



REPUBLIC OF KENYA
TWELFTH PARLIAMENT- (SIXTH SESSION)
THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

_____ (No. 004 of 2022) _____

ON DISCHARGE OF MEMBERS FROM VARIOUS SELECT COMMITTEES

Honourable Members,

Standing Order 176 (***Discharge of a member from a committee***) provides as follows, and I quote –

- (1) *A parliamentary party may discharge a Member from a select committee after according the Member an opportunity to be heard.*
- (2) *The parliamentary party whip of the party that nominated a Member to a select committee shall give notice in writing to the Speaker of the intention to discharge a Member from a select committee.*
- (3) *The Speaker shall, within three days of receipt of the notice under paragraph (2), inform the Member of the notice.*

Honourable Members, in this regard, I wish to report to the House that my Office is in receipt of a letter dated 1st February 2022 from the Majority Party Whip, notifying that the Jubilee Party has discharged the following Members from membership of the specified Committees –

- (1) **The Hon. Catherine Waruguru, MP**, has been discharged from the Departmental Committee on Agriculture and Livestock, where she also served as the Vice-Chairperson;
- (2) **The Hon. William Kipkemoi Kisang, MP** is discharged from the Departmental Committee on Information, Communication and Technology, where he also served as the Chairperson;
- (3) **The Hon. Katoo Ole Metito Judah, MP** is discharged from the Departmental Committee on Defence and Foreign Relations, where he also served as the Chairperson;
- (4) **The Hon. Japhet Kareke Mbiuki, MP**, is discharged from the Departmental Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, where he also served as the Chairperson;
- (5) **The Hon. David Gikaria, MP**, has been discharged from the Departmental Committee on Energy, where he also served as the Chairperson; and
- (6) **The Hon. Ali Wario, MP**, has been discharged from the Select Committee on Regional Integration, where he also served as the Chairperson.

Honourable Members, Having perused the documents through which the Jubilee Party transmitted the decision to discharge the said Hon. Members, I am satisfied that the process leading to the discharge met the requirements set out in Standing Order 176. This is because each of the six Hon. Members had been duly notified of intended discharge by the Majority Party Whip through notices dated 17th January, 2022 and accorded time to respond.

Honourable Members, Pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (3) of Standing Order 176, the affected Members are hereby accordingly informed. The discharges take effect from today, 2nd February, 2022. I also direct the Clerk to transmit a copy of this Communication to each of the six Members.

Honourable Members, as you may be aware, hitherto this new development, the Members I have mentioned held leadership positions in the respective Committees. As such, by dint of Standing Order 174(3)(b), **the discharged Members served in only one Committee.** In order to adhere to the Standing Orders, my previous Communication of 9th June, 2020 *regarding membership to Committees* and in order to ensure that the operations of the particular Committees continue uninterrupted, I hereby direct as follows-

- 1. THAT,** The Clerk of the National Assembly expeditiously conducts elections to fill the resultant leadership vacancies in accordance with the procedure set out in Standing Order 179 relating to *Conduct of elections of Chairperson and vice-Chairperson of a Committee*; and,
- 2. THAT,** pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 173(3), the Committee on Selection should expeditiously submit names to fill the vacancies occasioned by the removal of the six Hon. Members from the respective Committees and nominate them for appointment to other Committees in compliance with my previous ruling that **“every Member should have a fair chance to sit in at least one Committee, without appearing to entreat or beg any other party for a reasonable opportunity”.**

The House is accordingly informed.

I thank you.


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

Wednesday, 2nd February, 2022