

**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**  
**MACHAKOS COUNTY ASSEMBLY**

**OFFICIAL REPORT**

**Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2016**

**The House met at 2.31 p.m.**

*[The Speaker (Hon. Mung'ata) in the Chair]*

PRAYERS

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR  
MINORITY AND MAJORITY LEADERSHIP**

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members, I have two matters to communicate to you about this afternoon. One is the matter of the Minority Leadership and the other is the matter of Majority Leadership in this Assembly.

In the matter of minority leadership, on 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2016, the Chair did communicate to this House that the Assembly had received the judgement from the Political Parties Dispute Tribunal on Complaint Number 23 of 2016: Hon. Francis Matheka Versus Hon. Thomas Kasoa and Hon. Alex Kamitu. In that matter, Hon. Matheka lodged a complaint about his removal from the position of Minority Leadership in the Assembly. Also, the Chair further communicated that he had also received an order dated 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2016 from the same Tribunal granting a seven day stay of its orders to enable the respondents “to file a formal application for stay to the High Court.”

Pursuant to this order, the Respondents in this claim Hon. Thomas Kasoa and Hon. Alex Kamitu moved to the High Court through Judicial Review Case (Machakos) No. 271 of 2016. On 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2016 the High Court sitting in Machakos issued the following orders:

1. That leave be, and is hereby granted, to the applicants to apply for an order of certiorari to call into court and be quashed the decision of the Political Parties Tribunal in PPDT Complaint No. 23 of 2016 delivered on 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2016.
2. That leave do operate as a stay of the decision or judgement of the Respondent Tribunal pending the hearing and the determination of the Judicial Review proceedings.
3. That this application be done within 14 days.

The effect of this decision of the High Court sitting in Machakos is that the decision of the Political Parties Dispute Tribunal is held in abeyance pending the determination of this Judicial Review. Therefore, the status before the decision of the tribunal remains that: Hon.

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Kasoa continues to be the Leader of Minority Party in this House awaiting further directions from the Court. Then in obedience to the terms of this order then, the matter will be revisited after 14 days.

On the Majority Leadership in this House, on 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2016 Hon. Gideon Kavuu wrote to the Speaker indicating that the CORD Coalition had met on the same day and appointed Hon. Alexander Kathinzi as the Leader of Majority Party in the House. Attached to Hon. Kavuu's letter were the decisions of the said meeting and another letter from Hon. Kathinzi appointing Hon. Kavuu as the Whip of the Majority Party.

Section 10 of the County Government Act No. 17 of 2012 provides for County Assembly Party Leaders. It states that: -

10. (1) there shall be in each County Assembly a leader of the Majority party and a leader of the Minority party.

(2) The leader of the majority party shall be the person who is the leader of the largest party or coalition of parties in the County Assembly.

Further, looking at Standing Order No. 15 which provides that the procedure for the appointment of the Leader of Majority Party is: -

15. (1) The largest party or coalition of the political parties in the Assembly shall elect a member of the Assembly belonging to the party or coalition of parties to be the Leader of the Majority Party;

(2) In electing members under paragraph (1), the majority party or coalition of parties in the Assembly shall take into account any existing coalition agreement entered into pursuant to the Political Parties Act.

(3) A member elected under paragraph (2) may be removed by a majority of votes of all the members of the largest party or coalition of parties in the Assembly;

(4) The removal of a member from office under paragraph (3) shall not take effect until a member is elected in the manner provided for under paragraph (1) in his or her place;

(5) The whip of the largest party or coalition of parties in the Assembly shall forthwith, upon a decision being made under this Standing Order, communicate to the Speaker, in writing the decision together with the minutes of the meeting at which the decision was made.

It is not disputed that the Coalition on Reforms and Democracy (CORD) is the majority party in our House with a total of 32 members: 30 from the Wiper Democratic Movement and two from the Orange Democratic Movement.

In this case, 17 out of 32 members of the CORD Coalition elected Hon. Kathinzi as the Leader of Majority Party to replace Hon. Joshua Mwonga.

Therefore, I hereby communicate to this House that since the Majority Party has elected their leader as per Standing Order 15 and its Whip communicated to the Speaker under Standing Order No. 15 (5), it will be in order for the Assembly to effect the changes forthwith. Accordingly, therefore, the current Majority Leader will be Hon. Kathinzi.

*(Applause)*

The new Majority Leader will take office; Hon. Majority Leader and maybe I can give you a minute to exercise maturity and welcome the new office holder into office.

**Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga):** I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the new Leader of Majority of the Machakos County Assembly---

*(Applause)*

---and say that he is a friend and he is a neighbour, but before I sit Mr. Speaker, there is one thing I would like to tell the new Leader of Majority; he will have to carry the business of the Government, that is the Executive, to this House and defend it. It will not be an easy task Mr. Speaker, because now he will not act as just a normal Member of Kivaa Ward. Mr. Speaker, I want to summarise by saying this: politics is the gentle heart of getting votes from the poor and getting campaign funds from the rich---

*(Applause)*

---promising to protect each other from the other. Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Majority Leader, I would like to say that is enough. Conclude.

**Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga):** Mr. Speaker if you feel it is enough, I have no problem. Finally, for those who have supported me for the last four years, I want to say thank you, thank you and finally request, although I have repeated saying 'finally, finally'....this is the final finally Mr. Speaker if I can say, I would urge the new Majority Leader to just give me ample time I pack my things from the office before noon tomorrow, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Sir.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you. Congratulations Hon. Kathinzi. Let us proceed.

### **PAPER LAID**

#### **REPORT ON MACHAKOS COUNTY MANAGEMENT OF QUARRYING ACTIVITIES BILL**

**Hon. Ngunzi:** Mr. Speaker, I beg to lay the following paper on the table of the House today, 25<sup>th</sup> October 2016: the report on the Machakos County Management of Quarrying Activities Bill, 2016. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you. The paper is laid.

**NOTICE OF MOTION**  
REPORT ON MACHAKOS COUNTY MANAGEMENT OF QUARRYING ACTIVITIES  
BILL

**Hon. Ngunzi:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, pursuant to Standing Order 190 (5), I wish to give notice of the following motion: THAT this Hon. House discusses and approves the report on the Machakos County Quarrying Management of Quarrying Activities Bill, 2016. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you. Notice issued. Proceed.

**STATEMENT**  
BUSINESS FOR THE HOUSE FROM 25<sup>TH</sup> TO 27<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2016

**Hon. Muli:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I stand under Standing Order 41 (2) (a) where during the statement hour, a Member of the House Business committee designated by the committee for that purpose shall, every Thursday, or on the last sitting day, for not more than ten minutes, present and lay on the table, a statement informing the House of the business coming before the House in the following week.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the House business Committee met today, Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2016 and pursuant to the provision of the Standing Order 151, balloted the business for the week starting today, 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2016 as follows:-

- Tuesday afternoon, 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2016 - Report of the Environment, Lands, Energy and Natural Resources committee on the status of boreholes project in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter for the Financial Year 2015/2016. That is a continuation of the debate.
- Wednesday morning, 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2016 - Machakos County Quarrying Bill, 2016. Second reading and Committee of the Whole House.
- Wednesday afternoon, 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2016 - Report of Public Accounts and Investment committee on the Audit Report of Yatta Water Company Services for the Financial Year 2014/2015 (continuation of debate) and Machakos County Quarrying Bill, 2016 (Third Reading)
- Thursday afternoon, 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2016 - Report of Finance and Revenue Collection Committee on income and expenditure report of the County for Financial Year 2014/2015 (Continuation of debate). Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you. Proceed.

**MOTIONS**  
STATUS OF BOREHOLE PROJECTS  
(Hon. Ngunzi on 19.10.2016)

*(Resumption of Debate on the Motion tabled on 19.10.2016)*

**Hon. Ngunzi:** Mr. Speaker, I presented the motion and it went through and today, I want to table the report---

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members, do you have copies of the report by Hon. Ngunzi?

**Hon. Ngunzi:** Yes, copies have been circulated although, Mr. Speaker, today the mood in the House may not be conducive for such a long report but I hope Members will bear with me. I do not want by the end of the report to have an empty House. Mr. Speaker, I want to beg that Members bear with us to the end. Mr. Speaker, I want to present the report of the committee on Environment, Lands, Energy and Natural Resources on the status of boreholes projects in the second and third quarters of the Financial Year 2015/2016.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the mission of the department of water and irrigation is to contribute to county development by promoting and supporting water resource management in order to enhance water availability and accessibility for all.

Mr. Speaker, in the context and strategy for budget intervention for financial year 2015/2016, the department of Water and Irrigation was to ensure adequate and reliable supply of water and sewerage services, irrigation development and water storage. This was to be achieved through sensitizing the public on best practices for water sources management and use, minimizing wastage, investing in more public water points to supply affordable water to all, enhancing water storage and distribution and ensuring there is effective waste disposal.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, this committee is mandated to deal with all matters related to the implementation of specific national government policies on natural resources and environmental conservation, including soil and water conservation and forestry and control of air pollution, noise pollution, other public nuisances and outdoor advertising; land survey and mapping; boundaries and fencing; electricity and gas reticulation; energy regulation; water management systems in built up areas and water sanitation services.

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8. Hon. Dominic Maitha
9. Hon. (Ms.) Jacinta Luka
10. Hon. Alexander Kathinzi
11. Hon. (Ms.) Alice Nzioka
12. Hon. Raphael Mutuku

## 13. Hon. Stephen Muthuka

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the total number of productive boreholes by December 2015 was 108. Productive boreholes are those which after doing geological mapping were found to contain a lot water, that is above 1 cubic metre. Operational boreholes mean that the water had been tapped to the surface and residents were using it. The report indicates that they were 21 in total.

Mr. Speaker, the remaining 84 boreholes, that is non-operational, had adequate water but the water had not been harnessed for use. This is illustrated in the table below.

WARD	NAME OF BOREHOLE/ SITE	DRILLED DEPTH (M)	REMARKS
Masinga Central	2	135,150	All Operational
Kivaa	2	157, 130	
Ekalakala	3	100, 80, 96	
Ndithini	1	130	
Muthesya	3	100, 60	
Kithimani	4	131,130,86	1 Operational
Ikombe	6	130, 98,90,100,152,110,140	
Katangi	3	173,77,130	
Matuu	2	120,123	
Ndalani	2	150,100	
Mbiuni	6	137,120,55,130,100,145	2 Operational
Mwala	5	100,102,104,95,104	
Masii	4	100,100,60,108,100	1 Operational
Kibauni	2	122,103	All Operational
Wamunyu	3	120,130,130	2 operational
Muthetheni	3	125,117	All Operational
Matungulu East	3	138,110	
Tala	5	110,120,150,170,180	1 operational
Kyeleni	1	120	Operational
Matungulu West	3	133,73,123	1 Operational
Matungulu North	3	151,165,110	1 Operational
Kola	1	129	
Machakos Central	0		
Mutituni	4	102, 112,120	2 operational
Mua	7	163,150,155,155,110,110	2 operational
Muvuti/ KiimaKimwe	1	160	
Mumbuni North	3	105,78,130	
Kalama	3	82,135	

Kangundo West	4	170,150,83,150	
Kangundo Central	2	105,150	
Kangundo East	3	133,147,133	
Kangundo North	1	120	
Syokimau	5	183,180,202,202	
Kinanie	2	190, 150	
Muthwani	0		
Lower Kaewa	1	110	
Kathiani Central	3	100,156,184	
Mitaboni	2	196,110	
Upper Kaewa	0		

### Boreholes Equipped in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter, 2015/ 2016

Mr. Speaker, Sir, equipping of boreholes means provision of a power source that is electricity or solar power to enable pumping of water from underground level to the surface or to the storage tank. The source of power used is either electricity or solar. A total of 68 boreholes were equipped, with 18 equipped with solar energy, 1 generator set operated and 49 electricity-driven. Solar energy was majorly used in Mwala sub-county owing to high levels of insolation, while in the rest of the sub counties, electricity was the major energy source.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, a summary of equipping work was done as outlined in the table below.

WARD	BOREHOLE NAME	EQUIPPING
Lower Kaewa	Kaani Lions Secondary School	Electricity
Mitaboni	KwaMukembi	Solar
Kathiani Central	Kathiani High School	Electricity
	Vyulya Polytechnic	Electricity
	Mbiuni Market	Electricity
	Ulaani Primary	Electricity
Kibauni	Kibauni Secondary	Electricity
	Kikaso Secondary	Electricity
Mbiuni	Nyaanyaa	Solar
Wamunyu	KwaMbiti	Solar
	Wamunyu Market	Solar
Masii	Muthei	Solar
	Ithanga	Solar
Mwala	Kyou	Solar
	Kyawango	Solar
	Kyangove	Solar
	Kandumbu village	Solar

Mbiuni	Kundu Primary	Solar
	Kwamanduu	Solar
	Kwambalu	Solar
	Windala	Solar
Muthetheni	Kionyweni Market	Electricity
Kithimani	Kalukuni Community	Electricity
	Kithimani Market	Electricity
Ikombe	Maiuni Primary	Electricity
	Mathingau	Electricity
	Ikombe Market	Electricity
	Kyasioni Secondary School	Electricity
Matuu	Kikesa	Genset operated
Ndalani	Kisiiki	Electricity
Kivaa	Kithyoko Town	Electricity
	Kaewa Secondary	Electricity
Ekalakala	Ekalakala police	Electricity
	Kikuni	Electricity
Ndithini	Ndovoini	Electricity
	Mbusyani	Electricity
	Munyiiki	Solar
	Katine Primary	Electricity
Matungulu East	Katheka Market	Electricity
	Matungulu Chiefs Camp	Electricity
Matungulu West	Tala High School	Electricity
	Katulu primary school	Electricity
Matungulu North	Ngunga Catholic	Electricity
	Kitongi Primary	Electricity
	Syanthi	Electricity
	Mbondoni	Electricity
Kangundo East	KwaKithama	Electricity
	Manyatta Primary	Electricity
Kangundo Central	Kithumuoni	Solar
	Kathome dispensary	Solar
Kangundo West	Syanamu Community	Solar
Athi	Slaughter	Electricity
Mua	Katheka Kai	Electricity
Mumbuni North	AIC Kateve	Electricity
	Ng'eng'eta	Electricity



	Ithingu Community	Electricity
Mutituni	Kiteini Sec School	Electricity
	Kasaini	Electricity
	Kivutini	Electricity
Mua	Machakos Peoples Park 1	Electricity
	Machakos Peoples Park 2	Electricity
Machakos Central	Machakos HQ	Electricity
Kola	Nzaini Primary	Electricity
Kalama	Kyandili Sec School	Electricity
	Kyangala	Electricity
	Minyalala	Electricity
Muvuti	Mbukuni	Electricity
	Katoloni Secondary School	Electricity

### Boreholes Drilling Work for 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter, 2015/2016

Mr. Speaker, Sir, in the third quarter of the financial year 2015/16, the department of Water and Irrigation drilled a total of 49 new boreholes. Out of this, some turned out to be dry boreholes and these were 15 translating to 30 per cent and those which were drilled to completion were 34, amounting to 70 per cent of the work done by the end of March 2016. In the report, the drilled depth of some of the boreholes was not provided. The details of the specific boreholes per ward are listed below.

WARD	NAME OF BOREHOLE	DRILLING STATUS	DRILLED DEPTH (M)
Muthesya	Lulamba Primary	Drilled to completion	100
	Milaani Secondary School	Dry borehole	
	Milaani	Drilled to completion	60
	Kathukini Market (RGC Church)	Dry borehole	
	Kathukini Secondary	Drilled to completion	82
	Kuthea Nursery School	Drilled to completion	82
Ndithini	St. Michael Secondary School	Drilled to completion	
	Mananja Secondary School	Drilled to completion	
	Kasuvilo Primary School	Dry borehole	
Ikombe	Kituluni Market	Dry borehole	110
	Kavingoni Primary School	Dry borehole	156
	Kionyweni Secondary	Drilled to completion	152
	Kalyambeu	Drilled to completion	
Katangi	Muusini Primary	Drilled to completion	100
	Masaani Primary	Drilled to completion	

	Malatani Secondary School	Dry borehole	
Matuu	Masewani Primary School	Drilled to completion	
	Matuu General Hospital	Dry borehole	
Masii	Masii Boys	Dry borehole	61
Wamunyu	Nyaani Secondary School	Dry Borehole	120
Muthetheni	Ngamba Secondary	Drilled to completion	117
Vyulya/ Masii	Kasolongo/ Nzioka Nduva Farm	Drilled to completion	110
Mbiuni	Japheth Kivuitu Farm	Drilled to completion	120
Mwala	Kandumbu village/ MungutiKiiti	Drilled to completion	102
Masii	Yikiatine	Drilled to completion	
Kathiani Central	Kaiani Shopping Centre	Drilled to completion	184
	Lumbwa Primary School	Drilled to completion	
Mitaboni	Miumbuni Secondary School	Drilled to completion	194
	KwaNzesya	Drilled to completion	
Upper Kaewa	Kaewa Secondary School	Dry borehole	
Kangundo West	Mbusyani Primary School	Drilled to completion	150
Kangundo North	AIC Matungulu Primary Sch	Drilled to completion	
	KwaKatunga	Drilled to completion	
	Kamutonga Primary	Dry borehole	
	Kikambuani Primary	Dry borehole	
Kangundo Central	Mulingana Secondary School	Drilled to completion	
Mutituni	New East African Church	Drilled to completion	
Muvuvi/ KiimaKimwe	Kaseve Secondary School	Dry borehole	
Machakos Central	St. Mary's Boys Primary Sch	Drilled to completion	
	St. Marys Girls Primary Sch	Dry borehole	
Kalama	Lower MbembaniCommBH	Drilled to completion	
Matungulu East	Katunyaa Market	Stuck rods	
	St. Mary's Primary Miseleni parish	Drilled to completion	
	Maembeni village borehole	Drilled to completion	
Matungulu West	KwangiiBH	Drilled to completion	
Muthwani	Katani Primary	Drilled to completion	184
	Ngelani Sub Chiefs	Drilled to completion	
	Kamulu Chiefs Camp	Drilled to completion	194
	Joska Police Station	Dry borehole	
	Githunguri Jet View PriSch	Drilled to completion	

*[The Speaker left the Chair]*

*[The Temporary Deputy Speaker (Hon. R. Mutuku) took the Chair]*

### **Boreholes Equipped in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter, 2015/ 2016**

Mr. Speaker, Sir, this section is a continuation of the equipping exercise that the county had accomplished by December 2015. A total of 22 boreholes had been equipped at this time with 21 being solar operated and only one being electricity operated. Mr. Speaker, this information is contained in the table below.

<b>WARD</b>	<b>BOREHOLE NAME</b>	<b>EQUIPPING</b>
Mitaboni	Mitaboni Polytechnic	Solar
Kathiani Central	Ngoleni Market	Solar
	Kithito Community	Solar
	Mangweti secondary school	Solar
Ikombe	MakutanoBH	Solar
	Naivasa community	Solar
	Matuu	Kivandini Market
Matuu	Kasyuki primary school	Solar
	Kionyweni Sec School	Solar
	Masinga Central	Kavwea
Tala	Makongeni	Solar
	Sengani Girls High School	Solar
	NguluniS.A Secondary School	Solar
Kyeleni	St. Francis Sec (KwaTombe)	Solar
	Uamani Primary	Solar
	Kituluni Market	Solar
Syokimau	Kyeleni Community	Solar
	Kakuyuni primary	Solar
	Kivaani Market	Electricity
Syokimau	Mlolongo	Solar
	Embanks Sec School	Solar
	Muvuti/ KiimaKimwe	Solar

### **Boreholes done by other entities but rehabilitated under the County Water Program**

Mr. Speaker, these are boreholes which were either done by an NGO or the former defunct Council. NGOs like World Vision, JICA, Red Cross and churches initiated community boreholes in various parts of the county. For the purpose of continuous supply of water to the

community, the County Government did replacement of broken pumps, installing of storage tanks or laying of pipes in various parts of the county as per the table below.

SUB-COUNTY	SITE NAME
Kathiani	1
Mwala	22
Yatta	2
Masinga	14
Matungulu	2
Kangundo	5
Machakos	5
Mavoko	3

### **Reticulated Boreholes by the end of March 2016**

Mr. Speaker, Sir, by the end of March 2016, reticulation work in the various sub counties is quantified as follows:

Sub-County	No.
Masinga Sub county	6
Yatta	4
Mwala	20
Matungulu	8
Machakos	8
Kangundo	17
Mavoko	4
Kathiani	4

### **Summary of Borehole Work Performance in 2<sup>nd</sup> And 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter**

Mr. Speaker, Sir, this is a summary of general work performance of borehole projects in the County and the sub counties are rated as follows;

Sub-County	Productive Boreholes Dec. 2015	Equipped Boreholes by Dec. 2015	Equipped Boreholes by March 2016	Borehole Drilling by March 2016	Reticulated Boreholes by March 2016	Other Entities & equipped by County Government	Performance Ranking basing on Equipping, Drilling, reticulation)
Masinga	11	9	2	9	6	14	2
Yatta	13	9	4	9	4	2	4
Mwala	23	7	-	7	20	22	1
Matungulu	15	4	8	4	8	2	5
Machakos	19	5	-	5	8	5	8

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Kangundo	10	6	-	6	17	5	<b>3</b>
Mavoko	7	5	3	5	4	3	<b>6</b>
Kathiani	6	5	5	5	4	1	<b>6</b>

### **General Observations from the Committee's Field Inspection on Borehole Works**

Mr. Speaker, Sir, in the months of June and July, the committee visited some parts of Mwala, Yatta and Masinga sub-counties to confirm the implementation status of boreholes in the said sub counties and the following matters were established:-

1. That the County Government has truly dug many borehole projects but still the residents of this County have never achieved the dream of provision of water to every household as per the promise of His Excellency the Governor, Dr. Alfred Mutua. In 2015 he embarked on an ambitious project to provide piped water to over 300,000 homes across the vast county by launching a Kshs. 2.5 Billion water project that was to enable residents of Machakos access water for domestic and agricultural uses.
2. The County Government in 2015 did water mapping which was conducted in every village in all eight sub counties and which was set to issue every household with water pipes and metres but most of the boreholes drilled were dry, indicating a poor hydrological and geological survey.
3. In Yatta Sub-County especially in Katangi and Kyua area, the demand for water supply is very high owing to establishment of educational institutions like SEKU, Kenyatta and Nairobi University where most of the students reside in Katangi and Kyua markets. The few boreholes around this area supply very little water of about 0.3 cubic metres.
4. The borehole in Kitangani Market in Masinga Central Ward is very operational and was found to offer sufficient and continuous supply of water to the residents around.
5. Most of the boreholes' water is fetched from the source.
6. The budget allocation of Kshs. 2.5 Billion is so high but still residents of Machakos have so far not fully witnessed the adequate provision of water that had been promised when the water programme was being launched.
7. The solar equipment is not safe since theft cases of these panels have been reported.

### **Recommendations**

1. The County Government should concentrate majorly on boreholes that have high supply of water, then tap the water in large tanks and distribute it to residents.
2. If proper hydrological survey is done and the borehole intended for drilling proves to have low supply or dry, the County Government has no reason to drill that borehole. This is waste of public money.
3. For the boreholes whose water is fetched from the source, the County Government should do piping to reach the residents who are one kilometer away. This will help to bring water service close to the residents.
4. The County Government should limit over sinking of boreholes without considering underground storage since this may affect the underground water reserve.

5. The County Government should endeavor to invest and promote other cheap and reliable water harvesting techniques like purchase of gutters and large capacity tanks which each household can manage and use to collect rain water at their home level. This is by far cheaper and better than investing in dry boreholes.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, it is important to note that the extraction of underground water can result in lowering of water levels in adjacent aquifers. This may impact upon water bores and natural springs in the surrounding area.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, from the general survey done by the committee, the residents of Machakos have not realized their dream of provision of water for all. The County Government should endeavor to water programs that are sustainable in terms of provision of enough water that can be supplied for a longer time. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Members, the report is now properly before the House and I proceed to invite debate. Yes Hon. Francis Matheka.

**Hon. Matheka:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, before I contribute, I know you do not have eyes you cannot see but I can see for you; there is no quorum in the House. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Thank you. Clerk confirm.

*(Clerk confirmed)*

Hon. Members, I am advised we do not have quorum and therefore order members who are in the chamber to remain seated and the Serjeant-at-Arms to ring the bell for eight minutes.

*(Quorum Bell rung)*

The bell can stop. Hon. Members, I am advised we have not attained quorum.

## ADJOURNMENT

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Therefore, the business of the day adjourns until the next sitting.

The House rose at 3.25 p.m.