

## KENYA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY



## DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE



## ON EDUCATION, RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY

### Background

The subjects falling within the purview of the Departmental Committee on Education, Research and Technology are:-

- Education,
- Research,
- Training, and
- Technological advancement.

### Committee Mandate

The Committee is mandated, among others, to:-

- i) investigate, inquire into, and report on all matters relating to the mandate, management, activities, administration, operations and estimates of the assigned Ministries and departments;
- ii) study the programme and policy objectives of Ministries and departments and the effectiveness of the implementation;
- iii) study and review all legislation referred to it;
- iv) study, assess and analyze the relative success of the Ministries and Departments as measured by the results obtained as compared with their stated objectives;
- v) investigate and inquire into all matters relating to the assigned Ministries and departments as they may deem necessary, and as may be referred to them by the House;
- vi) vet and report on all appointments where the Constitution or any law requires the National Assembly to approve, except those under Standing Order 204 (*Committee on Appointments*);

- vii) examine treaties, agreements and conventions;
- viii) make reports and recommendations to the House as often as possible, including recommendation of proposed legislation;
- ix) consider reports of Commissions and Independent Offices submitted to the House pursuant to the provisions of Article 254 of the Constitution; and
- x) examine any questions raised by Members on a matter within its mandate

### Execution of the Committee Mandate

The Committee chooses its own subjects of inquiry and seeks evidence from a wide range of individuals depending on the matter under scrutiny whereby witnesses give oral or written evidence. The Committee compiles reports which are adopted by the House before the relevant Ministries and Departments implement the recommendations contained therein.

All Committee proceedings are open to the public except where the Committee makes an exception and when the committee is considering its recommendations for purposes of compiling its reports. The public must adhere to laid down rules on access to Committee meetings.

### **Committal of Bills to the Committee (S.O. 127)**

After the First Reading, bills are committed to the relevant Departmental Committees. This does not apply in the case of a Consolidated Fund Bill, an Appropriation Bill, a Supplementary Bill, or a Finance Bill which shall be committed to the budget and Appropriation Committee. The Committee must present its report to the House within twenty (20) calendar days of such committal or report progress at the commencement of 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

(S.O. 127) and failure to present report shall be noted by the Liaison Committee S.O. 127(5) for necessary action.

### **Committal of Annual Estimates to the Committee (S.O. 235)**

Upon being laid before the National Assembly, the Annual Estimates from the assigned Ministries and Departments stand committed to the relevant Departmental Committee to consider, discuss and review the Estimates before it submits its report to the Budget and Appropriation Committee within twenty-one days.

### **Approval of Public Appointments (S.O. 45)**

(1) Upon receipt of a notification of nomination for appointment to a State Office or such other office as is under the Constitution or under any other legislation required to be approved by the House, the nomination shall stand committed to the relevant

Departmental Committee of the House for consideration.

(2) Despite paragraph (1), appointments under Article 152(2) of the Constitution shall stand committed to the Committee on Appointments.

(3) Before holding an approval hearing, a Committee to which proposed appointments have been referred to shall notify the candidate and the public of the time and place for the holding of the approval hearing at least seven days prior to the hearing.

(4) The Committee shall conduct a hearing on the proposed appointment and shall, unless otherwise provided in law, table its report in the House within fourteen days of the date on which the notification was received under paragraph (1).

### **Public Attendance to Committee Meetings (S.O. 198)**

(1) All committee proceedings shall be open to the public unless in exceptional circumstances the Speaker has determined that there are justifiable reasons for the exclusion of the public.

(2) The Committee may adjourn to seek leave of the Speaker to exclude the public.

Committee Reports after adoption by the House, are posted in the Parliament Website  
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