

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF SAMBURU



THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 20th July, 2016

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

The Speaker, County Assembly of Samburu (Mr. Steve Lelegwe) in the chair

PRAYER

STATEMENTS

The Speaker, (Mr. Steve Lelegwe): Hon. Members from the schedule of responses to statements, it is notified **THAT** pursuant to Standing Order No. 41 2 (c), the speaker has approved the following tentative statement responses for statements for Wednesday July 20th, 2016:

Request for statement No. 015/2016 from the Chairperson of Committee on Public Health, Sanitation and Medical Services concerning the employment of casual workers. The statement was sought by hon. Romano Leakono, Hon. Chair.

MCA Wamba East Ward, (hon. Jackson Lelenkeju): Hon. Speaker sir, the Chair is not in the House but being a member of this committee, I happened to see a copy of the response and maybe you give your indulgence whether we can dispose the response when the chair is not in or we schedule it for another day.

The Speaker, (Mr. Steve Lelegwe): Continue hon. Lelenkeju.

MCA Wamba East Ward, (hon. Lelenkeju): Thank you hon. Speaker, I rise to give response from the department of Health regarding the said statement. I refer to your letter referenced Samburu County Assembly, 13th July, 2016 on the above subject. I wish to respond to your questions as follows:

1. The Referral Hospital has engaged 50 casuals who serve in different sections. This include six driver, two kitchen attendants, five security guards, six record personnel, one mortuary attendant, one laundry attendant, one secretarial assistant, one for maintenance department and 27 general cleaners.

Most of these casuals have worked for over 10 years, but have been renewing their contracts after every three months.

2. All these casuals have worked for more than six months except six casuals.

3. Their terms of service are still on temporary casual basis.
4. If assisted by the county, the department will be happy if they are confirmed as the hospital needs them.

The department has requested the County Public Service Board various times in writing to consider and employ the casuals as the department seriously requires them. The department is having a plan of setting aside some budget to cater for their recruitment. We also request the County Assembly to legislate and assist to convince the board to employ the casuals, thank you.

There is also an attached letter from the Chief Officer of the said department requesting the board to employ the casuals and there is also a breakdown of their names, with their years indicated as follows:

1. John Njeru, maintenance department- 17 years.
2. Susan Lokoheria, records- 7 years.
3. Alice Munoru, records- 1 year, 3 months.
4. Agnes Nairobi, cleaner administration-10 months.
5. Lucy Lekitayet, records- 3 months.
6. Joscail Loloorki, records- 1 year, 4 months.
7. Mahioha Gladys, secretary- 1 year.
8. Charles Lesamuri, pharm attendant- 8 years, 3 months.
9. Lilian Lenaiyasa, pharm attendant- 2 years, 6 months.

We also have ambulance drivers who appear as follows:

1. Lenaipa Timothy, Wamba- 1 year, 4 months.
2. Evans Sudi, Wamba- 6 months.
3. Emanuel Pius Learao, Sereolipi- 1 year, 4 months.
4. Ashley Loltianya, Lodung'okwe- 7 months.
5. Joseph Longonyek, Swari- 2 years.
6. Paul Lenairoshi, Kisima- 2 years.

7. Zakayo Lebarleiya, Suguta- 1 year, 4 months.
8. Jackson Kimani, Barsaloi- 7 months.
9. Jausen Lenangetai, Latakweny- 3 months.
10. Lazaro Lekerisayei, Ang'ata Nanyokie- 3 years.
11. Lawrence Lalkalepi, Loosuk- 2 years.
12. Terlochom Singh, Maralal- 2 years.
13. Leiroya Tangarika, Baragoi- 4 years.
14. Lemaron Loitiptip, Maralal- 3 months.
15. Lekaram Dario, Maralal- 10 years.
16. Kimathi Ntarangwe, Baragoi- 6 months.
17. Lodukowi Ekoel, Nachola- 4 months.
18. Stela Watati, ward 1- 5 years, 3 months.
19. James Maina, kitchen- 11 months.
20. Demas Letungai, ground man- 5 years, 2 months.
21. Ann Lebarakwe, cleaner OPD- 4 years 4 months.
22. Bernadette Chede, OPD- 2 years.
23. Lilian Lewaso, ward 111- 3 years, 4 months.
24. Rebecca Lenanyokie, cleaner maternity- 11 months.
25. Joan Lengees, cleaner maternity- 2 years, 1 month.
26. Grace Wangeci, cleaner maternity- 11 months.
27. Elizabeth Leakono, cleaner maternity- 11 months.
28. Alexander Letungai, cleaner OPD-4 months.
29. Ester Alila, kitchen- 11 months.
30. Naomi Nyawira, maternity- 1 year, 10 months.
31. Elizabeth Letoto, cleaner ward 111- 1 year, 2 months.
32. Ann Ekeno, cleaner amenity- 1 year, 10 months.
33. Hellen Lembara, cleaner ward 111- 11 months.
34. Nasieku Leboyare, cleaner administration- 2 years, 1 month.

35. Hellen Lengees, cleaner OPD- 5 years, 4 months.
36. Julieta Lesoyo, cleaner ward 11- 3 months.
37. Loise Ekai, cleaner TB manyatta- 3 months.
38. John Lenaitasaa, watchman- 3 months.
39. Gerard Laltap, groundman- 4 months.
40. Boniface Lekokoine, watchman- 1 year, 4 months.
41. Michael Lotukoi, watchman- 10 years, 7 months.
42. Ekiru Edou, watchman- 6 years.
43. Lesabin Lelesit, watchman- 6 years.
44. Ntite Leshipan, laundry cleaner- 5 years, 3 months.
45. Sefu Swaleh, laundry cleaner- 3 months.

MCA Wamba East Ward, (Hon. Lelenkeju): Cleaner, three months, Bosco N. Ngeti who I believe that he is a mortuary attendant, six years and three months. We have the following Baragoi Sub-county hospitals whereby we have Kiyaa Nakipak who is a cleaner, Caroline Mboori, kitchen attendant, Lporowan Learamo, a watchman, Mwamiti Lenamasulani, a cleaner, Resiano Lebarleiya, a watchman, Leitin Lokwan, a cleaner, Antonella Lela Lerosion, a clerk, John Waweru, a medical engineer. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

MCA Elbarta Ward, (Hon. Romano Leakono): Thank you hon. Speaker. I want to thank the Chair for Health on the good attempt to give us this information. It is good to note that we know some of the workers here in person, some of them have worked as casuals for four to five years which is wanting and we are told that they have been there for six months. We do not know about their payment and it was one of the questions. We know that there is a standardized amount paid to the casuals and yet the health department does not fulfill that which is recommended by the Government.

Lastly it is notified that they tried to request absorption from the County Public Service Board and four months down the line there has been no follow up and yet the offices are just one kilometre apart. An answer needs to come out from the Public Service Board. The law has been

broken here. Sources indicate that the Service Board gave a reply but they have not attached a response to give us more information from this. I seek your indulgence on this because something that needs to be done in this hon. House because we are the representatives of the people of this County. Thank you hon. Speaker

MCA Wamba East Ward, (Hon. Jackson Lelenkeju): Thank you hon. Speaker. I agree with the sentiments of hon. Leakono. The issue of casuals is a concern to all of us since they are distributed all over the wards and County. There are other casuals in other departments and I think that there is a problem with the Service Board. I do not know why it is hard for the Service Board to authorize the departments to consider their casual. It is illegal for someone to work for 4,5,10 years as a casual.

The ambulance drivers are an example yet they work round the clock. They work tirelessly saving lives for years with no better pay, imagine working a whole year with no off nor leave without proper salary, they cannot even access loans. These are our sons and daughters who play vital roles. A statement should be sought on the Service Board or even called to appear before this hon. House to explain ways of disposing these casuals, which department is responsible for the budget of their employment and why is it hard for them to absorb the casuals yet they have put aside money for employment. Something serious has to be done. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

MCA Elbarta Ward, (Hon. Romano Leakono): Thank you hon. Speaker. I just want to draw the attention of the Member who was on the floor that the CEC wrote on the second page that they plan to set aside funds to cater for their recruitment, the letter was stamped on July, 2016. This means that in the beginning of this year, this money was not even here which means that we will have these casual for another year until money is set aside yet this House has not refused to approve budget funds for casual recruitment. This was only for your information. Thank you hon. Speaker.

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