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

**THURSDAY, 27 APRIL 2023**

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

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

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

The Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises informed the Assembly about the two loan products that were launched recently to support the SMEs with low interest loans. The first product is the Development Bank of Namibia Loan Scheme, and the second is the Joint Program of the Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises, and the Bank of Namibia.

3. **The Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises laid upon the Table on behalf of the Minister of Mines and Energy:**

Annual Report of the Electricity Control Board for the year 2022.

4. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

Consideration of Report of the Select Committee on the mass resignation of fishermen employed under the Government Employment Redressing Program in Walvis Bay.

Hon. Tweya moved, seconded by the Deputy Minister of Gender Equality, Poverty Eradication and Social Welfare: That the Report be now considered.

Agreed to.

Hon. Tweya replied but due to a lack of 49 voting Members, the Speaker reserved to put the Question for the Report to be adopted.

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

The Deputy Minister of Works and Transport further moved to motivate his Motion that he could not conclude yesterday, 26 April 2023:

That this Assembly –

*Discuss* the possibility to investigate the overcharges, and unethical multiple charges resulting into over profiteering by Commercial Banks in Namibia's perpetual colonial legacy of class and race discrimination against their clients.

On the motion of Hon. Katjimune on behalf of Hon. Hamata, seconded by Hon. Van Wyk, debate adjourned until Tuesday, 6 June 2023.

6. **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) – *Replied to.*
- (iii) Hon. Diergaardt (PDM) asked the Minister of Sport, Youth and National Service (No. 7) – *Replied to.*
- (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. Kauandenge (NUDO) asked the Minister of Higher Education, Technology and Innovation (No. 16) – *Stands over.*
- (vii) Hon. Swartbooi (LPM) asked the Minister of Urban and Rural Development (No. 17) – *Replied to.*
- (viii) Hon. Isaaks (LPM) asked the Minister of Urban and Rural Development (No. 18) – *Replied to.*
- (ix) Hon. Seibeb (LPM) asked the Minister of Urban and Rural Development (No. 19) – *Replied to.*
- (x) Hon. Muharukua (PDM) asked the Minister of Higher Education, Technology and Innovation (No. 21) – *Stands over.*
- (xi) Hon. McHenry Venaani (PDM) asked the Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform (No. 24) – *Stands over.*
- (xii) Hon. Smit (PDM) asked the Minister of Works and Transport (No. 25) – *Replied to.*
- (xiii) Hon. Katjimune (PDM) asked the Minister of Higher Education, Technology and Innovation (No. 29) – *Replied to.*

7. In terms of Rule 90(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:48 until Tuesday, 6 June 2023.

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

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