

NAIROBI CITY COUNTY



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SECOND ASSEMBLY - FOURTH SESSION

REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS

Hon. Speaker,

Pursuant to Standing Order 45 (2) (c), I wish to request for a statement from the Chairperson of the Select Committee on County Finance, Budget and Appropriations regarding the payment of pending bills by the County Executive and the NMS.

Hon. Speaker, delays in payment of pending bills has caused suppliers and contractors untold misery. The County owed Sh76.5 billion as of 2019, and before the transfer of functions, of which only Kshs 4 billion of eligible bills was to be settled in the FY 2019/2020. In this financial year, the County has allocated Kshs 3 billion for pending bills. With the transfer of functions to the National Government, the NMS equally continues to incur pending bills.

Unfortunately, **Hon. Speaker**, confusion reigns on who should settle the pending Bills between the NMS and the County Executive. Despite the President's directive on pending Bills and National Treasury's release of billions to the county for clearing pending bills, the County has not done so in a timely and expedient fashion. It is instructive that the County Executive has indeed not transferred any monies to the NMS this far for purposes of settling the pending bills with respect to transferred functions.

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

- i) An account of the status of all pending bills to date, for both the County Executive and the NMS;
- ii) Measures taken to expedite the transfer of funds held at the National Treasury to either NMS or the County Executive for pending bills;
- iii) Measures put in place by the County Executive and the NMS for expediting the settling of pending bills for goods or services delivered for both transferred and other functions;
- iv) When will the County Executive surrender documentation for all pending bills within the transferred functions to either NMS for transmission, or to the National Treasury itself, for payment of the pending bills;
- v) Reasons for the undue delays in the settling of pending bills where the National Treasury disburses funds for that specific purpose;
- vi) Status of payments to suppliers and service providers of the monies sent by the

Statement requested
by Hon Paul Kados on
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Response due on 06/10/2020

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Approved
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