

**SUPPORTING STATEMENT TO PARLIAMENT ON SANDWINNING: A THREAT AND POTENTIAL 'GALAMSEY' BY HONOURABLE FRANK ANNOH-DOMPHEH, MP FOR NSAWAM-ADOAGYIRI, BY HON AHMED IBRAHIM, MP FOR BANDA - 15 FEBRUARY, 2017**

Mr Speaker, I strongly support what the Leader of the House said.

Mr Speaker, I would like to add that the Hon Alhassan Suhuyini is still at the Appointments Committee. That is why he is not here to make the Statement. We were made aware yesterday that the Hon A. B. Fuseini would make the Statement. We distributed them, but the plans changed when the Hon Suhuyini went for the Appointments Committee meeting.

Mr Speaker, I would want to add that in deciding which Ministries the directive would be sent to, we must include the Ministry of Sanitation and Water Resources and the relevant sector Ministries that must delve into the cause of this sand winning.

Mr Speaker, this is because, we cannot do away with sand winning but it must be controlled. Mr Speaker, are we talking of indiscriminate or illegal sand winning?

Do we have a regulation concerning sand winning? Mr Speaker, the Committees of this House have work to do. When you direct it to the Committees for Works and Housing and the Local Government and Rural Development, I think they may be able to consider which way we should go.

Thank you very much, Mr Speaker.