

BARINGO COUNTY ASSEMBLY

THE HANSARD

The House met on Wednesday 22nd February 2023 at 9:51AM.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Aengwo) in Chair

PRAYERS

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Aengwo): Clerk!

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Aengwo): Hon. Members we have an invitation to the Baringo County Social Protection Policy Launch; this is to invite you to Social Protection Committee members to above mentioned activity that will take place on Wednesday 22nd February 2023 from 10 AM at the office of the governors grounds. The assembly, the Speaker and the Clerk are invited. Clerk!

STATEMENTS

PAYMENT MODES TO OFFICERS WHO HAVE WORKED FOR SEVERAL YEARS IN ELDAMA RAVINE TOWNSHIP

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Aengwo): We have statement 003 of 2022 by Hon. Julius Ngotie MCA Ravine ward to the Chairperson Lands, Housing and Urban Development. Chairperson or any member of Lands Committee.

Hon. Cheruiyot Kiplagat: Response on the request for statement 003/2022 as per department.

Reference is hereby made to your letter dated 15th November 2022, Ref; BCA/LH & UD/COM/76/VOL. 1/37.

- i. Does the department have plans to pay the said officers through their bank accounts and not in cash? The department has already communicated to the casuals to avail their bank accounts to payment for September wages and other subsequent monthly payments.
- ii. Has the department been paying statutory dues such as the NHIF and NSSF for the above mentioned officers? The department does not pay NSSF and NHIF but individual casual makes their own voluntary contributions reasons being that they are engaged on temporary basis or need basis.
- iii. Has the department put measures in place to fully embrace digitization of various revenue collection streams? Currently the County Government of Baringo has a Pay

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bill which is operational (315330). The treasury department is at an advanced stage in procuring a USSD code which will fully digitize its revenue collections operations from all revenue streams.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Aengwo): Thank you Hon. Robert for the response, Hon. Ngotie is not within...Hon. Jeruto

Hon. Kiptalla: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, Hon. Ngotie gave me the assignment to read the statement last week and I congratulate the department for being quick to bring this answers and the CEC Reuben Rutto himself signing the statement unlike other statement signed for. I will communicate the same to Hon. Ngotie if he has any question, he will communicate with the house. Thank you Mr. Speaker

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Aengwo): well Hon. Jeruto. Hon. Kibet Tarus

Hon. Ernest: thank you Mr. Speaker sir, I have read the answer but my concern is when we are engaging people some of the requirement to submit are bank details because it's obvious you will be paid. The other issue is the government is engaging the people in wrong way on NHIF/NSSF. You cannot leave people to sort themselves because they face challenges NSSF has an inner meaning than individual care it's a big thing that sorts the entire nation.

For my opinion the NHIF compliance should be a must when employing someone because it cares your life then the government continues to pay for you. We have cooks on casual terms who have worked for ten years under contract renewal without NHIF cards. I applaud the committee for the answer but it has exposed us to a greater need on our causal which are not covered by NHIF and the government are not ready to pay for them, thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Aengwo): Thank you Hon. Whip for the serious concerns the department should look into. The concerns Hon. Jeruto raised should be followed to ensure that our people are well covered be it on permanent or casual terms the minimal requirement they ought to have. Hon., Robert

Hon. Cheruiyot Kiplagat: Allow me Mr. Speaker to appreciate what Hon Ernest has said. It has appeared that the Liaison person from Executive who usually come to this Assembly to listen to the proceedings does not come anymore.

Secondly, how are issues raised like the one of Ernest reach the executive if we do not have our liaison for follow up and implementation! We have a lot of wisdom from members in this house where do they go? Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Aengwo): Thank you for raising another concern we have been raising as an Assembly, apart from the liaison officer we have the Majority Leader who is supposed to work concurrently with the liaison officer. As an Assembly we are going to take it seriously it is followed up. We will not be asking questions and making suggestions and end up here. Any other contribution? If there is not, many activities will follow after now, Liaison Committee and other committees and the launch, members organize yourselves.

Order members!

ADJOURNMENT

This house stands adjourned until today at 2:30 p.m.

The hose rose at 10: 02 a.m.