

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
MURANG'A COUNTY ASSEMBLY
THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 23rd October 2018

The House met at 9:35 a.m.

[The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki) in the Chair]

PRAYER

PAPERS LAID

CONTROLLER OF BUDGET COUNTY GOVERNMENT BUDGET IMPLEMENTATION
REVIEW REPORT FOR THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF FINANCIAL YEAR (FY)
2017/2018.

Hon. Francis Kibe: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I am the Member of County Assembly (MCA) for Ithiru Ward and the Chairperson for the Budget and Appropriations Committee and I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of the Assembly;-

The Controller of Budget (COB) County Government Budget Implementation Review Report for the first nine months of the Financial Year (FY) 2017/2018.

(Hon. Francis Kibe laid the paper on the Table)

Hon. Francis Kibe: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

REPORT ON THE EXTENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE NATIONAL VALUES AND
PRINCIPLES OF GOVERNANCE AND OF PUBLIC SERVICE IN MURANG'A COUNTY

Hon. Stanley Muhia: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I am the MCA for Makuyu Ward and the Chairperson for Governance, Labour, Justice and Legal Affairs Committee and I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of the Assembly;

The Report of Murang'a County Public Service Board on the extent of compliance with the national values and principles of governance and of public service in Murang'a County for the period ended 31st December 2017.

(Hon. Stanley Muhia laid the paper on the Table)

Hon. Stanley Muhia: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

STATEMENTS

RESPONSE ON SAFETY OF BODABODA RIDERS IN THE COUNTY

Hon. David Macharia: Thank you Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Public Works, Roads and Transport Committee, it is my pleasure and duty to present to the County Assembly the Committees response to Statement regarding safety of boda boda riders in the County.

In an Assembly plenary sitting held on July 17, 2018, Hon. Morris Thuku Gathoni requested for a Statement from Chairperson, Public Works, Roads and Transport committee. The Chairperson

requested for 14 days to prepare for a response that was to be obtained from the County Executive Committee (CEC) Member for Energy, Transport and Infrastructure.

The Statement requested by Hon. Morris Thuku Gathoni was as follows;

1. Is the Chairperson aware that some boda boda drivers in the County are not trained and operate without licenses?
2. Is the Chairperson further aware that some boda boda drivers do not adhere to safety precautions like wearing helmets, avoiding overloading and drunk driving?
3. Can the Chairperson establish the reported cases of accidents and deaths in the County involving boda boda drivers in the last two years?
4. Does the County Government department of Transport have any program in place for training of boda boda operators on safety?

Correspondence to the CEC Member for Transport and Infrastructure; the Committee resolved to forward the Statement requested in the Assembly to the County Executive Member for Transport and Infrastructure development, this was in order for him to investigate on the matter and issue a response by July 31, 2018.

The Committee received the response from the County Executive Member for Transport and Infrastructure Development on July 26, 2018. The Committee discovered some information gaps and requested the Executive Member to address them.

The CEC did that and in his response this is what he had to say; is the chairperson aware that bodaboda riders in the County are not trained and operate without licenses?

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): Order! Order! Can you sit down, and this is for the information of all members, when a chairman comes to answer questions here, he is coming to answer the questions as a chairman, he is not coming to answer on behalf of the CEC. It is for the chairman to investigate the matter and come and give his answer, he has not been sent by the CEC, he has investigated the matter and you are now coming to give your answer, please note and everybody note, when you are coming here, you are not coming here as an emissary of the CEC you are coming here to answer the question. Thank you continue

Hon. David Macharia: Thank you Mr. Speaker for that correction, so as I respond to the queries as outlined, I start with the first one, bodaboda sector is one of the mainstream businesses which is across the country and not limited to Murang'a County. Bodaboda riders are trained regularly in collaboration with the department of Youth and Co-operatives but some operate without licenses without the department's knowledge since traffic enforcement rules is under the national government.

Then the issue on whether bodaboda adhere to safety requirements on wearing helmets and avoiding overloading and drunk driving. Three observations Mr. Speaker; some bodaboda riders operate without adhering to safety precautions such as wearing the helmets, overloading or drunk riding, however, enforcement measures to ensure that bodaboda riders adhere to safety precautions is the duty of the traffic department which is under the national government

About the reported cases of accidents and deaths Mr. Speaker, the County Government do not have transport systems which monitor bodaboda accidents.

The function on enforcement of traffic goals is and safety is under national government and therefore statistical data can be derived from the traffic department. The department can liaise with the traffic department and obtain the said data in the last two years.

The last one about whether the County Government department on Transport has any programs in place for training on boda boda operators on safety. Yes, it has because the department of Transport and Infrastructure and the counterpart in with Youth and Co-Operative has been

training boda boda riders on safety and facilitating on issuance of driving licenses. That is all Mr. Speaker and I would like to inform the House that further on this, the County Executive Committee Member(CECM) will be coming on Wednesday and for any clarification I am sure it will be most welcome.

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): On a point of clarification, are you telling the members that the CECM will be coming to this House to give clarification.

Hon. David Macharia: No to the Committee.

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): Hon. Morris Thuku Gathoni

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): We move on.

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): The House adjourns until 2:30p.m. this afternoon.

The House rose at 9:45 a.m.