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by the Chairperson  
of the Departmental  
Committee on Lands  
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**RESPONSE TO A STATEMENT REQUESTED BY HON. RASHID JUMA BEDZIMBA  
FROM THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON LANDS**

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**24th September, 2013.**



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Mr. Speaker Sir,

On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2013, the Honorable Member for Kisauni, Hon. Rashid Juma Bedzimba requested a Ministerial statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Lands, regarding the rampant cases of squatter evictions especially in Kisauni Constituency, the coastal area and the country in general.

The Committee invited the Cabinet Secretary for Lands, Housing and Urban Development who appeared before it and addressed the Member's concerns.

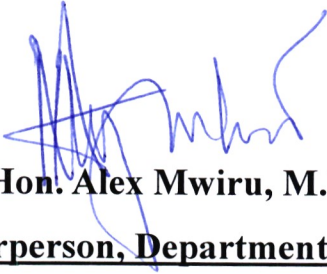
Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to respond as follows:

The Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development was formulating a draft Evictions and Resettlement Bill for introduction to Parliament by the end of October 2013, which would regulate the eviction and resettlement of squatters and provide a clear framework for dealing with evictions. In the meantime, the National Land Commission has given directions on eviction from public land, pending enactment of the law. The statement from the Chairman of the Commission issued on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2013 in effect stipulates that no evictions from public land would be allowed against squatters until the Commission gave guidelines on the same and that legal action would be taken against any violations of the directive.

**COMMITTEE'S CONCERNS**

Members were concerned that evictions of squatters from private farms countrywide were ongoing without due consideration to the plight of squatters. The Committee noted the Coastal area where evictions were rampant and urged the Cabinet Secretary to prioritize finalization of The Evictions and Resettlement Bill in order to fully address the

matter.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Alex Mwiru', written over the printed name.

**The Hon. Alex Mwiru, M.P.**

**Chairperson, Departmental Committee (K) on Lands**