

Announcement 4

Sitting of Tuesday 23 July 2024

“Questions falling under the purview of Local Authorities would be allowed in line with the past practice of the House.”

Honourable Members,

I have taken cognizance of the announcement made by my predecessor on Tuesday 02 July 2024 regarding questions falling under the purview of local authorities.

I must emphasize that the former Speaker had, at no point in time, expressed the view that all questions regarding local authorities will de facto be disallowed.

However, being given the fact that the said ruling gave rise to some confusion as to distinguish which questions fall within the category of national interest and which falling under the operational activities for which Municipalities and District Councils are endowed with sufficient autonomy to manage their own local affairs.

Nonetheless, I rule that henceforth all questions pertaining to local authorities would be allowed in line with past practice of the House.