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**ORAL REPLY TO PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION
BY PRIVATE NOTICE**

QUESTION: The Member for Kisumu Town West (Hon. Olago Aluoch) to ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance:-

- (a) Why, inspite of the operationalisation of the Act nearly 2½years ago; the post of Director-General of the Public Procurement Oversight Authority remains vacant;
- (b) How has the failure to appoint a substantive Director-General impacted on the Authority's national and international operations; and
- (c) When will the appointment be made?

ANSWER: Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to reply:-

- (a) Following the enactment of the Public Procurement and Disposal Act, 2005, the Public Procurement Oversight Authority (PPOA) started operations in January, 2007. The 1st year consisted of setting up structures under the overall guidance of a technical assistant in the institution who performed the duties of the Director-General on the interim basis. The Public Procurement Oversight Advisory Board was constituted in October, 2007 and embarked on the recruitment of the substantive Director-General in 2008. On conclusion the process, none of the candidates was found

suitable. The board is currently in the process of recruiting the Director-General afresh.

- (b) The Ministry of Finance and PPOA works very closely to ensure that it carries out its mandate as provided for in the Public Procurement and Disposal Act, 2005 and its attendant Regulation of 2006. The PPOA enjoys good relations with similar regulatory authorities and partners both in the regional and internationally. The PPOA recently hosted the 2nd East African Procurement Forum successfully which had representation from Eastern Africa, Africa and internationally.
- (c) The process of recruitment of the Director-General is underway and the position will be filled expeditiously.



HON. DR. OBURU OGINGA, MGH, MP
ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR FINANCE

18th November, 2009

PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION BY PRIVATE NOTICE

The Member for North Imenti (Hon. Silas Ruteere) to ask the Minister of State for Provincial Administration and Internal Security:-

- (a) Is the Government aware of the continued disappearance of money on transit in the hands of G4S;
- (b) How much money has so far been stolen while on transit in the past 6 months;
- (c) Does the Government still have confidence in G4S in transporting money for public, private and other financial companies; and
- (d) What is the Government doing to arrest such theft of public funds and restore investor confidence?

ANSWER

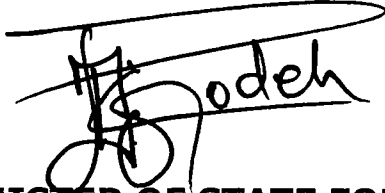
Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to reply

- (a) The Government is aware of at least three incidences reported within Nairobi whereby colossal amounts of money have been stolen while in the custody of G4S in the last six months.

- (b) The total cash reported stolen in the past six months is Kenya shillings 86,651,000.00. 683,000 was in US Dollars translating to Ksh.52,000,000. The rest of the amount was in Kenya Shillings.
- (c) The Government has confidence in G4S as a private security firm. The institution was not involved in the theft, but individuals. The loopholes detected have so far been sealed and extra security measures introduced to safeguard public and private monies transported through the company. Such measures introduced have been extended to other companies in the industry.
- (d) The Government moved swiftly to investigate the incidences and the following case files were opened:-
- Police Cr. 151/182/09; court file 5075/09 - 4 suspects arrested and their cases are before court;
 - Police Cr. 141/792/09; court file 4218/09 - 14 suspects arrested and their cases are before court;
 - Police Cr. A11/91/09 - This case is still pending under investigations.

The Government is also working closely with the private security firms to ensure safety of the cash transported by the companies.

In addition, the Government is vetting all personnel employed for such services to ensure only persons of high integrity are involved.

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f **MINISTER OF STATE FOR
PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATION AND
INTERNAL SECURITY**

26th November 2009



MINISTRY OF ROADS

QUESTION BY PRIVATE NOTICE

The Hon. Member of Parliament for Cherangany (Mr. Joshua Kutuny) to ask the Minister for Roads:-

QUESTION

To indicate the measures put in place to ensure that Eldoret-Ziwa-Kitale Road which currently is in deplorable state is restored to motorable state?

ANSWERS:

Mr. Speaker Sir I beg to reply:-

The Road Ziwa-Kitale Road comprises of two sections:-

- (i) **Kachibora-Sibanga-Kitale Road (C48)** which is in a fair and maintainable state – Kshs. 3 million has been set aside this financial year for routine maintenance.
- (ii) **Eldoret-Ziwa-Kachibora Road (D328)** which has deteriorated due to overloading. The Kenya Rural Roads Authority is undertaking an urgent assessment of the cost requirement for spot improvement to make the road motorable. Further, I have also instructed the Authority to carry out a detailed design for rehabilitation of the road.

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Hon. Franklin K. Bett, EBS, MP
MINISTER FOR ROADS

PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION NO. 341

Question

The Member for Garsen (Mr. Danson Mungatana) to ask the Minister for Information and Communications:-

- (a) The total cost of the recently launched East African Marine Systems (TEAMS) project;
- (b) When the project will start actual operations;
- (c) What security measures are in place to ensure safety of the Fibre Optic Cable;
- (d) What steps the Minister is undertaking to ensure optimum use of the facility considering that very few Kenyans own computers?

Answer

Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to reply.

- (a) The total cost of the recently launched East Africa Marine Systems Cable is US \$ 105 million.
- (b) The Project started actual operations on the 21st of August 2009.

(c) The Fibre Optic Cable is armoured and buried in the sea-bed so as to ensure its safety. The landing stations are also manned and protected 24 hours. However, accidents do occur especially if big ships anchor on the cable's path.

(d) My Ministry has put in place the following mechanisms to ensure optimum use of the facility:

(1) Initiated a one million laptop project which aims to ensure that as many citizens across the country have hardware to access and utilize broadband available through the cable. Private Sector has taken up this project and are implementing it.

(2) Laid a National Terrestrial Fibre Optic (NOFBI) network to distribute broadband countrywide as well as linking neighbouring countries.

(3) Introduced Mobile Computer labs in all Constituencies. However, this initiative is under consultation with Members of Parliament.

(4) A General Awareness Campaign on the benefits of this cable has been launched.

(5) Has launched Broadband support to Universities, Colleges, Schools and Government.

(6) The Ministry has also initiated Digital Villages and the last mile connection initiative under Phase II of the NOFBI

Project which aims to bring connections directly to Kenyan homes.

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Hon. Samuel L. Poghiso, EGH, MP
MINISTER FOR INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION