

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF NAKURU

THE HANSARD

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The House met at 03:10 PM

[The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Michael Gathanwa) In the Chair]

PRAYERS.

STATEMENT

WATER PIPING PROJECTS ACROSS LALWET AND MOGOON IN KAPKURES WARD.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Michael Gathanwa): We have a Statement; Pursuant to the provision of Standing Order 47 (2) (c), the following request will be made. Honorable Robert Ruto to request for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Committee on Energy, Environment, Water and Natural Resources concerning Water Piping Projects across Lalwet and Mogoon in Kapkures Ward. Honorable Robert.

Hon. Robert Ruto: Thank you Mr. Temporary Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 47 (2) (c), I rise to request for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Committee on Energy, Environment, Water and Natural Resources concerning Water Piping Projects across Lalwet and Mogoon in Kapkures Ward.

Mr. Temporary Speaker, Lalwet and Mugoon Water Piping Project was awarded Kshs 1.5 Million in the Financial Year 2022/2023 Budget. The amount was to be used in piping of the same but was changed to Supply of Water Pipes to Ingobor Water Project.

Mr. Temporary Speaker, it is unfortunate to note that the Contractor who was contracted to undertake the project changed the description of the project to supply thirty four pipes and one, 10 000 litres plastic tank to Ingobor Water Project which had not been programmed for the same. Upon inquiry 26 out of the 34 water pipes that were delivered for Ingobor Water Project had already been used.

The remaining eight pipes and the one, 10,000 litres tank have been redirected to Lalwet and Mugon Project though the piping has not commenced since the pipes are not yet sufficient. Mr. Temporary Speaker, in view of this, I request the Chairperson for the Committee of Energy, Environment, Water and Natural Resources to respond on the following.

1. Whether the CECM is aware that the Lalwet/Mugoon Water Project was redirected to Ingobor Water Project.
2. How the County Government will recover the monies spent on the 26 pipes that were supplied and used in Ingobor Project that was not budgeted for.
3. The measures that the Department has put in place to curb such mix up in future, in terms of identification and implementation of projects in adherence to approved budgets.
4. Why the project description was changed to supply instead of piping.
5. Measures the Department has put in place to ensure the project is completed within the minimum time possible.

Thank you Mr. Temporary Speaker.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Michael Gathanwa): Thank you I would wish to commit the request to the Chair Committee of Energy, Environment, Water and Natural Resources. Kindly take up the matter and give a response in 14 days. We also have a response to a Statement. Honourable Njuguna Mwaura, Chairperson Committee on Health Services.

STATEMENT

DATABASE FOR HEALTH WORKERS IN NAKURU COUNTY

Hon. John Mwangi: Thank you Mr. Temporary Speaker Sir, I will give response to the Statement on behalf of Honorable Njuguna Mwaura who is my Chairman Health Committee.

Response to the Statement sought by Honorable Phillip Wanjohi on database for Health Workers in Nakuru County. On Wednesday 19th April 2023, Hon. Philip Wanjohi, MCA Lare Ward, requested for a Statement from the Chairperson Committee on Health Services concerning the database of Health Workers in Nakuru County. The Honourable Member requested for a detailed information on the following;

1. List of Health Workers and their Job Cadres employed by the County Government.
2. The distribution across the Health Facilities in the County.
3. The Terms of Engagement of Health Workers.

The Committee while undertaking its Legislative, Oversight and Representation role, wrote to the County Executive Committee Member, Department of Health Services to get factual information on the question asked.

On 4th May 2023, the Department responded as follows;

The County Government of Nakuru, Department of Health Services has a total of 3,130 staff. The staff are distributed as follows;

1. Permanent and Pensionable employees	1,701
2. Contracted by the County Government	735
3. Hospital Contracted through the Facility Improvement Fund	474
4. Ministry of Health Funded under the Universal Health Care	95
5. Partner funded staff :	
(i) Contracted by Global Fund 3	
(ii) By USAID Tujenge Jamii 121	
(iii)World Vision 1	

Their Job Cadres and Terms of Engagements are captured as follows;

1. Nurses
2. Dental officers
3. Pharmacists
4. Medical Officers
5. Nutritionists
6. Occupational Therapists
7. Orthopedic Technologists
8. Orthopedic Trauma Technologists
9. Pharmaceutical Technologists

The Pharm Technologists are 84 in the County. Seventeen are Permanent and Pensionable. 42 County Contracted, 3 under Universal Health Coverage (UHC), 17 Hospital Contracted and 5 under USAID Tujenge Jamii.

10. Physiotherapists
11. Public Health Officers
12. Radiographers
13. Medical Engineering Technologist
14. Medical Laboratory Technologists
15. Medical Physicist
16. Medical Social Workers

17. Community Health Assistants /Officers

18. Clerical Officers

19. Clinical Officers

The County takes pride in its 297 Clinical Officers. Out of the 297, 142 are permanent and pensionable, 70 County contracted, 14 UHC Contracted, 2 under Global Fund Partner, 44 Hospital Contracted and 25 USAID Tujenge Jamii.

20. Community Oral Health Officers

21. Cooks

22. Health Administrative Officers

23. Health Records and Information Officers

24. HTS Counsellors

25. Accountants

26. Procurement Officers

27. ICT Officers

28. Secretaries

The County Department of Health has 11 Secretaries who are Permanent and Pensionable

29. Support Staff

30. Drivers

31. Telephone Operators

The Department has 6 Permanent and Pensionable Telephone Operators. It is worth noting that a comprehensive list of all staff including their names, Id no's, employment no, Job Designation, Job Cadre, terms of re-employment and Duty Station in this Department has been supplied to Hon. Philip Wanjohi, the Member of County Assembly for Lare. I beg to give the response for the request of Statement.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Michael Gathanwa): Thank you so much, I see Hon. Wanjohi is in the House and probably you can comment on whether that was what you were looking for.

The Minority Leader (Hon. Philip Wanjohi): Thank you Mr. Temporary Speaker, I wish to thank the Hon. Member for Turi and the Chair for Health Committee for the prompt response they have made towards my Statement.

However Mr. Temporary Speaker, I am concerned after listening and of course reading because of cause they gave me the Statement; my observation is that our Health Facilities are under staffed and especially with Nurses and Health Workers and some of our Health Facilities in fact 60 percent of them across the County are understaffed and in some of the Facilities, the Health Centres have at least one Nurse which is very dangerous; and therefore it means that when this Nurse or Health Worker goes on leave or is sick or admitted, the Health Facility has to be closed and you know Health Facility is not a shop where you can leave someone to take care of it.

Therefore, my recommendation to the Health Committee whose Members are in this House that we have two staff in each of Health Facilities so that when one Health Worker goes on leave or has to go for a meeting, that Health Facility is not closed. Mr. Temporary Speaker I am satisfied with the response of the Statement; thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Michael Gathanwa): Thank you so much.

ADJOURNMENT

Members, this House stands adjourned until tomorrow at 9.am in the morning.

The House rose at 3.25PM