

GENERAL BUDGET SPEECH CONTRIBUTIONS

APPROPRIATION BILL 2014

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Hon. Speaker,

Hon. Members,

I rise today to give my support to the Appropriation Bill tabled in this august House by Comrade Saara Kuugongelwa-Amadhila, Minister of Finance.

Allow me to quote His Excellency President Pohamba on the Occasion of the Annual Reception for Parliamentarians during June 2012; and I quote "Equally important, our Legislature should endeavour to promote a law making process that is accessible and participatory in nature. In this context, before Bills are tabled in Parliament, they should be subjected to public consultations so that citizens of our Republic can make their input and that their suggestions are heard with regard to the content of such laws"

Our President also stated and I quote "I would like to emphasise the point that the work of Parliamentarians should not only be restricted to the Houses of Parliament. Members should from time

to time, go out to interact with the voters in different parts of the country. Parliamentarians must interact with communities in order to hear the challenges they face.

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As an active Member of Parliament, ^I make my humble contributions mostly in the Committee work of Parliament. ^I can proudly say that ~~I~~ ^{we} are ~~one of~~ the foot soldiers of this respected House, who takes our Parliament closer to the people with Public Hearings and Consultations. One issue close to my heart is service delivery, or the lack and/or slow pace thereof in our communities.

During the past year under review, I was fortunate to lead a delegation of the Standing Committee on Constitutional and Legal Affairs on our oversight inspection visits on the development projects of the Ministry of Regional and Local Government, Housing and Rural Development earmarked and identified for the MTEF 2013 to 2016 Financial Years - we visited some towns, villages and settlements in the two regions. What pains me here is the lack of capacity at Regional and Local Government levels, for our officials on these levels to fully implement our national development plans and the development programmes. The reports are there for Honourable Members to read, and we must look at ways and means how to expedite much needed training. I believe the National

