



COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF MOMBASA

OFFICIAL REPORT

Tuesday, 25th February, 2020
The House met at 10:22a.m.

(The Speaker (Hon. Aharub Ebrahim Khatri) in the Chair)

PRAYERS

The Speaker (Hon. Khatri): Hon. Members you may be seated.

(Low consultations)
(Silence)

Yes, Clerk next order?

STATEMENTS

TRANSFER OF HEALTH OFFICERS AT SUB COUNTY LEVEL

Yes Chairperson Committee on Health, Hon. Kibwana or any other Member on the Committee on Health. Yes, Hon. Nzai please responds to the Statement.

Hon. Nzai: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I stand on behalf of my Chairman, who has gone to the hospital because of flu. Mr. Speaker Sir I stand to respond on this very good statement which was given to us the Health Committee, “*Transfer of Health Officers at Sub-County Level*”. Indeed transfers is for healthy services.

Mr. Speaker Sir we wrote a letter to the department, although there was a mis-forwarding or rather misdirecting of the letter; we sent our letter to the Chief Officer Medical Services, but the answers they gave us is that the letter was to be referred to the Chief Officer Public health.

Yesterday we had a meeting with all our Committee Members and we resolved and directed our Clerk to write to the Chief Officer Public Health Services and we are waiting for the response anytime this week, so maybe as from next week we shall be in a position, to respond to this very important statement. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Khatri): Thank you Hon. Nzai. Yes, Hon. Samba?

Hon. Samba: Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity.

Hon. Members I don't know whether we heard the Hon. Member when he was giving the response, that they wrote a letter to another wrong department, it took them also time to redirect the letter to the relevant department. I don't find that one to be somehow convincing, a whole Committee of whole Hon. Members of eight, not less than eight Members sitting down and they don't know whoever to address Hon. Speaker...

(Interruption)

The Speaker (Hon. Khatri): Yes Hon. Fadhili are you on a point of order?

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Fadhili Mwalimu): Yes Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker the Hon. Member is misleading this House by saying that a whole Committee brought to a different department. Mr. Speaker we wrote to the same department, Health committee, but we wrote to the Chief Officer Medical Services not the Chief Officer Public Health, so the Committee sat and directed that we redraft the letter and send it to the same department but different Chief Officer, thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Khatri): Yes Hon. Samba?

Hon. Samba: Hon. Speaker I wish he could have listened first, but since he is also a Member of the Committee now I know they will come up flaming. I wish they had flames before they gave us this response, whenever a Member seeks for a statement Hon. Speaker, it is upon the Committee and the Chair personally to do follow up. Last week there was a Member who requested for a statement to the department of YGS, we did it and we took the responsibility to do follow up and right now as we are talking, the response is here with us. Hon. Speaker whenever a Member request for a statement, today he was supposed to respond and then we are getting another excuse, coming next week it will be another excuse.

Hon. Speaker we need to set a good precedent in this House; we need to state once they have failed, maybe if the Chair and the Committee has failed, they need to tell this House that we have failed instead of saying now they are requesting for another next week. It is not even specific, let them give us specific date to respond to this or else they admit of their failure, then we see on what to do as a House. Thank you Hon. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Khatri): Yes Hon. Tobias. Yes, Hon. Nzai?

Hon. Nzai: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I have heard my colleague, but it is true indeed sometimes you can be a student but not a student in class, it's true there are online studies. Mr. Speaker to come back to the matter the statement says, '*Transfer of Health Officers at Sub-County Level*', indeed before even devolution, we understand there were Health officers in various Health centers, some have stayed over years but indeed Mr. Speaker it needs good time to know who has overstayed these years in that specific centre or what and it is not something which can be brought in this House just verbally or from nowhere.

That is why we wrote a very detailed letter requiring the real specifications and time that a Health officer has been serving in that Health centre. Indeed some health officers; the reason as to why it is important to have the transfer is that some have become or rather grown horns and becoming rude and we want to do a very good work so that when these transfers are being effected, then nobody can amend or rather complain of biasness.

So I would urge my colleague to atleast give us time as in its really the Health Committee which is doing marvelous regarding health services and whatever.. thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Khatri): Thank you Hon. Nzai. Hon. Nzai you did not exactly tell us when you will have the statement?

Hon. Nzai: I have stated Mr. Speaker that because the letter has been disbursed yesterday we are giving the benefit of doubt, for the Chief Officer maybe to go through it, maybe this week she will be doing her works, so we are expecting the result as from next week so that maybe in the next business session we shall be in a position to fix it in the business identity paper for a very good answer in the House. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Khatri): Thank you Hon. Nzai. So next week we will bring the response in the House Business then we will schedule for the House. Yes, Clerk next order?

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Members this House stands adjourned until Tuesday 25th of February, 2020 at 2:30p.m.

The House rose at 10:35a.m.