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REQUEST FOR STATEMENT

Statement committed to  
Transport & Public Works Committee  
& to be responded within  
2 weeks.  
15/07/2025



*Subject: Frequent failure of street lighting infrastructure in Nairobi City 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 Transport and Public Works regarding the persistent failure of street lights recently installed in Nairobi City County and specifically Woodley Ward.

Hon. Speaker, Paragraph 5 (b) of part II of the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 mandates the County Government to ensure proper street lighting. Further, Section 28 (1) of the Public Private Partnership Act, 2013 provides that a contracting authority that intends to finance, operate, equip or maintain an infrastructure facility or provide a service may enter into a project agreement with any qualified private party for the financing, construction, operation, equipping or maintenance of the infrastructure or development facility.

Hon. Speaker, despite continued investment in street lighting as part of efforts to enhance safety and support economic activities till late hours, residents have raised alarm over the frequent malfunction of these lights, with many breaking down shortly after installation.

Hon. Speaker, this troubling trend raises serious concerns over the possible use of substandard materials, poor workmanship by contractors, or a lack of proper oversight and quality control mechanisms by the County Government. The situation not only undermines service delivery but also poses a threat to public safety, particularly in informal settlements and high-crime zones that rely heavily on functional street lighting for security.

Hon. Speaker, in light of this, the Chairperson should inquire into and report on:-

- i. The reasons for the frequent failure of newly installed street lights;
- ii. Whether the County Executive is using quality-certified materials and competent contractors in the implementation of street lighting projects;
- iii. The quality assurance and inspection mechanisms in place before, during, and after installation;
- iv. Any enforcement or corrective action taken against contractors delivering substandard work; and
- v. The measures being undertaken to ensure long-term functionality, public safety, and value for public funds invested in street lighting.

*DA* 14th/July/2025

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NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY