



**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**

**THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – THIRD SESSION**

**THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2024 (AFTERNOON SITTING)**

1. The House assembled at thirty minutes past Two O'clock.
2. The Proceedings were opened with Prayer.
3. **Presiding** – the Honourable Speaker.

4. **COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**

The First Chairperson of Committees issued the following Communication –

**Tabling of Budget Policy Statement and Medium-Term Debt Management Strategy for FY 2024/2025**

**“Honourable Members**, this Guide relates to submission of the 2024 Budget Policy Statement and 2024 Medium-Term Debt Management Strategy.

As you may be aware, section 25 of the Public Finance management Act, 2012 requires the National Treasury to submit the Budget Policy Statement (BPS) to Parliament by 15<sup>th</sup> February each year. In this regard, I wish to inform the House that, in compliance with the said provisions of law, the Cabinet Secretary for the National Treasury and Economic Planning has submitted the 2024 Budget Policy Statement and the 2024 Medium-Term Debt Management Strategy, and the attendant documents.

Before permitting the Leader of the Majority Party to lay the BPS and the Debt Strategy on the Table of the House, allow me to guide the House on the next steps to be taken.

**Honourable Members**, Standing Order 232(5)&(7) provides as follows, and I quote –

*(5) Upon being laid before the House, the Budget Policy Statement shall stand committed to each Departmental Committee to consider and make recommendations to the Budget and Appropriations Committee within seven days of committal.*

*(7) Within fourteen (14) days following the tabling of the Budget Policy Statement, the Budget and Appropriations Committee shall table a report in the House for consideration in accordance with the provisions of Section 25(7) of the Public Finance Management Act.*

It is therefore expected that immediately upon being laid, Departmental Committees will forthwith commence consideration of the BPS in accordance with their respective mandates and submit their reports to the Budget and Appropriations

Committee. Thereafter, the Budget and Appropriations Committee will table its report on the BPS to the House within the set timelines.

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**Honourable Members**, I also wish to remind the House that the consideration of BPS ought to be preceded by consideration of the Debt Management Strategy. Of note, a Resolution of the House on the Debt Management Strategy sets the appropriate limit on proposed domestic and foreign borrowing for the next financial year.

For clarity, Standing Order 232A(4)&(6) provides that-

*(4) Within ten (10) days following the tabling of the Debt Management Strategy, the Public Debt and Privatization Committee shall table a report in the House for consideration.*

*(5) .....*

*(6) The House shall consider the report of the Public Debt and Privatization Committee on the Debt Management Strategy before considering the report of the Budget and Appropriations Committee on the Budget Policy Statement.*

I therefore urge the Public Debt and Privatization Committee to expedite consideration of the 2024 Debt Management Strategy in order to clear the way for consideration of the BPS.

I will now allow the Leader of the Majority Party to lay the 2024 Budget Policy Statement and Debt Management Strategy. I thank you.”

## **5. PAPERS**

The following Papers were laid on the Table of the House –

- a) Legal Notice No. 44 of 2024 relating to the Computer Misuse and Cybercrime (Critical Information Infrastructure and Cybercrime Management) Regulations, 2024) and the Explanatory Memorandum from Ministry of Interior and National Administration (*to be referred to the Committee on Delegated Legislation*).
- b) Reports of the Auditor-General and Financial Statements for the year ended 30th June 2023 and the certificates therein in respect of: -
  - (i) National Exchequer Account – The National Treasury;
  - (ii) State Department for Sports and the Arts;
  - (iii) Equalisation Fund;
  - (iv) Revenue Statements of Receiver of Revenue – State Law Office and Department of Justice;
  - (v) Street Families Rehabilitation Trust Fund;
  - (vi) State Department for Culture and Heritage;
  - (vii) State Department for Forestry;
  - (viii) State Department for Gender and Affirmative Action;
  - (ix) State Department for Diaspora Affairs;
  - (x) State Department for Devolution;
  - (xi) State Department for Mining;
  - (xii) National Assistance Trust Fund for Victims of Trafficking in Persons;
  - (xiii) Kenya Shipyards Limited;
  - (xiv) East Africa Tourist Visa Fee Collection Account; - The National Treasury;
  - (xv) Commission on Revenue Allocation Staff Car Loan Scheme Fund;
  - (xvi) Salaries and Remuneration Commission Mortgage and Car Loan Scheme Fund; and
  - (xvii) Revenue Statements – State Department for Blue Economy and Fisheries.

*(Hon. Owen Baya, CBS, MP - Deputy Leader of the Majority Party)*

- c) The 2024 Budget Policy Statement;

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- d) The 2024 Medium Term Debt Management Strategy;
- e) The Medium-Term Revenue Strategy for FY 2024/25 – FY 2026/27; and
- f) The 2024 Budget Policy Statement Non-Financial Indicators for FY2024/25 & the Medium Term.  
*(The Hon. Kimani Ichung'wah, EGH, MP - Leader of the Majority Party)*
- g) Report of the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs on Its consideration of the Statute Law (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 67 of 2023); together with the compendium of Reports of Seven (7) Departmental Committees on the consideration of the Bill, namely;
- (i) Labour;
  - (ii) Blue Economy, Water and Irrigation;
  - (iii) Social Protection;
  - (iv) Sports and Culture;
  - (v) Trade, Industry and Cooperatives;
  - (vi) Energy; and
  - (vii) Finance and National Planning.

*(The Hon. Gitonga Murugara, CBS, MP - Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs)*

**6. STATEMENT PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 44(2)(a)**

Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 44(2)(a), the Leader of the Majority Party issued a Statement regarding the business of the House for the week commencing Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

**7. THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 75 OF 2023)**

Motion made and Question proposed;

**THAT**, the Affordable Housing Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 75 of 2023) be now read a Second Time.

*(The Hon. Kimani Ichung'wah, EGH, MP - Leader of the Majority Party)*

Debate arising;

*(Change of Chair from Speaker to the First Chairperson of Committees)*

*(Change of Chair from the First Chairperson of Committees to the Second Chairperson of Committees)*

**QUORUM OF THE HOUSE**

Rising in his place on a Point of Order pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 35, the Member for Budalang'i (Hon. Raphael Wanjala, MP) objected that there was not a Quorum present in the House;

And the Second Chairperson having ascertained the claim, ordered the Division Bell to be rung for ten (10) minutes;

And Quorum having been attained within ten minutes, debate resumed.

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And the time being one minute past Seven O'clock, the Second Chairperson interrupted proceedings and adjourned the House without Question put pursuant to the Standing Orders 35(2)(a).

**8. HOUSE ROSE -** at one minute past Seven O'clock.

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**M E M O R A N D U M**

The Speaker will take the Chair on,  
Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 02.30 p.m.

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