REPUBLIC OF KENYA

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 25th May, 2022

The House met at the Assembly Chambers at 2.30 p.m.

[The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Daniel Nyausi) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

QUORUM CALL

Deputy Speaker: Clerk, confirm whether we have quorum.

(Lack of quorum confirmed)

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

(Quorum bell rang for three minutes)

Deputy Speaker: Clerk, can you confirm whether we have achieved quorum.

(Quorum confirmed)

PAPER LAID

QUARTERLY REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE, TOURISM, COOPERATIVES AND INDUSTRIALISATION

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On behalf of Hon. Judy Lukio, the Honourable Member from Igwamiti, I beg to lay the following papers on Quarterly Report and Financial Statements for the period ended 31st March, 2021 for the Department of Trade, Tourism, Cooperatives and Industrialization by the Sectoral Committee on Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives dated 23rd May, 2022.

(Hon. Simon Kanyutu laid the Papers on the Table)

NOTICE OF MOTION

QUARTERLY REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE, TOURISM, COOPERATIVES AND INDUSTRIALISATION

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I beg to give notice of the following motion;

> THAT this Assembly adopts the quarterly report and Financial Statement for the period ended 31st March, 2021 the Department of Trade, Tourism, Cooperatives and Industrialisation by the Sectoral Committee on Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives dated 23rd May, 2022.
>
> It is on behalf of the Chair, Hon. Judy Lukio.

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Deputy Speaker: Please put off your microphone.

MOTION

QUARTERLY REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND FISHERIES

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move the following motion;

THAT this Assembly adopts the quarterly report and financial statements for the period ended December, 2020 for the Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries by the Sectorial Committee on Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources dated 12th May, 2022.

Mr. Speaker, we have the document with us in our tablets. The committee comprises of the following Members;

1) Simon Kanyutu -Chairperson
2) Hon. Patricia Muthoni -Vice Chairperson
3) Hon. Robert Maina -Member
4) Hon. John Mutahi -Member
5) Hon. Wilson Wakahiu -Member
6) Hon. Peter Thomi -Member
7) Hon. Lochimidi Esokon -Member

Mr. Speaker, according to the committee's mandate, the committee held a meeting to scrutinize the quarterly report for the period ended 31st December, 2020 by the Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries in order to table it in the House. After the scrutiny of the report, the committee wrote this report in order to present it to the House.

On page seven, we have a table indicating all the activities which were done during that quarter. I do not see the need of going through the table because each and every Member has the table with them but I would wish to read the observations which we made as a committee. The committee observed the following;

1. The department received a total allocation of Kshs.642,749,348 in the Financial Year 2020/2021 and the expenditure of Kshs. 15,927,035 was incurred in the 1st quarter, Kshs. 10,226, 834 in the 2nd quarter. The total expenditure for the two quarters was Kshs. 26,153,869.

The expenditure is represented by an absorption rate of 4.1% for the two quarters.

2. That the budget utilization difference by the end of the period ending 31st December, 2020 was Kshs. 616,593,478 million. That is 95.9% and this was a spent balance.

3. That the department owes contractors and suppliers of goats and services debts amounting to Kshs. 106,166,004 million and at the end as at 31st December, 2020

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the department received Kshs.100,455,419 million as grants in the second quarter ending 31st December, 2020.

However, it is not reported how the grants were used. The following programs did not spend during the first and second quarter of the year; Livestock Production and management, County Renewable Green Energy Services, Fish Pond Farming and Irrigation Development.

Recommendations

The committee recommends that;

1. The department should not undertake any new projects but pay the pending bills, within the remaining period of the second term County Government.

Mr. Speaker, may the House adopt the Committee's report so that, as per our observation, all those pending bills can be cleared. I call upon Hon. Lochimidi to second.

(Hon. Lochimidi Esokon seconded)

(Question proposed)

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Member representing the people of the great ward called Thingithu?

(Hon. Stephen Ndiritu bowed)

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Member representing our great people of Olmoran?

(Hon. George Karuiru bowed)

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, I think today we are experiencing a very funny debate, but it is allowed. It is also allowed to honour but I really do not know whether it is on a positive or negative note, but it does not matter, what matters is the voting. Otherwise it is a new style and is also good. If there are no other Members wishing to give their input, may I call upon the Mover to give a reply.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am very happy because they signify acceptance on how the report has been made and that is why they have all bowed. Would they have shook their heads? I am sure they would be doubting the report. I am very happy, let us pass the report for it to be properly implemented. Thank you, and I am sure the Members are ready to ensure that they pass it.

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, I do not want to use the sign as my colleagues did.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Speaker: The Sittings of this House now stand adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday 26th May, 2022 at 9.00 a.m.

The House rose at 2.48 p.m.

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