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**REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA**  
**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**OF THE**  
**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**THURSDAY, 9 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 Secretary of the National Assembly that Honourable Mathias Mbundu has been elected as the Deputy Chairperson of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Economics and Public Administration.

The Speaker further announced that he has been informed by the Chief Whip of PDM that they have nominated the following Members to serve on the following Parliamentary Standing Committees:

**Standing Committee on Public Accounts**

- (i) Hon. Jan van Wyk
- (ii) Hon. Elma Dienda
- (iii) Hon. Nico Smit
- (iv) Hon. Pieter Mostert

**Standing Committee on Constitutional and Legal Affairs**

- (i) Hon. Vipuakuje Muharukua
- (ii) Hon. Johannes Martin
- (iii) Hon. Koviao Hengari
- (iv) Hon. Thimotheus Shihumbu

**Standing Committee on Economics and Public Administration**

- (i) Hon. McHenry Venaani
- (ii) Hon. Pieter Mostert
- (iii) Hon. Nico Smit
- (iv) Hon. Celeste Becker

**Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Security**

- (i) Hon. Vipuakuje Muharukua
- (ii) Hon. Johannes Martin
- (iii) Hon. Koviao Hengari
- (iv) Hon. Kazeongere Tjeundo

**Standing Committee of Natural Resources**

- (i) Hon. Geoffrey Mwilima
- (ii) Hon. Jan Van Wyk
- (iii) Hon. Kazeongere Tjeundo
- (iv) Hon. Diedrick Vries
- (v) Hon. Thimotheus Shihumbu

**Standing Committee on Human Resources and Community Development**

- (i) Hon. Johannes Martin
- (ii) Hon. Esmerelda !Aebes
- (iii) Hon. Diedrick Vries
- (iv) Hon. Geoffrey Mwilima

**Standing Committee Information, Communication Technology and Innovation**

- (i) Hon. Rauha Winnie Moongo
- (ii) Hon. Celeste Becker
- (iii) Hon. Pieter Mostert
- (iv) Hon. Jennifer Van Den Heever

**Standing Committee on Gender Equality, Social Development and Family Affairs**

- (i) Hon. Rauha Winnie Moongo
- (ii) Hon. Elma Dienda
- (iii) Hon. Jennifer van den Heever
- (iv) Hon. Esmeralda !Aebes

The Speaker declared these Members as duly elected for the respective Standing Committees.

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

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

- (i) National Council for the financial year ended 31 March 2020;
- (ii) Ministry of International Relations and Cooperation for the financial year ended 31 March 2020;
- (iii) Ministry of Finance for the financial years ended 31 March 2020;
- (iv) Ministry of Public Enterprises for the financial year ended 31 March 2020; and

- (v) Ministry of Poverty Eradication and Social Welfare for the financial year ended 31 March 2020

4. **The Deputy Minister of Education, Arts and Culture laid upon the Table for consideration:**

- (i) Namibia Arts, Culture and Heritage Policy; and
- (ii) Charter for African Cultural Renaissance.

5. **The Minister of Higher Education, Training and Innovation laid upon the Table:**

Annual Report of the Namibia Training Authority (NTA) for the year 2018/2019

6. **NOTICES OF QUESTIONS:**

- (i) Mr. Venaani (PDM) to ask the Minister of Health and Social Services (No. 107).
- (ii) Mr. Venaani (PDM) to ask the Minister of Defence and Veteran Affairs (No. 108).
- (iii) Ms. Tjiveze (RP) to ask the Minister of Health and Social Services (No. 109).
- (iv) Mr. Iipumbu (NEFF) to ask the Minister of Public Enterprises (No. 110).
- (v) Mr. Mwilima (PDM) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform (No. 111).
- (vi) Mr. Tjeundo (PDM) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security (No. 112).

7. **The Minister of Finance moved without notice:**

That his item for which notice was given on Tuesday, 7 September 2021, asking the House to *Scrutinize and to agree to the Ratification of the SADC Agreement in Tax Matters*, be withdrawn from the Order Paper in terms of Rule 30(b) of the Standing Rules and Orders.

Agreed to.

8. **Ministerial Statements in terms of Rule 98 of the Standing Rules and Orders:**

- (i) The Deputy Minister of Sport, Youth and National Services presented the 3<sup>rd</sup> Version of the National Youth Policy whose process of development entailed broad consultations that was conducted countrywide. The fundamental goal of the policy is chiefly to empower young people in Namibia by supporting improved educational, health and economic outcomes and increased civic and political participation.
- (ii) The Minister of Environment, Forestry and Tourism informed the Assembly on the unprecedented impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the tourism sector and efforts to revive and reboot the sector.

9. **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 Wednesday, 8 September 2021, as moved by Mr. Katamelo (page 100): That the Committee Report be adopted.

10. The Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 16:35 until Tuesday, 14 September 2021.

**MS. L. KANDETU**  
*Secretary of the National Assembly*

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