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COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 7th April, 2021

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

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

PRAYERS

QUORUM CALL

Speaker: Clerk, please confirm whether we have quorum.

(Lack of quorum confirmed)

Speaker: Sargent at Arms to ring the bell.

(Quorum bell rang for two minutes)

Speaker: Clerk, confirm whether we have quorum.

(Quorum confirmed)

Speaker: Sargent at Arms to stop ringing the bell.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

COVID-19 STATUS IN LAIKIPIA COUNTY

Speaker: Hon. Members, I have a communication to make on Laikipia County COVID-19 status as at 24th March, 2021. It was supposed to have come to the Assembly but we were on recess. It is important for us to have an understanding of how the numbers are as per that date. Cases recorded from 15th March 2021 to the evening 23rd March, 2021. The cumulative total of the number of cases that tested positive was 1455. This is within a span of 9 days. Therefore, those who tested positive are 1455, 799 were males and 696 were females. The 1455 were from the cumulative numbers tested was 10,759.

From the tested 6,390 were from Nanyuki Teaching and Referral Hospital and 4,369 were from Nyahururu County Referral Hospital. The cumulative number put in hospital isolation were 262 as at 24th March, 2021 were 11. The number on supplemental oxygen were 3 and the numbers isolated in other counties was 47 as per the date.

The number of infected Health Care Workers as per that period was 66. Out of those 66, 26 were male and 40 females; they were from different hospital departments. The cumulative

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number put on home based isolation care as at that time was 1135. Males were 591 and 544 females. The number currently on home based isolation care as at 24th March was 232. 89 in Laikipia East, 128 in Laikipia West and 128 in Laikipia North.

Cumulative discharges from hospital isolation to home based isolation care was 30 and cumulative discharges from hospital was 172. Cumulative discharges from Home based isolation care was 903. Cumulative discharges from cases moved from hospital isolation to home based isolation care was 33. Cumulative discharges from cases isolated in other counties was 47. Cumulative fatalities were 35 and 11 were number of cases not traced. Primary contacts traced were 3,854 and COVID-19 vaccines as per that time was 1,262.

The number of cases not traced was 11, seven switched off their phones. For four cases details were not captured correctly. The office of the CCIO/DCIO is assisting with the tracking. This is how things were for the period of 15th March to 23rd March. It is important for us to continue following and adhering to the guidelines given by the Ministry of Health. Today I had an opportunity to visit our cafeteria when we were taking tea and I would encourage we make sure that we observe social distancing. We should make sure that we abide by the rules, I believe the disease is with us and it is us to adapt.

How do we adapt for us to live with this disease? We cannot close down the country. We still need to eat and grow the economy. It is us to adapt and live with this disease. Let us make sure we have our masks. We should sanitize and keep social distance and we should continue emphasizing on the same to the members that we represent. Thank you. Unless there is a comment or observation we can proceed to the next order.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker for the chance. It is true Covid-19 is real. I have been visiting Nakuru for some time and I witnessed how people are being put in bags. It is really pathetic. I had to make my way. Previously, I assumed I will wait and be injected later but I went personally to be injected I also expected Hon. Matunge who made claims about Laikipia North when we are making the budget.

Even in figures, they are still few on the number of victims affected. Population determines everything. I don't know whether he will mention something on the same because the number of people affected in Laikipia North are few compared to other regions. It is not even a quarter. Let's hope they won't be affected. In other areas that are a bit cold it seems the diseases is accelerating. Thank you.

Hon. Chris Mark: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First is to wish you a happy birthday. It is good of you to have brought the figure on the status of the Covid in the county. Today morning I heard you direct Dr. Matunge to take the names of those who will be administered the jab. It is important that before we go to that vaccination because there is a lot of commotion. It was peaceful but now I don't know what has happened. Most people are paranoid about the vaccine. We can be

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told about the vaccine. Even what you see on the video that someone took the vaccine and started shaking, they might be humorous but underlying story.

We are being told in Kenya that we are dealing with the strain that came from UK, South Africa and another one from Brazil. We are even wondering if there is a reason of taking the vaccine or we wait for a research to be done because we don't know what this vaccine is dealing with. We might take it and then another strain pops up and we have to take it again. The people selling this medicine are also businessmen. We know that for sure. It is good we get medical professionals and I know Matunge is one but on this one I don't want to be assisted.

They explained to us in scientific and biological Language. There is Sputnik from Russia, AstraZeneca from UK, Moderna and another one from India which I hear it has spices. It is good that Members can be administered any of these vaccines. We have been seeing in the internet the issue of blood clot in UK though none in Africa. Africans are strong. They have withstood poverty, Malaria, Cholera and diarrhoea and so many problems. Maybe God has spared us and we are strong.

I am thinking it is good for us to know. There rumours that some of them are supposed to do population control. We don't want healthy young men like myself and Matunge not to just have two or three children. We want to go up to ten. We don't want a vaccine that is limiting us. It might be a conspiracy but it is worth checking. Even being told that they will make people have a short lifespan. We want Hon. Nderitu to reach 100+.

Some people have already taken the vaccine. It is not to dispel fear and make someone afraid. I was telling my Hon. Colleague, Bishop that ever since he took that vaccine he's been acting very strangely. Today morning, he did not debate or even a comment on a petition going to his committee and I'm very worried. I was asking whether he's sure the thing has affected him. Those are the fears. I would propose we be given the Sputnik which is better and there is a reason why it is being taken. I think the Russians can never have any sinister agenda but the rest I would not speak. If you were to take a vaccine let us take the one from Russia.

Hon. Mutahi Muritu: Asante sana, Mheshimiwa Spika. Nimesikiza mzungumzaji aliyeongea mbele yangu na ametuelezea kuhusu Moderna, AstraZeneca na Johnson. Baadaye akamalizia kwamba hiyo ya kutoka Russia ni bora kuliko zingine. Kusema ukweli ni jambo ambalo ni la kuwaza. Tuko na nchi moja jirani ambalo kidogo rais wake alituacha. Hali ilivyo katika duniani ni hatari. Mheshimiwa Spika, umesema watu waweke utaratibu. Ukiangalia mbele yangu palivyo sasa hivi sio kulingana na utaratibu...

Speaker: The Hon. Members were supposed to keep their distance and even Hon. Nderitu has not put his mask the right way.

Hon. Mutahi Muritu: Kulingana na utaratibu ulioko kwenye hii nchi mimi kwa maoni yangu kama Bunge letu la Kitaifa Seneti wameweza kufunga. Wenye mitandao isipokuwa mimi sina uhakika tunaambiwa ya kwamba Wajumbe zaidi ya arobaini kutoka Nairobi wameadhirika.

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Juzi wakati tulipokuwa tunafanyia kazi Kanuni zetu za Bunge tuliweza kuweka taratibu nyingi sana ambapo baadaye Wajumbe wataweza kuiona lakini hii shindano iwe kwa hiari kwa sababu kuna taratibu.

Sasa hivi mimi nitadungwa hiyo shindano katika Bunge lakini niko na familia. Sisi viongozi hutengamaana sana na wananchi hata hapa kwenye hili Bunge letu. Sio eti ya kwamba wakati ulipokuwa unatoa taarifa umeweza kutoa taarifa ya hali ya Kaunti yetu lakini hujakiri ya kwamba hata katika Bunge hili letu hakuwezi kukosekana mmoja au wawili ambao waliweza kuadhirika kwa siku zilizopita.

Tukubaliane ya kwamba hii ni homa na umewahi kutokea tena kwenye nchi zingine kama vile tumesikia kuna Ebola na hadi Ulaya. Kwa maoni yangu ningetaka tuchukue tahadhari kidogo ili tuweze kuangalia hali ya hewa ilivyo. Nilikuwa naona ikibidi tunaweza kuahirisha Bunge. Hata tukifa na hizo pesa tunatafuta, sasa mimi nikiwekwa huko ndani na nifungiwe huko na watoto wangu kutakuwa na faida ipi ya kwamba nilipata malazi nilipoendelea kupata magonjwa.

Kama vile kuna nchi nyingine kuna kiongozi mmoja ambaye alisema ya kwamba amepima oili, fenesi, kondoo, kwale na akasema ya kwamba oili nyeusi na kwale walikuwa na korona.. Sikuwa naogopa huu ugonjwa hapo mbeleni lakini niko na marafiki zaidi ya watatu na wamekufa. Juzi nilienda kwa mama mmoja nikamuona akiwa kwa umbali na nikaenda kumsalimia na akaniambia nimsalimie kwa umbali kwa sababu ameadhirika. Akaniambia ya kwamba bwanake ni mwana jeshi na mwana wake yuko karantini na ule ugonjwa mahali alikoupata, hakujua.

Baadaye nikapatana na rafiki yangu ambaye ni jirani na akaniambia ya kwamba ule ugonjwa aliadhirika nao kupitia kipaza sauti. Alienda kwa mazishi na kupitia hii kitu ambacho mnapuliza na kwa dakika moja alikuwa ameadhirika. Sasa ujue ya kwamba mimi nikiadhirika labda ninaweza kuwaadhiri lakini wengine labda hawatakuwa na huo uwezo. Sasa hivi labda Mungu amenijalia na nitashughulikiwa na kadi yangu lakini nikiadhirika zaidi na niguze watoto na wananchi wengine kule, hata kama ninatafuta hii pesa itakuwa inanisaidia kwa namna gani?

Kwa hivyo tuchukue tahadhari na tutafakari sana na tusitunishe misuli yetu kusema eti hapana ama kushindana. Tuangalie hali ilivyo katika nchi yetu. Kama Laikipia sasa hivi Mheshimiwa Spika umesema ya kwamba tuko zaidi ya elfu moja. Hata nimeshangaa kwa sababu sikutegemea ya kwamba kwetu kunaweza kuwa kumefikia kiwango hicho. Kwa hivyo mimi kwa maoni yangu na kwa tahadhari ningeomba ya kwamba tuwe makini sana na ikiwezekana tuweze kuahirisha hata kama ni wiki moja au mbili ili tuweze kuangalia huu upepo unavyoenda. Ikiwezekana hizo dawa ziletwe kwa wenye wanaojitolea.

Nimesikia na nitaongezea ya kwamba hata kujifukiza ambayo ilikuwa inaambiwa na Magufuli, watu wajifukize. Niliona hata Gavana wa zamani wa Kiambu alikuwa anajifukiza. Watu waendelee kujifukiza na kama Wamasai wako na *keloriti* huko, itatusaidia zaidi na Mheshimiwa Matunge atatusaidia kwenye Bunge. Kama kuna dawa ingine huko kwa Wamasai atusaidie ili tuweze kuona ya kwamba huu ugonjwa hautatokana nasi.

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Sisi kama wacha Mungu pia tuombe Mungu atusaidie kwa sababu hii sio maradhi ya kuambukizana kwa sababu ya kujamiiana lakini ni maradhi ya aina yake na kwa hivyo tukubaliane hivyo. Katika nchi yetu, kama sisi ni wacha Mungu tuwe wacha Mungu wa kweli na kama ni maombi tuwe ni maombi ya kweli kabisa ili tuweze kuona ni namna gani. Kwa hayo mengi au machache Bwana Spika hayo ndiyo maoni yangu. Asante.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Bwana Spika. Mimi pia nimesimama kutoa mchango wangu kuhusu ripoti ambayo umetoa kuhusu hali ya ugonjwa wa korona katika Laikipia. Mimi ningetaka kusema ya kwamba Laikipia, Mungu yuko nasi na Mungu anajali Laikipia kwa sababu kama umesoma ya kwamba watu elfu moja ni wengi ndio lakini ukilinganisha na Kaunti zingine ni kuonyesha ya kwamba watu wa Laikipia wanafuata sheria na wanazingatia yale maagizo ya Wizara ya Afya ili kuweza kupigana na huu ugonjwa.

Bwana Spika, tunajua ya kwamba ugonjwa wa korona kwa kweli umeadhiri taifa letu na umeadhiri Kaunti nyingi. Kama huu ugonjwa niseme vile nilikuwa nimesema wakati mwingine ya kwamba tukijikinga na Korona tujikinge pia na magonjwa mengine ambayo yako kwa sababu tunaelewa ya kwamba sisi ni viongozi na kuna wale ambao wanatutegemea kuja hapa kuwatetea na kuhakikisha ya kwamba mambo yote iko sawa.

Hata tukisema Korona inatuangamiza, ni kweli imetuangamiza. Tunaona watu wamekufa na pia kuna watu waliokufa kwa ugonjwa wa Kansa na sijasikia hilo likipewa mstari wa mbele ili kuudhibiti huu ugonjwa. Saa hii tunasema ni Korona, na ni ukweli. Ningetaka kusema sindano ipo. Mimi nitaungana na Mheshimiwa Mutahi kusema kwamba chanjo ikifika hapa lazima watu wadungwe kwa hiari.

Tukilazimisha Mheshimiwa Spika, yaweza kuwa mimi ninaamini Mungu zaidi kwamba hata nikigonjeka nitapona, na ninaamini si lazima nipone kwa kupitia sindano. Mimi nafikiri kila mtu hapa ako na haki ya kuamua vile anataka. Jambo jingine ambalo nitaongeza, na hapa nitatofautiana na rafiki yangu Mheshimiwa Mutahi, ni ya kwamba tunaweza kufunga Bunge. Sisi hatujakuja hapa kwa sababu ya malipo. Nimesikia akisema kwamba tunakuja kwa kulipwa. Hatufanyi kazi hapa kwa sababu tunalipwa. Tunafanya kazi kwa sababu tunataka kuwawakilisha wananchi ambao walituchagua. Tulipwe tusilipwe, ni lazima tufanye kazi.

Bwana Spika, ningetaka ukumbuke wakati tulifunga Bunge hili. Wakati huo ndio tulipitisha pesa ya dharura ambayo ilitumiwa vibaya. Hadi wa leo hatujawahi kujua hiyo pesa ilitumiwa namna gani. Tusije leo tukafunga Bunge ilhali tunajua bado kuna mkataba unaoletwa hapa wa dhamana...

Speaker: Hon. Mutahi, Order Hon. Ndiritu! Kindly be seated.

Hon. Mutahi Muritu: Mheshimiwa Spika, mimi nimeshangaa kidogo, nataka kufafanuliwa zaidi kwa sababu huyu ndiye mwenyekiti wa CPAIC, na anakiri Bungeni kuwa fedha zetu zilitumika kwa njia isiyo ya utaratibu. Hilo limenishtua sana. Anatakikana aeleze zaidi kwa sababu yeye amekiri na imeingia kwenye kumbukumbu ya Bunge. Mwenyekiti na msimamizi wa

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Fedha na matumizi ya serikali katika Kaunti hii anakiri kwamba pesa hazikutumika hivi hivi. Nataka anipe taarifa zaidi.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Mimi ningetaka pia kumkosoa kidogo kwamba eti mimi ndiye msimamizi wa pesa ya Laikipia. Mimi ni Mwenyekiti wa Kamati ya uchunguzi wa pesa za Umma. Ninaposema hivyo ni kwa sababu pesa zilitumika na tangu wakati huo bado Serikali ya Kaunti ya Laikipia haijaleta hati ya kudhibitisha kwamba hizo pesa zilitumika vizuri.

Tuliona wakati walikuwa wakipeana chakula watu walikuwa wanapewa mifuko hapa na pale. Sijui kama Mheshimiwa Mutahi ametoka kwa sababu alikuwa mmoja wao. Lisemwalo lipo na kama halipo laja. Kuna jinsi ambavyo mambo yalifanyika hapo. Pesa inachukuliwa na mtu anapelekewa mfuko, na hilo lilifanyika wakati tulikuwa kwenye likizo. Mimi nilikuwa nataka kuwatahadharisha Wabunge…

Hon. Mutahi Muritu: Bwana Spika, naomba mwenyekiti anayezungumza aondoe hiyo kauli kuwa eti nimetoka kwa sababu nilikuwa mhusika katika kula hiyo mifuko, na lisemwalo lipo. Sijui aliniona nikiibeba wapi. Kama ana ushahidi; asije akaniharibia jina kwamba mimi nilikuwa mhusika.

Sioni hivyo vitu anavieleza kulingana na vile walitumia pesa kwa sababu anaonekana kama ana taarifa zaidi kuniliko. Atueleze vizuri hiyo mifuko iliyokuwa inawekwa hapa na pale, na mimi Mheshimiwa Mutahi Muritu pengine nilihusika kwa kupewa hiyo mifuko. Atueleze hiyo mifuko ni ya aina gani lakini aondoe hiyo kauli. Mimi sikuhusika kwa vyovyote vile. Niko hapa Bungeni na ninanilipwa kupitia Bunge, kwa hivyo siwezi kuenda kula hiyo mifuko midogo.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Bwana Spika. Kwanza nataka kuondoa matamshi kama nimetoa matamshi ya aina hiyo kwa vile najua nimesema *"huenda".* Kwa hivyo sijamhusisha kamwe bali nimesema tu *"huenda"* ndiyo sababu ametoka. Kama nimemkosea ninaomba msamaha na kuyaondoa matamshi ili niweze kuendelea.

Nikiendelea, nilikuwa nataka kusema kuwa tunaweza kufunga Bunge lakini Rais wa Jamhuri ya Kenya ambaye tunamfuata, akisema turuke tunaruka na akituambia tutoke tunatoka. Kama hajafunga Laikipia basi sisi tuko hapa kufanya kazi. Kwa hivyo tusije tukafanywa jinsi tulivyofanywa wakati ule mwingine na watu wanaojidai ndio wenye Bunge kutuhangaisha eti twende nyumbani na wao wabaki kufanya mambo mengine hapa. Sisi tutakataa.

Tunajua hiyo ni mojawapo ya vitisho ambayo huwa wanatumia na wanatumia Wajumbe wengine kusema kwamba tufanye na twende hivi ili ionekane kama sisi tuko hapo. Nataka kutoa matamshi yangu na kusema ya kwamba siendi popote isipokuwa niambiwe na Rais nitoke Bungeni ama nifuate sheria ambayo itaniambia wewe enda nyumbani ukose kutetea wananchi waliokuchagua. Mimi nitaendelea kuwatetea. Hata wakisema wafunge pale, mimi nitateta nikiwa nje kwa sababu sio lazima nilipwe.

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Mimi naona kama hili Bunge limekuwa na watu ambao hujaribu kusukuma wengine wawe na uwoga. Hata wakitusukuma sisi wapi, watupeleke Nairobi, Nyeri au Meru, sisi ni walewale. Hatutabanduka, na msimamo wetu ni uleule. Kama tunakulenga wewe kwa sababu umefanya makosa, hata ukitupeleka wapi bado tunakukujia. Sisi sio watu wa kutishwa, wacha tufanyie wananchi kazi.

Aidha tunalipwa ama hatulipwi Mswada uletwe. Bodi ambayo nasikia inakuja hapa ilikuwa ije ndio tuelezwe vile Laikipia inakopa pesa. Huenda wakati tutaenda likizo tusikie hio imepita bila ya sisi kujua.

Bwana Spika, ningependa kuwatahadharisha hawa Wabunge wasijaribu kwenda likizo ama kutumika vibaya ili wanalaikipia waweze kuwa na shida. Ni lazima tukae chini tusikizane, tuelewane na tujue yale mambo ambayo yako mbele yetu. Hata tukisema Korona iko, lazima tufuatilie majukumu ambayo tumepewa na wananchi ya kuwatetea, kuwalinda na pia kuangalia serikali inavyofanya. Kwa hayo machache mimi ningeomba taarifa ambayo umetoa kuhusu ugonjwa wa Korona, Wabunge wajikinge, watu waweke umbali na pia wavae barakoa.

Kama kuna mwenzangu karibu na mimi aende kwenye kiti kingine kwa sababu nafikiria kiti changu ndicho hiki na ya Mheshimiwa Kanyutu ndio ile. Lakini kwa sababu ni mwanadada ninamkaribisha hapa tukae na yeye. Lakini tujikinge na Korona na kwa hayo machache mungu awabariki.

Hon. Peter Matunge: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Because Members have taken time to debate on your communication, I wish to say that's the way to go to keep on briefing the people of Laikipia as well Members on issues of COVID.

I remember when we said COVID is real in Laikipia, some of us doubted it. I thank today we are saying and agreeing that COVID is there. On the issues of vaccination, you didn't request me to ask Members to have their names so that we can see how to organize for them to have vaccination.

I have not received any and I hope they are on the way coming but there are issues and concerns and I know Hon. Chris has just raised a number of concerns that this is a voluntary process and exercise. Today we are being asked to take the vaccines under the umbrella of COVAX. COVAX is an organization that is being facilitated and led by Garvy. Garvy again is a global vaccine alliance being led by the famous Bill Gate. I have been reading a lot of literature on the issues of Bill Gates and the issues of vaccination and immunization in Africa. That is why some of us ask a lot of questions and have concerns on why we are forced to take this vaccine under COVAX.

Mr. Speaker, as much as the Government of Kenya is saying that the vaccine from Russia is not licensed and unauthorized to be taken in Kenya, I still believe and one of the Members believes that this is the right vaccine for us to take.

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I know these Honorable Members have just asked you organize for them to have the Russian vaccine. I have even seen a number of countries including South Africa asking their governments why they are forcing their citizens to have this vaccine under COVAX. Why are they not allowing the vaccine from Russia which we know has 95% efficiency rate, rather than forcing us to take this acidic vaccine which we know the people leading this one.

Mr. Speaker, we know it is controlled by a small population of people. Just when I was seated here I know the Leader of Majority has posted something that 279 people have severe effects after taking this vaccine. Again today it is reported that one Kenyan has lost his life after taking this vaccine. Also the former Governor of Nairobi Evans Kidero has tested positive from COVID-19 two weeks after taking this vaccine.

Mr. Speaker, despite you wanting us to take the vaccine because that's the way to go, COVID is pandemic and it will continue coming. This one is more worrying because today we are taking this vaccine and tomorrow we have another variant. The next time we will have a Kenyan variant.

This will keep mutating itself and we will continue taking more vaccines. Therefore, we need to have a candid discussion with Hon. Members and agree on with which way to go. We also need to dispute this vaccine as much as we are giving vaccines in Nanyuki and Nyahururu. I know the Honorable Member for Marmanet has said that there are few cases reported from the North. I know there are cases there. Maybe people contracted the disease but they have managed to get out of it without going to hospitals.

They were no testing stations in Laikipia North. I remember when the issue of vaccination came, it took some of us to raise concerns on why we have only two vaccination stations in Laikipia, Nanyuki and Nyahururu while other counties are registering more than ten stations.

I think we also need to distribute these vaccination stations to reach many populations. The priority is people with 58 years and above and people with underlying conditions. I think this County Assembly should say rather than closing the Assembly, there are people who have conditions, there are those who are 58 years and above who are the people that we need to allow to work from home. Not to go and rest, to work from home.

Finally, as much as you want to close the Assembly, the Government of Laikipia is working, the Executive is still working and the people of Laikipia will still need services. We are not here to be paid, we are here working for the people of Laikipia.

Mr. Speaker, we are now working on the report of Rules and Procedures by changing our Standing Orders and one of the proposals from the report is to allow official sittings for these Members to work from home or to have minimum Members in their chambers while others are participating in the official sittings.

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We need to hasten that process so that we can be able to serve the people of Laikipia while in a safe place. With those few remarks, I wish to stop there. Thank you.

Speaker: Let us close this one.

PAPER LAID

EUROPEAN UNION INSTRUMENTS FOR DEVOLUTION (MAIZE STORAGE PROJECT)

Hon. Patricia Muthoni: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I did not know that today is your birthday. Happy Birthday.

Speaker: Thank you.

Hon. Patricia Muthoni: I wish to lay the report on the European Union Instruments for Devolution advice support (Laikipia Maize storage facilities project by the Department of Agriculture), a report by the Laikipia County Assembly Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resource dated 6th April, 2021.

Speaker: That is on behalf of the chair.

Hon. Patricia Muthoni: Yes, I am doing that on behalf of the Chair.

NOTICE OF MOTION

EUROPEAN UNION INSTRUMENTS FOR DEVOLUTION (MAIZE STORAGE PROJECT)

Hon. Patricia Muthoni: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On behalf my chairman Hon. Kanyutu, Chairman of Agriculture Committee, I beg to give notice of the following motion;

THAT this Assembly adopt report of the European Union Instruments for Devolution advice and support (Laikipia Maize storage facilities project by the department of Agriculture), a report by the Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resource Committee.

STATEMENT

RESPONSE ON CONSTRUCTION OF KIANDEGE DISPENSARY

Hon. Peter Matunge: Thank you Mr. Speaker. As the Committee of Health, we have a response to give. The response is to a statement on the construction of Kiandege dispensary in Igwamiti ward. A statement was read on the floor of the House by Hon. Joseph Kiguru on 9th March, 2021 and committed to the Health Services Committee on the same day.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the committee further requested for a response from the Medical Services Department and received it on 6th March, 2021.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the committee wishes to respond as follows;

1. **On the reason as to why the land buying process has not been completed.**

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I wish to respond as follows;

The succession process for the earmarked land was finalized on 30th April, 2020. The department commissioned a procurement and valuation which is a legal requirement was finalized and forwarded to the department on 1st march 2021. The department is currently processing the payments for the land.

2. **On why the process for construction has not yet commenced.**

I wish to respond as follows;

The construction will only commence once the land has been paid for and commencement of the transfer process to the County Government. A standard bill of quantities for an outpatient block is available. Attached is the valuation and Beacon Certificate for the involved land.

The first attachment is a letter forwarded by the County Secretary to the Department of Health dated 1st March, 2021. This is forwarding the valuation report and Beacon Certificate then the valuation report follows.

I think the Hon. Member can be able to go through the report. The other one is the title, then certificate of the valuer, the gazettement of the valuer and finally the original statement. Thank you.

Hon. Joseph Kiguru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I think I need time to peruse and go through this statement because I think the committee did their job. Unfortunately, the papers I can see here there are of more PR than the required statement. That's why I plead with the chair just to give me like one week to go through this report. I will see whether the report has what I intended and what is expected of the committee. Thank you.

Speaker: Tuesday afternoon is okay with you so that you can go peruse the papers and we can look at that.

ADJOURNMENT

Speaker: The sittings of this House now stands adjourned until tomorrow Thursday 8th April, 2021 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 3.17 p.m.

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