

MACHAKOS COUNTY ASSEMBLY**OFFICIAL REPORT****Thursday, 9th April, 2015**

The House met at 2. 43 p.m.

*[The Speaker (Mr. Mung'ata) in the Chair]***PRAYERS****Hon. Speaker:** Good afternoon Hon. members. Let us proceed, Clerk**COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR
HONORABLE MEMBERS FROM WEST POKOT****Hon. Speaker:** Hon. members, we have a team of honorable members from West Pokot who have been invited and are with us in this Assembly and we all welcome them. Thank you. Proceed**STATEMENTS
REPORT OF DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS FOR 2014/15****Hon. Alphonse Wambua:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, statements sought by Hon. Dominic Maitha, MCA for Muthwani ward. Mr. Speaker, Sir, on Thursday 12th February, 2015, the Hon. Maitha sought a statement on implementation report of development projects for 2014/15.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the above statement was received in the office of the Clerk to the county Assembly on Wednesday, 8th April, 2015 and since the document is voluminous a secretariat has been constituted to scrutinize and analyze the document.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, this is therefore to request that you allow this statement to be responded to on Thursday, 26th April, 2015. Thank you

Hon. Speaker: Thank you and perhaps as I permit you to do that, I will request that, that statement and the document be given to hon. Dominic Maitha. Hon. Dominic, I was only making directions that the answer be supplied to you as we allow him to deliberate on the issues raised. I had a meeting with the Hon. Member in the morning and we discussed the matter and that the question was so broad that it covers the entire projects of the county but then he is constituting a secretariat together with his committee to come up with specific answers to your question so I urge that you hold until the 26th, Hon. Maitha.

Hon. Dominic Maitha: Much obliged, Mr. Speaker, Sir. Thank you.

BURSARY REPORT OF 2013/14

Hon. Speaker: Proceed. Hon. David Manyolo, the chairperson of education and social welfare.

Hon. David Manyolo: Mr. Speaker, Sir. On 12th February, 2015, Hon. Dominic Maitha, member of Muthwani ward sought a statement on bursary report of 2013/14. Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Executive Committee Member of Finance and Revenue Collections, Chief Officer of Education, Youth and Social Welfare appeared before the committee on 19th March, 2015 and gave undertaking to respond to the statement by 24th March, 2015. Mr. Speaker, Sir, the two officers responded as promised and here is the statement sought by Hon. Maitha.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, in the 2013/14 financial year, Hon. members allocated Ksh. 80 million for bursaries, that is each ward Ksh. 2 million. Mr. Speaker, Sir, the CEC Finance explained that the Ksh. 250,000 issued before July 2013 was recovered from the budget amount leaving a balance of Ksh. 1.570 to be issued in the 2013/14 financial year.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, each Hon. member was entitled to give bursaries of Ksh. 1 million to their electorates in the course of 2013/14. All wards requested bursaries less than Ksh. 1 million except three wards whose amount exceeded namely Masinga Central which it had Ksh. 1,443,550, Mulolongo/Syokimau had Ksh. 1.4 million and Mua ward which had Ksh. 1,008,500 and we were given cash Ksh. 1 million per ward.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, it was reported that in the 2013/14 financial year Ksh. 36,263,310 was released by the Department of Finance and Ksh. 2,292,950 was returned due to various reasons such as wrong account numbers and lack of account numbers for some situations. Mr. Speaker, Sir, an amount of Ksh. 3736,500 could not be released since it was not applied for and as a result

Ksh. 6,029,640 was due from the Executive due to commissions and returned payments.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the amount Ksh. 6,029,640 was available but can only be released through a supplementary budget and Hon. members were free to change beneficiaries in case those initially awarded and completed schools. Mr. Speaker, Sir, details of what each ward applied for, what was returned and schools, and those that bounced back is attached here in.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the CEC reported that bursary fund had been moved from the development expenditure to the recurrent expenditure this financial year to allow the Department of Education to run it as well as pave way for the use of cheques. As a result of these, the CEC Finance requested that the balance of Ksh. 750,000 be factored in the financial year 2015/16 since the Controller of Budget had complained that counties recurrent expenditure was very high and she could not accept any further supplementary or recurrent expenditure except for salaries of health workers which was underestimated during the budgeting process.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the CEC and the Chief Officer outlined the following as challenges the encountered as they were dispatching the bursaries;

1. Incorrect or missing students' admission numbers.
2. Most wards have not established bursary working committees.
3. Missing supporting committee minutes for most wards.
4. Delays in data forwarding from the wards.
5. It was noted that in some wards bursaries were being allocated to primary schools which is against the bursaries regulations.
6. Some beneficiaries being awarded substantial amounts like Ksh. 100,000.

In the next page, Mr. Speaker, Sir, we have the bursary analyses report for the year 2013/14 for each ward. The amount each member had applied and the balance which is pending in the department.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, in the other page, we have all wards, each ward indicating the amount which was returned and which is pending awaiting for the members to pass the supplementary budget and then they re-apply. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Yes Hon. Dominic.

Hon. Maitha: Mr. Speaker, I have listened carefully to the report that the hon. chairman for Education has given but somehow, somewhere I still remain unconvinced of certain

information that he has given to us because Mr. Speaker, Sir, if you remember very well, according to this report, last year we received a communication from the department of education saying that there was a balance of Ksh. 750,000 that we needed to apply for the bursaries. We did that in compliance of that letter that was supplied to all the Hon. Members and later that letter, as per the application, was not honored, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

We went ahead and a communication was received from the CEC department of Education telling us that we were supposed to apply for the other Ksh. 1 million which was supposed to be totaling Ksh. 1.75M Mr. Speaker, Sir.

We did the same and forwarded documents and you remember very well even the committee issuing the bursary, committees in the wards were constituted as per the letters that they gave us and we forwarded the documents. Personally, I did that. We were supposed to get a total of Ksh. 1.75 million, Mr. Speaker, Sir. But up to date, it was until about a month or two months ago when I sought to know about these bursaries and we were told that the only available amount of money was only Ksh. 1 million, Mr. Speaker.

The members went back to their wards, their offices and adjusted the figures to Ksh. 1 million. A week later, after that, we received another communication still from the same department that only half a million shillings was available and that is exactly what is being issued today and if you see the chronology of how they have been trying to say that they will issue the bursaries, it is embarrassing, Mr. Speaker, to this hon. members because we came up with a list of Ksh. 1.75 million, it was reduced to Ksh. 1 million, it has gone down again to Ksh. 500,000, Mr. Speaker. It is on record that I attended a meeting that I was invited where the CEC was available and I sought to know the position of the Ksh. 50,000 that she wrote and the answer which she gave me, which can be received from the Committee proceedings, is that I should not enquire about the Ksh. 750,000 which was for the 2013/14 financial year.

What she can tell us is to be asked about the Ksh. 1 million for the financial year 2014/15 Mr. Speaker, Sir. It is not captured here so this amounts to embarrassment to not even as us hon. members but to the parents who are supposed to be beneficiaries of this response, Mr. Speaker. I am not satisfied with this report because up to date, even the manner in which the bursaries are being issued in that office is discriminatory, Mr. Speaker, and I have evidence.

There are Hon. members who are getting bursaries to the tune of Ksh. 1 million, others getting bursaries to the tune of Ksh. 500,000 and even some hon. members are being given cheques to go and distribute themselves yet other members, cheques are being given to their committees, through the same department to go and distribute, Mr. Speaker Sir. This amounts to

embarrassment. It amounts even to making those members who are directly elected by the people vulnerable to sound as if they have no administrative capacity, Mr. Speaker, to give the bursaries

So to me the report before me, Mr. Speaker, apart from the updates of how much was received and returned, Mr. Speaker, does not amount to what I had required Mr. Speaker. I needed, apart from this financial year's report amount Mr. Speaker, to know how is it executed and even the Ksh. 750,000 Mr. Speaker. If you remember very well Mr. Speaker, the supplementary budget which was given by the national Assembly for the month between March 2013 and end of June 2013, there was Ksh. 10 million which was in the Executive side for support of education and that money was given to Hon. Members, divided by 40 wards.

Ksh. 10 million was there and we were given Ksh. 250,000, Mr. Speaker. How it came to be reduced to Ksh. 2 million that we had budgeted for the year 2013/14 still remains a story to be told. All that we stand, what I want to say is this; the report that the Chairman has presented here does not give me sufficient information because right now he has not even told us about the bursaries status report for the bursaries that we allocated for the year 2013/14/15 which is two to three months almost an end, Mr. Speaker Sir. What is the position of those bursaries Mr. Speaker? How soon can he promise this assembly that the bursaries, which have not been received, are going to reach the hon. members for the beneficiaries to get those cheques as late as before the schools re-open?

That is the information that we want. To see those wards which have not been issued with bursaries, how soon can that be done? The balance, the fluctuating and changing amounts from Ksh. 1.7 million to Ksh. 500,000. How do we continue with this trend? We become dishonest and unfair to those people and those kids who are seeking for these bursaries. This is not an area that we should joke with Mr. Speaker. Bursaries are an area that we should take with a lot of precaution so I still expect the chairman to substantiate the balances that are remaining not as per what was returned but when can we get those bursaries.

I tend also to defer to also query from the chairman. The department and the CEC, the CEC and the Chief Officer are saying, according to page 2, some beneficiaries we are being awarded substantial amounts of Ksh. 100,000. That amounts to gross violations of the law. Mr. Speaker, can we given names of members o allocated Ksh. 100,000 because this means that a certain beneficiary somewhere did not manage to get this amount so that this members can be punished because the law does not allow that.

If, according to what the CEC is saying, there is a member who allocated a beneficiary Ksh. 100,000, then that person should be punished and by so doing, he will give you a document

that the Hon. member for Kajiado Central, through the CDF, kitty allocated a student about Ksh. 101,000, Mr. Speaker, as bursary fund. That person is under EACC investigations. So the same should apply here. If a member allocated a beneficiary Ksh. 100,000, then whoever even issued that cheque or that transaction sounds not to be fair to other kids who are supposed to benefit. So can the Chairman stand up and prove to us before this house, when are we expecting the bursaries in full, not in portions as he has promised. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Let us first hear the chairman but as we hear the chairman Hon. Dominic, the purpose of seeking a statement is gathering information and we now have information on the table. What I am hearing from you largely, is that you now know what you can do and you can do this quickly in the way of a motion.

Hon. Maitha: Mr. Speaker, Sir, thank you for that but the substantiation. Majority Leader, I beg you to listen, if you feel that you do not want to listen to me please---

Hon. Speaker: Kindly address the Speaker please.

Hon. Maitha: Mr. Speaker, Sir. I want to say this; I had even spoken to the Chairman the kind of information I exactly wanted. It is not about what amount of money was returned, it is the amounts of money which were allocated for the bursary fund, why they have not reached the beneficiaries as budgeted for, Mr. Speaker? Because what he is giving is a summary of what was released and what he returned. It is how much we budgeted for whether it has gone to the beneficiaries and what is happening, Mr. Speaker, Sir. Thank you

Hon. Speaker: Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. When I look at the report, I can see a schedule. I don't know whether you have seen a schedule. You have a schedule. OK. Then let us hear the Chairman, Mutole. Sorry, Hon. Manyolo.

Hon. Manyolo: Mr. Speaker, Sir, Mutole is also my name. It is the trade name. I am worried by Hon. Maitha by seeking the bursary of 2014/15 and yet he sought a statement of 2013/14. How could I compile the report while he had sought a bursary the report of 2013/14 and the report is here with me?

Mr. Speaker, Sir, it is also worrying for to say I mention those who have issued more than Ksh. 100,000 and he himself had also issued Ksh. 200,000 to one student.

(Laughter)

Hon. Maitha: Out of order.

Hon. Manyolo: I can't be out of order. Mr. Speaker, can you protect me.

Hon. Speaker: Allow the Chairman to proceed. Proceed.

Hon. Manyolo: Mr. Speaker, Sir, the issue of Ksh. 750,000 is clearly here in the report that we can't issue this money without a supplementary budget and the CEC has stated clearly that we have to put it in the next financial year of 2015/16. The issue of bursaries not being given, in the last paragraph, page one, it is clear that most of the Hon. Members have not submitted enough forms for bursaries. If you have been allocated Ksh. 1 million, you find a member issuing around Ksh. 700,000 or Ksh. 800,000, assuming that it is over.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, it is not my error. It is members' error because if its only three wards which had issued over Ksh. 1 million, the others have not issued. In the circular of bursary analysis report, you will find that, let us see Muthwani. Muthwani had issued Ksh. 985,000 instead of Ksh. 1 million. The other members have also outlined clearly how they had issued their bursaries. Is this my fault? It is the members' fault. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Before the Chairman sits, I heard you indicate that it is unlawful to allocate a student in excess of Ksh. 100,000. I just want to be guided which law is that.

Hon. Manyolo: Mr. Speaker, Sir, we were given these guidelines by the department of Education. It is not us. We were given directions on how we are going to issue the bursaries of the Universities and all the colleges, the national schools, the provision schools and the Harambee schools.

Hon. Speaker: So, is there, I just want to know Hon. Members from the chairman. The Speaker cannot be out of order. Let us allow the Deputy Speaker to assist the Chair. Maybe

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Nganga): Mr. Speaker, we may not have laws of the land governing that but because these are funds that are made to assist the needy and vulnerable, the moral laws of decency govern that somebody should find a mode of distributing fair and equitable amounts of money to students. Giving Ksh. 100,000 to one student or even more, or even giving Ksh. 20,000 to one student while there are others that can't afford fees for their daytime primary schools, Mr. Speaker, that in itself raises a lot of questions and the interest on

the ability of a member to exhibit fairness over the people that elected him. So there may not be specific laws that guide that but the moral laws of decency demand that acts of fairness should be exhibited Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Mr. Speaker

Hon. Speaker: Let us hear the budget chairman over there.

Hon. Isaac Muinde: Mr. Speaker, I want to draw to your attention that the statement here sought the bursary allocation for 2013/14 and that it is important for the chairman to note that government accounting is based on cash basis but not on the accrue or concept. In this case, it means that these monies allocated in 2013/14 which is a year past cannot be carried forward. It is not practical. It cannot be carried forward to 2015/16 but it is for the house and the entire department to have a fresh allocation whereby members can increase funding in terms of bursaries to the wards in 2015/2016. But, we cannot pretend that, that which was due in 2013/14 and was not issued, will be given as if it was a debt to the wards because it wasn't a debt.

The purpose of this information is, Mr. Speaker, just historical information, to know what happened. Again it is very important for the chair to note in 2013/14, the bursaries regulations had not been passed and with the current regulations, members of the assembly are kind of quasi-members in that there is a committee which is more executive in trying to allocate so in now trying to pose as if a member of the assembly is the ultimate authority in allocating bursary now, is actually out of the order, because now things have changed. We can only get to know the information, get to know what happened in 2013/14 and trying to correct the anomaly but in trying to increase funding in 2015/16 because we cannot pay bursaries in arrears, Mr. Speaker. Thank you

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Let us hear the Majority Leader and then hon. Dominic.

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Mr. Speaker, it is as if the chairman of budget committee has read my mind but I also want to inform the Member for Muthwani that, it is this hon. House that passed allocation bursaries and for him to say that some members are issuing bursaries, Mr. Speaker that is against the regulations.

Mr. Speaker, it is only in the wards where some members refused to have these committees where cheques are still lying with the department. Mr. Speaker, for any elected member, whose ward has not received bursaries, he should take charge of his ward and liaise with the the Department of Education so that they can come up with those committees because the MCAs are not directly responsible in identifying the beneficiaries of these funds and Mr. Speaker. That is all I wanted to inform the member for Muthwani. If he has not done that he

should better do it and stop complaining that some wards are receiving bursaries while the others are not receiving. There is no discrimination in this. The law has to be followed to the letter.

Thank you

Hon. Speaker: Thank you Hon. Dominic.

Hon. Speaker: Point of information?

Hon. Maitha: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I just want to tell Hon. Majority Leader, unless he is working in the adjacent counties, then that is when he can stand and substantiate whatever he is saying because unless he admits whatever he has said to me is false and he knows it and I also wish to seek a very big apology from the Hon. chairman, who has said that I issued bursaries to an individual student of Ksh. 200,000 and Ksh. 350,000. That is by itself Mr. Speaker amounts to character defamation because I need him to substantiate that because you cannot come before this house and start playing politics and giving false information.

Mr. Speaker, with your guidance, I need him to substantiate that and if it is found that I did that, then, let action be taken, if it is not substantiated, he ought to apologize to me and the entire house for misleading it. So what I want to say is that bursary issues, regulations and everything that bursary ward committee and everything, all that is constituted. There is nothing that I have not forwarded so by the Majority Leader purporting that some members have not forwarded their bursary requirements, that all it total lies Mr. Speaker.

All members, some members here have complained of frustrations but at the end of the day, the message is passed. Let him communicate with his Government and ensure that, by denying these services to a Hon. member, you are doing injustice to the beneficiaries of those bursary funds who actually require those bursaries. It is not the Hon. Member, Mr. Speaker, Sir. Thank you

Hon. Speaker: Thank you Hon. Maitha. I don't know, I am not yet persuaded whether it is legally to give a bursary of more than Ksh. 100,000. I will urge the Chairman to persuade me at his time where that regulation is. So in the meantime, I may not demand an apology on behalf. But as I said, you've got the point make appropriate motion. We shall give it priority. Members, let us restrain ourselves so that we may not divert from the statement. Yes, Hon. Ndeto.

And maybe before Hon. Ndeto addresses the house, I would wish to recognize in attendance, pupils from Munywani Primary and Mitaboni Primary at the gallery. We all welcome you to this assembly.

(Applause)

Hon. Ndeto: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir, for the opportunity. Just looking at the bursary analysis report for the year 2013/14 and holding this paper, I believe this document has been adopted by this assembly, as a document of this assembly. And when I believe that, when I go to my ward, that is Kola ward, the amount said to have been dispatched is Ksh. 827,500. Returned is said to be Ksh. 21,000 then difference is Ksh. 172,000. I want to make it clear to this house and I will substantiate, this is not true. The amount that was forwarded to my schools is less than Ksh. 500,000 and I say, for Kola ward, this is not true and I will substantiate and I will bring the report to this house---

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Ndeto, as I had indicated the purpose of a statement is to give information.

Hon. Ndeto: Yes.

Hon. Speaker: Now we have the information data. If you find that there is need come up with the appropriate measures and you know them.

Hon. Ndeto: Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Yes.

Hon. Francis Matheka: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I don't want to repeat what you have said. I just had a similar complaint---

Hon. Speaker: it is Ok.

Hon. Matheka:I forwarded my complaint to the chairman, education and to the Department of Education and Department of Finance. Mine is a peculiar one about the amount sent to my ward was Ksh. 925,000 with a difference of Ksh. 75,000. We had a dispute with them but the peculiar one was an amount totaling to Ksh. 200,000 to Ksh. 300,000, I don't know the exact figure but I have it in my office, went to accounts which are not known. They are not of schools from my ward neither from the county and I just wanted to know exactly who owners of those accounts are where money was sent and the chairman of education committee knows about it so I will do the right thing Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you very much. Use the information, get your time and study and come up with the right thing. I think with all this, we need to thank the member who brought this question to the house. Yes Hon. Kitheka.

Hon. Cornelius Kitheka: Mr. Speaker, first and foremost, I would wish to point on the issue on page two, the issue of the CEC report that the bursary fund had been moved from the development expenditure to recurrent expenditure this financial year to allow the departments of education to run it as we as pave way for use of cheques.

Mr. Speaker, that statement, to me, is not justifiable because you cannot just move a vote from development or from recurrent just because of the issue of cheques or just because of the issue payment through the system. That to sounds as if it is not touching the right way. Mr. Speaker, on the same issue there is the issue of Ksh. 750,000 which has to come up through a supplementary or something like that to be factored in the following year.

Mr. Speaker, that to me is impossible and that cannot happen in the books of the accounts. Mr. Speaker, on the other side, we are on number 5 and it was noted that in some wards, bursaries were being allocated to some primary schools which was against the bursaries regulations. Mr. Speaker, the bursary regulations were very clear on the issues of the bursaries. Mr. Speaker, I don't see if a committee sitting in a particular ward can come up with a list of pupils in primary schools. It sounds as if the Hon. Member and the Committee is not exactly aware of what is happening and Mr. Speaker, this is something very strange to this house and may lower the dignity of this house if we still continue accommodating things like this.

Why can't the chairman come with a proof, a vivid proof of exactly which primary school was given a cheque or was forwarded some money for bursary and in whose ward this happened? Because, Mr. Speaker, last time and last year somewhere the hon. member who happens to be the chairman for education, made a very serious joke in the assembly when he told us that he left some people planting trees in his ward, while it had not even been launched in the county creating a lot of animosity in the assembly. So Mr. Speaker, I kindly request you to be very stern on issues which are being delved into by some of the members. They may tend to bring jokes to this August house which will belittle and will demean our existence in this assembly. So Mr. Speaker, I kindly request your indulgence into that matter.

Mr. Speaker, on the same issue he should also issue a vivid statement on the same bursaries being awarded substantial amount amounting to Ksh. 100,000. In fact the Deputy Speaker clearly demonstrated that in natural justice, you cannot dare do this. If you have Ksh. 500,000 and you give one student Ksh. 100,000, it doesn't make sense. So Mr. Speaker, we still want evidence of the same so that we can cut some jokes in this assembly for some of the members.

Mr. Speaker, on the other hand, the issue of the bursaries which were forwarded to the schools, Mr. Speaker, last time, I demonstrated clearly here about the system. We know about

the system and the commands of the system and the process of a system. A system will have an input, a process and then the output. Mr. Speaker, here comes a situation where a cheque was deposited into an account through a system to the other end of the same system. Mr. Speaker, we should know exactly because to me it was awkward for me to find that the initial system which I gave of an account.

To start with, you give an account to the bursary department instead of copying the entire details of the account number, they mess with one number. If they mess with one number, automatically, the system will obey and I will give the money to another account, of which to access the money from that same account, it will be hard. Even to retrieve the same money back to the original account, which is very hard?

So Mr. Speaker, what happened with this money, which went to wrong accounts, majority of which went to wrong accounts? Mr. Speaker, we are kindly requesting statements which are showing that the money was returned to the account belonging to the county because to me it seems quite a hard task to do a reverse into the system. So Mr. Speaker, please and please, I kindly request you to take very stern measures on such members who are bringing jokes into this house because we may end up joking and bringing big jokes in the house. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. I think as I said before, these are statements that the chairman got from the CEC. It is intended to provide information so that members can take various actions and I am sure members have picked up the areas that they can now generate motions on. I appreciate that weighty matters have been raised and I would direct to the chair, education and social welfare to prepare a substantive report on bursaries 2013/14. Thank you. I think we can proceed to the next answer to statements. We mentioned the matter of progress in a fortnight, Hon. Chairman.

SOCIAL WELFARE AND EMPOWERMENT FUND DISBURSEMENT 2013/14

Hon. Raphael Mutuku: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am the Chairperson, youth, women and sports committee. Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am rising to respond on a statement that was sought by the member for Muthwani ward Hon. Dominic Maitha. Mr. Speaker, Sir, 12th April 2015, Hon. Maitha sought a statement on Machakos social welfare and empowerment fund disbursement status report for the 2013/14.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, as for the year 2013/14, no disbursement was carried out because the regulations had not yet been approved by the assembly until 4th December, 2014 and therefore no fund appropriated for 2013/14 financial year was received to Machakos Social Welfare Empowerment Board. In addition to the above, the public finance management act 2012 section

136 (1) states ‘subject to other legislation, an appropriation that has not been spent at the financial year for which it has been appropriated lapses immediately at the end of that financial year.’

Mr. Speaker, Sir, on 4th December, 2014 the Machakos county assembly approved the Machakos county social welfare empowerment fund regulation to assist enterprises and innovation of women, youth, persons with reduced abilities and the elderly. The fund committed for social welfare and empowerment was Ksh. 160M translating to Ksh. 40 million per category.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, in the financial year 2014/15, an amount of Ksh. 160 million was appropriated for the Machakos social welfare empowerment fund to fund the programs activities and enterprises for persons from marginalized groups after lapsing in the financial year 2013/14. The Machakos Social Welfare Empowerment fund disbursement for the elderly category is now on progress after a credit of Ksh. 40 million in two installments to the Kenya Commercial Bank fund account as per the budget.

Further, the Machakos Welfare Empowerment Board would be ready to initiate the disbursement of persons with reduced ability, women and youth once the disbursement to the elderly is completed early next week. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg for apology because I have given an extra information apart from what was sought. The statement which was sought was for the year 2013/14 but I have gone ahead to give also an update of where we are in 2014/15. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you very much. Hon. Dominic.

Hon. Maitha: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I still read mischief in this report because if the chairman stands here to tell us that Ksh. 160 million was not disbursed for the financial year 2013/14 because of lack of regulations, then it seems somebody somewhere who is responsible for this is sleeping on his or her job. Mr. Speaker, we passed these regulations in less than three months time then how comes for a whole 12 month calendar, Mr. Speaker, the person in charge of this department did not furnish us with regulations immediately so that we can disperse the monies?

To divert from the same is just like the same statement that was replied here by the Hon. Majority Leader the other day regarding relief food Mr. Speaker. Today, people are suffering because of lack of food in our wards where we come from then the CEC responds by saying there is Ksh. 50 million for emergency fund which is awaiting regulations so that the monies can be dispersed so we wait for people to die then when they die, that is when we are going to pass the regulations then that means that somebody somewhere is sleeping on his or her job.

These monies were supposed to have been given last year before the end of June, so the regulations were supposed to have been brought before the end of June last year, Mr. Speaker, Sir. On top of that the chairman is saying Ksh. 40 million is being given. I tend to differ with him because the monies that are being given right now, we filled a million shillings for every

category. The elderly, the women and youth but the amount of monies that we received, the statements to check on the amounts that are supposed to be dispersed, for example given my ward, I had allocated a total amount of a million shillings but the list that I received last week was only totaling to about Ksh. 468,000.

There is no substantive information as to why the amount reduced from Ksh. 1 million to 468,000. What I can read here is all jokes because if we allocated a million shillings and we are giving less than a million shillings one year, two years down the line, then we are doing also injustice to those people whom we filled forms, took them round, went to open bank accounts and unfortunately even some of the beneficiaries have been long waiting for more than a year and they are already dead. Mr. Speaker, we need to avoid some of these delays under the excuse of regulations we could be told the regulations are in the floor of this house then the blame would be on the assembly.

So this assembly should not be held accountable and responsible for failure to administer services to the people of Machakos County because of lame excuses of regulations, Mr. Speaker. So, we want to know from the Chairman, the other amounts that are remaining for the elderly. He has said Ksh. 40 million will be disbursed. Last year before we broke for recess, the chairman said in one week's time we pass the regulations, we will get the money. It is now about five months Mr. Speaker. The Ksh. 40 million he has said is in KCB bank has been promised since the last one month. Every single day they are remitting the money and nothing seems to be forthcoming.

We are heading to another financial year of 2015/16. Mr. Speaker, I want to over emphasize to Mr. Chairman, the more we delay these services the more we continue to punish the beneficiaries of these services. The chairman needs to follow up this monies, we ensure that the beneficiaries get their amounts and those balances that are going to remain as per the budget before the expiry of this financial year, we also have other beneficiaries who have already reached that age and that period that they can receive these beneficiaries, Mr. Speaker Sir. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Let us hear from the chairman. I think the chairman is in a position to give us timelines and tell us why there was delay.

Hon. Raphael Mutuku: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. May I first of all appreciate the sentiments of Hon. Maitha. Mr. Speaker, Sir, the house is aware that the committee on youth, women and sports came into force at the month of October. I understand that there were some delays from the Executive in submitting the regulations and something that could have been done earlier, even last financial year. This was not done until when my committee came into power. We had to request the Chief Officer and the CEC member and that is the time we followed these

regulations. I personally tabled the regulations on 4th December, 2014 before we went to recess and the house unanimously approved them.

So I agree that that is reluctance in a Department but I have from this time henceforth, maybe we will proceed. Then the other issue that has been raised concerning the disbursement for the year 2014/15 although I have said I have only given extra information which was not sought. Mr. Speaker, Sir, this money meant for the special welfare empowerment is shared by Machakos social welfare and empowerment committees, which are in the wards and is not members.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, members will agree with me the list that I gave last two weeks or even three, contained names of beneficiaries that you forwarded to the board. A good example of an area like Kinanie, whereby they were given allocation to the elderly to allocate Ksh. 1 million and they only allocated Ksh. 90,000. I talked with the member from the area and they said they do not have elderly people in Mlolongo. They gave to the other categories. So when Hon. member from Muthwani is saying that they were supposed to give Ksh. 1 million and yet you did not give that, then that is not the mandate of the board. The board will only.....Mr. Speaker, I need your protection

(Loud consultations)

Hon. Speaker: Protected. Proceed.

Hon. Raphael Mutuku: So what the board was supposed to do was supposed to work on the lists that were submitted and I want to give an example of a ward whereby they had even exceeded Ksh. 1 million, Lower Kaewa/ Kaani. They had allocated Ksh. 1,002,000 and they had to be given that money but other wards had allocated their beneficiaries lower amount rather than the Ksh. 1 million that was set for that category. So it is not the mandate of the board, it is the mandate of the area members and their committees. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. I think the point is clear. You don't appear to help elderly members in your electorates. Let us hear Hon. member---

Hon. Maitha: Mr. Speaker, give me information to respond to that.

Hon. Speaker: Let us hear Hon. Ndeto. I think that was a statement of fact and your ward is cosmopolitan.

Hon. Ndeto: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I was the chairman when this things started and the 2013/14 budget as stated we budgeted the Ksh. 160 million as well stipulated and as the chairman has indicated where he says in paragraph two, 'in addition to the above, the public finance management act 2012 section 136 (1) states that 'subject to any other legislation, an appropriation that has not been spent the financial year for which it was appropriated, lapses immediately at the end of that financial year.' My question there is; the period lapsed without dispatching this money. Can we trace this money by the end of that financial year in the accounts? That is one.

Secondly, when you go the last page where it states, 'Mr. Speaker, Sir in the financial year 2014/15, an amount of Ksh. 160 million was appropriated for the MSWEP. Chairman, can you tell this house if the current budget, 2014/15, if we appropriated Ksh. 160 million, equivalent to the budget for 2013/14 but you have said some of the members gave less. In my ward, because we were giving Ksh. 1 million, the committee gave Ksh. 232,000 and they gave each Ksh. 4,000. The list he gave us, the money had been brought down to Ksh. 3,000 per person. If you multiply 232 people times 3,000, you will get around Ksh. 600,000.

But my committee had allocated every member, the old people Ksh. 4,000 making it close to Ksh. 1 million. So can he also explain why, in Kola ward, they moved it downwards from Ksh. 4,000 to Ksh. 3,000 and it was the work of the committee to do the same as he had said? Thank you

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Let us take Hon. Matheka at the back

Hon. Matheka: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. There was a question from Hon. Dominic and I just want to emphasize in it for the chairman to clarify. The last sentiment in his statement says 'once the disbursement to the elderly is completed early next week.' Mr. Speaker, Sir, on Mondays, I am always in the office in my ward and the elderly are coming to the office asking when your money is coming and I always tell them next week and now my chairman is telling me next week.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, can the chairman be precise and tell us exactly when is next week. He would rather give us a far date we tell the elderly the truth other than telling them next week and he tells me next week. I am consumed Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Kathinzi.

Hon. Alexander Kathinzi: Mr. Speaker, I would rather give a way of suggestion because we have failed as a house in terms of regulations. Indeed Mheshimiwa Maitha said---

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Kathinzi, in terms of what?

Hon. Kathinzi:in terms of time regulations because I think some of this regulations, we passed in 2013. It is all over each and every report we are told---

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Kathinzi, when did we pass these regulations?

Hon. Kathinzi: 2014, Mr. Speaker

Hon. Speaker: Alright.

Hon. Kathinzi: It is our responsibility. It is saying it is as if we are saying we as the assembly, we have failed because the passage of regulations is our work Mr. Speaker. So delaying of passing these regulations has put everything into confusion cause even the Executive wing of Government is not able to perform the functions because that we have failed to perform our duties. That is where I am, Mr. Speaker. So therefore my suggestion is that, my suggestion is.....Protect me Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

My kind suggestion is that why can't we have a retreat for both assembly and he CECs for two weeks somewhere to know what is lagging behind, know what is missing so that we can have a platform other new starting end because some of us are frustrated. Very elderly guys, old women and men are coming to our homes. For instance, today I had visitors of more than 50 old men in my house, coming for this money.

They told me 'we saw that list and we were told that you have that money in your pocket.' Since they don't understand these regulations thing, so it better we get to know now we are discussing about the department. Tomorrow we will go to health, another day decentralized units and this thing called regulations, it seems as if we are shooting our own feet. This is very serious, Mr. Speaker, and my suggestion is very clear because even when you go to the roads, to education to labor, every chairman is talking about regulations.

So I am totally confused Mr. Speaker. It is better we all agree as a house that let us take one step backward, sit down with the CECs, the Cos, the Governor and everybody. Sit round the table and realize where we missed the step of development in this particular county. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Yes, the Speaker has heard Hon. Kathinzi and we shall commence active steps towards that meeting. Let us hear.....

Hon. Alex Kamitu: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I want just want to echo the sentiments of the report that were given by the chairmen in regards to the funding question. I want to give a

very practical example that, not example, I want to advice my fellow MCAs that we should make use of our PAs in the offices. A good example is that when we were given this schedule, I sent my PA and one of his committee to the respective office. This was a result of, when the schedule came out I had a short fall of about Ksh. 200,000 so when that came, or when that question came up, I immediately sought a report from my PA and one of the members to check the shortfall and when they came to the office, the result were there when they were feeling the forms.

I had short fall of the elderly who had not met the requirements of 70 years and above so ultimately what they did, in addition to a report that we were given by our chairman. So the shortfall of Ksh. 200,000 was given to the other groups. So what I am saying is, it is a question of going checking up your documents that had been filled so that you may come up with the correct answer. So in short, any ward that feels that have a short fall, they should go and check the forms and they will find out if you had fewer personnel who are not meeting the age bracket of 70, the other money was disbursed to the other groups. That is the report I was given because practically that is what exactly happened to my ward and that money has been given to the other, other group. Otherwise, thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Can we hear Hon. Nzoka then we can hear the Chairman

Hon. Nzoka Muywoki: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I am still not convinced. The budget of Ksh. 160 million was for 2013/14. I think there is someone who is just joking with our assembly here because after we pass something, there is someone who is aware what he wants to do and might be, he delays and then we come up with no regulations, there is no regulation. We have been taken in circles. We were with education here, now this is another one. So there is something going on unwell.

Again by 2014/15, we budgeted this Ksh. 1 billion. I want to know from the chairman whether the Ksh. 40 million he is talking of here is of 2014/15 or it is the other one. And again, we cannot stand by this word which he is saying ‘financial year after it ends it lapses.’ So there is someone who is sitting somewhere to wait and take advantage of the situation then we are here to make some budget, we budget for this money and then we are just left to sleep a bit because of regulations. Then after lapsing of that one, he makes use of that money. So we cannot be taken for a ride. So we need to dig out and if the period lapses, the money does not expire. Members let me tell you.

(Laughter)

The money does not expire. The money, whoever, can we find out where the money is? Whoever is sleeping with that money? We don't want to say supplementary budget. So he is saying supplementary the budget to scoop another coming financial year and he has taken what was there. There is something going on here in your Executive. They know what they are doing, we are here making, making this and this and after we make it, it expires. So our money of Machakos County expires.

(Laughter)

So we cannot take that one. Mr. Speaker, we have to be *gangary* (alert) in that one. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. So Hon. Nzoka, you don't agree with the law? You don't agree with the law as quoted.

Hon. Nzoka: Speaker Sir, I do agree and abide to the law. But you cannot sleep so as the law to give you advantage. There is something going on.

(Laughter)

Hon. Speaker: Ok.

Hon. Nzoka: Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Briefly Hon. Kitheka and then we hear the Chairman, please. We move on.

Hon. Kitheka: Thank you Mr. Speaker for the kind of stories you are getting from these hon. members. Mr. Speaker, first and foremost, I would like to urge the members who have applied for less money and it has been distributed to them to accommodate what has been distributed to them because they don't have elderly people in their own houses. If they had, they could have given them and distributed the entire money. So for the members whom we had the adequate number of people, we distributed their money. Those who didn't have elderly people like the people living in town like in Mavoko, you will find less old people. Mr. Speaker, protect me as I go to my next point---

Hon. Speaker: You are protected, proceed.

Hon. Kitheka: Ok. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The other issue is the issue of lapse of accounts. This is something which does not exist in accounts where the project is on progress. Mr. Speaker, when a project is on progress and the financial year comes to an end, the money is carried forward and reimbursed back to the county in the following year for the utilization of the same project. So this story of lapsing and money getting rotten cannot exist anywhere. So we still need our money and we still want a very concrete statement showing that at the end of the financial year 2013/14, this amount was returned and what account was it returned through because we are quite aware when the financial year of 2013/14 lapsed, we had no money and we were crying around that we don't have money. Where did we get this money to return? Mr. Speaker, for instance, in the same financial year, we were here trying to make a supplementary budget to move some of the votes---

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, I have heard.

Hon. Kitheka: I wish we get a very impressive answer to this question because we may end up ruining our minds in discussing issues which cannot meet the ends so I think you can guide us on this issue and I know we are going to make ends meet. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. I think at the point I am on the issue that has been raised, I would direct that the chairman of budget committee supplies a supplementary answer to the question that was put particularly on the issue of the status of bursary 2013/14. I think that will aid the answer that we have from the Chairman. There is a need for us to know what happened. Hon. Nzoka, I think that will.....the chairman will move us with the law and we see whether it is the law, whether it expires. We need to be put in the light. Thank you. Let us proceed on the next.

POINT OF ORDER

Hon. Speaker: Yes, there is point of order.

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Mr. Speaker, I am rising on a point of order. That is Standing Order No. 32, 'Quorum during the proceedings of the assembly.' I want to draw to the attention of the Chair that the house has no quorum. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Maybe. Clerk, kindly advice on the quorum of the house. You cannot object on a point of order.

(Clerk undertakes headcount of members present)

Hon. Speaker: So there is quorum.

Hon. Speaker: Proceed on with the next.

COUNTY EQUIPMENT STATUS REPORT

Hon. Peninah Kaluki: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir, and the house at large. I am Vice chairperson of transport, roads and public works committee. Mr. Speaker Sir, statement sought by Hon. Maitha on county equipment status report. Mr. Speaker, on 26th February, 2015, Hon. Maitha, sought a statement on county equipment status report. Mr. Speaker, Sir, on 13th March, 2015 a letter was written to the CEC department of transport, roads and public works and housing on the above subject.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I hereby want to inform the Hon. member that a document of equipment analysis was written and forwarded on 12th March, 2015 as requested. Find the report for the equipment analysis attached, as per your request. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Dominic, you already have a copy of the answer?

Hon. Maitha: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also have an advantage that I am a member of the transport committee but the only information that is missing is, I had also requested we get the registration status of these equipments. Why am I doing this, Mr. Speaker? As I had previously also indicated, we have so many county cars, so many which have been bought, were bought two almost two years down the line, and up to date they are operating on private registration numbers.

Most of them do not even bear the county inspectorate markings or the county government of Machakos indication. These cars are prone to misuse. So we cannot even authenticate or substantiate whether the log books of these cars are registered under individuals or under the county government of Machakos. The Chief Officer promised to bring the registration, the ultimate registration of these cars and I would request the chairman to seek further advice from the department of transport on how soon he can bring the registration of these cars and these equipment to this assembly because incase of anything, someone may disappear with that car.

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We don't know who it is registered under and I would like I have given example, Mr. Speaker. There is a red car that used to have inspectorate branding markings. That is operating as a taxi KBX, I can give you the details right now, Mr. Speaker, if you want. It is operating as a taxi and it was a car that was bought by the county government of Machakos. You go to the taxi parking at night, Mr. Speaker, it is operating as a taxi. So those cars which have registered in private number plates and other county equipment are prone to misuse and a practical example is that yesterday, if the Hon. Member for Kinanie ward was here, a driver of a truck belonging to the county government of Machakos was caught by residents of Makutano ferrying ballast to go and sell to an individual.

The records can be extracted from Makutano Police Station. If cars with green registration numbers are being misused in broad day light, what about private cars which have got no registration? That is what we want, Mr. Speaker, to authenticate the actual registration of the vehicles because that will be prone to misuse Mr. Speaker. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Was that within your original question?

Hon. Maitha: Mr. Speaker, it was there. I had even sought a statement regarding the registration of county vehicles which needs to be supplied, Mr. Speaker, Sir

Hon. Speaker: I direct there be an additional statement.

Hon. Kaluki: Thank you. Much obliged, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Let us proceed.

Hon. Jacqueline Nziva: I am standing in for my chairman, Edrick Ngunzi. A statement was sought by Hon. Francis Matheka on county government land located at Kangundo. Mr. Speaker, Sir, on Thursday 5th March, 2015, a statement was sought by Hon. Matheka on the status of the county government land number Kangundo/ Mbilini 1654 in Kangundo sub county Kanzalo location, Mbilini sub-location. Mr. Speaker, Sir, on 6th January, 2011, the Redeemed Gospel Church applied to be allocated the land by the defunct town council of Kangundo.

On 16th July, 2011, Mr. Speaker the defunct town council of Kangundo, in special committee meetings of works, town planning and markets deliberated and approved allocation of 5 to 10 acres of the land subject to clarifications of some issues and sight visits. However, the minutes of deliberations were not signed and there are no minutes showing that the full council meeting of the defund council adapted the resolution.

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Mr. Speaker, Sir, minutes from the Redeemed Gospel Church dated 13th September, 2012 that were not signed, showing that a site visit was made and five acres of land surveyed and beacons fixed but there was no survey certificate to prove the same. Mr. Speaker, Sir, some other minutes from the Redeemed Gospel Church show that committee elders witnessed annexation of the land.

However, the land is annexed for allocation for to Hope Health Initiative Foundation and not the Redeemed Gospel Church as alleged. However, there are no records to show the existence of the Foundation. Mr. Speaker, Sir, on 24th October, 2012 the defunct town council of Kangundo wrote to inform the Redeemed Gospel Church that they had been allocated 5 acres of the land No. Kangundo/ Mbilini 1654.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, a certificate of official search dated 25th May, 2014 shows that the land belongs to the defunct Masaku County Council. Mr. Speaker, Sir, the committee together with the CEC and the Chief Officer, department of lands, energy and natural resources will visit the said forest land and deliberate to have it fenced and protected. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Matheka, I think it is a good answer.

Hon. Matheka: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir, and the house at large. I totally agree with you, it is a good answer and I concur with the vice chairperson who is standing for the chairman. To me and to the department of land, no land was allocated because all the minutes were not signed. Mr. Speaker, Sir, I also concur with the last paragraph of the report and request the committee to visit the said land and we can call the community. The community is not opposed to the said Church getting the land but we are saying proper procedures should be followed so that they get land but not the Foundation, they build a church but not on health centre because the same land is earmarked for a health centre by the county government.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, if proper procedures of public participation can be involved, I think the community has no problem with that. Also, Mr. Speaker, Sir, for the house to note, the said land, I think it's the only land in Machakos county which can house a high altitude training. It has been identified for that and found suitable for that. Mr. Speaker, Sir, with the committee on ground and members of the Executive, I think the community can recommend the right thing for the land. Thank you Mr. Speaker and the committee is welcome. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you very much. I think that matter is concluded. The Hon. Member who asked that question has been satisfied. Let us proceed. Alright proceed.

Hon. Nzoka: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. By then I was the councilor of the town council of Kangundo and I was chairman of environment and we did not allocate that public land to any Church or any Foundation. You know in our society, there is a lot of grabbing and there people who make some documents, some minutes and this and this, so maybe there were some people who needed to change that one. My stand is that I was the chairman of environment, we were there and that is public land we proposed a dispensary somewhere there so there is neither Church nor any Foundation. Thank you very much.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Yes, Hon. Kitheka.

Hon. Kitheka: Mr. Speaker, thanks for this chance you have given me. Mr. Speaker, there is a problem in the offing in terms of land allocation in the county government of Machakos. Mr. Speaker, the county Government of Machakos is facing a lot of challenge from some of the Churches and other organizations which in the former regime they were given TOL (Temporary allocation to Occupy License) for a particular area. This people, nowadays, they are tending to come to complain that they had been issued with a certificate for the ownership of the land.

So Mr. Speaker, for example, there is a Church which has been built in Kusyomwomo Market, in the center of the piece of land for the provincial administration. Now they are claiming they were issued with a certificate of the land. So Mr. Speaker, I think it will be prudent enough for us to hasten the process of making the committee for land, the board for land, to be very active so that we can deal with these issues before they become a problem in the county. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. I think the Chairperson has heard that. The last sentence concludes it all that you need to take up that as an agenda. Hon. Dominic, I thought this is now exhausted.

Hon. Maitha: Mr. Speaker, Thank you. When you talk of land matters and especially public utilities, I am one of the most affected in terms of land and public utility grabbing. Churches are coming up and deciding to construct structures in public utilities Mr. Speaker. They claim that they belong to the public utility. Mr. Speaker, it is in the best interests of the public that this house soon resolves that, no public utility land can be encroached on by a church

claiming to be a Church. A church is a private entity. As we are speaking today, less than 50 meters from my house, a public utility has been grabbed, less than one month ago.

A Chief Officer in charge of a department issued the land irregularly and I am going to bring a motion to censure that Chief Officer here. So what I was proposing, as per the last section of the report, all public utilities right now, through the department of lands, should take immediate initiative to have all public utilities, whether grabbed or not grabbed, with a signage that this is a public utility land that belongs to the county government of Machakos such that anyone who encroaches knows that he or she is doing that at his or her own risk Mr. Speaker.

So that emphasis is quite important that all public utilities in Machakos County must be marked and identified through a signage so that we can protect them for the interest of the public. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. I think with that the office of the Clerk will take it up with the Chairman. This is the same committee that is doing a public audit of all public utility lands and that report is yet to be availed. Clerk, find out and maybe the report will be available on Tuesday on the status of that report.

Hon. Members, we have two more statements and as indicated in the beginning that we have visitors from West Pokot, I have not yet seen them, I would want to have a meeting with them so I will urge the house to grant the Speaker permission to meet those visitors. They have come from a long, long distance. I don't know whether Hon Nzoka will second proposal?

Then with that, this shall be the orders of the ad-hoc committee that was ordered yesterday and the membership shall be Hon. Edrick Ngunzi, Hon. Sammy Nduva, Hon. Oliver Nzeki and Hon. Nathaniel Nganga, Hon. Cecilia Sereka, Hon. Christine Mutune, Hon. Timothy Kilonzo, Hon. Isaac Muinde and Hon. Phillip Ndolo. A report shall be made available to the house in 14 days. Thank you, Hon. Members. Yes, on the matter for adjournment?

Hon. Maitha: Mr. Speaker, the matter for adjournment is already seconded but the report that you have just given does not seem to have any balance Mr. Speaker. I think it is high time that this Hon. House realizes that this government does not belong to one side. It is in the best interest of the people of Machakos County to have a mixed committee, Mr. Speaker that can deliberate issues for the total and outright benefit of the people of Machakos County. By so saying, you know what I mean. It is embarrassing and I totally know we might expect very little from that report. I say that Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: That is a communication, not subject to debate and as I ordered yesterday, we got five members from the majority side and four members from the minority team.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker: Thank you and have a good weekend.

The House rose at 4.08 p.m.