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PRAYERS

(The Deputy Speaker, Mr Thomas Tayebwa, in the Chair.)

The House was called to order.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Clerk. Honourable colleagues, I welcome you to today's sitting. Tomorrow, Friday, 23 October 2026, we have an inter-religious thanksgiving service for the 12th Parliament starting at 7:00 a.m. at the ground-level parking. You are all implored to attend. I should not say just invited; I am begging all of you to attend.

We are starting on time at 7:00 a.m. because we know some of you may want to go to your constituencies, and/or you have other things to do. So, we want to keep time so that you can leave. The Rt Hon. Speaker has said I should emphasise the issue of time. So, we shall start at exactly 7:00 a.m.

Honourable colleagues, it is with a heavy heart that I inform you of the passing of Hon. Ana Rita Story, a senior member of FRELIMO and former Member of the Assembly of the Republic of Mozambique, which occurred on 18 October 2026, following an illness. She was a member of the Standing Commission of the Assembly of the Republic of Mozambique and served as the President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organisation of Africa, Caribbean and Pacific States and Co-president of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly.

She was my predecessor, and she is the one who helped me to settle in both at my office in Brussels but also in coordinating the activities in the Caribbean and Pacific. She was a great supporter of Uganda. She was a trained teacher, but she also held critical positions in the FRELIMO party, including membership of the Political Commission and was involved in the mobilisation activities of FRELIMO district brigades.

Last night, we had a bureau meeting of the European Union (EU) Parliament and the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (OACPS) Parliament, and we agreed that when we go for our Joint Parliamentary Assembly in Brussels in mid-November, we shall pay a special tribute to her. However, I request you, colleagues, to join me in observing a minute of silence in her honour.

(Members rose and observed a moment of silence.)

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Honourable colleagues, we shall handle matters of national importance during the Prime Minister's time. I request the Government Chief Whip to kindly ensure that we have as many ministers as possible because I want them to respond to Members' issues in support of the Prime Minister.

I am trying to save space so that I give Members a chance. Therefore, the Leader of the Opposition (LOP), you can use a few minutes.

2.25

THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION (Mr Joel Ssenyonyi): Thank you, Mr Speaker. There are two very quick issues. There has been a raging debate in the public regarding the City Square. We did raise it here a couple of days ago because we understand the City Square, which is one of the few remaining green spaces in the city, is about to be given away. When we raised it, the Government said, "No, do not worry, all is well."

We are reading from media reports that the Attorney-General apparently has given a green light for this to happen. We would like to understand if this is actually true. But where is Parliament in all of this, because it is very important that we are part of the process?

I remember in June last year, a motion was moved here because Parliament was meant to approve the leasing of certain Kampala City Council Authority (KCCA) properties. Well, of course, some of us disputed the procedure followed and so on, but the matter was brought here. Therefore, what is happening with one of the few remaining green spaces which we understand the Government wants to replace with a shopping mall? Has that matter been concluded? Is it "*finitO*"? I think it is important for us to know.

Finally, I was bothered yesterday when I read a letter written by the Executive Director of the Uganda Bureau of Statistics. He was disputing the launch of the National Data Strategy by the Ministry of ICT and National Guidance.

He said that it is not the mandate of the ministry. It is the mandate of the Uganda Bureau of Statistics. And he wrote a very strongly worded letter, with words like the so-called National Data Strategy breaches the provisions of the Uganda Bureau of Statistics (UBOS) Act. And he said, "UBOS informs the public that the Ministry of ICT and National Guidance has no legal mandate to spearhead matters incidental to statistics." He went ahead to say, "The public is further informed that the impugned National Data Strategy purportedly intends to address the already existing comprehensively catered for matters under the UBOS Act."

In conclusion, he said, "The public is strongly advised to treat the impugned National Data Strategy recently launched by the Ministry of ICT and National Guidance with the utmost contempt it deserves." This is very problematic. I do not know why the Government is operating in confusion.

UBOS is an agency under the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development. It is telling a ministry of Government that what you are doing is illegal, it is shabby, and it should be treated with the contempt it deserves. The public is confused. And Government, you are looking very shabby with this kind of confusing communication. This one is saying this; another is saying this.

It is similar to what we are seeing about the digital number plates. One minister is saying it is okay; another minister is saying it is fake. The Attorney-General is advising and saying that the agreement is null and void. Too much confusion that makes the Government look shabby. Maybe the Government needs to talk to us about this.

Finally, as I leave the Floor, Mr Speaker, to remind the Government that on Wednesday this week, they were meant to bring a statement on the charcoal ban. Parliament asked the Government to halt the ban until yesterday, when they were to bring an update. The statement did not come. There is no indication that it is coming.

Meanwhile, there are traders who are stuck with over 90,000 bags of charcoal at the borders amounting to about Shs 2.4 billion because the Government is not saying anything about it. We have been asking about alternative sources of energy, and the Government said the statement would cater for that. It is not there.

The other statement we have been waiting for is a statement on the abducted and unaccounted-for people who have not been produced in court. The Government Chief Whip has been writing to ministers responsible, saying these issues have been raised; respond. And she told us that in two weeks' time the response would be ready. The two weeks elapsed last week. She again told us that this week the response would be ready.

I do not know if the ministers are the ones making the Government Chief Whip tell us - I am trying to avoid the word lies, but tell us false things. Because this week is also ending; the parliamentary week ends today. Now that would be week number three as opposed to two. So, we need to know whether these statements are coming or not. Thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Government Chief Whip?

2.29

THE GOVERNMENT CHIEF WHIP (Dr Jane Aceng): Mr Speaker, the issues raised by the Leader of the Opposition (LOP) are very pertinent, especially those that appear on social media, but I want to say that we are not shabby. We are trying to address them.

On the issue between Uganda Bureau of Statistics (UBOS) and Information and Communication Technology (ICT), the Ministers of ICT and Finance are working hard to resolve it. I cannot state the reasons why it appeared, but it will definitely be resolved.

On the statements that have not come to the Floor, I want to indicate that we got a letter from the Minister of Internal Affairs saying he has to make certain presentations to a certain council before he can come here. Indeed, he will come. I just want us to have a little patience because I also do not know when that council sits - You know the council because it was reported on here.

On the issue of charcoal, there was a resolution here that the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development makes a presentation on two issues. These include: the charcoal ban and how far they have rolled out alternative sources of energy.

The Minister of Energy and Mineral Development will appear with that issue here on the ban. They had to harmonise with the Executive order and the person who authored the Executive order, so they are coming. Please, just have a little more patience. I thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon. Mwiru, do you have a procedural matter?

MR MWIRU: Thank you, Mr Speaker. The presiding officer that was in the Chair during the charcoal matter issued an interim remedy; the stay of execution of the ban until yesterday. Now that the minister has asked for more time, I am only wondering whether it is not procedurally right, now that you are in the Chair, to extend the interim remedy so that there is no implementation of the ban until the minister has responded as requested. Thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, Government Chief Whip, did you want to say something? What I was going to say was - yes, Member of Parliament representing the older persons. The way the elder looked at me, I had no option.

2.33

MR P'ODEL OFWONO OPONDO (NRM, Older Persons Representative, Eastern): Thank you very much, Mr Speaker. I have a follow-up on what the LOP asked for; I think that is the third case of disappeared persons, which appears to be a long trail.

Two weeks ago, a young woman called Aloikin was lured into the police station and subsequently arrested. From the social media accounts that no one has disputed so far, she said that as soon as she got there, some people came and identified themselves as officers from the Chieftaincy of Military Intelligence (CMI).

There are two things here: is this now the way of apprehending suspects; that they make a decoy, lure you into a police station, and then

the military come and arrest you? I would like the Government Chief Whip to ask the Ministers of Internal Affairs, who are coming to make a report, to clarify on that. *(Applause)*

Secondly, that lady said that as soon as she was put in a van, which we commonly call the drone, they started hammering, butting, and assaulting her.

Mr Speaker, we, the Members of the National Resistance Movement (NRM), are the overwhelming majority in this House. There is a known, established procedure of the NRM. Is this the new law of the NRM? I think this House should demand a thorough explanation from the Minister of Defence, Attorney-General and Minister of Internal Affairs. Really – *(Interruption)*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Point of order.

MR ENOS ASIIMWE: Mr Speaker, I would like the honourable member to distinguish between the police or security services and NRM. Referring to NRM, I do not think it is the one that arrests or arrested the young lady. I do not think he is in order to refer to NRM as if it is the party arresting individuals. Thank you very much, Mr Speaker. *(Applause)*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Conclude, honourable.

MR OFWONO OPONDO: Thank you. The next time you come to give the point of order, do not say, is it what -*(Laughter)*. Please, learn. I am very aware that this is the NRM government and those institutions are supervised by the NRM party in the Government. *(Applause)* I think it is unacceptable for the NRM to preside over impunity and torturing citizens, particularly a young person, who is also a woman; it is unacceptable. *(Applause)*

I think, as this House, we should demand - because this lady said she took a photograph of one of those people before they tried to demand that she hand over her phone and PIN, which she declined to do. Therefore, it is possible to examine her phone and see so that we get to the root of this and people do not use impunity. Thank you very much. *(Applause)*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. These are issues that the minister's statement will cover. Of course, once he comes, we will debate it. Next item - No, please, colleagues - No, LOP, kindly take your seat. Listen - Who is on the microphone?

I do not know whether the Minister of Internal Affairs is the one coordinating, but he said the issues to do with all those matters of security and all that are being presented to the National Security Council. He made a presentation to Cabinet, it guided that they should first go to the National Security Council to have its input, and then come and present here.

Therefore, he is waiting for when the National Security Council is going to sit. I would be uncomfortable giving a timeline to the National Security Council saying, sit by this time so that the minister can report here. What I can only do is to urge the minister to push so that the National Security Council can sit, they clear the statement, and it is then presented here.

LOP, I do not want to put the Government Chief Whip on the spot. I once occupied that post and I do not envy it. I realised you were uncomfortable with using a strong word, but I think you said what she was mentioning maybe is relative to the lies. I do not know – up to what level do you want us to push her?

MR SSENYONYI: Mr Speaker, I have said here before that I sympathise with the Government Chief Whip. Her job is a hard one. I have actually appreciated her here several times because when we raise these issues, she writes to the relevant ministers and copies me in saying, "Honourable minister, this issue was raised by the LOP" or other issues anyway raised by Members. She does that diligently, so I sympathise with her if ministers are the ones who are dragging her down and so on.

However, the issue, Mr Speaker, is that I do not know what commitment the Government can give us to believe them because we have

raised these issues again and again, and there has been what I will call excuses again and again. Sam Mugumya was taken in August of last year; it has been over a year. Christopher Gody also known as King Zale, was taken in April. For Eria Jengo, another journalist, it has been numerous weeks.

My challenge is that whenever they come up and they say "we are working on the statement" and so on, that does not give much comfort, especially because it has happened severally. As we are talking about those, then they also took Praise Aloikin. Gladly, she was eventually produced in court, but these others have not been produced in court. That is what we are saying.

What happens if the Council takes another three or six months to sit, and people are suffering? We are seeing videos of them disabled and so on. That is my challenge. I am struggling to believe them. I do not know how they can convince us to believe that they are doing something critical about these Ugandans whose whereabouts are not known, Mr Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. The minister put it in writing and I read the letter here on the Floor. Okay? He said he has already presented to the Cabinet, and that was his commitment. Therefore, we are going to try our level best to push him so that he can have this concluded and it comes here. We are all going to work toward that. Next item?

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT ON THE PERFORMANCE OF THE EDUCATION, SPORTS AND SKILLS SUBPROGRAMME FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2025/2026

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Honourable minister?

2.41

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EDUCATION AND SPORTS (SPORTS) (Mr Peter Ogwang): Thank you, Mr Speaker. I will try my level best to summarise my presentation within the time you have given me.

With your permission, Mr Speaker, I rise to respond to issues raised by an honourable colleague on the statement of performance of Education, Sports and Skills sub-programme for the Financial Year 2020/2021. Let me begin by thanking colleagues for the depth and candid discussions. They spoke for learners, teachers and parents in every part of the country and their concerns deserve a full answer that I will take them as per what was presented.

The first issue was school infrastructure and specifically on the Uganda Learning Acceleration Programme (U-Learn). Mr Speaker, I was requested that the list of the schools to be rehabilitated under the Uganda Learning Acceleration Programme be laid on the Table. I would like to lay on the Table a list of 120 traditional secondary schools which are going to be rehabilitated under the Uganda Accelerated Learning Programme. I beg to lay.

Also, an annex to this statement sets out the 29 teaching training institutions and the special-needs education schools eligible under the programme. The programme still has the list of institutions which directly handle teacher-training institutions and special-needs schools. I also beg to lay on the Table.

The selection of beneficiary schools takes account of refugee-hosting districts, post-war subregions, subregions in which female genital mutilation is practiced and subregions with high poverty rates. The scope of works at each school will be guided by the site-specific-needs assessment.

The honourable member from Sironko asked that Masaba Secondary School, the only boarding school in Sironko be included. I am pleased to inform the honourable member and the House that the school is on the list, particularly No. 61. Budadiri Girls Primary School is also on the list of Sironko District. They are among those which are going to be worked on.

Mr Speaker, the Government is responding on several fronts. Shs 146.9 billion has been earmarked for rehabilitation and maintenance

of school's infrastructure through the local government conditional grants in the Financial Year 2026/2027. I did say even in my statement that 189 seed schools have been completed under the Uganda Intergovernmental Fiscal Transfers Programme (UgIFT) and a further 90 are under the Uganda Science Education Programme (USEP). The National Schools' Construction Strategy, which is ready for presentation to the top management, will guide future investment in the construction and maintenance of the school infrastructure.

Honourable members also drew attention to overcrowding in some of the schools and to be specific, Arua Secondary School, Gulu Secondary School and Gulu Army Secondary School. They raised the shortage of classrooms also at Katine and Tubur, the conditions of the school that my colleague from Jonam talked about, the eclipse monument site in Jonam, Pakwach, and the floods which have cut off access to schools in Amolatar.

I want to report that Arua Public Secondary School is among the traditional secondary schools eligible under U-Learn. Laroo Secondary School in Gulu City is under construction under the Uganda Secondary School Expansion Programme. For other schools, the ministry is mobilising resources to address gaps in grant-aided schools. Further interventions, including the expansion of classroom infrastructure under the school facility grant and other development programmes, will be undertaken subject to the availability of funds.

Mr Speaker, on access to secondary education, the Government's policy is to establish a Government-aided secondary school in every sub-county. At present, 904 subcounties have no government secondary schools, at a unit cost of Shs 3.3 billion per school. Closing the gap would require an investment of Shs 2.98 trillion. The creation of a new administrative unit, new subcounties each year, means that the target continues to move up.

Honourable members, the proposal that in implementing the policy of, a radius of 20 kilometers be adopted and that the geographical size and population of subcounties be considered first, is well taken. These factors will be considered in finalising the national school construction strategy and in the allocation of schools under the successor programme to UgIFT so that the largest and the most popular subcounties and those farthest from government secondary schools are given priority.

However, as of now, I want to insist that we first finish with the 904 subcounties which do not have seed secondary schools and then the other, about 3,500 parishes without. I thank the honourable members who commended the policy of a school in each parish.

Mr Speaker, allow me to move to the next page. Honourable members representing Bukooli, Terego, Bukonzo East, Isingiro and Kakumiro spoke for some of the demands of schools not being constructed. I want to confirm that, under USEEP, the school called Kijangi Secondary School in Kakumiro District is under construction. Leju Secondary School in Terego District is among the sites to follow. The other subcounties cited will be considered for seed secondary schools and the parishes for grant-aiding of the community schools as funding becomes available.

On school dropouts, including dropouts arising from teenage pregnancies, the Government has sustained a go-back-to-school campaign. This supports the return of children who left school. The ministry, through its gender unit, will continue to lead the campaign.

Technical and vocational education and training

The honourable members for Rukiga spoke of many learners in the district who do not make it to secondary education secondary school and asked that Rukiga be prioritised for TVET and level one and level two training be made free. The Government recognises that the transition from primary to secondary remains a significant challenge with many learners failing to progress on account of

financial, geographical and social barriers. It is responding through Universal Secondary Education, the construction of seed schools in underserved subcounties, the expansion of Government-aided schools and the deployment of teachers to the new ones.

On skills, the TVET Act, 2025 has opened a flexible pathway from certificate through diploma to degree level. The Government has announced its intention to offer low-level TVET programmes free of charge, and the guidelines for this are being prepared. In the meantime, learners from Rukiga can access Kabale Technical Institute.

The honourable Member for Ndorwa East drew attention to the condition of Kizinga Technical School. A technical team will visit the school to assess the state of its infrastructure, equipment and staffing, and its findings will inform the prioritisation of the school for rehabilitation and retooling, subject to the availability of funds.

Mr Speaker, the Member for Kwania North raised the state of Uganda College of Commerce, Aduku together with other colleges of commerce. Government acknowledges that the colleges require rehabilitation. An assessment of the infrastructure, equipment, and staffing will be undertaken, and the colleges, including Aduku, will be considered in the next phase of rehabilitation and expansion of TVET institutions, subject to the availability of funds.

On the other issues, to absorb learners who drop out of school, the Government also continues to plan on technical education. This will handle the issues of repurposing Sebei Core PTC as a polytechnic, the operationalisation of Ibanda Technical, and the establishment of a technical institute in Agago and Bunyaruguru, subject still to the availability of funds.

Staffing and other infrastructure in constituencies

Mr Speaker, several Members raised the needs of their constituency. To begin with, Oyam South spoke on the issue of teachers, classrooms, latrines and housing. I would like to report that the figure cited will be verified with Oyam District Local Government against the Education Management Information System. Primary teachers are recruited by the District Service Commission within the wage provided to each local Government, and Government continues to recruit teachers at the primary level to cover gaps and to replace those retiring, with plans for additional recruitment.

On infrastructure, Oyam District is already receiving Shs 1.3 billion, and for the purpose of this school, I advise the honourable Member to work with the district to prioritise that school.

On the question of Loro Core PTC in Oyam District is among the institutions which are going to be rehabilitated among the project I have already laid on Table as far as U-Learn is concerned.

On the question of the Member of Sheema on Kibingo Girls' School, which has some 1,500 students but only 27 teachers. Secondary education teachers are recruited centrally by the Education Service Commission and deployed to local Government where the confirmation of the need, the position, quota and availability of wages are the key determinants across the secondary sub-sector. Only 46 per cent of the approved positions are filled, staff are being rationalised, and guidelines governing transfers are being finalised.

The staffing position at school will be verified and the school will be considered in the rationalisation of staff and in the next round of recruitment, subject to the availability of funds.

Honourable Members, also drew attention to several shortages at a school in Buduma; I think this is in Bugiri, and of course, a secondary school in Butaleja with over 1,000 students. The ministry will continue to recruit teachers within the available wage bill and to ensure equitable deployment of teachers according to the staffing needs.

The honourable Member from Aringa North spoke of inadequate staffing and its effect on

the performance of schools in the constituency. The greatest staffing gaps are concentrated in the new remote and refugee-hosting local Government among them Yumbe -

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Honourable Minister, conclude.

MR PETER OGWANG: Yumbe and the most severely affected schools have fewer than 15 teachers. Mr Speaker, I would like to confirm that Yumbe District is among those which are going to benefit from the U-Learn project, which I have already laid on Table here.

A Member from Zombo spoke on the low transition from primary to secondary. There is still a challenge - colleagues, all these challenges of funding for the demands for primary schools, secondary schools, teachers, teachers' houses are all dependent on the availability of funds. As a ministry, we are working to ensure that we work with our counterparts in finance because we already have the needs. For instance, for compulsory secondary, our total need is Shs 3.7 trillion.

As of now, we ask for Shs 309 billion to begin with the phasing of this project in the next five years. We continue to ask finance to give us those funds. So, as far as we are concerned, all your requests were noted and we will continue to work with you to fulfill the issues which are affecting education, like curriculum materials. I thank you for raising those issues. Thank you, Mr Speaker. I beg to submit. *(Applause)*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, honourable minister. Colleagues, the item is concluded. I have given it around three days. We have been on this. It is concluded. *(Hon. Kibanzanga rose_)* Procedure from Hon. Kibanzanga.

MR KIBANZANGA: Thank you very much, Mr Speaker. I am sorry that for the last two days, during the debate on the state of education and health, I was not here. I am on the Committee on National Economy. We were going around the country to see the impact of cancer on the economy.

Mr Speaker, I have a document here which outlines the state of education in Bughendera County. Now that I was not here, I seek your indulgence. Is it procedurally right for me to lay this document on the Table for the benefit of the minister and the ministry? I beg to request.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: I think that causes no harm. Let us accept.

MR KIBANZANGA: Thank you very much, Mr Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you.

MR KIBANZANGA: Thank you very much, Mr Speaker. In this document, it is the state of education in Bughendera County.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Is that the title?

MR KIBANZANGA: I beg to lay it on the Table for the benefit of the Minister.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Next item.

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT ON THE SUSPENSION OF SERVICES AT THE MINISTRY ZONAL OFFICES UNDER THE MINISTRY OF LANDS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Honourable Minister of Lands, Housing and Urban Development.

2.57

THE MINISTER OF LANDS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (Ms Judith Nabakooba): Thank you, Mr Speaker. I rise to address the concerns that have been raised by Hon. Charles Tebandeke, MP for Bbaale County, on Tuesday 13th October 2026 during the sixth Sitting of the Second Meeting of the First Session of the 12th Parliament regarding the status of operations and services at the ministry zonal offices occasioned by recently concluded transfers of staff at headquarters and the zonal offices.

At the outset, I wish to acknowledge that indeed there was a temporary disruption of services arising from the movement of affected officers from their previous stations to the new ones and the revalidation of user access rights on the national land information system. This situation has since been improving, and the revalidated staff as of now are at about 90 per cent.

Mr Speaker, permit me to assure this Parliament that the ministry remains committed to delivering efficient, transparent, accountable and accessible land administration services to all Ugandans.

I also wish to acknowledge the concerns raised by members of the public regarding the delays in accessing services following the recent administrative changes. The ministry regrets the inconveniences occasioned to the members of the public and other stakeholders.

However, it is important that the circumstances surrounding these changes are understood within the context of Section A to M of the Uganda Public Service Standing Orders 2021, on movement of personnel within to or from outside the public service, strengthening institutional integrity and the Government's commitment to improving service delivery.

Mr Speaker, the ministry currently operates 22 zonal offices across the country. These offices constitute the ministry's principal service delivery centres and were established to bring land administration and related services closer to people, but also reduce the distance citizens have to travel to access Government services and improve the efficiency of land transactions in the country.

The ministry recognises the critical role these offices play in the land registration, surveying, valuation, physical planning, and the provision of essential land-related services. Consequently, any administrative decision affecting their operations must be guided by the overriding objective of ensuring continuity, integrity and improved service delivery.

The staff deployed to the MZOs comprise both administrative and technical staff. Principal assistant secretaries head the zonal offices and provide administrative leadership. The officers are posted to the ministry by the Office of the President. The technical and support personnel include registrars of titles, staff surveyors, cartographers, land officers, physical planners, information technology officers, data entrants, secretaries, record officers, and valuers, among others. These officers are posted by the Ministry of Public Service in accordance with the applicable public service structure and staffing requirements.

The effective functioning of these offices therefore depends on the proper deployment, supervision, and accountability of staff, as well as the integrity and security of the systems through which land transactions are processed.

Mr Speaker, the transfer of public officers is an established administrative practice within the public service and is guided by the Uganda Public Service Standing Orders. As a general practice, common cadre officers are transferred after serving at a particular station for approximately three to five years, depending on the circumstances.

This period is not an absolute limitation, as transfers may be effected outside that timeframe where the interests of the service or other relevant considerations so require.

The Uganda Public Service Standing Orders further recognise that public officers may be required through normal posting instructions to serve in any part of the Republic of Uganda in the interests of the service and, where applicable, their own professional development and welfare.

These provisions are intended to promote equitable staff deployment, broaden professional experience, strengthen institutional capacity, and ensure that public officers remain responsive to the needs of the entire country.

Over time, however, some officers across the public service have remained at a particular

duty station for periods exceeding the normal transfer cycle. While long service at one station may contribute to institutional memory, it often creates familiarity with local circumstances and can also create administrative challenges if not balanced with appropriate staff rotation, supervision, and accountability.

In the land administration sector, the ministry has received public complaints and feedback, raising concerns about the delays, unprofessional conduct, and the alleged compromise of some officers in the discharge of their duties.

These concerns about the conduct of some officers who, through prolonged association with local interests, were alleged to have become susceptible to undue influence from land dealers, brokers, and agents. I wish to emphasise that these are concerns that require appropriate administrative attention and where necessary, investigations.

The concerns should not be taken as a blanket indictment of all officers serving in our MZOs, many of whom continue to discharge their responsibilities diligently and professionally. Nevertheless, the ministry has a duty to be responsive to the plight of citizens by addressing vulnerabilities that may undermine public confidence, compromise the integrity of land administration, and expose citizens to unfair treatment.

Mr Speaker, the recent staff transfers were undertaken in the context of Government's broader commitment to integrity, accountability, and improved public service delivery. The current NRM term of office has been guided by the declaration of "*Kisanja* no more sleep, no corruption", by His Excellency, the President of the Republic of Uganda.

During the induction of ministers at Kyankwanzi, this emphasis was also placed on the implementation of the established practice of transferring common cadre officers as part of the measures to improve efficient service delivery.

It was against this background that the ministry's management considered it necessary to review the deployment of officers serving in the MZOs, as well as those at the ministry headquarters. And for the avoidance of doubt, the transfers were not arbitrary decisions by individual officers.

The accounting officer constituted an administrative committee comprising of heads of department whose personnel are deployed to the MZOs. The respective heads of department submitted proposals for consideration, and the committee reviewed those proposals before the transfers were effected.

In doing so, the principal consideration was the length of time officers had served at their respective stations, while other relevant considerations, included feedback received from the public concerning service delivery and, in a limited number of cases, the health and welfare circumstances of these individual officers.

The exercise was therefore, intended to promote staff rotation, strengthen supervision, reduce the risk associated with prolonged concentration of personnel at particular stations, and enhance public confidence in the administration of land services.

Mr Speaker, I wish to make it clear that staff transfers are an administrative tool for improving service delivery and institutional accountability. They are neither a disciplinary measure nor a reward. Where allegations of misconduct arise, they should be handled through the appropriate administrative and disciplinary procedures, in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations.

The ministry will continue to implement transfers as necessary, guided by the Public Service Standing Orders, the interests of the service and the need to maintain effective operations in all our 22 zonal offices and headquarters.

In addition to the staff transfers, the ministry undertook a review and revalidation of the user

access rights on the National Land Information System. This was also guided by their recent transfers.

The National Land Information System is a critical Government system through which authorised officers undertake various land administration transactions. Given the importance and sensitivity of the information maintained on the system, access must be controlled, properly authorised and consistent with each officer's official responsibility.

Management, therefore, considered it necessary to strengthen the procedures governing the allocation and revalidation of user rights on the system. The objective was to ensure that officers accessing the system were appropriately authorised, their access corresponded to the assigned duties and that the system remained secure and accountable.

Under the strengthened arrangements, access rights are subjected to a more robust authorisation process before officers are permitted to transact on the system. In some instances, particularly in respect to registrars of titles, the relevant technical department also reviewed the scope of access rights in accordance with officers' seniority and assigned responsibilities.

This exercise was not intended to deny public access to our services. Rather, it was intended to strengthen the controls, safeguard the integrity of land records, clarify responsibility for transactions and reduce the risk of unauthorised access or misuse of the system.

The ministry recognises, however, that the timing and implementation of these changes, alongside the staff transfers, created operational challenges that affected the timely restoration of access for some of our officers.

The ministry acknowledges that the combined effect of staff transfers and revalidation of the National Land Information System user rights resulted in temporary disruption and delays in the provision of some of the services at our zonal offices. We regret the disruption and inconvenience it caused to members of the public, landowners, investors, professionals and other stakeholders who depend on timely land administration services.

However, it is important to distinguish between a disruption in the processing of some transactions and a complete suspension of services - the services were not formally suspended; it was a disruption due to what I have explained - rather, the processing of certain transactions was delayed -

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Honourable minister, why should an issue of that nature have 12 pages? I have read through your statement; why all this? You have behaved as if you are in court. The Member raised an issue that was very clear and plain. You are now putting yourself in court. Summarise and conclude, honourable minister.

MS NABAKOOBA: Alright, Mr Speaker. There are measures that we have put in place and are included in the statement. We want to commit ourselves that whatever we are doing is for the good of the country. The system has been restored, and the staff who had not reported to their respective zonal offices have since reported. As I have told you, we are at 90 per cent.

I would like to conclude by thanking you for your kind attention and also request you to support us in whatever endeavour we are trying to undertake, as a ministry. I beg to submit. Thank you, Mr Speaker. *(Applause)*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Honourable colleagues, in the public gallery this afternoon, we have a delegation of guild leaders from Kyambogo University in Kampala District. They are represented by Hon. Joel Ssenyonyi and Hon. Shamim Malende. They have come to observe the proceedings of this House. Please join me in welcoming them once again. *(Applause)*

The statement is very clear. I will only allow Hon. Tebandeke.

3.15

MR CHARLES TEBANDEKE (NUP, Bbaale County, Kayunga): Mr Speaker, I need to appreciate the minister. She is one of those whose services I admire. I need to credit her. *(Applause)*

Mr Speaker –*(Interjection)*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Honourable colleagues, please do not impute bad motive. We do not have any cross-pollination here. *(Laughter)*

MR TEBANDEKE: Mr Speaker, the report is well-furnished with the information required. I am happy that the minister has regretted the occurrence of some of the issues that caused the suspension. However, she has not admitted that there was temporary call-off of duty. The suspension was registered from the 5th to 20th October. That is when there was official resumption of services to Ugandans.

We have also noted that the cause of some officers refusing to take on new assignments was because of excess staffing at different MZOs. It would be prudent for the minister to tell us how many registrars are there across the country. You find that in Mukono, there is an excess of over seven registrars, yet they are supposed to be about three to five. In Wakiso and other areas, there is excess. That is why most of them refuse to take on new assignments.

There was also suspected fraud, which I have not heard about from the minister's report. It would sound better if persons suspected of fraud were brought to book and where need be for criminalisation, action should be taken.

Mr Speaker, the criteria for transfers should be automatic, so that what happened does not happen again. However, there is no proper criteria on how these staff are transferred from one MZO to another, which is also causing disorganisation.

Lastly, as I conclude, it should be noted that there was serious financial loss to the country and many private actors within the sector. A mere apology may sound good, but it cannot redeem the effect of the financial loss to the country and other stakeholders who faced the same.

Having said that, the idle staff at different MZOs need to be checked. Where there is a need for the Committee on Physical Infrastructure to visit different MZOs, with your indulgence, they can be assigned to compile a more comprehensive report than what we have received, so that this matter is settled conclusively.

Land and soil is where we came from, and we shall return. This should be carried out with a serious conscience. Thank you, Mr Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, honourable Member. Honourable minister, do you want to comment on that?

MS NABAKOOBA: Thank you, Mr Speaker. Hon. Tebandeke, after admiring me, now you are turning the guns on me. *(Laughter)*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Do you also admire him? *(Laughter*)

MS NABAKOOBA: No, I am not.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Okay.

MS NABAKOOBA: No, I am wondering because he started on a positive note and then turned around. Mr Speaker, when it comes to some Ministry Zonal Offices (MZOs) being oversubscribed. We have divided them into three categories. There are those that are heavy volume, medium volume and low volume.

So, you do not expect the same number of staff to be sent across. It depends on the volume of work they handle. You cannot compare an MZO in Wakiso with an MZO in Karamoja or Lira. Definitely, the workload is different.

Then, also saying that people were resisting because of transfers and being many at an MZO, I would see it as undesirable. For a public servant to say, "I am not going where I have been posted," is indiscipline.

That is why we insisted that even if you say you are not going, you will not get user rights on the system. You have to report where you have been sent. Once the officer managing the MZO receives you, they will make you fill in a form. You will return that form electronically, and then your user rights are activated.

Ever since we said, "No, you have to go," they have since reported and we shall improve as we go on. We are working with the Ministry of Public Service. The minister sent us a team to assess our officers and staff to see how we can regularise them and improve service delivery across the ministry.

Talking about the losses, I do not know how much and who computed it because land services are given by the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development. If your title was being processed, it means that you cannot go to any other ministry, department or agency for such a service.

You will have to wait because this is not more than a week. Even if it is three days, the person who is supposed to pay money to Government will still pay because they still require the same services. They cannot go anywhere else.

So, we acknowledge the delay but the money will still be collected. It is not all lost. People will still come and pay for those services. As I speak now, Mr Speaker, we are ready to serve them. Thank you. (*Applause*)

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon. Nabakooba, give Hon. Tebandeke more access so that he can always bring such issues. *(Laughter)* Next item.

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT ON UGANDA'S PREPARATIONS TO CO-HOST THE AFRICA CUP OF NATIONS, AFCON 2027

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Honourable colleagues, on 16th July, I checked our Hansard, the Minister of State for Education and Sports presented a statement. You required him to continue updating the House regularly. That is why he has brought this statement.

Then also, the House resolved that the matter should go to the Committee on Education and Sports. I have been informed by the committee that they are concluding on the report and they have been engaging the minister and they are ready to report next week. Let us wait for that report so that the minister can respond. Next item.

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT ON THE WITHDRAWAL OF RECOGNITION OF THE BACHELOR OF PHARMACY DEGREE AT MBARARA UNIVERSITY BY THE PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY OF UGANDA AND ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Honourable minister.

3.24

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EDUCATION AND SPORTS (SPORTS) (Mr Peter Ogwang): Thank you, Mr Speaker. I beg your indulgence and that of the House. While I had committed to bringing a statement today, the guidance of the House required me to meet the honourable Attorney-General which did not take place.

Allow me to get back on Tuesday next week, after holding a meeting with the Attorney-General to come up with a joint statement. Thank you, so much.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: The major issue for the Attorney-General concerns the overlapping mandates. Who is in charge so that before I go to school, I know who regulates my being at a university. It is very simple because these cases are continuing to come up and we need to know the mandates. So, I will give you Tuesday next week.

Honourable colleagues, I am trying to save time since -*(A Member rose_)* No. On that matter, you have to wait until Tuesday. Next item.

LAYING OF REPORTS UNDER RULE 34

REPORT OF THE UGANDA PARLIAMENTARY SPORTS CLUB DELEGATION TO THE LEADERSHIP MEETING (16TH-20TH SEPTEMBER 2026) AND THE SECOND JOINT PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING FOR THE 16TH EDITION OF THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY INTER-PARLIAMENTARY GAMES, HELD IN ARUSHA, TANZANIA, FROM 21 TO 25 SEPTEMBER 2026

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon. Masaba - Next item. We can leave items No. 5 and 6 for now. Get me item No. 8.

MOTION FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE (CENTRAL GOVERNMENT) ON THE AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 2025, COVERING THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SERVICE; MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS; MINISTRY OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND COOPERATIVES; AND MINISTRY OF TOURISM, WILDLIFE AND ANTIQUITIES

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Honourable chairperson, we can proceed as we did yesterday. I would like to capture all your reports so that we can use the weekend to read through them and debate next week.

3.27

THE CHAIRPERSON, COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS (CENTRAL GOVERNMENT) (Mr Patrick Nsamba): Thank you, Mr Speaker. Yesterday was a marathon. I thought that today you would give me some leeway, but you are insisting that I do the same marathon.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: No, Honourable Member, it is not a marathon. What I am trying to put across is simple: we shall go and read. So, summarise, then the report will be captured in full in the Hansard. We shall then go and read it over the weekend and then come and debate.

MR NSAMBA: Okay. Thank you, Mr Speaker. Please allow me to present the report of the Public Accounts Committee (Central Government) on Vote 005, Vote 006, Vote 015 and Vote 022.

Vote 005 is the Ministry of Public Service; Vote 006 is the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Vote 015 is the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives and Vote 022 is the Ministry of Tourism, Wildlife and Antiquities.

Like yesterday, I never went through the introductions, scope and methodology. I began on the budget performance.

During the Financial Year 2024/2025, the entities, Ministry of Public Service, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Trade, and Ministry of Tourism, had revised budgets of Shs 24 billion, Shs 24.68 billion, Shs 24.960 billion, Shs 280.870 billion and Shs 293.851 billion, respectively, and received warrants of Shs 24.687 billion, Shs 24.96 billion and Shs 279.710 billion and Shs 289.497 billion respectively, as illustrated in the table above.

When these monies are allocated, we expect performance, but we realise that most of these entities fail to utilise the warrants, as reported by the Auditor-General: out of the warrants of Shs 289.49 billion and Shs 24.684 billion availed to the Ministry of Trade and Ministry of Public Service, respectively, Shs 9.087 billion and Shs 0.958 billion respectively, were not utilised.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs was warranted Shs 24.96 billion and spent Shs 24.49 billion, leaving approximately Shs 0.47 billion unspent. The ministry for trade was warranted Shs 279.71 billion and spent Shs 277.87 billion.

The ministry for trade attributed this to delays in completion of the Source of the Nile, and the accounting officer of the Ministry of Public Service attributed it to staff salaries that were not paid, eligible pensioners, and residual laptop furniture that were not purchased.

The committee recommended as follows:

Administrative sanctions should be instituted by the PSST against the accounting officers of the above ministries for contravening Section 16(1) of the PFMA Cap 171.

These entities also had partially implemented work plans.

The Auditor-General reported that activities what worth Shs 47 billion and activities worth Shs 11.67 billion under the Ministry of Tourism and the Ministry of Public Service respectively, were partially implemented, yet they received the money with them.

The Ministry of Trade had non-payroll outputs with expenditure of Shs 271 billion, which were partially implemented, whereas the Ministry of Foreign Affairs had nine partially implemented outputs. Four partially implemented activities and two unimplemented activities.

They attributed the non-utilisation or the partially implemented activities to the staff that were not in place, the residual laptops and furniture, and attributed some of the unimplemented activities to underfunding, while the Ministry of Trade attributed it to partial implementation.

The committee recommends that:

Pursuant to section 71(a), the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development should institute an inquiry into the suspected loss of funds on partially and non-implemented activities, within six months from the time of adoption of this report by Parliament.

Unauthorised Diversions

The Auditor-General reported that the accounting officer of the Ministry of Tourism and Foreign Affairs diverted Shs 5.13 billion and Shs 170.39 million, respectively, from planned activities. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs' diversions included Shs 43.3 million under Technology and Innovation, Shs 20 million under inspection and monitoring and Shs 54 million under petroleum investment promotion.

The committee recommended as follows:

Pursuant to sections 76(2) and 77(1)(m), the PSST should hold the accounting officers of the Ministry of Tourism and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, personally liable for contravening Section 21 of the PFMA Cap 171.

The Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development should report to Parliament on actions taken within three months from the time of adoption of this report by Parliament.

Domestic arrears

The ministry had committed before Parliament that domestic arrears would be a thing of the past in a few years to come, by 2027.

The committee observed that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs had made no provisions for settlement of the opening arrears of Shs 69.93 billion, comprising international subscriptions of Shs 68.9 billion and other domestic carriers of Shs 979.6 million. The outstanding balance subsequently increased by Shs 11 billion to Shs 84 billion.

The committee is concerned about the continued accumulation of liabilities without adequate provisions for their settlement. The Ministry of Public Service had only Shs 56 million for domestic arrears and Shs 2.36 billion, which was inadequate. The Ministry of Public Service even incurred additional arrears of Shs 64 billion during the year. The Ministry of Tourism had no budget provision for clearing opening arrears of Shs 2.66 billion and incurred additional arrears of Shs 1.908 billion.

The committee recommends as follows:

The PS/ST should fast-track the commitment by the Government to settle verified outstanding domestic arrears by the Financial Year 2027/2028.

The Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development should set annual

clearance targets on verified outstanding domestic arrears and furnish Parliament on a biannual basis on the status of implementation in accordance with Section 17 of the PFMA Cap 171.

The PS/ST should enforce sanctions against accounting officers of the Finance, Public Service, Trade and Tourism ministries for committing Government funds in excess of the approved budgets in accordance with Sections 76(2) and 77(1)(m) of the PFMA Cap 171.

The Auditor-General should submit to Parliament a verified stock of domestic arrears that they conducted in 2025, by 31 December 2026.

Procurement violations

Mr Speaker, we also experienced procurement violations. The first procurement violation was non-compliance with reservation schemes. The law provides that all entities, the Power Distribution Units (PDU), must reserve a percentage for special interest groups.

We recommend that the accounting office of the Ministry of Tourism, Wildlife and Antiquities and the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives should revise their procurement plans to include the mandatory reservations and establish a mechanism for monitoring and reporting compliance.

Manual procurements or bypassing the Electronic Government Procurement (eGP) system

This was brought to control and promote efficiency. The Auditor-General reported procurements outside the eGP system; at the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives, out of 14 procurements worth Shs 11.32 billion, conducted seven procurements worth Shs 5.5 billion were implemented manually. While at the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives, the critical steps of contracting and management were carried out manually off the system.

The sample of contracts amounted to Shs 3.242 billion in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, including the air-ticket procurements worth Shs 859.32 million, which were processed manually because the eGP system did not support the procurement of local purchase orders.

The committee recommends as follows:

i) The accounting officer of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs should ensure that all procurements are conducted through the eGP system and seek the required clearance where technical challenges necessitate alternative processing; and
ii) The accounting officer in the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives and the Ministry of Tourism, Wildlife and Antiquities (MTWA) should engage the responsible system authorities to expedite activation of the outstanding modules.

Honourable members, you will forgive me, when I read recommendation because I have skipped so much in the detail.

Inefficiencies in functionalities on the eGP system

Many entities have raised issues about the eGP system, and they are using it as an excuse.

We recommend that the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development in collaboration with the Accounting Officer of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Tourism, Trade and Industry should resolve the reported e-GP system challenges.

Delayed migration of staff on Human Capital Management (HCM)

The Auditor-General reported on 25th December that 333,915 of the 356,505 staff had been successfully migrated into the Human Capital Management system by the Ministry of Public Service, leaving about 22,589 staff still being paid off the system.

The committee recommends as follows:

i) The Ministry of Finance should deactivate the Integrated Personnel and Payroll System (IPPS) to ensure that no further salary payments are made off the system within six months of adoption of this report; and
ii) The Sector Committee on Public Service and Local Government should undertake a thorough review of the system and advise the entity and Parliament accordingly.

Management of local contract staff

The Auditor-General noted that recruitment procedures in the finance ministry's missions were either unidentified or inconsistently followed, resulting in handpicking of local contract staff and limited transparency.

The committee recommends as follows:
i) The accounting officer of the foreign affairs ministry should identify Heads of Missions who breached the recruitment guidelines and initiate appropriate disciplinary action in accordance with the applicable procedures; and
ii) The accounting officer should identify appointments lacking the required written approval and take corrective action in consultation with the Ministry of Public Service and relevant legal authorities.

Poor asset management, especially in protocol vehicles, omitted from the Integrated Financial Management System (IFMS) registers and at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The committee recommends that the accounting officer, Minister of Foreign Affairs, should complete the valuation and entry of all 140 vehicles into the IFMS asset module.

Unrealistic Non-Tax Revenue (NTR) budgeting

The Auditor-General reported that the Ministries for Trade and Wildlife budgeted to collect Shs 10.183 billion, but only collected Shs 2.24 billion. The Ministry of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives budgeted to collect fees of Shs 0.68 billion, and collected 0.42 billion, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs budgeted to collect fees of Shs 1.128 billion, and collected Shs 0.78 billion.

The Auditor-General also noted that Minister of Public Service did not have a budget of NTR, but managed to collect Shs 0.162 billion.

The committee observes that unrealistic revenue projections and failure to budget for revenue undermine prudent budgeting.

The committee recommends that the accounting officers of the Ministry for Tourism, Ministry for Trade, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs should set realistic NTR targets in consultation with Ministry for Finance and strengthen forecasting, monitoring and collection mechanisms.

Honourable members, those are the general issues, but I have specific observations and recommendations by ministries.

Ministry of Public Service

There is understaffing in the Uganda Public Service. The Auditor-General reported that as of December 2024, the total approved established structure for Uganda's Public Service stood at 658,104 positions. Out of the 658,104 positions, 356,504 were filled, hence causing a staffing gap of 301,600 positions.

The committee recommends as follows:
i) The Ministry of Public Service must submit to Parliament a costed multi-year recruitment plan detailing specific annual targets and timelines to systematically fill the vacancies in the affected sectors; and
ii) The finance ministry should prioritise wage allocations in subsequent national budgets, specifically to fund recruitment in the health and education sectors.

Mr Speaker, we have many Ugandans who are unemployed. The structure says 658, but we are only employing 356.

Failure to develop policies about succession plans and knowledge management

The Auditor-General reported that the ministry did not have succession and knowledge management strategies in place to manage continuity in key service areas in the country.

The committee recommends that the accounting officer should issue an immediate circular compelling all government entities to implement mandatory structured handover periods for all officers within 12 months of their statutory retirement.

Delays in promotions and career management

The Auditor-General reported that 53 per cent of Public Service employees had served in their current positions for more than five years without promotion, despite the Uganda Public Service Standing Orders 2021 provision that the Permanent Secretary is responsible for developing schemes of service or career progression plans for each cadre or staff in the entire public service.

The committee recommends that:

i) The accounting officer of the Ministry of Public Service must fast track the finalisation and approval of all outstanding schemes of service within the current financial year without further delay.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs had irregular education allowance payments. The Auditor-General observed that education allowance applications required approval by the Permanent Secretary and Head of Mission. However, clearance was being provided without the required certification. The committee recommends that:

i) The accounting officer of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs should review educational allowance payments against the applicable eligibility requirements and approvals.

Inappropriate mission structures and absence of approved local staff structures

The Auditor-General found that the Mission staffing was not sufficiently tailored to the work each Mission performed. Similar establishments were used across different locations, some finance and administrative duties overlapped, and approved structures for local staff were generally lacking.

The committee recommends that the accounting officer of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in consultation with the Ministry of Public Service, should complete workload-based reviews of Mission establishments and obtain approval for local staff structures.

Vote 015: Ministry of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives

Valuation of property, plant and equipment

The Auditor-General reported that the ministry's property, plant and equipment had a recorded value of Shs 10.86 billion as at 30 June 2025. These included assets first recognised in Financial Year 2023/2024 using estimated or historical values. However, a professional valuation had not been undertaken to confirm their values.

The committee recommends that the Accounting Officer, in consultation with the Accountant-General, should prepare and implement a time-bound valuation programme, update the register and financial records with the verified values.

Management of tobacco-farmer compensation

The Auditor-General identified weaknesses in the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives' management of tobacco-farmer compensation, for which Shs 9.708 billion had been appropriated. The audit reported compensation payments of Shs 8.74 billion while some farmers remained unpaid.

The accounting officer should, in consultation with the relevant legal authorities, establish enforceable recovery arrangements with the three defaulting companies and take appropriate recovery action where they fail to cooperate.

Honourable members, you realise that every time there is an Auditor-General's report, there is an accounting officer's response when you read these reports. However, I am only giving you what the Auditor-General gave and our recommendation because of the guidance on time management.

The Ministry of Tourism, Wildlife and Antiquities (MoTWA) had delayed completion of the source of the Nile modern pier.

The committee recommends that the Auditor-General should carry out an independent value-for-money audit upon completion of the project.

The Ministry of Tourism, Wildlife and Antiquities also had untapped revenue potential at Kikorongo Equator point.

We recommend that the Accounting Officer should investigate possible unauthorised collections, establish the amounts and persons involved, recover the money established as due to Government, and refer any evidence of criminal conduct to the appropriate investigative authorities.

Mr Speaker, there were also outstanding land ownership arrangements for Tororo Rock.

The Auditor-General found that the land ownership condition in the MoTWA's grant agreement with Maro Eco Tourism Centre had not been fulfilled. The agreement, signed on 8 February 2024 and valued at Shs 2.7 billion, supported tourism development at Tororo Rock site and Sukulu Hills/Maro Agro Tourism Farm.

The committee recommends follows:

i) The accounting officer of the MoTWA should work with the Uganda Land Commission, the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development and the relevant legal authorities to complete the ownership arrangements required by the grant agreement; and

ii) The registered title, or a report showing the remaining steps and farm completion dates, should be submitted to Parliament through the minister within three months of adoption of this this report.

MoTWA staffing shortages and prolonged acting appointments

The Auditor-General found out that the ministry had 135 staff against 247 approved posts, leaving 112 vacancies across five departments. The largest gap was in sites and monuments, with 67 vacant posts. The Auditor-General also recorded management's disclosure that four departments had no substantially appointed Commissioners and that three officers had acted for more than two years.

The committee recommends that:

i) The accounting officer of the MoTWA should agree with the Ministry of Public Service, the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development and the Public Service Commission on a funded plan for filling priority vacancies and substantially appointing Commissioners; and

ii) The accounting officer should also submit the approvals and duration of the acting appointments, together with a timetable for resolving them to Parliament through the minister within three months of the adoption of this report.

Mr Speaker, the committee has examined the reports of the Auditor-General on the Ministry of Public Service, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives, and Ministry of Tourism, Wildlife and Antiquities for the Financial Year 2024/2025.

The key concerns as highlighted have been failure to utilise the released funds, partial implementation of planned activities, unauthorised diversion of funds, accumulation of domestic arrears, procurement irregularities, inadequate staffing and weak internal controls.

The committee urges the House to adopt the recommendation in this report, and the accounting officers, Ministry of Finance,

Planning and Economic Development and Permanent Secretary/Secretary to the Treasury to implement them.

I beg to report, Mr Speaker. *(Applause)*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Honourable chairperson, do not worry about the details you have not managed to read here. For example, when you were saying "because of time" - We have enough time to read; around five days.

MR NSAMBA: Mr Speaker, allow me to lay on the Table the report that I have read before the House. And allow me to also lay the minutes by the committee. Thank you, for the time given to us.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, chairperson. Honourable colleagues, go, read, consult and then we shall debate this on Wednesday because the chairperson presented two reports yesterday which we shall debate on Tuesday.

Our practice is that once a report is presented by the committee, we must give you at least a minimum of a day to go and read through. However, we would want to do two, three days so that you can go and even consult, do your own research and come and make presentations.

Colleagues, I have the Prime Minister online from Bududa. *(Laughter)* She will tell us in detail. I have missed her; so, I insisted yet she had emergency meetings down there in Bugisu. So, we agreed that she joins us online. Let us go to item number five.

STATEMENT ON GOVERNMENT BUSINESS FOR THE SUCCEEDING WEEK, 26th TO 29th OCTOBER 2026

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Rt Hon. Prime Minister?

3.59

THE PRIME MINISTER AND LEADER OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (Ms Robinah Nabbanja) (On Zoom): Thank you so much. Mr Speaker, you are aware that we have El Nino rains in the country. We are worried that our people in Bugisu Subregion may have issues. So, I was directed by His Excellency the President to oversee the resettlement exercise in the Bugisu Subregion.

We have started with Namisindwa, which we are concluding today, and that is where I am. Greetings from the people of Namisindwa.

Mr Speaker, pursuant to Rule 29 of our Rules of Procedure, allow me to present the Government Business for the succeeding week, that is from 27 to 29 October 2026.

The Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development is going to present reports on the following:

i) The annual macro-economic performance for the Financial Year 2025/2026;
ii) The annual budget performance for the year 2025/2026;
iii) Mr Speaker, there will be laying of Acts and Bills of the East African Community Legislative Assembly as required by Article 65 of the Treaty established in the East African Community (EAC) and Rule 37 of the Rules of Procedure of Parliament of Uganda, by the Minister of the East African Community Affairs; and
iv) Then we shall also have presentation of the Fisheries and Aquaculture Regulations by the Minister of Agriculture and Animal Industry.

I beg to submit.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Rt Hon. Prime Minister. Next item?

PRIME MINISTER'S TIME

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Rt Hon. Prime Minister? Unfortunately, we are not hearing you.

4.00

THE PRIME MINISTER AND LEADER OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (Ms Robinah Nabbanja) (On Zoom): Mr Speaker, I believe I am clear now.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, you are.

MS NABBANJA: I request that you mute from that side.

Mr Speaker, I got a question from Hon. Maximus Ochai, MP West Budama County North. He says that last year, the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development delivered five transformers at Nagongera power sub-station to supply electricity in West Budama North County. Out of the five transformers, one was deployed at Boolimo trading centre, for which, according to him, they are very grateful. But two disappeared, according to him, and two are currently idle.

His prayers, are that they need an update from me on the delayed connection to Nagongera Sub-County Police Station and Nagongera Sub-county Headquarters, and yet the Nagongera power station is approximately 30 metres away.

His second prayer is that there is need for more clarification on the transformers that were delivered at the sub-station by Uganda Electricity Distribution Company Limited (UEDCL) but UEDCL claims that they have no information regarding the matter.

Mr Speaker the third is, when will electricity be extended to Ongwenkere, Mboyo, Rukuli and Palasi Trading Centres.

My response is that on Nagongera Sub-County Police Station and sub-county headquarters, the Government recognises the concern. Government is preparing the grid expansion to support the Parish Development Model programme, which will address gaps including connection of the remaining, sub-county headquarters and other public institutions. Power was previously extended to Nagongera Police Station and Nagongera Town Council, which was served out of Nagongera Sub-county. The remaining gap will be addressed under the planned grid expansion.

The second one, on transformers, Mr Speaker, the transformers were not procured for the new extension. They were handed over by the Minister of Energy and Mineral Development to UEDCL for the urgent restoration of vandalised transformers in areas such as Boolimo, Okwira, Powere, Miganja, Panuna, and Pawanga. Their temporary presence at Nagongera should not be taken to mean they were for the headquarters or the trading centres.

Let me talk about the last one, on Ongwenkere, Mboyo, Rukuli, and Palasi. Government is implementing the Electricity Access Scale-up project, grid expansion and densification, and the planned Rural Electrification and Infrastructure Initiatives in Uganda (GESPad) programme for the four trading centers will be prioritised under these programmes, subject to approved plans and availability of money.

Mr Speaker, the Government remains committed to expanding electricity to all areas in the country.

I got another question from Hon. Zawedde Victorious, District Woman Representative, Nakasongola. She says that during the commissioning of Lwampanga Health Centre III; I instructed the Ministry of Health officials to deliver patient and delivery beds. According to her, up to now, they have not been delivered.

Her prayer is, she asked when will the Ministry of Health deliver, the promise I made to the people of Nakasongola?

My response, Mr Speaker, is that Lwampanga Health Centre III was constructed with funding from my office. I know you remember that we got some money to help the facilities that were destroyed by the floods of 2019. In response, we had some funding which covered the construction only. So, the facility is scheduled to receive equipment in this financial year, that is 2026/2027, as a priority by the Ministry of Health.

The third question came from my sister, Hon. Ababiku Jesca, Woman Representative Adjumani, who raised a concern on the sinking and collapsing state of Adjumani District Hospital. The matter has been raised, as you

are aware, for over five years, according to her and that the situation has now worsened.

Her prayer is that the Government should act urgently to demolish and build a new, appropriate hospital to serve her population.

Mr Speaker, this is my response, that general hospitals were designed for 100 beds and the current load exceeds capacity. The Ministry of Health has submitted a project profile to the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development for comprehensive rehabilitation and expansion of the general hospitals across the country. Adjumani Hospital will be assessed under this same project.

I got the fourth question from Hon. Nyakato Asinansi, Woman Representative for Hoima City.

She says that, "Rt Hon. Prime Minister, local governments have just concluded LC I, II and Women Council elections. LC I chairpersons have been earning only Shs 10,000 per month, which cannot meet the high cost of living today". Her prayer is that, "When is the Government coming up with a revised or a reviewed pay for LC I chairpersons?"

Mr Speaker, here is my response: A cabinet memo on enhancement of political –

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Honourable colleagues, you can see it is a question of the internet; that is why we are having that issue. I like the Prime Minister's determination seeing that even when she is in the field, she has to deliver on her duty. Therefore, we seem to have lost the connection.

For the verbal questions, I request the ministers to be the ones to respond, because they are here. In the meantime, we can be picking the verbal questions as we wait for the Prime Minister. Let me start with Hon. Avako, followed by Hon. Emma, and Hon. Nalukoola. It is one minute each; so we shoot right away.

ICT team, once you are sure that she can be audible, you can connect the Rt Hon. Prime Minister. The good thing is that her submission is also written. Therefore, I will request the Clerk to capture it as it is written because these are written responses. For the record to be very clear.

If you are okay, you can reconnect the Rt Hon. Prime Minister.

MS NABBANJA: Mr Speaker, I was told I had gone off. Let me repeat the question from the Member. Question number five came from Hon. Benson, MP Agago North. The Member raised a concern on the status of UPDF pension, gratuity, and survivors› benefits, and cited hardships faced by widows and orphans of the deceased UPDF personnel trying to access their benefits.

His prayer is, can I provide an update on the matter?

Mr Speaker, below is my response: since decentralisation in 2015, 1,861 estate administrators have been paid a total of Shs 37.216 billion. A further 403 cases have been valued at a cost of Shs 16.68 billion and these are under verification.

Interventions undertaken:

i) Mr Speaker, the Directorate of Veteran Affairs was established in 2016;
ii) 27,690 unclaimed backlog records were gazetted in August 2026;
iii) The UPDF Act of 2025 was amended to ease access;
iv) A special board of inquiry was established;
v) We have zonal pension offices established across the country;
vi) A legal aid clinic was established to assist those struggling claimants;
vii) There have been engagements with the Administrator-General and NIRA on letters of administration, death certificates, national identification cards, and birth certificates have been undertaken; and
viii) We have also held engagements with the Ministry of Finance on funding shortfall.

Mr Speaker, the Government remains committed to timely payment of all eligible beneficiaries.

The sixth question came from Hon. Robert Mugabe, MP Kitagwenda County. He says, "Kitagwenda District has 13 sub-counties and a town council, but only has four health centres III and one health centre IV at Ntara.

The district does not have a hospital, forcing residents to travel approximately 115 kilometres to Fort Portal Regional Referral Hospital for health services. This long distance has resulted in loss of lives, especially among emergency cases and expectant mothers, as patients struggle to access timely medical attention."

Mr Speaker, according to the honourable member, this situation is compounded by the fact that the district does not have health facilities at the required level across all subcounties as provided for in the Government policy.

His prayer is, given this commitment and the urgent health needs of the population, can the Government consider prioritising Ntara Health Centre IV for elevation to a community hospital among the 100 community hospitals expected to be considered in the next financial year?

My response, Mr Speaker, is as follows: The Government is undertaking planning for establishment and strengthening of community hospitals. The request for Ntara Health Centre IV will be considered in the Financial Year 2027/2028 planning and budgeting process within the community hospital programme and availability of resources.

The seventh question, Mr Speaker, came from Hon. Jane Frances Amongin, the Woman Representative of Kaberamaido District.

The Member raised an issue concerning the health situation in Kaberamaido that is overwhelming. Her prayer is that the Government provides two additional fully equipped ambulances in Kaberamaido.

The second one is that the Government elevates Ochero Health Centre III to a health centre IV status. Thirdly, that we increase the wage bill. finally, that we expand and renovate the maternity block at Kaberamaido General Hospital.

My response, is quite brief. These are legitimate priorities that require assessment within the overall health sector investment framework. The Ministry of Health will conduct an assessment and consider them in the Financial Year 2027/2028 planning and budgeting process.

The eighth question came from Hon. Juliet Achayo, Member of Parliament, Ngora County. She said that in response to our rapidly growing population and in a deliberate, commendable effort to bring services closer to the citizens, the Government created three new administrative units in Ngora County. That is; Atoot and Odwarat sub-counties and Opot Town Council. These units are not merely geographical demarcations but are the heartbeat of service delivery under our cherished decentralised government system.

However, according to Hon. Achayo, while the will to create these units was bold and visionary, the corresponding infrastructure to host their headquarters and offices was not provided. Her prayer is that the Government, in its continued commitment to equitable development, urgently considers constructing the basic but essential infrastructure for the new administrative units in Ngora County.

My response is that the Government prepared a budget to support local governments with headquarter establishment. Under the discussion of the Financial Year 2027/2028 funding, the Ministry of Local Government has been advised that the new units will be constructed, especially those that are incomplete.

Mr Speaker, Hon. Makmot Otto, Member of Parliament for Agago County says that the people of Agago and Abim have lived peacefully for the last decade. However,

recently, there have been unilateral border boundary openings that are creating suspicion, mistrust, unnecessary tension and potential land conflict.

Previously, the Minister of Lands, Housing and Urban Development visited the area and promised a joint boundary opening, which has taken several years. His prayer is for the plan that the Government has to resolve the border dispute before the local community takes the law into their hands.

My response is that boundary opening requires the co-ordination, consultation and participation of the affected local government communities. The minister visited the area and directed the technical team to prioritise Agago and Abim after completing the Obongi-Yumbe exercise. This will be done soon. I will also pick interest and come on site.

Mr Speaker, the ministry has prepared a cabinet paper on the international and local government boundary demarcation and submitted it to the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development for the Certificate of Financial Compliance before Cabinet consideration.

The 10th question came from Hon. Ivan Kyeyune, Member of Parliament for Nakasongola County. The Member raised the matter concerning land grabbing, threats of eviction and destruction of property in Kalongo, Buruli, Nakasongola. He requested for an urgent Government intervention and a comprehensive inquiry into the matter.

My response is that a joint technical team has been constituted to establish facts. The findings will be used to inform Government intervention. The honourable member is invited to liaise with the Commissioner of Land Inspectorate and Reform in the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development, who has been directed to handle the matter. I will give him the telephone contact of the same officer.

Mr Speaker, those were the questions I was given at this time. Thank you so much.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Rt Hon. Prime Minister. You can kindly continue with the duties in Namisindwa. I have ministers here who are going to take a few questions from Members addressed under the matters of national importance. If you have a disruption in the internet connection, we shall not access you. However, I know that you are always willing and available. I appreciate that despite being in the field, you said you must answer the Members' issues. We always appreciate you, Rt Hon. Prime Minister. Thank you. *(Applause)*

Honourable colleagues, before I open up to Members' questions, just five minutes are enough for us to handle item four because it is just for laying papers. It should be out of the way before we continue with the questions to the ministers. Hon. Masaba, the item had already been called.

4.26

MR KARIM MASABA (Independent, Industrial Division, Mbale City): Thank you, Mr Speaker. I had gone to follow up to ensure that the report is uploaded. I believe I will use less than five minutes because I just want to lay it.

Before I lay the report, I would like to give the Members some of the highlights of the report of the Uganda Parliamentary Sports Club delegation to the leadership meeting held between the 16th and 20th of September and the Second Joint Planning Committee Meeting of the 16th Edition of the East African Community (EAC) Inter-parliamentary Games that were held in Arusha, Tanzania from 21 to 25 September 2026.

The Uganda Parliamentary Sports Club leadership was invited to attend the meetings that took place in Arusha. We had a delegation of Members of Parliament and a few staff. I would like to thank you, Mr Speaker, for the opportunity for the entire delegation to attend those meetings.

There were many activities discussed but I am focusing mainly on the second Joint Planning Committee (JPC) meeting. There was the

initial one that had leaders from the different parliaments of the East African community that was in preparation of the Bureau of Speakers and then the second JPC that was involved in the East African Inter-Parliamentary Games.

On page three, you will see the purpose of the delegation. We were there to represent the interests of the Parliament of Uganda in the planning of the 16th EAC Inter-parliamentary games. You will see what happened there.

We then proceeded to the second JPC meeting, that is pages four and five. Honourable members, the report has been uploaded. I am certain many of you will get those details from the actual report.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Honourable member, rule 34 just requires you to give us highlights and recommendations. You do not have to give a summary of the report.

MR KARIM MASABA: Thank you, Mr Speaker, for the guidance. I will go to the recommendations. There are many, but I will skip to the major ones, where we will be holding the games. This year Tanzania was supposed to hold but the meetings harmonised and agreed that the East African Legislative Assembly (EALA) will be holding these inter-parliamentary games in Arusha because Tanzania always hosts in Dar es Salaam.

The dates are from the 4th to the 16th of December 2026. 16th is the return date.

With those few remarks, I beg to lay the report of the Ugandan Parliamentary Sports Club delegation to the leadership meeting between the 16th and 20th of September and the second joint planning committee meeting of the 16th edition of the inter-parliamentary games held in Arusha, Tanzania, from the 21st to the 25th of September 2026. I beg to lay.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, honourable member. Colleagues, these games will be for sports people. We are not sending any delegations to accompany them but if you can fund yourself and you would like to go and cheer them, you can do it; we shall permit you. We are avoiding a situation whereby some members who wake up at 5:00 a.m. to train when others are sleeping, and then they reach Arusha before those who were training. It sets a bad precedent.

So, the nominations will be strictly done by the captains. It is not the presiding officers. If you feel you want to go, please go to the captain of the relevant sport. If you meet the requirements, they will recommend you.

The Speaker, the Deputy Speaker and the Clerk are not playing any role in who should be going. So let us go back to- Yes, Hon. Acon?

MR ACON: Thank you, Mr Speaker. We are pretty much aware that in sports there is no corruption and it is based on merit. Honourable members, you have to practice to be better in all kinds of sports, because leaders are threatened; some are promised allowances if they take them. This is not acceptable at all.

Everybody must participate, and should go and perform. In sports, you cannot take a friend or girlfriend who is not doing good.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yeah, that is why we made it clear that it is the captains. The constitution of our sports team gave the Speaker the mandate to appoint one of the Members to head the sports.

However, the Speaker decided to democratize it, and we put up an election for captains. The captains chose for themselves whom they wanted to be their chairperson. That is how Hon. Karim Masaba was chosen.

Otherwise, it was going to start with us looking for our favourite person, then we would start influencing but the captains chose for themselves and the Speaker was very clear on that.

Number two, we are saying it is the captains who know who is training and who will perform to the best of their ability to bring medals to Uganda. The other day, early in the morning, I

attended the games at Lugogo Indoor Stadium, where there was basketball and netball. Hon. Lydia Wanyoto was threatening and when she saw me entering; she jumped into the sky, then down, and I said, "Okay, I will just wait to see you in Arusha."

Personally, I wake up very early in the morning and I am training for golf because I am part of the golf team. So I am going as a golfer. However, my captain has not confirmed whether I am on the list. But the other year I was the best golfer for the team. *(Applause)* So I hope I qualify.

Honourable colleagues, in short, just sort it with the captains. Do not ask me the list of captains because that means you are not training. Hon. Acon was trying to emphasise because he is the captain for athletics. Are you the captain for athletics, Hon. Acon?

MR ACON: No, Mr Speaker. My vice is now the captain. I am spectating this time. Hon. Kinobere is the captain and Hon. John Teira is the vice. It is good leadership to alternate; you cannot live forever. I am going to compete and I am sure I am going to win. Thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Because we received complaints about him, we told him to run at a quarter of the speed he usually runs so that other MPs from other regions can also feel they are close, and happy that they are competing with an Olympian. Thank you.

Honourable colleagues, let us go back to the Prime Minister's Time but we are going to use it to address matters of national importance. Strictly, one minute for a Member and one minute for a response from the minister, so that we can pick as many of you as possible. Hon. Melsa, I had already picked you and then Hon. Biara, followed by Hon. Nalukoola.

4.34

MS MELSA AVAKO (NRM, Woman Representative, Yumbe): Thank you, Mr Speaker. Yumbe Regional Referral Hospital that serves seven districts and a refugee population has no CT scan services, intensive care unit services, mental health department.

Out of 100 patients, 40 of them demand these services. Is there any plan by the Government to rescue Yumbe Regional Referral Hospital? And also, one ambulance. This ambulance returns after 24 hours for another referral. Is there a plan to add at least three ambulances for Yumbe Regional Referral Hospital? Thank you, so much.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Honourable Minister for Health?

4.35

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH (GENERAL DUTIES) (Ms Anifa Bangirana): Thank you, Mr Speaker. I would like to appreciate the Member and the Rt Hon. Prime Minister, who has extensively covered the programme of the ministry and we are profiling. Shortly, we shall come here to show the profile of equipment, health facility infrastructure and Yumbe is among them. Thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon. Biara?

4.36

MR EMMANUEL BIARA (NRM, Bulambuli County, Bulambuli): Thank you, Mr Speaker. I wish to take this opportunity to thank the President of Uganda, the Prime Minister and all other Government leaders for the first time considering that Bugisu moves away from mitigation to preparedness. I am really very privileged and happy that the Prime Minister is in Bugisu.

However, they are resettling people in my constituency in Bulambuli. But we do not have a secondary school. The primary school we have is not coded, and also we do not have a health centre within the sub-county called Bunambutye Resettlemnet Camp where they are taking these people. And lastly, Rt Hon – *(Member timed out.)*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Honourable Minister for Education. Colleagues, I said "strictly".

4.37

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EDUCATION AND SPORTS (SPORTS) (Mr Peter Ogwang): Thank you, Mr Speaker. We will work with the Office of the Prime Minister since it is an area which Government has already identified to settle our people and to urgently look for resources to have a primary and a secondary school constructed in that area.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: And also coordinate for the health centre.

MR OGWANG: Thank you, and most obliged.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: It needs to be captured. Hon. Nalukoola?

4.37

MR ELIAS NALUKOOLA (NUP, Kawempe Division North, Kampala): Mr Speaker, I thank you for this latitude. It is mandatory these days that when one is making a bail application before court, you must produce an introductory letter for the applicant and the sureties.

Mr Speaker, we have realised that many local council officials are not in position to write a letter with all the ingredients, as per the directions of the Chief Justice in the Practice Notice No.8 of 2022 and in the case of Tumwesige v. Uganda.

Mr Speaker, recently I was almost embarrassed when the bail application was about to be dismissed simply because the letter from the LCI had not in - *(Member timed out.)*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Colleagues, today I was addressing the whips in the Australian Parliament; they use 30 seconds, and in the UK Parliament, 45 seconds. When you go to give a narration, you lose it. I said strictly one minute and then one minute to respond. So, Government Chief Whip, coordinate with Hon. Nakuloola so that this matter is well picked, and the Minister for Local Government coordinates with the Minister for Justice. Thank you.

Hon. Edson Rugumayo? Is he here? Hon. Komakech Christopher? Oh, Hon. Edson Rugumayo is here. Colleagues, let us be quick, so that I can save more time for all these Members.

4.39

MR EDSON RUGUMAYO (NRM, Ntoroko County, Ntoroko): Mr Speaker, at the commencement of this year, we borrowed Euros 115 million from Standard Chartered Bank to construct 56.5 kilometres of Karugutu-Ntoroko Road, but up to now, no work has started, and the existing road was abandoned. We need an update on that.

Secondly, Mr Speaker, we have 19,675 people internally displaced and living in 4,021 households. These people have been living in deplorable conditions in a camp for seven years. We need an update on how far the Government has gone with resettling those people. Thank you, Mr Speaker.

4.40

THE GOVERNMENT CHIEF WHIP (Dr Jane Aceng): Mr Speaker, I will take that issue up with the Minister of Works, and on the resettlement, we will include it in the Prime Minister's Time next Thursday.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: This is a matter of involving the leaders around because it is one of the issues I was following up on. I know the land was identified and the seller did not agree with the value. The Rt Hon. Prime Minister has written back to the Government Valuer to look at the new value and then the Government Valuer responded. It is now a matter of keeping leaders from the region updated. I personally followed up because the MPs came to me, and that is why I have all this information. You do not need to come back here; ensure you inform the leaders from Ntoroko.

Hon. Komakech? Colleagues, I have around 12 who registered for matters of national importance. I will just pick them quickly, and then I will do random picking.

4.41

MR CHRISTOPHER KOMAKECH (NRM, Aruu County, Pader): 1.5 million Ugandans are above the age of 65, meaning they qualify for SAGE. On the 30th of September, this Parliament was informed that there is no money to pay the 1.5 million people. Mr Speaker, these gentlemen and women worked hard for this country. The democracy that we enjoy, the education system, the health system is because of them, and tomorrow we are going to be there too. We are looking shabby for not finding Shs 225 billion to pay people who worked hard for this country.

Rt Hon. Prime Minister, why are you making us look shabby that we do not care about our senior citizens? Can the Government get that money to pay the senior citizens? Thank you so much.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister of Finance? If Gender is around, but I see Finance.

4.42

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE, PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (MICRO-FINANCE) (Ms Shartsi Kutesa): Thank you, Mr Speaker. I take the concern from my brother, Hon. Komakech. Let me just commit that the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development will come back with a more positive answer. Whatever you have right now, do not take it as conclusive. I ask that you give us time, and we will report back. Thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Questions we take at this time are not questions of reporting back. What we are interested in, honourable minister, is action. So, coordinate with the Minister of Gender, get money so that people receive money.

MS KUTESA: Point taken, Mr Speaker.

4.43

MR FIDELIS LOLUK (Independent, Napore West County, Karenga): Thank you, Mr Speaker. I rise on a matter of many migrants coming from South Sudan to my constituency, that is Napore West County in Karenga District. Last week, when I was in the constituency, we registered a total of 3,444 migrants who are fleeing drought from South Sudan. I bring this to the attention of the Government on what can be done to help these people because the hosting families have been so much constrained to attend to the well-being of these migrants because at this moment, we do not have a - *(Member timed out.)*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Government Chief Whip, take up this matter. It is a refugee settlement under Ministry of Relief, Disaster Preparedness and Refugees. Engage with the leaders from the area.

4.44

MR MWESIGWA ISINGOMA (Independent, Hoima East Division, Hoima City): Thank you very much, Mr Speaker. Currently there is a lot of interdictions of civil servants going on in districts and cities orchestrated by the Minister of Local Government in the fight against corruption.

Whereas, we all support the crusade and fight against corruption, we feel that the interdiction, suspension of civil servants should be undertaken in line with established constitutional and legal procedures and especially after *prima facie* cases have been established against them but that is not happening. What is happening is that the Minister of Local Government goes to a local government – *(Member timed out.)*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister of Public Service, guide on the interdiction of staff across regions.

4.45

THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC SERVICE (Gen. (Rtd) Katumba Wamala): Thank you very much, Mr Speaker. The Ministry of Public Service is addressing that matter with the Minister of Local Government. I know that there are a number of districts which do not have service units now because of the exercise, but we are working together with the Minister of Local Government to put in place a temporary measure, especially where public servants are supposed to get their salaries; and so, that is going to be addressed.

We have also encouraged the Minister of Local Government to ensure that all those who have been interdicted are properly interdicted with proper documentation and then the investigating machinery does its work within the limited time, or the provided time. We are doing that and that is what I can say as of now. Thank you very much, Mr Speaker.

4.46

MR KENAN OPIO (NRM, Busiro County South, Wakiso): Thank you, Mr Speaker. I am rising on a matter of one of the roads in Kajjansi Town Council, the road of Kitende-Sekiwunga-Ssisa. That road is in a very bad condition. It serves many schools there and Crown Beverages industry. That hill of Ssisa is very slippery now that we are in the rainy season and the long vehicles can hardly climb there. Recently, a vehicle carrying our NRM people could not climb; it fell off. I am asking the Ministry of Works to attend to Kitende-Sekiwunga-Ssisa Road. Thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Honourable colleagues, as for that one, the Government Chief Whip will follow up with the Minister of Works but I visited Crown Beverages and I found a factory that gives us Shs 275 billion in taxes has no road. So, you ask yourself which kind of economics we are doing.

Mr Amos Nzeyi said "Why can't you get a quarter of the taxes I give you in one financial year and you work on my road?" I hope you follow up on it. Hon. Ahebwa Wilber?

4.47

MR WILBER AHEBWA (NRM, Nakaseke North County, Nakaseke): Thank you, Mr Speaker. I rise on an issue of Foot and Mouth Disease that is ravaging the entire cattle corridor, particularly Nakaseke North. This is happening despite farmers adhering to the cost recovery scheme of vaccination, particularly using the Iranian brand of the drug. There is a general feeling that the drug has failed.

My prayer is that the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries should go, carry out an investigation to see why the drug has failed, and if possible, compensate farmers with the right drug. They say that the drug that has been working is the European drug, which they have used before. Thank you, Mr Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Honourable colleagues, do you see what you can achieve in one minute?

4.48

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE, ANIMAL INDUSTRY AND FISHERIES (ANIMAL INDUSTRY) (Lt Col (Rtd) Bright Rwamirama): Thank you, Mr Speaker. First, I have been in his area and addressed farmers in the four sub-counties about the matter. The primary investigations have revealed that, that allegation is not very accurate; the farmers are under-declaring the numbers. When you have 200 cows and you vaccinate 100, the other 100 will succumb to the disease.

The other one is that they are rushing to vaccinate when the neighbours' cows are infected while grazing in the same area. If you vaccinate when the animals are already infected, during incubation time, they will succumb to the disease, but they will not be seriously sick. We shall bring a comprehensive report at the end of the investigation.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Honourable minister, you can include a small rider on Tuesday with a few more details as we debate the statement from the agriculture ministry.

4.50

MS SANDRA ACHENG (NRM, Woman Representative, Kole): Thank you, Mr Speaker. I rise on a matter of national importance. There is a road in my constituency, Aboke to Bobi, which was under AFCON but of late, they have informed us that there is no budget for it. Due to this AFCON issue, the Ministry of Works and Transport has not worked on this road since 2024. It is my prayer that the Ministry of Works and Transport kindly helps the people of Kole because this road links Lango Subregion to West Nile and Acholi Subregion. Thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister of Education and Sports, do you have something to say, since it is AFCON-related and it was in the budget of AFCON? Do you have any information? I needed the minister for sports. Or the Government Chief Whip might have some information.

4.51

THE GOVERNMENT CHIEF WHIP (Dr Ruth Aceng): Mr Speaker, this road is not under AFCON, but it is under the Ministry of Works and Transport. This question has been answered severally on this Floor; that the Government is mobilising money to work on this road.

4.51

MS TEDDY NAMBOOZE (NUP, Woman Representative, Mpigi): Thank you, Mr Speaker, for the indulgence. Mine was about insecurity in Kayabwe Town Council, but I have already engaged the Minister of Internal Affairs, who has promised to handle this as soon as possible. Thank you.

4.52

MR FRED JALAMESO (UPC, Ajuri County, Alebtong): Mr Speaker, my felicitation to you. I rise on a matter of urgent national importance; the appalling unfolding educational crisis in Ajuri County, Moroto County, Alebtong District in entirety.

Mr Speaker, up to now, no capitation grant has been paid. The schools are operating in very deplorable conditions and this has been exacerbated by the arrest of four head teachers, conducted by the DISO. This has caused panic, fear, and head teachers are hiding. Yesterday, I visited five schools, the situation is really poignant. I, therefore, call upon the Minister of Education and Sports to ensure - *(Member timed out.)*

4.53

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EDUCATION AND SPORTS (SPORTS) (Mr Peter Ogwang): Mr Speaker, first of all, there is no education crisis in Alebtong. I want that to go on record contrary to what my brother, Hon. Jalameso, has said.

Secondly, on the issue of capitation grant, I am going to cross-check within the ministry if at all it has not reached the district and why it has not reached. I want to remind honourable members that we send capitation grants based on the education management information system, which is downloaded from those very local governments to our system in the Ministry of Education and Sports. For that matter, we send based on the numbers which are actual and factual. I thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: The four head teachers arrested?

MR PETER OGWANG: I will follow up why they were arrested, then we will be able to report to my colleague, Hon. Jalameso, and take action too. Thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon. Lukyamuzi Kalwanga is here, followed by Hon. Cohen Kyampene.

4.54

MR DAVID LUKYAMUZI (NUP, Busujju County, Mityana): Thank you, Mr Speaker. I rise on a matter of national importance. We have a challenge; we were faced with heavy rainfall in my constituency and several properties were destroyed. Among the properties that were destroyed is a primary school. This primary school has kids that are going to sit for their exams and they need urgent attention. I call for the minister to take this up. Thank you very much.

4.55

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EDUCATION AND SPORTS (SPORTS) (Mr Peter Ogwang): Mr Speaker, on the matter of disaster, with due respect, I ask my colleague, Hon. Kalwanga Lukyamuzi, to help me by: First, getting the matter to my desk. Secondly, work with me to see how we can follow up with Office of the Prime Minister.

Like I have always said here, we do not have an emergency fund to handle issues of emergency. It is the Office of the Prime Minister, but I can coordinate with you as a matter of urgency.

Thank you

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, Hon. Cohen?

4.55

MR COHEN AMANYA (NRM, Igara County West, Bushenyi): Thank you, Mr Speaker. When I was last on this Floor, I raised a matter on the collapse and the sale by auction of Igara Tea Factory. Up to now, that issue has not been addressed. I beseech the Prime Minister to intervene and at least let there be a halt, or the Government should intervene, so that we do not lose a lot of property. Even the sale is on and a lot of employment opportunities will be lost. This factory also pays taxes to the Government. Hence, all this would be lost. I beseech the Prime Minister to intervene in the sale of Igara Tea factory and other factories, especially in Uganda. Thank you, Mr Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Where is the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development? Honourable colleagues, when we were in Kyankwanzi, I led a delegation of MPs from tea growing areas and we met His Excellency, the President. We had two meetings and in the second meeting the Prime Minister joined us.

The President promised money to support these factories; the first one was waiver of the taxes for factories which had been closed down. The second one is fertiliser which has been given, but where will the tea be sold if the factories are being auctioned off? I have waited for the Government to respond on this.

On Tuesday, I need the finance minister, who has been assigned, to give an update to this House on what he is doing about this issue.

I am going to pick Hon. Bernard, Member representing Maracha and Eng. Zadock.
Honourable colleagues, I am going to give all of you a chance. You are going to take one minute each.

4.57

MR ISAAC OTIMGIW (NRM, Padyere County, Nebbi): Mr Speaker, approximately 15,000 individuals are estimated to be living and begging on the streets of Kampala, including young mothers. That is across the Kampala Metropolitan Area, including Wakiso. The number keeps increasing. The worst thing is that now they are using infants and children as bait while the mothers stay away.

With the child protection laws in place, why is it that these children are not being taken to safe shelters so that they are not used as economic tools by their mothers? Thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: This issue should be handled by the Minister of Gender, Labour and Social Development. I do not want us, for those who are not around, to say we bring a statement. Otherwise, you will find that we have 40 statements to be brought here. When shall we ever do our business? So, I will wait for a verbal answer when the Minister of Gender, Labour and Social Development comes.

Now, I request Members to ask questions to the ministers here to make my work easy. Let us limit questions to the ministers here. If you can take note, I have the Minister of Education and Sports, Minister of Public Service, Minister of Lands, Housing and Urban Development, Minister of Health, Minister of Water and Environment, Minister of State, Office of the President (Ethics and Integrity), Minister of State, Office of the President (Economic Monitoring), Minister of Tourism, Wildlife and Antiquities and Minister of Defence and Veteran Affairs. So, let us limit - I mentioned the Minister of Public Service. For Public Service, we even have the two ministers here: the minister and the minister of state. I do not know if there is any other minister. Hon. Bernard?

4.59

SGT (RTD) BERNARD OTIM (NRM, Maruzi North County, Apac): Thank you, Mr Speaker. Three years ago, the Ministry of Health introduced a policy where expectant mothers were supposed to do a scan at least

twice when they visit health centres. Maruzi North does not have a single health centre IV. The health centres that are there do not have a scanner for checking these mothers. They are forced to pay Shs 20,000 or more in private facilities, and yet they cannot afford it.

Minister of Health, could you please tell us or give us a timeline for when you are providing the scanner for the mothers so that they do not run away from the facilities? Thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Honourable Minister of Health.

5.00

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH (GENERAL DUTIES) (Ms Anifa Bangirana): Thank you so much, Mr Speaker. I take note. I want to affirm that the Ministry of Health is profiling our health facilities that need equipment. We shall come here with the profile not only of the scanners, but also equipping our health facilities. I thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Ministry of Defence and Veteran Affairs also has a double here: Hon. Huda Oleru and Hon. Akifeza Ngabirano. They are here. Yes, Hon. Driwaru?

5.01

MS JENNIFER DRIWARU (NRM, Woman Representative, Maracha): Thank you, Mr Speaker. The Community Health Extension Workers (CHEWs) and the Village Health Teams (VHTs) in this country are doing a great job. However, those in my district, Maracha, have not been paid for the last 10 months. Would you consider paying them? Would you also consider enhancing the pay for the VHTs since they are doing a tremendous job? Would you also consider elevating Maracha Health Centre IV to a district hospital and elevating Oluvu Health Centre III to health centre IV? I thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister of Health.

5.01

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH (GENERAL DUTIES) (Ms Anifa Bangirana): Thank you so much, Mr Speaker. Let me begin with the elevation of health facilities. Honourable members, as I have said, we are compiling a list of facilities that need to be transformed into community hospitals and those that we need to upgrade from health centre IIIs to health centre IVs. So, if we can be given time, by next week, we shall have the list profile here.

About the CHEWs, Mr Speaker, we have this programme. We are still training. There are very few districts where we have not completed, and when we complete, we shall come here with the programme that caters for their payments. However, as of now, they are training; others are still ongoing. I thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon. Mutekanga.

5.02

MR ZADOCK MUTEKANGA (NRM, Buhweju County, Buhweju): Thank you, Mr Speaker. The Government promised and delivered fertilisers in some districts, and Buhweju is one of the districts which is expecting them. However, the fertilisers have not reached yet; the rains are almost running out. I do not know, if the Minister of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries can tell us what we should tell our farmers. The questions are very many. They do not see the fertilisers, and the rains are getting out. Thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: How do you give fertiliser for tea and you do not start with Buhweju? That is so surprising. I will help follow up myself, Hon. Mutekanga. I will follow up with the ministry. Kassanda, I am not yet sure about tea, but Buhweju, I am extremely sure. Yes, Kassanda Woman Member of Parliament?

5.03

MS REBECCA ATUKUNDA (NRM, Woman Representative, Kassanda): Thank you so much, Mr Speaker. Yesterday, I had very good points to talk about. Many of us

here wrote our names, but you did not read my name.

I have my question. Mr Speaker, in my district, I have raised this matter; I do not know how many times. When I speak about education and health in Kassanda, we are doing so badly. When I talked to the Minister of Health, he told me Kassanda is now considered to have a very big hospital that is going to coordinate the whole region of Greater Mubende. I was so happy, and maybe you can also clap for the minister and for my support.

Another thing - *(Member timed out.)*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: I hope you listened to the rules, honourable member, when we were starting. Colleagues, rules are rules. Yes, honourable Minister?

5.04

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH (GENERAL DUTIES) (Ms Anifa Bangirana): Mr Speaker, I note the Member's concern. Kassanda will be provided with a community hospital.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Honourable Minister of Education and Sports, the Member raised issues of education in Kassanda. Yes, she said the situation is not good at all.

5.05

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EDUCATION AND SPORTS (SPORTS) (Mr Peter Ogwang): I confirm that I have been in touch with my honourable colleague, even in the Lobby. She has actually held meetings with me. I appeal to her - I requested her to come to the office so that we prioritise some of the urgent areas of intervention based on the Shs 30 billion, which we have to specifically cater for some areas of dire need. I thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Kyegegwa MP?

5.05

MS JACKIE KYOGABIIRWE (NRM, Woman Representative, Kyegegwa): Thank you very much, Mr Speaker. Mine is about the Kyegegwa General Hospital Labour Suite. It accommodates only two beds, yet on a daily basis, 30-plus mothers come to deliver.

My prayer to Government is to urgently expand the Kyegegwa Labour Suite and deploy more midwives before we lose more mothers. Thank you so much.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Honourable Minister of Health.

5.06

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH (GENERAL DUTIES) (Ms Anifa Bangirana): Thank you so much, Mr Speaker. I want to assure the Woman Member of Parliament for Kyegegwa that two facilities will be considered for a community hospital. We shall consider the issue of labour suites because our mothers are supposed to be taken care of. We shall look into that.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon. Amaniyo

5.07

MS SHEILAH AMANIYO (NUP, Woman Representative, Mukono): Thank you, Mr Speaker. I seek the indulgence of the Minister of Lands, Housing and Urban Development. There is a land eviction in Kasenge A Village, Mbalala Ward, Mukono District, of a family that has been in existence for about 50 years.

The investors, who are Chinese - I am yet to get their names - have evicted their graveyards as well, about 27, and they are trying to find justice. I seek your indulgence, honourable minister, in this matter. The women are crying, and they are seeking justice. I thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Honourable Minister for Lands, Housing and Urban Development?

5.07

THE MINISTER FOR LANDS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (Ms Judith Nabakooba): Thank you, Mr Speaker. I have taken note of the concern of the Member. I am going to get in touch with her, and I will respond to the issue to get more details.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon. Kanaabi Jimmy, followed by Hon. Auma.

5.07

MR JIMMY KANAABI (NUP, Buikwe County South, Buikwe): The Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries (MAAIF). However, they put charges for each animal of Shs 8000 for a cow, and Shs 4000 for goats and pigs. Due to the high cost of living, these charges look to be high for our people. I am appealing to the Government to at least reduce these charges or scrap them.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Honourable colleagues, I had guided earlier. I told you the ministers who are here, so let us handle this on Tuesday. I encourage you to be here, Hon. Kanaabi. Hon. Auma Kenny, followed by Hon. Ismail Kasule.

5.08

MS KENNY AUMA (UPC, Woman Representative, Kwania): Thank you, Mr Speaker. The Ministry of Health appropriated Shs 500 million for the construction of a theatre at Nambieso Health Centre III, and we are happy that the theatre was constructed. My question is: when will the theatre be equipped, and when will this health centre III be upgraded to health centre IV? Thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister for Health?

5.09

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH (GENERAL DUTIES) (Ms Anifa Bangirana): Mr Speaker, I take note. As I have said, we are profiling all the facilities that need equipping, and we shall come back and respond.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon. Ismail Kasule?

5.09

MR ISMAIL KASULE (ANT, Hoima West Division, Hoima City): Thank you, Mr Speaker. I rise to draw the attention of the House to the urgent plight of Kitara FC, a club that has proudly represented Uganda on several occasions and raised our national flag high. Unfortunately, the club's current playing facility is not sustainable for competitive matches, yet its request to use Hoima City Stadium has reportedly been denied.

I humbly appeal to the minister responsible for sports to urgently intervene and grant Kitara FC temporary access to this national facility, subject to the applicable safety and operational requirements, as we have been doing. For the past matches that we have played in that facility, we have been paying. If I am allowed, I can lay on the Table the receipts of payment. We have been paying the Government that amount that has been asked for. This is about supporting our sportsmen, protecting Uganda's football reputation and ensuring that a club that - *(Member timed out.)*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister for Education and Sports?

5.10

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EDUCATION AND SPORTS (SPORTS) (Mr Peter Ogwang): Mr Speaker, I thank my colleague and how I wish you would permit him to lay on the Table these receipts he has paid, according to him, to the Government. I would be very interested in looking at this; if it is true, it is revenue, but allow me to address the subject matter.

The National Sports Act 2025, Cap 151, vests the functions of managing the facility in the National Council of Sports.

I thank Kitara FC for representing Uganda in continental football. I also want to say this, that their representing Uganda in the continental football, the Republic of Uganda did give them access to the National Stadium, that is Hoima City Stadium, which I think my colleague should commend the Government.

However, for local games, let me clarify these facts as follows:

That facility is entirely meant to be used once a week as per the professional advice given to us by those who built it. It is not meant to be used three times a week. For that record, I

did write to the Federation of Uganda Football Association, asking them to reconsider the position on why they closed the local facility for Kitara FC and allow them access to use its facility. For that matter, colleagues, the facility we are talking about is for the African Cup of Nations (AFCON) 2027.

As of now, the colleague is aware that the facility, particularly the pitch, is overused. This is an entirely hybrid pitch which has certain standards to be met, and for that matter, it is my role to guide council on how this asset should be managed. I want to put it again on record that we will continue to work with them case by case, but not to ensure that the facility hosts games two, three, or four times a week; that is not possible.

I want the parliament to accept that this facility is intended for AFCON 2027. After that, we will get an international management firm which will be able to manage, operate, and generate revenue for the Republic of Uganda for the purpose of continuing the utilisation of this national asset. So for now, my colleague, the money he is claiming he has paid, I am interested in investigating whether that money entered into the national coffers.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Honourable, you can lay the receipts on the Table.

MR ISMAIL KASULE: Thank you, Mr Speaker. This is a payment voucher, general receipt of 8 September 2026, and it is for Shs 30 million. I beg to lay.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: You paid to?

MR ISMAIL KASULE: It was paid to the National Council of Sports.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Cash or in the bank?

MR ISMAIL KASULE: Cash. Mr Speaker, this is also a payment voucher of Shs 30 million paid on the 8 of September 2026. Kitara versus Mogadishu FC, and this is the payment voucher paid to the National Council of Sports. I beg to lay.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Also cash?

MR ISMAIL KASULE: Also cash. Mr Speaker, there is also the voucher, payment general receipt; it was paid on the 17 of September 2026, Shs 30 million to use the stadium on the 12 of September 2026, and I beg to lay.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Also cash.

MR PETER OGWANG: Mr Speaker, you can see why I needed this record. We all know how the Government operates and the procedure for how the Government money is received. For that matter, I want to pledge to carry out an investigation into this matter.

Secondly, on this very matter, the Board of Council did not authorise anybody to use this facility. Who determined the price? These are the questions for which I am going to carry out the investigation.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Once documents are laid on the Table, they are for Parliament, not for you, but let the Clerk give you a copy. I want you to receive a copy formally. Hon. Gyaviira, Hon. Tom Bright, Hon. Alobo, and Eng. Kimeze.

5.15

MR LUBOWA GYAVIIRA (NUP, Nyendo-Mukungwe Division, Masaka City): Thank you, Mr Speaker. The Masaka Regional Referral Hospital is grossly crumbling and understaffed. The second oxygen plant that was constructed is not equipped. The 400-bed maternity ward has only 50 beds. It has a huge debt of Shs 3.8 billion in domestic arrears, and it is operating at a low of Shs 4.6 billion for its recurrent expenditure. Maybe the minister needs to profile it among her list.

5.17

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH (GENERAL DUTIES) (Ms Anifa Bangirana): Thank you, Mr Speaker. I vividly recall that my senior minister was here to give a status analysis of our health sector. I see there is an audit report about the regional referral hospitals. I beg that the matter of

the honourable member be considered as we review.

Mr Speaker, let me make a humble request, and put the record clear, that I appreciate the issues raised by my honourable colleagues, as people's representatives. They are right, because these are issues touching our people, because I am a representative as well.

When I said that the ministry is profiling, I request honourable colleagues to wait, so that we profile, then I come here - *(Interjection)* - now you are pre-empting. Mr Speaker, I would like to request that they give the ministry time to profile, and we come here to debate on an informed - secondly, the ministry is looking at about three funding options: The Government of Uganda, which is the Ministry of Finance, the Uganda Intergovernmental Fiscal Transfers Programme UgIFT II, and World Bank funding. We are trying to see where to fit some of these questions on equipment and health facilities. Can they give us time?

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Honourable Minister, I would guide that not every question falls under profiling. For example, the debt he has talked about cannot wait for profiling. I would request that, for issues that require specific answers, which cannot be generalised, and for which you are not able to get the information right now, on Tuesday, you will be responding to the general debate we have been having on health.

Therefore, these questions can be captured, and when you are responding on Tuesday, you include them as part of the response you will give. I think Members would be okay with that.

5.19

MR TOM BRIGHT (NRM, Kyaka Central County, Kyegegwa): Thank you, Mr Speaker. Kyegegwa District is supposed to have a ceiling of 1,400 staff for primary teachers. As we talk now, we have 673 teachers only. Out of the 673 teachers, 214 are on contract with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), and 14 teachers are on contract with Finn Church Aid (FCA), which is going to expire this month and next month. As we talk, parents are worried; they have had several meetings in several schools, made resolutions and have agreed to pay a little money to facilitate the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) teachers.

Mr Speaker, my prayer is for the honourable Minister of Education to accept that Kyegegwa District is suffering from a lack of teachers, not only in the primary section, but also in the secondary section. We are supposed to have 380 secondary school teachers, but as we talk now, we have only 246. Remember it is a refugee-hosting district; the numbers are big, and we are worried about you - *(Member timed out.)*

5.21

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EDUCATION AND SPORTS (Sports) (Mr Peter Ogwang) First, I acknowledge the concern of the honourable colleague, and since Kyegegwa is among the refugee-hosting districts, there are projects we are working on with the World Bank specifically to support us in recruiting additional teachers to handle such cases.

I implore my honourable colleague that we have time to meet in the office and follow up on how many are going to be recruited under that project of the refugee-hosting districts. I thank you.

5.21

MS JOAN ALOBO (FDC, Woman Representative, Soroti City): Thank you, Mr Speaker. Mine goes to education and land. There has been widespread land grabbing in Soroti City, with Government land being subdivided into plots on Government land, at Nakatunya Primary School, Pamba, Swaria Primary School, and Morapesur Primary School. This land is being demarcated and grabbed by former and current political leaders and technical staff of the city, the M-zone, the land board, and the entire body responsible for land division.

Given your responsibility, I request that you institute an independent body to investigate that issue of schools in Soroti City and do the necessary prosecutions and interdict lawfully the beneficiaries who are - *(Member timed out.)*

5.22

THE MINISTER OF LANDS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (Ms Judith Nabakooba): Thank you, Mr Speaker. I take note of the matter raised by the honourable Member of Parliament for Soroti City. I pledge that we are going to handle the matter by working with the Minister for Education.

However, we have been having a drive to protect Government land. We realised that most of the government land had never been titled and not surveyed. Right now, we are working with the district staff surveyors across the country to identify where government land is and support them as a ministry to first secure it by titling it. Again, those who are doing it, we are going to follow up, and we shall revert to Parliament.

5.23

MR BERUNADO SSEBBUGGA-KIMEZE (NRM, Budyebo County, Nakasongola): Thank you, Mr Speaker. I thank the Ministry of Health for what they are doing to provide health services across the country. We realise that there is a shortage of staff in the health services. Particularly, some cadres are acutely lacking. For example, anaesthetists, those who administer anaesthesia during medical operations.

In Nabiswera Health Centre IV, there is no anaesthetist; they rely on services from someone from Masindi during medical operations. Therefore, while the ministry does the profiling, we request that provisions for such cadres be taken care of. I thank you.

5.25

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH (GENERAL DUTIES) (Ms Anifa Bangirana): Thank you, Mr Speaker. The ministry has received some funding from the Ministry of Finance for the recruitment of specialists for services, and the process is ongoing.

5.25

MS ROBINA MUKISA (NRM, Woman Representative Namayingo): Thank you, Mr Speaker. Mine goes to the Minister for Lands concerning the land tenure security and the welfare of about 40,000 residents in Mutumba Subcounty and Mutumba Town Council in Namayingo District.

In 1981, approximately 2,009 hectares of land were reportedly leased for 49 years to Mr Noah Odoi and nine others. However, as the lease approaches expiry, the future of the thousands of residents living on this land raises serious concern. The residents are worried about the future and where to go.

My prayers to the Minister for Lands are that the ministry should intervene and establish facts surrounding this land and engage affected parties to take appropriate lawful measures to protect the rights and interests of the residents before the situation goes out of hand.

5.26

THE MINISTER OF LANDS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (Ms Judith Nabakooba): Thank you, Mr Speaker. I have received a petition from Hon. Hope in my office. I put up a team to investigate and give me a report. When I get the report, I will get in touch with her.

5.26

MR VICENT OPITO (UPC, Dokolo South County, Dokolo): Thank you, Mr Speaker. Mine goes to the Minister for Education. I am aware that very many teachers are anxious because of the Hon. Balaam's approach. We need to support him because he is fighting corruption. I request, if possible, that the Minister give guidelines on the financial support that teachers are supposed to get from the parents, so that we have a boundary on where they are supposed to operate and where to stop.

That will help and should include both urban and rural settings. In urban settings, they need to buy water, pay for electricity and meet other needs that help prepare our young generation to pursue different educational needs. Thank you.

5.27

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EDUCATION AND SPORTS (SPORTS) (Mr Peter Ogwang): The honourable colleague has mentioned a matter we are going to take up with Cabinet because we all need to agree as Government.

Secondly, I would like to refer you back to the Universal Primary Education (UPE), Act which is very clear. I do not want to go beyond that. I thank you.

5.28

MR IVAN KYEYUNE (NUP, Nakasongola County, Nakasongola): Thank you, Mr Speaker. Nakasongola is receiving some rainfall. However, for the last four months we had terrible drought, which affected crop production and livestock farming.

I am here to ask the Minister of Water and Environment to inform Parliament on the current implementation status of phase two of the Nakasongola water supply under the Strategic Towns Water Supply and Sanitation Project. Specifically, we need to know how far the project is, the finances available, areas to be served and when the implementation will be.

5.28

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER AND ENVIRONMENT (Ms Aisha Sekindi): Thank you, Mr Speaker. The Government of Uganda, through the Ministry of Water and Environment, signed a contract with China Harbour Engineering Company for phase two. The project will begin in February 2027. Thank you.

5.29

MR ONESIMUS TWINAMASIKO (NRM, Bugangaizi East County, Kakumiro): Thank you, Mr Speaker. Towards the end of June last year, the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development carried out some land surveying and demarcation of land in Kyabalitwa Ward, Kisita Town Council. Since then, there has been silence. We have not heard of any new progress. I would therefore like to inquire about the current status of the land.

5.30

THE MINISTER OF LANDS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (Ms Judith Nabakooba): Thank you, Mr Speaker and Hon. Onesimus for the question. That is a programme under Systematic Land Adjudication and Certification, which is ongoing. Yes, the surveys were done, and what I can confirm is that the team is still doing the work. Once they are ready with the certificates, we shall inform the leaders in the area when those certificates will be taken to the subcounty.

5.33

MS ANNET NABADDUKA (Independent, Woman Representative, Kibaale): Thank you, Mr Speaker. I rise to inquire of the Minister of Education and Sports. In my district Kibaale, almost all the secondary schools do not have ICT facilities despite the new curriculum, which is ICT-based.

I have about five secondary schools, none of which have a single computer. For example, Rwamiramira Secondary School, Kisalizi Parents, St Kizito Secondary School; all say, "Woman Member of Parliament, go and tell the Minister for Education to bring us computers because we are doing nothing." Thank you very much.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: And you have told him.

5.32

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EDUCATION AND SPORTS (SPORTS) (Mr Peter Ogwang): First of all, we acknowledge that there is a need for IT penetration in all our schools. However, we also have to be cognisant of the fact that there have to be laboratories. For that matter, first is the provision of the IT labs, and secondly, we follow up on how we

will be able to provide those computers in most of those schools. Thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Hajji Bisaso, followed by Hon. Kibanzanga and Hon. Aguti Sarah. I am moving like this.

5.33

MR ABDUL BISASO (NRM, Kassanda County South, Kassanda): Thank you, Mr Speaker. The Minister for Lands recently issued a circular stopping the eviction of *bibanja* owners by landlords. However, in Myanzi Subcounty, Kampiri, Kamboja and Rukira, a one Roy, the daughter of the landlord, Mr Nsubuga, is forcefully chasing away *bibanja* holders. If you do not agree to share the "Kibanja", they chase you. Honourable Minister, we ask for your indulgence.

Then, the Minister for Education, still in Myanzi, we have two islands of Bwagwe and Bugoro, and neither has a private nor a public school. People have to come by boat to the mainland to access education. Kindly see how you can help such a community.

5.33

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EDUCATION AND SPORTS (SPORTS) (Mr Peter Ogwang): I want to reiterate our policy on primary and secondary schools. If these islands are within the subcounty where there is a Government secondary school, my colleague, I want to say that I am unable to provide another one. However, if it is on an island whose subcounty does not have a Seed school, then we will work.

The same applies in terms of the parishes. If it is a parish without a primary school, then we will set up one. However, if it is one with a primary school but in a different area, I am unable to say that we will do something. I thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister for Lands?

5.34

THE MINISTER OF LANDS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (Ms Judith Nabakooba): Thank you, Mr Speaker. I have taken note of Hajji Bisaso's issue. Again, I would like to say that we are following the Presidential Executive Order No. One of 2022, on no evictions of bona fide and lawful occupants.

I also re-echoed this year in my guidelines that people should not be evicted, especially when they are bona fide and lawful. We will go ahead and act by speaking to the District Security Committee of Kassanda to ensure that nobody will be evicted.

5.35

MR CHRISTOPHER KIBANZANGA (Independent, Bughendera County, Bundibugyo): Thank you, Mr Speaker and honourable members. My issue is on the El Niño rains and the disasters in the country. Seeing the Prime Minister in Mount Elgon yet there is no directive for her to come to Rwenzori, when Mount Elgon and Rwenzori are sister mountains in terms of disasters and challenges; it leaves some of us who come from Rwenzori with a mixed anxiety, hope and fear.

Mr Speaker, allow me, in preparation for the Prime Minister to also focus on Rwenzori, to hand in a report on behalf of my two sisters, Hon. Harriet and Hon. Josephine, guiding the Government on how to focus on the Rwenzori. I beg to lay.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please lay.

MR KIBANZANGA: Thank you, Mr Speaker. Following the guidance of the Government Chief Whip regarding bringing evidence on the disasters that have been ravaging our areas, I hereby lay a document from the District Disaster Management Committee, the letter of the CAO, the letters of the several subcounty agricultural officers, and then the list of the affected persons plus photographic evidence. I beg to lay.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Can I request that, as you have laid here, you also have a copy sent to the Prime Minister? Thank you. Hon. Sarah Namulondo, Hon. Tibyaze Peace, then Hon. Bakashaba.

5.37

MS SARAH NAMULONDO (NRM, Woman Representative, Buyende): Thank you, Mr Speaker. All health centre IVs in the whole country are supposed to have scans. But many of them do not have. My prayer is, can the Ministry of Health work on that so that all health centre IVs get the scans. Thank you very much.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Honourable Colleagues, the Minister of Health just took her health break. So, let it be captured for Tuesday. The Government Chief Whip will pass it to her. Hon. Tibyaze Peace followed by Hon. Bakashaba, followed by Hon. Anthony, followed by Hon. Muzaale, then Hon. Kakooza James.

5.38

MS PEACE TIBYAZE (NRM, Woman Representative, Jinja): Mr Speaker, farmers are living in tension and fear because of the taxes that are being imposed on them lately. Farmers are paying a Value Added Tax (VAT) of 18 per cent. Particularly, the sugarcane farmers.

They are also paying an excise duty of Shs 200. Then, the farmers are also paying an income tax of Shs 1 million annually, straight to the Uganda Revenue Authority.

Mr Speaker, sugar cane farmers are going through a lot of unfair prices and high costs of production. We should note that farmers have cooperative organisations - *(Member timed out.)*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Minister for Trade-please honourable, kindly give it in detail because it is a highly detailed question. The rule for this time is one minute. If you cannot explain your matter in one minute, then wait, you will have other- I think you heard how the Prime Minister responded to issues. I am seeing others are delivering three, four questions in one minute and they are done. I will pick all of you today. Honourable colleagues, do not mind. *(Applause)*

Honourable ministers, I beg your indulgence because these colleagues are going to their constituencies over the weekend and they need answers. So, I since you behaved well among the few who have behaved well, kindly withstand so that we finish. Hon. Bakashaba?

5.40

MR CHRISTOPHER BAKASHABA (NRM, Mbarara North Division, Mbarara City): Thank you, Mr Speaker...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Switch on your microphone honourable.

MR BAKASHABA: Mr Speaker, the honourable Minister of Education has mentioned many seed schools but unfortunately, I have not heard mine for Kyarwabuganda. It was supposed to be constructed one year ago. However, up to today, we have never heard anything from the Ministry of Education. Kindly, please explain. Thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister for Education, please explain. (*Laughter)*

5.41

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EDUCATION AND SPORTS (SPORTS) (Mr Peter Ogwang): I want to invite my colleague to the office first because I need to ascertain under which project we were meant to construct that school. So, for that matter, tomorrow we will be here at 7.00 a.m.; after here, let us go to Embassy House. I thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon. Anthony, then Hon. Muzaale, then Hon. Karim Masaba.

5.42

MR ANTHONY TUMWESIGYE (Independent, Isingiro West County, Isingiro): Thank you, Mr Speaker. I stand here to speak on behalf of

the teachers in Isingiro District whose rights of deployment and transfer are being trampled upon by those whose stakes are raised high.

The teachers in Isingiro are transferred from one school to another. The substantive teachers find that the schools they have been transferred to are being managed by classroom teachers. The classroom teachers refuse to leave, and eventually, those who are substantive teachers are now at home.

They have appealed to the Chief Administrative Officer. However, the Chief Administrative Officer has not helped them. Honourable Minister, kindly intervene.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, Honourable Minister.

5.44

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EDUCATION AND SPORTS (SPORTS) (Mr Peter Ogwang): First of all, we must acknowledge the role of the district local government in the management of the affairs of primary education. So if it is a question of transfer of the primary teachers, it is entirely within the district. But if it is for secondary, it is under me at the central level.

So, I seek clarification from my colleague on which one is taking place. Is it the one at the centre or at the district level? If it is at the district level, I can be able to work with the Permanent Secretary and you, to talk to the District Education Officer to find out why that is happening. I thank you so much.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon. Anthony, get details for Hon. Peter Ogwang. Hon. Wanyoto wanted to give some information on the submission of Hon. Kibanzanga, then Hon. Martin Muzaale came in.

5.45

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PUBLIC SERVICE (Ms Lydia Wanyoto): Thank you, Mr Speaker. Honourable colleagues, as you can see in the House, most members of the Bugisu Parliamentary Caucus are with the Prime Minister in Bugisu. This is not to say that it is only Bugisu being addressed in terms of vulnerable communities because of El Niño.

Indeed, the country has been mapped out. For example, areas of Ntoroko, River Nyamwamba in Kasese, and in Teso, where there are likely floods, the Government is going to address all those places.

I did not want this to go on record saying that it is only Bugisu being attended to. Most of the parts of the country, including Teso and Lango, have been addressed, and indeed the Prime Minister has just begun the journey; the whole country is going to be attended to. Thank you, Mr Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Hon. Muzaale, followed by Hon. Masaba, then Hon. Kakooza James.

5.46

MR MARTIN MUZAALE (NRM, Buzaaya County, Kamuli): Thank you, Mr Speaker. Public Service, what is your take on agencies whose staffing levels are below 50 per cent?

Secondly, the status of our Public Service Commission, because if it is not well constituted, it affects the lower commissions at the district. Thirdly, Honourable Minister, you had promised a salary review commission. What is the status? Thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Honourable Minister?

5.45

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PUBLIC SERVICE (Ms Lydia Wanyoto): Thank you, Mr Speaker and Hon. Martin Muzaale for the question. Let me start with the Public Service Commission. The Public Service Commission has been constituted, and indeed, they have already gone through the vetting process of Parliament.

Last Friday they took the oath, and right now they are undergoing orientation. So maybe within a week, they will be embarking on their

duty to start work, and they will begin with the backlog of giving the status of the District Service Commissions.

We have visited Busoga, Bukedi, Sebei, Bugisu, Lango and Acholi subregions. We are next going to West Nile as a ministry, and we found gaps.

We have found areas with District Service Commissions that have expired. We are going to start off the process of getting the districts to approve nominees and then they come for approval or where our colleagues from Ministry of Local Government have been able to suspend them or to have issues with them as District Service Commission because of the campaign of exposing the corrupt.

We are also addressing that issue, but it has to be done through the statutory board of the National Service Commission, which is now in place.

However, we also need to correct this through legislative alignment- there is a need to debate whether the terms of office of district chairpersons should not align with the service commissions at the district because of the conflicts arising when these service commissions run with new political leaders. Those are some of the biggest conflicts we found, and we hope that we will be able to come to Parliament to address this matter with the committee.

The last issue was on the salary review commission, which is still a work in progress. Now that we are fully constituted with the National Service Commission, we are going to deal with the issues of the salary review commission. We are handling issues of the National Pension Fund, including salary enhancement, but in an incremental manner-process by process. I thank you, Mr Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon. Masaba and Hon. James Kakooza.

5.47

MR KARIM MASABA (Independent, Industrial Division, Mbale City): Thank you very much, Mr Speaker. We did pass in this Parliament a loan to do roads under the Uganda Cities and Municipalities Infrastructure Development (UCMID), which is a successor project of UCMID under the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development.

Mr Speaker, there are roads that were earmarked in Mbale City from areas of Moni, Nauyo, Bugema, and Maluku. People gave up their land. Those who were in the road reserve were moved. Since passing the loan over a year ago, Mbale City Council has not maintained these roads, with the hope that they will come to construct them anytime.

Therefore, my question to the minister is: when are you coming to the ground to begin work on these roads, because they are in a very terrible state. Council has abandoned them, thinking that you are coming to take over.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Honourable Minister.

5.48

THE MINISTER OF LANDS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (Ms Judith Nabakooba): Thank you, Mr Speaker. What I can say is that the project is on. We have been recruiting the project staff, and we have made all the internal arrangements ready. I think we are going to begin the next phase within a month.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Honourable Minister, when you look at when we passed this money, you worked on this project. Yet we are put under pressure, telling us to pass these quickly? We give you a loan, and for a whole year, it is just sitting there. We are paying interest on undisbursed money.

Service delivery is a problem. What do we do, really? It either raises a query on accountability. So, you ask yourself, when you sort this out with the World Bank before you come. You

can start other processes quietly, and then you wait for formalisation after signing. Period, but spending a whole year is frustrating.

5.49

THE GOVERNMENT CHIEF WHIP (Dr Jane Aceng): Mr Speaker, the World Bank loans are a nightmare. The processes are too many. The time that is taken for approval is too long. Every step has to be approved.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: So, at what time do you come to Parliament?

DR ACENG: Mr Speaker, even when the loan is approved by Parliament, there are many other processes that the World Bank loans go through. I want to request that we resolve to ask the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development to come and give us the steps because it is also frustrating for the ministers.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Government Chief Whip, if you listened to me properly, you go, design, go to the World Bank; in the World Bank approach, usually there is a pipeline of projects of like three to five years. You go, negotiate and finish.

When you come to Parliament, what I was saying is very simple. If you are proactive, I can, for example, start recruiting - *(Member rose_)* listen to me, I can start the process. I know what I am talking about because some of the agencies have done it.

I start on recruiting, but I do not sign. So that when they finish the process, I just sign because I am remaining with signing. Do you want to say the World Bank also says on recruitment of so and so?

DR ACENG: Recruitment and wait for approval. You have to request them until they approve; you cannot. Anything you want to do, they must approve.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: However, the same World Bank has been talking to us and blaming us.

DR ACENG: Mr Speaker, let MoFPED come and be clear on the processes.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please, Committee on National Economy, when we are looking into loans, look into this. It is not helpful for us to pass a loan for a whole year, and we cannot even recruit. That is really - Anyway, Hon. Kakooza James.

5.51

MR JAMES KAKOOZA (NRM, Older Persons Representative, Central): Thank you, Mr Speaker. Mine is a quick one. There is a silent voice within the Local Governments about our councillors. You solved the problem here, and Parliament pronounced itself against taxing those people in local councils.

There is no councillor who gets above the threshold of Shs 335,000. Why should the Uganda Revenue Authority (URA) continue harassing these local councillors? They have been complaining all the time for the last three to five years.

The last one is my observation, all what we talk here; kindly we request the Government that MoFPED, therefore should be the one here to explain these things. For instance, we are having difficulties with the quarterly releases. When you carry out an oversight function, and you have details of what has been submitted in the district. You go and find out from the local government, and even the programmes of the Government, but the Minister of Finance kept – *(Member timed out.)*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Indeed, there is no one here from the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development. The Government Chief Whip has taken note of that. Hon. Acon and Hon. Akugizibwe.

5. 53.

MR JULIUS ACON (NRM, Otuke East County, Otuke): Thank you very much, Mr Speaker. This question goes to the honourable Minister for Water and Environment. I think on several occasions I have written many letters

to your office. For the past two years, Otuke Town, has had a challenge of water and I came to your office I think about three to four times.

My request or appeal: could you please try to connect with the power people so that the people of Otuke would have clean water in town. The biggest challenge is mostly about hotels and restaurants, which are in a terrible condition, where people walk about a kilometre away to fetch clean water.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Honourable Minister?

5.54

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER AND ENVIRONMENT (WATER) (Ms Aisha Sekindi): Point noted, Mr Speaker. I am going to work together with National Water and see what the problem is first and how we can solve it.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon. Acon, link up with Hon. Sekindi. She is a mover, and she acts. Hon. Akugizibwe followed by Hon. Simon Peter and Hon. Malinga. I am coming from this line; I go like this, and then I come here.

5.54

MR RONALD AKUGIZIBWE (NRM, Buruli County, Masindi): Thank you, Mr Speaker. The Government gives a capitation grant to schools, especially for Universal Primary Education (UPE), and it gives Shs 20,000 per pupil per year.

That translates to Shs 6,667 per term. This translates to Shs 2,224 per month. We all agree that this money is little. I want to request that, as we are now beginning the budgeting process, we could have plans to increase this money from Shs 20,000 to at least Shs 50,000. It is because the money – *(Member timed out.)*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Honourable Minister of Education and Sports?

5.55

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND SPORTS (Sports) (Mr Peter Ogwang): Mr Speaker, as a sector, we give depending on the resource envelope given to us. Therefore, for that matter, I want to implore honourable colleagues that we will be very happy if you support us in terms of increasing the capitation grant, but as of now, we distribute what is available. I thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Make a strong case in Cabinet. Hon. Simon Peter, followed by Hon. Malinga.

5.56

MR SIMON ADUM (NRM, Chua West County, Kitgum): Thank you, Mr Speaker. Mine goes to the Minister of Education and Sports. I have two seed schools: Layamo Seed Secondary School and Amida Main; both have no electricity. However, we have a computer laboratory that is just quiet. We do not even have a water source at Amida Seed Secondary School. Thank you.

Secondly, Mr Speaker, we have registered about 1,500 landmine victims in Acholi, especially Kitgum. They were supposed to be compensated with about Shs 3 to 5 million. They were registered back in 2007. As we speak, none of them has ever gotten any compensation and yet we are compensating people with cows. I do not know how we differentiate humanity and cows. Thanks, I beg to submit.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister of Education and Sports?

5.57

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND SPORTS (Sports) (Mr Peter Ogwang): Power connectivity is the role of the Minister of Energy and Mineral Development, and the Minister for Water; my sister is also here. What I can confirm going forward with the new project specifically on the issue of water, we will ensure that our project is embedded with the provision of a water point in a school. That is what we do, but for electricity, it is the

role of the Minister of Energy and Mineral Development to connect power. I thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Honourable Minister, what I am getting from the Member is that you build a seed school. So, if you build, coordinate with the other agencies to bring the enablers. Okay? You should see that all schools should have water and electricity. Then, you link up with your - like how we have a provision of saying all subcounty headquarters should have electricity. We could see a way of you coordinating. Try coordinating with the rest. On the landmine issue, Ministry of Defence and Veteran Affairs?

5.58

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEFENCE AND VETERANS AFFAIRS (DEFENCE) (Ms Grace Akifeza): Mr Speaker, in defence we are in the process of verifying the lists of the claimants because we have differing lists from the different affected districts. Therefore, right now we were directed or advised by the President to come up with a unified list to have them given whatever the Government will decide to give.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Any window of hope and good news?

MS AKIFEZA: It is actually at my desk, and I am working on it.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Tomorrow, we shall pray for you so that in around one month you are done, and people get money.

MS AKIFEZA: Thank you, Mr Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Do you have the money?

MS AKIFEZA: The money to give?

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes.

MS AKIFEZA: It will be budgeted for. Once we verify the list of people, then we shall be able to determine how much we have to budget.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Expedite so that in the next budgeting cycle, at least we include them. It is not long. Thank you. Hon. Malinga, followed by Hon. Kazini.

5.59

MR ISAAC MALINGA (NRM, Soi County, Kween): Thank you, Mr Speaker. Mine goes to the Ministry of Education and Sports. In Soi Constituency, there is no single secondary school, seed or Private or even government. Eighty per cent of the young people in Soi drop out. Young girls are getting pregnant and becoming young mothers, and the young boys are into drugs - *(Interjection)*- They are in drugs. The hope for my people in Soi is that, usually, when you finish primary school, you go and work in fields for the rich people.

Mr Speaker, Ngenge Community Seed Secondary School has appeared on the list for the Ministry of Education and Sports to be considered. Unfortunately, it keeps appearing and disappearing. Minister of Education and Sports, I came here today because I wanted to seek your assurance to the people of Soi and hope to these young people that – *(Member timed out.)*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Honourable Minister?

6.00

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND SPORTS (Sports) (Mr Peter Ogwang): Mr Speaker, I was actually going to respectfully disagree with my brother on the issue of saying that there is no seed secondary school in his constituency. I am aware of Ngenge because the former Member of Parliament was following up on this subject matter. If it has not been constructed, I want to invite you tomorrow to the ministry so that we can follow up on why that project did not take off. As per our records, I presume this school started a year ago. Maybe I would now be imploring you to invite me to commission the school. However, I invite you to come, and we will follow it up. Thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: I hope your boardroom is much bigger because you have

invited over 20 MPs tomorrow. Thank you. Hon. Kazini, you had an issue, followed by Hon. Muhimbura.

6.01

MR FRANCIS TWINOMUJUNI (NRM, Buhaguzi County, Kikuube): Mr Speaker, thank you for the opportunity. You know that Kikuube is an oil district that hosts Kingfisher, but it is unfortunate that we do not have a district hospital.

Now that the honourable minister is here, a district that hosts Kingfisher without a hospital- is it worth it? May I request that, in your planning, you consider Kikuube to have a district hospital immediately. Kikuube District is a neighbour to Hoima City that is going to host AFCON. We are actually its nearest neighbours. We are going to host so many people, so the Minister of Health should really consider us. I thank you, Mr Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Honourable Minister?

6.02

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH (GENERAL DUTIES) (Ms Anifa Bangirana): Mr Speaker, I want to assure the honourable member that I have taken note, and Kikuube will be considered. Thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon. Loydah Muhimbura?

6.02

MS LOYDAH KYARIKUNDA (NRM, Woman Representative, Mbarara): Thank you, Mr Speaker. My issue goes to the Minister of Education and Sports. I have two subcounties and one town council that do not have seed schools. My prayer is that the honourable minister considers those two subcounties and the one town council so that they are given seed schools. They have already secured land which is free of encumbrances to have those seed schools built on. Thank you so much.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Honourable Minister?

6.03

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND SPORTS (Sports) (Mr Peter Ogwang): I am aware that those three subcounties are among the 904. Like I did say in my statement here, depending on the availability of the budget, we will be able to undertake those projects. I thank you.

6.04

MS SARAH LOGOSE (NRM, Woman Representative, Butaleja): Thank you, Mr Speaker. There has been a loud outcry about the understaffed schools and according to the Education Service Commission, it says that the money which is given to them to do the recruitment is little. It is my humble prayer, because when we talked to the minister himself, he threw it back to us, the Members of Parliament, that we should reallocate more money to the Ministry of Education and Sports so that they can take care of that issue.

Then the other issue is to you, honourable minister, we have so many young talented – *(Member timed out.)*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Honourable Minister?

6.06

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND SPORTS (Sports) (Mr Peter Ogwang): Mr Speaker, I beg your indulgence, Sir, because I want to plead guilty that the time we have reached - I want to confirm that my next of kin was verifying whether I was here or I had left here. So, Sir -

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Why do they doubt you so much? What is the problem?

MR PETER OGWANG: That is for another day, Mr Speaker. However, I would like to request that my sister give me a write-up so that I can follow up on the issue she has addressed.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon. Logose, tomorrow after prayers -

MR PETER OGWANG: No, Mr Speaker, I am aware of those I invite. I am very sure that I can manage with my technical people because at least I now understand the sector better.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Let me give her a chance to repeat her issue.

MR PETER OGWANG: No, Mr Speaker, can I beg for your indulgence that she does not come for now? Thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Okay. Thank you. Hon. Nakiyi? *(A Member rose_)* Honourable Member, didn't you speak earlier? You had already raised your issue. No, please, you cannot raise two issues in one sitting.

6.08

MR JULIUS NAKIYI (NRM, Budadiri County East, Sironko): Mine is related to Hon. Kakooza's question concerning the taxation of the district councillors. Now, the Minister for Economic Affairs is here; she can answer.

Councillors are being taxed at 30 per cent. Now, what that means is that your income must be between Shs 480,000 and 10 million. What evidence does the Government have to confirm that all councillors in Uganda earn up to Shs 10 million in a month in order to subject that income to 30 per cent? What evidence do they even have that there is some other primary income apart from the Shs 250,000 that they earn as councillors?

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister of State for Economic Monitoring, have you monitored those economics, or can you take it up and handle it?

6.09

MINISTER OF STATE, OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT (ECONOMIC MONITORING) (Ms Santa Alum): Thank you so much, Mr Speaker. I would like to thank the honourable colleague, but the issue being raised is for economic planning. However, being the minister in charge of economic monitoring, I will have to monitor this issue. I thank you, Mr Speaker. *(Laughter)*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: I like that. Thank you. Dr Musa?

6.07

DR NOAH MUSA (NRM, Koboko North County, Koboko): Mr Speaker, I want to address the Minister of Water and Environment. In Koboko North, I have two schools and two health facilities: Lokiri Primary School and Gurepi Primary School, which do not have sources of water. Then I have Bamure Health Centre III and Chakulia Health Centre III, which do not have a reliable source of water.

Could you support us with a clean source of water so that mothers who access health services in these facilities can get dignified services, and the pupils attending classes in those schools can also learn in facilities with Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH). Thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Honourable Minister?

6.07

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER AND ENVIRONMENT (WATER) (Ms Aisha Sekindi): Thank you, Mr Speaker. I am requesting my colleague, Hon. Musa, to come to the office, and we will see how we can handle that issue because right now I have no answer for it.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon. Nagujja Judith?

6.08

MS JUDITH NAGUJJA (NRM, Woman Representative, Buvuma): Thank you, Mr Speaker. Ever since the Government intervention to improve the fishing methods of *mukene*, many people have lost their jobs. As I speak now, two people died at Kasali Landing Site last week. As we await the ministry to finish up with the regulations, it is my humble request to the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries and the Office of the Prime Minister to come up with an empathetic measure to save lives in these fishing zones. Thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. That one is taken note of. When they are responding on Tuesday, when we are debating agriculture, it will be addressed. Government Chief Whip, capture it. Hon. Kangwagye, then Hon. Angura.

6.09

MR STEPHEN KANGWAGYE (NRM, Bukanga County, Isingiro): Thank you, Mr Speaker. In 2013, the Government of Uganda and the Government of Tanzania conducted an exercise of re-border affirmation and re-border opening. The policy was very clear at that particular time: whoever is found on either side is free to stay. To our surprise, immediately after that exercise, the people of Uganda who were found on the other side of Tanzania were chased, and their properties were confiscated and taken by Tanzanians.

We want to know whether the Government of Uganda has any plan to see how these people who were affected can be easily compensated. We want to have that clear, everlasting solution in regard to that particular point. Mr Speaker, could you please help us and direct or instruct these people so that the - *(Member timed out.)*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: I think this is a matter for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or the Office of the Prime Minister. Can I request, Hon. Kangwagye, that you put it in writing so that the Prime Minister can give a structured answer after having a multi-stakeholder engagement next Thursday? No, I am saying you write so that the Prime Minister can answer it on Thursday. Thank you. Hon. Angura?

6.10

MR FREDRICK ANGURA (NRM, Tororo South County, Tororo): Mr Speaker, Malaba Border is the largest entry point in terms of revenue that we have in the country. Over 3,300 trucks cross daily. So, it is our main artery. My request to the Minister of Lands, Housing and Urban Development is that Malaba Town Council be considered under USMID so that we can improve the services that benefit our people there.

Number two, to the Minister of Education and Sports. Five subcounties in Tororo County South do not have secondary schools. Morukatipe, Apokori and Kwapa have all got land. When shall we get them supported in order to have services taken closer to the people? Thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Honourable Minister?

6.11

THE MINISTER OF LANDS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (Ms Judith Nabakooba): Thank you, Mr Speaker. The USMID project is specifically for cities and municipalities. We are in the process of developing a plan for how those town councils across the country will be supported. Once we are done, we will inform you appropriately. However, for now, USMID is not going to help.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Honourable Minister of Education and Sports?

6.12

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EDUCATION AND SPORTS (SPORTS) (Mr Peter Ogwang): I take note of the observation of Hon. Angura. Once funds are available, we will be able to proceed with the implementation of the project of seed schools. I thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon. Cuthbert? Then Eng. Tiyo.

6.12

MR CUTHBERT ABIGABA (NRM, Kibale County, Kamwenge): Thank you, Mr Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Colleagues, you have to show me that you are interested; I am not picking everyone.

MR ABIGABA: Mr Speaker, mine is to the Minister of Lands, Housing and Urban Development. Every term of Government, there are some suspected land-grabbers who come to Kamwenge in a parish called Kihura Ward. Some time back, whenever they came, and we came up as leaders, they ran away and did not return.

However, this time they came with letters from the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development. I made an effort to write to the ministry to come to our rescue and settle the situation, but the minister seems not to have found time yet. Therefore, I request the Minister of Lands, Housing and Urban Development to come to the rescue of the people of Kihura Ward in Kamwenge District, who are being faced with eviction - *(Member timed out.)*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Honourable Minister?

6.13

THE MINISTER OF LANDS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (Ms Judith Nabakooba): Thank you, honourable member, from Kamwenge. I promise to get in touch with you and see how we can fast-track the process of having your people protected.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon. Robina, followed by Hon. Naturinda.

6.13

MS ROBINA RWAKOOJO (NRM, Gomba West County, Gomba): Thank you, Mr Speaker. This is for the Minister of Health. We have no ambulance in Gomba, and we have just one health centre IV. We have no district hospital or regional referral hospital. The accommodation is lacking because men are sharing wards with the females, and we also have an electricity problem because it keeps going off. So, if we could get some solar provided, we would be very grateful. Thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Honourable Minister?

6.14

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH (GENERAL DUTIES) (Ms Anifa Bangirana): Thank you so much, Mr Speaker. I take note of the issues that my sister and neighbour has raised. Gomba is on the priority area list, and for the ambulance, it is an issue that cuts across some other districts. We are also looking into that, and some little money has been secured. We shall have a discussion, my neighbour. Thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon. Eliab, followed by Eng. Tiyo, then Hon. Onzima.

6.14

MR ELIAB NATURINDA (NRM, Ndorwa County West, Kabale): Thank you, Mr Speaker. In this country, there is segregation because the Uganda Police and the Uganda Prison Services are not represented in this Parliament. To the Government, when will you present a motion so that we can have the Uganda Police Force and the Prison Services represented in this Parliament?

Secondly, Katuna Border is an international border, but the way it was demarcated cannot accommodate many trucks that pass through it. To the Ministry of East African Community Affairs and the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives, when are you redesigning Katuna Border?

Lastly, to the Minister of Education and Sports, Kitooma Parish in Rubaya Subcounty, Ndorwa West, has no single secondary school. When is the Ministry of Education and Sports going to implement a senior secondary school in Rubaya Subcounty? I thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. We can tackle the last one; then the other two we have taken note of. The Government Chief Whip will communicate with the relevant ministers.

6.15

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EDUCATION AND SPORTS (SPORTS) (Mr Peter Ogwang): Mr Speaker, I take note of the concern of the honourable colleague. Once funds are available, we will be able to implement the need for the seed school in that subcounty. I thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Eng. Tiyo, followed by Hon. Onzima.

6.16

MR WILLIAM TIYO (NRM, Ayivu Division East, Arua City): Thank you, Mr Speaker. I am requesting the Prime Minister to urgently convene a meeting between the West Nile Parliamentary Caucus and the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development, for two reasons. One is that we want to understand the comprehensive plan for distribution of electricity in the sub-region; and two, our perception is that the power tariffs in West Nile are very high. Thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Let me make it very easy for the Prime Minister: Chief Whip, coordinate a meeting between the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development and Members of the West Nile Parliamentary Caucus.

MR TIYO: Thank you.

6.17

MS PHIONA ONZIMA (NRM, Ayivu Division West, Arua City): Thank you, Mr Speaker. Mine goes to the Ministry of Education and Sports. In the Financial Year 2024/2025, two parishes in my constituency - Nyaracu Parish/Ward and Alivu Ward were presented for coding. Because they do not have primary schools, learners are finding it hard to move to other wards to attain education. My question is: when are you including Nyaracu and Alivu in the plan?

Secondly, I have a school called Pokea Primary School. Mr Speaker, it has come to my notice that the state of this school, especially the classroom blocks, is so disturbing, whereby the teachers have resorted to - *(Member timed out.)*

6.18

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EDUCATION & SPORTS (SPORTS) (Mr Peter Ogwang): Yes, I want to acknowledge the concern of the colleague, but I also want to remind the House that the Government sends money for capitation grant and specifically for the development of some of these projects into the district local governments. I want to interest all of us to always follow up on what that money is used for because matters of primary education are entirely decentralised. Our work is to support them in the provision of these resources. So, my sister, follow up with Arua City - Ayivu is actually in Arua District. Follow up with the - (*Interjection*) - is it Arua City? Okay, so follow up with the city authorities. Thank you so much.

6.19

MS SARAH ITUNGU (NRM, Woman Representative, Kasese): Thank you, Mr Speaker. I would like to thank the Prime Minister for the work she is doing in the disaster-prone areas. However, Rwenzori is badly hit; Nyamwamba is in the rage, as well as Mubuku and others.

Honourable Minister for Education and Sports, Kalusandara Seed Secondary School has been cut off. About 210 students who are day scholars cannot access the school. The community has decided to put them in classrooms to be as boarders but they are lacking meals. I request for intervention.

Also, the Ministry of Health, on 30th I presented a matter of national importance regarding Katwe Health Centre where the winds blew off the roof. They assured me that they had - *(member timed out.)*

6.19

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EDUCATION & SPORTS (SPORTS)(Mr Peter Ogwang): First of all, the Directorate of Education Standards has just given us a report, as a sector, a few days ago which clearly spells out that there are many illegal boarding schools on our seed or government-grant-aided schools list. Honourable colleagues, we do not allow any government-grant-aided school to have a boarding section. Honourable colleague, despite the challenges at hand, maybe I would ask the DEO of that district to immediately close that school because it is against our policy as of now. I thank you so much.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon. Peter Ogwang, you need to bring us a statement on that, so that we discuss it because you are going

to end up affecting mostly rural schools. They are the ones that are going to be victimised. When I was growing up - I grew up with my grandmother, may her soul rest in eternal peace - we could not have paraffin. She would be calculating her *tadooba*. You could not tell her that you were burning her paraffin because of reading. She would even ask you, "What are you doing? You are supposed to be sleeping. Why are you wasting my paraffin?" That is because she could not understand - until I moved to a boarding school where I could now access lamps but at least we were using lamps as a school.

In my constituency, I have one school, Iraramira Primary School, if I can be specific, one of the best performing students who got I think a 4 or 5, the father was a drunkard - so the father said, "No, I cannot manage you here, go and be at school." From the bar, he would pass by every day to see whether his child was reading. Drunk, shouting at the school - on the day I was rewarding those students who did well, people were like, "If this pupil had not been in a boarding school, they would have dropped out". What are the rural schools going to do with poor people? I am really scared about that because you are going to close many, by the way, and I want to be honest on this.

MR PETER OGWANG: Mr Speaker, we work according to the policies we have. Number two, these schools do not meet the criteria for being boarding schools. You are the same people who complain when we get school fires. The children, with due respect, are staying in a classroom.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKKER: Honourable minister, can you help us?

MR PETER OGWANG: I will bring a statement.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Bring a statement.

MR PETER OGWANG: I will.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: If it is a policy that is going to disenfranchise the poor, then that policy - I can tell you very few schools upcountry will qualify and our students are going to miss out. The policy can be revised if we find that it is discriminatory. I request - honourable minister, I can give you space next week, we discuss this issue and understand deeply what is in that policy; I am really concerned about this.

6.23

MR JOSEPH KOMOL (NRM, Dodoth North County, Kaabong): Thank you, Mr Speaker. My issue is directed to the Ministry of Water and Environment. The issue of access to water for human consumption and livestock is increasingly getting hard in my constituency. The borehole basements have dried up, and the people and the livestock move long distances in search of water. The boreholes lack what they call master cylinders - the pipes and the chains got spoilt. My prayer is: can the Ministry of Water and Environment rescue the people of Dodoth North by procuring master cylinders and pipes?

Secondly, Mr Speaker - *(Member timed out.)*

6.24

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER AND ENVIRONMENT (WATER) (Ms Aisha Sekindi): Thank you, Mr Speaker. Through you, I will come up with a list of districts and the conditional money we are giving them to procure those pipes and do the maintenance of boreholes. Thank you so much.

6.25

MR BAGEYENTE LUGOLOOBI (NRM, Bujumba County, Kalangala): Thank you very much, Mr Speaker. I want to thank the Government of Uganda for the efforts they are making to improve referrals. However, we have a challenge with the water ambulances that were provided for hard-to-reach districts; they are not affordable.

For Kalangala's case, the water ambulance that was provided, to just make a single referral trip to Entebbe, requires between 200 to 250 liters. That ambulance is not affordable by an ordinary Ugandan. We are requesting the Ministry of Health to come in and support the

referral system. Even these land ambulances, by the time you become a candidate to those ambulances, you cannot access your money - *(Member timed out.)*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Let the Minister for Health on Tuesday -

MR BAGEYENTE LUGOLOOBI: Yes, Mr Speaker, still a small one

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Honourable member, please.

MR BAGEYENTE LUGOLOOBI: Information!

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please - *(Laughter)* - here we do not deal with small matters. All matters are big. You will handle the small ones from the other side; these are big matters.

6.26

MS RUTH RUJOKI (NRM, Woman Representative, Kiruhura): Thank you, Mr Speaker. My issue is with Public Service. There is a system that they use, I think, the Human Capital Management System, that rejects some people who are already deployed. I have been compiling a list of teachers who are working, but when they redeployed them, they said the system had rejected them. I was compiling a list for the Minister of Education and Sports, then somebody from health came in.

My prayer is that you send circulars so that, before people come to us, they know what is going on and why the system is not accepting them. I thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister of Public Service.

6.27

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PUBLIC SERVICE (Ms Lydia Wanyoto): Thank you, Mr Speaker, and my honourable colleague, the Member of Parliament for Kiruhura.

What is happening in the Public Service is that all systems are being digitised. Where you see - the obvious cases are those whose names do not tally with the data that they gave either at the time of employment, Mr Speaker, or with NIRA. What is happening to most civil servants is that when they joined the Service, they gave different names, but also most commonly, they gave a different date of birth.

Now, in the course of service and changes, they change data. They changed the particulars of their original information so that there is now a contradiction when they enter the digital system.

The first file, when you are entering it - when you are innocent - is now different from when you realise that the retirement age and pension are at 60. Those are some of the challenges we are facing.

However, Mr Speaker, some are genuine. When they get transferred, sometimes you find that it is not aligned with the available jobs. You may find that districts are transferring - a science teacher may have been transferred to a school where there is no vacancy for a science teacher.

Therefore, what we call clearance is that we will clear you to recruit people when there is an aligned vacancy. When you are recruited for a vacancy that is not aligned with your profession, the system will reject you.

Mainly, the system is about salary. That is what we are correcting. I would like to request the Member to give me those particulars so that I can take them to the ministry for correction.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you.

6.29

MR FRANCIS OKULLO (NRM, Ochero County, Kaberamaido): Thank you, Mr Speaker. On 21 February this year, we launched the BKK Ferry on Lake Kyoga. Two ferries, actually: one was supposed to go from Bukungu to Kagwara in Serere, and another from Bukungu to Akampala in Kaberamaido.

Mr Speaker, it is very sad to note that, to date, the Ferry that is supposed to go from Bukungu to Akampala in Kaberamaido has never taken

off. Instead, one ferry is moving from Bukungu to Kagwara to Kaberamaido. It arrives in Kaberamaido around 3.00 p.m. and goes back that late.

Our businesspeople from Kaberamaido expect to travel from Kaberamaido to Kampala, do their business and go back on time. Now they are getting - *(Member timed out.)*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Government Chief Whip, I need a verbal answer, not a statement. On Tuesday, we can give the minister a chance to give a quick response. Yes, Mubende.

6.30

MS HOPE NAKAZIBWE (NRM, Woman Representative, Mubende): Thank you very much, Mr Speaker. Mine goes to the Minister of State for Education and Sports (Sports), Hon. Peter Ogwang. At some point, I approached him over a seed school in one of the divisions of Mubende Municipality: Kanseera Seed Secondary School. This school was advertised. The bidders put in their applications, but they indicated that they needed more money than what was proposed by the ministry.

The people of Mubende Municipality East Division, Mr Speaker, were very eager to have this school start functioning. We had temporarily put up a structure, which we demolished as a result of receiving hope from the ministry.

Mr Speaker, through you to the minister, we are inquiring: when will this seed school be reallocated funds, either the same amount or a better amount?

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Honourable minister?

6.31

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EDUCATION AND SPORTS (SPORTS) (Mr Peter Ogwang): I think Hon. Grania Nakazibwe should actually thank me because she knows that we picked the school from the verge of it getting off the list to making it get back to the list.

I want to confirm that the procurement process is on, unless, again, there is any other issue. I commit on your behalf to follow up on this project to its logical conclusion. I hope I will be invited to the groundbreaking ceremony in Mubende Municipality. Thank you so much.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Rwampara, and then Edopu.

6.32

MS ANNAH KANSIIME (NRM, Woman Representative, Rwampara): Thank you, Mr Speaker. My question or concern goes to the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development. I want to thank Government of Uganda; it has tried to give titles to some people.

However, in 2018, a project called Systematic Land Adjudication and Certification (SLAAC) came to Rwampara District and did surveys for different people. It has taken almost seven years but up to now, those people have not got their land titles. I request, through you, Mr Speaker, to know how far the project has gone. Thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Honourable minister.

6.33

THE MINISTER OF LANDS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (Ms Judith Nabakooba): Thank you, Mr Speaker. I want to thank the honourable Member of Parliament. Actually, you should begin by thanking me because I remember, in the last term, I was in Rwampara twice, giving out many titles to your people. I know it is still work in progress. We have asked the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development to give us some money to enable us complete the pending works. Thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: I begged my friend, Hon. Judith Nabakooba, several times that Mitooma, my area, also - *(Laughter)* - she wants my approval here, so I will see how to get on her *kameme* once she comes.

6.34

MR VINCENT KAHEERU (NRM, Kyaka North County, Kyegegwa): Thank you very much, Mr Speaker. For the record, my name is Vincent Kaheeru. I represent the people of Kyaka North in Kyegegwa District.

I would like to raise a matter concerning the Muzizi Liberation Memorial Technical School, which has stalled. It came out of a pledge by the President in 2010. Construction started in 2012, but it stalled in 2018. This project needs to be completed in line with the government policy of providing a vocational school in every constituency.

In addition, Mr Speaker, I raised the matter regarding secondary schools. I have eight subcounties in Kyaka North, but of those, only three have a -

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Honourable minister -

6.35

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EDUCATION AND SPORTS (SPORTS) (Mr Peter Ogwang): As a ministry, we are prioritising the fulfilment of all presidential pledges, both in secondary and technical education. I want to implore my colleague to allow me cross-check with our Department of TVET to see how far they have gone in terms of planning and budgeting to complete that project.

On the issue of seed schools, friends, like I did say, it depends on the availability of resources. If Kyegegwa District is among the refugee-hosting communities, maybe allow me to cross-check on some of the subcounties you have mentioned. They might be among those which are benefiting from the Uganda Learning Acceleration Programme (ULEARN) project. I thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: From Lamwo to Hon. Shafiga Wanyenya.

6.35

MR JOHNSON NYEKO (NRM, Lamwo County, Lamwo): Thank you very much, Mr Speaker. I rise on a matter concerning the elephants in Lamwo. A wrong statement has been made on the Floor of Parliament that the elephants invading Lamwo are merely those running from gunshots in South Sudan.

The war in South Sudan started in 1955 but this kind of elephants did not come, nor did they in the 60s, 70s, 80s and 2000; until today, 2026. Kindly, allow me to say that these are a new kind of elephants from a very distant area. They behave differently from the Sudanese and Ugandan elephants; they cannot respond to noise.

When you make noise to Ugandan and Sudanese elephants, they run away, but when you make noise to this type, they come to kill you. At night, when you flash light at the Ugandan or Sudanese elephants, they run away. These will chase you; even if you enter a house, they will break that house and kill you.

My prayer is that if the Government does not want to take a different step but wants the elephants to be there, those that were there two hours ago – *(Member timed out)* – can the Government allow a new park to be created in Lamwo and have it fenced?

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Let the Minister of Tourism, Wildlife and Antiquities link up with Hon. Nyeko so that they study this case well and see how best they can help the people of Lamwo. Chairperson of the committee for tourism, take interest. I do not know if, in your field visit, you found anything related to this.

6.39

MR BONIFACE OKOT (NRM, Kole South County, Kole): Mr Speaker, Hon. Nyeko is a member of our committee. Tomorrow, the committee has organised a retreat with the entire Ministry of Tourism, Wildlife and Antiquities so we have prioritised this matter for discussion.

6.39

MR KOY KARIISA (NRM, Buhweju West County, Buhweju): Mr Speaker, I rise on a concern about national data. National data is one of the most important resources used by the Government for planning, budgeting and predicting the future. However, right now, there is a statement in place where the Uganda Bureau of Standards (UBOS) is contesting a national data strategy that was launched by the Ministry of Information, Communications and Technology (ICT), and there are so many bad words flowing from each other.

I have seen in a press report where the Executive Director (ED) of UBOS is saying that the national data strategy that was launched is illegal, irregular, redundant and does not add any value to the national statistics system. This is very dangerous for our country because whatever we are talking about – *(Member timed out.)*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Honourable member, that is the issue we started with today at 2.00 p.m. and we were given the comfort. For clarity, that statement was too heavy. We were told that the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development is coordinating with the Minister of ICT to see how they can come out with a reconciled position on the same.

6.40

MR EMMANUEL BANYA (NRM, Koboko County, Koboko): Thank you, Mr Speaker. Two months ago, we deployed interns in hospitals. However, to date, they have not received any payment. I was at Arua Regional Hospital; they are threatening to lay down their tools. When are they getting paid?

Two, I am cognisant of the fact that the Minister of Energy and Mineral Development is to give a statement on charcoal. However, the charcoal business has become a source of extortion by security agencies in Koboko. Even people who are selling basins and sacks have been picked and robbed of their charcoal instead. This is confiscated by security agents who are on the ground, without any explanation.

I wish the Government could give a directive on this matter so that people can be saved because there is a lot of unrest over the matter in the village.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: I hope the statement we agreed on is coming on Tuesday. We are going to follow it up. The Government Chief Whip has taken note.

6.42

MS AMELIA KYAMBADDE (NRM, Mawokota County North, Mpigi): Mr Speaker, I rise on the issue of coffee exports, which are dropping. For example, in July, we sold about 846,000 bags but in August, it went down to about 734,000 bags.

My prayer is that we ask the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries, through the Chief Whip, to support every Member of Parliament with coffee seedlings so that we go back, plant and boost the recovery of coffee exports. *(Applause)*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Honourable member, it is beyond that. A few days ago I was in Lyantonde, hosted by Hon. Enos. He took me to a farm, which he has with his brother, Kinywa coffee. I was also with Hon. Kakooza. The farm was completely burnt down by the sun yet he had been doing irrigation.

That area has completely no water. This is one of the people who said, "I'm leaving America or UK, wherever, to invest back home." I think the issue is beyond. I hope that on Tuesday when we have the debate on the statement on Agriculture, we can go deeper and see how best we can help.

I request the Minister of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries – I saw that he released a statement, to the media, on the fluctuations in coffee prices and all issues to do with coffee. If we could have it formally submitted to the Clerk tomorrow, we can upload it on the system then he can lay it on Tuesday. We need it for the information of Members to form part of the debate we will have on Tuesday. It will be good.

6.44

MS SHAFIGA WANYENYA (NRM, Bungokho County North, Mbale): Thank you, Mr Speaker. My issue goes straight to the Minister of Education and Sports, regarding one of the secondary schools, Bufumbo Secondary School, which has a population of over 700.

The school has both O' and A' levels but they only have four classroom blocks. The other classes are conducted in tents. With these rains that are coming, it is going to be impossible for them to have classes. The staffroom is also in a tent. I would like to know the plan of the minister in regard to Bufumbo Secondary School.

Also, in the four secondary schools that I have in Bungokho North, there is no single computer. In this digital era, as we are preaching go digital, how are students from my constituency going to measure up to the running digital world right now?

Lastly - *(Member timed out.)*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister of Education and Sports?

6.46

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EDUCATION AND SPORTS (SPORTS) (Mr Peter Ogwang): Mr Speaker, I acknowledge the challenge the school is facing. I want to cross-check with the ministry in respect of that one, which has a big number without enough classroom blocks, to find out under which project that particular school was constructed.

On the issue of Information Technology (IT), I want to reiterate our plan that we will continue deepening penetration in our schools based on the available resources.

6.45

MS LILLIAN PAPARU (NRM, Woman Representative, Arua): Thank you, Mr Speaker. Minister of Education and Sports, we are achieving much as a country in the area of infrastructural development in sports, but we still have areas where we need those projects extended to.

Now that you are completing Akibua Stadium and have completed Hoima Stadium, do you have plans to start on the Inzikuru Stadium in West Nile? I am asking this because we know that you get a lot of talent from the West Nile Region.

Secondly, we are doing seed schools, but we have old schools, like Arevu Secondary School, which is over 40 years old, but teachers are still sitting in a grass-thatched staff room. There is no administration block. Could we also look back, track, and fill gaps in those old schools?

Minister for health, you were in West Nile, thank you. We waited for you in Arua District but you were caught up by time. We do not have a district hospital - we have a Health Centre IV, without an ambulance. As you - *(Member timed out.)*

MR PETER OGWANG: On the issue of the stadia, first, I thank you, for the three stadiums of Namboole, Akibua and Hoima. There is one region that is vacant: that is the whole of Eastern Uganda. For purposes of regional balance, I propose, going forward in terms of our planning, that the country be balanced.

One time, the Deputy Speaker did say that there are some of these facilities in these areas and the greater municipalities then, which have become cities - we are coming up with a plan on how we can have facilities that meet the test as far as these current sports facilities are concerned.

However, I pledge that we will work based on the available budget to ensure that we move for purposes of having those facilities in those respective subregions. I am talking about 18 subregions across the country.

The last one which my colleague has said is about the old school without a staffroom. I want to take note of that and see how we can follow it up. I thank you.

6.48

MR ROBERT MUGABE (NRM, Kitagwenda County, Kitagwenda): Thank you, Mr Speaker. Kitagwenda has one Health Centre IV and four Health Centres III, leaving the provision of health services to the population inadequate.

Minister of Health, why can't the Ministry of Health prioritise recruitment and deployment of community health extension workers in Kitagwenda District, to improve access to health care services?

I request that, while recruiting these community health extension workers, you absorb the Village Health Team (VHT) members who are in our communities serving without being paid. I beg to submit.

6.49

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH (GENERAL DUTIES) (Ms Anifa Kawooya): Thank you, Mr Speaker. I take note of the honourable member's concern on the issue of the community health extension workers. They work along the village health teams. On the other issue of recruitment, as I said, the ministry is looking into that.

6.49

MR JUDAS WANYAMA (NRM, Youth Representative, Eastern): Thank you, Mr Speaker. I would like to raise a concern about adolescent-friendly sexual and reproductive services in the country. Yesterday and a few days ago, the minister gave a ministerial statement on the status of health in the country. However, they only talk about this priority area as a concern but they do not give us the status.

In Eastern Uganda, most of the Government hospitals lack these functional services for young people. There is a lack of confidentiality in these hospitals, and it is affecting the young people. Supplies for HIV testing, sexually transmitted infections (STIs) treatment, and contraceptives are lacking in hospitals. Underserved districts like Namayingo with only - *(Member timed out.)*

6.49

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH (GENERAL DUTIES) (Ms Anifa Kawooya): Thank you, Mr Speaker. I take note of the concern of the Honourable Member. I am going to have a discussion with the head of department , and we shall address the issue at departmental level.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: From a policy perspective, on Tuesday, it can be one of the issues you would have captured.

MS KAWOOYA: Much obliged, Mr Speaker.

6.51

MS VICTORIUS ZAWEDDE (NRM, Woman Representative, Nakasongola): Thank you, Mr Speaker. During the last presidential campaigns, the President directed the Minister of Health to consider the upgrade of Mayirikiti Health Centre II and Batuusa Health Centre II. May I know how much progress has the Ministry of Health made in upgrading the two facilities as per the presidential pledge?

6.51

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH (GENERAL DUTIES) (Ms Anifa Kawooya): Mr Speaker, as I have said, we are looking into all these facilities alongside the presidential pledges, to see how we can include them in the facilities that we are going to address.

6.52

MR SALEH MPAATA (NRM, Bunya County South, Mayuge): Thank you, Mr Speaker. In 2011, the President passionately directed the degazettement of 48 villages in South Busoga Forest Reserve to resettle the landless people who were living on that land.

However, to date, while the directive has lived on, nothing is forthcoming. The result is that there has been growing friction between the National Forestry Authority (NFA) and the *wananchi*. We have lost lives, people's property and crops - *(Member timed out.)*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon. Nabakooba, can you - on that.

6.53

THE MINISTER OF LANDS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (Ms Judith Nabakooba): Thank you, Mr Speaker. I am aware about that Central Forest Reserve. I know that the ministry did some work as far as opening the boundaries for the affected villages is concerned. What remained was for the Ministry of Water and Environment to go on the ground and see how they can begin the process of degazettement because degazettement is a preserve of the Ministry of Water and Environment when it comes to forests.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Kindly follow up on that. Yes, Lawrence.

6.54

MR LAWRENCE AKUGIZIBWE (NRM, Mwenge County North, Kyenjojo): Thank you, Mr Speaker. In Mwenge North, Kyenjojo, we have so many district roads that have river crossings, which normally erupt, flood and break bridges. One of them crosses from Kataraza to Batarika, another one is from Kyamutunzi to Katoogo, and one crosses from Kandama to Igunga.

The district does not have enough budget to work on them. My prayer to the minister for works is: can he provide us with culverts so that the district can locally work on those river crossings so that people can have access to different places.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: I took note of Hon. Okot Peter, Hon. Naluyima - honourable colleagues, I started from here, and everyone on that line who wanted to speak, spoke. I went to this- you are just extending the microphone to one another. So, those who missed out, I am so sorry.

6.54

MR PETER OKOT (DP, Tochi County, Omoro): Thank you, Mr Speaker. Northern Uganda Youth Development Centre was transitioned from the Office of the Prime Minister to the Ministry of Education and Sports. My question to the ministry is: the coming into effect of the Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Act, 2025 requires a board to be put in place but the institute is running without a board. When can we have that board?

6.55

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND SPORTS (Sports) (Mr Peter Ogwang): I undertake to take it up. Thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon. Naluyima, followed by Hon. Sarah.

6.56

MS BETTY NALUYIMA (NUP, Woman Representative, Wakiso): Thank you, Mr Speaker. My question goes to the minister for water. Wakiso District has several central forest reserves. Amongst them is Kitubulu in Entebbe and is in Kakiri, the Nonve Central Reserve. Last week, my colleague reported about three deaths registered in Nonve Central Reserve, all due to an open pond, and so, many other open spaces with very bad effects on the surroundings.

Now, Wakiso District has resolved that we should start reforestation, and as the communities, we are ready to help in afforestation. When are you commencing the program of restoring these forest reserves and ensuring that the boundaries are well protected in so many of the different – *(Member timed out.)*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Honourable minister?

6.57

THE MINISTER OF LANDS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (Ms Judith Nabakooba): Mr Speaker, I thank Hon. Ethel. I am going to take the information to my co-minister, the Minister of Water and Environment, so that we can give you a concrete answer. However, as of now –

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Just go take action. Once you meet as a ministry – Hon. Lwansansula?

6.57

MS SARAH LWANSASULA (NUP, Woman Representative, Jinja City): Thank you, Mr Speaker. I would like to remind the Minister of Health about the dire need for a dialysis machine in Jinja Referral Hospital. Jinja Referral Hospital receives about five to six cases needing dialysis, but these are usually referred to either Mbale or Mulago Hospitals. Kindly prioritise us. Thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Yes, Hon. Kirumira -

6.58

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH (GENERAL DUTIES) (Ms Anifa Bangirana): Thank you, Mr Speaker. I take note of what the honourable member has said. The issue has been of great concern and communicated to the ministry. The ministry is working on it, and I pledge that we shall handle it because it is a matter of urgency. I thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you.

6.58

MR HASSAN KIRUMIRA (NUP, Katikamu County South, Luwero): Thank you, Mr Speaker. It is increasingly becoming difficult to own land or transfer land from sellers to buyers, and this is specifically to the ministry for lands. You will note that last week, on the 16th of October, the *Daily Monitor* highlighted proposed increases in land registration fees. We do not know where it came from.

Now, for my voters who brought this concern, currently, the higher valuation of land is being transferred into stamp duty, and it is increasingly becoming very difficult for them to transfer land. Therefore, could you kindly clarify this for the appeasement of our people? Thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Yes, honourable minister.

6.59

THE MINISTER OF LANDS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (Ms Judith Nabakooba): Thank you, Mr Speaker. We are working on the regulations for land, and as part of what is required are the fees. These fees you are talking about have never been reviewed. They were done in the 1990s. So, time and again, so many things are taking place. For example, there is a lot of inflation, and these are small fees, which we are trying to look at.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: However, you need parliamentary approval.

MS NABAKOOBA: Yes, it is still a work in progress. We are still with the Office of the Attorney-General, and we have not even gone to Cabinet. So we will come and brief the House.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: It will come here, and we shall dissect it. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine.

7.00

MS JOYCE AYOO (INDEPENDENT, Woman Representative, Abim): Thank you, Mr Speaker. This one goes to the Minister of Health. I would like to inform him that Abim Hospital is not in a good state. We do not have running water and a generator; there is no water in the entire hospital. So you can imagine how it is.

I also direct this to the minister for lands. In Abim district, we are experiencing border conflict issues: Agago-Abim, Napak-Abim, Kotido-Abim, and internal issues with other communities that have come from different districts. There is tension in the community; killings are happening, and people are dying.

I also request the minister for education - we have traditional schools that need to be revamped. There is a technical institute that needs to be revamped. I request your attention. We also have 45 parishes without primary schools, sub-counties without secondary schools. So we request you – *(Member timed out.)*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Honourable?

7.01

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH (GENERAL DUTIES) (Ms Anifa Bangirana): Thank you, Mr Speaker. I have taken note of the Member's concern and will have to get in touch with our District Health Officer (DHO) and the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) of Abim to see how they can address the matter that the Member has raised. Thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Colleagues, let us pick up the pace.

7.01

MS MARGARET NAZIIWA (NRM, Woman Representative, Kagadi): Thank you, Mr Speaker. I rise on a matter regarding land issues. Over 900 homes in Muhoro Town Council, Butumba Parish, Kagadi District are living in fear of being evicted from their land over an absentee landlord requesting them to pay between Shs 50 million and Shs 80 million per acre of land. People have lived on this land for – *(Member timed out.)*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Honourable minister, you know the problems in Kagadi. Honourable minister – honourable member, do you usually attend my sessions?

MS NAZIIWA: Sorry, Mr Speaker.

7.02

THE MINISTER OF LANDS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (Ms Judith Nabakooba): Thank you, Mr Speaker. I am going to get in touch with the honourable MP, and we will address the issue.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon. Sarah. Let us do it quickly.

7.02

MS SARAH AGUTI (UPC, Woman Representative, Dokolo): Thank you, Mr Speaker. According to the Government policy, we are supposed to have a technical school in each county. Dokolo has two counties, Dokolo South and Dokolo North. This one goes to the minister for education. We have only one technical school in Dokolo called Dokolo Technical. When are you planning to construct another technical school in Dokolo District, specifically in Dokolo North?

Secondly, I have – *(Member timed out.)*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Honourable minister.

7.03

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EDUCATION AND SPORTS (Mr Peter Ogwang): Mr Speaker, a quick one for Abim. First of all, I want to confirm that Abim S.S. is going to be worked on under – I am coming to Dokolo. There was an issue with Abim that I want to address. I want to confirm that Abim is among the 120 schools that are going to be constructed under the U-LAND project I laid out on the Table. It is also among the facilities which we are going to work on among the new UgIFT 2 program which is coming on and I have the data here.

On Dokolo, I thank you that you have one. My priority now is to have all districts first get one. That is what we are planning. So for now, I do not want to commit to giving you the second one when others have not gotten. Thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon. Albert, continue.

7.04

MR ALBERT LOKORU (Independent, Tepeth County, Moroto): Thank you, Mr Speaker. My concern goes to the minister for lands, my sister Judith. It is about a persistent border dispute between two subcounties in Moroto District, which has lasted for almost 20 years now, and it is making us lose revenue because currently Karamoja is picking up in terms of minerals. However, whenever investors come, there is always a conflict because the two communities will be struggling for revenue and also surface rights.

I attempted in 2019 to engage the ministry; they even attempted to come in. Unfortunately, there was the death of an LC III Chairperson of one of the subcounties. They went back and promised to return. My honourable minister, please rescue us.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Honourable minister for lands?

7.05

THE MINISTER OF LANDS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (Ms Judith Nabakooba): Thank you, Mr Speaker. If we all remember, the Prime Minister talked about the border issues. We are very much aware, as the Government, about the border issues in Karamoja and the northern part of Uganda. We have since written to the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development to give us money. Once funds are released, we shall embark on solving those border issues.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you.

7.06

MR VINCENT OBONG (UPC, Lira West Division, Lira City): Thank you, Mr Speaker. The Auditor-General, in their report for the Financial Year 2024/2025, did indicate that the National Medical Stores spent Shs 3.68 billion to destroy expired drugs. The drugs which were destroyed were worth Shs 8 billion.

My concern is that when you visit most of our government hospitals, they have always experienced stock outs of medicines. I would like to know from the minister what plans they have in place in making sure that this type - *(Member timed out.)*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Conclude.

MR VINCENT OBONG: Thank you. I would like to know from the minister what plans they have to mitigate against stock outs of medicines in our hospitals. Thank you very much.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Honourable minister?

7.07

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH (General Duties) (Ms Anifa Kawooya): Thank you, Mr Speaker. I take note of the colleague's concern. As you have heard there are two major issues. I request that we address them on Tuesday with actual facts.

7.07

MR GRACE KIIRYA (FDC, Butembe County, Jinja): Thank you, Mr Speaker. My concern goes to the Minister of Water and Environment concerning Kakira Town Council and Mafubira, which is in the city. These are the places with the lowest peri-urban access rate of around 25 per cent.

Among the peri-urban areas, they are the worst in the country because they were recently taken over from cities.

The tap coverage in Kakira is 1 per cent. Efforts were made to - *(Member timed out.)*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Honourable minister, when can you give Kakira water?

7.08

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER AND ENVIRONMENT (Water) (Ms Aisha Sekindi): Thank you, Mr Speaker. Honourable, I have noted your concern. We are going to see how to try to solve the problem.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Honourable colleagues, if you can remember, on 30th of September, Gen. Otafiire presented here a statement regarding the performance of the water sector. At the close of the debate, he requested Members who had areas of concern and all that to write to the ministry, and the Speaker granted that. I read that on the *Hansard*. Therefore, for Members who have issues to do with water, please write to the minister so that they can be followed up.

7.09

MR STEVEN WABUSANI (NRM, Bushigai County, Bududa): Mr Speaker, I have communities and health centres in Bushiribo,

Bushigai Health Centre III, and then Nabweya Health Centre II.

When you look at the upper communities, for example, those in Bunanyiri, Bumasa, and Bumakuma, you notice that all those have enough water, and the water channel is called the Nabweya Gravity Flow Scheme. Once we put another tank on Bunanyiri Upper, it can serve these communities very well.

However, currently, all these facilities and communities have no water. I pray that the minister causes a meeting between us and the community so that we can iron out and know the details of these problems. Thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Honourable minister?

7.10

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER AND ENVIRONMENT (Water) (Ms Aisha Sekindi): Mr Speaker, I request the honourable Members of Parliament to take your guidance. Thank you very much.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Now I have given you a shortcut -

7.11

MR RICHARD NGOROK (NRM, Usuk County, Katakwi): Thank you, Mr Speaker. My matter is directed towards the Government Chief Whip or a representative seated in the House.

We thank the Government for responding to the food crisis in Usuk and Katakwi districts, where 20 per cent of the starving population was served last month.

My prayers are:

1. When will the Government also serve the remaining 80 per cent with food relief?
2. As the Government, when shall we implement Objective 22 of the National Objectives and Directive Principles of State Policy that talks about food reserves and probably seed banks?

Thank you, Mr Speaker.

7.11

THE MINISTER OF LANDS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (Ms Judith Nabakooba): The Office of the Prime Minister was supposed to coordinate that activity to its logical conclusion. We will inform the Rt Hon. Prime Minister about your matter.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you.

7.12

MR CHRISS MATEMBU (Independent, Bubulo County West, Manafwa): Thank you, Mr Speaker. I have an issue with our secondary schools. Most of them do not have teachers. I shared information with the Minister of Education and Sports about Bubulo Secondary School. The situation now is that they have stopped parents from contributing money.

I would like to find out from the minister whether these schools are allocated some funds for the Wage Bill.

Secondly, there are 19 subcounties in my constituency. Out of 19 subcounties, we have only four subcounties with medical facilities. The remaining 15 do not have a medical - *(Member timed out.)*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Honourable minister?

7.13

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EDUCATION AND SPORTS (SPORTS) (Mr Peter Ogwang): Mr Speaker, on the question of wage for the school - because I was trying to cross-check with my data here about the school in question - first, Bubulo Girls Secondary School is among the 120 schools that are going to undergo total rehabilitation. You know this is one of the great schools in this part of the region.

Secondly, I want to implore that we carry out a payroll audit of the number of teachers who are already available in the school vis-a-vis the population at school. Thereafter, we will be

able to get back to you, honourable member. Thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon. Kaluya? Hon. Okot, Hon. Rwakimari, then Hon. Kiyimba.

7.14

MR ANDREW KIIZA (NUP, Kigulu County South, Iganga): Mr Speaker, I just want to bring to the attention of the ministers of Education and Sports and Lands, Housing and Urban Development the plight of Nakalama Secondary School in Iganga District. Nakalama Secondary School now has a population of 2,099 students up from 1,487.

The school now does not have enough classrooms and benches and we also have the issue of computers. The computers that are there are not enough, and in fact, they are not serving the purpose.

For the part of the Minister of Lands, Housing and Urban Development, the school is being encroached by land grabbers. They are taking up a lot of the school's land. Also, the school being in a semi-urban area, it is faced with a hostile population, thus the need for a fence to be put around the school. The minister can probably help with that. Thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Honourable minister?

7.14

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EDUCATION AND SPORTS (SPORTS) (Mr Peter Ogwang): Mr Speaker, I take note of the concern of the honourable colleague. Allow me to have this discussion with my planning unit in the Ministry of Education and Sports. Thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: The lands minister had given an answer on schools of that nature. Do you have a specific one for this?

7.15

THE MINISTER OF LANDS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (Ms Judith Nabakooba): Mr Speaker, I remember one time I went to Nakalama, that is last term, with the honourable Members of Parliament. We found that some people had encroached on the land and they had made the titles, but we cancelled the titles. Since that time, I have never gotten any other reply about what is taking place.

Therefore, I request the honourable member to give me a small report so that I can find out what is taking place currently.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: No, through the same structure you used. Honourable minister, I request you assign one of your officers who was following up on the matter that time.

MS NABAKOOBA: I will. We were working with Jinja Ministry Zonal Office (MZO). I will get in touch with them.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Sure, that is beautiful. Thank you. Yes, Hon. Okot and Hon. Rwakimari

7.15

MR BONIFACE OKOT (NRM, Kole South County, Kole): On education, Mr Speaker, we have an institution called National Instructors' College Abilonino, which is in my constituency. It is the sole instructor's college for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET).

However, I have received a number of complaints from the institution that they still need more support, that there is critical staff gaps, and affirmative admissions for students from Kole District. Honourable minister, what are the interventions to support the National Instructors' College Abilonino?

MR OGWANG: Mr Speaker, first I acknowledge that the school in question is a national instructors' college. It is true - maybe for the information of Parliament, this coming Monday, we are coming up with a TVET paper

specifically in Cabinet to realign our thinking as a sector on how we must begin to make TVET a priority in as far as solving the problem of unemployment in our country.

There are also proposals which are coming in terms of the expansion of some of these facilities like the one Hon. Okot has just mentioned. That is meant to - is a national already.

Therefore, we want to realign it to meet the standards of what is required. Also adding additional training for the more trainers of trainers for most of our TVET institutions across the country. Therefore, I take note of your observation and we are going to follow it up. Thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon. Rwakimari?

7.17

MS BEATRICE RWAKIMARI (NRM, Ruhaama County, Ntungamo): Thank you, Mr Speaker. My concern goes to the Ministry of Works and Transport about the road from Rubaare through Kategure, Kakuru to Kafunjo. This is a very strategic road in terms of trade between Greater Kabale and Greater Ankole regions.

We have an investor who is going to build a steel factory in my town council called Kakukuru-Rwenanura Town Council. He is not able to proceed with the work because of the terrible state the road is in. His trucks are huge. They cannot pass or negotiate through the bad road, and therefore, my prayer is to the – *(Member timed out.)*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Honourable member, yesterday the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development spoke about that road and said it is one of the roads they are soon bringing here for financing. I was there when I went to accompany the Chief Justice to a burial, when he lost his brother in an accident last month.

I will be coming there, and again use that road on 21st as we come for the thanksgiving of the Chief Justice. Therefore, I know it is a very critical road, but the minister for finance has already identified it. Hon. Kiyimba?

7.19

MR EMMANUEL KIYIMBA (NRM, Bukoto County Mid-West, Lwengo): Thank you, Mr Speaker. I want to remind the minister in charge of water that in Lwengo District, Bukoto Mid-West, where there is Lwengo Subcounty and Lwengo Town Council, there is a water pipe, which was inserted there in 2021, but up to now, there is no water.

Therefore, I want to request *mama* in charge of water that people are yearning to see water pass through that pipe. They also request you to tell us when we are going to have that water? I thank you.

7.20

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER AND ENVIRONMENT (WATER)(Ms Aisha Sekindi): Mr Speaker, I am requesting my colleagues - we can handle some of these issues, but try to put it in writing, as the Speaker guided, so that I can make a proper follow-up.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: This is your neighbour, and this is an area where you are, so please -

MS SEKINDI: You are right, Mr Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon. Biara, you had that critical issue.

7.20

MR EMMANUEL BIARA (NRM, Bulambuli County, Bulambuli): Thank you very much, Mr Speaker. Mine goes to the Minister of Lands, Housing and Urban Development. We have issues in Bulambuli Constituency where the President has given two directives following the report of the former Deputy Inspector General of Police (IGP) Julius Odwe, for some titles to be cancelled. Even the people the Prime Minister is giving Shs 18 million; for now, it is not enough, but if we open up land in Bulambuli, people can utilise it to settle in away from the mudslide victims. Thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Honourable minister?

MS NABAKOOBA: Thank you, Mr Speaker. I am aware of the directives, but the issue of land in Bulambuli is a matter, which is before court. Right now, it is very difficult for us to take any action before court makes its pronouncement. I request you to be a little bit patient until the court guides us.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon. Bagoole, then Hon. Mwiru, the acting Leader of the Opposition (LOP), as he concludes.

7.21

MR JOHN BAGOOLE (NRM, Luuka North County, Luuka): Thank you, Mr Speaker. Mine is about the Iganga-Luuka-Kamuli Road. Two weeks ago, I visited the contractor. However, he told me that he is being delayed by the Government side to compensate the project-affected persons.

That there are some sections that require him to break people's houses, but he cannot break them before the owners of the houses have been compensated. So, the contractor is sleeping, and not executing any works. I pray that the Government wakes up and pays.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: That one is for noting. The Member needs action taken. Let me first take Bunyangabu before we come to Hon. Mwiru.

7.23

MS SARAH KABAROKOLE (NRM, Woman Representative, Bunyangabu): Thank you so much, Mr Speaker. I would like to thank the Government for the work they are doing in Bunyangabu District. Recently, the Ministry of Health went to Bunyangabu and assessed very many problems disturbing our district; diseases mainly cancer and others.

However, we have issues with water. The water in Bunyangabu is very, very bad. The Ministry of Health advised that if we can get national water for the whole district because our district - people have bad teeth. Our teeth are not the best. Therefore, they request the Minister of Water and Environment to give us national water as the whole district so that we can curb the problem of the spoiled teeth. So, Ministry – *(Member timed out.)*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. I think it is a problem beyond teeth. It must be bad water. Honourable minister?

MS SEKINDI: Mr Speaker. The policy is -

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon. Kabarokole, they are addressing you.

MS SEKINDI: The policy is that you go back, sit with the district council, they pass a resolution and send it to us so that we can de-gazette it from – is Umbrella Water and Sanitation Authorities (UWS) now, which is working - In order to de-gazette and gazette national water there, we have to have a resolution from the Council.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Honourable minister, that would be a vote of no confidence in another government agency because I remember we gave money also to the Umbrella Service Coverage Acceleration Programme (SCAP). You have national water. Therefore, it would be as if one agency is giving bad water, so let us go to another government agency. I think you need to call the Umbrella Water and Sanitation Authorities (UWS) to go and investigate the matter and get a solution for it. Okay?

MS SEKINDI: Guidance taken, Mr Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Leader of the Opposition.

THE OPPOSITION CHIEF WHIP (Mr Paul Mwiru): Thank you, Mr Speaker. I thank the ministers who have persevered through the number of questions which have been coming from members.

Mr Speaker, I have listened to a number of issues and in the interest of time I want to speak about the education sector. We have two

proposals. The first is that when you look at what we invest in education as a country, you will notice that it is 7.82 per cent of our budget, which translates into Shs 6.66 trillion against or below the internationally recommended standard of 20 per cent. So I implore colleagues that other than enumerating the problems, there's no way the problem will be tackled without money. That is the bottom line the honourable minister was talking.

Two, and most importantly, I think as leaders, we need to do some soul searching. When you look at, for instance the wage bill in these schools, we have a deficit of teachers where, as per the structure of 20,000 and 28 vacant posts in primary, 4,000 in secondary, where we even have some schools without head teachers and deputy head teachers.

When you come to the capitation grant, honourable minister, National Planning Authority recommended to you, that capitation grant should be 63,000 for primary, against the 20,000 which we give now. For secondary, it recommended 530 against the 175,000 we are giving to these schools.

The Auditor-General, in the audit report, which ended June 2025, inspected 306 USE schools between September and December 2025 and found that 233 schools are using condemned pit latrines, 252 with cracked classrooms, 237 with damaged roofing, 280 with inadequate classrooms, 136 without a science laboratory and 182 without a library. Mr Speaker, this speaks to the big problem.

I had shared with my fellow honourable minister that when it comes to supervision, everybody wants to supervise these schools. There is a letter I shared with the minister where the coordinator of ONC - I think she is called Namyalo - she was writing to all coordinators of ONC in the country to go and inspect schools. We received the complaints as the office of the Leader of Opposition that whereas the inspection is not bad in itself, it has resulted into extortion in some instances. Because the question would be what is that structure of ONC? So, we need to also to address that.

Then lastly, Mr Speaker, the issue of fees structure, has been a matter of controversy. My good friend and minister, Hon. Ogwang, made a pledge on this Floor that they were going to come up and pronounce themselves on the structure. However, to date, nothing has been proposed or no guidance has been given.

I want to end by proposing that - I think I need to seek your indulgence to give me leave to bring a motion, urging Government to come up with a policy that whoever draws a salary from the consolidated fund, should all take their children to UPE and USE schools. Because if our children go to those schools, this debate of not having teachers- for instance I give an example; you built a seed school in my constituency and I'm very grateful- Uganda Railway Primary School. There are no teachers, there are volunteers in that school. I have raised this with colleagues that we need to- for instance, now the volunteers there are very busy conducting government business in anticipation that when there is recruitment maybe they will have a chance. How do you use volunteers to teach our children?

Mr Speaker, I will seek leave from you that I give notice that at an opportune time, I will move a motion for debate that all of us who draw a salary from the Consolidated Fund, take our children to these schools. There is no reason to prepare a meal for yourself and then you do not eat it; and you serve it only to the visitors. I want to thank you, Mr Speaker, for the time.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Now colleagues, Hon. Mwiru had one minute, but I called upon the Leader of Opposition and it is because of the rules you made. Subrule 14 of Rule 43, after Prime Minister's time, the Leader of Opposition is given special time for reply or comment. Clerk, for the record, Hon. Shafiga, came and said we should correct the record, where she said, "four classroom blocks", she was meaning *"four classrooms"*.

So let the *Hansard* capture four classrooms, not blocks.

Now, Honourable colleagues, today you have broken the record. We have handled 100 questions. Now, this is a balance we talk about because if I had given three minutes, I would have managed only 20 questions. So, I might not have given you enough time to explain your issues, but at least we democratised the space here.

Number two, we have members who come to my office - and I was waiting for one, I was trying to identify one whether she's here. She said, "I want to come to understand, you have never picked me." I said, "Really?" I said, "I picked you two times," and she remembered and she said, 'Yes.' I said, "so be in the House. As long as you are in the House, you will get a chance."

So, today whoever wanted to speak, has spoken. So, tell me how I would have picked out one member and jumped him or her? If you are not in the House and keep moonlighting, you peep in and go out, and you think the time you are in is when I will pick you, you will miss out. A time can come, and you find me very happy and I say, "I will sit here up to 10 p.m. until everyone speaks." This does not happen every day, it happens once in a while. However, I thank you, honourable colleagues, who have remained here to raise your issues and in a special way I thank the ministers who have come. *(Applause)*

If you look at our rules, you notice that Thursday is members' day when they raise their issues. I request you, honourable ministers, even if you don't come in on other days, on Thursdays, ensure you are here. On other days we give members around five questions; however, Thursday is meant to address members' issues. They have a lot of pressing issues from their constituencies. So, the moment they go on record bringing those issues to you, at least they would have lessened the burden and said, "No, I reported the matter to Government." You would have helped these members very much. So, thank you, honourable ministers and tell your colleagues to also do the same.

We meet tomorrow at 7.00 a.m., please keep time, so that we can have our interdenominational prayers here.

House is adjourned to Tuesday at 2.00 p.m. Thank you.

(The House rose at 7.34 p.m. and adjourned until Tuesday, 27 October 2026 at 2.00 p.m.)