



NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY
THIRD ASSEMBLY - THIRD SESSION



REQUEST FOR STATEMENT

Subject: Construction and maintenance of sewer line and trunks 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 Committees on Water and Sanitation regarding construction and maintenance of sewer lines and facilities in the County, especially in Roysambu Ward.

Hon. Speaker, Article 43 (1) (b) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 guarantees every person the right to accessible and adequate housing and reasonable standards of sanitation. This is reinforced by the 2010 United Nations General Assembly's resolution that recognized sanitation as a human right. The pressure on the existing sewer lines that were constructed several years ago has increased as a result of increase in population in the City. Despite attempts by Nairobi City Water and Sewerage Company, which is responsible for sewage services, to maintain the existing sewer line, the increased volume often leads to blockage, bursting and spillage of sewer in many parts of the County.

Hon. Speaker, for instance, in Roysambu Ward, at Marurui around Newdawn area, sewer bursts and spillage have become a common occurrence. The spillage is not only an environmental pollution but is also a health hazard, as when it spills, the raw sewerage finds its way into people's property including homes and farms. The sewage also spews on roads leading to accelerated degradation.

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

- i) Whether the County has set aside a budget for expansion of major sewer trucks in the County commensurate with the increasing population;
- ii) Whether the County has entered into any partnerships with development partners to expand sewer lines in the County;
- iii) The role of Athi Water Development Authority and its nexus with Nairobi City County in provision of sewer infrastructure;
- iv) Steps that the County is taking to ensure that existing sewer lines are adequately maintained as the need may arise, especially in Roysambu Ward; and
- v) Long term measures that the County has put in place to ensure provision of adequate sewerage services in the County.

HON. SOSPETER MUMBI, MCA.
MEMBER OF COUNTY ASSEMBLY, ROYSAMBU WARD.

Date: 21/11/24