

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF SAMBURU



THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 18th October, 2023

The Assembly met at the County Assembly Chambers at 9:30 a.m.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen), in the Chair

PRAYER

STATEMENTS

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): It is notified **THAT**, pursuant to Standing Orders 45 (1) (c) the Speaker has approved the following tentative response for statements for Wednesday 18th October, 2023:

1. Statement No. 0017/2023 requested by Hon. Lentukunye Christopher; MCA Wamba North Ward, to the Chairperson Committee on Education and Vocational Training, regarding the distribution of water tanks to Early Childhood Education Centers during the Financial Year 2022/2023

Chairperson, Committee on Education and Vocational Training, (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. There is a Statement response for Wamba North Ward MCA; Hon. Lentukunye, regarding inequitable distribution of the said tanks to the targeted Early Childhood Education Centers (ECD) across the County.

Hon. Speaker, there were three questions asked by the Hon. Member:

1. How much budget was allocated to the tanks for the Financial Year 2022/2023
2. The number of tanks procured so far and how it was distributed
3. The number of ECD centers per Sub-County that have benefitted from the distribution of tanks so far

Mr. Speaker, according to the weight of the statement, we met but did not get a satisfactory detailed information. As I said, there are a lot of irregularities and information that this House cannot agree with. The Committee decided to defer our engagement with the Chief Executive Committee (CEC) of Education and Vocational Training so that we get more details when we will bring the statement response.

Mr. Speaker, it concerns about money, fairness and there is something wrong about procurement. Mr. Speaker, we need more time. I just stood because the statement was supposed to be responded to today. I beg the Members to give us more time because we need to deeply investigate on how that money was used.

This has taken long, it was last Financial Year and as we understand, money was spent and procurement was done but physically we do not see Mr. Speaker, I ask for more time so that we come up with detailed information, thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Minority Leader, (Hon. Leleruk James): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to support the deferment of this response and has I support this, as a Minority Leader I request for your guidance because this House is taken for granted. We have been asking questions and I do not know if the Executive thinks that these things just come here and nothing happens.

I request the Chairperson of the Committee on Education and Vocational Training to bring to us a detailed report of how the tanks were distributed to each Ward if any because as a House we cannot be rubber stamping things that we do not know.

Some things are happening and the report given to us is just one page. Mr. Speaker as I stand as in charge of the Government, we need to up our game and we need you to give orders to the Executive so that if any Member tries to ask for a question he should be given a satisfactory report and this people should not take us that we are not learned, we know everything that is going and the Members ask questions that they are aware of pertaining their Wards and even the other Wards.

We are here to defend the public's money; we are here to know if this money is beneficial to our people. If the reports given to us is not satisfactory then I do not know what this House is doing. I stand to support the deferment and give the Hon. Members and the Committee to go and do a thorough report. Education Statements has been coming to this House and none has been satisfactory. Mr. Speaker I want your guidance when you are doing your ruling to give orders and urge the Executive to cooperate with the House and give the details that we want, thank you.

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Lekirenyei Sera): Asante Mheshimiwa Spika pia mimi ninasimama kuunga mkono yale ambayo Mheshimiwa Lorunyei amesema ya kwamba hatuna mambo kamili ya supply ya tanks katika shule. Kwa kweli kamati ya Elimu wanafanya mambo kienyeji. Mambo mengi wanayoyafanya hawahusishi hata kamati, kwa mfano katika mambo ya tanks walifanya pekee yao na baada ya kutangaza walipeleka makwao, hakuna tanks shuleni.

Tunafaa kuzunguka na kupata habari ya shule ambazo walipeleka na kujua ukweli wa mambo, asante Mheshimiwa Spika.

MCA Wamba West, (Hon. Lemartile Francis): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I think the question asked by the Hon. Member for Wamba North are very straight and clear and so no need any technicalities because the Department has these data at their offices unless they do not have. The first question asked by the Hon. Member was how much was allocated for that project which is very clear and it is in the budget and you do not need to go and do further investigations. The second question was the number of tanks whereby you do not need to do a lot of research to know the number of tanks; the Department is not taking their work or the questions asked by the Hon. Members seriously.

We have a lot of questions in that Department and I know the first question was for that Department but it died a natural death without giving satisfactory information to this House. Hon. Chair you need to work hard and push the concerned CEC to furnish this House with the correct information because this shows he is not willing to give the correct information because it does not need any more time giving the number of tanks and how the ECD centers which benefited, thank you Mr. Speaker and please it is better to give us the directions because I think the Department has some laxity in responding.

MCA Nachola Ward, (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): Thank you Mr. Speaker as said by the Hon. Members it is true but I need to clarify like this; we have divisions or chains of working whereby there are different levels. I have contacted the Department, they do not procure because there is the procurement Departments and again the Department cannot give the contract, there is the contractor again and there is also the Finance level.

We need to follow every level because it touches every level otherwise bringing bits of information like now the budget only you will see that it is not satisfactory and I need to answer all the questions from first to the last question for once and for all. I agree with the Members but the Department also tries to summon the concerned divisions or others sectors but they are not bringing the information on time. There is a problem with the procurement.

We cannot punch the Department because of another section at another level. That is why I ask for more time from the Committee and the Department and then we summon the relevant sectors and from there we would have collected all the data. A complete data so that I can answer the question fully. Hon. Members I understand your concerns but I will satisfy your concerns when you give me time but if you want me to just give you the budget only then it is a waste of time, thank you Mr. Speaker, I need more time.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Hon. Chairman, as the Member for Wamba West has said the information is already there in the Department, you do not go around to check the number of tanks that are there. We have not reached that level. We just need the information on the money allocated which is the budget, the number of tanks that have been procured and the schools that benefited from each Ward. That is the information that is there already in the Department. We do not need more time, you just tell them that we need this information and the next day we get the information.

Therefore, we want you to bring the information next week on Wednesday that is on 25th at 2:30 pm. Give us the full information and as I said earlier as the Chairman do not agree to bring a very shoddy Statement, just make sure that the Statement is comprehensive and then bring it to the House. So next week on 25th Wednesday at 2:30 pm we want to know the number of tanks that have been procured, the amount of money used and the schools that has benefited from each Ward; is that okay Chairman?

MCA Nachola Ward, (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): I oblige Mr. Speaker. Agreed and thank you.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Thank you.

Hon. Members the time being 19 minutes to ten o'clock and there being no other business this Assembly now adjourns until Wednesday 18th October 2023 at 2:30 pm.