

Republic of the Philippines
Congress of the Philippines
Metro Manila

Tenth Congress

Second Regular Session

Begun and held in Metro Manila, on Monday, the Twenty-Second of July, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Six

[Republic Act No. 8250]

AN ACT
APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES FROM
JANUARY ONE TO DECEMBER THIRTY-ONE, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-SEVEN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

Section 1. Appropriation of Funds. The following sums, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are hereby appropriated out of any funds in the National Treasury of the Philippines not otherwise appropriated, for the operation of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines from January one to December thirty-one, nineteen hundred and ninety-seven, except where otherwise specifically provided herein:

I. CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES

A. SENATE

For general administration and support services, legislative services including locally-funded projects as indicated hereunder.....P 703,084,000

New Appropriations, by Program/Project

Current Operating Expenditures

	<u>Personal Services</u>	<u>Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Capital Outlays</u>	<u>Total</u>
A. PROGRAMS				
I. General Administration and Support				
a. General Administration and Support Services	P 164,085,000	P 150,796,000	P 1,230,000	P 316,111,000
b. Productivity Incentive Benefits	4,014,000			4,014,000
Sub-Total, General Administration and Support	168,099,000	150,796,000	1,230,000	320,125,000
II. Operations				
a. Legislative Services	194,913,000	164,646,000	2,400,000	361,959,000
Sub-Total, Operations	194,913,000	164,646,000	2,400,000	361,959,000
Total, Programs	363,012,000	315,442,000	3,630,000	682,084,000
B. PROJECTS				
I. Locally-Funded Projects				
1. Operational Requirements for the Congressional Oversight Committee on Education	1,500,000	1,500,000		3,000,000
2. Operational Requirements for the Congressional Commission on Agricultural Modernization	4,500,000	13,500,000		18,000,000
Sub-Total, Locally-Funded Projects	6,000,000	15,000,000		21,000,000
Total, Projects	6,000,000	15,000,000		21,000,000
TOTAL, NEW APPROPRIATIONS	P 369,012,000	P 330,442,000	P 3,630,000	P 703,084,000

PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

Current Operating Expenditures

	<u>Personal Services</u>	<u>Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Capital Outlays</u>	<u>Total</u>
I. General Administration and Support				
a. General Administration and Support Services				
1. General Management and Supervision	P 164,085,000	P 150,796,000	P 1,230,000	P 316,111,000

b. Productivity Incentive Benefits	4,014,000			4,014,000
Sub-Total, General Administration and Support	168,099,000	150,796,000	1,230,000	320,125,000
II. Operations				
a. Legislative Services	194,913,000	164,646,000	2,400,000	361,959,000
Sub-Total, Operations	194,913,000	164,646,000	2,400,000	361,959,000
TOTAL, PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES	P 363,012,000	P 315,442,000	P 3,630,000	P 682,084,000

New Appropriations, by Object of Expenditures

(In Thousand Pesos)

A. Programs/Locally-Funded Projects

Current Operating Expenditures

Personal Services

Salaries of Permanent Positions	232,319
Contractual, Casuals and Emergency Personnel	7,582
Total Salaries/Wages	239,901

Other Compensation

Terminal Leave Benefits	5,247
PAG-IBIG Contributions	2,428
Medicare Premiums	910
Employees Compensation Insurance Premiums (ECIP)	728
Representation and Transportation Allowance	4,002
Honoraria	1,761
Year-End Bonus and Cash Gift	21,383
Step Increments for Length of Service	960
Personnel Economic Relief Allowance	10,734
Additional P500 Allowance	11,634
Productivity Incentive Benefits	4,014
Others	65,310
Total Other Compensation	129,111

01 Total Personal Services

369,012

Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses

02 Travelling Expenses	39,940
03 Communication Services	9,166
04 Repair and Maintenance of Government Facilities	746
05 Repair and Maintenance of Government Vehicles	550
06 Transportation Services	100
07 Supplies and Materials	20,599
08 Rents	117,149
14 Water, Illumination and Power Services	7,952
15 Social Security Benefits, Rewards and Other Claims	6,145
17 Training and Seminar Expenses	1,700
18 Extraordinary and Miscellaneous Expenses	17,182

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20 Anti-Insurgency/Contingency/Emergency Expenses	1,304
23 Gasoline, Oil and Lubricants	2,047
24 Fidelity Bonds and Insurance Premiums	1,482
29 Other Services	104,380

Total Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	330,442

Total Current Operating Expenditures	699,454

Capital Outlays	
36 Furniture, Fixtures, Equipment and Books Outlay	3,630

Total Capital Outlays	3,630

TOTAL NEW APPROPRIATIONS	703,084
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A.1 SENATE ELECTORAL TRIBUNAL

For adjudication of electoral contests involving members of the Senate, including general administration and support services as indicated hereunder.....P 60,086,000

New Appropriations, by Program/Project

Current Operating Expenditures

Personal Services	Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	Capital Outlays	Total
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A. PROGRAMS

I. General Administration and Support

a. General Administration and Support Services	P 7,984,000	P 3,347,000	P 11,331,000
b. Productivity Incentive Benefits	340,000		340,000
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Sub-Total, General Administration and Support	8,324,000	3,347,000	11,671,000
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II. Operations

a. Adjudication of Electoral Contests Involving Members of the Senate	14,887,000	29,528,000	4,000,000	48,415,000
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Sub-Total, Operations	14,887,000	29,528,000	4,000,000	48,415,000
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Total, Programs

	23,211,000	32,875,000	4,000,000	60,086,000
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TOTAL, NEW APPROPRIATIONS	P 23,211,000	P 32,875,000	P 4,000,000	P 60,086,000
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PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

Current Operating Expenditures

Personal Services	Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	Capital Outlays	Total
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I. General Administration and Support

a. General Administration and Support Services

1. General Management and Supervision

P 7,984,000 P 3,347,000 P 11,331,000

b. Productivity Incentive Benefits

340,000 340,000

Sub-Total, General Administration and Support

8,324,000 3,347,000 11,671,000

II. Operations

a. Adjudication of Electoral Contests Involving Members of the Senate

14,887,000 29,528,000 4,000,000 48,415,000

Sub-Total, Operations

14,887,000 29,528,000 4,000,000 48,415,000

TOTAL, PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

P 23,211,000 P 32,875,000 P 4,000,000 P 60,086,000

New Appropriations, by Object of Expenditures

(In Thousand Pesos)

A. Programs/Locally-Funded Projects

Current Operating Expenditures

Personal Services

Salaries of Permanent Positions

17,411

Contractual, Casuals and Emergency Personnel

200

Total Salaries/Wages

17,611

Other Compensation

Terminal Leave Benefits

250

PAG-IBIG Contributions

205

Medicare Premiums

77

Employees Compensation Insurance Premiums (ECIP)

62

Representation and Transportation Allowance

288

Year-End Bonus and Cash Gift

1,621

Step Increments for Length of Service

157

Personnel Economic Relief Allowance

960

Additional P500 Allowance

1,008

Clothing/Uniform Allowance

272

Productivity Incentive Benefits

340

Others

360

Total Other Compensation

5,600

01 Total Personal Services

23,211

Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses

02 Travelling Expenses

800

03 Communication Services

700

04 Repair and Maintenance of Government Facilities

200

05 Repair and Maintenance of Government Vehicles

200

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06 Transportation Services	150
07 Supplies and Materials	6,050
08 Rents	6,900
14 Water, Illumination and Power Services	3,738
15 Social Security Benefits, Rewards and Other Claims	100
17 Training and Seminar Expenses	100
18 Extraordinary and Miscellaneous Expenses	1,750
23 Gasoline, Oil and Lubricants	150
24 Fidelity Bonds and Insurance Premiums	1,000
29 Other Services	11,037
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Total Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	32,875
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Total Current Operating Expenditures	56,086
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Capital Outlays	
36 Furniture, Fixtures, Equipment and Books Outlay	4,000
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Total Capital Outlays	4,000
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TOTAL NEW APPROPRIATIONS	60,086
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B. COMMISSION ON APPOINTMENTS

For review or confirmation of appointments submitted to the Commission and related general administration and support services as indicated hereunder.....P 110,827,000

New Appropriations, by Program/Project

Current Operating Expenditures

	Personal Services	Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	Capital Outlays	Total
A. PROGRAMS				
I. General Administration and Support				
a. General Administration and Support Services	P 26,015,000	P 25,936,000	P 200,000	P 52,151,000
b. Productivity Incentive Benefits	488,000			488,000
Sub-Total, General Administration and Support	26,503,000	25,936,000	200,000	52,639,000
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II. Operations				
a. Review or Confirmation of Appointments Submitted to the Commission	28,531,000	29,657,000		58,188,000
Sub-Total, Operations	28,531,000	29,657,000		58,188,000
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Total, Programs	55,034,000	55,593,000	200,000	110,827,000
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TOTAL, NEW APPROPRIATIONS	P 55,034,000	P 55,593,000	P 200,000	P 110,827,000
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PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

Current Operating Expenditures

	<u>Personal Services</u>	<u>Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Capital Outlays</u>	<u>Total</u>
I. General Administration and Support				
a. General Administration and Support Services				
1. General Management and Supervision	P 26,015,000	P 25,936,000	P 200,000	P 52,151,000
b. Productivity Incentive Benefits	488,000			488,000
Sub-Total, General Administration and Support	<u>26,503,000</u>	<u>25,936,000</u>	<u>200,000</u>	<u>52,639,000</u>
II. Operations				
a. Review or Confirmation of Appointments Submitted to the Commission	28,531,000	29,657,000		58,188,000
Sub-Total, Operations	<u>28,531,000</u>	<u>29,657,000</u>		<u>58,188,000</u>
TOTAL, PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES	<u>P 55,034,000</u>	<u>P 55,593,000</u>	<u>P 200,000</u>	<u>P 110,827,000</u>

New Appropriations, by Object of Expenditures

(In Thousand Pesos)

A. Programs/Locally-Funded Projects

Current Operating Expenditures

Personal Services

Salaries of Permanent Positions	30,481
Contractual, Casuals and Emergency Personnel	1,621
Total Salaries/Wages	<u>32,102</u>

Other Compensation

Lump-sum for Creation of New Positions	6,063
Terminal Leave Benefits	652
PAG-IBIG Contributions	295
Medicare Premiums	111
Employees Compensation Insurance Premiums (ECIP)	88
Representation and Transportation Allowance	2,972
Year-End Bonus and Cash Gift	2,785
Step Increments for Length of Service	230
Personnel Economic Relief Allowance	1,218
Additional P500 Allowance	1,470
Clothing/Uniform Allowance	490
Productivity Incentive Benefits	488
Others	6,070
	<u>32,102</u>

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Total Other Compensation	22,932
01 Total Personal Services	55,034
Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	
02 Travelling Expenses	800
03 Communication Services	1,152
04 Repair and Maintenance of Government Facilities	12
05 Repair and Maintenance of Government Vehicles	314
06 Transportation Services	1
07 Supplies and Materials	2,681
08 Rents	9,312
14 Water, Illumination and Power Services	25
15 Social Security Benefits, Rewards and Other Claims	1,422
17 Training and Seminar Expenses	1,000
18 Extraordinary and Miscellaneous Expenses	420
23 Gasoline, Oil and Lubricants	132
24 Fidelity Bonds and Insurance Premiums	72
29 Other Services	38,250
Total Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	55,593
Total Current Operating Expenditures	110,627
Capital Outlays	
36 Furniture, Fixtures, Equipment and Books Outlay	200
Total Capital Outlays	200
TOTAL NEW APPROPRIATIONS	110,827

C. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

For legislative services and related general administration and support services as indicated hereunder.....P 1,530,424,000

New Appropriations, by Program/Project

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Current Operating Expenditures

	<u>Personal Services</u>	<u>Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Capital Outlays</u>	<u>Total</u>
A. PROGRAMS				
I. General Administration and Support				
a. General Administration and Support Services	P 679,347,000	P 413,171,000	P 27,667,000	P 1,120,185,000
b. Productivity Incentive Benefits	5,892,000			5,892,000
Sub-Total, General Administration and Support	685,239,000	413,171,000	27,667,000	1,126,077,000

II. Operations

a. Legislative Services	84,829,000	319,518,000		404,347,000
Sub-Total, Operations	84,829,000	319,518,000		404,347,000
Total, Programs	770,068,000	732,689,000	27,667,000	1,530,424,000
TOTAL, NEW APPROPRIATIONS	P 770,068,000	P 732,689,000	P 27,667,000	P 1,530,424,000

PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

Current Operating Expenditures

	Personal Services	Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	Capital Outlays	Total
I. General Administration and Support				
a. General Administration and Support Services				
1. General Management and Supervision	P 679,347,000	P 413,171,000	P 27,667,000	P 1,120,185,000
b. Productivity Incentive Benefits	5,892,000			5,892,000
Sub-Total, General Administration and Support	685,239,000	413,171,000	27,667,000	1,126,077,000
II. Operations				
a. Legislative Services	84,829,000	319,518,000		404,347,000
Sub-Total, Operations	84,829,000	319,518,000		404,347,000
TOTAL, PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES	P 770,068,000	P 732,689,000	P 27,667,000	P 1,530,424,000

New Appropriations, by Object of Expenditures

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(In Thousand Pesos)

A. Programs/Locally-Funded Projects

Current Operating Expenditures

Personal Services

Salaries of Permanent Positions	384,439
Contractual, Casuals and Emergency Personnel	139,341

Total Salaries/Wages	523,780
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Other Compensation

Terminal Leave Benefits	25,116
PAG-IBIG Contributions	3,878
Medicare Premiums	1,452
Employees Compensation Insurance Premiums (ECIP)	1,162
Representation and Transportation Allowance	3,019
Honoraria	2,764
Year-End Bonus and Cash Gift	40,952

Step Increments for Length of Service	3,819
Personnel Economic Relief Allowance	20,670
Additional P500 Allowance	21,354
Clothing/Uniform Allowance	5,426
Productivity Incentive Benefits	5,957
Others	110,719

Total Other Compensation	246,288

01 Total Personal Services	770,068

Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	
02 Travelling Expenses	179,727
03 Communication Services	27,046
04 Repair and Maintenance of Government Facilities	13,079
05 Repair and Maintenance of Government Vehicles	1,460
06 Transportation Services	341
07 Supplies and Materials	73,432
10 Grants, Subsidies and Contributions	2,119
14 Water, Illumination and Power Services	30,022
15 Social Security Benefits, Rewards and Other Claims	19,850
17 Training and Seminar Expenses	7,514
18 Extraordinary and Miscellaneous Expenses	27,510
20 Anti-Insurgency/Contingency/Emergency Expenses	9,400
23 Gasoline, Oil and Lubricants	4,158
24 Fidelity Bonds and Insurance Premiums	2,057
29 Other Services	334,974

Total Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	732,689

Total Current Operating Expenditures	1,502,757

Capital Outlays	
35 Buildings and Structures Outlay	16,684
36 Furniture, Fixtures, Equipment and Books Outlay	10,983

Total Capital Outlays	27,667

TOTAL NEW APPROPRIATIONS	1,530,424
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C.1 HOUSE ELECTORAL TRIBUNAL

For adjudication of electoral contests involving members of the House of Representatives including general administration support as indicated hereunder.....P 42,340,000

New Appropriations, by Program/Project

	<u>Current Operating Expenditures</u>			
	<u>Personal Services</u>	<u>Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Capital Outlays</u>	<u>Total</u>
A. PROGRAMS				
I. General Administration and Support				
a. General Administration and Support Services	P 10,079,000 P	2,702,000 P	111,000 P	12,892,000

b. Productivity Incentive Benefits	388,000			388,000
Sub-Total, General Administration and Support	10,467,000	2,702,000	111,000	13,280,000
II. Operations				
a. Adjudication of Electoral Contests involving Members of the House of Representatives	15,594,000	12,977,000	489,000	29,060,000
Sub-Total, Operations	15,594,000	12,977,000	489,000	29,060,000
Total, Programs	26,061,000	15,679,000	600,000	42,340,000
TOTAL, NEW APPROPRIATIONS	P 26,061,000 P	15,679,000 P	600,000 P	42,340,000

PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

Current Operating Expenditures

	Personal Services	Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	Capital Outlays	Total
I. General Administration and Support				
a. General Administration and Support Services				
1. General Management and Supervision	P 10,079,000 P	2,702,000 P	111,000 P	12,892,000
b. Productivity Incentive Benefits	388,000			388,000
Sub-Total, General Administration and Support	10,467,000	2,702,000	111,000	13,280,000
II. Operations				
a. Adjudication of Electoral Contests involving Members of the House of Representatives	15,594,000	12,977,000	489,000	29,060,000
Sub-Total, Operations	15,594,000	12,977,000	489,000	29,060,000
TOTAL, PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES	P 26,061,000 P	15,679,000 P	600,000 P	42,340,000

New Appropriations, by Object of Expenditures

(In Thousand Pesos)

A. Programs/Locally-Funded Projects

Current Operating Expenditures

Personal Services

Salaries of Permanent Positions

19,236

Total Salaries/Wages

19,236

Other Compensation

Terminal Leave-Benefits
Per Diem

173
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PAG-IBIG Contributions	233
Medicare Premiums	87
Employees Compensation Insurance Premiums (ECIP)	70
Representation and Transportation Allowance	495
Honoraria	500
Year-End Bonus and Cash Gift	1,795
Step Increments for Length of Service	192
Personnel Economic Relief Allowance	1,014
Additional P500 Allowance	1,140
Clothing/Uniform Allowance	310
Productivity Incentive Benefits	388

Total Other Compensation	6,825

01 Total Personal Services	26,061

Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	
02 Travelling Expenses	775
03 Communication Services	385
04 Repair and Maintenance of Government Facilities	637
05 Repair and Maintenance of Government Vehicles	150
06 Transportation Services	50
07 Supplies and Materials	2,218
08 Rents	900
14 Water, Illumination and Power Services	899
15 Social Security Benefits, Rewards and Other Claims	973
17 Training and Seminar Expenses	73
18 Extraordinary and Miscellaneous Expenses	160
23 Gasoline, Oil and Lubricants	100
24 Fidelity Bonds and Insurance Premiums	500
29 Other Services	7,859

Total Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	15,679

Total Current Operating Expenditures	41,740

Capital Outlays	
36 Furniture, Fixtures, Equipment and Books Outlay	600

Total Capital Outlays	600

TOTAL NEW APPROPRIATIONS	42,340

Special Provisions Applicable to the Congress of the Philippines

1. Augmentation of Any Item in the Appropriations of the Congress of the Philippines. Pursuant to Section 25(5) of Article VI of the Constitution, the President of the Senate, with respect to the Senate and the Commission on Appointments, the Speaker, with respect to the House of Representatives and the Chairmen of the Senate and the House of Representatives Electoral Tribunals, are hereby authorized to augment any item in the general appropriations law for their respective offices from savings in other items of their respective appropriations.

2. Organizational Structure of the Senate, the House of Representatives, the Senate and House of Representatives Electoral Tribunals and the Commission on Appointments. Any provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding and within the limits of the appropriation authorized in this Act, the President of the Senate, with respect to the Senate and the Commission on Appointments, the Speaker, with respect to the House of Representatives and the Chairmen of the Senate and House of Representatives Electoral Tribunals, are authorized to formulate and implement the organizational structures of their respective offices, to fix and determine the salaries, allowances and other benefits of their respective members, employees and consultants, subject to Section 10, Article VI of the Constitution, and whenever public interest so requires, make adjustments and reorganization of positions in the regular personnel with the corresponding transfer of items of appropriations or create new ones in their respective offices: PROVIDED, That officers and employees whose positions are affected by such adjustments or reorganization shall be granted retirement gratuities and separation pay

in accordance with existing laws, which shall be payable from any unexpended balance of, or savings in the appropriations of their respective offices. (GENERAL OBSERVATION - President's Veto Message, February 12, 1997, page 1451, RA 8250)

3. **Release of Appropriations.** Appropriations authorized for the Congress shall be automatically and regularly released quarterly in accordance with the Work and Financial Plans of the Senate or House of Representatives, or the Senate and House of Representatives Electoral Tribunals and the Commission on Appointments, as the case may be.

4. **Realignment of Allocation for Operational Expenses.** A member of Congress may realign his allocation for operational expenses to any other expense category provided the total of said allocation is not exceeded.

GENERAL SUMMARY
CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINESCurrent Operating Expenditures

	<u>Personal Services</u>	<u>Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Capital Outlays</u>	<u>Total</u>
A. Senate	369,012,000	330,442,000	3,630,000	703,084,000
A.1 Senate Electoral Tribunal	23,211,000	32,875,000	4,000,000	60,086,000
B. Commission on Appointments	55,034,000	55,593,000	200,000	110,827,000
C. House of Representatives	770,068,000	732,689,000	27,667,000	1,530,424,000
C.1 House Electoral Tribunal	26,061,000	15,679,000	600,000	42,340,000
Total New Appropriations, Congress of the Philippines	<u>1,243,386,000</u>	<u>1,167,278,000</u>	<u>36,097,000</u>	<u>2,446,761,000</u>