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THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

THIRD ASSEMBLY

(FOURTH SESSION)

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT

Subject: Quality of water from boreholes within 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 Water and Sanitation regarding the quality of water from boreholes within the County especially in Eastleigh area.

Hon. Speaker, Article 43 (1) provides for the right of every person to clean and safe water in adequate quantities.

Hon. Speaker, while the Nairobi City Water and Sewerage Company (NCWSC) claims to have stringent water quality monitoring programs, a significant portion of Nairobi's water supply both from the NCWSC and private borehole water vendors is at risk of contamination and doesn't meet safety standards.

Hon. Speaker, it is alleged that a majority of borehole water vendors sell untreated water from illegal boreholes in some estates which is a health hazard thus exposing residents to several diseases such as typhoid and cholera. Notably, such boreholes do not meet the safety standards.

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

- 1. Which body is responsible for issuance of approvals of drilling of boreholes and licensing of water vending businesses within the County;
- 2. Whether the Nairobi City Water and Sewerage Company (NCWSC) has stringent water quality monitoring programs especially borehole water in Eastleigh area; and at what intervals of frequency is the monitoring and testing undertaken;
- 3. Data on borehole water vendors within the County and whether they meet the required Standards; (attach a copy of the standards and requirements to be adhered to); and

4. Measures the County Executive is taking to ensure all boreholes and borehole water vendors adhere to the required standards of operation for the safety of the residents within the County.

Hon. Joel Munuve, MCA

MEMBER FOR KARIOBANGI WARD

NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

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