

REPUBLIC OF KENYA



TWELFTH PARLIAMENT

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY - (SECOND SESSION)

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

(No. 65 of 2018)

REGARDING RESPONSIBILITY FOR STATEMENT OF FACT

Honourable Members,

On Wednesday, November 21, 2018, the Vice-Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Administration and National Security raised a concern regarding the non-attendance of Committee meetings by the Cabinet Secretary for the Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government.

Honourable Members,

In his remarks, the Vice-Chairperson alleged that as a result of this lapse, there were over sixty (60) questions still awaiting replies from the Ministry. However, from the records, it has been confirmed that this particular Cabinet Secretary has appeared before the Committee to answer questions from Members on three (3) separate occasions. In fact, the Committee has had thirty-eight questions referred to it, of which seventeen (17) have been responded to, eleven (11) scheduled for reply and ten (10) awaiting scheduling with the Ministry.

Honourable Members,

For further clarification, the Cabinet Secretary for the Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government has not honoured only four (4) invitations for Committee meetings, and each time, he has requested in writing for rescheduling of the meetings to a later date. From the foregoing, therefore, it becomes apparent that the information stated in the House by the Vice-Chairperson was inaccurate, and may have painted the Cabinet Secretary in a bad light.

Honourable Members,

It is therefore incumbent upon you, when raising such matters in the House, to ensure the accuracy of your remarks, especially in light of provisions of Standing Order 91 regarding responsibility for the accuracy of any facts made in the House.

I thank you!

THE HON. JUSTIN B.N. MUTURI, EGH, MP
SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Thursday, December 6, 2018