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## MEMORANDUM

**FOR/TO: Undersecretaries**

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- *Policy, Planning and International Affairs*
- *Field Operations and Environment*
- *Enforcement, Mining and Muslim Affairs*
- *Solid Waste Management and Local Government Units Concerns*

**Assistant Secretaries**

- *Finance, Information Systems and Mining Concerns*
- *Policy, Planning and Foreign Assisted and Special Projects*

**Executive Directors**

- *National Water Resources Board (NWRB)*
- *Manila Bay Coordinating Office (MBCO)*

**Service Directors**

- *Financial and Management Service (FMS)*
- *Policy and Planning Service (PPS)*

**Bureau (Line & Staff) Directors**

- *Environment Management Bureau (EMB)*
- *Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB)*
- *Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB)*
- *Forest Management Bureau (FMB)*
- *Land Management Bureau (LMB)*

**Division Chiefs and Selected Staff**

- *Budget Division (BD)*
- *Planning and Programming Division (PPD)*
- *FASPS – Project Accounts Management Division (FASPS-PAMD)*

**FROM: Undersecretary**  
Finance, Information Systems and Climate Change

**DATE:** October 12, 2020 (Monday)

**TIME:** 11:00 AM onwards

**VENUE:** 4<sup>th</sup> floor, OSEC Conference Room

AGENDA : *House of Representatives (HOR) Budget Briefing with the Minority Bloc on the FY 2021 DENR Budget Proposals (Online via Zoom) as requested by Hon. Bienvenido "Benny" M. Abante, Jr., Minority Leader, Representative, 6<sup>th</sup> District, Manila*

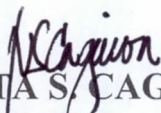
Please be informed that the abovementioned DENR officials are required to be *physically present* inside the OSEC Conference Room on the duration of the budget briefing.

To comply with the government health protocol procedures, other staff/personnel are enjoined to stay at the *holding area* outside the OSEC Conference Room, assist the DENR officials (*if needed*) and watch the proceedings online. Audio-visual equipment will be setup at the holding area for the purpose.

Furthermore, Assistant Secretaries, NAMRIA Administrator, LLDA General Manager, PCSD Executive Director, NRDC President, ERDB Director and Regional Executive Directors together with their Regional Directors for EMB and MGB are also directed to watch the HOR budget briefing via online (*Zoom*) and must be on standby and ready to assist the DENR officials (*if needed*) in the proceedings.

For your information and guidance.

**By Authority of the Undersecretary for  
Finance, Information Systems and  
Climate Change:**

  
**NONITA S. CAGUIOA**  
Assistant Secretary  
Finance, Information Systems and  
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Republic of the Philippines  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Quezon City, Metro Manila

**HON. BIENVENIDO "BENNY" M. ABANTE, JR.**  
Minority Leader  
Representative, 6<sup>th</sup> District, Manila

October 9, 2020

**Hon. Roy A. Cimatu**  
Secretary  
Department of Environment and Natural Resources

Dear Hon. Sec. Roy A. Cimatu,

We find the termination of the plenary debates on the budget premature and inconsistent with the regular processes adopted and practiced by the House in the consideration of a general appropriations measure. It has effectively denied the members of the Minority the right to scrutinize the budgets of the government's line departments as part of our duty to fiscalize public funds that have been used and will be spent for government programs and projects.

The Minority Bloc of the 18<sup>th</sup> Congress is committed to carry on and fulfill our mandate as the representatives of our people. To this end, we will continue to tackle the issues concerning the various agencies as part of our efforts to ensure accountability in the utilization of public funds. The Minority shall proceed with its own parallel deliberations and submit and assert its own proposed amendments and other recommendations.

In line with this, we are inviting you to a Zoom meeting to discuss your 2021 budget on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> October at 11 am. Kindly note that in the interest of transparency and to allow the public to participate in the process, we shall make these proceedings accessible to the media and the public via social media platforms. We will provide the Zoom meeting details upon receipt of your confirmation.

Sincerely yours,

  
**BIENVENIDO "BENNY" M. ABANTE, JR.**