

# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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## NOTICE OF QUESTION

BY

**Hon. Johannes Martin**

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I hereby give notice that on **Thursday, 24 February 2022**, I shall ask the **Minister of Sport, Youth and National Service**, Hon. Agnes Tjongarero, the following:

**Honourable Minister,**

The Deputy Minister in your ministry, Hon. Emma Kantema-Gaomas undertook what her office termed a “fact finding mission” to Cameroon during the recently concluded African Cup of Nations (AFCON). According to reports, the Deputy Minister was accompanied by the Executive Director in the Ministry of Sports, Youth and National Service, the Chief Administer of the Namibia Sports Commission as well as other senior officials in the ministry. It is reported that the expedition costed around N\$500 000.

However in a surprising turn of events, the ministry through a letter sent to The Namibian Newspaper dated 03 February 2022, stated that the ministry had not “*sent any of its employees to Cameroon and has no plans to do so in the future*”.

This response by the ministry is very concerning. When one interprets that response on face value, it becomes very clear that there are fundamental problems within the Ministry of Sport, Youth and National Service, and these contradictions are the ones directly contributing to the fracas that we have been witnessing in our sports fraternity.

That response also supports the narrative that has been doing the rounds that there are ongoing power scuffles and a breakdown in communication between the Minister and the Deputy Minister in the ministry, which should be of fundamental concern to all of us.

### **I thus ask the Honourable Minister**

1. Who authorized the trip?
2. From which vote from the ministry's budget was the trip paid for?
3. Can the Honourable Minister clarify the confusion surrounding the "fact finding" expedition that was undertaken by her Deputy, and can the Honourable Minister further shed light as to why the Deputy Minister undertook this fact finding expedition without the approval of the ministry?
4. Last but not least, can the Hon. Minister take this August House into confidence by confirming that there is no bad blood between herself and her Deputy that is badly impacting the mandate entrusted upon them in the Ministry of Sport, Youth and National Service?

**I so submit...**