

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
MACHAKOS COUNTY ASSEMBLY

OFFICIAL REPORT

Wednesday, 11th April, 2018

The House met at 10.13 a.m.

[The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Museku) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Mr. Clerk, proceed.

PAPER LAID

COUNTY BUDGET REVIEW AND OUTLOOK PAPER 2017-18

Hon. Ndambuki: Mr. Speaker, I beg to lay the following paper on the table of the Assembly today, Wednesday, 11th April, 2018; the Report on Machakos County Budget Review and outlook paper for the Fiscal Year 2016/2017.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you Hon. Ndambuki. Proceed.

NOTICE OF MOTION

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I wish to request Hon. Angela Munyasya to second the Motion. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Angela.

Hon. (Ms.) Munyasya: Mr. Speaker, I wish to second the Motion that the House discusses and approves the committee's report on the Machakos County Budget Review and Outlook Paper for the Fiscal Year 2016/2017. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Angela. Hon. Ndambuki you may proceed and read the report.

Hon. Ndambuki: Mr. Speaker, the County Budget Review and Outlook Paper (CBROP) is prepared in accordance with the provisions of Section 118 of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 that states that the County Treasury shall prepare a County Budget Review and Outlook Paper in respect of the County for each financial year and arrange the paper to be laid before the County Assembly.

The County Budget Review and Outlook Paper was received on 11th December, 2017 at the County Assembly and was committed to the Budget and Appropriation committee on February 2018 immediately after the long recess.

Mr. Speaker, the following are the members of the committee as constituted by this Honorable Assembly;

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| 1. Hon. Dominic Ndambuki | Chairman |
| 2. Hon. Thomas Mutinda | Vice Chair person |
| 3. Hon. Margaret Mwikali | Member |

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| 4. Hon. Paul Museku | Member |
| 5. Hon. Daniel Mbevi | ” |
| 6. Hon. Ikusya Kaloki | ” |
| 7. Hon. Jacqueline Nziva | ” |
| 8. Hon. Moffat Maitha | ” |
| 9. Hon. Angela Munyasya | ” |

Mr. Speaker, Standing Order 186 states that, ‘there shall be a select committee to be known as the County Budget and Appropriations Committee.

The mandate of the committee shall be to:

- a) Investigate, inquire into and report all matters related to coordination, control and monitoring of the County budget.
- b) Discuss and review the estimates and make recommendations to the Assembly.
- c) Examine the County Budget Policy Statement presented to the Assembly.
- d) Examine Bills related to the County budget, including Appropriations Bills; and
- e) Evaluate tax estimates, economic and budgetary policies and programmes with direct budget outlays.

Mr. Speaker, the County Governments expenditure for FY 2016/2017 was financed from two main revenue sources, the National government allocation and the County own revenue.

Mr. Speaker, the National Government allocation includes; the Equitable share, Conditional grant and Donor funding. The targeted National Government allocation amounted to Ksh. 8.01 billion which translated to 74 per cent of the total County revenue. During the period under review the actual revenue from the aforementioned sources amounted to Ksh. 9.67 billion against the target of Ksh. 10.8 billion translating to performance rate of 89 per cent.

Mr. Speaker, the revenue received during the period was translated as follows:-

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| 1. Exchequer releases | 7,303,464,454 |
| 2. National Government Level 5 Hospital Funding | 365,317,919 |
| 3. Returned CRF Issues | 339,317,919 |
| 4. Doctors, Nurses , Clinical Officers, and other Officers allowances | 156,588,000 |
| 5. Kenya Roads Board Fuel Levy Fund | 112,217,668 |
| 6. Free Maternity Programme | 88,707,500 |
| 7. Health Users Fees Forgone | 24,764,876 |
| 8. DANIDA | 13,350,000 |
| 9. Coffee Cess Allocation | 6,636,751 |
| Total | 8,410,365,087 |

The National Government’s equitable share of Kshs. 8.41 billion translated to 87 per cent of the County revenue received during the period.

Mr. Speaker, the County Government of Machakos received Kshs.1.26 from its own revenue collections, which translated to 13 per cent of the total revenue received. The County government had targeted to collect Ksh. 2.8 billion on own revenue. The County managed to collect Ksh. 1.26 billion translating to 44 per cent of the targeted County own revenue.

Mr. Speaker, the months of January and March recorded the highest revenue collection. This was because most business permits are renewed in January and compliance is checked in March each year.

Mr. Speaker, the County own revenue collection per month is tabulated on month to month basis as follows:-

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| 1. July 2016 | 102,452,769.00 |
| 2. August 2016 | 105,410,250.00 |
| 3. September 2016 | 96,946,515.00 |
| 4. October 2016 | 77,053,318.00 |
| 5. November 2016 | 83,696,363.00 |
| 6. December 2016 | 65,003,365.00 |
| 7. January 2017 | 129,812,435.00 |
| 8. February 2017 | 109,002,471.00 |
| 9. March 2017 | 193,805,287.00 |
| 10. April 2017 | 116,026,793.00 |
| 11. May 2017 | 114,646,600.00 |
| 12. June 2017 | 68,778,585.00 |
| TOTAL | 1, 262,634,850.00 |

Mr. Speaker, the County government plans to institute measures to expand its revenue base through assessment of the existing revenue streams potential, identification of new revenue sources and elimination of revenue leakages.

The County Government intends to mitigate cases of deficits in the future by instituting strategies to counter challenges that hinder revenue collection. The interventions include:

1. Establishing a resource mobilization unit.
2. Exploiting dormant revenue streams.
3. Development of Public Private Partnership (PPP) framework to enhance collaboration with the National Government and other non-state actors.
4. Continuous mapping of all available revenue streams.
5. Disposal of non- serviceable assets as per the Public Procurement and Disposal Act, 2015.
6. Incorporating hospital fees and charges in the County Finance Act in the line with the Hospital Fund Management Act.

Mr. Speaker, the following are the measures that the County government will institute to eliminate leakages and non-disclosure of revenue;

1. Strengthen the implementation of cashless revenue collection.
2. Set monthly revenue targets and subsequent monitoring.
3. Continuous redeployment, rotation and capacity building of revenue collection staff.
4. Sensitize Machakos County citizens on the benefits of paying County rents, rates, fees and installation of CCTV cameras in selected revenue collection points.
5. Enact and enforce revenue related Acts like the Sand Harvesting act, Liquor Act, Finance act and others.

Mr. Speaker, the County Treasury has already set up fully operational one stop shop in Mavoko Sub County to enhance the access and delivery of the County Government Services and increase revenue collection from the existing revenue streams.

Mr. Speaker, the total approved budget for 2016/2017 was Ksh. 10.8 billion out of which Ksh. 7.3 billion was budgeted for recurrent expenditures and Ksh. 3.5 billion was budgeted for development expenditure. This translated to 67.5 per cent and 32.5 per cent of the total budget respectively.

Mr. Speaker, the targeted total revenue was Kshs.10.876 billion but was later revised to Kshs.10.833 billion while the actual performance was Kshs. 9.674 translating to 89 per cent execution rate. The County recurrent expenditure for the FY 2016/17 amounted to Kshs. 7.3 billion against a target of Kshs. 7.37 billion which represents 99 per cent execution rate. The Development expenditure for the same period amounted to Kshs. 2.1 billion against a target of Ksh. 3.5 billion, translating to 61 per cent of the appropriated development expenditure. A total of Ksh. 207.06 million was carried forward to the current 2017/18.

By comparing the National Government Allocation and County Own Revenue collection for the FY 2016/2017 against the actual targets, there was a shortfall in budget financing amounting to Ksh. 1.2 billion.

Mr. Speaker, to effectively implement 2016/2017 budget, departments developed Programme Based Budgets (PBB) and resources were allocated to enhance delivery of their mandates. The following are departmental budget allocation, expenditure and absorption rate for the same period.

Mr. Speaker, Public Service, Labour and ICT had the highest expenditure in the FY 2016/2017, because all County executive staff salaries were paid from the budget line (except those under County Assembly)

The Departments of Public Service, Labour and ICT, Health and Emergency Services, Decentralized Units and County Administration incurred the highest recurrent expenditure as at 30th June, 2017. They amounted to 57 per cent, 11per cent and 7per cent of the total recurrent expenditure respectively. This was mainly due to staff compensation, purchase of drugs and other medical supplies and the coordination of day to day operations in the County.

Mr. Speaker, the Department of Transport and Public Works, Decentralized Units and County Administration and Health and Emergency Services accounted for the largest share of the total development expenditure at 38 per cent, 28 per cent and 14 per cent respectively. The Ministry of Transport and public Works had the highest development expenditure as a result of the construction of two major roads in the County, the Masinga, Kivandini Road and Kakuyuni Road.

Mr. Speaker, the fiscal performance in the FY 2016/2017 has affected the financial objectives set out in the February 2017 County Fiscal Strategy Paper (CFSP) and the budget for FY 2016/2018 in the following ways: the underperformance of the County revenue in the FY 2015/16 and FY 2016/17 had implications on the resource envelop for the FY 2017/18. The base for revenue and expenditure projections had to be changed implying the need for adjusting the fiscal aggregates for the current financial year 2017/18 and the medium term.

Mr. Speaker, the County Government has, in line with the constitution and PFM Act, 2012 adhered to the fiscal responsibilities stated as follows:-

1. The County Government's recurrent expenditure shall not exceed the County Government's total revenue.
2. Over medium term, a minimum of 30 per cent of the County Government's budget shall be allocated to the development expenditure.
3. The County expenditure on wages and benefits for its public officers shall not exceed 35per cent of the County Government total revenue as prescribed by the County executive member for finance in regulations and approved by the County Assembly.
4. Over medium term, the County Government borrowings shall be used only for the purpose of financing development expenditure and not for recurrent expenditure.
5. Fiscal risks shall be managed prudently.

6. A reasonable degree of predictability with respect to the level of tax rates and tax bases shall be maintained, taking into account any tax reforms that may be made in future.

Mr. Speaker; the global economy is estimated to have expanded by 2.9 per cent in 2016 compared to a growth of 3.1 per cent in 2015. Advanced economies grew by 2.1 per cent in 2016. US recorded 1.5 per cent in 2016 while 2.6 per cent in 2015, this is due to weak exports, subdued investments and uncertainty surrounding 2016 election. China decelerated on account of slowed investment as the economy rebalanced towards services and consumption.

In Japan, the growth was boosted by private consumer spending, signaling improved consumer purchasing power after two years of contraction. The Global inflation was estimated at 2.9 per cent compared to 2.8 per cent recorded in 2015. Sub-Saharan Africans real gross domestic product is estimated to have grown by 1.5 per cent in 2016 compared to 3.8 per cent growth registered in 2015. Growth of the global trade slowed in 2016 to 1.9 per cent from 2.6 per cent growth in 2015. Global unemployment rate was estimated at 5.7 per cent in 2016 compared to 5.8 per cent in 2015.

National Economy

Mr. Speaker,

1. The Kenya GDP is estimated to have expanded by 5.8 per cent in 2016 compared to a revised growth of 5.7 per cent in 2015.
2. Accommodation and food services recorded improved growth of 13.3 per cent in the year under review compared to a contraction of 1.3 per cent in 2015.
3. Growth in construction, mining and quarrying; and financial and insurance activities decelerated in 2016.
4. Annual average inflation eased to 6.3 per cent in 2016 compared to an average of 6.6 per cent in 2015. This was due to decline in prices of transportation; housing and utilities; and communication.
5. The shilling strengthened against the pound sterling, South African Rand, Ugandan shilling, Tanzanian shilling and the Rwandan Franc but weakened against the US dollar, Euro, and the Yen in 2016. The capping of interest rates to a minimum of 4.0 per cent above the Central Bank Rate resulted in a significant decline in the interest rates during the month of September to 13.84 per cent compared to 16.75 per cent in a similar month in 2015.
6. Domestic credit slowed from growth of 20.8 per cent in 2015 to 6.4 in 2016 mainly on account of a decline in credit to the private sector.
7. The current account deficit narrowed to Kshs. 370.8 billion in 2016 from a deficit of Ksh. 42.1 billion in 2015. The fiscal deficit in 2016/17 as a percentage of GDP is expected to rise to 9.9 per cent compared to 8.6 per cent in 2015/2016.

Mr. Speaker, the performance of the County economy depends highly on the National Economic performance. The following are the policies and measures established by the County government in order to consolidate development gains that have been achieved so far;

1. Improved access to clean water in the County.
2. Improved health facilities.
3. Improvement of road networks.
4. Boost of the agricultural sector.

5. Improvement of tourism sector

Mr. Speaker, the risks to economic outlook include;

1. Extend of the electioneering period.
2. Low economic growth in Kenya will subsequently translate to low growth in Counties.
3. The weak global economy coupled with fluctuating international agricultural commodity prices which will negatively impact exports hence economic growth.
4. Public expenditure pressures which pose fiscal risks to the attainment of development goals.
5. Erratic weather patterns that affect agriculture productivity given the reliance on rain fed agriculture.
6. Low revenue inflow has a negative impact on the economic activities at the County resulting to slow economic growth.

Mr. Speaker, the medium term budget frame work for the FY 2017/18 and 2019/20 ensures continuity in resource allocation based on prioritized programs. The allocation in the medium term will be based on;

1. PFM Act, 2012 principles
2. Ongoing projects
3. Programs prioritized in the second County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP)
4. Cost effectiveness and sustainability of the programme.
5. Budget ceilings allocated by the Commission of Revenue Allocation.
6. Equitable share of revenue allocation from the National Government.
7. Degree to which the programme address the strategic objectives of the County.
8. Degree to which the programme is addressing the core function and responsibilities of the department
9. Third Medium Term Plan for Vision 2030

Mr. Speaker, the resource allocation framework therefore, continues to be aligned to the development programs that target the following areas;

1. Improvement of infrastructure.
2. Access to clean water and basic levels of sanitation.
3. Access to quality health care services.
4. Sustainable environment conservation.

Mr. Speaker, the following programmes will be implemented in FY 2017/18;

1. Purchase of tree seedlings and tree planting activities.
2. Purchase of solid waste management equipment.
3. Establishment of tree nurseries to distribute seedlings to farmers at subsidized prices

Mr. Speaker, creating conducive business environment means reducing the cost of doing business and improving security in Machakos County which is essential towards encouraging investments, enhancing economic growth and promoting employment creation.

Mr. Speaker, the County will invest in:-

- a) Promotion of fair trade practices.
- b) Formulation and implementation of sound economic policies.

- c) Conducting feasibility studies to determine viability of new industries.
- d) Promotion of private sector through entrepreneurship development.
- e) Promotion of the informal sector through the construction of Jua Kali sheds.
- f) Periodic monitoring & evaluation of projects and programs.

Mr. Speaker, the County shall also ensure food security to be self-sufficient in food supplies within the County. In improving the education sector, the County government will implement programs to:-

- a) Promote access to quality education for children and youth, inclusive of life skill development.
- b) Construction and refurbishment of youth centers.
- c) Purchase of ECDE educational aids and related material.
- d) Support technical and vocational education and training and apprenticeship with a specific emphasis on youth and women.

Mr. Speaker, in the FY 2017/18 the County Assembly approved a budget amounting to Kshs. 9.9 billion out of which Kshs. 7 billion was for recurrent and Kshs. 2.9 for development expenditures respectively.

Mr. Speaker, the FY 2017/18 budget estimates targeted a total of Kshs. 9.9 billion revenue out of which Kshs. 1.7 billion will be realized from the County own local revenue collection and Kshs. 8.2 billion from National Government. The performance of the County government will be underpinned by the measures that have been put in place to enhance revenue collection and the Finance Act of 2017 when enacted.

Mr. Speaker, the budget for FY 2017/18 was prepared under a very tight fiscal framework and therefore adjustments will be met through internal re-allocations. Only unforeseen, unexpected and emergence expenditures may be forwarded for consideration by County Treasury and their additional budgetary requests to be done within the overall fiscal framework which may entail rationalizing the budgets to realize savings

There are some inherent risks that may affect the implementation of FY 2017/18 budget framework. These include; under performance of local revenue, election period drawbacks, delayed exchequer releases and huge wage bill. The County will put strategies in place to address the risks facing the implementation of FY 2017/18 budget as mentioned.

Mr. Speaker, in conclusion; the fiscal outlook presented will seek to achieve the objectives outlined in the PFMA, 2012. Fiscal discipline will be important in ensuring proper management of funds and delivery of expected output. Effective and efficient utilization of funds by various departments will be crucial in ensuring the County delivers its functions.

The County government of Machakos also appreciates that increased revenue collections will translate to better delivery of public services; enhancing collection of County's own revenue will therefore be prioritized over the medium term.

Mr. Speaker,

1. The committee recommends that the Budget estimates for each department should be independent in all aspects. In particular every department should take into account the wage bill of their employees. The consolidated wage to the department of Public service ICT and Labor should be discontinued henceforth. The wages and salaries should be under the particular department vote. Executive Committee members should be accountable for their own budgets and expenditure.

2. Expenditure on Water and Irrigation should be defined independently in the Budget review and outlook paper. Water and irrigation has not been reflected in the CBROP and was independent in the budget.
3. Development Budget should be clearly stated and implemented as per the public finance management act that provides for a minimum of 30per cent of the County revenue to be set aside for the development and should as well be spend on the same.
4. Local revenue projected should be based on previous year's performance, realistic and should be achievable. Revenue sources should be explored and not abandoned. The growing County suppliers and contractors pending bills have been caused by overestimated local revenue and abandoning of revenue sources.
5. The County local revenue should be proposed to actual to support in planning and budgeting and avoid committing funds, that may never be realized, to County projects leading to accumulation of unpaid /pending bills to contractors and suppliers.
6. A list of all ongoing and stalled projects showing various categories should be part of the report in future.
7. The strategic objectives should be aligned to regional distributions and should take into account the priorities, that is, Water, infrastructure, health, food security, sustainable environmental conservation and energy.
8. A public participation should be undertaken on tree planting exercise to educate the public on the need to increase the forest cover of the County.
9. Resource allocation framework should include disaster management which was not cited in the report and should ensure equal distribution per sub-County.
10. The executive should stick to allowed reallocation within departments' vote of up to 10 per cent with the approval of the County Assembly and as per the Public Finance Management Act regulations.

Mr. Speaker, the Budget and Appropriation committee is grateful to the Office of the Speaker and that of the Clerk of the County Assembly for facilitating the committee to undertake its mandate. I wish to express my appreciation to the Hon. Members of the Committee who sacrificed their time to participate in the meetings and in preparation of this report.

Mr. Speaker, it is therefore my privilege, on behalf of the Budget and Appropriation Committee to table to the Assembly the County Budget Review and Outlook Paper in this for consideration and adoption. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Dominic Ndambuki I now propose the question.

(Question proposed)

Members you may debate on this.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Point of order?

Hon. Mulatya: Mr. Speaker, as I fully support this document, I feel that we cannot go through this document immediately and debate on it so pursuant to Standing Order 28, I wish if we could adjourn the House just like for one or two hours just to go through the document so that at least if there is any amendment, we can do so because this is a very important document, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, I hear the sentiments of the Hon. Member. The report before us is a fiscal outlook report of the financial year 2016/2017 and the items which have been highlighted there are items of the financial year 2016/2017, so if the Hon. House feels that you need time to go through the report again so that you can be able to participate effectively in contributing to it or we go ahead and debate on the report considering it is a past report, I would like to propose that question so that we can be able to come out with one decision for the House.

(Question proposed)

Members you may comment on this. Hon. Kamitu.

Hon. Kamitu: Mr. Speaker, sir, as the Majority Whip has said, this is a very important document and in any case, we should be given time to go through so that at least all Members may come up during the debate and give out their recommendations or their observations in regard to what is contained in the report.

But again, I would also request our secretariat, that is our clerks from the Assembly, because the original report came from the Executive and that was in December, my request is that when such reports are brought, they should be put in our pigeonholes; anything coming from the Executive should be given to members because we have got our pigeonholes, because as you compare this report, it is a very good report but the initial report was brought to this Assembly on 11th December last year.

So in that line, I have no objection but the secretariat should be able to be producing anything that is of importance to the Assembly; anything concerning Machakos County in regard to budgeting because budgeting is a very important process that should be taken seriously. Otherwise I have got no objection; we may go ahead and be given time to go and read. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Kalumu.

Hon Kalumu: Mr. Speaker, I would like to support the whip to be given at least one hour for us to interrogate this document so that we may have a good reflection of what happened last budget because without prior information of what happened last year, we don't know about the weaknesses and strength of this document and within the time when we are seated here, we cannot interrogate this document and give good suggestions. So I wish if Mr. Speaker we can be given that time.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon Winnie

Hon. (Ms.) Mutua: Mr. Speaker, Sir, the document is the heartbeat of Machakos County. One hour is not enough to countercheck the document. As you are aware, there are slow learners; there are fast learners, so we need time to study the document so that we can come up with concrete answers as we contribute to the motion. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Cosmus.

Hon. Masesi: Mr. Speaker, I want to support the request from our whip, although my concern is one hour is not enough although it is a past document. We need to equip ourselves well with all the information inside this document. So Mr. Speaker, my prayer is that we look at a convenient time and most likely next week, a full session, that is morning session if we agree, then we come if we have thoroughly analyzed and checked on this document. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon Kisila.

Hon. Kisila: Mr. Speaker, I think this is a very important document and we need time to go through it. One hour is not enough and at the same time, my iPad is fully on. The County Assembly spent a lot of money on iPads to Hon. Members. It is high time we start getting these documents sent upfront into our iPads so that we can start using them and also digesting them. It is also becoming a habit that such important documents are being brought by Serjeant-at-Arms when we are seated here. That is the height of unprofessionalism.

Any document which is being coming to this House should be in our pigeon (holes) a day before the business. Let us just make it a habit otherwise we are going to make it a norm in this House whereby documents are being sneaked in. Even now two minutes ago, I'm being sneaked to this document to discuss it here; the one which came from His Excellency Francis Maliti. This is not fair.

So from now henceforth Mr. Speaker with your permission, any document being discussed in this House should at least be with the members 24 hours before the session. This is a serious House; if people are used to a House where you just bring a document for the sake of it, this is a different House. This is a serious House. Mr. Speaker, I suggest this item be pushed to next week's business.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you Hon. Members, I have heard your sentiments from both side and the reason why I allowed the sentiments is because I wanted to get to understand the position of members in as far as this is concerned and I agree with the members that such a weighty document cannot be given to the members when they are already seated in the House and they are expected---

Hon. Mulatya: Point of information, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: When the Speaker is speaking you cannot rise on a point of information.

Hon Mulatya: I withdraw, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: So it is my ruling that this report be the first business to be discussed next week on Tuesday the 17th of April so as to allow members adequate time to go through the report and be able to internalize the key issues raised in this report so that as they review the budgets, both the supplementary and the also the main budget for this year, they are guided by this County Budget Review. It is a very important document and as you have seen, it gives you economic outlooks and all those other factors which we need to put into consideration while in the budget process.

At the same time, it has come out clear and I hope the secretariat to the Clerk has noted this, it is not acceptable for members to get such important and big documents on the day of debate and I direct that any document which is going to be brought before the Members in the Assembly should be in the pigeon holes at least two days before the discussion.

(Applause)

I am saying two days because of one thing, when we are balloting business, we ballot business for the coming week and therefore even the committees through the committee meetings, we do have enough time to be able, through the clerks of the committees, to know which business is coming for balloting, which business is being put to the House and therefore we need to have adequate preparation to prepare Members well so that they can be able to positively participate; positively participate and contribute effectively. These are figures and issues to do with figures are not a story. It is something which needs to be looked upon.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Deputy Speaker: This House stands adjourned to Wednesday the 11th day of April 2018 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 11.10 a.m.