PART IV. - NATIONAL BUDGET.

22. NATIONAL BUDGET.

(1) The raising and expenditure of finance by the National Government, including the imposition of taxation and the raising of loans, is subject to authorization and control by the Parliament and shall be regulated by an Act of the Parliament.

(2) For each fiscal year, there shall be a National Budget as required by Section 209 (***Parliamentary responsibility***) of the ***Constitution*** comprising -

(*a*) estimates of finance proposed to be raised and estimates of proposed expenditure of the National Government in respect of the fiscal year; and

(*b*) separate appropriations for the service of that year in respect of -

(i) the services of the Parliament; and

(ii) general public services; and

(iii) the services of the Judiciary; and

(iv) a development budget for approved projects; and

(*c*) such other supplementary Budgets and appropriations as are necessary.

(3) Before any National Budget or appropriation is prepared for submission to the Parliament, the National Executive Council shall consult with any appropriate Permanent Parliamentary Committee, but this subsection does not confer any right or impose any duty of consultation after the initial stages of the preparation of the National Budget or appropriation.

23. COMPILATION OF NATIONAL BUDGET.

(1) The Departmental Head of the Department responsible for financial management may give to Departmental Heads and public office-holders responsible for activities involving the collection and expenditure of public moneys directions as to the form and content of estimates prepared for the purpose of compiling the National Budget.

(2) In compiling the National Budget, the Departmental Head of the Department responsible for financial management may consult with -

(*a*) the Departmental Head of the Department of the Prime Minister and National Executive Council; and

(*b*) the Departmental Head of the Department responsible for economic planning matters; and

(*c*) the Departmental Head of the Department responsible for personnel management matters; and

(*d*) in so far as relating to the estimates of expenditure submitted by the Speaker under Section 209(2B) (***Parliamentary responsibility***) of the ***Constitution*** - the Speaker or a member of the Parliamentary Service nominated by the Speaker for the purpose; and

(*e*) in so far as relating to the estimates of expenditure submitted by the Chief Justice under Section 209(2B) (***Parliamentary responsibility***) of the ***Constitution*** - the Chief Justice or a member of the National Judicial Staff Service nominated by the Chief Justice for the purpose; and

(*f*) the Departmental Head of the Department responsible for provincial government matters.