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Odekro launches Report on the Sixth Parliament of the Fourth Republic of Ghana

Odekro undertook an independent assessment of the Sixth Parliament of the Fourth Republic of Ghana with the aim to fill the information gap with the necessary data to hold Parliament and MPs accountable.

“The Report on the Sixth Parliament on the Fourth Republic of Ghana” is an open data project, limited to what is made available by Parliament in the Hansards. It offers citizens, civil society, media, industry and academia an authoritative baseline to assess the performance of Parliament and MPs. We also believe Parliamentarians in the Seventh Parliament will be able to draw lessons from the findings presented therein, and see how they can improve their citizen conferred mandate.

According to Professor Akilagpa Sawyerr, the Chair of the Steering Committee of STAR-Ghana, this report provides adequate information to understanding Ghana’s Parliament. He has called on the leadership of Parliament to revise the standing orders and enhance the capacity of MPs to deliver on their conferred mandate. He also called for an inclusive dialogue with the participation of relevant stakeholders and Parliament on streamlining processes to making Parliament more transparent and open to the general public.

For Parliament to be truly representative, citizens must have access to information about Parliamentary proceedings. This will enhance engagement between citizens and Parliamentarians (MPs) and stimulate debate. Parliament does not belong to politicians; MPs have the honour of being chosen by us to serve, and thus everything must be done to ensure they communicate transparently with and can be scrutinized by citizens.

In the report, you will find useful and pertinent information crucial to understanding how Ghana’s Parliament works, how the leadership exercises its power and how both sides of the House (Majority and Minority) attend to bills of national importance. You can access full report here: <http://www.odekro.org/info/6thparliamentgh>

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