

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF SAMBURU



THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 28th February, 2018

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

PAPERS

COUNTY INTEGRATE DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR 2018 TO 2022

MCA Elbarta Ward, (Hon. Peter Lempei): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I wish to table the County Integrated Development Plan 2018-2022 before the County Assembly of Samburu.

(Hon. Lempei tables the document with the Clerk)

The Speaker, (Mr. Lempere Solomon): The Samburu County's Second County Integrated Plan 2018-2022 tabled in the Assembly on 28th February, 2018 is now committed to the Budget Committee for further action.

STATEMENTS

VILLAGE COUNCIL MONTHLY ALLOWANCES

MCA Wamba East Ward, (Hon. Lucas Lekwale): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to Standing Order 45 section 2(c), I hereby request for a statement from the Leader of Majority regarding the village council's monthly allowances.

Pursuant to section 53 (1) of the County Governments Act, 2012 there is established for each village unit a village council comprising of:

- 1)
 - a) The village administrator who shall be the chair of the council.
 - b) Not less than three and not more than five village elders competitively appointed by the village administrator with the approval of the County Assembly taking into account gender balance.
- 2) A village council shall be responsible for:
 - a) Ensuring and coordinating the participation of the village unit in governance.
 - b) Assisting the village unit to develop the administrative capacity for the effective exercise of the functions and powers, participation in governance at the local level.

- c) Monitoring the implementation of the policies at the village unit.
- d) Advising the ward and sub-county administrators on matters pertaining to the village.
- e) Any other function necessary for the better administration of the village unit.

The Samburu County village unit delineation Act, 2015 was passed as law on July, 2015. Since then, the county government established the regulation that guides on the payments of the village council's monthly allowances.

In view of this, the Leader of Majority should enquire into and report on:

1. Whether there is any binding regulation that guides on the payments of the village council's monthly allowances.
2. Why is the payment of the village councils delaying?
3. Whether the concerned department is aware of the signed July and August payment schedules while the recipients have not received their allowances.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lempere Solomon): Is the Leader of Majority in or anyone representing the government? Hon. Peter Lempei.

MCA Elbarta Ward, (Hon. Peter Lempei): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I just wish to make an undertaking that the same will be presented to the Leader of Majority and I request that we give direction on time so that I can inform him.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lempere Solomon): How much time is required for the response?

MCA Elbarta Ward, (Hon. Peter Lempei): Mr. Speaker, because it would be an inter-departmental discussion, we request for one and a half weeks. Taking into account that today is Wednesday and we will only be having a sitting tomorrow, Thursday afternoon, that would not be enough for us as government to look at all the financials and also making enquiries at the ward level and village councils whether what has been presented to the House is proper. So, next week on Wednesday will be appropriate for us. Thank you.

MCA Waso Ward, (hon. Paul Wonyang'): Mr. Speaker Sir, we just came the other week from the villages and the elders are really complaining that their money is overdue. Their term has

also expired and we want to put new people into the board and it is these payments that are delaying everything. One week would be enough as one and a half is too much time. Thank you.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lempere Solomon): I direct that the response to the statement will be on Tuesday, the 6th March, at 2.30 pm.

The time being 11 minutes past 3 o'clock and there being no other business, this Assembly now adjourns until Thursday, March 1st, 2018 at 2.30 pm.