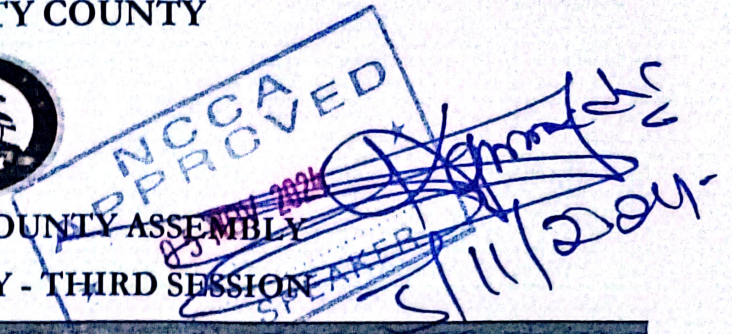


Statement requested by
Hon. Jera on 5/11/2024
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NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY
THIRD ASSEMBLY - THIRD SESSION

**REQUEST FOR STATEMENT**

Subject: Bursary disbursement in the County

Hon. Speaker,

Pursuant to Standing Order 47(2) (c), I wish to request for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Children, Early Childhood Education and Vocational Training regarding disbursement and administration of bursaries in the County.

Hon. Speaker, Article 53 (1) (b) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 provides that every child has a right to free and compulsory basic education. Further, Article 55 (a) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 requires the State to take measures such as affirmative action to ensure youth access relevant education and training. To effect this provision and to contribute to the National Government efforts, the County Government institutionalized the bursary affirmative action system through the Bursary Fund.

Hon. Speaker, this system has been rolled out well in the past but with some unaddressed challenges. To be specific, delays in disbursements are of major concern whenever cheques expire or are ejected for whatever reasons and returned to the County Executive by respective MCAs, the same are never re-processed. The Bursary Regulations have not provided for a remedy to this particular issue. This affects the intended beneficiaries' continued attendance of school.

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

- i) Whether the Bursary fund administrators have put in place criteria to be followed by the beneficiaries in case they experience any challenges with the disbursements;
- ii) The criteria used by the Fund Administrators in processing rejected or expired cheques that are returned by the beneficiaries and how the amount is then utilized upon unsuccessfully re-processing; and
- iii) Steps that the County Executive is taking to mitigate challenges that they face in the disbursement and administration of bursaries in the County.

HON. OCHIENG' JERA, MCA.
MEMBER OF COUNTY ASSEMBLY, LINDI WARD.

Date:

05 / 11 / 2024