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

WEDNESDAY, 12 OCTOBER 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 and welcomed the delegation from the Portfolio Committee on Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare from the Parliament of Zimbabwe in the Gallery.

The delegation of five MPs accompanied by two staff members are on a week-long study visit to the Parliament of Namibia, and the Head of the delegation is Hon. Emma Ncube.

3. **NOTICES OF QUESTIONS:**
 - (i) Mr. Hamata (PDM) to ask the Minister of Sport, Youth and National Service (No. 132).
 - (ii) Mr. Vries (PDM) to ask the Minister of Urban and Rural Development (No. 133).
 - (iii) Ms. Mootu (LPM) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Technology and Innovation (No. 134).
4. **URGENT ORAL QUESTIONS:**
 - (i) Mr. Isaaks (PDM) asked the Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform (No. 66) – *Replied to.*
 - (ii) Mr. Kavekatora (RDP) asked the Minister of Defence and Veterans Affairs (No. 67) – *Replied to.*

5. **Ministerial Statement in terms of Rule 98 of the Standing Rules and Orders:**

The Deputy Minister of Information and Communication Technology clarified on recent media reports concerning perceived cyber incidents in Namibia; and said that what happened on 4 October 2022 was not a cyber-attack but a software glitch that occurred during a routine upgrade on the domain .na. The glitch only affected data traffic routing; no websites with the domain .na were down, and no local telecommunications networks were breached.

The Deputy Minister further stated that this issue was settled on the same day and assured both the Assembly and the general public that the DNS server for the .na domain is secure.

6. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on the Ratification of the Montreal and Beijing Protocols

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 4 October 2022, as moved by the Minister of Works and Transport (page 185).

Question put: That the Assembly agree to the Ratifications of the Montreal and Beijing Protocols.

Agreed to.

7. **SECOND ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on how NSFAP can assist students from underprivileged families who have no income to pay for registration fees.

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 4 October 2022, as moved by Mr. Amutse (page 166).

Question put: That the Motion be adopted with recommendations as proposed.

Agreed to.

8. **THIRD ORDER** deferred due to a lack of a quorum of 49 Members.

9. **FOURTH ORDER** deferred due to a lack of a quorum of 49 Members.

10. **FIFTH ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on the deplorable and inhospitable state of our mental health institutions and facilities.

Question before the Assembly on Thursday, 6 October 2022, as moved by Ms. Moongo (page 196): That the Motion be referred to a relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee for further scrutiny and report back to this Assembly.

On the motion of the Minister of Health and Social Services, seconded by the Deputy Minister of Finance, debate adjourned until Thursday, 13 October 2022.

11. **SIXTH ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate to initiate an investigation into a number of projects initiated by the government over the years.

Question before the Assembly on Wednesday, 21 September 2022, as moved by Mr. Kavekatora (page 178): That the Motion be referred to a relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee for further scrutiny and report back to this Assembly.

On the motion of Ms. Mootu, seconded by Mr. Seibeb, debate adjourned until Tuesday, 18 October 2022.

12. **SEVENTH ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate to write-off electricity debt accumulated over the years by local authorities to NAMPOWER

Question before the Assembly on Wednesday, 28 September 2022, as moved by Mr. Seibeb (page 168): That the Motion be referred to a relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee for further scrutiny and report back to this Assembly.

On the motion of Ms. Mootu, seconded by Mr. Isaaks, debate adjourned until Tuesday, 18 October 2022.

13. **EIGHTH ORDER** deferred by Mr. Kavekatora on behalf of Mr. Kauandenge to Tuesday, 18 October 2022.

14. **NINTH ORDER** deferred by the Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform on behalf of the Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform to Tuesday, 18 October 2022.

15. **TENTH ORDER** deferred by Mr. Kavekatora on behalf of Mr. Kauandenge to Tuesday, 18 October 2022.

16. **ELEVENTH ORDER** deferred by Ms. Araes on behalf of Ms. Hengari to Thursday, 13 October 2022.

17. **TWELFTH ORDER** deferred by the Deputy Minister of Finance to Wednesday, 19 October 2022.

18. In terms of Rule 99(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:46 until Thursday, 13 October 2022.

MS. L. KANDETU
Secretary of the National Assembly

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