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ORDER OF THE DAY

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

PRAYER

1. Administration of Oath
2. Communication from the Chair
3. Messages
4. Petitions
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6. Notices of motion
- 7*. Questions and **Statements**

1.(STATEMENT SOUGHT FROM THE CHAIR COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION)

Hon. Speaker, Pursuant to Standing Order 47(1) (c), I rise to seek a statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Finance, Budget and Appropriation regarding the financial allocations 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.

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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, in the statement 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.

(STATEMET SOUGHT BY HON ABUBAKAR HAJI SUGOW-MCA WABERI WARD)

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;

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)
