



THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY
SECOND ASSEMBLY - THIRD SESSION
COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

UNEXPLAINED DELAYS IN RESPONDING TO STATEMENTS BY COMMITTEES.

Hon. Members, I have the following Communication to make.

Hon. Members, as you may be aware, statements are amongst the opportunities through which the Assembly exercises oversight over the Executive functions. The Chair wishes to note and appreciate the zeal with which members have leveraged statements to obtain information and answers from the County Executive on crucial issues in the County.

This robust oversight work can only succeed if committees and chairpersons meet half of their bargain when members request statements. This process only succeeds if responses are given timely and the House approves on the same.

The Chair has noted with concern unexplained delays in responding to statements by committees, lack of responses from the Executive and poor management of responses on the floor.

Hon. Members, an audit of all statements from the second session to date, indicates that committees and by extension chairpersons have not given statements the commitment they deserve. It is unacceptable that the House waits for statement responses for upward of six months yet chairpersons while in plenary commit to disburse with such statements in two weeks.

Hon. Members, in the second session of 2018, we have a total of 27 pending statements while in the third session 2019, we have a total of 17 pending statements. In total, we have 44 pending statements. Details of the same are attached to this communication.

Hon. Members, as you continue with diligence, you have exhibited in executing your oversight mandate to the benefit of Nairobi residents. I hereby direct that chairpersons with pending statements from the second session to date to move with speed to dispense all the statements in the respective committees and give a status report to this Assembly on Wednesday 27th March 2019, where every chair will be called upon to give his/her respective report.

Hon. Members, chairpersons who fail to observe the foregoing direction must report to the Speaker the reason for such failure in time for the County Assembly leadership to take necessary action on the same.

Hon. Members, the Chair commits to follow up on the foregoing to ensure all pending statements are responded conclusively.

I thank you Hon. Members.

**THE HON. JOHN KAMANGU, MCA
DEPUTY SPEAKER OF THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY**