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To : All County Secretaries
All Clerks to County Assemblies

HOUSING BENEFITS FOR DESIGNATED STATE OFFICERS AT THE COUNTY

The Gazette Notice of 1st March, 2013 by the Salaries and Remuneration Commission made provision of a house as a benefit to the Governors and Speakers of the County Assembly. Subsequent visits to the Counties by the Commission revealed that implementation of the housing benefit has faced challenges due to lack of appropriate facilities under the control of the county governments and where such facilities exist for hire, the counties lack guidance on procedures to be undertaken before renting, leasing or even constructing the appropriate house.

Following the visits and correspondence seeking clarification on the same, the Commission held consultation with other national government departments charged with the development of National Housing Policy. Consequently, the Commission during its 61st meeting held on 9th December, 2013 reiterated that the Governor and Speakers of the County Assembly, due to the nature of the function of the office, be provided with a house as a benefit.

For purposes of ensuring that the Governors and Speakers of the County Assemblies access the benefit, your office should liaise and work closely with the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development which is responsible for National Housing Policy and has dealt with similar issues in relation to State Officers at the national level in the past, for necessary guidance and facilitation. The cost of providing a house for the Governor and Speaker of the County Assembly to be met from the County budgetary provision.

By a copy of this letter, the Principal Secretary, Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development is requested to inform/instruct the field officers to provide necessary guidance/assistance to the County governments, for purposes of ensuring provision of appropriate housing in a cost effective manner. Please note that the provision of a house does not include payment of House Allowance to the incumbent of the offices.

The purpose of this letter therefore, is to provide clarification on the provision of a house as a benefit to the Governor and Speaker of the County Assembly. Your office is free to consult this office for any further clarification on the matters.

The Commission continues to appreciate your cooperation as it undertakes its mandate.



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