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**SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER**

**ORDER OF THE DAY**

**WEDNESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2024 AT 2.30PM**

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**PRAYER**

1. Administration of Oath
2. Communication from the Chair
3. Messages
- 7\*. **Petitions**- petition regarding financial management, procurement practices, and transparency at Garissa County Referral Hospital.
4. Papers
5. Notices of motion
- 7\*. Questions and **Statements**

**1.(STATEMENT SOUGHT FROM THE CHAIR COMMITTEE ON HEALTH)**

**Hon. Speaker,** Pursuant to Standing Order 47(1)(c), I rise to request a statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Health regarding the status of Bula Mzuri dispensary in Waberi ward.

**Hon. Speaker,** Article 43(1)(a) of the Constitution of Kenya guarantees every individual the right to the highest attainable standard of health. To fulfill this mandate, the County Government is tasked with providing effective and accessible healthcare services, which include emergency medical services.

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**Hon. Speaker,** Part 2 of the fourth schedule of the constitution 2010 apportions the health functions to the County Governments hence commitment to the optimal functioning of the health facilities need to be ensured.

**Hon. Speaker,** a fundamental principle of primary health care states that everyone in the community should have access to it. Having access indicates the potential to use a service when it is needed. The proof of access is the use of the service rather than a simple existence of a facility, in this regard, Bula Mzuri dispensary is not fully operational for a while despite the critical role it plays in providing essential healthcare services.

**Hon Speaker,** Additionally Bula Mzuri dispensary is currently in a dilapidated state, posing significant challenges to the quality of healthcare services it can offer. The infrastructure is outdated and in urgent need of renovation to ensure the safety and well-being of both patients and staff. The County Government is mandated to provide healthcare services to all the people of Waberi are not an exception.

**Hon. Speaker,** in the statement the chair should inquire and report on;

1. Whether the Department is aware of the dilapidated status of Bula Mzuri dispensary?
2. Whether the department is aware of the maternity unit at the dispensary that has been closed for over five years? If yes, are there any plans of reopening the maternity?
3. There is lack of security personnel present at the dispensary. Is the department planning on hiring a watchman for the facility?
4. Whether the department is aware of the inadequate sanitation facilities at the dispensary which is a critical shortcoming that compromises the hygiene standards of both patients' health and staff working conditions?
5. Given these pressing issues, what plans or strategies is the Department putting in place to address the challenges facing Bula Mzuri dispensary?

**(STATEMENT SOUGHT BY HON ABUBAKAR HAJJI SUGOW-MCA WABERI)**

**2.(STATEMENT SOUGHT FROM THE CHAIR COMMITTEE ON WATER AND IRRIGATION)**

**Hon. Speaker,** Pursuant to Standing Order 47(1) (c), I wish to request a statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Water and Budget regarding the financial allocations

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and disbursements to Garissa Water and Sewerage Company (GAWASCO) over the last two financial years.

**Hon Speaker,** access to clean water and reliable water is a fundamental right under Article 43(1)(d) of the Constitution of Kenya 2010. To this end, the County Government has a mandate to ensure effective and transparent management of water services within the county, including adequate funding of institutions like GAWASCO.

**Hon Speaker,** Water is a critical resource, and effective service delivery by GAWASCO is vital for ensuring access water for the residents of Garissa County. As such, it is essential to assess the financial resources allocated and disbursed to GAWASCO to ensure accountability and transparency in the use of public funds.

**Hon Speaker,** the chairperson should inquire into and report on;

1. Provide records of Funds disbursed from the County treasury to GAWASCO over the last two financial years.
2. Clarify the status of the **60 million** allocated to GAWASCO in the current financial year.
3. How much of the allocated amount has been disbursed so far? Attach the corresponding financial statements to substantiate the response.

**(STATEMENT SOUGHT BY HON ABUBAKAR HAJJI SUGOW-MCA WABERI)**

8. Motions and Bills.

**Hon. Speaker Sir, I beg to move the following motion;**

**That, aware that,** Article 54(1)(c) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, provides that persons with disabilities are entitled to reasonable access to all places, public transport, and information;

**Further aware that,** Article 27(6) mandates the State to take legislative and other measures to ensure that marginalized groups, including persons with disabilities, are not discriminated against and can access opportunities on an equal basis with others;

**Noting that,** the Persons with Disabilities Act, 2003, obligates public institutions, including county governments, to make adjustments to public buildings and facilities to accommodate persons with disabilities;

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**Cognizant of the fact that**, an inclusive society can only be achieved when public spaces and infrastructure are accessible to all citizens, particularly persons with disabilities, to enable them to enjoy their full rights and freedoms;

**Concerned that**, many county buildings in Garissa County do not meet the standards of accessibility and mobility for persons with disabilities, effectively excluding them from accessing essential services and participating fully in social, economic, and political life;

**Deeply concerned**, that the lack of accessible infrastructure contravenes the principles of inclusivity and equity as envisioned under the Constitution and the County Governments Act, 2012;

**Now therefore**, this Assembly resolves to urge the County Executive Committee Member for County Affairs, Public Service and Intergovernmental relation to:

1. Undertake a comprehensive inspection of all county-owned buildings and facilities to assess their compliance with accessibility and mobility standards for persons with disabilities.
2. Develop and implement a detailed plan to retrofit and upgrade non-compliant buildings and facilities to meet the required accessibility standards, including ramps, elevators, and assistive signage.
3. Ensure that all new county buildings and facilities are constructed in full compliance with accessibility requirements, as stipulated under the Persons with Disabilities Act, 2003, and other relevant legal frameworks.
4. Collaborate with relevant stakeholders, including disability advocacy groups and professional bodies, to ensure that the modifications are in line with best practices and address the diverse needs of persons with disabilities.
5. Submit a report to this Assembly detailing the findings of the inspections, the status of ongoing compliance efforts, and a clear timeline for the implementation of necessary upgrades to ensure full accessibility.

**(HON FATUMA ADEN ABDI-NOMINATED MCA)**

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