

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA



**RESPONSE BY HON. FRANS KAPOFI, MP, MINISTER
OF PRESIDENTIAL AFFAIRS, TO A QUESTION POSED
BY HON. ELMA J. DIENDA.**

25 JUNE 2015

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY,
WINDHOEK**

**Honourable Speaker,
Honourable Members,**

On 18th June 2015, I rose to respond to a question that was posed by Honourble Dienda regarding the recognition and awarding of veterans' status to qualifying persons in terms of the applicable law. Following that response, Honorable Dienda has raise further questions. These are:

- 1. Can the Honourable Minister kindly provide this august House with a full list of the names of people who have been granted veterans status?**

- 2. Can the Honourable Minister kindly further provide this august House with a full detailed list of the names of people whose applications for veterans status were declined, as well as the reasons thereof?**

My response to the first question is as follows:

In terms of the applicable law, the application for veterans' status is a voluntary exercise. Each person who may qualify chooses either to apply or not. Each person has his or her reasons for that decision. For the sake of respect of privacy and confidentiality, I do not believe it is appropriate for me to divulge the names of persons who have either applied and have been granted veterans' status, or whose applications have been declined.

I believe that the Honourable Member would appreciate the respect for privacy as a right, which is protected by the Namibian Constitution. If there is a specific applicant who has requested the Honourable to look into his or her application, such application together with the Honourable Member may approach the Veterans Affairs Department. I also believe that this response has covered both questions raised by Honourable Dienda.

I thank you Honourable Speaker.

