

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF SAMBURU



THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 8th August, 2023

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

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

PRAYER

STATEMENTS

MCA El'barta Ward, (hon. Leitoro Jeremiah): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I stand to seek a Statement as follows; Pursuant to Standing Order number 45/c I hereby request for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Committee of Environment, Water and Natural Resources in regards to the status of El'barta Water Project. Article 43/d of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 entitles every person with right to clean and safe water in adequate quantities. Accordingly, since Devolution, the County Government of Samburu initiated a program on drilling boreholes in the various parts of the County to complement Samburu Water and Sewerage Company. In view of this, the Chairperson should inquire into and report on:

1. Whether the Department is aware that Nteremuka borehole in Nteremuka village, Lentabas borehole and Longirgir borehole both in Ngilai Elbarta Ward are no longer functioning.
2. Whether the County Executive has conducted visits to the above boreholes to ascertain their status.
3. When is the Department is going to assess and repair the above-mentioned boreholes.
4. Status report of the water extension project from Ngilai dam to Ngilai village.

Mr. Speaker I am seeking statement on this matter since we all know that water is a basic need and actually we cannot do without water. I made efforts to reach the Executive on this issue and you find that most of the time that some of us are unable to reach the officers who are involved. We have even tried to reach them via phone calls, SMSs that have not been responded to. Sometimes calls are not going through. I am left with this option to raise this matter officially through this House because at the end of the day I have been given that opportunity by the people of Elbarta Ward to represent their needs and when it comes to their basic needs I must represent their needs in this Hon. House.

I expect the Department to give adequate response to this matter. On question four on the status report of water project from Ngilai dam to Ngilai village, there was a report that we discussed a few weeks ago where it stated that the water project was completed and fully functional and that the contractor was actually paid. Contrary to what is happening on the ground there is no such

project that has happened in Ngilai dam. I would really want to know the status of that project to ascertain what has actually transpired, thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Chairman for water?

Committee Member, Water and Natural Resources, (Hon. Leleruk James): Mr. Speaker I rise as the Minority Leader and also as a Member of the Water Committee and the report we try to see maybe after recess in the first week of September the report will be ready.

MCA Loosuk Ward, (Hon. Lenamparasio Caunda): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I first rise to congratulate my Honorable fellow MCA El'barta Ward Hon. Leitoro Jeremiah for raising pertinent issues concerning water as we all know that water is basic and we need to so into issues concerned with water. From the four prayers from the Hon. Member here from the Committee that I sit; there is one prayer that he maybe wanted the Department to go and ascertain the damage on two boreholes in his Ward, I am just asking that instead of every Member to be doing a Statement from his Ward for the Department to go and ascertain the damaged boreholes, we can use the Member's Statement that the Department can go around all the fifteen Wards to ascertain the damages for all the faulty boreholes.

I think that in all the fifteen Wards there is no any single Ward that has no faulty borehole, so instead of the Department to go to one Ward for two boreholes maybe the Department can go around the County. We should have the status of all the faulty boreholes so that maybe using our Ward Fund we can see how we can manage with the NGOs these boreholes from different Wards. From that prayer we can attend to the whole County; the other three prayers are specifically for El'barta Ward, thank you Mr. Speaker.

Specially Elected MCA, (hon. Osman Dube): Ahsante Mheshimiwa Spika. Namuunga mkono Mheshimiwa Leitoro, ni kweli kuna shida katika mambo ya maji; Mwnakamati au Mwenyekiti hajauweka muda kamili ya majibu, sharia ya Bunge ni lazima kuwe na Kalenda, anaposema recess sisi hatuelewi, asante Mr. Spika.

Committee Member, Water and Natural Resources, (Hon. Leleruk James): Mr. Speaker I said 5th of September is okay.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): That is okay. Hon. Lorunyei.

MCA Nachola Ward, (hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): Mr. Speaker I would like to second what Hon. Caunda has said that we use the El'barta' Statement for all the Wards since the problem seems to be across all the Wards, thank you Mr. Speaker.

Specially Elected MCA, (hon. Lenamatiyo Silapia): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I have no issue on the Statement raised by the Hon. Member Leitoro but I stand to make a follow up on a question that I had asked the other day on the ECD feeding program.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Order. It is still with coming, let us deal with water first. Hon. Jane.

Specially Elected MCA, (hon. Nakinyi Jane): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I would like to add on what Hon. Leitoro has said, it is really mandatory or that report to be brought to the house and for that committee also to know but my issue is whenever committees go for evaluation or to check on the projects there is normally, Mr. Speaker, when we request for days for going on field visits, when it comes here to the Clerk and whoever is responsible they limit the days and I think this is the reason why we never get the report for the department of water fully.

Mr. Speaker we urge that in front of you with honorable members we urge your office, please. Whenever we ask for facilitation you also take note of the days because this been a lot of issue. For example, the last time we went for water site visits and evaluation of the projects we requested for six days. They limited the days to three. That is why we didn't go to all the places to check on them. So, we also need financial support and we need your office to look into that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker, (Hon. Lenamarle Stephen): Thank you Hon. Nakinyi. We will look into that. As the leader of majority has said, the committee will table the report on 5th September 2023 so that is the time we are going to see the report. That is after the recess.

It is notified that pursuant to Standing Order 45,1C, the Speaker has approved the following tentative response for Tuesday 8th August 2023.

1. Statement number 010/2023 requested by Hon. Silapia Lenamatiyo to the Chairperson of Education and Vocational training committee regarding the distribution of food to early childhood development centers during term two 2023 across the County.

2. Statement number 011/2023 requested by member for Elbarta Ward Hon. Leitoro Jeremiah to the chairperson of education and vocational training committee in regard to the status of distribution of ward fund bursary for the financial year 2022-2023.

Chair, education committee?

MCA Nachola Ward, (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): Thank you Hon. Speaker. I will do it as stated.

The Speaker, (Hon. Lenamarle Stephen): When can we get the report, Hon. Lorunyei?

MCA Nachola Ward, (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): You said 23rd of August. You have listed those statements. Otherwise I don't know.

The Speaker, (Hon. Lenamarle Stephen): I did not say 23rd of August.

MCA Nachola Ward, (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): Okay Mr. Speaker. I am told that the feeding program statement is here so I am going to read it tomorrow morning. Then the other one I am going to respond on 5th September.

The Speaker, (Hon. Lenamarle Stephen): So tomorrow you present the feeding program?

MCA Nachola Ward, (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): Yes, Honorable Speaker.

The Speaker, (Hon. Lenamarle Stephen): And then on 5th September 5, 2023 the ward fund bursary?

MCA Nachola Ward, (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): Yes, Hon. Speaker.

MCA El'barta Ward, (Hon. Leitoro Jeremiah): Honorable Speaker, I wanted to bring the attention of the house that the statement I sought on bursary, we have already dealt with that although the report that came from the executive was not that convincing, I think you gave a go-ahead, I don't remember exactly but we discussed on that matter for that specific statement on bursary.

The Speaker, (Hon. Lenamarle Stephen): So, Hon. Leitoro are you contented with the report?

MCA Elbarta Ward, (Hon. Leitoro Jeremiah): Honorable Speaker I think we refer back the statement back to the CEC because it was not that convincing. I do not remember the exact date

that you said the report should be brought back from the executive but I remember we discussed on that issue.

MCA Loosuk Ward, (Hon. Lenamparasio Caunda): Thank you honorable Speaker. I just want to bring to the attention of this house that we did that day I was sitting as the Speaker. We agreed on two questions but we referred one to the committee on education especially on the balances of the bursary. The department was to give us a lot of information on when and how members will get their bursary balances from the last financial year.

That question was referred back to the committee despite the fact that we all the honorable member for education was away because he had a sick child for some time so we'll just have to get your vice so that you follow up on that at with the department. Otherwise we did that statement the two questions but the last one was reverted to the committee. Kindly just liaise with the department so that maybe you can give an appropriate date for the answer. Otherwise I know tomorrow or the other day for that question is not valid. We said that that was the last time we were revert that question to that committee. We need detailed information from the department especially on the bursary balances so kindly liaise with the department. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

MCA Nachola Ward, (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): Mr. Speaker, I'm informed that there are two responses I'm supposed to bring to this house; the ECD feeding program and then about the bursaries. Here I have a statement on the ECD feeding program which I have just been given and I think it is from the department because it was received in this honorable house on 24th July 2023 as stamped here. For the school feeding program, if you don't have any objection or if you had the information earlier it is okay. But if you want, I am ready to ready to read it tomorrow because I have it in front of me. As for the bursary, full report I will respond on 5th September 5, 2023. Thank you.

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Lenamatiyo Silapia): Thank you honorable Speaker. I just rise to say something on the statement on the ECD feeding program. I think it is long overdue waiting for this response but I really understand the honorable member for Nachola Ward since he was held up somewhere with very critical issues. The honorable should be very specific when he says tomorrow at what time but I am comfortable with tomorrow. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker, (Hon. Lenamarle Stephen): So honorable Chair for education you will present the report on distribution of food for ECD Centers tomorrow at 2:30pm and then the report on disbursement of ward fund especially the balances, you present that on 5th September, 2023.

MCA Nachola Ward, (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): Thank you, Mr. Speaker I will do that as stated.

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker, (Hon. Lenamarle Stephen): Honorable members, the time being 3:20pm and there being no other business this house is now adjourned until Wednesday 9th August 2023 at 9:00am.