

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF SAMBURU



THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 8th May, 2018

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

Temporary Speaker, County Assembly of Samburu, (Hon. Shadrack Lesoipa) in the Chair

PRAYER

STATEMENTS

MCA Poro Ward, (Hon. Joseph Leshipaayo): Thank you Hon. Speaker. Pursuit to Standing Order number 41(2) (c), I hereby request for a Statement from the Chair of the Committee on Education and Vocational Training regarding the list of the County bursary beneficiaries. The Samburu County Bursary Act provides the Establishment of Management and Administration of Samburu County Fund. The object of the fund is to provide bursary for the needy students in the County including persons with disabilities to pursue their education in recognized education institutions. The bursary committee has published a list of bursary County beneficiaries of the January and February disbursements for the year 2017/2018.

These cheques have taken too long before they were taken to the various institutions which is too unfortunate. In view of this the Chair person should inquire into and report on: what happened to the students who are in the published list of the County bursary beneficiary list of the January and February disbursements for the year 2017/2018 but to date have not received anything, thank you hon. Speaker.

MCA Lodokejek Ward, (Hon. Jerias Leshoomo): Thank you hon. Speaker. Before preempting an answer to the Statement from the Chair I would like to add a few points to the Statement because we know that there are a lot of problems concerning the bursary. We as an Assembly need to establish how much was disbursed in the financial year and what was the amount per ward. In my ward, I have many students who did not receive the bursary that was disbursed early January and February. Every time we are told that the money has been disbursed and distributed yet it is now four months and nothing has been sent to the schools. We need to expand more on the Statement to ensure that the department provides a full answer to this Statement.

When we developed the bursary fund and committee, we thought that the bursary will help the needy students. We realized that forms were filled in the ward level and funds disbursed at the County Headquarters which is not helping the needy students. We have a lot of needy children with single parents who are not benefiting from these funds; we need to elaborate on the Statement for the Statement to be answered by the department at an appropriate date, thank you Hon. Speaker.

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Shadrack Lesoipa): Thank you hon. Leshoomo but I think that the procedure is very clear. If you want to add questions to the Statement, then you know the criteria. Continue hon. Lanyasunya.

MCA Loosuk Ward, (Hon. Adamson Lanyasunya): Thank you hon. Speaker. I wanted to follow up on what hon. Leshoomo has said but then you mentioned the criteria. Thank you.

MCA Lodokejek Ward, (Hon. Jerias Leshoomo): Thank you hon. Speaker. I think the Assembly should forward the Statement to the department but we want to add more on the

need than giving them one question. It is unnecessary for us to repeat the same Statement in the following week. For the sake of the Statement we need to deliberate more, thank you.

MCA Nachola Ward, (Hon. Lawrence Lorunyei): Mr. Speaker we need complete information and not bits. This is what hon. Leshoomo is asking. It is better to have complete and accurate information concerning the bursary, thank you hon. Speaker.

MCA Wamba East, (Hon. Lucas Lekwaale): Thank you hon. Speaker. This is a very significant issue that we all want to input. I kindly request the Member for Poro Ward to kindly withdraw the Statement for us to have more time to add flesh on it, thank you.

MCA Loosuk Ward, (Hon. Adamson Lanyasunya): Thank you; we should also have in the Statement the minutes of the Ward Bursary Committee because in the Bill it stated that the Ward Manager should also be in the committee so that the MCAs are fully represented this is because eventually the complains comes back to them and for this reason we need the minutes attached per ward when the bursary was sub divided, thank you.

MCA Poro Ward, (Hon. Joseph Leshipaayo): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I think that the Statement needs more questions. From what I see from the hon. Members is that I can withdraw the Statement and allow room for more questions, thank you.

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Shadrack Lesoipa): Thank you hon. Members. As requested by hon. Lucas and accepted by the seeker of the Statement, the Chair acknowledges and the Statement stands withdrawn.

Hon. Members the time being 2 minutes to 3 o'clock and their being no any other business, this Assembly stands adjourned until Wednesday 9th May, 2018 at 9:00 am.