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# GOVERNMENT OF NAIROBI CITY COUNTY



THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

THIRD ASSEMBLY

(FOURTH SESSION)

## REQUEST FOR STATEMENT



### *Process of issuing food handlers' certificate*

**Hon. Speaker,** I wish to request for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Health services regarding concerning the process of issuing food handlers' certificates within the County.

**Hon. Speaker,** according to Paragraph 2 of Part Two of the Fourth Schedule to the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, County Governments are mandated to oversee county health services, which includes the licensing and regulation of food-related enterprises that serve the public. It has come to my attention, Hon. Speaker, that the County Executive has engaged certain private entities to carry out the issuance of food handlers' certificates on behalf of the County Government. However, concerns have been raised regarding the transparency and legality of these engagements, including the absence of clear procedural frameworks and regulatory oversight.

**Hon. Speaker,** the County Executive has contracted some private companies to issue food handlers' certificate to traders on the behalf of the County Government allegedly without following laid down procedures and without proper structures in the place.

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

- i. A comprehensive list of the private firms engaged by the County Executive to issue food handlers' certificates, including full disclosure of their ownership structures;
- ii. Clarification on whether the said contracts were competitively advertised, the timelines of their award, and the specific terms and conditions contained therein;
- iii. Whether these companies operate under formal contractual arrangements with the County Government and if they submit regular reports (weekly or monthly) to the relevant County offices; and
- iv. Whether there exists a formal policy or framework outlining the criteria and procedures under which private companies may be permitted to issue food handlers' certificates on behalf of the County Government.

**HON. MOSES OGETO, MCA**  
**MEMBER FOR KILIMANI WARD**

Statement issued  
by Hon. Ogeto, MCA  
on 26/6/2025  
(Signature) S.M.C.A.  
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