

**COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF SAMBURU**



**THE HANSARD**

**Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2020**

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

*The Speaker, County Assembly of Samburu, (Mr. Lempere Solomon) in the Chair*

**PRAYER**

**QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS**

**Specially Elected MCA**, (Hon. Zamzam Ismael): Thank you Hon. Speaker. Pursuant to Standing Order 43 clause (2 c), I hereby request for a Statement from the Chair, Liaison Committee concerning unexplained delay in response to Statements by the committees in the respective Chairs.

Hon. Speaker, as you know, Statements are opportunities the Assembly exercises the oversight role over the Executive functions. I wish to note and appreciate the zeal to which the Members have leverage Statements to obtain information and answers from the Executive on the crucial issues in the county. This oversight role can only succeed if committees and the chairpersons meet half of the bargains which members request Statements. This process will only succeed if responses are given timely and the House approves on the same.

We have also noted with concern unexplained details in responding to Statements by committees. Lack of response from the Executive and poor response of the Statements on the floor. An audit on all Statements from the fourth session up to date that committees and by extension Chairpersons have not given Statements the commitment they deserve. It is unacceptable that the House which waits for Statements for response up to six months yet Chairpersons while in plenary commit to disburse with such Statements in two weeks.

Hon. Speaker, on the fourth session of 2020, we have a total of six pending Statements while in the third session of 2019, we have a total of five pending Statements. So in total, we have 11 pending Statements. Details of the same are attached to the communication.

Therefore, I hereby request response from the Chair of Liaison Committee to give a status report to the Assembly on the pending Statements and inquire into reasons for the delay and lack of timely response by the committee Chairs as well as County Executive Committee Member and the measures to be assured we do not fall under this trap again. Thank you.

**The Speaker,** (Mr. Lempere Solomon): Hon. Members, the Chair of Liaison Committee is not here now but we can have one member from the Liaison Committee to respond. Hon. Lanyasunya.

**MCA Loosuk Ward,** (Hon. Adamson Lanyasunya): Thank you Hon. Speaker. I do not know if the Hon. Member has quoted the specific Statements that are pending so that we can follow up.

**The Speaker,** (Mr. Lempere Solomon): I even have a schedule of response for Statements for today. Five of them, so the Liaison Committee should look into it.

**MCA Loosuk Ward,** (Hon. Adamson Lanyasunya): Okay, but because of our sittings, maybe we call on Liaison Committee tomorrow of which I do not know if we are still allowed to do the meetings beside Tuesdays. So, maybe I can say we meet next week and so before then, we will have the list of the pending Statements and we push every Statement to the respective committee. So the response from the Liaison will be next week Tuesday. Thank you.

**The Speaker,** (Mr. Lempere Solomon): Okay. The Liaison Committee to respond to the Statement by 23<sup>rd</sup> of June, 2020. We have a schedule of responses. Statement No. 5 of 2020 by Specially Elected Member, Hon. Elizabeth Kalapa to the Chairperson of the Committee on Tourism, Trade and Cooperative Development regarding Baragoi conservation area.

**MCA Suguta Marmar Ward,** (Hon. Shadrack Lesoipa): Thank you Hon. Speaker. I see the Hon Member for Ang'ata Nanyokie Ward. He was the one who suggested the time when the statement was to be responded to. I am not on order to speak on his behalf, he should give us the direction.

**The Speaker,** (Mr. Solomon Lempere): I think he gave the directions when he was a Speaker.

**MCA Suguta Marmar Ward,** (Hon. Shadrack Lesoipa): He was sited, he gave directions.

**The Speaker,** (Mr. Solomon Lempere): Okay, Hon. Leshimpiro.

**MCA Ang'ata Nanyokie Ward,** (Hon. Paul Leshimpiro): Thank you Hon Speaker. I requested for two more weeks for the Chairperson of the Committee on Tourism, Trade and Co-operative

Development to give a response on the statement sort. The Chairperson was back few days ago but the Department has not yet given us back the response even after we wrote to them.

I kindly request for one more week until next Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>, June, 2020 at 2:30 Pm, we will certainly be able to respond, thank you.

**The Speaker,** (Mr. Solomon Lempere): We have another statement. Statement number 6/2020 by the Member for Waso Ward to the Chairperson Committee on Tourism, Trade and Co-operative Development regarding the operationalization of the Samburu County Community Conservancy Act 2019.

Statement Number 7/2020 by the Member for Waso Ward to the Chairperson Committee on Tourism, Trade and Co-operative Development regarding the conversion of the group ranches into community land.

We can have a member of the Committee Hon. Leshimpiro to respond to on when the two can be responded to.

**MCA Ang'ata Nanyokie Ward,** (Hon. Paul Leshimpiro): Thank you Hon. Speaker, I think the response to the sort statement based on the Act was given to the Executive but they have not responded to it yet. We are going to give a response to the three sort question on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2020 at 2:30 Pm.

We are sorry that the responsible Department is not responding to the statements, maybe it is because of the COVID-19 effect. But we humbly request for one more week, we assure the House that we shall respond to the three statements.

**The Speaker,** (Mr. Solomon Lempere): Statement number 6/2020 and 7/2020 will be responded to on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2020 at 2:30 Pm. We also have statement number 8/2020 from the Member of Waso Ward to the Leader of Majority regarding the employment of Village Administrators. Hon. Kalapata.

**Specially Elected MCA,** (Hon. Elizabeth Kalapata): Thank you Hon. Speaker. Hon. Speaker, I think there is a problem with the Executive because we already forwarded the statement to them

but we have not yet received the response. I request for one more week we follow up for the response, thank you Hon. Speaker.

**The Speaker,** (Mr. Solomon Lempere): Statement number 8/2020 from the Leader of Majority regarding the employment of the Village Administrators be responded on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2020 at 2:30 Pm.

Statement number 9/2020 by the Member of Waso Ward from the Chairperson Committee on Budget and Appropriation regarding all developments projects in Waso Ward budgeted for the Financial Year 2019/2020. The Vice Chairperson or a member of the Budget and Appropriation Committee to respond. Hon. Leshoomo.

**MCA Lodokejek Ward,** (Hon. Jerias Leshoomo): Thank you Hon. Speaker. Mr. Speaker we are yet to receive the response from the Department and we kindly request that we respond to the statement on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2020, thank you.

**The Speaker,** (Mr. Solomon Lempere): So directed; Statement number 9/2020 be responded to on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2020 at 2:30 Pm.

Hon Members, the time being twenty minutes to five O'clock and there being no other business this House now adjourns until Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2020 at 2:30 p m.