

# MURANG'A COUNTY ASSEMBLY

## THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> Feb 2016

The House met at 2:34 p.m.

*(The Speaker Hon. Nduati Kariuki in the Chair)*

### PRAYERS

### NOTICE OF MOTION

ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE ON IMPLEMENTATION REPORT ON  
IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF THE MURANG'A COUNTY SYMBOLS ACT, 2015

**Hon. Kago Njoroge:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, on behalf of our chairman of the Committee on Implementation, I wish to give notice of the following motion;-

That, this House adopts the report of the committee on Implementation on implementation status of the Murang'a County Symbols Act, 2015, laid on the Table of the Assembly on February 16, 2016.

Thank you Mr. Speaker.

### STATEMENTS

RESPONSE ON THE DISBURSEMENT OF GOVERNORS BURSARY KITTY  
FOR THE FY 2013/2014 AND 2014/2015

**Hon. John Gitau:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I am the Member of County Assembly (MCA) for Kamahuha ward and the chairman to the committee on Education and Child Welfare, Research, Information Technology and E- government. I do not know whether I will be in order to respond to this statement since the questioner is not in the House.

**The Speaker:** It is in order.

**Hon. John Gitau:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, in an Assembly sitting held on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2015, Hon. Machiri who represents Kamacharia ward requested for a statement from the chairperson of Education and Child Welfare, Research, Information Technology and E- government committee. The questions were as follows:-

- a. Can the chairperson table a tabulated list of needy students who have benefited from the kitty for the financial years 2013/2014 and 2014/2015, indicating; name of the student, the amount and the name of the school

On 25<sup>th</sup> September 2015, as is required by the standing orders, the committee wrote to the County Executive Committee (CEC) Member for Education and Technical Training requesting for response.

On 8<sup>th</sup> October 2015, the CEC wrote a response but the committee was not comfortable with it, we felt that it was inadequate. We, specifically, felt so for the following reasons: the response did not show the bursary disbursed from the Governor's kitty for the financial year 2013/2014. The response submitted did not follow the structure of the requested statement as it did not include the names of the wards, students, amounts given and schools.

It was then resolved by the committee that a detailed statement was required from the County Executive Member.

In a letter dated 16<sup>th</sup> October 2015, the committee requested for a detailed response. Eventually, the detailed response was forwarded to the Clerk on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

The committee held a meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2016 and discussed the submitted response and adopted it for tabling in the Hon. House thereafter. The response shows an attached table of the beneficiaries who are grouped into three; one is People living With

Disability (PWDs), continuing students who have been benefiting and Koimbi children's home.

Mr. Speaker, the total of these groups is Kshs. 217,930,000. Persons with disability got Kshs. 516,331, continuing students got Kshs. 1,544,507 while Koimbi children's home got Kshs. 117,092. We have been---

**The Speaker:** Order! You know hon. member; your answers should be in a written form. From your response, I do not see any written answer; I am only seeing copies of various documents.

Therefore, you have actually not responded to the question because it is your answer which should have all this information. Giving members just copies of documents is not answering the question. I rule that we do not have answers for these questions because the question was not that you submit documents or copies of documents; it was for you to answer the questions that were asked and your write up does not give any answers.

**Hon. John Gitau:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, for that correction. I cannot fail to agree with you and I request for some time to prepare for the answer.

**The Speaker:** Please do.

**Hon. John Gitau:** Thank you Mr. Speaker.

#### RESPONSE ON THE NUMBER OF OFFICERS IN EACH OF THE TEN EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS

**Hon. Anderson Muchemi:** I wish to respond to the statement requested by Hon. Samson Kago, The questions were; how many officers are supposed to be in the ten executive departments of the Murang'a county government? How many officers are currently working under each of the ten departments of Murang'a county government and their level of designation? Whether there are budget provisions for employing more officers under the said departments and when they will be employed if there is a shortfall.

Mr. Speaker, the committee sat down and invited the CEC member and the response was as follows; under question number one on how many officers are supposed to be in the ten executive departments of the Murang'a County Government? We respond that the number cannot be currently established, there is an ongoing exercise being carried out by the national and county governments on Capacity Assessment and Rationalization Programme (CARPs) and jobs evaluation in all the 47 counties.

The exercise ends in June 2016 and is expected to generate a report with recommendations that will guide how rationalization will be undertaken.

Mr. Speaker, with that response, we are able to answer the first question and request the hon. member to give the county government until June this year when the exercise will be completed

On question number two, the number is as listed in page six of the report; in the department of agriculture, there are 402 employees, in co-operatives there are two, in County Public Service Board we have six, in the culture department we have two, education department has 62, environment seven, housing four, health department 1329, lands 18, Planning department has 13, public works 47, public service and administration 44, trade six, Water 119 and Youth 51.

On the last question whether there is a budget provision for employing more officers under the said department and when they will be employed if there is a shortfall: this will depend on the rationalization programme report. The recommendations will determine whether there will be need for procurement of human resources and subsequent budgetary provisions for the same.

Mr. Speaker, the framework further indicates that various options will be considered, such as training of staff on technical jobs rotation techniques so that employees will be placed in various positions according to the skills they hold.

In conclusion, the committee requests the County Assembly members in particular Hon. Kago to patiently wait for the conclusion of CARPs scheduled on end of June this year. The outcome is expected to address various issues such as generation of proper staff establishment, salary harmonization and confirmation of the defunct local authority staff who were inherited by the county government. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker:** Hon Kago?

**Hon. Samson Kago:** I take this opportunity to thank the committee for working on my statement though it has taken about eight months since I requested. When I found this in my email, I had already forgotten about this question.

The answers they have given could only have taken them one week so I fail to understand why they are telling us to wait yet we are getting new employees in the county especially on the last question.

What are they saying when they state that they do not have the human resource establishment? Everyone understands that there is an exercise that is going on. The government cannot tell us that it is lean in terms of officers and they do not know how many they are.

I request the committee to pursue the matter with the County Executive Committee (CEC) Member for Public Service so that we can know the number we require. Even as we wait for the rationalization programme, they must be having their own assessment so that they can merge that with the CARPs report. If the report says that we need two officers or one million officers they will still be satisfied.

This response is inadequate and it seems the CEC in charge does not know what she is doing if at all she is telling us to just wait. Yes I am ready to wait but after June they must tell us the officers and the money they require in our county

**The Speaker:** Chairman, any rejoinder to that

**Hon Anderson Muchemi:** I am happy that Hon. Samson has accepted our request and we promise by the time the CARPs is over, we shall give detailed answer

### ADJOURNMENT

The House adjourns until tomorrow 2:30 p.m.

*The House rose at 2:51 p.m.*