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CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING

COMMITTEE	SUBJECT MATTER	DISCUSSIONS
<p>Congressional Oversight Committee on the Comprehensive Tax Reform Program (COCCTRP) – House Panel</p>	<p>Briefing by the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) on its revenue collection performance from 2012 up to 2017</p>	<p>The House panel of the Congressional Oversight Committee on the Comprehensive Tax Reform Program (COCCTRP), chaired by Quirino Rep. Dakila Carlo Cua, listened to the briefing conducted by the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) on its revenue collection performance from 2012 to 2016 and from January to November 2017.</p> <p>At the outset, BIR Commissioner Caesar Dulay presented to the body the 19 regional directors of the BIR.</p> <p>During the presentation of the Bureau's revenue collection performance, BIR OIC-Assistant Commissioner for Collection Service Alfredo Misajon said that the agency was able to attain more than 90% of its annual revenue targets from 2012 up to 2016, except in 2015 where only 86% was achieved. The highest revenue collections come from income taxes, while the rest are from value-added tax (VAT), excise tax, percentage tax, and other taxes. Misajon said he is confident that the BIR can attain its 2017 collection target of P1.68 trillion, having already collected 97% or P1.63 trillion from January to November 2017.</p> <p>Misajon cited the BIR's regional revenue collection offices which already surpassed (over 100%) their collection targets for 2017, namely, San Fernando, Pampanga; Caloocan City; Calasiao, Pangasinan; Makati City; Cordillera Administrative Region; Davao City; and Cagayan de Oro City.</p> <p>Rep. Cua inquired how the BIR's collection target is being set. BIR Assistant Commissioner for Planning and Management Service Leonor Villalon-Rogers explained that the collection target is set by the Department of Finance (DOF) in coordination with the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) and the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) based on how much is needed to finance the programs and projects of the government in a given year. She added that the collection target for 2018 will be finalized upon the enactment of the proposed Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion (TRAIN) Act which will have a bearing on revenue targets.</p> <p>The BIR was requested to submit to the Committee the 2017 and 2018 collection targets per type of tax.</p>
<p>Congressional Oversight Committee on Customs Modernization and Tariff Act – House Panel</p>	<p>Briefing by the Bureau of Customs (BOC) on its revenue collection performance from 2012 to 2017</p>	<p>The House panel of the Congressional Oversight Committee on the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA), chaired by Quirino Rep. Dakila Carlo Cua, listened to the briefing conducted by the BOC on its revenue collection performance from 2012 to 2017.</p> <p>BOC Financial Service chief Cecile Marie Soriano presented several graphs comparing actual revenue collections versus targets for the years 2012 to 2016 by the BOC itself and the airports and ports in the country.</p> <p>Soriano reported that from January to November 2017, the BOC's</p>

<p>Continuation... Congressional Oversight Committee on Customs Modernization and Tariff Act – House Panel</p>		<p>actual revenue collections is P413.15 billion, which fell short of its target of P427.22 billion. For year 2017, the Development Budget Coordination Committee (DBCC) set the BOC's revenue collection target at P467.9 billion.</p> <p>Soriano likewise presented the five-year revenue collection performance of the BOC in the following major ports: Manila International Container Port (MICP) and the Ports of Manila, Batangas, Davao, Cagayan de Oro, and Subic; as well as in the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA).</p> <p>The House Members expressed dismay at some of the ports' failure to achieve their target revenue collections for several years now.</p> <p>Deputy Speaker Sharon Garin (Party-List, AAMBIS-OWA) suggested that the BOC should come up with a monthly report on its revenue collections, while Rep. Reynaldo Umali (2nd District, Oriental Mindoro) wanted the report to be done on a weekly basis.</p> <p>Meanwhile, Rep. Horacio Suansing Jr. (2nd District, Sultan Kudarat) requested a post audit report on BOC covering the period 2015 to present with emphasis on five major products that pass through every port.</p> <p>The Bureau was likewise requested to submit a copy of its administrative orders, memoranda and other administrative issuances pertaining to the implementation of the CMTA.</p>
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TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP MEETING				
COMMITTEE	MEASURES		SUBJECT MATTER	ACTION TAKEN/ DISCUSSION
	NO.	PRINCIPAL AUTHOR		
Indigenous Cultural Communities and Indigenous Peoples (Technical Working Group)	HB 115	Rep. Baguilat	Recognizing, protecting and strengthening the Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities Conserved Areas and Territories (ICCA), acknowledging their contribution to biodiversity conservation and protection of key biodiversity areas, establishing the National ICCA Registry, and appropriating funds therefor	<p>The technical working group (TWG), chaired by Ifugao Rep. Teddy Brawner Baguilat Jr., agreed to come up with a substitute bill, incorporating therein the pertinent recommendations of the resource persons. Thereafter, the substitute bill will be submitted to the mother Committee for the latter's consideration and approval.</p> <p>Representatives from government offices, such as the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP), Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB), and Forest Management Bureau (FMB), as well as the national organization of anthropologists in the Philippines, Ugnayang Pang-Aghamtao, Inc. (UGAT), expressed their support for the bill.</p>