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GOLD COAST QUEENSLAND STATE AUSTRALIA.

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CHAIRPERSON'S FOREWARD

The Ministry Sports Culture, State Department of Sports invited the Departmental Committee on Sports, Culture and Tourism to nominate six (6) Members to attend the 2018 Commonwealth Games in Australia, Gold Coast between 2nd and 15th April, 2018. The 2018 Commonwealth Games, officially known as the XXI Commonwealth Games and commonly known as Gold Coast 2018, was an international multi-sport event for members of the Commonwealth that was held on the Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia, between 4 and 15 April 2018.

It is against this background that the Departmental Committee on Sports, Culture and Tourism nominated a delegation of four (4) Members and one Parliamentary staff to participate in the event.

The Committee wishes to thank the Offices of the Speaker and the Clerk of the National Assembly for the support extended to the delegation to undertake this important event.

The Committee wishes to record its appreciation for the services rendered by the staff of the National Assembly attached to the Committee. Their efforts made the work of the Committee possible.

On behalf of the delegation and the Departmental Committee on Sports, Culture and Tourism, it is my pleasant duty and privilege to lay on the Table of the House, our report of the participation in the commonwealth Games In Australia Gold Coast.

1.0 Committee Mandate

The Departmental Committee on Sports, Culture and Tourism is one of the fifteen departmental committees of the House established pursuant to Article 124 of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 and Standing Order 216 of the National Assembly and mandated to:

Investigate, inquire into, and report on all matters relating to the mandate, management, activities, administration, operations and estimates of the assigned ministries and departments amongst others.

1.1 Committee Membership

The committee comprises of the following Members:-

Chairperson	The Hon. (Dr.) Victor Kioko Munyaka, M.P.
Vice Chairperson	The Hon. (Dr.) Korei Ole Lemein, M.P.
	The Hon. Christopher Omulele, MP
	The Hon. (Dr.) Christine Ombaka, MP
	The Hon. Cyprian Kubai Iringo, M.P
	The Hon. Jones Mlolwa, MP
	The Hon. Daniel Wanyama Sitati, M.P.
	The Hon. Benard Masaka Shinali, M.P.
	The Hon. (Prof.) Jacqueline Oduol, MP
	The Hon. (Dr.) Tecla Chebet Tum, M.P
	The Hon. Jane Jepkorir Kiptoo Chebaibai, M.P
	The Hon. Grace Jelagat Kipchoim, M.P.
	The Hon. Lydia Haika Mnene Mizighi, M.P.
	The Hon. George Risa Sunkuyia, M.P.
	The Hon. Annie Wanjiku Kibeh, M.P.
	The Hon. Sylvanus Maritim, M.P.
	The Hon. Jeremiah Lomurukai, MP
	The Hon. Charles Ngusya Nguna, MP
	The Hon. Titus Mukhwana Khamala, MP

1.2 Committee Secretariat

Third Clerk Assistant	-	Helen Kina
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Legal Counsel II	-	Clara Kimeli
Research Officer III	-	Vitus Okech
Fiscal Analyst	-	Catherine Gati
Media Relations Officer	-	James Macharia
Sergeant At-Arms	-	Sheila Chebotibin

1.3 Composition of the Delegation

In response to the invitation by the Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife, State Department of Tourism, the Committee nominated the following Members to constitute the delegation:

The Hon. Daniel Sitati Wanyama, MP	-	Leader of Delegation
The Hon. Christopher Omulele Monyo, MP	-	Member
The Hon. (Prof.) Jacqueline Oduol MP	-	Member
The Hon. Annie Wanjiku Kibeh, MP	-	Member
Ms. Masiyoi Kina Hellen	-	Delegation Secretary

1.4 Objective of the delegation

The objective of the delegation participation in the Commonwealth games was to develop an ability to observe, analyse and judge the performance of self and peers in sporting situations.

To develop an appreciation of the concepts of fair play, honest competition and good sportsmanship and to offer support to all the players towards flying the Kenyan flag high and winning in all categories of sports.

The Committee to assess the management of team Kenya by the State Department of Sports in terms of team selection, accreditation, payment of participants allowance, travel of the team, management of the team against doping, incentives amongst others pursuant to Standing Order 216.

2.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2.1 Commonwealth Games

The 2018 Commonwealth Games, officially known as the XXI Commonwealth Games and commonly known as Gold Coast 2018, was an international multi-sport event for members of the Commonwealth that was held on the Gold Coast, Queensland State, Australia, between 4 and 15 April 2018. It was the fifth time Australia was hosting the Commonwealth Games and the first time a major multi-sport event achieved gender equality by having an equal number of events for males and female athletes.

More than 4,400 athletes from seventy one (71) Commonwealth Games Associations took part including Gambia where they were readmitted as a Commonwealth Games Federation member on 31 March 2018. With 275 sets of medals, the games featured 19 Commonwealth sports, including beach volleyball, para triathlon and women's rugby sevens. These sporting events took place at 14 venues in the host city, two venues in Brisbane and one venue each in Cairns and Townsville.

These were the first Commonwealth Games to take place under the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) presidency of Louise Martin, CBE. The host city Gold Coast was announced at the CGF General Assembly in Basseterre, Saint Kitts, on 11 November 2011. Gold Coast became the seventh Oceanian city to host the Commonwealth Games. These were the eighth games to be held in Oceania and the Southern Hemisphere.

The host nation Australia topped the medal table for the fourth time in the past five Commonwealth Games, winning the most gold's (80) and most medals overall (198). England and India finished second and third respectively. Vanuatu, Cook Islands, Solomon Islands, British Virgin Islands and Dominica each won their first Commonwealth Games medals.

2.2 Objectives

To bring out the unique connections and friendships that brings together a third of the world's population as citizens of the nations and territories of the Commonwealth. For more than eight decades the Commonwealth Games Federation has taken a global leadership role in uniting the Commonwealth's athletes, citizens and communities through the transformative and connecting **power of sport.**

To Inspire the diversity and dynamism of the Commonwealth itself - a voluntary association of 71 nations and territories - and its enduring commitment to human rights, democracy and the rule of law. Among our membership are some of the world's largest and smallest countries, from India,

with over 1.2 billion people to Nauru with a population of 10,000. More than 60% of the Commonwealth citizens are under 30.

2.3 Opening Ceremony

The opening ceremony was held at Carrara Stadium in the Gold Coast, Australia, between 20:00 and 22:40 AEST, on 4 April 2018. Tickets for the ceremony started at 100 Australian dollars with half price tickets available for children. The Head of the Commonwealth, Queen Elizabeth II, was represented by her son, Charles, Prince the Duke of Wales.

2.4 Parade of Nations

Following tradition, the host of the previous games, Scotland entered first, followed by the rest of the European countries competing following this, all countries paraded in alphabetical order from their respective regions. After the European countries entered, countries from Africa, Americas, Asia, the Caribbean, and lastly Oceania marched in. The host nation of Australia entered last. Each nation was preceded by a placard bearer carrying a sign with the country's name

One of the key technical aspects of Gold Coast City's successful bid was the fact that the city had 80 percent of the planned venues in place before the bidding deadline. The vast majority of venues were located within 20-minutes driving time of the Athletes Village in Parkwood.

2.5 Venues in Gold Coast

Carrara Stadium, located in the suburb of Carrara, was the main venue for Athletics, the opening ceremony and the closing ceremony. The seating capacity of the stadium was temporarily increased to 40,000 for the games.

The Gold Coast City Convention and Exhibition Centre, located in the suburb of Broadbeach, hosted Basketball, Netball (preliminaries) and Weightlifting events. It also served as the main media accreditation centre during of the games. The Broadbeach Bowls Club hosted the Bowls competition.

The Hinze Dam, located in the suburb of Advance town, was the location for the Mountain Bike competition. A new course was constructed to meet international competition requirements and temporary spectator seating for 2,000 spectators.

The newly built Coomera Sport and Leisure Centre hosted Gymnastics and Netball (finals). The existing sound stages of the Village Road show Studios complex in the suburb of Oxenford hosted the sports of Boxing, Table Tennis and Squash. During Games mode the venue was enhanced to provide for the International Sporting Federation technical venue requirements and provide spectator seating of 3,000 (boxing) and 3,200 (table tennis).

The Gold Coast Hockey Centre hosted the men's and women's Hockey events during the games. The Southport Broadwater Parklands hosted Triathlon and athletic events.

The Optus aquatic centre hosted the swimming and diving events.

Robina Stadium hosted the Rugby 7s competition and upgraded to meet World Rugby standards. The Elanora/Currumbin Valley area hosted the road racing elements of the cycling programme. Coolangatta Beachfront hosted the beach volleyball event.

2.6 Venues outside Gold Coast

Brisbane, along with the Gold Coast, forms part of the South East Queensland conurbation. Track Cycling was held at the Sleeman Sports Complex in the suburb of Chandler, where a new indoor cycling velodrome (Anna Meares Velodrome) was built. The Velodrome's seat capacity was 4,000 during the games mode.

The Shooting disciplines were held at the Belmont Shooting Centre. In Tropical North Queensland, the Cairns Convention Centre and Townsville Entertainment Centre hosted the preliminary rounds of both the men's and women's basketball competitions.

2.7 Athlete's village

The 2018 Commonwealth Games Athletes Village was situated on 59 hectares at Southport, Gold Coast Sara Carrigan OAM and served as the mayor of the athlete's village. It provided accommodation and services to 6,600 athletes and officials from different Countries, including Kenya in 1,252 permanent dwellings. There were 1,170 one and two bedroom apartments and 82 three bedrooms townhouses. It offered services like laundry, refreshments, television, computer spaces and four residential pools. The village consisted of a gym which was designed with guidance from the Australian Institute of Sport and equipment and the equipment were sponsored by Technogym. Adjoining the gym was the Athlete Recovery Area which provided services like plunge baths, including accessible baths, saunas, massage and consults from the Sports Medical personnel. The Main Dining served over 18,000 meals per day to the athletes during the games. The village also consisted retail shops, Optus phone store, salon, bar and a games room which featured a number of arcade games, pool tables and game consoles.

2.8 Queen's Baton Relay

The Gold Coast 2018 Queen's Baton Relay was launched on Commonwealth Day, 13 March 2017, on the historic forecourt at Buckingham Palace, signalling the official countdown to the start of the Games. Accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh and Prince Edward The Earl of Wessex, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II heralded the start of the relay by placing her 'message to the Commonwealth and its athletes' into the distinctive loop-design Queen's Baton which then set off on its journey around the globe. It traveled for 388 days, spending time in every nation and territory of the Commonwealth. The Gold Coast 2018 Queen's Baton Relay was the longest in Commonwealth Games history. Covering 230,000 km over 388 days, the baton made its way

through the six Commonwealth regions of Africa, the Americas, the Caribbean, Europe, Asia and Oceania.

The baton landed on Australian soil in December 2017 and then spent 100 days travelling through Australia, finishing its journey at the Opening Ceremony on 4 April 2018, where the message was removed from the Baton and read aloud by Charles, Prince of Wales.

2.9 Anti-Doping

The Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority conducted an anti-doping drive in the months prior to the games, covering around 2500 tests of Australian athletes, as well as 500 tests against international athletes. Three Australians failed drug tests in this process, along with around 20 international athletes, subject to appeal. The Commonwealth Games Federation conducted in-competition testing and, matching protocol at the Olympic Games, launched a sample storage initiative to allow for future testing of samples up to ten years later, should detection technology improve.

2.10 Volunteers

Being a game shaper at the Gold Coast 2018, Commonwealth games meant being part of something bigger. 15,000 Staff volunteers and contactors came together as a diverse and united team to shape the best event in the games history, 15,000 Volunteers to show the world how proud, vibrant, committed and Friendly Gold Coast and Queensland community is, an unforgettable experience was shaped for everyone from athletes to officials to fans from around the Commonwealth.

2.11 Participating Teams

There were 71 nations competing at 2018 Commonwealth Games. Maldives were scheduled to participate, but in October 2016 they withdrew from the Commonwealth. The Gambia returned to the Commonwealth Games after being readmitted as a Commonwealth Games Federation member on 31 March 2018.

Kenya took part and competed at the 2018 common wealth games in the Gold Coast, Australia from April 4 to April 15, 2018.

Players who took part in games at the Gold Coast were a mix of top level, second tier and the junior athletes. The new junior athletes must be built for future. Kenya finished 14th overall on the medal table and 5th on the athletics table at the just concluded Gold Coast Games with 4 gold, 7 silver and 6 bronze medals. All the medals except one bronze medal came from Athletics as indicated below.

Medal	Name	Sport	Event	Date
1	Gold	Wycliffe Kinyamal	Athletics Men's 800 m	April 12
1	Gold	Conseslus Kipruto	Athletics Men's 3000 m Steeplechase	April 13
1	Gold	Hellen Obiri	Athletics Women's 5000 m	April 14
1	Gold	Elijah Motonei Manangoi	Athletics Men's 1500 m	April 14
2	Silver	Stacy Ndiwa	Athletics Women's 10,000 m	April 9
2	Silver	Beatrice Chepkoech	Athletics Women's 1500 m	April 10
2	Silver	Celliphine Chepteek Chespol	Athletics Women's 3000 m Steeplechase	April 11
2	Silver	Abraham Kibiwott	Athletics Men's 3000 m Steeplechase	April 13
2	Silver	Margaret Nyairera Wambui	Athletics Women's 800 m	April 13
2	Silver	Margaret Chelimo Kipkemboi	Athletics Women's 5000 m	April 14
2	Silver	Timothy Cheruiyot	Athletics Men's 1500 m	April 14
3	Bronze	Samuel Ileri Gathimba	Athletics Men's 20 kilometres walk	April 8
3	Bronze	Edward Zakayo	Athletics Men's 3000 m Steeplechase	April 8
3	Bronze	Purity Cherotich Kirui	Athletics Women's 3000 m Steeplechase	April 11
3	Bronze	Amos Kirui	Athletics Men's 3000 m Steeplechase	April 13
3	Bronze	Rodgers Kwemoi	Athletics Men's 10000 metres	April 13
3	Bronze	Christine Ongare	Boxing Women's 51 kg	April 13

2.12 Missing Athletes

At least 13 athletes from four countries - Cameroon, Uganda, Rwanda, and Sierra Leone – absconded games during or immediately after the Games. Some missed their competitions. Athletes regularly abscond during major sporting events, and many subsequently claim asylum in their host countries. Most hold nationalities that are deemed high-risk by immigration authorities and find it impossible to get visas outside of exceptional events, such as major games.

The missing Kenyan boxer left without his passport and is yet to be found, the ministry confirmed that it is a natural order for all the teams to deposit their valuables to their team managers during such events. Travel documents and other valuables will then be given back to the players while returning back to their countries. Further the ministry is waiting for the final report on the missing boxer from the High Commission in Australia.

2.13 Parliamentarian Dinner

The Cabinet Secretary invited the delegation for a dinner where a few issues concerning the future plans, budget for the ministry and the challenges faced by the State department of Sports were

discussed. The delegation was informed that the State Department has financial constraints and therefore cannot be able to honor incentives promised earlier to athletes. The leader of the delegation congratulated officials and the Department for working hard and ensuring that Commonwealth Games were a success.

2.14 Meeting with the Players and Officials.

The delegation met with the Athletes and officials from all the disciplines at the Games Village. The meeting was informed of good progress in preparations towards winning of all games. Further; Officials informed the delegation that incentives promised to players who took part in the Gold Coast will be honored upon return back to Kenya.

2.15 Closing ceremony

The closing ceremony was held at Carrara Stadium on Sunday 15th April and was pronounced by Jack Morton Worldwide at a cost of AU\$30 million. Australian pop stars Guy Sebastian, Samantha Jade, Dami Im and The Veronicas were among the performers along with children's entertainers, The Wiggles. Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex, declared the Games closed and passed the Commonwealth Games flag to Birmingham, England which will host the 2022 Games.

3.0 OBSERVATIONS

Having witnessed and attended the event, the delegation's observations include:-



1. With effective planning, governance and leadership positive legacy effects are possible, but not automatic. Depending on the social and economic challenges faced by a host city or nation, hosting major events can be used as a 'catalyst' for the outcomes that national and local government and partners seek to achieve;
2. Early planning, depth of partnership and collective leadership across public, private and third sector agencies has been acknowledged nationally and internationally.
3. Key risks identified in other studies of major events were mitigated for the Commonwealth Games. Venues and housing were planned and developed with their end use and ownership already agreed that the village will serve as student accommodation to the nearby Griffith University.
4. The Ministry had initiated a direct transfer of allowances to sports teams and used internet banking system where the money was wired directly to individual accounts but some disbursements had not gone through due to mismatch in the account details.
5. Payments of team Kenya allowances were done in good time and facilitated accordingly.
6. Accreditation Challenges were witnessed particularly by senior Government Officials such as Members of Parliament, However it was explained that this was occasioned by the numbers that travelled vis a vis the quota given.

7. Qualifications and selection of the team was done by the Federations. NOCK took custody of the team once it had qualified for the Olympics and Commonwealth games. The Federations train their athletes and present to NOCK the teams that qualify.

4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

The delegation recommends as follows:-

1. The State Department responsible for Sports should be allocated enough funds to enable the Ministry plan one year in advance for international events, in order for them to meet international standards;
2. The State Department of sports to look for avenues of exchange programmes. This will help Kenya maintain its athlete and prevent them from disappearing during international games.
3. The State Department of Sports should come up with draft legislation proposal to support sports men and women who qualify for all competitive sporting events. In the legislation the Ministry must be clear on how much a player will be paid if they qualify for International championships. Legislation should also be clear on how much players who qualified but bring home medals should be given as a token.

SIGNATURE.......... DATE.....

HON. (DR.) VICTOR KIOKO MUNYAKA, MP (CHAIRPERSON)

DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON SPORTS, CULTURE AND TOURISM