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**ORAL REPLY TO PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION  
BY PRIVATE NOTICE**

**QUESTION:** The Member for Kisumu Town West (Hon. Olago Aluoch) to ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance:-

- (a) Why, inspite of the operationalisation of the Act nearly 2½years ago; the post of Director-General of the Public Procurement Oversight Authority remains vacant;
- (b) How has the failure to appoint a substantive Director-General impacted on the Authority's national and international operations; and
- (c) When will the appointment be made?

**ANSWER:** Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to reply:-

- (a) Following the enactment of the Public Procurement and Disposal Act, 2005, the Public Procurement Oversight Authority (PPOA) started operations in January, 2007. The 1<sup>st</sup> year consisted of setting up structures under the overall guidance of a technical assistant in the institution who performed the duties of the Director-General on the interim basis. The Public Procurement Oversight Advisory Board was constituted in October, 2007 and embarked on the recruitment of the substantive Director-General in 2008. On conclusion the process, none of the candidates was found

suitable. The board is currently in the process of recruiting the Director-General afresh.

- (b) The Ministry of Finance and PPOA works very closely to ensure that it carries out its mandate as provided for in the Public Procurement and Disposal Act, 2005 and its attendant Regulation of 2006. The PPOA enjoys good relations with similar regulatory authorities and partners both in the regional and internationally. The PPOA recently hosted the 2<sup>nd</sup> East African Procurement Forum successfully which had representation from Eastern Africa, Africa and internationally.
- (c) The process of recruitment of the Director-General is underway and the position will be filled expeditiously.



**HON. DR. OBURU OGINGA, MGH, MP**  
**ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR FINANCE**

18<sup>th</sup> November, 2009

## **PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION BY PRIVATE NOTICE**

**The Member for North Imenti (Hon. Silas Ruteere) to ask the Minister of State for Provincial Administration and Internal Security:-**

- (a) Is the Government aware of the continued disappearance of money on transit in the hands of G4S;
- (b) How much money has so far been stolen while on transit in the past 6 months;
- (c) Does the Government still have confidence in G4S in transporting money for public, private and other financial companies; and
- (d) What is the Government doing to arrest such theft of public funds and restore investor confidence?

### **ANSWER**

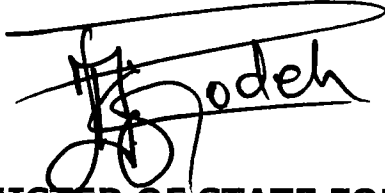
**Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to reply**

- (a) The Government is aware of at least three incidences reported within Nairobi whereby colossal amounts of money have been stolen while in the custody of G4S in the last six months.

- (b) The total cash reported stolen in the past six months is Kenya shillings 86,651,000.00. 683,000 was in US Dollars translating to Ksh.52,000,000. The rest of the amount was in Kenya Shillings.
- (c) The Government has confidence in G4S as a private security firm. The institution was not involved in the theft, but individuals. The loopholes detected have so far been sealed and extra security measures introduced to safeguard public and private monies transported through the company. Such measures introduced have been extended to other companies in the industry.
- (d) The Government moved swiftly to investigate the incidences and the following case files were opened:-
- Police Cr. 151/182/09; court file 5075/09 - 4 suspects arrested and their cases are before court;
  - Police Cr. 141/792/09; court file 4218/09 - 14 suspects arrested and their cases are before court;
  - Police Cr. A11/91/09 - This case is still pending under investigations.

The Government is also working closely with the private security firms to ensure safety of the cash transported by the companies.

In addition, the Government is vetting all personnel employed for such services to ensure only persons of high integrity are involved.

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**f** MINISTER OF STATE FOR  
PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATION AND  
INTERNAL SECURITY

**26<sup>th</sup> November 2009**



## **MINISTRY OF ROADS**

### **QUESTION BY PRIVATE NOTICE**

The Hon. Member of Parliament for Cherangany (Mr. Joshua Kutuny) to ask the Minister for Roads:-

### **QUESTION**

To indicate the measures put in place to ensure that Eldoret-Ziwa-Kitale Road which currently is in deplorable state is restored to motorable state?

### **ANSWERS:**

Mr. Speaker Sir I beg to reply:-

The Road Ziwa-Kitale Road comprises of two sections:-

- (i) **Kachibora-Sibanga-Kitale Road (C48)** which is in a fair and maintainable state – Kshs. 3 million has been set aside this financial year for routine maintenance.
- (ii) **Eldoret-Ziwa-Kachibora Road (D328)** which has deteriorated due to overloading. The Kenya Rural Roads Authority is undertaking an urgent assessment of the cost requirement for spot improvement to make the road motorable. Further, I have also instructed the Authority to carry out a detailed design for rehabilitation of the road.

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**Hon. Franklin K. Bett, EBS, MP**  
**MINISTER FOR ROADS**

## PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION NO. 341

### Question

The Member for Garsen (Mr. Danson Mungatana) to ask the Minister for Information and Communications:-

- (a) The total cost of the recently launched East African Marine Systems (TEAMS) project;
- (b) When the project will start actual operations;
- (c) What security measures are in place to ensure safety of the Fibre Optic Cable;
- (d) What steps the Minister is undertaking to ensure optimum use of the facility considering that very few Kenyans own computers?

### Answer

Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to reply.

- (a) The total cost of the recently launched East Africa Marine Systems Cable is US \$ 105 million.
- (b) The Project started actual operations on the 21<sup>st</sup> of August 2009.

(c) The Fibre Optic Cable is armoured and buried in the sea-bed so as to ensure its safety. The landing stations are also manned and protected 24 hours. However, accidents do occur especially if big ships anchor on the cable's path.

(d) My Ministry has put in place the following mechanisms to ensure optimum use of the facility:

(1) Initiated a one million laptop project which aims to ensure that as many citizens across the country have hardware to access and utilize broadband available through the cable. Private Sector has taken up this project and are implementing it.

(2) Laid a National Terrestrial Fibre Optic (NOFBI) network to distribute broadband countrywide as well as linking neighbouring countries.

(3) Introduced Mobile Computer labs in all Constituencies. However, this initiative is under consultation with Members of Parliament.

(4) A General Awareness Campaign on the benefits of this cable has been launched.

(5) Has launched Broadband support to Universities, Colleges, Schools and Government.

(6) The Ministry has also initiated Digital Villages and the last mile connection initiative under Phase II of the NOFBI



Project which aims to bring connections directly to Kenyan homes.

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**Hon. Samuel L. Poghiso, EGH, MP**  
**MINISTER FOR INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION**

## **Office of the Vice President and Ministry of Home Affairs**

### **Parliamentary Question No.412 a, b, c and d)**

The Member for Uriri (Hon. Cyprian Omollo, MP) is scheduled to ask His Excellency the Vice President and Minister for Home Affairs the following Parliamentary Question:-

- (a) If there are programs to expand prison facilities in the country to cater for the rise in population and crime rate;
- (b) What security arrangements are in place to curb spread of various categories of diseases including HIV/Aids, considering the immoral acts that are rampant in prisons;
- (c) Whether the Community Service Order (CSO) and Probation Service (PS) sentences are working free of corruption, and whether there have been gains arising from the operationalization of these orders; and
- (d) When will the Government establish GK Prisons in Uriri District?

### **Answer**

Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to reply as follows.

- a. Yes, the Office of the Vice President & Ministry of Home Affairs has plans to expand prison facilities in the country; indeed, in all district administrative centers. Already some four (4) new prisons have recently been constructed (**Appendix 1**) `construction for nine (9) others is in progress (**Appendix 2**).

The ministry has also completed construction of new inmate accommodation blocks in already existing prisons, with the latest completions in twelve (12) stations (**Appendix 3**). Some thirty six (36) others are presently under construction (**Appendix 4**).

Beyond expansion of prison facilities, the ministry is employing other methods to ease inmate congestion, particularly the Probation and

of priority that is in turn based on proximity to an existing facility. Meanwhile, districts without a prison will continue to use one or others that are nearest to them.

In the case of Uriri District, construction work will commence as soon as funds and land are available and in consideration of the location of the needs of the district in the hierarchy of priority. Meanwhile, prisoners from Uriri are accommodated at Migori Prison which is fifteen (15) kilometers away. Furthermore, Migori Prison itself is one of the facilities that are not congested. It has a holding capacity of 500 men and 100 women whereas its current population is 369 and 23 respectively.



**Dr. Stephen Kalonzo Musyoka**  
**Vice President and Minister for Home Affairs**

## **Appendix 1**

### **New Recently Constructed Prisons**

Rachuonyo  
Mwingi  
Kaloleni, and  
Migori

## **Appendix 2**

### **New Prisons Presently Under Construction**

Vihiga  
Kehancha  
Marimanti  
Chuka  
Nyamira  
Mutomo  
Kilgoris  
Sotik, and  
Nyahururu.

## **Appendix 3**

### **New Inmate Accommodation Blocks in Preexisting Prisons**

Voi  
Moyale  
Kisumu Medium  
Embu Women  
Kwale  
Mandera  
Mwea  
Maranjau  
Kerugoya  
Kibos  
Machakos and  
Manyani.

## **Supplementary Information**

Rongo District, where Uriri Constituency falls has 80 probation offenders made up of 67 males and 13 females. Out of these, 12 are from Uriri Constituency comprising of 9 males and 3 females. All the above are reporting to the probation office in Rongo and are abiding by the instructions of the probation officers.

Offenders under the Community Service Orders program in Rongo mostly work in the institutions listed below.

- Aila Primary School where offenders make bricks for the school.
- Rakwaro Secondary School and Nyapora Primary School where they dug pit latrines.
- Fencing and planting of flowers at Kangeso Secondary School.
- Clearance and maintenance of Rongo and Awendo District Hospital compounds besides collecting garbage at Rongo Urban council.

The department is guided by the general government policy on zero tolerance on corruption and ensures adherence to government regulations in its operations.

**PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION NA.10A/Q/1/039**

**The Member of Marakwet West Constituency, Hon. Boaz Kaino, to ask the Minister for Regional Development Authorities:**

- a) Could the Minister table the list of projects undertaken by the Lake Basin Development Authority in Chebiemit, Kapcherop and Kapyego Divisions in Marakwet District?
- b) What steps will the Minister take to ensure that the Authority is beneficial to the community?


**Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to reply;**

(A). Chebiemit, Kapcherop and Kapyego Divisions in Marakwet District are not covered by Lake Basin Development Authority, they are under the jurisdiction of Kerio Valley Development Authority.

Currently, Kerio Valley Development Authority has no projects within the three divisions. The three divisions are within the Cherangany Hills water shed which is experiencing environmental degradation due to encroachment by settlers and logging. The Authority has developed a project proposal for conservation interventions and is currently sourcing for funding. Meanwhile, three tree nurseries with a capacity of producing an average of 100,000 seedlings per year have been established at

Sambirir, Kabetwa, Kapyego and Cherangany to address the environmental concern.

(B). **Mr. Speaker Sir**, I wish to inform the House that the Ministry has put Kerio Valley Development Authority under a Performance Contract in which development programmes/projects and activities are part and parcel of the performance targets that the Board and Management of the Authority are expected to implement within the stipulated time frame. In addition, the Ministry has put in place a Monitoring and Evaluation system that will carry out regular progress status review of the projects for effective and timely implementation.



**Hon. Fred. F. O Gumo, EGH, MP**  
**Minister for Regional Development Authorities**

## MINISTRY OF FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE

### Parliamentary Question No. 323

The Member for Kieni Honourable Nemesyus Warugongo to ask the Minister for Forestry and Wildlife:-

- (a) **What measures the Minister is taking to ensure that areas around the Aberdares and Mount Kenya area, which have continually been deforested, are rehabilitated and more trees planted to restore the water catchment base: and**
- (b) **If the minister could consider providing funds and tree seedlings to youths in Kieni West and Kieni East districts to enable them undertake afforestation in the region.**

### ANSWER

Mr. Speaker sir, I beg to reply:

(a) In our efforts to ensure that the Aberdares and Mt. Kenya water towers are conserved and the degraded areas within the forest reserves rehabilitated, my Ministry in collaboration with the local communities, development partners and other stakeholders have been actively undertaking tree planting and other conservation activities geared towards restoration of the water catchment areas.

(b) My Ministry through the Kenya Forest Service has been engaging the youth in the afforestation programme both in Kieni East and Kieni West districts in government and donor funded programmes. In this endeavour, the Ministry through the Kazi Kwa Vijana programme phase I engaged 342 youths in afforestation programmes in the two districts. However, the tree planting programme was hampered by lack of sufficient rains and will resume as soon as the situation improves.

24<sup>th</sup> July, 2009



During the phase II of the Kazi kwa Vijana programme, the Ministry intends to plant trees in public degraded lands, institutions and water catchment areas. These activities will again be accomplished through engagement of youths in the two districts.



Hon. Dr. Noah Wekesa EGH,MP

**MINISTER FOR FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE**

24<sup>th</sup> July, 2009

**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**



**MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE**

**PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION NO.394**

**Question:**

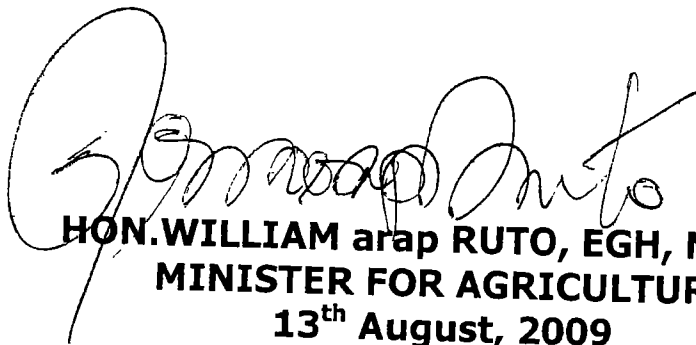
The Member for **Molo Hon. Joseph Kiuna, MP** to ask the Minister for Agriculture:

- a) If the minister could consider writing off the loans advanced to farmers in Njoro, Lare and Mau-Narok divisions in view of the total crop failure caused by prolonged drought and post- Election violence.

**Answer:**

**Mr. Speaker sir, I beg to reply:**

- a) My ministry through AFC will treat each case reported on its own merit and will consider the following three options:-
- Rescheduling, where the business option is still operational.
  - Re-financing, where it is realized that the enterprise needs fresh injection of capital to rehabilitate the incomplete project.
  - Negotiations with the clients, where the client's needs more time for repayment.

  
**HON. WILLIAM arap RUTO, EGH, MP**  
**MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE**  
**13<sup>th</sup> August, 2009**



## MINISTRY OF ROADS

### PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION NO. 509

The Hon. Member of Parliament for Manyatta (Mr. Emilio Kathuri) to ask the Minister for Roads:-

#### QUESTION:-

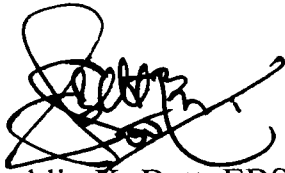
- (a) Why the shaping and murraming project on kamuthatha-Ndatu road Embu West district has been abandoned;
- (b) To clarify whether the contractor has received any payment and if so how much;
- (c) What action has been taken against the contractor; and
- (d) When will the contractor be back on site as well as the expected date of completion of the project?

#### ANSWERS:-

**Mr. Speaker Sir I beg to reply:-**

- (a) The road rehabilitation work on Kamuthatha –Ndatu road in Embu West District has not been abandoned. However, the contractor has been slow and unable to perform as per the works programme.

- (b) The contractor has so far been paid **Kshs.1.7 million** for the works already done.
- (c) The contractor was issued with a written notice on 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2009 to improve the rate of progress or face termination of the contract.
- (d) As I have said above, the contractor is still on site. However, I cannot comment on the date of completion at this time, since I am still waiting for the termination notice served on the contractor to expire.

  
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Hon. Franklin K. Bett, EBS, MP.

**MINISTER FOR ROADS**

**MINISTRY OF MEDICAL SERVICES**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION No. 529**

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Question: The member for Butula (Hon. Alfred Odhiambo, MP) to ask the Minister for Medical Services

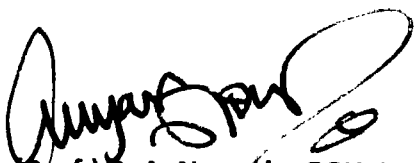
**What plans does the Government have to upgrade Khunyangu Sub-District Hospital to a fully fledged District Hospital given that it serves the people of Butula Constituency and the neighbouring Nambale and Ugenya Constituencies?**

**Answer**

The Ministry's long term plan is to have at least a Sub-District Hospital in every constituency. It may not therefore be appropriate to justify expansion of the Khunyangu on the premise that it serves neighbouring constituencies. It is likely that Khunyangu's workload would actually be considerably reduced if all the neighbouring constituencies had functional Sub-District Hospitals.

However, as a Sub-District Hospital, Khunyangu faces a number of challenges in meeting the needs of the catchment population for medical services. These include low bed capacity, absence of an operating theatre and shortage of staff. These challenges have been captured in an infrastructure and staffing survey that the Ministry carried out recently in all gazetted hospitals. The findings of this survey will be used to mobilize resources to standardize hospital infrastructure across the country in the coming years. Provision of missing facilities in Khunyangu Sub-District Hospital will be given consideration within this national framework.

In the meantime, the Ministry is grateful that the local CDF is putting up an additional ward in the hospital. We pledge to provide equipment and staff when it is completed.



Hon. (Prof.) P. A. Nyong'o, EGH, MP.

**Minister for Medical Services**

25th November 2009

cc:

The Vice President and Minister for Home Affairs

The Prime Minister