

SAMBURU COUNTY ASSEMBLY



THE HANSARD

Wednesday July 29th, 2015

The County Assembly met at the County Assembly chambers at 9.30 p.m.

(The Deputy Speaker, Samburu County Assembly (hon. Adamson Lanyasunya) in the chair)

PRAYERS

STATEMENTS

Special Elected MCA, (Hon. Modester Lalaikipiani): Thank you Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 41 clause 2 (c), I hereby request for a statement from the Chair, Sectoral Committee on Public Health, Sanitation and Medical Services regarding health workers' extraneous and risk allowances. The allowances were introduced to health workers in 2012 to address:

1. Low morale amongst the health workers.
2. Retain the health workers in public institutions which were experiencing high staff turnover especially amongst the specialized cadres.
3. Compensate health workers working during odd hours to attend to emergencies.
4. Compensate the workers for the high risks of working in infected environments exposing them to high risk of infections.

All the health workers in hospital environment were entitled to the payment but during the implementation, health administrators, procurement officers, ICT officers, accountants, secretariat and clerical officers were omitted. The above get in contact with patients at records, revenue and filing offices. They interact with patients during routine supervisions in their wards, washrooms, mortuaries and in entire compound cleanliness. Health administrators and clerical officers are called upon at any time of the night and during weekends to attend to any administrative issues in the hospital. In this view, the chair should enquire into and report on:

1. The efforts, if any which the county government has made, to engage with the Salaries and Remuneration Commission with a view to having the allowances to the said officers taking into account the urgency of the matter.
2. The reason as to why the said officers have not been paid their extraneous and risk allowances while their colleagues enjoy them.
3. The timeframe by which the anomaly will be clarified.

To qualify my statement, we have health workers, administrators and clerical officers who are permanent staff and working in the health department. Out of maybe 400 or 500 staff, only 18 are not given risk allowances. All staff should be treated equally because they do the same kind of work. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker, (hon. Adamson Lanyasunya): Thank you hon. Modester, hon. Leader of Majority.

Leader of Majority, (hon. Fabian Lolosoli): Thank you hon. Speaker, I rise to request for time until Wednesday next week at 2.30 pm for the relevant department to respond to the statement since the chair is not in the house, thank you.

The Deputy Speaker, (hon. Adamson Lanyasunya): Thank you Leader of Majority, the Chair for Medical Services will be informed accordingly and we are expecting the response for that statement on Wednesday August 5th, 2015 at 2.30 pm. The time being 25 minutes past 10 o'clock and there being no other business, this assembly stands adjourned until today afternoon at 2.30 pm, thank you.