



JULY 2024 – LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

REGULATORY UPDATE
A SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS IN PARLIAMENT
JULY 2024
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Papers

The following Papers were laid on the Table of the National Assembly for Consideration among others:

- Supplementary Estimates I for the Financial Year 2024/2025 from the National Treasury and Economic Planning, and the following accompanying documents:
 - (a) Programme-Based Budget;
 - (b) Recurrent Estimates;
 - (c) Development Estimates (Vol. I and Vol. II); and,
 - (d) Statement on Financial Year 2024/2025 Supplementary Estimates No.1.
- Legal Notice No.105 of 2024 relating to the Income Tax (Charitable Organisations and Donations Exemption) Rules 2024 from the National Treasury.
- Legal Notice No.109 of 2024 relating to the Road Maintenance Levy Fund (Imposition of Levy) Order 2024 from the Ministry of Roads and Transport.
- Report of the NG-CDF Board on project proposals approval, disbursement status, and restrictions imposed on constituency accounts for the Third Quarter of the 2023/2024 Financial Year.
- Price stability target and the Economic Policy of the Government for the Financial Year 2024/2025 Budget from the National Treasury.
- The June 2024 Special Audit Report of the Auditor-General on debt servicing of external loans in Kenya;
- The June 2024 Special Audit Report of the Auditor-General on the implementation of the Global Fund Programme in Kenya.
- Report of the Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning on its consideration of the President's Memorandum on the Finance Bill, (National Assembly Bill No. 30 of 2024).
- Report of the Budget and Appropriations Committee on its consideration of the First Supplementary Estimate for Financial Year 2024/2025, and the compendium of the Departmental Committee Reports on their consideration of the Supplementary Estimates.
- Report of the Public Debt and Privatisation Committee on its consideration of the Consolidated Funds Services for the Supplementary Estimates I of Financial Year 2024/2025.

- Report of the Departmental Committee on Sports and Culture on its Consideration of the Kenya National Library Service Bill (National Assembly Bill No.20 of 2023).
- The following instruments from the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development:
 - (a) Legal Notice No. 99 of 2024 relating to the Pest Control Products (Labelling, Advertising and Packaging) Regulations, 2024.
 - (b) Legal Notice No. 100 of 2024 relating to the Pest Control Products (Inspection and Certification) Regulations, 2024.
 - (c) Legal Notice No. 101 of 2024 relating to the Pest Control Products (Importation and Exportation) Regulations, 2024.
 - (d) Legal Notice No. 102 of 2024 relating to the Pest Control Products (Fees and other Charges) Regulations, 2024.
 - (e) Legal Notice No. 103 of 2024 relating to the Pest Control Products (Disposal) Regulations, 2024.
- Report of the Select Committee on Parliamentary Broadcasting and Library on its Consideration of the Public Participation Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 52 of 2023)

Communication

Referral of the Finance Bill and bridging the fiscal deficit in the 2024/2025 Financial Year Budget

Following the President's reservations on the Finance Bill, 2024, the Speaker guided the House on the various measures that need to be undertaken to bridge the fiscal deficit arising from the rejection of the Finance Bill, 2024 as is highlighted below.

On the Division of Revenue Act, 2024, the Constitution requires Parliament to introduce the Division of Revenue Bill and the County Allocation of Revenue Bill at least two months before the end of each financial year. The Division of Revenue Bill divides revenue raised by the National Government among the national and county levels of Government. On its part, the County Allocation of Revenue Bill divides the revenue allocated to the county level of Government among the counties.

The President assented to the Division of Revenue Act, 2024 on 10th June 2024. The Act provides for the division of revenue raised nationally between the national and county governments for Financial Year, 2024/2025. In particular, the Act provides that the total shareable revenue is Ksh2.9trillion, out of which Ksh2.5 trillion was allocated to the National Government and Ksh400 billion to county governments. The revenue apportioned by the Division of Revenue Act was based on projections of revenue intended to be raised by the National Government in FY 2024/2025. As such, the amounts in the Division of Revenue Act, 2024 may only be realised if the projected revenues are collected by the National Government. Any shortfall in the projected

revenue collection has a significant bearing on the shares apportioned between the two levels of government.

It is estimated that the rejection of the Finance Bill 2024 will occasion a financial gap of approximately Ksh346 billion. The gap shall significantly impact the amounts apportioned by the Division of the revenue due to counties under the County Allocation of Revenue Bill 2024 and the monies appropriated to finance the Budget for FY 2024/2025. On the County Allocation of Revenue Bill 2024. The President referred back the Bill to the Senate on 10th July 2024 for reconsideration in light of the anticipated fiscal deficit. Article 219 of the Constitution obligates the National Government to transfer the equitable share apportioned to counties in the Division of Revenue Act without reduction.

To ensure that the national Government does not default on its obligations, the Division of Revenue Act, 2024 ought to be amended to reflect the revenue that the National Government is capable of transferring to the counties in view of the current reality. Failure to amend the Division of Revenue Act, 2024 shall result in the national Government owing a financial obligation which it cannot meet. In addition to the proposed reconsideration of the County Allocation of Revenue Bill 2024 by the Senate, it is expected that the Chairperson of the Budget and Appropriations Committee shall introduce a Bill to effect the necessary amendments to the Division of Revenue Act, 2024.

On Supplementary Estimates I, with regard to the monies already appropriated by the House to finance the Budget for FY 2024/25, the First Supplementary Estimates for the Financial Year 2024/2025, were referred to the Budget and Appropriations Committee and the departmental committees for consideration on 12th July 2024. The Supplementary Estimates seek to rationalise the FY 2024/25 Budget Estimates to align with the Revised Fiscal Framework and actualise expenditure cuts across the three Arms of Government, constitutional commissions and independent offices. The Budget and Appropriations Committee is expected to table its report on the Supplementary Estimates I and the House shall thereafter consider the said Estimates and the resultant legislation to give effect to the Revised Fiscal Framework and the proposed expenditure reductions.

Guidance following the Passage of the President's Reservations to the Finance Bill 2024

The House was accordingly guided by the Speaker following the vote in agreement with the President's Reservations and the recommendation to delete all the Clauses of the Finance Bill, 2024; that the Bill has been rejected in its entirety. The import of the decision being that the Bill is lost. Consequently, no

provision that was contained in the Bill shall have legal effect.

Nomination of Persons for Appointment as Attorney-General and Cabinet Secretaries

The House received Messages from the President on the nomination of persons for appointment as Attorney-General and as Cabinet Secretaries. The Messages, together with the curriculum vitae of the nominees, were referred to the Committee on Appointments for consideration.

Motions

The following Notice of Motions were given on the Floor of the House among others:

1. Adoption of Report on the First Supplementary Estimates for Financial Year 2024/2025

The Motion seeks for the House to adopt the Report of the Budget and Appropriations Committee on its consideration of the Supplementary Estimates for Financial Year 2024/2025, and

- (a) Approve a reduction of the current expenditure for Financial Year 2024/2025 by Ksh 38,896,358,312
- (b) Approve a reduction of the total Capital Expenditure for Financial Year 2024/2025 by Ksh 107,445,697,478
- (c) Approve an overall reduction in the total Budget for Financial Year 2024/2025 by Ksh 146,342,055,790
- (d) Make the Policy and Financial Resolution.

2. Approval of Nominee for Appointment as Director-General for Health

The Motion seeks for the House to take into consideration the findings of the Joint Committee of the National Assembly Departmental Committee on Health and the Senate Standing Committee on Health in its Report on the Vetting of a Nominee for Appointment as the Director-General for Health and approve the appointment of Dr Patrick Omwanda Amoth as the Director-General for Health.

3. Budget Implementation and Monitoring for FY 2022/2023

The Motion seeks for the House to adopt the Report of the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs on the Budget Implementation and Monitoring for the Financial Year 2022/2023

Bills

1. The following Bills were read for the First time and ordered to be referred to the relevant Committee
 - The National Transport and Safety Authority (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No.24 of 2024)

- The Division of Revenue (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No.38 of 2024).
 - The Sexual Offences (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No.78 of 2023)
2. The Public Service Internship Bill (National Assembly Bill No.63 of 2022) came up for Second Reading.
 3. The Committee of the Whole House considered the Cotton Industry Development Bill (Senate Bill No. 5 of 2023).
 4. The Committee of the Whole House considered the below Bills and approved them with amendments;
 - Consideration of the Senate Amendments to the Sugar Bill, (National Assembly Bill No.54 of 2022).
 - Pensions (Amendment) Bill, (National Assembly Bill No. 44 of 2022)
 5. The Supplementary Appropriation No. 2 Bill (National Assembly No. 39 of 2024) was considered by the National Assembly and passed.

Statements & Questions

The following statements among others were sought from the various departmental committees:

- (a) A Statement was sought from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Communication, Information and Innovation regarding compensation to customers by internet service providers during internet outages.
- (b) A Statement was sought from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee of Sports and Culture regarding the eight Kenya Under-17 Women National Team players who are scheduled to travel to the Dominican Republic to represent the country at the Under-17 Women's World Cup in November.
- (c) A Statement was sought from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Education and Research regarding the application of the New Higher Education Funding Model.
- (d) A Statement was sought from the Chairperson of the Committee on Delegated Legislation relating to claims that the Blue Nile Rolling Mills Limited, a company in the steel production industry and which operates under a Special Operating Framework Agreement (SOFA) was illegally granted tax exemptions.

THE SENATE

Papers

The following Papers were laid on the Table of the Senate for Consideration among others:

- Report of the Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation on its consideration of the Social Health Insurance (General) Regulations, 2024 and the Social Health Insurance (Tribunal Procedure) Rules, 2024.
- Report of the Standing Committee on Health on its consideration of the Cancer Prevention and Control (Amendment) (No.2) Bill (National Assembly Bills No.45 of 2022).
- Report of the Committee on General Purpose of the East African Legislative Assembly on the Assessment of the Implementation of the East African Community (EAC) Budget for the Financial Year 2023/2024.
- The East African Community Appropriation Bill, 2024.
- The East African Community Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2024.
- Report of the Committee on General Purpose of the East African Legislative Assembly on the Supplementary Budget request and the East African Community (EAC) Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2024.
- Report of the Committee on General Purpose of the East African Legislative Assembly on the East African Community Budget Estimates for Revenue and Expenditure for the Financial Year 2024/2025.
- Report of the Committee on Agriculture, Tourism and Natural Resources of the East African Legislative Assembly on the on-spot assessment of the implementation of projects and plans by the Lake Victoria Basin Commission and Lake Victoria Fisheries Organisation.
- Report of the Committee on Regional Affairs and Conflict Resolution of the East African Legislative Assembly on the Oversight Activity to assess the processes, regulations and challenges of conducting national general election.
- Report of the Select Committee on Delegated Legislation on the consideration of the various statutory instruments on land matters; -
 - (a) The Physical and Land use Planning (Planning Fees) (Amendment) Regulations, Legal Notice No.72 of 2024
 - (b) The Land (Amendment) Regulations, Legal Notice No.74 of 2024, and
 - (c) The Land Registration (General) (Amendment) Regulations, Legal Notice No.77 of 2024.

- Legal Notices for various Regulations on Pest Control Products; -
 - (a) The Pest Control Products (Labelling, Advertising and Packaging) Regulations, Legal Notice No.99 of 2024.
 - (b) The Pest Control Products (Inspection and Certification) Regulations, Legal Notice No.100 of 2024.
 - (c) The Pest Control Products (Importation and Exportation) Regulations, Legal Notice No.101 of 2024.
 - (d) The Pest Control Products (Fees and other Charges) Regulations, Legal Notice No.102 of 2024.
 - (e) The Pest Control Products (Disposal) Regulations, Legal Notice No.103 of 2024.
- Report of the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget on its consideration of the National Assembly amendments to the Equalization Fund Appropriation (No. 2) Bill (Senate Bills No. 30 of 2023).

Messages

Passage of Bills

The Senate received messages regarding the following Bills;

- (a) Approval by the National Assembly of the Senate's amendments to the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bills No.10 of 2024). Following the approval, the Bill was presented to the President for assent.
- (b) Message from the President regarding the referral of the County Allocation of Revenue Bill (Senate Bills No.25 of 2024). The President declined to assent to the County Allocation of Revenue Bill, 2024 and referred the Bill for reconsideration by the Senate.
- (c) Message from the Speaker of the National Assembly regarding the decision of the National Assembly on the Senate Amendments to the National Rating Bill (National Assembly Bills No.55 of 2022). The National Assembly considered and rejected the Senates amendments to the Bill to the effect of which the Bill was referred to a mediation committee.

Motions

The following Notice of Motions were given on the Floor of the House among others:

1. The Current State of the Nation

The Senate debated on the Motion on the State of the nation and the ongoing protests following the passing of the Finance Bill (National Assembly Bills No.30 of 2024) on 25th June, 2024 by the National Assembly; the loss of lives, maiming

and loss of property occasioned and resolved as follows:

- (a) That the National Police Service acknowledges and apologises for all the deaths resulting from the peaceful demonstrations;
- (b) That all the victims of police brutality related to peaceful protests between 2023 and 2024 be compensated by the Government of the Republic of Kenya;
- (c) That the National Police Service extends amnesty to all the peaceful protestors who were unlawfully detained during the peaceful protests;
- (d) To call upon the Director of Public Prosecutions to withdraw all the cases in court involving peaceful protestors against the Finance Bill;
- (e) That the Independent Policing Oversight Authority moves with speed to investigate and recommend appropriate action against police officer found culpable of using brutality against peaceful protestors;
- (f) That the National Police Service submits to Parliament the revised Standard Operating Procedures in the management of protests, demonstrations and use of force to contain demonstration; and
- (g) Parliament puts in place guidelines on actualization of Article 37 of the Constitution with respect to how citizens can enjoy the right to picket without resulting to loss of lives and property.

The House also directed that the following select committees of the Senate urgently engage relevant stakeholders, including members of the public and consider the following issues:

- (a) **Public Debt and Public Finance Management: The Standing Committee on Finance and Budget-**
 - i. In consultation with the Parliamentary Budget Office to independently audit the national debt and present the actual status to parliament;
 - ii. engages the National Treasury to submit a roadmap on its strategy to reduce the public debt to not more than 55 percent of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in present value terms, in compliance with Section 50 (2)(c) of the Public Finance Management Act; and
 - iii. engages the National Treasury to identify and implement sustainable strategies to reduce the high cost of living.
- (b) **The Standing Committee on Justice, Legal Affairs and Human Rights-**
 - i. repeals Section 2 and 12A of the National Government Administration Laws (Amendment) Act that establishes Chief Administrative Secretaries;

- ii. introduces a legislation to curb the number of Principal Secretaries appointed, pursuant to Article 155 of the Constitution of Kenya; and,
- iii. establishes a legal mechanism for merger of parastatals and state agencies that perform duplicate functions with a view to achieving a leaner government.
- (c) **Security Sector Reforms: The Standing Committee on National Security, Defence and Foreign Affairs-**
 - i. engages with the National Police Service on matters security and standard operating procedures for handling demonstrations;
 - ii. engages the government to compensate all persons whose property, both movable and immovable, were damaged or lost due to the demonstrations;
 - iii. engages the National Police Service to fast-track insurance compensation to police officers who either lost their lives or suffered injuries as a result of the demonstrations; and,
 - iv. engages with the Directorate of Criminal Investigations to have investigations undertaken to ascertain the identity of persons or organizations funding and coordinating the violence during the protests and demonstrations in the country.
- (d) **Fighting Corruption: The Standing Committee on Justice, Legal Affairs, and Human Rights** engages the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission on matters corruption and action to be taken to scale up efforts to deal with corruption, especially in county governments.
- (e) **Equal Opportunities for all Kenyans: The Standing Committee on National Cohesion, Equal Opportunity and Regional Integration-**
 - i. engages the Public Service Commission and the National Cohesion and Integration Commission to audit the state of employment in the Public Service, including county governments and propose strategies to adhere to meritocracy, equality and equity of opportunities across the Public Service, as espoused in Article 232 of the Constitution on the Values and Principles of Public Service; and,
 - ii. engages the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority to audit compliance with Section 53 (6) of the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Act by all public procurement entities with a view to establish a roadmap to ensure compliance of the said provisions of the Act.

(f) **Effective Public Participation and Stakeholder Engagements: The Standing Committee on Justice, Legal Affairs and Human Rights-**

- i. puts in place mechanisms to ensure that broader concerns for citizens, especially the youth, are received, considered and taken into consideration in making decisions on public affairs; and,
- ii. puts in place mechanisms that integrate new media as a medium for public participation in legislative processes.

(g) **Health Sector Reforms: The Standing Committee on Health to-**

- i. expedite and facilitate public participation in the reenactment of the Social Health Insurance Act, the Digital Health Act, the Primary Healthcare Act, in compliance with the judgement of the High Court Petition No.E473 of 2023; and,
- ii. engage with the Cabinet Secretary for Health and the Council of Governors with a view to standardize human resource policy for health workers across all counties.

(h) **Education Sector Reforms: The Standing Committee on Education to** liaise with the Ministry of Education and other stakeholders with a view to resolving the concerns raised regarding Junior Secondary School (JSS) education, the new funding model for university education and the acceptability of Competence Based Curriculum (CBC), and report their findings and recommendations to the Senate within 30 days.

2. The Social Health Insurance (General) Regulations, 2024 and the Social Health Insurance (Tribunal Procedure) Rules

The Motion seeks for the Senate to adopt the Report of the Select Committee on Delegated Legislation on its consideration of the Social Health Insurance (General) Regulations, 2024 and the Social Health Insurance (Tribunal Procedure) Rules, 2024, and resolve to annul the regulations.

3. Alleged Irregularities in Procurement of Long-Lasting Insecticide Treated Nets

The Motion seeks for the Senate to adopt the report of the Standing on Health on the inquiry into alleged irregularities in the procurement of long-lasting insecticide-treated nets at the Kenya Medical Supplies Authority (KEMSA).

Bills

1. The following Bills were read for the First time and ordered to be referred to the relevant Senate Committee
 - The National Disaster Management Bill (National Assembly Bills No.24 of 2023).
 - The County Governments Election Laws (Amendment) Bill (Senate Bills No.2 of 2024).
 - The Provision of Sanitary Towels Bill (Senate Bills No.7 of 2024).
 - The County Wards (Equitable Development) Bill (Senate Bills No.20 of 2024).
 - The Political Parties (Amendment) (No.2) Bill (Senate Bills No.26 of 2024).
 - The Election Offences (Amendment) (No.2) Bill (Senate Bills No.28 of 2024).
 - The Elections (Amendment) (No.2) Bill (Senate Bills No.29 of 2024).
2. The following Bills came up for Second Reading
 - The Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood) Bill (Senate Bills No.41 of 2023)
 - The Law of Succession (Amendment) Bill (Senate Bills No.20 of 2023)
 - The Public Transport (Motorcycle Regulation) Bill (Senate Bills No.38 of 2023)
 - The Fire and Rescue Services Professionals Bill (Senate Bills No.55 of 2023)
 - The Local Content Bill (Senate Bills No.50 of 2023)
 - The Land (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bills No.40 of 2022)
3. The following Bills were read the Second Time and committed to a Committee of the Whole
 - The Houses of Parliament (Bicameral Relations) Bill (National Assembly Bills No.44 of 2023).
 - The Public Finance Management (Amendment) Bill (Senate Bills No.40 of 2023).
 - The Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood) Bill (Senate Bills No.41 of 2023).
 - The Public Transport (Motorcycle Regulation) Bill (Senate Bills No.38 of 2023).
 - The Fire and Rescue Services Professionals Bill (Senate Bills No.55 of 2023).
4. The Law of Succession (Amendment) Bill (Senate Bills No.20 of 2023) was negatived at the Second Reading stage.

Petitions

The House received a Petition concerning the compensation benefits for police officers injured in the line of duty. The petitioners pray that the Senate, intervenes with a view to-

- i. ensure that all the injured police officers are given fair treatment in terms of benefits payment, just like all other civil servants;
- ii. recommend that the WIBA and the DOSHS produce the list of all the injured police officers since the year 2021, detailing the name of each officer, nature of injury, time of injury and the amount of compensation awarded;
- iii. recommend that the National Health Insurance Fund compensate the affected officers immediately.

Statements & Questions

The following statements and questions among others were sought from the various departmental committees and offices:

- (a) A Question was directed to the Prime Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Secretary for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs on government obligations to Kenyans who face arrest, detention and deportation in the diaspora.
- (b) A Question was directed to the Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Forestry on climate change initiatives at the National and County level.
- (c) A Question was directed to the Cabinet Secretary, Roads and Transport regarding the reconstruction of transport infrastructure affected by floods.
- (d) A Statement was sought from the Standing Committee on Health, regarding the status of pending bills owed to the Kenya Medical Supplies Agency (KEMSA) by counties, from the Financial Year 2021/2022 to date.
- (e) A Statement was sought from the Standing Committee on National Security, Defence and Foreign Relations on the recent attacks on journalists covering the "Occupy" protests organised by Gen Z in Kenya.
- (f) A Statement was sought from the Standing Committee on Lands, Environment and Natural Resources regarding:
 - i. the ownership of freehold land by non-citizens in the Republic of Kenya
 - ii. the exploration of minerals in Kenya
 - iii. the status of the World Bank-funded project for the upgrade of the water supply and sewerage systems in Taita Taveta County.
- (g) A Statement was sought from the Standing Committee on Roads, Transportation and Housing on:
- (h) the leasing of the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport under the Build, Operate and Transfer Model of Public Private Partnerships (PPPs) to a private company

approval of building plans by the County Government of Mombasa.

- (i) A Statement was sought from the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget regarding:
 - i. the bank accounts operated by Taita-Taveta County Government.
 - ii. the non-use of the 50 cent coins and the one shilling coins in trading activities in the country
 - iii. the Kshs156 billion loan advanced to Kenya by the World Bank with the condition of integrating 400,000 refugees.

A Statement was sought from the Standing Committee on inadequate moderation on inflammatory statements, misinformation and manipulated media and fake news circulating across different social media platforms in Kenya.

UPDATES FROM THE KENYA GAZETTE

Acts, 2024

1. The Appropriation Act, 2024
2. The County Licensing (Uniform Procedures) Act, 2024
3. The Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (Amendment) Act, 2024

Legislative Supplements

1. The Mining (Royalty Collection and Management) Regulations, 2024
2. The Cattle Cleansing Act—Prescription of Effective Tick Destroying Agent
3. The Advocates (Practising Certificate) (Fees) Rules, 2024
4. The Law Society of Kenya (General) (Amendment) Regulations, 2024
5. The National Cereals and Produce Board (Vesting) Order, 2024
6. The Films and Stage Plays (Self-Classification) Regulations, 2024
7. The Films and Stage Plays (Film Distribution and Exhibition) Regulations, 2024
8. The Films and Stage Plays (Film Censorship) (Amendment) Regulations, 2024
9. The Films and Stage Plays (Cinematographic Films) (Form and Fees) (Amendment) Regulations, 2024
10. The Supplies Practitioners Management (Continuous Professional Development Programmes) Guidelines, 2024

National Assembly Bills, 2024

1. The Kenya Revenue Authority (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill, 2024
2. The Environmental Professionals Institute of Kenya Bill, 2024

Senate Bills, 2024

1. The Sports (Amendment) Bill, 2024.
2. The County Governments (State Officers' Removal from Office) Procedure Bill, 2024.
3. The Tobacco Control (Amendment) Bill, 2024.
4. The Public Fundraising Appeals Bill, 2024.
5. The County Tourism Bill, 2024.
6. The Protection of Critical Infrastructure Bill, 2024.
7. The County Governments (Amendment) Bill, 2024

General Updates

1. **Mergers and Acquisitions:** The Competition Authority of Kenya authorized the implementation of the proposed acquisition of the remaining 66.67% shareholding of AIG Kenya

Insurance Company Limited by NCBA Group PLC.

2. **Re-organization of the Government of Kenya:**

The President of the Republic of Kenya ordered and directed the vacation of the appointment of the Attorney General, the dismissal of Cabinet Secretaries and assigned Hon. Wycliffe Musalia Mudavadi, E.G.H., as the Acting Cabinet Secretary in all vacant Ministerial Portfolios.

3. **Taskforce on Addressing Human Resources**

The President of the Republic of Kenya ordered and directed that a Presidential Taskforce on Addressing Human Resources for Health be established. The Terms of Reference for the Presidential Taskforce shall be; -

- (a) Identify the Legal, Policy, Administrative and Operational constraints impeding performance of the Health Sector in Kenya with regards to Human Resources for Health;
- (b) Identify and recommend legal, policy, administrative, institutional and operational Human Resources for Health Reforms in Kenya;
- (c) Review performance of Human Resources for Health (HRH) in Kenya and recommend improvements;
- (d) Advise and recommend the legal, policy, administrative, institutional and operational framework for the management of human resources for health without undermining devolution;
- (e) Review and advise on harmonization of the terms of employment for all healthcare workers in the spirit of equal work for equal pay;
- (f) Advise and recommend on the legal, policy, administrative, institutional and operational framework for the prioritization of employment of 20,000 healthcare workers- doctors, nurses, clinical officers, laboratory technologists, physiotherapists, among others, to bridge the gap according to WHO recommendations of 23 HC per 10,000 population; and
- (g) Review and recommend any other matter incidental to improvements in Strategic Human Resources for Health Management and other reforms in the Kenyan Health System.

4. **Taskforce on Forensic Audit of Public Debt**

The President of the Republic of Kenya ordered and directed that a Presidential Taskforce on Forensic Audit of Public Debt be established. The Terms of Reference for the Presidential Taskforce shall be; -

- (a) Verify the current stock of public and publicly guaranteed debt;

- (b) Reconcile the proceeds of loans with the requisite appropriation for which it was intended;
 - (c) Reconcile the loan servicing/repayments with the attendant terms of the facility based on the relevant context and the terms of the loans;
 - (d) Assess whether the country obtained value for money with regard to:
 - Terms of the loan;
 - Cost of the projects financed;
 - The return on investment;
 - Equity; including inter-generational equity.
 - (e) Assess the adequacy of the public finance management (PFM) framework safeguards on debt management and recommend changes in control environment to strengthen the governance of the nation's public debt management system;
 - (f) In the light of the current debt burden, the imperative for fiscal consolidation and the constrained fiscal space, recommend alternative sources of financing the country's development needs in the short and medium term and any debt reorganisation plan; and
 - (g) To consider, perform, or advise on any other matter or subject ancillary to the above.
5. **Data Protection:** The Office of the Data Protection Commissioner (ODPC) published sector-specific guidance notes for the education, health, communications, and digital credit providers sectors.
6. **Income Tax (Charitable Organizations and Donations Exemption) Rules, 2024:** The Rules revoke the Income Tax (Charitable Donations) Regulations, 2007 and provide guidelines on the procedures to be applied in granting exemptions, processing and allowability of donation.