

The Chairperson

Commission of Human Rights and Administrative Justice

Accra

4th May 2024

Dear Sir,

Petition to Investigate the Electoral Commission's conduct in the retirement and disposal of elections-related equipment.

Remit of CHRAJ

We write to invoke the jurisdictions, powers, mandates, and duties under chapters 18 and 24 of the 1992 Constitution of the Republic of Ghana, which entrust the care of national resources and the charge of ensuring sound conduct among public officers to the Commission on Human Rights and Administrative Justice (CHRAJ/"the Commission"). We also refer to section 7 of Act 456 in this same regard.

We are gravely concerned by the Electoral Commission (EC) of Ghana's handling of the nation's scarce resources in the discharge of its duties, which conduct we believe amounts to "misappropriation", "wastage", and "misuse" of said resources.

The EC's conduct appears to us as evincing a conflict between its duties under various laws to judiciously apply the resources of this country for the good of the citizenry, on the one hand, and its tendency to take decisions favourable to various commercial vendors and transactors, on the other hand. Furthermore, we believe that the EC's most recent conduct has been necessitated by a need to curtail transparency and accountability, and thus was motivated by a collective conflict of interest.

Context

In 2020, the EC embarked on a process to procure a brand-new set of equipment, software, ancillaries, and other items to replace the technological infrastructure then in use in the country for public elections, particularly various biometric devices, computer gadgets, datacenters, and communications systems.

For ease of reference, we shall list the principal elements of the biometric and computing components of this technological infrastructure and adopt the EC's term for referring to them collectively as the BVMS (Biometric Voter Management System) in the rest of this document. The most relevant components of the BVMS are:

- Biometric Verification Devices (BVDs): handheld equipment for authenticating the biometric credentials of a human voter (usually at a polling station, during voting, or at an exhibition center, following a registration exercise).
- Biometric Voter Registration kits (BVRs): a set of equipment usually including laptops or notebooks, high-resolution cameras, scanners, and (sometimes) printers.
- ABIS Software: a set of algorithms for maintaining the integrity of biometric data by preventing duplicate entries and ensuring unique identification of voters.
- Databases and datacenters: Physical locations and computer servers for hosting various software systems and voter records and data.

This petitioner – IMANI Center for Policy & Education (IMANI) – opposed this procurement action after carefully examining the claims of the EC contained in various public statements. In particular, the EC claimed that the existing BVMS was obsolete because it was procured and/or has been in use since 2011. In exhibit 1, we produce extracts from and links to the EC's public statements in this regard.

IMANI rejected the “obsolescence” claim because it had come by information to show that the EC had, until 2020, operated a policy of buying new devices to replace faulty or degraded ones, and thus the portfolio of BVMS components dated from different points of time. Most critically, there were many BVDs and BVRs that had been bought after 2011, some as late as 2018 and 2019. The entire EC's portfolio of BVDs and BVRs could not be truthfully said to date from 2011, and therefore obsolete.

Even in a single BVR, for instance, one component (such as a digital camera) could be old or faulty, whilst within the same set another component (such as a fingerprint scanner or laptop) could be brand new and in perfect working order. In such instances, the EC's customary practice had, until 2020, been to replace the old or faulty component in the set without tampering with the other components. And, certainly, without discarding the entire BVR set.

Supported by the government of the day, the EC in 2020 proceeded to procure a new BVMS, including tens of thousands of BVDs and thousands of BVRs at great cost to the nation, instead of replacing components of the BVRs that may be faulty beyond repair or genuinely unserviceable, and BVDs that were faulty beyond repair or genuinely unserviceable, as the Electoral Commission has done in times past.

The procurement process for the BVRs and BVDs was marked by controversy, attracting additional criticism from IMANI (see Exhibit 2), including allegations of bid-rigging, manipulation, and the “engineering” of preferred outcomes. The Chair of one procurement cycle even saw the need to resign from his role.

The procurement process for the ABIS software was shrouded in considerable secrecy, and thus attracted similar criticism from IMANI for a seeming inflation of costs.

This was the context when in 2024, IMANI’s vigilant monitoring of the EC led to the discovery that thousands of BVMS components have been found in a recycling plant in Accra owned or operated by a company called Electro Recycling Ghana.

Following IMANI’s public reactions, the EC has issued a stream of responses that have served to heighten our suspicions that the EC’s actions amount to a breach of the Code of Conduct of Public Officers.

We posit that the EC’s approach to disposing of these electoral items was partly dictated by a need to suppress inventory records and to evade accountability, in light of the spirited campaign by civil society activists in 2020 to debunk the EC’s claims that the equipment in question all date from 2011, and are therefore obsolete, and partly by a need to facilitate undue commercial profiteering by the beneficiaries of the EC’s disposal methods. The abuse of public resources and power for private gain is the universally acknowledged definition of corruption.

Ultimately, the EC’s conduct in this affair breaches the high standards expected of such a major constitutional body, and constitutes other infractions of laws, regulations, and standard protocols relating to the management of electoral systems, data protection, and public financial management.

Key Issues in the Petition

1. At the core of the Petitioner’s case is whether the EC’s BVMS - prior to the award of various multimillion-dollar contracts to Thales, Neurotechnology, Fairgreen, and others in 2020 to procure a new version - (“the legacy equipment”) was entirely or uniformly obsolete and therefore needed to be disposed of en masse in a public auction in the manner so disposed.
2. The Petitioner contends that the roughly 245,000 “other obsolete items” that the EC asked the Finance Ministry to approve for public auction, which the EC confirms included the legacy equipment, must have contained many laptops/notebooks, scanners, printers, cameras, and/or other ancillaries that could not have been said to be obsolete and therefore should not have been auctioned off on the basis that they are obsolete. Whilst it is true that IT equipment is sometimes subject to a special provision for accelerated depreciation (including in relevant procurement and

disposal guidelines), this is often linked to their frequent use, low maintenance, and lack of servicing. The EC's IT equipment, however, operate under a special dispensation: they are used highly infrequently, are checked and serviced before and after use, and some have been refurbished periodically. Refurbished equipment attain lifecycle extension. The petitioners posit, therefore, that the EC's equipment retain residual value for longer than that of many other organisations. It bears mentioning in this regard that the EC intends to use BVMS equipment procured in 2020 for the 2024 elections even though it had declared equipment purchased and/or refurbished in 2018/2019 as obsolete for the purposes of the 2020 elections.

3. The Petitioner contends that by classifying all these various legacy equipment as uniformly or entirely "obsolete", instead of clustering them properly into sets based on their actual acquisition date, state or condition, brand or make, and by other pertinent characteristics, the auction was rigged from the outset to hand over a large number of valuable legacy equipment to lucky buyers who will be able to profit from their resale or continuous commercial utilisation to the financial detriment of the state. Even if the EC genuinely had no use for the items, being fully aware of the financial constraints facing the country, the EC knew, or ought to have known, that there are many state institutions that could have benefited from these electronic equipment, including the National Identification Authority, the Ghana Police Service, Ghana Passport Office, and many others who have recently bought similar devices at cost to the State. For this reason, equipment in good condition, as assessed by the original equipment vendors or their authorized resellers or dealers, should have been removed from auction lots. It is not surprising that the relevant disposal Guidelines state as follows: "Generally, donation of the equipment is the recommended approach as some community service organisation may be able to extract some value from the equipment." (Paragraph 8.4: Guidelines for Disposal of Goods & Equipment; 2019).
4. The Petitioner contends that by bundling the legacy equipment with unserviceable automobiles and motorcycles, and thus failing to describe the items properly (i.e. instead of using their proper descriptive names, such as laptops, digital cameras, scanners, printers, etc.), including providing their brand information, length of use, and other such information, the EC ensured that the auction will fail to fetch the right pricing for these legacy equipment.
5. The Petitioner contends that by failing to describe the legacy equipment properly, honestly, and transparently as per paragraph 4 above, the advertisement placed in the Daily Graphic to announce the auction on or around 1st February 2023 was deceptive and unlikely to ensure that the Republic will obtain value for money from the auction.

6. The Petitioner contends that the EC did not conscientiously comply with the spirit and letter of the Public Procurement Authority's rules for the disposal of such items ("Guidelines for Disposal of Goods & Equipment"; 2019). The Petitioner categorically asserts that the EC's action defies the aim of the said guidelines, which is stated as follows: "The aim is to achieve the best possible outcome by gaining the best available net return when selling and to ensure that Procurement Entities are even-handed, transparent and honest in all dealings" (paragraph 1.2, Guidelines for Disposal of Goods & Equipment"; 2019).
7. The Petitioner contends that the purported request for a valuation report from the State Valuer and the seeming compliance with the Board of Survey requirement in the regulations were compromised by a failure to ensure adequate categorization of the legacy equipment to ensure the right valuation outcomes.
8. The Petitioner contends that the absence of effective classification, a lack of fidelity to the true provenance of different lots within the EC's legacy BVMS portfolio, and similar problems with the approach to valuation, led to an underestimation of the original acquisition cost of these items, and of the appreciation in their lifecycle value over time due to refurbishments, which in turn led to the wrongful use of the "public auction" method rather than the "public tender" method. Since the public tender method has more stringent criteria for the safeguarding of public resources, the EC's conduct may have been necessitated by the need to avoid the transparency, Public Procurement Authority oversight, and stricter even-handedness required in public tenders. The Petitioner believes that this constitutes an element of procurement abuse, corruption, and conflict of interest.
9. The Petitioner believes that in a proper valuation exercise, having regard to the dates at which various items within the EC's legacy BVMS portfolio were acquired and the full costs associated with their acquisition, the value of the disposed of/discarded legacy equipment would exceed the threshold at which a public tender would be mandatory. The full costs include all the costs of configuration, logistics, installation, refurbishment, and consulting to achieve their final form for use in public elections related matters.
10. The Petitioners believe that the selection of the auctioneers should have been by a public call in order to ensure full compliance with public agency financial regulations in Ghana.

11. The Petitioners have heard the Director of Electoral Services mention, during remarks on television, that the Auction House selected for the public auction is one “Sanidaso Mart”. The Petitioners are unable to confirm that the said auction house is duly registered with the Auctioneers Registration Board of the Ministry of Interior in Ghana.
12. The Petitioners believe that upon acquisition of the legacy equipment, the successful bidder sifted through the equipment, and differentially extracted massive commercial value from the equipment purchased and/or refurbished at great cost to Ghana, and then sold or transferred the older and lower-end equipment (such as long-dated BVDs) to Electro Recycling Ghana Limited.
13. The Petitioners have sighted a statement from the EC (exhibit 3) in which they admit to not knowing that the legacy equipment was in the custody of any recycling company and therefore involved the Police to retrieve and test a sample of the devices. The Petitioners contend that for such sensitive equipment, the proper conduct of the EC should have involved a special agreement with the acquirers to ensure that the right controls were in place for the handling of the equipment.
14. The Petitioners have made inquiries and have been informed that special processes for destroying sensitive electronic media were not followed by the EC, the winning bidder, nor by the aforementioned recycling plant.
15. The Petitioners are informed by experts that the removal of sensitive data from such sensitive items as the legacy equipment requires sophisticated processes only manageable by specialized entities with the capacity to ensure the complete non-recoverability of such data. The Petitioners are informed that whilst Electro Recycling Ghana Limited has permits from the Environmental Protection Agency in respect of the environmental impact and footprint of its work, it did not, at the time it received parts of the legacy equipment, have any relevant certifications, recognition, or partnerships with the likes of the Data Protection Commission, the Cybersecurity Authority, or the National Information Technology Agency that could have equipped it with capacity to ensure the safe handling of devices containing sensitive personal data of millions of voters as well as, in the case of the BVDs, voting verification data. The Petitioners also believe that the aforementioned recycling company had no certifications from reputable auditing organisations attesting to its capacity to handle sensitive data. In the course of CHRAJ’s investigations, the Petitioners intend to

establish that the EC's data erasure regime prior to the transfer of the legacy equipment to the winning bidder, and thereafter, did not satisfy best practice.

Further Details of Petition

16. The EC has consistently founded its conduct in the BVMS matters on the basis that the legacy equipment was obsolete because they were procured in 2011. It has circulated documents from HSB International and Genkey, key suppliers of principal components of the legacy BVMS ("the legacy suppliers") to buttress its position. Yet, as correspondence between a Ghanaian citizen and these two legacy suppliers attest (Exhibit 4), the legacy suppliers have never accepted this characterization of the equipment they have sold at various intervals to Ghana. They have provided nuanced commentary confirming that the entire EC BVMS portfolio is not obsolete. These legacy suppliers have also attested to the fact that these devices were valuable as at the time of their premature retirement from service by the EC in 2020.
17. At any rate, most of the letters from these legacy suppliers relied upon by the EC date from 2018 before certain new consignments of legacy equipment were delivered, existing stock of legacy equipment refurbished, and various legacy BVR ancillaries serviced and subject to maintenance for use in the Referendum of late December 2018, and the District Assembly elections of 2019. In short, the contents of these letters are superseded by procurement activities that should have addressed various technical concerns with whichever parts of the legacy BVMS portfolio that may have been faulty, unserviceable, or obsolete. The proof of that outcome is in the fact that credible and peaceful public voting exercises were conducted with the legacy equipment in 2018 and 2019 after these letters were written.
18. The Petitioner believes that the letters from these legacy suppliers and from an intermediary known as STL to the EC suggesting that certain BVDs and BVRs may be obsolete or at the end of their lifecycle, letters which have been widely relied upon by the EC in its public campaign to justify its conduct, have been taken out of context. There were indeed legacy BVMS equipment purchased in the years 2011 and 2012. Some of these devices were refurbished over time whilst some were considered to be in good condition until 2016. The EC has had a practice of replacing truly obsolete or outmoded equipment in its portfolio without assuming that any replacement cycle must cover the entire portfolio. The correspondence with HSB and Genkey likely covered these portions of the EC's BVMS portfolio.
19. The Petitioners contend that the fact that some laptops, cameras, scanners, printers, and BVDs may be obsolete or outmoded within the larger BVMS portfolio does not

warrant the discarding of the entire portfolio at firesale prices. Proper, financial management conduct would require careful sorting, classification, and valuation, leading to differential treatment of the items. Even if disposal was warranted, the floor price at auction, the cataloguing approach, the advertising format, the choice between auction and other methods of disposal, would all have been guided by a more honest and diligent effort at sorting and classification in ensuring that the Republic obtains the highest value for money.

20. Beyond the evidence from the suppliers of the legacy BVMS equipment contradicting the EC's obsolescence claims, there is also ample evidence from Ministry of Finance, Parliamentary subcommittee, and Auditor-General records that these legacy equipment were purchased at different intervals since 2011, and therefore that many of the equipment at the time of their premature retirement by the EC in 2020 and their disposal in 2023 were relatively new, in good condition, and fully serviceable.
21. For example, records of the Special Budget Committee of Parliament that oversees spending by the EC show that the EC has routinely budgeted for replacements and refurbishments of portions of the legacy BVMS equipment at intervals between 2012 and 2019 (see Exhibit 5).
22. The EC's assessment of the obsolescence of the BVMS legacy equipment cannot be divorced from the self-interest of certain EC officials and the vendors and consultants engaged by these officials. Some consultants such as those connected with Fairgreen Limited had incentives to push for a brand new BVMS because of the consulting and other vendor opportunities on offer if the EC followed their advice. Hence, the scant pieces of evidence relied upon by the EC to ground its claim that the entire portfolio of legacy BVMS equipment is obsolete have never included a detailed item by item evaluation by a truly independent assessor without any commercial interest or expectations of a commercial relationship with the EC. These incestuous conflicts-of-interest taint the entire decision-making chain from the premature retirement of the legacy BVMS equipment, procurement of new equipment, and disposal of large quantities of the legacy equipment.
23. The only independent basis for the premature retirement of the legacy BVMS equipment provided by the EC is their performance during elections held in 2018 and 2019, such as referenda and district assembly elections. Fortunately, the EC is not the only observer of these elections that keep track of the performance of electoral equipment. Unbiased observers like CODEO and the European Union Mission are

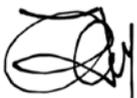
active during all or, at least, most Ghanaian public elections. Furthermore, information on equipment failure is available for several election cycles for independent analysis. The petitioner's analysis, corroborated by the legacy BVMS suppliers, and independent electoral observers, contradict the EC's claims that the performance of the legacy equipment during public elections in 2018 and 2019 attest to the obsolescence of the legacy equipment.

24. A trend analysis of BVD failures, BVR underperformance (during mass registration exercises), and manual verification incidence (manual verification is resorted to when BVDs fail), do not show any out of the ordinary performance issues associated with the legacy equipment in 2018 and 2019. For example, in respect of the brand new BVDs used in 2012, CODEO recorded a failure rate of 19% (Exhibit 6). Commenting on the legacy BVDs used in the 2018 referendum exercise, CODEO emphatically stated that it did not see a failure of any BVDs. Any use of manual verification in those circumstances must have thus been due to other factors and was within the discretion of the electoral officials (exhibit 6). In the 2019 district elections, the last one during which the legacy equipment was deployed, CODEO recorded a 6.71% BVD failure rate (exhibit 6).

25. In the 2020 general elections, which featured for the first time the brand new BVMS of the EC, the BVD failure rate was 10.3% (Exhibit 6), significantly higher than comparative failure rates witnessed during the use of the legacy equipment in various previous elections. For example, in 2016, the BVD failure rate was less than 4% according to the European Union Observer Mission (Exhibit 7). Whilst CODEO reported a failure rate of 6% (Exhibit 6).

Considering all the matters raised in our petition herein, we are hopeful that we can count on your usual diligence in conducting thorough investigations, setting the records straight, prescribing the right corrective measures, and using the courts to compel right behavior if and where necessary.

Thank you.



Yours faithfully,

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EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1.

EC's Statement about obsolete BVRs and BVDs

See, for instance: "The case for a New Biometric Voter Management System and New Voters Register" (Electoral Commission of Ghana), page 14, here:

<https://www.graphic.com.gh/images/pdfs/The%20Need%20for%20a%20New%20Register%20%20%20%20%20Press%20Conf.pdf>

See, also: "Ghana's BVMS: Understanding the Need for a new Biometric Voter Management System", slides 7 and 8.

https://media.peacefmonline.com/docs/202001/23107833_84075.pdf

Extract:

Challenges of the Current System – BVR Kit

1. The Kit had been in use since 2011
2. Many of the Component parts had reach end of life and end of support
3. A large quantity of the kits had many faulty component parts that were difficult to replace (keyboard, mouse, screen, camera)
4. The battery packs had worn out and therefore the decreased battery autonomy could not guarantee continuous use of the BVR
5. The image quality obtained from the fingerprint scanner we increasing deteriorating leading to repeated image acquisition prolonging the registration process
6. The inkjet printers were failing at a frequent rate

Exhibit 2.

IMANI's commentary on EC's procurement processes for a new BVMS in 2020

- A. <https://imaniafrica.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/IMANI-QA-How-to-Discredit-an-Election.pdf>
- B. https://imaniafrica.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/IMANI_Bloated_Register_Alert_Aug_2020-1.pdf
- C. <https://www.modernghana.com/news/986174/imani-the-dangerous-games-of-the-electoral-commis.html>
- D. <https://www.peacefmonline.com/pages/politics/politics/202003/403238.php?storyid=100&>
- E. <https://www.theghanareport.com/biometric-procurement-ec-has-selected-company-that-paid-bribes-to-jacob-zuma-imani/>

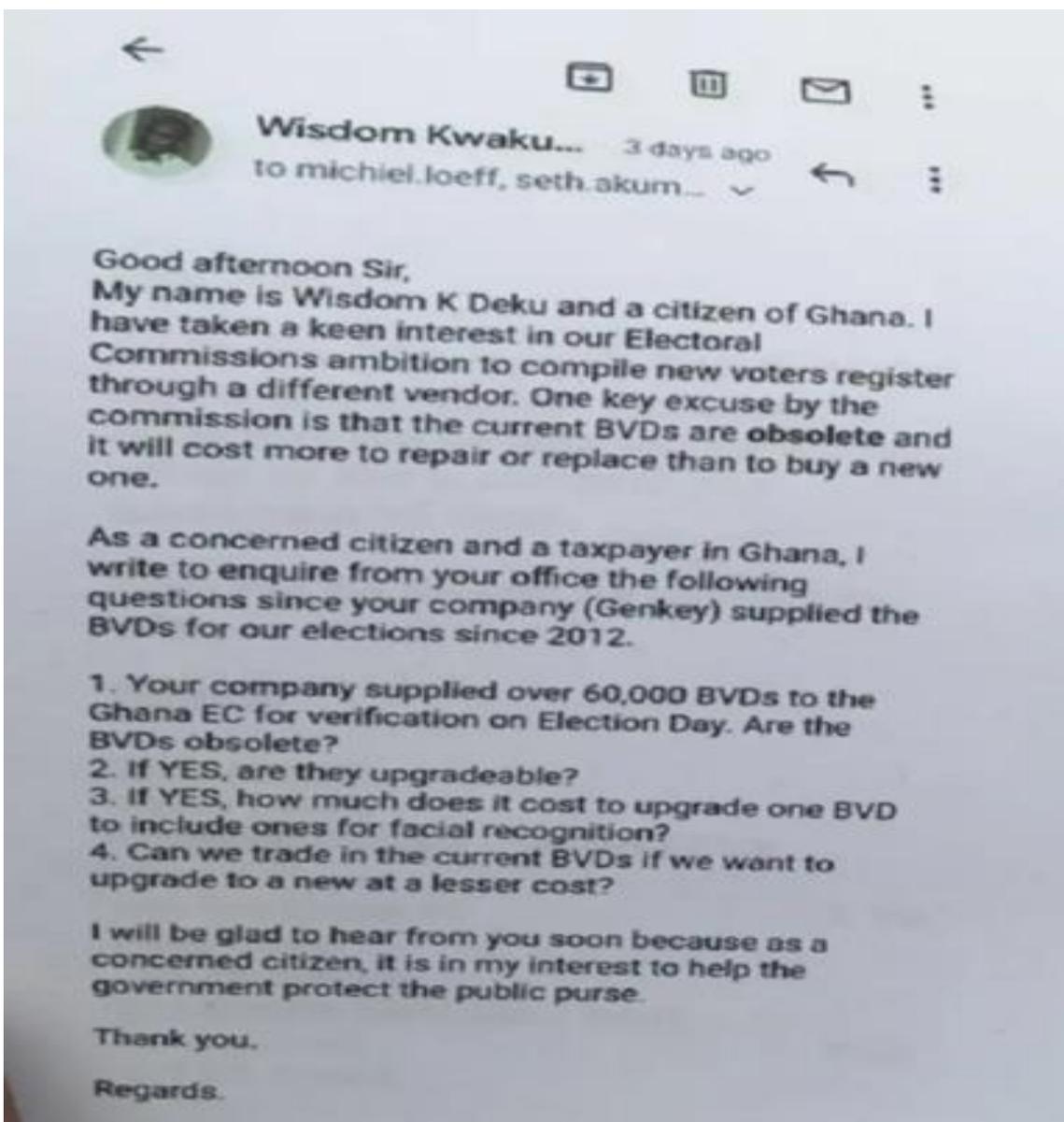
Exhibit 3.

EC's statement on BVDs found at a recycling plant.

https://web.facebook.com/ECGOVGH/posts/827941672711917?ref=embed_post

Exhibit 4.

Correspondence between Wisdom Deku and Harold Hermans (Genkey)





Van: Wisdom Kwaku Deku
<dekuwisdom@gmail.com>

Verzonden: woensdag 26 februari 2020 21:54

Aan: Harold Hermans

CC: Michiel Loeff; Seth Akumani

Onderwerp: Re: Enquiries

Thank you, Harold, for the quick response. You indicated that you used 60,000 BVDs for the DLE election. Please did you have to refurbish the BVDs at a cost to the Ghana Electoral Commission?

[HH]: the EC has used the BVDs as they have come from the field, they were cleaned and checked and the EC has prepared them with the new voter data for the DLE; no technical changes or repairs have been done.

And lastly, how much will it cost the government of Ghana to upgrade the current BVDs for facial recognition verification and how much does it cost a brand new BVD with camera for facial recognition?

[HH]: what I can say is that adding facial recognition to the current BVDs is possible at a cost that is way lower as what the GEC



has in mind for buying new ones. The target prices as expressed in their publications are market prices, but at the high end. Same functionality without losing equipment quality is available at more attractive prices.

Lastly, with your permission, I would like to share these answers with key political party stakeholders in Ghana for deliberations.

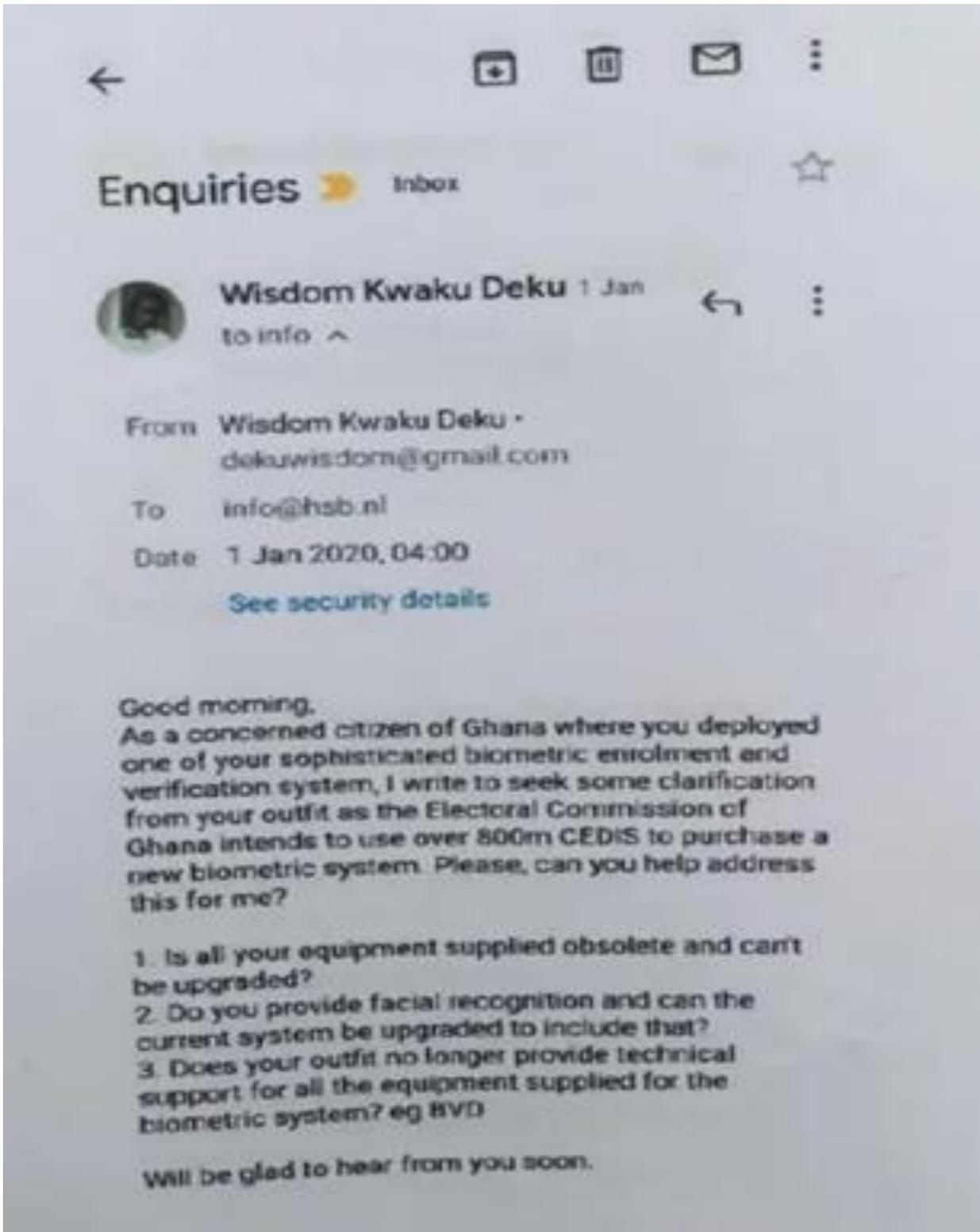
[HH]: answers can be shared, but please be discreet with the source of the information

Thanks.

Regards

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Correspondence between Wisdom Deku and Marcel Boogaard (HSB International) - 1st January to 2nd January 2020





Marcel Boogaard 2 Jan
to me ^



From **Marcel Boogaard** • boogaard@hsb.nl

To **Wisdom Kwaku Deku** •
dekuwisdom@gmail.com

Date 2 Jan 2020, 16:40



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Dear Sir,

Thanks for your message. We are also very much surprised by the current ongoing procurement.

It might be good to know that HSB identification has been part of a group of companies, who have successfully delivered registration and verification equipment, including central voter register, for the elections in Ghana since 2012 until now.

We have provided equipment, software and services, including the BVR kits (hardware, software).

To answer your questions:

Regarding the enrolment equipment (BVR):

The current Biometric Voter Registration kits are *not obsolete*, although only a few items may need to be replaced and/or refurbished. In our opinion the notebook needs to be replaced, but items like the fingerprint scanner are very robust and still works perfectly.

The enrolment software can easily be upgraded with facial recognition. Facial recognition is no part of the current registration software, but for sure it is already available in a new release. It can already be shown and demonstrated and is not a major change. If other requirement are needed it is also easy to add these functionalities as well. Costs will definitely be lower to upgrade the BVR kits than full replacement.

Regarding the verification equipment (BVD):

Although we are not the manufacturer of the verification devices (BVD), we know it can also be used for a much longer time. There is however no camera on-board to support facial comparison during polling day. The manufacturer does have a way to change (upgrade) this, which can be done against ..

Exhibit 5.

Snapshot of Parliamentary, Ministry of Finance, and Auditor-General records on the purchase history of the Legacy BVMS equipment

A.

balance of GH¢160,597,180 of the appropriated budget uncommitted.

Officials from the EC informed the Committee that, the Commission require the amount to upgrade its data center, acquire 5,000 new BVR kits in addition to 7,500 kits refurbished in 2016 and 5,000 new for the impending District Level Elections (DLE) scheduled September next year and the referendum in 2019. The Commission expressed its dissatisfaction at the inability of the Commission to the amount to procure critical election related equipment infrastructure. The situation could adversely impact the efficient running of future elections by the Commission.

The Committee urges Management of the Commission to take steps to commit part of the resources to ensure that the funding created in the 2019 budget is bridged.

9.2 Shortfall in Budget Allocation

The Committee noted that the Electoral Commission requires an amount of GH¢979,511,867 to undertake critical election related activities for the conduct of referendum to seek the approval of Ghanaians to elect MMDCEs and the District level Elections in 2019. The Commission informed the Committee that, the amount will be used to procure new BVR and BVD kits, refurbish existing kits, upgrade the Commission's data center, and undertake voter registration in preparation for future elections. The Commission will also apply part of the funds to upgrade its Data Center which exhausted its capacity.

B.

3. Budget Sub-Programme Results Statement

The table indicates the main outputs, its indicators and projections by which the Service measures the performance of this sub-programme. The past data indicates actual performance whilst the projections are the Service's estimate of future performance.

Main Outputs	Output Indicator	Past Years		Projections			
		2017	2018	Budget Year 2019	Indicative Year 2020	Indicative Year 2021	Indicative Year 2022
Code book printed	Printed by	-	June 30 th	-	June 30 th	-	-
Printing of Voter's Register	Printed by	-	Oct. 30 th	Oct. 30 th	Oct. 30 th	-	-
Programmers and Database Administrators trained	Number of Programmers and Database Administrators trained	14	-	5	-	-	-
Replacement of obsolete IT Equipment	Number of obsolete IT equipment replaced	-	50	50	-	-	-
BVR kit replaced	Number replaced	-	2000	1500	-	-	-
ICT training for staff	Completed by	-	March 30 th	June 30 th	-	-	-
Internet, WAN connectivity to EC offices across the country	Completed by	-	March 31 st	March 30 th	March 30 th	-	-
Deploying of wireless connectivity to Headquarters and Regional offices installed.	Completed by	-	March 30 th	-	-	-	-

4. Budget Sub-Programme Operations and Projects

The table lists the main Operations and Projects to be undertaken by the sub-programme

Operations	Projects
Undertake Training and Capacity Building for IT Staff of the Commission	Procure IT Equipment to support the Operations of the Commission
Maintain and Renew Software licenses for Data centers, 7,500 Biometric Voter Registration Kits, 72,000 BVDs	EU Grant for the Support of Independent Government Institutions (IGIs) - Capex
Extend and maintain EC Wide Area Network (WAN) to 269 Districts	
EU Grant for the Support of Independent Government Institutions (IGIs) - GS Goods and Services	



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Programmers and Database Administrators trained	Number of Programmers and Database Administrators trained	Nil	14	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Replacement of obsolete IT Equipment	Number of obsolete IT equipment replaced	300	Data center and accessories required	100	Nil	Nil	Nil
BVR kit replaced	Number replaced	500	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
ICT training for staff	Completed by	April 10 th	Nil	March 30 th	Nil	Nil	Nil
Internet, WAN connectivity to EC offices across the country	Completed by	March 31 st	Nil	March 30 th	Nil	Nil	Nil
Extension of Microsoft Share point to the - Headquarters - Regions, and - Districts completed	Completed by	March 31 st	Nil	March 30 th	Nil	Nil	Nil
Deploying of wireless connectivity to - Headquarters, and - Regional offices installed.	Completed by	March 30 th	Nil	March 30 th	Nil	Nil	Nil

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E.

19/5/2016	Final Payment of the Biometric Voter Registration Kits	C/EC/PROC/01/SF.20/V.29/45	2,187,665.00		SUPER TECH (STL) Ltd (Exempted
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	Components and Ancillary Services				from 5% withholding)
6/10/2016	Payment of supply of Biometric Equipment and other Ancillary Services	C/EC/01/SF.2 /1/V.10/36	10,295,481		SUPER TECH (STL) Ltd (Exempted from 5% withholding)
30/12/2016	Final payment of Biometric Verification Machine preparation, update and training for the Exhibition exercise and the General Elections	C/EC/01/SF.2 0/V.31/31	10,776,647.00		SUPER TECH (STL) Ltd (Exempted from 5% withholding)

Exhibit 6.

CODEO Reports on General Elections, District Elections & Referenda in Ghana 2012
<https://www.codeoghana.org/assets/downloadables/Final%20Report%20on%20Ghana's%202012%20Presidential%20and%20Parliamentary%20Elections.pdf>

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