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**REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA  
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**WEDNESDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER 2022**

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

1. The Deputy Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer and Affirmation.
2. **Announcement by the Deputy Speaker in terms of Rule 20(b) of the Standing Rules and Orders:**

The Deputy Speaker acknowledged Members of the Parliament of Zimbabwe who are on a benchmarking visit to our Parliament.

The delegation is from the Portfolio Committee on Youth, Sports, Arts and Recreation on Youth Empowerment and Sports Development, and are here from 11 – 17 September 2022 and they are –

- (i) Hon. Mathias Tongofa – Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee;
- (ii) Hon. Edmore Samambwa;
- (iii) Hon. Tawanda Tungamirirai; and
- (iv) Hon. Nyaradzai Mago

3. **QUESTIONS WITH NOTICES:**

- (i) Mr. McHenry Venaani (PDM) to ask the Prime Minister (No. 92).
- (ii) Mr. McHenry Venaani (PDM) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform (No. 93).
- (iii) Mr. McHenry Venaani (PDM) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform (No. 94).
- (iv) Mr. Kavekatora (RDP) to ask the Minister of Urban and Rural Development (No. 95).

- (v) Mr. Iipumbu (NEFF) to ask the Minister of Finance (No. 96).
- (vi) Ms. Araes (PDM) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security (No. 97).

4. **URGENT ORAL QUESTION:**

Mr. McHenry Venaani (PDM) asked the Minister of Mines and Energy (No. 60) – *To be put in writing.*

5. **FIRST NOTICE OF A MOTION:**

Mr. Seibeb moved, seconded by Mr. Isaaks:

That this Assembly –

*Discuss* the writing-off of water debt accumulated over the years by local authorities with an added accumulation of COVID-19 water related debts by all local authorities in Namibia to NAMWATER. The inability of particular municipalities to honour debt payments has been a thorn in the flesh of local government administration and continued commodification of natural resources, such as water provision is a new form of impoverishment of the commons. This Motion seeks to address strategies to permanently write-off all water debts of the commons, more especially senior citizens, destitute/poverty-stricken, unemployed residents etc.

That this Motion be referred to the relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee for further investigation.

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

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

Mr. Seibeb moved, seconded by Ms. Mootu:

That this Assembly –

*Discuss* the writing-off of the electricity debt accumulated over the years by local authorities in Namibia to NAMPOWER. The inability of particular municipalities to honour debt payments has been a thorn in the flesh of local government administration. This Motion seeks to locate strategies to address the bad debts (non-recoverable) at local authorities.

That this Motion be referred to the relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee for further investigation.

On the motion of the Deputy Minister of Finance, seconded by the Deputy Minister of Works and Transport, debate adjourned until Tuesday, 20 September 2022.

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

Ms. Kafula moved, seconded by Mr. Amutse:

In view of helping informal traders to help themselves –

That this Assembly –

*Discuss* the formalization of the informal sector.

That this Motion be referred to a Parliamentary Standing Committee for further scrutiny and recommendation.

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

8. On In terms of Rule 99(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:45 until Thursday, 15 September 2022.

**MS. L. KANDETU**  
*Secretary of the National Assembly*

*Compiled by I. Nehoya*