

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF SAMBURU



THE HANSARD

Wednesday 15th Nov 2023.

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

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Jonathan Lemoosa), in the Chair.

PRAYER

STATEMENTS.

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Lenamatiyio Silapia): Thank you Hon. Speaker. There is a statement I sought like a month ago from the Chairperson, Committee on Labour, Justices and Legal Affairs, regarding the Office of the County Attorney, the budget allocation and the plans they have as an office Hon. Speaker. But it seems to be taking centuries for the Committee to bring the response.

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Lemoosa Jonathan): Very well Hon. Silapia. I am so guided even before the Hon. Chair, but it is like we are not guided on the tentative response to the statement. So, maybe we can have the Chair to refresh our minds on this, please Chair, Hon. James Leleruk.

Chairperson, Committee on Labour, Justice, and Legal Affairs, (Hon. Leleruk James): Thank you Chair. I know we have that statement and it has not been elaborated and Mr. Speaker I would like to confirm that today, I have seen a letter of a reminder that has been sent to the Department again, so we are waiting to get the response on 21st, thank you Mr. Speaker.

MCA Nachola Ward, (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): Thank Mr. Speaker. I seek for your guidance because every statement needs to be tracked and any business to be transacted in this House must be approved and then be in the order paper. Hon. Speaker we need your guidance because the Members are not guided and because their statements are not on the order paper and there is no any tracking, so, we seek for your guidance Hon. Speaker.

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Lenamatiyio Silapia): Thank you Hon. Speaker. I think it is not a crime for me to remind the House on the same matter and I think we need some seriousness in this House that when we request for statements we are supposed to wait for the response. I remember the day the Hon. Speaker ruled that the Committee to write a letter to the concerned authority to appear before the Committee but it seems that nothing is being done and I do not know where there are loopholes, but form me it was just a reminder.

I have nothing bad on this. But even our Standing Order guide that without indicating on the order paper, we cannot ask statement or reminding on the statement, thank you Hon. Speaker.

With that guidance...

(Temporary Speaker laughing)

I want you to rule in a way it will help all of us, thank you.

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Lemoosa Jonathan): Very well Hon. Silapia. Well of course any other Member who wants to ventilate on the matter still has a room for ventilation; but, looking and reading from the mood of the House.

The Hon. Lawrence Lorunyei is quite in order, that this House is a House of rules and of course regulations guided by both the Standing Orders and Statutory or the Constitution. But, in the event of such the House also gives some opening on the topical statements.

The Hon. Silapia is not actually out of order when she actually remind the House on a statement which has not been replied. Hon. Members, as I said before, the House is guided by regulations and rules, meaning; our House Business Committee is solely responsible on matters of the order paper and that is why I said before that we are not guided. There is no tentative response, so this is solely a matter that the House Business Committee directs on what is to be discussed and what is to be replied.

I want to believe that this is an oversight, because if the Hon. Member did sought for a statement and the Chairman agrees that he has seen it but only that maybe the Chairman did not elaborate. Seeing the statement or the response. Could the Chairman inform us; what have you seen Chairman? Response or statement for the first time, please Chairman James.

Chairperson, Committee on Labour, Justice and Legal Affairs, (Hon. Leleruk James): Thank you Mr. Speaker. We have been sending several letters but the Department says that they have not received. Today, I can confirm that it has been forwarded to their office.

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Lemoosa Jonathan): Very well Chairman. So the Chairman for the first time wants to acknowledge that, maybe there before there were some mix up on the said tentative response. But, taking from his words, that it is today that he wants to affirm that the statement sought has been forwarded to the relevant Department.

Hon. Silapia, the Chairman also in the same respect did give that he is going to respond to the statement, and I hope our House Business Committee will put that in account that on 21st November, 2023, Chairman at what time?

Chairperson, Committee on Labour, Justice and Legal Affairs, (Hon. Leleruk James): 2:30 PM.

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Lemoosa Jonathan): At 2:30 PM. Hon. Member, are you comfortable?

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Lenamatiyio Silapia): Thank you Hon. Speaker. I am comfortable.

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Lemoosa Jonathan): Most obliged. That we put into rest. Actually the matter is referred to the Committee on Labour. Our House Committee I hope will slot on that response on that said date, thank you.

ADJOURNMENT.

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Lemoosa Jonathan): Hon. Members, the time being thirteen minutes past three O'clock and there being no other business, this Assembly now adjourns until Thursday 16th November, 2023 at 2:30 PM.