

INTERNAL MEMO KENYA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

TO: Director, Committee Services

FROM: First Clerk Assistant

DATE: 11th June, 2014

SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO STATEMENT

Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 44 (c), the following statement has been scheduled for response on Wednesday 18th June, 2014.

Statement requested by Hon. Rose Nyamunga regarding the dismal performance in Kisumu County in K.C.P.E results.

Please forward to Directorate of Legislative and Procedural Services.

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REPUBLIC OF KENYA

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

STATEMENT ON POOR PERFORMANCE IN PUBLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN KISUMU COUNTY

Pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order No.44 (2) (c), of the National Assembly, Hon. Rose Nyamunga, Member for Kisumu County, requested for a statement from chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Education, Research and Technology regarding the Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) results.

She stated the issues of concern as follows:

Hon. Speaker, Article 53 (b) of the Constitution stipulates that **"every child has the right to free and compulsory basic education"**. However, the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology indicated that out of the 843,626 candidates, only 647,602 will get admission into secondary schools. The Chairperson should inquire and report on:

- 1) The cause of dismal performance in Public Primary Schools especially in Kisumu County.
- 2) The alternate plans the Government has or intends to put in place for 196, 024 candidates who missed admission in public Secondary Schools this year, and
- 3) The measures the Government will put in place to ensure that there is a high transition rate from primary to secondary schools in the county.

Madam Chair, I wish to respond to the issues raised by the Hon. Member as follows:

- 1) The overall performance of candidates in the 2013 KCPE examination remained relatively the same when compared to that of 2012. In 2013, the number of candidates with 252 marks and above was 417,483 which is 49.71% of the total candidates who took the examination, while in 2012, the number of candidates with 251 marks and above was 416,900 representing 51.35% of the total candidates who sat for the examination. This indicates that there was no significant difference in terms of performance in 2013 when compared to 2012.

Madam Chair, analysis of the rankings of Counties in 2013 and 2012 KCPE examination as depicted below indicates that Kisumu County's performance in the year 2013 remained relatively the same as that of the year 2012. It can be further observed that Kisumu County ranks among the best **Ten (10)** performing Counties in the KCPE examination in the years 2012 and 2013.

Below is a further analysis of performance in Public Schools in Kisumu County in comparison with the Private Schools in the County, as well as a comparison of the performance of the county against the national performance of the entire 2013 KCPE examination cohort.

	CATEGORY	TOTAL MEAN
2.1.1	Mean aggregate total for 2013 KCPE examination nationally	248.269
2.1.2	Mean aggregate total for all private schools for 2013 KCPE examination nationally	287.602
2.1.3	Mean aggregate total for all public schools for 2013 KCPE examination	241.398
2.1.4	Mean aggregate total for Kisumu County in 2013 KCPE examination	263.345

2.1.5	Mean aggregate total for private schools in Kisumu County for 2013 KCPE examination	292.808
2.1.6	Mean aggregate total for public schools in Kisumu County for 2013 KCPE examination	260.367

BEST PERFORMING PUBLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN KISUMU COUNTY

S/NO	SCHOOL	2013 MEAN SCORE
1.	Migosi SDA	370.21
2.	Nyabondo Boys Boarding	369.34
3.	M.M. Shah	368.06
4.	Maseno Girls Boarding	365.85
5.	Arina Primary	356.30
6.	St. AnnesAhero	353.30
7.	Manyatta Arab	313.34
8.	God Nyithindo	312.82
9.	Agulu Primary	310.47
10.	Obanda Primary	304.48

It is evident from the above data that the performance of Kisumu County in 2013 KCPE was above the national mean aggregate. It is also noted that though the performance of Private Schools in Kisumu County is higher than that of the Public Schools, the performance of Public Schools in the County is higher than the average performance of private schools in the 2013 KCPE examination.

The dismal performance KCPE examination in public schools in the country and particularly Kisumu County was partly attributed to the closure of public schools during 2013 General Elections and teachers strike that interrupted learning in all public schools. Other factors that may have contributed generally to poor performance not only in Kisumu, but throughout the country include; understaffing, poverty, inadequate infrastructure and other facilities. The shortage of Quality

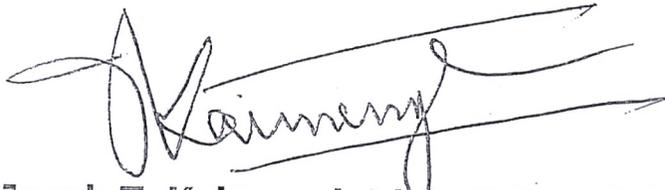
Assurance and Standard Officers (QASOs) is also another factor that results in inadequate and inefficient monitoring of teaching/learning and assessment of public schools.

2) **Madam Chair**, the alternative plans the Government has or intends to put in place for the 196,024 candidates who have missed admission into secondary schools this year, is mainstreaming of selection of KCPE candidates to Youth Polytechnics to pursue skills training. The government through the department of youth affairs has revamped all former youth polytechnics and established new ones in districts. These offer numerous trade and other technical courses for students. This year a total of 88,195 KCPE candidates were placed in youth polytechnics countrywide (**See attached schedule for placement in the Polytechnics**). The remaining class eight leavers were absorbed in Private TVET Colleges and Private Secondary Schools.

3) **Madam Chair**, the Government has put the following measures in place to ensure that there is a high transition rate from Primary to Secondary Schools in the Country:

- Further expansion of the number and capacity of national schools
- GOK to fund expansion of all other schools to at least three streams as was done for National schools
- Operationalization of incomplete Economic Stimulus Programme (ESP) schools by providing funds for requisite facilities.
- Encourage establishment of more schools by devolved governments and communities for instance Constituency Development Fund (CDF) among other interventions.
- Encourage integration of learners with special needs in regular schools and build the capacity of secondary and tertiary education teachers to handle learners with special needs

- Encourage establishment of at least a secondary in existing primary school where viable.
- Encourage contribution of Donor-driven initiatives like ADB, Kuwait Fund for Economic Development
- Initiative targeting the marginalized and orphaned children
- Incentives to facilitate private school investors such as Built, Operate and Take (B.O.T.)
- Explore mechanisms for enhancement and effective implementation of Free Day Secondary Education (FDSE) programme.

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Prof. Jacob T. Kaimenyi, PhD, FICD, EBS
CABINET SECRETARY

SUMMARY OF 1ST YEAR YOUTH POLYTECHNIC TRAINEES SELECTED PER COUNTY

S/no	County	PLACEMENTS				Total
		Male		Female		
		No	%	No	%	
1.	Kiambu	1857	52%	1723	48%	3580
2.	Murang'a	2439	49%	2465	51%	4904
3.	Nyeri	1695	55%	1363	45%	3058
4.	Kirinyaga	469	49%	492	51%	961
5.	Nyandarua	1359	47%	1445	53%	2804
6.	Laikipia	373	49%	385	51%	758
7.	Embu	799	48%	796	52%	1595
8.	Meru	2269	53%	2044	47%	4313
9.	T. NITHI	754	54%	640	46%	1394
10.	Nakuru	972	55%	789	45%	1761
11.	Baringo	720	52%	670	48%	1390
12.	Narok	384	56%	298	44%	682
13.	Nandi	1205	55%	968	45%	2173
14.	E. Marakwet	568	57%	426	43%	994
15.	U. Gishu	446	53%	403	47%	849
16.	Bomet	1248	48%	1375	52%	2623
17.	Kericho	555	53%	491	47%	1046
18.	Turkana	135	68%	65	32%	200
19.	Pokot	470	57%	360	43%	830
20.	T.Nzoia	745	52%	682	48%	1427
21.	Kilifi	1395	51%	1392	49%	2787
22.	Lamu	341	49%	355	51%	696
23.	Mombasa	336	70%	144	30%	480
24.	Tana River	413	57%	312	43%	725
25.	T.Taveta	1139	54%	968	46%	2107
26.	Kwale	584	48%	627	52%	1211
27.	Makueni	1932	52%	1749	48%	3681
28.	Kitui	3424	54%	2954	46%	6378
29.	Machakos	1878	52%	1709	48%	3587
30.	Marsabit	497	55%	413	45%	910
31.	Isiolo	167	47%	185	53%	352
32.	Garissa	392	69%	174	31%	566
33.	Mandera	104	52%	97	48%	201
34.	Wajir	188	63%	112	37%	300
35.	Bungoma	2049	47%	2145	53%	4194
36.	Busia	1863	52%	1740	48%	3603
37.	Kakamega	2200	48%	2367	52%	4567

38.	Vihiga	890	48%	961	52%	1851
39.	Kisumu	668	45%	832	55%	1500
40.	Kisii	1360	46%	1583	54%	2943
41.	Nyamira	383	54%	323	46%	709
42.	Migori	1292	51%	1250	49%	2943
43.	H. Bay	940	57%	711	43%	1651
44.	Siaya	841	52%	792	48%	1633
45.	Kajiando	200	50%	200	50%	400
46.	Nairobi	563	49%	587	51%	1150
47.	Samburu	77	52%	55	48%	132
	TOTAL	45,578	52%	42,617	48%	88,195