

## GOVERNMENT OF NAIROBI CITY COUNTY



THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

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## REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS

Hon. Speaker,

Pursuant to Standing Order 47(2)(c), I wish to request for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Health Services on alleged sale of poisonous, stale and unfit food for human consumption across various supermarkets in the County specifically in QuickMart Supermarkets, Kilimani Branch.

Hon. Speaker, Article 43 (1) (c) of the Constitution provides for the right of everyone to access adequate food of good quality at all times and in dignity through production or purchase.

Hon. Speaker, Section 6(1)(c) of the Food, Drugs and Chemical Substances Act Prohibits the sale of unwholesome, poisonous or adulterated food and any person who sells any food that-(a) has in or upon it any poisonous or harmful substance; or (b) is unwholesome or unfit for human consumption; or (c) consists in whole or in part of any filthy, putrid, disgusting, rotten, decomposed or diseased substance or foreign matter; or (d) is adulterated, shall be guilty of an offence.

Hon. Speaker, there have been many complaints from Nairobi residents that Quickmart supermarket, Kilimani branch has allegedly been selling poisonous and unfit food for human consumption mostly cooked and perishable foods. It is alleged that once food is cooked even if it doesn't get sold for the day, they still re-heat it or reprint stickers extending the expiry date and eventually sell it to customers posing serious health issues including death once consumed.

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

- i. Why Quickmart supermarkets have been allowed to sell food that is stale and unfit for human consumption contrary to Section 6(1)(c) of the Food, Drugs and Chemical Substances Act;
- ii. How do these supermarkets practice management of good food hygiene in the process of outsourcing, processing, storing, selling and disposing of food especially perishable and cooked foods;

- iii. Plans put in place by the County Executive on how to detect and deal with rogue supermarkets that Sell poisonous food that is unfit for human consumption to Nairobi residents contrary to the Food, Drugs and Chemical Substances Act; and
- iv. Measures the County Executive is taking to curb mushrooming supermarkets that sell expired, stale and poisonous food in the County.



**HON. HASHIM KAMAU, MCA**  
**MEMBER FOR CALIFONIA WARD**

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