

Fourth Session (1660)

REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT - (FOURTH SESSION)

THE SENATE

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2025 (MORNING SITTING)

- 1. The Senate assembled at thirty minutes past Nine O'clock.
- 2. The proceedings were opened with Prayer said by the Speaker.

3. QUORUM OF THE SENATE

The Speaker, having counted the Honourable Senators present at the commencement of the Sitting and confirming that there was no Quorum, directed that the Bell be rung for ten minutes, pursuant to Standing Order 40;

And there being no Quorum at the expiry of the ten minutes, the Speaker directed that the Bell be rung for a further ten minutes;

And there being a Quorum before the expiry of the further ten minutes;

The Speaker invited the Clerk to call the Orders of the Day.

4. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

QUESTIONS

- i) Question No. 090 by Nominated Senator (Sen. Miraj Abdillahi, MP) to the Cabinet Secretary for Gender, Culture and Children Services on the chronic underfunding of the Directorate of Children Services was <u>answered</u> by the Cabinet Secretary.
- ii) Question No. 114 by Nominated Senator (Sen. Karen Nyamu, MP) to the Cabinet Secretary for Public Service, Human Capital Development and Special Programmes on the Government's plan to commercialize the National Youth Service (NYS) was <u>answered</u> by the Cabinet Secretary.
- iii) Question No. 115 by the Senator for Kisumu County (Sen. (Prof.) Tom Ojienda, SC, MP) to the Cabinet Secretary for the National Treasury and Economic Planning on management and utilization of debt by the Government was deferred.

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iv) Question No. 119 by the Senator for Kisumu County (Sen. (Prof.) Tom Ojienda, SC, MP) to the Cabinet Secretary for the National Treasury and Economic Planning on interventions by the Government to address the slowed growth across various sectors of the economy was <u>deferred</u>.

5. MOTION - ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL TEACHING AND REFERRAL HOSPITALS IN KENYA

Order read;

Motion made;

THAT, AWARE THAT Article 43(1)(a) of the Constitution of Kenya provides that every person has the right to the highest attainable standard of health, including reproductive health care;

NOTING THAT in Kenya, we have five National Teaching and Referral hospitals with Kenyatta University Research and Teaching Hospital in Kiambu County and Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital in Eldoret, Uasin Gishu County being the only ones outside Nairobi County;

CONCERNED THAT the bed capacity, medical equipment and human capital in these National Teaching and Referral hospitals are not sufficient to absorb all the patients seeking specialized treatment;

FURTHER CONCERNED THAT many Kenyans with critical health conditions travel long distances in order to access specialized services in Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital in Eldoret or Nairobi where the other four National Teaching and Referral hospitals are located, leading to high cost of travel, augmented disease and in some cases deaths along the way;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Senate urges -

- 1. The Ministry of Health to:
 - i) Establish National Teaching and Referral hospitals in the Coast, Eastern, North Eastern, Nyanza and Western regions; and
 - ii) Fully equip the National Teaching and Referral Hospitals with modern medical equipment, medical supplies and personnel; and
- 2. The County Governments to allocate more funds to their respective health dockets to adequately facilitate their County Level 5 and Level 6 hospitals in order to enhance provision of critical health services to reduce the demand for such services from the National Teaching and Referral Hospitals.

(Sen. Johnes Mwaruma, MP)

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And the time being One O'clock, the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Abdul Haji, MP) interrupted the proceedings and adjourned the Senate without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Orders.

6. **SENATE ROSE** – at One O'clock.

MEMORANDUM

The Speaker will take the Chair on Wednesday, November 12, 2025 at 2:30 pm