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*The Assembly met at the Assembly Chambers, Manunga Catholic Hall at 9: 00 A.M*

*The Speaker, Hon. Ndegwa Wahome, in the Chair*

Prayer

**QUORUM CALL AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE SITTING**

*The clerk-at-the-table confirms that there is no quorum*

**Speaker:** Having confirmed that there is no quorum, I direct that the division bell be rung for an initial 10 minutes, pursuant to standing order number 34 or until such a time, within the ten minutes, when quorum will have been achieved.

*The division bell is rung for 9 minutes and quorum is achieved as confirmed by the clerk-at-the-table*

**Speaker:** Quorum having been achieved, let us proceed with the business for this morning session.

First order.

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**

**WEALTH DECLARATION FORMS**

**Speaker:** Hon. Members, I wish to make a brief communication about some information I have just received before I came into the chamber. I was unable to put it in writing since it just reached me. It is required by EACC that Wealth Declaration forms be submitted to the relevant accounting officer, which in this case is the Clerk to the Assembly by 5<sup>th</sup> December 2015, which is the deadline we have set.

Next order.

*Hon. Michael Kirumba rises on a point of clarification*

**Speaker:** Yes, Member for Kipipiri, Hon. Michael Kirumba.

**Hon. Michael Kirumba:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise on that very important communication because it is very critical. At some stage, we had sought the indulgence of the Deputy Clerk to help all the members fill the Wealth Declaration forms on or before the date you just mentioned as the deadline. I am therefore requesting for your direction and clarification as to whether that arrangement is underway so that the hon. Members can know when to visit and see the Deputy Clerk about the matter.

Thank you.

**Speaker:** Very well. I am privy to the prior arrangement that the Deputy Clerk would help in the process. We all know that this was a reasonable expectation of the Members. Unfortunately, I learned that the Deputy Clerk is on leave that started on 1<sup>st</sup> of December 2015 but due to the importance of this particular process, I think the Office of the Clerk will provide other competent individuals to guide the members. I do not think their advice will be any different from the advice the Deputy Clerk would give. This is particularly important since we only got today afternoon, tomorrow and Friday.

### **MOTION**

#### **REPORT OF THE HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE ON THE HARMONIZATION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

**Speaker:** Member for North Kinangop, Vice Chairperson, House Business Committee, Hon. Edinald Wambugu King'ori.

**Hon. Wambugu King'ori:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to seek leave not to move this motion today as we agreed during the *kamukunji* because majority of the members are not in the chamber.

We also do not have the Committee on Education, which I understand has gone to Kwale County for Counties' tournament. Therefore, I am of the view that we shall move the motion when every member is present in the House.

**Speaker:** Okay, I will grant the request for leave by the vice chairperson of the House Business Committee. I concur with him that we had agreed in principle that we shall discuss the report only when all members have been able to interact at the Speaker's *Kamukunji*, on the way forward on this matter.

Hon. Members you are aware that the *kamukunji* could not take effect yesterday for the reason that the Committee on Education, Labour and Social Services is in Kwale County for inter-county sports and therefore they requested that we should not hold the *kamukunji* in their absence because the matter affects them directly. I therefore grant leave to the mover of the motion so that we can have the whole House present when we deliberate on the matter.

*Hon. David Ndirangu (Mirangine) rises*

Yes, Member for Mirangine, Hon. David Ndirangu Ngigi.

**Hon. David Ndirangu (Mirangine):** Mr. Speaker, we all know that the Committee on Education, Labour and Social Services is in Kwale County for the tournament. We are also aware that the team that is representing Nyandarua is from Kipipiri ward. I fail therefore to understand why the Member for Kipipiri ward is with us yet he ought to have accompanied his team. What happened? My initial thoughts were that the team was from Karau Ward only to realize later that it is actually from Kipipiri. Now because the team is from Kipipiri, the Member from Kipipiri ought not to be in the chamber but in Kwale County accompanying his team. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Member for Mirangine, I think your issue is valid. It is only rational that the representative of the ward that a team comes from accompanies it to the tournament. I understand that the team is already doing very well and it is approaching the semifinals stage of the tournament.

With that kind of performance, the team deserves all the support. Otherwise, it is unfortunate and we shall take up the matter with the Executive. Apparently, they decided to leave the person behind the success of the team when they went for the actual event and therefore, the person was not able to follow up on his success.

*Hon. Michael Kirumba rises*

Yes, Member for Kipipiri, Hon. Michael Njoroge Kirumba.

**Hon. Michael Kirumba:** It is important to put the concerns of Member for Mirangine on record. Personally, I was following up on the matter but at some stage, the Executive frustrated me. They did not give a clarity on whether or not the entire team would be facilitated. So, I decided to forego my facilitation so that at least two or three crucial team members could travel alongside the rest of the team. I sent some money for the team members to travel because the rest had already left.

Mr. Speaker, you therefore put it correctly. Those who are in the know comprehend that I really wanted to accompany my team but the frustrations I underwent were too much and I thought it was not worth the tussle.

I am in touch with the team and they actually beat Marsabit County four goals to nil. Yesterday they drew while playing against Kiambu proving that it is a very competent team.

Again, I would like to remind the members that it is no longer a Kipipiri team but rather, Nyandarua team. They have an aggregate of three points and four goals so far. Given the aforementioned facts, I urge the House that we set a precedent. In future, the MCA of the ward from which a team comes from should accompany it without begging.

It should be outright. Since we took the committee on sports, the MCA of the ward should be included as an extra member. This is because you tarnish your name when you go begging and kneeling there in order for them to allow you to attend the event and they even begin thinking that you have some personal issues you are attending to in Kwale County. It is important therefore that all the teams we take to such events be accompanied by their respective MCAs because it will give the team the necessary morale contrary to what we are witnessing.

Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Hon. Members, the people who coordinated and organized these games at the grassroots are the representatives of the people at that level. To distance them from the teams' success therefore is not fair and we are going to communicate formally to the secretary about the frustrations of the Nyandarua County Assembly and how that issue was handled.

We are aware that they are pointing fingers at the members saying that they did not take part in the process of organizing and holding the games in the wards yet we know the organizers and players were being paid allowances. Nonetheless, we are going to make a very serious communication to the Executive about that issue and see to it that it is sorted out amicably. Next order!

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER**

**Speaker:** Hon. Members, we have a supplementary order paper and pursuant to Standing Order number 40, I direct that we proceed from order number one to six. Then we shall go directly to order number eight then refer back to order number seven. The reason is that we cannot proceed with order number seven before the House either approves or disapproves order number eight. Proceed.

#### **NOTICE OF MOTION**

**Speaker:** Yes, County Member from Githioro, Hon. Dorcas Nyambura Kihara.

**Hon. Dorcas Kihara:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I beg to give notice of the following motion:

Aware that Early Childhood Development (ECD) is a devolved function of the County Government;

Further aware that children attending ECD are facing major challenges among them being the harsh effects of poverty amongst their parents and guardians;

Concerned that children mortality in Nyandarua County stands at 14 children per 1000 children which is partly caused by malnutrition;

Further concerned that children malnutrition evidence either by wasting is at a rate of 2.2 percent, underweight children at the rate of 17 percent and stunted growth amongst the children at the rate of 31 percent may lead to poor performance outcomes and development of children in ECD centers.

Now therefore, I urge that this House do resolve that,

- i. The County Government commission a feasibility study on the viability of a feeding program of children attending ECD centers.
- ii. There be commissioned a feeding program in public ECD centers in the County.
- iii. There be provision of appropriate facilities for feeding ECD learners in all public ECD centers.
- iv. There be considered a budgetary allocation for the program in the subsequent budgetary estimates and appropriations of County Funds to sustain the program.

Thank you Mr. Speaker sir.

**Speaker:** Very well, the notice of motion is duly given and the House Business Committee shall allocate time as to when the motion shall be processed and disposed of. Next order.

#### **PROCEDURAL MOTION**

**Speaker:** Yes, Member for North Kinangop, Vice Chairperson, House Business Committee, Hon. Edinald Wambugu King'ori.

**Hon. Wambugu King'ori:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I beg to move the following procedural motion:

Aware that the House proceeds for long recess beginning the coming Friday, the 4<sup>th</sup> day of December 2015;

Further aware that the Hon. Members have urgent matters they would wish to address first in the House before the House adjourns for recess;

Premised on the foregoing, I beg to move that,

Notwithstanding the provisions of standing order number 44(c) and 44(d), this House does resolve that members be granted leave by this House to seek statements during Wednesday, 2nd day of December 2015 at 9 a.m.

Mr. Speaker, standing order 44(c) and 44(d) say that statements are requested before 3 p.m. As House Business Committee, we found therefore that there are businesses that require to be addressed before we adjourn on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2015. We slotted in some businesses to be processed in today's order paper, which Hon. Members of the committee decided that we should come to the House and seek leave so that the business can be expedited before we adjourn.

Mr. Speaker, this is the reason we are moving this procedural motion and I call upon Hon. Michael Kirumba to second.

Thank you.

**Speaker:** Yes, Member for Kipipiri, Hon. Michael Kirumba.

**Hon. Michael Kirumba:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to second the procedural motion. Being a member of the House Business Committee, we found that our entry was full of statements. We carried forward most of the businesses that were to be transacted before the recess to the period after the recess. The committee also found that the statements being sought by the Hon. Members are critical and need to appear in the records so that they can be directed to relevant committees for action.

Mr. Speaker, we are aware that members are allowed to seek statements only on Thursdays according to the Standing Orders. Therefore, the procedural motion endeavors to convince the members to seek statements today as opposed to seeking them tomorrow. If we happen to go for recess without directing the statements to the relevant committees, we might not have a smooth flow of the order papers henceforth.

I hope the Hon. Members will see the sense of this procedural motion and support it so that we have the order paper flowing even after coming back from the long recess. Besides, we will have enough business then if we allow these statements to be sought today and be directed to relevant committees. With those few remarks Mr. Speaker, I second the procedural motion. Thank you.

*Question proposed*

*Question put and agreed to*

**Speaker:** The motion is taken and therefore the members have been granted leave to seek statements during this sitting. Next order.

### STATEMENTS

**Speaker:** Yes, Member for Gatimu, Hon. Kieru Wambui.

*Hon. Githinji Mwaniki rises on behalf of Hon. Kieru Wambui*

**Hon. Githinji Mwaniki:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Hon. Kieru Wambui, I rise to request for a statement from the Chairperson of the Committee on Water, Environment and Natural Resources on Nyakanja Water and Sanitation Company:

Mr. Speaker, aware that sometime in the year 1984, there was established a Society known as Nyakanja Society by the people of Gatimu Ward;

Further aware that sometime in the year 2013 the said Society was reconstituted into a Company in the meaning of the Companies Act, Cap 486 Laws of Kenya in the guise of Nyakanja Water and Sanitation Company;

Noting that the said Company is engaging in the business of tariffed water supply in Gatimu ward and its environs;

I now pray that the Chairperson of the Committee does issue a statement to this House addressing the following issues:

1. How was the Society reconstituted into a Company, what are the resolutions to that effect and whether the same were procedurally passed;
2. How was the membership together with the assets and liabilities of the Society transferred, if at all, to the Company;
3. Who are the shareholders of the Company and what are their respective shareholding in the said Company; (The Committee does obtain certified copies of the memorandum and articles of association, CR12, annual returns, financial audits and other requisite documents)
4. The leadership of the Company in terms of Directors and the Board and the process used to put them into office and the last time elections for the Society or the Sacco were carried out and whether the correct procedures were employed;
5. Is the Company licensed to offer water and sanitation services by the government and under the supervision of which Water Board or Authority with proof of the same being availed;

6. How does the Company determine the area of water distribution and coverage, the volume of distribution to the diverse areas under supply, the applicable water tariffs and the terms and conditions of supply to the consumers;
7. Are there consumers who have benefited from a waiver of payment and what are the criteria for their identification;
8. How sustainable is the Company and what plans are in place to ensure its posterity;
9. What are the sources of funds for the Company in either revenue, loans, gifts or grants;
10. What is the workforce of the Company, either personnel contracted permanently or on short term basis and what are their qualifications; and
11. How many properties does the Company hold, what is the registration status of the properties and who is the custodian of the title documents.

Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Very well. Chairman of the Committee on Water, Environment and Natural Resources how much time does your committee require to work on the statement?

**Hon. Kiruka Mburu:** Mr Speaker, my committee will table a comprehensive report on the same after recess.

**Speaker:** Okay, the House Business Committee shall allocate time for consideration of this business.

Next order

### STATEMENT

**Speaker:** Yes member for Geta, Hon. Githinji Mwaniki

**Hon. Githinji Mwaniki:** Thank you Mr Speaker. I rise to request for a statement from the Chairperson, Budget and Appropriations Committee:

Mr. Speaker, aware that under the Public Procurement and Disposal Act (No. 3 of 2005) and the Public Procurement and Disposal (Preference and Reservations) (Amendment) Regulations, 2013 requires a procuring entity to allocate at least thirty percent of its procurement expenditure for the purposes of procuring goods, works and services from micro and small enterprises owned by youth, women and persons with disability;

Further aware that this is meant to foster job creation, fight unemployment and eradicate poverty among the special interest groups;

Taking cognizance that the county government is required by law to adhere to the said regulation;

I hereby seek for a statement from the Chairperson of the Budget and Appropriations Committee on;

- i. The Compliance by the County Government with the regulation in the financial year 2013/2014 and financial year 2014/2015;
- ii. A breakdown of the enterprises that benefited under the reservation indicating the domicile of each enterprise; and
- iii. The actual expenditure both in figures and by percentage of the funds allocated to the group.

Thank You Mr. Speaker Sir.

**Speaker:** Very well. Chairman of the Committee on Budget and Appropriations what time do you require to compile and table a report on the same? And chairman of the Committee on Budget and Appropriations, just as a guideline on this matter, the thirty percent amounts to the entire budgetary allocation for procuring of goods and services from micro and small enterprises owned by youth, women and persons with disability. So you should include in the report the total allocation for that purpose and whether the thirty percent has actually been able to cater for the procurement from the group.

**Hon. James Gachomba:** Mr Speaker, it is required that thirty percent of procurement expenditure should go to procurement of goods and services from the group in question. In view of this, I submit that after recess my committee will table a comprehensive report on the matter.

Thank you.

**Speaker:** Very well, the House Business Committee shall allocate time for the tabling of the report.

Next order.

### STATEMENT

**Speaker:** Yes member for Magumu and the Leader of Minority, Hon. Githinji Ngumba

**Hon. Githinji Ngumba:** Thank you Mr Speaker. I rise to request for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Committee on Lands, Housing and Physical Planning on the status of Thiririka – Kariaini Dam and the riparian land thereof:

Mr. Speaker, aware that the Constitution of Kenya 2010, under Article 62, 63 and Paragraph 8 of Part II of the Fourth Schedule provides for public land, community land and land survey and mapping respectively;

Further aware that the Thiririka – Kariaini Dam has been a public utility where residents benefit from its water for domestic use and where several institutions and public amenities have been established, namely; a nursery school, sheep and cattle dips, a registered polling station and a police post;

Concerned that the land was allocated to a group of persons under the name of “Thiririka Self Help Group” which is alleged to be a family initiative;

Further concerned that the public does not any longer benefit from water from the dam and noting further that access to the above mentioned public utilities on the riparian land has been restricted by the said Group resulting to conflict with the Thiririka –Kariaini Village residents;

Arising from the foregoing, I seek that the Chairperson of the Committee on Lands, Housing and Physical Planning provides the following information:

- i. The circumstances under which the Thiririka Self Help Group was allocated Thiririka –Kariaini Dam and the riparian land;
- ii. The status of ownership of the land on which the nursery school, sheep and cattle dips, polling station and police station are situated;
- iii. The allotment letters or title deeds or other documents of ownership of the group and the status of ownership (whether private, public or community land); and
- iv. The measures to be taken to ensure that the public utilities including the dam benefit the residents and the community of Magumu Ward.

Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir.

**Speaker:** Very well, the statement is duly laid. Vice chair of the Committee on Lands, Housing and Physical Planning, how much time do you need to respond to the statement request? I think this is not a weighty issue because it is about a family claiming what is thought to be public land.

So it is for you to establish the status of that land and how the same should be handled. In relation to this, how much time do you require?

**Hon. Githinji Mwaniki:** Mr Speaker, the appropriate time to table the report in response to the statement request is immediately after recess.

**Speaker:** Very well. The House Business Committee will allocate time when you will table the response in the House after recess.

Next order

### STATEMENT

**Speaker:** Yes County member from Githioro, Hon Dorcas Kihara.

**Hon. Dorcas Kihara:** Thank you Mr Speaker. I wish to request for a statement from the Chairperson of the Committee on Roads, Public and Transport on the Status of Njabini-Ndundori C69 Road:

Mr. Speaker, aware that road transport is a shared function between the National and the County Government. Further aware that there are classifications of roads as either national trunk roads or county roads and that there are agencies created to construct and manage such roads.

Noting that the Njabini- Ndundori C69 road is a national trunk road under the management of Kenya National Highway Authority( KENHA)and traverses across a vast area of Nyandarua County.

Concerned that the state of the road is dilapidated and in very poor conditions being riddled by potholes thereby endangering the lives of motorists and other road users.

Mr. Speaker Sir, from the foregoing, I hereby request a statement from the Chairperson Committee on Roads, Public Works and Transport addressing the following;

1. What is the tare weight (axle load) capacity of the vehicles that should use the said road;
2. What mechanism is in place, if at all, to ensure that the vehicles using the road have not exceeded the weight capacity allowed on the road;
3. Why there hasn't been bush clearing on the road reserve which poses a security threat to the road users;
4. Whether KENHA has decentralized its services to the County level to ensure effective service delivery; and

5. Whether any guarantee on the durability of the road had been given by the contractor and for what period.

Thank You Mr. Speaker Sir.

**Speaker:** Very well. Chairperson of the Committee on Roads, Public Works and Transport you should be able to tell us when you will table in this House the report in response to that statement sought. In addition, you should include in the report whether there are any measures that have been put in place to ensure that the status of the road is improved.

**Hon. Kimani Gachuhi:** Mr Speaker, coming up with a report on the statement sought is a tricky task. My committee will have to invite among others, the officials of KENHA and concerned members of parliament to provide information.

We shall need the intervention of your office during recess to make the exercise of invitation successful. In relation to this, by the time we will be resuming from recess, we will have compiled the report on the same. Thank you Mr Speaker.

**Speaker:** Very well. The House Business Committee shall allocate time when the report on this matter will be tabled in the House after recess.

*Hon. Suleiman Kihika rises*

Member for Kanjuiri Ridge you have an issue?

**Hon. Suleiman Kihika:** Mr Speaker, I rise to request Hon. Dorcas Kihara to add one more point to her statement. This is to the effect that there are so many access roads joining the road addressed by her statement. The access roads have culverts that have been blocked. This causes drainage breakdown leading to destruction of the roads. So I think this is something that Hon. Dorcas should include in her statement.

Thank you Mr Speaker.

*Hon. Kimani Gachuhi rises*

**Speaker:** What is it member for Weru and the chairman of the Committee on Roads, Public Works and Transport?

**Hon. Kimani Gachuhi:** Mr Speaker, the issue that has been raised by the member for Kanjuiri Ridge is valid. But I think the Njabini- Ndundori (C69) Road and the access roads joining it should be dealt with differently. So, I think, Hon. Suleiman Kihika should come up with a statement request on the same.

**Speaker:** Hon. Members, we had agreed on this issue of statements. We agreed that if a member has an issue related to statements that requires to be addressed, they can present it in the relevant committee for deliberations. That is the right forum for this.

Next order.

### STATEMENT

**Speaker:** Yes member for Wanjohi, Hon. Mumba Gichini.

**Hon. Mumba Gichini:** Mr. Speaker, I rise to request for a statement from the Chairperson, Committee on Water, Environment and Natural Resources on the conservation of River Wanjohi:

Mr. Speaker, aware that the County government has a mandate of implementation of specific national government policies on natural resources and environmental conservation including soil and water conservation;

Further aware that the provision of water and sanitation services is a County Government function that has a direct impact on the livelihood of the residents of the county in relation to the general health wellbeing of the residents;

Further aware that Wanjohi River in Wanjohi ward of the county is a primary source of water to the residents of Wanjohi town and its environs;

Concerned that the poor state and or lack of proper solid waste and sewerage disposal has led to the dumping of the waste and drainage of effluent into the river is a major health hazard that is posing a big risk to the community living around the area.

Mr. Speaker Sir, from the foregoing I hereby request a statement from the chairperson Committee on Water, Environment and Natural Resources detailing the measures being undertaken to ensure there is proper conservation of river Wanjohi and to safeguard the health and wellbeing of the residents of Wanjohi who depend on the river as their source of water.

Thank You Mr. Speaker Sir.

**Speaker:** Chairman of the Committee on Water, Environment and Natural Resources, how much time do you require to address the issue of Wanjohi river?

**Hon. Kiruka Mburu:** Mr Speaker, we are going to have the report ready after.

**Speaker:** Very well; the House Business Committee will allocate time after recess for tabling of that report.

Next order.

### STATEMENT

**Speaker:** Yes member for Magumu and the Leader of Minority, Hon. Githinji Ngumba.

**Hon. Githinji Ngumba:** Thank you Mr Speaker. I rise to request for a statement from the Chairperson, Committee on Implementation of the Tahal Plug and Play Project:

Mr. Speaker, aware that on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2015, the House was seized with the motion on adoption of the report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on the Engagement of Tahal Consulting Engineers Limited in the Development of Nyandarua County Water Master Plan and Sewerage System for Ol'kalou Town;

Further aware that among the resolutions of the House based on the recommendations of the said Committee were that:

- i. The pending amounts on phase one of the project contract price be paid fully by Nyandarua County Government to enable Tahal Group Limited install plug and play projects in all the twenty five (25) wards as soon as the balance owed by the county government was paid;
- ii. The state of Israel was to assist in sourcing for funds to facilitate the completion of the project on execution of a memorandum of understanding (MoU) between the said state and the county government, which MoU was to be executed not later than August, 2015 and brought to the House for adoption;
- iii. The resolutions of the House be implemented by the Executive to the letter and a progress report be tabled in the House within thirty (30) days of receipt of the said resolutions.

Noting that almost five (5) months have now elapsed and this House has not been put in the know of what progress has been made on the implementation of its resolutions;

I now pray that the Chairperson of the Committee does issue a statement to this House addressing the following issues;

1. Whether the pending amounts of phase one of the project contract price have been paid in satisfaction of the contract, and if so, when the same was paid and how much was its cost in Kenya Shillings;

2. Whether the said pending amounts were factored in the budgetary allocations and in which vote head;
3. Whether an MoU has been executed between Tahal Group Limited and the county government, and if so why the same has not been submitted for approval by the House.
4. If the MoU is yet to be executed, the reasons behind this pendency and the implications thereof;
5. When the plug and play projects in the twenty five (25) wards are expected to kick off and the sources of funding for the same; and
6. What plans have been put in place for phase II of the project and if any, what are the contractual and financial ramifications of the same to the county government and if the same are sustainable and in what period.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the matter is of great county importance and has attracted a lot of interest from our people and would therefore request that the same be treated with urgency.

Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir.

**Speaker:** Very well. The statement has duly been requested.

*Hon. Michael Kirumba rises on a point of order.*

What is it member for Kipipiri?

**Hon. Michael Kirumba:** Mr. Speaker, I just wanted to get your direction on this matter. This is a matter that has been with us for quite too long. If my memory serves me well, I remember there was a time this matter found its way to court.

In relation to this, before it is referred to the committee, we should know whether to interject as a House. This is because if we interject whereas the matter is still pending in court, we shall be accused of contempt of court. So Mr. Speaker we need your guidance on this in order to know which grounds we should tread and which we should not concerning this matter.

Thank you.

**Speaker:** Hon. Members, the member for Kipipiri has raised a pertinent issue. I am privy to this matter, although it has not been formally communicated to me. Some persons went to court concerning this issue on Tahal engagement wanting the county government not to further engage with the Tahal Group until the case is determined by the court.

I am not privy to the status of the case as of now. I think it will not be wise to refer the matter to the committee without having knowledge of the status of the suit that was filed pertaining to it. However, as the member for Magumu has said, this matter is of county importance and it is raising a lot of concerns in the county. In relation to this, let me make a comprehensive communication on this issue and give requisite directions on the same.

*Applause*

Next order

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Speaker:** Hon. Members, the business of this sitting having been exhausted I now adjourn this House until today, Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2015 at 2:30p.m.

*The House rose at 10:03 a.m.*