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**REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA**  
**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**OF THE**  
**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**THURSDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER 2017**

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

1. The Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer and Affirmation.
2. **Announcement by the Speaker in terms of Rule 20(b) of the Standing Rules and Orders:**

The Speaker announced that the Division Public Service Sector Wellness, Occupational Health and Safety in the Office of the Prime Minister in association with the Directorate Primary Health-Care Family Health Division in the Ministry of Health and Social Services are coordinating the blood pressure awareness raising campaign as per the 2017/2018 Public Service Health Wellness, Occupational Health and Safety Calendar.

The awareness raising will be conducted next week at Parliament from 25 – 29 September 2017. Apart from raising awareness on blood pressure, other health screening such as glucose, weight and length measuring/monitoring will also be conducted as well as information sharing on heart conditions.

The Speaker requested all Members to participate and to make use of these services.

3. **Ms. Caley laid upon the Table for note-taking:**
  - (i) Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Information, Communication Technology and Innovation on the familiarization visit to Khomas, //Karas and Hardap Regions from 17 – 25 October 2016; and
  - (ii) Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Information, Communication Technology and Innovation on the familiarization visit to Kunene, Oshana and Zambezi Regions from 8 – 21 May 2016.
4. **The Deputy Minister of Finance laid upon the Table:**

Reports of the Auditor-General on the Accounts of the –

- (i) Ministry of Information and Communication Technology for the financial year ended 31 March 2016;
- (ii) Ministry of Mines and Energy for the financial year ended 31 March 2016;
- (iii) Ministry of International Relations and Cooperation for the financial year ended 31 March 2016;
- (iv) Follow-Up Performance Audit Report within the Ministry of Environment and Tourism Extended to the Ministry of Finance on Trophy Hunting for the financial years 2012/13 to 2014/15;
- (v) Namibia Tourism Board for the financial year ended 31 March 2015;
- (vi) Performance Audit Report of the Auditor-General on the Main Study Audit Report on the Management and Administration of Labour Inspections within the Ministry of Labour, Industrial Relations and Employment Creation for the financial years 2012/13, 2013/14 and 2014/2015;
- (vii) Monitoring of Pollution and Environmental Rehabilitation of Mining Sites within the Ministry of Mines and Energy and Ministry of Environment and Tourism for the financial years 2011/2012, 2012/2013, 2013/2014, 2014/2015;
- (viii) Marine Resources Fund for the financial years ended 31 March 2011 and 2012;
- (ix) Game Products Trust Fund for the financial year ended 31 March 2016; and
- (x) Electoral Commission of Namibia for the financial year ended 31 March 2016.

5. **ORAL QUESTION:**

Mr. Muharukua (DTA) asked the Minister of Health and Social Services (No. 30) – *Replied to.*

6. **Ministerial Statements in terms of Rule 98 of the Standing Rules and Orders:**

- (i) The Deputy Minister of Disability Affairs in the Office of the Vice-President addressed the Assembly and the entire nation on the International Week of the Deaf, which is celebrated annually in September across the globe. This year it is celebrated from 18 – 24 September 2017 at the coastal town of Swakopmund under the theme “*Full Inclusion with Namibian Sign Language*”.
- (ii) The Minister of Works and Transport briefed the Assembly on the status of Hosea Kutako International Airport (HKIA); mentioned the short term interventions which were undertaken to address the current situation at the Airport and the long term solutions presently being explored to address the needed upgrade of HKIA infrastructure which aims to provide lasting solutions to the congestion currently experienced.

7. **QUESTIONS DEALT WITH:**

- (i) Questions 81, 82, 83, 84, 85 and 86 – *Stand over.*

- (ii) Mr. Maamberua (SWANU) asked the Minister of Health and Social Services (No. 87) – *Replied to.*
- (iii) Mr. Maamberua (SWANU) asked the Prime Minister (No. 88) – *Replied to.*
- (iv) Ms. Dienda (DTA) asked the Minister of Home Affairs and Immigration (No. 89) – *Replied to.*
- (v) Ms. Dienda (DTA) asked the Minister of Education, Arts and Culture (No. 90) – *Replied to.*
- (vi) Ms. Dienda (DTA) asked the Minister of Finance (No. 91) – *Replied to.*
- (vii) Ms. Dienda (DTA) asked the Attorney-General (No. 92) – *Stands over.*
- (viii) Ms. Dienda (DTA) asked the Minister of Sport, Youth and National Service (No. 93) – *Replied to.*
- (ix) Mr. Smit (DTA) asked the Prime Minister (No. 94) – *Replied to.*
- (x) Mr. Smit (DTA) asked the Minister of Higher Education, Training and Innovation (No. 95) – *Stands over.*
- (xi) Mr. Nauyoma (AAP) asked the Minister of Works and Transport (No. 96) – *Replied to.*
- (xii) Mr. Nauyoma (APP) asked the Minister of Sport, Youth and National Service (No. 97) – *Replied to.*

8. **NOTICE OF A MOTION:**

Ms. Dienda moved, seconded by Mr. Smit:

That this Assembly –

*Discusses* the worrying high rate of teenage pregnancies amongst school-going children.

That this Motion be referred to the relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee for further interrogation.

On the motion of the Minister of Health and Social Services, seconded by Ms. Sikerete, debate adjourned until Tuesday, 26 September 2017.

9. In terms of Rule 99(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:45 Until Tuesday, 26 September 2017.

**F. HARKER**

*Deputy Secretary of the National Assembly*

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