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SIXTH SESSION, SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

WEDNESDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER 2022

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

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

2. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICES:

- (i) Mr. Hamata (PDM) to ask the Minister of Information and Communication Technology (No. 107).
- (ii) Mr. Hamata (PDM) to ask the Minister of Labour, Industrial Relations and Employment Creation (No. 108).
- (iii) Ms. Hengari (PDM) to ask the Minister of Health and Social Services (No. 109).

3. Ministerial Statements in terms of Rule 98 of the Standing Rules and Orders:

(i) The Deputy Minister of Disability Affairs reported that September is an International Deaf Awareness Month which started from 19th September 2022 to the 23th September 2022 under the theme "Building Inclusive Communities for All".

The week focuses on promoting the positive aspects of deafness and encouraging social inclusion.

The Deputy Minister pointed out that Namibians need to seriously work at recognising and promoting sign language in Namibia and where possible finalise documented sign to give an opportunity to many Namibians to learn sign language for easy communication with the deaf people al all avenues.

(ii) The Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform briefed the Assembly on the Notice of a Question that was posed by Honourable Jan Van Wyk regarding Farm Sandputz No 50, measuring 8872, 0049 hectares situated in the Hardap Region.

The Minister reported that from the foregoing it is apparent that the questions from the Honourable Member in respect to Farm Sandputz No. 50 are misplaced. The registration of Farm Sandputz No. 50, in the Rehoboth Deeds Office by then was done by virtue of the Rehoboth Deeds Act, 1976 read together with Proclamation AG 32 of 1989, which transferred the land from the Rehoboth Government to the Administrator General and subsequently by virtue of Article 124 and Schedule 5 of the Constitution of Namibia, the land is now vested in the Government of Namibia.

The Minister dispelled the misconceptions by narrating the facts in chronological order in respect to the registration of the farm in the Rehoboth Deeds Office as from 1978. The Minister said these facts are recorded in the Deeds Registry, and further expounded them in his statement.

- 4. **FIRST NOTICE OF A MOTION** deferred by the Deputy Minister of Works and Transport to Tuesday, 27 September 2022.
- 5. **SECOND NOTICE OF A MOTION** deferred by the Deputy Minister of Works and Transport to Tuesday, 27 September 2022.

6. THIRD NOTICE OF A MOTION:

Mr. Kavekotora moved, seconded by Dr. Iijambo

That this House -

Deliberate and initiate an investigation into a number of projects initiated by this government.

Over the years, various Ministries initiated questionable projects in terms of –

- (i) Value for money; and
- (ii) Variance between the initial project cost and the ultimate project price.

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

On the motion of Mr. Iipumbu, seconded by Mr. Mukwiilongo, debate adjourned until Tuesday, 27 September 2022.

7. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – *Administration of Estates Amendment Bill* [B. 7 – 2022].

Question before the Assembly on Thursday, 15 September 2022, as moved by the Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform (page 171): That the Bill be read a Second Time.

8. In terms of Rule 99(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:46 until Thursday, 22 September 2022.

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