



**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**

**THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT - (FIRST SESSION)**

**THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR**

*(No. 011 of 2022)*

**ON ALLOCATION OF MEMBERS' OFFICES IN THE NEW OFFICE TOWER**

**Honourable Members,**

- 1.** One of the core mandates of the Parliamentary Service Commission, which I chair, is the provision of facilities to ensure efficient and effective functioning of Parliament. The facilities so provided include suitable office accommodation for Members.
- 2.** It is in furtherance of this mandate that the Commission embarked on the construction and furnishing of the New Office Block. The work is nearing completion. Indeed, you may recall that during your Induction Programme, the administration had expressed optimism to settle Members in the New Office Block by the end of October 2022.
- 3.** However, this was not possible because contractors required more time to wind up installation of fittings and to adequately furnish the spaces before handing over the Building to the Commission. I am now reliably informed that the contractors have made commendable progress and soon, the building will be ready for occupation.
- 4. Honourable Members,** In the allocation of Offices between the two Houses of Parliament, the National Assembly has been allocated the largest share, being two hundred and eighty (280) offices out of the total three hundred and thirty-one (331) offices.

**5.** In order to ensure that Members occupy the offices immediately they are handed over, I have directed the Clerk to prepare a schedule of allocation of the two hundred and eighty (280) offices, being the equitable share of offices apportioned to the National Assembly in the Office Tower. Regrettably, about sixty-three (63) Members of this House will be NOT be accommodated in the new office Block.

**6. Honourable Members,** allocation of the available offices will observe the following priority –

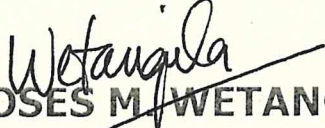
- (a)** First, allocation will be made to the Leadership of the House, comprising the Deputy Party Whips, Members of the Speaker's Panel, Chairpersons of Committees, and Vice- Chairpersons of Committees;
- (b)** Second, ALL Hon. Members serving for the second or further term in Parliament and Members with Disability will be accommodated at the new Office Tower; and,
- (c)** Third, Members serving the first Term in Parliament, will be allocated the remaining offices. The manner of arriving at which of the Members serving a first term will be allocated Offices at the new Office Tower will be based on the practice used to allocate office space at the Continental at the beginning of the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Parliaments. This is done by way of a ballot.

**7. Honourable Members,** I note that part of the election of Chairpersons and Vice Chairpersons will be concluded by Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> November 2022. In this regard, I have directed the Clerk to carry out the allocation next week from Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2022.

8. With respect to balloting for offices by first term Members, I have directed the Clerk to undertake the exercise on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022 in the Members' Lounge from 10.00am to 6.00pm. I hasten to assure Hon. Members who will not be accommodated in the new block that they will be allocated appropriate offices in other existing Parliamentary Buildings.

The House is accordingly guided.

**I thank you!**

  
**THE RT. HON. MOSES M. WETANG'ULA, EGH, MP**  
**SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2022