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REQUEST FOR STATEMENT

Subject: Maintenance of lighting in Wards

Hon. Speaker,

Pursuant to Standing Order 47(2) (c), I wish to request for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Transport and Public Works regarding installation and maintenance of lighting in the County.

Hon. Speaker, Part II of the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution of Kenya apportions the County Transport function to County Governments which includes street lighting. Further, Section 60 of the Nairobi City County Transport Act, 2020 requires the County Government to install and maintain street lights on its roads. Further, in order to enhance security and encourage 24 hour economy, the County is by extension expected to install and ensure that public lights are operational.

Hon. Speaker, in order to effectively execute this function, the County Government has divided the County into regions and assigned lead officers. Therefore, on a monthly basis, the County Executive, through the Electrical Department prepares and disseminates a schedule for installation and maintenance works to elected Members. The schedule is however not implemented resulting in many street and public lights lacking maintenance. In Lindi Ward, for instance, cases of insecurity have increased and residents cannot do business and other activities for fear of insecurity. In addition, movement on the roads has been affected because of broken down street lights. This situation has persisted for months despite the Ward being scheduled.

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

- i) Reasons why the County Electrical Department is not effective in conducting maintenance work in the Wards in accordance with the monthly schedule, especially in Lindi Ward;
- ii) List of Engineers that have been allocated the responsibility of installation and maintenance of street and public works per region in the County;
- iii) The length of time that the said officers are expected to spend in a specific scheduled Ward and whether they are allocated sufficient repair materials and equipment to carry out electrical works;
- iv) A report on why it takes long time for maintenance works to be carried out in some Wards despite them being allocated dates in the monthly schedules, more so Lindi Ward; and
- v) Steps that the County is taking to restore broken-down street and public lights in the County

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