Address paper on Aids, medic implores Govt

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The Government should immediately address the

Sessional Paper presented to it last year by doctors,

clerics and civil servants touching on the impact of

the Aids epidemic.

The vice-chairman of the National Aids Committee,

Dr Sobbie Mulindi, said cases of sexually transmitted diseases had shot up dramatically during the short period Pearl Omega drug was on the market.

Speaking at the White sands Beach Hotel, Dr Mulindi said the Sessional Paper presented to the Ministry of Health, awaiting debate in Parliament, proposed measures to counter the scourge.

Dr Mulindi, who has been involved in devising

strategies to combat the disease in the last three

years, said with the General Election around the corner, the committee feared the Government would

forget all about the Sessional Paper.

"With the transfer of Mr Joshua Angatia from the

Ministry of Health and the elections nearing, doctors

fear that it will take time before the Paper is debated

in the House," he said.

The Paper was compiled from seminars and workshops held countrywide.

Dr Mulindi said Kenyans were dragging their feet in accepting that Aids was a reality.

"We request the Government to address this Sessional Paper early enough before the epidemic reaches uncontrollable measures," he said. Last year, the National Aids and STDs Control Programme released a report indicating that 1.1 million Kenyans had been infected with the HIV virus.