

Sen. Olekina: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I also take this opportunity to welcome the youth from Migori County, which is my neighbour. I encourage them to look at these leaders here and identify a mentor. One of the big mistakes that we make nowadays is that as leaders, we think we will die with our knowledge. We need to encourage the youth and mentor them so that they can be the future leaders. If we do that, we will avoid the problems that we have today. So, I encourage them that when they go back home, they need to look for people to mentor them so that one day they will also sit here.

Finally, I wish all our mothers, sisters and women all the best during this day. May they enjoy it. We will support them because we are here because of them. God bless them.

Sen. Olekina: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I just wanted to add – since I am a member of that Committee – that from the Statement and the answer we have received, that the gas which was discovered is non-toxic. There is a lot of concentration of methane gas which, in most cases, is extremely flammable. Maybe this gas occurs as a result of a lot of livestock activities and we recognise the fact that there are a lot of cows in the area. Therefore, this could be as a result of the activities of the cows. We interrogated the response and we appreciate the fact that even though the laboratory did not have testing equipment, the Government went ahead to use two different laboratories abroad which gave us these results.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I just want to raise an issue that is important for the members of the public who are watching, us to know. Methane is an extremely flammable gas and that is the reason why those measures were taken. It can explode between 5 per cent at the lowest and up to 15 percent at the upper explosive limits. So I just want to reiterate that we are still exploring options of getting more information on this. The Committee on Energy assures the Senator of Kajiado, who had asked for this Statement, that we are doing everything we can to get more answers.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Sen. Olekina: On a point of information, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

The Speaker (Hon. Lusaka): What is your point of information, Sen. Olekina; if at all Sen. Ongeru wants to be informed?

Sen. Olekina: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I just wanted to inform the distinguished Senator from Kisii that Methane is non-toxic. What was discovered there is non-toxic.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Sen. Olekina: Mr. Temporary Speaker, Sir, I just want to remind the House that this is a very important matter that affects all of us. I would like to request that the Chairman of the Committee on Budget and Finance circulates this report so that all of us can interrogate it. We are hearing all these figures and we cannot verify the information being given. The report has not been given to the Table Office. We need those documents.