REPUBLIC OF KENYA

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

Thursday, 12th May, 2022

The House met at the Assembly Chambers at 9.00 a.m.

[The Speaker (Hon. Patrick Waigwa) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

QUORUM CALL

Speaker: Clerk, confirm whether there is quorum.

(Lack of quorum confirmed)

Speaker: Serjeant at Arms to ring the bell for ten minutes.

(The quorum bell was rang for two minutes)

Speaker: Clerk, confirm whether we have achieved quorum.

(Quorum confirmed)

Speaker: The Table Clerks should ensure that we have got an IT person every time we are running business in this House to help us with our gadgets.

STATEMENT

NOTICE PAPER

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On behalf of the HBC, I wish to read out the tentative business for next week;

It is notified that the House Business Committee has approved the following tentative business to appear in the Order paper for Tuesday (Afternoon) May 17th, 2022

A. **PAPERS**- Quarterly reports and financial statements for period ending 31st December, 2020 by the Transport and Public Works Committee.

B. **PAPERS**- Quarterly reports and financial statements for period ending 31st December, 2020 by the Finance and County Planning Committee.

C. **PAPERS**- Quarterly reports and financial statements for period ending 31st December, 2020 by the Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources (Water, Environment and Natural Resources) Committee.

D. **NOTICES OF MOTIONS** - Quarterly reports and financial statements for period ending 31st December, 2020 by the Transport and Public Works Committee.

E. **NOTICES OF MOTIONS** - Quarterly reports and financial statements for period ending 31st December, 2020 by the Finance and County Planning Committee.

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F. NOTICES OF MOTIONS - Quarterly reports and financial statements for period ending 31st December, 2020 by the Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources (Water, Environment and Natural Resources) Committee.

G. MOTION- Quarterly reports and financial statements for period ending 31st December, 2020 by the Transport and Public Works Committee

It is notified that the House Business Committee has approved the following tentative business to appear in the Order paper for Wednesday (Morning) May 18th, 2022.

A. MOTION- Quarterly reports and financial statements for period ending 31st December, 2020 by the Finance and County Planning Committee.

It is notified that the House Business Committee has approved the following tentative business to appear in the Order paper for Wednesday (Afternoon) May 18th, 2022

A. PAPERS- Quarterly reports and financial statements for the period ending 31st December, 2020 by the Health Services Committee.

B. NOTICES OF MOTIONS- Quarterly reports and financial statements for the period ending 31st December, 2020 by the Health Services Committee.

C. MOTION- Quarterly reports and financial statements for period ending 31st December, 2020 by the Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources (Water, Environment and Natural Resources) Committee.

It is notified that the House Business Committee has approved the following tentative business to appear in the Order paper for Thursday (Morning) May 19th, 2022.

A. MOTION- Quarterly reports and financial statements for the period ending 31st December, 2020 by the Health Services Committee.

Hon. Speaker, that is the business that will appear on the Order Paper in that week. I urge all the committees and Chairs of those committees to make sure that all that business which is in this Notice Paper appears in this Assembly on the particular days that I have read. Thank you.

MOTION

QUARTERLY REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND ICT

Speaker: Who is moving the motion on behalf of the Chair?

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I beg to move the following motion;

THAT, this Assembly adopts the quarterly report and financial statements for the period ended 31st December, 2020 for the Department of Education and Social Services by the Sectoral Committee on Education and ICT dated 7th May, 2022.

Thank you.

Mr. Speaker, I am still concerned about these things, the way they were set. I am still so uncomfortable with the way the setting of these gadgets came to be because sometimes you strain carrying an unnecessary burden when you are executing your business.

[The Speaker (Hon. Patrick Waigwa) left the Chair]

[The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Veronica Ikunyua) took the Chair]

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The Committee of Education is composed of the following Members;

1. Hon. Catherine Kibue – Chairperson
2. Hon. Daniel Mugweru – Vice Chair
3. Hon. Jacob Endom - Member
4. Hon. Joseph Kiguru – Member
5. Hon. Chalumbo Kaparo – Member

We are talking about quarterly report of the year 2020. I am sure all the Members have the documents in their gadgets. They will be able to go through and see the variation on how money was spent by this department that carries the issue to do with ICT, Vocational Training, Early Childhood and Basic Education.

When the committee went through the report, they were able to observe that in the department there was no uptake of funds of early childhood education that is development, Basic Education School that is infrastructure, support collaboration partnership on skills and technology support programme.

When the committee observed that, the committee recommended the department should ensure that all budgeted programs, projects services are undertaken and timely payments are made. They also observed that the uptake of funds on ICT Infrastructure improvement was very low, having in mind that in the modern country we have moved to technology.

The committee recommended that the department should open up outlets to run village polytechnics surrounding the county and also increase the availability of ICT. The committee was also able to observe that the rate of absorption rate for vocational training was very low whereby we are encouraging everybody to go for vocational training. Those are the trainings that can help one not to necessarily rely on official employment and permanent jobs but you can do all these things without getting employed anywhere.

Madam Speaker, when we hear that the department was not able to absorb any coin on vocational training, this is unfortunate because as much as we are talking about Industry and Manufacture in this county, we are not empowering the vocational training. Madam Speaker, I urge the House to adopt this quarterly report and financial statement of Education and ICT Committee for the quarter ended December, 2020. I call upon Hon. Suge to second the motion. Thank you.

Hon. Joseph Suge: Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika. Nasimama kuunga mkono ripoti ambayo imewasilishwa na kamati ambayo inahusika na maswala ya elimu. Mwakilishi amepitia hii ripoti na natumai kwamba wajumbe wote wameweza kuelewa hii ripoti. Kwa hivyo sitakuwa na la ziada ila kuunga mkono. Kuna mahali ambapo amenena kuhusiana na *Vocational Training*. Ni ukweli kwamba katika Nchi yetu ya Kenya na Kaunti ya Laikipia ni vyema kuona vijana wetu wamepata ujuzi ili waweze kujitegemea.

Mheshimiwa Spika, siku hizi kuajiriwa ni nadra. Vijana wetu wakipata ujuzi wataweza kujiajiri katika sehemu mbalimbali. Maisha itaweza kusonga mbele na wataweza kuinua uchumi wa Kaunti ya Laikipia. Tunapoongea hivyo tunajua ya kwamba kuna *Vocational Trainings* katika sehemu nyingi katika Kaunti yetu. Muhimu zaidi ni kuona wamepata mahitaji ambayo inaboresha na kuinua teknolojia. Kwa hayo machache, naunga mkono. Asante.

(Question proposed)

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Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Bi. Spika. Nasimama kuunga mkono hii ripoti ambayo imesomwa na Mheshimiwa Mugweru kwa niaba ya Kamati ya Elimu. Tumeona mambo mengi katika hiyo wizara na pia utendakazi na hili ni jambo ambalo sisi wenyewe tumeweza kuliangalia. Jukumu letu sasa ni kuhakikisha ya kwamba Serikali yetu ya Laikipia imeweza kufanya kazi kupitia idara zote kama vile tumeona katika hii Wizara ya Elimu. Kwa hayo machache naunga mkono.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Veronica Ikunyua): The mover to give a reply.

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I wish to thank the Members who have made their contributions and at length they have talked about the village polytechnics and vocational trainings. In the modern country especially in Kenya, polytechnics and vocational trainings will be so important to the young people of this country having in mind that we are in a bottom up economy. For so many years, we have been in trickle down and now we want to start from bottom moving up.

So when we encourage people to go to those polytechnics and vocational trainings, we are going for those people in the village and try raising them up as we move to the high ranked people. So as the Hon. Members have supported the report, I wish to thank them and call upon everyone to adopt this report. Thank you.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Veronica Ikunyua): This House now stands adjourned until next week on Tuesday, 17th May, 2022 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 9.16 a.m.

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