JUNE HANSARD

QUESTIONS

Date: 8th June 2010
Member of Parliament: Hon. Jebii Kilimo
Contribution she made to question by Private notice on: Members of UNITO Cooperative Society declared redundant

➢ She said the Ministry does not have a list of the share holders of the Co-operative society, but had appointed a liquidator who would process the liquidation, identify the share holders and loanees of the Cooperative society.
➢ The liquidator was appointed around March 2010 and was expected to complete the process by the end of December, 2010.
➢ The share of refunds would depend on the status of the co-operative society at the end of the liquidation process which would not be later than 31st Dec 2010.
➢ She said the list of share holders would be provided by the liquidator once he finished on the process and that asking for the list now would interfere with the liquidation process.
➢ She said that the members brought the issue to the Ministry when the Co-operative had gone down and it was at this time that the ministry appointed a liquidator.
➢ She said that the Ministry now has authority that would enable to regulate the activities of societies which they did not have before.
➢ She said that the question asked was on the old company and that the members of UNITO Cooperative society had contributed to the old company and not the new one.

Date: 8th June 2010
Member of Parliament: Hon. Hellen Sambili
The contribution she made to question by Private notice on: Criteria for selection for” jobs Abroad” programme
Question asked by Hon Dr. Monda to the Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports:-

(a) What criteria is used for the selection of beneficiaries of “Jobs Abroad”
(b) Could she provide a “per district” list of beneficiaries of the programme indicating their respective destinations abroad?

She said the criteria of selection of beneficiaries of “jobs abroad programme” are as follows;
i) Interested Youth should apply through the area youth officer or directly to the 
Youth Enterprise Development Fund (YEDF) secretariat or to recruitment 
agencies that have been accredited by the Ministry of Labor.

ii) The applicants are vetted by the recruitment agencies to match the job 
requirements and their qualifications.

iii) The agencies forward the shortlisted applicants to prospective employers. The 
qualified applicants are selected and the list is communicated to the originating 
recruitment agency

iv) The shortlisted applicants are invited for pre-interview training. Interviews are 
conducted by the prospective employer.

v) Successful candidates are notified promptly and are given pre-departure training 
by YEDF Secretariat agencies.

- She said a total of 316 beneficiaries of Jobs Abroad Programme have so far been 
deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan.
- She said the list of the beneficiaries and their destinations abroad together with their 
districts of birth is attached and can be available for the hon. Members to peruse.
- She informed the House that each Member is to identify two interns from their 
constituencies who will facilitate the identification of credible youth groups that will 
benefit from this Youth Fund.
- She tabled the list of youth who had been employed under the programme up to the first 
quarter of this year for honorable members to see.
- She said the YEDF has been instructed to ensure that information about the programme 
gets to the Youth Officers in the constituencies so that young people from every corner of 
the country can benefit from the programme.
- She said that the young people are given a pre-departure training and are given a 
background situation of the countries to which they are going to.
- She said that the Ministry recently did a cabinet Memorandum with the Ministry of Labor 
and Ministry of Foreign Affairs to make sure that the Kenyans abroad were not exploited.
- She said that the Ministry would take care to ensure that the young people abroad are 
taken care of properly.
- She said that the Ministry did not have information on young people who have died as a 
result of working in such places and she would communicate if anything like that 
happened.
- She said the interns can be form 4 leavers and should be forwarded to the youth Officer 
in the respective constituencies immediately.
- She said that the young people recruited since 2008 up to 2010 had gone to the Iraq and 
Afghanistan and that she would avail a list of the destinations where the young people 
would go.
- She said it was not the intention of the Ministry to send young people to dangerous place
She said that most beneficiaries of the program were male and some ladies but that all were encouraged to apply.

She said that the Ministry was working together with other government ministries to see that the programme expands and to ensure that the young people are not affected.

She reiterated that the programme was relatively new and that the Ministry was working closely with the Ministry of Labour, Ministry of Home Affairs and other Ministries to ensure that the young people are taken care of.

She added that there were intentions to work with the Kenyan embassies abroad to expand the youth Programme.

Date: 10th June 2010
Member of Parliament: Hon. Margret Kamar:
Contribution she made on the question by private notice: That, Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair

She began by condemning the bombing that took place at Uhuru Park.

She cited great variations between the minister’s Budget Policy statement and his Budget Speech which she said gave an impression that the budget policy statement had not been properly prepared.

She expressed concern on a point made on the funds allocated to WEDF and the YEDF being given to SMEs / selected banks. She said that these funds had been mishandled by the same banks last year.

She commended the minister for having allocated enough money for the education sector but expressed concern that there was no specific mention of hiring of teachers.

She asked the Minister to clarify whether that allocation was going to take care of the schools that currently exist without teachers.

She urged the minister to also look into the Social Responsibility towards the elderly programme which had been started last year.

She asked the minister to clarify on how the elderly men and women would be assisted to have the Kshs1,500 per month.

She asked the Minister to clarify on how he is going to take care of the remaining elderly people who are not allocated any funding.

She said that money allocated to infrastructure was very encouraging but that there is need to prioritize and distribute the funding and resources equitably.

Date: 16th June 2010
Member of Parliament: Hon. Martha Karua
Contribution she made to question by Private notice on: Government’s decision to hire intern teachers
She asked the Minister to consider sitting down with the KNUT so that they can find a way of ending the stalemate.

She added that the money not being spent is an indication of inefficiency by the Ministry.

Date: 30th June 2010
Member of Parliament: Hon. Sophia Abdi Noor
Contribution she made to question by Private notice on: Muslim women barred from wearing Hijab in disciplined forces

She asked the Minister of State for defense:

(a) Whether he was aware that Muslim women serving the disciplined forces (military) are barred from wearing Hijab, particularly during the month of Ramadhan; and,

(b) What steps he was taking to rid the force of the discriminative directive against Muslims

(c) Why the ministry could not design a head scarf from the same uniform material for the Muslim women in the army especially in the month of Ramadan

Date: 30th June 2010
Member of Parliament: Hon. Shakila Abdalla
Contribution she made to question by Private notice on: Muslim women barred from wearing Hijab in disciplined forces

- She said that the Assistant Minister was misleading the house.
- She reiterated that Hon Sophia Abdi was clear on asking the minister to consider hijab as part of military uniform so as to accommodate the Muslims in the military.

Date: 30th June 2010
Member of Parliament: Hon. Sophia Abdi Noor
Contribution she made to question by Private notice on: Muslim women barred from wearing Hijab in disciplined forces

- She thanked the assistant Minister for saying that he would consider the matter.
- She said that it is a religious obligation for Muslim women to cover their heads and that it is neither a right nor a privilege.

Date: 30th June 2010
Member of Parliament: Hon. Peris Chepchumba
Contribution she made to question by Private notice on: Mixing of herbal Medicine with conventional medicine

She asked the minister for medical services

(a) Whether he was aware of significant incidences where herbalists were mixing their medicines with conventional medicines reportedly to give the medicines a higher performance value.

(b) What the Government was doing to stop the practice and prevent unsuspecting patients from suffering side effects.

(c) How the Government intends to arrest the trend where even Anti-TB and Antiretroviral Drugs from Government hospitals were being mixed with herbal medicine?

(d) Whether he was aware that unlicensed manufacturers and distributors were using unorthodox means to reach customers, including conducting sales in public buses where their movement cannot be monitored?

Date: 30th June 2010
Member of Parliament: Hon. Millie Odhiambo

Contribution she made to question by Private notice on: Recent upsurge in crime rates and violent robberies in Nyanza Province

- She asked the minister to note that though the crime rates were reducing in Nyanza province, the figures were extremely alarming.
- She said that the cases of sexual and gender based violence had increased even in the Ministers constituency where in one school 11 girls were found pregnant.
- She said that girls below the age of 18 being pregnant means they were raped since there is no issue of consent.
MOTIONS

Date: 9th JUNE 2009
Member of Parliament: Hon. Sally Kosgei
Contribution she made on: Establishment of small holder irrigation schemes in constituencies

She supported the motion
➤ She said Kenya should seek to pursue a policy on food-sufficiency and added that Kenya is capable of producing enough food for the nation and should seek to export food rather than to import.
➤ She highlighted that Kenya was leading in the agricultural sector in the past and had formerly set an example for other nations like Malawi and Zimbabwe, a trend which had now reversed.
➤ She attributed the poor agricultural productivity in the country to the low budget allocation to the agricultural sector which is far below that set by the Maputo declaration in 2003 (10%)
➤ She said food self sufficiency cannot be obtained without water and irrigation
➤ She said that there was need to work harder in support of other crops like tea, coffee, horticulture, cotton and pyrethrum in order to develop our economy

Date: 9th JUNE 2009
Member of Parliament: Hon. Cecilly Mbarire
Contribution she made on: Establishment of small holder irrigation schemes in constituencies

She supported the motion
➤ She informed the house that irrigation is critical not just to provide food security but also to create employment for the many young people who are jobless.
➤ She concluded by urging the responsible Ministers in the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Water and Irrigation to advance this agenda by coming up with a Bill addressing this particular issue so that it becomes a Government project.

Date: 16th JUNE 2010
Member of Parliament: Hon. Martha Karua
Contribution she made on: Approval of Taxation Measures

She supported the Motion
She commended the spending on ICT for Kenya Revenue Authority but inquired why there was a slow rate of using the ICT in complying with the taxation measures.

She recommended that the ICT measures be compulsory, so that filing of tax returns can become more transparent, and can reduce the opportunities of rent seeking.

She said she was skeptical of the governance improvement measures that the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance had proposed.

She highlighted that the tax collected might end up not benefiting Kenyans unless the minister had concrete proposals to improve governance.

She found it regrettable that the Minister had allowed insurance companies to raise premiums on vehicle insurance by almost double.

She said that giving tax exemption to insurance companies and, allowing them to raise premiums is not conducive to the wellbeing of the majority of Kenyans.

She concluded by proposing that the penalty stamp duty for those late in registering their documents, should not be lowered, as it would encourage the vice.

She commended the reduction of Stamp Duty for new homeowners.

Date: 17th JUNE 2010  
Member of Parliament: Hon. Martha Karua  
Contribution she made on: Prohibition of raw nuts exportation

She asked the Minister for Agriculture:-
(a) What consideration motivated him to publish Legal Notice No. 109 of 16th June, 2009 prohibiting the exportation of raw nuts; and,
(b) Whether he could consider urgently revoking the notice to avert loss and financial injury to the farmers.

She explained that she just wanted to confirm that the issue had been sorted out and hoped to engage in dialogue within the three months that the notice had been revoked.

Date: 23rd JUNE 2010  
Member of Parliament: Hon. Amina Abdalla  
Contribution she made on: Adoption of report on appointment of director/assistant directors to KACC

She opposed the Report from the Committee on the recruitment of the Kenya Airports Authority (KAA) Director.

She said that it was clear that the law was not broken, and that the Minister had a choice to promote someone internally.
She said that this is the first time some resemblance of transparent recruitment is happening at KAA and added that the last three directors had been political appointees.

She said that the country was going through a transition to the transparent process of recruiting CEOs and was bound to experience some teething problems.

She said one of the functions of the Human resource is to keep a data base of the caliber of people being looked for and therefore, the firm would have communicated to those who did not see that advert to apply.

She raised concern on the recommendation that was made by the Committee on the competence of Manpower Services adding that this would mean that all the Commissions that were going to carry out the referendum and the proposed Constitution are incompetent.

She highlighted that 8 out of the 11 members of the board came from one region, revealing inequality which should be addressed.

Date: 23rd JUNE 2010

Member of Parliament: Hon. Millie Odhiambo

Contribution she made on: Adoption of report on appointment of director/assistant directors to KACC

She noted that the Committee met and looked at the persons that had been presented before it and passed the report with a minority objection from Mr. Nyamweya.

She said that the committee had sought advice and opinion of the respective legal entries that were directly concerned with the respective persons.

She said that based on the reports, the Committee decided that they were qualified for the positions that had been advertised.

The Committee recommended that:-

(i) The House approves the three persons for the respective positions of Director, Assistant Director- Legal Services and the Assistant Director – Education, research, Policy and Preventive Services.

(ii) That the House urges the Attorney-General to propose appropriate amendments to the Anti-Corruption and Economic Crimes Act No.3 of 2003 and any other relevant statutes to provide for vetting of appointment to senior positions by the National Assembly.
Date: 23rd JUNE 2010  
Member of Parliament: Hon. Amina Abdalla  
Contribution she made on: Adoption of report on appointment of director/assistant directors to KACC

She seconded the motion

- She said that the Committee had reviewed the report received from the KACC Advisory Board and had discussed the candidature of Dr. PLO Lumumba as regards his involvement in seeking for elective office.
- She said the Committee did not find any conflict between the candidate’s interests in politics with the position that he was vying for.
- She said that on the case of Mr. Pravin Bowry’s representation of persons accused of corruption, the committee felt that the experience that he would be bringing to the KACC would be an advantage rather than a disadvantage.
- She said applauded the low levels of lobbying in the recruitment exercise of the three candidates and recommended that lobbying should not be done for persons seeking for positions in offices.
- She said that the committee did not find any extra information against the candidature of any of the three persons.
- She urged the house to pass the report and the attorney general to expeditiously take up the recommendation about the proposed amendment to the Act so that parliament could take up their role of vetting rather than the activities that had been engaging in.

Date: 29th JUNE 2010  
Member of Parliament: Hon. Rachel Shabesh  
Contribution she made on: Adoption of report on students’ disturbances at Kenyatta University

- She asked the Committee and the Minister to explain how a university would have such a negative atmosphere yet continue to be the leading institution in this country.
- She asked the minister to put in place a reform strategy for Kenyatta University and other universities too.
- She said that the culprits of violence and strikes at the university should be identified and separated from student activism.
- She said that student activism—the right of students to be heard must continue to be safe guarded in our society.
- She asked for a real reform strategy for universities in the country.
Date: 30\textsuperscript{th} JUNE 2010  
Member of Parliament: Hon. Rachel Shabesh  
Contribution she made on: The animal Technicians

She supported the bill
- She said there is need to invest in other areas of agriculture besides coffee, rice and tea where the government had invested so much to other forms of agriculture like livestock.
- She said that the country would not develop if basic issues like animal technicians had not yet been addressed by a government.
- She highlighted the need for animal technicians so that the animals would be well taken care of to produce the best.
- She said that the ministry of Livestock and development had been belittled to the point that being given that ministry was because one had to be given a ministerial position anyway.
- She said that due to the issue of climate change, there was need to focus on livestock since all the food being grown would not adequately feed the country.
- She said that there is need to ensure that ASALS become the next center of growth for agriculture production in the country.
- She said that with support from the government, Kenya would not only lead in East Africa but in Africa in terms of Livestock development.

Date: 30\textsuperscript{th} JUNE 2010  
Member of Parliament: Hon. Maison Leshomo  
Contribution she made on: The animal Technicians

She supported the bill
- She said that the bill would very be helpful to livestock farmers
- She said that it was unfortunate that Kenya had never formulated such a bill since independence.
- She urged all the members of parliament to support the bill since Kenya livestock farmers had experienced a lot of problems since independence.
- She said that a cattle rustling has been an issue of great concern among the livestock farmers.
- She said that there is no law that protects livestock. She said that on theft the cattle were driven for long distances without food and water.
- She said that through the bill, livestock farmers would have access to vet officers, thus achieve proper care of their livestock.
She said that many people had died from the slaughtering and consumption of uninspected meat from sick animals.

She said that she hoped that through the bill, the market price for hides, skins and other livestock products would increase

She said that there is need for proper livestock care since meat and milk are very essential for human health.

Date: 30th June 2010

Member of Parliament: Hon. Millie Odhiambo

Contribution she made on: Adoption of report on students disturbances at Kenyatta University

She supported the recommendations made by the Committee on Education, Research and Technology

She applauded the vice-chancellor of Kenyatta University for being the first women to head a public university and said that it was a plus for Kenyan women.

She thanked the vice chancellor for doing a lot of infrastructural development at the university which she said was very impressive.

She said that the V.C is a model who shows that when you put a woman in a position of authority you will get things done.

She added she supports the proposed constitution which gives women more power and authority.

She said that there is need to give students a chance to air their concerns.

She said that some of the issues that look petty to the public are critical issues to the students and should therefore be addressed in time.

She encouraged the students to embrace a culture of non-violence and enhanced dialogue with the administration.

She emphasized the need to de-ethnicize our public and private universities so that there is a proper distribution of staff of all ethnic groups in these universities.

She urged the universities to consider providing proper accommodation for the students who at time were living in very adverse conditions that often placed their lives at a risk.
MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS

Date: 16th JUNE 2010
Member of Parliament: Hon Martha Karua
Contribution she made on: The widening rift between “yes” and “no” groups and the explosion at Uhuru park

She asked the Minister of State for Provincial Administration and Internal Security
- She asked for briefs in the investigations, explaining what types of explosives were used and where they were available.
- She also asked the minister to explain what had happened to the investigations relating to the Government Press on the insertion of some words in some copies of the draft constitution.
- She attributed the incidence at Uhuru Park with failure of the government to accelerate police reforms.
- She explained that security in the country would only occur if police reforms are accelerated.
- She asked what the government is doing to ensure that everybody who utters hate speech is brought before a court of law.

Date: 16th JUNE 2010
Member of Parliament: Hon. Millie Odhiambo
Contribution she made on: The widening rift between “yes” and “no” groups and the explosion at Uhuru park

- She expressed her condolences to the families that were affected during the incidence.
- She asked what the minister was doing to discourage the clergy from issuing curses against those who supported the draft constitution.
- She asked the minister what he was doing to encourage the clergy to preach peace and unity rather than dividing the nation.

Date: 17th JUNE 2010
Member of Parliament: Hon. Rachel Shabesh
Contribution she made on: Disruption of Githunguri Dairy Farmers Co-Operative meeting by Police

She asked the Assistant Minister, Ministry of State for Provincial Administration and Internal Security
Whether he was aware of the kind of brutality that has been used in the past by the police on other co-operative societies like Mboi-Kamiti which led to its death.

Date: 17th JUNE 2010
Member of Parliament: Hon. Martha Karua
Contribution she made to on: Disruption of Githunguri Dairy Farmers Co-Operative meeting by Police

She asked whether the Assistant Minister was in order to avoid the issue tabled by referring to documents he called inciting which could be investigated separately.
BILL
Date: 17<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2010
Member of Parliament: Hon. Beth Mugo
Contribution she made on: The prevention of Organized Crime

She supported the Bill
- She highlighted the need to look at the root source of crime in our society
- She attributed the high levels of crime to the entertainment industry and proposed that censorship of the media content to be introduced.
- She said that there are enough laws to bring law and order in this country. However, there lacks implementers of the law.
- She requested the Minister in charge of Provincial Administration and Internal Security to put up measures that would make implementers of the law accountable.
- She said that the laws made should provide enough protection to the young people who are forced to join these criminal organizations.
- She stressed that implementation of the law was lacking and asked for seriousness and strictness in the implementation of the laws made.

Date: 17<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2010
Member of Parliament: Hon. Rachel Shebesh
Contribution she made on: Prevention of Organized Crime

She said that crime in the country stemmed from joblessness among the young people.
- She said that the laws should address how to deal with security forces who take part in perpetuating organized criminal activities
- She advised the Ministry to work with other ministries that were working towards creating jobs for young people
- She said that the law was good but would only be implementable if the issue of joblessness among the youth was addressed.

Date: 17<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2010
Member of Parliament: Hon. Millie Odhiambo
Contribution she made on: The Counter-Trafficking in Persons

She introduced the bill and said that it was very specific on issues of trafficking; specifically of women and children.
- She said that the bill had been drafted way long before she joined parliament and acknowledged the input of several persons and organizations that made a contribution towards drafting of the bill.
She said that human trafficking is the third most lucrative organized crime worldwide, second only to drugs and crime trafficking.

She explained that trafficking in persons has several facets i.e. the human rights facet, immigration component, the gender dimensions; the child rights component and justice issues.

The prevalence rate for trafficking of persons as at 2006 was estimated by the US State Department to fall between 600,000 to 700,000 persons annually and 700000 to 2,000,000 people trafficked internationally (UNDP).

She said that 10,000 to 30,000 children are sexually exploited in child sex tourism in the coastal region of Kenya.

She said, Kenya has moved from being merely a transit country to a source country and destination country, especially in relation to trafficking of women and children.

She said that Kenya as a country has not done enough to stem the rising tide of trafficking against persons especially women and children.

She cited examples of Anne O’Brien who was trafficking Kenyan girls to the United Kingdom (UK) and the Bishop Deya case which involved trafficking of children to places outside Kenya.

She said human trafficking in Kenya was due to; Poverty, our porous borders, our weak legal framework, wars and internal armed conflict, a flawed birth registration system, the gender inequality and the low status that the society has put on women.

She added that technology has also contributed to growth of human trafficking giving an example of Facebook and other internet chat chambers that make communication across borders very easy.

Date: 22nd JUNE 2010
Member of Parliament: Hon. Millie Odhiambo
Contribution she made on: The Counter-Trafficking in Persons

She began by giving a recap of the reasons she had earlier mentioned on the increase in prevalence in trafficking of persons.

She said a research she did in 2006 confirmed that a lot of children are got from rural Kenya and taken the coastal towns with an aim of getting them jobs as house girls but instead end up to be used as prostitutes.

Child trafficking does not only affect Kenyan children but children from the neighboring countries too, like Sudan and Rwanda.

She talked on the issue of marriage and mail order brides and said that a lot of young women are promised marriages to wealthy men especially in the Middle East but end up either as prostitutes or domestic helps.

She said that on arrival, the young women are denied their passports and means of travel, so that they have no means of coming back to Kenya.
She talked of benefit fraud in which she said that individuals take up children from Kenya and use them for claiming benefits in other countries like the U.K.

She said that these children are moved from one place to another and end up not attending school.

She talked of existence of occultic practices in the country and cited an example of a church in Eldoret called The Calvary Temple run by an American where forced marriages of young girls were taking place.

She said that a lot of attention had been put on that church but nothing has been done to stem the cases of forced marriages of our young girls in that church.

She challenged the government of Kenya to take very decisive action against these occultic groups.

She said the government must be very firm and decisive and not follow the trend of treating everyone who comes in the name of religion with kid gloves.

She said that another reason for trafficking is the issue of begging and hawking; many people use children to get money pretending that the children are poor.

She said that she was moving the bill because Kenya did not have adequate legislative framework that responds to the cases of trafficking in persons.

She informed the house that Kenya had ratified the PALERMO Protocol- Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Human Beings, in 2005

She hoped that the bill she introduced would enable Kenya to domesticate this protocol.

She said that the immigration act of 1967 actually criminalizes persons who are trafficked instead of considering them as victims.

She said that the bill seeks to domesticate the PALERMO protocol and to protect victims of trafficking in persons.

She concluded by giving a brief on the structure of the bill and thanking all those who had participated in the formulation of the bill.

Date: 22nd JUNE 2010

Member of Parliament: Hon Esther Mathenge

Contribution she made on: The Counter-Trafficking in Persons

She supported the bill

- She thanked the Minister for introducing the bill
- She said that the bill was long overdue since Kenya did not have a comprehensive law or policy addressing issues of human trafficking
- She said the bill would play a key role in the protection of Kenyan women, young girls and children who are the most vulnerable.
- She said the bill would help the Judiciary to enforce the laws, punish the perpetrators of trafficking and also assist the victims of trafficking.
She said that trafficking was rampant in Kenya due to: poverty, laxity of parents in their role of parenting, corruption, political instability (Post election violence), and the porous borders.

She said that Kenya was classified by the U.N as Tier II and had recently moved from Tier III due to the enactment of laws that protect women and children.

She said there is need to enact more laws to ensure the safety of the children in Kenya.

She said that though she supported the bill, she would at the opportune time propose two amendments i.e.

i) That the secretariat be housed within her ministry so that they would work together.

ii) Creation of a fund so that those victimized can be rehabilitated

She added that there was need to ensure that the Kenyan Judges and the Kenyans at large understand what human trafficking is all about.

Date: 22nd JUNE 2010
Member of Parliament: Hon. Cecily Mbarire
Contribution she made on: The Counter-Trafficking in Persons

She supported the bill

- She congratulated the mover and said that the bill had come at a very opportune time when the country was trying to come up with a new constitution which really looks into the issues of women and children rights.
- She highlighted sexual exploitation among children especially in the Kenyan coast as a problem and said that the bill was very important as it would look into tourism and its effects on young children.
- She said that the penalties being proposed by the mover should be enhanced due to the kind of criminal activities being meted against young children and women
- She called for the need to impose stiffer penalties so as to protect young girls who were being forced into marriages in the name of culture and tradition
- She said that she looked forward to the enactment of the bill, so as to empower the girl and boy child and ensure that they grow up in an environment that is free from any form of abuse.

Date: 22nd JUNE 2010
Member of Parliament: Hon. Millie Odhiambo
Contribution she made on: The Counter-Trafficking in Persons

- She thanked the members for the support they had given to the bill and in extension to the children and women in Kenya who are usually victims of trafficking in persons.
She supported the bill

- She said liberalization without regulation always leads to disaster and that the financial crisis the countries of the world are trying to come away from is due to failure to regulate the financial sector.
- She said that the bill was intended to regulate the issue of prices of essential commodities.
- She said that the greatest investor in any country is the local population and that the local investor should get the protection they need.
- She said that the government had for a long time watched without responding, as food prices escalated beyond the reach of the common man.
- She invited the government to ensure that the president assents to the bill to ensure that the local investor who is the citizen, gets the protection they need.
- She added that the government should ensure that we move forward to reviving the economy making sure that the gains do not become a preserve of the few but are spread over to many so as to end inequalities.

She seconded the bill

- She said that there is need for a better regulation in the manufacture, advertisement and sale of alcohol.
- She said the bill was good as it would focus on the health and awareness of the consumer.
- She said that the bills provides for rehabilitation of people adversely affected by alcohol and would help Kenyans, especially the boy child in the Mt. Kenya area who is threatened by alcohol.
Date: 24th JUNE 2010
Member of Parliament: Hon Millie Odhiambo
Contribution she made on: The alcoholic drinks control

- She said that the issue of alcohol consumption, was on the increase especially among the young people and that a lot of children’s lives were messed up because of consumption of alcohol,
- She said that many children without knowledge have become alcohol addicts.
- She said that there are no places for rehabilitation for persons addicted to alcohol in the country.
- She thanked the mover of the bill for obligating the government to ensure that we find places to rehabilitate, especially young people.

Date: 24th JUNE 2010
Member of Parliament: Hon. Martha Karua
Contribution she made on: Adoption of report on appointment of director/assistant directors to KACC

She supported the motion
- She said that the candidates were selected through a very competitive process.
- She said that it is the duty of parliament to give reasons that would make any of the candidates unsuitable for the positions.
- She added that it is important for parliamentarians to only to speak when you have concrete reasons.
- She said that the fact that Dr. P.L.O Lumumba vied for a parliamentary seat in 2007 revealed his leadership skills which is what they were looking for.
- She said that the role of parliament was to identify any instance where any of the three candidates had failed to display the highest standard of integrity in performance of their duties
- She noted that since this Parliament rejected the re-appointment of Justice Ringera, the Kenya Anti-Corruption Commission (KACC) has been without substantive leadership.
- She urged the members to endorse the three eminent and prominent Kenyans for the job so as to allow the commission to begin its work.
- She explained that the recent reinstatement of permanent secretaries was done in the wrong way and was confident to say that the government and corruption had become comfortable bedfellows.
Date: 24th JUNE 2010  
Member of Parliament: Hon. Ms Odhiambo  
Contribution she made on: Adoption of report on appointment of director/ assistant directors to KACC

- She said that the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs which she was a part of had gone through a very rigorous and thorough vetting process for the three candidates.
- She said that the committee did not only look at the curriculum vitas but asked the respective professional bodies to give reports on these persons.
- She said that the committee got very good reports from NSIS, LSK and the Advocates Complaints Commission on the candidates, and gave highlights of the report from LSK.

Date: 29th JUNE 2010  
Member of Parliament: Hon. Jebii Kilimo  
Contribution she made to the question on: Non-payment of share contributions to railway Sacco members

- She said that the inability of Railway SACCO Society to fully refund members’ dues arose from the non-remittances from the Kenya Railways Corporation of over Kshs1 billion, which accumulated over a long period of time starting in 1998.
- She said that the ministry intervened and had made a broker agreement between the two parties.
- She said that so far, Considerable progress had been achieved in deposit refunds to the cooperative’s members on a first in, first out basis.
- She said that the society draws its members from all corners of the country, and are registered on the basis of their individual membership.
- She said that it was not possible to recognize members on the basis of which constituency they came from as it was an initial requirement for joining the Sacco.
- She provided a list of all members of the Sacco for the member to check who were from his constituency.
- She said that the schedule of the names she had provided contained the refund.
- She said that the ministry had entered into a brokerage with KRA so as to remit the funds.
- She said that it was better to make an agreement out of court so that they could get a Ksh. 13 Million remittance every month.
- She said that the people were being paid there money out of the Ksh. 13 Million remittances, every month.
- She said that no interest would be paid to the members since it was not an investment.
She said that putting in place of SACCO Societies Regulatory Authority (SASRA) will be able to regulate the operations of many SACCOs which were not being catered for in the first place.

Date: 29th JUNE 2010
Member of Parliament: Hon. Rachel Shabesh
Contribution she made on: UN policy on climate change in developing countries

- She noted that some ministers had put in some effort on the National Response Strategy on Climatic change document.
- She urged the other ministries to also make a contribution to the document.