**COUNTY ASSEMBLY**

**OFFICIAL REPORT**

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The House Met at 2:30 P.M

*[(The Temporary Speaker)*

*Hon. (Mr. John Killo Dawe) in the Chair]*

**PRAYERS**

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

**Hon. Daud Tamasot Arakhole:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I would like to move a Notice of Motion that this County Assembly adopts the report of the Budget, Finance and Appropriation Committee on the Supplementary Budget Estimate 2018/19 financial year.

Mr. Speaker, Having discussed about the second supplementary after going through the report, the Committee is now ready with it and God willing tomorrow the Committee will table the report. Thank you.

**STATEMENT**

STATEMENT ON BRINGING ‘AHMED’-THE ELEPHANT TO MARSABIT

**Hon. Hassan Wako Jarso:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I stand to table a statement. Ahmed is the oldest Elephant in East and Central Africa. Its origin is from Marsabit County, the cradle of mankind. Considering that all counties are charged with responsibility of generating its own revenue source, I would like the Department of Tourism, Culture, Gender and Social Services to furnish this Honourable House with the following information;

* What effort has the department done to bring Ahmed home?
* Why the department has never considered Ahmed as its heritage?
* Several Tourists flock National Museum with a view of seeing Ahmed. Is the department aware of the cash flows that Tourists pay to see Ahmed that will enrich our County
* Is it possible for these two Counties to share resources earned from Ahmed?
* How possible is it to relocate Ahmed back to its mother County, so that this County benefits from its touristic attraction both local and international?

Mr. Speaker, I was in Nairobi few weeks ago and I made a trip to National Museums of Kenya to see some of the animals kept in the orphanage. Most of the tourist who step in that compound must see Ahmed making it one of the most attractive features in that Museum.

With such a historic feature, it’s actually good for people of Marsabit to have ownership of one of its pieces which in turn gives this County one of the biggest earnings.

I therefore would like this House to look into the concerns on how Ahmed will be brought back even for our generations.

**Hon. Tura Ruru Elema:** I just want to support the Statement which is of great importance to this County. Yesterday, we were with Commission on Revenue Allocation and what came out in that policy is prudency and efficiency in how we collect our revenues that we will be rewarded by our revenue going up unlike what is happening where our revenue is going down.

I think by bringing Ahmed back, in am sure we will increase revenue generation and that in turn will increase our allocation in equitable sharing. I therefore think it’s an important statement that needs to be attended to by the department concerned.

**Hon. Hussein Abdi Wako:** Mr. Speaker, having in mind that the concerned department is one of underprivileged as far as Budget allocation is concerned. The passage of ceilings for the departments also saw a meagre resource allocated to this department.

So, what is being proposed is very important and for this County to be in possession of this giant caricature of the elephant it will increase revenue and the department will be a top performer.

It’s not only Ahmed from which this County is not getting revenues. This County has more resources but it is not being focused on nurturing on what we have. I am aware that the name cradle of mankind itself is a marketing tool that will help this County to prosper in future and even historically this County hosts most cultural sites like Koobifora. So, I don’t know why we are complaining of little revenue when we are not utilising the resources we have.

Therefore, what the Honourable raised is valid and it’s upon this House...and as a Member of the concerned department we have to agree and table report on the same soonest.

**Hon. Temporary Speaker:** Honourable Members, this Statement is committed to the Department concerned to follow up and come up with a report after recess.

**STATEMENT**

SCHOOL FEEDING PROGRAMME FOR ECD

**Hon. Roba Godana Chachole:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, sir. The provision of school feeding programme is essential to ECD children. It’s unfortunate that the ECD centres within Marsabit County are not receiving foods besides the approved budget of Kshs. 35 Million in the Financial Year 2018/19 under the department of education.

I therefore urge this House to form an Adhoc Committee to investigate:

* Why the ECD centres in Marsabit County are not getting foods as budgeted for
* Provide the expenditure of the approved budget allocation for the purposes of the school feeding programme.

We are now experiencing drought and there is outcry on the lack of food throughout Marsabit County. We expected that with a budget of Kshs.35 million the food will be supplied to ECD’s. Unfortunately as at last week, no food has been provided to any ECD in the entire Marsabit County.

I called the Chief Officer Education this morning and she told me that they had a problem and that they have now signed a contract. The year is coming to an end and they signed contract for supply of food yesterday. Is this really fair? Why do they have to wait till the end of the year to sign the contract?

We have a big problem with the Department of Education everywhere. Even the public are crying on the football league. We are paying money from our pockets. The scholarship programme was a total mess and so was the bursary. Everywhere people are crying.

I appeal to this House...I have faith in the Chair of education committee and the House to do the oversight role. What I request is formation of an Adhoc Committee to investigate the activities of the Education Department. You saw the letter written by the Chief Officer of Education which was a total mess and if we don’t correct that, we will be judged harshly.

**Hon. Hussein Abdi Wako:** Thank you Mr. Speaker for the second opportunity. I don’t want to dwell so much on the department knowing that it is one of the department that is embezzling and misappropriating public funds.

When a woman or man reaches menopause, there is no reason for them to expect production. To me the Education Department has reached menopause as far as funds in this Department is concerned.

You bear us witness that this House asked the same Department several times for different response and this House is yet to receive even a single response. We have seen the Education Committee meet the department officials severally but this House is yet to get any report from the same Committee. If we continue protecting such a department, people of Marsabit will continue suffering for coming years.

This financial year, this House allocated Kshs. 35 million for ECD feeding programme. leave alone this term, even last term, ECD‘s have not been supplied with food. We are now heading to the closure of the financial year. Someone is just seated in the office and saying that she is working on the document... we are becoming a nuisance to this County!

If you bear us witness there is a report for bursary and scholarship which up to date has not been brought to this House. During the passage of the ceiling, it was funny we allocated Kshs. 20 million for leagues while we know very well that our boys who excel here fail to go ahead to participate because of the narrative that there is no fund. In fact if there is something that needs to be abolished, is the issue of these leagues. I am imagining what will happen to the Kshs. 20 million we allocated because some few weeks ago, some guys from Marsabit Central came to this office requesting a means to take them to Logologo which is only 40 kilometres away. They complain that they lack funds to hire a vehicle. Even while the league is ongoing, they say there is no stipends given or even any other assistance.

If we will not be keen enough, this Department is going to sink this Government we are working for and it is not a secret anymore. We are the only House...in fact we are not Honourable Members anymore because while an official of Education Department was suspended for allegations...

**Hon. Speaker:** Honourable Hussein, we are Honourable Members!

**Hon. Hussein Abdi Wako:** I withdraw Mr. Speaker...you must understand the level of frustrations we get from this Department...

***(Laughter)***

This is the Department that is bringing this Government down and also failing the people of Marsabit County. We have to say it.

It is in public domain that a Chief Officer was forced out of office due to allegations of embezzlement of fund. Funny enough as an Assembly we expect another body to come and...In fact those of you recording videos you can zoom properly, so that I can be properly visible...we also see those things going on!

This is the Department failing this Government. Imagine a Chief Officer suspended on allegations of misappropriation of funds but still other officials, a C.O and CEC still working there. Imagine a condition where your colleague was suspended on allegations of corruption yet others are still in the office. Up to now this House has not compelled the Governor or even the CEC himself should have been suspended pending investigation on what is going on. We are aware that towards the end of last financial year, a letter came from the National Government asking the Department why it has not spent the money meant for vocational trainings. We are always in public *barazas* talking about youths being without jobs, youths being sidelined in the County and yet the activities that are supposed to assist them like vocational trainings are deliberately stolen, funds misused and embezzled. The letter is available Mr. Speaker.

Formation of an Adhoc Committee to investigate the Department is not enough. I wish if we could come up with a Motion so that the CEC and the remaining CO to leave that office. They should be suspended just like the other one so that investigations continue. Otherwise, you cannot carry out investigations while someone is in office and is the one misappropriating the funds.

Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Temporary Speaker:** Thank you Hon. Hussein.

Honourable Hassan?

**Hon. Hassan Wako Jarso:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. May I also rise to support this Statement by Honourable Chachole. One thing is very sad. When resources have been allocated for feeding programs and yet the Department just waits for the eleventh hour when the budget is just months away, and it is the time that they make tenders and funding, this is a deliberate move by the Department not to deliver.

With the presence of 35 million shillings, they cannot feed the poor young children. This is a deliberate move by the department and this can only be corrected by this Honourable House. Many issues have been raised concerning the Department of Education. It is true that one officer has been suspended. The reason as to why the person was suspended was because of some issues which are connected to resources.

I believe that in the department there are no sacred cows. You cannot suspend one officer and leave others. To support honourable Hussein’s words, I think just a mere Statement is not enough. This House has got the duty and responsibility to even go an extra mile so as to access proper information and make sure that everybody is treated fairly. You cannot suspend one member of that department and leave the rest.

I also believe that adequate measures need to be taken. There is need to table a Motion to ensure that the mess that is reported every now and then within the Department of Education is brought to an end. I support the Statement. Honourable Chachole was requesting for an Adhoc Committee which I also support.

I want to finalise this by saying that this House has the mandate, power to make sure that any information sought with a view of saving the population is adequately availed. I call upon the honourable members to treat this statement with all the urgency and scrutiny it deserves Mr. Speaker.

Thank you so much Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you Honourable Hassan.

Honourable Safia?

**Hon. Safia Wako Dulacha:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to support the Statement. I support all that was said by Honourable Chachole. I insist on formation of an Adhoc Committee for clarity so that we move on.

Thank you.

**Hon. Temporary Speaker:** Honourable Dibo?

**Hon. Dibo Isacko Umuro:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I stand to support the Statement by Honourable Chachole. One thing, the Department of Education is becoming a pain to the residents of Marsabit County. If we go by what we are hearing, there are so many things that are happening in that Department. There was a time when I was about to table a Statement but I could not make it because I opted to look for enough information.

The two Honourable Members have talked about investigating it and sending home the two officers- the CEC and the CO that were left behind. I would like to correct them because they should not ask for any permission. It is upon them to table the Motion if they would like to send anyone home.

It is long overdue that the Adhoc Committee should be formed. We want the Adhoc Committee not only to investigate the ECDs but every other thing that we are hearing regarding the Department, thank you.

**Hon. Temporary Speaker:** Thank you Honourable Dibo.

Honourable Sora, Chair for Education?

**Hon. Stephen Sora Katelo:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I would like to put one or two things on record. That the report from the Education Department concerning the bursary and the scholarship is with the Committee and not with the Department. As such, I have…

***(Hon. Speaker interjects)***

**Hon. Temporary Speaker:** Honourable Sora, before you proceed, talk about the Statement.

**Hon. Stephen Sora Katelo:** Thank you for your guidance Honourable Speaker. As per for the Statement, the Honourable Members have the freedom to ask anything and everything that they would want to ask. Honourable Chachole asking for a Statement and formation of an Adhoc Committee is within his rights. The rest is within your ruling to give direction. So I may not have much to comment about that because the moment it goes beyond the Committee to an Adhoc, then it is not within my mandate. I will also contribute to the report by the Adhoc as any other Member.

Having said that, I want to make it clear that the report on bursary and scholarship is with the Committee. It is the prerogative of the Committee to dispense with that report. I have just asked the Clerk to convene for a meeting so that we table the report before the House adjourns this week. I want to put this on record, not for defending the Department but the report has reached the Committee as far as the sector is concerned.

I would not like to dwell so much on the content about what Honourable Chachole had asked. If at all the ECDs have not been supplied with food and some have been closed down as a result then this is no longer with the Committee. The Honourable Member has requested for an Adhoc Committee. I do not need to pre-empt. It is within your jurisdiction to make the ruling then we shall contribute either as a Committee or individual Members in this House.

Thank you Honourable Speaker.

**Hon. Temporary Speaker:** Thank you Honourable Sora.

Honourable Bashir?

**Hon. Abdirahman Sheikh Bashir:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I support the Statement provided by Honourable Chachole, my great friend. According to me, we need to add some more issues that are to be investigated alongside what was provided by Honourable Chachole.

As it has been stated Mr. Speaker, the department has Kshs. 35 million and up to today when we are just about to cross over to June , the money is just lying there. When someone inquires he is told they are awarding contract now. That means nothing is going to be provided.

Things are going wrong and we fail to correct them always. Therefore, apart from the ECD money, honourable Hussein has mentioned about the money that was provided by the National Government for our polytechnics that also need to be investigated.

My good friend honourable Sora has just stated that the report of the scholarship is with the committee. I don’t think whether that is true. It is with the Chair but it is not with the Committee.

***(Applause)***

I have explained that here. He has been keeping it for so long…

***(Hon. Sora Katelo stood from his place)***

**Hon. Temporary Speaker:** What is your point of order?

**Hon. Stephen Sora Katelo:** Is the Honourable Member in order to think that the report is with me and not the Committee? Even if it was with me, I am the Chair of the Committee and that I have instructed the Clerk to call the rest of the Members. I am also aware that some of the Committee Members have leaked out the report when the Committee has not even discussed it.

Is the Honourable Member in order to get in to affairs of my Committee?

**Hon. Abdirahman Sheikh Bashir:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. The Honourable Chair is already stating that the report has been leaked and I have not offended anyone by stating clearly that it is with him and not with him. Therefore, Mr. Chair, I am in order to state that we should not value that order any more.

The Adhoc Committee that is to be formed should investigate about the scholarship money that was misused…

***(Hon. Speaker interjects)***

**Hon. Temporary Speaker:** Order Honourable Member! You are only contributing to the Statement. Once the report is with the Chair, it is with the Committee. That you need to know! The Committee is there to discuss the report. We shall give them time.

We have also not formed the Adhoc Committee. So, there is no way that we can push these issues to the Adhoc Committee. Just continue with your statement.

**Hon. Abdirahman Sheikh Bashir:** Thank you Mr. Speaker.

***(Hon. Hussein stood from his place)***

**Hon. Hussein Abdi Wako:** Point of clarification Mr. Speaker?

**Hon. Temporary Speaker:** Yes, Honourable Hussein?

**Hon. Hussein Abdi Wako:** Mr. Speaker, I would like to get some clarification from the Committee Chair. He should stop misleading this House that the report is with the Committee while we know that the Committee is yet to see the report. After all even if we were expecting the report from the Committee, now it has been overtaken by events and that is formation of an Adhoc Committee.

I don’t see any usefulness of that report again. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, guide us on that.

Thank you.

**Hon. Temporary Speaker:** Honourable Chair?

**Hon. Stephen Sora Katelo:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I think we need a re-training on parliamentary and House procedures…

**Hon. Abdirahman Sheikh Bashir:** Thank you Mr. Speaker.

***(Hon. Hussein stood from his places)***

**Hon. Temporary Speaker:** Yes, Honourable Hussein?

**Hon. Hussein Abdi Wako:** Is the Honourable Member in order to insinuate that we lack proper training as a House Mr. Speaker?

***(Applause)***

**Hon. Stephen Sora Katelo:** Actually without mincing my words, that is what I said.

***(Hon. Buke stood from his place)***

**Hon. Temporary Speaker:** What is your point of order?

**Hon. Buke Diba Yattani:** I wish to ask the Chair for Education to withdraw that Statement. He is literally telling the Members that they are illiterate.

***(Applause)***

**Hon. Temporary Speaker:** Honourable Chair?

**Hon. Stephen Sora Katelo:** Honourable Chair, being retrained on parliamentary procedures unless my English does not serve me right, is not equal to…

***(Hon. Hussein stood from his place)***

**Hon. Hussein Abdi Wako:** Still we are not sure whether we are properly trained or not…

**Hon. Temporary Speaker:** Honourable Chair, can you withdraw your Statement?

**Hon. Stephen Sora Katelo:** Chair with your guidance it is withdrawn.

***(Applause)***

I proceed with my debate. I wish to say this, the moment I put across that it is with me and that is to mean that it is with the Committee Clerk. You are fully aware of the number of times that this House failed to get enough quorums for us to present what we want to present. Having said that, I need to be protected..

***(Laughter)***

Simply because, you know we have to be sincere in our dealings. I don’t take some statements as an offense for obvious reasons that most of the time you better understand than to be understood…

***(Hon. Buke stood from his place)***

**Hon. Temporary Speaker:** Yes?

**Hon. Buke Diba Yattani:** Is the Chair for Education in order to mislead the House saying that the Committee would have presented the report long time ago only that the House lacked quorum? I think this House has been going on without quorum hitches.

***(Applause)***

Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Stephen Sora Katelo:** I think that is a point of order that may only require your direction but not for us to debate. Honourable Chair, I want to assure you that I have already instructed the Clerk to convene a meeting. To be on record, I asked her to do this the previous week and she replied that many Members were away on official duty. Then we sat in my office and I gave her the schedule of how we need to carry the backlog that is with the Committee.

What is within the level of the Committee, we shall dispense and bring it to the House without adding or subtracting anything for the Members to get proper information to debate upon.

Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Abdirahman Sheikh Bashir:** I think Mr. Speaker I am still on the floor.

**Hon. Temporary Speaker:** You can continue.

***(Hon. Speaker interjects)***

**Hon. Temporary Speaker:** There were a lot of interruptions and interjections…

***(Hon. Speaker interjects)***

**Hon. Temporary Speaker:** Honourable Bashir, you were not interrupted. We are discussing.

**Hon. Abdirahman Sheikh Bashir:** But Mr. Speaker, whatever that was on my mind is gone because of these interruptions. Sometimes it is not good to allow several Members to interject when a Member is on the floor and wants to contribute.

Sometimes back while the Education Committee was just here, something cropped up in this House. A Statement came up and it was somehow given to the PIC and PAC Committee to handle it. We don’t know what had happened from that time and some things got lost along the way. On that day I remember that the Members officially said that the PIC and PAC should go and do that investigation and bring a report back to this House…

***(Hon. Sora interjects)***

**Hon. Stephen Sora Katelo:** Point of Order Honourable Speaker?

**Hon. Speaker:** HonourableSora?

**Hon. Stephen Sora Katelo:** Is Honourable Bashir in order to………..

***(Hon. Stephen Sora Katelo stood from his place)***

**Hon. Stephen Sora Katelo:** Is Hon. Bashir in order to allude that.......

***(Hon. Hussein Abdi Wako stood from his place)***

***(Laughter)***

I think I am still on the floor; is Hon. Bashir in order to tell you that PIC/PAC has clear mandate in law, PIC/PAC only works on the content of the Auditor General and if there is any other content, they can request for a special audit to be done so that after the special audit they work on that report. Is Hon. Bashir in order to mislead this House that PIC/PAC can work on what is not within its mandate?

***(Hon. Daud Tamasot Arakhole and Hon. Sheikh Bashir stood from their places)***

**Hon. Daud Tamasot Arakhole:** Mr. Speaker, for sure Hon. Sora is somehow right because that mandate goes to Education Committee, it is after the Education Committee is defeated in its work on anything budgetary or audit report, that could have been given to PIC/PAC. Thank you.

***(Hon. Bata Leakono stood from his place)***

**Hon. Beranado Bata Leakono:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. On the Statement about ECD*,......(inaudible)* but on the issue of scholarship this House raised a question, this Houseraised a question and the said PIC/PAC Committee to do investigations. The Committee summoned the CEC Education and the Department and they gave us the information that we have. When you look at the rules it is the mandate of the Education Committee. The Education Committee gave us the information we want and then we gavethe Chair to leads on the samebecause*.....(inaudible)* same us PIC/PAC Committee*.....(inaudible)* so if there is any delay, because the information is thereit came through PIC/PAC Committee*.....(inaudible)* is under Education. The only difference now between what you got and what you have maybe it is time! If the Chairman moved with high speed and give that information, then the better because what*......(inaudible)* this back again is time*.....(inaudible)*. The Education Department give us all the report! If it is the Chair to convene a meeting, then he brings the report back to the House, otherwise*.....(inaudible).*

***(Applause)***

***(Loud Consultations)***

**Hon. Stephen Sora Katelo:** When I made my contribution, I said this, and of which I apologized and withdrew why I said issue on procedures, myself is also included, we cannot go as a Committee and say the Speaker had made a mistake I now hand it over to you, it is about coming to the same House to correct procedures, that is why I am saying, we need to*.....(inaudible)* on that procedure. And my Vice Chair saying this I think maybe is having his own interests.

***(Loud Consultations)***

**Hon. Abdirahman Sheikh Bashir:** Mr. Speaker, I think you gave the Chair a lot of powers to*.....(inaudible)* a lot of things here, which is not right, one,......

***(Hon. Speaker interjects)***

**Hon. Temporary Speaker:** Hon. Member, withdraw your Statement!

**Hon. Abdirahman Sheikh Bashir:** I have withdrawn, but I want to give some clarity here! It is not me who alluded but it is this Honourable House which handed that mandated or tasked PIC/PAC but not Bashir! I only reminded Members here and when we say something here it doesn’t mean that we don’t know the rules of the House!........

***(Hon. Speaker interjects)***

....I just want to clarify that it is not me who alluded, but it is this House which has decided on that particular day to give that task to PIC/PAC. I don’t know from there how things went. Therefore, I support the Statement as it is! But I feel starting with the Scholarship Fund, money for the Vocational Trainings, the League and any other things and when this Adhoc Committee is established, if we agree upon in this Honourable House and we have all those things investigated under this, thank you.

**Hon. Hadija Kontoma:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I support the Statement made by Hon. Chachole. I want to clarify in the floor of this House, I happen to be a Member of the Education Committee and I want to confirm I did not see any report or whatsoever!

***(Applause)***

So, let the House*....(inaudible)* personally I didn’t see any report, just heard on the floor of this House and I support the formation of Adhoc Committee.

***(Applause)***

***(Loud Consultations)***

**Hon. Burcha Ltinyilan Daniel:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, while supporting the Statement, that Department has a lot to be desired! In the sense that, look at the Scholarship Fund, there is*.....(inaudible)* million that we have given that Department to*.....(inaudible)* those children and son many others! The issues of Vocational Training, Youth Leagues, CECs misappropriation of funds which has led to one CO (Chief Officer) being sent home prematurely! Please give the Members time to exhaust these issues because it is weighty! Otherwise I support the issues of forming the Adhoc Committee to investigate all those issues in that Department, thank you!

**Hon. Tura Ruru Elema:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I support the Statement by Hon. Chachole and many others brought to this House as it is the mandate of the Members to bring a Statement. I want this issue guided by Honourable Speaker, when*.......(inaudible)* Statement*.......(inaudible)* on the Order Paper, is a Statement that is supposed to be read and possibly enriched by any that suits the same Statement. I think that is all what I can say about a Statement. Apart from what is there that is being raised it can either be raised as*......(inaudible)* Statement or can come as a substantive motion for us to debate. I think all that we have been doing, I said I stand to be guided by you-Speaker...*.......(inaudible)* moving forward was outside this Order Paper and I think needs another day, somebody who really wants to get information to raise as a Statement or possibly even as a Motion.

***(Loud Consultations)***

.....from the Chair who responded that the reports have been submitted by the Department although it has not reached this House and why I said we stand to be guided is whether a Statement raised can *.......(inaudible)* an Adhoc Committee or a substantiated Motion........

***(Hon. Speaker interjects)***

I want to be guided whether a Statement can lead us to form an Adhoc Committee or a substantive Motion? I need to be guided on this. If there is an issue on any Department and it is weighty as you said, and a lot of issues had been raised, then it should come in a Motion, and a Motion can then lead us to an Adhoc Committee, in my feeling that is the way it should go! It is not a from a Statement that has been raised by a Hon. Member that everybody stands up and raise his or her own other Statement and comes up with an Adhoc Committee, I am not objecting to formation of Adhoc Committee but what could be the right procedure for us to form An Adhoc Committee, thank you.

**Hon. Buke Diba Yattani (Minority Leader):** Thank you Mr. Speaker. There has been uproar about Adhoc Committee. The key word here is Adhoc Committee. And I think it is out of frustrations that Members have resorted to formation of Adhoc Committees we need to appreciate one thing. We need to appreciate the fact that each an every Member here belongs to a certain Committee of this House. And I am sorry to say this, we as Members of the County Assembly of Marsabit we have forgotten that we represent people’s interests here! And we have forgotten our role as an oversight body, virtually everybody here, various Chairs have turned out to be Chief Officers of those Departments......

***(Applause)***

.....and as Members we decided to be employees of that Department. So, it is out of frustrations that people have resorted to form Adhoc Committees not specifically for Education matter, but because of various matters, we have sought for Statements, answers given, report committed to Chairs and Chairs have decided to stay with those reports.

Secondly, in a situation whereby Members of certain Committees themselves don’t agree that they see their Chairs as impediment to implementation of their work, the solution lies with us as House. We have found inefficiency in delivering answers given by departments after individuals seek for Statements and answers don’t reach Members. Members go for six months, a year nothing happens!

So, we require, a serious direction from you on this matter, thank you.

***(Applause)***

**Hon. Daud Tamasot Arakhole:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think this is not an issue we will discuss more than twenty minutes because it is a Statement and a Statement just seeks for information and whoever we are seeking information from is the Department of Education, we don’t need to form an Adhoc Committee at this level. The information which was raised by the Hon. Member....the letter should be written to the Education Committee, they’ll give us the feedback what they have known, then if this House is not satisfied with the information, that is the time we will set an Adhoc Committee to follow it further.

Secondly, an Adhoc Committee should not be a departmental Committee it is inclusive of this Hon. Members drawn from all the sectors. Normally the Statement is if utmost many Members can contribute to it, it should not be more than three! Because we are just giving information.

Thirdly, we are mixing issues here, the Hon. Member only raised the issue of ECDs feeding programme, I think that is what is mentioned here and we have now brought other issues, which is*.......(inaudible)* investigated. Now I’ll urge this House and the Committee concerned please table your report for the*.......(inaudible)* you are investigating before, if you’ll not satisfied we will continue with the debate. Thank you.

***(Hon. Hussein Abdi stood from his place)***

While awaiting your guidance and direction on the same matter, I think the same Department ought to be investigated through Adhoc Committee not only through this Statement but by virtue of one of their Chief Officers being suspended, this House with its own wisdom could have formed an Adhoc Committee by now what prompted the ouster of the CO and going forwarded we might have also evaded some of the statements *.......(inaudible)* raised here, thank you.

**Hon. Stephen Sora Katelo:** Thank you Hon. Speaker. My Committee is not an extension of Education Department, it is good to go a record clear in this House that my Committee is not the Chief Officers or the CECs of the Education Department!

But I want to assure this House that we will discuss that Committee, the culture of bringing a raw report to this House, the way we have been treated sometime back in terms of listening to the Public Service Board is not what I desire to do as the Chairman. Hon. Speaker, I wish to assure you that I have already instructed our Clerk to convene a meeting so that we have substantive time to go through the report and bringing to the House the way it is, for the Members to feed on the information as it has come from the Department but where we will also make our recommendations, we are not supportive of any ill-doing or any other thing in the Department. I want us to borrow best practices done by the National Assembly and there are procedures that guides this House as Hon. Tamasot had said. Issues happen, emotions should come later but the procedure is that the respective Committees as requested in the Statement bring back the content and the Members will get enough time to deliberate on this. I want us to remove any type of why*.......(inaudible)* out of this? My Committee will give the Hon. Members the information as they ask for on the paper- on the Statement and any other addition that had been put on that paper, the Committee will go length to do that.

As for the Hon. Member who said she was not aware of any report, quiet absent in all our meetings! Thank you.

***(Hon. Hadija Kontoma stood in her place)***

**Hon. Hadija Kontoma:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. The Chair Education has never written me messages or called me for any meeting and I can confirm my phone is here!

***(Several Members stood from their places)***

***(Loud Consultations)***

**Hon. Dibo Umuro Isacko:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. Sometimes it is good to watch a drama. A drama between the Chair of Education and his Member. Unfortunately a Member of Budget Committee is turning out to be a Member of Education Committee.

***(Laughter)***

All of us know the rule of the House and we have gone for so many trainings. It is not only about the ECD, we can all bring various Statements. Mr. Speaker, with your guidance, let us have that Adhoc Committee.

**Hon. Speaker:** Honourable Members we said that Statements doesn’t require a lot of elaboration. After the report, if it doesn’t give us enough, then we can think of other measures. Other members can have the formation of Adhoc Committee. Forming the Adhoc committee doesn’t mean the Committee of Education isn’t doing anything.

**Hon. Tura Ruru Elema:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. My point of information is that this Statement was brought by a member of a Budget Committee. And I once contributed and supported the Statement. And when a member who has presented more than I did on this table claiming that the Budget Committee is represented more than the education committee, it is far from the truth.

***(Laughter)***

Statements were requested from the department, reached the Committee but never reached this table. It will put us awkward when we form Adhoc Committees over Statements which were never presented to the House. To me we are jumping the gun because reports were not tabled in this House. We are jumping to form Committees even before we have known that the report is good or bad. This is a challenging stance for this House to take. Thank you.

**Hon. Roba Godana Chachole:** Thank you Mr Speaker, it is out of frustrations that we requested formation of an Adhoc Committee. This is not the first time the Members raised a Statement. The Committee receives the reply and it disappears into the thin air without them bringing it to this House. About a month ago, Honourable Leado raised a Statement and we are told that immediately we resume, which is now this sitting, the response will be here for us to receive. Nobody is speaking about it now.

The statement concerning the Education sector was raised two months ago and it was received within two weeks. Unfortunately that response has not reached this House. And now Honourable Tura is asking that we wait for that response. If we are waiting for the response from the sector and the Committee, then it will take another three months.

The Honourable Chair has been having that report even by the time they went to Isiolo. It was never presented to the Members to discuss and now because we raise this Statement they are now calling for committee meeting.

**Hon. Stephen Sora Katelo:** Honourable Speaker is the Honourable Member in order to insinuate that within two weeks we had the report. Is he tracking the Statements that are coming. I don’t want to give a reply as to when I received the Statements but I have assured this Honourable House that without altering anything, my Committee.........

***(Loud consultations)***

Unless there is a personal and individual interest in the Education department, you will need to guide us Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Tura Ruru Elema**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. My additional information is that the mover of the Statement said that the report arrived two weeks after the Statement was made. That actually disqualifies the Adhoc Committee when the report is in two weeks after the Statement was made. If the information is here we do not need to crucify the Department until we have deliberated the report. Thank you.

**Hon. Roba Chachole Godana:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. The keeping of the document for all this time created the need for formation of Adhoc Committee.

***(Applause)***

What we are asking for is the Chair to give us guidance on whether we vote on it or the Chair himself rules because we have deliberated this issue for long. Thank you.

**Hon. Abdirahman Sheikh Bashir:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. An Adhoc Committee is basically a crisis Committee and what we are experiencing in that Department according to me is crisis. For this particular Statement we feel that an Adhoc Committee should be formed to bring us the clear information. When members raise an additional question to earlier statements a follow up is made. I don’t know why it becomes difficult for this one. I want to tell Honourable Tura that we are aware the Statement was delivered because we referred the register and the tracker. Thank you.

**Hon. Safia Wako Dulacha:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I think the Members are asking for the Adhoc Committee out of frustration and this frustration is brought about by the delayance of the report. I wish to request the Chair Education to give us when we are going to receive the report so that we act forthwith. Thank you.

**Hon. Stephen Sora Katelo:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. Situations dictates contribution and as per today’s situation I have clearly stated my position and SMS to the Members might get any other time because our Clerk has instruction from the chair that my committee will be ready to give the report even by tomorrow.

Chair my last shot on this is that you guide us with standing order numbers that necessitates when to report to Committees and when to go to Adhoc Committee. That will help you in making your ruling Honourable Speaker and I still insist this is a House of procedure. The drama that we have been seeing shows a lot that we cannot see beyond this ceiling. I will not talk more than that.

**Hon. Roba Godana Chachole:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. When we ask for the formation of an Adhoc Committee we just want to correct what we feel is going wrong. Unfortunately some Members perceive the formation of an Adhoc Committee as a witch-hunt. No! We just want to establish the fact. If the Adhoc Committee finds nothing it will just come back to say that the educational sector is clean. If they find a mess they will report accordingly. I still request you to give us guidance and my suggestion is that we vote.

**Hon. Temporary Speaker:** Thank you very much. I think we deliberated enough. I am going to give a ruling tomorrow because I will consult further, from the Speaker among others.

The House stands adjourned until 9.30 am tomorrow.

***The Assembly rose at 4.45pm***