

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
MURANG'A COUNTY ASSEMBLY
THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 21st May 2019

The House met at 9:3a.m.

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

PRAYER
PETITION

REPORT FROM RESIDENTS OF KIRU HOME FOR THE DISABLED MURANG'A COUNTY

Hon. Duncan Muturi: Mr Speaker, I am standing for the Chairperson Youth Committee. Mr Speaker sir, I beg to Table the following Paper;-

That, the Report by the Sectoral Committee on Youth, Culture, Gender and Social Services on a public Petition to be laid today 21st May 2019.

Mr. Speaker, the Youth Committee received a Petition from Kiru home for the disabled which was committed to the Committee on 12th March 2019. Section 15 of the County Governments Act provides that a person has a right to Petition the County Assembly for any matter within its authority.

Petitioners' prayer was appointing at least one disabled person from the group at the County level, the County to reveal names, address and contact of personnel in charge of disabled groups in the County, the County to assess Kiru home for the disabled in order to finance them adequately.

Committee proceedings; the Committee discussed the Petition and observed the following; nomination of a Member to the County Assembly, Article 177 of the Constitution provides for the membership of the County Assembly to include the members elected at the ward level, special seats to ensure gender balance and members to represent marginalized groups including youth and persons with disability in the Constitution.

It is clear from the above provisions that nomination of any person to the County Assembly is not the mandate of the County Assembly itself but rather of political parties that one belongs to. Any disputes that the members have with the nominations are settled pursuant to the Political Parties' Act and, in particular by the Political Parties' Dispute Tribunal created under Section 39 of the Act.

The County Assembly and by extension, the Committee, does not have any legal mandate to grant this request. With regard to prayer number two, the County Assembly does not maintain records of the personnel in charge of matters of disability at the County Executive offices.

However, the Assembly is aware that there is a County Executive Committee Member (CECM) Hon. Muiruri, in charge of the Youth, Gender and Social Services programmes under matters disability. The Assembly will forward to them the list of any representative and personnel in charge of matters of disability. Further, with regard to prayer three, the County Assembly when making the Budget each year, ensures that there is a Budget to cater for People Living with Disability (PWDs) and appropriate programmes under the Budget.

Mr. Speaker, it is also important to note that in 2016, the County Assembly enacted the Murang'a County Persons Living with Disability Act that seeks to enshrine a legal framework

to ensure that the rights of the PWDs are protected. The following are the recommendations from the Committee:-

1. In regard to prayer one, any dispute that Members have with nominations are settled pursuant to the Political Parties' Act and, in particular, by the Political Parties' Dispute Tribunal created under Section 39 of the Act.
2. With regard to prayer number three, the CECM for Youth, Culture, Gender and Social Services, when making the Budget each year, should ensure that there is a Budget to cater for PWDs and an appropriate programme under the Budget.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): Thank you, next.

PAPERS

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE KAHUTI WATER AND SANITATION COMPANY LIMITED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2018

Hon. Nahashon Gachuhi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I am the Chairperson for the Public Investments and Public Accounts Committee (PIC/PAC) and I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of the Assembly;-

The Report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statements of Kahuti Water and Sanitation Company Limited for the year ended 30th June 2018.

(Hon. Nahashon Gachuhi laid the Paper on the Table)

Hon. Nahashon Gachuhi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF MURANG'A SOUTH WATER AND SANITATION COMPANY LIMITED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2018

Hon. Nahashon Gachuhi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of the Assembly;-

The Report by the Auditor General on the Financial Statements of Murang'a South Water and Sanitation Company Limited for the year ended 30th June 2018.

(Hon. Nahashon Gachuhi laid the Paper on the Table)

Hon. Nahashon Gachuhi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): Hon. Members, the House adjourns until 2:30 this afternoon.

The House rose at 9:44a.m.