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GOVERNMENT OF NAIROBI CITY COUNTY



THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

SECOND ASSEMBLY

(THIRD SESSION)

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REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS

Hon. Speaker,

Pursuant to Standing Order 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 expose that was aired on Sunday 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 foodstuff violates the right to highest attainable standard 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) Procedures 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) Record of inspections if any, undertaken by the County Health or inspection Department and the frequency of such inspections;
- v) Number of persons if any, found offending the enabling legal provisions on the safe handling of food and food items and the prosecutions therewith; and
- 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 violations.

Hon. Kabiro Mbugua, MCA
Member of the County Assembly

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