

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF SAMBURU



THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 18th April, 2018

The Assembly met at the County Assembly chambers at 2:30 pm

The Deputy Speaker, (Hon. Jonathan Lemoosa) in the Chair

PRAYER

STATEMENTS

MCA Elbarta Ward, (Hon. Raisy Letura): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to standing Order number 45, part 2(c), I hereby request for a statement from the Chairperson for Finance, Economic Planning and Marketing regarding County Executive employees Education Insurance Policies. There is a problem of delayed remittance by Samburu County government of the premiums deducted from the employees' salaries for civil servants who have education Insurance Policies in particular.

It has become acute since the inception of the County Government. Many policy holders get affected when insurances terminate policies for lack of cover because they have not received premiums in due time according to the terms of the policy. Hon Speaker, there are two contracts in this circumstance; the policy itself and the check-off system. The latter facilitates firstly the deduction of premiums from an employee/ policy holder's salary by the employer and secondly provides for the employer to remit the deductions to respective Insurance Companies.

In essence, the check-off system itself comprises of two further contracts: one involving the employees/policy holders signing the salary deduction authorization. The second one is between the insurance company and the employer for effecting the requisite deduction and remitting the money to the respective authority. In this circumstance, the employee/policy holders are fulfilling their obligations under the contracts by being deducted from their pay slips of the agreed amount. But the County government is failing to keep their side of the bargain.

This is causing lapses of contracts between the policy holders and the insurance companies, leading to rise in stress levels and poor working morale of the employees. Hon. Speaker Sir, in view of this, the Chair for Finance Economic Planning and Marketing should investigate into and report on:

1. The reason for delayed remittances of the employees' insurance premiums among other statutory deductions.
2. How many employees are affected?
3. What is the County Government doing to avert this situation?

Thank you, hon. Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker, (Hon. Jonathan Lemoosa): Thank you, hon. Letura. I know that next week we will have the Devolution Conference that will occupy the whole week and the Chairperson of Finance seems to be absent from the house but he is on official duty in Nanyuki. I wish to request the clerk assistant to convey the same message to the Finance Chairperson. We expect the same Chairperson to respond to this statement request not later than Thursday, 3rd of May 2018 at 2:30pm, thank you.

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Hon Members, the time being 10 minutes to four o'clock and there being no other business, this Assembly now adjourns until Thursday, 19th April 2018 at 2:30pm, thank you.