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Wednesday, 7th June, 2017

The House met at 2.35 p.m.

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

PRAYERS

Hon. Speaker: Good afternoon Hon. Members.

STATEMENT

BUSINESS FOR THE HOUSE FOR 13TH JUNE, 2017

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Mr. Speaker and the Hon. House, before I read the statements, I wish to say I am much privileged to read the last statement in this House for the First Assembly of Machakos County.

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 the last sitting day, for not more than 10 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 Wednesday, 7th June, 2017 and pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 151, balloted business for the coming week on 13th June, 2017 as follows;

Tuesday Morning

Report of Assembly and Broadcasting Committee on adoption of Machakos County Assembly Broadcasting policy which will be a debate.

Tuesday Afternoon

The Machakos County Tax Waivers Administration Bill No. 3 of 2017, second reading.

The Machakos County Tax Waivers Administration Bill No. 3 of 2017, third reading with leave of the House.

Motion on adjournment for sine die recess.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Statement is issued.

MOTION

STATUS REPORT ON PERFORMANCE OF AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT FOR 2015/2016

(Hon. Muli on 23.05.2017)

(Resumption of Debate on the Motion tabled on 09.05.2017)

Hon. Muli: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Aware THAT Department of Agriculture has had several projects among them, the tractors project, provision of free seeds and fertilizer, greenhouses and the chicks program;

Recognizing that agriculture is the largest contributor to Kenya's gross domestic product and it ensures a constant food supply and food security for the population, which ensures that the work force is fed with energy to supply labour to industries and other economic sectors.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, cognizant that Standing Order 190 (5)(d) outlines that a sectoral committee shall study, assess and analyze the relative success of the departments as measured by the results obtained as compared with their stated objectives; Informed that the Agriculture Committee conducted fact finding missions and retreated to Naivasha to analyze and compile a report on the status report for the department of agriculture for 2015/2016;

Mr. Speaker, I wish to move the motion that this Honorable House discusses and approves the Status report for 2015/2016 for the department of Agriculture.

I call upon Hon. Joshua Mwonga to second the motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I second the motion. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Proceed and deliver the report.

Hon. Muli: Mr. Speaker, Sir, the mission of the department of agriculture is to promote innovative and modern agriculture, livestock and fisheries sector through development and enactment enabling policy and legal framework for sustainable development of the County.

Mr. Speaker, in the context and strategy for Budget Intervention in 2015/2016, the department of agriculture was to enhance food security by identifying program that will transform the agriculture into a business venture hence reduce poverty. This was to be achieved through, sensitizing the public on best farming practices by introducing greenhouses project as a way of reducing poverty level in the county.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, this committee is mandated to deal with all matters related to agriculture, including crop and animal husbandry, livestock sale yards, county abattoirs, plant and animal disease control, irrigation, fisheries, cooperative societies and veterinary services (excluding regulation of the profession)

Mr. Speaker Sir, the Agriculture and Co-operative Development Committee as currently constituted comprises of the following Honorable members as listed below;

1. Hon. Joseph Musyoka -Chairman

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| 2. Hon. Phillip Ndolo | -V/Chairman |
| 3. Hon. Gideon Kavuu | -Member |
| 4. Hon. Charles Mutisya | “ |
| 5. Hon. Joshua Mwonga | “ |
| 6. Hon. (Ms.) Ruth Ndumi | “ |
| 7. Hon. Geoffrey Munyao | “ |
| 8. Hon. Wilson Kasimu | “ |
| 9. Hon. John Sila | “ |
| 10. Hon. (Ms.) Benedette Mueni | “ |
| 11. Hon. Festus Ndeto | “ |
| 12. Hon. Isaac Muinde | “ |
| 13. Hon. Peter Kyuli | “ |

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the department of agriculture, livestock and fisheries has been allocated Ksh. 115,196,150 in the approved budget and an amount of Ksh. 72,243,420 which was not committed as at the closure of the Financial year was reallocated leaving Ksh. 42,952,730 as the total expenditure for the department

Projects Implemented

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the following programs were implemented during the financial year;

i) Purchase of certified crop seeds

Mr. Speaker, Sir, this program had been allocated Ksh. 20,139,036 in the approved budget and an amount of Ksh. 79,506 was reallocated leaving a balance of Ksh. 20,059,530 for the provision of free seeds to the farmers as follows;

Ksh. 10,735,530 was used to settle pending bills to KARLO Katumani and Kshs. 9,324,000 to Dry land seed Company.

Further, the department procured 160 tonnes of seeds which were issued to 40,000 farmers in 2014/2015 and had not been paid by the end of that financial year. Mr. Speaker, in each ward, 1000 farmers benefited each with 4kgs of seeds.

ii) Purchase of agricultural machinery and equipment

Mr. Speaker, Sir, this program had been allocated Ksh. 3,000,000 in the approved budget and the allocation was increased by Kshs. 14,000,000 to Ksh. 17,000,000 after internal reallocation was made to this vote to pay for the tractor spare parts worth Ksh. 4,439,470.

In addition, Mr. Speaker, Ksh. 8,700,000 was used to pay part of pending bills of greenhouses and further, Ksh. 5,000,000 cleared part of pending bills for the purchase of tractors.

iii) Construction of fish cold storage facilities in Masinga

Mr. Speaker, the program had allocation of Ksh. 11,000,000 in the approved budget and the allocation was reduced by Ksh. 3,000,000 to Ksh 8,000,000. This vote was reallocated during supplementary budget to include fuel for the tractors and vehicles. The purchased tractor fuel and vehicles accumulated to Ksh. 8,000,000 which the department used to plough 927 acres

iv) *Purchase of animal, Chicks and fish feed*

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the total approved budget for the program was Ksh. 3,000,000 and department was supplied with the fingerlings worth Ksh. 600, 000 which was not paid as at the end of financial year. The remaining Ksh. 2,400,000 which was not committed as at closure of financial year was reallocated to other departments.

v) *Acquisition of vaccines for free vaccination of livestock*

Mr. Speaker Sir, the program had allocation of Kshs. 10,000,000 in the approved budget. The department committed LPOs of Ksh. 3,117,500 for vaccines which were supplied as at the closure of financial year. The remaining Ksh. 6,882,500 which was not committed as at closure of financial year Mr. Speaker, was reallocated to other department.

vi) *Refurbishing of non- residential buildings*

Mr. Speaker, the department aimed at renovating the office block to enhance service delivery. Mr. Speaker, the program had allocation of Ksh. 10,000,000 in the approved budget. The department spent Ksh. 893,200 on construction of both car park and office toilet. In addition, the department spent Ksh. 430,200 for toilet renovation and refurbishment of tractor parking. Further, the department spent Ksh. 460,000 in construction of parking area and car sheds

vii) *Green house project*

Mr. Speaker, a total of 250 green houses had been distributed in the last two financial years. 100 greenhouses were distributed in 2013/2014 and 150 were distributed in 2014/2015. The greenhouse capacity is 8m by 15m with plant capacity of 600 tomato plants.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the table below shows the number of greenhouses which were bought and distributed in the wards as follows:-

Sub-County	Ward	No. of Green Houses
Masinga	Masinga Central	20
	Kivaa	20
	Ekalakala	20
	Ndithini	20
	Muthesya	20
	Total	100
Yatta	Matuu	10
	Ndalani	10
	Kithimani	14
	Ikombe	11
	Katangi	10
	Total	55
Machakos	Mumbuni North	3
	Central	2
	Mua	3
	Mutituni/Ngelani	3

	Muvuti/Kiima	3
	Kimwe	3
	Kalama	3
	Kola/Mumandu	3
	Total	20
Kathiani	Lower Kaewa	2
	Mitaboni	6
	Kathiani	2
	Upper Kaewa	3
	Total	13
Athi River	Mavoko	
	Mlolongo/ Syokimau	2 3
	Muthwani	3
	Kinane	3
	Total	4
	12	
Matungulu		2
		4
	West	2
	Tala	4
	East	2
	North	14
	Total	
Mwala	Mbiuni	3
	Mwala	3
	Masii	5
	Muthetheni	7
	Kibauni	3
	Wamunyu	4
	Total	25
Kangundo	North	3
	Central	3
	East	2
	West	3
	Total	11
	Grand Total	250

Status of green houses in Masinga sub-county

Mr. Speaker, Sir, a total of 100 greenhouses were distributed in Masinga Central but the committee managed to visit only 20 greenhouses in Masinga ward and the committee findings are as drawn below

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S/NO	Name of the group	Sub-county	Current condition
	4K Kikumini youth group	Masinga central ward	No crop, greenhouse blown off by wind and no water for irrigation.
	Kangonde government retirees	Masinga central ward	The greenhouse is still standing, no crop and water.
	Kikumini secondary school	Masinga central ward	No crop, green house blown off by wind and no water for irrigation
	Maki Self-Help Group	Masinga central ward	No crop, green house blown off by wind and no water for irrigation
	Keeyonea Women Group	Masinga central ward	No crop, green house blown off by wind and no water for irrigation
	Musingini Secondary School	Masinga central ward	No crop, green house blown off by wind and no water for irrigation
	Myanyani youth group	Masinga central ward	The greenhouse is still standing, no crop and water
	Kyeni kya Kitangani	Masinga central ward	The greenhouse is still standing, no crop and water
	Kitangani Secondary School	Masinga central ward	The green house is still standing and has kales
	Mililuni Women Group	Masinga central ward	The greenhouse is still standing, has kales but no water for irrigation
	Masinga primary school	Masinga central ward	No crop, green house blown off by wind and no water for irrigation
	Mwangaza Women Group	Masinga central ward	No crop, green house blown off by wind and no water for

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			irrigation
	Wikwatyo greenhouse	Masinga central ward	The greenhouse is still standing but no crop due to water shortage
	Kwa Malile Self Help Group	Masinga central ward	No crop, green house blown off by wind and no water for irrigation
	Ngukemwe primary School	Masinga central ward	No crop, green house blown off by wind and no water for irrigation
	Katulye horticultural S.H.G	Masinga central ward	No crop, green house blown off by wind and no water for irrigation
	Kyeni kya Aka Women Group	Masinga central ward	No crop, green house blown off by wind and no water for irrigation
	Musumaa primary School	Masinga central ward	No crop, green house blown off by wind and no water for irrigation
	Kinguutheni Self Help Group	Masinga central ward	The green house is still standing and has kales
	Mukusu Secondary School	Masinga central ward	The greenhouse is still standing, but no crop

Status of green houses in Yatta sub-county

Mr. Speaker, Sir, a total of 55 greenhouses were distributed in Yatta Sub County but the committee managed to visit only 10 green houses and the committee findings are as drawn below;

S/NO	Name of Group	Sub-County	Current Condition
	Kateki Water supply	Yatta	No crop
	Muamukye Self-Help Group	Yatta	Spinach– this was planted to break pests and disease cycle and is doing well

	Kwinengane women group	Yatta	Tomato. This tomato is not doing well due to water stress. There is also <i>tuta tabsolua</i> attack
	Aka ma scheme women	Yatta	Spinach which is water stressed but preparation to plant tomato is in place
	Sinai Matungulu water project	Yatta	Planted onion against the advice
	Taa wa Ngelani	Yatta	Organizing to plant tomatoes now
	Kituneni Self-Help Group	Yatta	About panting a tomato crop water source had a challenge which has been addressed
	Katulani Shining Star	Yatta	Tomato crop which has been affected by fusarium wilt
	Kiwanza Self-Help Group	Yatta	-Unit in good condition -no crop -land preparation going on one side
	St. Maria for physically disabled	Yatta	-Unit in good condition -land preparation on

General observations from the committee's field inspection on green houses in Masinga and Yatta sub-counties

- That the County Government has truly distributed many greenhouses across the county.
- The greenhouse project was not successful because the groups which benefited from the project had no skills on how to manage the required temperature and humidity that determines the plant growth and productivity.
- Most planted crop were affected by pest and disease thus lowering both the quality and quantity of the produce.
- Bacterial wilt was the most common disease which affected the tomato as a result of contaminated water.
- Farmers has been planting one crop continuously without rotation hence losing the soil fertility.
- Most of the greenhouses have no crops due to lack of water for irrigation.
- In most wards, the greenhouses have been blown off by wind.
- Most of greenhouse cover has been worn out.

Committees Recommendation

1. The committee recommends that before the department of agriculture plans to start any project, there was a need to train the beneficiaries on management and maintenance skills in order to make the project sustainable.

2. Farmers should also be trained on how to rotate crops once the soil loses the fertility by bringing quality soil from outside.
3. Most of the greenhouses failed due to lack of water for irrigation and members recommended that, before the department purchase the greenhouse they should survey the ground and identify the areas with clean and adequate water supply to support the growth of planted plant.
4. The department should work hand in hand with the MCAs in identification of beneficiaries and the site where the greenhouses can be operational.

The committee is grateful to the office of the Speaker and that of Clerk to the County Assembly for the support accorded during the committee sittings. It is therefore my pleasant duty and privilege on behalf of the agriculture and cooperative development committee to table the status report for the financial year 2015/2016 to this Hon. House for consideration and approval. Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you Hon. Member. The report is now before us and I welcome deliberations. Yes Hon. Ngunzi.

Hon. (Ms.) Mueni: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I stand to support the report. I am a member of the committee so Mr. Speaker, Sir, you can see the mood of the people, we have to pass the report. The time is not in our hands. Even if you start complaining or not, the people who will come next time there will be need for knowing what is needed in the place where the MCA is coming from so that we will not be wasting the money for the county.

Now this is a waste of money for the County but we cannot help it now. The people have messed enough.

(Applause)

So next time the people who will come will be very strict to the executive. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Mueni you addressed the House when it was out of your turn. The privilege had been accorded to Hon. Ngunzi. You need to apologize to the House because you must have heard the Speaker, announce the name Hon. Ngunzi.

Hon. (Ms.) Mueni: I am sorry Mr. Speaker, Sir, I was not intending to do that. Thank you.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Let us therefore hear Hon. Ngunzi.

Hon. Ngunzi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My concern goes to the chairman. I have keenly looked at the report and I kind of wonder why Masinga sub-county was allocated a 100, Yatta allocated 55, Mwala---

(Applause)

Mwala only 25 and there are other sub-counties with as low as 10. Mr. Speaker, although the project flopped but we kind of cannot be told why allocate so many greenhouses to one sub-county, Masinga 100, what was the criteria, Mr. Speaker, that was used? There are water sources in Mwala that go for the whole time of the year with water. I have had challenges of water sources. We live along the river Athi we also live along the river Thwake, Mr. Chair, we of Muthetheni and Kibauni and Wamunyu wards

(Applause)

Why we were not accorded the same number with Masinga and Yatta? There is kind of, Mr. Speaker, an imbalance here and we are all taxpayers, Mr. Speaker, and Masinga is not paying more than Mwala. Let me hear, Mr. Speaker, what the chairman has to say. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Sorry, maybe Hon. Ngunzi you also forgot to observe that they all favored Masinga.

Hon. Ngunzi: Thank you Mr. Speaker, for the assistance. You can see the whole thing is blown off the other one has no crops. The only thing that the chairman is telling us is that the greenhouses have kale, sukuma wiki, which he is also telling us they are wilting so the whole thing is a waste of resources, Mr. Speaker. Let me hear the chairman tell me why Mwala has so low and Yatta too much.

Hon. Speaker: The Chair will consider that. Let us hear other contributions.

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Thank you, Mr. Speaker---

Hon. Speaker: I hope you remember you come from Masinga.

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: We can hear you.

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a very nice report. However, Mr. Speaker, because this House is coming to an end in just about three days to come, Mr. Speaker, I do not think it is wise to adopt the report as it is because it has some discrepancies, Mr. Speaker. Look at the total number of these greenhouses.

Hon. Speaker: The Hon. Majority Leader. Hon. Mwonga.

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Yes?

Hon. Speaker: I do not understand you when you say this House is coming to an end soon.

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): The term of this House Mr. Speaker, the term of this first assembly, that is what I meant. There are some discrepancies, Mr. Speaker, because like in Athi River Mr. Speaker, we are given the total number of greenhouses are 12 but when you take two plus three plus three plus three and plus four, it does not give you 12, Mr. Speaker. That is one of the discrepancies, Mr. Speaker, and after Kinanie ward, we are having the total which is given as four then we have 12 down there, Mr. Speaker.

Although I do not know whether the Standing Orders allow, I want to respond to the issues which have been raised by one Hon. Ngunzi for saying that there was discrepancy, Mr. Speaker that is why Masinga had many greenhouses. This is not the case. I want to remind him, when we used to work as an Assembly as one Assembly when we had no opposition and we had no government side, those were the happier days, Mr. Speaker, I want to remind him these projects were launched in Masinga and all the tracks that had these greenhouses were in Masinga that day it is also the same day when we---

Hon. Kateka: Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): I need your protection, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: You are protected, proceed.

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Yes and it is not the prerogative of the chairman or the members of the agriculture committee to say why Masinga was given many greenhouses than others. Remember we had a budget and each sub-county, ward was to get 20. We should be asking ourselves why the others did not get 20; it is not that Masinga was given a privilege, Mr. Speaker. The other thing, Mr. Speaker---

Hon. Ngunzi: Point of order.

Hon. Speaker: That point of order is denied proceed.

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Mr. Speaker, on observations, I did not go out with this committee. I remember very well that that day I was out with the committee on trade and planning, Mr. Speaker. There is one observation they have not done here, Mr. Speaker. They should have observed that, Mr. Speaker, the greenhouses, other than the structure the covering material that covers the structures, Mr. Speaker, was of poor quality.

That is why it was not sun-resistant and that is why it was blown off by wind and we have some greenhouses, private greenhouses which are lasting for more than 10 years, Mr. Speaker. So, this is an observation that I would wish that we include in this report, if the Chair allows. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Mwonga, you are saying that an observation should be added in this report?

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: And I find that you are a member of this committee, page 2 of the report?

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Yes, Mr. Speaker, I am a member and I have said when they were going out there, I was away with another committee outside somewhere else. Yes that is the truth of the matter, Mr. Speaker, the records can be checked and you will find that---

Hon. Katela: Point of order.

Hon. Speaker: Let me hear the point of order.

Hon. Katela: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As much as I want to adopt the report, Mr. Speaker, Hon. Mwonga is cheating the House because after you go out for a report you do not compile it that hour. You sit down and compile the report after one week. So he should tell the Speaker, where he was. It means he never attends the meeting and that is why he is trying to hide behind Masinga's 100 greenhouses.

He is trying to find a point of cheating us simply because he comes from Masinga and he is the Majority Leader. He went and looked at our Chief Officer with red eyes to and he took a lot of greenhouses to Masinga. You should be telling us that and you are not the one who compiles the report---

Hon. Speaker: Order! Hon. Katela.

Hon. Katela: Thank you, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members of this House do not cheat, they are only said to mislead can you.

Hon. Katela: Thank you for the correction, Mr. Speaker, Sir. Hon. Mwonga misled.

(Laughter)

He misled the Chief Officer and they were given and do not forget, that time, he was a friend to the Deputy Governor who was in office. So, I think Mr. Speaker, these people colluded to solicit for greenhouses because all the offices were in Masinga support me, I think that is what---

Hon. Muli: Point of order.

Hon. Speaker: Order! Let me hear Hon. Veronica.

Hon. (Ms.) V. Mbithe: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. Concerning this report, Mr. Speaker, Sir, my main observation is that there was a lot of wastage due to lack of proper research.

(Applause)

I believe the department of agriculture has officers who are supposed to oversee what is happening on the ground. I wonder how the greenhouses have been blown off by the wind yet there was no one to return the papers. Mr. Speaker, Sir, this should not happen in future. This is total misappropriation of funds. This is unheard of, this is unforgivable because taxpayers are waiting to see the returns of what they pay for. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Let me hear Hon. Maitha.

Hon. Maitha: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I need to be guided because I do not know whether this report was compiled in Machakos County or it is a report from Makueni County. I need to be guided because for your information, the three greenhouses purported to have been allocated to my ward are not traceable anywhere, Mr. Speaker. I cannot trace even a single one anywhere and if the committee can tell me where these greenhouses are, I would be privileged to even go and establish the status.

Mr. Speaker, forget about a sub-county that got a 100, I cannot even trace the three that have been purported to exist in my ward, Mr. Speaker. But all the same and all the factors notwithstanding, Mr. Speaker, I wish to appreciate the observations by the Majority Leader that the quality of the greenhouses was poor and that is what I have always been speaking about. So it sums up, my entire four years in oversight, that all my grievances in terms of quality and service delivery by the government is poor.

So, I appreciate and acknowledge you Hon. Majority Leader that as you have said the House is going to be adjourned in *sine die* in the next three days, that I am now going home to rest and completely sure that you have ascertained and agreed that what I have been fighting for is the reality on the ground because if the greenhouse are evidenced and especially in your ward, then Majority Leader, I sympathize with you. I rest my case and say as the Hon. Veronica has said; 'it shall never happen again' but at the end of the day, as we all know, it contravenes the constitution.

If you go to the devolution chapter, one major objective of devolution is equitable and fair distribution of resources. This confirms major issues that have been raised in this House regarding even distribution of other resources. So if one sub-county can get 100 against four, then it leaves more questions than answers and no matter we had poor quality because no observation was done and I want to say this, public resources never go to waste. Whoever did this, in future, will be held accountable because before you go ahead and procure those services, proper and thorough research was supposed to have been done so that the quality of material that was to be used in the various sub-counties can be ascertained.

Right now there are greenhouses that have stayed for over 10 to 15 years in our areas for private owners; why is it that the county ones cannot even last for two years? This is outright misuse of public resources, but one day it shall come to pass. Hon. Majority Leader, I appreciate your observation and I know as I go home, as I have said, I will go home convinced that I have fought a war that has come to be proved to be right. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Let me hear the chairman on the matter of inequity in distribution; the issue that was raised by Hon. Ngunzi.

Hon. Muli: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to inform the Hon. Member for Kibauni that the issue of greenhouse piloting was done in Masinga sub-county and according to research, it was found that Masinga sub-county is one of the dry sub-counties which requires more support in the issue of greenhouses and availability of water and finally, according to agricultural research, the competent groups were also found in Masinga sub-county. All these contributed to have that number of 100 greenhouses, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. I must appreciate that answer as it is. It is ingenious.

Hon. Nzoka: Thank you Mr. Speaker. When I check the list here, I have four and what I can see is just two. Again, for the two; the material were brought, dumped, and the people were told to take over and build it. So there was a challenge---

Hon. Speaker: Hon Nzoka, when were the materials brought?

Hon. Nzoka: I said the county government dropped the material.

Hon. Speaker: When?

Hon. Nzoka: That is 2013/2014

Hon. Speaker: 2014.

Hon. Nzoka: Yes.

Hon. Speaker: And you have been a member of this House? You never brought that issue to this House. Did you?

Hon. Nzoka: I said we organized it was built although it was---

Hon. Speaker: You are telling this House you did not do your role?

Hon. Nzoka: No, I am saying I was involved then I brought an expert to do so and it was done. What I agree with Majority Leader is the material is of poor quality. Again, I think the chairman is misleading the House saying that Masinga is dry; if it is dry you should not find any greenhouse. You should take green house were the water is available. You cannot take a greenhouse somewhere dry. And if he has any---

Hon. Speaker: Order Hon. Nzoka! The Speaker held that the answer by the Hon. Chairman was adequate.

Hon. Nzoka: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am saying that I am a farmer by profession and I know what we want when we talk of greenhouse. You don't take a greenhouse where there is no running water. You have to have a borehole or anything that to do with running water and there is evidence here that they were blown by wind, they are dry, there is nothing inside because of that.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you.

Hon. Nzoka: Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Any other contribution?

Hon. (Ms.) Veronica: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am wondering how convincing the chairman is because, how can Masinga be the piloting program; when the piloting program fails, I don't see the continuity of the same. Because he said, Masinga got 100 because it was piloting, piloting means the beginning so if it failed in the beginning, why did they have to continue? Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: That issue was put to rest

Hon. Nduva: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Despite Yatta having been allocated many greenhouses, I want to disagree with the number of greenhouses that have been allocated to Kithimani, because to my understanding, the only greenhouses in my ward are six.

Hon. Speaker: How many have you been allocated in the report?

Hon. Nduva: Fourteen

Hon. Speaker: Kithimani 14?

Hon. Nduva: Yes, Mr. Speaker, but the ones that are in existence or erected in the ward are only six. Mr. Speaker, I want to say this---

Hon. Speaker: Order! First, did this committee visit your area?

Hon. Nduva: Mr. Speaker, I don't know because I am not a member of that committee.

Hon. Speaker: Is it within this report? Maybe, I can hear from the chairman, did the chairman visit the area to confirm the number?

Hon. Muli: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We went to Yatta and we took randomly that for every sub-county we only visited two or three greenhouses in every ward. That is why we only managed to visit 10 but according to the report which we got from the department of agriculture and we did certain research, is that with Kithimani, having 14 greenhouses; some materials were there but were not already constructed, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: But is that in your report?

Hon. Muli: With Yatta Sub County, we did not visit Kithimani ward, we just visited the sub county.

Hon. Speaker: So are there cases of greenhouses that have been supplied but not erected?

Hon. Muli: According to the report which we gathered, Mr. Speaker, the greenhouses already slotted here, we got the report from the department of agriculture and then after doing our research---

Hon. Katela: Point of order.

Hon. Speaker: Let me take the point of order.

Hon. Katela: We should throw this report through the window because I don't know whether the chairman for agriculture committee is a researcher or a politician, because he is telling us after he did the research from the offices of agriculture, did he really go to the ground, because that is what the member for Kithimani is asking. I remember I was called and asked how many greenhouses I have in my ward and I gave the exact number. I am not complaining. I gave it myself, but they did not go to Muthetheni. Hon. Nduva of Kithimani ward is asking; where are these other greenhouses? But you researched from the office; are you are researcher?

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Katela, try to address the Chair, not the person of the chairman. Yes, let me hear the point of order.

Hon. Nzoka: Mr. Speaker, you are a lawyer by profession. There is a way when you ask a question should be answered not moving here and there. You asked well; are there materials of greenhouse which are not erected? The answer is yes or no. Can the chair agriculture be constructive and answer the question.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Yes chairman, can you answer the question that was asked by the Speaker.

Hon. Muli: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I said there are no materials which have not been utilized and all the greenhouses have already been constructed. That is what I said.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Yes Hon. Nduva.

Hon. Nduva: Mr. Speaker, it is good that the chairman has told the truth about the report he has brought into this Hon. House. Mr. Speaker it seems the report that the chairman has brought, he got it from the department of agriculture. Mr. Speaker, I want to inform this Hon. House, during those years, 2013, 2014, 2015, Mr. Speaker there was a lot of misuse of public funds and public materials. I can understand when he stood here to say he didn't visit Kithimani.

The persons who were given the responsibility to distribute these greenhouses are the local coordinators who are not employees of this county government of Machakos. Mr. Speaker, we are aware that they gave this report because they knew they either sold these greenhouses or they took them for self-use.

So, Mr. Speaker, if I will ask the chair or the House, this report should be repeated and given the exact information about this greenhouses because a lot of misuse was observed during this time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Chairman, did you actually visit, because am seeing on page seven, you are saying you only visited 10 greenhouses particularly in Yatta. In page five, you visited 20 greenhouses in Masinga and now if I heard you, it is like you collected this data from the department. What is the actual position?

Hon. Muli: Thank you Mr. Speaker. According to the report, it has been indicated that we managed to visit; due to time limit, 10 green houses in Yatta. Whereby, in general, Yatta is a sub-county and we managed to visit only the greenhouses. The committee did not collect the information from the department of agriculture. What we did according to the timeline, Mr. Speaker, we engaged the Hon. Members, we also combined according to what we had gotten from the Chief Officer, then we visited Masinga and Yatta in accordance with our oversight role, and we have clearly indicated what we managed to go through. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon chairman, I will make these directions. I am persuaded that the work done here was not adequate and this report will be referred back to you for further consideration. Any other matter before we adjourn?

Hon. Ngunzi: We are in agreement that the quality of the greenhouses was low so can we hear, as he comes again to us, how the pricing was done. We should be told the quality of the greenhouses against the pricing. It would not be complete---

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. I am sure the chairman is taking note.

Hon. Katela: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And on the same breadth, could the chairman do something and have a balanced distribution of the greenhouses, because we cannot have 12 somewhere and 100 elsewhere. These are the grievances we want.

Hon. Speaker: Sorry, the much the chairman can do would be to deliver the formula of distribution. I remember he was able to tell us.

Hon. Katela: But, Mr. Speaker, because we have the press here, and when Muthetheni hears that Masinga have 100 when I have seven, I lose my votes, because was I am asleep?

Hon. Speaker: I agree.

Hon. Katela: No wonder the chairman, Majority, the Deputy Governor are all from Masinga sub-county.

Hon. Speaker: Give us the formula of distribution.

Hon. Katela: Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Therefore, my earlier direction remains, that the matter is referred back to the chairman for reconsideration.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker: Then the House adjourns.

The House rose at 3.46 p.m.