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**MINISTRY OF URBAN
AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

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NAMIBIA**

By

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Hon. Special and Hon. Members. *I rise to make a contribution to the debate on 2016+17 Budget.*

Let me join others in congratulate our Hon. Minister of Finance Comrade Callie Schlettwein and His Deputy Minister ^{Edo} Hon. Natangwe Ithete and their entire team in their Ministry for compiling a well balanced budget.

There is a saying or lyrics to a song which goes quoted "you cannot please all the people all the time but you can please some people sometime" unquote.

Hon Speaker I want to make a few remarks on the budget.

First on the Education Vote:

Comrade Minister, I am applauding you for your efforts that your Ministry is doing to better the life of our children and teachers. Many teachers don't want to go to rural schools for positions because of lack accommodation. This is being address in the budget under building of teaches accommodations, and the Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture is also trying to assist in the overcoming of the housing need in the country. In the same vein schools are being built at a rapid pace/^{due} to urbanization, the need for schools in towns are increasing.

Through this budget is being taken care of over the urban.

Next I want to compliment the Ministry of Safety and Security for all the efforts they are doing to combat crime especially the operation Omake is an excellent example. and also the apprehending of drug dealers is applauded. Drugs are destroying our society and drug users/abusers can be found in all walks of Life. This is heart-breaking to find fathers that have to give their pay checks to drug Lords cause their accounts is sky high with them. Children are stealing anything of value in their houses to exchange for drugs. This evil is a cause of a lot of other crimes, like robberies, housebreaking, motor vehicles theft, prostitution, to name but a few. This is why the allocation to this vote 06 is supported.

Honourable Chairperson
Honourable Members,

Ministry of Youth and Sport.
Namibian Youth Service is contributing to make our youth proud citizens of our country. 470 youth recently graduated from the civic course at the National Youth Service Training Centre in Hentis Bay. His Excellency The President of the Republic of Namibia Dr. Hage.G. Geingob and our Minister of youth and Sport Hon. Jerry Ekandjo attend the event. What is of importance is what the Minister briefed the youth should be equipped to face the challenges they are

met by developing their self-esteem, helping other under privileged youth, provide value added service to the Government and non-government agencies and provided opportunities to themselves development life and work skills to become reliable and responsible contributors to the economy.

Sport is a unifier ^{of people} but let's think back in 1995 when the Late ^{Madiba} Mandela may his soul rest in peace, was wearing the number 6 Springbok jersey at the Rugby World Cup in South Africa that year. The country was behind their team, ~~and that gesture was what unified South Africa.~~ I don't think back far just last year 2015 in the UK our own Rugby team did us so proud in the World Cup by playing competitive rugby at that world stage. They compete and put up the good fights against the likes of world champions ^{like NZ} ~~number 2.~~ Although they lost they were heroes and our country ~~and~~ were behind them. Our soccer team the Brave Warriors won the COSFA Cup last year, most of us wear the Namibia soccer ~~their~~ jerseys here in Parliament to showcase our support for our soccer heroes under Coach Ricardo Mannetti. Let's look at our U/19 Cricket Boys who also did us proud by beating the mighty SA team who were the defending champions, in the World Cup recently in Bangladesh. They went ahead and also beat Nepal for the first time and qualified automatically for the next World Cup. Take boxing and many other Sport Codes. Namibia is a sleeping giant in sport with heaps of undeveloped

talent. That's why the Ministry needs to be supported and encourage with their developmental programmes.

Works and transport

The Minister and Ministry also supported in their progress. I want to mention the Omafo-Outapi Road of 98 km which was upgraded from a gravel to a tarred Road. It was opened by the President on the 26 February of this year. The upgrade of the road from Swakopmund via Henties Bay to Kamanjab. The dual carriage way planned to run behind Dune 7, in the Erongo Region to relieve traffic from the Port of Walvis Bay. The building of the new container terminal at Nampont, who has the potential to grow in the business sector of the country. Currently Nampont guarantee 48 hours turnaround time for cargo to your destiny anywhere in SADC. With the construction of new SADC gateway port Namibia will be the most preferred Port in Southern Africa.

Hon Speaker, Hon members in conclusion I support the 2016/2017 budget and I thank all honourable ^{members} for their kind attention.

This Being a Dep. Min. in MURD it is so important to link our Towns by this network to one another.

