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*[The Speaker (Hon. (Mrs.) Mwangangi) in the Chair]*

**PRAYERS**

**Hon. Speaker:** Good afternoon, Hon. Members. We start with our afternoon sitting and I will call the Clerk to start.

**STATEMENT SOUGHT**

**ENGAGEMENT TERMS OF COMMUNITY HEALTH VOLUNTEERS OTHERWISE**

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members, under this Order, we have one business by Hon. Dominic Ndambuki.

**Hon. Ndambuki:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Hon. Speaker, community health volunteers otherwise known as CHVs have been key in sensitization of the public on matters of health. The CHVs have particularly worked tirelessly in creating awareness to the public on the guidelines set by the government institutions to combat Covid-19, Hon. Speaker,

It is disappointing to know that these CHVs have been working without their stipend for eight months in 2019 and for four months in 2020. Hon. Speaker, it is worth appreciating that Liberia has an operational program which introduces community health volunteers as an accredited professional cadre. This program can be adopted by the county of Machakos with a view to encouraging the CHVs and increasing their productivity.

Hon. Speaker I wish to seek the following Statement:

1. What the department of health and emergency services is doing to ensure that the CHVs are paid their stipend and arrears without delays.
2. Whether the department of health and emergency services has an existing policy in terms of engagement of the CHVs.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Dominic Ndambuki. Hon. Members, the gist of this Statement, you appreciate, is on community health volunteers and this is coming at a time when we are fighting the covid-19 pandemic. Hon. Ndambuki has referred to Liberia and when I saw the Statement as I was approving it this morning I checked on what Liberia is doing and for sure they have successfully used the community healthcare volunteers to fight Covid-19 to the extent that even the developed world is trying to learn from what Liberia is doing.

The details of it, I believe, will be shared as we go on so even as you make a few comments as we normally do when we have a matter of this nature, I would also encourage you to go further and check on what is happening to Liberia. I believe on the internet you will get information so that you can be sharing it even as the executive is thinking about it you share it at least on the ground but remember that there are logistics that must be put in place for them to succeed.

So, let me see what comments members may have on this particular aspect as we commit it to the relevant committee. Hon. Mutinda; and briefly, remember Members.

**Hon. Mutinda:** Yes, thank you Hon. Speaker, for this opportunity and I wish to thank the Hon. Member, Hon. Dominic Ndambuki for the timely Statement. Madam Speaker, this is the time we should try to see to it that we support the CHVs. Madam Speaker, I know each one of us is aware that prevention is better than cure and in the health sector preventing services should be encouraging more than curative.

The CHV is a group of people who are at the forefront because they are at every corner of our areas. Madam Speaker, like in my case I have 10 for each sub location. I have eight sub locations and those are 80 community health volunteers. Madam Speaker, it is worrying that we have been passing budgets here and we have been giving money and those are some of the areas where the money should be spent on but these groups of people are always with us asking us; how far is our payment? What have you done to ensure that we are getting paid?

Madam Speaker, so I think it is the high time this follow up is done so that our people get their stipend. In fact, it is worrying at this Covid-19 times they are going to the people and they have not been supported fully with the masks that they should also use themselves leave alone going to take the masks to our people.

So, Madam Speaker, something should be done on the stipend and something should be done on their work environment. They are working in a pathetic situation. They are not fully supported and we can see the good work these group of work these people is doing. So, Madam Speaker, I request that this House supports the group and I support the Statement and wish that every one of us supports it. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Mutinda. Hon. Ndeti.

**Hon. (Ms.) Ndeti:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I support Mheshimiwa Ndambuki do bringing such an important statement in the Assembly. As *Mheshimiwa* Mutinda said these people are in the frontline, they are the ones who are meeting our people on the ground who are sick and for sure they are not even given any protective gear. I had in Mua ward supply them

with masks and sanitizers and I think it is very important they be motivated by being given what is due to them. So, I call upon the government of Machakos to ensure that they are given what was promised to them so that they can serve our people with a better attitude. Thank you,

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Ndeti. Hon. Ndawa.

**Hon. Ndawa:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Madam Speaker, I will start by congratulating my dear brother hear Hon. Ndambuki for bringing or for the tabling the cry for the many electorates in the county, Madam Speaker; these are the community health volunteers. Madam Spekaer, like other wards, in Matuu I have a group of those people and they have been coming to my office every time I am in the office they are coming to ask whether we have plans to facilitate them to do their work.

Madam Speaker, last Thursday, I received a delegation of people from my ward and they made it clear to me they have served for the last 16 months and they have not been getting anything. Madam Speaker, as you are aware a hungry watchman cannot perform his or her duties when the stomach is empty.

So, Madam Speaker, during this time of Covid -19 everybody is very careful not to come into contact with people who are coming from hotspots especially those who are coming from Nairobi coming downwards coming from Mombasa coming downwards and whenever one manages to sneak into the wards, the people who are sent to confirm whether that particular person had come it is these community health workers and they go there without any protective gear or without anything.

So, Madam Speaker, I am humbly requesting the House and also the executive; let us try to minimize this issue of Petitions coming to the House because people have not been paid. Let us minimize this issue of Statements because people have not being paid. It is now becoming another way of demanding money to be paid. If the executive can do their work properly if the executive can make payment for any job that they give electorates or they give any person to do, I am very sure the House will not have a lot of business to discuss this issue.

So I am supporting the Statement, I am requesting, if possible, as we are given things to take to the electorates and the community itself, let us have something packed for those community health volunteers so that they can also be motivated. Madam Speaker, I do support.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Ndawa. Hon. Constance Mbula.

**Hon. (Ms.) C. Nzioki:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, this statement is wanting; I want to congratulate the person who brought it up Hon. Ndambuki.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Constance, did you say it is wanting?

**Hon. (Ms.) C. Nzioki:** Wanting.

**Hon. Speaker:** No, it cannot be; if it is wanting, it means it has a problem it misses something, it is weak, it is.....so to say the Statement could not have come at any other time. This is the right time. It is an important Statement.

**Hon. (Ms.) C. Nzioki:** Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Wanting us negative in other words.

**Hon. (Ms.) C. Nzioki:** Okay. It is urgent; it is a needy one---

**Hon. Speaker:** Appropriate.

**Hon. (Ms.) C. Nzioki:** Appropriate one; thank you for the English and I want to say most of those volunteers, they call themselves health workers and 80 percent of them, if not 100 percent are women, and Madam Speaker, you can imagine these women walking around. They leave their homes very early in the morning, they walk and walk looking for the sick and those who need help they even go further as to assist women who are delivering in the homes and when you look at it Madam Speaker, they get nothing at all.

We meet them on the way and they are like; I am just a volunteer I want something. So you wonder even us here as much as we work for the community, I think they do also work like us and they need money like we do. They need services like we do. They need to run their homes like we do it is only that they are kind enough to provided their services for free and that is why I want to say the government should do its best. These people need to be looked after and be recognized. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Constance Mbula. In the extended sitting we have Hon. Masesi who is the chairperson of the health committee I can also see Hon. Mueni wishing to contribute and behind Hon. Mueni there is another member. Can I be shown the members behind Hon. Mueni still go further. Hon. Angela. So Hon. Masesi, Hon. Mueni and Hon. Angela. Proceed please.

**Hon. Masesi:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Madam Speaker, I have always regarded myself as able chairman and I would like to inform the House that we have a total of 2,521 community health volunteers across the county. Kalama with 131, Kangundo 210 sub county, Kathiani sub county 220, Machakos sub county 256, Masinga 278, Matungulu 300, Mavoko 210, Mwala 500 and lastly Yatta sub county 340.

Madam Speaker, during the budget scrutiny I brought the agenda to the budget committee whereby the agreement by the department is that they do not have a vote head for the same and they were asking for the creation of the same in the department so that they can be able to see what can be done as per the stipend to these community health volunteers, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, these are our brothers and sisters and they are always traversing across the wards making sure that we are safe. As an Assembly, the best thing we can do to these

brothers and sisters is to make sure that they earn what is possible within the budget. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** So did we create that vote Hon. Dominic? Why do I call you Benjamin sometimes? Hon. Dominic, did we create that vote?

**Hon. Ndambuki:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. In our budget report, we made it clear that they need to be compensated and we shall work hand in hand with the executive who are supposed to create the vote heads; not from our end.

**Hon. Speaker:** Okay, I hear you. Hon. Mueni.

**Hon. (Ms.) Mueni:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. Yesterday those people they were doing that work. They passed by my place around 6 o'clock and they told me that they are not paid I had to start giving each one packet of *unga* and a kilo of *ndengu*.

*(Laughter)*

So I think those people are very much in need. They were giving the children the vitamin boosting medicine so the Budget Committee, I think you have to do your work. Ask *Mheshimiwa* Museku to give that vote head. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

*(Laughter)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Unfortunately, *Mheshimiwa* Museku is not here and I do not know whether he is the one who gives the vote heads but Hon. Ndambuki has heard he is the chair Budget and Appropriations committee and as much as the Heath chairperson Hon. Masesi, I believe they will put their heads together on that. Hon. Angela?

**Hon. (Ms.) Munyasya:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. My contribution is that these health workers are volunteers and for somebody to volunteer for one and a half years without pay shows that they have goodwill and that they are determined to go all the way and they are actually volunteers whether they are paid or not they are discharging their duties. It is only fair, humane and in the spirit of humanity, we need to consider these people.

Pay them and ensure that they are comfortable even to discharge these duties which are passionate duties that everybody agrees that in this country and the world over, Covid-19 is posing danger to our citizens and if we even have volunteer workers, they need to be facilitated not only with payment but with training and also the gear that they need to execute their duties effectively. So I do support the Statement and I support the Chair Budget Committee for bringing this Statement for our consideration. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Angela. Hon. Members, the Statement will be referred to the county department of health and emergency services and the committee of Health and I am glad Hon. Masesi has made a comment on it, will be instrumental in pursuing the answer to that

Statement and the same the report on it should be brought to the Assembly not later than the 16th of July, 2020.

That is a period of two weeks noting the urgency of the matter in the view if the Covid-19 pandemic and the work the CHVs do in the County. Mr. Clerk, proceed.

### MOTIONS

#### REPORT ON OPERATIONS OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY SERVICE BOARD FOR 2017/2018

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members, under this Order, we have one business by Hon. Caleb Mule who is the Vice-chairperson of the Machakos County Assembly Service Board. Hon. Caleb.

**Hon. Mule:** Thank you, Madam Speaker.

That aware that the County Assembly Service Board is established under Section 12 of the County Governments Act, 2012 as read together with Section 8 of the County Assemblies Services Act;

Aware that the Board consists of:

- a. The Speaker of the County Assembly as the Chairperson;
- b. Two members of the County Assembly nominated by the political parties represented in the County Assembly according to their proportion of members in the County Assembly; and
- c. One man and one woman appointed by the County Assembly from amongst persons who are experienced in Public Affairs, but are not members of the County Assembly.

Acknowledging that Section 36(1) of the County Assembly Services Act, 2017 provides that within three months after the end of each financial year, the Board shall prepare and lay before the County Assembly, a report of its operations during that year;

Further aware that Section 36(2) of the Act stipulates that, the annual report shall in respect of the year to which it relates, contain:

- a. The Activities the Board has undertaken;
- b. An evaluation on the extent to which the values and principles referred to in Articles 10 and 232 of the Constitution are complied with in the public service;
- c. Information relating to performance of the service and attendant challenges; and
- d. Any other information that the Board may consider relevant.

Hon. Speaker, I wish to move the motion that this House discusses and approves the county assembly services board operations report for the year 2017/2018.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Caleb. You have a seconder for your motion?

**Hon. Mule:** I call upon Hon. Mutiso to second my motion.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you. Hon. Mutiso.

**Hon. P.J. Mutiso:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I am a second member of the Board and I second the motion. Thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. P.J Mutiso. You are aware what we have doing to the report Hon. Caleb; the reports were circulated yesterday just like the ones we handled in the morning. Members, it is expected that you have gone through them so we are going to get highlights as it were and then we go to a debate on each report. Hon. Caleb. Point of order from Hon. Ndawa

**Hon. Ndawa:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. It is just an application I am making for you to make a determination; it comes a time we have internal affairs and the Executive can sit and say we want to sit as an Executive while the Assembly can also sit and say we want to discuss as an Assembly.

So I am making an application that this matter be heard *ex-parte*; it means the Speaker and the House we request the media people to move out because we do not need to expose our internal affair. It is just a humble request I am making.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Ndawa, do we have media here; no.

**Hon. Ndawa:** If they are there, I would also request you also send the Serjeant-at-Arms to see whether they have put some gadgets there to tap what we are saying.

**Hon. Speaker:** What is the secret about it and matters of the Assembly are not confidential.

**Hon. Ndawa:** Madam Speaker, as you are aware---

**Hon. Speaker:** In fact there is no matter that is confidential in this country.

**Hon. Ndawa:** What I am saying, Madam Speaker, is that most of the time we are fighting for our electorates and today, since this is a matter concerning the MCAs and the Assembly, we need to discuss our issues without exposing because maybe, there are some areas that we are not happy; there are some areas that we need adjustments---

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members, just to guide you and do you know you are on YouTube where you are being heard internationally; not just nationally? We really do not have anything to hide; the report is also there and members of the public can also access, there is nothing that we are hiding. The CASB is to ensure that the welfare of the Members and staff is addressed so that you are facilitated to do your work as Members and staff of the Assembly.

So, if there is anything that is untoward, you should just restrict yourself to the report. Where you talk of other issues, you can address in a *Kamukunji* I am advising you because a *Kamukunji* is where you can address your own matters. We had one just the other day; we are actually supposed to be implementing some discussions on a *Kamukunji*.

So, do not feel that there is anything untoward about you also voicing out concerns but remember the concerns you voice must be viable, legal, procedural and everything that the public expects us to do. Point of order from Hon. Maitha

**Hon. Maitha:** Madam Speaker, I want to concur with you because this debate is live on YouTube. So even if we say the media get out of the chamber, they can get our debate through YouTube, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** That is why I said, Members, debate freely but one thing I must point out is that you are entitled to everything that the law has provided for you as a provision to enable you to discharge your functions and the same thing with the staff of the Assembly and every state and public officer in this country. So feel free, only that make sure that what you put out there is palatable; palatable means eatable in the public eye and on the palate of the public. Thank you and Hon. Caleb, please proceed.

**Hon. Mule:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. As the Speaker indicated before, we are going to do the summary if you allow, Madam Speaker. I am doing a report of 2017/2018. Hon. Speaker, this report is prepared in accordance with the provisions of Section 36 of the County Assembly Services Act, 2017, which requires the County Assembly Service Board to prepare and submit a report on its operations and activities to the County Assembly at the end of each financial year.

The Report, which is the first, outlines the performance of the Board on its mandate from 1st July, 2017 to 30th June, 2018. The Board is established under Section 12 of the County Governments Act. Its mandate is spelt out in Section 12 of the County Governments Act and various Sections of the County Assembly Services Act.

It entails provision of services and facilities to ensure the efficient and effective functioning of the County Assembly, constituting offices in the County Assembly Service, and appointing and supervising office holders, preparing annual estimates of expenditure of the County Assembly Service and submitting them to the County Assembly for approval, and exercising budgetary control over the service, undertaking, singly or jointly with other relevant organizations, programmes to promote the ideals of parliamentary democracy, and performing other functions necessary for the well-being of the members and staff of the County Assembly or prescribed by national legislation.

During the financial year 2017/18, the County Assembly was allocated a total of Ksh. 1,227,670,184 from the exchequer which comprised of recurrent budget of; Ksh. 836,670,184, Development Ksh. 296,000,000, other recurrent transfers (loans) budget estimates of Ksh 95,000,000. The recurrent budget estimates covered Personnel Emoluments of Ksh. 439,391,403 and Operations and Maintenance of Ksh. 397,278,781.

During this period, absorption rate was 100 per- cent for the recurrent budget while under the development budget only Ksh. 173,314,963 was received from County treasury translating to



an absorption level of 58.6 per cent. Under other recurrent transfers, Ksh. 60,000,000 was released to the Assembly translating to absorption level of 63.2 per cent. Overall, the Assembly total budget estimates were Ksh. 1,227,670,184 and Ksh. 943,985,147 was released resulting to absorption level of 76.9 per cent.

During the year under review, the Board appointed two (2) officers to the Service, both female. One (1) officer was promoted and three (3) officers were appointed in acting capacity. In addition, the Board absorbed one (1) officer on secondment from the National Treasury. The appointments made helped to address the human resource needs of the County Assembly Service to facilitate delivery of quality services to the County Assembly's stakeholders.

In ensuring that the public service is efficient and effective, the Board developed, reviewed and issued two policies on human resource management; offered various training opportunities to the Members and staff of the County Assembly to equip them with the requisite skills and competencies; and embraced best practices aimed at reducing costs in the Assembly such as purchase of iPads for MCAs and approval of fuel card use among others.

In line with reporting on the extent to which the values and principles of public service have been adhered to, the CASB developed 10 thematic areas to enable adequate reporting. Interventions towards ensuring higher levels of compliance with the values and principles of public service include; promoting high standards of professionalism, ensuring efficiency and effectiveness in service delivery, extending good governance practices among other initiatives.

In the discharge of its mandate, the Board faced a number of challenges key among them being delays in exchequer releases, inadequate funding occasioned by the County Executive not honouring cash flow releases, shortage of staff, inadequate office accommodation and lack of a staff scheme of service as no approval of the proposed county's schemes of service has been granted by SRC.

In order to improve on the discharge of its mandate and enhance productivity in the County Assembly Service, the Board will focus on the following key interventions among others:

- a. Review the organizational structure of the County Assembly to ensure it is aligned to its mandate and that the Service is optimally staffed for effective service delivery.
- b. Consolidate all the Human Resource Management policies and guidelines and align them to the Constitution and other legislative frameworks, undertake impact assessment on policies and guidelines issued to the County Assembly Service.
- c. Implement an elaborate monitoring and evaluation framework that will provide feedback on the implementation of the Board's function in the County Assembly, put in place strategies to ensure the County Assembly Service reviews and complies with the County Assembly Citizen Delivery Service Charter.
- d. Build capacity for promotion and compliance with values and principles in Articles 10 and 232.

Moving forward, the Board will continue to work closely with Members, staff and other key stakeholders of the County Assembly to address emerging issues in an effort to meet the expectations of the Assembly's stakeholders.

*Membership of the Board*

Hon. Speaker, the County Assembly Service Board, during the year under review, comprised the following Members:

1. Hon. Florence M. Mwangangi -Speaker (Chairperson)
2. Hon. Caleb Mule -Vice Chairperson and Minority Party Representative
3. Hon. Francis Ngunga -Majority Party Representative
4. Mr. Mbiuki F. G -Secretary

*Acknowledgement*

Hon. Speaker, I take this opportunity to thank all the Members of the Board for their dedication, undivided attention and contributions during the entire report writing exercise---

**Hon. Speaker:** Point of information.

**Hon. (Ms.) B. Nzioki:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. It is my concern or else to get clarity from Hon. Caleb Mule, whether in the Board we have Hon. Mutiso or is Hon. Francis Ngunga.

**Hon. Speaker:** It was at the period in question, Hon. Betty.

**Hon. (Ms.) B. Nzioki:** Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Yes, it is good to seek information where it seems to be not clear.

**Hon. Mule:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. The report is between 2017/2018 so the person in the Board that time was Hon. Francis Ngunga.

*Acknowledgement*

Hon. Speaker, I take this opportunity to thank all the Members of the Board for their dedication, undivided attention and contributions during the entire report writing exercise. The Board also appreciates the Office of the Hon. Speaker and that of the Clerk to the County Assembly for the administrative support accorded to it during the exercise.

On behalf of the Board and pursuant to the provisions of Section 36 of the County Assembly Services Act, it is my pleasure and duty to present to this Hon. House the County Assembly Service Board Report Annual operations report for the Financial Year 2017/18. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Caleb.

*(Question proposed)*

Hon. Members, the motion is open for debate. Hon. Jeremiah.

**Hon. Munguti:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to congratulate the Member who has presented the report. It is a well elaborated report, although it has some question marks. I would like to know why the report was delayed and to be given at this time while we had another financial year which has elapsed because this is a report for 2017/2018 which is should have come earlier.

I have also seen in the report that the amount which has been allocated for the Assembly and it is also good that we be transparent because we are the peoples representatives. I would like to know from the Board how much has been spent through the votes that we have, either the Members of the Assembly or the staff or even the Speaker's panel vote.

Also, I have a concern; this year there was no Fourth and Fifth Member which was delayed maybe due to some technicalities. It will also be good to know how much was spent because these Members were not there. On the same report, it is seen that it is not authentic because the Hon. Member who has presented the report has not signed according to the report which I have. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Jeremiah. Hon. Jeremiah, for the signature, the report that was tabled before this House which is still what you have, I ensured that when the Paper was being laid, it was signed and that is clearly captured on the HANSARD.

I am talking of the report that was tabled so you can confirm from the report which is on the Table whether it is any different from what you are holding. So, we will just carry on with the debate, the questions of course will be answered as we go on. Hon. Ndawa.

**Hon. Ndawa:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I also want to commend the Commissioner who has tabled the report before this House.

**Hon. Speaker:** The Commissioner?

**Hon. Ndawa:** I believe board Members are also Commissioners.

**Hon. Speaker:** They are not Hon. Ndawa.

**Hon. Ndawa:** Thank you for the correction.

**Hon. Speaker:** I will tell you why they are not. Commissioners belong to Commissions and under the Constitution the board is not a Commission. The board is a board, so it is a board member.

**Hon. Ndawa:** Thank you, Madam Speaker for.....you know we are learning and you there is a saying which says education ends when one dies. So we keep on learning; so thank you very much. You are now my lecturer.

**Hon. Speaker:** Did you say we allow you a lecture or something?

**Hon. Ndawa:** I am saying, now you have become my lecturer; the lecturer is somebody who tutors.

**Hon. Speaker:** No, no; it is about all of us learning but there is nothing to learn because Commissions have always been in the Constitution since 2010

**Hon. Ndawa:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to thank him for the elaborate report that he has tabled and I have few concerns on the report. Madam Speaker, in the report which has just been tabled before the House, the Board Member has given us the budget which was there for recurrent and development. Madam Speaker, I strongly believe those who were coming up with the budget had budgeted for the entire board.

So, in the report we have been told that the recurrent budget was spent 100 per cent. So, the concern I have on if the board members were not all, we had three and we were missing two; where did the money which was allocated for those two go? That is one of the question which I need clarity.

Question two has been asked by my brother Hon. Jeremiah; today we are in 2020 and the report we are getting is for 2017/2018, there is another year, 2018/2019. In fact, I would have expected you give us both reports for 2017/2018 and 2018/2019.

**Hon. Speaker:** It is there Hon. Ndawa, look at the Order Paper.

**Hon. Ndawa:** Oh, it the next one! Okay thank you. So, the other issue, I think it is good that when we are getting the report we get vote heads for every department. We know for Service Board their budget is this for the welfare of Members is this and for the welfare of the staff is this much. That information is withheld it is not very clear Madam Speaker, and that is why I was asking and that is why I was fearing to.....because we don't want to spill the beans.

It is good in the future when you are giving us the reports, kindly I know the work of a dentist is to treat teeth or to remove teeth, and when it comes to their turn to be even be given the same service they don't like it. The Assembly is the one which is trying to ensure that every cent is spent in the right way and when it comes to the issue of the Assembly, some things are not brought clear.

So, Madam Speaker, it is my humble request, we cannot oversight the executive if we cannot oversight ourselves. So, if we want to do what is required of us, let us start cleaning the House that we stay in. You cannot go to the neighbor and start cleaning there when your house is dirty. Madam Speaker, the house we are living in is not clean.

Then, Madam Speaker, I would request, since now we have started another financial year and this things which we have experienced for the previous years, we expect for the 2018/2019 there was the budget for training for members and members of staff. 2019/2020, there was a budget for employee training and also for members training. Since March, this year, members of staff have never attended any training---

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Ndawa, that will come in the report for 2019/2020.

**Hon. Ndawa:** Thank you. I rest my case, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you. Hon. Kieti; sorry Hon. Museku, I will come to you.

**Hon. Kieti:** Thank you, Madam Speaker, for giving me the chance. Madam Speaker, I want to start by congratulating our Board member Hon. Mule for presenting the report for CASB; it is very elaborate though very late as other Hon. Members have noted. Hon. Speaker, I have a few concerns on matters concerning member's welfare although we have seen in the report that budgets were done and money was spent.

Hon. Speaker, if we can remember very well, there is a time we had CASA games and Members were provided with a uniform, some uniform was not fitting and that uniform was returned, some has never gotten to the members and I do not know how that is catered for within the report. At the same time, the chamber where we are sitting in---

**Hon. Speaker:** Point of correction from... I think you will need to amend the Standing Orders to provide for point of correction, point of clarification, point of..... yes, it can be done. Hon. Jeremiah.

**Hon. Munguti:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to correct the Hon. Member who is on the floor that these uniforms, which did not fit the members was not for 2017/2018 but it was for 2018/2019. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Jeremiah. Hon. Kieti you can proceed.

**Hon. Kieti:** Thank you, Hon. Members and thank you for the correction, although, mine was for the financial year in question; 2017/2018. Hon. Speaker, at the same time, I was talking about the chamber where we are sitting in; I don't know whether Hon. Speaker you have known that the seats that we are sitting on has never been repaired since we came and I was just struggling with the seat where I am because it is broken.

When we have budgets for repairs and maintenance of the facilities that we have around then we expect areas where we spent, although it is a common practice people prepare very good dining tables and very good sitting rooms and forget about the bedroom where they spend a lot of time. So, Hon. Speaker---

**Hon. Speaker:** So this is the bedroom for that matter?

**Hon. Kieti:** This is our bedroom and we need comfortable seats so that when we are seated here Members do not get backache because of improper sitting. So, Hon. Speaker, when we have budgets, it is my humble request that those budgets are put in prudent use because as Hon. Ndawa has put it, we cannot continue to do oversight the executive when we are sweeping our dirt under our chairs and under the tables. So, it is good that we put everything on the table and we clean our house thoroughly and ensure that members are well catered for.

Madam Speaker, I want to say that during the financial year in question, most of us were very green because we had just come to the Assembly; I want to say that we enjoyed during that time because we were green and we had no experience of what happens but now that we can see and we are able to benchmark, I think there is a lot that need to be done to this Members so that they continue enjoying the budgets that are set aside for them and at the same time, our staff who are working around the clock to ensure that we live in conducive environment, they also need to

be taken care off so that they also enjoy the fruits of the CASB. I rest my case Madam Speaker and thank you for giving me the chance.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Kieti. Just a moment Hon. Members; I just want to notify you, Members, why this report is being brought to you is because the CASB that I head has nothing to hide and I can bring it here so that you can tell us where we have gone wrong, where we have gone right.

That is why it is here and for your information, this is the very first report of the CASB to come to this House, and I want you to check in your record whether there is any other report and today is not the first day when the Assembly has been established. So that tells you what we are intending to do; openness. Feel free, say as it is, because it is out of that things are put right. Hon. Museku.

**Hon. Museku:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. First and foremost, I would like to commend the Board member Hon. Caleb Mule of Muvuti/Kiima Kimwe, Board member for the report which he has gallantly presented before the House and also commend the entire Board for as Madam Speaker has alluded providing this House with the first report which we have ever gotten from the County Assembly Service Board. First of all as the second Assembly of this Hon. County and thank them for having given access to this report so that we can't be able to analyze and look at the things which are affecting both the Board and by default affecting us as an Assembly.

The things I have noted after going through the report are two; we seem yes to have absorbed recurrent expenditure 100 per cent in terms of the funds which were allocated to us, we seem to have absorbed, but when you look at the development expenditure, we seem to have absorbed very little. We seem to have absorbed actually about Ksh. 173 million only resulting in an absorption level of Ksh. 58 per cent.

If we are absorbing recurrent expenditure almost to its complete amount which has been allocated, then we need to see development expenditure also being absorbed to the same levels so that we can be able to justify the need for us budgeting for development funds year in year out.

Again some of the issues which have been raised which could have led to that they have talked about delay in releases from the exchequer of funds and as I had alluded to earlier on so long as you have an approved budget, we need to be committing funds to development projects without waiting for actual cash to come so that we can be able to improve on the level of absorption in as far as development funds are concerned.

The other thing I have seen also in those delays is that it leads to delays in also in service delivery. For example, salaries for Hon. Members or even salaries for staff and other related service delivery departments get affected by delays in exchequer releases and therefore there is need for the Service Board to come out with innovative ways of bridging the gap when we do have salary delays or when we have exchequer delays to the Assembly.

For example, we had the executive when the CEC was here he talked about trying to look for a facility, which can be able to assist them in bridging such gaps. The County Assembly Service Board needs to look at a similar way and see whether they can be able to get overdraft facilities or other like-minded facilities, which can be able to assist them in the execution of their mandate and ensure that there is the flawless execution of the services.

The issues which you have mentioned here before I conclude which the Board has committed to be looking at and which you have talked about as thematic areas to enable adequate reporting and interventions towards in ensuring higher levels of compliance at the values of principles of public service including promoting high standards of professionalism which when I looked at the report I have seen several of the staff members gained various professional qualifications which I think it is a plus to the Board because that needs to be....we are improving on the professionalism of our staff which we have, ensuring efficiency and effectiveness in service delivery and also extending good governance practices among other initiatives.

I would request the Board to concentrate on this and ensure that they guide this County Assembly to even better service delivery levels and also to ensure that we are able to achieve our mandate of representation, oversight, and legislation. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Museku. Hon. Kamitu Minority Leader.

**Hon. Kamitu:** Once again, thank you very much, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, as I contribute I am also happy about the comments you have made that this is the first report of its kind into this Assembly because as a living experience is that I was in the First Assembly and on a very sincere note we had not had any report like this one. So, congratulations to our Service Board and by saying so Madam Speaker let me continue by saying I have gone through this report and my contribution will be on the challenges that I have seen that is being occasioned into the County Assembly Service Board.

Madam Speaker, in our First Assembly, I remember in regard to inadequate funding due to budget ceilings, I remember because I was one, I was the Chief Whip in our First Assembly Madam Speaker, and I remember the leadership went to the CRA office and we talked about our budget ceilings and they were reviewed upwards. So, equally in this year after now, there is this financial year I would request the same if the leadership would go to the CRA so that we may go there and give out our problems which are in line with the budget ceilings.

Madam Speaker, also I would like to talk about the lack of cooperation between the executive and our Assembly; Madam Speaker this goes in regard into our House Leadership and through your leadership Madam Speaker, I am not pressing you but it is on a very sincere note that we have been making some several visits to the executive. So, I am requesting some frequent meetings between the Assembly and the executive so that we may bridge this gap of the relationship between the executive, other government to government offices, and the Assembly so that we may harmonize so that we may solve those problems.

Madam Speaker, let me talk about the shortage of staff. The Assembly is very much aware of the interviews that were being carried before the COVID-19 came, so I would always request Madam Speaker now that we have these offices our Board rooms within the Assembly, and likewise, the COVID-19 should not be a stoppage of the interviews that were being carried out.

After this, Madam Speaker, I would also request for the staff interviews so that we may shorten this gap of shortage of staff for service delivery and again having said that it is important for us to visit the CRA. If the CRA is going to review our budget ceiling, it means that the staff that is going to be recruited their salary will also be factored in. Madam Speaker, lack of scheme that is on page 66, lack of a staff scheme of service, in any government Madam Speaker, I am saying that once again, I was in the civil service for 35 years and in any institution, there must be a progression of promotions, salary increments and the like.

So, my request Madam Speaker because one thing we are lucky in Machakos county Assembly is that our Speaker happens to be the Deputy Chair of the CAF, so in your Forum, these are the areas Madam Speaker you should talk about the scheme of service for the workers within the Assemblies because their scheme of service must be looked into in regard to their promotions, their salary increment and the like. In any institution where there is stagnation of promotion and the like, outright the results will be, there will be no motivation of the workers.

So, Madam Speaker this is an area that you being as the vice-chair CAF, it is an area that you should also talk in regard to the SRC so that such schemes should be approved and career progression and promotions should be seen, should be a progression within the Assemblies with Machakos County Assembly being one. That is my observation; otherwise Madam Speaker, thank you very much for the report by Hon. Caleb and we are seeing things are moving in the right way. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Kamitu. Hon. Members, just a moment Hon. Mutiso. To respond to some points that the Hon. Member especially Minority Leader and Hon. Museku have raised. I will provide the answers where I can so that other members don't go wondering. For Hon. Museku, on the delays in release of exchequer and how it affects execution of projects, we truly appreciate the discussion and guidance that you have provided. The County Assembly is a going concern so that we should be committing because we already have a budget whether or not the funds have come and that is the lesson we have learned, we will do that for purposes of implementation of the capital projects.

On Hon. Kamitu's mention of seeking to increase the ceiling, you are very right and we have already written as a Board to the CRA and copied to SRC to increase our ceiling and then on the issue of the recruitment for interviews that were pending, that were going on before the Covid-19 we have also discussed it and I will also be engaging the House leadership on that wall because going forward we have to start living in the new normal.

So, we have thought as CASB that we will make arrangements that we can start now these interviews. The only issue we were waiting is for the President's guidance especially because of the roadblock at Small World and also Kangundo road because some of those interviewees would have to travel to Machakos and so the issue of clearance is what we were worried and wondering about. So, after the directions or the directives of the President hopefully this weekend we will see the way forward but again it is to a way that those roadblocks are not open the Clerk will have to organize for some passes for those candidates so that we can finish and populate our department because the shortage of staff is serious.

We also have the schemes of service; yes we also didn't have them but now we have already initiated a program in fact we have gone through, we are calling them career progression guidelines/schemes of service and we are almost finalizing on approving them as a Board. It is a lengthy document and we just want to have it because we have to motivate the staff that even Mr. Dominic seated here he knows there is a path he can climb to become the Clerk of the Assembly right from the Clerk Assistant and any other progression that is necessary and we will also be doing some promotions because there hasn't been promotions for quite a while other than a few we did last year.

*(Applause)*



So, this is good you are reminding us but I want to assure you that it is already on our tables. Thank you. So we can carry on Hon. Mutiso you wanted to say something.

**Hon. PJ Mutiso:** Thank you Madam Speaker. First of all, I appreciate the Hon. Members for the concern that they are raising and what I wanted to add Madam Speaker is just a few points because members have already noted where the problems were because of the delay and there were other challenges which are not in that report.

Madam Speaker you know that there was some delay on the Fourth and Fifth Member which was just approved by this Hon. House, that was September last year after two years so there was also a problem of that because there was no smooth running of the board as it had only two Members plus the Speaker. So, there was no quorum since one Member was missing which was another problem.

The report was even read sometimes before we had this COVID-19 and so we were to present the report sometimes in February but there were also some other problems or other delays and Members we also know that we had problems from the executive because we lacked a mutual relationship. So, because of that reason, we faced problems with the budget because if you can recall well there is a time we went to Court up to 7 p.m. pursuing whether we could get our salaries which was also another problem. So, Members, you can recall that there were some problems which have caused the delay.

There was a Member I was talking to and he raised something on the fuel card. I think you know that this is not only for this House, it is the whole operation of the County Assembly. It is about fueling vehicles because of Hon. Ndawa had raised that query on that report and he was requesting to know what it means by the fuel card. So, it is about that, and what I can promise all assure this Hon. House, is that because of the delays and challenges that we faced and also reporting late because I have also noted that, I am sure this Board will be reporting to this House in a timely way starting this Financial of June 2020.

So, Madam Speaker, being the Chairperson of the board, make sure that everything is in order because we do not want to face those kinds of questions in the future. We know the problem was there before because there was never a report even given out by the First Assembly and there was nothing like handing over of what was there before and those other kinds of challenges we faced. So, Members, you can bear with the situation that we had. Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Mutiso. I call upon the Mover of the Motion to reply.

**Hon. Mule:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Hon. Members, thank you for appreciating.....I understand, Hon. Speaker, I am having a funny sound when I am having this mask on.

**Hon. Speaker:** Yes, actually it sounds funny and Hon. Members, I send a note to the extended Chamber for comments and I was told there was no Member wishing to contribute about it.

**Hon. Mule:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Thank you, Hon. Members for supporting this report. Hon. Jeremiah Munguti.

**Hon. Speaker:** For the record, purposes reply to what the Hon. Member raised, he may have walked out but the record will be there.

**Hon. Mule:** Yes, he asked about the delayed presentation of the report, and thank you, Hon. Mutiso for your clarification. In simple terms we are settling down, we have our new board and it was settling down. There were delays because there were changes of Board Members and all that and that is one of the reasons we did not bring the report in good time.

Hon. Ndawa talked about consuming a hundred percent of recurrent budget; yes we did but remember we brought a supplementary to supplement what was not utilized by Hon. Members. So, I am sure Hon. Members, you enjoyed that enhancement of that facility. So, a supplementary budget was brought to this House that supplemented the vote heads that had an appetite.

On vote heads, it is in this House that the Speaker said the board is very transparent and we have vote heads and amounts related to each vote head, we have vote head for County Assembly Service Board, we have a vote head for the staff retreats and training and it is usually brought to the budget committee for interrogation and next time Hon. Ndawa be keen when you are looking at the budget. It is clearly stipulated in that---

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Caleb, retract that statement.

**Hon. Mule:** I retract that statement.

**Hon. Speaker:** The Member is always very keen.

**Hon. Mule:** But Hon. Speaker, he missed seeing that and I retract that.

**Hon. Speaker:** You cannot say he missed that. Hon. Caleb, you have a better way of putting that. Also, retract he missed that.

**Hon. Mule:** Hon. Ndawa is very keen in this Assembly and in this Chamber; he usually sees everything that is in that report.

**Hon. Speaker:** That is good. Go ahead now.

**Hon. Mule:** Thank you. Hon. Museku, talked about us not absorbing to a 100 percent development. There were some challenges and one of the challenges was lengthy procurement procedures and again you remember it is in this Chamber that the proposed Chamber was put on hold and so we did not utilize that development budget.

Again, it is in the same vote line that we had Ward offices and there are challenges and an example is me, I have not found space to build the Ward offices so we have not utilized to a 100 percent Ward office quoted.

**Hon. Museku:** Point of order Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Point of order Hon. Museku.

**Hon. Museku:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just wanted to inform the Hon. Member that, I believe we are talking about the Financial Year 2017/2018. There were no Ward offices.

**Hon. Speaker:** It is true.

**Hon. Museku:** So, I think that will come in the next report for 2018/2019 for this one the Ward offices were not a factor but I appreciate what the Hon. Member is pointing out.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Museku. Hon. Caleb.

**Hon. Mule:** Thank you, for the correction, Hon. Museku. That is about all Madam Chair.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you.

*(Applause)*

*(Question put and agreed)*

Mr. Clerk, proceed.

#### REPORT ON OPERATIONS OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY SERVICE BOARD FOR 2018/2019

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members, under this order we have again one business by Hon. Caleb Mule, Vice-Chairperson, Machakos County Assembly Service Board. Hon. Caleb.

**Hon. Mule:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker, that aware that the County Assembly Service Board is established under Section 12 of the County Governments Act, 2012 as read together with Section 8 of the County Assemblies Services Act;

Aware that the Board consists of:

- a. The Speaker of the County Assembly as the Chairperson;
- b. Two members of the County Assembly nominated by the political parties represented in the County Assembly according to their proportion of members in the County Assembly; and
- c. One man and one woman appointed by the County Assembly from amongst persons who are experienced in Public Affairs, but are not members of the County Assembly;

Acknowledging that Section 36(1) of the County Assembly Services Act, 2017 provides that within three months after the end of each financial year, the Board

shall prepare and lay before the County Assembly, a report of its operations during that year;

Further aware that Section 36(2) of the Act stipulates that, the annual report shall in respect of the year to which it relates, contain:

- a. The Activities the Board has undertaken;
- b. An evaluation on the extent to which the values and principles referred to in Articles 10 and 232 of the Constitution are complied with in the public service;
- c. Information relating to performance of the service and attendant challenges; and
- d. Any other information that the Board may consider relevant.

Hon. Speaker, I wish to move the motion that this House discusses and approves the County Assembly Service Board operations report for the year 2018/2019.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Caleb. Who is seconding your Motion?

**Hon. Mule:** I call upon Hon. Mutiso to second my Motion.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you. Hon. Mutiso.

**Hon. P.J Mutiso:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I second the Motion.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. P.J Mutiso. Hon. Caleb Mule.

**Hon. Mule:** Again, Madam Speaker, I read the summary of the annual report of 2018/2019---

**Hon. Speaker:** Sorry *Mheshimiwa* Caleb. Just remain where you are. Just to remind Members the report had also been shared out and like we have been doing with the reports which are shared out in good time, Hon. Caleb will give some highlights and then we shall debate on the report. Thank you. Proceed, Hon. Caleb.

**Hon. Mule:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. The report is prepared in accordance with the Section 36 of the County Assembly Services Act 2017 which requires the County Assembly Service Board to prepare and submit report on its operations and activities to the County Assembly at the end of the financial year. The Report outlines the performance of the Board on its mandate from 1st July, 2018 to 30th June, 2019.

During the financial year 2018/19, the County Assembly was allocated a total of Ksh. 1,230,776,339 from the exchequer which comprised of recurrent budget of Ksh. 851,776,339 and Development budget of Ksh. 294,000,000, other recurrent transfers (loans) budget estimates of Ksh. 85,000,000.

The recurrent budget estimates covered Personnel Emoluments of Ksh. 354,795,858 and Operations and Maintenance of Ksh. 496,980,481. During this period, absorption rate of 98 per cent of the recurrent budget while under the development budget only Ksh. 24,327,540 was received from the County Treasury translating to an absorption level of 8.2 per cent.

Under other recurrent transfers, Ksh. 85,000,000 was released to the Assembly translating to absorption level of 100 per cent. Overall, the Assembly total budget estimates were Ksh. 1,230,776,339 and Ksh. 941,103,579 was released resulting to absorption level of 76 per cent.

A conducive work environment and employees welfare programs are prerequisite for enhanced organizational and individual performance and productivity. The County Assembly has put in place the provision of adequate office space through the construction of the new office block, provision of both medical and general insurance, ensuring the engagement of the Assembly in the CASA games, provision of the cafeteria services and ensuring all staff proceed for their annual leave and are paid their leave allowance.

In line with reporting on the extent to which the values and principles of public service have been adhered to, the CASB developed 10 thematic areas to enable adequate reporting. Interventions towards ensuring higher levels of compliance with the values and principles of public service include promoting high standards of professionalism, ensuring efficiency and effectiveness in service delivery and extending good governance practices among other initiatives.

In the discharge of its mandate, the Board faced a number of challenges key among them being delays in exchequer releases, inadequate funding occasioned by the County Executive not honouring cash flow releases, shortage of staff, lack of a staff scheme of service as no approval of the proposed schemes of service have been granted by the SRC among others.

To enhance productivity in the County Assembly Service, the Board will pay attention to the following key interventions so as to improve on its mandate:

- a. Review the organogram of the County Assembly to ensure it is aligned---

**Hon. Kisila:** Point of order Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Point of order Hon. Kisila. Do you want to interrupt reading of a report?

**Hon. Kisila:** Please, Madam Speaker, because I am actually seated outside with the other Members but we are lost. We are lost because we do not even know where Hon. Caleb is reading from and we just received a 70 page report a few minutes ago. I think we will be doing injustice to ourselves if we are going to be accepting documents and also accepting Members to be presenting where we cannot actually follow and we have been raising point of orders when we are outside and no one is actually---

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Kisila!

**Hon. Kisila:** Yes.

**Hon. Speaker:** I sent a note to the Serjeant-at-Arms, what is his name? Mr. Munyao? Yes. I sent a note to him for Members in the extended sitting if any of them has a comment and the paper is here and he wrote none like I have been doing and Hon. Kisila, if you remember, all the reports since morning were supplied yesterday, distributed to Membership. Mr. Dominic, can you confirm? When were they distributed?

**Hon. Ndambuki:** Last evening.

**Hon. Speaker:** Last evening? When were they distributed?

**Hon. Ndawa:** Point of information, Madam Speaker.

*(The Speaker consulted with the Clerk at the Table)*

**Hon. Speaker:** No! Just a moment; in what manner? They were uploaded on the Assembly website and in addition to the copies that are given but if you want to take time to read we can adjourn the motion, we can come back and debate. It is your report Hon. Members but note that we have been operating in the manner of this debating since morning because reports have been supplied in advance but as I said again we want to be open as an open book and this is the report of your board.

So, if you want to adjourn we will fix another day when we can come and debate so that you can go and read the report, Hon. Members. It is yours, make a decision. We had proposed the question and so the report is the property of the House. So, Members who feel that we need to take another day, can we agree that you go and interrogate the report. Is that correct?

**Hon. Members:** Yes.

**Hon. Speaker:** Let me see the Members in the extended chamber.

**Hon. Ndawa:** Point of information, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Yes.

**Hon. Ndawa:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to bring to your attention that the report you are getting from the Clerk Assistants is not true because since morning I have been requesting for this report even including lunch hour. I stood with *Mweshimiwa* Mrefu and I pleaded with him to give him his copy so that I can make copies and he refused to give me.

*(Loud consultations)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members, no I get the concerns; it is not an argument, Hon. Members.

**Hon. Kisila:** I want to ask something.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Kisila, hold your peace please because it is not a debate. If Members want to have time to read let them have it because the instructions that came from the board is that, this report is shared out. Do you remember when the notice of motion was given, was it on Monday? On the 29th of June, 2020, a notice of motion was given, the Paper was laid and so today we agreed it will be a debate.

So if Members you want us to give time, let us give time and for that, because the motion is already a property of the House, we are going to adjourn the debate on this report and so Hon. Members because we still want to discuss the way forward on how we are going to operate the business of the House, we shall ballot the report for debate on a suitable time when you feel you are ready to debate it. The request is that we debate it on another day.

**Hon. Ndawa:** Madam Speaker, I am requesting that you order the Clerk at the Table to provide hard copies.

**Hon. Speaker:** They have heard. The Clerk at the Table will provide the copies so that if you do not have or if you have not been able to access the website but I can see a number of you also have hard copies. They will provide them so that then you will be able to debate from an informed point of view. So, do we have any other motion, any other business?

### ADJOURNMENT

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members, at this point the sitting is adjourned and the adjournment Hon. Members is indefinite but it does not mean that it is going to be long. I will consult with the House Leadership so that we can set another day when we can come and carry on with this business among the other urgent businesses that will come up. So, Hon. Members have a good evening.

The House rose at 4.20 p.m.

