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

WEDNESDAY, 24 APRIL 2024

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

1. The Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer and Affirmation.
2. **The Minister in the Presidency made a brief introductory Statement and laid upon the Table:**

Annual Report of Namibia Investment Promotion and Development Board (NIPDB) for the financial year 2023.

3. **The Deputy Minister of Higher Education, Technology and Innovation laid upon the Table:**

Annual Reports of the National Commission on Research, Science and Technology (NCRST) for the years 2022/2023, 2021/2022 and 2020/2021.

Hon. Seibeb moved that the Reports be discussed.

Agreed to.

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

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

- (i) Office of the Prime Minister for the financial year ended 31 March 2023;
- (ii) Ministry of International Relations and Cooperation for the financial year ended 31 March 2023;

- (iii) Ministry of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security for the financial year ended 31 March 2023;
- (iv) Ministry of Mines and Energy for the financial year ended 31 March 2023;
- (v) Ministry of Public Enterprises for the financial year ended 31 March 2023;
- (vi) Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources for the financial year ended 31 March 2023;
- (vii) Ministry of Health and Social Services for the financial year ended 31 March 2023;
- (viii) Ministry of Finance for the financial year ended 31 March 2023;
- (ix) National Planning Commission for the financial year ended 31 March 2023;
and
- (x) Office of the Judiciary for the financial year ended 31 March 2023.

5. **The Deputy Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises further laid upon the Table:**

- (i) Annual Report of the Bank of Namibia for the year 2023;
- (ii) Annual Report of the Namibia Deposit Guarantee Authority for the year 2023;
and
- (iii) Annual Report of the Central Procurement Board of Namibia for the year 2020/2021.

6. **Hon. Elago laid upon the Table for discussion:**

Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Information, Communication, Technology and Innovation on the Motion of Hon. Amutse to introduce free wi-fi network in Namibia.

7. **NOTICE OF A QUESTION:**

Hon. Mootu (LPM) to ask the Minister of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (No. 38).

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

That leave of absence be granted to Hon. Sophia Shaningwa due to official duties until further notice.

Agreed to.

9. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Consideration of Report of the Joint Parliamentary Standing Committees on the Workshop on Maximizing the Potential of the Mining and Energy Sectors in Namibia.

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 23 April 2024, as moved by Hon. Tweya (page 74): That the Joint Parliamentary Committee Report be adopted.

On the motion of the Deputy Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises, seconded by Hon. Katamelo, debate adjourned until Thursday, 25 April 2024.

10. **SECOND ORDER READ:**

Consideration of Report on the Benchmarking Study Visit to the Parliament of Sweden and various Government Offices and Agencies.

Hon. Ithete moved, seconded by Hon. Katoma: That the Report be now considered.

Agreed to.

Question put: That the Report be adopted.

Agreed to.

11. **THIRD ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Consideration of Report on Oversight visits to Skeleton Coast in Erongo and Kunene Regions focusing on Possible Diamond Deposits.

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 23 April 2024, as moved by Hon. Ithete (page 76): That the Report be adopted.

On the motion of Hon. Hambyuka, on behalf of the Deputy Minister of Mines and Energy, debate adjourned until Thursday, 25 April 2024.

12. **FOURTH ORDER** deferred by Hon. Dingara on behalf of the Mover to Wednesday, 5 June 2024.

Consideration of Report on the Petition on the Management of the Bwabwata Communal Land by the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism.

13. **FIFTH ORDER** deferred by Hon. Dingara on behalf of the Mover to Wednesday, 5 June 2024.

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

Hon. Longinus Ipumbu moved, seconded by Hon. Hengari:

That this Assembly –

Discusses and engage in a constructive dialogue with regard to the prevailing labour hire practices in Namibia and come up with solutions to the exploitation of workers in the country.

Question put: That the Motion be referred to a relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee as proposed by the Deputy Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises.

Agreed to.

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

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

That this Assembly –

Discusses the underutilisation of our perennial rivers namely the Zambezi, Kavango, Kunene and Orange Rivers compared to our neighbouring countries. Further, to find workable solutions to increase agricultural output through irrigation and drip irrigation to promote mechanized agriculture and improve our agricultural value chains. Lastly, for the Government of the republic of Namibia to initiate funding to purchase community pumps drawing water from these rivers, and matters incidental thereto.

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

On the motion of the Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform, seconded by Hon. Ekandjo, debate adjourned until Wednesday, 5 June 2024.

16. In terms of Rule 99(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:52 until Thursday, 25 April 2024.

MS. L. KANDETU
Secretary of the National Assembly

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