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Tuesday, 7th May 2024

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

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

PRAYER

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

AMENDMENTS IN THE ORDER PAPER

The Speaker (Hon. Mwambire): Hon. Members, there are some re-arrangements in the Order Paper. The Committee has requested that Orders number five, six, and seven be rescheduled for probably next week. This is because they are still doing some fine-tuning of the Report; they have noted that there were some typing errors that they are working on.

STATEMENTS

BUSINESS FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY, 6TH MAY 2024

Hon. Ngirani: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I stand to read the Order Paper for the week. If you allow me, I will only read today's afternoon and tomorrow.

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The Speaker (Hon. Mwambire): Do not forget the rescheduled business; that is Orders number five, six and seven which have been forwarded back to the House Business Committee for re-allocation, probably for next week. So, as you are reading, do not forget to make those clarifications.

Hon. Ngirani: Thank you. Today being 7th May 2024 Order Paper for today at 2:30 p.m., we have the Statements; Response to a Statement sought by hon. Kombo regarding the distribution of lockers to Vocational Training Centres (VTCs).

For tomorrow, there is a Statement by hon. Rose Baraka sought from the Department of Lands, Energy, Housing, Settlement, Physically Planning and Urban Development regarding Kibokoni Settlement Scheme in Sabaki Ward. Then we have a Motion which will be the adoption of the Report of the Health Services Committee on the status of Sub-County hospitals in Kilifi County. I think that is it, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Mwambire): Thank you, very much hon. Ngirani. Next Order!

DISTRIBUTION OF LOCKERS TO VOCATIONAL TRAININGS CENTRES

Hon. Ngirani: Thank you. On behalf of the Chairperson for Education, Hon. Rashid Odhiambo, I will read the Response. Response to issues raised the by County Assembly Education Committee on the distribution of lockers to Vocational Trainings Centres.

Whether the CECM (County Executive Committee Member) in charge of Education and Information Communication Technology (ICT) is aware that Fumbini Response Centre formally 'Desese' is no longer in operation.

Whether the CECM is also aware that there was a directive to have lockers and other equipment formally used by Desese be redistributed to some identified Vocational Training Centres (VTCs) within the county as follows: -

NO	VTC	CHAIRS
1.	Ruruma	30
2.	Mwamtsunga	30
3.	Rabai Kisurutini	30
4.	Mwalesimakeni	30
5.	Mwaeba	30
6.	Pingilikani	30
7.	Mzongoloni	30
8.	Bamba	40
9.	Ruruma	30
	TOTAL	280

Whether the CECM is further away that some of the identified VTCs received less while others never received lockers at all.

Regarding this, I wish to respond as stated: Regarding the closure of Desese College. I would like to clarify that as the CECM in charge of Education, I am aware of the closure of the said college. The decision to close the college was made after careful consideration of the mandates of the county. My office is very much aware of the directive to re-distribute the lockers

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and other equipment to identified Vocational Training Centres as shown in the table above. However, on re-distribution:

Question number one was why the lockers were not re-distributed to the identified Vocational Training Centres as directed by the Director in charge of VTCs. The response is, we wish to categorically state that indeed re-distribution was made to the identified Vocational Training Centres within the county with Mwelesimakeni left out since it is not operational. However, there was a discrepancy between the planned and the actual re-distribution attributed to the limited available lockers at the store for re-distribution as shown in this table.

That is number one, the Ruruma Vocational Training Centre requested 30 lockers and the actual lockers re-distributed were 29, actual chairs redistributed to the VTC were 24.

Number two was Mwamtsunga; it requested 30 lockers and they got 30 lockers and also 20 chairs. Rabai Kisurutini requested 30 lockers and received 15 lockers and 20 chairs. Jaribuni requested 30 lockers and they received 30 lockers and 30 chairs. Mwaeba requested 30 lockers and they received 24 lockers and 22 chairs. Pingilikani requested 30 lockers and they received 24 lockers and 22 chairs. Mdzongoloni requested 30 lockers but received 25 lockers and 25 chairs. Bamba requested 40 lockers and they received 35 lockers and 35 chairs. That makes a total of 212 of the lockers that were re-distributed to the VTCs and 198 chairs that were distributed to the VTCs. Jaribuni Vocational Centre is also among the beneficiaries that had not been captured in your schedule as shown in the distribution schedule.

Question number two was to why and where the lockers were re-distributed. The response was the lockers were redistributed to our Vocational Training Centres in the County as identified in the schedule above and not to any other destination. The accounting documents issued to all managers of the benefiting Vocational Centres have been attached herewith for your perusal and easy reference.

Question three was what measures the CEC Member is taking to ensure that the lockers reach the identified Vocational Training Centres and to avoid similar incidents happening in the future. The CECM Education response was the CECM, and the department understands the importance of ensuring that all Vocational Training Centres have access to the resources they need to provide quality education and training to their students. Rest assured, we are committed to ensuring the effective and efficient sharing of all available resources to all Vocational Training Centres in the County. There is an attachment for the county requisition and issue voucher for Pingilikani, Rabai, Mwaeba, Mwamtsunga, Ruruma, Mdzongoloni, Bamba and Jaribuni VTCs.

Mr. Speaker, there is also a letter with reference from the Head of Administration regarding the distribution of lockers to Vocational Training Centres. The above matter refers; this is a follow-up to a discussion held at Fumbini Resource Centre between the Chief Officer, Director ECD (Early Childhood Development) and the Stores Officer. An agreement was reached to distribute the lockers that were formerly used by the Desese to the VTCs as they are no longer in use at Fumbini. This was therefore to provide a distribution schedule of the same to the VTCs. Signed by Edistella Wanja, Vocational Training Centre (VTC) Director and copied to the CECM of Education, Chief Officer, Education and Director, ECD. Thank you, sir. The rest is just a repeat of what was in the earlier response.

The Speaker (Hon. Mwambire): Hon. Naftali (Kombo), I believe you are the one who had sought to get this information, are you content with the Response?

Hon. Kombo: I am not content with the Response.

The Speaker (Hon. Mwambire): Are you on record? Sorry.

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Hon. Kombo: Yes, I am on record. I said I was not content with the Response. From the initial communication, there is this letter that the Hon. Member has read last. That is the initial communication to the officers. This communication was from Madam Edistella, the Director. She directed that this furniture be re-distributed after the closure of the College. It is not right that the VTC made the request. There cannot be a coincidence that seven VTCs request the same number of lockers. From the Response, the CECM did not provide an inventory of the furniture or lockers at the time of distribution.

The Speaker (Hon. Mwambire): Lockers and Chairs, because I heard him reading about chairs.

Hon. Kombo: Yes, lockers and chairs. From the initial letter from the Director, the chairs were not mentioned. They have just been mentioned in this Response. There is no inventory for the chairs and lockers. The CECM has not given a reason as to why he provided for the reallocation of furniture without the exact number. From the letter from the Director, the numbers are high but what was recorded is low. The counter requisition for Ruruma Vocational Centre and Mwamutsunga Vocational Centre has an alteration of the quantity supplied and yet there is no counter signing of the same. This raises a question mark on what was actually distributed and what was received. This among other reasons makes me not satisfied with the Response raised by the CECM. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Mwambire): Any Member who wants to make some contribution in the same regard? I do not see requests and I do not want to assume. Hon. Ngirani, is there anything that you can clarify from the issues raised by Hon. Kombo? From the response you have, is there anything you can clarify because he is talking about the mistakes and documentation aspect? Is there anything you can clarify?

Hon. Ngirani: Mr. Speaker, maybe we can discuss this at the Committee level, with...

The Speaker (Hon. Mwambire): No, you are the one responding right away on behalf of the Chairperson or the Committee. I am asking from what he has shared if there is any clarity in that Response or if you feel there is...So what he has pointed out is a true reflection of what Hon. Kombo has said?

Hon. Ngirani: That is why I am saying if we refer this to the Committee, we will discuss it further.

The Speaker (Hon. Mwambire): Okay, thank you. Members since there is no other Member who has an interest in commenting on that Response, the Member who had requested for response to that very crucial issue concerning the furniture that was used in Desese College, which was at some point closed because if we look at the functions of the County and what were supposed to do, then this matter should be effectively handled by the Committee and make sure Hon. Kombo is invited when the CECM is coming with his team to respond effectively so that the matter can be rested. The Committee should make a point of coming up with a Report to share with the Assembly so that Members can be aware of what transpired.

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker (Hon. Mwambire): Hon. Members, looking at the Order Paper, it seems there is no other business to transact, this House stands adjourned until tomorrow at 2:30 p.m.

The House rose at 2:52 p.m.

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