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

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

PRAYERS

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

ADJOURNMENT OF HOUSE SITTINGS FOR SHORT RECESS

Speaker: Hon. Members, I wish to bring to your attention that after tomorrow's sitting, we will have our short recess of one week until next Monday but one as per our calendar. This is just to bring to your attention.

STATEMENTS

CONSTRUCTION OF KIANDEGE DISPENSARY

Hon. Peter Matunge: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On behalf of my Chair and the Committee of Health, we have a response to a statement on Solio Health Centre. A statement was raised and tabled in the Assembly by Hon John Mutahi on 9th June, 2020, requesting for a response on funds allocated to the tune of 3 million in the financial year 2018/2019, for completion works for maternity wing at Solio Health Centre. The Committee on 10th June requested for a response from the Department of Medical services. The Department responded to the Committee on 15th June, 2020 vide letter CECM/County Assembly/Volume 1/002.

On why the project had not commenced, I wish to respond as follows; that the project was advertised in May, 2019, as in annexure one during financial year 2018/2019. However, no responsive bidder applied. The advert was redone in June 2019 as in annexure 2 and the successful bidder quoted Kshs.4.1 million which was above the budgeted amount of Kshs.3 million. However, this made commencement of the project difficult since the department could not enter into a contract with the bidder without the requisite budgetary allocation.

On when the project is expected to commence and when it will be completed, I wish to respond as follows; that the project will require a fresh allocation in the coming budget. The BQs are available and once allocated this is one project which will be completed in the shortest time possible to serve the people of Tigithi.

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That is the statement and in annexure 1 there is the company that is quoted on the second advertisement. From then there are about eight companies and we can see the lowest quoted Kshs.3.8 million but the successful bidder was Mount Kenya Leeward Builders Limited which quoted Kshs.4.1 million. We have attached it and the other annexure is the issue of re-advertisement. You can see again the re-advertisement on proposed completion of Solio Dispensary that was closed on 12th July, 2019. I wish to stop there.

Speaker: This is a statement that was raised by the Hon. Member for Tigithi concerning this maternity wing at Solio Health Centre. The Member is not with us and we hope he is coming but we are also allowed to make our comments on the same.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante Bwana Spika. Ninashukuru kwa kunipa nafasi hii na kwanza ningetaka kushukuru kamati haswa kwa kufanya kazi kulingana na vile waliulizwa na kuagizwa na Bunge hili. Hata kama Mheshimiwa Mutahi hajafika, mimi pia niko na jambo moja ambalo ningeweza kuguzia kupitia ripoti hii kwa sababu wakati kamati inaenda kuuliza taarifa inapewa kulingana na vile hali iko. Nilipokuwa nikiangalia katika haya majibu nambari ya pili nimeona ya kwamba, sijui imepotelea wapi, katika siku mradi unafaa kuanza na kukamilishwa wanasema ya kuwa mradi utahitaji kutengewa fedha upya katika bajeti ijayo. Hiyo imenipa mshangao na aliyejibu maswali haya kwa sababu kama tumeshaitengea pesa na huenda bajeti ilikuwa chini ya kile kiwango wazabuni walinukuu inamaanisha ya kwamba pesa hizo ziko.

Tunaposema tutaweka pesa zingine hizo ambazo zilikuwa hapo zitaenda wapi? Ninafikiriaa mwenye kujibu angesema ya kwamba pesa hizo ziko na zingetaka kuongezwa katika bajeti hii inayokuja. Kusema upya inamaanisha kuna pesa zimetumiwa na ambazo Bunge hili halijui zimetumikwa kwa njia gani. Ni lazima ueleze hizo pesa ziko wapi ndipo utuambie labda ziongezewe pesa zingine.

Nikija katika ukurasa mwingine ambapo aliyejibu anasema ya kwamba kuna wale ambao walituma maombi na kuna yule alikuwa mzabuni wa chini wanayesema alinukuu milioni nne. Nikiangalia katika huu ukurasa ninaona kuna mwingine alinukuu milioni tatu nukta nane na hiyo ni kumaanisha yeye ndiye aliyekuwa wa chini kabisa. Lile jambo ningetaka kujua ni vile hii idara inajibu maswali kupitia Bunge na inaleta karatasi za kuonesha vile wale ambao walitaka kazi walituma maombi na kunukuu pesa hizo. Hilo ni jambo ambalo ningetaka tuliangalie na ningeomba Kamati ya Afya waweze kumhoji huyo mtu kabisa na imweleze vile hayo maneno yanaenda.

Ninajua kamati inaweza kuwa haina shida yoyote kwa sababu inajibu kulingana na vile imepewa lakini ni lazima tuangalie hizi idara zetu na tujue ni nini inaendelea. Kama hiyo idara iko na shida kwa kuwa tumejua imekuawa na matatizo hapa na pale tunafaa hata kumwangalia huyo waziri vizuri. Tunafaa pia kumwangalia huyo afisa mkuu vizuri ndipo tujue hiyo idara vyema kwa sababu ni idara ambayo tumeiwekea pesa nyingi. Tuliipa milioni mia moja thelathini na nane wakati tulifanya dharura na sasa hivi katika makadirio ya bajeti inayokuja ni idara ambayo pia

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inasema inahitaji pesa nyingi. Ni lazima pia na sisi tuwe macho ndipo tuwe tunajua haya maneno yanaenda namna gani.

Sisemi tu idara ya afya peke yake ila hizi idara zote hata ile ninayosimamia ziko na shida. Sio kusema kukiwa na shida huko ni sisi tuko na shida. Tuko hapo kuingia huko na kutoa ripoti ya kweli na kama kamati waliona karatasi hii ninafikiri naibu wa Mwenyekiti atajibu hii ya kusema yule wa milioni nne ndiye alikuwa wa chini zaidi na ninamwona wa milioni tatu. Wao pia watatuambia waliweza kukubaliana namna gani ya kwamba huyo ndiye aliyekuwa wa chini ama pia wamejibu tu vile wamejibiwa. Kama wamejibiwa vibaya basi na wao wachukue hatua na kujua kwa nini wanapewa ripoti isiyo ya kweli na kwa nini mtu anasimama na kuandika karatasi kama hii na kuileta hapa Bungeni. Ninasimama kuchangia na pia kumwomba Mheshimiwa Mutahi hata kama hayuko apewe nafasi aikague kwa sababu shida hii iko katika Wadi yake. Ninajua niko na shida kidogo pia katika hayo maneno ya kituo cha afya ila nitaiibua baadaye. Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika.

Hon. Jacob Endom: Asante sana Mheshimiwa Spika. Ninafikiri sina mengi ya kusema ila ningeomba tu kwa sababu aliyeomba hii taarifa kwa kuwa ni kwake apewe nafasi kwa sababu yeye ndiye anayejua huko zaidi. Aje aeleze Bunge hili hata kama hayuko siku ya leo. Ningeomba iahirishwe hadi siku ile atakuwa hapa kwa sababu niliona siku alikuwa hapa alikuwa na kasheshe nyingi sana juu ya mradi huu. Ningeomba apewe nafasi yeye mwenyewe aseme tukiwa hapa ili tupate kuelewa vizuri. Asante.

Speaker: Sijakuwa na ufasaha katika Kiswahili sana niweze kufahamu jina kasheshe ni nini lakini Mheshimiwa anaweza...

Hon. Jacob Endom: Bwana Spika, ninasema kasheshe kwa sababu wakati hii taarifa iliibuliwa hapa uliona maswali yalikuwa mengi sana ndio maana nikasema hivyo.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Mr. Speaker, I stand to contribute on this statement. It is a concern that is coming up that maybe Hon. Mutahi came first. Some of us and even I, have seen in our programme today that there is another request. Instead of each and every person raising a request, I think that we need a statement from the department to explain to us what has happened with all the projects that were implemented in the last financial year.

In my area I had three. Seria where a pit latrine was to be dug, Mohotetu that ought to have been renovated and Muguongo that was to be fenced and nothing has been done. If each and every Member will be raising a statement in each and every session, we need to know what happened with our proposed projects for the last financial year.

In case there are pending bills, we need to be informed so that by the time we will be approving this year's financial budget, we will be aware on how to go about it. We might think that there are in the programme whereas they are not being done. So if we don't fix them in the budget that we are preparing now, we will leave our people questioning us because they had seen

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us proposing without implementations. So I would wish that we get a statement on all the proposed projects that ought to have been done in the last financial year and their status.

Hon. Wilson Wakahiu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also wish to say something concerning these statements on the construction of Solio Health Centre. I just want to concur with what Hon. Kanyutu is saying because as per the statement, it is for the financial year 2018/19 and now we are done with the Financial Year 2019/2020.

Mr. Speaker, maybe you can guide us in this Hon. House on how we may play our role as far as oversight is concerned because one or two years back we are discussing things which were not done. This is not the first project which has been abandoned or failed to be implemented as per the budgetary allocation. So I would wish that as per what the Hon. Member from Marmanet has said, we would wish that all the projects as budgeted for in every financial year, the respective sectorial committees should be coming up with quarterly reports informing this House on the progress of every project in our wards.

Personally I am not a member of the Health Committee but I usually follow in my own ways. Whereas the committee is supposed to be following from the word go once we approve the budget. So I would wish that with your guidance that all the sectorial committees should be giving this House and furnishing all the reports from the Executive on all the implementations of the projects in every quarter of every financial year, so that we may not end up two years back discussing something here in this House that was not done and already it cannot be done because we have another budget.

Mr. Speaker, this Solio Dispensary project was supposed to be done in the Financial Year 2018/19. Now here we are sitting trying to come up with the Financial Year 2020/21 budget. I would wish and request your honourable office just to make sure that the sectorial committees are very aggressive in their duty of oversight so that we may not be asking very many questions while we are approving another budget.

I have seen that it was allocated Kshs.3 Million but as per the lowest bidder, it was Kshs.4.1 Million. So as much as we allocate money for the projects we also need to be guided in a way and not just coming up with the figures of which we don't even know the BQ, so that we may also have programmes that will be implemented in that particular financial year which have already been budgeted for that the public are already seeing from our website that they have already been done. So I wish that that can happen in this House. Thank you.

Hon. Peter Matunge: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First I wish to thank the Hon. Members who have made their contributions on the statement. I also wish to consider that the Hon. Member who has asked for the statement is not in the House. So as much as we are discussing, I don't know whether you will give us direction because we also need to have a look on this.

Mr. Speaker, there are issues that have been raised by three Hon. Members who have spoken. One was raised by Hon. Ndiritu and to concur with what the Hon. Member from Salama

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is saying, we are in the process of making the budget of 2020/21. There is one budget which has already lapsed and the budget which we are discussing belongs to the Financial Year 2018/19. It is true that as per Standing Orders and other laws requires that we do progressive reports to this Assembly for each sectorial committee.

Each Sectorial committee has to do a progressive report that they receive from their respective departments and that is something that has not been happening. I think that it is a clerical call for all of us that from today we need to pick the budget as it is and we do a strong follow up on our oversight and every committee to do that progressive report. Mr. Speaker, the other thing I wish to say is that budget is not cash but an estimate which means that there is estimated cost and the actual cost that the project is going to take…

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Bwana Spika, nilikuwa nataka ujumbe kutoka kwa Mheshimiwa Matunge ambaye anasema ya kwamba tunaongelea bajeti ya 2018/2019 ambayo haikufanyika na labda anasema ya kwamba ni sisi ambao hatukufuatilia. Nataka atueleze hata kama bajeti iliuwa 2016/17, kama hatuna haki ya kufanya uangalizi na tujue ni kwa nini huo mradi haukufanyika, mimi naamini ya kwamba tuko na haki ya kufuatilia mpaka siku ya leo kwa sababu mwaka ukiisha sio kumaanisha kwamba hatutafuatilia ya awali. Mimi nataka huo ujumbe ili tusije tukauliza vitu za 2016, tuachane na hiyo halafu tufuate hii ingine.

Hon. Wilson Wakahiu: Asante, Bwana Spika. Ninaomba tu unipe nafasi nimpe ujumbe Mheshimiwa kutoka Thingithu. Niseme ya kwamba kazi ya Bunge na tunaielewa sana ni kufuatilia ile miradi ambayo imefanyika katika hili Bunge. Kama kamati haikuweza kufuata mwaka ule, ni kumaanisha ya kwamba hata sasa hivi kuna zingine ambazo zinaweza kuchipuka. Kwa hivyo vile Mheshimiwa Matunge amesema ni kweli kwa sababu kama kamati zote hazitaweza kufuatilia bajeti zao za kila mwaka, kila wakati tutakuwa tunaongelea hata mambo ya 2010 wakati kulikuwa na serikali za manispaa.

Kwa hivyo sasa ni jukumu letu kama Wabunge kujua ya kwamba kuna kazi ambayo tunafaa kufanya tunapopitisha bajeti. Hapo mwanzoni nilisema ya kwamba kila robo ya mwaka kila kamati inafaa kuleta ripoti. Sasa kama haikuletwa, tutakuwa na maswali mengi na Mheshimiwa haelewi jambo lile.

Speaker: Hon. Ndiritu, do you want to comment on that before I take it back to Hon. Matunge?

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Bwana Spika, nafikiri Mheshimiwa anafaa kuondoa matamshi ya kwamba sikuelewa. Ninaelewa vile ninasema kwa sababu hata kama mradi ilikuwa umepangiwa kufanywa 2013 na haukufanywa, kwani kazi yetu ni gani?

Kama hata Kamati ya Afya ilikosa kuleta ripoti, hiyo sio makosa yangu kama Mjumbe na niko na haki ya kufuata zile miradi ambayo ilikuwa imewekwa kwa bajeti za miaka zilizopita. Kama iliwekwa kwa bajeti sisi kama Bunge tunafaa kuelezwa ni kwa nini haikufanyika ili kama tutapeleka mtu jela tumpeleke. Hatuwezi kusema ya kwamba kwa sababu kamati hawakuleta ripoti

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basi tukae tu. Bwana Spika, mimi nitafuata hadi ya serikali za manispaa na ni haki yangu kama Mjumbe.

Hon. Jacob Endom: Bwana Spika, nilikuwa naomba kuelezea Mheshimiwa kidogo. Je, ni kumaanisha ya kwamba mradi ambao haujafanyika katika hii kaunti hautafuatwa kwa sababu anasema ya kwamba ni kazi ya Bunge kuweza kufuatilia? Basi kama ni kazi ya Bunge kufuatilia ni kwa nini anasema ya kwamba Mheshimiwa hafuatilii?

Ukienda Sosian sasa hivi kwa hospitali, kuna jengo ambalo lilikuwa linafaa kujengwa na bado halijajengwa. Je, itakuwa kazi ya Mheshimiwa kutoka hiyo wadi kufuatilia ama ni kazi ya kamati kuangalia kama imetekelezwa? Kwa hivyo tunataka tufafanuliwe hapo ili tuelewe.

Hon. Peter Matunge: Mr. Speaker, when we are in this House we are all here as Hon. Members and we have the same roles of oversight and representation. Our work is to report as the statement was asked. When we are in this House and somebody is speaking, it is very important to listen and understand what he/she is saying because what I say I don't say it to defend anybody but explain as it is. What the Hon. Member from Thingithu is saying, I have not said that he does not have the right to follow the project but I am just explaining the process.

He has the right to follow as much as he can even if it is up to 2013 because it is upon him. I am just explaining something and I have not asked anybody not to follow. Maybe all of us have slumbered somewhere in issues of oversight and reporting because every department is required to do a progressive report to this House quarterly as what the Chair for Budget is saying.

We need to have a progressive report from every department. The two committees I sit as sectorial, the first year I saw the Department of Agriculture, Water and Environment doing the same thing, reporting to the committee on issues of the progressive report.

Other departments have never seen those reports coming. What I am hearing from Hon. Members, the Hon. Member from Marmanet is saying that there are a number of projects from his ward that have not been implemented. The same is saying I have seen other statements coming today. We still have another one that is supposed to be responded to. It is an issue that all of us need to see how we will go about it.

We need to revive our reporting process so that every committee reports the progressive report in this Assembly every quarter, so that you do not have such questions. If a project has not been done by the Department of Health, we can respond through a progressive report. As per the statement that was asked, we responded as it is and we have produced a document. What I was saying is, budget is not cash, it is an estimate that every quarter we are supposed to do budget variance analysis. It will help to see what I budgeted I overspent or I underspent, or I was not able to receive these funds. That is why we have supplementary sometimes.

Anything that is in budget is not money in the department's pocket. It is money in the Treasury. Honourable Members in this House know. Some departments during the close of this

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financial year some money has gone back to the treasury. For you to get that money again, you need to re-budget. The other thing is on the issue of the bidder. There is a bidder who has quoted Kshs. 3.8 million and there is one who has quoted Kshs.4.1 million. If you carefully read our statement, it says a successful bidder quoted Kshs. 4.1 million.

Successful meaning when bidding we do not only look for the lowest. There are other items that people of the vetting committee look for. Either your capacity to do that work, your track record, were you blacklisted in this county. The successful bidder quoted Kshs. 4.1 million. We are not saying he was the lowest, but the successful lowest bidder was Kshs. 4.1 million. To ensure we are not hiding anything, we produced all the companies that quoted for that project. If Hon. Member still needs explanation, we can go ahead and explain. If there is an issue on the projects that were budgeted for 2018-2019 we can still ask for a progressive report from the department and report to this House. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Mr. Speaker, may I thank the Hon. Vice Chair for Health, for the comments he has made. We are in the budget making, if the absorption and money has been taken back to the treasury we need to focus when making this budget. The projects that we had proposed have not been done. It shows the department is unable to absorb the budget that we allocate. We need to deal with that department in a manner.

Recently when we were doing our CFSP, the chair was aggressive that we need to add more money. If we add more money that cannot be absorbed by the department, I am sure it is good because the Vice Chair has made a very good elaboration. In the budget making we will see how to go about it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Jacob Endom: Asante sana, Bwana Spika. Nashukuru leo kwa sababu naona maswali yametokea. Ningeomba kwa sababu tuko kwenye bajeti tuweke pesa ya mafunzo. Wakati wa Bunge la kwanza tulikuwa tukihudhuria mafunzo sana. Wakati mtu atasimama hapa, utapata mtu anamtetea waziri ni kama yeye ndio waziri.

Ni vyema watu wakihudhuria mafunzo. Wakirudi watajua jukumu lao ni lipi. Tuweke hiyo bajeti tujaribu kutembea na twende Kaunti zingine tuone wanafanya namna gani. Tulikuwa tunaenda hata Bunge la kitaifa tunaona wanafanya nini. Tunaweza enda Nyandarua au Mombasa tuangalie wanafanyaje. Hili Bunge letu linashangaza kila siku. Kila wakati mtu akileta taarifa hapa ni kama mtu ndiye waziri, anaitetea kama yeye ndiye waziri aliyeileta hapa. Ningeomba tu tukifanya bajeti tutenge pesa za mafunzo. Tutembee tuone ya kwamba zinanenda aje. Sio makosa yao na kwa hiyo ningeomba.

Hon. Peter Matunge: Mr. Speaker, I think the drafter of the constitution knows the purpose why ministers should not sit in this House. The BBI is coming and one of the proposed amendments we should do is for ministers to be allowed to sit in this House. They can be able to answer questions. I speak as much as I know about the department. I am not defending anybody.

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Hon. Members, we should take that proposal to BBI so that we amend and have ministers sitting in this House. Hon. Member from Marmanet is saying that the department is unable to absorb funding. There are many factors that could affect your ability to use the money. One of them is, under-budgeting for that project. If you under-budget you will not be able to do that project.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Mr. Speaker, I stand on a point of clarification. The Hon. Member is trying to explain on whatever he stated. Some money is taken back to the treasury and I resolved that. If that is the case we are in the budget making process. We have to determine if it is not possible. I remember very well reading in the paper some of the advertisement of the projects that ought to have been done. They had been advertised and money has been taken back to the treasury there must be a question somewhere. In the budget making we will be able to focus and see how we ensure…

Speaker: Are you making a decision or seeking clarification?

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: I want a clarification from him. He is explaining to me whatever he had stated that the money was not properly absorbed. Some money has been taken back to the treasury.

Speaker: Can he clarify then.

Hon. Peter Matunge: Mr. Speaker, you know my younger, senior youth most of the time he does not want to listen slowly so that they can be able to understand what I am saying. I know even in the Department of Roads there are some funds that have been returned to treasury for reallocation. There are some two point something million, twelve point something million has gone back. It is not only in the Department of Health.

What I am saying and what Hon. from Salama has said. When we allocate some projects we sometimes cannot understand some facts. What is the estimated cost of the project? I have seen a lot of projects we allocate money then it becomes so difficult to do. We do not have basic estimates of that project. If we say we have Kshs.12 million divided across fifteen wards, each ward gets two million.

We then say that with the two million we do a dispensary. The cost of a standard dispensary goes for about Kshs. 5 million. If you give a dispensary Kshs. 2.5 million, and a standard dispensary is Kshs. 3 million, or Kshs. 5 million. How do you expect that project to be implemented? I think that is why before making a final budget there is what we call sectoral consultation. The committees can be able to consult with the minister. What is the estimated cost of doing a dispensary? What is the estimated cost of drilling a borehole?

We have not been following the process of having the sectoral consulting with the minister and the department. We are now running the budget in another different perspective. We end up allocating money to projects that was not able to be implemented. The money for the Department

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of Roads is not for the committee. The money for the Department of Health is not for the Committee of Health.

What we can do is represent the people of Laikipia and we know what they need. The Hon. Member may try to insinuate that if they deny money to the Department of Health, it is me who should suffer. I do not have a dispensary that I operate in my home. Neither did the Chair for Health have a department that he operates from his home. We fight for the people of Laikipia. Each Member here has represented a ward in every constituency which needs health services. It is not for Matunge to say this department is not able to absorb. I know there are many projects that have not been done because their money is not enough. Thank you.

Speaker: Hon. Members...Hon. Mary.

Hon. Mary Samken: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also wanted to put my voice on the statement if you allow me. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let me thank the Hon. Peter Matunge for trying to explain it in deep and also for trying to defend the department. I have also looked at this statement. Clearly they have tried to answer it. There are some questions I am asking myself. The last advert that was done was last year in June.

There was a supplementary that we did in this House no more than two months ago. I am asking myself, if this department was serious and thought that these people of Thingithu ward seriously needed this dispensary, why didn't they reallocate this money now that they have known that the money they allocated was not enough? I am also looking at what they are saying that the successful bidder quoted Kshs. 4.1 million.

Hon. Matunge was trying to explain using his own words. I was asking myself, it could be prudent if that explanation he is trying to give could have been put in this paper. So that we can see why Kshs. 4.1M was successful and not Kshs. 3.8 million. It is also good that they put as they are saying that the BQs are ready. Before they advertised this project, were the BQs not ready?

You cannot advertise something when you do not have a BQ. I am seeing that there is some information that we still need. They should put it in this statement. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Hon. Matunge do you want to respond to that?

Hon. Peter Matunge: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I wish to respond to that. I thank the Hon. Member. Any moment that a Member stands to contributes to our statement he enriches the statement. As a committee we do not take it as a challenge. We appreciate as that we are here to work for them and make sure they are satisfied with what they are asking. On the issue of advertisement and supplementary budget that we lastly did here was 2019/2020. This is a project of 2018/2019. This is an explanation that maybe the department has the best answers as to why they have not done so.

On the issues of the BQ, the statement has not said that the BQs were not ready by then. It says that if today the money is enough we still have the BQ that was used to do the bidding. We

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cannot invite people to do bidding if the BQ is not ready. The issue on why the 3.8 and 4.1 was successful, Mr. Speaker, we respond as to how the statement was asked. That was not one of the questions that we were asked. We are just trying to be generous and provide enough information to the House. If that question was asked why 3.8 was not successful, then it is simple as we can make a call and get all the documents. It is something that was not part of the asked questions.

CONSIDERED RULING

Speaker: Hon. Members, I believe that the drafters of the constitution appreciated that there would be a problem. Maybe it is out of their experience on how things have been happening in the National Government. Devolution was not there then and ran with the Local Councils. If you look at the way it is, each and every county is supposed to make a 5 year kind of an Annual Development Plan (ADP). This is to try and get the kind of projects you would wish to undertake as a government for those 5 years. You should have an Annual Development Plan each and every year. As you go to the next budget you already have some projects in mind that you want to undertake in the next budget which already have a BQ. This is so that you do not plan without the correct estimates as per the BQs.

At times in the meetings that we have held meetings with the Executive we have always raised this issue of BQs. Leave alone where we are saying that the BQs should come before the Financial Year starts so that we include the correct and accurate figures in the budget. When we have budgeted we still have the issues of the BQ coming towards the end of that Financial Year. We have this recurring problem that every time we have the BQs. The figures that are in the BQ and those put in the budget are two different things. Either you have over budgeted or under budgeted.

I was asking myself a question from this statement though it was not a question that was asked but it is in the response. When the project was first advertised in May there was no responsive bidder. When it was done in June, there were responsive bidders but the budget was Kshs. 3 million. The question that I was asking is that did the people look at the budget and see that the figure is Kshs. 3 million and the kind of BQ they have shows that you are not able to do the project. Why would we advertise a project and at many times we have overwhelming applicants wanting to do a project but it did not get a single bidder? When it happens then everyone bids above the budget as per the works. Later it was not even done.

What I would wish to advise is that the Committee Clerks in consultation with the Chairs should always move to get the quarterly reports through the Office of the Clerk. The Clerk can then write to the County Secretary for his communication with the respective department of the Executive. They know that they are supposed to do the reports and there are some that do the report but there those that have not done. It is the Committee Clerk of the Sectoral Committee who knows that in every quarter, one of the business we are supposed to do as a committee is to receive and interrogate a report from the Executive Department.

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Therefore, the Table Clerks will communicate to the Committee Clerks to make sure that they get those reports. If they have not gotten them in time let them write to the Clerk who can then write to the County Secretary so as to get those reports. It is so that we have a report from that particular department in every quarter whether it is health, roads or finance. We are now discussing issues that were supposed to have happened in 2018/2019 yet we are now in 2020/2021.

Hon. Mary was raising an issue that about the supplementary budget. In fact, her question was not supposed to be why it was not allocated in the supplementary budget but would have rather asked why it was not put in the budget of the Financial Year 2019/2020. It is important for the Chairs and the Committee Clerks to get note of that. They make sure have these reports received by the House and the various committees at every quarter of a year.

Hon. Jacob had requested that we give the Hon. Member for Tigithi time to look at this. When I look at the information given the fact it is just one that the project is not there. It requires a fresh re-allocation. There is no money for this project. The rest are issues of oversight about where money went. For the benefit of the people and the Member of Tigithi, I believe that it has been answered. He now has the information to know on how he would lobby for money to be re-allocated afresh for that project to be done. That then brings us to the end of the project. He will get the information as it is in that statement.

Hon. Member for Marmanet raised a point as to whether we will all be bringing this individual statement or it is the work of the committee to do the oversight. At times cases happen like that. There is a year that you might find a department did not do a number of projects. It is an oversight issue which can only be known when the Members raise these statements or the committee proactively learn of such projects that were not done. Since both ways are acceptable we then do the oversight role.

Where a Member feels a pressing issue and the citizens might lose, then that Member has room to come and raise a statement in this House. The issue can also be looked into by that particular committee and the department. Both ways are okay. Let us also as committees try to do our oversight work pro-actively. I believe that brings us to the end of this particular statement. The other statement was by Hon. Kiguru.

CONSTRUCTION OF KIANDEGE DISPENSARY

Hon Wilson Wakahiu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On behalf of the Hon. Member for Igwamiti, Hon. Kiguru, I wish to bring to the attention of this House the statement on construction of Kiandege dispensary in Igwamiti Ward that is in his jurisdiction.

Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 45 (2) c, I wish to seek a statement from the Chairperson Health Services regarding the above mentioned subject matter. Good health is crucial for the nation's development. With the current COVID-19 pandemic crisis, it is sad to note that most of the projects budgeted for are either incomplete or have not been done

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at all. Completion of such dispensaries and health centres would go a long way to aid in the COVID-19 crisis at hand.

Mr. Speaker, the following is an outline of the budget for construction of Kiandege dispensary in two consecutive years yet nothing has been accomplished so far.

2018/2019 FY	Buying land and building a dispensary in Kiandege	Kshs. 2,000,000
2019/2020 FY	Construction of Phase 1 Kiandege dispensary	Kshs. 3,286,102

I request the Chairperson of the Health Services Committee to inform this House on why the process for buying land and construction of Kiandege dispensary has not yet commenced yet the above mentioned project has been quoted in the budget for two consecutive years.

Speaker: That is a statement raised to the Chairperson of Health Services Committee. Hon. Chair you may say how much time you need for you to undertake this work.

Hon. Veronica Ikunyua: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. One month will be okay with us.

Speaker: I wish to give the Chairperson of Health 14 days to be able to respond to this statement. I think that some of these statements are urgent statements because they are for 2018/2019 and 2019/2020. Both years have lapsed. In 14 days we should be able to get a response in this House.

ADJOURNEMNT

Speaker: This House now stands adjourned until later today Wednesday, 8th July, 2020 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 9.50 a.m.

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