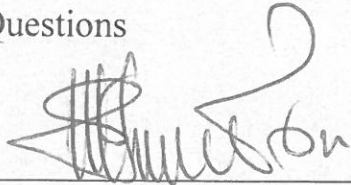


NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Notice of Questions

By

Honorable Longinus N Iipumbu (NEFF)  08/06/2023

I hereby give notice that on Thursday 15th JUNE 2023 I shall ask the Minister of Mines and Energy the following questions

Honourable Minister, in light of NamPower's recent decision to implement blackouts due to outstanding electricity accounts, may I direct your attention to a recent article of The Namibia published today, the 8th of June 2023. The article reads in part and I quote, "NAMPOWER executives have proposed that the electricity utility should write off N\$29 million in debt of a company which used to power Kombat and has ties to businessman Knowledge Katti and executive director of sport, youth and national service Erastus Haitengela."

1. Can you explain why there appears to be a discrepancy in treatment, with the proposed write-off of N\$29 million in debt for a company associated with Knowledge Katti and Erastus Haitengela? Is there favoritism at play in this situation?
2. How does the proposed write-off align with principles of transparency, accountability, and fairness in the management of NamPower's finances? What measures are being taken to ensure that such decisions are made in the best interest of the Namibian people and not influenced by personal connections or political affiliations?
3. Considering that the company in question has ties to prominent individuals, including a government executive, how can you assure the public that the decision to write off the debt is not an abuse of power or an attempt to protect vested interests? What steps will be taken to investigate and address any potential conflicts of interest?
4. The decision to implement blackouts has had a significant impact on towns and regions with outstanding electricity accounts. Can you explain the rationale behind prioritising the write-off of N\$29 million debt instead of ensuring the equitable distribution of electricity to all Namibian citizens?

How does this decision align with the government's commitment to addressing socio-economic inequalities and promoting social welfare?

I so submit