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REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

THURSDAY, 9 JUNE 2022

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

1. The Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer and Affirmation.

2. **NOTICE OF A QUESTION:**

Mr. Iipumbu (NEFF) to ask the Deputy Prime Minister and the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation (No. 53).

3. **Ruling by the Speaker with regard to the Question Paper:**

The Speaker informed the House that all the questions that were posed by the Members who are no longer in the National Assembly, will stand over until further notice.

4. **QUESTIONS DEALT WITH:**

(i) Mr. Mwilima (PDM) asked the Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform (No. 23) – *Stands over*.

(ii) Mr. Iipumbu (NEFF) asked the Minister of Mines and Energy (No. 24) – *Stands over*.

(iii) Mr. Shihumbu (PDM) asked the Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform (No. 25) – *Stands over*.

(iv) Mr. Muharukua (PDM) asked the Minister of Justice (No. 26) – *Replied to*.

(v) Mr. Van Wyk (PDM) asked the Minister of Mines and Energy (No. 27) – *Stands over*.

(vi) Mr. Van Wyk (PDM) asked the Minister of Mines and Energy (No. 28) – *Stands over*.

- (vii) Mr. Kauandenge (NUDO) asked the Minister of Sport, Youth and National Service (No. 29) – *Stands over.*
- (viii) Mr. Shuumbwa (APP) asked the Minister of Education, Arts and Culture (No. 30) – *Stands over.*
- (ix) Ms. Hengari (PDM) asked the Minister of Finance (No. 31) – *Stands over.*
- (x) Mr. Iipumbu (NEFF) asked the Minister of Education, Arts and Culture (No. 32) – *Stands over.*
- (xi) Mr. Mukwilongo (NEFF) asked the Minister of Urban and Rural Development (No. 33) – *Stands over.*
- (xii) Mr. Isaacks (LPM) asked the Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform (No. 34) - *Stands over.*
- (xiii) Mr. Shihumbu (PDM) asked the Minister of Labour, Industrial Relations and Employment Creation (No. 35) - *Stands over.*
- (xiv) Mr. Kauandenge (NUDO) asked the Prime Minister (No. 36) - *Stands over.*
- (xv) Mr. Kauandenge (NUDO) asked the Minister of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (No. 37) - *Stands over.*
- (xvi) Mr. Mwilima (PDM) asked the Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform (No. 38) - *Stands over.*
- (xvii) Mr. Muharukua (PDM) asked the Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security (No. 39) - *Stands over.*
- (xviii) Mr. Van Wyk (PDM) asked the Minister of Defence and Veterans Affairs (No. 40) - *Stands over.*
- (xix) Mr. Van Wyk (PDM) asked the Minister of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (No. 41) - *Stands over.*
- (xx) Mr. Smit (PDM) asked the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of International Relations and Cooperation (No. 42) - *Stands over.*
- (xxi) Mr. Smit (PDM) asked the Minister of Mines and Energy (No. 43) - *Stands over.*
- (xxii) Mr. Shihumbu (PDM) asked the Minister of Justice (No. 44) - *Stands over.*
- (xxiii) Mr. Shihumbu (PDM) asked the Minister of Justice (No. 45) - *Stands over.*
- (xxiv) Ms. Becker (PDM) asked the Minister of Information and Communication Technology (No. 46) - *Stands over.*
- (xxv) Mr. Smit (PDM) asked the Minister of Education, Arts and Culture (No. 47) - *Stands over.*
- (xxvi) Mr. Kavekatora (RDP) asked the Minister of Mines and Energy (No. 48) - *Stands over.*

- (xxvii) Ms. !Aebes (PDM) asked the Minister of Education, Arts and Culture (No. 49) - *Stands over.*
- (xxviii) Ms. !Aebes (PDM) asked the Minister of Higher Education, Training and Innovation (No. 50) - *Stands over.*
- (xxix) Ms. !Aebes (PDM) asked the Minister of Education, Arts and Culture (No. 51) - *Stands over.*
- (xxx) Ms. Dienda (PDM) asked the Minister of Urban and Rural Development (No. 52) - *Stands over.*

5. **FIRST NOTICE OF A MOTION** deferred by Mr. Mbundu on behalf of the Mover to Wednesday, 15 June 2022.

6. **SECOND NOTICE OF A MOTION** deferred by Mr. Mbundu on behalf of the Mover to Wednesday, 15 June 2022.

7. **THIRD NOTICE OF A MOTION:**

Mr. Amutse moved, seconded by Ms. Kafula:

That this Assembly -

Discuss that, while Roads Authority should not release roadworthiness discs, which are not fully paid for in terms of registration of annual license fees contemplated in Section 18(c) of the Road Fund Administration Act 18 of 1999, our people who opt to pay partially until the full renewal fee is covered, should be allowed to do so. Allowing for partial payments will reduce penalties levied for late payments on renewals, which are currently charged based on the accumulated debts.

At the moment, Namibia Transport Information System (NaTIS), which collects payments for such annual registration, does not accept arrangements for partial payments at the expiry of the display disc. I thus, submit that continuing refusal for people to deposit money which they are able to raise from time to time based on their economic background and income hardships, will continue to widen the gap between the rich and poor, which we want to narrow. The current situation where debts keep accumulating with penalties without an option to manage it, has led to hundreds of motorists being unable to renew their vehicles for sometimes now. I fully understand that we need to collect money to meet government commitments, but we are faced by a time where we need to adopt new practices that best addresses the needs of our people.

On the motion of the Prime Minister on behalf of the Minister of Works and Transport, seconded by the Deputy Minister of Works and Transport, debate adjourned until Tuesday, 14 June 2022.

8. On the motion of the Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security, seconded by the Minister of Mines and Energy, the Assembly adjourned at 16:10 until Tuesday, 14 June 2022.

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Secretary of the National Assembly

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