



Thursday, 23 March 2023

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SEVENTH SESSION, SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

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

**THURSDAY, 23 MARCH 2023**

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

1. The Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer and Affirmation.
2. **The Speaker presented a Petition on behalf of the Feminists Movement Namibia Trust, in terms of Rule 96(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders –**

The Petition is calling on the National Assembly to have the words “being of different sexes” struck out of the *Combating of Domestic Violence Act 4 of 2003* and for the same-sex couples to be included in the *Combating of Domestic Violence Amendment Act 6 of 2022* that has been passed by Parliament.

The Speaker Tabled the Petition and moved that it be referred to the Standing Committee dealing with Petitions, to draw up rules governing the treatment of requests and complaints and to use them as the basis for its decisions in each case.

3. **Announcement by the Speaker in terms of Rule 20(b) of the Standing Rules and Orders:**

The Speaker announced that the memorial service of the late Deputy Captain Stephanus Goliath will take place today Thursday, 23 March 2023 at 18:00 at the Tanidare Lutheran Parish in Soweto, Windhoek.

The Speaker expressed the Assembly’s collective sincere condolences to the widow, children, family and the entire clan of the departed Deputy Captain.

4. **NOTICE OF A QUESTION:**

Hon. Smit (PDM) to ask the Minister of Industrialisation and Trade (No. 56).

5. **Hon. Kafula moved without Notice in terms of Rule 27(d) of the Standing Rules and Orders:**

That the proceedings on Votes 1, 2, 4 and 26 of the *Appropriation Bill* be, in terms of Rule 103(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, not interrupted if still under consideration at 17:45.

Agreed to.

6. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

Committee Stage – *Appropriation Bill* [B. 1 – 2023].

The Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises moved, seconded by Hon. Tweya: That the Assembly now goes into Committee.

Agreed to.

**ASSEMBLY IN COMMITTEE:**

Vote 1 – President: Introduced by the Minister in the Presidency.

Vote 2 – Prime Minister: Introduced by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of International Relations and Cooperation.

Vote 4 – Auditor-General: Introduced by the Minister in the Presidency.

Vote 26 – National Planning Commission: Introduced by the Minister in the Presidency.

**ASSEMBLY RESUMED:**

Progress reported and leave given to sit again.

7. **QUESTIONS DEALT WITH:**

- (i) Hon. Kauandenge (NUDO) asked the Minister of Mines and Energy (No. 1) – *Stands over*.
- (ii) Hon. Kavekatora (RDP) asked the Minister of Higher Education, Technology and Innovation (No. 4) – *Stands over*.
- (iii) Hon. Diergaardt (PDM) asked the Minister of Sport, Youth and National Service (No. 7) – *Stands over*.
- (iv) Hon. Diergaardt (PDM) asked the Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security (No. 8) – *Stands over*.
- (v) Hon. Katjimune (PDM) asked the Minister of Information and Communication Technology (No. 14) – *Stands over*.
- (vi) Hon. Dr. Iijambo (SWANU) asked the Prime Minister (No. 15) – *Stands over*.
- (vii) Hon. Kauandenge (NUDO) asked the Minister of Higher Education, Technology and Innovation (No. 16) – *Stands over*.
- (viii) Hon. Swartbooi (LPM) asked the Minister of Urban and Rural Development (No. 17) – *Stands over*.

- (ix) Hon. Isaaks (LPM) asked the Minister of Urban and Rural Development (No. 18) – *Stands over.*
- (x) Hon. Seibeb (LPM) asked the Minister of Urban and Rural Development (No. 19) – *Stands over.*
- (xi) Hon. Mukwilongo (NEFF) asked the Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources (No. 20) – *Replied to.*
- (xii) Hon. Muharukua (PDM) asked the Minister of Higher Education, Technology and Innovation (No. 21) – *Stands over.*
- (xiii) Hon. McHenry Venaani (PDM) asked the Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources (No. 23) – *Replied to.*
- (xiv) Hon. McHenry Venaani (PDM) asked the Prime Minister (No. 24) – *Stands over.*
- (xv) Hon. Smit (PDM) asked the Prime Minister (No. 25) – *Stands over.*
- (xvi) Hon. Hengari (PDM) asked the Minister of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (No. 26) – *Stands over.*
- (xvii) Hon. Vries (PDM) asked the Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform (No. 27) – *Stands over.*
- (xviii) Hon. Van den Heever (PDM) asked the Minister of Industrialisation and Trade (No. 28) – *Replied to.*
- (xix) Hon. Katjimune (PDM) asked the Minister of Higher Education, Technology and Innovation (No. 29) – *Stands over.*
- (xx) Hon. Mukwilongo (NEFF) asked the Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security (No. 30) – *Stands over.*
- (xxi) Hon. Moongo (PDM) asked the Minister of Health and Social Services (No. 31) – *Stands over.*
- (xxii) Hon. Hengari (PDM) asked the Minister of Sport, Youth and National Service (No. 32) – *Stands over.*
- (xxiii) Hon. Ipumbu (NEFF) asked the Minister of Sport, Youth and National Service (No. 33) – *Stands over.*
- (xxiv) Hon. Dienda (PDM) asked the Prime Minister (No. 34) – *Stands over.*
- (xxv) Hon. McHenry Venaani (PDM) asked the Minister in the Presidency (No. 35) – *Replied to.*
- (xxvi) Hon. McHenry Venaani (PDM) asked the Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security (No. 36) – *Stands over.*
- (xxvii) Hon. McHenry Venaani (PDM) asked the Prime Minister (No. 37) – *Stands over.*

- (xxviii) Hon. Seibeb (LPM) asked the Minister of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (No. 38) – *Stands over*.
- (xxix) Hon. Seibeb (LPM) asked the Minister of Urban and Rural Development (No. 39) – *Stands over*.
- (xxx) Hon. Seibeb (LPM) asked the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of International Relations and Cooperation (No. 40) – *Replied to*.
- (xxxix) Hon. Van den Heever (PDM) asked the Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform (No. 41) – *Stands over*.
- (xxxii) Hon. Smit (PDM) asked the Prime Minister (No. 42) – *Stands over*.
- (xxxiii) Hon. Katjimune (PDM) asked the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of International Relations and Cooperation (No. 43) – *Replied to*.
- (xxxiv) Hon. Hamata (PDM) asked the Minister of Mines and Energy (No. 44) – *Replied to*.
- (xxxv) Hon. Hamata (PDM) asked the Minister of Urban and Rural Development (No. 45) – *Stands over*.
- (xxxvi) Hon. Dienda (PDM) asked the Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security (No. 46) – *Stands over*.
- (xxxvii) Hon. Seibeb (LPM) asked the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of International Relations and Cooperation (No. 47) – *Replied to*.
8. In terms of Rule 90(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:52 until Friday, 24 March 2023.

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

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