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The House met at the County Assembly Chamber at 2.30 p.m.

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

PRAYER

PAPERS

STATUS OF THE TOURISM SITES IN SIAYA COUNTY

Hon. Wamwai: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I wish to lay on the House the report of the Committee on Tourism, Conservation, Wildlife and Information on Assessment of the operationalization status of the Tourism sites in Siaya County.

(Paper laid on the Table of the House)

Hon. Speaker: The Papers stands laid but the House Business Committee has noted that the Motion for debate tomorrow afternoon. I am hoping the Committee will be ready to present the report. The secretariat ensure that Hon. Members have copies the earliest opportunity so that they look at them for debate tomorrow afternoon and Thursday afternoon. Next order!

STATEMENTS

ADHERENCE TO THE BUDGET CYCLE BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Hon. Opanga: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I rise to seek a statement from the Chairperson Budget and Appropriations Committee regarding adherence to the Budget cycle by the County Executive. In the Statement, the Chairman should respond to the following concerns:

1. There are allegations from the general public that the documents informing the preparations of the Annual Budget Estimates are not being done systematically. Explain to the House the document that informs the budget estimates which one comes first, which one follows and which one is the last amongst the CIDP, the ADP and the Fiscal Strategy Paper.

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2. Confirm to the House whether the laid down budget cycle is followed. If it is proof that the County Executive is doing it the wrong way? What mechanisms are there to address the anomaly if any in terms sequence of approval.

Hon. Speaker: Chairman, do you want to respond now or give you some time to seek answers?

Hon. Madialo: Mr. Speaker, I stand to obey the indulgence of the House for about two days to answer to the statement.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, do we have supplementary questions about the same? The Hon. Member is asking about the budget cycle, the paper work, the documentation that goes towards the informing of the budget estimates. I encourage you to take advantage of Statements/questions that is where you can seek answers from the Chairpersons of respective departments on matters that touch on your role in the areas that you represent. There being none we proceed. Next!

CHIEF OFFICERS

Hon. Opanga: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise on the second Statement on behalf of Hon. Ambrose Akuno, MCA, West Asembo Ward. I rise to seek a Statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Governance and Administration regarding the Chief Officers of the County Government of Siaya. In the Statement the Chairman should respond to the following concerns:

1. Who are the Chief Officers in all the County Departments?
2. When is the term of each Chief Officer ending according to their current contracts?
3. Section 45 (1) (a) (b) of the County Government Act, 2012 states that; *the Governor shall-*
 - a. *Nominate qualified and experienced persons competitively sourced and recommended by the County Public Service Board and*
 - b. *With the approval of the County Assembly appoint Chief Officers.* However, it is alleged that there are acting Chief Officers who are not persons approved by the Assembly as is required by law. If so, under what law are they acting?

Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Chairperson of Governance! Any Member of that Committee? Yes Linda, is it something that you can answer or you will require some time?

Hon. Juma: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On behalf of the Chair, I would like we be given 2 or 3 days.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, take advantage of seeking these Statements. We do not expect Hon. Members to go pleading the other side in finding out whether your road has been done or not. You live in your Ward, just identify the road, come here and ask the relevant Chairperson of Roads Department or the Roads Committee that the road from this point to this

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point in my Ward has not been done, who is the contractor? Has he been paid? What is the state of that road? How much has he been paid?

The Committee system requires that the Chairperson should be accountable on behalf of the Executive. I have sometimes seen Hon. Members go to the Executive and sometimes they are not treated as Hon. Members. The information they require are not provided, answers are not provided promptly. So that is an avenue for us to engage with the Executive through Chairpersons. Next order!

MOTION

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, there being no other Business, will we be upstanding for adjournment.

(Hon. Members rise on their feet)

Hon. Speaker: There being no other Business, this House adjourns until tomorrow Wednesday, 28th February, 2018 at 9.30 a.m.

The House rose at 3.09 p.m.