



**REPUBLIC OF KENYA
THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT - (SECOND SESSION)**

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

(No. 034 of 2023)

**PRIORITIZATION OF BUSINESS DURING THE SUPPLY, AND WAYS
& MEANS PERIOD**

Honourable Members,

1. As you are aware, and for the benefit of first-term Members, the National Assembly is currently in the *Supply* period of the 2023/24 Budget. The *Supply* period is the phase during which the House considers supply measures to all Votes for funding specific programmes and undertakings for the three arms of government. The Supply period commences with the consideration of the Estimates and ends with the enactment of an Appropriation Act.
2. During this period, **Honourable Members**, the House also considers the Revenue-Raising Measures proposed to support the appropriation made by the House - that is, the *Ways and Means* of supporting the Budget. The culmination of this is the enactment of the Finance Act.
3. **Honourable Members**, during the *Supply period*, the Cabinet Secretary for the National Treasury and Economic Planning also appears before the House to make a public pronouncement of the budget policy highlights and revenue raising measures for the national government as contemplated under the Public Finance Management Act, 2012.

4. In keeping with parliamentary practice drawn from the need to foster regional integration in the East African Community, the pronouncement by the Cabinet Secretary is a ceremonial event.
5. Accordingly, **Honourable Members**, the Cabinet Secretary for the National Treasury and Economic Planning is scheduled to make a public pronouncement on the Budget highlights for the 2023/2024 Financial Year on **Thursday, 15th June 2023 in the National Assembly Chamber from 3.00p.m.**
6. **Honourable Members**, The Standing Orders provide that during the *Supply, and Ways & Means* period, priority is to be given to business related to the consideration of the Budget Estimates, the Finance Bill, 2023, the Appropriation Bill, 2023 and any other legislation relating to the budget. Such business is typically never interrupted by any other business. It may only be preceded by Special Motions which have constitutional or statutory timelines. A motion for the approval of the appointment of a person to state office is an example of such Special Motions.
7. In this regard, **Honourable Members**, and for the convenience of the House, I have **deferred** the appearances by Cabinet Secretaries to respond to Questions in plenary that were initially scheduled for tomorrow, Wednesday, 14th June 2023 during the afternoon sitting.

8. The said Cabinet Secretaries will therefore appear to respond to Questions in plenary next week during the afternoon sitting of Wednesday, 21st June 2023, subject to completion of the supply, and means & ways measures.

9. **Honourable Members**, the House Business Committee has also resolved that consideration of supply measures in the Committee of Supply commences today **Tuesday, 13th June 2023**. The consideration of *Ways & Means Measures* including the Finance Bill, 2023 at Second Reading and subsequent stages commences tomorrow, Wednesday, 14th June 2023 in the morning sitting, subject to the Report on the Finance Bill, 2023 being tabled in the course of today's sitting.

The House is accordingly guided.

I Thank You!


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SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Tuesday, 13th June 2023

