



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT (FIRST SESSION)

CONVEYANCE OF PUBLIC PETITION

(No. 004 of 2022)

REGARDING FUNDS SPENT BY NATIONAL GOVERNMENT CONTRARY TO PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 223 OF THE CONSTITUTION

Honorable Members, pursuant to Standing Order 225(2)(b) which requires the Speaker to report to the House any Petition, other than those presented by a Member, I wish to report to the House that I have received a Petition from Mr. Stephen Mutoro being the Secretary General of Consumer Federation of Kenya (COFEK), a non-profit and non-political society registered under the Societies Act, Cap.108 which is committed to promoting consumer protection.

Honorable Members, the Petitioner avers that towards the end of the term of the Jubilee Administration, Kshs. 55 Billion was spent without the approval of the National Assembly, contrary to provisions of Article 223 of the Constitution. The Petitioner is concerned that expenditure of such colossal sums was incurred by the Government at a time when the country was grappling with a huge public debt, high inflation and a high cost of living.

Honorable Members, the Petitioner states that the lack of transparency and accountability in the run-up to the transition from one administration to another was a matter of great concern. Further, the Petitioner is concerned that if unchecked, similar incidences will recur in future leading to further burden to the tax payer.

Honorable Members, efforts by the Petitioner to have the matter addressed by the Ministry of National Treasury and Planning have not been fruitful. The Petitioner therefore humbly prays that the National Assembly orders that the Auditor General conducts a forensic audit on all public expenditure by the national government between July and September 2022; amends the relevant laws to bar outgoing administrations from spending any such public funds irregularly and make any other recommendations that it deems fit.

Honorable Members, having established that the matter raised in the Petition is well within the authority of this House, I direct that the Petition be committed to the Public Petitions Committee for consideration in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 208A. The committee is required to consider the matter and report its findings to the House and to the Petitioner in accordance with Standing Order 227(2).

I thank you.

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SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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