

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF SAMBURU



THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 23rd March, 2016

The assembly met at the County Assembly chambers at 2:30 p.m.

The Speaker, County Assembly of Samburu, (Mr. Steve Lelegwe) on the chair

PRAYER

STATEMENTS

MCA Ndoto Ward, (Hon. Raisy Letura): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I seek your guidance on a statement that I sought sometime back in this House. If you follow the statement tracker you will see that the statement was supposed to be answered a long time ago. I wonder if the statement is still with the Committee of Public Works and Roads. We ask statements for the importance of our communities and we are not seeing a follow up from the respective committees.

The Speaker, (Mr. Steve Lelegwe): Thank you Hon. Letura. The statement was scheduled to be responded to this morning at 9 am. This is from the response schedule. The Chair requested for more time so that the statement is responded to this afternoon. I request the Chair to respond to statement number 004 of 2016. The Chairperson of the Sectorial Committee on Transport, Public Works and Roads

MCA Wamba North, (Hon. Christopher Lentukunye): Thank you Hon. Speaker. I stand to give response to the statement that the Hon. Member is referring to. The Committee conveyed the request for statement to the CEC Member. On behalf of the Committee, I wish to communicate the response received from the CEC Member. I therefore request to read the response as detailed in this copy. That the request of the statement regarding the status of Nkurnit – Keno road. The road contract involved three kinds of works; namely road drainage and structural works. This structural works also involve culverts installation, grading and gravelling and plant and equipment. These are parts of the activities. There is also dosing. The contractor undertook dosing, grading and graveling thus consequently was paid proportionally according to the work done on the ground. Culverts are yet to be installed and they are yet to be paid for. The work is still on going and the state of the road as of now is due to the rains that fell in the vicinity of the road. Secondly, this being a new road the soil itself is very loose and it can easily be washed away and as time goes by it will reduce. That is all that we can give in this response as referred to the statement sought. Thank you.

MCA Ndoto Ward, (Hon. Raisy Letura): Thank you Mr. Speaker, I am astonished with the kind of response by the Committee on Public Works. I was on record asking this statement for a

second time. The first time I asked was on the parts that were not done. This made the roads very impassable due to the loose soil. This was actually caused by the grading of the road. I wish we would go back to the Hansard of that time and also refer back to the first response by the same Committee to this Hon. House. Their first response was about the work that was done in that particular road. Grading, gravelling and dosing were not done. My first statement was that the soil was so loose because gravelling needed to be done on some spots or identified areas. The first response from the Chair of the Committee on Public Works was that the department is going to undertake gravelling on these areas. The identified areas were supposed to be about 2.5 Kilometers Lesirikan - Keleswa roads and also the rest of the areas. I do not understand why the Member is saying that when we have more rains then the roads will be in good shape. I wonder what technique is that. We need to be informed by the Hon. Chair that in which Country do rains shape roads. We wonder and wish that the technology that the department is using is real. I am sure that we will be making roads and leave the rains to shape it. It will be cheap and a good invention to say that we have rains that shape roads. I find that the Committee is not serious in the undertakings of this road. I once again say that this road is not accessible from Latakweny area and also the area of Keno. We have done some work. The question was how much was paid to the contractor initially and how much was left. The question also asked on what the department will do on the remaining part that was not done. I wonder what the people of Ndoto will say when this response is tabled to them saying that they should wait for the second part of the rains which is due in April for your roads to be nice. With your guidance Mr. Speaker I want the Hon. Chair to inform this House on the technique that he will use to shape the road. I also asked on how much was left, how much was paid and what are you going to do so that Latakweny is accessed from areas of Nkurnit and vice versa. Keno ECD center is not accessible, people are taking food (*interrupted by Hon. Lentukunye*)

Point of order from Hon. Lentukunye

The Speaker, (Mr. Steve Lelegwe): Let the hon. Letura continue before we allow you to respond.

MCA Ndoto ward, (hon. Raisy Letura): So, Mr. Speaker, I wish that the hon. Chair tables the right response to the House which can benefit the people of Ndoto ward. Thank you.

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The Speaker, (Mr. Steve Lelegwe): Hon. Letura, in your conclusion, I want you to state categorically whether you agree with the response as tabled by the hon. Chair or not.

MCA Ndoto ward, (hon. Raisy Letura): Mr. Speaker, if I am left with this response for one year, I will not agree with it.

The Speaker, (Mr. Steve Lelegwe): Thank you. Hon. Elly Loldepe.

MCA Maralal ward, (hon. Elly Loldepe): Thank you hon. Speaker. Although I don't exactly know the state of the road, I think the response given leaves a lot to be desired. As the hon. Member for Ndoto, whose ward the road falls in, has stated, I want to refer to the 3rd paragraph of the statement that the state of the road has now eased due to:

1. The rains that fell in the vicinity of the road.

I don't know what vicinity means here. In normal English, vicinity means near or in that place. I don't know how rain that fall in, maybe, Shabaa affects the roads here. According to the statement is that there were no rains on the exact position of the road but it rained near the road. I think this is more of a cover-up statement. I want the Chair to expound on how the rains in the vicinity affect the road. Thank you.

MCA Ang'ata Nanyukie ward, (hon. John Lemulugo): Thank you hon. Speaker. I happen to be a member of this committee and I fully agree with the hon. Letura. This response is from Engineer Benson, according to the name here, who is the Engineer for this department. When we wait for the rains so as to improve our roads, then it is better to throw away probase, as the hon. Member puts it, then we wait for better roads from the rains.

I believe in my Chair as he is trying his best to bring the response. But the response given by the department is shallow and we completely disagree with it. So, Mr. Speaker, we request that you refer the statement back to the Committee so that they can deliberate and come up with a comprehensive report concerning the road. Hon. Letura is right and it is shocking to see the response from the department. Thank you.

MCA Baawa ward, (hon. Pius Lobuk): Thank you Mr. Speaker. This is not a statement that this House should expect from a qualified Engineer. To me, from the language appearing here, this

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statement must have been responded to by a sub-ordinate staff from that department. I am told that this being a new road, the soil on it is still loose and can easily be washed away and as time goes by, this effect will reduce. That is from a layman's language. We have a bit of experience but we cannot say this. I don't know what this statement is talking about. I think, without even discussing a lot, this statement should be returned to its original place.

MCA Elbarta ward, (hon. Romano Leakono): Thank you hon. Speaker. I want to add my voice on the quality of this statement. I would request that this house posts back this statement with a warning that this house is not composed of kids. This is a hon. House that should be answered professionally and not just throw a small paper, like this one, with less than 200 words and calling it a statement from a department.

This should be a warning to other departments that the next time we will get such a statement, we should summon whoever who wrote it to ascertain his/her suitability in being a senior member in a department. Somebody cannot bring to a hon. House with learned members such a response. It is abusing the intellect of the members. Thank you.

The Speaker, (Mr. Steve Lelegwe): Thank you. Hon. Members. I will give two chances to hon. Leshoomo and hon. Lemoosa to give their views regarding the statement that was tabled by hon. Lentukunye.

MCA Lodokejek ward, (hon. Jerias Leshoomo): Thank you hon. Speaker. I don't think it is even right for us to discuss this response. I am seeing a letter addressed to hon. Letura while the Committee did not even sit to discuss the response. If you see the purported statement, it is just a letter addressed to the hon. Raisy Letura. I think that the Committee did wrong in responding to this letter because it did not even pass through the Committee of this House. Thank you.

MCA Nyiro ward, (hon. Jonathan Lemoosa): Thank you Speaker Sir. As much as we really want to appreciate the statement or the effort done by the Chair of the Committee, I think the colleague who spoke before me took words out of my mouth because this is a personal letter and not a statement. We need your guidance and wisdom.

It is prudent that our committee clerks can sort out personal letters so that they can go to the individuals as shown by this particular letter. I think this should be between hon. Letura and

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Robinson Macharia. Because, I also sit in that committee and I don't remember the Chair bringing the letter to the committee for discussion.

I also want to echo statements by the hon. Members of this House that the executive, at times, play games with this House. I want to support the Minority Leader that not only should this be returned to the owner, because it should go to hon. Raisy Letura, but also Robinson Macharia be invited by the committee....

MCA Ndoto ward, (Hon. Raisy Letura): Thank you Mr. Speaker, we seek your guidance on the responses of the same committee. As you have just said there is a lot of disconnect between the chair and the vice chair of the same committee since the hon. chair do not have the idea of what is going on while the committee would have sat down and discuss the statement concern and bring the correct responses. In the same note we are seeing the a disconnect on the implementation of the responses of the statement by different sectorial committees because many a time a statement is brought to this house and response made but thereafter nothing is seeing done, so the committee of implementation should be on the right footage to say that the said responses be done by the said department and a follow up is done.

The speaker, (hon. Steve Lelegwe): Hon. Chair the statement number 003/2016 requested by hon. Romano Leakono regarding the employment criteria by MAWASCO. I want to take this last time to informed you that take the details of the statement from the clerks and the response be table tomorrow afternoon the 24th March 2016. Thank you.

MCA Wamba west ward, (Hon. Benjamin Leitore): Thank you. I stand to seek for a statement from the same department of public roads, transport and water regarding the poor status of roads in Wamba west ward. It is within our knowledge that development of rural roads brings multiple social economic benefits for the rural areas which forms a strong basis for the national economy and a powerful instrument for economic transformation in the villages. The provisions of roads and roads links bring multiple social and economic benefits to the rural areas. It also provide a much needed opportunity to the villages populations to come into contacts with other groups in the society which in turns become a main stream to progress. The areas here which are inaccessible to reach for administration purposes particularly in time of calamities; (*interruption by the speaker*)

MCA Ang'ata Nanyokie, (Hon. John Lemulugo): Mr. Speaker, the hon. Member is reading the statement yet we do not have a copy.

The Speaker, (hon. Steve Lelegwe): Yes hon. Lemulugo, you are out of order. It should be like that. The hon. Member is in order. Continue Hon. Leitore.

MCA Wamba West ward, (Hon. Benjamin Leitore): Getting people connected is all what economy is all about. Good transport in the country is very vital in the county. Roads in Wamba west are either impassable or in poor condition especially in rainy season and as a result people in the remote areas face difficulties in transporting their goods from one point to another in the county. In light of the above the chair person should inquire and report on to.

1. Whether the department is aware of the poor status of the roads in Wamba west ward?
2. Whether there are any plans for the department to re-open the following roads?
 - Westgate - Kiltamany – Kalama road
 - Lempaute road
 - Sesia - Remot road
 - Parsilinga Road
 - Lgos road
 - Lookuniyiani - Lopesiwuo road.
3. The criteria the department is using to identify the roads to be funded in particular financial year?
4. Which roads have been worked on the previous budget in Wamba west ward?

Hon. Speaker these roads are very important in that it connects my ward with other wards in the county and they have never been attended to, thank you Mr. Speaker.

MCA Wamba North ward, (hon. Lentukunye): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I have noted the request of the Hon. Member, now that I do not have the answers at hand; I request that I give response on next week on Thursday at 2.30 pm. Thank you.

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The speaker, (hon. Steve Lelegwe): The house expects the response on Thursday at 2.30 pm. Hon. Members the time being 25 minutes past 3 o'clock and there being no any other business the house stands adjourned until Thursday 24th march 2016 at 2:30 p.m. thank you.