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THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT  
(Cap. 265)

APPOINTMENT

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by sections 231 (1) and 245 (1) of the Local Government Act, the Minister for Local Government appoints the following persons (hereinafter referred to as the "Task Force") to investigate the management of Pumwani Maternity Hospital of Nairobi City Council.

Shadrack B. O. Ojwang (Prof.)—(Chairman), representing the Kenya Medical Association.

Elisius Mate Muranga, representing the Kenya Police.

David Wambugu Maingi, representing the Nursing Council of Kenya.

Ezekiel Mutua, representing the Kenya Union of Journalists.

Joyce Nyambura (Ms.)—(Secretary), representing the Association of Local Government Authorities of Kenya (ALGAK).

A representative of the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Health.

The terms of reference of the Task Force shall be to:

(a) Obtain a general overview of the Management of Pumwani Maternity Hospital and give recommendations in order to improve services delivery.

(b) Investigate recent media reports on allegations—

- (i) that the hospital is a death chamber for pregnant mothers;
- (ii) of existence of a "baby trade" and theft;

(iii) of professional negligence in dealing with expectant mothers, babies and mothers who have delivered;

(iv) of deaths of mothers and babies at the hospital for the last four years (from 2000 to current); and

(v) recommend appropriate criminal and/or disciplinary measures to be taken against any matters that may be proved as a result of the investigation.

(c) Establish sources of funding of Pumwani Maternity Hospital and recommend remedial measures to address the problem.

(d) Recommend an appropriate legal and institutional framework within which the hospital should be restructured in order to operate effectively in relation to Nairobi City Council, Government of Kenya, stakeholders and other similar service providers.

(e) Enquire generally or in particular into any other matter relating to the foregoing.

The Task Force shall report thereon within twenty-one (21) days from the date hereof. Further, the Task Force shall hold its investigations at such times and in such places as it may, from time to time, determine and shall be held in public or in private or partly in public and partly in private as the said Task Force may, from time to time, determine.

Dated the 15th June, 2004.

E. K. MAITHA,  
Minister for Local Government.