

How
Budget Debate -2014 Contribution Comrade Elifas Dingara, MP

Honourable Speaker,

Honourable members

We are doing well

The truth will always prevail! I am truly in support of the appropriation bill as tabled by the Minister of Finance Honourable Saara Kuugongelwa Amadhila on the 19 February 2014 in this August house. I thus would like to, **first of all**, congratulate herself and each and everybody who have participated in the preparation of this Bill. Her Speech and all other documents presented were comprehensive, clear and well informing documents. *

The Honourable Saara Kuugongelwa Amadhila in her speech pointed out the **four important priorities**. Hon speaker, Honourable members, of the four priorities, two priorities touched my heart and they are:

- Accountability report*
- **To curb waste and bureaucracy** which in return cost government money and hamper development of those who wish to contribute to the economic growth and job creation is the one which I think we should repeatedly explain and observe as leaders of this nation. *Specifically*
 - The priority on **the expansion of the economy** with the view to achieve economic growth and to create jobs through infrastructural development in order to enhance the industrial sector in the country. *Well aligned to vision 2030.*

Honourable Speaker,

Effective implementation of the **budget remain crucial** and that can only be made possible if who are given the responsibility become honest and open for advice and positive criticism.

We have good plans, good policies and so on; do we have proper management? Do we have proper ^{performance} monitoring systems and ^{outcome} evaluation systems?

Honestly, people must be able to admit when something is not right and accept credit when it truly due to you. I have seen in many occasions where people claim credit of others.

We must hold implementers accountable for their actions. We need to appreciate the work and the need of the budget however we need to ensure that the appreciation can only be truly recognised after a successful implementation bring tangible results and this is where we need to emphasis. We must be **result orientated** and **result driven** so that we can make Namibia a better place for all.

It is important for us as **law makers** to ensure that this law (bill) is passed immediately to address the need of the masses of our country –Namibia a land of the brave.

All along I have been of the view that money is not a problem, problem is how to use it and this is still my view. It is my understanding that the way and the manner in which some of the implementers are dealing with the budget remains the big concern and not the budget itself.

It remains our duty to ensure that the budget or funds are utilised fully and in accordance with what we approve. Our economy to certain extent remain stagnant due to the manner and way in which the money is being appropriated and this is something we must address as a matter of urgency.

Civil servant are key to the implementation and as such a clear message need to go out there because even if we are to pass good laws and we are not ensuring implementation it is as good as there no laws.

We cannot continue being failed by those who have been and are continuously failing us with or without their knowledge thus the evaluation of the previous budget implementation is critical so that we avoid the short fall of the past.

We cannot allow year in and year out that implementation continue to be a problem.

It is high time that we clear call it a spade a spade so that the service reach the intended recipients and the economy grow at the pace at which we expect it to grow.

We cannot afford to protect one or twenty individuals at the expense of more than 2 million people.

We need to define the meaning of:

- 1) Nationalist
- 2) Patriotism
- 3) Servant
- 4) Independence
- 5) Growth at home

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last born
like asking
the first born

Hon Speaker; in my view the five mean the followings and this is my point of view.

Finally I support the appropriation bill wholeheartedly.

Thank you

