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

**TUESDAY, 5 MARCH 2024**

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

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

- (i) The Speaker announced that the Standing Committee on Economics and Public Administration is inviting all Members to the traditional Budget Analysis and Advocacy Workshop for the 2024/25 National Budget organized in collaboration with UNICEF and Standard Bank Namibia Ltd. The workshop will take place on Thursday, 7 March 2024 from 08:30 to 13:00 in C1 Conference Room, Parliament Building.

This half-day workshop will focus on detailed analysis of the 2024/25 Budget and experts will make presentations on the following key areas: Overall Budget and Economic Sector Votes, Social Sector Votes and a Panel discussion on the impact of budget on women and youth.

The main objective is to strengthen the capacities of Members of Parliament (MPs) in budget analysis and oversight; and contributions during the budget debate. This is particularly important given that Parliament plays a key role throughout the budgeting process, from approval, implementation, through to monitoring and evaluation.

- (ii) Secondly, the Speaker reported that he has received a letter from the Secretary-General of the Popular Democratic Movement (PDM) notifying him that as per powers provided to the PDM by virtue of Article 48(1)(a) of the Namibian

Constitution, that Hon. Jan van Wyk and Hon. Frans Bertolini are no longer affiliated to the PDM.

The PDM has therefor communicated two names to the Office of the Speaker who will replace Hon. Van Wyk and Hon. Bertolini. The swearing-in for the two Members is going to take place in due course.

3. **The Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform laid upon the Table:**

National Resettlement Policy for the years 2023 – 2033.

Hon. Dienda moved without notice, that the Policy be placed on the Order Paper for consideration by the Assembly.

Agreed to.

4. **NOTICES OF A QUESTIONS:**

(i) Hon. Murorua (UDF) to ask the Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises (No. 19).

(ii) Hon. Diergaardt (PDM) to ask the Minister of Urban and Rural Development (No. 20).

5. **Hon. Dienda moved without notice in terms of Rule 27(h) of the Standing Rules and Orders:**

That leave of absence be granted to Hon. Mike Venaani until further notice.

Agreed to.

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

The Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform briefed the Assembly on the National Resettlement Policy 2023 – 2033 which presents a blueprint with which the Government, aided by all key stakeholders and the citizens at large, can address the issues of efficiency, equity, transparency, tenure, security, capacity building and agricultural production as fundamental elements of a progressive and inclusive National Resettlement Policy.

7. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on the appointment of members of the Delimitation and Demarcation Commission.

Question before the Assembly on Thursday, 29 February 2024, as moved by the Prime Minister (page 17): That the Motion be adopted.

On the motion of the Hon. Prime Minister, seconded by the Minister of Mines and Energy, debate adjourned until Thursday, 7 March 2024.

8. **SECOND ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – *Regional and Constituency Development Fund Bill* [B. 22 - 2023].

Question before the Assembly on Wednesday, 14 February 2024, as moved by the Minister of Urban and Rural Development (page 8): That the Bill be read a Second Time.

On the motion of Hon. Kooper, seconded by Hon. Katjingisua, debate adjourned until Wednesday, 13 March 2024.

9. **THIRD ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on SMEs financing in Namibia in efforts to unleash greater access and economic potential for this crucial sector of our country.

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 27 February 2024, as moved by Hon. Katjimune (page 14): That the Motion be adopted.

10. On the motion of the Prime Minister, seconded by the Deputy Speaker, Assembly adjourned at 17:42 until Wednesday, 6 March 2024.

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

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