NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Date 18th September 2013
Member of Parliament: Hon. Rachel Shebesh
Contribution She Made On: Reinforcement of Community Service Order Act

- She gave notice of the following Motion to the Departmental Committee on Administration and National Security and the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs:-

  ▪ THAT, aware that during the year 2003 the Government enforced the Community Service Order Act 1988 as part of the ongoing prison reforms; deeply concerned that most police stations and prisons are still crowded with petty offenders as magistrates are not fully utilizing the community service as an alternative to custodial sentences for petty offenders; also noting that Article 49(2) of the Constitution states that such people should not be held in custody if an offence is punishable by a fine or imprisonment for not more than six months; this House urges the Government to reinforce the Community Service Order Act, 1988.
COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

Date 17th September 2013
Member of Parliament: Hon. Alice Ng’ang’a
Contribution She Made On: Consideration and Approval Of Finance Bill

- She supported the Bill by stating that Kenyans had come of age and were now able to solve their own problems and added that unlike previous years when it was a nightmare accessing loans, now with microfinance at the grassroots level people can now access loans easily and this has led to growth for businesses.

- She pointed out that before, Kenyans never used to know what was expected of them even after accessing a loan but now, if one went to the bank they are told of the products that were being offered and therefore at grassroots level, this would empower many people.

- She further stated that people at the grassroots level never wanted to access loans and that was why they joined the pyramid schemes which collapsed adding that previously, people spent a lot of money to open an account but with the advent of microfinance, it was now easier to open accounts and access money.

- She stated that in fact, people now were not putting money under blankets and inside mattresses as they now know the need to bank their money and therefore she supported the idea of having microfinance institutions at the grassroots level.

- She noted that it used to be a big deal to go to the banks and the big banks knew that they were the only ones offering the service, however, today, there were many financial institutions and so the competition had led to improved customer service.

- She stated that people could now access funds without anybody pushing them and women and youth meet in their groups are able to collect their money and take it to the financial institutions and were able now to do business as individuals and as groups.

Date 17th September 2013
Member of Parliament: Hon. Joyce Emanikor
Contribution She Made On: Consideration And Approval Of Finance Bill
She supported the Bill but questioned the accessibility of the banks and microfinance institutions citing that they were not in some places like Lodwar, hence begging the question of whether those microfinance institutions were really accessible.

She further stated that if reference was made to accessing credit facilities, access to manage assets and economic growth, then this would be mainly microfinance and as the country was talking of double digit economic growth. It would only be made possible by also promoting the microfinance institutions.

She stated that the under-developed or marginal communities like the Turkana for instance can only take small loans and they cannot manage to access conventional or big loans and, therefore, those projects would transform their lives and this in turn would diversify their lives and they will be able to realize some change.

She stated that the developing world markets report showed that the repayment rate for the microfinance institutions ranged around 97 per cent to 98 per cent and that was because of the favorable modalities used by the Microfinance Institutions (MFIs) to give loans and that anybody can access that.

She added that the MFIs had even gone beyond lending money in terms of the corporate social responsibilities and had given scholarships to children from poor families, had trained women groups on financial management among other things.

She concluded by stating that when one talks of the family, it is the basic unit in a society and it is very critical in the development of a nation; the family is very much connected to the woman and the woman is the person that has been empowered by these institutions adding that all the money that women got went into projects that develop the family.

**Date 17th September 2013**
**Member of Parliament: Hon. Peris Tobiko**
**Contribution She Made On: Consideration and Approval of Finance Bill**

- She supported the Microfinance (Amendment) Bill, 2013 by stating that this was progress in the country which was taking banking services to the people. She stated that like many of the speakers had indicated, in the country, there are Kenyans who have mobilized themselves into small groups trying to do business and there were women doing table banking, merry-go-rounds...
and small chamas that were trying to mobilize their resources for the betterment of their families and the only way for them to access banking services is through microfinance institutions.

- She pointed out that she was happy that the role of the Central Bank had been specified and clarified and Kenyans’ money would be taken care of. She noted that soon the UwezoFund would be operationalized and KShs6 billion will be circulating in the market and the only way for Kenyans to secure their savings and have a saving culture is by having these microfinance institutions available to them and closer home.

- She pointed out that were many SACCOs that had front banking services and that this was the way to go and the microfinance institutions normally were the ones that handle Kenyans in a friendlier way and in addition they have personalized services and they even finance LPOs adding that they did not have strict terms like the multi-national banking institutions and this was the way the country needed to go.
STATEMENTS

Date 3rd September 2013
Member of Parliament: Hon. Amina Abdalla
Contribution She Made On: Destruction of Crops By Elephants In Mwatate Constituency

She pointed out that her statement was a response to the Member for Mwatate, hon. Mwadime who sought a Statement regarding the destruction of crops by elephants in Mosongori, Mwakinego, Godoma, Mwashuma and Mwachabo areas in Mwatate Constituency as asked on 13th August, 2013.

She pointed out that the Ministry of Environment, Water and Mineral Resources was aware that elephants have been destroying crops in Mwatate Constituency and the following were the measures they had taken to address the matter:

i) The KWS had deployed two special animal control units in the area. The two units were from the Community Wildlife Service (CWS) office in Voi and had been facilitated with five vehicles that assist in the management of human-wildlife conflict in all areas within the constituency. In addition, the KWS had been using choppers and husky light aircrafts to drive away elephants from the community areas back to the parks and sanctuaries.

ii) In order to minimize human-wildlife conflict in Mwatate Constituency, the KWS was currently implementing two fencing projects in the area. The first one is the Mwakitao-Ndii electric fence, which is 65 kilometres long. So far, 35 kilometres of this fence had been completed and the remaining 30 kilometres would be completed in the next one year. And the second fence, which was supposed to cover Bura-Kasigau area was currently being marked and aligned and that fence would take a further one-and-a-half years to complete.

iii) The Ministry of Environment, Water and Mineral Resources had facilitated the KWS to develop and maintain a national database on human-wildlife conflict and they had given the number of cases of human-wildlife conflict in the whole country from 2009 to the present, and specifically for the whole of Taita Taveta District, which included Mwatate, the cases for Taita Taveta County were as follows:

a. With regard to crop destruction, there were 74 cases in 2009; 26 cases in 2010; 53 cases in 2011; 325 cases in 2012; and 134 cases in 2013. As a long-term measure, the Wildlife Conservation and Management Bill, 2013 will address the issue of compensation for damage by wildlife on crops. She further called the members attention to the fact that current regulations on compensation did not cover compensation for loss incurred by farmers when wildlife destroyed their crops.
b. The draft Bill that would be brought before this House addresses this aspect.

- She stated that in conclusion, the Ministry of Environment, Water and Mineral Resources wished to reiterate that human-wildlife conflict had been a major concern in Taita Taveta County and at the national level as reported cases between 2009 and 2013 are over 8,144. He stated that the Minister undertook to address the menace of destruction of crops through the new Bill that will be coming before the House in the nearest future.
REQUESTS FOR STATEMENTS

Date 18th September 2013  
Member of Parliament: Hon. Janet Wanyama  
Contribution She Made On: Staff Retrenchment in Telkom Kenya

- She pointed out that one month ago she had requested for a Statement from the Committee on Energy, Communication and Information over the staff retrenched from Telkom Limited and further inquired whether the retrenched staff had been paid their dues to-date.

Date 18th September 2013  
Member of Parliament: Hon. Grace Kipchoim  
Contribution She Made On: Insufficient ICU Bed Space in Public Hospitals

- She pointed out that before recess she had sought a Statement from the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources because the people of Baringo South, Lakes Baringo and Bogoria were expanding their territories and that had now affected their environment; six schools were now closed and 1000 families were out in the cold and the Committee had not responded to her request and she did not know what was going on; these people were suffering and she was still expecting to hear from the Committee.

Date 19th September 2013  
Member of Parliament: Hon. Priscilla Nyokabi  
Contribution She Made On: Activities of Civil Society Organizations in Kenya

- She pointed that it was not clear under Standing Order No.44(2)(c) if the matters that had been raised fell within the mandate of the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs because the matters were about civil society organizations and added that the human rights ones would probably fall within her committee but the bulk of the human rights and the bulk of other human society organizations now fell within the Public Benefit Organizations Act.

- She further stated that she was not sure, looking at the mandate of the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs, whether that particular matter really ought to come to the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs and the matters that he was raising were really broader on issues affecting the civil society.

Date 24th September 2013  
Member of Parliament: Hon. Amina Abdalla  
Contribution She Made On: Status of San Marco Space Application Centre
She pointed out that the had tabled two reports in the House and she do not know what period of time they would take to be debated and raised her concern that might become like the reports of the Tenth Parliament requiring debate in the Eleventh Parliament.

Date 25th September 2013  
Member of Parliament: Hon. Gladys Nyasuna  
Contribution She Made On: Status of Acting CEO of National Gender And Equality Commission

She stated that pursuant to Standing Order No.44(2)(c), she sought a Statement from the Chair of the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs concerning the National Gender and Equality Commission. She pointed out that the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the National Gender and Equality Commission had been acting for a period longer than the legally required period of six months and that was the twelfth month that the CEO continued to act.

She requested that in his Statement, the Chair should inquire into and clarify the circumstances preventing the confirmation of this CEO and the Committee should seek to provide guidance to the Commission on how to proceed on this matter.

Date 25th September 2013  
Member of Parliament: Hon. Dannitah Ghati  
Contribution She Made On: Status of Acting CEO of National Gender And Equality Commission

She pointed out that that was an issue that needed urgent attention and it was important the issue be addressed as soon as possible adding that this was keeping the National Gender and Equality Commission in limbo. She further reiterated her colleagues’ remark that twelve months in acting capacity was not acceptable in this country and called upon the Committee to reduce the number of days that they have to take to respond to this issue.

Date 26th September 2013  
Member of Parliament: Hon. Sabina Chege  
Contribution She Made On: Delayed Release of KCSE Certificates by KNEC

She stated that pursuant to Standing Order 44(2)(c), she was requesting for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Education, Research and Technology, regarding the delay by the Kenya National Examinations Council (KNEC) in releasing KCSE certificates for a large number of students in the country, particularly in Busia County adding that the Chairperson should investigate and report on why KNEC was holding onto certificates of students nationally; including those of Kolanya Boys High
School, Mudika Boys High School, Budokomi High School and Lwanya Girls High School.

- She further asked the Chair to state when KNEC planned to release such certificates and how KNEC was planning to compensate the students and parents for the lost opportunities as a result of the failure by the institution to release the certificates in good time.

**Date 26th September 2013**

**Member of Parliament: Hon. Esther Murugi**

**Contribution She Made On:** Classification of General Hospitals as Referral Hospitals

- She sought a Statement from the Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Health by stating that the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution stipulated that national referral hospitals was the mandate of the national Government and yet Governors were managing these hospitals.

- She therefore requested the Chairperson to explain the number of hospitals that had been classified as referral hospitals and what criteria was used to classify them and exemplified this by stating that Nyeri General Hospital had not been classified as a referral hospital and yet patients were being charged rates that were applicable to referral hospitals further suggesting that this be reversed until such time it was classified as a referral hospital.
MOTIONS

Date 5th September 2013
Member of Parliament: Hon. Priscilla Nyokabi
Contribution She Made On: Withdrawal From Rome Statute And ICC

- She pointed out that the Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs had met on Tuesday to discuss the matter around the JSC and the oversight of the JSC but it came to their attention that there was a discussion on the ICC. She further stated that the Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs then decided to meet that day to discuss and give more weight the question of the ICC.

- She pointed out that the Committee took the view that this was both a political and a legal process and they were alive to both the politics and the legal aspect of it but the Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs in discussing the matter of the ICC chose to be guided by three prongs;

  - One was around the presidency and many concerns about the immunities available in law around the presidency and subjecting a sitting President to trial and where the Committee resolved or decided to seek an amendment which they thought would be coming later on

  - Two was on the matter of the trail calendar where the Committee was concerned that the President and the Deputy President oughtn’t be out of this country at the same time. There they looked at the push of the trial calendar to be set in a way that there is no vacuum in leadership and that was the matter they thought the case should be able to take care of.

  - Three, the Committee also looked at the question of why the ICC was here and one of those questions was the fight against impunity. So, the Committee, like the Committee before it in the 10th Parliament proposed the creation of a special division of the High Court with a special prosecutor and a special investigation department so that the cases that needed to be tried were actually tried here in Kenya.

- She further stated that lastly, the Committee looked at the question of victims and proposed that there be a quick and urgent liberation and reconciliation mechanism for victims. That this National Assembly, in the Supplementary Budget are going to set aside Kshs 1 billion for that purpose; three religious leaders be appointed one from the main stream religion, one from the evangelical and one from the Islam to lead this process. She added that they think in those ways, there was no need for the ICC.

- She concluded that the Committee supported the move to localize these matters, but to look at victims, impunity and to ensure that the President and the Deputy President are not out of the country on trial at the same time.
Date 5<sup>th</sup> September 2013  
Member of Parliament: Hon. Millie Odhiambo  
Contribution She Made On: Withdrawal from Rome Statute And ICC

- She opposed the motion by stating that she was feeling extremely honored and privileged to be in the minority of those who were opposing, just in the same way I was in the minority of opposing going to The Hague and added that she was feeling extremely vindicated today.

- She stated that she wanted to speak about two things. One was that despite the fact that they were saying that they were not speaking to non-defiance and non-cooperation, everything that they said spoke to defiance and non-cooperation.

- She stated that her second point was that all that was said in the House that as Kenya and as an African nation, we are telling the ICC--- We are daring the ICC. We are telling the ICC: “Dare joke with us!” She stated that she wanted to go on record that her understanding was that we are telling and daring the ICC that we have a President and a Deputy President and that they must provide different standards and that we are on the process of pulling out and added that she wanted to go on record that she was speaking to the ICC and she was opposing.

Date 5<sup>th</sup> September 2013  
Member of Parliament: Hon. Rachel Shebesh  
Contribution She Made On: Withdrawal from Rome Statute and ICC

- She pointed out that as a country we can never change history and that Kenyans know exactly how we got to the ICC and therefore being lectured about it continuously did not make sense, because everyone knew.

- She however stated that she believed that, as a leadership, they could determine the future of this country and that the future of this country was that they must be part of the African nations that had decided that they should come up with African solutions to African problems. She added that every time they spoke it was assumed that they were protecting the President, the Deputy President and Mr. Sang but they have always spoken in the House for the victims of the post-election violence.

- She pointed out that she believed that the victims’ voices must be heard and she wondered why the civil society had not made it clear, if their work was really to listen to the victims.

Date 5<sup>th</sup> September 2013  
Member of Parliament: Hon. Florence Kajuju  
Contribution She Made On: Withdrawal from Rome Statute and ICC
➢ She supported the Motion as amended by saying that it was unfair for a legal process to be clouded by a political process. She further stated that the ICC process had all along enjoyed a lot of faith from each and every Kenyan but, the moment the legal process was turned into a political process, as leaders chosen by the people, they must give a political direction to the people. She added that that day, as the 11th Parliament, they were showing the people of Kenya the political direction that they had to take as a country.

Date 5\(^{th}\) September 2013  
Member of Parliament: Hon. Sabina Chege  
Contribution She Made On: Withdrawal from Rome Statute and ICC

➢ She supported the motion and added that she would like Kenyans to know that, under Article 127 of the Rome Statute, any country that was a signatory was allowed to withdraw, and therefore Kenyans should not be afraid.

➢ She further stated that the decision that they were going to make that day, as a House, would not affect the cases that were going on at the ICC and so, Kenyans should be at peace and they should know that, as a House, they were very sober and Kenya had a sober Judiciary and they did not want any other Kenyan to be taken to the ICC in future.

Date 18\(^{th}\) September 2013  
Member of Parliament: Hon. Alice Chae  
Contribution She Made On: Enhancement Of KWS Compensation To Wildlife Victims

➢ She propose an amendment to the Motion by hon. Onesmus Muthomi Njuki by stating that she was in agreement with him since she felt that all that Parliament was doing was good because as a country we value the lives of the people of Mount Kenya as well as the value the animals.

➢ She proposed that the Motion be amended by deleting the words “also consider compensating” before “farmers” in the last sentence and replacing it with the word “compensate” so that it is a must that the farmers should be compensated for their crops which have been destroyed by the wild animals.

Date 18\(^{th}\) September 2013  
Member of Parliament: Hon. Zainab Chidzuga  
Contribution She Made On: Enhancement Of KWS Compensation To Wildlife Victims
➤ She supported the motion as amended by stating that tourism and wildlife contribute billions of shillings to the country and as such the country has tried to put in place measures to protect wildlife and even to stop poaching but unfortunately they have turned a blind eye to the people.

➤ She pointed out that the citizens are no longer protected as they deserve and the farmers are not even protecting our farmers. She added that it was only Kshs250,000 is awarded when there is death as a result of human-wildlife conflict and nothing was given to compensate farmers.

➤ She further stated that the human-wildlife conflict was found mostly where there are national parks and game reserves and added that in her county there was a place called Mwakitau where this problem was rampant and it did not seem like it was coming to an end and in fact, KWS had most times been accused of encroaching into people’s land; they had not managed to fence off the wildlife area to protect people from elephants.

➤ She pointed out that as the government made efforts to try and curb poverty and hunger, it was still contributing to the same and instead of coming up with solutions, it was contributing to the problem and added that this was so because when farmers lose their crops, their families go hungry.

➤ She recommended rangers employed to protect wildlife also ensure that there are rangers stationed where farmers border the game reserves and national parks, so that they provide protection to farmers throughout the weeding period and harvesting period, so that they do not suffer losses.

Date 18th September 2013
Member of Parliament: Hon. Wanjiku Muia
Contribution She Made On: Enhancement Of KWS Compensation To Wildlife Victims

➤ She supported the Motion and requested the Mover to add an amendment to his Motion stating that when people were injured by wildlife, they’d end up staying in hospitals for a very long time and once they out of they are unable even to support themselves or their families and therefore they should add that the Government caters for their hospital bills.

➤ She pointed out that the Kshs200,000 which they are given after leaving hospital could not do much for a family and therefore she requested the Mover if he would be comfortable with the addition that during hospitalization, the Government should cater for the expenses.
Date 18th September 2013  
Member of Parliament: Hon. Joyce Lay  
Contribution She Made On: Review of Terms And Conditions Of Recruitment Of KPR Personnel

- She supported the Motion by hon. Alois by stating that cattle have been a source of livelihood to the people in the ASAL areas adding that Livestock contributes a lot to the economy because, most of the time, livestock is traded with the neighboring countries and revenue is earned and taken back to the country.

- She added that cattle’s rustling in those areas has been an amenace for many years and, it seemed like there was no found a solution to the problem. She supported the Mover that security needed to be beefed up in those areas because when such things happen and most of the time the people who were affected were the women, children and the elderly. Those people do not just come to steal livestock, they make sure that they kill.

- She further added that people and some residents leave or flee their homesteads in fear of such activities adding that one of the main reasons that really contribute to the menace was poverty; peoplescrambled for the few resources available which in turn push them to steal. She pointed out that this trend has led to more insecurity as people acquire illegal firearms to protect their animals with.

- She proposed the introduction of commercial activities that can earn people money as mandatory in addition to beefing up security, she pointed out that there are so many activities that can be introduced in such areas that people can earn money from and not just steal livestock. She gave the example of farming, irrigation and mining as possible means through which the government can create employment for the youth.

Date 18th September 2013  
Member of Parliament: Hon. Fatuma Ibrahim Ali  
Contribution She Made On: Review of Terms And Conditions Of Recruitment Of KPR Personnel

- She supported the Motion by stating that the Motion was very timely, knowing the challenges the northern counties were experiencing and added...
that this was a major problem in those areas and has been for a long time particularly areas along the regional borders.

- She pointed out that from pre-colonial to post-independence times, those areas have experienced cattle rustling and cross-border conflict that largely affected northern Kenya and little has changed since. She stated that the cattle rustling prevalent in 1950s was still rife and that was clearly indicative that the country has not appreciated the unique problems of the area and, therefore, it had not designed security apparatus to address the unique circumstances of those areas and deal with cattle rustling and cross-border conflict.

- She further supported the support the Motion in terms of recruiting and increasing the National Police Service. She pointed out that recently when there was clan-based conflict, the area had heavily relied on the support and the skill of the KPR. She pointed out that think it was important for the country to appreciate the mandate of the security forces to restore law and order and protect life and property and to also appreciate their challenges.

- She pointed out that the KPR is localized in those areas and therefore understood the situation and they are well trained. She also stated that they were recognized as a unit that can address insecurity and they were also conversant with the area in terms of geography and infrastructure. She concluded that they were in a better position to address the cattle rustling menace, which was also rampant within those areas and affected the communities.

Date 25th September 2013  
Member of Parliament: Hon. Millie Odhiambo  
Contribution She Made On: Appointment of Members To Pan-African Parliament

- She noted that while the Leader of Majority Party, while he was moving this Motion, indicated that by procedure, amendments cannot be brought to this House. That is one. Secondly, if my memory serves me right, if a Motion of this nature is brought to the House and is defeated before the Floor, you cannot bring the same individuals. You will have to bring a totally new list of individuals.

- She encouraged the Leader of Majority Party to withdraw the Motion, seek consensus and bring a new list, instead of bringing division. So, I would encourage the Leader of Majority Party to withdraw the list and bring a new list that is agreed upon as a House.
Date 25th September 2013
Member of Parliament: Hon. Maison Leshoomo
Contribution She Made On: Review Of Terms And Conditions Of Recruitment For KPR

- She condoled with the magnitude of insecurity in this country. That is why I want to say that unless people really come from areas where cattle rustling are a problem, they will never understand the magnitude of this problem. I come from a constituency and a community that has been having the problem of cattle rustling.

- She noted that getting the police to come on time and address the issue of cattle rustling is a problem where I come from. That is why I support this Motion. This Motion is basically seeking to substitute the work of the police so that we have other hands that are helping the police to respond to issues of insecurity. We have the problem of small firearms that is finding its way into communities. Unless we use the community policing policy or the people who understand the terrain of the areas where this is a problem, we will not have it easy.

- She noted that every time you call the police, they ask for fuel and money. That is why I have a problem sometimes dealing with the police. That is why we need to strengthen, train and recognize the other extra hands that are willing to help in terms of beefing up our security. That is why I support this Motion that seeks to recognize these people that are trying to restore security in our communities.

Date 26th September 2013
Member of Parliament: Hon. Florence Kajuju
Contribution She Made On: Appointment of Members To Pan-African Parliament

- She begged to move the following Motion:-

  THAT, notwithstanding the resolution of the House of 10th July, 2013, the Select Committee investigating matters of khat reports to the House within a period of ninety (90) days, this House further resolves to extend the period by sixty (60) days in order to enable the Committee to comprehensively conclude its activities.

- She noted that the Committee on Miraa was formed on 10th July, 2013. Upon an amendment, it comprises of 29 Members. It set upon doing its work and the first business was election of the Vice-Chairperson and thereafter it drafted its terms of reference. It also started with visiting various loci in quo. It first went to Maili Tatu in Meru County. It also visited Embu and Isiolo counties.
She pointed out that the Committee has conducted intensive research and has interviewed various stakeholders in this business of miraa. Amongst those who have been interviewed by the Committee are: The Cabinet Secretary for Health, Cabinet Secretary for Agriculture, Cabinet Secretary for Education, Science and Technology, and the Cabinet Secretary for Foreign Affairs. We have also interviewed various institutions including KEMRI, KEBs and various scientists, doctors, farmers, and traders who ordinarily conduct the business of miraa.

She noted that the most disappointing thing is that of all the institutions that we have interviewed, we have not been able to get any data or statistics or reports that are conclusive enough to enable this Committee bring a Report to the House. Most of the institutions that have appeared before us, and the most important one being KEMRI and which we met today in the morning for the second time, have sought time to bring a conclusive report. Most of the institutions have indicated that miraa is what they have been terming as a neglected or orphaned crop. Therefore, no government institution has been keen to do research on miraa as a crop.

She further stated that the desire to bring an open-ended report to this House and more importantly a comprehensive report, it has become important that we come before the House to seek an extension. The institutions that have appeared before us have told us that much of what they have done has been cross-sectional research and not longitudinal and qualitative data to be able to present before the Committee.

She noted that in their terms of reference, they had also indicated that we would like to look at various legislations that are in place to see what would happen in the event that the Committee makes some recommendations. I had mentioned the Crops Act No.16 of 2012 and also the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Control Act No.4 of 1994. The National Assembly was kind enough to give us a research assistant who has been sitting with this Committee day-in-day-out.

She stated that she has prepared some report which needed further beefing up upon receipt of the conclusive data from the various Ministries. Looking at the intensive and extensive research that must be conducted, we also feel as a Committee that there must be a study tour that is to be carried by this Committee to countries that have banned miraa and those which are about to ban that crop. Therefore, like I submitted earlier, the United Kingdom (UK) should be one of the countries. We intend to see if we are able to get to the Netherlands.
She stated that they had been trying to talk to the National Assembly to see whether the Parliamentary Service Commission will allow us travel. This has not happened as yet but there is a promise that it can happen if we are given some more time to clean up the report.

She further stated that due to the intensive nature of the activities that are yet to be carried out and taking into account the time that has to be taken in terms of report writing, it is therefore important that we seek for an extension of time. I can see with certainty that this Committee has already conducted around 70 per cent of its work. What remains is 30 per cent. That is why I come before this House, with your permission, to allow this Committee 60 more days. Within the 60 days, we will be able to carry out any study tour that the House is going to enable us carry out. We are going to get conclusive data from the various institutions, especially National Authority for Campaign against Alcohol and Drug Abuse (NACADA).

She pleaded with the House that this Committee has been extremely active. I believe it is the best Committee that has ever been created by this House in terms of ad hoc Committees. It will not cost a lot if we are allowed just 60 more days so that when we come back with the report, this House is going to make a decision based upon it. She noted that there had been a lot of interest that has been elicited out of this discussion on miraa. We have had religious groups coming to us seeking for an opportunity to be heard by this Committee. We have encouraged persons, whether you are opposed to miraa as a crop or whether you are for miraa that you come before the Committee so that you are able to give us your views. So, I believe it is important that we get an extension. We do not want to close out any person who has an interest in whichever manner, so that we are able to come to the House with a comprehensive report.

She pleaded that the Committee be given that opportunity yet again, and we are going to ensure that within that period of 60 days, we will have done our job.
Bills

Date 18th September 2013
Member of Parliament: Hon. Esther Murugi
Contribution she made on: The Kenya Deposit Insurance (Amendment) Bill

- She supported the amendments by stating that taking into view that in the late 1990s, a lot of banks went under with a lot of deposits and what these people were paid was just a mere Kshs 100,000 regardless of how much money the banks had with them and up to date those people had not yet been repaid whatever was with the banks and added that this was something that was very encouraging to Kenyans as it would also give confidence to people to save.

- She pointed out that the move would encourage the Kenyans to save and this would even extend to the government thereby ensuring that the country is not forced to go out to borrow money from out there because it will have its own money within it.

- She further stated that some of the banks that went under actually forced people who had deposited money in their banks to buy shares and those shares have not even appreciated in value and that back then if you were forced to buy shares worth a million shillings, it was still worth Kshs 1 million ten to 20 years down the line. So, I believe this is something that was going to give encouragement to Kenyans and especially as we are encouraging the youth and women to become entrepreneurs.

- She added that they can only be entrepreneurs by learning how to save and being assured that whatever savings they make, they are going to be secure and concluded that it was a good move that should be supported to ensure that it is implemented not tomorrow but yesterday.

Date 18th September 2013
Member of Parliament: Hon. Alice Wahome
Contribution she made on: The Kenya Deposit Insurance (Amendment) Bill

- She supported the motion by stating that what happened in the country in the 1990s was an economic depression much like what happened in the USA. She added that currently there were about 20 institutions that had gone under, without prospects of funds being paid back to the depositors and the government should look back and see how many businesses went under.

- For sure, the economy of this country was largely affected by the disappearance of depositors' funds largely due to mismanagement. She further stated that some of the members had indicated that what actually happened
wastheft of depositors’ money. We know that the directors of the affected institutions were involved in some of the bad cases where banks collapsed and attempts to take them through the judicial process were made but very few of the culprits were held liable for criminal offences and even in terms of refunding the money.

- She pointed out that it was clear that in many cases, there was diverting of funds that were deposited in those institutions by those who were entrusted with the deposits and, therefore, the designers of these amendments bring in very healthy provisions to assist in the regulation and oversight of the institutions that were entrusted by very innocent Kenyans who were willing to save and were working very hard, it was not the big bankers that suffer the losses it was the ordinary depositor who did not even get the early warning signal that something was going wrong.

- She pointed out that the Bill would introduce strong provisions for oversight and give penalties where need be, and ensure that the security of deposits and their funds were recoverable. We note that there were provisions that are being introduced to look into the receivership processes.

- She cautioned against the current trend stating that in Kenya, once an institution was put under liquidation processes, other emerging scenarios occur and it becomes another cash cow for individuals. She further added that properties for institutions under receivership are grossly undervalued and even recovering assets to get sufficient funds to repay does not happen and depositors innocently wait for the sale of some of those assets but what they get are deficits mainly because there is collusion and fraud.

- She pointed that despite all the measures put in place, the vice still continues to happen and Parliament needed to ensure that the depositors who have waited for more than 20 years are repaid. She added that those amendments would curb some of these bad practices and that if the protection being sought to be introduced and enhanced, then they all needed to support the amendments being proposed by the hon. Member.

- She faulted the official receiver saying they had done very poorly because some of the institutions that had gone down had been entrusted with that office and yet there were no public reports and information was lacking.

**Date 18th September 2013**

**Member of Parliament: Hon. Gladys Wanga**

**Contribution she made on: The Kenya Deposit Insurance (Amendment) Bill**

- She supported the Bill by stating that it was integral that financial institutions are strengthened economic growth was to be enhanced in the country and added that was very important that changes are made to the banking industry or financial institutions that would bring confidence to the people of Kenya.
She reiterated the fact that in the 1990s so many banks came down and the main reason was that there was a lot of mismanagement and that took away the citizens confidence in banks and added that any country should not set itself in a manner to suggest that it is robbing its own people and that was because many people who had bank accounts were purely for small savings.

She added that the collapse of the bank was a big setback to the culture of saving and if people start saving from that level, the practice would grow nation-wide and this will help the country achieve Vision 2030. This, she added would be it would have very strong grassroots people with access to finance and who can do their business without being impeded by lack of finance.

She pointed out that there is a lot of emphasis on the issue of 30 per cent procurement for the youth and women but if those people did not have the basic finances and they did not know the art of saving, then it will be very difficult to have growth at the grassroots level.

She stated that if there were strong financial institutions, that would encourage the people and give them a lot of confidence and the country would experience a lot of growth from the rural to the national level.

Date 18th September 2013
Member of Parliament: Hon. Rachel Ameso Amolo
Contribution she made on: The Kenya Deposit Insurance (Amendment) Bill

She observed that people who suffered most during the 90s were women groups who’d sit together, do their merry-go-rounds and start saving in these institutions that went under with all the savings and added that she supported the amendment knowing that Kenyans like saving.

She further stated that the people who suffered most were children and women especially those whose fathers saved money in institutions that went under and did not get any assistance from the Government to get back the money.

She pointed out that she believed that it was good for Parliament to amend this Bill so that the smallest and the poorest of Kenyans who sit together and save money can educate their children in future and they can improve the welfare of their families without fear that they will lose their money.

She called for the compensation of those that had lost their money especially the women groups should because they had suffered quite significantly.
Date 18th September 2013
Member of Parliament: Hon. Anna Gathecha
Contribution she made on: The Kenya Deposit Insurance (Amendment) Bill

- She supported the amendment of this Bill by stating that it had come at the right time now that Members were moving all over the country encouraging the youth, women and the society to form groups, have their certificates and open bank accounts and added that they would be more than happy to know that even as they opened those bank accounts, the money they would get once it was deposited will be in good hands.

- She stated that the country wanted to promote entrepreneurship culture and added that this would be possible if there was a good financial system to bank with adding that entrepreneurs wanted to have access to banks every day where they could deposit their money and were sure that they would get it in good time any time they need it.

- She pointed out that banks give loans depending on how money is deposit with them; that is the day today operation and therefore it was important that they get our money which we have deposited in banks when we need it to do business and added that if this was done, it would help build the economy of our country, Kenya.

- She also stated that she supported the amendments Bill because there were many casual workers in the country and they were being encouraged be paid through the bank so that they do not withdraw all of it when they want to withdraw it adding that at least, this was a way of promoting a saving culture in Kenya.

Date 18th September 2013
Member of Parliament: Hon. Rose Mitaru
Contribution she made on: The Kenya Deposit Insurance (Amendment) Bill

- She pointed out that the Bill would not only increase the confidence of depositors that their funds will be secure, but it will also encourage a saving culture which will be beneficial to this country and the whole financial system adding that as a country we were looking to become the financial hub within East Africa.

- She pointed out that the Bill would secure financial institutions in this country considering the number of such institutions that have collapsed in the past.
The Bills that we have passed including the one that we debated yesterday in relation to strengthening micro finance and deposit agencies also helps to support the banking system.

- This means that we will not only have a saving culture in Kenya but also the banking system will be entrenched and will reach every single corner of this country. Therefore, access to loans and financial information in this country will be expanded. This will enable small chamas for women and Sacco’s that wish to get together as groups and save money deposit or even became deposit-taking institutions. This will mean that Kenya will not be begging the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and other financial institutions for loans because we would have a financial base within this country.

**Date 18th August 2013**

**Member of Parliament: Hon. Alice Ng’ang’a**

**Contribution she made on: The Kenya Deposit Insurance (Amendment) Bill**

- She supported the Amendment Bill by stating that it had come at right time because before most financial institutions were either acquired or merged. In the process the public suffered a lot because they did not know when financial institutions were merged or acquired where they belonged. But this amendment Bill is timely. At least, customers and the public are aware that their money is safe and that they are in good hands.

- She further stated that whether the institution merged or is acquired, it is moves with them. Their interest is considered and taken care of, unlike before when there was a bank called Charter Bank which all of a sudden closed down. Most of the customers suffered a lot because they did not know who to ask or where to go to. The doors of the banks were already closed and they did not know who to turn to. Their money got lost as the bank went down. But right now, with this amendment, we are aware of the fact that it cannot happen because they are already insured.

- She added that the amendment Bill, if the bank will go under liquidation, the public will be notified. The depositors will be made aware that the bank is going under liquidation and they can use the liquidation strategy, where all customers; whether creditors or depositors, are taken care of. So, with this, it will be very good to know that customers and the public are comfortable whenever their hard earned monies are at risk due to liquidation. They will be sure that when they take their money to the banks, it will be taken care of and that they are well safeguarded.
She noted people monies cannot get lost as easily as it used to be there before. So, they will work hard to take more deposits to the bank and added the customers will also be aware that with the liquidation taking place, if they are not notified, they can claim their money. They can ask for what belongs to them and they can take a legal process to claim money.

Date 18th August 2013  
Member of Parliament: Hon. Alice Ng’ang’a  
Contribution she made on: The Kenya Deposit Insurance (Amendment) Bill

She noted the Bill was very timely just as her colleagues had mentioned, many Kenyans lost their money in the past due to lack of proper control mechanisms and weak administrative structures in our financial institutions. The businesses of some people even went under because they lost all their money in the financial institutions that went under.

She further stated that the Bill would strengthen the regulatory framework that was in place. Once this Bill is enacted into law, members of the public will have confidence in saving their monies in banks. Even as we go out there and talk to women and youth to encourage them to involve themselves in wealth generating activities, and borrow money from Uwezo Fund and the Women Enterprise Development Fund (WEDF), they will have confidence in our institutions. They will know that their money will be secure.

Date 24th September 2013  
Member of Parliament: Hon. Millie Odhiambo  
Contribution she made on: The Finance Bill

She supported the Bill by noting issues of retroactive legislation especially in Clause 1. The issue of railways is a good thing. However, I would like to encourage the country to be more proactive in planning instead of this piecemeal approach to planning. She supported the issue of tax on sports, but we should have also considered dealing with other issues which are burdensome to Kenyans. I would also like to encourage the Finance Committee to look at the issue of double tax.

She noted that on the issue of terrorism, it is a good thing that we provided here, but for purposes of legislative coherence, and questioned whether it fits here well because it talks about jail terms and not taxes.
She did not support the Bill by pointing out that she was disappointed at the way the House had not looked adequately at the issue of double taxation. I am disappointed at our overtaxing Kenyans and especially poor Kenyans.

She encouraged the Members to find more time to Debate by stating that when members rushed Bills Kenyans are not satisfied, and they tell them that we were in the House when the matter was passed. Even when I do not have numbers, I want my voice to be heard in the opposite.

Date 25th September 2013
Member of Parliament: Hon. Joyce Emanikor
Contribution she made on: The Finance Bill (Report, Consideration OfReport and Third Reading)

She supported the Bill but pointed out that while supporting the Bill because it is cushioning the poor, we have also ensured that the Exchequer will get revenue to offer services to Kenyans. She further expressed her disappointment is on the way the debate was handled during the Committee Stage where first, the amendment papers came in late. We did not have time and we also realised that not all of those who were saying “yes” were sure of whether to say “yes” or “no”. It is because they did not understand and the debate was not given enough time. Simple but fundamental questions were not answered.
MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNDER STANDING ORDER NO.33(1)

Date 17th September 2013
Member of Parliament: Hon. Gladys Wanga Nyasuna
Contribution She Made On: Increase In Food Prices

- She noted that the VAT Act as it was has had serious ramifications on the Kenyan consumer. Over the weekend, I was in Homa Bay and there is the assumption that people in the villages do not consume processed milk. This is a fallacy. People all over this country consume processed milk and are now suffering heavily from the tax that has been levied on processed milk.

- She urged my colleagues on the Jubilee side that a Government that is worth its salt is a Government that listens to its people and their cries. I am very amazed that the Leader of the Majority Party did not come out strongly to support this Motion for Adjournment and to give commitment that he will bring back the VAT Act so that we pass the necessary amendments to it. The Government must listen to the cries of its people.

- She stated that Kenyans were suffering due to the cost of living. There has been no increase in income. Why are we protecting the rich and coming down on the poor? We must protect the poor. I will speak for less than three minutes because I want the rest of my colleagues also to contribute. But I would like to say that the VAT Act must come back.

Date 17th September 2013
Member of Parliament: Hon. Priscilla Nyokabi
Contribution She Made On: Increase In Food Prices

- She supported the debate on the cost of living and to really persuade Members that the cost of living in this country is not because of the VAT Act. There are many factors that have caused the cost of living to go up. I think it will be a mistake and a misnomer for us to tell the country that it is only the VAT Act that is causing this high cost of living.

- She stated that Assembly and especially the Finance Committee should invite the Cabinet Secretary, Treasury and also invite Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) to come and explain to these Members why the cost of living is going up for Kenyans. She noted that just contributing to the VAT Act, I am persuaded that this House passed the law in good motion and passed the law following the procedures.

- She pointed out that if one looked at our country now, taxation is a must. We really have got to pay taxes. It will be wrong for this House to go and tell Kenyans that you can live in a country where you need roads and services but you do not pay taxes. Paying tax is a good thing. Paying tax is a duty of all citizens.
She preferred that this House considers a capital gains tax. We deepen taxation in our country. If you look at themortgages that the Members of Parliament are getting now, only the buyer pays 4 percent Stamp Duty. The seller pays absolutely nothing to the State and the seller does not pay anything that generates money for this country. Those are the kind of taxes that I think we should discuss.

She further stated that the other tax that should be discussed is the Estate Tax—the tax that should be paid on inheritance. Inheritance is even easier. She noted that the matters under discussion should include increase taxation, deepen taxation, have more money to cushion the poor in our society but not go back to the VAT Act.

Date 17th September 2013
Member of Parliament: Hon. Millie Odhiambo
Contribution She Made On: Increase In Food Prices

She cautioned against tax inheritance by stating that there are many children whose parents had died of HIV/AIDS especially in my constituency. We have almost 5,000 child-headed households in some of those constituencies. If you are going to tax this, you are going to tax the very little money left. But I understand the Member comes from a richer constituency and I come from a poorer one, but we need to understand where people are coming from.

She called on the Government to act urgently because a hungry man is an angry man. Kenyans do not understand the language of Jubilee or the language of CORD when they are hungry. Kenyans are saying that they are both hungry and angry. We must respond to the call of Kenyans and stop the semantics of the Leader of the Majority Party telling us the stages of a Bill like we do not understand where they come from. You should do the good thing and whether you do them as CORD or Jubilee, the situation is that Kenyans are suffering. Even if it is not the VAT Act, because we need to wait for six months, we must do something to ameliorate the suffering of Kenyans.

She noted that in her constituency, milk costs Kshs80. Kenyans cannot survive on that. The first time I saw people who are corded and ODM shouting at the former Prime Minister, Raila Amolo Odinga, was during the time the prices of unga was up. So, let us stop living in this ivory tower when Kenyans are suffering. Let us deal with this issue. We are already enslaving Kenyans with the futures market. That is why we have even paid money for the oil in Turkana. Next year and the years coming are going to be worse. This Government needs to be honest. Let us not enslave Kenyans with Nigerians, Chinese and all manner of people. Let us deal with the current situation nowand the future. Let us not mortgage this country.

Date 17th September 2013
Member of Parliament: Hon. Dr. Joyce Laboso
Contribution She Made On: Terrorist Attack at Westgate Mall
She consoled with the rest of the Kenyans by stating that that was a very sad moment for our country, but we must appreciate the resilience of Kenyans. Despite this very horrible incident that has happened, we have seen how Kenyans have really come together. I have just come from an ACP-EU meeting and we received news of this tragedy while we were there. You could see not only the rest of Africa, the Caribbean and even the Pacific and all delegations were really holding hands with us; they were really wishing that we get over this sad event. They are willing to support this country in every way.

She pointed out that even as we look at this very sad event that has happened in our country, I think hard questions will have to be asked. Some really serious questions will have to be asked to our security and intelligence operators and all the very many bodies and institutions that use a lot of taxpayers’ money. How could our intelligence be unable to give us even an inkling of an event of this magnitude? If they were, what was done?

She stated that it was time to go back to the basic and see what needs to be done. I want to say that we Kenyans must not allow what has happened to divide us. We have enough problems with ethnicity; we do not want this kind of thing to divide us ethnically. We do not want to be divided by religion. We do not want to be told that there were some people who were being let in and others who were being let out. We are not going to go into that situation. Let us handle those terrorists as they are and punish them as terrorists and not to think of them as belonging to one race, religion or anything else.

She called on Kenyans to come together and be united in grief; this is time to remember all those who have lost their loved ones, and to remember those who are already in hospitals; we should even remember those who are possibly in Westgate up to this minute. We should also remember even our security personnel, who are trying to protect Kenyans, and those who have also lost their lives or are injured. This is the moment when we need to come together, pray together and be united as Kenyans.

Date 24th September 2013
Member of Parliament: Hon. Fatuma Ibrahim Ali
Contribution She Made On: Terrorist Attack at Westgate Mall

She sent her condolences by stating that it was very unfortunate for Kenya to experience this kind of attack. Kenya is a very powerful country in this continent. Kenya is not a very poor country, because it is well developed. It is well established and we do not deserve this kind of attack noting that in her opinion there was a failure in this country, especially on the part of the security system. Wajir County has had a series of attacks of similar nature, although it does not have a mall.

She further noted that the county has experienced a number of serious explosions and nobody has ever been arrested and claimed that after the Wajir incidents, the terrorists planned the Nairobi attack. This is the case, yet
nothing had been done. The people of Wajir who live along the border live inpermanet fear, because they cannot defend themselves and the security agencies do not defend them.

- She called for the abolishment the National Intelligence Service (NIS), because it was doing a bad job and added that frustrations have reached high levels. I come from a county which has never had peace. The insecurity situation is unfortunate. When I saw the mall burning, I thought that the world was fighting Kenya. She further felt that since Kenya was a very progressive country our enemies wanted to take us backwards, so that we became beggars. I think we need to do something about our security. We need to address our security situation and put our house in order. If we continue like this, the next attack will be on Parliament; all the chairs will “go out” and Members of Parliament will remain.

**Date 24th September 2013**  
**Member of Parliament: Hon. Priscilla Nyokabi**  
**Contribution She Made On: Terrorist Attack at Westgate Mall**

- She condoled with the families that have been bereaved; I also wish those who are in hospital quick recovery. I want to thank our hospitals, especially the emergency care centres, for what they have been able to do so far. However, I would urge that this House considers a closed-door session on intelligence and security matters as was proposed in Mombasa. A time has come for us to really look at our intelligence service; an open session would not be the best idea in this case.

- She pointed out that at that time; we will look at issues and take stock of whether we really have sufficient equipment for dealing with these matters. We need to deal with matters of security consistently. If you look at our own precincts here, on Sunday, cars are checked, but on Monday cars were not checked.

- She noted that currently was a free for all and all one needed to do is show their face to the security person at the entrance. We have to be consistent in these matters. The equipment that we have put in our institution is not for decoration. That equipment has to be put into use.

- She urged the House to consider making it a crime to refuse to use security measures and security apparatus as is required for this country. A time has come when we must enforce security using the force of law as is required. The multi-agency approach that we have seen has worked very well but, again, in terms of going forward, we might also need a law that forces the Kenya Defense Forces (KDF), the National Intelligence Service (NIS) and the National Police Service (NPS) to continue working together until such a time that Kenya is not prone to terrorism, as we continue to neighbor Somalia.
She also need to do drills. In many countries, where they have benchmarked security and disaster preparedness, it is very normal to have drills done to ensure that everybody is ready for a security operation. In other countries, it has always been a joke for those of us who go to there because everybody comes out with their bags, thinking that there is a real fire when it is just a drill to ensure that everybody is prepared for disaster and security operations. In this country, we need to start using such drills just to make sure that everybody knows what to do when there is an emergency operation. I support the idea of giving the Kenya Red Cross Society (KRCS) more money for disaster preparedness and management.

Date 24th September 2013
Member of Parliament: Hon. Fatuma Ibrahim Ali
Contribution She Made On: Terrorist Attack at Westgate Mall

She pointed out that a lot of Kenyans had been greatly affected, if I may put it that way. There are those who work at the shopping mall and those who were shoppers or clients at the mall. There are also those who invested their money in that mall. Therefore, today we are talking about a tragedy that is not only very disruptive to many families, but which also touches so much on the economy of Nairobi, as a county.

She appreciated those who had put their lives at risk to try as much as possible to save the lives of other people. It is good for people to know that up to this moment, there is still an operation going on at that shopping mall. Let us start with Kenyans, whom everybody has talked about it. We have seen it on television. Kenyans have demonstrated why we are proud to be Kenyans. Let me talk about the security units that responded quickly. These are the General Service Unit’s (GSU) Reece Company, the Anti-Terrorism Police Unit (ATPU), the Administration Police’s (AP) Rapid Response Unit (RRU) and, of course, the KDF, who continue to be actively involved in the operation.

She noted that there were also Kenyans who were licensed firearm holders. We saw such ordinary Kenyans go out of their way to put their lives in danger and try to protect and save those who were under attack. The KRCS has been mentioned, but I must also emphasize that there is nothing more humbling than to watch a charity organization taking up the work that should be done by national bodies and also commend Mr. Abbas Gullet and his team.

She further recommended the KRCS. It is time we considered giving them more responsibilities, because they seem to be the only ones who come out to help Kenyans at times of need. On technology, I want to join those who have said that at the end of the day, somebody must be held responsible. It does not matter how much we want to show unity. In terms of leadership, unity of purpose must also be directed at providing solutions to problems. I have, on three occasions, sought Statements in this House on terrorism attacks in Nairobi. So, this is, probably, the fourth instance I am speaking on terrorism in the House.
She reiterated that the last incident before the Westgate Shopping Mall incident involved the Member of Parliament for Kamukunji, who is today in a wheelchair. She questioned the House as to whether they needed to have more people dying before we stop skirting around issues and do the work that Kenyans have given us to do and added that that would implicate people but as Members they must because we pass big votes here that are not questioned because we try to give priority to the country’s security. If the intelligence outfit that we have today does not work, it must go, so that another outfit can come in.

She noted that people liked skirting around intelligence issues. I have never understood why. Whoever heads the intelligence body is a human being. He could now be working on diminishing returns, either because he has been there for too long or because he just does not know how to deal with new ideas, new terrorist threats, et cetera.

She noted that as a country we needed to be practical enough to ask: “Is it about time for Kenya to have a new intelligence team?” say so because the international community had prior knowledge of the impending attack. This means that there were intelligence reports of the impending attack on the shopping mall. Even if the reports came from other countries, how come we could not have them? If we had been given intelligence, a warning would have been issued and, maybe, on that day people would have been kept off the Westgate Shopping Mall, because it would have been known that the shopping mall was targeted for attack.

Date 24th September 2013
Member of Parliament: Hon. Rose Nyamunga
Contribution She Made On: Terrorist Attack at Westgate Mall

She pointed out that the security system in our country has been a big problem. You remember 2002, when we were going for the elections, somebody by the name, Mr. Okumu managed to get access into State House and he was found sleeping just next to the President’s Office. If you can have a country like that, what security can we give to our people? If somebody can get access to the President’s residence, a place which is so well guarded, I do not think that the security set up in this country is enough. We are not saying that we are not going to share the blame, the blame game will be there; people must be taken care of and the security system must be seen to work.

Further she noted that the issue of having the Member of Parliament for Nyakach arrested and taken to court today is as a result of the same problem of insecurity. There is a lot of insecurity in the country. Since we went for our elections and thereafter, every part of Kenya has been plagued by insecurity. I think the issue of corruption is part of this whole game. We must do something about corruption in the security system, and in the whole of this country; we must make sure that the people of Kenya feel safe wherever they are.

Date 24th September 2013
Member of Parliament: Hon. Grace Kiptui  
Contribution She Made On: Terrorist Attack at Westgate Mall

- She sent her condolences to the people of Kenya for what happened on Saturday. We all have to come from upcountry to see what is happening and to support the people of Nairobi and say sorry. We take this opportunity to say sorry to the President and all those who are in hospital. I want to say that the intelligence set-up in the country--- They may do somethings and they have been forwarding their--- I think it is the system of security that is responsible for the blaming of the National Intelligence Service (NIS). I know even when we were fighting over cattle rustling, the security intelligence always sent reports that there were people who were coming for cattle and there was nothing which happened. So, we must see the people who do this work.

Date 24th September 2013  
Member of Parliament: Hon. Alice Chae  
Contribution She Made On: Terrorist Attack at Westgate Mall

- She sent her condolences and added that she concurred with all the sentiments that have been expressed in this House. I want to go further and say that as the august House the 11th Parliament--- As representatives of the people who legislate, we have the duty to--- If systems are failing, the blame comes back to this House. We need to wake up and execute our mandate of making sure that what we legislate works.

Date 24th September 2013  
Member of Parliament: Hon. Grace Kiptui  
Contribution She Made On: Terrorist Attack at Westgate Mall

- She sent her message of condolence and urged those who were traumatized to step out of their homes so that they can be given counseling services. This is because even if they do not have physical injuries, it will take them a long time to recover psychologically and added that the Victim should advantage of the Government counseling centres that have been set up so that they are counseled in order for them to recover faster.

- She thank our leaders for their solidarity however, the most important point I would like to make is that for a long time Kenya has been known as a very hospitable country, people who are very trusting and ready to receive visitors with open hands. I would like to tell Kenyans that we are living indifferent times. It is high time that we became suspicious of each and every person who is a foreigner and comes to live among us. I urge those of us who own residential and commercial buildings that wherever they receive tenants, let it be mandatory as per the law that they reveal to the administration immediately they rent out their buildings to people who are foreigners.

Date 24th September 2013
Member of Parliament: Hon. Florence Kajuju
Contribution She Made On:Terrorist Attack at Westgate Mall

- She condoled to those people who have been bereaved and those who are in hospital, I wish them quick recovery and further pointed out that as the Chairperson of the Committee on Regional Integration, much as we are promoting regional integration and talking about free movement of goods and persons, it is time we thought about checks and balances. While we talk about internal security, we also need to think about external security. We need to ensure that we co-operate with other countries, especially partner States to ensure that we are taken care of as a people in Kenya.

Date 24th September 2013
Member of Parliament: Hon. Sunjeev Birdi
Contribution She Made On:Terrorist Attack at Westgate Mall

- She thanked the Asian community who came out in thousands and worked tirelessly at the Oshwal Centre; day in, day out and they are still there right now. In as much as we want to thank those who supported during the ordeal, I must bring it out that insecurity and terrorism is a big and serious monster. As legislators today, instead of talking about it and calling a talk show, we must impose legislation so that we can take care of these perpetrators the proper way. With that, I just would like to say thank you to everybody.

Date 24th September 2013
Member of Parliament: Hon. Joyce Emanikor
Contribution She Made On:Terrorist Attack at Westgate Mall

- She passed her heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families. It is high time Kenya learns a lesson and goes into full blast preparedness management and deterrence of terrorism by up-scaling surveillance, giving our forces the relevant specialized training and adequate funding and equipment. It is high time that we rid the country of corruption, complacency and compromise at the points of entry into this country. We should look at our border points and airports. There are people who have acquired the Kenyan identity cards illegally. There is money laundering going around.