



NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

THIRD ASSEMBLY - SECOND SESSION

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT

Subject: High cost of portable water

Hon. Speaker,

Pursuant to Standing Order 47(2) (c), I wish to request for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Water and Sanitation regarding the high cost of piped water in the County.

Hon. Speaker, Article 43 (1) (d) of the Constitution 2010, guarantees every person the right to clean and safe water in adequate quantities. The Constitution in the Fourth Schedule apportions water and sanitation function to the County Governments. Hon. Speaker, as a County, we are yet to attain 100% reticulation of portable water in the County in addition to inadequate supply of water from various sources. Yet, Hon. Speaker, this commodity is supposed to be accessible and affordable to all County residents.

Hon. Speaker, in recent months, the cost of portable water supplied by Nairobi Water and Sewerage Company has skyrocketed beyond the reach of the majority poor in the County. This not only compromises the wellbeing of the residents, but also negatively impacts on the health and livelihoods of many in the County.

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

- i) Whether the County Executive and Nairobi City Water and Sewerage Company have a policy in place to guide pricing of portable water;
- ii) The criteria followed by Nairobi City Water and sewerage Company in reviewing portable water prices in the County;
- iii) What informed the recent upward review of portable water prices; and
- iv) Long term measures that the County Executive has put in place to increase the access to piped water in the County in the face of the existing overall deficit.

Joyce Muthoni

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MEMBER OF COUNTY ASSEMBLY

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Hon. Joyce Muthoni
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