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SIXTH SESSION, SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

TUESDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER 2022

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

- 1. The Deputy Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer and Affirmation.
- 2. The Minister of Finance laid upon the Table:

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

- (i) Municipality of Okahandja for the financial year ended 30 June 2020;
- (ii) Town Council of Katima Mulilo for the financial years ended 30 June 2016, 2017 and 2018;
- (iii) Town Council of Karibib for the financial year ended 30 June 2019;
- (iv) Municipality of Gobabis for the financial year ended 30 June 2020;
- (v) Town Council of Katima Mulilo for the financial year ended 30 June 2019; and
- (vi) Village Council of Witvlei for the financial year ended 30 June 2020.

3. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICES:

- (i) Mr. Van Wyk (PDM) to ask the Minister of Defence and Veterans Affairs (No. 84).
- (ii) Mr. Kauandenge (NUDO) to ask the Prime Minister (No. 85).
- (iii) Mr. Iipumbu (NEFF) to ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of International Relations and Corporation an (No. 86).

- (iv) Mr. Iipumbu (NEFF) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Technology and Innovation (No. 87).
- (v) Mr. Diergaardt (PDM) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform (No. 88).
- (vi) Mr. Diergaardt (PDM) to ask the Minister of Justice (No. 89).
- (vii) Mr. Kavekotora (RDP) to ask the Minister of Mines an Energy (No. 90).
- (viii) Ms. Hengari (PDM) to ask the Minister of Labour, Industrial Relations and Employment Creation (No. 91).

4. **URGENT ORAL QUESTIONS:**

- (i) Mr. Muharukua (PDM) asked the Minister of Urban and Rural Development (No. 57) *Stands over*.
- (ii) Ms. Dienda (PDM) asked the Deputy Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security (No. 58) *Replied to*.
- (iii) Ms. Mootu (LPM) asked the Minister of Urban and Rural Development (No. 59) *Stands over*.

5. Mr. Hambyuka moved without notice:

That leave of absence due to official business, be granted to the Minister of Education, Arts and Culture Hon. Ester Anna Nghipondoka until 23 September 2022.

Agreed to.

6. FIRST NOTICE OF A MOTION:

The Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform moved, seconded by the Deputy Minister of Works and Transport:

That leave be given to amend the Property Valuers Profession Act, 2012 so as to specify, realign and streamline the functions of the Minister and the Namibian Council for Property Valuers Profession in relation to the making of regulations and rules; to increase the fine relating to penalties for improper conduct and to empower the Minister to increase the fine, and to provide for incidental matters.

Agreed to.

Property Valuers Profession Amendment Bill [B. 6 – 2022] – read a First Time.

The Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform moved, subject to Rule 32(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, seconded by Ms. Witbooi: That the Bill be read a Second Time.

On the motion of Mr. Vries, seconded by Mr. Smit, debate adjourned until Thursday, 15 September 2022.

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

Mr. Amutse moved, seconded by Ms. Kooper:

That this Assembly –

Discusses and provide a direction on how NSFAF can assist students from underprivileged families who have no income to pay for registration fees at tertiary institutions as registration is a prerequisite for NSFAF funding.

Apart from the registration and tuition fees, students from underprivileged backgrounds would require non-tuition fee for transport and accommodation for them to be able to go and live in towns where their institutions are located. The absence of the kind of assistance usually results in these students abandoning their studies which allow for the vicious cycle of poverty to continue within their family and widening the Gini-coefficient between the rich and the poor.

On the motion of Ms. Hengari, seconded by Ms. Moongo, debate adjourned until Tuesday, 20 September 2022.

8. THIRD NOTICE OF A MOTION:

Mr. Katoma moved, seconded by Mr. Tweya:

That this Assembly –

Discusses the effectiveness and adequacy of the legal framework dealing with drug offences in Namibia.

That the Motion intends to establish whether the current legal framework is adequately addressing the escalating drug incidents. That it will also further seeks to establish a better understanding on the possible gaps and limitations in relation to the enforcement of the law pertaining to drug offences or conduct involving drugs in Namibia.

On the motion of Mr. Muharukua, seconded by Ms. Dienda, debate adjourned until Wednesday, 14 September 2022.

9. On the motion of the Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform, seconded by the Deputy Minister of Mines and Energy, the Assembly adjourned at 17:30 until Wednesday, 14 September 2022.

MS. L. KANDETU Secretary of the National Assembly

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