

REPUBLIC OF KENYA



ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY – (FOURTH SESSION)

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR (No. 037)

ON THE TIMELINE FOR FILLING VACANCIES OCCASIONED IN A SELECT COMMITTEE BY RESIGNATION OR REMOVAL

Honourable Members, as you may recall, on 16th June 2016, I issued a Communication to this House regarding the discharge of the following Members of the Coalition for Reforms and Democracy (CORD) from the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs:

1. The Hon. David Ouma Ochieng, M.P.;
2. The Hon. Neto Agostinho, M.P.;
3. The Hon. Kaluma Peter, M.P.;
4. The Hon. Fatuma Ibrahim Ali, M.P.;
5. The Hon. Ben Momanyi Orari, M.P.;
6. The Hon. T. J. Kajwang', M.P.;
7. The Hon. (Bishop) Mutua Mutemi, M.P.;
8. The Hon. Olago Aluoch, M.P.;
9. The Hon. Christine Oduor Ombaka, M.P.;
10. The Hon. Benjamin Andai, M.P.; and
11. The Hon. Mwamkale William Kamoti, M.P.

Whereas the discharge of the said Members took effect immediately pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 176(2), I am reliably informed that the Committee on Selection is yet to receive names from the CORD Coalition nominating Members to fill the vacancies left by the discharged Members.

Honourable Members, Standing Order 173(3) prescribes the timeline for filling a vacancy in a select committee, arising from resignation or removal. For clarity, the said Standing Order states, and I quote:

*(3) A vacancy occasioned by resignation or removal of a Member from a select Committee shall be filled within **fourteen days** of the vacancy.*

In this regard, I wish to draw to the attention of the CORD Coalition and indeed the House that today, Wednesday 29th June 2016, is the **thirteenth day** from when the discharge of the said Members took effect, implying that only **one day** is remaining for the said vacancies to be filled. The Coalition is therefore advised to hasten submission of nominees to the Committee on Selection for appointment to fill the vacancies.

I thank you!

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

Wednesday, June 29, 2016.