SUPPORTING STATEMENT TO PARLIAMENT ON SANDWINNING: A THREAT AND POTENTIAL ‘GALAMSEY’ BY HONOURABLE FRANK ANNOH-DOMPREH, MP FOR NSAWAM-ADOAGYIRI, BY HON OSEI KYEI-MENSAH-BONSU, MP FOR SUAME - 15 FEBRUARY, 2017

Mr Speaker, I believe we could take an adjournment. But before then, the Statement that has been made by the Hon Member for Nsawam-Adoagyiri is a Statement that he made in this House about three years ago. — [Interruptions] — 2014.

Mr Speaker, he has come back with this same thing and the entire House has joined ranks with him and we are dirging akin to the lamentations of Ezekiel.

What do we do? I am of the opinion that, this is one of the Statements that we could come to some agreement on and maybe, refer same to some of the affected Ministries. The Ministry of Food and Agriculture is affected; the Ministry of Environment, Science, Technology and Innovation is affected; the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development is affected; the Ministry of Works and Housing as the Hon Minister for Inner Cities and Zongo Development has alluded to, is affected; many of them. They are cross-sectoral.

What is the way forward? Do we urge for a fuller study into this to avoid any future occurrences? What do we do?

Mr Speaker, I say so because, in Nigeria, sand is not won from the land. For constructional purposes, they win sand from the river beds and even the sea. They do not allow for sand winning on the land. Can we learn useful lessons from Nigeria? Mr Speaker, it is something that we should maybe, conduct a study into.

Mr Speaker, I am of the opinion that we should come to some agreement with advice from the Chair the final destination of this Statement. I am not too sure that we should allow it to fallow as we did the other time when the Statement was made on the floor of this House.

Beyond that Mr Speaker, when we come to some determination, which I am not urging to be done promptly, perhaps, ponder over it and come to some agreement on it the way forward.