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Contribution by Honourable Meundju Jahanika of NUDO on the occasion of debate on national budget 2018/2019 28 March 2018

Honourable Speaker

Honourable Members

I rise to make contribution on our budget as tabled in this August House. I would like to thank the Minister of Finance for presenting a good and better budget when it is being compared to the one of last year. Our senior citizen income has increased and they are happy although it is with N\$50.

In the past I have been requesting the government to introduce the Budget Committee as one of the Parliamentary Standing Committee but nothing has been done so far and I therefore will continue to request the introduction of Budget Committee as a tool to give us power to have a say in the budget preparation in order to have input from the start but not to come discuss it when it is already finalized.

I also want to know from the Minister when we are going to see the establishment of Namibia Revenue Agency which I believe will help Namibia to collect more revenue for the state.

Honourable Speaker

Honourable Members

The social sectors ministries especially Health and Education have receive more money as usual but I think most of those money used to pay for public servant salaries and benefit and little goes to the service delivery I therefore request the Minister of Finance to increase those ministries budget during 2019/2020 financial year.

Honourable Speaker

Honourable Members

Our budget should assist black Namibian who are in majority but who does not have economic power for the past 28 years after independence.

A stronger budget should support permanent or long term employment creation, economic growth and structural change and I request the government to come up with programme of radical economic transformation which include land expropriation with fair compensation as a start and if it does not work it should be without compensation anyway our land was taken from us without compensation.

Honourable Speaker

Honourable Members

I think what the budget did not do is that it did not give more money to the Ministry responsible for SME development because SME create jobs and employment opportunities for unemployed young Namibians.

Honourable Speaker

Honourable Members

What our government supposed to do is to down size government from the number of the ministries we have in comparing to our population as well as public servant but not for education and health ministries. In difficult time we must cut our spending on defence and when the economic growth changes for good then we increase our spending on defence if there is a need to do so.

Honourable Speaker

I am totally against borrowing money from China and other countries because it will make Namibia to be economic slave of those countries and we will end up using our revenue that we earn to pay debt instead of using it to provide services to our people.

I support the bill.

