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2018 Parliamentary Score Card Released

Nairobi 23rd June, 2019: Mzalendo Trust has today released the First Score Card for the 12th Parliament, focusing on the period between September 2017 and December 2018. In the report, 10 elected Members of the National Assembly, all male, made no contribution during plenary, according to the Hansard reports. These include Alex Kosgey and Oscar Sudi who the report highlights, as some of the silent MPs in the last report released in 2016. Also on the list, with zero scores are Charles Kamuren, Samuel Arama and James Githua Wamacukuru. Of the 47 Women Representatives, 6 members did not speak at all. The infographic with more details is available [here](#)

“What’s interesting about the results is that some of these silent MPs in the House are the most vocal politicians outside the house,” says Caroline Gaita, the Executive Director for Mzalendo Trust. What this means is that we should ask ourselves the question whether these members are effectively playing their legislative, representation, budgeting and oversight roles as expected in the house, she added.

The best performing members in the house according to the report were Kimani Ichungwa, Joseph Kirui Limo and Robert Pukose. David Sankok, Jacqueline Adhiambo Oduol and Godfrey Osotsi tops the list of the most active nominated MPs at the National Assembly, with Abshiro Halake, Mary Yiane Senata and Gertrude Musuve Inama leading at the Senate. Sabina Chege, Gladys Boss Shollei and Gladys Atieno Nyasuna were the best performing women representatives. Johnson Sakaja, Mutula Kilonzo Junior and Moses Wetangula topped the list at the Senate.

From the analysis, at the National Assembly, 16 MPs did not speak at all, 110 MPs spoke less than 20 times while at the Senate 3 spoke less than 20.

“The Country faced many challenges in the period under review and this begs the question why some members of parliament, including those from areas affected say by floods, drought and insecurity would not raise the issues in the house.” Says Caroline. **“Citizens should take advantage of the rights, tools and spaces provided by the Constitution, including the right to access information, public participation in the legislative process, court intervention and demand for accountability to actively engage with Parliament.”**

An analysis of the data according to Counties shows that representatives from Embu, Lamu, Nyamira, Isiolo and Bomet cumulatively spoke the least while Trans-Nzoia was

the top county, with MPs from across the 4 constituencies actively engaging in parliament.

Amongst the issues given prominence by the National Assembly included the NYS scandal, education, health, security, social economic rights and the *handshake*. The main Bills moved in the National Assembly were the Equalization Fund Appropriation Bill, 2018 which is now an Act, and the annual budget legislation. At the Senate, the top main Bills discussed were County Government's Retirement Scheme Bill 2018, Disaster Risk Management Bill, 2018, Determination of the Nature of Bills, 2018 and the County Boundaries Bill, 2017. Issues of riparian land, demolitions, welfare of SGR workers, the *handshake* and corruption scandals dominated the Senate discussions.

Mzalendo (www.mzalendo.com) the Parliamentary monitoring information has been releasing the scorecard since 2014. The scorecard is based on every member's (National Assembly and Senate) contribution as captured by the Hansard and is aimed at increasing legislative transparency while providing citizens an opportunity for public participation and tracking of their members' performance. The report, recognising the official role played by the leaders of Majority and Minority, whips as well as members of the Speaker's Panel does not include their data in the report.

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