



REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

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ON NOTICE OF QUESTION BY HON. ANGELINA MUHARUKUA
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CDE. Speaker, Honorable members, first let me thank Hon. Muharukua for the question on the oludhimba Radio station. Secondly, this is not the only community that is affected by this.

It is indeed an undeniable fact that every Namibian citizen has a Constitutional right to information. Hence, the Government, s efforts to broaden its information services through its agencies such as New Era, Southern Times, Nampa and NBC.

It is also true that each Namibian should ideally receive the information in his or her language, but in the same vain we would agree that there are indeed practical challenges such as the required capacity, infrastructure etc., to make this dream become true in short term.

The government's long term objective is to engage the said agencies and to devise creative ways on how the information needs of all Namibian communities could be address. As a matter of interest e.g. we may have different dialects in a particular language. Should each one of these dialects have a separate Radio Station?

These are the realities we need to battle in order to preserve the right of our people to information. It is therefore not realistic nor easy to commit ourselves as government nor NBC to provide Radio stations for each language group.

Once again, I want to thank Hon. Muharukua for this question.

I thank you