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TWELFTH PARLIAMENT

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THIRD REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MEMBERS' SERVICES AND FACILITIES

ON

**A STUDY VISIT TO THE NEW ZELAND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
FROM JUNE 11 - 16, 2018**



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FOREWARD

The Constitution under Article 127 of the Constitution of Kenya mandates the Parliamentary Service Commission with among other things to provide services and facilities as are necessary for the efficient and effective functioning of Parliament. The National Assembly Standing Orders No. 212B establishes the Select Committee on Members' Services and Facilities. The Committee is charged with the mandate of receiving and considering views of Members of the National Assembly on the services and facilities provided to them by the Parliamentary Service Commission for their benefit and well-being, advising and reporting on all matters connected to these services and facilities. The Committee is therefore the forum through which the Members of the National Assembly channel their views on their welfare to the Commission.

In its bid to enhance its capacity by understanding how best to discharge its mandate, the Committee undertook a study visit to the Parliament of the New Zealand from 11th to 16th March, 2018. The delegation comprised of the following Members and staffers of the National Assembly:

- 1) The Hon. Catherine Waruguru, M.P. – Vice Chairperson/**Leader of the Delegation**
- 2) The Hon. Catherine Wambilyanga, MP
- 3) The Hon. Florence Chepngetich Koskey, M.P.
- 4) The Hon. Rehema Hassan, M.P.
- 5) The Hon. Silas Kipkoech Tiren, M.P.
- 6) Mr. Douglas Katho, Clerk Assistant III/Delegation Secretary

The Delegation was joined by the Deputy High Commissioner of the Kenya Mission in Canberra, Australia His Excellency Mwangangi Munyasia. The delegation was received by the Speaker of the New Zealand House of Representatives.

The objectives of the study visits were:

- (a) to understand the workings of the House of Representatives of the New Zealand with regard to matters relating to Members Services and Facilities;
- (b) to understanding the rules and terms engagement between the Commissions of the legislature and their respective Committees overseeing or advising on the services offered to members of the New Zealand Parliament; and
- (c) to share and exchange views on the best practices that would enhance the Committee's discharge its mandate in a more effective and efficient manner.

Arising from the study visit to the Parliament of the House of Representative of New Zealand Committee made the following observations -

- (a) The New Zealand Parliamentary Service Commission mandate is advisory whereas the General Manager is responsible for enforcements of decisions of the Commission on