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Minority Report on the Supplementary Appropriation Bill No.1 2024

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MINORITY ON THE SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL NO. 3, 2023

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The Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2023 presented for first reading on March 28th 2024, seeks to complete the budget processes of last Financial Year 20222/23.

During the 2022/23 FY, the Minister of Finance presented five supplementary requests in form of a schedule and addendums. They were as follows.

Date	Request	Amount
December 2022	Schedule No One	Shs 2.387 Trillion
March 2 nd 2023	Addendum One	Shs 33.851 Billion
March 2 nd 2023	Addendum Two	Shs 13.479 Billion
March 22 nd 2023	Addendum Three	Shs 38.85 Billion
March 30 nd 2023	Addendum Four	Shs 499 Billion
Total		Shs 2.972 Trillion

WHAT DID THE SUPPLEMENTARY FUND?

- MUNYONYO: This supplementary financed several controversial investment including Shs 86.4 Billion for the Speke Resort Convention Centre (SRCC), Munyonyo. Remember that you Parliament had refused to fund this investment in the 2022/23 budget but government as usual used the supplementary budget. Also remember that Uganda Development Corporation (UDC) was to acquire share in this business jointly owned by Meera Investments Limited. Meera Investments contributed land measuring 0.926 hectares worth Shs 16.4 billion. Part of the Shs 86.4 was a loan to the joint venture. Can Parliament be briefed on progress made in share acquisition and loan repayment?
- ATIAK: Shs 274.11 billion was for Uganda Development Corporation (UDC) to acquire shares in Atiak Sugar Factory. Government has so far invested directly invested Shs 482.11 billion in Atiak and Shs 65.1 billion indirectly to sugarcane outgrows. Can Parliament be briefed on share acquisition? How much government has invested in and how much have the other shareholders invested in and the percentage of shareholding.

NON-COMPLIANCE WITH LAW

The Public Finance Management Act makes it a requirement that every Bill presented to Parliament, shall be accompanied by a Certificate of Financial Implication.

This Certificate under Section 76 of the Act, "shall indicate the estimates of revenue and expenditure over a period of not less than two years after the coming into effect of the Bill when passed." This Bill has a commencement date; July 1st 2022

The Certificate "shall indicate the impact of the Bill on the economy." This in simple terms means, total amount to be spent on implementation of the law and expected revenue. In this case, the amount foregone and intended benefits.

This Parliament should recall that this supplementary was financed through borrowing of Shs 1 trillion from domestic financial institutions. Shs 698.7 billion was expected from the World Bank and Shs 587 from URA (taxes).

We therefore must be briefed on how all these impacted on the economy as mandated by section 76.

CONFLICTING FIGURES

The Auditor General in his Report on the Financial Year ended June 2023 states that total supplementary requests approved by Parliament totaled Shs 4.417 Trillion (Pages 19-24).

The Supplementary Appropriation Bill gives a total of Shs 2.972 Trillion. Reconciliation is needed before processing of this Bill.

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