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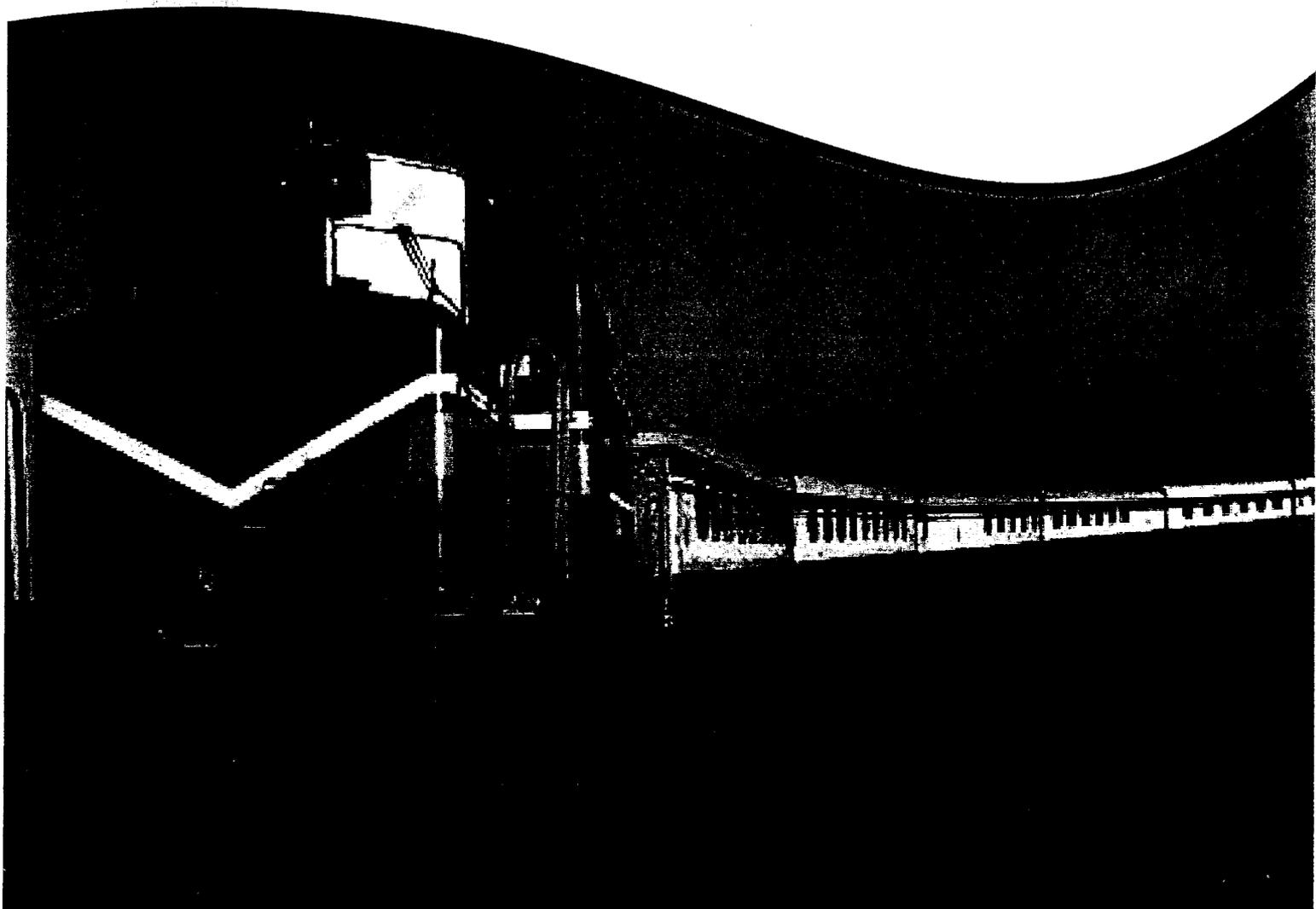
**MINISTRY OF WORKS AND TRANSPORT**

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT**

VOTE 24:

**BUDGET MOTIVATION**

**FINANCIAL YEAR 2017/18**



**27**  
**YEARS**  
OF INDEPENDENCE  
**1990-2017**



**PRESENTED BY:**

**HONOURABLE ALPHEUS G! NARUSEB, MP**  
**MINISTER OF WORKS AND TRANSPORT**

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## **Vote 24: Transport**

### **Budget speech for the financial year 2017/2018 by Honourable ALPHEUS G. NARUSEB, MP. Minister of Works and Transport**

**Honourable Chairperson of the whole house Committee  
Honourable Members**

Let me thank the honourable members of this House for affording me the opportunity to present to you the programs for the Department of Transport, Vote 24, in the Ministry of Works and Transport.

My profound appreciation goes to HE President Hage G. Geingob for having bestowed the honour of overseeing stewardship of the Ministry of Works and transport.

I am equally indebted to the Deputy Minister of Works and Transport, Hon Sankwasa James Sankwasa for his support in carrying out our mandated responsibilities. The same goes for the Permanent Secretary and the entire staff compliments of the Ministry of Works and Transport for their selfless contribution toward us steering the boat during the year under review.

Vote 24 is responsible for the oversight of the development of efficient and effective transport infrastructure, which contributes to the promotion of the country's economic development and social uplifting.

Transport infrastructure and services remain crucial for generating economic growth, alleviating poverty, reducing the scourge of inequality and increasing domestic and international competitiveness.

In financing transport infrastructure we are aware of Namibia's economic and social characteristics including various demands made on tax based revenues. We therefore welcome passing of the Triple P Bill and encourage the private sector to invest in transport infrastructures.

Our effort to make transport a driving force contributing to the economic growth of our beloved nation continues. We endeavour to be more assertive in opening up the existing and untapped markets through the provision of adequate and world-class transportation infrastructures.

We therefore request you Honourable Members to render us support in order to realize our national goal.

I now wish to present to you, Honourable members, programs that will be discharged by the Ministry through the Department of Transport during Financial Year 2017/2018 in our effort to ensure modern and reliable transport infrastructure.

## Programme 01: Air Transport Administration

**Honourable Chairperson of the whole house Committee  
Honourable Members**

### 01:01 Aircraft Accident Investigations

**The purpose of this programme is to:-**

- Fulfil the State's obligations towards Civil Aviation Act No 6 of 2016 and Annex 13 to the Chicago Convention to which Namibia is a signatory.
- Improve aviation safety by investigating causes of aircraft accidents and serious incidents, and making recommendations aimed at preventing possible future occurrences.

*Honourable members, I therefore request for an amount of Eight Million, Two Hundred and Ninety Two Thousand Namibia Dollars (N\$ 8,292,000) to be allocated to Aircraft Accident Investigations.*

### 01:02 Government Air Transport Services

To provide safe, secure and efficient air transport services to His Excellency the President of the Republic of Namibia, the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Cabinet Ministers, government officials and foreign dignitaries to local and international destinations. Additionally the programme provides Charter Services to the general public and special operations operation including relief and rescue work countrywide as required.

*Honourable members, I therefore request for an amount of Thirty Million, Six Hundred and Thirty Eight Thousand Namibia Dollars (N\$ 30,638,000) to be allocated to Government Air Transport Services.*

### 01: 03 Civil Aviation Air Navigation Services

To ensure a safe, secure and efficient Civil Aviation Infrastructure that contributes to the national security and its economy. To investigate causes of aircraft accidents and incidents culminating in making recommendations aimed at preventing possible future occurrences. To manage the provision and maintenance of State Owned Aerodromes.

Honourable members, Namibia has some 581 aerodromes covering the full spectrum of commercial, economic and private uses. The responsibility for maintenance of these is shared as shown in the following table.

Item No	RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY	No of aerodromes
1	Ministry of Works & Transport	27
2	Ministry of Environment & Tourism	4
3	Namibia Defence Forces	2
4	Namibia Airports Company	9
5	Municipal Councils	3
6	Private	536
TOTAL NUMBER OF AERODROMES		581

The Ministry of Works and Transport (MWT) was mandated by Cabinet to:-

- Relocate Opuwo Aerodrome away from Opuwo town
- Rehabilitate Katima Mulilo Aerodrome
- To manage the provision and maintenance of 27 State Owned Aerodromes.

My Ministry has found it necessary to urgently assist the Namibia Airports Company to rehabilitate Eros Runway and Taxiway. The condition of Eros Airport Runway was such that it had become a danger to lives and traffic.

*Honourable members, in order to achieve these objectives I therefore request for an amount of Nine Hundred and Seven Million, Four Hundred and Forty Six Thousand (N\$ 907,446,000) Namibia Dollars to be allocated to Air Transport Administration.*

## **Programme 02: Meteorological Services Administration**

**Honourable Chairperson of the whole house Committee**  
**Honourable Members**

The purpose of this program is to provide meteorological services to the Namibian people and foreign nationals. To ensure a safe, secure and efficient meteorological infrastructure and services compliant with the World Meteorological Organization and ICAO standards and regulations as well as with the SADC Protocol on Transport and Meteorology.

*Honourable members, I therefore request for an amount of Forty Million and Eighty Thousand Namibia Dollars (N\$40,080,000) to be allocated to Meteorological Services Administration.*

## **Programme 03: Maritime Legislation Administration**

### **Honourable Chairperson of the whole house Committee**

#### **Honourable Members**

This program fulfils the Ministry's maritime mandate and objectives regarding safety of life and property at sea, protection of the marine environment from pollution by ships, and promoting of Namibia's maritime interests.

This program is delivered in line with International Maritime Organization (IMO) instruments relating to flag, port and coastal State responsibilities and comprises the following main activities:

- Registration and licensing of ships and seafarers
- Maritime Safety and Security Administration
- Marine Pollution Control
- Maritime Search & Rescue (SAR) Coordination

Lastly this program is responsible for budgetary allocations related to maritime infrastructure projects that are aimed at making Namibia a regional maritime logistics hub.

*I am requesting the approval and support of this August House, for an amount of Fifty Two Million and Seventy Three Thousand Namibia Dollars (N\$ 52,073,000) to be allocated to Maritime Legislation Administration.*

## **Programme 04: Formulation of Transportation Policy and Regulation Oversight**

This programme will formulate and implement transport policies to ensure safe, efficient and effective mobility and universal access to Namibian citizens and foreigners alike. The programme is also responsible for the regulation of transportation services in the transport sector and for the development, review and administering of relevant legislation.

Strategic activities carried out under this programme are the:

- Non-motorized transport facilities nationwide (urban and rural settings) and access to public infrastructure to promote the economic and social demands of all Namibia's citizenry.
- Conformity of all 21 approved Vehicle Testing Stations and Driver Testing Stations to Standardized technical requirements as approved South African Bureau of Standards (SABS).
- Standardized learner and drive testing assessments.
- Uniform grading of Vehicle Examiners and routine testing to assert competencies.
- Enforce adherence to technical and safety requirements to promote safe, efficient and effective passenger and freight operations within urban, rural and cross border operations.
- Ensure adherence to safety standards and maintenance standards which will ensure that the asset value of the road network is sustained to support corridor movements and internal demands for transport services

The initiative to integrate road safety into the school curriculum is still ongoing in close collaboration with the Ministry of Education. To date integration for grade 1 to 9 has taken place. Work for grades 10 and higher is progressing well.

***Honourable members, my Ministry is requesting for Sixty Five Million, Nine Hundred and Twenty Six Thousand (N\$ 65,926,000) Namibia Dollars to be allocated to Formulation of Transportation Policy and Regulation Oversight.***

#### **Programme 05: Provision and Upgrading of the Railway Network**

To construct new railway lines, conducting feasibility studies for new rail lines, maintain, upgrading and rehabilitation of aged railway lines, acquisition of new locomotives and rolling stock, monitoring and evaluation of the performance of TransNamib.

The antiquated rolling stock and other equipment supporting the provision of railway services need to be modernised to improve availability, reliability and efficiency. Thus, increased spending on these programme activities to improve railway transportation services is anticipated.

***Honourable Members I therefore request for an amount of One Billion, Sixty Three Million, Three Hundred and Eight Thousand Namibia Dollars (N\$ 1,063,308,000) to be allocated to the Provision and Upgrading of the Railway Network. (Railways Network Development, Maintenance and Rehabilitation Programme).***

#### **Programme 06: Planning and Development of Transportation Infrastructure**

The purpose of this programme is to develop world class transportation infrastructures and to maintain them in a safe and serviceable condition for the duration of the design life. The programme includes the construction of gravel roads, upgrading of gravel roads to bitumen standard roads, rehabilitation of roads and the construction, upgrading and maintenance of State Owned Aerodromes.

The Ministry of Works and Transport has put a lot of effort in its endeavour to restore Namibia's status of having excellent transportation infrastructures in the sub region. This programme seeks to ensure that Namibia has modern and reliable transportation infrastructures that are well maintained and cost effectively managed. The objective is to guarantee access by rural communities to economic and social centres as well as to link Namibia with neighbouring countries and other parts of the world through the ports.

In line with our 2015 Millennium Development Goals, the Government is striving to ensure that no citizen walks a distance exceeding 2 km to reach the nearest all weather road.

**Honourable Chairperson of the whole house Committee, Honourable members**

*I therefore request for an amount of One Billion, Four Hundred and Forty One Million, Six Hundred and Eighty Two Thousand Namibia Dollars (N\$1,441,682,000) to be allocated to Planning and Development of Transportation Infrastructure.*

**Programme 07: Centralized Support Services Administration**

The purpose of this program is to facilitate the provision of reliable transport and maintenance as well as 24/7 recovery services to all Government Offices, Ministries, Agencies including Political Office Bearers. This program is also responsible for the administering the fleet as well as the disposal of old and damaged Government Garage Fleet. The program also allows for budgetary provision to commence with the upgrading and renovation of some of the Government Garages.

*Honourable members, for my Ministry to be able to provide government with transport, I therefore request for an amount of One Hundred and Fourteen Million, Five Hundred and Forty Nine Thousand Namibia Dollars (N\$ 114,549,000) to be allocated to Centralized Support Services Administration.*

**Honourable Chairperson of the Whole House Committee**

**Honourable Members**

While I am presenting to you Vote 24 Budget for FY 2017/18, there is a pertinent issue that I want to bring to the attention of this August House. Due to financial constraints experienced in FY 2016/17, we still have unpaid invoices for Roads and Railways projects amounting to Seven Hundred and Two Million, Seven Hundred and Fifty Eight Thousand, Seven Hundred and Forty Nine Namibia Dollars and Three cents(N\$ 702,758,749.03). The amounts are shown in the table below.

<b>Programme</b>	<b>Outstanding Amount (N\$)</b>	<b>Amount Allocated 2017/18 (N\$)</b>	<b>Net Outstanding Amount (N\$)</b>
Railway Infrastructure Management	168,746,073.76	100,582,000	68,164,073.76
Transport Infrastructure	534,012,675.27	481,187,000	52,825,675.27
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>702,758,749.03</b>	<b>581,769,000</b>	<b>120,989,749.03</b>

We are grateful for the assistance we received from Ministry of Finance in making budgetary provision to settle the outstanding invoices to an amount of N\$ 581,769,000 during FY 2017/18 however this leaves a shortfall of N\$ 120,989,749.03.

**Honourable Members, I now present the Summary of Vote 24: TRANSPORT, allocations for FY 2017/18.**

## Summary of vote 24

PROGRAMME	DESCRIPTION	OPERATIONAL	DEVELOPMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT NS
01	Air Transport Administration			
01:01	Aircraft Accident Investigations	8,292,000	0	8,292,000
01:02	Government Air Transport Services	30,638,000	0	30,638,000
01:03	Civil Aviation Air Navigation	621,113,000	286,333,000	907,446,000
02	Meteorological Services Administration	23,080,000	17,000,000	40,080,000
03	Maritime Legislation Administration	52,073,000	0	52,073,000
04	Formulation of Transportation Policy and Regulation Oversight	53,024,000	12,902,000	65,926,000
05	Provision and Upgrading of Railway Network	323,151,000	740,157,000	1,063,308,000
06	Planning and Development of Transportation Infrastructure	506,810,000	934,872,000	1,441,682,000
07	Centralized Support Services Administration	105,813,000	8,736,000	114,549,000
GRAND TOTAL ALLOCATION FOR VOTE 24		1,723,994,000	2,000,000,000	3,723,994,000

**In conclusion Honourable Chairperson of the whole house Committee**

**Honourable Members, it is now my pleasure to present to you Vote 24: Transport to the amount of Three Billion, Seven Hundred and Twenty Three Million, Nine Hundred and Ninety Four Thousand Namibia dollars (N\$3,723,994,000) for your consideration and approval.**

*Thank You*  
**for your attention**