



REPUBLIC OF KENYA
TWELFTH PARLIAMENT – (THIRD SESSION)
THE SENATE
REQUEST FOR STATEMENT

ON PROTECTION OF DOMESTIC WORKERS EMPLOYED IN SAUDI ARABIA

Mr. Speaker Sir,

Pursuant to Standing Order 48 (1) I rise to seek a Statement from the Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare on protection of Kenyan citizens who work in Saudi Arabia.

In the statement the Committee should:-

1. Explain whether the bilateral agreement between Kenya and Saudi Arabia which improved terms of employment, rights and privileges of domestic workers and their employers has been implemented;
2. Explain whether the the government having allowed Saudi Arabia to start recruiting Kenyan domestic workers is equally protecting them as they om their employment;
3. State whether the domestic workers in Saudi Arabia have access to their wages, free housing, health insurance, transport and food as the agreement has set out;
4. State whether the recruitment agencies are licenced and held accountable for the wellbeing of the domestic workers;
5. Explain whether there exists a legal framework that enhances co-operation between Kenya and Saudi Arabia, to protect the rights of both employers and domestic workers and regulate their contractual relationship;

6. State whether the Kenyan embassy in Saudi Arabia can act as an agent to protect the Kenyan domestic workers who are victims of abuse and detention without reasonable cause;
7. Explain whether the government will intervene and compel the release of domestic workers who are currently detained and their travel documents withheld by their employers.

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SENATOR, NAROK COUNTY

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