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Cabinet Secretary, National Treasury presents budget highlights for 2024/25 Financial Year to the House

The Cabinet Secretary (CS) for National Treasury and Economic Planning, Prof. Njuguna Ndung'u on Thursday, June 13, 2024 presented the budget highlights for the Financial Year 2024/25 to the National Assembly.

In the highlights, Prof. Ndung'u said Kenyan economy is expected to grow at a steady rate of 5.5 percent in the 2024/2025 Financial Year.

The CS attributed the expected growth to the policies implemented by the government under the Bottom-up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA).

This year's highlights themed, 'Sustaining BETA, Fiscal Consolidation and Investing in Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation for Improved Livelihoods', focused on allocations to key priority areas that will enhance the Government's realization of the Bottom-up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA).

In his opening remarks, the CS who took to the podium a few minutes after 3pm, noted that Kenya's fiscal policy is geared towards the BETA, through continued implementation of a fiscal consolidation plan designed towards slowing down growth of public debt without compromising economic growth.

"The fiscal consolidation efforts will continue to target domestic revenue mobilization and rationalization of spending through improved public financial management, while reallocating resources to priority areas", stated Prof. Ndung'u.

On revenue projections for the FY 2024/2025, Prof. Ndung'u placed an estimate of Kshs.3.343 trillion, including Appropriation-in-Aid (A-in-A), which is equivalent to 18.5 percent of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP). The total Government expenditure for the 2024-2025 financial



Cabinet Secretary, National Treasury and Economic Planning, Prof. Njuguna Ndung'u, presenting the Budget Highlights to the National Assembly on Thursday June 13, 2024

year is estimated at Kshs.3.92 trillion.

He also revealed that the Government had developed safety nets to control inflation and to cushion the country from adverse effects of macro-economic shocks.

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Speaker urges Committees to prioritize the review of performance audit reports

Speaker of National Assembly Rt. Hon. (Dr.) Moses Wetang'ula has urged Committees to prioritize the examination of performance audit reports and table their respective findings for consideration by the House as appropriate.

Speaker Wetang'ula directed Clerk of the National Assembly, Mr. Samuel Njoroge to circulate the performance audit reports received from the Office of the Auditor-General to the respective Departmental Committees and other relevant Committees for consideration.

The performance audit reports cover various sectors including Agriculture, Rural and Urban Development; Health; Education; Environment, Protection, Water, and Natural Resources; Social Protection, Culture, and Recreation.

Other areas covered include Governance, Justice, Law and Order; Energy, Infrastructure, and ICT; General Economic and Commercial Affairs; Public Administration and International Relations; and Finance.

"These reports are critical in the examination of the efficiency and effectiveness of our public resource utilization and are meant to advise public entities on areas of improvement to ensure prudence in public finance management," the Speaker said.

Citing a letter he received from the Office of the Auditor-General, the Speaker said the letter indicated that 63 performance audit reports have been submitted to the National Assembly since 2012. However, he said, only one such report has been considered by the House over this period.

"This performance is dismal and calls into question the prioritization of these reports by Committees of the House," he said.

The Office of the Auditor-General is one of the independent offices established by the Constitution and is mandated to, inter alia, audit and report on the accounts of all public entities in accordance with Article 229 of the Constitution.

In addition, Section 36 of the Public Audit Act, 2015 requires the



Speaker of the National Assembly, Rt. Hon. (Dr.) Moses Wetang'ula presiding of a past sitting of the House

Office of the Auditor-General to conduct performance audits for the purpose of examining the economy, efficiency and effectiveness of public expenditure by public institutions.

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"The Central Bank of Kenya will ensure the inflation rate remains within target, while maintaining a competitive exchange rate, and stable interest rates," he told the House.

According to the CS, the Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) is further expected to safeguard the improvements in the functioning of the inter-bank foreign exchange market, and apply all instruments, to strengthen the monetary policy transmission mechanisms.

To underscore the Government's unwavering commitment for fiscal discipline transparency and efficiency in the management of public finances, CS Ndung'u pointed out that the Cabinet had approved the implementation of Treasury Single Account System, in a clustered approach.

He noted that the system is set to consolidate government cash resources into a single account held at the CBK and sub-Treasury single accounts at the Commercial Banks.

Noting that accessibility of affordable credit to most Kenyans at the bottom of the pyramid remains a challenge, the CS told the House that the Government had proposed an additional allocation of Kshs.5 billion to the financial inclusion of hustler's fund, to scale up access to credit for households and Micro and Small-Scale Enterprises (MSMEs)

To bolster the Government's efforts to support entrepreneurship as an alternative source of income for the youth, he urged the House to approve

an additional Kshs.200 million for the Youth Enterprise Development Fund, Kshs.165.5 million for the center for entrepreneurship project and Kshs.1.9 billion for rural Kenya financial inclusion facility.

Turning to healthcare, the CS emphasized the Government's commitment to meeting the constitutional right to health by promoting access to quality and affordable health care through universal health care coverage programme. Towards this end, he proposed an allocation of Kshs.127 billion to the health sector, to support various activities and programmes.

To further the Government's agenda to turn the housing challenge into an economic opportunity to create quality jobs for the youth, the CS proposed an allocation of Kshs.92.1 billion for the Housing, Urban Development and Public Works.

The bid to accelerate growth in the digital superhighway and creative economy also received a shot in the arm, with the CS proposing an allocation of Kshs.16.3 billion to fund initiatives in the Information, Communication and Technology sector.

Speaker of the National Assembly Rt. Hon. (Dr.) Moses Wetang'ula thanked the CS and affirmed that the National Treasury had availed all the requisite budget documents within the prescribed timelines as per the law.

The presentation of the budget highlights now paves the way for the consideration of the Appropriations Bill.

The House is expected to debate these highlights when it reconvenes this week.



National Assembly seeks the dismissal of Law Society of Kenya petition on Bill

The National Assembly has asked the High Court to dismiss a petition filed by the Law Society of Kenya (LSK) seeking to block enactment of the Statutory Instruments (Amendment) Bill, 2024.

In an affidavit before Court, the National Assembly argues that the petition has been filed prematurely as the Bill in question is still before the Senate awaiting the Second Reading, following its passage in the National Assembly.

This, argues the National Assembly, violates the doctrine of ripeness which prohibits the court from entertaining issues prematurely when they are still abstract.

“The petitioner can still present its views before the Senate Justice, Legal Affairs and Human Rights Committee. Hence the petitioner has brought the Petition prematurely before utilizing the available legislative alternatives available in the Senate where the impugned Bill is being considered,” states the National Assembly.

Further, the National Assembly argues that the LSK is making an attempt to manipulate the court, by erroneously citing a past judgement without a complete record of the facts or proper context to the present case.

The said judgement cited by the petitioner relates to a verdict made by the High Court on the Finance Act, 2023, which the National Assembly now argues did not prohibit it from undertaking its legislative functions, including amendment and repeal of law pursuant to article 95(3) of the Constitution.

In the petition, LSK claims that the Bill is a mischief to ensure that statutory instruments do not expire automatically 10 years after their commencement as is presently the law.

As a result of this, the petitioner claims may see some of the statutory instruments that were due to expire on the 10th anniversary saved with the potential to subsist in perpetuity.

However, the National Assembly argues that contrary to this assertion, a statutory instrument can be amended, repealed or replaced by a regulatory making authority as provided for under section 24(3) of the Statutory Instruments Act.

“This Court ought not to grant the orders sought in this Petition since the issues raised are premature. Furthermore, the petitioner has not adduced any cogent evidence to demonstrate to this Honourable Court that any right had been infringed by the Bill,” argues the National Assembly.

The case will be heard on October, 2, 2024

Speaker to give direction on Request for Statements on *Muguka* ban



Speaker of the National Assembly, Rt. Hon. (Dr.) Moses Wetang'ula presiding over the House sitting on Thursday, June 13, 2024

Speaker of the National Assembly, Rt. Hon. (Dr.) Moses Wetang'ula on Thursday, June 13, 2024 told the House that he will give direction on request for statements on the ban on the sale and use of *Muguka* in the coastal region.

“I have received requests for statements from two Members, one from Lamu County and another from Embu County. However, I will not open this discussion today, as we need to focus on the public pronouncement of the budget highlights,” the Hon. Speaker said.

Since the counties of Mombasa and Kwale banned *Muguka*, lawmakers from Embu county have criticized the move, emphasizing the crop's significant economic contribution to their respective counties saying it uplifts the livelihoods of many families that rely on its cultivation.

MPs from Embu County have argued that *Muguka* farming and trade are lifelines for many families, banning it would plunge thousands into poverty and disrupt the local economy. They are, therefore, asking for a balanced approach that addresses the negative impacts while preserving livelihoods.

Conversely, leaders from various parts of the country that support the ban, argue that *Muguka*, a stimulant, has detrimental effects on the youth, rendering them lethargic and unproductive.

According to them the communities in the coastal regions are being torn apart by the pervasive use of this substance. They pointed out that families are suffering as breadwinners lose their way and area asking for swift action to curb the menace.

Speaker Wetang'ula assured Members that this issue would be addressed in the coming week.

“We owe it to our constituents to have a comprehensive and fair discussion on this matter. The economic benefits cannot be overlooked, but neither can the social repercussions. Our goal must be to find a sustainable solution that serves the best interests of all,” he said.

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
IN THE HIGH COURT OF KENYA AT NAIROBI
CONSTITUTIONAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS DIVISION
CONSTITUTIONAL PETITION NO. E186 OF 2024

BETWEEN

THE LAW SOCIETY OF KENYA.....PETITIONER

AND

PARLIAMENT OF KENYA.....1ST RESPONDENT

ATTORNEY GENERAL.....2ND RESPONDENT

AND

KATIBA INSTITUTE.....INTERESTED PARTY

THE 1ST RESPONDENT'S REPLYING AFFIDAVIT
(In opposition to the Petition dated 8th April, 2024)

I, SAMUEL NJOROGE, C.B.S, a resident of Nairobi and of P.O Box Number, care of 41842 – 00100, Nairobi, make oath and state as follows: **THAT**

1. I am the Clerk of the National Assembly.
2. I am fully conversant with the facts giving rise to this matter and thus competent to make this affidavit.
3. I am duly authorised by the Rt. Hon. Speaker of the National Assembly, to swear this affidavit on behalf of the National Assembly.



Committee on Agriculture and Livestock gets views on Prevention of Livestock and Produce Theft Bill

The Departmental Committee on Agriculture and Livestock on Tuesday, June 11, 2024 received views from State Department of Livestock Development and State Department of Trade on the Prevention of Livestock and Produce Theft Bill.

The Bill seeks to provide for a legal framework for the identification of livestock; the movement of livestock; the prevention of livestock theft; the regulation of trade in livestock; the return of illegally acquired livestock and firearms.

In a Session chaired by Sigowet Soin MP, Hon. Justice Kemei, officials from the State Department of Livestock Development asked the Committee to stand down the Bill.

Director Livestock Policy Resource, Dr. Christopher Wanga told the Committee that the Ministry proposes that the National Assembly stands-down the processing of the Bill since the Ministry already has four Bills and one Act that seeks to address the challenges that the current Bill envisages to address.



Sigowet Soin MP, Hon. Justice Kemei chairing a meeting of the Committee on Agriculture and Livestock to hear views on Prevention of Livestock and Produce Theft Bill

Dr. Wanga listed the four Bills as being; Livestock Bill, Animal Health Bill, Animal Welfare and Protection Bill, Veterinary Public Health Bill and Livestock Identification and Traceability Regulations.

"The Ministry has developed a Livestock Bill which is awaiting publication by the Leader of the Majority. This Bill seeks to provide for

the development of the livestock sector and the regulation of livestock inputs and products," Dr. Wanga said.

State Department of Trade through Mr. Lucas Mwago proposed that Section 15 (4) of the Bill, that requires the abattoir owner to keep records for a period of three months, be enhanced to between six months and a year saying that the three months provision is too short.

According to Mr. Mwago the proposal on Section 15 (4) is a good one since it will ensure traceability of meat and other livestock products, therefore, there is need for proper records being maintained for longer periods.

"Investigation into theft of livestock may take longer than three months hence the need for the records to be kept for longer periods," Mr. Mwago said.

After their presentations, Members pointed out the contradiction from the two Departments and asked them to come together and reach a common point on the Bill.

Hon. Kemei, however, indicated that the Committee will consider the two presentations and act accordingly.

Committee on Members Services and Facilities tours constituency offices in Kisumu and Siaya



Committee on Members Services and Facilities undertook a tour of constituency offices in Siaya and Kisumu counties.

During the tour Members met a number of Constituencies Office staff who lauded the efforts by the Parliamentary Service Commission (PSC) to ensure timely disbursement of funds to facilitate office operations.

The staff also expressed their gratitude for the timely payment of their salaries which they noted is now paid

promptly every month, a departure from the past where payment of salaries was done on a quarterly basis.

While appreciating the efforts by the PSC in taking care of their welfare, the teams led by Constituency Managers requested that the PSC consider facilitating their training and capacity building.

Responding to the request for training, Session Chairperson, Hon. Owen Baya (Kilifi North) encouraged the Constituency Managers to consider collaborating with their respective National Government Constituency Development Fund (NG-CDF) secretariats to secure support for training and capacity building.

"It is good to be trained as a way of enhancing your skills, find a way of getting this done through NG-CDF. Under NG-CDF there is provision for that", Hon. Baya said.

Members emphasized on the need to consider giving employment opportunities to women and Persons with Disabilities (PWD) and prudent use of resources provided by the PSC to help run the constituency offices.

"I want to assure you that all your pleas will be looked into, we are happy that today you are receiving your monthly remittances on time and that means that PSC is working towards solving all your challenges, we are here to listen to you and give solutions, I thank you all", Hon. Baya said.

The Committee visited five constituencies; Seme, Gem, Ugenya, Bondo, Kisumu Central and the office of Kisumu County MP.

Members of the Committee on Member Services and Facilities led by Kilifi North MP, Hon. Owen Baya (third from left) pose for a photo with Bondo Constituency Office staff during the tour of the Constituency Offices in Bondo Town, Siaya County



Committee on Education questions implementation of University Funding Model and admissions

The Departmental Committee on Education has questioned Ministry of Education officials over the implementation of the University Funding model and the state of university admissions.

In a meeting presided over by Chairperson, Hon. Julius Melly (Tinderet) the Committee met with Principal Secretary (PS), State Department of Higher Education and Research, Dr. Beatrice Inyangala, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Kenya Universities and Colleges Central Placement Service, Dr. Mercy Wahome, CEO, Universities Fund, Mr. Geoffrey Monari and CEO, Higher Education Loans Board (HELB), Mr. Charles Ringera.

Members raised concerns about the University Funding Model's reliance on data sources including Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA), National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF), and mobile network providers, which they said, could disadvantage students from rural areas and those in informal employment sectors where formal registration is limited.

The Committee questioned the accuracy of the data collected for the funding model, particularly for students in rural areas with limited access to formal employment and social programs.

"Does this funding model take into account people who do not have NHIF or KRA or even

National Identity Cards? A number of people in rural areas do not have these documents," Lugari MP, Hon. Nabii Nabwera said.

Kabondo Kasipul MP, Hon. Eve Obara sought to know if the variables used by the Ministry through the model are verifiable

According to submissions by PS, Dr. Inyangala, in the new funding model, students are assessed and placed in financial aid bands that determine the percentage of their university fees covered by scholarships, loans provided by HELB, and household contributions.

On his part, Mr. Ringera, told the Committee that multiple data sources are used to verify applicant information and in the funding model, including the KRA, National Integrated Population Registry Service (NIPRS), HELB, and National Employment Authority (NEA).

Members, however, pointed out that in the past parents had received university admission letters without a clear breakdown of Government scholarships, HELB and their contribution as per the funding model.

"The University admission letters with huge figures are causing panic in parents and students," Hon. Melly said

Members of the Education Committee



Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Education, Hon. Julius Melly (right) and Vice-Chairperson, Hon. Malulu Ijendi (left) following a presentation by the PS, State Department of Higher Education and Research, Dr. Beatrice Inyangala during the meeting held at Parliament Buildings

recounted details of parents, particularly those representing the most vulnerable students, were discouraged from applying for funding due to this lack of clarity on whether they will receive aid.

Speaking on the Kenya Universities and Colleges Central Placement Service (KUCCPS) application portal, legislators further pointed out challenges with the KUCCPS application portal.

Dr. Inyangala acknowledged the concerns raised by the Members and pledged to address them.

Committee on National Cohesion and Equal Opportunities engages the public on Cohesion and Integration Bill

The National Cohesion and Equal Opportunities Committee held a series of public participation exercises on the National Cohesion and Integration Bill in parts of Coast, Nyanza and Central regions.

The Bill is seeking to address conflicts that have affected national cohesion, peace and integration.

Chairperson, Hon. Adan Haji led Members in interacting with the public on the Bill in Coast region, Vice-Chairperson, Hon. Liza Chelule led the team in Nyanza while Nyeri Town MP, Hon. Duncan Mathenge led the team that went to the Central region.

During a session held at Mokowe Market in Lamu County, members of the public singled out non issuance of title deeds, discrimination in job opportunities and unequal distribution of resources by Government as key issues that threatened cohesion, peaceful coexistence and integration.

The Committee held similar public engagements in Nyali Constituency, Mombasa County and Matuga Constituency in Kwale County.



Chairperson, Committee on National Cohesion and Equal Opportunities, Hon. Adan Haji addressing members of the public at Matuga NG-CDF offices during a public participation exercise on the National Cohesion and Integration Bill

Hon. Haji, thanked residents for turning up to participate in the exercise which he noted was a constitutional requirement in the law making process.

"This Committee has drafted the law that is aimed at refining the existing one so as to deal with the root cause of conflicts that affect national cohesion, peace and integration," he said.

He pointed out that the Bill seeks to give prosecution powers to the National Cohesion and Integration Commission (NCIC), defines punitive measures for hate speech mongers and allows for opening of eight regional NCIC offices countrywide among other key issues.

At Grace Onyango Social Hall in Kisumu, residents told the Hon. Chelule-led team that Kisumu- Kericho and Kisumu-Nandi border disputes posed a big threat to cohesion and peaceful coexistence among tribes neighbouring the three counties.

In the Central region at a meeting held at St Peters' Cathedral Hall, residents noted that limited access to bursaries saw many bright and

needy children fail to access education thereby denying them employment.

They also singled out geographical discrimination in employment, tribalism and lack of land as issues that should be addressed by the law.



Public Debt and Privatization Committee briefed on status of KenGen loans

The Public Debt and Privatization Committee has been told KenGen has outstanding loan balances of Kshs.36.5 billion.

The Committee, chaired by Balambala MP, Hon. Abdi Shurie, met the Managing Director of KenGen, Eng. Peter Njenga, who updated Members on the status of loans dating back to 1995.

The loans; Kipevu I Power Plant (1995), Sondu Miriu Phase I Power Plant (1997), Sondu Miriu Phase II Power Plant (2004), Sangoro Power Plant (2007), Olkaria I and IV and Olkaria I unit 6 Power Plant (2010) and Rehabilitation and Upgrade of Kindaruma Hydropower Plant (2010), Olkaria I & IV (2011) were lent by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and KFW Development Bank of Germany.

"In 2022 and 2023, there was deferment of the JICA loan repayments for JICA loans (for KE-P20, KE-P21, KE-P23, KE-P24 KE-P26) for the period between January -June 2021 and in 2023 there were deferments of the JICA loan repayments for JICA loans (for KE-P20, KE-P21, KE-P23, KE-P24 KE-P26) for the period between July-December 2021," Eng. Njenga told the Members.

When asked by the Committee on the provision made for servicing the loans, the MD said the company utilizes the proceeds of loans for implementation of power generation projects and earns revenue through sale of electricity to Kenya Power Company upon completion of the projects.

"KenGen sets aside funds from the revenue earned to service the loan obligations as and when due. KenGen has over the years maintained a good track record in servicing its loan obligation and we commit to doing so going forward," he said.

Three loans; Kipevu I Power Plant (1995), Sondu Miriu Phase I Power Plant (1997) and Sondu Miriu Phase II Power Plant (2004) out of the nine were borrowed by KPLC and later novated to KenGen, according to the MD.

On the status of the Kindaruma Hydropower Plant loan that was lent to them by KFW Development Bank of Germany, the MD told the Members that the loan is not in KenGen books and the project description does not match any of KenGen projects.



Chairperson, Public Debt and Privatization Committee, Hon. Abdi Shurie (seated left) and KenGen MD Eng. Peter Njenga (seated right) poses for a photo after a meeting on Wednesday, June 12, 2024. Standing from left are the Committee Members; Hon Abraham Kirwa, Hon. Irine Kasalu and Hon. Zachary Thuku

Committee on Sports and Culture backs plans to construct a monument in Marsabit



The Departmental Committee on Sports and Culture has supported plans by the Government to set up a monument in Marsabit in honour of leaders who perished in a plane crash in 2006.

Members led by Turkana North MP, Hon. Ekwom Nabuin said plans by the National Heroes Council were a welcome move.

Noting that the victims of the crash were former colleagues, Hon. Nabuin said the Committee had decided to visit the site of the 2006 crash.

The MPs who perished in the plane crash included Hon. (Dr.) Bonaya Godana, Hon. Mirugi Kariuki, Hon. Abdi Tari Sasura, Hon. Guracha Galgallo and Hon. Titus Ngoyoni.

Anglican Church Bishop William Waqo and other senior civil servants in the security sector who had accompanied the MPs also lost their lives.

Hon. Nabuin pointed out that it is good that the Council had decided to build the monument in remembrance of the leaders' commitment and dedication in search of lasting peace in Upper Eastern.

Marsabit County MP, Hon. Waqo Jillo, wife to Hon. Bonaya Godana who was leading the peace mission, said honouring her husband and other leaders meant a lot to her family, the entire county and beyond.

"Hon. Godana was committed to ensuring that there was a lasting peace in Marsabit for the growth of the region but it is unfortunate that together with other leaders on the same mission perished," she said.

She added that the monument will be a symbol of peace and called for an expedition of the project.

Busia County MP, Hon. Catherine Omanyoo noted that it is good that the Government has thought of honouring peace ambassadors who tirelessly pursued the course.

"It is good that the National Heroes Council has decided to honour leaders who died in the plane crash. The Committee will fully support the project that has a lot of significance to Marsabit people and the entire country," said Hon. Omanyoo.

The Committee assured residents that they will endure that adequate money was appropriated to the Ministry for completion of the project.

Turkana North MP, Hon. Ekwom Nabuin addressing the media when he led a section of Members of the Departmental Committee on Sports and Culture in visiting a site in Marsabit County where a monument would be constructed in honour of leaders who died in a plane crash while on a peace mission in 2006



Reports laid on the Table of the House: Tuesday 11th June, 2024 to Thursday 13th June, 2024.

Tuesday 11th June, 2024 (Afternoon Sitting)

The following reports were laid on the Table of the House on **Tuesday 11th June, 2024 afternoon sitting**;

1. Reports of the Auditor-General and Financial Statements for the year ended 30th June 2023 and the certificates therein in respect of:
 - a. Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology Industrial Park Limited;
 - b. Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology Enterprises Park Limited;
 - c. Chuka University;
 - d. Cooperative University of Kenya;
 - e. University of Nairobi;
 - f. Thogoto Teachers Training College;
 - g. Sunset Hotel Limited;
 - h. Tom Mboya University;
 - i. Lafey Technical and Vocational College;
 - j. Kisumu National Polytechnic;
 - k. Mandera Technical Training Institute;
 - l. Machakos University;
 - m. Maasai Mara University; and
 - n. Kenyatta University.
2. Report of the Departmental Committee on Agriculture and Livestock on its consideration of the Senate Amendments to the Sugar Bill.
3. Reports of the Public Petitions Committee on its consideration of:
 - i. Public Petition No. 7 of 2023 by Mr. Fredrick Gaya regarding
 - ii. Gazettement of Rachuonyo North as a hardship area;
 - iii. Public Petition No. 14 of 2023 by the Hon. Owen Baya, CBS, MP, regarding delayed adjudication and settlement of residents of Mnarani Sub-Location in Kilifi County;
 - iv. Public Petition No. 36 of 2023 by the Hon. Owen Baya, CBS, MP regarding delayed adjudication and settlement of residents of Misufini, Vibandani and Kibarani Sub-Locations, Tezo Location in Kilifi North Constituency;
 - v. Public Petition No. 57 of 2023 by the Hon. Tom Odege, MP regarding the gazettelement of Nyatike West, Nyatike North and Nyatike South as hardship areas;

- vi. Public Petition No. 70 of 2023 by the Hon. Ken Chonga, MP regarding hardship allowance and affirmative action for Teachers in Chonyi Sub County; and
- vii. Public Petition No. 71 of 2023 by the Hon. Victor Koech, MP regarding gazettelement of Chepalungu Sub-County as hardship area.

Wednesday 12th June, 2024 (Afternoon Sitting)

The following reports were laid on the Table of the House on **Wednesday 12th June, 2024 afternoon sitting**;

1. Implementation of the recommendations of the Public Accounts Committee on the examination of the report of the Auditor-General on the financial statements for the National Government Ministries, Departments and Agencies for the financial year 2020/2021 from the Judiciary.
2. Reports of the Auditor-General and Financial Statements for the year ended 30th June 2023 and the certificates therein in respect of:
 - a. Kenya Fish Marketing Authority;
 - b. National Housing Corporation;
 - c. Kenya Ports Authority;
 - d. National Construction Authority;
 - e. Kenya Fisheries Service;
 - f. Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation;
 - g. Lapsset Corridor Development Authority;
 - h. Kenya Urban Roads Authority;
 - i. Kenya National Trading Corporation Limited; and
 - j. Energy and Petroleum Regulatory Authority.
3. Report of the Departmental Committee on Health on the inquiry into alleged fraudulent payments of medical claims and capitation to health facilities by the National Health Insurance Fund.

Thursday 6th June, 2024 (Afternoon Sitting)

The following reports were laid on the Table of the House on **Thursday, 13th June, 2024 afternoon sitting**;

Legal Notice No. 96 of 2024 relating to the Independent Policing Oversight Authority (General) Regulations, 2023 including the Explanatory Memorandum, Executive Summary and Synopsis of Stakeholders Engagement from the Independent Policing Oversight Authority (IPOA).

Committee on Administration and Internal Security calls on NACADA to scale up efforts to fight drug abuse

The Departmental Committee on Administration and Internal Security on Thursday, June 14, 2024 called upon the National Authority for the Campaign Against Alcohol and Drug Abuse (NACADA) to be vibrant on the fight against illicit drugs.

The call was made during a meeting presided over by Chairperson, Hon. Gabriel Tongoyo (Narok West). During the meeting Members sought to know the reason the Authority was silent on the ongoing debate on ban on muguka in the coastal region.

In his submission, NACADA, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Dr. Anthony Omerikwa explained that the authority is a regulatory body and asked Members to amend laws so as to expand their mandate.

“NACADA is a regulator. Our mandate revolves around enhancing compliance. Adjustments to that law would help us expand our scope”, explained Dr. Omerikwa.

He added that according to the Second Schedule of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substance (Control) Act No. 4 of 1994, Cathine and



Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Administration and Internal Security, Hon. Gabriel Tongoyo presiding over a meeting with officials from NACADA

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Budalang'i MP provides boats to ferry learners to school in flooded areas

Budalang'i MP, Hon. Raphael Wanjala, on Friday, May 24, 2024 flagged off the second phase of the construction of rescue boats at Mabinju Beach in Bunyala South Ward.

The boats form part of the constituency's flood and disaster preparedness, in a bid to find a solution to the challenges faced by school going children in the flood affected areas.

The fleet of 23 boats has been financed by the Emergency Fund Kitty of Budalang'i NG-CDF. They include six boats of 24 feet each; nine boats of 27 feet each; and eight boats of 29 feet each.

"The boats will be under the Beach Management Units (BMUs) and will always give priority to ferrying students and pupils daily, to and from schools, at given intervals, for free," said Hon. Wanjala.

The Legislator together with the team from the Kenya Women and Finance Trust (Western Region) also visited Mabinju Camp where close to 300 households have sought refuge, and donated an assortment of clothes, mattresses and maize flour.



Budalang'i MP, Hon. Raphael Wanjala (front row, left), together with pupils and teachers from Bunyala South Ward, get a feel of one of the rescue boats during the launch on Friday, May 24, 2024

Ugunja MP to use NG-CDF to construct sub-county law court



Ugunja MP, Hon Opiyo Wandayi (in light blue shirt) accompanied by Siaya High Court Presiding Judge, Justice Daniel Ogembo (in a suit) and other officers inspects the site for the proposed Ugunja Sub-County law court

Ugunja MP, Hon. Opiyo Wandayi has set aside Kshs.27 million from the constituency's NG-CDF money for construction of Ugunja Sub-County law court.

Hon Wandayi said the court that will be set up at Nyasanda Grounds in Ugunja Ward is meant to cushion residents from travelling long distances to seek legal services in law courts in Siaya Town.

The MP made these remarks after leading Judiciary officers led by Siaya High Court Presiding Judge, Justice Daniel Ogembo in conducting site assessment exercise at Nyasanda Grounds.

"Ugunja ND-CDF has been given a nod by the Judiciary to set up a sub-county court. Our people seeking legal services will now cut down on costs as the court will be at their door-steps," said Hon. Wandayi.

During the event, he also presented interim driving licences to 111 boda boda operators whose training was sponsored by NG-CDF under the youth empowerment programme.

Kisii County MP launches the Sanitary Towels Programme to improve girls' menstrual health

Kisii County MP, Hon. Dorice Aburi last week launched the Sanitary Towels Program (STP) at Kenya Sub-County in Bomachoge Borabu Constituency. The programme is aimed at improving menstrual health and hygiene for young girls. At least 583, 264 sanitary towels have been set aside for this programme.



Kisii County MP, Hon. Dorice Aburi (second left) distributing sanitary towels to young girls during the launch of the Sanitary Towels Program (STP) at Kenya Sub-County in Bomachoge Borabu Constituency

According to Hon. Aburi the programme is a promise and commitment to every girl.

"This initiative is not just a programme. It is a promise, a commitment to ensuring that every girl in our community can manage her menstrual health with dignity, confidence, and without any hindrance to her education or daily life," Hon. Aburi said.

She observed that the lack of access to sanitary products, the stigma surrounding menstruation, and the absence of adequate menstrual health education have long been barriers to their growth and development.

Kanduyi MP allocates funds for Boda boda training



Kanduyi MP, Hon. John Makali addressing boda boda operators after he allocated them Kshs.1.6 million to facilitate their training

Kanduyi MP, Hon. John Makali, has allocated funds for the training of boda boda operators across the constituency.

Recognizing the crucial role boda bodas play in the daily lives of Bungoma residents, Hon. Makali allocated Kshs.1.6 million from NG-CDF kitty to facilitate driving school training for the riders.

This initiative will see 20 operators from each of the eight wards receive formal training to improve their skills and ensure safer operations on the roads.

"With the new face of Bungoma Town, it is our responsibility to ensure that boda boda riders are well-trained and equipped to handle the demands of their job safely and efficiently," said Hon. Makali.

He added that investing in their education and skill development not only enhances their livelihood but also contributes to the overall safety of our community.



Prof. Njuguna Ndung'u (holding the budget briefcase) pose for a photo with Leader of the Majority Party, Hon. Kimani Ichungw'ah (second left), Deputy Leader of the Majority Party, Hon. Owen Baya (far right), Majority Whip Hon. Silvanus Osoro (far left) and Deputy Majority Whip, Hon. Naomi Wago (second right) when he arrived to present the budget highlights on Thursday, June 13, 2024



Chairperson, Budget and Appropriations Committee, Hon. Ndingi Nyoro (left) posing for a photo with Cabinet Secretary, National Treasury and Economic Planning, Prof. Njuguna Ndung'u (holding a briefcase) when the CS arrived at Parliament Buildings to present the budget highlights for 2024/25 Financial Year



Cabinet Secretary, National Treasury and Economic Planning, Prof. Njuguna Ndung'u pose for a photo while holding the budget briefcase on arrival at Parliament Buildings

From left: Attorney General, Hon. Justin Muri, Cabinet Secretary for Defence, Hon. Aden Duale, Cabinet Secretary for Roads and Transport, Hon. Kipchumba Murkomen and Cabinet Secretary for Public Service, Performance and Delivery Management, Hon. Moses Kuria, following presentation of Budget highlights for FY 2024/2025





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Committee on Administration and Internal Security calls on NACADA to scale up efforts to fight drug abuse (Continued)

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Cathinone; the chemicals contained in muguka, are classified as psychotropic substances.

He further explained that the said Act criminalizes any trade in psychotropic substances.

“According to Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substance (Control) Act No. 4 of 1994, any person who traffics any narcotic drug or psychotropic substance or any substance represented or held out by him to be

a narcotic drug or psychotropic substance, shall be guilty of an offence”, noted Dr. Omerikwa

The Committee however expressed dissatisfaction with the responses provided by the Authority. As a result, Hon. Tongoyo asked the team from NACADA to present a detailed report demonstrating the impact of alcohol and drug abuse in counties across the country.

Quotes of The Week

“I appreciate the togetherness and unity of purpose witnessed in the Mediation Committee led by the National Assembly that I represented. Hon. Kathuri Murungi led the Senate. We met for many hours, and until late at night to discuss the amount of money that will go to our counties as equitable share. Equitable share comes from shareable revenue. As we debate this Motion today and table the Report, we have seen great improvements in our counties. Most of the governors are doing their best in providing the critical devolved services. Our meetings in the Mediation Committee noted that county governments need more resources to function optimally. I say so because there are elements in which the national Government and county governments have partnered. They need more resources to partner with the national Government optimally, especially on the industrial centres we are building in every constituency. The resources will help community health promoters and any other critical social investments,”



Hon. Ndimi Nyoro (Kiharu) moving a Motion on adoption of report on the mediated version of the Division of Revenue Bill, on Wednesday, June 5, 2024

“The Senate had a bigger picture of why county governments should get the funds. I agree that this House needs to be apprised of some of these issues when we are making the BPS. Matters that are discussed in the IBEC need to find a way into this House so that when we are allocating these funds we know what we are dealing with. We also agreed that even though we have challenges of misappropriation in some of our counties, as a House, we will not play the politics of individual counties. We have also agreed that despite facing challenges such as funds being misused at the county level, we, as a House, will not engage in county-specific politics. We will ensure that funds are allocated to all counties because devolution has brought services closer to our people in some of our counties,”



Hon. Naisula Lesuuda (Samburu West) contributing on a Motion on adoption of report on the mediated version of the Division of Revenue Bill, on Wednesday, June 5, 2024

“When we come to the Division of Revenue Bill, which is a direct product of BPS, we are actually guided by only two factors. Factor number one is the constitutional requirement of 15 per cent and factor number two is the formula from the allocation of CRA, whose details we do not know when we are discussing BPS at the National Assembly. So, what happens is that, depending on those two factors, we come up with a figure without knowing the details of the needs of county governments. The Chairperson of the Committee is right when he says that when they sat down they started to see the needs of county governments such as ECDs, health, irrigation and water. That is because we missed that information when we were discussing BPS. That is where the Division of Revenue Bill comes from. So, unless we look at that factor, this problem will be perennial. We will always have mediation in this process,”




Hon. (Dr) James Nyikal (Seme) contributing on a Motion on adoption of report on the mediated version of the Division of Revenue Bill, on Wednesday, June 5, 2024

“If we are not very careful, this country will get into deep problems because of the mismanagement of the counties today. In almost all programmes that are being done, for example in education, the quality is very poor. Education starts from ECD which is 100 per cent work of the counties. However, when you visit these counties, most of the time, education is deteriorating. This results in illiteracy in the country. That is why when we allocate this money, we expect the counties to step up specifically in enhancing the quality of education. They should build structures which can help our children have good quality of education. There is also a need for a paradigm shift in management. Most governors, maybe because they are elected, execute their work in a skewed manner. This is to the extent that one part of the county gets development at the expense of another. This gives so” “much discrepancy that counties may not be able to develop equally,”



Hon. Jematiah Serгон (Baringo County) contributing on a Motion on adoption of report on the mediated version of the Division of Revenue Bill, on Wednesday, June 5, 2024


REPUBLIC OF KENYA
THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT - THIRD SESSION (2024)
THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

IN THE MATTER OF ARTICLE 118(1) (b) OF THE CONSTITUTION
AND
IN THE MATTER OF CONSIDERATION BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF—

1. **THE AGRICULTURAL PROFESSIONALS' REGISTRATION AND LICENSING BILL, 2024 (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 19 OF 2024); AND**
2. **THE COUNTY BOUNDARIES BILL, 2023 (SENATE BILL NO. 6 OF 2023).**

INVITATION TO SUBMIT MEMORANDA

WHEREAS, Article 118(1) (b) of the Constitution of Kenya requires Parliament to facilitate public participation and involvement in the legislative and other business of Parliament and its Committees, and National Assembly Standing Order 127(3) requires House Committees considering Bills to facilitate public participation;

AND WHEREAS, the Agricultural Professionals Registration and Licensing Bill, 2024 (National Assembly Bills No. 19 of 2024) and the County Boundaries Bill, 2023 (Senate Bill No. 6 of 2023) have been Read a First Time and referred to the relevant Departmental Committees for consideration and reporting to the House;

IT IS NOTIFIED that—

1. **The Agricultural Professionals Registration and Licensing Bill, 2024 (National Assembly Bill No. 19 of 2024)** is a Bill sponsored by **Hon. John Kanyuthia Mutunga, MP** that seeks to provide for the registration and licensing of agricultural professionals, provide for the regulation of standards and practice of the profession, provide for the establishment, powers and functions of the Agricultural Professionals Registration and Licensing Board;
2. **The County Boundaries Bill, 2023 (Senate Bill No. 6 of 2023)** is a Bill sponsored by **Sen. Moses Otieno Kajwang, MP**. It seeks to provide for county boundaries; establish a mechanism for resolving county boundary disputes; give effect to Article 188 of the Constitution by outlining the procedure for altering county boundaries; and establish an independent County Boundaries Commission.

NOW THEREFORE, in compliance with Article 118(1) (b) of the Constitution and Standing Order 127(3) the Clerk of the National Assembly hereby invites the public and stakeholders to submit memoranda on the Bills to the respective Departmental Committees as listed below—

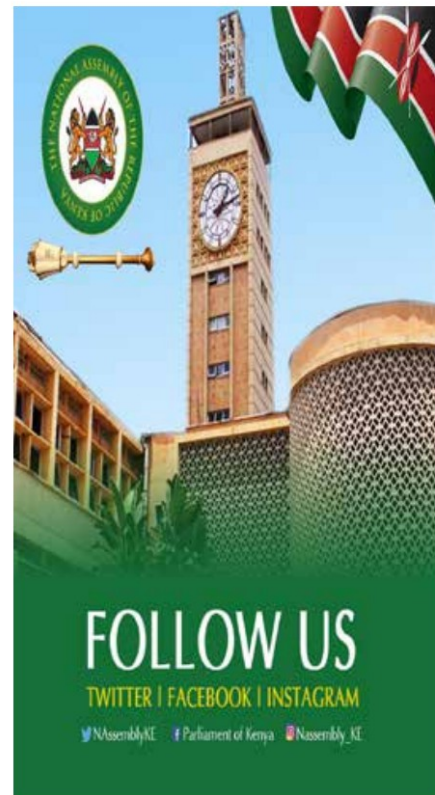
S/No.	BILL	COMMITTEE
1.	The Agricultural Professionals Registration and Licensing Bill, 2024 (National Assembly Bill No. 19 of 2024)	Agriculture and Livestock
2.	The County Boundaries Bill, 2023 (Senate Bill No. 6 of 2023)	Justice and Legal Affairs

Copies of the Bills are available at the National Assembly Table Office, Main Parliament Buildings and on www.parliament.go.ke/the-national-assembly/house-business/bills.

The memoranda may be forwarded to the **Clerk of the National Assembly, P.O. Box 41842-00100, Nairobi**; hand-delivered to the **Office of the Clerk, Main Parliament Buildings, Nairobi**; or emailed to cna@parliament.go.ke to be received on or before **Friday, 21st June 2024 at 5.00 p.m.**

S. NJORGE, CBS
CLERK OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
10th June 2024

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REPUBLIC OF KENYA
THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT - THIRD SESSION (2024)

IN THE MATTER OF ARTICLE 118(1) (b) OF THE CONSTITUTION
AND
IN THE MATTER OF CONSIDERATION BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF—

1. **THE KENYA ROADS BOARD (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 20 OF 2024)**
2. **THE NATIONAL POLICE SERVICE COMMISSION (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 23 OF 2024)**
3. **THE PENSIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 25 OF 2024)**

INVITATION TO SUBMIT MEMORANDA

WHEREAS, Article 118(1) (b) of the Constitution requires Parliament to facilitate public participation and involvement in the legislative and other business of Parliament and its Committees and Standing Order 127(3) of the National Assembly Standing Orders require House Committees considering Bills to facilitate public participation;

AND WHEREAS the Kenya Roads Board (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 20 of 2024); the National Police Service Commission (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 23 of 2024); and the Pensions (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 25 of 2024) were Read a First Time and referred to the relevant Departmental Committees for consideration and reporting to the House;

IT IS NOTIFIED that—

1. **The Kenya Roads Board (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 20 of 2024)** is a Bill sponsored by **Hon. Charles Gimose, MP** that seeks to amend the Kenya Roads Board Act, (Cap. 408) to include the members of the National Government Constituency Development Fund Committee in the Constituency Road Committee and provide for a mandatory consultative mechanism between the National Government Constituency Development Fund (NG-CDF) and the Kenya Roads Board.
2. **The National Police Service Commission (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 23 of 2024)** is a Bill sponsored by **Hon. Peter Francis Masara, MP** that seeks to provide for the mental wellness and well-being of police officers by, among others, requiring the establishment of psychosocial support centres for police officers.
3. **The Pensions (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 25 of 2024)** is a Bill Sponsored by **Hon. Kassim Sawa Tandaza, MP** that seeks to amend the Pensions Act (Cap. 189) to include an automatic cost of living adjustment in the pensions earned by all retired public servants. In addition, the Bill seeks to provide for the use of the most current salary applicable to a job group as the basis for the calculation of the pension payable to a public servant who has retired in that job group or its equivalent.

NOW THEREFORE, in compliance with Article 118(1) (b) of the Constitution and Standing Order 127(3), the Clerk of the National Assembly hereby invites the public and stakeholders to submit memoranda on the Bills to the respective Departmental Committees listed below—

S/No.	BILL	COMMITTEE
1.	The Kenya Roads Board (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 20 of 2024)	Transport and Infrastructure
2.	The National Police Service Commission (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill 23 of 2024)	Administration & Internal Security
3.	The Pensions (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 25 of 2024)	Social Protection

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S. NJORGE, CBS
CLERK OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
12th JUNE 2024

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