



REPUBLIC OF KENYA
ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT- (THIRD SESSION)
THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

ON THE ERRONEOUS FORWARDING OF QUESTIONS

Honourable Members,

You will recall that in June 2014, we resolved as a House to amend parts of our Standing Orders. Among the issues agreed on was that in fulfillment of Article 153 of the Constitution, Cabinet Secretaries would be appearing before Committees of this House to respond to matters under their dockets. To this end, Cabinet Secretaries have been appearing before Committees every Tuesday from 10am to 1pm.

Hon. Members, the process, which I believe is understood by each one of us, involves Members drafting Questions (through the Clerk's office) which are thereafter directed to the relevant Ministry for response. Subsequently, the office of Clerk in consultation with the office of the Leader of the Majority schedules the questions to be answered on any given Tuesday when the House is in Session.

Hon. Members, Standing Order 216 as read together with the Second Schedule to the Standing Orders provides for the appointment, membership, mandate and functions of Departmental Committees. In this regard and considering the matter at hand, the Second Schedule specifically provides that the National Youth Service is a subject that falls under the Departmental Committee on Labour and Social Welfare. It is therefore regrettable that during the forwarding of the schedule for appearance, it was erroneously indicated that the matter would be handled by the Departmental Committee on Finance, Planning and Trade. Consequently, the matter as well as the concerns of the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee

on Labour and Social Welfare have been duly noted and will be rectified accordingly.

Hon. Members, it is noted that the new dispensation has created several overlaps among Government Ministries in relation to Departmental Committees which may have caused the error. However, be that as it may, all concerned officers are required to undertake the necessary due diligence in the processing of the relevant business.

I Thank you!

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