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

TUESDAY, 27 FEBRUARY 2024

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

1. The Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer and Affirmation.
2. **Announcement by the Speaker in terms of Rule 20(b) of the Standing Rules and Orders:**

The Speaker announced that with the tabling of the *2024/2025 Appropriation Bill* by the Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises tomorrow, Wednesday 28 February 2024, the National Assembly with the support of Standard Bank Namibia will be serving welcoming soft drinks to the Members in the courtyard. This will be followed by light finger lunch that will be served during tea break after the presentation of the Minister's Budget Statement.

All Honourable Members are therefore informed to take note of these arrangements.

On behalf of the Assembly, the Speaker expressed appreciation to Standard Bank Namibia for their generosity and support.

3. **NOTICE OF A QUESTION:**

Hon. Shekupakela (RDP) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Technology and Innovation (No. 16).
4. **FIRST NOTICE OF A MOTION** deferred by Hon. Dienda on the request of Hon. Van den Heever, to Thursday 4 April 2024, in terms of Rule 28 of the Standing Rules and Orders.
5. **SECOND NOTICE OF A MOTION:**

Hon. Katjimune moved, seconded by Hon. Moongo:

That this Assembly –

Investigates the bottlenecks around Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) financing in Namibia in efforts to unleash greater access and economic potential for this crucial sector of our economy.

That this Motion be referred to the relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee for further scrutiny and report back to this House.

On the motion of the Minister of Industrialisation and Trade, seconded by Hon. Mareka, debate adjourned until Tuesday, 5 March 2024.

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

Hon. Hamata moved, seconded by Hon. Muharukua:

That this Assembly –

Discusses the disparity between private and public schools continues to widen, with the latter's performance deteriorating year in, year out. This unsettling trend has been majorly attributed to the fact that government opts for a ceiling policy and does not, amongst other things, avail adequate resources appropriate for public schools to also excel.

Factors such as lack of literature materials, teachers' poor motivation, lack of text books, and lack of interest, coupled with working in an uncondusive environment, are some of the major factors to which poor performance could be partly attributed.

That this Motion be referred to the relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee for further scrutiny and report back to this House.

On the motion of Hon. Tjirare, seconded by Hon. Vries, debate adjourned until Tuesday, 5 March 2024.

7. In terms of Rule 99(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Speaker adjourned the Assembly adjourned at 17:45 until Wednesday, 28 February 2024.

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Secretary of the National Assembly

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