

MACHAKOS COUNTY ASSEMBLY**OFFICIAL REPORT****Thursday, 23rd October, 2014**

The House met at 2.39 p.m.

*[The Speaker (Mr. Mung'ata) in the Chair]***PRAYERS****NOTICE OF MOTION****EMPOWERMENT OF YOUTH, WOMEN AND PERSONS LIVING WITH DISABILITIES**

Hon. R. Mutuku: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I wish to give notice of the motion that this hon. house discuss and approve preparation of a regulation to administer the funds set aside for the budget 2014/2015 to empower ,youth ,women and persons living with disability to venture into micro- scale enterprises. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

STATEMENTS**STATUS REPORT ON BIOMETRIC REGISTRATION**

Hon. Muthuka: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir, and the house at large. Mr. Speaker, Sir, I wish to seek statements on the status report on the recent tough biometric registration in Machakos County.

I particularly wish to know how many members of staff were registered and how many were not registered and the reasons behind them not being registered.

Secondly, Mr. Speaker, Sir, I wish to also seek statement on the status on the payment of casual staff within Machakos county. I would like to know how many casual staff have been paid their arrears up to September and how many have not been paid and why.

How many have been appointed on permanent basis and how many have not yet been employed permanently and why, or else how many have received their letters of appointment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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Hon. Speaker: The Leader of Majority, do you have the answers right away or do you need time to provide the answers?

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I don't want to respond or to issue any statement today but given time, I will do it next week Thursday in the afternoon. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. I think you are already out of order; you have already made your statement. On matters of statements you don't open debate, But Okay, let me hear you.

Hon. Muthuka: Ok. It is just like a clarification. I have been seeking statements in this house since last session.

Hon. Speaker: I have notice of that. That attention has been drawn on several issues that had not been answered and I had issued directions that summons is due. So I am aware of that.

Hon. Muthuka: Thank you Mr. Speaker.

MOTIONS

EMPOWERMENT OF YOUTH, WOMEN AND PERSONS LIVING WITH DISABILITIES

Hon. R. Mutuku: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. After consultations with my committee, I wish to withdraw the motion and refer it back to the committee to come up with regulations that I was intending to push through the motion to be prepared by the relevant person who is in charge of the administration of those funds.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, if you allow I withdraw it, then my committee will sit and come up with legislation, forward them to the relevant CEC member then after approval, we will table them before this house for approval. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: The permission to withdraw is granted but hon. member, you cannot withdraw and refer. Once you withdraw, there is nothing to refer to the committee but do the appropriate thing. So hon. members, that is the end of today's business, there is no other business pending. Ok, let us hear---

Hon. Muthuka: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I wish, maybe, you can clarify on the issue of statements. Who should give responses to our statements, because since we started the assembly as the directions you have given, sometimes we are in the dark. Who should respond? Because every time we give statements, they are never forthcoming. What comes out is the excuse that, if given time, in one or two weeks, you will get a response. And we know the statement day is on Thursday. So supposing we do not hold any sitting on Thursday, when can we get these statements and what kind of statements should we get? Is it the verbal or a written response of the statement? Thank you.

Hon. Kitheka: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was on the same issue, but I think and assume very much, the issues of statements which are being handled, they are supposed to be answered by the CEC member in that particular committee, as we passed in our Standing Orders.

So if there is any change for the Majority Leader or Minority Leader to be answering the statements, I think we have made a change. So, Mr. Speaker, you can clarify once and for all, who should respond to statements in this House.

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I think my fellow colleagues are asking questions which they have answers. There are questions which are directly referred. The people who are seeking statements sometimes, they straight away seek them from the relevant chairpersons. For example, Mr. Speaker, if it is an issue of road and transport, that goes straight to the chair of public works and transport.

But Mr. Speaker, when we come to issues touching on the government, the Majority Leader has that mandate to respond or issue statements.

Mr. Speaker, we are under new constitution dispensation. This is not the time when we used to have ministers in the assembly and they used to answer questions straight. Now we have the Leader of Majority who can answer these questions on behalf of the government and if they are directed to a particular department, we have chairpersons of those relevant committees who can issue statements, Mr. Speaker.

The two statements which have been sought by the MCA for Ndalani, Mr. Speaker, I think one should go to the chairman of the labor committee because that is concerning labor but the other one, Mr. Speaker, as the Leader of Majority and the representative of the government in the house, I am in the right position to respond and I have already said I will do it next week, Thursday. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: But you need to clarify that you need to file a written response with the office of the Speaker.

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Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Mr. Speaker, I think this will not be my first time to issue a statement. Sometimes back, I had issued a statement and I had given the hon. members who had sought that statement a written statement 24 hours before I issued my statement. So Mr. Speaker, I know the procedure unless they are not serious when we go out there for induction and workshops. I know I have to issue to the member who has sought a statement with a written statement 24 hours before I issue my statement on the floor of the house. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. I think the answers will be found beforehand and supplied to enable you interrogate. On the matter of the questions that had been asked earlier, I am taking it up and summons will be drawn. Remember we still have powers to compel attendance and if there is nothing forthcoming, then we will give unspecified penalties. Any other matter?

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker: I think we will adjourn and have a lovely weekend.

The House rose at 2.51 p.m.