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*The House met at the County Assembly Chamber,
Malindi Town, at 2:30 p.m.*

[The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

STATEMENTS

COUNTY CASUALS

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Hon. Mwayaa.

Hon. Mwayaa: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. This Statement is directed to the County Secretary through the Leader of Majority. Whether the County Secretary is aware that there has been employment of staff and engagement of persons on casual and contract basis within the County Public Service from the 8th day of August 2017. If yes, the County Secretary is urged to liaise with the County Public Service Board and all Departments to furnish the County Assembly with a comprehensive list of all persons engaged in all departments, whether on casual, contract

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or permanent basis including their respective areas of residence from 8th August 2017 to 1st March 2019. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Next

CASUALS IN THE WARD SCHOLARSHIP OFFICE

Hon. Baya: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. Allow me to read a Statement to the CEC Member. Statement to the County Executive Committee Member of Education and ICT through the Chairperson, Ward Scholarship Fund Committee. Statement is concerning casuals in the Ward Scholarship Fund office. Is the CEC Member in charge of Education and ICT aware that there are casuals in the Ward scholarship office who have served over three years handling very sensitive information with a lot of responsibilities bestowed on them? If yes, what measures has the CEC Member of Education and ICT put in place to ensure that he is not in breach of the Employment Act, 2007? Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Next

RESPONSE TO A STATEMENT ON FUNDS TRANSFERS FOR ELDERLY PERSONS

Hon. Kadenge: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. Allow me to read a Response to a Statement on cash transfer to elderly persons made by hon. Mramba, Member of County Assembly Kakuyuni Ward through the Chairperson Labour, Administration and Social Services Committee. Before I go through the response, allow me to read through the Statement itself.

To the County Executive Committee Member in charge of Devolution, Public Service and Disaster Management, through the Chairperson, Administration, Labour and Social Services; cash transfers to elderly persons.

Whether the Committee Member in charge of Devolution, Public Service and Disaster Management is aware that the County Assembly of Kilifi has been approving funds for the cash transfer programme for the elderly persons since the Financial Year 2015/2016.

Whether the Committee Member in charge of Devolution, Public Services and Disaster Management is aware that the county assembly has never been furnished with a comprehensive report on the beneficiaries per ward on the cash transfer programme. If yes, the County Executive Committee Member in charge of Devolution Public Service and Disaster Management is hereby urged to submit a comprehensive report on the beneficiaries per ward on the cash transfer programme on the elderly persons. Signed by hon. Nixon Mramba.

Mr. Speaker Sir, allow me to read the Response from the Statement. The County Government of Kilifi initiated the social programme protection policy on the elderly, orphaned and vulnerable children which called for the implementation of the County cash programme for the elderly and orphaned and vulnerable children (CTP) in 2016. The CTP policy stipulates that the programme requires a total of 1,750 beneficiaries under which every ward has a total of 50 beneficiaries. Every beneficiary is entitled to receive Ksh 2000 per month. The funds are disbanded quarterly. The CTP programme was launched in the Financial Year 2015/2016. The initial transfer of CTP funds from the County Government to Equity Bank (service provider) made was Ksh 24 Million. This entitled that every beneficiary would receive Ksh. 18,000 for the 2016/2017 Financial Year. A total of Ksh. 35 Million was transferred to the programme's account in 2017/2018, out of this Ksh. 29,472,000 was disband as shown below. I think

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everybody has the table. I will just read the words but every Member has the table. The total funds received for the programme since inception is Ksh. 59 Million. The total number of beneficiaries who were registered and have so far received their entitlement are 1,228; the total amount of funds disbursed is 53,479,817 as tabled below. I think you have the table also, and in case any Member wishes to have some reference Mr. Speaker, sir, allow me to table the file which I have to the clerk.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): That's in order.

(Hon. Kadenge laid the document on the Table)

Hon. Kadenge: That was the response. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Hon. Mramba, are you satisfied with the response or you wish to make further clarifications?

Hon. Mramba: Mr. Speaker, as far as the Statement sought, I am satisfied but there are areas I would wish the Chairperson to go back to the CEC Member to get more clarification because initially as tabled here, the initial number was 50 persons per ward but as it is indicated here, there is a column for registered and a column for the remaining. If I understand well the column for remaining is the number of those remaining plus the number of those remaining will come to 50 persons.

(Hon. Ndago stood on a Point of Order)

Hon. Ndago: Thank you so much hon. Speaker. I would like to know the position in regards to the hon. Member who is on the floor in regards to his mode of dressing. Whether this hon. Assembly allows how he has dressed; a jeans in the hon. House. Kindly advice us. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): I have not seen him. How is he dressed hon. Ndago? I cannot see from here.

Hon. Ndago: Mr. Speaker, I have said he is in a jeans and this is a hon. House; we are not allowed to put on jeans in this House.

Hon. Mramba: I beg your protection Mr. Speaker. As I was coming from home something happened along the way. I had a small accident and my suit was torn; this is why I came in this Assembly the way I am. I am sorry and I will not repeat it. I beg your intervention Mr. Speaker.

(Hon. Ziro stood on a Point of Order)

Hon. Ziro: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I think the hon. Member who has just been on the floor is committing another felony by deceiving this House that he got an accident. I think he should clarify to this House how he got the accident because it is becoming very serious. First of all he is not dresses properly and now he is telling us he got an accident and we know very well he is lying. Can you clarify the accident you had this morning?

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Hon. Mramba the dress code is very clear unless you have really justifiable reason and hon. Ziro is in order. Yes hon. Mwarandu?

Hon. Mwarandu: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker, I am standing to the defense of hon. Mramba because I came very early in the morning and hon. Mramba invited me for a cup of tea. While we were coming back to the assembly, truly he knocked a boda- boda rider. I helped him to come out of the car. He is not deceiving, he really had an accident.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Did you witness or you were with him?

Hon. Mwarandu: I was with him.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Okay that is fair enough. Hon. Mramba, do you confirm those were the events which occurred?

Hon. Mramba: Mr. Speaker, I was with hon. Mwarandu and hon. Kadenge is an eye-witness.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): I know you are a senior member of this House and I would be surprised why you would do that, in that case you are protected.

Hon. Mramba: Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Yes hon. Kenga, do you have a Point of Order? He was still on the Floor.

Hon. Mramba: So Mr. Speaker this department has been handling this programme casually because it started in the Financial Year 2015/16. As we speak, there are areas where only 25 people who are registered so far and then there comes a question some of these people who are registered have died; what mechanism does the department have in replacing those who died? The Chairperson should go back and bring more information about the remaining number. What is the plan for the CEC Member in making sure that every ward has 50 persons registered under this programme? Thank you.

Hon. Kenga: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. The response that has been tabled before this hon. House, as much as the Member who sought the response has agreed that the response is satisfactory but I want to bring to the attention of this House that this programme started some years back and I will direct Members to where we have the first table that has been given. If you look at Kaloleni the number of people that should so far have been served is supposed to be 200 but we are only told 92 people were registered and 108 are yet to be registered. Remember the funds have already been provided for in the budget and this should have been enjoyed by the people once registration exercise has been done.

Therefore, I believe we are not doing justice to these people. If you go to the Constitution, it talks about the rights of the elderly people, orphaned and disabled in the community. The Government must provide a mechanism on how best their interest can be protected. We need to be tough on this as a House. What is happening that a County Government for a number of years is not able to register its people to this cash transfer programme that Kaloleni is now leading; in fact there are the ones who have been able to register 42%. Out of a total of 200, only 92 people have been registered. If you go to another sub-county like Rabai, they are at 65%, Kilifi South is at 63%, Ganze at 73%, Kilifi- North is at 71%, what is it that is not happening to make sure that our people are registered and they are able to enjoy this?

If it is about these people not having the necessary documents for registration, then we can go for others because there are so many people who meet these requirements and who should be considered for this programme. We cannot even say we want to expand this programme by providing for more funds to these people yet the little that was already provided for has not been fully utilized. Therefore, I want to believe that with your guidance the committee should take up the issue and get reasons why the Department has not been able to register these people

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and I want to believe once that is handled then we should be able to give our people an opportunity to enjoy the benefits of this programme. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Hon. Kadenge, you have heard the issues which have been raised. Do you have any answers to them or do you wish to be given further time?

Hon. Kadenge: Mr. Speaker, I think the response is from the CEC Member; so allow me to get more time for clarity from him.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): I think the best thing is to just call the CEC Member to come to the assembly and probably have a session with your committee; that will give way for hon. Kenga and hon. Mramba to attend and seek further clarification on this matter. You can make your work much easier.

Hon. Kadenge: I will do that in not less than three weeks.

ADJOURNMENT

In the absence of any other business, I adjourn this sitting until tomorrow in the afternoon. Thank you.

The House rose at 2.48 p.m.