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REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

WEDNESDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER 2021

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

1. The Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer and Affirmation.
2. **The Minister of Finance laid upon the Table:**
Reports of the Auditor-General on the Accounts of the –
 - (i) Office of the President for the financial year ended 31 March 2020;
 - (ii) Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Forestry for the financial year ended 31 March 2020;
 - (iii) Department of Works of the Ministry of Works and Transport for the financial year ended 31 March 2020;
 - (iv) Meat Board of Namibia for the financial year ended 31 March 2020; and
 - (v) New Era Publication Corporation for the financial year ended 31 March 2019.
3. **NOTICES OF QUESTIONS:**
 - (i) Mr. Muharukua (PDM) to ask the Minister of Agriculture Water and Land Reform (No. 121).
 - (ii) Mr. Muharukua (PDM) to ask the Minister of Industrialisation and Trade (No. 122).

- (iii) Mr. Seibeb (LPM) to ask the Minister of Health and Social Services (No. 123).
- (iv) Mr. Seibeb (LPM) to ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of International Relations and Cooperation (No. 124).
- (v) Mr. Auchab (UDF) to ask the Minister of Labour, Industrial Relations and Employment Creation (No. 125).
- (vi) Mr. Smit (PDM) to ask the Minister in the Presidency (No. 126).
- (vii) Mr. Smit (PDM) to ask the Minister of Works and Transport (No. 127).
- (viii) Mr. Smit (PDM) to ask the Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources (No. 128).
- (ix) Ms. Van den Heever (PDM) to ask the Minister of Labour, Industrial Relations and Employment Creation (No. 129).
- (x) Mr. Iipumbu (NEFF) to ask the Minister of Urban and Rural Development (No. 130).
- (xi) Mr. Tjeundo (PDM) to ask the Minister of Health and Social Welfare (No. 68) – (No. 131).
- (xii) Mr. Tjeundo (PDM) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security (No. 132).

4. Ministerial Statement in terms of Rule 98 of the Standing Rules and Orders:

The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of International Relations and Cooperation informed the Assembly that at the directive of the President of Namibia and Botswana, and in the company of high ranking officials of both countries, they visited the Chobe District in Botswana and Zambezi Region from 2 – 3 September 2021. The Deputy Prime Minister reported that during the joint visit they urged the Chobe District and Zambezi Region Council to enter into a twinning agreement, and on that basis re-affirmed the continuous enjoyment by nationals of both countries of equal access and treatment to the shared natural resources along the common riverine boundaries

5. Announcement by the Speaker:

The Speaker informed the Assembly on the virtual meeting he had with the rest of the world, as part of the family of the Inter-Parliament Union (IPU), on the occasion of the Conference on the International Day of Democracy, under the theme *'Role of Legislature in Fostering Effective and Meaningful Democracy'*, The event is celebrated annually on the 15 September.

6. FIRST NOTICE OF A MOTION:

The Minister of Information and Communication Technology moved, seconded by Ms. Kavetuna:

That leave be given to introduce a Bill to provide for the appointment of an independent and impartial Information Commissioner and Deputy Information Commissioners; to provide for the obligations of public entities; to provide for the right of access to information held by public and private entities; to provide for the promotion, creation,

keeping, organisation and management of information in the form and manner that facilitates transparency, accountability, good governance and access to information; to provide for requests for access information; to provide for internal review, appeal and judicial review of decisions on access to information; to provide for information exempt from disclosure; and to provide for incidental matters.

Agreed to.

Access to Information Bill [B. 4 – 2020] read a First Time.

The Minister of Information and Communication Technology moved, subject to Rule 32(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, seconded by Dr. Aupindi: That the Bill be read a Second Time.

On the motion of Mr. Shixwameni, seconded by Ms. Tjiveze, debate adjourned until Tuesday, 21 September 2021.

7. **ORDER READ:**

Resumption of 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.

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 14 September 2021, as moved by Mr. Katamelo (page 100): That the Committee Report be adopted.

On the motion of Mr. Kavekatora on behalf of Mr. Shixwameni, seconded by Ms. Van den Heever, debate adjourned until Tuesday, 21 September 2021.

8. In terms of Rule 99(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at **17:50** until Thursday, 16 September 2021.

MS. L. KANDETU
Secretary of the National Assembly

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