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

THURSDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER 2023

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

1. The Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer and Affirmation.
2. **The Speaker presented and laid upon the Table, in terms of Rule 96(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders –**

A Petition by the Namibian National Association of the Deaf, received today, 21 September 2023.

In the Petition, the Association is calling for the Recognition of Namibian Sign Language as a National language. They say that their language is not recognized and this has affected their lives and deprived their full participations in the society.

The Speaker said this Petition is going to be submitted to the Standing Committee dealing with Petitions, to draw up rules governing the treatment of requests and complaints and shall use them as the basis for its decisions in each case.

3. **The Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises laid upon the Table:**

Reports of the Auditor-General on the Accounts of the –

- (i) Municipality of Tsumeb for the financial year ended 30 June 2021 and 2022;
- (ii) Omaheke Regional Council for the financial year ended 31 March 2019;
- (iii) Omaheke Regional Council for the financial year ended 31 March 2020;

- (iv) Regional Council of the Zambezi Region for the financial years ended 31 March 2021 and 2022;
- (v) Regional Council for the Hardap Region for the financial year ended 31 March 2022;
- (vi) Town Council of Rehoboth for the financial years ended 30 June 2017, 2018 and 2019;
- (vii) Village Council of Okongo for the financial years ended 30 June 2021 and 2022;
- (viii) Motor Vehicle Accident Fund of Namibia for the financial year ended 31 March 2023; and
- (ix) Follow-up Performance Audit Report of the Auditor-General on Service Delivery to Orphans and Vulnerable Children within the Ministry of Gender Equality, Poverty Eradication and Social Welfare for the financial years 2019/2020, 2020/2021 and 2021/2022.

4. **QUESTIONS DEALT WITH:**

- (i) Hon. Mootu (LPM) asked the Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises (No. 129) – *To be directed to the Rt. Hon Prime Minister.*
- (ii) Hon. Seibeb (LPM) asked the Minister of Mines and Energy (No. 130) – *Stands over.*
- (iii) Hon. Seibeb (LPM) asked the Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises (No. 131) – *Stands over.*
- (iv) Hon. Smit (PDM) asked the Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises (No. 134) – *Replied to.*
- (v) Hon. Katjimune (PDM) asked the Minister of Higher Education, Technology and Innovation (No. 136) – *Stands over.*
- (vi) Hon. McHenry Venaani (PDM) asked the Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform (No. 140) – *Stands over.*
- (vii) Hon. McHenry Venaani (PDM) asked the Minister of Health and Social Services (No. 141) – *Stands over.*
- (viii) Hon. Auchab (UDF) asked the Minister of Urban and Rural Development (No. 142) – *Stands over.*
- (ix) Hon. Auchab (UDF) asked the Minister of Urban and Rural Development (No. 143) – *Stands over.*
- (x) Hon. Van den Heever (PDM) asked the Minister of Labour, Industrial Relations and Employment Creation (No. 144) – *Stands over.*
- (xi) Hon. Hamata (PDM) asked the Minister Justice (No. 145) – *Replied to.*
- (xii) Hon. Isaaks (LPM) asked the Minister of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (No. 146) – *Stands over.*

- (xiii) Hon. Katjimune (PDM) asked the Minister of Urban and Rural Development (No. 147) – *Stands over.*
- (xiv) Hon. McHenry Venaani (PDM) asked the Minister in the Presidency (No. 148) – *Stands over.*
- (xv) Hon. Smit (PDM) asked the Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises (No. 149) – *Replied to.*
- (xvi) Hon. Mootu (LPM) asked the Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security (No. 150) – *Stands over.*

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

Hon. McHenry Venaani moved, seconded by Hon. Dienda:

That this Assembly –

Debates the renaming of the Buitepos Border Post to Mr. Ludwig Kanduketu Stanley Border Post to honour Mr. Ludwig Kanduketu Stanley. This serves as a profound testament to the struggle for independence and the people who made it possible.

Mr. Stanley’s stoic record as the facilitator for the Founding Father to go into exile is pivotal in the liberation narrative of Namibia. His audacious- act of aiding Founding President Dr, Sam Nujoma in escaping into exile in 1960 was a catalyst that set the wheels of revolution in motion, ultimately leading to the birth of a sovereign Namibia.

That this Motion be referred to a relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee to propose recommendations to this august House after conducting diligent work on the subject matter.

On the motion of the Deputy Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises, seconded by Hon. Kandjimi, debate adjourned until Wednesday, 27 September 2023.

6. **SECOND NOTICE OF A MOTION:**

Hon. Karupu moved, seconded by Hon. Ithete:

That this Assembly –

Discusses and agrees to the inclusion of Namibian former mine workers in South Africa on the ongoing compensation targeting all former mine workers in Southern African mines.

That this Motion be referred to a Parliamentary Standing Committee for further investigation and report back to this Assembly

Hon. Hambyuka drew the attention of the Deputy Speaker that there is no Quorum in the Houses.

Bells rung for two Minutes but still no Quorum.

7. In terms of Rule 17(e) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the following Members were present:

Voting Members excluding Deputy Speaker = 22

Hons. Kuugongelwa-Amadhila, Hinda-Mbuende, Shiweda, Nekundi, Kapofi, Mutorwa, !Hoebes, Hambyuka, Dienda, Moongo, Hamata, McHenry Venaani, Mike Venaani, Araes, Vries, Van den Heever, Shekupakela, Iijambo, Kamutali, Tjiveze, Karupu and Nuyoma-Amupewa,

Non-voting Members = 3

Hons. Goagoses, Dausab and Nekongo.

8. In terms of Rule 17 of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:15 until Tuesday, 26 September 2023.

MS. L. KANDETU

Secretary of the National Assembly

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