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IT'S ALL SYSTEMS GO AS CABINET SECRETARIES SET TO APPEAR BEFORE PLENARY

The National Assembly Speaker Rt. Hon. (Dr.) Moses Wetang'ula has directed the Leader of the Majority Party to inform the House of the date, time, and order in which Cabinet Secretaries shall appear to reply to Questions and provide Reports to the House.

"To this end, Hon. Members, on a regular basis, the Clerk shall prepare and publish on the Parliamentary Website a tentative list of Cabinet Secretaries scheduled to reply to Questions and provide Reports to the House on the advice of the Leader of the Majority Party," the Speaker said.

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KEWOPA holds elections, picks Hon. Leah Sankaire as Chairperson

Kajiado Woman Representative Hon. Leah Sankaire Sopiato has been elected as the 5th Chairperson of the Kenya Women Parliamentary Association (KEWOPA), a caucus of all women Parliamentarians in Kenya.

Ms. Sankaire replaces Githunguri MP Gathoni Wamuchomba, who served as 4th Chairperson of the caucus in the 12th Parliament.

In the polls, Dagoretti North MP Hon. Beatrice Elachi was elected the caucus Vice Chairperson representing the National Assembly while Nominated Senator Dr. Catherine Mumma was elected Vice Chairperson representing the Senate.

Hon. Elachi replaces Kisumu West MP Hon. Rozaah Buyu while Senator Mumma replaces former nominated Senator Milicent Omanga.

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FRONT: Cabinet Secretary for East African Community, Arid and Semi-Arid Lands and Regional Development Rebecca Miano and Labour Cabinet Secretary Florence Bore. BEHIND: Health Cabinet Secretary Susan Nakhumicha Wafula and ICT and Digital Economy Cabinet Secretary Eliud Owalo. Photo/Courtesy



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“A Cabinet Secretary shall provide both physical and electronic copies of the reply to a Question at least one day before the said appearance,” he added.

Hon. Speaker explained that once Questions are scheduled to be responded to, a Member shall ask his or her Question on the day it is scheduled on the Order Paper.

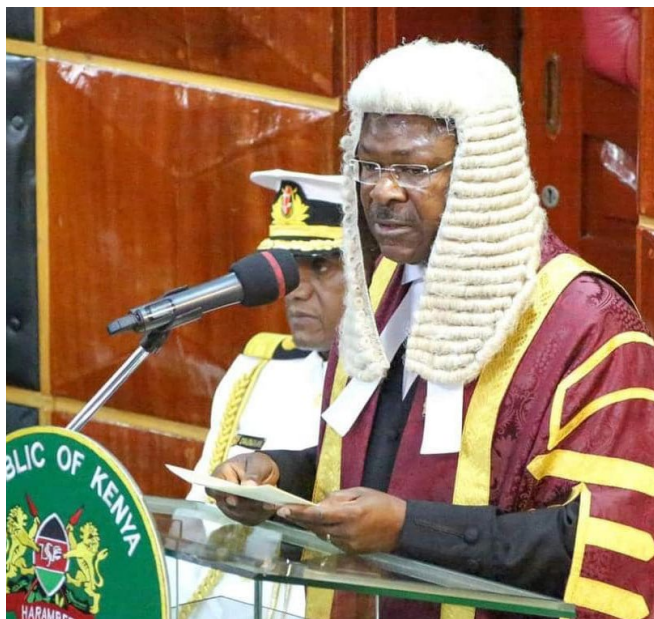
Further, he added that Questions shall be dispensed with in the sequence they appear in the Schedule of Questions to be appended to the Order Paper.

“Notably, Hon. Members, I shall allow a Cabinet Secretary to reply to a Question on the day it is scheduled for a reply, notwithstanding the absence of the Member who raised the question,” he stated. He added that a Member was at liberty to request the Speaker to defer a question to a later date or withdraw a Question.

“For greater flexibility, a Member whose Question is listed in the Order Paper may, with prior written notice to the Speaker, depute another Member to ask the Question in his or her absence,” Hon. Speaker noted.

As it is the practice, Hon. Wetang’ula reiterated that a Member will be required to deliver a signed copy of the proposed Question to Clerk of the National Assembly, who shall process it in line with the provisions of the Standing Orders before the final version is submitted to Office of the Speaker for approval. Thereafter, the Clerk shall transmit the approved Questions to the relevant Ministries for response by the respective Cabinet Secretaries.

The move to allow Cabinet Secretaries to appear before plenary follows the passage of the amendments to the Standing Orders that cleared the way for Cabinet Secretaries to appear in the House to respond to Questions and to provide Reports to the House pursuant to the general investigatory mandate of the House and the requirements of Article 153(2) and 153(4)(b) of the Constitution.



Speaker Wetang’ula at the stand where CSs will be appearing to reply to Questions raised by Members and provide Reports to the House.

In keeping with the existing practice, the Speaker noted that the Questions directed to a Constitutional Commission or an Independent Office shall be replied to before the relevant Committees of the House.

“Where a Member prefers a written reply to his or her Question, I shall direct that a written reply be provided in respect of the Question and the Clerk shall forward the Question to the relevant

Cabinet Secretary, Commission or Independent office and the reply, once received, shall be provided to the Member,” he advised.

The amendment to Standing Order 40(3A) gives priority to Questions and Reports by Cabinet Secretaries every Wednesday afternoon for a period not exceeding three hours. In order to allow adequate time for Members to dispense with

Questions and to compensate for the time set aside for Questions during the Sitting, the Speaker noted that the amended Standing Order 30(2) has varied the hours of the Wednesday afternoon Sitting from 2.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.

“Hon. Members, for clarity, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 30(2)(c), the House may adjourn at 7.00 pm during the afternoon sitting on Wednesday, in the event the House concludes the business scheduled for the sitting in addition to any Questions scheduled for the reply,” he noted.

Pursuant to the amended Standing Order 25A(b), Hon. Wetang’ula has designated the place adjacent to the public servants bench on the right of the Speaker as the appropriate place in the Chamber where a Cabinet Secretary shall expound on

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Speaker Wetang’ula

Government policy, reply to Questions and provide Reports concerning matters under his or her control.

“This is the usual place where the Cabinet Secretary for National Treasury presents budget highlights annually,” he said.

After a Cabinet Secretary has responded to a Question, the Standing Orders allow the Speaker the latitude to permit the Member who raised a Question to ask a maximum of two supplementary Questions that relate to the original Question.

Besides, the Speaker noted that he will also permit a Member other than the Member who asked a Question to ask a further supplementary Questions that relates to the original Question.

“Hon. Members, the same Standing Orders allow the Speaker the latitude to direct a Cabinet Secretary to provide additional information or a further reply to a Question or supplementary Questions to the relevant Committee of the House; or to defer a Question to a different time or day from its scheduled time and day,” he added



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Kitui Woman Representative Hon. Irene Kasalu was elected the caucus Secretary and will be deputized by Moiben MP Hon. Phyllis Bartoo.

Hon. Kasalu replaces Likoni MP Hon. Mishi Mboko while Hon. Jerusha Momanyi replaces Njoro MP Charity Kathambi Chepkwony.

Elgeyo Marakwet Woman Representative Hon. Caroline Ngelechei (Independent) was voted as Treasurer to succeed former Nandi Woman Representative Hon. (Dr.) Tecla Tum.

Also elected was nominated Senator Hon. Syengo who will serve as Deputy Treasurer to replace Vihiga Woman Representative Hon. Beatrice Adagala.

Nominated Senator Hon. Crystal Asige was elected a representative of Persons living with Disabilities (PWLDs) replacing ex-nominated Senator (Dr.) Gertrude Musuruve.

Nominated MP Umulkher Harun will represent the interest of the youths in the caucus

Article 81 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, mandates that no more than two-thirds of the members of elective and appointive public bodies should be of the same gender.

This provision aims to promote gender balance in public service delivery, enhance transparency, and improve decision-making.

However, despite the constitutional requirement, gender balance in elective positions and public appointments remains a challenge in Kenya.

replacing former West Pokot Women representative Hon. Lilian Tomitom.

While congratulating the incoming Executive Committee, Hon. Buyu urged Members to be cohesive and advocate for gender equality in the 13th Parliament.

KEWOPA works to promote and protect democracy and advocate for women's rights.



KEWOPA Chairperson Hon. Leah Sankaire Sopiato addressing Members following her election to office.

Meanwhile, Nyeri Women representative Rahab Mukami was elected the Chair, caucus 47 for Women representative while Thika Town MP Alice Ng'ang'a was elected as the Chair, Leading Women Caucus for women parliamentarians in the 13th Parliament.

Top on the agenda for the new team will be introduction and passage of the two-thirds gender rule that has been elusive.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK



Hon. Wetang'ula,
Speaker of National Assembly

"I have designated the place adjacent to the public servants bench on the right of the Speaker as the appropriate place in the Chamber where a Cabinet Secretary shall expound on government policy, reply to Questions



Hon. Rebecca Tonkei
Narok Women representative

"Congratulations to the newly elected leadership of the 5th KEWOPA executive committee. Remember, leadership is not a person or a position it is a complex moral relationship between people based on trust, obligation, commitment, emotion, and a shared vision of the good."



Hon. Erick Muchangi
Chair Labour Committee

"The Labour Committee established that the two tea firms in Kericho have put in place robust Policies on sexual harassment and exploitation but they are not implemented because of a gap in the reporting channel."



Speaker Wetang'ula Hosts PACOSO Leadership

The Board of Management of the Parliamentarians Regulated NON-WDT SACCO (Pacoso) called on the Speaker of the National Assembly Rt. Hon. (Dr.) Moses Wetang'ula to discuss ways of strengthening the organization for effective service delivery.

Speaking during the meeting, Speaker Moses Wetang'ula recognized the important role played by SACCOs and Cooperatives in uplifting the growth of the economy.

"The government supports the growth and development of Co-operatives and SACCO societies with the aim of boosting the social, national and rapid economic growth for sustainable development of the nation", said Speaker Wetang'ula.

Led by Chairman Hon. Kwenya Thuku, the team briefed the Speaker on the progress PACOSO which is a Member's savings society, had made so far.

The team appreciated the immense

contribution by Hon. Wetang'ula for being a committed and loyal member of the savings society since 1993 when he joined.

"We are here to thank you for your dedicated support to the cooperative through your membership", said Hon. Thuku. Speaker Wetang'ula commended the leadership for ensuring the growth and stability of the society thereby delivering its mandate to serve members efficiently and effectively.

"SACCOs and Cooperatives have been useful to society just like banks.

They are accessible for ease of financial transactions hence encouraging a good number of people to join", said Hon. Makau.

The meeting considered a number of issues among them how the Parliamentary Service Commission (PSC) can ensure that the Sacco has a conducive environment to operate from.



PACOSO Chairman Hon. Kwenya Thuku Presents the Cooperative's report to the Rt. Hon. (Dr.) Moses Wetang'ula, Speaker of the National Assembly. Photo/SNA Press.

The Speaker assured the officials of his full support in regards to their operations and service delivery.

Other members present at the meeting included, Hon. (Sen) Samson Cherarkey (Vice Chairman), Hon. Charity Kathambi (Secretary), Hon. Patrick Makau (Treasurer), Hon Beatrice Adagala (Director), Hon Richard Tongi (Director) and The Chief Executive Officer of the PACOSO, Mr. Mwita Mwita.

Foreign Relations Committee summons CS Dr. Mutua

The National Assembly Defence, Intelligence and Foreign Relations Committee issued summons to the Cabinet Secretary for Foreign and Disapora Affairs Dr. Alfred Mutua, after he failed to appear before the Committee.

Dr. Mutua was expected before the Committee to shed light on his recent communication to all Diplomatic and Consular Missions to deal directly with Government Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs).



Defence, Intelligence and Foreign Relations Committee Vice-Chair Hon. Sheikh Abdullah Bashir chairing a meeting of the committee.

Dr. Mutua failed to appear before the committee as scheduled saying he was attending other official duties.

In his communication to the Committee the CS said he had been invited to State House by the President

for the swearing-in of Chief Administrative Secretaries (CASs), and was to later accompany the Head of State to a meeting with former UK Prime Minister Tony Blair who is in the country.

"Looking at the comments from Members, I direct that the CS be given summons to appear before the Committee and he has to appear," said Hon. Bashir.

Committee Members Present were Hon. Hassan Yusuf (Kamukunji), Hon. Martha Wangari (Gilgil), Hon. Elijah Memusi (Kajiado-Central), Hon. Moses Kirima (Imenti-Central), Hon. Caleb Amisi (Saboti), Hon. Teresia Mwangi (Nominated), Hon. Clement Sloya (Sabatia), Hon Zakary Thuku (Kinangop), Hon. Joshua Kandie (Baringo-Central), Hon. (Dr.) Irene Kasalu (Kitui) and Hon. Mohamed Abdikadir (Lagdera).



Committee probing allegations of cheating in 2022 KCSE examinations concludes public hearings

The National Assembly Education Committee chaired by Hon Julius Melly (Tinderet) conducted ten public hearings in different regions of the country to probe the allegations of examinations cheating in the just concluded 2022 Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE).

The committee traversed different parts of the country on a fact finding mission as it sought to establish what really transpired during last year's exams.

The members of the public blamed the increase in the number cases of examination malpractices on the obsession by both students and institutions to be ranked highly.

The issue of under payment of teachers who mark national exams also emerged contributor of the vice.

The committee was asked to ensure that all those caught engaging in malpractices are



National Assembly's Education Committee Chairperson Hon. Julius Melly (Tinderet) during a public hearing on allegations of exam cheating at Machakos Youth Center on Wednesday 22/3/2023.

punished heavily so as to combat the menace.

"Cheating should be made very expensive for both the students and their institutions of learning," said Josphat Kathumbi the Embu County Knut Executive Secretary.

The Committee was also asked to spearhead reforms at the Kenya National Examination Council

(KNEC). It was pointed out that some rogue KNEC officials are working in cahoots with a section of school managers and parents fuel the menace.

John Makenzi, a retired head teacher referred to the prevalent cases of examination malpractices as a 'national crisis', noting that the

the state needs to move with speed to curb the vice, or risk having the reputation of the country in education ruined.

"The issue of exam cheating should not be taken lightly. We are dealing with a national crisis.

All those engaging in the practice, starting from KNEC must be dealt with firmly," emphasized Mr Makenzi, who is also the chairperson of Machakos County Kenya Private Schools Association.

Responding to the appeals, the Committee chairperson Hon Melly said they will consider the salient issues raised by the public to their report that will be tabled before the House.

Hon. Melly thanked stake-holders including-members of the public for volunteering information to the Committee.

Trade Committee Investigates China Square management



Trade Committee Chairperson Hon. James Gakuya during a past meeting at Parliament Buildings.

The National Assembly's departmental committee on Trade, Industry and Cooperatives chaired by, Hon. James Mwangi Gakuya met with the China Square Management led by its MD, Mr. Lei Cheng to shed light on the controversy surrounding it.

The nature of business, directorship, and to provide detailed documentations of lease. The meeting followed the public outcry from Kenyan traders over the new retail venture owned by the Chinese national.

Mr. Cheng told the Committee and local traders that his Company

and local traders that his Company does not intend to drive anyone out of business and that he believes in healthy competition for the benefit of all stakeholders.

"While some traders feel threatened by our presence, we believe that we can coexist with other businesses and offer consumers additional choices and value. We are firm believers in making life affordable to citizens and that calls for reasonableness in making decisions on pricing," said Mr. Cheng.

Mr. Cheng told the Committee that the allegations doing rounds of China Square allegedly selling

counterfeit goods was false.

"The allegation was brought about after Smithmo Company Limited lodged a complaint with Anti-Counterfeit Authority over our goods. The Authority then confiscated the goods and did a thorough inspection and confirmed that the said allegations were false. The goods were returned to our stores," added Mr. Cheng.

Hon. Gakuya, said the Committee would protect traders and investors who align themselves with the country's business regulations.



MPs Caution SRC From Manipulating independent Commissions

Members of Parliament have accused the Salaries and remuneration Commission (SRC) of overstepping its mandate, usurping its statutory powers, and veering into the mandate of other independent offices and constitutional commissions.

The legislators cited the Judicial Service Commission (JSC), the Teachers Service Commission (TSC), the Public Service Commission, and Parliamentary Service Commission (PSC), as such entities which have complained about the SRC meddling in their affairs.

They law makers propose a review of the SRC mandate to decide whether the SRC needed to remain a full-time Commission saying that it appears as if the job and responsibilities mandated to SRC aren't enough, hence the reason for interfering and getting involved in the businesses of other institutions. Ainabkoi MP, Hon. Samuel Chepkonga who chairs the National Assembly's Delegated Legislation Committee, indicated that



Delegated Legislation Committee Chairperson Hon. Samuel Chepkonga chairing Committee's meeting at Parliament Buildings.

SRC had veered into the Parliamentary Service Commission itself thus infringing Article 127 of the Constitution, which provides that the Parliamentary Service Commission shall provide facilities and services to Members of Parliament.

"The SRC even purports to have powers to set mileage claims limits for Members of Parliament and that the body determines - how much should be paid to every Member here.

"The mileage payment, which is a refund of the expenses we incur in traveling to our constituencies. That is neither a remuneration nor a benefit," said Chepkonga.

"It is just a payment that restores a Member's financial position to where it was before incurring travel expenses from Nairobi to the constituencies and back to Parliament," he added, arguing that SRC was purporting to include mileage claims as a non-financial benefit of traveling upcountry and coming back to Parliament.

He was reacting to proposals seeking to slash remuneration and benefits for Members of Parliament (MPs), their staff as well as employees under the Parliamentary Service Commission (PSC).

The proposals are contained in the Draft Salaries and Re-

muneration Commission (Remuneration and Benefits of State and Other Public Officers) Regulations, 2022 that among other things sought to have compelled the Parliamentary Service Commission (PSC) to discontinue providing facilities, and services as well as set mileage claims limits for Members of Parliament Members.

The facilities include office spaces while services included staff assigned to every Member of Parliament.

According to Chepkonga, SRC regulations purport to say that it shall set and regularly review remuneration, but it does not say it shall keep on reviewing it.

"We consider these Draft Regulations as unconstitutional as the Draft Regulations contravene the Constitution and the SRC enabling Act by extending their mandate," he said.

Under Article 118 of the Constitution, while every public body is expected to conduct public participation, Chepkonga noted that SRC had the audacity to make a presentation on the Draft Regulations, which they prepared without consulting the affected bodies.

MPs examines audit queries regarding the Kenya Forest Services

The National Assembly Public Investments Committee on Commercial Affairs and Energy chaired by Hon. David Pkosing met with officials from Kenya Forest Services (KFS) led by the chief acting Conservator of forests Mr. Alex Lemarkoko on audit query for the FY 2012/2013 to 2019/2020.

The committee had given the Kenya Forest Service two weeks to submit detailed

responses on queries raised by the Auditor-General on the Agency's financial books.

The Committee had sought KFS's response on among other queries; illegal encroachments into forest land, unaccounted for flight operation and maintenance costs, unsupported special operations expenditures, concerns on the Agency's inability to meet its financial obligations and lack of land valuation reports and title deeds.

The Committee further noted queries of suspected illegal payments of Ksh 1.7million and an additional Ksh 2.6million paid to casuals without any documentary evidence.

"We are giving you two weeks to provide that evidence to this committee. We have to get to the bottom of this matter before we sit to draft a report," said the Chairperson.



Chairperson of the National Assembly Public Investments Committee on Commercial Affairs and Energy, Hon. David Pkosing (centre) and Vice Chair Hon. Lillian Gogo during a meeting with officials from KFS.



House team to Vet Chairperson of Kenya Fish Marketing Authority



Kenya Fish Marketing Authority is tasked to initiate the development of standards and guidelines on fish for market access and enforce sanitary and Phyto-sanitary requirements for fisheries and aquaculture and issuance export and import permits.

A section of members of the National Assembly's Departmental Committee on Blue Economy and Irrigation during vetting of Ms. Betsy Njagi, principal nominee for State Department for Blue Economy and Fisheries in November 2022.

Former Rangwe MP and the Green Congress of Kenya party leader Martin Otieno Ogindo will be vetted by the Departmental Committee on Blue Economy and Irrigation for consideration as Chairperson of Kenya Fish Marketing Authority after his nomination by President William Ruto.

National Assembly Speaker Rt. Hon. (Dr.) Moses Wetang'ula communicated the message of President Ruto to the Departmental Committee on Blue Economy and Irrigation for consideration. Standing Order 45 requires that upon receipt of notification of nomination for appointments, the president's message shall stand

Committed to the relevant Departmental Committee of the House for consideration. Section 8 of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act of 2012 also requires the committee to which such nomination is referred to consider the matter and table a report to the House within 28 days.

In this regard, Speaker Wetang'ula noted that the Committee is expected to immediately commence the approval process, and notify the nominee and the general public of the time and place for holding the approval hearings.

"Thereafter, upon conclusion of the hearings, table its report on or before Wednesday, 12 th April 2023 to enable the House to consider the matter with statutory timelines," said Wetang'ula.

Public Petitions Committee probes Capital Markets Authority

The Capital Markets Authority is being investigated by the Parliamentary Select Committee on Public Petitions regarding its potential role in the loss of investments in the Cytonn High Yield Solutions Platform.

In a session, chaired by Hon. Walter Owino, the committee met with the CEO of the Capital Markets Authority, Wyckliffe M. Shamiah, to discuss the matter.

The investigation stems from a petition filed by Hon. Sam Atandi concerning the loss of investor's



CEO Capital Markets Authority Mr Wyckliffe Shamiah when he appeared before the Select Committee on Public Petitions chaired Hon. Walter Owino at County Hall recently.

that Cytonn Investments may dissolve, leaving investors with nothing.

During the meeting, Shamiah clarified that Cytonn Investment Management PLC is not

regulated by the Capital Markets Authority, while Cytonn Asset Managers Limited is. The Capital Markets Authority had identified discrepancies on how Cytonn had raised funds and had issued

cautions to the public, but Cytonn had failed to comply with regulations.

The committee questioned the effectiveness of the Capital Markets Authority's legal framework in protecting Kenyans from unscrupulous individuals in the market.

Mr. Shamiah assured the committee that they are taking necessary steps to caution Kenyans through statements on mainstream media and conducting public awareness campaigns on the matter. Additionally, the Official Receiver, Mr. Mark Gakuru, stated that an audit would

be conducted, and a report submitted to the Committee within the agreed timeframe regarding the flow of funds among the different subsidiaries of Cytonn and how petitioners can recover their money.

The Capital Markets Authority (CMA) was set up in 1989 as a statutory agency under the Capital Markets Act Cap 485A. It is charged with the prime responsibility of both regulating and developing an orderly, fair and efficient capital markets in Kenya with the view to promoting market integrity and investor confidence.



Zambia and Namibia MPs on a benchmarking mission

The National Assembly's Social Protection and The Liaison committees played host to their counterparts from Zambia and Namibia recently.

The delegations drawn from their respective committees of parliaments arrived in the country on Saturday 18th March 2023. The Zambian delegation comprised of ten Members of Parliament from the Parliamentary Committee on Youth, Sports, and child Matters accompanied by two members of staff.

On the other hand, the Namibian Parliamentary delegation comprised of Seven Members of Parliament from the National Council, Parliament of Namibia bringing together chairs and vice chairs of different committees.

While at Parliament buildings Nairobi on Tuesday 21 st March, the Zambian delegation was received by their host Committee on Social Protection chaired by Hon. Alice Ng'ang'a (Thika Town) in an event that was held on the fourth floor of Continental house that also hosts offices of the Kenyan Members of Parliament.

Hon. Ng'ang'a, in the meeting with the Zambian delegation which was led by Hon. Sydney Mushanga and assisted by Hon. Emeldah Munashabantu, appraised the delegation on the mandate of the Committee and the milestones the Committee has achieved on matters to do with children, Youth, and the physically challenged.

The areas of interest for the Namibian delegation were to study the composition, powers, mandate, and functions of the Liaison Committee in the Kenyan National Assembly, acquaint themselves with the rules and procedures guiding the operations of the committees, be appraised of the practical interface of the committees with the House.



MPs from Zambian Parliament hosted by their Kenyan counterparts at Continental House.

Kenya Power on the spot over rising electricity cost

Kenya Power is yet again facing pressure from different quarters to review its power tariffs downwards.

There has been a public outcry that the company has been extorting its consumers clients by overcharging them at a time when many Kenyans are struggling to make ends meet.

While moving the motion on Reduction of Cost of Electricity in the country, Laikipia Woman Rep Hon. Jane Kagiri raised concerns on the cost of electricity has been at an all-time high affecting the cost of living and doing business.

“High electricity cost in Kenya has in the past seen investors relocate to other countries, including in the East Africa region. The high cost of electricity has also denied the country new investments by foreigners,” said Hon.Kagiri.

Hon. Kagiri pointed out that Kenyan Power has entered into Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) with both KenGen and the IPPs and procures power from them at unregulated rates.

She added that there was need to regulate all IPPs in the country and publicize their locations, stakeholders, directors, management and their addresses and agreements entered into with Kenya Power as this would enable proper scrutiny of the agreements.



Kenya Power Acting Managing Director Eng. Geoffrey Muli. PHOTO | FILE.

While presenting the motion to the House, Hon. Kagiri indicated that Kenya Power has in the past procured a larger quantity of power from the IPPs at a greater cost, rather than from KenGen, leading to higher cost of power.

Noting the failure by Kenya Power to implement recommendations from past taskforce reports relating to power purchase and rates, the MP called on the Departmental Committee on Energy to undertake an inquiry into the operations of Kenya Power in relation to agreements.

IPPs, factors affecting the cost of electricity, including over-reliance on IPPs against available renewable and other energy sources, and measures to reduce it.

The legislators unanimously supported the motion and heavily criticized the immense corruption and conflicts of interests that has taken over the institution and the huge taxpayers money used to purchase power from the IPPs.

They also raised concern on the need to introduce other players in the market to remove the current KPLC monopoly and make the field competitive to ensure consumers get electricity at cheaper and affordable rates.

They added that lowering of power tariffs will make production cheaper hence lowering prices of basic commodities used by people.



Sports and Culture Committee meets stakeholders over doping

The National Assembly Sports and Culture Committee chaired by Hon. Dan Wanyama (Webuye West) held engagements with officials from the Ministry of Youth, the Anti-Doping Agency of Kenya, and Athletics Kenya, on doping.

The team was led by the principal secretary, state department for sports and arts Hon. Jonathan Mueke who was accompanied by officials from Anti-Doping Agency of Kenya and Athletics Kenya. The stakeholders appraised the Parliamentary Committee on the measures that they have so far undertaken to ensure that Kenya athletes are fully compliant with the policies of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA).

Ms. Sarah Shibutse, the CEO of the Anti-Doping Agency of Kenya, stated that the measures put in place include; increased testing, monitoring and conducting

training programs to raise more awareness about the dangers of doping.

“We are committed to ensuring that Kenya’s athletics industry is clean and free from the use of performance-enhancing drugs.” She said.

These measures were taken amid ongoing concerns over doping in Kenya’s athletics industry.

The country was recently removed from WADA’s list of non-compliant countries after making progress in addressing the use of performance-enhancing drugs.

During the meeting, the chairperson hon. Dan Wanyama asked about the status of relations between Athletics Kenya and WADA. He pointed out that athletics is a major export for Kenya and losing it would have a detrimental effect.

The committee was informed that



Hon. Daniel Wanyama the Chairperson of the Sport and Culture Committee at a past event.

there are 166 sanctions issued to athletes and their representatives, 16 cases among them are still pending before determination. Additionally, the country is in the process of establishing a WADA-approved testing lab through the Kenya Medical Research Institute to eliminate the need to send athlete samples abroad for testing.

The committee chair pledged to work with the stakeholders to establish policies and legislation that would criminalize doping in Kenya.

NG-CDF Committee considers amending NG-CDF Act to cater for School feeding program

The National Assembly’s Select Committee on National Government Constituencies Development Fund (NG-CDF) is considering changes to the law to allow funding of school feeding programmes.

Members of the Committee chaired by Eldama Ravine MP Hon. Musa Sirma said that a proposal by Mbeere North MP Hon. Geoffrey Ruku to change the law was acceptable adding that feeding programmes were key to retention of learners in schools.

Hon. Ruku made the proposal to the Committee during their visit to his Constituency where they witnessed the launch of issuance of bursaries at Gitiburi Primary School. The Committee was on an extensive tour of the country to



Members of the NG -CDF Committee led by chairperson Hon Musa Sirma given a rousing welcome by wanainchi at Gituburi primary school in Mbeere North constituency recently.

inspect NG-CDF projects and assess the impact of the fund at the grassroots level.

Hon. Ruku said that the ravaging drought had caused harm and suffering to his constituents adding that there was need to

use the Fund to mitigate the effects of the drought to the community.

“I have intentions of using NG-CDF money to roll out feeding programmes in schools that

have been adversely affected by drought but the law prohibits me,” said Hon. Ruku.

He noted that enrolment and performance of schools in Mbeere North was dismal due to hunger, with poverty levels high because of failed rains.

Making his contribution during the tour, Kuresoi North MP Hon. Alfred Mutai said the law ought to be amended to allow financing of the feeding programs in primary schools and other initiatives that will improve enrolment in the lower cadre of education.

Members of the Committee assured Hon. Ruku that they will support his proposed amendment to the NG-CDF Act.



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Emuhaya NG-CDF Bursaries help improve Students' Enrollment in Schools



Emuhaya MP Hon. Omboko last week issued bursaries amounting to more than Sh.24 million to support education of students in secondary schools, colleges, vocational centres and universities alongside those in learning institutions for people living with disabilities.

“A total of 7098 students from three wards in the constituency received bursary cheques amounting to Sh.24,594,000.00,” Hon Milemba explained.

Emanyinya secondary school received Sh1.344 million, Esibila secondary got Sh.1.011million with Ebusiloli, Ebukhaya and Mwituha schools receiving close to Sh.1M each to cater for school fees for poor students enrolled in the schools.

The MP noted that he was happy that support students got from NG-CDF has helped to ensure students' retention in schools and increased the number of students joining schools and other educational institutions.

| ELDAS



Eldas MP Hon. Adan Keynan during the issuance of bursaries to needy students in the constituency.

Eldas students to benefit from Ksh 33.5 Million NG-CDF Bursaries

Eldas MP Hon. Adan Keynan has launched the disbursement of bursaries from the Constituency's National Government Constituency Development Fund (NG-CDF) targeting secondary and tertiary education students.

The Constituency has allocated Ksh. 33.5 Million in the first disbursement phase, with a similar amount set to be released next term under the 2023-2024 Financial Year budget.

Hon. Keynan said he was keen to sustain the noble cause to give bring hope to learners whom he said are the next generation of leaders and development drivers.

“This is part of my firm commitment to guarantee learners a suitable chance to grow and competitively feature among regional and national academic giants despite the pressing challenges they face, such as the biting drought,” he said.

Konoin Constituency MP Hon. Yegon, Launches Bursary Fund Worth Sh. 40Million



Konoin MP Hon. Brighton Yegon, has launched a bursary fund worth Kshs40million. This fund is set to benefit needy students in secondary schools, colleges and universities. Simoti Secondary Day School got Kshs1.8million, Kapset Secondary Kshs 1.2million, Chebang'ang Day Kshs1.2million, Ngererit Day School Kshs1million, Koiwa Central got Kshs900,000 and Kiptenden Secondary School Kshs500,000.

Hon. John Makali transforming Education in Kanduyi Constituency

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Kanduyi MP Hon. John Makali has rolled out a scholarship programme to complement National Government Constituency Development Fund (NG-CDF) bursaries given to needy students.

Since September 2022, Hon. Makali has reportedly fully sponsored 15 students to join national secondary schools from his pocket,

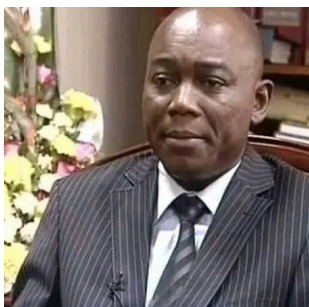


Hon. John Makali displays NG-CDF cheque after the launch of bursary kitty.

with over 4,000 students having benefited from the NG-CDF education kitty.



QUESTION TIME



Suba South MP Hon. Caroli Omondi asked the Cabinet Secretary for Public Service, Gender and Affirmative Action to state when the Government intends to gazette Suba South and Suba North sub-counties as hardship areas for purposes of enabling the Teachers Service Commission (TSC) to implement the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) that declared the two sub-counties as hardship areas.

Hon. Omondi also asked that the CS to confirm if the Government is committed to facilitating the TSC to pay teachers in the said sub-counties all outstanding hardship allowances that ought to have become payable from the date the CBA became effective.

Suba South MP Hon. Caroli Omondi

Kaloleni MP Hon. Paul Katana asked CS for Public Service to explain the criteria used by the Ministry to categorize and gazette areas as hardship zones in the country and the reasons why Kaloleni has not been gazette as a hardship zone despite the adverse conditions in most parts of the constituency.

Hon. Katana also asked the Ministry when it intends to classify Kaloleni Constituency as a hardship area in order to compensate public servants who serve in the region under adverse conditions.



Kaloleni MP Hon. Paul Katana



Kanduyi MP Hon. John Makali asked the CS for National Treasury to confirm whether the Government ever released the sum of Ksh. 21,782,366,530 and a further Ksh. 908,878,470 towards restructuring of Nzoia Sugar Company Limited as per the recommendations of Sessional Paper No. 12 of 2012 adopted by the National Assembly on 9th January 2013.

Hon. Makali also asked the CS to provide evidence indicating when the funds were released and whether any debts were written off.

Lastly, he sought the CS to also provide details of the current annual status of the Balance Sheet for Nzoia Sugar Company Limited.

Kanduyi MP Hon. John Makali

Central Imenti MP Hon. Moses Kirima asked the Cabinet Secretary for Lands, Public Works, Housing and Urban Development to inform him when the disputed boundary between Tharaka Nithi and Meru Counties, along Central Imenti and Tharaka Constituencies, will be demarcated as recommended by the Zachary Ogongo-led Task Force Report of 2009 and further recommended by the Andrew Ligale-led Interim Independent Boundaries Review Commission in its Report dated 27th November 2010.

Hon. Kirima also asked the Cabinet Secretary to explain why residents of the Kiamuni 'B' area in Central Imenti Constituency are yet to be issued with Title Deeds, despite all preliminary procedures having been concluded in 2003 and state when the Title Deeds will be issued.



Central Imenti MP Hon. Moses Kirima

QUESTION TIME

Nominated MP Hon. Sabina Chege asked the Cabinet Secretary for Water, Sanitation, and Irrigation to provide details regarding the contract sum and period for the construction of Mirira Dam in Murang'a County and the number of households that the dam was supposed to benefit. Further, Hon. Chege asked the CS to give the status of the construction of the Mirira Dam and state when it will be completed for residents to benefit.

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Wishes our Muslim brothers and sisters Ramadan Kareem!

May the holy month of Ramadan shower you with the best of the blessings and bring you eternal joys in life. Let Allah guide you and protect you this Ramadan and always. Warm greetings on the occasion of Ramadan.

