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As schedule in the
order paper on 28/4/15
and give a copy to
Sen. Muriithi
on 19/4/15

J.M. Nyegenye, CBS
Clerk of the Senate
County Hall
NAIROBI

② DDLPS

1. Please schedule for
issue at the earliest
opportunity.
2. Advise a copy to Sen. Muriithi
on 9/4/15

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Please deal
02/04/15

**RE: STATEMENT REGARDING DEVOLUTION OF THE KENYA MEDICAL
PRACTITIONERS AND DENTISTS BOARD TO COUNTY LEVEL.**

Reference is made to letter Ref. No. S/SCI/CORR/2015/ (10) dated 13th March 2015 on the above.

Attached herewith please find detailed statement prepared in response to the request dully endorsed by the Cabinet Secretary for your further action.

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STATEMENT REGARDING DEVOLUTION OF THE KENYA MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS AND DENTISTS BOARD TO COUNTY LEVEL

Statement requested by Senator Catherine Mukiite, MP.

Specific Information sought:-

1. Reasons why the Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Board is not yet devolved to the counties despite the Senate's resolution passed on 25th September 2013 that they open branches in every county.

Answer

The Medical Practitioners and Dentists Board is a regulatory body established under Cap 253, Laws of Kenya. The board's core mandate is to regulate training, practice of medicine and dentistry, as well as health care standards in hospitals, medical centres and clinics. The board carries out its functions from its offices in Nairobi.

The board is aware of the senate resolution of 25th September 2013 requiring it to open offices in the 47 counties. However, the resolution has not been implemented due to financial constraints. The board finances its operations using internally generated funds and does not receive funding from the central government. It has been operating from a residential house purchased using a bank loan in 2009. Currently, it is putting up an office block at a cost of Kshs. 280million. Works are expected to be completed by December 2015.

In the financial year, 2013-14, the board collected revenue amounting to Kshs. 142.1 million which was utilized as follows:

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| (a) | Development (office block) | - | Kshs. 46.1million |
| (b) | Recurrent Expenditure | - | Kshs. 87.3 million |

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With this financial base, the board is clearly not in a position to open offices in counties. However, towards compliance with the senate resolution, the board plans to devolve its inspection activities to the counties in the 2016-17 financial year. This will be done through:

- (i) Establishing county offices on cluster basis
- (ii) Employing county inspectors on cluster basis
- (iii) Purchasing motor vehicles for counties on cluster basis.

In the meantime, the following short-term measures have been put in place to ensure that clients are served effectively at county level;

(i) Web based services


The board has developed an ICT business model which offers a platform for clients to obtain services offered without physically visiting the office in Nairobi. Through this platform, the clients can access registration or application services as follows

- Doctors' annual retention register
- Annual health facilities register
- Private practice license
- Medical or Dentists internship license
- Permanent registration as a medical or dental practitioner
- Temporary license for Foreign Doctors
- Registration of Private Medical or Dental Institutions
- Requirements for opening a medical or dental institution
- Lodging a complaint to the Preliminary Inquiry Committee (PIC)

After filling the forms, clients can forward them through email or post and receive processed licenses through the same means.

(ii) Establishment of Professional Conduct Committee (PCC) to handle disciplinary matters at county levels

The board carries out most of its core functions at the national level. However, disciplinary matters are transacted at the county level with involvement of the board and respective county governments. The board's procedure rules amended in 2013 provide for establishment of a Professional Conduct Committee to conduct inquiries into complaints within such counties as the board may specify and make appropriate recommendations to the board. So far, the board has successfully conducted 11 professional Conduct Committee hearings in six counties namely Nairobi, Transzoia, Kisumu, Kisii, Nyeri and Kiambu



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CABINET SECRETARY
April 1, 2015



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