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**APPOINTMENT OF MARKET AND BUS STATION BOARDS AND THE PROVISION
OF ALTERNATIVE TRADING LAND FOR STREET TRADERS**

The Minister of Local Government (Mr Mwale)

Mr Speaker, I wish to thank you for giving me this opportunity to make a statement on the Floor of this House and indeed through it I wish to update the nation on how the Government intends to run markets and bus stations. Further, I wish to report progress on what the Government has done on the provision of alternative land for traders that have been removed from streets in towns following the outbreak cholera.

Mr Speaker, it is important to state from the onset that the Government is committed to ensuring that it creates adequate trading spaces in designated areas for our people. Further, the Government has put in place measures to ensure that no one is allowed back on the street without facing the law through the provisions of the Statutory Instrument (SI) No. 12 of 2018, which amended the SI No. 10 with revised fees.

Sir, I wish to reiterates the Government's resolve to ensuring that councils take charge of running of markets and bus stations. To this effect, the Government has strengthened a law that deals with anybody who illegally collects levies from markets from market traders or licensed public transporters other than the council. This has been done through SI No. 12 of 2018.

Mr Speaker, in order to augment the enforcement of SI No. 12 of 2018, the Government has started appointing market and bus station boards to run markets and bus stations as opposed to councils directly running them, a strategy which has failed in the past, thereby, giving unscrupulous people room to start illegally collecting levies from marketers for their own personal enrichment. To this effect, and as a pilot project, I have appointed market and bus station boards in Lusaka, Ndola, Kitwe, Livingstone, Chipata, Samfya, Mazabuka and Choma. In the long run, I will appoint more markets and bus station boards in other towns across the country.

Mr Speaker, the Government has put in place these measures and therefore, expects that the law will be followed to the later. To this effect, my ministry has authorised the recruitment of