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MURANG'A COUNTY ASSEMBLY
THE HANSARD

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The House met at 2:40 p.m.

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

PRAYER

STATEMENTS

REQUEST ON WASTE MANAGEMENT IN THE COUNTY

Hon. Lilian Kabaya: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I wish to request Statement on waste management in the County. Pursuant to Standing Order 46 (2) (c), I hereby request for a Statement from the Chairperson Water, Energy, Forestry, Environment and Natural Resources Committee on the following;

1. Is there a County waste management policy? If not why, if yes, has it been adopted by the County Assembly?
2. How many garbage collection points are there in the County? Where are they located and what is their status?
3. What is the frequency of waste collection?
4. What is the modality of waste collection especially in the major towns and urban centres?
5. What measures are in place for waste treatment?
6. How many dumping sites are there in Murang'a County and where are they located?
7. How many tonnes of garbage is produced in Murang'a County per day and per month?
8. How many tonnes of garbage is recycled, if any and the location of the recycling plants.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): Chair Water and Energy?

Hon. Peter Mweri: Thank you Mr. Speaker, first I would like to thank Hon. Lilian Kabaya for asking about this Statement. I see it has a lot of issues. Honourable Speaker I would request the member to give the Committee 14 working days so that we can come up with a very comprehensive answer from the County Executive Committee Member (CECM) Water.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): Hon. Kabaya

Hon. Lilian Kabaya: Thank you Mr. Speaker, that is in order. However we need to come up with a way of enforcing the number of days because I have asked for a Statement previously and it has taken more than a month, yet they had said 14 days. So kindly guide us on how to enforce the number of days.

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): We shall hold him responsible to the 14days.

Hon. Lilian Kabaya: Thank you.

REQUEST ON KAGIRA DISPENSARY

Hon. Waithera Ndung'u: Thank you Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Hon. Moses Murigi, I would like to put across the Statement on Kagira dispensary. Pursuant to Standing Order 46 (2)

(c), I hereby request for a Statement from the Chairperson, Health Services Committee on the following;

1. Is the Chairperson aware that Kagira dispensary in Gaichanjiru Ward has been abandoned despite being a facility that is expected to serve a huge population?
2. Is he further aware that the dispensary has no facilities, medical and support staff to operationalize it?
3. Is he also aware whether or not the said dispensary is a gazetted health facility under the Public Health Act?
4. Can the Chairperson inform this Assembly how many patients were served by the facility each month during the last financial year?
5. Can the Chairperson confirm whether Kagira dispensary is under the management of the County Government and if the answer is in the affirmative, to indicate the measures being taken in the current financial year to rehabilitate and fully equip the dispensary?

The Speaker: The Chairperson Health?

Hon. Kibe Githuka: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I would request the member for the said ward to give the Committee at least 14 working days so that we can get the response. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker: Hon. Moses Murigi?

(Laughter)

Hon. Waithera Ndung'u: Thank you Hon. Speaker. I will accept the response from the Chair, Health, But due to what is happening to a place such as that one, which is in need of services. We would wish you bring the response in that time. Thank you.

(Hon. Morris Thuku rose on a point of order)

Hon. Morris Thuku: I stand to be clarified by the Chair; I am in the Health Committee. As we state, I think we have four more Statements to deliver. Is it realistic to give 14 days or you should ask for more days?

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): Point of order, you cannot question the Chairman. What the Chairman has said, he has said.

(Laughter)

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): The only thing I would like to add is that Hon. Waithera, when I refer to you as Hon. Moses is because when a member is to ask a question and he wants to delegate that responsibility to someone else he must inform the office of the Speaker because the office of the Speaker wants to be sure that whoever asks the question has the authority from the member who actually owns the question. But we will let it go for this time.

RESPONSE ON THE DAIRY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Hon. Morris Thuku: Mr. Speaker, I stand on behalf of the Chairperson for Trade, Industrialization, Co-operative Management, Tourism and Wildlife Committee on the response of the Statement. The Trade Committee is still working on the response to the Statement by Hon. John Ruoho, the Member of County Assembly (MCA) for Kinyona Ward. However, to come up

with a comprehensive response, the Committee seeks to be added 14 more working days to finalise on the report. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): Hon. John Ruoho?

Hon. Ruoho Wangechi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker I am the MCA representing the people of Kinyona. I do not know whether we will continue accepting the 14 days because when we brought this Statement here, and although it raised issues outside this House, we clearly stated that it was very urgent because we had farmers who had gone out on strike concerning their milk dues. We had farmers whose coolers had been locked because they had not paid their buildings. We had farmers who had decided to leave the dairy development program from the County and--

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): Order! You do not have to give us all the details, just respond to his request.

Hon. Ruoho Wangechi: Yes, what I am saying is that consider that we started from June, July, August, September and this is October. Maybe there could be something that is being done but according to me, 14 days still? I will wait. The people of Murang'a are waiting for that Committee to deliver a response to ensure that their problems are solved. I think it has taken long overdue considering it was urgent. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): Maybe the Chairperson can tell us how far he has gone even though he does not have the full report.

Hon. Morris Thuku: Mr. Speaker, it is worth noting that the Statement is long overdue and it is important to state that the Committee and the Executive in charge are taking the matter as paramount and we look forward for a comprehensive response backed up with facts. As we speak, the Committee in charge and the Executive are working on a Co-operative Bill and some of the issues that Hon. Ruoho is asking about should be captured on the said Bill. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): Noted, next.

RESPONSE ON EMPLOYMENT OF MINORITY AND PEOPLE LIVING WITH DISABILITY IN THE 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. The Governance Committee has been pursuing this Statement, however, the Assembly has been on recess and following to that effect, it has not been very good.

We are in contact with the Public Service Secretary and last Monday, we had a meeting with him representing the Board and he promised the Governance Committee that he will have given the Statement in two weeks' time. We will therefore be able to present to the Assembly and answer the Hon. Member in respect to that Statement. I am therefore requesting the Hon. Member to kindly give the Committee two more weeks to finalise with the Statement.

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): Hon. Alex Makau is not around although I would say that giving the reason that we were on recess is not a very good reason because the Public Service Board Secretary was not on recess and he could have prepared that answer. Thank you, anyway, next.

RESPONSE ON MENTAL HEALTHCARE IN THE COUNTY

Hon. Kibe Githuka: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I am the MCA for Kihumbu-ini Ward and the Chairperson for Health Services and I would request for an extra 14 days for the Committee

to review the report which has been forwarded to the Assembly by the County Executive Committee (CEC) Member for Health. We have the response which has not been reviewed but we need more time because it has just arrived to the Assembly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): Apparently, we have so many things to do in 14 days. Hon. Kabaya?

Hon. Lilian Kabaya: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I raised a valid concern because Chairpersons are in the habit of asking for 14 days then extending it by another 14 days and even further 14 days. Kindly give guidelines on the maximum number of days that a Committee should take to respond to avoid future problems. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): I think when a Chairman of a Committee says he is going to give an answer in a number of days; it should not just come out of guess work. He should have consulted the CEC in charge and be assured that that response is going to be ready in 14 days. Otherwise, if it just comes out of your head that since 14 days looks like a nice figure, you keep on adding 14 days. My advice is, before any Chair gives the time; let him consult the CEC in charge so that he is sure that within 14 days, he is going to have that kind of response. Thank you, next.

MOTION

ADOPTION OF REPORT ON CONSULTATIVE MEETING WITH THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TECHNICAL TRAINING IN MOMBASA COUNTY

Hon. Waithera Ndung'u: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I am the Chairperson for Education and Child welfare, Research, Information, Technology and E-Government Committee and on behalf of the Committee, it is my pleasure and duty to present to this Hon. House the Report of the consultative meeting between the County Executive Department of Education and Technical Training and the Committee of Education, Child welfare, Research, Information, Technology and E-Government.

The Committee of Education is composed of 12 Hon. Members. The background; the Committee of Education and Child welfare, Research, Information, Technology and E-Government resolved to hold a consultative meeting between the County Executive Department of Education and Technical Training and the Committee. The resolution was arrived at since the legacy report of the Committee for the year 2013-2017 had not captured the status report for the Department. The Committee's key objectives are:

1. The status of ECDE centres in Murang'a county for the period 2013 to 2017.
2. The status of youth polytechnics in Murang'a County 2013 to 2017.
3. The status of departmental interventions programs.
4. Understand the budget making program for education sector.

The committee extended a letter of invitation to CEC education to attend the meeting via letter referenced MCA/EDUCATION III/VOL 13/06 dated 3rd February 2018. The CEC highlighted the vision, mission and goals of department to the members. Vision; to be leading county in provision of quality education and technical training. Mission; to provide a conducive environment for our own learners in which right skills, knowledge and attitude are articulated leading to holistic development. Goal; to provide a strong foundation for effective transition at all levels of education.

Let us turn to page five, the development under sub-sector of ECD -----

The Speaker: Hon. Chair point of order, you have just told us to turn to page five. Hon. Member you know you are not supposed to read us a report that is in the files, you are supposed

to move the Motion and give us the summary of the findings and then the conclusions. It is not to read us the whole file that is before us, okay?

Hon. Waithera Ndung'u: Thank you Mr. Speaker, the programs in ECDE are school milk program, there is bursary, enrolment in ECDE centres. We have status of youth polytechnics from year 2013 to date and we can see in our county we have about 65 polytechnics. Murang'a South they are eight, Kigumo eight, Kandara nine, Gatanga nine, Murang'a East five, Kahuro eight, Mathioya 12, Kangema six all those polytechnics offer different courses to the youth and we talked through we came with recommendations and way forward.

That the County Government to submit policy paper on school milk program to the county assembly for approval by 31st October 2018.

That the County Government to submit a policy paper on school feeding program to be approved by the County Assembly by 31st October 2018.

The County Government to provide rest activities facilities like mattresses and playing materials to all the ECDE centres in all wards which has been budget in the FY 2018/2019 budget.

The County Government to recruit enough caregivers to all ECDE centres in the county.

The County Government to employ quality standard officers in each ward on permanent basis.

That the County Government to first prioritize on rehabilitation of infrastructure development of the ECDE centres.

That the County Government construct two friendly toilets in each of all the ECDE centres and should be a priority.

That the County Government should emphasize on short term courses for the youth polytechnics targeting most students who perform poorly in secondary, standard eight class in primary school and even school dropouts.

That the County Government to train the youth at Sub-County level on borrowing loans in Saccos and on entrepreneurial skills.

That the Committee to review Murang'a County Scholarship Fund (Amendments) addressing the concerns of the Controller of Budget to enable issuing of bursary since it is not a devolved function.

Mr. Speaker, This report is very comprehensive and we would wish that the county executive would implement the recommendations made by this Committee. Most importantly is the resource allocation, we require requisite resources for the department of Education to run well. It was not well thought out and there are many teething problems. There is need to improve on the infrastructure in schools and to employ more teachers.

The County Government should bring a policy paper that should clearly outline the criteria for allocating funds to various schools and timeframes for allocation. This Motion seeks to bridge the gap that is missing in the education system especially in the public schools. You find the core business of any learning institution especially the public institutions from nursery schools, primary and secondary is to impart knowledge. The Committee recommends amendments of the Scholarship Fund as per recommendations of the Controller Of Budget to enable the issuing of bursary since it is not a devolved function.

However, the County Government has funded the polytechnics to assist with payment for utilities and sub-ordinate staff. There is a grant from the national government for capitation per trainee, to cater for trainees. This Committee recommends that the County Government should

fully equip the existing Youth Polytechnics (YPs) with enough resources like staff and other related materials required for effective learning. The County Government should renovate the non-operational YPs and equip them with necessary resources. This will be operationalized once the National government grant is rolled out to the institutions

With those few remarks I put the report to the honourable House and call upon Hon. Ngundo to second the Motion. Thank you.

Hon. Ngundo Maina: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I rise to second the report by the Committee. This is well thought report and it is indeed important as it supports children in this County.

The current curriculum be implemented in the world based was formulated by the national government but in the County level we focus on market driven courses. These courses are not adequate for our students thus we recommend that short terms courses to be introduced. To build strong foundation in Early Childhood Development Education (ECDE) is very paramount. In Kenya ECDE is a recognized as crucial program that lays foundation for child holistic and integrated education that meet cognitive social and developmental rate. It is also important and also benefits to invest in young children since the first six years of life are termed as extremely important because the environmental experiences acquired during this period influence one's life. The County Government should develop a policy program for ECDE feeding program and milk program and present it to the Assembly for adoption. This report was adopted by the Committee; mine was to urge the honorable members to adopt this report as well as the next course of action. I second, thank you.

(Question Proposed)

Hon. Caroline Njoroge: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to support the report although being a member of the Committee it has taken long for us to bring it. As you can see we sat on February may be what we could be bringing is how far this has been implemented however as a member I apologize for bringing the report very late.

ECDE being devolved is something that needs to seriously look on it. I do believe as a Committee we do not need to sit here and start discussing the problems that the ECDE centres are undergoing and I believe the Chairperson is working on how we are going to visit these ECDE centres because they are facing so much problems some not even having toilets and such things but we are looking upon them.

I hope that whatever we discussed with the CECM is going to be implemented. On recommendation number nine on the amendments to the Scholarship Fund I am sure that our people are really suffering because formerly we used to award bursaries but nowadays because the Controller Of Budget raised the issue of amendments to the Scholarship Fund, I am sure the Chairperson will fast track this and ensure we bring this amendment as first as possible so that we can start issuing bursary to our people.

However, I do hope that the Committee and the Chairperson we are going to follow up on our department to ensure that these things are looked upon and that our people are getting the services they are supposed to get because we are their representative and I believe they should not suffer as long as we are passing Budget every year thus we should ensure whatever is meant for our children should reach to them and whatever we should give to our people should reach to them. I rise to support. Thank you.

The Speaker: I ask the mover to respond to that one comment.

Hon. Waithira Ndung'u: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I stand to congratulate the members who have supported the Motion. I was expecting and waiting to hear more but to Hon. Caroline Njoroge who is in her second term and being a member of Education for the two terms, I know she is one of the persons who is helping me closely to make up this docket on Education. The motto in our Education Committee is we leave our schools better than we found them.

It is true we are starting our visits to the centres so that we can capture what is on the ground not just getting when it is posted to us. If we go to the ground we would be in a position to know how we can work on it and talk to the executive and see how it can go on.

On the bursary, I know it is paining because most of our children are at home and some of them are getting to honorable members' offices time and again but we are going to work with the Controller Of Budget and the office of our senior clerk so that we can see how the amendment can be done and bring it to this House whereby I will request the honorable members to come up and assist us so that we can resume and be able to assist in bursary giving which we know most of the time is not devolved but there is a way out we correct the clause which hinders from getting the bursary, we can be able to do. It is never late in the four years remaining we can save live four kids. Thank you

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): Honorable members this House stands adjourned until tomorrow at 2:30p.m. Thank you

The House rose at 3:17 p.m.