

THIRD SESSION, SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

THURSDAY, 4 MARCH 2021

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

1. The Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer and Affirmation.
2. **Announcements by the Speaker in terms of Rule 20(b) of the Standing Rules and Orders:**

- (i) The Speaker informed the Members that his Office and the Legal Department are seized with the matter relating to the Motion by Ms. Elma Dienda of PDM.

The Speaker said his Office is gathering all relevant information in order to be able to make an informed decision, and that he will provide a Ruling in regard to this Motion not later than next week Tuesday.

- (ii) The Speaker reported that all Members are being invited to attend a three-day workshop on the National Budget before the tabling of the *Appropriation Bill* on 17 March 2021.

The Workshop will be organized by the National Assembly in collaboration with Friedrich Ebert Stiftung and is scheduled as follows:

Tuesday, 09 March 2021

Thursday, 11 March 2021

Friday, 12 March 2021

The time will be from 09:00 to 13:00 and the venue will be the National Assembly Chamber.

3. **The Deputy Minister of Information and Communication Technology laid upon the Table:**

Annual Report of the Communications Regulatory Authority of Namibia (CRAN) for the year 2020.

4. **ORAL QUESTION:**

Mr. Martin (PDM) asked the Minister of Health and Social Services (No. 5) – *Replied to.*

5. **Ministerial Statement in terms of Rule 98 of the Standing Rules and Orders:**

The Minister of Environment, Forestry and Tourism addressed the House on the alleged harvesting and transporting of timber, whereby the Minister reassured the House that the Ministry vowed not to permit an export of unprocessed or semi processed timber from Namibia. Besides, that the Ministry is also busy amending the Forestry Act No. 12 of 2001 and its Regulations to further strengthen them and close the potential lacunae in the law.

6. **QUESTIONS DEALT WITH:**

(i) Mr. Mwilima (PDM) asked the Minister of Defence and Veterans Affairs (No. 417) – *Replied to.*

(ii) Dr. Iijambo (SWANU) asked the Minister of Defence and Veterans Affairs (No. 8) – *Replied to.*

(iii) Mr. Auchab (UDF) asked the Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform (No. 11) – *Stands over.*

(iv) Mr. Auchab (UDF) asked the Minister of Education, Arts and Culture (No. 12) – *Replied to.*

(v) Mr. Van Wyk (PDM) asked the Minister of Finance (No. 14) – *Stands over.*

(vi) Mr. Martin (PDM) asked the Minister of Works and Transport (No. 15) – *Replied to.*

(vii) Mr. Martin (PDM) asked the Minister of Labour, Industrial Relations and Employment Creation (No. 16) – *Replied to.*

(viii) Mr. Martin (PDM) asked the Minister of Defence and Veterans Affairs (No. 17) – *Replied to.*

(ix) Mr. Auchab (UDF) asked the Minister of Finance (No. 18) – *Stands over.*

(x) Mr. Auchab (UDF) asked the Prime Minister (No. 19) – *Replied to.*

(xi) Mr. Kauandenge (NUDO) asked the Minister of Finance (No. 21) – *Stands over.*

(xii) Mr. Shihumbu (PDM) asked the Minister of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (No. 23) – *Replied to.*

7. In terms of Rule 99(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:45 until Tuesday, 9 March 2021.

MS. L. KANDETU
Secretary of the National Assembly

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