure inform this August Assembly, if there are plans to repair the box culvert in Sangajor Village which is already causing damage to the main Trans-Gambia Highway?

**243/2023 (Member for Sabach Sanjal Constituency)** Hon. Speaker the road connecting Ngayen Sanjal, Jamagen, Pallen Fula, Pallen Wollof and Checken has been a concern to the people living in the area, could the Hon. Minister for Transport, Works and Infrastructure inform this august Assembly if the ministry has plans to construct the above mentioned road?

**244/2023 (Member for Kombo East Constituency)** Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Transport, Works and Infrastructure update this august Assembly on the status of the Narang route linking Giboroh to Farabasutu?

**245/2023 (Member for Niamina West Constituency)** Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Transport, Works and Infrastructure tell this august Assembly what is his Ministry's plan for the construction of the Choya-Dankunku to Kung highway?

**246/2023. (Member for Janjanbureh Constituency)** Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Transport, Works and Infrastructure update this august Assembly on the GPA-Groupo Rodman Agreement on the expansion of the ports and share the Agreement documents with the Assembly?

**247/2023 (Member for Brikama North Constituency)** Hon Speaker, it could be recalled that during the last Ordinary Session in response to a Parliamentary question, the Hon Minister for Transport, Works, and Infrastructure told this august Assembly that construction works on Brikama- Kasakunda-Nyonfelleh-Gunjur road by National Road Authority (NRA) will commence in July this year. However, the work is yet to start could the Hon Minister for Transport, Works Infrastructure inform this august Assembly as to what might have caused the delay and when will the work commence?

**248/2023 (Member for Brikama North Constituency)** Hon. Speaker, considering the fact that Brikama is the administrative capital of West Coast Region and the largest region in the country with poor road network within the township, could the Hon Minister of Transport, Works and Infrastructure inform this august Assembly about his Ministry's plan to construct the major roads in Brikama to make them motorable especially during the rainy season?

**249/2023 (Member for Lower Saloum Constituency)** Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Transport, Works and Infrastructure tell this august Assembly whether his Ministry is ready to fulfil the Presidential promise made to the communities of Saloum to construct the 2km road linking Kaur highway to the river crossing point for easy access of people, goods and services?

**250/2023 (Member for Jeshwang Constituency)** Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Transport, Works and Infrastructure update this august Assembly on the status of progress on the 50kms OIC Road Project?

**251/2023 (Member for Jeshwang Constituency)** Hon. Speaker, as we all know that government cannot do it all and the private sector has a role to play in the development of the country, could the Hon. Minister of Transport, Works and Infrastructure inform this august Assembly of his Ministry's plan in partnering with the private sector through the Ministry of Trade to construct the roads within the Kanifing Industrial Areas?

## 8. MINISTER FOR INTERIOR

**September, 2023**

**205/2023 (Member for Banjul North Constituency)** Hon. Speaker, understanding the fact that our young people are getting mentally ill on our streets massively due to the usage of illicit drugs, could the Hon. Minister for Interior tell this august Assembly the mechanisms in place to stop the entry of such drugs into the country?

**206/2023 (Member for Serrekunda Constituency)** Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Interior update this august Assembly on the amount of revenues generated from the issuance of passport, drivers incense, ID Card and the Airport Security fees?

## 9. MINISTER FOR HEALTH

**September, 2023**

**208/2023 (Member for Banjul North Constituency) -** Hon. Speaker, could the Hon Minister for Health inform this august Assembly when the National Health Insurance Scheme will be launched?

**209/2023 (Member for Sabach Sanjal Constituency) -** Hon. Speaker, the Ambulance in Ngayen Sanjal and Sarakunda have not been functional for almost four months now. Could the Hon. Minister for Health inform this august Assembly if there are plans to either provide new Ambulances or repair the above mentioned Ambulances?

**210/2023 (Member for Sabach Sanjal Constituency) -** Hon. Speaker, the watchman in Ngayen Sanjal has been on voluntary service for almost three years now. Does the Ministry have any plans to offer him a permanent employment opportunity?

**211/2023 (Member for Serrekunda Constituency) -** Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Health inform this august Assembly whether his Ministry is aware of the lack of ambulance at the Serekunda Health Center?

**212/2023 (Member for Niamina West Constituency)**

-Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Health inform this august Assembly how far his Ministry has gone on the expansion and upgrade of the Nanaba Health Post in Niamina West Constituency?

**213/2023 (Member for Janjanbureh Constituency) -**

Hon. Speaker, could the Hon. Minister for Health, inform this august Assembly when exactly is the Janjanbureh Health Center going to be allocated an Ambulance service after suspending Riders for Health agreement with the Government?

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**13<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

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