QUESTIONS

Date: 8th May 2012
Member of Parliament: Hon. Beatrice Kones
Contribution she made on: Delay in Recruitment of NEMA Director-General

She asked the Vice President and Minister for Home Affairs the following:

a) Why there had been a delay in the appointment of the Director General of the National Environmental Management Authority (NEMA)
b) Whether he could provide a list of all candidates that had been shortlisted by the recruiting agency and state when the appointment would be done
c) Whether he could confirm that the appointment would be made according to the recommendations of the recruiting agency
ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Date: 2nd May 2012
Member of Parliament: Hon. Millie Odhiambo
Contribution she made on: Measures to Curb Drugs/Alcohol Consumption

She inquired from the Assistant Minister for Education the following:

- Why the Government was seemingly not aware of how serious this drug issue was adding that while there were plans to train teachers to do counseling they would still be ill equipped to deal with the high levels of addiction in schools.
- She inquired from the Assistant Minister whether it was time to declare the vice a national disaster as it had reached grave proportions

Date: 2nd May 2012
Member of Parliament: Hon. Peris Chepchumba
Contribution she made on: Measures to Curb Drugs/Alcohol Consumption

- She pointed out that the Assistant Minister wasn’t convincing in his approach given the seriousness of the situation and that while the Ministry was reacting slowly to the situation the nation was continuing to lose a young generation.

Date: 2nd May 2012
Member of Parliament: Hon. Millie Odhiambo
Contribution she made on: Level of Funding for Orphans/ Street Children

- She pointed out that Kenyans have been asking questions about the Fund, and so far the Ministry he has only been saying that it was a pilot project but was now claiming to upscale it.
- She inquired from the Assistant minister what criteria he would use because many people across the country were not benefitting from those funds giving an example of places like Mbita which has the highest number of orphans and vulnerable children.

Date: 2nd May 2012
Member of Parliament: Hon. Millie Odhiambo
Contribution she made on: Status of Construction of Kisii-Keroka Road/Daraja Moja Bridge

- She raised her concerns on the slow progress being made on that road and added that even the Homa Bay-Mbita Road, where road works were taking place were taking a long time to be completed.
- She recommended that the Minister and Assistant Minister to send a technical team to go inspect the road before they make any conclusions about the road. She added that it was suspicious that a road was made and within a year, there was a problem with it.
Date: 2nd May 2012  
Member of Parliament: Hon. Dr. Sally Kosgei  
Contribution she made on: Non-Payment of Retirement Dues to Jarsho Dirma Jaldesa

She responded to the question raised by Hon. Bahari by saying:

a) She was aware that Mr. Jarsho Dirma Jaldesa was an employee of the East African Sugar Industries Limited, now Muhoroni Sugar Company, which was now in receivership and that he was employed in 1972 and served the company until March, 2001 when the company was placed under receivership and he was subsequently rehired in the year 2002 and retired in June, 2007.

b) She pointed out that as far as his dues are concerned, he had been paid his dues of the years that he was rehired when the company was under receivership, which was Kshs100,709. For the period of 20 years before that, he and other employees would not have been paid because, under receivership, the company had to consider all the pending bills.

c) She added that despite this her Ministry had gone into this research in detail and was also working with a few lawyers and had come to the conclusion and given the directive that not only Mr. Dirma, but that all the employees who worked there until 2001 would be paid all their dues by the end of the financial year.

Date: 2nd May 2012  
Member of Parliament: Hon. Rachel Shebesh  
Contribution she made on: Non-Collection of Garbage by NCC

- She expressed her surprise at the Assistant Minister declaration that garbage was being collected in Nairobi and added that what the Assistant Minister had said was far from reality.
- She asked the Assistant Minister to substantiate his claims by highlighting where the garbage was collected, and also clarify whether the 800 lorries he had talked about were owned by the Nairobi City Council or they were owned private people who had been given contracts and deals, through the NCC to collect garbage
- She further asked the Assistant minister to focus on what the NCC had done and not what the contractors they have given deals did.

Date: 8th May 2012  
Member of Parliament: Hon Millie Odhiambo  
Contribution she made on: Implementation of Section 53 of Employment Act

- She pointed out that the question about the implementation of Section 53 of the Employment Act was about the employment of children under the age of 16 years and added that work was harmful to children under 16 years.
- She noted that in parts of the country children as young as ten years were employed in respective industries and inquired whether the Minister could
indicate what was precluding him from continuing with these regulations because they were still necessary, not just for the Employment Act, but for the Children Act and for the Constitution.

Date: 8th May 2012  
Member of Parliament: Hon Rachel Shebesh  
Contribution she made on: Status of Carbon Trading in Kenya

- She pointed out that the concept of carbon trading was no longer a new thing and added that the issue of climate change was no longer a new thing.  
- She questioned the move to table a draft policy and regulations that had not been certified by Parliament or the Cabinet by the Assistant Minister on the five projects so far which were supposedly going to be earning carbon trading finance

Date: 9th May 2012  
Member of Parliament: Hon Esther Murugi  
Contribution she made on: Resettlement of Mau Forest Complex Evictees

She responded to the question raised by Hon. Ruto by saying:

a) The resettlement of the Mau evictees was ongoing currently and already her Ministry had resettled 297 and the process was still ongoing. She added that they had also given the evictees an option to identify small parcels of land or small plots where the Government can actually do the purchase directly with the owners because of the challenges the Ministry was facing in purchasing land

Date: 9th May 2012  
Member of Parliament: Hon. Beatrice Kones  
Contribution she made on: Resettlement of Mau Forest Complex Evictees

She inquired from the Minister of State for Special Programmes the following:

a) What the Minister was doing to provide food for those who had already been settled, particularly those who were settled at Kipkabus in Uasin Gishu

Date: 9th May 2012  
Member of Parliament: Hon. Beatrice Kones  
Contribution she made on: Delay in Admitting NYS Graduates to Courses

She inquired from the Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports the following:

a) Whether he was aware there were many graduates from the National Youth Service (NYS) who had stayed for too long without being given training opportunities, several years after passing-out from the military training  
b) Whether he could further provide a list of graduates from the NYS since 2008, indicating those who have been admitted to pursue various courses; and,
c) What the Ministry was doing to ensure that there was transparency in admission of NYS trainees to the various courses.

**Date: 10th May 2012**  
**Member of Parliament: Hon. Rachel Shebesh**  
**Contribution she made on: Lack of Speech Therapists in Kenya**

She inquired from the Minister for Medical services the following:

a) If he is aware that there was no trained speech therapist in Kenya, yet speech therapy was an integral need for most children with special needs;  
b) If he was also aware that there are only 5 non-Kenyan speech therapists serving more than 400,000 children in Nairobi alone, hence making their service unaffordable for a majority of parents  
c) What plans the Government had to ensure that institutions of higher learning were supported to develop curricula for training professional speech therapists  
d) While noting that the Minister was quoting different statistics from those that she was because of what she termed as stigmatization of children with special needs, she inquired what the Ministry was going to do about that very critical issue of children born with special needs like those who need speech therapy and other kinds of treatments so that the parents can bring them out for treatment

**Date: 10th May 2012**  
**Member of Parliament: Hon. Millie Odhiambo**  
**Contribution she made on: Lack of Speech Therapists in Kenya**

She inquired from the Minister for Medical services the following:

- Whether the Minister was aware that he was violating of the rights of the child according to Article 43(1) (a) and Article 53 of the Constitution which provided for the right to health, and to the highest attainable standards of healthcare, especially for children.  
- What steps is he was taking to ensure that he actually provided for the training of at least such specialist per year instead of giving a general policy overview without very concrete action

**Date: 10th May 2012**  
**Member of Parliament: Hon. Maison Leshomo**  
**Contribution she made on: Lack of Speech Therapists in Kenya**

She inquired from the Minister for Medical services the following:

- What measures the Ministry was taking to help children with speech problems from poor families
Date: 15th May 2012  
Member of Parliament: Hon. Rachel Shebesh  
Contribution she made on: Violation of Banking Act by Banks

- She pointed out that the Minister was giving misleading information on an issue that had been canvassed on the Floor of the House through a committee adding that there was on record a report of a select committee of the House that clearly stated that certain banks had violated the Banking Act and even stated how much they were charged in terms of fines.
- She further added that even when the banks appeared before the committee they admitted that they had been fined by the CBK for violating the Banking Act and questioned the Ministers move to say that that was a matter of secrecy, but also that he could not disclose it when it is before the House.

Date: 16th May 2012  
Member of Parliament: Hon. Dr. Joyce Laboso  
Contribution she made on: Mandate of HIV/AIDS Tribunal

She asked the Minister of State for Special Programmes the following:

a) What the mandate of the HIV and AIDS Tribunal was  
b) What she was doing to ensure that the tribunal was fully operational  
c) Why the tribunal had not handled any cases to-date.

Date: 16th May 2012  
Member of Parliament: Hon. Esther Murugi  
Contribution she made on: Mandate of HIV/AIDS Tribunal

She responded to the question raised by Hon. Dr. Laboso by saying:

a) The mandate of the HIV and AIDS Tribunal, as stipulated in Part Seven, Section 25 of The HIV and AIDS Prevention and Control Act, 2006, include the following:-
   i) To hear and determine complaints arising out of any breach of the provisions of the Act;  
   ii) To hear and determine any matter or appeal as may be made to the tribunal, pursuant to the provisions of the Act; and,  
   iii) To perform such other functions as may be conferred upon it by the Act or by any other written law.

b) The tribunal came into operation in July, 2011 after its members were sworn into office. However, by that time, the Budget for the financial year 2011/2012 had already been prepared. Hence, there were no funds to make the tribunal fully operational. Her Ministry however, ensured that the tribunal secretariat acquired offices, and that they had been working through the National AIDS Control Council (NACC). We continue to provide them with funds and they had respectively requested for funding this year, amounting to Kshs31 million but only Kshs19 million had been approved. She added that that would enable them to train the members of the Tribunal, rent space,
advertise and create advocacy, so that members of the public would be aware of the existence of the Tribunal.

c) It was not true that the tribunal had not handled any cases. The tribunal had actually had ten sittings and had listened to nine complaints. One of the complaints was settled mutually out of court. Another one was referred to the Industrial Court. Two cases were found inadmissible and the rest were ongoing.

**Date: 16th May 2012**

**Member of Parliament: Hon. Millie Odhiambo**

**Contribution she made on: Mandate of HIV/AIDS Tribunal**

She asked the Minister of State for Special Programmes the following:

a) She requested the Minister to clarify what action she had taken to inform the public of the existence of the tribunal given that there were many cases of discrimination that related to HIV/AIDS

b) What the Minister had done to popularize and sensitize the public of the awareness of the tribunal

**Date: 16th May 2012**

**Member of Parliament: Hon. Martha Karua**

**Contribution she made on: Violation of Constitution in Recruitment Of Assistant Chiefs**

She asked the Minister of State for Provincial Administration and Internal Security:-

a) Whether he was aware that all the nine assistant chiefs recruited in Molo District on 23rd April, 2010 were men contrary to the constitutional requirement of gender inclusivity

b) Whether he could provide the qualifications and details of all the applicants who qualified and attended interviews

c) What steps he would take to address the anomaly and ensure strict adherence to the constitution in all future recruitments countrywide.

➢ She questioned why the constitution requirement on gender inclusivity was not adhered to despite the appointments being made in 2011, long after the promulgation of the Constitution where the one-third gender requirement was included.

➢ She pointed out that the Assistant Minister had stated that there were 17 posts and out of them, only two women were taken and questioned why the appointments failed to comply with the gender requirement and in particular whether in Sachangwan Division in Molo, there was an applicant by the name of Mary Nyangweso Turungi, Josephine Nduta Wanyoike and Jacinta Waithera who all had 'O' level education which was the qualification and were not taken and yet, they were interviewed?
Date: 16th May 2012  
Member of Parliament: Hon. Shakila Abdalla  
Contribution she made on: Measures to Address Water Shortage In Lamu County

She asked the Minister for Water and Irrigation the following:

a) How much money had been allocated for water projects in Lamu East Constituency since 2005  
b) What projects the Ministry was undertaking to address the water problem in the Constituency  
c) What measures the Ministry was taking to ensure that residents of the constituency and the entire Lamu County have access to clean/piped water.

> She also pointed out that in the Ministers answer, more emphasis had been put on the Port project rather than the people of Lamu and asked her to state out of the Kshs52 million that she was talking about, how many Djabias were built and where in particular as well as how much water in terms of cubic metres they had supplied so far to the people of Lamu East

Date: 16th May 2012  
Member of Parliament: Hon. Charity Ngilu  
Contribution she made on: Measures to Address Water Shortage in Lamu County

She responded to the question raised by Hon. Shakila by saying:

a) Her Ministry had allocated Ksh51.72 million for water projects in Lamu District since 2005.  
b) That in the current financial year, her Ministry was rehabilitating four wells; two at Kiunga, one at Pate and one at Siyu. Her Ministry was also constructing two new wells at Pate and Mangai, five Djabias, three of them at Kiunga Primary School, Tchundwa and Mwajumwali, which were now complete, while the remaining two at Shakani and Ndau were 60 per cent complete.  
c) Her Ministry was undertaking the following measures to ensure that residents of Lamu East Constituency and the entire Lamu County have access to clean, piped water.
   i) The Ministry had commissioned the drilling of ten boreholes under LAPSSET Project. Out of which, five were complete and operational. The boreholes would supply the new Lamu Port as well as surrounding areas of Chomo, Hindi and Bargoni.  
   ii) The ministry had also rehabilitated a few other projects within Lamu, but most importantly what was going to help Lamu was "Djabias" because they could not dig boreholes successfully because of the shallowness and the kind of soil in that area
Date: 17\textsuperscript{th} May 2012  
Member of Parliament: Hon Martha Karua  
Contribution she made on: Provision of Water to Residents of West Pokot County

She asked the Minister for Water and Irrigation:-

a) Whether she was aware that women in Kacheliba had to walk for over 20 kilometers in search of water
b) Whether she could provide details of the water projects undertaken by the Ministry in the entire West Pokot County, particularly in Kacheliba Constituency since 2008
c) What plans she had to provide water to the residents of Kacheliba and the entire West Pokot County.

Date: 17\textsuperscript{th} May 2012  
Member of Parliament: Hon. Charity Ngilu  
Contribution she made on: Provision of Water to Residents of West Pokot County

She responded to the question raised by Hon. Karua by saying:

a) She was aware that women in Kacheliba, like women in many other parts of this country suffered from water scarcity, and walked long distances in search of water.

b) She also said that since the year 2008 her Ministry has spent Kshs207,901,617 on the construction and rehabilitation of various water projects in the entire West Pokot County including Kacheliba Constituency as highlighted and had met that requirement.

c) Her Ministry would commence construction of Sioi Dam at an estimated cost Kshs3.5 billion to store 8.5 million cubic meters of water that would benefit over 300,000 people but in the meantime, in the current financial year - 2011/2012, her Ministry was implementing various water projects at a cost of Kshs27,100,000 as tabulated also in a table that she had given to her.

Date: 17\textsuperscript{th} May 2012  
Member of Parliament: Hon Rachel Shebesh  
Contribution she made on: Development of Early Warning System

- She expressed her concern at the Ministers assertion that they will be using the SMS service as a way of monitoring security in the forthcoming elections and inquired as to the justification for billions which were budgeted for the National Security Intelligence Service (NSIS)
Date: 17th May 2012  
Member of Parliament: Hon Millie Odhiambo  
Contribution she made on: Development of Early Warning System

- She questioned why the two Members of Parliament who had been brought forth on charges of hate speech by the National Cohesion and Integration Commission Article had not been prosecuted despite Article 27(4) of the Constitutions says that the State shall not discriminate directly or indirectly against any person on any ground.

Date: 24th May 2012  
Member of Parliament: Hon Rachel Shebesh  
Contribution she made on: Provision of Medical Insurance Cover for Children

She asked the Minister for Medical Services the following:

a) Whether he was aware that health insurance companies only provide cover to parents, but exclude their children with congenital disorders
b) Whether he was also aware that more than a third of children with congenital disorders required constant medical care which most parents could not afford;
c) What measures the Government had put in place to compel insurance companies to cover children with special needs and whether he could consider revoking the licenses of insurance companies that did not cover children with special needs.

- She also requested the minister to clarify whether they had a policy that dealt with congenital diseases and how to treat them, and if not, how quickly they could come up with such a policy, so that even if children with such condition could not be treated, their numbers could at least be reduced instead of having parents dumping and abandoning them in public hospitals, which was what was currently happening.

Date: 24th May 2012  
Member of Parliament: Hon Martha Karua  
Contribution she made on: Settlement of Debt Owed to JAWA Printers by KMC

She asked the Minister for Local Government the following:

a) Whether he is aware of an outstanding debt of KShs 675,200 to Jawa Printers, Nakuru, owed by the Kitale Municipal Council since 2005
b) What he was doing to expedite settlement of the debt and when it would be settled.

Date: 29th May 2012  
Member of Parliament: Hon Beatrice Kones  
Contribution she made on: Review of Prisoners Earning Scheme
She responded to the question raised by Hon. Olago by saying:

a) The prisoners’ earning scheme was at Kshs30 per day as provided by the earning scheme in the Prisons Act, Cap.90, Laws of Kenya, and in Chapter 68 of the Kenya Prisons Standing Orders. The Standing Orders stated “The participation of prisoners in the earning scheme is a privilege for good conduct and behavior. The earnings received under this scheme do not constitute a salary or wage. It is a token for appreciation for hard work output, good conduct and behavior by prisoners.”

b) She pointed out that the prisoners were not workmen within the meaning of Workmen Compensation Act. The earning scheme was designed to be an incentive in the training and employment of prisoners so far as to cultivate and maintain a sense of hard work, social responsibility, good conduct and behavior, so that they become self-reliant, law abiding and useful members of the society in future.

c) That her Ministry had appointed a task force via Gazette Notice No.3582 dated 8 April, 2011 to draft a Bill on the rights of persons detained, held in custody or imprisoned as required in Article 51 of the new Constitution. The task force had already tabled a report in the Ministry and the Ministry officials were working on it. The report would later on go to the Attorney-General, the Committee on Implementation of the Constitution (CIC), the Cabinet and eventually to the Floor of the House.

Date: 29th May 2012  
Member of Parliament: Hon Millie Odhiambo  
Contribution she made on: Eradication of CMD/CBSD from Western/Nyanza Provinces

She asked the Minister for Agriculture the following:

a) Whether she was aware that cassava farmers in Nyanza and Western provinces were losing millions of shillings annually, because almost 80 per cent of their produce in harvest was lost due to mosaic and brown streak virus attack

b) What measures the Government was taking to eradicate Cassava Mosaic Disease (CMD) and Cassava Brown Steak Disease (CBSD) which were currently eating into the entire produce thereby aggravating staple food shortage in the regions

c) How many research centers had been put up in Nyanza and Western provinces to help fight the pandemic and whether the Government had plans of decentralizing activities of Kenya Agricultural Research Institute (KARI) for farmers to access their services easily.

Date: 30th May 2012 
Member of Parliament: Hon Beatrice Kones 
Contribution she made on: Measure to Facilitate Establishment and Operation of Businesses
She asked the Minister for Finance the following:

a) What the Government was doing about the recommendations of the 2011/2012 "Doing Business Report" prepared by the International Finance Corporation and the World Bank to encourage simple and efficient regulations designed to facilitate the establishment and operations of businesses
b) What regulatory measures the Government had taken to improve the country’s overall investment climate in future, considering that Kenya was ranked 109th in the last report
c) What reforms the Government had taken to simplify payment of taxes and regulations for investors and what achievements had been made in improving business environment to attract new investments in the country.

Date: 30th May 2012  
Member of Parliament: Hon Maison Leshomo  
Contribution she made on: Measures to Harvest Rain Water in Samburu

She asked the Assistant Minister for Water and irrigation the following:

a) Whether his Ministry had any measures to harvest rainwater in Samburu during the current rainy season
b) The number of dams that had been completely covered by soil in Samburu
   - She also pointed out that though there were 93 dams, not all of them could be used to store water and only 15 of those could be used to store water while all the others were filled with soil which in effect prevented the effective storage of water.
   - She called on the Ministry of Water and Irrigation to find ways to store the water that was currently wrecking havoc in Samburu so that it could be used later.

Date: 30th May 2012  
Member of Parliament: Hon Charity Ngilu  
Contribution she made on: Projects Undertaken by Ministry of Water and Irrigation in ASALs

She responded to the question raised by Hon. Muoki by saying:

a) A list of major projects costing over Kshs50 million that her Ministry had undertaken in Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASALs) districts of Eastern and North Eastern province over the last ten years was attached and a copy had already been given to the hon. Member.
b) Ministry had undertaken major water and irrigation projects in Mwala Constituency over the past ten years. Her Ministry was also undertaking a number of projects in the constituency during the current financial year, 2011/2012 and those details were also attached and had been given to him.
QUESTIONS BY PRIVATE NOTICE

Date: 2nd May 2012  
Member of Parliament: Hon Peris Simam  
Contribution she made on: Use of Sportsmen/Women In Adverts by Private Companies

She asked the Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports the following Questions by Private Notice:

a) If the Minister was aware that private companies were using images of Kenya’s sportsmen and women in advertisements without any financial gain made to them?

b) Whether the Minister could confirm that Mr. Dennis Oliech, an international footballer resigned from the national team, Harambee Stars, due to the use of his image without financial gain made to him?

c) What measures the Minister was taking to ensure that sportsmen and women, such as Mr. Dennis Oliech and Ms. Pamela Jelimo, whose images were used by such companies in advertisements, were paid

Date: 3rd May 2012  
Member of Parliament: Hon Rachel Shebesh  
Contribution she made on: Assault/Eviction of Students from Yusuf Haji Secondary School

She asked the Minister for Education the following Question by Private Notice.

a) If the Minister aware that 28 students of Yusuf Haji Secondary School who hailed from outside Ijara (but mostly from Galole Constituency), were assaulted and forcefully evicted from the school on 24th March, 2012 and, if so, how many students were injured in the incident

b) What measures the Minister was taking to ensure that the affected students continue with their studies in the school

c) If the Minister was considering compensating all the students whose personal belongings were taken away by fellow students

Date: 8th May 2012  
Member of Parliament: Hon Millie Odhiambo  
Contribution she made on: Assault on 13-Year-Old Boy by Mwea East DC

- She raised her concerns at how casual the Assistant Minister was taking the matter when there was an allegation that a 13-year-old boy was assaulted and further questioned the veracity of the claims that there were two reports emanating from the Government.

- She recommended the deferral of the Question so that the Assistant Minster could explore the issue before he came back and gave the house a proper answer because it was improbable to have two documents emanating from the same Government.
Date: 8th May 2012  
Member of Parliament: Hon Millie Odhiambo  
Contribution she made on: Use of Sportsmen/Images by Private Companies without Financial Gain

- She pointed out that in spite of the issue at hand the country did not want to lose either Jelimo or Oliech and it was not a mistake that the Minister in charge of Youth Affairs was also the same as the Minister for Sports as the people who are involved very heavily in sports are the youth.
- She asked the minister to point out in the interim, what he had done because most of those people were as young as 18 and 19 when they came in, and they had no information about laws and their rights and further inquired what the Ministry had done in the meantime, to ensure that these young people had legal representation because, definitely, what was going on was a violation of their rights?

Date: 8th May 2012  
Member of Parliament: Hon Rachel Shebesh  
Contribution she made on: Death of Abdullahi Ibrahim Ali in Kilimani Post Station

- She pointed out that the police go through great lengths to cover extrajudicial killings and inquired from the Assistant Minister whether they were ready as a Government to take responsibility for extra judicial killings that were happening within police stations especially those in Nairobi, targeting young men who of Muslim faith or Somali origin.

Date: 8th May 2012  
Member of Parliament: Hon Martha Karua  
Contribution she made on: Death of Abdullahi Ibrahim Ali in Kilimani Post Station

- She pointed out that despite the existence of proof, the Assistant Minister was adamant on denying extra-judicial killings ostensibly with the advice of the Attorney-General and added that any killing by police even in the course of arrest was extra-judicial.
- She noted that the Assistant Minister in the previous year had admitted to 60 killings in Nairobi but was quick to add that that was an understatement.
- She questioned whether it was in order for the Assistant Minister deny extra-judicial killings while he, himself, tabled an answer in the House admitting, at least, 60 extra-judicial killings.

Date: 8th May 2012  
Member of Parliament: Hon Millie Odhiambo  
Contribution she made on: Death of Abdullahi Ibrahim Ali in Kilimani Post Station
She asked clarification from the Assistant Minister on whether there is any police station that is responsible for extra-judicial killings so that when they happen, Kenyans can go and report there.

**Date: 9th May 2012**  
**Member of Parliament: Hon. Peris Chepchumba**  
**Contribution she made on: Level of Discussion between GoK/EU on Export Levies**

She asked the Minister for Trade the following Questions by Private Notice:

a) If the Minister was aware that the decision by European Parliament to impose a deadline for reaching a binding Trade Pact with East African countries is causing discontent between the Government and the exporters who feel the matter is not being addressed urgently enough.

b) If the Minister could confirm that high taxation on goods would introduce extra cost on exports to lucrative European Union (EU) markets and, if so, what measures the Government will take to remedy the situation.

c) The level of discussions between the Government and the European Union to introduce levies such as carbon prints which may impact negatively on the export trade.

**Date: 17th May 2012**  
**Member of Parliament: Hon Rachel Shebesh**  
**Contribution she made on: Assault/Eviction of Students from Yusuf Haji Secondary School**

- She thanked the Minister for clearly stating the need for peace and reconciliation in his answer and also the need for the board and the political leadership to come together, so that they can heal the wounds that were created in the school.
- She however called on the minister to concretely explain whether since the school has been reopened the children were back in that particular school or they were in different schools as well as the programme for peace and reconciliation that had been rolled out by the BOG.

**Date: 29th May 2012**  
**Member of Parliament: Hon Martha Karua**  
**Contribution she made on: Illegal Sub-Division of LR No. Baragwi/Raimu/22**

She asked the Minister for Lands the following Question by Private Notice.

a) Was the Minister aware that land parcel LR. No. Baragwi/Raimu/22, that belonged to Kirinyaga County Council, and which was a subject of a Civil...
Appeal Case No. 28 of 2001, had been irregularly subdivided and transferred to a third party contrary to the court order
b) What the Minister was doing to reverse the irregular transaction

Date: 31st May 2012
Member of Parliament: Hon Millie Odhiambo
Contribution she made on: Illegal Detention of Ann Wanjiku Githai by S.D. Al Anzee in Dubai

➢ She expressed her disappointment at the way the Minister was handling the case and added that it had all the ingredients of a human trafficking case but the ministry seemed hesitant to treat it as such.
➢ She suggested the Question be referred to a Departmental Committee to deal with it exhaustively as that was not the first case of trafficking of girls and more urgently the girl was enslaved and a solution was needed on how to get her out of that situation.

Date: 31st May 2012
Member of Parliament: Hon Martha Karua
Contribution she made on: Illegal Detention of Ann Wanjiku Githai by S.D. Al Anzee in Dubai

➢ She pointed out the fact that the source of that information was a reputable Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) the Muslims for Human Rights (MUHURI) and therefore, the Assistant Minister could investigate because there was credible evidence that 20 Kenyans were being held in a camp in Saudi Arabia after being mistreated by their employers and they needed help to come home.

Date: 31st May 2012
Member of Parliament: Hon Shakila Abdalla
Contribution she made on: Revival of Fish Farming Projects under ESP in Ikutha/Mutomo Districts

➢ She pointed out that while appreciating the Ministry for coming up with a project for fish farming, the Assistant Minister could inform House what efforts they had made to assist the local fishermen who fish in the sea with their funds because there is Kshs3 billion from the World Bank, given he comes from a constituency whose economy depended on fishing
PETITION

Date: 16th May 2012
Member of Parliament: Hon. Millie Odhiambo
Contribution she made on: Adoption of National Peace Building and Conflict Management Policy

- She supported the petition by indicating that the policy was long overdue and would come in handy at controlling inflammatory statements in public that divide Kenyans that the politicians were used to issuing.
- She added that such a policy document would remind politicians when they forget because we needed one united Kenya even as we go towards elections.

Date: 16th May 2012
Member of Parliament: Hon. Martha Karua
Contribution she made on: Adoption of National Peace Building and Conflict Management Policy

- She supported the petition and lauded the move stating that these were great Kenyans who reminded the august House and the entire leadership of Kenya of the noble obligation of promoting peace.
- She pointed out that the country was in need of a comprehensive policy on this and politicians needed to show what actions they were going to resort to in order to bring peace to the country.
- She also added that this was a wake-up call to the Executive, the Legislature and the Judiciary as the three arms of the Government, to promote peace in Kenya and ensure that every citizen respects the Constitution and the law.
NOTICE OF MOTION

Date: 10Th May 2012
Member of Parliament: Hon. Dr. Joyce Laboso
Contribution she made on: Call on Government Not to Sign EPA’s in Current Form

She gave notice of the following Motion:

- THAT, aware that since the signing of the Cotonou Agreement in 2000 the Government had been negotiating the Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs) with the European Union (EU) together with other member States of the Eastern African region; taking cognizance that the Government had since initialed the interim EPAs; aware of the imminent amendment of the European Union Market Access Regulations, whose effect was that 18 countries, most of which were from the Sub-Saharan Africa which had not signed or ratified the full EPAs, Kenya included, would henceforth be removed from the duty free access to the European market, the House was urging the Government not to sign the full EPAs in their current form until all the contentious issues raised by the Eastern African region and Kenya in particular were addressed, and that the Government continued to explore and negotiate alternative trading arrangements with the EU and other trading partners
MOTIONS

Date: 3rd May 2012
Member of Parliament: Hon. Rachel Shebesh
Contribution she made on: Extension of Prescribed Period for Enactment of Constitutional Bills

- She called for vigilance when dealing with the matter and she asked the Members to look at the provisions that had been given in the Constitution to ensure that the Bills are legislated and implemented on time.
- She pointed out that while there was justification to pursue and debate bills like the County Government Bill and challenge the President’s assertion on the same there was a need to focus on bigger issues like the devolution Bills rather than argue about the smaller details.

Date: 3rd May 2012
Member of Parliament: Hon. Elizabeth Ongoro
Contribution she made on: Extension of Prescribed Period for Enactment of Constitutional Bills

- She supported the Motion to extend of the prescribed time to enact constitutional Bills by saying that the theme of devolution was central in the Constitution and that good management of public finance was the pillar that supported the theme of devolution.
- She pointed out that the extension would not set a precedent and emphasized on the need to focus on interrogating and adding value to the Bill so that when it’s next presented it to the President, he would be inclined to assent to it.
- She noted that while she was aware that the House was limited with time, there was no need to rush and enact Bills that might be overtaken by events because the House was trying to pass as many Bills as possible when there was already a question.

Date: 9th May 2012
Member of Parliament: Hon. Millie Odhiambo
Contribution she made on: Adoption of Report on Budget Policy Statement

- She supported the Report by the Committee by stating that the Ministry of Finance needed to keep up with the time. She pointed out that the country had implemented a new Constitution and also had a law called the Financial Management Act, with very clear timelines but added that when the Ministry did not follow the time lines, then it almost always was engaging in an exercise in futility.
- She also stated that she was happy that the Report gave an update on the country’s compliance or possibilities of compliance with the Millennium
Development Goals (MDGs) but pointed out that the Policy Statement was very weak on gender mainstreaming.

- She exemplified this by saying that when it talked about the incidences of poverty it gave a comparison that was at 45.9 per cent in 2006, and that moved up to 52.3 per cent in 1997. She attributed this to the feminization of poverty where the main victims, and the poorest of the poor in this country, tended to be women.

Date: 10th May 2012
Member of Parliament: Hon. Millie Odhiambo
Contribution she made on: Adoption of Report on Budget Policy Statement

- She urged the Minister of Finance to keep up the spirit and not backtrack on the advances made on the path to reforms exemplifying that by stating that the year before the Ministry of Finance brought the policy statement on time but in the current year it was backtracking.
- She urged the house to keep to the provisions of the Fiscal Management Act, which were very positive. She pointed out that while the policy statement acknowledged poverty as affecting growth, the Ministry of Finance needed to ensure that they mainstream the aspects of gender, because the category of persons affected more significantly by poverty was women.
- She pointed out that women were the ones who bore the brunt of poverty; the face of poverty in the country was women and added where it was indicated that incidences of poverty had risen from 45.9 per cent in 2006 to 52.3 per cent in 1997 it would be good to disaggregate those statistics further by gender, so that it could be ascertained exactly how many women were affected as opposed to men.
- She further suggested the disaggregation of the statistics by age; so that it could be ascertained how many young people were affected by poverty adding that many young Kenyans also bore the brunt of poverty.
- She stated her disappointed for the committees stand that seemed to subtle classify corruption and added that corruption was corruption whether it involves Kshs5, Kshs100 or Kshs100 million; pointing out that if the country was to sustain economic growth all forms of corruption had to be eliminated.
- She expressed her disappointment with the lack of passion in the women who were presented here to the Commission adding that they had to have sufficient interest in the subject matter as they could not be spectator in an issue they were supposed to be authorities in.
- She stated that they should have information and knowledge that was way above that of the ordinary Kenyan on the issues of corruption.
- She pointed out that of the many Government Ministries that had come before the Committees; there was only one body that had not requested an increase in budgetary allocation, indicating that the expenditure execution fell behind to Kshs89.3 billion partly due to Development Expenditure and net
lending” and largely attributed this to poor procurement planning for Government funded projects, low absorption of development project funds due to delays in processing and securing no objections from donors.

- She further pointed out that as the country could not asking for money if its absorption capacities are low and if they had not initiated fiscal reforms in those respective Ministries so that they were able to absorb the monies that they are seeking.
- She declared her disappointment at finding many areas in the country that had been marginalized over the years and suggested that if the Ministries could not absorb the funds provided then those monies should go to the Ministries that especially worked with marginalized areas of this country that needed it exemplifying that with the Ministry dealing with northern Kenya
- She expressed her contentment at the report, terming it as cognizant of the fiscal responsibility as entrenched in the Constitution especially the principle of sharing the burdens and benefits of the use of resources and public borrowing between the present and future generations.

Date: 16th May 2012
Member of Parliament: Hon. Dr. Joyce Laboso
Contribution she made on: Thanks for the Presidential State of the Nation Address

- She reiterated her support for the Coalition Government and added that if there was an opportunity to have another Grand Coalition, she would support it because she had witnessed seen the importance of a shared government one of which was the sharing of resources across the country
- She also pointed out at the need to maintain Unity terming it as one of the most important things in Kenya. She stated that there was no need for any person to think of seceding from Kenya and discouraged the MRC from asking for secession pointing out that that was not the direction to go and added that Kenyans wanted a situation where they all felt as part and parcel of the country and where we all feel included.
- She also emphasized on the importance of the devolution in the new constitution. She stated that devolution was the defining thing that differentiated the new system from the current system that the country had. She stated her excitement at the new government which was an autonomous government - and not a centralized one.
- She called for the strict adherence of the provisions of Chapter Six of the Constitution and urged all Kenyans to make sure they elected leaders of integrity. She added that Kenya was not short of people that were not tainted; people who had not been involved in the Goldenberg, Anglo Leasing and any other scandal that this country was wrought with.
- She reiterated the importance matter of peace and reconciliation as the country prepared for the elections. She also stated that contrary to the claims, there was no violence at the Sotik/Borabu border but rather secluded cases of cattle rustling. She questioned why these cases could not be dealt with before they got out of hand.
She expressed her disappointment at the fact that there were still IDP’s 5 years after the elections and urged the government to ensure their speedy resettlement before the next elections.

She also questioned what the government was doing to the government generated IDP’s like the Mau evictees who after being evicted from Mau and Embobut forest they were yet to be resettled as per the government promised to resettle them once they move out of the forest.

She commended the Military on the work they were doing in Somalia and urged the government to continue to offer support to Sudan to ensure that they do not slide back to war and Kenya was called upon to intervene like it is currently doing in Somalia.

She stated that just as the Presidents had stated, the East African Community (EAC) was the best way forward and Regional integration was the direction to go and asked the House to elect members who would represent the country ably in that body and she added that the issue of gender balance should not be forgotten when electing those members.

She commended the President on the infrastructure development especially the roads and added that the legacy on infrastructure development will definitely, be a permanent reminder of the time he had been the President of Kenya.

Date: 16\textsuperscript{th} May 2012
Member of Parliament: Hon. Linah Kilimo
Contribution she made on: Thanks for the Presidential State of the Nation Address

She lauded the Presidential Speech, more so because of the support that he had given the girl-child of this country especially those who had been undergoing female genital mutilation (FGM).

She thanked the President for assenting to the Prohibition of Female Genital Mutilation Bill on 7\textsuperscript{th} October, 2010 and added that the Prohibition of Female Mutilation Act will go a long way to ensure that the girls from the communities which practice FGM remain in school and as they grow into adulthood, they will lead much healthier lives.

She also pointed out that her constituency was one of the places where there were IDPs by the Government due to the issue of conservation of the Cherangany Water Tower and called upon the government to aid in their prompt resettlement.
PROCEDURAL MOTION

Date: 9th May 2012
Member of Parliament: Hon. Rachel Shebesh
Contribution she made on: Exemption of Business from Provisions of S.O. 38

- She opposed the motion quoting the recent incidents of no quorum in the House. She pointed out that the house had set a precedence in bringing Private Members’ Bills and added that these Bills had changed history exemplifying it with Dr. Otichilo’s Bill on climate change, and Ms. Amina Abdalla’s Bill on the issue of drugs.
BILLS

Date: 16th May 2012
Member of Parliament: Hon. Amina Abdalla
Contribution she made on: The Social Assistance Bill (2nd Reading)

- She pointed out that the amendment had been agreed upon between the committee members and the Departmental Committee on Administration and National Security. She added that the committee wanted to ensure the membership of the board that was going to manage NACADA was chaired by an individual who was vetted by Parliament and that individuals who were experts in health care, research policy and legal matters were also included in addition to the regular boards that included principal secretaries who were working in the sectors involved in the control of drug and alcohol abuse and therefore the major issue was that they want the Chair of the board to be an individual above board in the fight against alcohol and drug abuse.
- She reiterated that the new clause (Clause 24A) was intended to give the new NACADA the power to convene an inter-agency forum, so that they would be discussing emerging trends on how to reduce abuse of drugs and alcohol and added that the purpose of that clause was to describe what exactly will be taking place in those meetings.
- She also seconded second that the New Clause 24B be part of the Bill as it was describing the remedial measures the Authority would take in advising the inter-agency forum.
- She supported the proposed amendments to the titles of the authority’s leadership structure by stating that was a substantive amendment in that they had the title of the Bill as National Drug Control Authority Act, and having considered that alcohol was a bigger problem in Kenya and the fact that the country had the Alcohol Control Act, it could be changed back to the National Authority for the Campaign Against Alcohol and Drug which was the proposed new title.
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

Date: 3rd May 2012
Member of Parliament: Hon. Dr. Joyce Laboso
Contribution she made on: The Supplementary Appropriation Bill (Report and 3rd Reading)

She reported that the Committee of the whole House had considered the Supplementary Appropriation Bill and approved it without amendment.
MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS

Date: 2nd May 2012
Member of Parliament: Hon. Rachel Shebesh
Contribution she made on: Selective Demolition of Buildings in Eastleigh

- She asked for clarification from the Attorney-General should to point out the investors who put in millions of shillings and got approval from the NCC and further inquired whether they were the risk or it was their buildings because their building were approved.

Date: 10th May 2012
Member of Parliament: Hon. Millie Odhiambo
Contribution she made on: Status of Implementation of the Constitution

- She cautioned the Leader of Government Business of the limited time that the House had to conclude the business before the elections by stating that the House has about three months to do proper business if they took into account Recess

Date: 10th May 2012
Member of Parliament: Hon. Rachel Shebesh
Contribution she made on: Status of Implementation of the Constitution

- She requested the Leader of Government Business to account for what happened after the withdrawal of the constitutional amendment that was to deal with the election date
- She noted that it was to address the two-thirds gender rule too and that it had been approved by the Cabinet Sub Committee that dealt with Bills and it was to be brought to the house as a Constitutional (amendment) Bill.
- She further inquired why when the issue of the election date was negotiated away by the Executive, the two-thirds gender rule was not addressed and added that there was the issue of the Commissioners whose terms had expired and had not been renewed, specifically pointing out the Commissioner who sat on behalf of the Public Service Commission (PSC) in the Judicial Service Commission (JSC), who was the Chair and whose term expired.

Date: 15th May 2012
Member of Parliament: Hon. Rachel Shebesh
Contribution she made on: Deportation of Abu Amena Bradley Phillips

- She pointed out that the Government canvassed the issue of our defense forces going into Somalia and during that time the House was told clearly what the security issues were and it became Government policy and the
House adopted it - that there were some measures that were going to be taken to safeguard this country against attack by what was known *Al-Shabaab*.

- She called upon the Minister to explain to the House the instructions he had been given as the Minister of State for Immigration and Registration of Persons, which, of course, allowed people in and out, in terms of that particular issue of safeguarding Kenyans security due to the Operation *Linda Nchi* that was going on.

**Date: 17**\(^{th}\) May 2012  
**Member of Parliament: Hon. Amina Abdalla**  
**Contribution she made on: Criteria for Appointment of 47 County Commissioners**

- She appreciated the clarification that the appointments were not new posts but rather they were deployments and added that that was one of the issues that was affecting the question of consultation and the question of vetting.  
- She however questioned the fact that the list had only 23 per cent members of the female gender and inquired whether this was because there were no female members of the Provincial Administration at that Job Group or above that or that they could not simply redeploy more females

**Date: 17**\(^{th}\) May 2012  
**Member of Parliament: Hon. Millie Odhiambo**  
**Contribution she made on: Criteria for Appointment of 47 County Commissioners**

- She pointed out that deployment was also synonymous with formation and therefore there was a notion of the ‘formation’ of these new posts; She also questioned why the appointments had not reached the two thirds gender rule threshold as well as why the appointments were unilateral and did not involve consultations

**Date: 22**\(^{nd}\) May 2012  
**Member of Parliament: Hon. Rachel Shebesh**  
**Contribution she made on: Status of the Youth Enterprise Development Fund**

- She inquired as to whether the Minister was aware or he knew that the biggest scandal that had hit the Youth Fund happened during the working relationship between the Ministry and a firm called Enablis  
- She also inquired whether the issue was ever sorted out to the satisfaction of the stakeholders who were the young people and added that that scandal was one of the reasons why, continuously, you kept hearing that the people were not happy with the Youth Fund.
She requested the Minister to tell the House how much money, so far, had been added in terms of facilitation and also why they used intermediaries which had private gain.

Date: 31st May 2012
Member of Parliament: Hon. Dr. Naomi Shaban
Contribution she made on: Announcement of the Results of the EALA Election – NARC-Kenya Cluster

She congratulated the candidates for the EALA and the Members of parliament for the continued good work they were doing and asked the successful legislators to represent the country well in their respective positions.
POUTNS OF ORDER

Date: 15th May 2012
Member of Parliament: Hon. Millie Odhiambo
Contribution she made on: Criteria for Appointments of 47 County Commissioners

> She requested the Minister to also indicate the specific role of the County Commissioners *vis-a-vis* the roles of Governors and what measures had been put in place to avoid conflict in terms of competing roles.
> She also questioned why there was not a division of the posts based on ethnicity to ensure that no community’s are left out in the distribution of the posts.

Date: 15th May 2012
Member of Parliament: Hon. Rachel Shebesh
Contribution she made on: Criteria for Appointments of 47 County Commissioners

> She requested the Minister to state whether he was cognizant of the fact that the issue had been raised before and answered by the Minister of State for Public Service who assured Parliament that that exercise of posting the County Commissioners would not be done until the House had completed the Bills that we were debating on devolution.
> She also called upon the Minister to inform the House whether they are aware that because of the purported seniority in terms of the current Regional Commissioners, District Commissioners and senior District Commissioners, there was already disquiet among those who felt that they were senior and were not considered and some who were not yet even confirmed DCs were put on the list.

Date: 16th May 2012
Member of Parliament: Hon. Martha Karua
Contribution she made on: Killing of Samir Khan

> She called the House’s attention to the fact that over two weeks ago, the Minister of State for Provincial Administration and Internal Security, while responding to the request for a Ministerial Statement on the abduction and killing of Samir Khan, the Chair found the Ministerial Statement unsatisfactory and asked that it came in two weeks and added that the two weeks ended on 9th and asked the Chair to give directions whether it be brought to the House the next day or the next week.

Date: 17th May 2012
Member of Parliament: Hon. Rachel Shebesh
Contribution she made on: Status of Mathare Youth Sports Association
She requested for a Ministerial Statement of Youth Affairs and Sports to explain the current status of the Mathare Youth Sports Association (MYSA) and specifically who the board members of MYSA were and how many times they had met in the last one year. She also requested the details of a report commissioned by their donor, namely, Strom Foundation, who had subsequently withdrawn their funding due to claims of sexual defilement, age cheating and corruption.

She also inquired the measures the Ministry had taken to deal with the negative publicity the story had generated for the country in Norway where the feature of the same had been broadcast in their media.

Date: 22nd May 2012
Member of Parliament: Hon. Millie Odhiambo
Contribution she made on: Constitutionality of Motion on Adoption of Report on Vetting of Nominees to National Police Service Commission

She stated that she was almost agreeable to the Committee in all its recommendations, except that it seemed to be contradictory in that in the first recommendation, it stated that the nomination of these persons was unconstitutional and, in the third recommendation, the same Committee was asking Parliament to accept other names which were not forwarded to Parliament.

She pointed out that just as the cases of the appointment of the Attorney-General, the Chief Justice and the Director of Public Prosecutions the house was also tasked with role of breaking the deadlock brought about a situation where there was no consultation and matters could not go forward quoting Article “29(2) which stated that Unless this Schedule prescribes otherwise, when this Constitution requires an appointment to be made by the President with the approval of the National Assembly, until after the first elections under this Constitution, the President shall, subject to the National Accord and Reconciliation Act, appoint a person after consultation with the Prime Minister and with the approval of the National Assembly.”

Date: 29th May 2012
Member of Parliament: Hon. Rachel Shebesh
Contribution she made on: Explosion at Assanands House

She sought a Ministerial Statement from the Minister of State for Provincial Administration and Internal Security on the explosion at the Assanands House along Moi Avenue in Nairobi on 28th May, 2012 explaining the following:

i) The cause of the explosion in view of the conflicting information by various arms of Government on the same.
ii) How many people were injured in the incident and the total loss incurred by the business people affected
iii) Confirm that the Government would meet the hospital bills for the casualties and compensate the people whose businesses were affected.

**Date:** 29th May 2012  
**Member of Parliament:** Hon Martha Karua  
**Contribution she made on:** Averting Mauling of Residents of Laikipia by Lions

- She sought a ministerial statement from the Minister in charge of forestry and wildlife on the circumstances in which two women, Susan Wanjiku and Esther Ewoi, were mauled by a lion in Laikipia West that week.
- She also asked for a statement on how many other people had been mauled by animals, mainly lions and elephants from the Cooky Galman Ranch in Laikipia West and what the Ministry was doing to avert such incidents.
- She inquired whether there was policy to compel owners of private ranches that keep wildlife to put electric fences around their ranches to avert human/wildlife conflict as well as whether the Ministry considers that the laws that were there were adequate, and if not, what it was doing to bring in law and policy to govern management of private wildlife sanctuaries, noting that wildlife belongs to Kenyans.
- She also asked whether the Ministry was assisting families of people mauled by animals, or killed by wildlife in private game reserves and could they claim compensation from these private owners, because the law allows for that as well as the measures the Ministry was taking to create awareness of these issues.
PRIME MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS

Date: 9th May 2012
Member of Parliament: Hon. Martha Karua
Contribution she made on: Provision of Roadmap to Peaceful General Election

- She commended the Prime Minister for having acknowledged that constitutions without constitutionalism do not help and went on to challenge him to push the Government to support the December election date.
- She pointed out that the constitution held that the elections would be held every fifth year and therefore if the Government believed in constitutionalism they would duly instruct the Attorney General to concede the appeal that is before the court, so that the elections could be held in December this year, within the fifth year timeframe as per the constitution.

Date: 16th May 2012
Member of Parliament: Hon. Rachel Shebesh
Contribution she made on: Disaster Risk Reduction Strategy Programme

- She pointed out that in countries where the government took the issue of disasters seriously, they had either set up a Ministry for disaster preparedness or management or placed the issue of disaster management under the President’s Office or the Vice-President’s Office or the Prime Minister’s Office.
- She requested the Prime Minister to talk about the program since this issue was so pertinent and there seemed to be overlapping of duties when disasters happened giving the roles of the different Ministries that were working independently but also within the framework of disaster risk reduction like the Ministry of State for Special Programmes, the Ministry of Forestry and Wildlife, the Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Water and Irrigation, Ministry of State for Provincial Administration and Internal Security, Ministry of State for Development of Northern Kenya and Other Arid Lands, Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Development, as well as the Ministry of Local
- She pointed out that even as the Government was doing all that it could to prepare for disasters, to date, the Nairobi City Council had sold of four of the five sites that were meant for fire stations.

Date: 16th May 2012
Member of Parliament: Hon. Martha Karua
Contribution she made on: Disaster Risk Reduction Strategy Programme

- Quoting the Prime Minister on climate change who pointed out reforestation as one of the ways of mitigating climate change she inquired whether the Government had considered getting all the public institutions and Non-
Governmental Organizations (NGOs) to join the Forest Department in planting more trees during the rainy season

Date: 23rd May 2012
Member of Parliament: Hon. Rachel Shebesh
Contribution she made on: Clarification on Two-Thirds Gender Principle

- She called for clarifications from the Leader of Government on the issue of the principle of two-thirds and added that it was part of this Constitutional (Amendment) Bill but had been pushed aside for the discussion on the election date but nothing had happened on the principle of two-thirds.
- She questioned whether the two-thirds amendment that was being brought together with the election date was a simple public relations exercise by the Government and it was not real commitment and further asked about the fate of the two-thirds principle on gender requirement in the Constitution.