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## THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

BISTATIEMENT BY THE CHAIRPERSON, DEPARTMENTAL

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT, PUBLIC WORKS AND HOUSING

## Hon. Speaker,

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Article 95 of the Constitution empowers the National Assembly to provide oversight and accountability over the use of public resources appropriated for provision of various goods and services. Specifically, Article 95(4) enumerates the role of the National Assembly in public finance which is to;

- i. Determine the allocation of national revenue between the levels of government;
- ii. Appropriate funds for expenditure by various government entities; and
- iii. Exercises oversight over national revenue and its expenditure.

Looking at these functions, Hon. Speaker, it is indeed clear that the National Assembly wields significant power in influencing the final outcome of the national budget and provision of oversight to ensure proper utilization of the approved revenues and expenditures.

Hon. Speaker, in this regard, among the revenues whose expenditure must be oversighted by the National Assembly are disbursements from the Roads Maintenance Levy Fund that is managed by the Kenya Roads Board (KRB) and shared through a legislated formula between the National road agencies (KeNHA, KERRA, KURA), Kenya Wildlife Service and Counties.

Hon. Speaker, my Committee therefore recently sought information from the Kenya Roads Board (KRB) on the gross allocations from fuel levy to counties, including allocation per county and the status of disbursement so far. Further, the Committee also sought information from KERRA on the allocations from the fuel levy disbursed to each Constituency, stating the amounts allocated in the FY 2018/19 and the disbursements made so far.

Hon. Speaker, the Committee also requested for information from the State Department for Housing and Urban Development on the World Bank Financed

Kenyan Urban Support Program for fifty nine (59) urban centres, and the Affordable Housing Program regarding the cost, location, financing, criteria for allocation, among others.

Hon. Speaker, the Committee received the information requested from the three agencies, that is, the Kenya Roads Board (KRB), Kenya Rural Roads Authority (KERRA) and the State Department for Housing and Urban Development, and I therefore wish to table these documents for the information of the House. Members can use this data to follow-up on these projects in their constituencies and counties.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

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