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---the fact that I have not been around, like let's say last week, it doesn't stop me from taking the responsibility given to me by my Chair who is not around. So it is you again giving a different version which to me I believe are going to help the House. The Member might be right, but then again, him being a Member of a different committee which is not necessarily Budget, one time he will be given an Order to give a response.

**Hon. Speaker:** I want to direct that a Member or anybody can respond to the Committee, but you realize it would be shameful if you are responding and you are not conversant with what you are reading because you will end up embarrassing yourself and remember if you do that the Hansard will pick it and forever even your grand grand children will see it.

Imagine if we are a live, the way we want to go live, then the public will be seeing you reading what you don't understand, but again, whether you participated in a meeting or not, can only be disputed if your Committee has ever met. From where I sit, I have never seen a notice of a Meeting for the Budget Committee that had this as an agenda.

So, you can always respond, but ask yourself, do you want to respond for the sake of responding or you want to contribute to add value?

Next, Hon. Omoro you have a statement request?

**Hon. Omoro:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to Standing Order 441 (2) (c) I rise to seek a Statement from the County Executive Committee Member for Agriculture, Livestock, Food and Fisheries on the imminent locust invasion in Siaya.

On the Statement, the CECM should

1. Provide details of the level of preparedness of the County Government to curb the imminent locust invasion on agricultural farmlands in Siaya County by desert locusts.

**Hon. Speaker:** Order! Hon. Members. Yes Hon. Odawa.

**Hon. E. Odawa:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. We seem not to be communicating with the Hon. Member who is on the floor. Inversion of locusts. How are locusts being inverted? We are not communicating. I would like him to explain to me. If he meant invasion, let him be clear on that, so that we can be on the same line.

**Hon. Omoro:** English is not our language; it's the Queen's language. When I say invasion, whichever way, it would all depend on how you explain it. It's a way of invading. That is the simplest English.

**Hon. Odongo:** I would like to join the Hon. Member who has just spoken in asking Hon. Omoro to kindly elaborate what he meant.

**Hon. Mboha:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I think now that we know what Hon. Omoro was trying to say, we should allow him to continue.

**Hon. Booker:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I think we are very much on the Hon. Member. Maybe he wanted to advise the County Government on how this locust can be inverted to food. So allow him to explain.

**Hon. Oriaro:** Mr. Speaker, mine is just to warn our colleagues not to use the Hon. House as a way of venting their anger on the unknown. The Sponsor of that statement is crystal clear.

We all have smart phones and they should Google the pronunciation of that and they will realize that he is right.

**Hon. Omoro:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I will start afresh to read my Statement through. Pursuant to the Standing Order number 441 (2) (c) I rise to seek a Statement from the County Executive Committee Member for Agriculture, Livestock, Food security and Fisheries on the imminent locust invasion in Siaya.

On the Statement, the CECM should

Provide details of the level of preparedness of the County Government to curb the imminent locust invasion on agricultural farmlands in Siaya County by desert locusts. Noting that the said insects have already been spotted in more than 20 counties, latest being Baringo County and the neighboring Muhoroni area of Kisumu with scientific evidence suggesting that their movement is being facilitated by the flowing wind towards the West with a possibility of invading Siaya.

We find that the said insects are really destructive and therefore as a County Government we should not just wait for the real menace to hit us. This is why it is in order for us to come in handy and atleast be prepared in terms of mitigative measures that would set us through in the event of such an occurrence.

The County Government should come in to get a way of curbing this, in the event that the locust should invade our County, and at the same time, there should be a food security preparedness owing to the long rains last year that culminated into the floods that destroyed our foods, and upto now I don't think our County is food secure.

Therefore coupled with the said invasion of the locusts, owing to the fact that we are in a planting season, we are ploughing and are just about to plant, in the next two weeks. If such a scenario would be left un addressed then Siaya would be worst placed. I am talking about this because I come from a place that is crop dominated, that is the East Ugenya Ward. My area depends of Agricultural productivity and therefore I fear such invasion. I think all Members would concur with me that this topic is dire and that it should be addressed with wit.

I would also want to say that, at times pronunciations depends on our linguistic prowess, and therefore when someone want to dispute that to prolong the debate then it doesn't really add any water. Thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** The relevant committee, please proceed. Next it's Hon. Nancy?

**Hon. Wamwayi:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to Standing Order number 41 (2) (c), I rise to seek a Statement from the County Executive Member of Education Youth Gender and Social Services on the execution or the implementation status of the budgetary allocations for the youth and women affairs in Siaya County. In the Statement, the CECM should;

1. Provide details of the utilization of or plans with specific timelines for the absorption of the 3.5 million for the FY 2018/2019 and 10 million, FY 2019/2020 budgetary allocations for the youth affairs under special interest group.
2. Provide details of the utilization of, or plans with specific timelines for the absorption of the 3.5 million for the FY 2018/2019 10 million FY 2019/2020 budgetary allocations for women affairs under the special interest group. Thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** Education Committee? I can't see the Chair. Any Member? Share with us when you are likely to bring back this report, because I know that you are currently handling the Bursary one.

**Hon. Mboha:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. We can have 2 weeks to debate on this.

**Hon. Speaker:** So that we don't have back and forth, always try to invite the owner of the Statement then you invite the CECM for clarification. It saves a lot of time.

### **MOTION**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Hon. Speaker:** There being no other Business, Members will you be upstanding for adjournment.

There being no other Business, this House stands adjourned until today Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February of 2020 Afternoon in the Chamber.

The House rose at 11.50 a.m.