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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

#### KADZUYUNI AND MWANGANI EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT CENTRES

**The Speaker** (Hon. Kahindi):Hon. Chiriba

**Hon. Chiriba:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise in response to the Statement sought by the hon. Member for Adu Ward, hon. Stanley Kenga. This Statement was directed to the docket of Pre-Primary Education on the Kadzuyuni and Mwangani Early Childhood Development Centres (ECDs). The Statement was; Whether the County Executive Committee Member (CECM) in charge of Education and ICT is aware that the furniture supplied to Kadzuyuni and Mwangani

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Early Childhood Education Centres in Adu Ward by the department got damaged shortly after being delivered and are not in good condition for use.

Whether the County Executive Committee Member (CECM) in charge of Education and ICT is aware that the bad state of the furniture has affected the pupils and operations of the two ECD centres.

If yes, what caused the furniture to be damaged in a very short span after delivery and what measures has the Department put in place to address the challenges above.

Hon. Speaker, this is the Statement to the same; that the above subject matter reference is made to your letter dated 24<sup>th</sup> of February and 27<sup>th</sup> February of 2019.

One; the furniture supplied to the two centres by the department got damaged and are not in good condition for use. This affects the operations of those centres. As we endeavor to provide pre-primary education as a department, we discovered that the consignment had a weakness. The department has already a similar supply of chairs and tables and is in a process of getting quality chairs and tables for the children.

Wayforward; we intend to replace these chairs and tables once they are delivered by the supplier. All furniture consignment will go by the standards of the department. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Kahindi): Hon. Stanley (Kenga) do you seek to make any further clarifications or you are satisfied?

**Hon. Kenga:** Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I wish to say that the issues that I had raised in the Statement have been addressed by this response. However, Mr. Speaker, I want to seek your guidance on the same. Before I seek your guidance, there are two issues that are coming out in relation to the response and one is; the department acknowledges and agrees that the consignment had a weakness. Now, my worry is if this is let to happen in various projects within the county then it means we are giving substandard items to the public. Mr. Speaker, you can imagine these were received and within a very short period of time they were all damaged. I thought, as a department, they have measures that they are able to detect at that stage they are receiving the consignment that this is not the standard that we requested so that, that consignment at that time is already returned to the supplier instead of supplying to the schools then they get damaged and then they now reject in the subsequent consignments. So, may be Mr. Speaker you will give us guidance on that.

The second item is; the CECM after acknowledging the weaknesses is saying they intend to replace the chairs once the consignment is delivered by the supplier. Now, my worry is there is no timeline that is given; like when we can expect to have them? Already as I speak the schools have opened and the children are in school and they need to have somewhere to sit. So just guide me but the Statement has addressed the issues that I had raised. Thank you very much.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Kahindi): Hon. Chengo (Mumba) before I give directions on what hon. Stanley (Kenga) has said.

**Hon. Mumba:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I am also concerned with this response. Mr. Speaker, the Executive Committee Members have had a tendency of giving responses without taking the seriousness and the commitment they are supposed to undertake while giving these responses. I first want to acknowledge the quickness at which this response has been brought to this House because previously we have had responses which had stayed for long without response but Mr. Speaker; it is not how quick you respond but how detailed and committed that response is to this House.

Now, as I know the procedures of the procurement process to the latter before the consignment is taken to the store, there is an element of inspection and that is the critical point whereby they should have detected it before even issuing the same consignment and taking it to the store then take it to the site or ECD Centres. I think at that point there is negligence in that department for those officers in charge of those directives that are there. So, Mr. Speaker I think it is not about the delivery alone but there is negligence from the officers. So, if there is anything that we can be directed on to this department, I think there is a lot that we can do as a House to streamline all those areas that have weaknesses.

I was looking at it from that angle that he has undertaken; just to respond that he is going to replace the chairs but when and where will they do this because the schools are already opened? I think that was a very good concern and think they should commit to this House so that their statement has a timeline and we know that their students will be in good condition as they pursue their studies. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Maitha:** Asante Mheshimiwa Spika. Nami nasema hii Idara ya Elimu itilie mkazo utendakazi wake. Kule kwangu wadi ya Jaribuni kuliletwa madawati ya shule mbili lakini yakawekwa kwa shule moja; sasa ina gharimu ile shule nyingine itoe pesa za kusafirisha vile viti. Viti vile vimekaa zaidi ya miezi miwili lakini kufikia jana nilipigiwa simu kutoka shuleni ambako ziko kama kilomita 10 umbali wake. Sasa najaribu kujiuliza kama mwanakandarasi alipewa kazi ya kupeleka hivi viti, itakuwaje apeleke viti kwa shule moja na ile shule nyingine iingie gharama ya kubeba vile viti? Kulingana na hili jawabu ni la kutubembeleza sisi tuone ametujibu sawa lakini bado kuna hali ya kutilia shaka na ni sharti wajibidiishe kwa utendakazi wao. Asante Mheshimiwa Spika.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Kahindi): Hon. Chiriba do you have anything to say before I give directions?

**Hon. Chiriba:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I just want to echo the sentiments made by the hon. Member because I am equally concerned by the fact that the Department had allowed the release of the shoddy job that was done and I am also worried because a consignment was sent to various schools in my Ward. I am thinking of even visiting to look at the quality of which I believe before the contractor can be paid, they must be satisfied that the work that was done is convincing and up to the standard. I am very much thankful to the hon. Members for the concerns raised. Thank you.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Kahindi): Now with all due respect from the hon. Professor, the response to me does not appear like it's from a professor of Education. Honestly speaking and that is without any arrogance because three issues emanate and I want to reiterate what hon. Kenga and hon. Mumba said. In any way, before you receive goods, there is usually a committee which inspects those goods. It is not enough for a department to say we have discovered; you

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should have discovered at the point when you were receiving them. That leaves so many questions to be answered and I think the committee needs to go deeper. Get the inspection report of those items when delivered if at all they were inspected.

Hon. Chairperson, as hon. Kenga has said he is not satisfied. I am equally convinced that the response is just a mere sham. We expect more especially from a professor of Education who is to be more detailed in his responses. It is therefore paramount that you go deeper to look if there were any officers who were engaged in inspecting those items before they were received because that is the procedure. Even a building before the contractor is paid, a certificate is awarded and engineers are involved and in this case I am fully aware that there is normally a committee that inspects those items before they are received just to confirm they are of the standard. It is not sufficient to say all future consignments will go by the standards of the department. Now are you telling us the previous consignments have been going not by the standards of the department?

Point number six clearly tells you and it is an admission that the previous consignments and now hon. Chairperson if these consignments were delivered in your Ward and anybody else then you must be very much concerned because if you look at point six, when you say all future consignments will go by the standard of the department, it is an admission that the previous consignments were not up to the standard. The question is, how were they received? Those are the questions you need to seek answers to.

Another issues is; the department has already rejected, fine, in the process of getting quality chairs, is the same contractor replacing them or are they going to procure new chairs? Because we have also had a scenario where people procure sub-standard goods so that they are damaged within two weeks time then they can use government money to procure more goods. That is another question you need to ask. Are you replacing? How are you replacing? Are you telling the supplier to replace or are you procuring afresh? If you are procuring afresh then clearly that is a waste of tax payer's money.

Last thing you need to establish is about the time frame. This response in my view has failed to answer the questions on the very bare minimum. My directions are we are going on recess hon. Chairperson and this matter is not about Adu Ward in my feeling because I am sure there are schools in every ward that every Member comes from. I think you now have a bigger responsibility because it has pointed a problem and during the sitting you need to tell the hon. Minister that by saying all future consignments will go by the standards, if I was an advocate cross examining him, it would be an admission that the consignments were faulty.

So that gives you a lot of work to do; what has been delivered and what are the standards? I think I would be inclined to refer this matter back to you. Take a letter from the Clerks Department to be written to the department. Call the CEC Member and the procurement team because here there is negligence as stated by hon. Members. How do you receive goods which are sub-standard; get these answers and then you will report back to this House after the recess. So you have a job to do.

## ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Members in the absence of any other business in the Order Paper, I move to adjourn the House until next week. Thank you.

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**The House rose at 2.45 p.m.**

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