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

[The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Odongo) in the Chair]

PRAYER

STATEMENT

Hon. Booker: Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I would wish to respond to the Statement Request by Hon. David Audi, MCA South Gem Ward. The committee received a Statement Request from Hon. Audi which was committed to it by the Hon. Speaker.

Upon receiving the Statement, the committees wrote to the CECM for Water seeking answers raised in the Statement. The CECM responded to the committee by a letter dated 16th August, 2018 of REF No. CGS/MWIENR/ADM/1/15 VOL. II (143)

The committee had concerns from the response submitted to it by the CECM Water which were:

- i.) The reasons for the pipe bursts and the action taken by your department to address the issue
- ii.) The actions your office has taken on the illegal connections apart from disconnecting the connections
- iii.) To provide the Bill of Quantity for the project
- iv.) To update the committee on the amount already paid and the actual work already done on the ground at the time of the completion of the project

The committee organized for a meeting with the CECM Water on Friday, 5th October, 2018. From the meeting, the CECM responded to the concerns as follows

- i.) The reasons for the pipe bursts and the action taken by your department to address the issue.

The pipe bursts witnessed is because of the high pressure and the fact that no air release valves were factored in the pipeline design. He assured the members that the bursts would reduce as more connections are connected on the line.

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- ii.) The actions your office has taken on the illegal connections apart from disconnecting the connections

He reported that the 9 number illegal connections earlier reported have since been regularized

- iii.) To provide the Bill of Quantity for the project

The CECM indicated that his department had done a memo to Finance Department for the release of the contractor's file. He noted that the BQ would be forwarded to the committee once they are in possession of it.

The committee did not take this lightly and ordered that the BQ be provided on or before 15th, October, 2018. The committee further directed the CECM to keep copies of all the contract documents within his office.

- iv.) To update the committee on the amount already paid and the actual work already done on the ground and the time for the completion of the project

The CECM informed the committee that the contractor had been paid approximately Kshs. 12 million out of the contract sum of Kshs. 18, 759, 543. He further indicated that his department had initiated the process of cancelling the contract as the contractor seems to have no capacity.

Final Submission: The committee requests the Hon. House to give it two weeks so that it can be able to get the BQ from CECM Water in order to adequately handle the matter.

On behalf of the committee, it is my pleasant duty to Table this progress Report before the House for consideration and adoption.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you Chairman for Committee on Water, Environment and Natural Resources. You had requested the House for two weeks to make a Report but as you are aware in two weeks' time we will be going on recess. I think we will get the Reports after our recess.

Hon. Booker: Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir. As I have indicated I am not saying the committee be given two weeks to present a good Report but as we have indicated, the Hon. Member for South Gem is only concerned about the BQ so this is why I am requesting the House to give us two weeks to fast track the issue of that BQ because they are saying they are also working on it.

Concerning the Report, due to the fact that the Hon. Member for South Gem also belongs to the Committee on Water, Environment and Natural Resources, remember when we are meeting with the CECM Water he is also there. Unless he is not satisfied with the Report given by the CECM Water then we will interrogate the matter further. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Yes, Hon. Audi

Hon. Audi: Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir. I am a bit contented with the response. The only concern is the issues that are already addressed on the same and those are the BQ's and the supporting documents for the said payments. Those are the only two things that are missing I hope that we may get them even after the recess.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you.

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MOTION
ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Deputy Speaker: There being no other Business, this House adjourns till Tuesday, 16th, October, 2018 in the afternoon at 2.30 p.m. in the Chamber.

The House rose at 2.37 p.m.