

CONTRIBUTION HON.LEEVI KATOMA, MP APPROPRIATION BILL 2016/2017.

Honourable Speaker

Honourable Members of this august house

At the onset, I would like to commend the Hon. Calle Schlettwein, Minister of Finance and the entire team for the tabling of the 2016/2017 budget at the appropriate time, I am also equally glad to note that 2016/2017 budget made special provision for the increment of the old aged pension from one thousand dollars to one thousand one hundred dollars per month respectively, this is indeed a commendable efforts done by the caring Government of the SWAPO Party under the capable leadership of His Excellency Dr Hage Geingob

While commending the good progress achieved thus far, much still need to be done if we are to meet the clarion call by His Excellency, Dr Hage Geingob, President of the Republic of Namibia which says” no Namibian must feel left out “we must therefore strive to our ^{best} with the minger resources at our disposal to provide essential services such as health and sanitation, education, road infrastructures, water, communication infrastructure employment, and many other equally vital services to our people.

Basic Education

While commending our Government on its efforts to full fill the constitutional requirement of a free primary and secondary education, and given the fact that, this sector is

allocated with the biggest chunk of our National budget 12 794 882 000, it is still much to be desired that, the conducive education environment is maintained by constructing more schools, more classes ^{rooms} at the existing schools and most importantly renovate old ^{dilapidated and Hostels} class rooms including those ^{the replacement of the} constructed with prefabricated structure, ^{with the} I ^{conventional} have visited one school namely Oshaala Combined School, ^{status} where the prefabricated class rooms are in an intolerable dilapidated status.

Agriculture Water and Forestry

With the total allocation of 2 301 487 000 this financial and subsequently 2 564 124 000 over the MTEF period, significant number of development projects will be carried out, however Namibia as a dry country it needs a lot of efforts to conserve and harvest water resources, one would like to see that efforts to store water are explored over the MTEF period, one of which is, the deepening of the Olushandja water reservoir which currently serves as reservoir of the whole north central regions such as Omusati, Oshana, Ohangwena and Oshikoto respectively. It is very essential that this facility is considered as it plays vital role in this sector, hence my plea that, the Ministry of Agriculture Water and forestry under its program code 8061 called Water Resource Management to include this noble initiatives. The other equally important and long suggested initiatives, is the rehabilitation of Olushandja Otamanzi Earth canal and the supply of water to this facility thereof, as a country we are usually faced with persistent drought situation which to a

certain extent resulted in a severe water shortage for both human and life stock, this canal played vital role by supplying water to communities living alongside this water channel especially during drought difficult times ,hence the need ,that the Ministry of Agriculture Water and Forest to consider this noble request

Youth and Sport

Youth development is one of the sector which need a serious consideration if we are to build productive future generation that we will all be proud of, of cores significant activities will be carried out under this vote 27 which includes Programme 1. Supervision and support services under which activity like Construction of the Ministry's Headquarter is, Programme 2. Construction and maintenance of sport facilities e.g Eenhana ,Okakarara and Outapi sport complexes, programme 3. Maintenance and Renovation of Nkurenkuru sport complex and program 4 which is, Youth Training and development that entails construction of youth development centres at Otjiwarongo, Mariental, Opuwo, Nkurenkuru. Rundu, Swakopmund and Fran's Dim bare. one would like to see this programme expedite to reach out many youth at rural areas of our republic, and would also like to see that all sport code are fully supported in terms of funding to enable them to perform and make us proud as nation, my wholeheartedly thanks to Braveworias, Brave gradiators the boxing academies, football clubs, Rugby clubs and others, for their tremendous efforts done thus far, keep it up.

Despite these achievement, lots of effort still need to be done from both the Ministry side, corporate organisation business personalities and private individuals to support sport financially materially and morally.

Investing in sport, one is actually contributing to the efforts of poverty alleviation and reduction, social uplift of our youth and most importantly is, an immense contribution to the wellbeing of the youth segment of our population, I am glad to note that significant number of sponsors is being recorded a generosity which is sincere thanked and appreciated, these organisation who supported and still supporting sport activities financially and material are doing tremendous job wealth emulated, hence I am sincere encouraging other organisation to emulate the good example of supporting sport.

With these, I support the appropriation bill 2016/2017

I thank you