

lion has been reallocated to capital expenditure to Child Welfare Society for cash transfers to abandoned children in rescue centres, children homes,

allocation in the Health ministry

Ministry loses funding over supremacy wars

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Supremacy wars between the Foreign Affairs ministry and the parliamentary committee on Defence and Foreign Relations have cost the ministry Sh3 billion in the budgetary allocation in the current financial year.

Cabinet secretary Amina Mohamed (pictured) has flatly refused to attend committee meetings to discuss its budget allocation and in retaliation the Ndung'u Gethinji-led committee re-allocated the money to the department of defence.

Issues were yesterday raised as to why the committee chairman went ahead to commit the money elsewhere without the knowledge of the Budget and Appropriation Committee.



"Amina takes the Defence committee as a subordinate organ which she is not answerable to. She rarely appears before the committee whenever invited to do so.

It is due to this that the committee found it prudent to reallocate the money because the ministry was not there to defend its position," said a Member of the committee who did not want to be named.

The deal was reached after a member of the National Assembly broke ranks with his two colleagues and voted to support the proposal to add counties more cash above the Sh283 billion they had been allocated.

The total budgetary allocation approved by the Cabinet in April for the 2015/16 financial year peaked Sh2.2 trillion, but report by the Budget and Appropriations committee proposes an expenditure of Sh2 trillion with recurrent expenditure pegged at Sh787 billion, development (Sh721 billion), consolidated fund services (Sh230 billion), contingencies fund (Sh5 billion) and equalisation fund (Sh6 billion).

Meanwhile, debate on the crucial report of the Budget and Appropriation Committee was yesterday adjourned to next Wednesday after members accused the committee of preparing the report in total disregard of the views of the various departmental committees.

MPs forced the committee chairperson Mutava Musyimi to postpone the debate and allow the House to have a special sitting on Wednesday to ensure that all their concerns are taken on board. The legislators claimed Mutava and his committee had usurped their pow-

by the County Executive Committee of Finance with approval of the respective County Assembly.

Senate had made amendments to the proposed law of Sh7.7 billion, which the National Assembly rejected, leading to the mediation.

The shared revenue will increase by Sh1.767 billion, while conditional allocation is adjusted upwards by Sh1.536 billion for Level Five hospitals, resulting in an increment of resources due to counties of Sh3.3025 billion.

Increasing allocation

It was Ruaraka MP Tom Kajwang's move to support the addition which ended the stalemate after he broke ranks with MPs Mutava Musyimi (Mbeere South) and Mary Emasse (Teso South). The senate was represented by Boni Khalwale (Kakamega), Beatrice Elachi (nominated) and Mutahi Kagwe (Nyeri).

The National Assembly representatives had declined to accept any proposal to increase the allocation, leading to fears of a financial crisis if the bill did not pass.

"We have finally agreed. However, I am bound by the House Standing Orders and will not divulge the details. The mediation committee report will be tabled in both Houses for delibera-

ting a special sitting next week day. However, Senate approved the report immediately.

Senators had accused the Musyimi-led team of advancing their supremacy wars and refusing to give in on funds meant to improve lives at the grassroots.

The Parliamentary Budget Office (PBO) had also warned that if the bill was lost there would be financial crisis and the legislature would expose itself to litigation and court injunctions, in effect hampering service delivery in the public sector.

Following the complaints that Mutava and his committee had usurped powers, National Assembly Speaker Justin Muturi directed that the Budget and Appropriations Committee meets today with all the chairpersons of the committees, their vices, National Treasury Cabinet secretary and his technical team in order to agree on contents of the report before it is debated in the House.

Muturi directed the Leader of Majority, Aden Duale to write to him requesting for the special session and made it clear the recommendations of the various departmental committees were crucial and thus should not be disregarded.

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Varsity staff to benefit if MPs approve Sh1b CBA cash

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Thousands of staff at University of Nairobi stand to win big if the National Assembly approves Sh1 billion additional recurrent allocation to towards their Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) in the next financial year.

Water services boards and ministry of Industrialisation also topped

the list of State departments that would get more allocations starting July, according to proposals by Budget and Appropriations Committee.

Proposal for additional recurrent allocations through State department for science and technology would push for an increase in housing, medical and leave allowances for the varsity workers to avert strikes.

More than 6,000 University of Nairobi workers under Kenya University

Staff Union (KUSU) took to the streets last year to protest lower than agreed value in salaries and allowances against a CBA agreement reached by the two parties in 2012.

More cash

Special economic zones and Kenya Industrial Research and development (KIRDI) will get an additional Sh3.6 billion for the industrial sector to boost innovations. Kenya Industrial

property Institute and New KCC have been allocated Sh300 million and Sh400 million while Kenya Industrial Training Institute will get Sh120 million. Water services boards and regional authorities could also benefit from additional Sh1.1 billion capital injection over the next financial year to support supply of clean water across the country.



UoN staff at a past demo.

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