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**EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY**

**EAST AFRICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

**SIXTH MEETING - FIRST SESSION - THIRD ASSEMBLY**

**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

**THURSDAY, 6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2013 AT 9.00 AM**

**PRAYER**

**1. COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**

**2. PAPERS**

- Report of the Committee on Accounts on the Field visits of the TMEA Funded Projects in Rwanda and Uganda and On-spot Assessment of the EAC Secretariat Capacity Development Action Plan (CDAP) TMEA Funded Project in Arusha, Tanzania.

**(Chairperson, Committee on Accounts)**

**3. MOTION**

**"THAT**, This Assembly do resolve itself into:

- a) A Committee of Ways and Means to consider and approve the Financial Statement for the Financial Year 2013/2014; and
- b) A Committee of Supply to consider and approve the Revised Estimates of Expenditure for the Financial Year 2012/2013 and the Estimates of Expenditure for the Financial Year 2013/2014.

**(Chairperson, Council of Ministers)**

**Committee of Ways and Means and Committee of Supply**

- (i) Motion for approval of the Financial Statement for Financial Year 2013/2014
- (ii) Approval of the Revised Estimates of Expenditure for the Financial Year 2012/2013 and Budgetary Estimates for Financial Year 2013/2014
- (iii) Motion for the House to Resume

(iv) Report of the Committee of Ways and Means and Committee of Supply

(v) Motion for adoption of the Report of the Committee

**(Chairperson, Council of Ministers)**

**4. THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL, 2013**

**(SECOND READING)**

**MOTION**

**"THAT,** The East African Community Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2013 be read for the Second Time".

**(Chairperson, Council of Ministers)**

- Committee of the Whole House
- Motion for the House to resume
- Report of the Committee of the Whole House
- Motion for adoption of the report of the Committee of the Whole House

**5. THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL, 2013**

**(THIRD READING)**

**MOTION**

**"THAT,** The East African Community Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2013 be read the Third Time and do pass".

**(Chairperson, Council of Ministers)**

**6. THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY APPROPRIATION BILL, 2013**

**(SECOND READING)**

**MOTION**

**"THAT,** The East African Community Appropriation Bill, 2013 be read the Second Time".

**(Chairperson, Council of Ministers)**

- Committee of the Whole House
- Motion for the House to resume
- Report of the Committee of the Whole House
- Motion for adoption of the report of the Committee of the Whole House
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**7. THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY APPROPRIATION BILL, 2013**

**(THIRD READING)**

## **MOTION**

**"THAT,** The East African Community Appropriation Bill, 2013 be read the Third Time and do pass".

**(Chairperson, Council of Ministers)**

### **8. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS ON THE FIELD VISITS OF THE TMEA FUNDED PROJECTS IN RWANDA AND UGANDA AND ON-SPOT ASSESSMENT OF THE EAC SECRETARIAT CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT ACTION PLAN (CDAP) TMEA FUNDED PROJECT IN ARUSHA, TANZANIA**

## **MOTION**

**"THAT,** The Report of the Committee on Accounts on the Field Visits of the TMEA Funded Projects in Rwanda and Uganda and On-spot Assessment of the EAC Secretariat Capacity Development Action Plan (CDAP) TMEA Funded Project in Arusha, Tanzania".

**(Chairperson, Committee on Accounts)**

### **9. MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR AN EXTENSION OF THE TRANSITION PERIOD UNDER ARTICLE 66.1 OF TRIPS AGREEMENT WITHOUT CONDITIONS FOR LDCS**

## **MOTION**

**"THAT,** This Assembly do resolve to express support for an extension of the transition period under Article 66.1 of Trips agreement without conditions for LDCS".

**(Chairperson, Committee on Communication, Trade and Investment)**

### **10. QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

***The Hon. Christophe Bazivamo to ask the Chairperson of the Council of Ministers of the EAC;***

#### **(i) REF: EALA/PQ/OA/3/02/2013**

The Council of Ministers in 2005 directed the Secretariat to work out modalities to internationalise the East African Passport. The Immigration experts, mandated by the EAC secretariat, designed a new generation EAC international passport which was adopted by the Council in 2006 with enhanced security features. This design was reviewed in 2012 in consideration of the accession of the Republic of Rwanda and the Republic of Burundi into the Community, and the launching of the above new generation passport was scheduled for March 2012.

Research by the EAC Secretariat towards securing international recognition of the East African Passport has shown that there are no legal requirements to internationalise the East African Passport, apart from for Partners States to notify the international community through their various embassies/missions abroad about the introduction of the EAC Passport and its design and usage by their nationals.

Can the chair of the Council inform this House;

- 1) Why the launch of the new generation East African Passport has been delayed until today.
- 2) Which is the new schedule for the launching of the EAC passport.
- 3) How will the passport be distributed and what will be required of the citizens in order to access the new generation EAC passports.
- 4) What will be the relationship between the new EAC Passports and the existing respective national passports.

**(ii) Ref: EALA/PQ/OA/3/13/2013**

***The Hon. Shy-Rose Bhanji to ask the Chairperson of the Council of Ministers of the EAC;***

- (a) Now that the HQ for EAC in Arusha is complete and was officially inaugurated in November, 2012, it was expected that the EALA Chamber would be ready for use much sooner. It is almost seven months and the Chamber is still not usable; and considering that the Treaty stipulates that the Assembly has to have at least one sitting in Arusha every year, which I would like to link with the beginning of the financial year in July; does the Council of Ministers have any contingency plans for the Assembly in the event that EALA holds its next Sitting in Arusha when the Chamber is not yet ready?
- (b) What major items have not yet been installed and when is the Chamber expected to be ready?

**(iii) Ref: EALA/PQ/3/OA/16/2013**

***The Hon. Bernard Mulengani to ask the Chairperson of the Council of Ministers of the EAC;***

The EAC Human Resource Advisory Committee and the other relevant panels are important for discharging fairness and fair hearings against those staff arraigned before them for disciplinary action. From the response of the Chair of the Council of Ministers on the debate of the audited accounts for FY 2010/2011 respectively, two staff of the Community namely Ms. Evelyn Odula (LVBC) and Dr. Flora Musonda (Director of Trade EAC Secretariat) were a subject of disciplinary action.

- (a) Could the Chairperson of the Council confirm to this August House whether the Advisory Committee considered the two cases and if so, when; and what were its key recommendations?
- (b) What actions did the Secretary General and Council take thereafter?
- (c) Could he further confirm to this August House if due diligence at time of recruitment of staff as envisaged in the August, 2012 Council Meeting will cover all employees of the EAC.
- (d) Could he further inform the August House how this is expected to be achieved and what safeguards have been put in place to enable the Community to comply with principle of due diligence at the time of recruitment of EAC staff.

**(iv) Ref: EALA/PQ/3/OA/17/2013**

The Council of Ministers at its 26<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Meeting in Nairobi, Kenya, deliberated on the compensation made to a former DSG by the EAC Secretariat on behalf of the Republic of Rwanda. Pursuant to Article 67(2) of the Treaty, a Partner State which appoints a Secretary General forfeits the post of a Deputy Secretary General. Further, according to R.96 (3) of the EAC Staff Rules and Regulations, where a Partner State withdraws one of its Executive staff before the expiry of his or her contract, the individual shall be compensated the full remuneration package he or she would have received if he or she had served the entire period of the running contract and the funds paid by the Community shall be reimbursed by the concerned Partner State.

Could the Chairperson of the Council inform this August House:-

- (a) Which Executive staff have so far been withdrawn prior to the expiry of their terms of contract (s) and whether they have been compensated;
- (b) Which partner states have so far complied with the above provisions of the Treaty and Staff Rules?
- (c) Why has it taken long for the Community to recover the USD. 128,891 advanced to Mr. Alloys Mutabingwa as compensation, on behalf of the Republic of Rwanda?
- (d) What steps has the Council taken to compel the refund of the said EAC funds.