



Republic of Namibia

**Reply by the Minister of Finance
On Matters Raised during the Discussions of the
2014/15
Appropriation Bill
and the
2014/15 - 2016/17 Medium Term Expenditure
Framework**

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INTRODUCTION

Honourable Speaker

1. I take this opportunity to respond to the questions and comments raised during the Second Reading of the 2014/15 Appropriation Bill.
2. I am indebted to the Honourable Members and the public at large for raising pertinent issues which will no doubt improve the budget process going forward.
3. I will refer to the general issues raised. My Cabinet colleagues will provide details of the sector programmes under their ministries during the Committee stage.

BUDGET PROCESS: PROVISIONS FOR TRANSPARENCY & ACCOUNTABILITY

4. Regarding the openness and transparency of the budget process, I have in the past explained that transparency and participation in the budget process is provided for at three levels;-
5. *First*, in respect to participation in the budget formulation, it remains a tradition that the national budget consultation process starts at Vote level and involves all stakeholders at constituency and regional level.
6. *Secondly*, since 2002/3, Namibia has implemented a multi-year budgeting process whereby the Medium-Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) provides information on the three years of anticipated income and expenditure by Vote and programme. This accords the legislature and the public the opportunity to scrutinize proposed budgetary allocations and provide input into the expenditure proposals before the annual Appropriation Bill is presented to Parliament.

