

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

ON THE

INVOLVEMENT OF HON. MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT IN THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS OF THE EARTH MOVING EQUIPMENT BY SOME COUNCILS BY THE HON. MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, MR MWALE

Mr Speaker, in line with your directive that I render a brief statement clarifying the involvement of some Members of Parliament in the procurement process of the earth moving equipment, I would like to state that the background of this matter is well known to this House as this information has been presented here before. However, allow me to give a brief account of what transpired as per your directive.

Mr Speaker, in the year 2012, a business representative of the United Kingdom (UK) based company called Techmiya Commercials Limited approached the then Member of Parliament for Chinsali Central Constituency selling the idea to supply second hand earth moving equipment which could be bought using Constituency Development Fund (CDF). The former Member of Parliament bought into the idea and shared it with other Members of Parliament in Muchinga.

Sir, consequently, two constituencies, namely Chinsali Central and Shiwang'andu, through Chinsali District Council, procured the equipment which was later delivered. This development excited Members of Parliament from other provinces, Southern Province included. As a result, a number of Members of Parliament, through their respective local authorities, decided to procure this second hand equipment on the condition which the supplier had set out. One such condition was that all interested constituencies should transfer at least 25 per cent of the required total cost as deposit before shipment of the equipment. The balance of 75 per cent was due to be paid upon delivery of the equipment.

Mr Speaker, Munali and Kanyama Constituencies, through Lusaka City Council joined the two constituencies in Chinsali District then by starting the procurement process with Techmiya Commercials Limited which was done successfully and equipment was delivered.