

**SUPPORTING STATEMENT TO PARLIAMENT ON THE CELEBRATION OF THE ABOAKYER FESTIVAL  
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MP FOR TROBU - 6 APRIL, 2017**

Mr Speaker, I thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Statement made by the Hon Member for Effutu.

Mr Speaker, from childhood, we all know that festivals were activities that brought communities together. Our forefathers told us stories and activities about festivals and what we inherited from our fathers was that, festivals are commemorated to bring communities and families together.

It becomes an occasion where families and individuals who had not seen each other for a long time, come together, dialogue and make sure that the brotherly and communal spirit that our forefathers instituted is still together.

Mr Speaker, in these times, that communal spirits have reduced, festivals are used to solve such problems by bringing people together.

This time, we would want the organisers of the Aboakyer Festival to ensure that whatever opportunities that are embedded in it come to fruition. We would therefore call on the security agencies to also ensure peace, so that at the end of the day Winneba as we know, grows, develops and becomes the Winneba that we want it to be.

Mr Speaker, I thank you for this opportunity and I thank the Hon Member who made the Statement.