



NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

OFFICIAL REPORT

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The House met at 2.30 p.m.

[Hon. Deputy Speaker (Mr John Kamangu) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

QUORUM

Hon. Deputy Speaker: We don't have the quorum. Serjeant-at-Arms, please ring the bell for ten minutes.

(Quorum bell was rang for ten minutes)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: We have the quorum now. Clerk, proceed.

PAPERS

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Chair of Planning? Vice Chair or any member? Hon. Ngengi.

Hon. Daniel Muturi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to Standing Order 191 (6), I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of the Assembly today, Wednesday 17th July 2019: The Report of the Sectoral Committee on Planning and Housing on the petition by residents of Kariobangi South Ward, KCC Formalization Project on commercial plot No.C34 and C38. I beg to lay. Thank you

(The Paper was laid on the Table)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Next order.

STATEMENTS

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Ogeto.

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION BY PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE TO CONCLUDE AND TABLE AUDIT
REPORT FOR 2017/2018

Hon. Moses Ogeto: Thank you, Hon. Speaker for respecting seniority in the House.

Pursuant to Article 229 (7) and (8) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, audit report shall be submitted to the parliament or relevant county assembly within three months after receiving the audit report whereby, parliament or county assembly shall debate and consider the report and take appropriate action. This is also in line with the Nairobi City County Assembly Standing Order No.191 on reports of select committees.

In view of this, Public Accounts Committee seeks an extension of three months to conclude and table the report of 2017/2018. This extension has been occasioned by the delay by the chief officers to submit the responses in good time.

Hon. Speaker, some chief officers have been chased from their positions. Others are acting. It has become very hard for Public Accounts Committee to interrogate the report of the Auditor General which was tabled just the other day. The Chief Officer for Finance has refused to come to the committees because of fear of his security.

(Hon. Mberia spoke off the record)

Hon. Speaker, please protect me from Hon. Mberia.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Please, could you give him time so that we clear the matter?

Hon. Moses Ogeto: Hon. Speaker, this extension is due to the laxity from the chief officers. I am requesting for time so that we can go through the query. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you. It is accepted but I will give the ruling tomorrow.

Hon. Kabiro.

REQUEST TO STATEMENT REGARDING ALLEGED USE OF HARMFUL CHEMICALS FOR PRESERVATION OF
MEAT BY SUPERMARKETS IN THE COUNTY

Hon. Mbugua Kabiro: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to Standing Order No. 45 (2) (c), I wish to request for a statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Health Services regarding the alleged use of harmful chemicals for preservation of meat by supermarkets in the County.

Hon. Speaker, an exposé that was aired on Saturday night by one of the local media stations showed how rogue supermarket officials use chemicals to increase the shelf life of products putting the lives of millions of Kenyans at risk. The misuse of chemical preservatives on foodstuffs violates the rights to the highest attainable standards of health.

Hon. Speaker, in the statement, the Chairperson should inquire into and report on:

- i. Whether there is misuse of chemical preservatives in food items by supermarkets and other foodstuff vending outlets in the County;

- ii. Procedure currently in place for issuing of approvals for food vending outlets including supermarkets;
- iii. Procedures for issuing of individual food handling certificates to qualified persons in the said outlets;
- iv. Records of inspections, if any, undertaken by the County Health and Inspection Department and frequency of such inspections;
- v. Number of persons, if any, found offending enabling legal provision on the safe handling of foods and food items and the prosecution therewith;
- vi. Measures taken against County Health Inspectorate officials found culpable of condoning or conspiring with offending outlets to allow the commission of grave food handling and processing violation.

Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Chair of Health? Vice Chair or any member?

Hon. Moses Ogeto: Hon. Speaker, give us two weeks.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Member, are you comfortable with two weeks?

Hon. Mbugua Kabiro: Mr. Speaker, I would be comfortable but at least let them give a preliminary report in the first one week.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Ngengi.

REQUEST TO STATEMENT REGARDING FUNCTIONING OF HIGH MASTS IN THE COUNTY

Hon. Daniel Muturi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to Standing Order No. 45 (2) (c), I wish to request for a statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Transport and Public Works regarding the functioning of the high masts in the County.

Hon. Speaker, the high masts are important component of day to day operations of wards, especially in conduction of business and movement of goods and people and services especially because of accompanying security. Nairobi Central Business District has advanced to become a 24-hour economy, and one of the key drivers of this initiative is availability of lighting during the night. However, over time, many of the high masts installed by the County have not been maintained hence none functioning specifically two high masts at the lower Kirinyaga Road. They have not been working and need quick intervention to curb cases of insecurity in the area.

Hon. Speaker, in the statement, the Chairperson should inquire into and report on:

- i. Measures being put in place by the County Executive to have the high masts in the lower Kirinyaga Road functioning; and
- ii. Steps the County Executive is taking to ensure that high masts installed by the County in all the wards across the County are in working condition to curb cases of insecurity and promote business during the night hours as we transit towards 24-hour economy.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Chair of Health? Vice Chair or any member? There is no member of Transport Committee? Can the Whip take the responsibility?

Hon. Daniel Muturi: Hon. Speaker, maybe I can give them two weeks.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Whip, take the responsibility. Hon. Waithera?

(Point of Order)

Hon. Moses Ogeto: Hon. Speaker, I don't know how statements arrive in this Assembly. The Hon. Member is a member of the Transport Committee.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Once he says he is not a member, he is not. I can see Hon. Matara around. Are you not a member of the committee?

Hon. Silas Matara: Hon. Speaker, thank you. I was to be a member of the committee, but I didn't become one. Possibly, in 2020 I will be a member of the Transport Committee.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon Matara, as the Deputy Chair of Liaison, take responsibility.

Hon. Silas Matara: I will take responsibility and ensure that the Chair and his committee dispense with that matter with the urgency it deserves. We will dispense with that matter within a week.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Ngengi, are you comfortable with a week?

Hon. Daniel Ngengi: I am comfortable with one week.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you.

REQUEST TO STATEMENT REGARDING APPROVAL OF A BOREHOLE DRILLING IN THE COUNTY

Hon. Daniel Ngengi: Hon. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order no. 45 (2) (c), I wish to request for a statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs regarding approval of a borehole drilling in the County.

Hon. Speaker, the population of Nairobi County has been on the increase in the recent years. This has put pressure on the provision of basic services especially portable water to the residents. This has been occasioned by insufficient and old infrastructure that is unable to match the water demand. It has been thought that boreholes can ease the demand. Hon. Speaker, private investors, for instance Ambassador Hotel continue to face impediment to undertake such prospect from the County Government despite securing approvals and license from the County, Water Resources Authority and National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) of which I have a complain. Therefore, in the face of this license, the County Enforcement Officers are yet to allow commencement on the project.

Hon. Speaker, in the statement, the Chairperson should inquire into and report on:

1. The circumstances that lead to the stoppage of the project in light of the said approvals and licenses; and
2. Measures put in place by the County Executive to ensure that the developers and investors are expeditiously facilitated to roll out their investment pursuant to the relevant laws.

Hon. Speaker, they have made all the necessary applications. Ambassador Hotel was established in 1960 and it is quite a shame that despite all the licenses, they are being harassed. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Chair of Justice? Vice Chair?

Hon. Moses Ogeto: The Hon. member can grant us two weeks so that we can come with a conclusive response.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Two weeks, is that okay, Hon. Ngengi?

Hon. Daniel Ngengi: I am okay with that. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Ngengi, again.

REQUEST TO STATEMENT REGARDING BEAUTIFICATION INITIATIVE IN THE COUNTY

Hon. Daniel Ngengi: Hon. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order no. 45 (2) (c), I wish to request for a statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Environment and Natural Resources regarding the beautification initiative in the County.

Hon. Speaker, the effort being placed by the Governor to facelift the aesthetics of the city is laudable given that it is the capital city and first point of contact of the County by most international visitors. However, the same must be done while taking into account the users of transport infrastructure especially the roads. This is in regard to the concrete blocks erected on the Nyayo Stadium roundabout to prevent motor vehicles from overreaching and damaging beautification installed in the event of an accident.

Hon. Speaker, in the statement, the Chairperson should inquire and report on;

1. The reason for the erection of the blocks with the full knowledge of potential risks it poses to motorists and lives of victims of accidents;
2. Measures put in place by the County Executive to prevent potential accidents in such places; and
3. What measures the County has put in place to ensure that persons who damage public property such as lights and beautification projects are held liable?

Hon. Speaker, the Governor is doing a wonderful job, but we keep on having accidents and if you go to Uhuru Highway, some of the work is going to waste. Public property is being destroyed and yet we do not know what measures has been put in place. We need to put measures in place where people are held responsible for the actions. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Chair of Environment? Any Member.

Hon. Member: Give us two weeks to respond.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Ngengi?

Hon. Ngengi: Satisfied.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Mberia.

REQUEST TO STATEMENT REGARDING ALLEGATIONS OF DETERIORATING SERVICES IN COUNTY HOSPITALS

Hon. David Mberia: Thank you Hon. Speaker. Pursuant to Standing Order no. 45 (2) (c), I wish to request for a statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Health Services regarding allegations of deteriorating services in County hospitals and specifically the maternity wings.

Hon. Speaker, Mbagathi Hospital in Woodley Ward has recently hit news headlines on allegations of lack of capacity to accommodate mothers and newborn babies that seek services from the facility. According to the media reports, lack of proper health services and insufficient bed capacities have caused

some expectant mothers to suffer and at times give birth in the corridors, floors and benches in the hospital. If this is the case, Mbagathi Hospital may be a sample of what is happening in our hospitals within Nairobi County.

Hon. Speaker, in the statement, the Chairperson should inquire into and report on:

- 1) The current bed capacity in the maternity wing at Mbagathi Hospital and other County Hospitals;
- 2) Whether mothers and newborn babies are forced to share beds at Mbagathi Hospital;
- 3) Whether the allegation regarding mothers giving birth in the corridors and benches at Mbagathi Hospital is true; and
- 4) The current status and capacity of the incubators within the hospital and whether there are babies sharing the incubators.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: The Chair of Health? Vice-Chair or any Member of the Committee of Health?

Hon. David Mbithi: Hon. Speaker, we shall respond within seven days.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Mberia are you comfortable with seven days?

Hon. David Mberia: I do not know whether if it is seven working days or a week. If it is a week, then I will be very happy.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Can you confirm how many working days?

Hon. David Mbithi: Assembly working days.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Are you comfortable with the seven working days?

Hon. David Mberia: Hon. Speaker, seven working days is two weeks. It is a norm that this County Assembly has adopted for responding to statements of members of this House.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: He has said seven not twelve.

Hon. David Mberia: Hon. Speaker, I will be comfortable if the member said two weeks as it has always been a norm in this House.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: He is requesting for two weeks. Can you confirm within two weeks to give him a proper response?

Hon. David Mbithi: I could have given him the answer now because I am a member of the Committee and I have the answer. That is why I have given him seven days because I have the answers.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Mberia, you will be given the responses in two weeks' time.

Hon. David Mberia: Probably he can table the response tomorrow in the afternoon if the answers are ready.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: You requested for two weeks are you comfortable with it. Hon. Ngengi do you have anything for Budget and Finance?

RESPONSE TO THE STATEMENT ON THE DELAY ON THE DISBURSEMENT OF BURSARIES FOR THE YEAR 2018/19

Hon. Daniel Ngengi: Yes, Hon. Speaker the position on a statement on the progress of the disbursement of bursaries for the financial year 2018/19.

Hon. Speaker, on Thursday 4th July 2019, the Assembly adopted the report of the Select Committee on the County Finance Budget and Appropriation on the delay on the disbursement of bursaries for the year 2018/19.

In the report, the Assembly resolved:

1. That the County Treasury, Education Sector and Cooperative Bank immediately work hand in hand to ensure that the bank statements on the bursary fund is accurate and reflects the true position of the operations of account;
2. That the County Treasury submits to the office of the Controller of Budget the certified statement together with a summary of the expenditures of Ksh.357 million disbursed not later than today Thursday 4th July 2019;
3. That the Controller of Budget fast-tracks the verification of the information provided and submit information to the County on the same not later than 8th July 2019;
4. That upon receipt of the verification report from the office of the Controller of Budget, the County Executive Committee Member for Finance shall ensure that issues raised are addressed, corrected and resubmitted to the office of the Controller of Budget within 24 hours; and
5. That the office of the Controller of Budget releases the amount requisitioned for bursaries not later than Wednesday 10th July 2019 and that the Finance, Budget and Appropriations Committee, the Controller of Budget, the County Treasury and the Education Sector shall hold a follow up meeting on Thursday 11th July 2019 to review the progress on all these matters.

Hon. Speaker, as part of the above resolutions on Thursday 11th July 2019, the Finance Committee held the review meeting with the County Treasury, Education Sector and Office of the Controller of Budget and wishes to report as follows:

1. That on Monday 8th July 2019, the County Executive submitted to the Office of the Controller of Budget a comprehensive report on the disbursement of Ksh.357 million meant for bursaries for the year 2017/18. Subsequently, on 10th July 2019, the Office of the Controller of Budget communicated that it was satisfied with the report submitted;
2. That on 10th July 2019 the Controller of Budget gave permission for the Nairobi City Government to withdraw and distribute Ksh. 397 million for the year 2018/19 bursaries and further directed that the bursary must benefit intended students through a direct transfer from the County to the schools;
3. That on 10th July 2019, the County Treasury sent a request to the Central Bank of Kenya to release the money to the County Commercial Bank account and the money was received on Thursday 11th July 2019;
4. That the Education Sector has availed to the members of the County Assembly through the Office of the Deputy Speaker, the list of beneficiaries to be submitted for them to verify whether the information has changed or should be processed as they are. The members have until Thursday 18th July 2019 to verify the information, append their signatures and return the list to the Education Sector for the release of the funds. Any member whose ward has not changes should advise the sector for immediate payment processing.
5. That for clarity in cases where there are changes, the opportunity has been given for the members to make the rectification and payments should only take place after the process of verification has been completed.

6. That the Education Sector shall immediately state the process of facilitation of processing the bursaries for the year 2019/20. Further, the Sectorial Committee on Education should immediately agree on the best method of transmitting bursaries to the beneficiaries.

Hon. Speaker, the document and correspondences in relation to the progress made have been attached for the information of hon. members.

The Finance Budget and Appropriation Committee appreciates all the members for the trust on the committee to deliver on this important issue on bursaries. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Ngengi for the communication.

There are statements due for responses. Requests by Hon. Kennedy Oyugi, Hon. Mbono, Hon. Karani to the Chairperson of Planning. Planning again, there is a request by Hon. Mbithi.

Chair of Environment, response requested by David Okello and Chair of Water, response requested by Redson Otieno.

Proceed, Hon. Leah.

RESPONSE TO A STATEMENT REGARDING DRILLING OF BOREHOLES AND PROVISION OF WATER TANKS TO WARDS

Hon. Leah Supuko: Mr. Speaker sir, on Tuesday 23 April 2019 Hon. Redson Onyango, MCA---

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Is Hon. Redson in the House?

Hon. Leah Supuko: Yes, he is in and I can see him.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Yes, I can also see him. Thank you, Hon. Redson. Proceed, Hon. Leah.

Hon. Leah Supuko: He rose on the floor of the Assembly pursuant to Standing Order No. 45 (2) (c) and requested for a statement from the Chairperson of the Sectorial Committee on Water and Sanitation regarding drilling of boreholes and provision of water tanks to wards.

The Member sought to know:

1. The list of Wards that had benefited from boreholes initiative so far and whether the initiative will cover the Wards in the County;
2. The list of Wards that have benefited from the distribution of tanks by the County in the latest efforts;
3. When the rest of the Wards that are yet to benefit from the boreholes and tank initiative expected to begin to enjoy the same especially in Ngei Ward; and
4. To what extent are both the initiatives projected to mitigate the water shortage?

Hon. Speaker, the committee wrote to the County Executive Committee Member for Environment, Water and Natural Resources on 29th April 2019 requesting to be furnished with a written response to the statement sought by the hon. member.

In this regard I wish to report to the Assembly as follows:

The Chief Officer responsible for Water, Sanitation and Energy responded as follows:

1. The list of Wards that had benefited from boreholes initiative so far and whether the initiative will cover the Wards in the County;

Hon. Speaker, the boreholes initiative is still under evaluation after the initial tendered projects became non-responsive when evaluation is completed and assuming that all projects are responsive.

Hon. Speaker, the following are the list of boreholes projects that were re-tendered; Njiru, Mihang'o, City Market, Mowlem, Harambee, Huruma, Uthiru, Ruthimitu, Umoja I, Umoja II and Eastleigh North Wards.

Hon. Speaker, further the Chief Officer reported that 10 Wards have so far been considered but under procurement process for borehole projects each having one borehole. They include; Matopeni Spring Valley, Mabatini, South C, Kawangware, Kiamaiko, Korogocho, Kileleshwa, Utawala, Eastleigh North and Umoja I Wards.

2. The list of Wards that have benefited from the distribution of tanks by the County in the latest efforts;

Hon. Speaker, the Chief Officer reported that 70 Wards have so far benefited from the distribution of tanks each having received 10 tanks with a capacity of 10,000 liters each. The list is annexed to this report.

3. When the rest of the Wards that are yet to benefit from the boreholes and tank initiative is expected to begin to enjoy the same especially in Ngei Ward;

Hon. Speaker the Wards that have not benefited from the boreholes will be included in the new cycle of projects to be implemented. For the water tanks, additional 150 tanks will be procured and as such, 16 Wards will benefit from the tanks each to receive 10 but only two Wards are to receive 5 tanks with a capacity of 10,000 liters each. They include; Githurai, Hospital, Kahawa West, Kangemi, Kasarani, Kayole South, Kiamaiko, Kwa Njenga, Mathare North, Mihang'o (five tanks), Mutuini, Ngara (five tanks), Riruta, Waithaka, Woodley/Kenyatta and Zimmerman Ward.

Hon. Speaker, Ngei Ward is among the Wards that will benefit from the 700 water tanks procured by the County.

3. To what extent are both the initiatives projected to mitigate against water shortage in the County;

Hon. Speaker, the Chief Officer reported that the number of commissioned mitigation boreholes is 26. These have contributed to reduce water stress in health facilities and schools they serve. Nairobi City Water and Sewerage Company project implementation will provide an additional 12 boreholes. Nairobi City County Government ward based water and sanitation projects under evaluation will provide additional 19 boreholes.

Hon. Speaker, all these projects will significantly reduce water stress and minimize the water supply gap in the city while the 850 water tanks will greatly improve storage and ensure water for minimal hygiene requirement is guaranteed.

Hon. Speaker, a comprehensive report from the Executive is hereby attached to this response. I beg to lay.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Redson, are you comfortable with the response?

Hon. Redson Onyango: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I am satisfied with the report.

STATEMENT REGARDING THE DELAYED DISBURSEMENT AND SUBSIDIZED VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRES SUPPORT FUNDS

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you Hon. Redson..

Chair of Health on response for Hon. Redson again? There is no Chair or Vice Chair of Health Services? The Chairperson for Education, Hon. Mbithi?

Hon. David Mbithi: Hon. Speaker, I have a response from Hon. Maurice Ochieng. But since the member is not in the House, there is no need to respond to this statement.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Who is not in the House?

Hon. David Mbithi: Hon. Maurice.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Maurice, you are around? Why didn't you take your normal seat? Your normal seat is here. Proceed, Hon. Mbithi.

RESPONSE TO A STATEMENT REGARDING DELAYED DISBURSEMENT AND SUBSIDIZED VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTERS SUPPORT FUNDS

Hon. David Mbithi: Hon. Speaker, on 30th April 2019, Hon. Maurice Ochieng, MCA, rose on the floor of the Assembly pursuant to Standing Order No. 45 (2) (c) and requested for a statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Children, Early Childhood Education and Vocational Training regarding the delayed disbursement and subsidized Vocational Training Centers Support Funds.

He further asked the Chairperson to inquire into and report on:

1. Whether the National Government has actually transferred to the County Special Account;
2. If yes, why it is taking longer than expected for the County to disburse the funds to the centers given that the year FY2018-2019 is nearly ending;
3. Are there specific challenges that the sector is facing in relation to the management of the funds; and
4. What measures are being put in place by the County Executive to ensure that the funds are disbursed on time going forward.

Hon. Speaker, I wish to respond to the Assembly the responses to the issues raised:

The National Government transferred a total of Ksh. 30,640,947 to the County special purpose account meant for vocational member support together with guidelines on its implementation. The money is in the Nairobi County Youth Polytechnic Grant account number 1000367431.

Going forward, it is expected that the funds will be disbursed to six vocational training centers; Kangemi, Mathare, Dandora, Greenlight, Kiwanja, Waithaka and Bahati who have complied with the guidelines after verification enrolled in the month of May. The County will work with all stakeholders on gaps identified to all the 13 to comply with the set grant condition in order for all the trainees to benefit in the next allocation. The remaining vocational centers namely; Ofafa, Mathare, Embakasi, Kahawa, Nelson, Kayole, Kaloleni, Jericho will fast track registration process.

Mr. Speaker, a copy of the detailed response has been given to Hon. Maurice Ochieng, MCA who requested for the statement and was satisfied with the response. Mr. Speaker, I beg to lay the response.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Maurice, are you comfortable with the response?

Hon. Maurice Ochieng: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I am satisfied with the response but I also wish to mention that the Committee of Education needs to take their work seriously because this is money that was given out last year and is yet to be disbursed.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Maurice. It is noted.

Hon. Kennedy Obuya: The Hon. Member should be guided because I am on my feet. I stand guided and beg to excuse myself

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Could you sit for five minutes then I advise?

(Hon. Kennedy Obuya took his seat)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Ogeto, do you have a response?

Hon. Moses Ogeto: Hon. Speaker, how I wish that you would allow Hon. Obuya to give his sentiments.

RESPONSE TO A STATEMENT REGARDING DELAYED COMPLETION OF IMPORTANT PROJECTS IN THE COUNTY

Hon. Speaker, on Tuesday 12th June, 2019, Hon. Redson Otieno MCA, rose on the floor of the Assembly pursuant to Standing Order 45 (2c) and requested for statements from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee of Health Services regarding delayed completion of important projects in the County, for instance the construction of a toilet facility at stage 46 in Ngei Ward which was allocated funds in the FY 2014/15.

In the statement, the Member requested that the chairperson should inquire into and report on;

1. Measures put in place to have the toilet facility completed and opened for public use; and
2. Steps the County is taking to ensure that such facilities are adequate in wards to enhance to enhance hygiene and sanitation.

Mr. Speaker, the committee wrote to the CEC Member to furnish the committee with a response to the statement requested by the member. In this regard, I wish to report to the Assembly as follows:

Measures put in place to have the toilet facility completed and opened for public use;

Mr. Speaker, the committee was informed that the toilet facility though neighboring the facility is not a project under the Health sector. Public toilet facilities belong to the Environment sector. It was initiated by the area MCA in the former regime who left it uncompleted. Therefore, the environment sector should be approached to facilitate completion of the project.

Steps the County is taking to ensure facilities are adequate in wards to enhance hygiene and sanitation;

Hon. Speaker, the sector encourages Members of the County Assembly through the Ward Funds as well as the Environment sector to finance such facilities to enhance hygiene and sanitation in the County. Mr. Speaker, a copy of the detailed response has been given to Hon. Redson Otieno who requested for the statement and a further copy is hereby attached to this report.

Mr. Speaker, I beg to lay this response.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Redson, are you comfortable with the response?

Hon. Redson Otieno: Yes, Hon. Speaker. However, on the issue of the toilet, I was asked to give them one week to engage with their counterparts from Environment Committee so that they can tell me when they will finish the project but I have not yet heard from the committee.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Ogeto?

Hon. Moses Ogeto: Hon. Speaker, as you have heard from the member, the Environment sector is supposed to respond to this and I therefore ask that he pardons the Health Committee.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Okay. Proceed to the second statement.

RESPONSE TO A STATEMENT REGARDING PROVISION OF IMPORTANT SUPPLIES TO LION HEALTH CLINIC
IN NGEI WARD

Hon. Moses Ogeto: On Tuesday 12th June, 2019 Hon. Redson Otieno, MCA rose on the floor of the Assembly pursuant to Standing Order 45 (2c) and requested for statements from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Health Services regarding provision of important supplies to health facilities in the County. For instance, Lion Health Clinic in Ngei Ward which have been subjected to intermittent and insufficient supply of important materials for their day to day running and service provision to the residents including chronic shortage of drugs and pharmaceuticals.

In the statement, the Member requested that the Chairperson should inquire into and report on;

1. Measures the County has put in place to ensure that Lions health clinic receives adequate supplies for its operations;
2. Steps the County is taking to provide adequate staffing to the health facility;
3. Measures the County has put in place to introduce maternity and reproductive health services at the facility; and
4. Steps that County has taken to ensure the facility is supplied with adequate water and that necessary repairs and maintenance are carried out for seamless service provision to residents.

Mr. Speaker, the committee wrote to the County Executive Committee Member responsible for Health Services on 17th June 2019 inviting him to a meeting of the committee on Thursday 20th June 2019. The purpose of the meeting was to enable the CEC Mmember to furnish the committee with the response to the statement requested by the member.

In this regard, Mr. Speaker, I wish to report to the Assembly as follows:

1. Measures the County has put in place to ensure that Lions health clinic receives adequate supplies for its operations;

Mr. Speaker, the committee was informed that the County procures drugs centrally from KEMSA who distributes to the health facilities according to the quantities ordered. However, rarely are the health facilities supplied optimally resulting in stock outs. Due to the pending bill to KEMSA, the supply has been irregular thus the frequent stock-outs in the health facilities.

The Chief Officer Health Services is in consultation with KEMSA for the resumption of the supply in FY 2019/2020. However, the sector has allocated adequate funds for the procurement of medical supplies in the FY 2019/2020 from KEMSA or any other approved suppliers. There are other medical supplies like gloves, gauze, jik and emergency drugs that the health facilities can procure using DANIDA funds.

Steps the County is taking to provide adequate staffing to the health facility;

2. The sector has undertaken the following steps to ensure that the health facilities are adequately staffed:
 - a) Have factored for the recruitment of new staffs in the FY 2019/2020 budget
 - b) We had advertised for the recruitment of the following health care workers
 - Registered clinical officers – 40
 - Specialized and regular registered nurses – 115

- Assistant occupation therapists – 10
- Physiotherapists – 10
- Nutrition and dietetic technologists – 23
- Clerical officers – 25
- Drivers – 20

Out of these cadres, the sector was able to recruit about 40 specialized and nurses who were deployed accordingly. The rest of the cadres were not recruited as the defunct County Public Service Board halted the process. Collaborating with partners like Afya Jijini, MSF, University of Maryland hire staffs on contractual basis and deploys them to our facilities. The facility is a beneficiary of staff hired by the University of Maryland to manage HIV clinic pharmacy. The sector periodically re-deploys staff within the sub-counties to ensure equity in distribution.

3. Measures the County has put in place to introduce maternity and reproductive health services at the facility;

Mr. Speaker, the committee was informed that the health facility has enough space for the expansion and upgrade of the health facility. This has been factored in the 2018-2020 CIDP. The upgrade to include the construction of a maternity wing is earmarked to commence in the FY 2019/2020.

4. Steps that County has taken to ensure the facility is supplied with adequate water and that necessary repairs and maintenance are carried out for seamless service provision to residents;

Mr. Speaker, the committee was informed that the supply of piped water is the jurisdiction of the Nairobi Water and Sewerage Company. The supply of water is irregular just like that in other areas of the County. However, the health facility has two tanks totaling to 15,000 liters that are used to preserve water for use during the rationing period.

The facility receives DANIDA funds that they can factor in their budget to undertake minor repairs and maintenance.

Mr. Speaker, a copy of the detailed response has been given to Hon. Redson Otieno who requested for the statement and a further copy is hereby attached to this report.

Mr. Speaker, I beg to lay this response.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Redson Otieno?

(Hon. Redson Otieno took a bow)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: He agrees 100%. Thank you.

(Point of order)

Hon. Mbugua, what is the point of order? Proceed.

Hon. Mbugua Kabiro: Mr. Speaker, I did not see Hon. Redson on the other side and I request that lighting be improved. I also would wish to bring to your attention that there is no quorum in the House.

QUORUM

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Sergent-at-Arms, ring the bell for five minutes.

(Quorum bell was rang for five minutes)

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, we do not have quorum and therefore the House stands adjourned to tomorrow, 18th July 2019 at 2:30 p.m. Thank you and God bless you.

(The House rose at 3:55 p.m.)