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Senate wants Sh465B for county share in 2025/26 FY

The Committee on Finance and Budget says the proposal takes into account the rising non-discretionary commitments such as the housing levy and social health insurance.



Senator Ali Roba (right), the chairman of the Committee on Finance and Budget, and Senator Mohamed Faki.



Senator Mariam Omar; Senator Esther Okenyuri and Senator Eddy Oketch during the meeting between the Committee on Finance and the Controller of Budget, Ms Margaret Nyakang'o.

The Senate has proposed that County Governments be allocated Sh465 billion in equitable share for the 2025/26 financial year.

The proposal is a significant increase as it towers above the Sh405.1 being proposed by the National Treasury in the draft Division of Revenue Bill, 2025.

The Committee on Finance and Budget says funding counties to the tune of Sh465 billion is informed by the consideration of prevailing economic conditions in the country such as general economic performance, expected revenue and inflation factors among others.

The Committee further took into account the non-discretionary expenditures from the National government priorities expected to be implemented by the counties.

The Sh465 billion is based on the

approved Division of Revenue Act, 2024 which contained an allocation of Sh400.01 billion adjusted by an inflation factor of 4 per cent to give Sh416.1 billion. This normally covers the additional growth in sharable revenue and the general inflation in the economy. Similarly, the Committee added non-discretionary expenses to be borne by counties.

In the report on its consideration of the 2025 Budget Policy Statement (BPS), the Committee, which is chaired by Senator Ali Roba, says there is a discrepancy between the figures of the National Treasury and the recommendation by the Commission on Revenue Allocation (CRA) on the county equitable share.

“The BPS proposal of Sh405.1 billion for counties does not account for rising non-discretionary commitments such as the housing levy and social health insur-

ance,” the Committee notes in the report that is before the House.

The Committee has challenged the National Treasury to fully integrate the obligations when determining the county equitable share for 2025/26 financial year and the medium term.

The Committee’s total increase stands at Sh50 billion, out of which Sh34.9 billion includes Sh4.1 billion in Housing levy deductions, enhanced contributions to the NSSF (Sh6 billion), matching allocation to the County Aggregate Integrated Parks project (Sh11.8 billion), matching allocations for the Community Health Promoters (Sh3.23 billion), annual wage increments -IPPD annual adjustment (Sh6.3 billion) and basic salary increment as per the Doctors CBA 2017/21, execution of the return to work formula (RTWF) which will require

Sh3.5 billion.

The Committee observes that the sharing of the equitable share among counties in 2025/26 financial year shall be using the proposed 4th Basis. In full recognition of the fiscal impacts of the new formula from previous years, the Committee provided for additional Sh14 billion to cushion all counties from the transitional effects of the new basis.

Whereas the National Treasury has proposed that Sh2.42 trillion be allocated to the National Government, Senators are proposing that the figure should be reduced to Sh2.36 trillion.

The Committee further proposes that allocation due to the Constitution Commissions and Independent Offices be increased by an additional Sh2.4 billion.

The Committee argues there were inconsistencies in the estimated ordinary

revenue for 2024/25 financial year with an amount of Sh2.6 trillion and Sh2.5 trillion appearing in different sections of the BPS.

Since the 2024/25 financial year is used to calculate the projected ordinary revenue of Sh2.84 trillion, the discrepancy could result in varying figures for the 2025/26 financial year.

To ensure accuracy and consistency in revenue forecasting, CRA recommended harmonisation the 2024/25 financial year projections.

The percentages shares of total revenue provided in the BPS indicates that there is a decline in the equitable share

allocation to counties from 10.4 per cent to 9.3 per cent. The same data shows there is an increase in the allocation to the national executive from 56.7 per cent in 2024/25 financial year to 57.5 per cent in the 2025/26 financial year.

The Committee says the decline in the share of allocations to the county governments has a negative impact in the ability of county governments to improve on service delivery and this amounts to clawback on the objects of devolution.

The National Treasury estimates the economy to grow by 4.6 per cent in 2024, down from 5.6 in 2023 with projections in both 2025 and 2026. This growth is

expected improvements in agriculture sector driven by favourable weather conditions and supportive government policies.

The Council of Governors had proposed that the baseline for counties' equitable share for 2025/26 financial year be set at Sh400.117 billion instead of Sh387.425 billion and called for provisions to cover county obligations arising from national government policies and programmes.

Under the revenue outlook, the projected revenue collection for the next financial year, 2025/26, is Sh3.4 trillion which is 17.6 billion as share of GDP.

This represents an improvement of 11 per cent, translating to Sh325.8 billion, relative to the projection of Sh3,06 trillion.

CS John Mbadi argues in the Memorandum of Objects that the Sh405.1 billion is a result of the trends in the performance of revenue, increased expenditure for national Government for purposes of debt servicing coupled with a weakened shilling against the dollar, the national Government commitment to implement a fiscal consolidation plan targeting to reduce the fiscal deficit to 4.3 per cent of GDP in financial year 2025/26.

Committee supports enhanced diaspora electoral participation

The Committee on Justice, Legal Affairs, and Human Rights has put in place mechanisms that will ensure expansion of voting access for Kenyans in diaspora.

The Committee made the decision after meeting with the Technical Working Group representing Kenyans in the diaspora to discuss the matter.

The meeting focused on addressing existing challenges and exploring legislative and logistical solutions to enhance electoral participation among Kenyans living overseas.

The chairman of the Committee Wakili Hillary Sigei underscored the significance of the matter, noting that it will promote inclusive democracy. "We must ensure that every Kenyan abroad can cast their vote without undue hindrance. While the existing 19 polling stations represent a promising start, the proposed expansions reflect our unwavering commitment to fostering an inclusive democracy and empowering our diaspora," said the Senator during a meeting between the Committee and a delegation of the Diaspora Technical Working Group.

The delegation of the over 20 members comprised Kenya citizens residing abroad sought to have a review of the set IEBC timelines on the opening and closing of polling centers, increase in number of days for conducting voter registration and education among others.

Through their representative Mr Dan-son Mukile, the delegation briefed the Committee on the obstacles faced by Kenyans abroad when voting:

"A significant hurdle we face is the limited number of registration and poll-



Senator Wakili Sigei

ing stations. During the last election, only a fraction of countries with Kenyan missions were utilised, leaving many of our citizens unable to exercise their right to vote. The costs associated with traveling to the designated centers are also prohibitive for many," Mr Mukile told the Committee.

Dr. Martin Koyabe, Chair of the Sub-Committee in the UK, said there is need for IEBC to establish additional, well-equipped polling centres in major cities so that distance does not silence the democratic voice of Kenyans in diaspora. "We urge lawmakers to act swiftly to ensure our right to vote is fully realised. Leveraging our embassies and consulates, implementing mobile regis-

tration options, and ensuring continuous voter registration at missions would significantly enhance accessibility."

Data provided by IEBC indicates that as of 2022 General Election, 19 polling stations operated across 12 countries, including USA, (Washington DC and New York), Britain, Canada and Dubai. In anticipation of the 2027 elections, proposals include the establishment of new registration and polling stations in key global hubs such as Mumbai/New Delhi (India), Canberra (Australia), Madrid (Spain), Johannesburg (South Africa), Beijing (China), and Riyadh (Saudi Arabia).

The expansions aim to ensure broad participation and uphold the constitu-



Senator Veronica Maina

tional rights of Kenyans abroad.

Senator Veronica Maina, who is the vice chair of the Committee, echoed the sentiments, emphasising the need for a strategic approach.

"Our responsibility extends beyond merely expanding the number of polling stations. Stakeholders must rigorously scrutinise the logistical and financial frameworks required to establish and maintain the new centers being proposed in the identified cities."

The Committee promised to review the proposals with urgency, acknowledging the need for comprehensive legislative amendments, particularly to the Elections Act, to facilitate diaspora voting.

Speaker Kingi: Kenya to support South Sudan Parliament growth



Speaker Amason Kingi speaks to the delegation of Parliamentary Service Commission of the Transitional National Legislature (TNLA) of the Republic of South Sudan in his office.

Speaker Amason Kingi has underscored the critical role inter-parliamentary cooperation, noting that Kenya and South Sudan operate bicameral legislatures that serve as key pillars of democracy and governance.

“As bicameral legislatures, the Parliaments of Kenya and South Sudan have unique structures, experiences, and history that underline the sacrosanct role of Parliament in anchoring democratic rule and facilitating full expression of the will of citizens,” said Speaker Kingi.

The Speaker made the comments when he hosted a delegation from the

Parliamentary Service Commission as part of benchmarking visit aimed at enhancing parliamentary best practices between the two nations.

The delegation consisting of Commissioners and senior staffers of the Parliamentary Service Commission (PSC) of the Transitional National Legislature (TNLA) of the Republic of South Sudan is in Kenya on a study tour on the structure, functions and operations of the Kenya's Parliamentary Service Commission (PSC).

As part of the study, the delegation explored the core mandates of Parliament—Legislation, Representation, and



Speaker Kingi and the delegation of Parliamentary Service Commission of the Transitional National Legislature (TNLA) of the Republic of South Sudan.

Oversight, with a special emphasis on Kenya's Senate role in overseeing devolution.

The Senate's oversight of devolution has significantly transformed the country by decentralising national resources and governance, strengthening service delivery at the grassroots level.

The session also reinforced the importance of regional parliamentary collaboration in strengthening governance structures, promoting legislative effectiveness, and ensuring responsive leadership.

Speaker Kingi reaffirmed Kenya's commitment to supporting South Su-

dan's parliamentary growth, stating, “Our collaboration will foster mutual learning and strengthen the role of Parliaments in addressing the aspirations of our people.”

The South Sudanese delegation expressed appreciation for the insights gained and underscored the relevance of Kenya's experience in shaping their legislative processes.

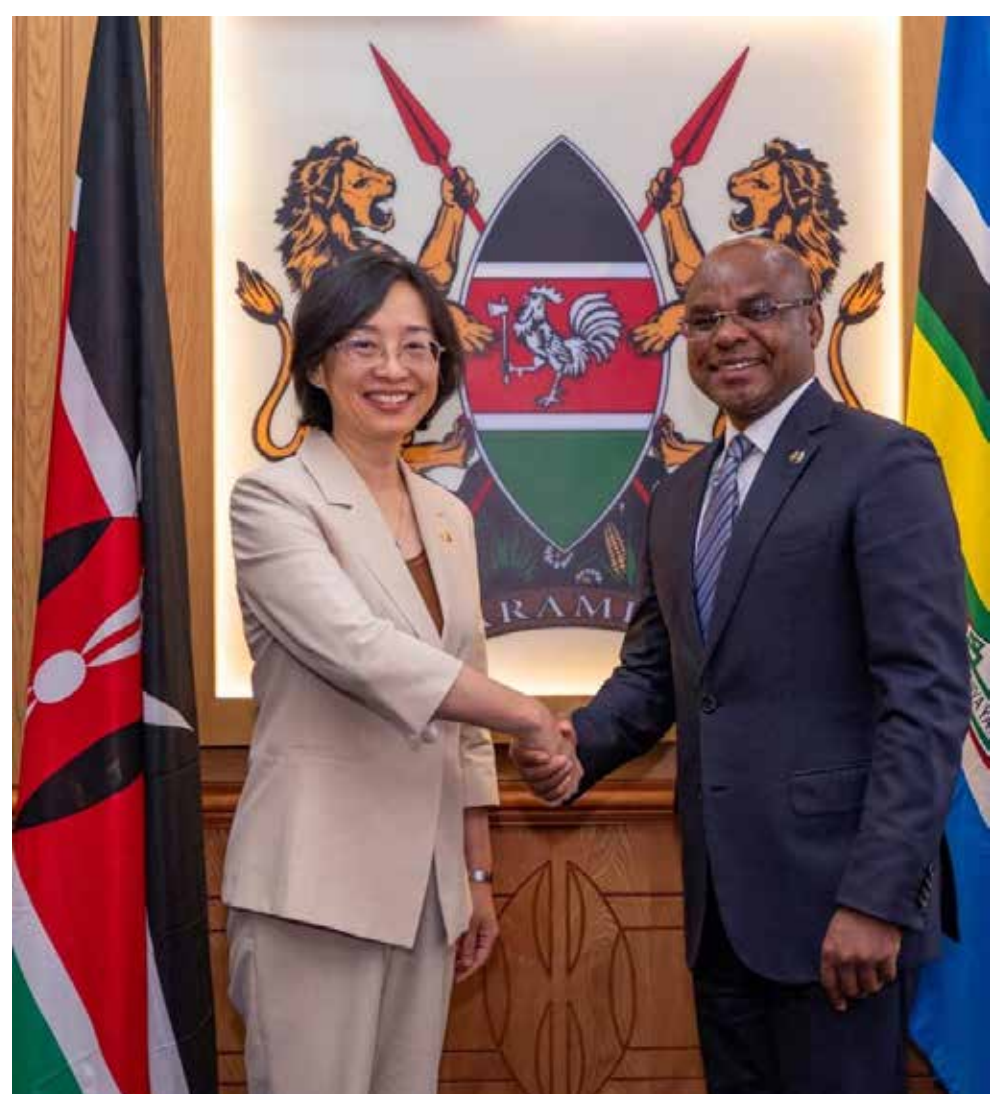
The benchmarking visit is part of a broader effort to enhance regional integration, governance, and democratic institutions within the East African region.



Speaker Amason Kingi in a group photo with the Ambassador of People's Republic of China in Kenya Ms Guo Haiyan alongside Senator Veronica Maina.



Speaker Kingi during the meeting with Ms Guo Haiyan, the ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Kenya. Senator Veronica Maina attended the meeting.



Speaker Kingi welcomes Ms Guo Haiyan, the Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Kenya, to his office when she visited Parliament Buildings last week.

Senator Haji Bill to seal structural inefficiencies in counties

Senator Abdul Haji has urged Senators to support his County Government (Amendment) Bill, 2024 Bill so as to address the structural inefficiencies in the counties.

The Bill seeks to amend the County Governments Act to provide clarity in the process of publishing county legislation and make it mandatory for the county governors to deliver the annual state of the county address before their respective county assemblies.

It also stipulates timelines for the nomination and appointment of county executive members and county chief officers and proposes county public service boards should be appointed after the general election.

The lawmaker was motivated by the case in Garissa County where Governor Nathif Jama ruled for almost two years without any chief officer necessitating the amendment to ensure that governors



Senator Abdul Haji.

have a timeline for appointing key county officers.

The Senator told the Committee on Devolution and Intergovernmental Relations that proposals in the Bill are meant to address the structural inefficiencies in counties and promote a seamless transition in county leadership.

He decried the disruption brought about by appointing new county public

service boards after the general election saying that “there are instances where outgoing governors appoint board members one year to the election, reducing the new governors to hostages.”

He suggested that outgoing members of the board should be allowed to work with the new governor for three months after the general elections to avoid the disruption.

“Devolution was meant to bring government closer to the people. But there are all these other acts which keep contradicting each other. Governors take advantage of these loopholes. We need to find a way to seal them so that they do not find any excuses,” submitted Senator Haji.

Providing clarity on timely publication of the county legislation is meant to prevent unnecessary delays and county executive interference in the county legislative process.

He explained that governors “seem not to have that much respect for the MCAs besides passing their budget” and beseeched the Committee to support him in compelling governors to respect county assemblies.

“Sometimes, these county assemblies come up with very good bills that are intended to improve oversight to make the county governments accountable. The bills never see the light of day,” the Garissa Senator remarked.

“Requiring governors to deliver the annual State of the County address in their respective county assemblies will enhance accountability and transparency by ensuring they formally present their policy report before the legislative arm of their county governments.

Members of the Devolution Committee agreed that there is a need to legislate on the matter and promised to consider the proposal with an open mind.

PETITION

Narok residents seek Senate’s help over conservancy

Residents of Olderkesi in Narok county are appealing to the Senate to investigate how an investor leased 101,303,000 acres of land in the area from 1920s to date, but the community is yet to receive any returns compensation from the leasehold.

Through a Petition presented to the House by Senator Ledama ole Kina, the residents want the Senate to ensure that the original members of the Olderkesi Group Ranch are identified and are fairly allocated land. They also want the total number of registered members of the Group established and a list of the numbers of parcels of land sold and the beneficiaries made public.

Situated in Narok West Constituency, the Olderkesi group is a communal land measuring approximately 101,303,000 acres, where 7,818 acres was converted into a conservancy area by the name Olderkesi Conservancy.

An investor by the name of Calvin Cottar or the family of Cottar, have leased the land from the 1920s, but the community is yet to receive any returns compensation from the leasehold. The Olderkesi group land has been subdivided and adjudication done, awaiting the issuance of title deeds in March 2025. The land has 25 clusters. Each cluster has representatives appointed to the land



Senator Ledama ole Kina

adjudication committee to ensure that each community member is allocated at least three acres of land.

According to the details presented to the House, the committee members allocated land to themselves, their relatives and friends from the region, with others selling the parcels of land, denying community members their rightful share.

“The whole process lacked transpar-

ency. The adjudication officer left out bona fide members in the adjudication registry containing records of rights and interests to the land and inserted names of noncommunity members and this was not made public,” says the residents in the Petition.

They say they have made the best efforts to have the matter addressed by the relevant authorities, including the Min-

istry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development, the National Land Commission (NLC) and the County Government of Narok, all of which have failed to give a satisfactory response.

The petitioners pray that the Senate intervenes and investigates the matter to ensure that the original members of the Olderkesi Group Ranch are identified and are fairly allocated land.

They want the total number of registered members of the Group established and a list of the numbers of parcels of land sold and the beneficiaries furnished.

They also want the Senate to Inquire into the matters and establish when the Olderkesi Conservancy was founded, the least amount paid by Mr Calvin Quotas and family, detailed information of the lessors and ensure that the community members are adequately compensated from the leasehold venture.

The Petitioners want the House to enquire into the matters and make legislative intervention relating to the sale of land, transfer and acquisition process to ensure that innocent Kenyans are protected.

Speaker Amason Kingi committed the Petition to the Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources, which must consider the Petition and file a report back to the House within 60 days.

Senator wants security beefed along Maralal-Baragoi Road



Senator Hezena Lemaletian

Senator Hezena Lemaletian wants the State to deploy additional security personnel along the Maralal Baragoi Road, strengthen intelligence

operations to pre-empt and neutralise criminal elements before they strike and hold those responsible for heinous acts accountable and ensure justice for the victims.

The lawmaker said additional security will ensure safety for travellers and residents and fast-track long term interventions to permanently eradicate banditry and highway insecurity in Samburu County.

“It is unacceptable that in 2025, Kenyans are still losing their lives to armed criminals while simply going about their daily activities. More concerning is that this particular road has remained a dangerous hotspot despite repeated calls for enhanced security measures in the region,” said the legislator while making a personal statement in the House.

On Thursday, February 27, 2025, along the Maralal-Baragoi Road, a pub-

lic service vehicle was ambushed by armed criminals, resulting in the loss of two lives and serious injuries to several others.

While condemning the incident, Senator Lemaletian used the floor to send condolences to the families of the victims and wished quick recovery to those who sustained injuries in the attack.

She told the House that the attack is a painful reminder of the persistent insecurity that continues to plague Samburu County, particularly in Baragoi and its surrounding areas.

For years, the people of Samburu have lived in fear, subjected to banditry, highway attacks and cattle rustling, threatening peace, security and economic well-being.

“The failure to address this long-standing issue effectively has emboldened criminals, leaving innocent

citizens vulnerable. This state of affairs should not be allowed to continue,” she argued, adding that the people of Samburu deserve peace and the right to move freely without the constant fear of ambushes and killings.

“We must not normalise such attacks. The time to act is now. Our people cannot continue to suffer in silence while criminals operate with impunity.”

She reaffirmed her commitment to advocating for the security and well being of the people of Samburu County and promised to continue engaging relevant authorities to ensure lasting solutions are implemented.”

“I call upon the Ministry of Interior and National Administration, along with all relevant security agencies, to take immediate and decisive action to restore peace and stability in the region.”

Expedite implementation of gender rule - Senator Kibwana

Senator Hamida Kibwana has challenged the Senate to expedite the full implementation of the two-thirds gender rule through legislative and policy action and strengthen women’s economic empowerment by expanding access to affordable credit and financial literacy programmes.

The lawmaker said there is need for the Senate to invest in mentorship and leadership training for young women, supported by Kenya Women Senators Association (KEWOSA) and other mentorship platforms, enhance the fight against Gender-Based Violence by increasing funding for shelters, expanding gender desks, and ensuring swift justice for survivors.

While acknowledging that Kenya has made commendable strides in advancing the women’s agenda, the legislator noted that the 2010 Constitution firmly enshrines gender equality.

“While we acknowledge the major strides we have made, we must confront the persistent challenges. The two-thirds gender rule remains an unfulfilled constitutional requirement and Gender-Based Violence (GBV) continues to rob women and girls of their dignity and safety. Economic disparities still limit women’s access to land ownership and formal financial systems,” she told the House.

She admitted the country has witnessed increased representation of women in leadership, with 47 elected Women Representatives, 29 in single constituencies and 12 Nominated Members in the National Assembly.

There are three elected women Mem-



Senator Hamida Kibwana

bers in the Senate and 18 nominated.

There are seven elected as county governors besides women now head seven key Ministries, including health, defence, and lands, public works, housing and urban development.

Prominent women hold constitutional offices such as Attorney General, Auditor-General, Controller of Budget (CoB) and Chief Justice. Additionally, women lead independent commissions like the National Gender and Equality Commission (NGEC) and the Commission

on Administrative Justice (CAJ) also known as the Office of the Ombudsman.

“We also celebrate the appointment of Chief Justice Martha Koome, the first woman to hold this esteemed position in our nation’s history.”

Senator Kibwana was making personal a Statement on an issue of general topical concern, the Commemoration of International Women’s Day, 2025.

She noted that the day is not only a global celebration of the achievements of women but also a solemn reminder of the work that still lies ahead in our quest for gender equality.

The theme of this year was “Accelerate Action for Gender Equality” and the Senator said resonates deeply as the country prepares for the 69th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW69), where Kenyans progressed in implementing the Beijing Declaration and platform for action will come under review.

Beyond leadership, Kenya has rolled out critical women empowerment programmes such as the Women Enterprise Fund (WEF), the Uwezo Fund, and the National Government Affirmative Action Fund (NGAAF), which have collectively improved women’s access to capital and fostered economic independence.

Kenya has also enacted the Sexual Offences Act, the Prohibition of Female Genital Mutilation Act and the Protection Against Domestic Violence Act, all which are pivotal in protecting women’s rights and addressing Gender Based Violence (GBV).

“Gender desks in police stations and the establishment of GBV recovery centres in hospitals are tangible steps in supporting survivors.

Senator Kibwana, who is the immediate former chairperson of Kewosa, said the Association has been on the frontline mentoring women Members of County Assemblies (MCAs), having so far mentored women leaders from seven counties.

The initiative has empowered the women to effectively engage in legislative processes and leadership roles, strengthening the pipeline of future female leaders.

“KEWOSA has played a pivotal role in supporting women petty offenders who are unable to afford bail by facilitating payment of their bail amounts. The compassionate initiative not only restores the dignity of these women but also ensures that minor economic hardships do not unjustly rob them of their freedom.

The Senator said the Senate should amplify the voices of women in climate action, digital innovation, and close the gender gap in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) subjects, as well as ensure equal opportunities in emerging industries.

“Empowering women means strengthening our nation. Let today serve not only as a celebration but also as a renewed call to action. Let us move from counting women in leadership to making women in leadership count.”

Governor Sang' hard pressed to explain slow development



Senator Boni Khalwale (right) and Senator Richard Onyonka when the Committee on Finance hosted Governor Stephen Sang.

A Committee of the Senate has taken Nandi County Governor Stephen Sang to task over his county's low expenditure on development.

The meeting between the two sides came against the backdrop that in the 2022/23 financial year, the County Government of Nandi had a total approved development budget of Sh2.4 billion

against a total approved budget of Sh8.5 billion representing 28.18 per cent, which is below the 30 per cent requirement.

The total development expenditure of the county was Sh1.97 billion, representing 24.8 per cent of the total expenditure of Sh7.93 billion in the same financial year.

While appearing before the Committee on Devolution and Intergovernmental Relations on Thursday, Governor Sang quelled Senators' concerns regarding the gap between the budgeted development allocation and actual expenditure, blaming the county's dismal performance on the underperformance of its own-source revenue.

He explained that the low own-source revenue the county collects has impeded its capacity to undertake as many development projects as they had planned causing the disparity.

"Nandi County Government recorded an underperformance of 6.3 per cent of its own-source revenue. We failed to meet our projected target of Sh373 million and only achieved to collect Sh349 million," Governor Sang said.

The two-term governor also laid the blame on the protracted procurement processes, as mandated by the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Act, 2015, as well as the delayed disbursement of Funds by the National Treasury.

"The National Treasury delayed the disbursement of funds impeding the progress of our development projects. In addition, the Kshs70 million for the National Value Chain Development Project

(NAVCDP) was not remitted," he added.

Members of the Senator Mohamed Abbas-led Committee counselled the county boss to expand Nandi County's revenue streams and automate its revenue collection processes.

Automating the revenue collection process, they said, would help the county to increase its own-source revenue by reducing administrative costs and mitigating pilferage of public funds.

"The National Treasury is proposing to have a unified revenue collection system across the country. Governor, I hope you will incorporate the system in your county," Senator Abbas, the Chairperson of the Committee, suggested.

"If you look at the Auditor General's report, county governments did 56,000 manual cheques. Can you imagine someone sitting down and writing all those cheques? We need to do better," Senator Richard Onyonka told the Governor.

The Committee urged Governor Sang to make Nandi County the "model of good governance" since he has "adequate experience having served as a Senator" for one term and two terms as governor.

OVERSIGHT

Governor Sang under scrutiny over mess at referral hospital



Senator Godfrey Osotsi (right), chair CPISFC, follows proceedings when Governor Stephen Sang appeared before the Committee. Others from left are Senator Peris Tobiko, Senator Beth Syengo and Senator Agnes Muthama.

The Committee on County Public Investments and Special Funds has put Nandi County Governor Stephen Sang to task over financial irregularities flagged by the Auditor General in the financial statements of Kapsabet County Referral Hospital, Kapsabet Nandi Water and Sanitation Company (KANAWASCO), and the Municipality of Kapsabet for the 2023/2024 financial year.

The Auditor General issued an adverse opinion on KCRH, citing serious misstatements in financial statements, missing records, and questionable expenditures.

Senators expressed alarm over the hospital's failure to maintain proper financial records, mismanagement of public funds, and violations of key financial laws.

Additionally, the report flagged the signing of financial statements by individuals who are not in good standing with the Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Kenya (ICPAK), raising concerns over the legitimacy of the documents.

"This report exposes a blatant disregard for financial accountability at Kapsabet County Referral Hospital," Senator Eddy Oketch, the vice chair, stated.

"How does a public institution allow individuals who are not in good standing with ICPAK to sign financial statements? This is not only irregular but also illegal."

Governor Sang defended his administration, attributing the irregularities to internal staffing challenges and delays in the auditing process.

"During the audit period, the county was experiencing disruptions due to staffing changes, which affected our ability to retrieve and compile financial records promptly. We are actively working to address the concerns and improve accountability," explained the Governor.

Senator Godfrey Osotsi, chair of the committee, questioned the internal control weaknesses and lack of adherence to financial reporting standards.

"The hospital's financial statements are riddled with inconsistencies. Payments lack supporting documents, the procurement process is opaque, and there is no clear record of how funds have been utilised. How do you plan to fix this mess?"

Governor Sang responded, "We acknowledge the audit concerns and have since strengthened internal financial controls. We are also ensuring that all financial statements are prepared and signed by qualified professionals in compliance with the law."

The committee further raised concerns about the hospital's governance, noting the absence of an effective audit committee and inadequate oversight structures.

Senator William Kisang said a health facility of the magnitude of KCRH



Governor Stephen Sang takes the oath before he responded to audit queries.

should have a strong governance structure to ensure prudent use of public funds.

"Without an independent audit committee, accountability will remain a challenge," Senator Kisang pointed out.

The Committee ordered the Nandi County government to provide a comprehensive report detailing measures being taken to correct financial mismanagement at KCRH. "We will not tolerate continuous financial malpractices in public institutions. The county government must ensure strict adherence to financial regulations and submit all necessary documentation for further review," Senator Osotsi directed.

Lawmakers demand SHA audit report tabled in Senate



Senator Dan Maanzo and Senator Joyce Korir during a meeting of the Committee on Delegated legislation.



Speaker Amason Kingi (left), Majority Leader Aaron Cheruiyot and National Assembly Speaker Moses Wetang'ula (right) during the second Parliamentary Iftar dinner held on Thursday.

The Leader of Majority Aaron Cheruiyot has proposed that the report of the Auditor General on the Social Health Authority (SHA) be tabled in the House so that it is subjected to scrutiny by the committees of the Senate.

The Leader disagreed with the findings of the Office of the Auditor General contained in the report and insisted the new health care programme is working.

“To be fair to the country, it is important that the report is tabled and subjected to thorough scrutiny by the committees of this House,” said Senator Cheruiyot on the floor of the House.

In the report, Auditor General Nancy Gathungu revealed that the government flouted several laws in procuring the multi-billion system to run the Social Health Authority (SHA) where value for money could not be confirmed.

The system was procured at a cost of Sh104 billion through Specially Permitted Procurement Procedure but was not included in the procurement plan nor the medium-term budgetary expenditure framework.

The Auditor General notes that this was in breach of Section 53 (7) of the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Act which states that, ‘multi-year procurement plans may be prepared in a format set out in the Regulations and shall be consistent with the medium-term budgetary expenditure framework for projects or contracts that go beyond one year.

Similarly, the system was acquired through an uncompetitive procurement procedure which single-sourced the service provider contrary to section 114 of the Public Procurement and Asset Dis-

posal Act.

However, during the debate in the House, Senator Cheruiyot said this is not the first time the government is using this mode of procuring goods and services.

“It will be important for the Auditor General to tell us at what point she declared this breach, and why she feels that certain sections of the law cannot be applied,” he said, adding that the critics of the programme who have an axe to grind with the reforms in the health sector are relying on newspaper cuttings to shape public opinion on the programme.

“To the best of my recollection, this section of the law has not been enjoined by any court. It is part of the law that is still active and being used in court.”

He challenged the Committee on Health or the entire sitting of the House to stand up and unravel some of the questions raised by the Auditor General.

“This is a country that is governed by the rule of law. It will be important for citizens to know whether what is being alleged is actually true or false. There are certain questions that I want to ask the Auditor-General on how she arrived on some of the findings.”

He defended the programme saying it had revolutionised service delivery in the health sector.

“As we continue to deepen the programme into the minds and hearts of ordinary Kenyans, our public hospitals will have the resources to run and by default, ordinary citizens who could not afford medical insurance will become a thing of the past,” said Senator Cheruiyot.

The Majority Leader was contributing to debate on a Statement sought by Senator James Murango on the decision by private hospitals affiliated to the Rural and Urban Private Hospitals Association

of Kenya (RUPHA) to suspend health services under SHA health cover.

In the Statement, Senator Murango wants the Committee on Health to give reasons for the suspension, explaining how it affects access to healthcare across the country and any steps taken by the Ministry of Health to facilitate prompt resumption of normalcy in the delivery of healthcare services in the affected facilities.

Senator Boni Khalwale, who is a medic by training, said SHA main problem is the funding model and challenged the critics to fight the programme only if armed with facts.

“I am one of the leaders who has expressed my reservations about SHA, not because SHA is bad, but because being an expert in Medicine, I know something. The problem with SHA is the funding model,” he said.

Citing the case of UK, he warned that nowhere has the Universal Health Care (UHC) for the Republic be limited to members’ contributions only.

In the United Kingdom (UK) where UHC is successful, funding is from three limbs, members’ contributions, allocation from the Exchequer and out of pocket.

“As Parliament, we must put the national Government under pressure, so that a percentage of Sh134.5 billion allocated to the Ministry of Health should be rolled into SHA and the Social Health Insurance Fund (SHIF),” he said.

Senator Samson Cherarkey faulted the report of the Auditor General saying it amounts to sensationalisation of a critical Government programme.

“Under Article 22(8) of the Constitution, Parliament has a role. We need to consider the reports. It does not mean



Senator Tabitha Mutinda

that when the Auditor General has brought a report on the issue of SHA, we take it as gospel truth. Parliament must consider and look at the options that come out,” said Senator Cherarkey.

Senator Mutinda said the problem with SHA is the communication. She said out of 18 million Kenyans who have registered for the programme, only 4 million are remitting. The other 14 million are not remitting.

Senator Dan Maanzo challenged Parliament and Executive to make sure that the programme, which is very important and is touching all counties and every single village in the country, is sorted.

“We should come up with a way forward to make sure that a common Kenyan is served by this system. It should not look like it was better when NHIF was there.”

Thwake Dam works delayed by Ukraine war – CS Mugaa



Water Cabinet Secretary Eric Mugaa clarifies an issue with Mr Njenga Ruge, Director, Legislative and Procedural Services (Senate).

The multipurpose Thwake Dam in Makueni County is being financed through a concessional loan from the African Development Bank, Water and Irrigation Cabinet Secretary Eric Mugaa has said.

At the end of the project, the Bank will have pumped in Sh35.645 billion while the Government of Kenya will

contribute Sh6.71 billion.

The Cabinet Secretary told the House on Wednesday that the construction period was expected to end on December 7, 2024 but this could not be realised due to several factors.

The factors include the increase in dam height from 77.5 meters to 80.5 meters to increase storage, which delayed works progress, weak foundation of the dam at the riverbed, which was discovered during construction, necessitating excessive excavation and special treatment, the COVID-19 pandemic and the war in Ukraine that resulted in scaling down of labour force and lack of explosives in the country.

“The increase in dam height and weak foundation at the riverbed section of the dam necessitated additional works resorting to changes in the cost of the dam construction,” the Cabinet Secretary told the House during Question Time.

He said this led the National Treasury to seek additional financing from Africa Development Bank to enable completion of the remaining works.

“Bank is currently undertaking an appraisal to determine the level of additional financing required.”

The Cabinet Secretary was responding to the Question sought by Senator Dan Maanzo who wanted the House furnished with an update on the status of the construction of the Dam and an explanation why the construction works have stalled and the measures put in place to ensure the timely completion of the dam.

The House was informed that the construction of the dam with a capacity of 688 storage capacity is ongoing with civil works on dam construction at around 94.2 per cent completion level.

The embankment dam filling, which is one of key components of the dam, is recorded at 99 percent, achieving the required elevation of 960 meters above sea level.

The last layer was placed on June 18, 2024. The spillway progress stands at 94 per cent and the upstream and downstream coffer dams are completed and operational.

This being a rock-filled dam structure, a period of six to nine months was required from the last placement on June 18, 2024 to allow the dam embankment to settle and stabilise before the concrete phase slab works are carried out as recommended by the World Dam Safety

Panel of Experts, which was achieved at the end of January 2025.

The remaining works are on the concrete phase slab placement, which is the plaster, the spillway bridge and hydro-mechanical equipment installation.

However, Senator Maanzo and Senator Enoch Wambua argued that while the war in Ukraine had been cited in the delay for construction works, the Cabinet Secretary did not provide any nexus between the two events.

“We have been told about the war in Ukraine, but I have not seen the nexus. I can confirm having been a Member for Makueni Constituency that during the COVID-19 pandemic, the works at the Dam never stopped at all,” he said.

Senator Wambua said the distance from Thwake Dam to Kiev in Ukraine is 9,177 kilometres and challenged the CS to explain the connection?

“What is the nexus? What is the connection between the war in Ukraine and a dam being constructed in the Thwake in Makueni and Kitui counties?”

“The Ukraine war affected global economics and Kenya is part of global economics,” replied the Cabinet Secretary.

Quality control measures at tea auction in place – CS Kagwe



Agriculture Cabinet Secretary Mutahi Kagwe

Agriculture Cabinet Secretary Mutahi Kagwe says the Government has developed measures that will ensure quality control and prevent the mixing of different qualities of teas before being sold at the Mombasa auction.

The Cabinet Secretary said the Government has developed a standard, KS2128, to guide tea blending.

“Compliance with the standard ensures compliance with food safety and hygiene standards and requirements,” he said, adding that through the Tea Board of Kenya, the Government un-

dertakes compliance audits of all the country’s tea warehouses and blending facilities every quarter.

The Board also undertakes surveillance audits of the factories to ascertain compliance with good agricultural and manufacturing practices and the terms and conditions of the manufacturing licences.

In terms of regulatory standards, the Board enforces the provisions of the Tea Act 2020 regarding the grading and classification of tea in which producers are required to adhere to the standards and ensure that only high-quality tea reaches the auction.

“Tea manufacturers are subjected to regular quality inspections by regulatory bodies. The inspections assess compliance with quality standards and ensure that different grades are not mixed.”

CS Kagwe was responding to Questions from Senator Kamau Murango who wanted the House updated on the measures the Government has put in place to prevent the mixing of different qualities of teas before being sold at the Mombasa auction, saying that this distorts the price to the disadvantage of farmers who produce high-quality tea.

The lawmaker also wanted the Cab-

inet Secretary provide details on the gains attained from the implementation of tea reforms so far, and also provide a commitment towards the continued implementation of the reforms to ensure better returns for tea farmers across the country.

On the issue of the gains attained from the implementation of the tea reform, the Cabinet Secretary told the House that smallholder tea factories have increased the monthly payment to tea farmers from Sh16 to 21 in the east of the rift and Sh20 in the west of the rift.

“Smallholder tea farmers’ earnings are gradually rising, which will reduce their overreliance on expensive loans from SACCOS and the proliferation of green leaf hawking to meet their socio-economic needs,” said the CS.

In line with the reform agenda on payment to farmers at a rate of 50 per cent of the proceeds of sale on a monthly basis, total payments have increased from Sh50 per kilogramme of green leaf in 2022 to Sh59 in 2023 and Sh64 in 2024.

Total payments have also increased from Sh34.7 per kilogramme of green leaf in 2021 to Sh59 in 2023 and Sh64 in 2024. This is in keeping up with the

Government’s efforts to transform.

The total payment to smallholder tea farmers increased from Sh44.1 billion in 2021 to Sh67.7 billion in 2023 and Sh90.5 billion in 2024.

Tea production for the year 2024 surpassed the 2023 production by 28.21 million kilogrammes a growth of about 4.95 per cent, to stand at 598.47 million kilograms against 570.26 million kilograms for the year 2023.

The CS attributed this to accessibility of subsidised fertilisers coupled with the good weather conditions.

“It is also significantly higher compared to the 535.04 million kilograms of 2022.”

The CS said it is the intention of his Ministry to curb tea hawking malpractices which lead to processing of low-quality tea leaves which will be achieved by enforcing the Tea Registration and Licensing Regulations 2025.

“I emphasise there that our tea quality has been compromised to an extent that there are people who are hawking it. They do not have any tea of their own and essentially get it from the gates of tea factories. That is why you hear of tea theft in parts of Rift Valley.”

State approved Kuja Irrigation compensation

The Cabinet Secretary for Water, Sanitation and Irrigation, Eric Muuga, has confirmed that the compensation process for the Lower Kuja Irrigation Development Project is progressing steadily.

Responding to a question by Senator Eddie Oketch, Mr Muuga noted that there are plans to settle the remaining outstanding compensation by August 2025.

The Cabinet Secretary also provided an update on the project's compensation status.

The Lower Kuja Irrigation Development Project, located in Nyatike Sub-County, Migori County, is poised to significantly improve agricultural productivity in the region.

It spans an area close to Lake Victoria and aims to irrigate approximately 7,717 hectares of land.

This is expected to potentially expand the land under irrigation to 22,800 hectares with the construction of a dam upstream.

The project covers six locations and



Water Cabinet Secretary Eric Muuga

13 sub-locations within Nyatike and Karungu divisions.

Mr Muuga explained that the project that began in 2009 faced delays due to land acquisition challenges.

He told the House the National Irrigation Authority (NIA) has been working diligently to resolve the issues, among them ensuring that the affected land-owners receive fair compensation for their land.

A total of 3,281 project-affected persons (PAPs) were identified during three land valuation exercises conducted in 2011, 2014, and 2020, with a cumulative compensation amounting to Sh232.9 million.

As of July 2024, Sh77.3 million had already been paid to 981 affected individuals, leaving an outstanding amount of sh155.6 million.

He said the government has secured Sh68 million for compensation in the current financial year, with plans to complete payments by August 2025.

This includes addressing grievances and completing the verification of land ownership for affected parties.

The National Land Commission (NLC) has been actively involved in the compensation process.

For instance, a February 2025 meet-

ing saw the Commission outline a roadmap to finalise the compensation, including payments to verified PAPs in phases.

By mid-March 2025, verification of the first group of PAPs is expected to be complete, with compensation scheduled to begin by March 25, 2025, the CS informed the House.

"Subsequent payments are set to follow in phases, with the final payments and land title vesting scheduled for August 2025," he said.

He went on: "The government has emphasised that all project-affected persons will be compensated, with the involvement of key stakeholders including the NLC, National Government Administration Officers (NGAO), and local leadership to resolve any disputes."

"The Lower Kuja Irrigation Development Project is a critical initiative that promises to enhance agricultural output in Migori County, providing both economic opportunities and addressing water scarcity issues in the region," he added.

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House adjourns to discuss rising insecurity in Mandera County



Senator Billow Kerrow

The Motion was moved by **Senator Billow Kerrow** after a terrorist attack within Mandera town and on the road linking Mandera to Lafey Constituency on the border with Somalia. The Governor for Mandera Ali Roba convoy had been attacked in broad-daylight, leaving three people dead, one vehicle burnt, another taken away and driven to Somalia by the terrorists and several people were injured. Then 24 hours later, in Mandera Town itself, on Sunday night, four people from upcountry were shot as they were from shopping; two of them died and two others were injured. "As late as this morning, there was an explosion on the border where the police normally keep vigil on the border between Somalia and Mandera. No one was injured. The second bomb was detonated by the police," Senator Kerrow told the House, adding that despite the arrests that have been made, the situation is not getting any better. "The quality of investigations raises a lot of questions. In spite of all the killings and the arrests that have been made, to date, there are no conclusive convictions made of the people who are involved in these attacks." He asked the Government to provide security to Mandera. He said Mandera is neither in Somalia nor Ethiopia. "It is in Kenya. If the Government is unable to provide security, let it tell the people of Mandera that it is unable to provide security against the Al-Shabaab or against the terrorists. Can you look after yourselves?"



Senator James Orendo said:

"We are told that the border in Mandera is closed, but while there, you will realize that it is closed to Kenyans who want to go to Somalia but it is open to the elements on the other side to come into Mandera. In fact, it is an activity that we saw when we went there. When you go to the border post you will see vehicles coming from the Kenyan side or even from the Somali side and people going on with questionable business. This is something that has to be dealt with by the Jubilee Government. This is because an attack on Mandera or Lamu is an attack on the entire territory of Kenya. We have only one country called Kenya."



Senator Yusuf Haji:

"We have been told that our disciplined forces are only active like chicken during the day. At 6.00 p.m., everybody goes back to their tent or home. That is why the Al Shabaab has studied the situation and can do whatever they want. Unless the Government wakes up to ensure that security forces are held responsible, nothing will happen. The poor man, Mr. Joseph ole Lenku, was removed from office. However, he was not responsible for what was happening since he was not on the ground. The officers who are on the ground and the leaders of the security forces should be held responsible. We were also told that the Al Shabaab is not fighting only because the Kenya Defence Forces (KDF) is in Somalia. The District Commissioner for Bula Hawa, which is on Somalia side spoke on the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) and said that the KDF, instead of going to kill the Al Shabaab have instead been bombing their villages and killing their camels. He added that they will, therefore, revenge. That statement was followed immediately with the murder of the people at the quarry."



Senator G.G. Kariuki

"This is not a local war but an international one. I think those criminals, the Al Shabaab, will be the happiest people tonight because they know we are talking about them and that we are shaken. That is all they want. They are not willing to take over this country and make it their colony; they want to infiltrate this country and sell their doctrine. The Muslim fundamentalists started this war many years ago. Even during the colonial days, these people slaughtered top civil servants in former Northern Province and it continues up to now. They do not get tired in any international war but continue until they win the war in their own way. When we visited Mandera, I think I personally found that these people wish they were somewhere else where they can really have at least one good night and not Kenya or Somalia."

Seneta Faki ateta kuhusu ukosefu wa nguvu za umeme Kaunti ya Mombasa

Seneta Mohamed Faki amelalamikia vikali hatua ya kukatizwa mara kwa mara kwa nguvu za umeme katika Kaunti ya Mombasa na viunga vyake akitaka hatua muafaka na za hima kuchukuliwa kulitatia tatizo hilo.

Seneta Faki amesema hatua hiyo imeathiri pakubwa shughuli za maombi, kibiashara na za kawaida kwa wenyeji wa maeneo husika akisisitiza umuhimu wa suala hilo kuangaziwa kwa dharura na kwa kina.

Seneta huyo anaitaka Kamati ya Kawi kufanya uchunguzi na kuwasilisha taarifa kuhusu tatizo hilo.

“Naomba kauli kutoka kwa Kamati ya Kawi kuhusu kupotea kwa nguvu za umeme katika Kaunti ya Mombasa

na viunga vyake hususani mwezi huu mtukufu wa Ramadhan,” aliuliza Seneta Faki.

Aliongeza, “Kutoka mwanzo wa Mwezi huu wa Machi ambao unaenda sawia na mwezi mtukufu wa Ramadhan, jiji la Mombasa na viunga vyake limeshuhudia kupotea mara kwa mara nguvu za umeme. Hii imeathiri pakubwa mipango ya ibada na biashara kwa wakazi ikizingatiwa kwamba mwezi huu waumini wengi wa dini ya Kiislamu wanahusika na ibada ya sala ya usiku inayojulikana kama Taraweeh.”

Alisema licha ya biashara kuongezeka mwezi wa Ramadhan, wenyeji wengi wamejikuta katika hali ngumu kutokana na kutokuwepo kwa nguvu za umeme mara kwa mara.

Kutokana na changamoto hiyo, Seneta Faki sasa anaitaka Kamati ya Kawi kuchunguza na kuweka wazi chanzo cha kupotea kwa nguvu za umeme mara kwa mara haswa mwezi huu mtukufu wa Ramadhan na ichukue hatua zinazofaa ili kuhakikisha kwamba wananchi wanapata huduma wanazostahili.

Kamati hiyo inayoongozwa na Seneta Oburu Odinga imetakiwa pia kuorodhesha hatua ambazo Serikali inachukua kusuluhisha tatizo la kukatizwa kwa umeme jijini Mombasa ikizingatiwa kuwa Waislamu wanashindwa kutimiza maombi yao ya usiku huku wanaofanya biashara wakipata hasara kutokana na ukosefu wa nguvu za umeme.



Seneta Mohamed Faki

Seneta alenga hazina ya maeneo yaliyosalia nyuma kimaendeleo

Seneta Fatuma Dullo amewasilisha ombi la taarifa kuhusiana na miradi inayofadhiliwa katika Kaunti ya Isiolo na Hazina inayolenga maeneo yaliyosalia nyuma kimaendeleo.

Ombi hilo ambalo limewasilishwa kwenye Kamati ya Fedha na Bajeti linataka orodha kamili ya miradi yote inayofadhiliwa na hazina hiyo Isiolo, pamoja na migao yake ya kibajeti na kipindi inatarajiwa kukamilika.

Pia anataka maelezo kuhusu mbinu iliyotumika katika kuteua miradi hiyo, kufafanua vigezo muhimu chini ya mbinu hiyo na kuthibitisha ikiwa kweli vikao vya ushiriki wa umma vilifanywa.

Seneta Dullo aidha anaitaka Kamati husika kuelezea hali ya sasa ya kila mradi, kubainisha kiwango cha kukamilika kwake, mkwamo wowote ulioshuhudiwa na changamoto zozote utekelezaji wake unashuhudia na mikakati iliyo-tumika kuzikabili changamoto hizo na kuhakikisha mradi unaendelea kama ilivyopangwa.

Kamati hiyo inayoongozwa na Seneta Ali Roba inatakiwa kutoa maelezo kuhusu ratiba ya utoaji mgao wa kibajeti kwa miradi iliyoidhinishwa.

Vilevile inawajibishwa kueleza kucheleweshwa kokote katika utoaji wa hela hizo ambako inawezekana kumeathiri kuendelea kwa miradi ili-yopangwa, kutoa sababu za kuchelewa



Seneta Fatuma Dullo

huko na hatua zilizochukuliwa kulitatia suala hilo.

Zaidi ya hayo, Kamati hiyo inatakiwa kuwa na maelezo kuhusu miradi yoyote iliyo mpangoni chini ya Hazina hiyo ya Usawazishaji katika Kaunti ya Isiolo, ikitoa ufafanuzi kuhusu mikakati iliyo-po kuhakikisha ugavi uliosawazishwa wa raslimali kwa maeneo yote yanayostahili kunufika.

Katika ombi tofauti la taarifa, Seneta Dullo anaitaka Kamati ya Fedha na Bajeti katika Seneti kutoa taarifa kuhusu madai ya ufujaji wa fedha za umma katika utekelezaji wa mradi wa kuweka kabro katika barabara ya kilomita mbili katika Wadi ya Bulapesa, Kaunti ya Isi-

olo.

Katika ombi jingine la taarifa, Seneta huyo anataka majibu kutoka kwa Kamati ya Barabara, Uchukuzi na Makazi kuhusu kucheleweshwa kwa ujenzi wa Daraja la Ngarendare, katika Kaunti ya Isiolo.

Seneta Dullo anaitaka Kamati hiyo kutoa maelezo ya hali ya ujenzi wa daraja hilo, muda unaokadiriwa kwa ujenzi huo kukamilika na sababu za kucheleweshwa kwa ujenzi huo.

Pia anaitaka Kamati hiyo kubaini ikiwa mkandarasi aliyetwikwa zabuni hiyo ameyaheshimu mapatano ya muda wa kukamilika kwa mradi huo na ikiwa amepatiwa adhabu yoyote kwa ukiukaji.

Aidha Kamati hiyo inayoongozwa na Seneta Eddy Oketch imeulizwa kueleza mgao wa kibajeti wa mradi huo, pesa zilizotolewa kufikia sasa na pesa ambazo zimekosa kutolewa na kuchelewesha uendelezaji wake.

Seneta Dullo anataka pia kueleza kuhusu mikakati ambayo inachukuliwa na taasisi mbalimbali husika kuhakikisha ujenzi wa daraja hilo unakamilika kwa wakati.

Seneta huyo ambaye ni Mwenyekiti wa Kamati ya Usalama katika Seneti ameitaka Kamati hiyo kufafanua iwapo kandarasi ya mradi huo ilitolewa, thamani ya zabuni husika, asilimia ya utendakazi uliokamilishwa kufikia sasa na iwapo umma uliuhusishwa kabla ya utekelezaji wa mradi huo.

Kamati hiyo inawajibishwa kujumuisha katika Ripoti yake maelezo ya malipo ambayo tayari yamefanywa kwa mzabuni, mikakati iliyopo kuhakikisha uwazi na uwajibikaji katika kutumia fedha za umma hasa kuhusiana na Miradi ya miundombinu Isiolo.

Kadhalika, Kamati hiyo chini ya Uenyekiti wa Seneta Ali Roba inatarajiwa kutoa orodha kamili ya miradi ya miundombinu inayoendelea kufanywa katika Kaunti ya Isiolo kwenye miaka ya kifedha ya 2023/2024 na 2024/2025 ikiwemo migao ya kibajeti na fedha ambazo tayari zimetumika.



1. Clerk of the Senate Jeremiah Nyegenye speaks to Members of Parliament from Zambia who are on a study tour at Kenya Parliament.
2. Deputy Clerk Eunice Gichangi during the meeting with delegation from the County Assembly of Assembly led by the Clerk, Mr Michael Bidii (left)
3. The Controller of Budget Margaret Nyakango follows proceedings during the meeting with the Committee on Finance and Budget.
4. Deputy Clerk Eunice Gichangi (seated centre) with the delegation from the County Assembly of Kilifi which was led by Mr Michael Bidii (seated left).
5. Members of the Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs led by chair, Senator Wakili Sigei, (chair) and Senator Veronica Maina pose for a photo with the Members of the Technical Working Group representing Kenyans in the diaspora who are pushing for expanded voting access for citizens abroad.
6. Agriculture Cabinet Secretary Mutahi Kagwe speaks to Senate staff at the end of the last week's Question Time.



7. Minority Whip Ledama ole Kina welcomes Agriculture CS Mutahi Kagwe to his office in Parliament Buildings on Wednesday last week.

8. Minority Whip Ledama ole Kina and Senator David Wakoli during the meeting with CS Mutahi Kagwe at Parliament Buildings.

9. CS Mutahi Kagwe speaks to Senator Wakili Sigei as Senator Wahome Wamatinga (left) and Senator Kamau Murango look on.

10. Senator Wahome Wamatinga, Senator Kamau Murango and CS Mutahi Kagwe.

11. Senator Wahome Wamatinga (left) and Senator David Wakoli (right) escort CS Mutahi Kagwe out of Senate Chamber after last week's Question Time.

12. Speaker Amason Kingi speaks to Agriculture CS Mutahi Kagwe as Senator Wahome Wamatinga and Senator David Wakoli look on.



13. Water Cabinet Secretary Eric Mugaa speaks to Senator John Methu (2nd left), Senator Dan Maanzo and Senator Agnes Muthama in Parliament Buildings last week.

14. Chief Serjeants-At-Arms Major (Rtd) Samson Sorobit speaks to officers serving as Serjeants-At-Arms in the County Assembly of Kilifi during their tour of the Senate Chamber last week.

15. Senator Mohamed Chute gives a brief on the status of construction works of the stalled County Headquarters when the Committee on Devolution visited to inspect implementation of projects in Turkana County on Friday. Senator Richard Onyonka (right) and Governor Jeremiah Lomurkai look on.

16. The Committee on Devolution is briefed on the construction works of the Governor's Residence in Lodwar town, Turkana County, on Friday, March 14.

17. Senator Wahome Wamatinga gives a word of advice to teachers and students of St. Monica Munyaka Girls Secondary, Nyeri County, during their tour of Parliament Buildings.

18. Students and teachers of Kiambaa Mixed Secondary School, Kiambaa Constituency, Kiambu County after their tour of Senate.



19. Senator Wamatinga poses for a group photo with teachers and students of St. Monica Munyaka Girls Secondary, Nyeri County, at Parliament Buildings.

20. Clerk Jeremiah Nyegenye speaks to students from Riara International School after their tour of Parliament Buildings last week.

21. Clerk Jeremiah Nyegenye with some of the students from Riara International School during their tour of the Senate.

22. Students of Technical University of Kenya at the Senate for a study tour.

23. Kamukunji MP Yusuf Hassan addresses students of Moi Forces Academy, Kamukunji, Nairobi County, when they visited Parliament Buildings.

24. Students and teachers of Hillcrest School, Nairobi County, also visited the Senate last week.

25. Students and teachers of Kianyaga Boys High School, Gichugu Constituency, Kirinyaga County.

26. Ms Josephine Kusinyi, Deputy Director Senate Legal Services, speaks to Students of American University School of Public Affairs who were at the Senate for a study tour.

27. Students of American University School of Public Affairs pose for a group photo during their tour of the Senate.

28. Senator Wahome Wamatinga, teachers and pupils of Kiahuko Primary School, Kieni, Nyeri County, at the Senate.



1. Senator Veronica Maina (right), Senator Joseph Githuku and Njoro MP Charity Kathambi (left) when they visited to condole with the family of Senator Betty Montet following the death of her husband.
2. Senator Seki ole Kanar, Senator Beatrice Ogola and Senator Beth Syengo at Senator Montet's home.
3. Senator Veronica Maina consoles Senator Montet.
4. From Left, Senator Beth Syengo, Hon Charity Kathambi, Senator Betty Montet, Senator Peris Tobiko, Senator Veronica Maina and Senator Beatrice Ogola
5. Senator Veronica Maina introduces lawmakers who visited Senator Betty Montet home to condole with the family. From Right, Senator Margret Kamar, Senator Jackson Mandago, Senator Eddy Oketch, Senator William Kisang, Senator Peris Tobiko and Senator Joseph Githuku.
6. From left, Senator Beth Syengo, Senator Hezena Lemaletian, Hon Charity Kathambi, Senator Beatrice Ogola and Senator Joseph Githuku.
7. Senator Veronica Maina consoles Senator Hezena Lemaletian who was overcome by emotions at Senator Betty Montet's home.



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