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OF THE
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

WEDNESDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER 2021

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 he has been informed by the SWAPO Party that the Party has nominated Ms. Patience Masua to serve of the following Parliamentary Standing Committees of the 7th Parliament of Namibia.

- (i) Standing Committee on Constitutional and Legal Affairs; and
- (ii) Standing Committee on Economics and Public Administration.

3. **The Speaker laid upon the Table in compliance with Section 6(3) of the Ombudsman Act No. 7 of 1990:**

Annual Report of the Office of the Ombudsman for the year 2020.

4. **The Deputy Speaker made a brief statement and laid upon the Table for note-taking:**

Report on the Fourth Ordinary Session of the 5th Parliament of the Pan-African Parliament held in Midrand, Johannesburg from 21st May 2021 to 4th June 2021.

5. **The Minister of Finance laid upon the Table:**

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

- (i) Office of the Prime Minister for the financial year ended 31 March 2020;
- (ii) Ministry of Justice for the financial year ended 31 March 2020;
- (iii) National Arts Council of Namibia for the financial years ended 31 March 2018 to 2020;
- (iv) Town Council of Oranjemund for the financial year ended 30 June 2019; and
- (v) Performance Audit Report of the Auditor-General on Air Quality Monitoring in Namibia within the Ministry of Environment and Tourism for the financial years 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17.

6. **The Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform laid upon the Table in compliance with Section 13(1) of the Communal Land Reform Act of 2002 (Act No. 5 of 2002) as amended:**

- (i) Communal Land Boards Annual Report for the year 2017;
- (ii) Communal Land Boards Annual Report for the year 2018; and
- (iii) Communal Land Boards Annual Report for the year 2019.

7. **NOTICES OF QUESTIONS:**

- (i) Mr. Smit (PDM) to ask the Minister of Finance (No. 95).
- (ii) Mr. Smit (PDM) to ask the Minister of Industrialisation and Trade (No. 96).
- (iii) Mr. Martin (PDM) to ask the Minister of Works and Transport (No. 97).
- (iv) Ms. Becker (PDM) to ask the Minister of Mines and Energy (No. 98).
- (v) Mr. Seibeb (LPM) to ask the Minister of Finance (No. 99).
- (vi) Mr. Seibeb (LPM) to ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of International Relations and Cooperations (No. 100).
- (vii) Mr. Swartbooi (LPM) to ask the Speaker (No. 101).
- (viii) Mr. Shihumbu (PDM) to ask the Minister of Education, Arts and Culture (No. 102).
- (ix) Mr. Isaack (LPM) to ask the Minister of Labour, Industrial Relations and Employment Creation (No. 103).
- (x) Ms. Mootu (LPM) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security (No. 104).
- (xi) Ms. Mootu (LPM) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security (No. 105).
- (xii) Mr. Iipumbu (NEFF) to ask the Minister of Public Enterprises (No. 106).

8. **ORAL QUESTION:**

Mr. Kauandenge (NUDO) asked the Minister of Finance (No. 67) – *Replied to.*

9. **Ministerial Statement in terms of Rule 89 of the Standing Rules and Orders:**

The Minister of Environment, Forestry and Tourism shared information on the situation with regard to veld fires in Namibia, which has started in May as it is the case almost every year and has threatened lives, properties, degradation of the natural environment, destruction of crops, livestock and game fatalities across the country.

The Minister called on the public, farmers / landowners and all stakeholders to put in place necessary fire prevention measures such as fire cut lines or fire breaks of 15m width in and around their properties as well as to have in place basic firefighting tools to assist in case a fire occurs.

10. **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Consideration of Report of the Privileges Committee on the Investigation into the conduct of Hon. Swartbooi and Hon. Seibeb on 15 April 2021 during the State of the Nation Address.

Mr. Katamelo moved, seconded by Mr. Amutse: That the Report be now considered.

Agreed to.

11. In terms of Rule 99(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:45 until Thursday, 9 September 2021.

MS. L. KANDETU
Secretary of the National Assembly

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