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BUDGET BRIEFINGS		
COMMITTEE	SUBJECT MATTER	DISCUSSIONS
Appropriations	<p>Briefing on the proposed FY 2017 budget, plans and programs, and major accomplishments of the following government agencies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) and its attached agencies</li> </ul>	<p>The Committee, chaired by Rep. Karlo Alexei Nograles (1<sup>st</sup> District, Davao City), listened to the presentations on the proposed FY 2017 budget, plans and programs, and major accomplishments of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) and the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG).</p> <p>Committee Vice Chair Rep. Oscar “Richard” Garin Jr. (1<sup>st</sup> District, Iloilo) sat as the presiding officer during the DSWD’s budget briefing.</p> <p>Social Welfare Secretary Judy Taguiwalo said that under the FY 2017 National Expenditure Program (NEP), DSWD is set to receive P129.81 billion, which is 17.14% higher than the 2016 budget of P110.82 billion.</p> <p>The DSWD’s proposed budget for 2017 is distributed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Office of the Secretary (OSEC) - P129.58 billion;</li> <li>Council for the Welfare of Children (CWC) - P54.42 million;</li> <li>Inter-Country Adoption Board (ICAB) - P43.97 million;</li> <li>National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA) - P47.02 million; and</li> <li>Juvenile Justice and Welfare Council (JJWC) - P85.55 million.</li> </ul> <p>By expense class, the largest portion of the budget goes to maintenance and other operating expenses (MOOE), P122.97 billion; while the rest go to personnel services (PS), P5.49 billion; capital outlay (CO), P371.71 million; and financial expenses (bank charges), P1.02 billion.</p> <p>Taguiwalo also presented the major accomplishments of the DSWD from 2015 up to the first semester of 2016, among which are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transitioned 1.3 million households to near-poor status under the <i>Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program</i>;</li> <li>Benefitted a total of 568,467 families and 1.7 million children under its Sustainable Livelihood Program and Supplementary Feeding Program, respectively;</li> <li>Completed 11,409 sub-projects under the <i>Kapit-Bisig Laban sa Kahirapan</i> – Comprehensive and Integrated Delivery of Social Services National Community-driven Development Program (KC NCDDP);</li> <li>Conducted the second round of household assessment wherein 5.1 million poor households nationwide were identified;</li> <li>Provided assistance to a total of 1.3 million Filipinos nationwide through the Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situation (AICS);</li> <li>Provided social pension to 1.9 million indigent senior citizens; and</li> <li>Served 6,767 Filipinos as part of the humanitarian mission to help stranded overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) in Saudi Arabia.</li> </ul> <p>The DSWD is finalizing the implementing rules and regulations (IRR)</p>

<p>Continuation... Appropriations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) and its attached agencies</li> </ul>	<p>of the Centenarians Act, and is currently drafting the IRR of the Expanded Persons with Disability (PWD) Law and the Children in Emergencies Act.</p> <p>Rep. Nograles inquired on the DSWD's huge amount of unspent budget allocations for some of its programs during the first semester of 2016. DSWD Undersecretary Mateo Montaño replied that the Department's programs have different spending patterns and that the bulk of the spending occurs during the second quarter of the year.</p> <p>House Members sought an explanation regarding the DSWD's issuance of Memorandum Circular No. 9 on August 1, 2016 which in effect disregards their recommendations for their constituents to be included as beneficiaries in certain programs of the Department. Taguiwalo replied that the said circular only serves as guide for DSWD personnel on the proper disbursement of the people's money.</p> <p>Memorandum Circular No. 9 directs DSWD personnel to strictly observe the following guidelines in the implementation of its protective services programs (PSP):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Referral letters from individuals, group of individuals, or organization, including public officials, are not integral to the implementation of the PSP;</li> <li>While referral letters may be considered, they are not binding on DSWD social workers or personnel tasked to evaluate the qualifications of PSP beneficiaries; and</li> <li>The DSWD retains the sole authority to determine the beneficiaries of the PSP.</li> </ul> <p>With certain issues unresolved, the Committee agreed to continue its deliberations on the DSWD's 2017 proposed budget on September 13.</p> <p>Nueva Vizcaya Rep. Luisa Lloren Cuaresma sat as the presiding officer during the budget briefing of the DILG.</p> <p>Presenting the DILG's 2017 proposed budget, Undersecretary Austere Panadero said that the DILG and its attached agencies are set to receive P148.73 billion, which is 20% higher compared to its current budget of P124.23 billion.</p> <p>The 2017 budget of the DILG shall be distributed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Office of the Secretary (OSEC) – P10.91 billion;</li> <li>Philippine National Police (PNP) – P110.17 billion;</li> <li>Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) – P12.98 billion;</li> <li>Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) – P11.14 billion</li> <li>Philippine Public Safety College (PPSC) – P1.67 billion;</li> <li>National Police Commission (NAPOLCOM) – P1.62 billion; and</li> <li>Local Government Academy (LGA) – P232.49 million.</li> </ul> <p>By expense class, the DILG's proposed budget goes to personnel services (PS), P117.60 billion; maintenance and other operating expenses (MOOE), P25.11 billion; and capital outlay (CO), P6.02 billion. The 25% budget increase in the PS for next year compared to the current year is intended to provide for the compensation adjustment for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> tranches of the salary increase; filling up of vacant positions at the BFP, BJMP and PNP; and payment of additional allowances and other benefits.</p> <p>DILG Secretary Ismael Sueno has vowed that his Department will continue to pursue the following: relentless and sustained fight against criminality and illegal drugs; peace and order starting at the barangay level; and good governance.</p>
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AGENCY BRIEFING		
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Local Government	Briefing by the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) on its programs and projects for FY 2017	<p>The Committee, chaired by Rep. Pedro Acharon Jr. (1<sup>st</sup> District, South Cotabato and General Santos City), listened to the briefing conducted by the DILG on its programs and projects for 2017.</p> <p>Secretary Ismael Sueno said that the programs and projects of the DILG for 2017 will focus on empowering the "barangays" which play a very important role in the government's war against drugs, crime, and corruption. He added that the DILG will promote "institutionalized volunteerism" in the barangays to facilitate the implementation of its programs.</p> <p>For drug users who voluntarily surrendered, Sueno said they can undergo rehabilitation in several community-based rehabilitation centers. He added that the DILG is collaborating with other government agencies and non-government organizations for the provision of counseling services and livelihood training to these people.</p> <p>Sueno lauded San Miguel Corporation (SMC) for committing to donate P1 billion for the construction of new drug rehabilitation facilities in support of the government's anti-drug campaign. He said there are initial talks with other private sector and business groups for their support in the same endeavor.</p> <p>On the suggestion made by Rep. Luis 'Jon-Jon' Ferrer IV (6<sup>th</sup> District, Cavite) that the DILG should also stop illegal gambling, Sueno said it will follow since the problems of illegal gambling and drugs are related.</p> <p>Sueno responded to the queries raised by the Members of the Committee on the status of DILG's programs and projects in their respective districts.</p>

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