

# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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## NOTICE OF QUESTIONS

BY

**Hon. Inna K. Hengari**

(Signature.....)

I hereby give notice that on Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022, I shall ask the **Minister of Works and Transport** Hon. John Mutorwa the following:

‘WHEREAS the Road Authority is willing to finance such tertiary education/training for the period, from *\*period withheld\**... with a view that the STUDENT will be employed by the RA on completion of such training;’

Hon. Minister, this is an extract from a contract between the Roads Authority and a number of students. The Road Authority had been providing financial assistance for civil engineering students through its bursary program and allegedly failed to honor its contractual obligation leaving many on the streets of unemployment.

It is also my understanding that a letter had been written on the same issue from the Namibian Society of Engineers to a certain Mr. Conrad Lutombi but to no avail.

### **I thus ask:**

1. Can the Hon. Minister confirm that indeed the Roads Authority had been offering support through its bursary program but failed to honor its contractual obligation? If so, why not?
2. Does the Hon. Minister agree, that with the above extract the Roads

Authority created legitimate expectation?

3. When will the RA fulfil its obligation towards these unemployed graduate engineers?
4. What has been done to develop a practical and inclusive graduate program (if any) for graduates to gain practical work experience for eligibility to register as Professional Engineers with the Engineering Council of Namibia?
5. Are there any plans to introduce compulsory secondment of a minimum number of graduate engineers from the RA per project to consultants and contractors involved in projects with the Authority, for practical work experience?

**I so submit.**