**MEMORANDUM**

(For consideration)

To: NA Rules Committee

From: Secretary to the National Assembly

**RE: COMPOSITION OF THE NA PROGRAMME COMMITTEE**

Date: 15 August 2016

**1. BACKGROUND**

The revised Rules of the National Assembly (9th Edition) that were adopted by the House on 26 May 2016, and which came into effect on 27 May 2016, provide in Rule 206 for the composition of the NA Programme Committee. The new rule changes the composition of the committee from old Rule 188 and states that the number of party representatives is determined by the Speaker with the concurrence of the Rules Committee.

**2. NATIONAL ASSEMBLY RULE 206**

NA Rule 206 provides for the composition of the NAPC as follows:

**206. Composition**

The Programme Committee consists of —

(a) the Speaker;

(b) the Deputy Speaker;

(c) the Leader of Government Business or a designated representative;

(d) the House Chairpersons;

(e) the Chief Whip;

(f) the deputy chief whip of the majority party in the Assembly;

(g) the whip of the majority party responsible for programming [and two other members of that party]; and

(h) the Chief Whip of the largest opposition party and two other members of that party;

(i) two members of the second largest opposition party; and

(j) one member each of the other parties represented in the Assembly.