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HON. KAMUTALI

Honorable Speaker;
Honorable Members of Parliament
Fellow Namibians;

I rise to contribute on vote 11 and 17 of the budget 2024/25.

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Vote 13 (Ministry of Health and Social Services)

During the financial year 2024/2025, the vote of Health and Social Services will receive N\$ 10.9 billion and a sum of N\$ 34.3 billion over the Ministry of Tourism, Environment and Forestry (MTEF). Within that allocation, there is an additional funds availed of N\$ 450 million in the development budget including for commencing with earthworks at the development budget at the Windhoek District Hospital in Havana for the expansion of primary health care centers and clinics countrywide and improving the capacity of referral hospital services. Further consideration has been made to cater for the recruitment of medical personal "as the Ministry needs to recruit more medical personal specifically more of those who has special training in diagnosing and treating cancer."

My humble request to you Hon. Minister, "in the said budget "can you make provision to consider building a Cancer State Hospital that is fully equipped? For some of those who are unable to afford Cancer Private Hospitals, because cancer is the second leading cause of death worldwide and we seem to be ignoring it and this situation has become very worrisome in our country due to a lack of: early cancer detection, a lack of cancer medical equipment etc."

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I urge the Minister of Health and Services and his team to consider increasing cancer awareness countrywide that could also help to reduce health inequalities and improve cancer outcomes. I personally feel having cancer awareness will give people the confidence to speak to a doctor if something doesn't feel normal to them, as spotting cancer early increases the chance of survival.

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Vote 17, (Ministry of Urban and Rural Development)

In this sector the budget of the Ministry of Urban and Rural Development has increased by 37.6 percent to N\$ 2.6 billion in financial year 2024/25. In addition to provisions for housing, this allocation includes N\$ 250 million in Financial Year 2024/25 and N\$ 175 million in Financial Year 2025/26 for the rollout of prepaid water and electricity meters in various local authorities as a long-term solution to the ^{rising} rising debt with NamPower and Namwater. An additional N\$ 141 million has been allocated for the transformation of Aus and Luderitz local authorities to improve service due to the growing population driven by oil and gas exploration as well as green hydrogen activities in the region. Over the Ministry of Environment and Forestry, the vote receives a total of n\$ 7.8 billion. Hon. Minister, as indicated that there are additional funds allocated for the transformation of Aus and Lüderitz local authorities to improve service, I humbly request the Minister to also make provision for the ^{Rundu} Rundu Local Authority as they are facing the similar problem. ^{provisional}

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Hon Minister, as we all are aware that our Traditional Chiefs/Leaders are underpaid can you make provision in the said budget to consider increasing their allowances because this debate has been long on going.

on behalf of

With these few remarks; The All People's Party (APP) would like to thank the Minister of finance and his team for a job well done and submit our support for the 2024/2025 Annual Budget.

I thank you.