



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (THIRD SESSION)

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

_____ (No. 028 of 2024) _____

CONSIDERATION OF PERFORMANCE AUDIT REPORTS BY RELEVANT COMMITTEES

Honourable Members,

1. As you are aware, the Office of the Auditor-General is one of the independent offices established by the Constitution and is mandated to, *inter alia*, audit and report on the accounts of all public entities in accordance with Article 229 of the Constitution. In addition, section 36 of the Public Audit Act, 2015 requires the Office of the Auditor-General to conduct performance audits for the purpose of examining the economy, efficiency, and effectiveness of public expenditure by public institutions. These reports are critical in the examination of efficiency and effectiveness of our public resource utilization and are meant to advise public entities on areas of improvement to ensure prudence in public finance management.

2. Indeed, **Honourable Members**, I am in receipt of a letter from the Office of the Auditor-General indicating that, sixty-three (63) performance audit reports have been submitted to the National Assembly since 2012. However, it is noted that only one (1) such report has been considered by the House over this period. This performance is dismal and calls into question the prioritization of these reports by Committees of the House.

3. Notably, Honourable Members, the performance audit reports cover various sectors including—

- (i) Agriculture, Rural and Urban Development;
- (ii) Health;
- (iii) Education;
- (iv) Environment, Protection, Water and Natural Resources;
- (v) Social Protection, Culture and Recreation;
- (vi) Governance, Justice, Law and Order;
- (vii) Energy, Infrastructure and ICT;
- (viii) General Economic and Commercial Affairs;
- (ix) Public Administration and International Relations; and
- (x) Finance.

4. Honourable Members, given the centrality of the performance audit reports in the streamlining of resource utilization by public institutions, and pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 216(5), I hereby direct –

- (i) **THAT,** the Clerk circulates the performance audit reports received from the Office of the Auditor-General to respective Departmental Committees and any other relevant Committees for consideration; and
- (ii) **THAT,** the Committees ought to prioritize the examination of the performance audit reports and table respective reports for consideration by the House as appropriate.

5. The House is accordingly guided.

I thank you!


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