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(The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Eric Bett) in the Chair)

PRAYERS

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Eric Bett): Good morning Honourable Members and welcome to today's session. Clerk!

STATEMENTS

REPORT ON THE STATEMENT RAISED BY HON. GILBERT NGETICH ON THE NUMBER OF
PARCELS OF LANDS HANDED OVER BY THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT TO LITEIN
MUNICIPALITY

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Eric Bett): Honourable Members, we have this morning responses from statement raised by Hon. Anthony Ruto and Hon. Gilbert Ngetich. So I will give a chance to the Chair, Lands to give a Report on Statement raised by Hon. Gilbert Ngetich.

Hon. Hezron Ngetich (Member for Chilchila Ward): Thank you Hon. Speaker, Sir, for the opportunity you have granted me to respond to a Statement raised by Hon. Gilbert Ngetich. The Report was on statement raised by Hon. Gilbert Ngetich, Member the great people of Kisiara ward regarding the number of parcels of lands handed over by the National Government to Litein Municipality or in short Bureti Sub county.

Mr. Speaker, through your indulgence, you will allow me to start on 2.1 on committal to the Committee on Lands, Housing, Physical Planning and Settlement.

The statement raised was committed to the Committee on Lands, Housing, Physical Planning and Settlement on 22nd November, 2023 for further inquiry and reporting to the House within a period of fourteen days.

The committee thereafter engaged the Department of Lands, Housing, Physical Planning and Settlement who responded on 5th March, 2024 as shown in Annexure II.

ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS: SUB-COUNTIES, DIVISIONS, LOCATIONS

The county is composed of six sub-counties, namely, Kipkelion East, Kipkelion West, Kericho West/Belgut, Kericho East/Ainamoi, Sigowet/Soin and Bureti. The sub-counties are further sub-divided into 15 administrative divisions, namely, Ainamoi in Ainamoi Constituency, Belgut and Kabianga in Belgut constituency, Bureti, Roret and Cheborge in Bureti Constituency, Sigowet and Soin in Sigowet/Soin Constituency and seven more divisions located in Kipkelion East and West Constituencies. These are Kunyak, Chinchilla, Kamasian and Kipkelion in Kipkelion West and Londiani, Sorget and Chepseon in Kipkelion East.

The table in the Report shows the area in Square Kilometres of each constituency with the sub-counties, number of locations and sub-locations in each constituency.

RESPONSE FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER IN CHARGE OF LANDS, HOUSING, PHYSICAL PLANNING AND SETTLEMENT

Mr. Speaker, according to the records available in the Department of Lands, Housing and Physical Planning, the following parcels of land shown on the Table, belongs to Litein Municipality as shown in annexure two which is the response by the CECM in charge of Lands, Housing, Physical Planning and Settlement.

Mr. Speaker, Land for cattle dips in Bureti Sub County is as shown in the table on the Report.

Public land at Litein town, its location, approximate size and status of its development is also shown in the table Mr. Speaker.

The other table numbered as 2.4.3 in the Report shows land for dispensaries in Bureti Sub-County, their current use, fair value, status of development, whether it is planned or not and their approximate sizes in Hectares Mr. Speaker.

The other table labelled as 2.4.4 in the Report Mr. Speaker shows the land parcels for trading centres in Bureti Sub-County.

Mr. Speaker, there is also another table labelled 2.4.5 which is showing Land Parcels for Water Catchment areas in Bureti Sub County complete with their registration numbers and approximate sizes.

There is also a Table labelled 2.4.6 showing land parcels for tea buying centres in Bureti Sub County with their registration numbers, location and their respective sizes in Hectares.

Table 2.4.7 Mr. Speaker shows land parcels for Early Childhood Development Education in Bureti Sub County also with their registration numbers, location and approximate sizes.

COMMITTEE OBSERVATION

The committee on Lands, Housing, Physical Planning and Settlement made the following observations that:

- i. The County is endowed with enormous resources in terms of land, buildings and natural resources.
- ii. Most parcels of land were un-surveyed and this impeded the determination of ownership.
- iii. A number of encroachments were noted, particularly on un-surveyed parcels of land.
- iv. Large chunks of land remained designated for certain development projects and programmes but have remained undeveloped and un-demarcated.
- v. Ownership titles and Land Registration numbers for some parcels of land and buildings were not verified.
- vi. There were buildings on defunct local authorities' land that belonged to the National government, religious organizations and the community.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee made the following recommendations:

- I. The department should fast track the development of a policy on the management of all County public land across the County.
- II. The County should develop inventories of all assets at the County Headquarters and Sub Counties.
- III. The department should fast-track surveys of all land parcels, secure titles, and fence them to avoid encroachment by unscrupulous individuals
- IV. The department should do official land searches on all County public land and report back to the County Assembly within fourteen days from the date of adoption of the report.
- V. Adequate funding should be provided in the next financial year budget to enable the department undertake surveying, registration and physical planning of all public/ county public land across the County.

- VI. The County should develop all land parcels designated for various projects/programmes.
- VII. The department should prepare Part Development Plans for all town Centres and markets in the County.
- VIII. The County should engage the services of caretakers of idle land parcels with clear terms of engagement to safeguard them from land grabbers.
- IX. The County Government should conduct valuation and tagging of all its assets.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, Allow me to take this opportunity to thank all members of the Lands, Housing, Physical Planning and Settlement Committee for their input and valuable contributions during the committee meetings. The committee also takes this opportunity to thank the offices of the Speaker and the Clerk for their logistical support accorded to it.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, on behalf of the Land, Housing, Physical Planning and Settlement Committee and pursuant to Standing Order No.205, it is my pleasant duty to present to this House the Committee's report on statement raised by Hon. Gilbert Ngetich for consideration and approval by this Honourable House. So I table the report Mr. Speaker.

Thank You.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Eric Bett): Thank you so much Hon. Hezron Chair lands for your report on statement, honourable members as you are aware that statement that has been tabled is not subject for debate because it's not a motion, however I will give a chance to a person who sort the statement to tell us what he feels about the response, so that I can make directive on the recommendation that has been brought forward and also what needs to be done because this statement truly was looking at one municipality as has been said by the chair this land issue is across the county, so let me give this chance to Hon. Gilbert Ngetich to give his remarks on this particular response on this statement.

Hon. Gilbert Ngetich (Member for Kisiara Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir, for giving me this opportunity to really comment on the report tabled from the statement I sought sometime back. Thank you the committee for the much they have done. We have identified some lands, but my statement was very specific to a particular land grabbed in Litein town where the Department of Public Works resided, and I have tried to check about that particular I wanted to know, that rumours going round at the moment is that someone wanted to come and fence one year ago, someone who worked for this government of Kericho county wanted to fence it as a private land, yet there are buildings of Public Works. I'm seeing one of the observations; they were buildings on defunct local authority's land that belongs to the National Government, religious organisations, I don't know whether this is the land but at the moment, I have not known the fate of that land, whether it is really owned by an individual or it is still a public land because at the moment we don't have public resources bestowed to the land.

Another land in which I was citing was a land where the hatchery is situated in Roret, because I have been approached by the owners of the land where the hatchery is build and they are complaining about that particular land on how it was acquired to an individual again who was working in Kericho County Government and eventually landed in the hands of Kericho County Government where a hatchery is being built now and the owner of the land is negating some things. There is no agreement on that land, I told them to bring the agreement, there was no agreement to illustrate that we own that land as a county for us to give an allowance to build a project of that nature in that particular land. So those two lands are the lands I wanted really to know their status, and since the Report has come and I have not known and I think I will request again that the committee on lands to work on the specific two parcels and let us know as a county the fate and the existence of those lands. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Eric Bett): Thank you, and as you take your seat, I'm looking at the copy of the statement, and it is that you asked three questions and they were general in nature. So, unless you would have given the committee probably a different statement, maybe you can clarify because I'm seeing three questions and they were not specific to the two parcels of land, so perhaps you could have also hinted to the committee.

Hon. Gilbert Ngetich (Member for Kisiara ward): Mr. Speaker, when I was tabling the statement it was general, but when I was doing it, I became more specific. I think everybody was here unless for those who were absent, I made clearly the kind of work I expected the committee to give me and I really became specific. I wanted it to be general but I had some specifications and that is why I raised it. Although it is general as you have said Mr. Speaker, this report is more confined to Bureti but I'm not actually getting the clear picture of those lands. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Eric Bett): Thank you, based on that response from the Hon. Gilbert Ngetich and Chair Lands, this is my directive that since the committee has done a good job on this particular issue, the standing order 205 (e) on sectoral committees, I want to give a directive on the same. Standing Order 205 (5) (e) says that, the sectoral committee shall investigate and inquire into all matters relating to the assigned departments as they may deem necessary, and as may be referred to them by the Assembly, and since the issues at hand has been raised, I want to direct using the same standing orders that the committee on lands is therefore to further inquire on the specific issues raised by Hon. Gilbert Ngetich on those specific lands in question, so that on your own motion you can still supply this house with the details of those specific lands.

Secondly, is that, this particular statement raised focus on Litein Municipality, and therefore on your own motion on this standing order, I direct you to do for all the entire sub counties, all the parcels of lands and give us a report like you have done for Litein Municipality including all the sub counties. So the committee on lands using the same standing order you are now directed to

do the same for all the other municipalities within Kericho County and supply this house with the report of the same. So be guided and refer to this standing order I have just mentioned.

Honourable Members, we have the next Report which was raised by Hon. Anthony Ruto and this report will be tabled by the Chair Roads Hon. Gilbert Ngetich, so that we can move on. So Hon. Gilbert Ngetich, you can table the Report on the Statement raised by Hon. Anthony Ruto.

REPORT ON THE STATEMENT RAISED BY HON. ANTHONY RUTO ON THE STATUS OF
VARIOUS ROADS IN KIPKELION WARD

Hon. Gilbert Ngetich (Member for Kisiara Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir, for giving me this opportunity to represent the Committee on Roads, Public Works and Transport, to table the Report on a Statement that was sought by Hon. Anthony Ruto, Member for Kipkelion Ward. We were supposed to have tabled this report but the report became more serious after visiting the site after us inviting the CECM and the CO to give an elaboration of what transpired in this particular road last term. After our scrutiny, this is the report which we made as a committee and with your guidance Mr. Speaker, where do you think I can start reading this report?

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Eric Bett): Start from Committee observations at 3.0.

Hon. Gilbert Ngetich (Member for Kisiara Ward): Okay! Since the members have the Report, they can look at the committee membership and how the roads were named but in the observations as the committee members in charge of Public Works, Roads and Transport made the following observations:

1. Ngendalel centre – Kipsimbor nursery road;
 - It is named Ngendalel – Kamachungwa Road
 - Total length of 3.5 Km, In this road 1.5 km is done well ,1.7km is shoddy works and 300 meters was just only opened ,graded but marram was not put.
 - The contract was awarded to Tegunot Enterprises Limited and the awarded contract value was Kshs.3,520,910
2. Seguton Primary Round Road (road around Seguton pry school);
 - The road is named Seguton primary round road (road around seguton pry school) and Tamarsat – Pinus road;
 - Total combined length of 4.1 km as follows;

Seguton Santos Round-AIC Church Road (Total length -2.6 km).

- It was graded, gravelled and compacted and it is in a fairly good condition

Pinus – Tamarsat Road (1.5 km)

- It was graded ,gravelled and it is in a fairly good condition

- The contract for the combine roads was awarded to Countytec Company Limited valued at Kshs.4,969,156
 - This road has a problem because in the 1.5 Km, 700 meters was done was not done completely, no opening no grading and the full payment was made for this particular road that is an amount of Ksh. 4,969,156
3. Tuiyobei-KarapNgeno road - Total length of 2.3 km
- The road is named Tuiyobei – ArapNgeno – Tilolwet road
 - The road was graded ,gravelled and compacted
 - The contract was awarded to Moku Investment Limited valued at Kshs.2,609,944.
4. Mocheisok- Kap Edward road
- The road is named Kibiro – Macheisok, MitiMoja – Blue Hills Dip, Kimologit – Blue Hills
 - The roads are totalling to 8 Km and were only opened.
 - The contract was awarded to Rochilan Enterprises Limited at a value of Kshs.3,794,800.

Committee's Site Visit to Kipkelion ward on the roads stated in the statement

The Committee made oversight visit to the roads stated in the statement sought in Kipkelion ward on 23rd November, 2023 (See photographs attached) and found out that;

- i. Most of the mentioned roads were narrow and non-motor able;
- ii. Pinus – Tamarsat Road which is 1.5 km,700 m was done,800 m not done;
- iii. Kipsimbol – Ngendalel road is 3.5 Km, with in the said 3.54 Km1.5 km was well excavated, graded, marramed , gravelled, rolled and compacted,1.7 Km was poorly done and 300 m was not marramed though opened and graded
- iv. No drainage structures installed to manage storm water during rainy seasons i.e culverts
- v. Bush clearing , grading , gravelling ,rolling and compaction were poorly done;
- vi. There was no proper designs according to the roads' topography and;
- vii. The roads were done in the financial year 2019/2020 under frame work contract works including opening, grading, marraming, rolling and compaction.

Committee's meeting with County Executive Committee Member in charge of Public Works, Roads and Transport

On 28th February, 2024, the Committee held its meeting with the County Executive Committee Member in charge of Public Works, Roads and Transport who acknowledged the invitation regarding the statement raised and gave the following to the Committee that;

- i. He had made a visit to the roads raised in the statement and the department is understaffed to deliver on its mandates;
 - ii. The roads were done under framework contracting in the financial year 2021/2022 therefore much of the works were done on work ticket with a challenge with Ngendalel road where the contracted suppliers were to deliver on the number of hours and not the road and;
 - iii. The area Member of County Assembly being peoples' representative should raise alarm to the department of Public Works, Roads and Transport whenever the road works have been poorly done for an immediate follow up by the concerned personnel in the department.
- Those were the talks that the CECM, CO and the staff of Roads department was giving us.

Committee Recommendations

The Committee having considered the response from the County Executive Committee Member in charge of Public Works, Roads and Transport and the site visit to the said road, the Committee recommends that:

- i. The County Executive Committee Member in charge of Public Works, Roads and Transport develops, maintains and manages transport infrastructure to facilitate efficient movement of goods and people while ensuring environmental sustainability in terms of bush clearing including strong institutional framework for roads and infrastructural development and budget for construction of culverts and drainage structures with the aim of accelerating the speed of completion of department's priority projects;
- ii. The County Executive Committee Member in charge of Public Works, Roads and Transport should ensure that contracted suppliers of goods and services are competitively sourced, including close supervision by the department so that the department's projects are delivered as agreed with full adherence to road construction and structures' bill of qualities and specifications;
- iii. The County Executive Committee Member in charge of Public Works, Roads and Transport should submit to the County Assembly Departmental Quarterly Reports on the projects being implemented for each financial year and their scopes of works;
- iv. The County Executive Committee Member in charge of Public Works, Roads and Transport to identify the challenges faced during construction of county roads including workflow for the design process, competencies of Project Implementation Committees, availability of materials, availability of equipment, weather, site location and ability by the identified contractor to undertake the works;
- v. The person /people who effected the payment to the contractor (s) undertaking the mentioned roads in Kipkelion be compelled to justify the payment of works not

completed and the County Executive Committee Member in charge of Public Works, Roads and Transport institutes disciplinary measures against them in 14 days upon approval of this report by this house and;

- vi. Upon approval of this report by this House, the report be copied to State's investigative agencies to follow up the matter.

The reason why we made recommendation like the last recommendation is that, we went to an extent of trying to inquire from the contractor who was working in Kipkelion, they refused to appear before the committee, and they decided to talk to our clerks over the phone, to illustrate that they knew the mess they did in Kipkelion Ward and indeed to show that they agreed with the team who were doing verifications of these roads in Kipkelion Ward. To add on it, there are teams who were at the department who were in this circle, they approved the payments by giving out the completion certificates and the rest; these are the people who are not supposed to be working for us in this era because they can redo the kind of mess they did in Kipkelion.

Now that these contractors refused to appear before the committee, we now want this report be copied to other agencies to investigate, there were some documents that they were to bring to the committee to illustrate the payments and we have the same and that is why we recommended that this matter should be taken up to other agencies to do further investigations because a mess was done. To mitigate this is to look at the staff that were approving the payments not to work for this department.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Committee wishes to thank the Offices of the Speaker and the Clerk of the Assembly for the necessary support extended to it in the execution of its mandate.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, It is my pleasant duty, pursuant to Standing Order 205 to present the Report on the statement raised by Hon. Anthony Ruto for consideration by this Honourable House.

Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Eric Bett): Thank you very much Chair Roads for the Report on the statement that was raised by Hon. Anthony Ruto and the recommendations here as you have mentioned are water tight. So I will give a chance to Hon. Anthony Ruto who has also been mentioned in this Report, in this section by the County Executive Committee Member that, you as the area Member of County Assembly should raise an alarm. You should also tell us why you did not raise an alarm earlier than this and you also tell this House if particular response is sufficient as far as you being a Member of County Assembly from Kipkelion Ward, so I give you a chance to react on this so that we can be able to continue.

Hon. Anthony Ruto (Member for Kipkelion Ward): Thank you Hon. Speaker, Sir, for giving me this opportunity to also make remarks, concerning this statement that I brought to this Honourable House.

First, allow me to appreciate the Committee on Roads, Public Works and Transport for a well done work, I want to pin point one, two three things. First, much has been captured in the Report but there are some few mistakes over here and there, under four which says committee site visit and the last one number seven which say the roads was done in the financial year 2019/2020 that one is contradicting number two. So in other words number seven is wrong, the roads were done in FY 2021/2022 to be precise.

Let me start with Ngendalel, it is well captured by the committee, in responding to number three for not being proactive in terms of oversight. I blow the whistle immediately when the roads were completed, in fact there was a time I told the contractors...

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Eric Bett): There is a point of information from Hon. Cheruiyot Bett. Please allow that and please take your seat Hon. Anthony Ruto.

Hon. Cheruiyot Bett (Member for Ainamoi Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity. I heard the Hon. Member saying the roads were done in the FY 2021/2022, but the committee, after doing their investigations, reported to us that the roads were done in the FY 2019/2020. Who are we supposed to follow between the Hon. Member and the committee? Kindly I need to understand. Thank you!

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Eric Bett): Okay I give to Chair of Committee on Roads because in your report you have FY 2019/2020 and FY 2021/2022 so for the sake of this, please clarify.

Hon. Gilbert Ngetich (Member for Kisiara Ward): Okay Mr. Speaker. I was busy trying to know this because the kind of person whom we need to trust is the honourable member of that Ward, who is Hon. Anthony Ruto. So it can be a typo error and I am still trying to inquire from the clerks. Thank you!

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Eric Bett): Another point of information, Hon. Hezron Ngetich!

Hon. Hezron Ngetich (Member for Chilchila Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I think there was some hide and seek game between the departments. Some of the things which could have given us certainty of the exact are the annexes. We requested an annex voucher, inspection and what have you. Those are the things which could have given us a clear picture. According to the presentation by the department, they say it is 2019-2020; that is when the contract was awarded and the works were done. But according to the area MCA, the works were done in 2021-2022. So I think we are now between a hard place and a rock because the presentation by the County

Executive say the roads were done in 2019- 2020, claiming that the supervisors and project managers were from the last assembly.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Eric Bett): I have also seen in the Report the people claiming it is 2019 is the Committee on Roads. The CEC in this report at 4.1 is giving us 2021-2022 but 4.0 is the committee's visit. 4.0 is the committee on roads and 4.1 is the County Executive. So 4.0 which is the committee's visit is giving us 2019-2020, while 4.1, the CEC is giving us 2021-2022. So this confusion in my own view is the committee because you can see clearly 4.1 is the CEC saying 2021-2022 and on the other side, 4.0, is where the committee made a site visit and they have told us that in number seven that they were done in 2019-2020. So this appears to have been an oversight and the chair, you need to need to own up on this because it seems you did not follow the due process, kindly.

Hon. Gilbert Ngetich (Member for Kisiara Ward): Thank you. I have also confirmed with the payment vouchers, I have them at least in my phone, the one which were forwarded, it is a typing error. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Eric Bett): Alright, so that is okay. We need to move on kindly because of time.

Hon. Cheruiyot Bett (Member for Ainamoi Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I understand that we are behind schedule. Such contradiction amounts to a lot of issues. One, I know once you have done the report; a serious committee ought to have proofread the report so that if there are errors, they can be corrected. When we do not get the correct information, it amounts to mismanagement of the public resources. My question then, if it is a typing error, it means that the clerks of the committee need to up their game because this is very serious. When you change the financial years, it means that we are not going to get the real information on when this road was done. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Eric Bett): Alright that is noted. Hon. Mathew, I will give you one minute so that we move on because we need to finalize on this issue.

Hon. Mathew Korir (Member for Chaik Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker for making us understand the typing error from the committee but I think they have done a good work to give us this report. The latest information that we have also received from the chair is that he has some vouchers on his phone and if it is possible also for this report to be strong enough and water tight, I think it can be attached as annexes.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Eric Bett): Thank you, that is noted. It has also been raised by the chair Lands that the committee did not attach the annexes of the same which we have clarified. The chairperson Roads, I will give you a chance because there is a directive that I will make on

this particular statement but before I do that, I should give Hon. Anthony Ruto to finish his remarks and conclude. Anthony Ruto, you have the floor.

Hon. Anthony Ruto (Member for Kipkelion Ward): Thank you Hon. Speaker, Sir. The truth of the matter is that the roads were done in the financial year, 21/22. I had stated that I had raised concerns from the word go. I took time to tell the contractor to redo the road but all those words were not taken seriously. In fact there was a time again; I went with the former CEC Roads to the same road and he was able to ascertain that the road was poorly done. As if that was not enough, I went again with the current CEC Roads to the same road and he was able to agree that the road was poorly done. Again I went with the committee led by my brother Gilbert Ngetich and they were also perturbed with the way the condition of the road was. The road that was supposed to be done was 3.5km but 1.5km was done well, 1.7km was poorly done, 300m was only graded and nothing was done. That one is Ng'endalel-Kipsimbor Nursery. Seguton Round, 2.Km, the road was graded and marramed but it was never compacted, and it is impassable Tarmasert. The total number of kilometres is 1.5Km but only 700 meters was done well, muramed, graded and compacted, 800 meters was never done. Macheisok- Kap Edward this one was done but culverts were never installed the same thing applies to Tuyobei, Tilolwet Kap Ngeno.

There was a time again the one of the contractor commented negatively that if the MCA is not satisfied he can go to Ethics and Anti-corruption Commission (EACC), meaning that he was not respectful in any way. That is why I decided to bring this statement to this honourable house so that justice can be done to the people of Kipkelion ward and so that at the end of the day they can be able to see the value of their money. I want to agree with the committee on the last recommendation that action should be taken against those people who endorsed the payment of the same. All the roads have been paid fully and so action should be taken to engineers and all those who endorsed the payments of the same so that this can be a lesson for others but if no action is taken, then there is no need of raising a statement then we have become toothless as an Honourable House. This is a serious matter. Thank you Hon. Speaker, Sir.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Erick Bett): Thank you so much. Okay, I will give you one minute Hon. Cheruiyot Bett and just be specific on your indulgences please.

Hon. Cheruiyot Bett (Member for Ainamoi Ward): Mr. Speaker, Sir, you know the Hon. Members has raised very grievous issues concerning these roads. And we are just seated here. The Hon. Member, the committee has said action should be taken. I think you should be very loud that someone was given work, road was not done completely and someone was paid in full. I think that should come out so that the people of Kipkelion will know that work was not done was paid and action that need to be taken.

I just want to advise the Hon. Member that if the County Government does not take action and of course it is in the HANSARD. I also expected the committee to have indicated that if the County Government does not take action so that we cover this money that belong to the people, then the other investigative agencies must be invited and people be called upon to record statements and pay back the money that they took because the work was not done. I think we need to be serious.

Finally as I was sitting, I was wondering about this statement, the roads were done in 2021 and 2022 but the statement is being sought towards the end 2023. So maybe as the members of County Assembly, we need to be a little bit serious on our oversight role even at the ward level because after that length of time, three years down the line and then you see the statement. I thought the statement would have been sought immediately when the contractor left the site so that at least some measures could be taken. Those are just my observations. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Erick Bett): Thank you so much. Having heard the response from the Member of the County Assembly for Kipkelion Ward, who also sought the statement on this particular matter on your remarks on this particular issue and also the chair roads...

(An Honourable Member attempted to enter the Chambers through the Speaker's exit door)

There is a stranger, the Serjeant-at-Arms, there is a stranger coming through a strange door.

Like I was saying, having heard of the same, I do agree with the sentiments of the honourable House. I just wanted to ask the Chair for roads to clarify one thing on the recommendation number six on these investigative agencies. I want you to be specific so that once this report has been adopted by this House is well guided so that they can be given this particular information. So I just want you to mention these agencies so that we know about these investigative agencies you are talking about for the record of this House so that we conclude. So kindly chair, proceed!

Hon. Gilbert Ngetich (Member for Kisiara Ward): Okay Mr. Speaker. The investigative agencies include EACC to be specific, Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI) who are really mandated to do great investigations pertaining what happened in Kipkelion. I also want to request that the report be forwarded to the department with full annexes of payment vouchers and that clear recommendations of EACC and DCI within a period of 21 days. We want to see action within that period and I will do what it takes to ensure that I include that one in the report as it is to be forwarded to the department. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Erick Bett): Alright thank you chair for that clarification. And also the suggestion for the 21 days which also the Committee on Implementation will be mandated to make a follow-up and I want to ask that jointly with the Committee on Implementation and Roads, please make follow up on this particular recommendations that have been made because as it has been said, recommendations are only good when it has been implemented and followed up. So the two statements which have been tabled this morning, I want to say that all the

recommendations should be followed keenly and I am urging the Committee on Implementation to be on high alert to ensure that all those have been followed up to the latter. As it has been said by Hon. Anthony Ruto that this House will only have its honour when what has been dispensed has been followed up and implemented and I think that is how our mandate as a House will make sense if we do that.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Members, we have come to the end of Business this morning and since we will be having the Budget Committee where we will be having engagement with the CECM Finance with entire team shortly, we shall not have a session this afternoon.

Therefore this Assembly stands adjourned until next week Tuesday at 9.30 a.m. Thank you!

[The House rose at 11:30 a.m.]