

## NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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### NOTICE OF QUESTION

BY

Hon. Nico Smit

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I hereby give notice that on Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> of February 2022, I shall ask the **Right Hon Prime Minister, Sarah Kuukongelwa Amadhila**, the following:

Last year some 12 bills were submitted in this August House. However, a mere four were finally passed, of which two had to do with taxes and the budget and thus had to be passed at all costs. During the working year it also happened that a number of bills were tabled and then summarily withdrawn, some of them on more than one occasion, while important bills such as those regarding gender based violence and rape were allowed to lapse.

I now ask:

1. Will the Right Hon Prime Minister agree with me that this august House did not work as hard as it should have last year?
2. Were important bills allowed to lapse because they were not adequately prepared before being tabled?
3. Was the much criticized Investment Bill tabled and then summarily withdrawn because the government realized that it was unconstitutional?
4. Does the Right Hon Prime Minister undertake to ensure that all the bills that are to be tabled this year will be properly prepared so that they can be dealt with by this august House?
5. Lastly, it is common cause that it takes legal drafters at the Ministry of Justice anything between five to ten years to finalise a single bill. However when the bill is tabled here in Parliament, the executive expects the legislature to debate that bill within a very short period of time and bulldoze it

through. Does the Hon Prime Minister agree with me that in order to for bills to be properly scrutinized by the legislature, more time needs to be availed to debate the bill on the floor of the House?

I so submit.