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TUESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2023

The House met at 2:30 p.m.

(Mr. Speaker [Hon. Emmanuel Situma] in the Chair)

### PRAYER

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

### STATEMENTS

STATEMENT SOUGHT BY HON. STEPHEN WAMALWA FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND SANITATION IN RESPECT TO THE STATUS OF CONSTRUCTION OF MISANGA DISPENSARY AND MAKUTANO HEALTH CENTRES IN SOYSAMBU/MITUA WARD

**Mr. Speaker** (*Chairperson, Committee of the Whole House*): Honourable Members, at this juncture we ought to be ushering in the CEC Member for Health and Sanitation to give us a response to what was sought by Hon. Stephen and I think it is now the work of the sergeants and commissionaires to usher in the concerned CEC and to be very specific. Sergeants, if the officer accompanying the CEC is not a technical person of that department, he remains out. If he is like a Director of the department or acting Chief Officer, he can accompany him; but you know we only have two seats and so if the officer accompanying him is not in the category of Director or Chief Officer or acting Chief Officer, he is not allowed to come and sit here. Of late, even PAs have PAs.

*(CECM, Health and Sanitation is ushered into the chambers by the Sergeants)*

The nominee is not available! Sorry, we have been doing vetting and you just think of the nominee. Sorry, the CEC... CECM welcome to our sitting this 25<sup>th</sup> of April, 2023. Allow me now ask the Table Clerks to read the statement that is expected to be responded to and I am very sure Hon. Stephen Wamalwa, the owner of the statement, is present and ready to proceed. Go through the statement please!

**Statement Sought by Hon. Stephen Wamalwa from the County Executive Committee Member for Health and Sanitation in Respect to the Status of Construction of Misanga Dispensary and Makutano Health Centre in Soysambu Mitua Ward**

In his response, let the CECM respond to the following questions;

1. Name of the company that was awarded the contract and the directors of the company. Provide CR12 proof.
2. The agreed contract period for the two projects. Provide contract agreement for verification.
3. Why the Chief Officer discontinued the construction of the two projects.
4. State how much was paid to the contractor for each of the two projects.
5. Provide the bill of quantities for the construction of Misanga dispensary and Makutano health centres and evaluation reports or certificate that informed payment; to help ascertain whether the level of works is equivalent to the amount of money paid.
6. Confirm whether there was value for money as provided for in Article 201 (d) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 which requires that public money be used in a prudent and responsible way.
7. State whether the contractor had capacity to undertake such contracts and if no explain why the contract has not been terminated and given to another contractor with capacity to complete the construction.
8. Explain in details the remedial action the department is taking to complete the construction of the two health facilities. Provide the expected period when the contractor will be on site and the timelines for completion of the project.

**Mr. Speaker** (*Chairperson, Committee of the Whole House*): CECM, you can now respond to the statement. Yes Hon. Ali Machani, what is the point of order?

**Hon. Ali Machani:** Hon. Speaker, as a tradition and any other law within the Common Wealth countries. Any member coming before the House will always demonstrate respect to the Chair but the two strangers when they were approaching the House, did not show any sign of respect. I was watching very keenly.

**Mr. Speaker** (*Chairperson, Committee of the Whole House*): Honourable Members, I have confirmed with my Sergeants who were escorting them that they did bow down in respect of the mace. I think because of age, my Honourable MCA for...

*(Laughter)*

...Maraka Ward did not notice the ceremony of them bowing as they were moving in. Honourable Members, allow us to go back to the core issue before us and you know we keep growing on a daily basis and he understands what I mean.

Members allow me invite the CECM to proceed and as you all know, we are having responses for Misanga dispensary and Makutano Health centre in Soysambu. We will start with the one for Misanga dispensary.

CECM you can be able to give your response, but as per our traditions, whenever Honourable Members are speaking here, you will be upstanding. You have the microphone, and then you kindly give your response.

**CECM Health and Sanitation** (Dr. Andrew Wamalwa): Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker** (*Chairperson, Committee of the Whole House*): Since you are having a challenge of height, you can use this microphone here then you can give the response from these sides.

Speaking from here is just an honour because you do not qualify to be called an MCA. You tell the family when you are back at home that today you had a chance. Proceed please!

**CECM Health and Sanitation** (Dr. Andrew Wamalwa): Thank you Hon. Speaker. With me, I have the response to the statement sought by Mheshimiwa from Soysambu/Mitua about the two facilities; Misanga and Makutano dispensary.

The response to the statement has been delivered and it is in response to all that was sought. We have attached the contracts, the bill of quantities, the proof of payment for certificate 1 and the CR12 indicating who is the director of the company.

For Misanga dispensary, the director of Kemasha Investment Limited which was given the contract is one Mr. Emmanuel Wekesa Wamalwa.

The contract was issued in 2020 duly signed by both the department and the contractor and the contract was for a sum of Kshs. 5.8 million.

The contract period was 24 weeks and therefore the contractor got on site did some work and raised certificate 1 for payment and was paid.

**Mr. Speaker** (*Chairperson, Committee of the Whole House*): Let me seek clarification from you CECM. I am having your response, the one that was for 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2023. It is having a forwarding letter with information. The second page of that response is done by you forwarding the same and that letter is signed for. Who signed for you?

**CECM Health and Sanitation** (Dr. Andrew Wamalwa): Mr. Speaker, we had challenges of receiving the statement.

**Mr. Speaker** (*Chairperson, Committee of the Whole House*): The question is; the response that is here was done by you as the CECM for Health. The way is appearing here, it is signed for you.

**CECM Health and Sanitation** (Dr. Andrew Wamalwa): We wanted to substitute that one because it was signed early the morning when I was in the Cabinet just for the purpose of...

**Mr. Speaker** (*Chairperson, Committee of the Whole House*): Let me seek for clarification again. Who signed for you?

**CECM Health and Sanitation** (Dr. Andrew Wamalwa): The Finance officer.

**Mr. Speaker** (*Chairperson, Committee of the Whole House*): He can't sign for you as the CECM. We will not take it and we will step you down. A CECM can only sign for a fellow CECM, a Chief Officer for a fellow Chief Officer. There is no way a Director can sign for an Accounting Officer! That is the practice! A CECM can sign for a CECM. Mr. Bonventure is sitting in for the CECM for Water. But a Director or any officer under your office cannot purport to sign for a CECM. That is the position in law and if it is not the right procedure, I will step you down; you go and do proper signing before you come back.

*(Applause)*

On that basis I think Members it is very clear. He is reading what he has not owned as a CECM. With that in mind, I think CECM, I will step you down and send you back. Come prepared for our questions. As you go away, learn from today. Even if it is the Cabinet, it is you to sign. Nobody else can sign for you!

You know you cannot own what is not done by you. You can kindly escort him out but as he goes away, I am giving you a fresh date. On Thursday next; it will be on 4<sup>th</sup> of May. We will be receiving your responses as we did in our last meeting without you missing because this has been occasioned by your department, which I can say it is sabotaging you.

You are at liberty to leave. You go and prepare a fresh response signed by yourself so that when we pin you, it is you answering not saying that it was done by somebody else. Have a good day.

*(Applause)*

Members it is very clear that the document was not done by him. He cannot own it up and he can choose to easily disown it even tomorrow. Let them do a proper response for us to deal with. Can we have the next nominee in? Sorry, the CECM for Water. I am sorry. Today in the morning I had a chance to chair a vetting session for the CECM Gender, Youth and Sports. I find myself in the mood for vetting again. I am sorry about that.

I keep hearing Hon. Mutiembu reminding me that I may be inviting the CECM Colleta for pre-vetting. I was wondering whether Hon. Bosire was behaving as if he had joined the Executive to come and respond. I think we now have our acting CECM for Tourism, Environment, Water and Natural Resources.

*(CECM, Tourism, Environment, Water and Natural Resources is ushered into the chambers by the Serjeant-at-Arms)*

2. CLARIFICATION BY THE CECM, TOURISM, ENVIRONMENT, WATER AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO A STATEMENT SOUGHT BY HON. ANTHONY LUSENAKA ON THE ISSUE OF THE EXTENSION OF MAKOTELO AND LUTASO PIPELINE IN WEST BUKEMBE WARD

**Mr. Speaker** (*Chairperson, Committee of the Whole House*): This is a rejoinder for they are just here to clear the issues arising from matters raised by Hon. Lusena. Hon. Sudi Kalasinga is having the instructions and what we want from the Honorable CECM is a clarification on some issues. CECM was here and he gave a feedback. He gave us a response which was so well done, but there were some grey areas which we sought for some clarification. I think when a CECM appears to respond to what was raised in the main response, there are no more rejoinder questions because he won't be given a chance again to come and respond.

We allow the CECM to come and clarify the issues raised and I will allow him to proceed. Mr. Bonventure is standing in for the CECM for Water.

**Acting CECM, Tourism, Environment, Water and Natural Resources** (*Mr. Bonventure Chengek*): Thank you. I am Chengek Bonventure- the acting CECM for Water, Tourism, Natural Resources, Environment and Climate Change. I am providing a statement in relation to follow up questions that were provided here. The CECM for Water, Tourism, Natural Resources, Environment and Climate Change appeared before this House on 12<sup>th</sup> of April, 2023 on the issue of extension of Makotelo and Lutaso pipeline in West Bukembe Ward.

After the response was read to the Honorable Members, the Hon. MCA for Bukembe West was not in agreement with the response. This necessitated the Speaker to direct the CECM and the Committee Chair for Water, the area MCA and the technical staff from the department and representative from NZOWASCO to do a site visit to establish the current status of the project on the ground. The above mentioned members had a site visit on the above mentioned project on 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 and we are glad to report back the following;

#### Findings

The Makotelo Water Project is a water pipeline extension projects that abstracts water from the existing Mabanga Bukembe return line. There was availability of water within the project distribution lines but the pipeline has not connected to the water kiosk. The NZOWASCO representation confirmed reasons as to why water kiosk was not connected to the main line and that they had not received any applications up to now for the service. There was no existence of Project Management Committee as another issue. However, since the project gets water from NZOWASCO line, the Members of the Community were supposed to apply for connection from the laid pipeline at the NZOWASCO offices.

We were informed that only one person applied and was connected to the line. Another seven Households were transferred from the old dilapidated one inch pipe line and connected to this new two inch pipelines. This brings the total number of connections to eight through the pipeline. It is also worth noting that service provider has established a schedule for water supply through the Mabanga Bukembe return line and by extension the Makotelo line that gets water at 6:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. in the evening. This water rationing is informed by the high demand for the water.

Way forward

1. The County Government and NZOWASCO will immediately embark on a community sensitization exercise to encourage the community around to apply and register for connection from the main water pipeline by paying the required fee. This will ensure last mile connectivity is achieved.
2. The County Government of Bungoma will support the area leadership to facilitate any available registered Community Based Organizations, Youth Groups, Women Groups and Persons with Disability groups to come out and register with the service provider and operate the Water Kiosk so that the Community around it can benefit.
3. The County Government of Bungoma and other development partners will train and sensitize the Project Management Committee on how to run the project.
4. To fast track the process of registration with the service provider, the interim caretaker of the water kiosk was facilitated to go and register on 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 which is today. The team also managed to visit other projects within the Ward including the Chengw'ali Water project, Namirembe Water Project and Chemche Water Project which is operating with minimal technical and managerial challenges.

**Mr. Speaker** (*Chairperson, Committee of the Whole House*): Now before you go and sit, I just want to seek clarification from the Chair of this Committee Hon. Edwin Opwora... was there a site visit?

**Hon. Edwin Opwora:** Yes, Mr. Speaker Sir. I confirm we had a site visit with the area MCA Hon. Lusenaka, a technical representation from NZOWASCO and representation from the department involved.

**Mr. Speaker** (*Chairperson, Committee of the Whole House*): Why I sought to ask this question directly to you is because Hon. Lusenaka is not within; but in our last meeting we did agree that the Chair of the Committee on Water will accompany the team for the site visit. Having confirmed that, I can now have Hon. Sudi.

**Hon. Sudi Busolo:** Hon. Speaker, first of all let me thank the acting CECM for Water. From what he has read, some words are missing on the responses that I have- like the way forward. If you look at the response I only have three points and he has read more than three so I don't know how...

**Mr. Speaker** (*Chairperson, Committee of the Whole House*): Just confirm to us, your response is for which date?

**Hon. Sudi Busolo:** 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2023

**Mr. Speaker:** I think we are having different responses, the one we are using here is the one done on 25<sup>th</sup> of April, 2023. I think also because of your age, but they were sent on our gadgets please.

**Hon. Sudi Busolo:** Not my age, I am using what I was served; you see this one should be the same with what is on the gadget.

**Mr. Speaker** (*Chairperson, Committee of the Whole House*): That one is the earlier one, you were to refer on the original documentation but the response we are having is the one done on 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 by the acting CECM; the one you are having is done by the CECM - Herbert Kibunguchi

**Hon. Sudi Busolo:** Then the mistake is from your office Speaker. Because I have been served; I am using what I have been given and so we cannot say that my gadget...

**Mr. Speaker** (*Chairperson, Committee of the Whole House*): What we are trying to say is that you know when you step in, you ought to take full instructions.

**Hon. Sudi Busolo:** I am like the owner of the statement now, and I must have the right document.

**Mr. Speaker:** It is okay, we are sorry for that. We will take the blame and proceed.

*(Loud consultations)*

**Hon. Sudi Busolo:** Having gotten the right material, on behalf of my colleague who is also our Leader of Minority, I think the response is now sufficient. I have just conversed with him and I have told him that they have improved on the response that came the other time; the one that has come now is more organized and improved.

He has accepted that he was on the site with my Chair, Tourism and he has said that now the department should assist in creating kiosks because he cannot manage alone to make more kiosks for the people of Bukembe West to enjoy the water. He has requested that the department assists him to extent the pipeline so that the people of Bukembe West can have clean water. So as you make your budget, consider that because when you look at how many people are connected on



the line, it is because of the high poverty levels. Our people cannot manage and so he has requested that we put funds as a department as much as he will also try with his CEF.

Otherwise, I rest my case from there, but now when it comes to your department you should improve as well. Look at what you have done for...

**Mr. Speaker** (*Chairperson, Committee of the Whole House*): Hon. Sudi, when our CECM is here today, we see him as the CECM for water. The other issues of roads can't be raised now

**Hon. Sudi Busolo**: Mr. Speaker that is just an AOB for him alone.

**Mr. Speaker** (*Chairperson, Committee of the Whole House*): Honourable Members, there is no AOB in this House. We have an Order Paper we are running.

**Hon. Sudi Busolo**: Mr. Speaker the answer is satisfactory.

**Mr. Speaker** (*Chairperson, Committee of the Whole House*): Thank you very much Hon. Sudi for stepping in for Hon. Lusenaka who is in the Ad hoc Committee. I am seeing Hon. Joseph on line...

**Hon. Joseph Nyongesa** (*Leader of Majority*): Thank you Speaker. I also wish to appreciate the CECM who has stepped in for the CECM Water. The only thing that impressed me is that during the visit on the ground, they said they also had time to check on other projects which were not mentioned in the statement. That is the only thing that I was impressed with. My question is, will the department go ahead and assess the status across the county or they will wait for statements to be raised before they check on the status.

**Mr. Speaker** (*Chairperson, Committee of the Whole House*): I only allowed that one from the Leader of Majority because this is a response to what was raised during the main response... so it cannot be opened up to everybody. Honourable CECM that needs to be in your response and commitment to the House because we don't want to have every MCA raise a statement for his/her Ward. As a department, as you answer, you must cover everything, proceed.

**Acting CECM, Tourism, Environment, Water and Natural Resources** (Mr. Bonventure Chengek): Thank you Hon Speaker, yes as a department we have plans to check on all projects across the Wards and we have developed a work plan to do the same before the financial year ends.

**Mr. Speaker** (*Chairperson, Committee of the Whole House*): Thank you, Honourable Members, allow me discharge the CECM who had come in to give a response; so that he is able to do something else.

CECM you are discharged by this House. We wish you all the best as you move out. Serjeants escort the CECM.

*(The Acting CECM, Tourism, Environment, Water and Natural Resources is escorted out of the chambers by the Serjeant at Arms)*

We will have our next CECM who is the CECM for Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Cooperatives.

Before him, we will have the CECM for Education as we wait to hear the excuse, because there is no amount of excuse that will hold water. It could have been the Cabinet meeting where they have come from and so there is no excuse for the CECM for Agriculture to fail to appear here because if she fails, I will now formally summon her. Let's have the CECM for Education.

*(CECM, Education and Vocational Training is ushered into the chambers by the Serjeant at Arms)*

Kindly welcome our CECM for Education and Vocational Training before the County Assembly of Bungoma to respond to the statement sought by Hon. Kennedy Wanyama. Now I will proceed and ask the Table Clerks to read out the statement sought by the Member.

3. A STATEMENT SOUGHT BY HON. JOHN KENNEDY WANYAMA FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER FOR EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING ON THE STATUS OF MWIYAYI VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE

In his response, let the CEC respond to the following:

1. When the center was commissioned?
2. Why the greatly marketable courses like masonry, plumbing and electrical engineering are not being offered in the institution?
3. Why the center offers only tailoring and food and beverage courses and has only one tutor has posted there?
4. What the department is doing to have the VTC well equipped of both personnel and various training course so that to attract more students?

**Mr. Speaker** (*Chairperson, Committee of the Whole House*): CECM, you will proceed and give us the response. As a tradition and practice, you can come and use the dispatch box.

**CECM, Education and Vocational Training** (Dr. David Wamamili): Thank you Hon. Speaker. I wish to respond as follows;

That Muyai VTC was started in September in the year 2016. It has three classrooms and one toilet.

**Courses offered**

Garment making, hair dressing, plumbing and masonry. Consequently Hon. Speaker, I am confirming that masonry, plumbing and tailoring are being offered in the institution.

The VTC is established on one hectare of land and has four instructors. The County Government has employed two instructors while the BOM has employed the other two. I want to state that we got some tools from a donor and we have been distributing across the institutions and Muyai is set to get some tools immediately the institutions open.

**Mr. Speaker** (*Chairperson, Committee of the Whole House*): Before I allow the owner of the statement to react to what you have given us here; I have seen in your response you are saying that the title deed for the land on which Muyai VTC is East Bukusu/North Sang'alo/3008 is one hectare.

**CECM, Education and Vocational Training** (Dr. David Wamamili): Yes, according to the interpretation I was given by the people on the ground, that is what I have Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker** (*Chairperson, Committee of the Whole House*): Forget about what you were given. What you are reading to us is what acreage?

**CECM, Education and Vocational Training** (Dr. David Wamamili): One hectare.

**Mr. Speaker** (*Chairperson, Committee of the Whole House*): Unless I have a different copy because the one I have is indicating 0.45 hectares which is not equal to one hectare.

**CECM, Education and Vocational Training** (Dr. David Wamamili): Mr. Speaker, allow me to reconcile before I come back.

**Mr. Speaker** (*Chairperson, Committee of the Whole House*): You want to reconcile this one?

**CECM, Education and Vocational Training** (Dr. David Wamamili): To go and get the right one.

**Mr. Speaker** (*Chairperson, Committee of the Whole House*): I have the response here and what you are reading should be the same with the one I have here. Or you gave me a wrong one that I am reading?

**CECM, Education and Vocational Training** (Dr. David Wamamili): I was reading the same interpretation, but it is the same.

**Mr. Speaker** (*Chairperson, Committee of the Whole House*): Just read what you have. Let me give you the copy that you have given me so that we can have it on HANSARD. Is auditing done by your office? Just look at the signature on the second page of what I have given you. Is it signed by you?

**CECM, Education and Vocational Training** (Dr. David Wamamili): Mr. Speaker, it is 0.4 hectares.

**Mr. Speaker** (*Chairperson, Committee of the Whole House*): Is it the same as what you read to us?

**CECM, Education and Vocational Training** (Dr. David Wamamili): No. It is 0.45 hectares.

**Mr. Speaker** (*Chairperson, Committee of the Whole House*): Our surveyors here are telling me and which I know is one acre. Therefore, the acreage is one acre and not one hectare. One hectare is 2.5 acres. Hon. Kennedy? CECM, you can now take your seat.

**Hon. Kennedy Wanyama**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. The response from the CECM is not satisfactory and I want to bring out something. My question is, has the CECM gone to the ground? What the CECM has given us was the case at inception. Currently, I want to inform this House that there is only one instructor who also acts as a trainer at the institution for garment making. Nothing like hair dressing, plumbing and masonry is happening.

Mr. Speaker, when you look at number two of the response from the CECM and compared it to one, it is a contradictory because in number one they are mentioning four courses and when you look at number two, they are talking of three courses. I don't know whether this response was done in a hurry or facts were looked for before responding to this issue.

The other issue which I also thought the CECM knew is that this VCT is not connected to the national grid. If a facility is not even connected to the national grid, how are you able to offer these courses Mr. Speaker? In short, I don't think the response is satisfactory.

**Mr. Speaker: Mr. Speaker** (*Chairperson, Committee of the Whole House*): CECM you have heard. I am not asking but seeking for clarity. Look at the courses offered under number two and then you look at number six. Are you getting it? Are they the same? Number six has four courses that is; garment making, hair dressing, masonry and plumbing, but when you come to number two, it has food and beverage and garment making. Which is which for that purpose?

**CECM, Education and Vocational Training** (Dr. David Wamamili): Mr. Speaker, the true position is and I have some forms here which I can table to confirm; the true position is that garment making is offered and the application forms are here from the college; hair dressing, plumbing and masonry. However for food and beverage, it happens that the instructor who was sent there for purposes of administration has trained in food and beverage. Therefore, it is in process, but the other ones are being done as at now.

**Mr. Speaker** (*Chairperson, Committee of the Whole House*): Are you confirming that food and beverage is not being offered because you have indicated that it is in the process of starting; meaning that it is not being offered at the moment.

**CECM, Education and Vocational Training** (Dr. David Wamamili): I think I should have indicated that it is yet to be examined.

**Mr. Speaker** (*Chairperson, Committee of the Whole House*): Resume your seat please because questions are going to be asked for you to clarify. Hon. Nangulu?

**Hon. Charles Nangulu**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I think the CECM is not prepared for this session because first and foremost, he mentioned that the report that he has was given by the people on the ground. Number two, I know that he is competent but he needs more time to prepare and respond. The Honorable Member who lives in that region is able to mention the courses that are being done and those that are not being done.

The CECM needs to visit the institution and find out what is being offered before he comes to present the response to this House. He is not able to know even the actual acreage of the land the institution occupies. My position is that, why can't you give him more time so that he can come and give us a better response.

**Hon. Sudi Busolo**: Hon. Speaker, just to add on what my colleague has said, VTC is one of our key functions and the problem at Muyayi which is in Bukembe West; cuts across all our VTCs. The CECM is confirming that they only have one tutor there. The other one is an administrator who has indicated to assist in food and beverage. It is true that the tutors are not enough. Let him go and do thorough research because it cuts across all our Wards. I have two VTCs and I am aware of the problems facing the institutions, which are equally the same like those at Muyayi. How can one instructor run carpentry, plumbing, food and beverage and masonry...

I don't think, unless he is a primary teacher, that is why you can teach so many subjects. But in an area of specialization like yourself Speaker as a lawyer, can you really be a doctor again...

**Mr. Speaker** (*Chairperson, Committee of the Whole House*): I can be a surveyor!

**Hon. Sudi Busolo**: So let us be true to ourselves. The CECM is not well prepared and I believe the answer is completely not sufficient.

**Hon. Tim Chikati**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I think Hon. Sudi has touched on what I wanted to say. That the problem of the VTC is cutting across all the Wards. I think I have the same problem in my Ward, that is Tabani VTC and I could request that we give the CECM, Education time to come to this House with a comprehensive report of what is happening on the VTCs in all

our wards because I was also preparing a statement about the same, but since Hon. Ken came with this one, I wanted to take advantage of that and I can say that there is a problem!

**Mr. Speaker** (*Chairperson, Committee of the Whole House*): There is no advantage you can take... that was a specific VTC and so you bring yours we deal with it.

**Hon. Tim Chikati**: I stand guided Mr. Speaker

**Hon. Waiti Wafula**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I have a similar statement which can easily be turned down by you like Hon. Chikati has said.

**Mr. Speaker** (*Chairperson, Committee of the Whole House*): Hon. Waiti, I did not turn down your statement. Bring it to my office and it will be on the Order Paper. The one which is oral is not admissible before this House.

**Hon. Wafula Waiti**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise also to comment that if the CECM can be given time because what we want here is one. We want to know when a facility is set up in a particular area, it should be on record how is it equipped, because you move around in areas like where I come from, I have two such facilities but we have no tutors. So when we shall be raising this... we want a comprehensive answer and I also concur that if the CECM can be given time...

**Mr. Speaker** (*Chairperson, Committee of the Whole House*): Honourable Members what is emerging from the sentiments and to avoid taking us in circles, I will be doing communication to your office through my secretariat because it appears like all the 45 wards are complaining; specifically seeking information for every VTCs. We are going to compile from every ward and bring it to you and give you sufficient time. We are very friendly when you answer our queries and if you don't then come here unprepared, we are very hostile. So we will allow you, but as you are go, I will call my technical people so that we are able to bring you a specific request. We want to get information from you from all the 45 wards. If it requires the MCA to slot which VTC they want to get response from, it will be under one statement and we will give you one month, because next week we are going for recess and when we resume, we will want to slot you for a whole afternoon. There will be no other work, just you and us. Is it okay Honourable Members?

*(Applause)*

So as you break, I will urge that all the 45 elected members to bring the request in which VTC she or he seeks answers and specifications; even it is going to be a booklet of 20 pages, we will ask you and seek clarification and we ask that you go to the ground. If it requires you to get the information, come prepared. We don't admit half-baked information and you know as we are here, we have the powers of the high court and we can punish and even fine if you don't respond accordingly.

Honourable Members, allow me release the CECM, but we will be compiling what we have from the 45 wards for VTCs. Are we together? So that we have it by Friday and we will even ask the members who are away from this sitting to submit their requests so that it is done once and for all so that between our recess time from 4<sup>th</sup> up to 6<sup>th</sup> of June, they will have enough time with their officers on the ground to get the information and share with us. We want to thank you. You are released. You want to say something? Yes please...

**CECM, Education and Vocational Training (Dr. David Wamamili):** Thank you Chair, Honourable Members... this is a new ground for me. If I make a mistake, you allow me. We don't have enough tutors and that cuts across. Does it mean...

**Mr. Speaker (Chairperson, Committee of the Whole House):** That ought to come from you during the response time. We are giving you time to go run around looking at these VTCs, how many tutors are there, what challenges are there? We are going to give you one month to tell us because I have seen some VTCs in my area called Nangili where we have locomotive engineering being taught but the vehicles are resting on the stones and so I wonder. We will give you time. You don't have to worry about the number of tutors and that is why we are talking about the issue of the core mandate of this department of yours...

**CECM, Education and Vocational Training (Dr. David Wamamili):** It was about this specific one in Muyayi and I have all the statistics but you have guided. Thank you.

**Mr. Speaker (Chairperson, Committee of the Whole House):** Yes, we are going to prepare and I think by the end of this week or latest next week, one good month is enough and we will slot you time once it is ready.

*(The CECM, Education and Vocational Training is escorted out of the chambers by the Serjeant at Arms)*

Members we are to go back to the first statement of CECM for Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Cooperative Development. Honourable Members, the CEC is not before this House and we cannot sit here and wait for her to come. The high court clearly does not allow us to go there...the client waits for the high court! So we will go to the next item. If she comes in before we arise, we will come back to the item. If she does not keep time, and we will adjourn and now summon her for next week. Because we invite her for the first time, if she fails, we will summon her formally! Next item?



## **BILL**

1. THE BUNGOMA COUNTY REVENUE ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT)  
BILL, COUNTY ASSEMBLY BILL NUMBER 1 OF 2023- FIRST READING

**Hon. Francis Chemion:** Thank you Honourable Speaker. I am reading for the first time; this Bill known as The Bungoma County Revenue Administration and Management (Amendment) Bill, County Assembly Bill Number 1 of 2023 - First Reading

**Mr. Speaker:** Honourable Members, the Bungoma County Revenue Administration and Management (Amendment) Bill, County Assembly Bill Number 1 of 2023 has been read for the first time. I will proceed and commit the same to the Committee on Finance and Economic Planning for processing and reporting back to the House accordingly. Looking at our Order Paper, before we adjourn, there is no CECM in the vicinity. We adjourn and now formally issue summons for her appearance before this House next week on 4<sup>th</sup> summons shall be signed before the end of today and be served upon her.

There is no item under number seven; we adjourn and resume our sitting tomorrow at 9:00 a.m.

*(House adjourns)*