



REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

VOTE 30

ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION

***BUDGET MOTIVATION SPEECH 2020/21 FINANCIAL
YEAR***

READ BY

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1. Madame Chairperson of the Whole House Committee, section 2(1) of the Anti-Corruption Act, 2003 (Act No 8 of 2003) emphasizes the independence and impartiality of the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC). The autonomy of the ACC requires that it conducts its business and makes its decisions without influence from any institution.
2. In the spirit of the autonomy of the ACC, I shall read the budget motivation statement as prepared by the ACC.
3. Madame Chairperson of the Whole House Committee, “A corrupt-free Namibia” remains the vision of the ACC and the ACC will do what is necessary to reach it. The ACC will continue to lead the fight against corruption through effective law enforcement and the implementation of preventative measures.
4. Madame Chairperson of the Whole House Committee, the initial allocation to Vote 30 for the last financial year (2019/20) was N\$61,610,000 which was later reduced to N\$60,320, 000 at the Mid-year Budget Review.
5. The ACC estimated the financial needs for the financial year 2020/21 at N\$70,203,600. Treasury has proposed an allocation N\$61,612,000.
6. An amount of N\$24,545,000 is earmarked for investigations (Main Division 02). Of that amount, N\$20,208,000 (82%) will cover remuneration and related expenditure for investigating officers whilst N\$2,287,000 (9%) is earmarked for outsourced expertise for complex investigations that require specialized skills. It is with regard to the budget item for outsourced specialized skills that the ACC anticipates a shortfall of N\$6,300,000 in the year 2020/21. Aside from the investigations in the fishing sector commonly referred to as ‘fishrot’ there are seventeen (17) other on-going high profile

investigations that have been prioritized for the 2020/21 financial year and for which specialized skills would be sought. It is crucial that the high profile cases are prioritized as they have a potential to undermine the country's commercial and financial interest, cause huge potential financial loss to the country, and the public has an interest in the speedy resolution of these cases. An amount of N\$1,700,000 (7%) under Main Division 02 will be spent on licenses for investigation case managements software and forensic applications.

7. For corruption prevention initiatives (Main Division 03), Vote 30 earmarks an amount of N\$10,821,000. Of that amount, N\$10,524,000 (97%) is budgeted for remuneration and related expenditure in Main Division 03. The corruption prevention officials will undertake an evaluation of the National Anti-Corruption Strategy and Action Plan 2016-2019 as well as the development of a new plan. They will further develop methodologies to examine systems and procedures of institutions with a view to eliminating corruption vulnerabilities within institutions.
8. Main Division 01 houses the Office of the Director-General and the support and coordinating functions. The allocation to Main Division 01 is N\$25,435,000. An amount of N\$17,186,000 (68%) is estimated for remuneration and related expenditure in this Main Division. Utilities (municipal, telecommunication) of the four Anti-Corruption offices in Windhoek, Swakopmund, Otjiwarongo and Oshakati will take up N\$3,400,000 (13%) of the Main Division estimates. The rental of offices in three centres will cost N\$2,000,000 (8%) of the Main Division estimate.
9. Security and risk management operations (Main Division 04) will cost an amount of N\$811,000.

10. The budget of the ACC has been shrinking due to the expansion of the organization, the annual salary notch increments and inflationary pressures on utilities, goods and other services. Remuneration and related expenditure for Vote 30 takes up 79% of the allocated amount, with 20.5 % allocated for goods and other services. The remainder (0.5%) is earmarked for office IT equipment and international obligations in the form of membership fees. Consideration should be given to additional allocation to Vote 30 during the Mid-year Review to beef up investigation capacity, should savings be realized in other sectors.
11. Fighting corruption is a responsibility for all citizens and all institutions. The review of the National Anti-Corruption Strategy and Action Plan 2016 – 2019 and the development of a new strategy planned for this year, provides an opportunity to explore collaborative ways and strengthen working relationships with other institutions with a view to have all parties make meaningful contribution to the fight against corruption.
12. Chairperson of the Whole House Committee, permit me to request the House to approve the expenditure of N\$61,612,000 as set out in the Schedule of the Appropriation Bill for 2020/21 in respect of Vote 30.

I thank you.