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The House met at 3.00 p.m.
[The Hon. Speaker (Hon. G. K. Kipng'etich) on the Chair]
Prayers**

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

Hon. Speaker: Honourable members lets meet after the session so that we can be able to discuss some of the pending issues and information that we can relay to you based on what we had agreed in the morning sitting.

STATEMENT

Hon. Speaker: Honourable Leah

Hon. L. Chepkoech: There was a statement that we had to respond to as the committee on trade, tourism and cooperatives. We were to respond the other time but the Clerk did not avail the copies to the honourable members and I hope all members have copies today. So I am going to respond to the question asked by honourable Bor from Chemaner Ward as follows;

- a) Why there was unequal distribution of milk cooling plants established by the County Government.

This was based on the production of milk as in the county there are places which cannot produce a lot of milk and the CEC explained that their establishment was based on milk production and looking at the table below it shows the production of milk annually in the county and it is stating how much milk is produced yearly in each sub country and also daily as follows

Subcounty	Volume Annually	Daily Production	No of coolers needed	In Place	In Place (Private)	Variance
Chepalungu	12,540,560	34358	11	7	1	3
Bomet	9,360,000	25644	9	4	0	5

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Central						
Sotik	8985106	24617	8	5	0	3
Konoin	6500000	17808	6	0	1	5
Bomet East	5799950	15890	5	2	1	2

(b) The second question is how the sector arrived at costing of cooling plants which has resulted in great variance in the cost and seeing the table below it shows there was great variance on the construction of cooling plants and the variance showed it was as a result of the construction of cooler buildings and KES 2.7 million to KES 3.5 million was spend depending on the soil and the cost of materials and the soil and cost of transport. Distance varies a lot and the different soil types can make a great difference in the cost as some places have loam soil while others have clay soil which shows that there is greater difference in the construction. Another variance is on the cost of generators of KES 2.3 to 3.6 million and it depends on the size and compressor type and this shows that there is variation on the cost. Another cause of variation is on the water tanks, septic tank generator house and fencing and the toilets and this depended on the soil type and the distance the materials were taken to and this contributed to the cost differences

(c) The other question was on the number of cooling plants fully operational and the amounts spend and this shown in the table below

Cooling Plant	Ward	Capacity	Amount disbursed	Remarks	Current Production
Bomet Central Dairy Cooperative	Silibwet	1700	1, 500,000	Operational	1700
Balek Cooperative	Singorwet Ward	2000	5,930,000	Operational	700
Chepkalwal Ndanai Cooperative	Abosi Ndanai Ward	5000	9,102,000	Commissioned; has electricity problems	

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(d) On the question why several cooling plants completed by the department are not fully operational; completed coolers are operational save for Chepkalwal which has been having electrical hitches and was put on hold to avoid damage to vital equipment and the problem is under the attention of Kenya Power Company and 14 cooling plants are awaiting 3 phase electricity connection and are in the process of obtaining PIN numbers for their cooperatives.

Question (e) on why there is no allocation to the existing cooling plants such as Siongiroi Cooling Plant, coolers existing before the entry of the County Government were private companies namely were private companies that were, for example, Kokiche, in Mogogosiek ward of Konoin sub-County, Sot dairies in Kembu ward, Bomet East, Siongiroi dairies in Siongiroi wards, Chepalungu. They have since converted to cooperatives and benefited from subsidized artificial insemination services that concerned Konoin where the honourable members of Konoin were not satisfied. The CEC said that the existing cooling plants in Konoin were private companies and they have urged them to convert to cooperatives so that they can enjoy County Government funding.

Question (f) to clarify to the Committee whether the department has done assessment on the completed cooling plants to ascertain whether they have achieved the target capacity of 5000 litres. The department kept a keen interest on coolers because they are massive investments. Bomet Central cooler received 1700 litres of milk daily against an installed capacity of 2000. Balek cooler received 700 litres of milk against an installed capacity of 2000. Most will surpass the installed capacity during peak production when the prices improve due to volumes sold to processors. That means the milk produced in the two cooling plants is below the targeted. Question (g) honourable Speaker; when we were asked whether the department has put measures in place to sensitize farmers to upgrade dairy farming in the County. Honourable Speaker, the department has put measures like;

1. providing artificial insemination services to improve breeds
2. provision of Boma Rhodes pasture seeds to steady feed supply
3. bulking of milk and cooling to minimize on spoilage and earn better prices
4. provision of extension services to train farmers on new technologies

Question (h), which is the last one; the honourable Members wanted to know other funding done by other stakeholders like CDF and the community and how the funding has been utilized. CDF and community assisted Kipsonoi, Itembe, Kamungei, Bomet Central, Marinyiny, Olbutyo,

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Chepkalwal, Ndanai and Sugutek in funding some aspects of the project. The County Government assisted in completing the projects after the Agriculture function was devolved to Counties. The Community only provided land. Marinyiny cooler is being funded by International Fund for Agriculture development that is IFAD and the Government of Kenya. IFAD/GOK funding is limited to provision of equipment like milk cooler, generator, and other accessories. Honourable Speaker, basing on the response from the CEC, I am seeing that the statement is well answered. I urge the honourable Members that if they have any other questions, the CEC is accepting that he will answer them. He has promised us, as a committee that we will be working hand-in-hand to improve more on cooperatives and milk production in Bomet County. In Konoin, we realized that a lot of cooling plants have been established, we saw that we should have other alternatives to start some in the areas which have not benefited. Honourable Members, I request that we all agree. Thank you Honorable Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Honourable Bor, are you satisfied?

Hon. S. Bor: Thank you honourable Speaker for this opportunity. First of all let me thank the Chair for struggling to get the reply for this statement. Even though I was not present when you were replying the other time, I had attended a Ward meeting at Kericho. I want to thank the Members for asking valid questions. When I saw the first reply after I had asked three questions; that is the number of cooling plants that have been constructed in Bomet County, the number of coolers in each ward and the total amount spent in each cooler and also the number of coolers currently in operation. Honourable Speaker, I see even though the Members added some more questions, the way I had asked, I can see the answers there. Even then the Chair, honourable Leah Chepkoech, has tried to answer the first question. The second question I had asked, on the number of coolers in each ward, I cannot see it here. For example in my ward, Chemaner, I don't have even one. They should have put it that I don't have it. Even though the CEC had tried to answer these questions, I can see that there are some queries like; there is no equal distribution of cooling plants because previously, they had answered this way even though I am coming from Bomet East, in Konoin you cannot find even one cooling plant. In Bomet Central, you cannot find and in Mutarakwa and some other places. You can see that some areas are getting more funds than the others. Honourable Speaker, the distribution of funds in this County is not fair. I am coming from Bomet East and we have one cooling plants called Sot Dairy Farmers. They have not received funds from the County. Even though we have one in Longisa which they handed about one million last year. Honourable Speaker, the way I have said it before concerning the distribution of funds especially concerning the agribusiness, it is not fair.

Hon. Speaker: What is it honourable Chelule?

Hon. S. Chelule: Point of information; the honourable Member said the cooling plant from Kembu was not funded by this County. Let me tell him that it was given KES 628,000. I have the

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evidence but I don't know whether the money was given directly. The Chairman of the cooling plant is saying they never received the amount, but it was given.

Hon. S. Bor: honourable Speaker, according to the record I have here...

Hon. Speaker: Honourable Chelule kindly switch off...

Hon. S. Bor: Honourable Speaker, according to my records, there are no funds given to that cooling plant. There is one called Sugutek cooperative in Bomet East, honourable Korir; you can be my witness whether we have Sugutek cooperative. I don't know of it. Honourable Speaker, let them give me chance to finish because this was my statement. This is not a motion, it is a statement. Honourable Speaker, the way I had asked previously, I think the Chair is listening, about the cooling plants there are some other wards, which are benefitting more than others. We can say some other Wards have been marginalised in this department. Let me just say because this was my statement, I can say as the chair I am satisfied 70% but there were some other questions not answered correctly and maybe it is the way they CEC concerned said that they should finance or fund this financial year. Thank you very much.

Hon. Speaker: Honourable Serbai.

Hon. R. Serbai: Thank you for giving me this chance, first and foremost, I would like to congratulate whoever asked this statement. The answers received we received in this House are not the answers we have been receiving before. What the then acting CEC Eng. Menjo gave us is different from what we have today. In my area that is Cheptalal, we do not have even a single cooling plant and the record shows that a cooling plant was built in Cheptalal. The answers we are getting from KoKiche, the word KoKiche comes from three divisions that is Kimulot and Cheptalal. That is what the name stands for. It is a bit ridiculous to hear that Kogiche is a private cooperative yet it touches Konoin. Finally in the 2013/2014 and 2014/2015 financial year we have been giving this ministry a lot of money yet there is nothing that has been done. If we count the entire cooperatives that have been funded in the county, you find it is less than five. If we continue, the way we are doing then the public money will be going to waste. Finally, the honourable chair cooperatives should come up and tell us how much money was given in the year 2014/2015 financial year and how many cooling plants have actually enjoyed these facilities. Some time back Embomos farm was given KES 11 million in the year 2013/2014 and not even a single cent went there honourable Speaker. There is something wrong with that particular ministry and the chair that happens to be enjoying great relations with this House and the member who actually brought this statement we would like her to bring a very comprehensive statement. To me the statement is a bit shallow and we need more answers.

Hon. Speaker: Honourable Joyce

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Hon. Joyce Korir: Thank you for giving me this chance to comment on a number of issues that were given by the CEC in that department. I want to congratulate the chair for the effort that he has tried to answer the statement that rose. In this honourable House indeed, honourable speaker I want to say this is where I have been having a number of issues when it comes to development of this county. I want to say I am seeing a number of projects that have been year marked here as done by the county government, one is the project that is in Bomet Central under the ward Silibwet where it is my neighbouring ward, and the committee of those particular cooperatives are members of my ward. The treasurer particularly comes from my ward and the funds they have received so far is to a tune of five hundred thousand, they were funded by the CDF to a tune of two million and even if you see the projects honourable speaker they are saying the total project is up to 2.9 Million. Where the CDF gave them 2 Million and the county government gave them KES 500,000. This is the cooler that has been standing on its own and it's a cooler that stands on its own and it had the higher collection capacity in that particular area and I want to say that indeed its shocking when we want to put figures that were never given to them honourable speaker. There is the issue of Sugutek. This is a cooler that is supposed to be in Merigi ward. In honourable Chelule's ward. I like doing investigations and the cooler has only received KES 1 million shillings and in this it shows it has received 5 million shillings. I want to say they need to be substantiated, honourable chair I want to say you look at it critically especially Sugutek and Bomet central dairies. I want to say when we speak of coolers in this county the Honourable members of Konoin are part of this county and how can one sub county get a tune of 52 Million while another ward are getting nothing. In this case, honourable Speaker I want to say that I am bitter because one day when I was in a radio station I talked about the project that has never been done in Konoin and launching of some multipurpose in this county that has never worked. I want to say it is so bad indeed in the said constituency where it happens to be constituency of our able governor. The governor of this county has been giving money in his own constituency to a tune of 8 Million, 7 Million, 6 Million. We are raising very pertinent issues concerning the distribution of resources while talking about equal resources honourable speaker. When you ask them a question, they say the coolers are of different amounts and you wonder who told them that the cooler required in the upper region are of higher amount. In one constituency there are others funded to a tune of 52 million in one constituency. The budget of the said cooler were only 50 million and as we speak his Excellency the governor has used to a tune of 132 Million on the said program of cooling plants. Where does he get the other amount and the PFM act states clearly?

Hon. Speaker: Your time is up honourable Joyce.

Hon. Joyce Korir: No my time is never up we are discussing very pertinent issues,

Hon. Speaker: You see it is for the House. It is for the members to react; just proceed.

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Hon. Joyce Korir: I want to say the budgeted amount is 52 million and the amount here is 132 million. Where did the governor get the 80 Million and the PFM Act indicates that you can only increase by 10%. Where does he get powers to remove this money from other sectors and yet some other areas did not get the cooling plants. Right now, we are talking of increasing the coolers. What is the production of milk in this County? They are talking of the issue pertaining to changing the breed, Boma Rhodes, provision of artificial insemination, packaging of milk, and cooling to avoid spoilage and earn better prices and the extension services and yet they have not talked of reviving the dips that have been there even before the county government were put in place. This is the only area that we can assist the member of the public in the issue of pest control. I want to say that the county is in a total mess and right now they are telling us the number of coolers they want to install and they cannot tell us how best they can improve the prices of milk. I know the member of this county assembly may be in need of coolers in there wards but does it help and I want to say as leaders of this House I being included honourable speaker. I want to suggest that the Wards that have not been given cooler let the amount that was given to this other Wards including my ward where I got seven million. Honourable speaker be given to wards which were not given the cooler for dairy production and this coolers be operational so that we can maximize the operation of these coolers in the entire ward. It will just be nothing but white elephants in the villages. I want to say that we change the leadership by trying to do what at the end of the day there is equal distribution of resources and what the public will benefit and change their lives honourable speaker. As I wind up I want to say I am not satisfied with the way the CEC of this county government are performing their tasks. You remember all this coolers that have been constructed are only constructed on a political platform. They are not on issue that they have sat down and say let us deal with the coolers they are just doing things poetically honourable speaker. They do not give the technical persons that are the CEC of this county to operate the various sector to advise the politicians on where to put the coolers. I want to say it is a total mess and they should put up things very well and all the constituencies to get the resources equitably. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Chair Trade kindly reply I know there are other members but time is not on our side.

Hon. L. Chepkoech: I want to thank the honourable members for these deliberations. I want to say as a committee when we sat with the CEC, we saw that the answers that the CEC gave were satisfactory. He promised that if any other member will not be satisfied, he is able to make some correction and as committee some of the members asked a lot of questions which were answered. The committee members were there and on one or two questions which the CEC was asked concerning Konoin, he accepted that he had never done anything and he is ready to give funds to Konoin to revive the existing plants which were private. They have been advised to change into

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cooperative so that they enjoy any other fund from the county. Otherwise honourable speaker, let me say thank you to the honourable members and your chair.

Hon. Speaker: I want to say I can summarise that in case there would be any other further issues it can be raised through a committee so that for those members who are not satisfied with this matter. Next

Hon. S. Towett: I rise to give the program of the things that are ahead of us. Honourable Speaker tomorrow morning, Wednesday, there will be a motion on the UK report and will be moved by Honourable Reuben Langat. In the afternoon will be a motion touching on tabling the report of the past financial year. This will be the report on committee of Agriculture, livestock and fisheries. At the same time, we will be having another motion. The report of the past financial year touches on the report of the accounts. On Thursday, we will be having a report, which touches on cooperatives and the chair of cooperatives trade, and tourism that marks the business of the week and we would move as this.

Hon. Speaker: What is it honourable Ngetich.

Hon. J. Ng'etich: I raised a statement two weeks ago and I expect an answer from the chair labour and public service board concerning village and community administrators. The exercise was flawed and procedures were not followed.

Hon. Speaker: Have fourteen days elapsed? In my own opinion, it was the other week it was a Thursday. Therefore, it has not elapsed. This is pending and needs to be indicated. Therefore, I believe we will check.

Hon. J. Ng'etich: If we wait for fourteen days to elapse, it then it is overtaken by events.

Hon. Speaker: Let me find out you will get to know the answer tomorrow. Next

Motion (Chairperson Budget and Appropriation)

Hon. Speaker: Honourable chair.

Hon. B. Ng'eno: Mr. Speaker, I seek for the minute's adjournment so that we can iron out some issues.

Hon. Speaker: What are the issues honourable Ng'eno?

Hon. B. Ng'eno: Mr. Speaker, there are some issues that have been brought in the issue now. Some of the money for the wards we want to find out if they can feature as conditional allocation or just remain like that.

Hon Speaker: Which was devolved to where?

Hon. B. Ng'eno: Every Ward.

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Hon. Speaker: You had not indicated to be conditional you had.

Hon. B. Ng'eno: According to the report, it has not featured the same way, but we wanted to see the implication. So I beg for ten minutes adjournment for the same.

Hon. Speaker: I thought it had indicated that it is shared among the wards. Is that the case honourable chair?

Hon. B. Ng'eno: We want to put the word conditional.

Hon. Speaker: Is that the case, I thought if it is going to be shared then it does not change. It is going to indicate that it is for wards and you cannot change or emphasise. The intention of the members needs to be seen. I hope you had seen how the other counties had been indicating.

Hon. J. Molel: I rise to support the chair. We want to see that what we have taken to the wards reaches there without somebody diverting. When we say conditional, it means that money must be utilised. If we leave it just hanging just that way, we are not sure if that money is safe as and if it will go to the wards as required by the members.

Hon. Speaker: Honourable Kirui.

Hon. L. Kirui: I want to congratulate the chair for really seeing that fault honourable speaker. As per what honourable Molel said this is not the first time we have the budget even in the other budget there was some money that were allocated to ward level but it was surprising that it did not go the way we intended. Therefore, we need to change our doing this time round. I want to request that we should create a pot that specifies that is a conditional grant. So that we cannot leave it hanging. I know once we state conditional grant it may demand policies and other things but this is the same House that would do the same but we need to be careful to really have that vote of conditional grant not just hanging. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Honourable Ng'eno, I hope you mean it. I would not be able to agree more than ten minutes. We are going to give you ten minutes whether you agree or not if you will not be there, we will come and continue. We will be able to suspend our sitting for ten minutes so that you will come and move your motion.

The House adjourned and resumed after the ten minutes

Hon. Speaker: Honourable members I hope the ten minutes are over and I hope we will be able to move without any interruption. Honourable Ng'eno kindly move the motion.

❖ MOTION

THAT PURSUANT TO PROVISIONS OF SECTION 131 (1) OF THE PUBLIC FINANCE MANAGEMENT ACT AND OUR STANDING ORDER 190 (3) (B), THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY ADOPTS THE REPORT OF THE BUDGET AND

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APPROPRIATION COMMITTEE ON THE BOMET COUNTY MTF 2015/2016-2017/2018 AND ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FINANCIAL FOR THE YEAR ENDING IN 30TH JUNE, 2016.

Hon. B. Ng'eno: Thank you Mr. Speaker, that pursuant to provisions of section 131 (1) of the Public Finance Management Act and our Standing Order 190 (3) (b), this County Assembly adopts the report of the Budget and Appropriation Committee on the Bomet County MTF 2015/2016-2017/2018 and Annual budget for the financial for the year ending in 30th June, 2016.

I wish to move this motion of the report of Budget and Appropriation Committee on the Bomet County MTF budget 20105/2016 and Annual budget for the year ending at 30th June, 2016. The background on this is that on behalf of the Members of the Budget Committee and as required under standing order No. 190, I take this opportunity to present to this House, the Committee's Report on the Medium Term Expenditure Framework Budget 2015/16-2017/18 and Annual Budget for the year ending 30th June, 2016 as submitted to the County Assembly by the Executive Committee Member for Finance and Clerk of the County Assembly.

Mr. Speaker Sir,

The constitution and the PFM Act placed significant responsibilities on the County Assembly over the management of public resources particularly with regard to resource mobilization, allocation, monitoring, and control.

Mr. Speaker sir,

The Budget and Appropriation committee as currently constituted comprises of the following honourable members:

1. Hon. Benard Ng'eno - Chairperson
2. Hon. Aurelia Rono – V. Chairperson
3. Hon. Robert Metet
4. Hon. Cecilia Towett
5. Hon. Taplelei Rotich
6. Hon. Samwel Bor
7. Hon. Josphat Kirui
8. Hon. Sammy Kirui
9. Hon. Wilson Keter
10. Hon. Leah Kirui

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11. Hon. Samson Towett

12. Hon. Julius Korir

13. Hon. Robert Serbai

The mandate of the committee based on the Standing Order No. 190 establishes the Budget and Appropriation Committee with specific mandate to:

- a) Investigate, inquire into and report on all matters related to coordination, control and monitoring of the County Budget.
- b) Discuss and review the estimates and make recommendations to the County Assembly.
- c) Examine the County Budget Policy Statement presented to the County Assembly;
- d) Examine Bills related to the county budget, including Appropriations Bills; and
- e) Evaluate tax estimates, economic and budgetary policies, and programmes with direct budget outlays.

Mr. Speaker Sir,

In line with the provision of 129 (1), (2), (3) of the PFM Act 2012, the County Executive Committee Member for finance is required to submit the County Government Budget Estimates (excluding budget estimates for the Assembly) to the County Assembly by the 30th April of each year. The Act also provides that Each County Assembly Clerk shall prepare and submit to the County Assembly the budget estimates for the County Assembly and a copy submitted to the Executive member for finance for his comments.

The Act under Section 131 further states that, the County Assembly shall consider the budget estimates with a view to approving them, with or without amendments in time for the relevant appropriation law required to implement the budget to be passed by 30th June in each year.

Mr. Speaker sir,

Section 207(5) of the Standing Orders states that,

“The Budget and Appropriations Committee shall discuss and review the Estimates and make recommendations to the County Assembly, taking into account the recommendations of the Sectoral Committees, the views of the County Executive Member for Finance and the public.”

EXAMINATION OF THE BOMET COUNTY BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE FINACIAL YEAR 2015/2016

Mr. Speaker Sir,

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In line with the Constitution and the PFM Act, the budget estimates for the two arms of County Government, namely The County Executive and The County Assembly were submitted to the County Assembly on 30th April, 2015.

Mr. Speaker Sir,

In reviewing the County Budget Estimates the committee went through a comprehensive consultative process. The Committee held six public hearing forums, one in each of the five Sub-Counties and one additional in Bomet County headquarters to engage the members of the Public in line with Article 201(a) of the Constitution.

The Committee managed to obtain views and recommendations of all Sectoral committees on the budget estimates. The sectoral committees initially sought clarifications from their respective C.E.Cs before submitting their views to the Committee on Budget and Appropriation.

The committee further held a final consultative meeting with the C.E.C for Finance and all members of the County Assembly on 19th- 21st June, 2015.

Mr. Speaker sir,

I wish to thank members of Budget and Appropriation Committee for their dedicated commitment to the end. The Committee is grateful to the Offices of the Speaker and the Clerk of County Assembly for the support received as it discharged its mandate of reviewing the Bomet County Government Budget Estimates 2015/2016. The Committee is also grateful to the Sectoral committees and the members of the County Assembly who actively participated in the process, especially during the Joint Committee Sitings. The Committee is also grateful to the budget office for their technical support.

I also thank the members of the public and interest groups who took their time to participate especially public hearings and for their constructive views.

Mr. Speaker sir,

It is therefore my pleasant duty and privilege, on behalf of the committee on Budget & Appropriation to table this Report and recommend it to the House for adoption.

We, honourable members of the committee on Budget & Appropriation signed the document.

Mr. Speaker sir,

The committee analysed the budget estimates and realized the following;

As required by Section 12 of the second schedule of the PFM Act 2012 the County Governments should adopt Programme Based Budgeting during the preparation of MTEF budget Estimates.

The Programme Based Budgeting aims to;

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- ❖ Improve the prioritization of expenditure in the budget in order to help allocate limited county government resources to those programmes of greatest benefit to the community,
- ❖ Encourage departments to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of service delivery by changing the focus of public spending from input to output and outcomes. In achieving these goals a Programme Based Budget also becomes an effective tool to help citizen understand the reasons behind policy decisions.

Under the PBB framework, government budgets are directly linked to defined public policy objectives through programs. The programs must have embedded in them measures for outputs and outcomes and a PBB will contain:

- a) Mandate of a specific sector
- b) Summary of programmes and the objectives
- c) Summary of Programmes and sub programmes for financial year 2015/2016-2017/18
- d) Summary of expenditure by programme sub programme and economic classification for the MTEF period 2015/2016-2016/2017
- e) Summary of the programme sub programme and performance indicators
- f) Details of staff establishment by organization structure/ delivery unit
- g) Itemized recurrent budget

Format for presenting the Summary of the programme sub programme and performance indicators is as follows;

Programme	Delivery unit	Key Programme output	Key performance indicators	Target (Baseline) 2014/15	Target 2015/16	Target 2016/17	Target 2017/16

Format for presenting the itemized recurrent budget

Sector- trade tourism and cooperatives

Item code	Item name	Approved estimates for 2014/15	Budget estimates 2015/2016			Total for 2015/16
			Trade	Tourism	Cooperatives	

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The detailed analysis of Bomet County Government MTEF budget estimates are as follows;

The total revenue for Bomet County Government for the financial year 2015/16 is KES. 5,133,002,166 comprising of KES 4,674,885,819 from the national government, KES 312,697,640 from the local revenue and KES 145,418,819 as grants

The local revenue projected by the county government for the financial year 2015/2016 is KES 312.6 million. The revenue projected for 2014/2015 as per the supplementary budget was KES 190 million. This means that the county revenue will grow by 64.2%. The revenue target is ambitious and the county might not realize the targeted revenue. The implication of an ambitious revenue target is that if it is not realized the county might end up with budget deficits before the end of the financial year as a result some programmes are not implemented.

The revenue collected from water sector has not been factored as part of the local revenue. *Section 109(2) of the PFM Act 2012 states that The County Treasury for each county government shall ensure that all money raised or received by or on behalf of the county government is paid into the County Revenue Fund, except money that—*

- (a) Is excluded from payment into that Fund because of a provision of this Act or another Act of Parliament, and is payable into another county public fund established for a specific purpose;*
- (b) may, in accordance with other legislation, this Act or County legislation, be retained by the county government entity which received it for the purposes of defraying its expenses; or*
- (c) Is reasonably excluded by an Act of Parliament as provided in Article 207 of the Constitution.*

If the revenue from water is used defray the day to day expenses in the sector then the revenue collected should be declared as appropriation in aid (A.I.A) The revenue from Red Cross should be managed as per section 138, 139 of the PFM Act 2012 and it should not be part of the revenue to be appropriated since it does not go through the county revenue fund

In resource allocation between the recurrent and development expenditure is as follows:

Recurrent-

Personal emoluments	38%	1,966,110,127
Operations and maintenance	16%	841,569,352

Development

45% 2,325,322,686

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The resource allocation to the development is commendable as it complies with the fiscal responsibility principles in section 107; 2(b) of the PFM Act 2012. It states that over the medium term a minimum of thirty percent of the county government’s budget shall be allocated to the development expenditure; Personal emoluments are at 38% the PFM Act provides that wages shall not exceed a percentage of total revenues prescribed by regulations: as discussed above neither the national nor county regulations have been passed, however the draft national regulations proposes a ratio of 35 percent of the total revenues.

On comparison of the County Assembly Fiscal Strategy Paper ceilings and Budget Estimates Ceilings, Section 129 2(a),(b) states that; following approval by the County Executive Committee, the County Executive Committee member for finance shall—

(a) Submit to the County Assembly the budget estimates, supporting documents, and any other Bills required to implement the budget, except the Finance Bill, by the 30th April in that year; and

(b) that the CEC member for finance shall ensure that the estimates submitted are in accordance with the resolutions adopted by the county assembly on the county fiscal strategy paper. The table below presents the ceilings for various sectors as per 2015/16 budget estimates and as per the County Fiscal Strategy Paper for 2015/2016

Spending Units	BUDGET ESTIMATES		
	BUDGET CEILING (KES Millions)	CFSP CEILING (KES millions)	VARIATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, ADMINISTRATION AND PUBLIC SERVICE, COUNTY EXECUTIVES	382.8	292.8	90
ADMINISTRATION	449.4	270.6	178.8
FINANCE AND ECONOMIC PLANNING	374.3	323.2	51.1
PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT	158.2	28.4	129.8

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AGRI-BUSINESS, COOPERATIVES & MARKETING	435.8	454.1	-18.3
SOCIAL SERVICES	462.5	411.3	51.2
MEDICAL SERVICES	849.1	911.2	-62.1
LANDS, HOUSING AND URBAN PLANNING	145.7	129	16.7
WATER AND IRRIGATION	344.5	295.4	49.1
EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAININGS	519.03	653.1	-134.07
ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS	469.9	570.5	-100.6
TRADE, ENERGY, TOURISM AND INDUSTRIALIZATION	95.4	80.5	14.9
COUNTY ASSEMBLY	446.07	612.92	-166.85
TOTAL	5,133.002	5,033.02	99.98

The table above shows that, none of the sectors complied with the budget ceilings in the fiscal strategy paper during the preparation of 2015/2016 budget estimates. The total revenue allocation in the fiscal strategy paper and the budget estimates varies by KES 99.98 million.

On public participation Articles 118, 119, 196 and 201 of the Constitution 2010 requires all county governments to conduct public participation in various issues so as to develop the administrative capacity for the effective exercise of the functions and powers and participation in governance at the local level. This means that the budget estimates must provide funds for public participation. Most sectors have provided for public participation in their budgets.

On the issues cutting across all sectors, the budget estimates as presented although programmed based did not adhere to the format as per the guidelines for the preparation of the medium term expenditure framework (MTEF) budget for the period 2015/16 – 2017/18 as required by the

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Public Finance Management Act, 2012. Details of the development projects were not given making it difficult to identify the cost, location, and completion dates of the projects. Disclosure of location of development projects is very crucial for monitoring and evaluation as well as project planning. Targets, outputs, and performance indicators were not clearly articulated under the County Budget Estimates 2015/2016; in fact most sectors provided deadlines instead of the indicator targets. Furthermore, various departments could not differentiate between indicators and outputs. Various departments seemed to interpret these parameters differently indicating serious inconsistencies. The recommendations of the County Assembly in the County Fiscal Strategy Paper and approved ceilings were not adhered to in the Budget Estimates. This is against the provision of the PFM Act section 129 2(b) that the Executive member for Finance should ensure that the ceilings as provided for by the County Fiscal Strategy Paper are adhered to in the County Budget

Solutions Taken

Sectoral Committees in consultation with their relevant C.E.Cs addressed the issues and the C.E.C for Finance amended the Estimates to correct the noted issues and shared with the committee.

Views and submissions by the members of the public and other interest groups.

Mr. Speaker Sir,

Six public participation forums were held in the County at the sub-county levels from 26th -28th May, 2015 in Chemaner Market, Olbutyo Market, Ndanai Market, Kapset Market, Kapkoros Market and Bomet Town.

The impressive turn out by the members of the public, **Mr. Speaker sir**, their active participation, and constructive views is an indication of the confidence that the public has in this House and the significance of budgeting to the county's development agenda.

Submissions on ward development.

- i. The public recommended that the County Assembly should establish **ward development fund** and allocate between 10%-30% of the total budget to implement ward specific projects at the ward level
- ii. Consideration should be made on allocations to the sectors to be devolved to the ward level i.e. the County to consider devolving functions to ward level so that the residents can appreciate devolution
- iii. Consider itemizing the budget to indicate specific projects to be implemented and their locations i.e. allocation of funds to public toilets and toilets to schools should indicate specific schools and the number of toilets to be constructed

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Submissions of the Office of the Governor, Administration, and Public Service

- i. County should shift away from using Land Rovers and consider more cost effective and economically efficient vehicles to cut down expenditure on operations and maintenance
- ii. Reduce allocations for construction of ward offices and encourage sharing of available offices
- iii. Reduce allocations for policy development from KES 1M to KES 500,000
- iv. Re-allocate KES 3M meant for setting up of Bomet Broadcasting Station to bursaries and postpone the project as it was not a priority at the moment. County should encourage private investment on the same that will ultimately yield revenue

Submissions that were received on Fiancé and Economic Planning are that;

- i. That KES 10.7 million allocated to ICT Network was inadequate and should be increased

Submission on Medical Services, Public health and Environment

- i. Budgeting for Public Health, Environment and medical services should be lumped together to avoid confusion and duplication
- ii. Increase allocations to complete on-going constructions in medical facilities
- iii. Increase allocations for Nutrition interventions by KES 2M to KES 7M
- iv. Allocate additional KES 1 M for environmental management since KES 3.1M was not enough to ward level
- v. Increase allocations for purchase of medical drugs to KES 170 M to address the shortages
- vi. That the medical services sector should reallocate more funds to prevention of diseases within their vote head
- vii. That **KES 2 M** allocated for communicable disease prevention and control- HIV/AIDS, Malaria, TB be increased to **KES 5M** and personnel recruited to administer the fund since they were no longer reaching the beneficiaries
- viii. Reduce emergency allocations from KES **30M** to KES **25M** and allocate KES **2M** to enhance preventive and promotive health services for diseases such as cancer

On the submission on lands, Housing and Urban Planning

- i. Increase allocations to the department from 3% to 6% for purchase of plots for market centers, construction of market stalls, public toilets, installation of security lights and enhancement of sanitation in trading centers
- ii. KES 35.6 M allocations for acquisition of lands be increased to KES 50M

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- iii. Construction of shopping malls was not a function of county government and therefore should be re-allocated
- iv. Increase allocations for land surveys

On submission on Agribusiness and marketing

- i. **That** KES 269 million allocated to Agribusiness and marketing was inadequate and should therefore be increased from 8% to 12% since agriculture was the backbone of the County's economy. This increment should be re-allocated from allocations to old age persons.
- ii. Allocations to agricultural extension services and recruitment of more agricultural extension officers should be increased
- iii. Re-allocate KES **123.4M** for Livestock & Veterinary Services to promote Tea programmes
- iv. Consider allocations for construction and installation of cold rooms
- v. Reduce allocations for irrigation and re-allocate to promote tea programmes

On submission on Water and Irrigation

- i. Increase allocations for supply of clean drinking water to homesteads
- ii. Critically review allocations to Bomet Water Company
- iii. Increase allocations for development of water infrastructure

On submissions on Education and Vocational Training

- i. Increase allocations for infrastructure development

Submissions on Roads and Public Works

- i. **That** allocation of KES 30 million to urban roads maintenance was not necessary as the program was being implemented by national government through KURA
- ii. Increase allocations for roads from 11% to 15% or 20% as it was a key concern for the residents
- iii. Increase allocations for opening up of new roads

Submissions on Trade, Energy, Tourism, and Industry

- i. That more allocation should be considered for electricity generating projects
- ii. **That** KES 1 million allocated to entrepreneurship training or capacity building should be increased to KES 2 million

Submissions on Culture and Social Services

- i. Reduce allocations for old age fund since National government had increased from 300,000 to 400,000 beneficiaries and re-allocate to sustainable programmes in agri-

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business and co-operatives. Consideration for allocations for construction old persons homes

These recommendations, **Mr. Speaker Sir**, were taken into consideration by the committee while making their final decision. This will uphold public confidence that their views and requests are being considered and are therefore part and parcel of County's development.

SUBMISSIONS BY SECTORAL COMMITTEES

Joint Committee on Administration, Peace, Justice and Legal Affairs and Labour & Public Service

Mr. Speaker Sir, The joint committee on Administration, peace, Justice & Legal Affairs and Labour & Public Service having consulted their respective line department clarified on the issues which arose in the MTEF Budget Estimates and submitted the following raft of recommendations for consideration by the Budget and Appropriation Committee;

- i. The executive were planning to build other ten ward offices in the financial year 2015/16 but the committee recommends that whole remaining 15 wards offices be completed in the same period
- ii. The committee noted that allocation for county headquarters in the previous financial year were diverted to the construction of store for procurement to 4.2 million and the software for human resource to a tune of 4.2 million and thus justifying funding in the f/y 2015/16

Committee on Finance, ICT and Economic Planning

Mr. Speaker Sir, The committee on Finance, ICT, and Economic Planning submitted the following raft of recommendations for consideration by the Budget and Appropriation Committee;

- i. The programs in the 2015/16 budget estimates should reflect those in the County Fiscal Strategy Paper (E-Government and Revenue Automation) and be clearly defined
- ii. Each department should budget and purchase its own furniture, fuel, purchase and maintenance of computers, internet connections and insurance
- iii. The allocations to P.E should be explained and justify why it is seven times higher than the allocations for development

Committee on Gender, Culture, and Social Services

Mr. Speaker Sir, The committee on Gender, Culture and Social Services having consulted their respective C.E.C clarified on the issues which arose in the MTEF Budget Estimates and

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submitted the following raft of recommendations for consideration by the Budget and Appropriation Committee;

- i. The allocation on programme 2 (**Social Protection and Services**) should be increased because it covers vulnerable groups, persons with disabilities, elderly persons, HIV/AIDS infected and affected street families, orphans and vulnerable children and marginalized groups in the entire county. The amount should also be sufficient enough to cater for the old persons who were in the waiting list in the FY 2014/2015.
- ii. The allocation on Culture, Music and Library Services should be increased this is because the committee noted that a lot has not been done in terms of promotion of the Kipsigis Culture. The county even lack museums.

Committee on Education, Sports, and Youth Affairs

Mr. Speaker Sir, The committee on Education, Sports and Youth Affairs having consulted their respective C.E.C clarified on the issues which arose in the MTEF Budget Estimates and submitted the following raft of recommendations for consideration by the Budget and Appropriation Committee;

- i. Members proposed KES. 500,000 be allocated to polytechnics in the Wards to buy their respective tools and equipment
- ii. There is need to specify the total number of polytechnics to be funded by the County
- iii. More allocations for completion of the ongoing ECDE centres
- iv. The members felt the allocation of KES. 15,000 per student per year is inadequate as per the budget

Committee on Trade, Energy, Tourism, and Industrialization

Mr. Speaker Sir, The committee having consulted their respective C.E.C clarified on the issues which arose in the MTEF Budget Estimates and submitted the following raft of recommendations for consideration by the Budget and Appropriation Committee;

- i. Members suggested to allocate less funds to Miss Tourism activity and transfer from the vote head to developing animal sanctuary
- ii. Engage Committee on Urban Planning to get more land for Animal Development Projects. They further suggested ATC to be transferred to Kipsegon
- iii. Branding and marketing the County as a choice for investments and promotion of establishment of various industries

Committee on Lands, Housing and Urban Development

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Mr. Speaker Sir, The committee on Lands, Housing and Urban Development having consulted their respective C.E.C clarified on the issues which arose in the MTEF Budget Estimates and submitted the following raft of recommendations for consideration by the Budget and Appropriation Committee;

- i. Members proposed that materials from demolished structure be utilized to reduce wastage of resources
- ii. Members proposed that Boda Boda riders be trained and their motor bikes be of one color for identification
- iii. Members proposed that uncompleted project be given priority
- iv. Members proposed that the completed project be launched e.g. Public toilets
- v. Members proposed that firefighting equipment be given the first priority
- vi. The member proposed that the C.E.C create a land bank to encourage investors

Committee on Health Services

Mr. Speaker Sir, The committee on Health Services having consulted their respective C.E.C clarified on the issues which arose in the MTEF Budget Estimates and submitted the following raft of recommendations for consideration by the Budget and Appropriation Committee;

- i. That the uncompleted projects be given priority;
- ii. That the completed projects be launched e.g completed toilets in Siongiroi, Sotik and e.t.c
- iii. That one hospital be upgraded to level 4 in each Sub County
- iv. That efficiency of public officers should improve since much of the funds have been allocated to preventive health both in medical services and public health & environment.

Committee on Roads, Transport, and Public Works

Mr. Speaker Sir, The committee on Roads, Transport and Public works having consulted their respective C.E.C clarified on the issues which arose in the MTEF Budget Estimates and submitted the following raft of recommendations for consideration by the Budget and Appropriation Committee;

- i. The committee noted that the amount allocated was inadequate as confirmed by the C.E.C and should be increased
- ii. The committee recommended that some funds should be set aside to engage youths at ward level to clean drainages, culverts and bush clearing especially during rainy seasons
- iii. The committee noted that some contractors were doing shoddy work and the county should terminate their contracts.

Committee on Water, Energy, Environment, Forestry and Natural Resources

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Mr. Speaker Sir, The committee on Water, Energy, Environment, Forestry and Natural resources having consulted their respective C.E.Cs clarified on the issues which arose in the MTEF Budget Estimates and submitted the following raft of recommendations for consideration by the Budget and Appropriation Committee;

Committee Recommendations: Water and Irrigation

- i. The approval and operationalization of BWC (Bomet Water Company) must be in conformity with the Bomet County Agency Act so as to legalise the allocation of KES 209.4 million and justify the A.I.A allocated to upgrading of Bomet Water Project.
- ii. The programs on protection of water springs, dams and pans must be done to completion in the FY 2015/16 especially in areas which have these springs.
- iii. The organizational structure (including staff establishment) of BWC should be availed to the committee.
- iv. That the allocations of KES. 5.68 m to environment and Natural Resources is not adequate to address the listed programs therefore the allocation should be increased to KES. 21.5 million as per the County Fiscal Strategy Paper 2015/16

Committee Recommendations: Energy

- i. The KES 10 million allocated for low cost energy should be shared equally across the 25 Wards where each is expected to get KES 400, 000.
- ii. The CEC or chief officer in charge should forward the structure, policies and Regulations guiding the formation of BPE Co. Also the regulations with the partners especially REA and KPLC should be availed to the committee.
- iii. The legality of the proposed BEP Co should be confirmed as per the Bomet County Agency Act if its establishment requires Assembly approval.

Committee on Trade, Tourism & Co-operatives

Mr. Speaker Sir, The committee on Trade, Tourism, Tourism & Co-operatives having consulted their respective C.E.Cs clarified on the issues which arose in the MTEF Budget Estimates and submitted the following raft of recommendations for consideration by the Budget and Appropriation Committee;

- i. Committee recommended that allocation to Miss Tourism should be reduced and amount re-allocated to development of animal sanctuary
- ii. The department should engage committee on Urban Planning to get more land for Animal Development projects. The committee also suggested that ATC to be transferred to Kipsegon
- iii. Allocations should be made for branding and marketing of the County as a choice for investments and promotion of establishment of various industries

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Committee on Agriculture, Livestock, and Fisheries

Mr. Speaker Sir, The committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries having consulted their respective C.E.C clarified on the issues which arose in the MTEF Budget Estimates and submitted the following raft of recommendations for consideration by the Budget and Appropriation Committee;

- i. That the allocation for the sector should be increased to at least 10% of the total revenue to meet the minimum threshold as per Maputo declaration
- ii. That the proposed construction of the 21 fish ponds need to be equitably distributed in all wards
- iii. That allocations should be made for promotion of poultry and beekeeping
- iv. There is need to value add certain agricultural produce in the County. Value addition should also be carried out on livestock products
- v. The department should focus on improving production
- vi. Consideration for adequate allocation for operationalization and utilization of Bomet ATC so as to benefit the farmers
- vii. The department should put in place policies on crops development, veterinary services and livestock production.
- viii. The committee noted that the department needs KES 350 million to fund 587 tea buying centers and therefore KES 70 million should be allocated so as to be implemented in phases. Each phase should be allocated KES 70 M for a period of five years

RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION

Mr. Speaker Sir,

The Budget and Appropriation having considered submissions from the public and sectoral committee, CFSP ceilings and expenditure made the following raft of recommendations;

Local Revenue Strategies. The committee recommended the following strategies that the C.E.C for finance needs to put in place to enhance local revenue collections;

- i. There is need to introduce infrared technology in slaughter facilities to enhance slaughter fees
- ii. The county should collect revenue from Sotik Tea.
- iii. All revenue collections should be automated to guard against leakages and pilferages

Areas of Adjustments

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1.1.1 Office of the Governor, Administration and Public Service

The committee proposes a scale down of allocations to a number of items as follows;

1.1.1.1 Executive

- **KES 7.8 Million** be reduced from **Vote 2210400; Foreign Travel and Subsistence Allowance** as a cost cutting measure on Operations and Maintenance
- **KES 12 Million** be reduced from **Vote 2210600; Rent & Rates-Non Residential (Inter Governmental)**
- **KES 1.2 million** be reduced from **Vote; 2210801; Catering Services (receptions), Accommodation, Gifts, Food and Drinks** as a cost cutting measure on Operations and Maintenance
- **KES 1 million** be reduced on **Vote 2220212; Maintenance of Communication Equipment** as a cost cutting measure on Operations and Maintenance
- **KES 30 million** be reduced on **Vote 3110701; Purchase of Motor vehicles** as the department already has adequate number of vehicles for their operations

1.1.1.2 Administration

- **KES 2 million** be reduced on **Vote 22111399; community participation** as KES. 15 million had been allocated for the same Vote in the Executive
- **KES 5.2 million** be reduced on **Vote 3110701; Purchase of Motor Vehicles** as the County already had adequate vehicles for operations

The total amount saved in the department is **KES 59.2 Million**

1.1.2 FINANCE AND ECONOMIC PLANNING

The committee recommends that allocations to a number of items be scaled down as follows;

- **KES 3 million** be reduced from **Vote 2210399; Budget preparation process**. The allocation made is way above the previous financial year expenditure. The department capacity to prepare budget has also significantly improved.
- **KES 200,000** be reduced on **Vote 2210505; Trade shows and exhibitions** as explanation was inadequate and the same item has been budgeted in the relevant department of Trade, Energy, Tourism and Industrialization.
- **KES 20 Million** be reduced on **Vote 2211201; Refined fuel and Lubricants for transport** since strong austerity measures needs to be implemented to cut down on recurrent expenditure to release more resources for development. Further, Fleet management will in result reduction in fuel consumption due to tight control. The County government should develop a transport policy for proper management of all government vehicles.

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- **KES 5,500,000** be reduced on **Vote 3110701; Purchase of Motor Vehicle** and the balance be used to purchase one vehicle for programme under planning and Monitoring services.

The total amount saved in the department is **KES 28,700,000**

The committee was however concerned that **KES 15,000,000** allocated to **Vote 3111112 Purchase of Software** was clearly inadequate to complete the intended programme despite explanation that it would be phased.

1.1.3 PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

The committee recommends that adjustments be made on various items as follows;

- KES 2 million be reduced from Vote 2210504; Advertising, Awareness and Publicity Campaigns comprising of KES. 1 million reduction in each of the two programmes namely preventive & Promotive services and Environmental management **Retentions**
- **KES. 500,000** be retained in Vote 2210499; Foreign travel and subsistence-others to enable the officers in the department to benefit from international exposures. The proposed amendment scraping the earlier allocation for the same should be therefore disregarded.

The total amount saved in the department is **KES 1.5 million.**

- **KES 5 million** allocated to **vote 3111305**; Purchase of Tree seeds and seedlings should be distributed and implemented as per the schedule in Annex 1;

1.1.4 SOCIAL SERVICES

The committee recommends that deductions be made on various items as follows;

- **KES 45 Million** be reduced on **vote 3110604; Overhaul of Other infrastructure and Civil works** as the total cost of the project has not been determined. Some amount on the balance of KES. 5.5 million on the same vote should be used to purchase sports equipment for persons with disabilities and support for Paralympic games
- **KES 24,740,462** be allocated to a new programme; Social Development to cover youth, women and PWDs development and should be implemented as scheduled in Annex 2

The total amount saved in the department is **KES 45 million**

1.1.5 MEDICAL SERVICES

The committee recommends that adjustments be made on various items as follows;

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- **KES 5.75 Million** be reduced on **vote 3110701; Purchase of motor vehicles**. The committee has already allocated for the purchase of a motor vehicle for public Health and therefore the borrowed vehicle will be returned to the department concerned.
- **KES. 5 million** be reduced on vote 2210604; Hire of Transport. The department should retain the number of Ambulance already leased. The vote should also be renamed “Lease of Ambulances”

New Additions

- **Mr. Speaker Sir**, we found a need to check against pilferages in our medical facilities. In this regard, the committee recommends that **KES. 5 million** be allocated for acquisition of a drugs dispensing and inventory control system to monitor flow of drugs and check against pilferages.

The total amount saved in the as a surplus department is **KES 5,750,000**

1.1.6 LAND, HOUSING AND URBAN PLANNING

The committee recommends that Adjustments be made on various items as follows;

- KES 2.327 Million meant for salaries to enforcement officers attached to the department be reduced as their salaries was budgeted for in Administration.

1.1.7 AGRI-BUSINESS, COOPERATIVES AND MARKETING

The committee recommends that adjustments be made on the following items;

- KES 8.45 Million budgeted for purchases of motor vehicle **vote 3110701** should be reduced
- **KES 120,000** be reduced on **Vote 3111001; Purchase of office furniture and fittings** as the item was collectively budgeted for by Finance and Economic Planning department
- **KES 2.1 million** be reduced on **Vote 3111002; Purchase of Computers, printers and other I.T equipment** as the item was collectively budgeted for by Finance and Economic Planning department
- **KES 13.4 million** allocated to **Value addition in programme 2 sub-programmes 2.1** should be distributed as follows; **KES 6.7 million** for value addition of Tomatoes in Sotik Sub-county and **KES 6.7 million** for value addition of onions in Youth farmers -Bomet East Sub-county.

The total amount saved as surplus in the department is **KES 10.67 million**

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1.1.8 WATER AND IRRIGATION

The committee recommends that the budgeted allocations for the department should be adjusted as follows;

- KES 150,000 be reduced on vote 2210801; catering services (receptions) accommodations, gifts, food and drinks.
- **KES 209, 400,000** meant for Capital grants to Semi-autonomous government agencies should be suspended forthwith and the programmes under which be implemented by the parent department pending necessary legislation and approval of its establishment thereof. Further, use of revenue at source by the department should be suspended forthwith and provision of Section 109(2) should be adhered to.
- **KES 10 million** allocated to **Vote 3110602; Overhaul of Water supplies and Sewerage** should be increased to **KES 25 million** and be re-allocated to a new programme to be known as spring protection and water pans and purchase of pipes. This should be financed by re-allocating **KES 15 million** from **KES 209,400,000** that had been budgeted for Capital grants to semi-autonomous government agencies and should be distributed in all the wards as in Annex 1.

Total amount saved is **KES 150,000**

1.1.9 EDUCATION, VOCATIONAL TRAINING, YOUTH AND SPORTS

The committee recommends that adjustments be made on various items as follows;

- That out of KES 148,720,000, KES 73,720,000 should be allocated for construction of new ECD Centres. The balance of KES 75 million should be allocated for construction of temporary ECD classrooms in all the wards with each ward being allocated KES 3 million to be implemented as scheduled in Annex 1;
- That **KES 30 million** on **vote 3110202 Infrastructure development and expansion** meant for Technical colleges be equitably distributed in all the wards except Chepchapas ward which has no space for construction of Technical college and should be distributed as scheduled in Annex 1;
- That KES 10 million on vote 3110901; Furniture in ECD be distributed in all the wards to be implemented as scheduled in Annex 1;

1.1.10 ROADS, PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORT

The committee recommends that adjustments be made on various items as follows;

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- That **KES 31,500,000** be **reduced** on vote **2220201** for **maintenance of plant, Machinery and equipment (including lifts)**
- That KES 1 million be **reduced** on vote 3111112 for Roads safety
- That KES 5.5 million be **reduced** on vote 3110701 Purchase of motor vehicle
- That **KES 131 million** be reduced on vote 3110499 for construction of Roads. KES. 6 million be used for consultancy and the balance of KES 125 million be distributed as scheduled in annex 1, opening up of new roads and culverts;
- That KES. 25 million on vote 3110501- Allocation for Culverts and Foot bridges be distributed in all the wards as scheduled in annex 1;

The total amount saved from the department is **KES 38 million**

1.1.11 TRADE, ENERGY, TOURISM AND INDUSTRIALIZATION

The committee recommends that adjustments be made on the following items;

- KES. 8 million meant for Capital grants to Semi-autonomous government agencies should be suspended forthwith and the programmes under which be implemented by the parent department pending necessary legislation and approval of its establishment thereof.

1.1.12 COUNTY ASSEMBLY

Mr. Speaker sir,

The committee recommends that adjustments be made on the following items;

- That KES 2 million be reduced on vote 22100802; Board allowance
- That KES 15,252,674 be reduced on item “Gratuity 2013/14/15”
- That KES 12,324,834 be reduced on item “Gratuity”
- That KES 9 million be reduced on Vote 2430103; Pension Scheme Staff
- That KES 1 million be reduced on item “Operations expenses for the Board”
- That KES 205,869 million be reduced on item “Advertising and Awareness”
- That **KES 1 million** be **reduced** on Vote 2210599; **Media and Communication**
- That **KES 1 million** be **reduced** on Vote 2210704; Hire of training facilities/fees-staff
- That **KES 2 million** be reduced on item “**office of the Speaker**” under Hospitality Supplies and services and be renamed “**Members welfare**”.
- That **KES 2 million** be **increased** on Vote 2210801; Official Entertainment celebration of official ceremonies
- That **KES 2.2 million** be **increased** on Vote 3110701; Purchase of Uniform clothing
- That **KES 20,934,098** be **increased** on item “**Mortgage and car loan**”

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- That **KES 1,021,600** be increased on vote 2210401 Foreign Travel to bring the total on the Vote to KES. 7,021,600
- That KES. 6 million be increased on vote 2210402 Accommodation to bring the total on the Vote to KES. 17,978,400
- That **KES 6 million** be **reduced** on item “**Public participation/Hearing expenses**”
- That **KES 3,934,098** be **reduced** on item “**Ward administrative exp**”
- That item “**Legislative development, drafting and publication**” be deleted
- That **KES 100,000** be **increased** on item “**Solar panels**”
- That **KES 1 million** be **increased** on item “**perimeter wall (phase one)**”
- That item “**Construction of committee rooms/offices**” be deleted
- That **KES 10 million** be **reduced** on item “**Construction of Speakers residence(phase one)**”
- That **KES. 16 million** be reduced on vote **3110302; Construction of Assembly chamber** and be renamed “**Construction of Assembly Chamber/committee rooms**”

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Mr. Speaker Sir,

The total proposed budget estimates for the County Government after adjustment shall be as follows;

VOTE TITTLE		SUBMITTED ESTIMATES 2015/16	PROPOSED CHANGES	COMMITTEE PROPOSED ESTIMATES 2015/16 AFTER ADJUSTMENTS
OFFICE OF THE	COUNTY EXECUTIVES	368,353,346	-52,000,000	316,353,346
	ADMINISTRATION	441,288,918	-7,200,000	434,088,918
FINANCE AND ECONOMIC PLANNING		373,374,035	-28,700,000	344,674,035
PUBLIC HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT		155,461,940	-1,500,000	153,961,940
AGRI-BUSINESS, COOPERTIVES AND N		400,530,500	-10,670,000	389,860,500
SOCIAL SERVICES		452,920,539	-45,000,000	432,661,001
MEDICAL SERVICES		810,148,683	-5,750,000	804,398,683
LANDS, HOUSING AND URBAN PLANN		126,220,000	-2,327,000	123,893,000
WATER SERVICES		329,270,000	-150,000	329,120,000
EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAIN		474,632,874	0	474,632,874
ROADS, PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSP		466,445,404	-38,000,000	428,445,404
TRADE, ENERGY, TOURISM AND INDU		75,853,800	0	75,853,800
COUNTY ASSEMBLY		699,316,038	-86,693,500	612,622,538
TOTAL		5,173,816,077		4,920,566,039

Mr. Speaker Sir, in conclusion, therefore I therefore, take this opportunity to urge the House to approve the proposed budget by the Budget and Appropriation Committee by adopting this report. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Who seconds?

Honourable Aurelia Chepkirui seconded.

Hon. Speaker: It is now my turn to put the question that that pursuant to provisions of section 131 (1) of the Public Finance Management Act and our Standing Order 190 (3) (b), this County Assembly adopts the report of the Budget and Appropriation Committee on the Bomet County

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Honourable Ngeno with your amendments.

Hon. B. Ngeno: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I wanted to bring an amendment that the following words be inserted in the last paragraphs under conclusion immediately after the word “Mr. Speaker sir,” that allocation shared equally among the wards be classified as conditional allocations to the wards”

Hon. Speaker: Who seconds?

Honourable Samson Towett seconded.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you honourable Samson.

Hon. Speaker: Honourable members I propose the question that the following words be inserted in the last paragraphs under conclusion immediately after the word “Mr. Speaker sir,” that allocation shared equally among the wards be classified as conditional allocations to the wards. Honourable Kirui.

Hon. L. Kirui: I must commend that amendment and I want to say that that way we will have respected the spirit of the devolution, the principles, and objects of devolution. The reason as to why we are in existence especially the County Assemblies; if you look at it critically is that the defunct County Councils were not using such terms as County Assemblies and the reason why we are the first County Assembly is because we were supposed to respect the principals and objects of devolution. The only way is to make sure that we follow up those amendments done so that we can have conditional allocations that will go to our wards. No conditional grants no budget.

Hon. Speaker: Honourable Ng’eno.

Hon. B. Ng’eno: I would like to thank the members and I request them to support the amendment, thank you

Hon. Speaker: It is now my turn to put the question that the following words be inserted in the last paragraphs under conclusion immediately after the word “Mr. Speaker sir”, that allocation shared equally among the wards be classified as conditional allocations to the wards”

Question put and agreed to.

Hon. Speaker: I will proceed again to put the question that that pursuant to provisions of section 131 (1) of the Public Finance Management Act and our Standing Order 190 (3) (b), this County Assembly adopts the report of the Budget and Appropriation Committee on the Bomet County

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Hon. Speaker: The debate now can proceed. Honourable Korir.

Hon. Julius Korir: Thank you. I rise to give some amendments on the proposed budget report.

Hon. Speaker: Kindly move your amendments.

Hon. Julius Korir: I wish to give notice of the following amendments that vote 2640101 be amended by inserting the following paragraphs after the word “bursaries and support services “ KES 2 million will be allocated to each of the 25 wards in the County.

I came up with this amendment because you will realize that in the Budget and Appropriation Committee report, if you look at the Education sector you will realize that the report didn't stress much on bursaries and I had to make an amendment on the budget estimates and not the report that the vote on development expenditure on Education, Youths and Sports department that they had allocated KES. 78 million to be bursaries and other support services.

We realized that this money had only the heading that it is bursaries and support services. You will realize that we have passed in this House Support for the needy Act 2014 and the Act provided that Member of the County Assembly is a patron on the committee in the ward to be concerned in the distribution of bursaries.

It is good that we have this money; part of this KES 78 million or more than half of KES 78 million should be allocated per ward so that the role of the patron of the ward committee; the area Member of the County Assembly will now be having the committee to discuss or to distribute bursaries that are practically placed in the budget estimates and approved in this honourable House.

You know that if every member is given an opportunity to explain the number of vulnerable children, some have even left school, some are in school, but suffering for lack of school fees and the parents of these children are always common visitors in the homes of the honourable members to try for support by asking for bursaries.

I saw to it that if we leave that vote just to read “bursaries and support services” it is like having an open cheque. If you have an open cheque that has been written bursaries anybody can fill the amount he/she deems fit. I saw the sense that it should be specific that we should KES. 2 million per ward and I know that if we have these money as a member of a particular ward, we will have confidence to support or even to address the issues of school drop outs due to lack of fees to support vulnerable children.

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I have an example. When we were still serving in the defunct Local Authority; and I hope honourable members who were with us can confirm. We usually had KES. 50,000 per ward as bursaries and despite the fact that they were not going to be enough at least we able to give a sense of direction as an elected leader because we were able even to talk to relevant institutions that there is something that we are working on and they were able to leave the student to continue with their studies.

I want to urge the House that we amend that vote in the budget estimates and specifically have the KES 2 million per ward so that each ward if they have the KES 2 million the area MCA and the appraisal committee concerned with the issue of bursaries can now sit and organize to see to it that needy cases are supported especially in terms of education and I think that is the real core of devolution.

Devolution is that all the residents, all the vulnerable groups to feel to be part and parcel of this County. With those few remarks I wish to move, thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Who seconds?

Hon. Joyce Korir: I stand to support honourable Korir on the amendment that he has brought pertaining bursaries. I am a member of Education committee and we are shocked, it is lucky that I have sat with the lucky and able chair and I am shocked to have received a letter just right now from the CEC in charge of Education trying to tell us that the department constituted a committee but it had a lot of issues pertaining to the process of election; it was not consultative, most of the members were coming from the same location, membership did not reflect categories as stated by the Act, the exercise was not publicized. Those are some of the issues that the CEC in charge of that particular docket is just trying to tell us. Right now we are seated here and I want to say that the motion that we have brought to this House will assist the honourable members of this House to avoid the question that we have been asking every now and then on who has gotten the bursaries, can you give us the name of the child, the school, amount, whether the disabled have been included, single parents have benefited, whether it is form four, whether is a day school or a boarding school. Those are some of the issues which the bill that we have passed was supposed to address and that is why we say that we are supposed to have only two committees; the committee at the ward level where the MCA was supposed to become a patron and the committee at the County level which is only to make sure that the funds that are meant for the bursaries are triggered down to the ward level.

I want to end by saying that honourable members of this House, let's have these bursaries be taken to the ward level. We are not going to administer but we are going to be the patrons and I want to assure that everybody in the ward will be satisfied because we have the presidential bursaries and the committees are in the wards. We have the city bursaries and the committees are

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down in the wards, why do we have the committee of the county being committees who are just brought in politically.

Let's have the have the committees which can address these issues equally in our various sub locations and at the end of the day we will be giving a child who will not benefit from other schemes. You will find that a number of pupils who have been given bursaries might be a beneficiary of County bursary or CDF bursary yet we have a child who has not benefited from anywhere.

I want to urge members of this House that we pass this amendment to pave way for the prudence way of handling bursaries in this County Government, thank you.

Hon. Speaker: I now propose the question with amendment that that vote 2640101 be amended by inserting the following paragraphs after the word "bursaries and support services. "KES 2 million will be allocated to each of the 25 wards in the County.

Honourable Bett.

Hon. R. Bett: I also arise to support the motion by honourable Korir. We usually legislate in this Assembly and we pass laws and these laws must be affected and they ought to be used.

The Needy Act is identifying Member of the County Assembly to be a patron in their areas and the last allocation which those needy children have been allocated; I want to say that we were not consulted.

That item of the law which is saying that the Member of the County Assembly to be a patron was just but a beautification of the law if indeed that thing is not going to be used.

I want to say that when members are bringing these amendments, we are not bringing an amendment to bring in another different vote but it is only to bring effect to the law which this Assembly has passed.

Being a member of the County Assembly and being member where almost day in day out the members of the public are trooping into our homes and airing their views and their problems, I ought to have considered opinion in their problems.

At this level we are not even accounting for the money which we have appropriated for this because you find that there are some areas where they have suffered more than the others and oversight in these funds is a nightmare.

We cannot even know if those people who have been given that money indeed deserve lot. This money have been given out only on top up...*(applause)*.

Hon. Speaker: What is your point of order honourable Josphat.

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Hon. J. Kirui: I don't know whether it is in order for the member to say there are some areas which are being marginalized without tabling the evidence and I don't know whether things are falling apart because coming from the mouth of honourable Bett...*(applause)*

Hon. Speaker: Honourable Bett proceed. What is it honourable Joyce?

Hon. Joyce Korir: I want to ask whether it is in order for Majority Leader to disrupt the Chair of Administration, Peace, Justice and Legal Affairs when he is on the floor to support the motion yet the Majority Leader is seated on a wrong seat. Not unless he has decided today to be a Minority Leader of this House.

Hon. Speaker: Honourable Majority.

Hon. J. Kirui: At times it is also important to consult the able Minority Leader, Chair of Budget you can never know maybe in future maybe the seat will be reserved for me, let me move to my seat.

Hon. Speaker: Honourable Bett proceed.

Hon. R. Bett: When we talk of the areas having knowledge on the equitable distribution of those funding and one day such a document or a statement was tabled by the honourable Chair on Education and it showed that there were disparities in some areas, I am only trying to say that for ease of oversight then it is good for each and every member to have his/her own share and assuming that those money are used we will not be having issues calling the CEC Education all the time asking them for how they distributed this fund. I want to end by saying that that money should be managed and over sighted all the way from the ward level, thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Honourable Korir.

Hon. Julius Korir: Thank you, I want to thank the honourable members who have contributed and seeing the sense that we should have to have effect to the Acts that we approve in this House.

I am happy honourable Bett said that we need to come up with a lot of Acts that the people of this County have never felt. They should now feel the Support for the Needy Act by having it implemented.

I am also happy that he is the Chair for Legal Affairs Committee and we have come up with an Alcohol and Beverages Act which has had impact on the ground since the issue of illicit brews has reduced. I am happy he needs to see to it that some of the Acts that we approved should be felt by the people of this County. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: It is now my turn to put the question that following amendments on the budget estimates; that that vote 2640101 be amended by inserting the following paragraphs after the

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word “bursaries and support services” KES 2 million will be allocated to each of the 25 wards in the County.

Question put and agreed to.

Hon. Speaker: Let me pose the question again that that pursuant to provisions of section 131 (1) of the Public Finance Management Act and our Standing Order 190 (3) (b), this County Assembly adopts the report of the Budget and Appropriation Committee on the Bomet County MTF 2015/2016-2017/2018 and Annual budget for the financial for the year ending in 30th June, 2016 as amended.

Honourable Chang’morik. Your amendment was number four. The amendments come in a sequence of order. Honourable Joyce.

Hon. Joyce Korir: I hope honourable Chang’morik will bear me in this matter and I want to move an amendment on Trade and Tourism. We had sat with the CEC in charge of Trade and Tourism and agreed on some of the issues which I also believe though it is not well written in the report but it is in the Hansard.

I want to move an amendment that KES. 2 million be reduced from tourism item Miss Tourism beauty pageant where it had an allocation of KES. 4 million and to be added to the vote construction of Jua kali sheds and purchase of equipment for jua kali sheds which was KES. 20 million and further amendment that KES. 2 million be reduced from jua kali consulting which was KES. 7.5 million and be added to construction jua kali sheds and purchase of equipment to add up to KES. 24 million.

The reason why I am saying this is that we have consulted with the CEC in charge of Trade and Tourism and we agreed that KES. 24 million be shared among the 25 wards which is going to a tune of 960. This will enable the members of the House to construct at least one or two jua kali shades in our various wards and equip them for the youths of this County to be able to use the same. You find that we are trying as much as possible to budget for the materials for ECD for example the Manila papers and other learning materials for ECD.

We also have a number of things that are supposed to be done by these youths in terms of furniture.

We also saw the need of assisting these youth to come up with these jua kali sheds and equipping them with some machines e.g washing machines, timber milling machine and welding machine among others which can even be as cheap as KES. 50,000 and if we give this KES. 960 million to these youth they can be in a position to be active bearing in mind the Jubilee government...

Hon. Speaker: What is your point of order honourable Chang’morik?

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Hon. S. Chang'morik: I am seeing time running.

Hon. Speaker: Honourable Deputy Majority.

Hon. T. Rotich: I wish to move a motion pursuant to Standing Order 30 (3) (a) that I seek to extend the time from the normal time that we normally sit in the Assembly so that we can finish the business that is going on now.

Hon. Speaker: Who seconds?

Honourable Joyce Korir seconded.

Hon. Speaker: I now propose the question that pursuant to Standing Order 30 (3) (a) this County Assembly do resolve to extend its sitting time beyond normal sitting hours.

There was no intervention.

Hon. Speaker: If there is none I now put the question that pursuant to Standing Order 30 (3) (a) this County Assembly do resolve to extend its sitting time beyond normal sitting hours.

Question put and agreed to.

Hon. Speaker: Proceed honourable Joyce.

Hon. Joyce Korir: We have a number of activities which our youth are supposed to be doing after the connection was reduced to KES. 15,000 we will now have electricity in many parts of the County and this will enable our youth to be active and if we are going to create these jua kali shades at least it will make most of them to be productive in terms supplying materials to institutions and individuals. I request the House that we amend this figure so that we can have this money to assist our youth in the County.

Hon. Speaker: Is it to the report or...

Hon. Joyce Korir: It is with the budget estimates.

Hon. Speaker: Who seconds

(Hon. N. Chepkirui seconded)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you honourable Nancy, I now propose the question that an amendment be made to Trade and Tourism that KES 2 million be reduced from Tourism item on "Miss Tourism beauty pageant" and to add to the vote on construction of Jua Kali sheds and purchase of equipment for Jua Kali sheds and that 2 million be reduced from Jua Kali consulting and add to the vote on construction of jua kali sheds and purchase of equipment to add up to a total of 24 million. Honourable Nancy?

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Hon. N. Chepkirui: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I stand to support the amendment raised by honourable Joyce. I am among those people who really saw that the Miss Tourism function was a waste of time and money. And if all of us could focus our minds on the people on the grass roots especially the jua kali artisans who suffer come rain come sunshine it could be good. So I am ready to support this amendment. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: If there is no other contribution, I proceed to put the question that an amendment be made to Trade and Tourism that 2 million be reduced from Tourism item on “Miss Tourism beauty pageant” and to add to the vote on construction of Jua Kali sheds and purchase of equipment for Jua Kali sheds and that 2 million be reduced from Jua Kali consulting and add to the vote on construction of jua kali sheds and purchase of equipment to add up to a total of KES 24 million.

(Question put and agreed to)

Hon. Joyce Korir: Thank you very much honourable Speaker and the members, I would like to also propose an amendment that.

Hon. Speaker: Sorry honourable Joyce, I would like to propose the question again before you proceed, that pursuant to provision of section 131 (1) of the PFM Act, and Standing order 190 (3) this County adopts the report of the Budget and Appropriation Committee on the Bomet County MTEF budget 2015/16 - 2017/18 and the Annual Budget for the year ending 30th June 2016 as amended. Honourable Joyce?

Hon. Joyce Korir: Thank you very much Honourable Speaker, I would also like to bring an amendment on the Agriculture, I have consulted the Chair of the Committee on Agriculture and would like to bring an amendment on where we have KES 75 million under the special programmes 3 (2) up to development at 60 million for special programmes 2.2 , Enterprise development fund be divided equally among all the 25 wards with each being allocated 5.4 million for programmes to be implemented as scheduled in annex 3. The programmes that have been scheduled in annex 3 are long overdue; remember annex 3 that we have is pertaining to poultry farming, onion plantation, dairy farming, and several activities that women and youth have to do. Bearing in mind that agriculture is a devolved function and despite having the first and the second budget we have not seen anything tangible on the ground. This is where this House requests that we give the conditional grant to the agriculture sector so that at least at the end of the financial year the members of the public can be able to tell a number of activities that we would have done in terms of agriculture. Since agriculture is the backbone of this county this 5.4 million will bring a lot of impact in the community and by so saying we still have a number of programmes that are going to be undertaken by the County Government on our wards which

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will be deemed as major projects. So I request the members to support this amendment to pave way for women and youth to enjoy the agriculture sector in this county.

Hon. Speaker: Who seconds?

(Hon. Julius Korir seconded)

Hon. Speaker: I now propose the question that an amendment to the agriculture sector that KES 75 million under sub programmes 3.2 , hub development and KES 60 million for sub programmers 2.2 Enterprise Development Fund be divided equally in all 25 ward with each being allocated KES 5.4 million for programme to be implemented as scheduled in Annex 3.

Hon. S. Kirui: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I would first like to clarify that the mover did not consult me. Secondly, most things that have been touched by the member are not in agriculture but cooperatives. Nevertheless, since it is touching on a very sensitive issue which I believe will touch all our wards then I will be forced to object to that amendment and say we move what we had proposed as the Budget and Appropriation Committee so that we do not dilute the essence of our report. Otherwise it was a good amendment but misguided and misplaced in the sense that if you target these things going to the ground then it will be the same thing through to cure what has already been cured by the budget itself. With those few remarks I wish to oppose the amendment.

Hon. Joyce Korir: Thank you very much honourable Speaker, unless honourable Kirui was not on his sense, when I talked to him in the research office.

Hon. Speaker: Honourable Kirui?

Hon. S. Kirui: I think I have been in my senses throughout.

Hon. Speaker: Honourable Joyce kindly withdraw the statement and apologize.

Hon. Joyce Korir: Before I withdraw I want to say that honourable Kirui and I consulted him and he agreed not unless he was having other thoughts in his mind. We agreed to that but if he feels that I have said something that irritates him, I can withdraw.

Hon. Speaker: Honourable Joyce, don't say I can withdraw; say I withdraw.

Hon. Joyce Korir: I withdraw; you see English is not our language. The issue that I brought up is in agriculture and I did this in consultation with the research office and the monies that we are talking about are the ones that we will take down to the wards, we are not talking anywhere but for the same public. The same money that we are talking about is to enable the members of this Assembly develop a number of programmes in agriculture. This is a sector that...

Hon. Speaker: What is it honourable Samson.

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Hon. S. Towett: Mr. Speaker, I didn't want to interrupt but now that you have seen my concern, I was trying to look at the programmes after programme two and they are really touching on cooperatives, hub development, enterprise support, value addition and marketing. And if you move to sub programme three where the amendments are coming from, it touches on livestock production, veterinary services, value addition, and marketing which are very important to the agricultural department and other sectors. I was just doing this to the attention of the members so that they know what the proposed amendments are and how it will affect them in the event that we vote for this amendment.

Hon. Speaker: Honourable Samson, are you saying the KES 75 million proposed under sub programme 3.2 is not what is indicated as hub development?

Hon. S. Towett: Honourable Speaker, I am saying what is in sub programme 2 where we have cooperatives, hub development, enterprise support, value addition and marketing, that is sub programme 2. And when you move to programme 3 it touches on livestock production, veterinary services, value addition, and marketing in line livestock production. So I think we need to know where these programmes are.

Hon. Speaker: What I want to know, honourable Samson is what is under is it programme 3 (2) and what is under sub programme 2(2). Is it what is quoted here?

Hon. S. Towett : Mr. Speaker, according to the estimates that we were given, if you move to these programmes and I don't see programme 2 which is written cooperative, value addition and marketing. Under these estimates, it was really indicated to be kES 50 million.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you so much, and is there anywhere written 75 million?

Hon. S. Towett: No, let me check it unless someone else is seeing it because all of us have the document.

Hon. Joyce Korir: Thank you Mr. Speaker, there is an amended copy that is reading 75 million shillings and the programmes are well stated in the sub programmes that is 75 million which deals with marketing and value addition is in sub programme 3(2) as mentioned by honourable Samson, the hub development is to a tune of 60 million under sub programme 2(2).

Hon. Speaker: Is it the case honourable Chair?

Hon. B. Ng'eno: Yes Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: So proceed then honourable Joyce.

Hon. Joyce Korir: Honourable Speaker, it was this point in time when I was requesting this House that if they are dealing with the issue of value addition and marketing and the issue of hub development. It does not really specify what it really means. I wanted to say if we lump these

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money and take it to the wards and come up with programmes that are really tangible within our wards, people can see the sense and even feel the impact of agriculture. Because we do not expect other money to come from elsewhere, these are the monies that we have that can bring change. If you look at the fiscal strategy paper it talks about poultry farming, dairy farming and these other issues that are supposed to be done, it is only that a number of issues might not be well stipulated but I want to request that if it will be fit for this House, we approve the amendment so that we can at least have these money so that we assist the programmes that we currently have. If you go to the Youth Farmers shopping centre you find the production of onions is doing very well but because of lack of funds these people are being exploited and are forced to sell at poor market prices. But if we are going to assist them with a little money that we take to our wards we will see some improvement. I want to give suggestions to these members on programmes that are being done by AISDP; this is a project that is funded by the National government. If we are going to bring this 5.4 million and add to the money that is being provided by the National Government which is already in the county at least we will see these things moving. And it is this House that can do a proper vetting of these programmes so that at the end of the day it makes a change. Otherwise I want to ask this House that we approve these amendments. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Now I want to put the question to the notice of amendment on agriculture that KES 75 million under sub programme 3.2, Hub development and sh. 60 million for sub program 2.2 Enterprise Development Fund be divided equally in all 25 wards with each being allocated KES 5.4 million for programmes to be implemented as scheduled in Annex 3.

(Question put and negatived)

Hon. Speaker: Honourable Chang'morik?

Hon. S. Chang'morik: Thank you Honourable Speaker, I request to move the following amendment in the budget estimates; that programme 1 (2) medical services, policy and administration be amended by subtracting 50 million thereof and that , programme 1(1) Roads construction and maintenance be amended by adding 50 million thereof, the reason why I suggested this amendment is because if you go to the medical services there are a lot of grants that the sector gets from the national government especially from Walter Reed and other organizations, so I was seeing that in roads we have 474 million of which is quite little for that department and in health, we have 804 million so when you add the 50 million from Medical services to Roads sector we will have 524 million of which I see it is good if we add. We have a lot of money that is not captured.

Hon. Speaker: Honourable Chang'morik, you are saying for Roads we have how much money?

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Hon. S. Chang'morik: For roads we have 474 million and for Medical Services we have 804 million.

Hon. Speaker: Where are you getting the figures because as far as I am concerned that is not what the Chair of Budget and Appropriation read to be the final figure?

Hon. S. Chang'morik: I am getting it from the budget estimates, the submitted one.

Hon. Speaker: Chair, Budget how much is the allocation for roads.

Hon. B. Ng'eno: Mr. Speaker, the submitted allocation estimates that were given for roads was at 469.9 but after the committee made some changes roads now has KES 400 million, but after we made some concern to the CEC concern they gave 466,445,404. An adjustment was made by the committee which is in this report now and it is at 428,445,404.

Hon. Speaker: So honourable Chang'morik, are you seeing the confusion?

Hon. Chang'morik: Yes, Mr. Speaker. May be I checked from the wrong figures though I got it from the submitted budget but when I checked from the Fiscal Strategy paper it was 570 million. So I don't know what went wrong.

Hon. Speaker: You can't use the Fiscal Strategy Paper. The one we use is the one that has been submitted to the House based on recommendation because already the budget committee has amended the other one so what we are talking about is the figures which are here, because the moment you amend the other one you will not be assisting.

Hon. S. Chang'morik: Honourable Speaker let me withdraw the figures that I have, and only move the amendment of reducing 50 million from Medical Services and adding it to Roads construction and maintenance.

Hon. Speaker: That makes sense

Hon. S. Chang'morik: Okay, the reason why I do this is because when you look at the medical services it gets a lot of assistance from other organizations like Walter Reed and the rest. And when we go to the grassroots even during public participations, people are crying for roads construction, so I urge this House that we support this amendment so that we add this amount to this sector. Thank you.

(Hon. C. Towett seconded)

Hon. Speaker: I now propose the question that the proposed amendment to budget estimates that programme 1 (2) medical services, policy and administration be amended by subtracting 50 million thereof and that , programme 1(1) Roads construction and maintenance be amended by adding 50 million thereof.

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Hon. L. Kirui: Thank you very much honourable Speaker, I want to say that the member decided alone to do the amendment without consulting the committee on health and I want to categorically say...

Hon. Speaker: Honourable Kirui, there is nowhere in law that says you need to consult, it is all about the numbers that you can be able to move.

Hon. L. Kirui: This is why I am saying it should have been under consultation because when we discussed this each committee were given time to discuss their own committee; meaning I took time with my committee to discuss issues concerning health and I think it could have been wise for the member to also consult. I wish the member could have consulted though it might not be mandatory. The reason why I am saying this is that even if you look at the Fiscal Strategy Paper under medical services we have a negative 62.1 million but for the roads we have negative 100.6 million and we still want to add another negative of 50 million on the same, I should also bring to the attention of the member that health is a driving force of this county; without having a healthy mind, you cannot work. I also want to register a concern especially when it comes to the public health. The sector is having a lot of challenges especially when it comes to the allocations the allocation that was given under the budget estimates is 158 million, and the Fiscal strategy paper is 28.4 million, this department is underfunded. And we were saying even as the committee that the medical services should assist the public health because the public health itself has been underfunded. So if we continue subtracting from the medical services we will be heading nowhere so I oppose the amendment.

Hon. R. Langat: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker, we went on a retreat and all the committees were allowed to argue their position and out of that I wish to request that we respect that retreat and respect the committees and request that we don't go interdepartmental at this stage because we will be making changes which are not called for at this moment. Looking at what is happening, today is a day that needs to be recognized because the House is so sober and properly deciding on what needs to be done and I think this is because of what the court ruled that we were wrong the other time and we need to be right this time round. And the committees were allowed to consult thinking that we may not need to do a lot of changes at this moment, so I request that we do not go interdepartmental transfers, but in the departments moving down we want to respect that we have *Pesa Mashinani*. When we go vertical I don't have any problem but when we move across we are stepping on other people's toes. So let us not allow that so that we can move in a better direction.

Hon. S. Chang'morik: Honourable Speaker, I request this that we consult and check on so many issues even the dispensaries and the rest need the roads as you find many people cannot access the services without roads, so when you check across the county you find that roads are in pathetic condition than even health and we have a lot of external assistance that we can easily

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get from health but we cannot get any money from outside to assist in roads that is why I was saying as the House let us also assist this department of roads by getting it enough money.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you honourable members, it is now my turn to put a question on the proposed amendment that programme 1 (2) medical services, policy and administration be amended by subtracting 50 million thereof and that , programme 1(1) Roads construction and maintenance be amended by adding 50 million thereof.

(Question put and negatived)

Hon. Speaker: So the amendment is therefore defeated. Honourable Bett?

Hon. R. Bett: Thank you very much honourable Speaker, I stand to move an amendment under the Office of the Governor, Administration and Public service. I move the amendment that KES 7 million be reduced from vote 311302; Construction of Assembly chamber and be added to vote 2210600; rent and rate non-residential intergovernmental. As I move this motion I want to say in administration, we don't have developmental programmes because it is a support department and the vote of which I want to amend on this tabled report on page 22 which reduces 20 million from vote 2210600 non-residential intergovernmental. This vote if not conditional is a mandatory vote which touches on the Council of Governors administration and management which Bomet County government is part and parcel of that organization. And this money resemble other monies like those that we spend on County Assemblies Forum (CAF) when we remove this money it means we are not going to be part of the intergovernmental relations where the Council of Governors sit and that summit deliberates on issues touching on the nation and Bomet County will not be part of that. So in as much as I am not sticking on any amendment on the entire administration department I want to request that the honourable members do consider and reinstate some amount to this vote because we continue to be the members of that Council of Governors, we continue to maintain the office and all administrative issues that concerns the office and I know this is a very rare debate that members will support me which touches on Council of Governors. Today we are debating soberly and this is why earlier I stood to support the member who had been vehemently opposing the government. Today I supported him, and I know you will support me in this because this is not about the executive. This is about Bomet County being part and parcel of that intergovernmental relation. And this is why I am urging members that we support this motion so that this money remains in that office so that it delivers on its mandate. I request honourable Bency to second the motion.

(Hon. B. Too seconded)

Hon. Speaker: Honourable Bett, I now realize the reason why you supported honourable Korir, it seems this is where catch was.

(Laughter in the House)

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Hon. Speaker: I now propose the question an amendment under the Office of the Governor, Administration, and Public service. That KES 7 million be reduced from vote 311302 Construction of Assembly chamber and be added to vote 2210600 rent and rate non-residential intergovernmental. Now it is open for debate. Honourable Korir.

Hon. Julius Korir: Thank very much Mr. Speaker, I want to thank my colleague for coming up with this motion, but I stand to oppose it. Indeed the argument is right but when we talk about the intergovernmental act, it is an act of parliament that was enacted by the National Assembly and that act dictates the money that goes to the Council of Governors. But now reducing the resources that we have been given by the National Government to take it back to the National Government I think we will be playing a fool's game. These are the monies that have been channelled to the County Government not unless there is a provision that part of the money should be channelled back to the Council of Governors then that is a different case but if we are going to try to come up with local arrangements to return the money to the National Government, I think we are not being serious. You have realized again that even if we support the council of governors, it has never impacted on the people of this country, most of the cases it has been used to fight the functions of the National Government. So I want to urge the members that if we are reducing the development vote of the County Assembly then we are not serious. We are trying to reduce the money yet we are using a chamber that was constructed long ago. If you go to other countries this chamber should have been condemned because it was constructed 50 years ago. We want to renovate this chamber and we do not want to reduce even a cent. So I want to tell the honourable member that he was supporting me because I was arguing sense not being a critic to the County Executive, so he has been seeing sense on me it is only that he is misused by the executive.

Hon. R. Bett: I stand on a point of order to ask whether the member is in order to say that I am being misused by the executive, if he is not going to withdraw the statement then he should straight away substantiate the allegations.

Hon. Julius Korir: I withdraw and end by saying that it is a dangerous trend that honourable member is setting. We are reducing the vote yet the executive is not even happy with the ceiling set by CRA, they are fighting to see that it is reduced and we now want to reduce it ourselves. So it is like you are giving your rights to another person to someone who doesn't even need it. You see they have never complained about the issue honourable Speaker.

Hon. R. Serbai: Thank you honourable Speaker, I don't want to talk a lot but I only want to tell a story of one hunter who went to hunt for a wild animal. He found a goat along the way that resembled the wild animal he wanted to hunt. He was happy and he started shooting the goat thinking that he was actually shooting the wild animal only to realize that he shot his own goat. It is the same case that is happening here that the member is actually shooting the goat that belongs

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to him thinking that he is shooting a wild animal. The amendment brought about by the member was actually good but he acted on the wrong vote. Therefore *I* oppose the amendment not unless he was supposed to have under a different vote in the executive. You cannot touch on the Assembly yet he is one of those people queuing out there waiting for the other person to come out of the toilet. So the amendment was good but he acted at the wrong time. Thank you.

Hon. S. Chelule: Thank you very much honourable Speaker, I stand to oppose the amendment. It is in the same line with the amendment that honourable Chang'morik brought. And I think an honourable member who is supposed to be bringing himself something but is instead pushing it to the executive is an enemy in the House. In 2013/14 we budget KES 61million for construction of a model assembly but the money got lost on the executive side. And I am wondering why someone is supporting removing certain votes from the Assembly and taking it to executive. I am almost becoming an insane person.

(laughter)

Hon. L. Kirui: I stand to inform the House, that if a member is insane he is supposed to be terminated from being a member. And because we do not want to lose any member I am saying that the issue of insanity should be rebuked in Jesus name.

Hon. Speaker: Honourable Chelule. Let's proceed.

Hon. S. Chelule: Let's proceed sir and thank you for protecting me from intruders. I am wondering whether these five years with elapse without sitting in a comfortable place instead of staying in a parliament which can collapse anytime plus a toilet in which honourable members normally queue. So I also sympathize with the honourable member and pray to God that he help him so that he can do something to help himself even when he goes home thank you.

Hon. J. Molel: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker, I just want to raise a concern on the amendment that was brought by honourable Bett. There is nothing wrong with any member coming up with amendment based on his decision and how he approaches that issue. But I want to request that when we are bringing amendments there are things that we need to consider, like this one for honourable Bett, we want to consider two things, first is where this money was actually brought from and where it is being taken. We need to prioritize when we are doing these things. We want to see what is the priority between the Assembly and the Council of Governors. To me construction of an Assembly is to our advantage as members because we have been waiting for it. But due to lack of funds we have not been able to come up with one, but here is a situation where we are trying to get money to come up with a good building. This one where we subscribe to the Council of Governors can wait after all we have been funding the council since the start of this county government. However we cannot tell how much this county government has contributed towards the same. If actually there is need be for the 7 million that we take to the

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council of Governors we will consider it during the supplementary budgets but for now let us leave it where it is for construction of chambers. Thank you.

Hon. R. Bett: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I want to further request these honourable members that they support this motion, I know the construction of the Assembly should have been the first thing to be done, and I know this is not something to be done within a day. It is a process and the contractor may also take time and along the way we will do a supplementary budget and even this money that we are appropriating for the Assembly is not enough and we will need more money to build the Assembly. I want to urge the honourable members that we support the amendment, I know the urgency of the construction of the Assembly, and I know as the construction continues we will get time to do the supplementary budget. I will be the first to fight for money to be appropriated under the supplementary budget to build the Assembly and indeed that time I will have the time to debate and say we removed a certain amount of money from the Assembly which is dearly needed. So I urge the members to support the amendment.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you honourable members, it is now my turn to put the question on the amendment that under the Office of the Governor, Administration and Public service. That KES 7 million be reduced from vote 311302 Construction of Assembly chamber and be added to vote 2210600 rent and rate non-residential intergovernmental.

(Question put and negatived)

Hon. Speaker: So we are proceeding now with the debate keeping in mind that among the amendments that were brought, two were accepted and the rest were rejected. So any amendment, honourable Kirui I have seen the amendment but it is too late.

Hon. L. Kirui: Thank you very much honourable Speaker, mine is not an amendment, but I want to congratulate the Budget Committee. I want to say that the procedure that we followed in this budget have really made me realize the reason why I came to this House. I must commend the entire County Assembly especially the members who were so concerned especially when we were deliberating on this motion. The report that we have from the committee is a very nice report even the amendment that we have made, I have seen that we have made with the whole heart having defined that this is a driving force for our county. I think if we adopt this report there will be a lot of changes that will happen in our county, I must pin point that the issue that the report is showing especially on the local revenues. It shows that a lot should be done by the County Government to show that we meet the target. The report shows that the local revenues projected by the county government in 2015/16 financial year is KES 312 million. The total revenue that was projected in 2014/15 as per supplementary budget was KES 190 million, this shows a decrease of around KES 64.2 meaning something should be done to achieve this, otherwise we will be setting our budgets but at the end of the year nothing will have been done.

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And I commend the county for seeing that there were some loopholes that were left that would have made our county collect more revenue. Especially the companies that we have but we are not seeing their money, we should also start taxing the tea in Sotik and if we go in that direction, I think we will raise our revenue. The other issue that I must congratulate the House is that this time round we should automate method to collect revenue, the executive have no option but to go in that direction so that we can be able to really safeguard a lot of local revenue. I want to also commend the committee for respecting the sovereignty that people have, out of this report Mr. Speaker, the people in public participation that they need water and it is well indicated in this report. Honourable Speaker, if we must respect devolution we must also support the issue of ward allocation, if you look at article 174 it states clearly the objects of devolution and under this state clearly that resources should be shared equitably and equally. And I think going in that direction we will be respecting the constitution and more so the objects of devolution. I don't want to take much time because I know in this budget we were all consulted. But I want to say let us go in this direction because the committee report has considered all our issues.

Hon. J. Kirui: Asante sana Bwana Kinara, pia ningependa kupatia hongera kamati ya pesa na uhasibu kwa ripoti ambayo wametoa. Ningependa kusema vile hii kaunti imehusishwa na pesa mashinani hii kweli ni pesa mashinani. Ningependa kuwapa heko waheshimiwa kwa kutimiza ndoto ya pesa mashinani. Asante sana Bwana Kinara.

Hon. Speaker: Honourable Siele.

Hon. P. Siele: I am also of the opinion of what honourable members have said and are going to pass. I want to say it high time we go for public participation which I agree members have been moving from one point to another consulting the members of the public. And if at all we will not adhere to what the public say then there is no need for us to be here. Mr. Speaker, on the side of bursaries, regardless of what has been passed today, there is no impact. But I believe since the members will this time round be part and parcel of distribution of the same, the electorate will feel the impact. With that I support the motion.

Hon. B. Ng'eno: Thank you honourable Speaker, let me first thank the members of the Budget and Appropriation Committee for tirelessly engaging in this exercise for almost a month and I equally thank the members of the Assembly for the contribution that they have made for the success of this report. I wish to also thank the members of the public for actively participating and the representatives of the area who helped us. Based on the analysis of the committee we have realized that we have incorporated the views of everybody, nobody will complain that his was not included and I believe that this is a document that belongs to the whole county. So this is an official document that is before us and I thank the members for constructively deliberating on it and unifying to support this motion and making sure that the resources go directly to members of the public. So without wasting much time I want to say the members of this Assembly have

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made contribution to the committee that led to the success of this report. My two concerns for the Finance ministry is that we have highlighted measures of which the committee should take into consideration to increase revenue. Best on analysis we are almost ranked fifth last in revenue collection, and if we compare ourselves with Narok County which collects almost Sh. 2 billion, then we have to improve. Bomet County has a potential to collect over KES 500 million and if this measures will be taken we will likely raise the revenue collection to almost 100 percent. Finally I thank members for seeing that this time we take money to the members of the public. And I believe every member of this House has power to be relevant to members of the public because every member was elected here to represent members of the public. Otherwise I thank you for supporting the committee and I believe the journey that we started few months ago will be completed on 30th because the journey is not yet over. After this Budget estimates, I still request for your commitment and support so that we have the Appropriation Bill and we make the budget for 2015/16 a success and we limit the tug of wars and we have a document that will assist the members of the public. Thank very much.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you honourable Chair and honourable members it is now my turn to put the question that pursuant to the provision of section 131 (1) of the Public Finance Management Act and our Standing Order No.190 (3) (b) this County Assembly adopts the report of the Budget Appropriation Committee on the Bomet MTEF Budget 2015/16-2017/18 and Annual Budget for the year ending 30th June, 2016.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker: Thank you honourable members, the Assembly has done its part and we will be able to submit the report with the said amendments who will be able to incorporate into draft the Appropriation bill for 2015/16 then forward for publication. I hope the executive will act fast so that we will be able to beat the next week deadline. Otherwise I want to thank you because it has been a very tiring process but we are yet to complete the budget making circle. And I call for your cooperation. And for those who were not there, the committee on agriculture, PAC/PIC. We tabled report four months ago and we have not debated for last financial year, so my request is that you need to clear the reports for 2013/14 before the end of this financial year so that we start preparing reports for 2014/15. This House adjourned until tomorrow 9 a.m.

The House adjourned at 7.32 p.m

