

6.1. DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK

35. The Committee noted with concern that at the start of the FY 2022/23 the Government initiated the Maize Flour Subsidy Program to cushion consumers against high maize flour prices. At the conclusion of the program, the State Department was invoiced a total amount of Ksh. 7,267 million. The State Department through Article 223 of the Constitution has paid Ksh. 4,000 million leaving an outstanding bill of Ksh. 3,267 million. The Committee is sceptical about the expenditure because the Ministry did not submit documentation to support the expenditure including information on who the maize suppliers were, the quantity of maize flour that was supplied, the areas in which the subsidized maize flour was supplied and the retail outlets that the flour was supplied. Additionally, the subsidized maize flour was not available in most retail outlets.