

***INTERVENTION ON THE 2014/2015 BUDGET***

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THANK YOU HON. SPEAKER FOR GIVING ME THE FLOOR TO MAKE MY BRIEF COMMENT ON THE 2014/2015 BUDGET STATEMENT.

Hon. Speaker  
Hon. Members,

In supporting the 2014/2015 Budget, I would like to touch on some issues raised in this budget, amongst others Infrastructural Development, Land Acquisition, the provision for Housing, well motivated and well equipped Defense Force. *Gender based violence etc.*

Hon. Speaker,  
Hon. Members,

- **INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT**

Infrastructure development's is very important for any country. In fact the economic level of ~~any~~ *the* country's economic development *of any country* is being determined, being measured by the type, number and quality infrastructures; *in that context* Being quality road infrastructures, railways, Air and other quality buildings of National importance.

I have to thank the Namibian Government for coming up with new infrastructural development and improvements of the existing ones for the past twenty four (24) years. It is worth mentioning some few:

- Trans Kalahari Road
- Improvement of road infrastructures across the country being gravel roads or tarred roads *tourists, investors*
- Extension of the Tsumeb-Oshikango railway
- The Heroes Acre
- The new State House
- The new Museum

- Several High Courts, Magistrate Courts as well as our Supreme Court and many other buildings, the list goes on...

Henceforth, it is against the aforesaid background information that I support whole heartedly each and every cent budgeted for any infrastructures development being: build houses, improve our airports, railways and other buildings.

**Hon. Speaker,**  
**Hon. Members,**

Namibia is a very young nation, twenty four years (24) is just like 24 days if this is in comparison with more than 100 years of colonial oppression.

As the other Member of Parliament have stated, we have inherited a very big colonial deficit; a huge socio-economic deficit and a huge developmental deficit.

*Building*

To be specific I fully support the idea of building a new Parliament! Let me remind those who are opposing this idea that one cannot wait up to 100 years to start building assets of that nature. Where do you think you can get money? Namibians we should think out of the box for the future of this country.

This brings me to question those who are against the construction of a new Parliament building that: What is the rationale behind them to protest their preserved colonial features which are sometimes characterized in Architectural design?

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I do recall criticism <sup>labelled</sup> against the building of the New State House. That criticism was heavily on the Founding President, now everybody is proud of that National Asset. That National Assets; The State House is for

