

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

NOTIFICATION FROM THE SPEAKER

[Standing Order 29]
_____(No. 07 of 2022)_____

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: ON

CANCELLATION OF THE SPECIAL SITTINGS OF THE HOUSE SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY, 13TH, 2022

- 1. It will be recalled that on Thursday, June 9, 2022, as the House proceeded on Sine Die recess, the Leader of the Majority Party did indicate that Members could be recalled for a special sitting in case of any urgent business requiring resolution.
- 2. On July 6, 2022, as provided for under Standing Order 29, I did receive a request from the Leader of the Majority Party to convene special sittings of the National Assembly on Wednesday, 13th July , 2022 to consider the following business-
 - Conveyance of any urgent Messages from the President, the National Executive or the Senate;
 - **b.** Tabling of any Papers with Statutory timelines, including subsidiary legislation;
 - c. Tabling of the Report of the Budget and Appropriations Committee on the County Governments Additional Allocations Bill (Senate Bill No. 2 of 2022);
 - **d.** Tabling of and Notice of Motion on the Report of the Departmental Committee on Defence and Foreign Relations on the *Defence Cooperation Agreement between Kenya and the United Kingdom*;

- e. First Reading, Second Reading, Committee of the Whole House and Third Reading of the County Governments Additional Allocations Bill (Senate Bill No. 2 of 2022);
- **f.** Approval of ratification of the *Agreement between the Government* of the Republic of Kenya and the Government of the Republic of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on Defence Cooperation;
- g. Consideration at Committee of the whole House and Third Reading of the Huduma Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 57 of 2021); and,
- **h.** Consideration of any other priority Business certified as urgent by the Speaker.
- **3.** Standing Order 29 confers upon the Speaker the power to allow a request for Special Sittings by the Leader of Majority Party if satisfied that the business proposed to be transacted relates to urgent or important business.
- 4. In this regard and pursuant to Standing Order 29, as Speaker, I considered the request and found it to have merit, given the importance of the business scheduled to be transacted, particularly the County Governments Additional Allocations Bill which seeks to provide for additional allocations to county governments for the 2022/2023 financial year and the ratification of the Agreement between the Kenya and the United Kingdom which is a key to fostering collaboration and cooperation on defence matters between the two countries.
- **5.** I hence instructed the Clerk of the National Assembly to cause the publication of the procedural notifications in the *Gazette* and make other necessary arrangements to facilitate the special sittings of the House.
- **6.** However, as at 14.30 hours today, the Government Printer had not, for unknown reasons, published the *Gazette Notice*. Standing Order 38 requires the publication of the Order Paper showing the business proposed to be transacted by the House at least twelve hours before the House meets. The publication of an Order Paper for a Special Sitting of the House follows publication of the *Gazette Notice* for the particular sitting.

- 7. It is worth noting that the Government Printer has declined and failed to gazette the Special Sittings for reasons not explained to us, despite the requisite documentation being forwarded to his office in good time last week.
- 8. In the circumstances, therefore, I am compelled to CALL OFF the Special Sittings to allow consultations by the Executive. In light of the foregoing, this is to notify you that the Special Sittings of the House that were scheduled to be held tomorrow, Wednesday, 13th July, 2022 stand cancelled. Any inconvenience caused to the House and the Members is highly regrettable.
- **9.** Suffice it to say that as your Speaker, I remain available to facilitate any sitting of the House between now and the end of the term of this Parliament in accordance with the requirements of Standing Orders.
- **10.** I wish all Members success in the forthcoming elections as they seek fresh mandate from the people they represent.

I thank you!

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

Tuesday, July 12, 2022, at 2.15 pm

