



*Wednesday, 16 April 2025*

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FIRST SESSION, EIGHTH PARLIAMENT

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

**WEDNESDAY, 16 APRIL 2025**

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

1. The Deputy Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer and Affirmation.
2. **Announcements by the Deputy Speaker in terms of Rule 117(b) of the Standing Rules and Orders:**

- (i) **Firstly**, The Deputy Speaker brought to the attention of the House that in terms of **Rule 67** of the Standing Rules and Orders, all Members of the Assembly, upon being sworn in as Members, must declare their financial interest as required in this Code of Conduct and are obliged to adopt the principles of the Code by signing the Declaration of Members' Financial Interests.

He continued to state that, subject to **Rule 65** of the Standing Rules and Orders, the first declaration must be made within 30 days of being sworn in as a Member of Parliament and therefore alerted the Members that the distributed forms be submitted to the Acting Secretary's Office on or before Wednesday, 30 April 2025.

In the same vein, the Deputy Speaker informed that House that it is also important to note that, as per **Rule 67(4)**: After the first declaration, Members must annually declare particulars of their registrable interest on or before 30 April each year.

- (ii) **Secondly**, the Deputy Speaker informed the House that on a very sad note, we came to learn about the passing of Ms. Rebekka Mathias, a niece of Hon. Festus Thomas, during the past weekend. The House wished Hon. Thomas and his entire family their heartfelt condolences and all the strength to overcome their loss.

- (iii) **Lastly**, the Deputy Speaker shared with the House that in the meeting held on Tuesday, 15 April 2025 with the Chief Whips of the different political parties, it was proposed that the House to sits from 09:00 to 12:30 on Thursday, 17 April 2025 to accommodate the Members who are planning to travel for the long weekend.

The House agreed.

**3. NOTICES OF QUESTIONS:**

- (i) Hon. Venaani (PDM) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Land Reform (No. 20).
- (ii) Hon. Venaani (PDM) to ask the Minister of Information and Communication Technology (No. 21).
- (iii) Hon. Venaani (PDM) to ask the Rt. Hon. Prime Minister (No. 22).
- (iv) Hon. Venaani (PDM) to ask the Rt. Hon. Prime Minister (No. 23).
- (v) Hon. Thomas (BCP) to ask the Minister of Urban and Rural Development (No. 24).
- (vi) Hon. Mbinge-Tjeundo to ask the Minister of Finance (No. 25).
- (vii) Hon. Emvula (LPM) to ask the Minister of Education, Innovation, Youth, Sports, Arts and Culture (No. 26).
- (viii) Hon. Vries (PDM) to ask the Minister of Education, Innovation, Youth, Sports, Arts and Culture (No. 27).
- (ix) Hon. Mootu (LPM) to ask the Rt. Hon. Prime Minister (No. 28).
- (x) Hon. Iipumbu (NEFF) to ask the Minister of Justice and Labour Relations (No. 29).

**4. The Minister of Finance laid upon the Table:**

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

- (i) Otjozondjupa Regional Council for the financial year ended 31 March 2019;
- (ii) Otjozondjupa Regional Council for the financial years ended 31 March 2020 and 2021;
- (iii) Town Council of Rehoboth for the financial years ended 30 June 2020 and 2021;
- (iv) Town Council of Oshakati for the financial year ended 30 June 2022;
- (v) Land Acquisition and Development Fund for the financial years ended 31 March 2022 and 2023;
- (vi) Regional Council for the Hardap Region for the financial year ended 31 March 2023;
- (vii) Town Council of Karibib for the financial year ended 30 June 2023;
- (viii) Town Council of Okahao for the financial year ended 30 June 2023;

- (ix) Town Council of Oniipa for the financial year ended 30 June 2023;
- (x) Agricultural Bank of Namibia for the financial year ended 31 March 2024;
- (xi) Department of Works of the Ministry of Works and Transport for the financial year ended 31 March 2024;
- (xii) Ministry of Industrialisation and Trade for the financial year ended 31 March 2024;
- (xiii) Motor Vehicle Accident Fund of Namibia for the financial year ended 31 March 2024;
- (xiv) National Planning Commission for the financial year ended 31 March 2024; and
- (xv) Trust Fund for Regional Development and Equity Provisions for the financial year ended 31 March 2024.

5. **Hon. Venaani moved without Notice:**

That this Assembly grant extension to the time allocated per Political Party on the Budget Programme 2025/2026 for the Second Reading on the *Appropriation Bill* [B.6 – 2025].

Question put: That the time for today's proceedings be extended.

Agreed to.

6. **ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – *Appropriation Bill* [B. 6 – 2025].

Questions before the Assembly on Tuesday, 15 April 2025, as moved by the Minister of Finance (page 6): That the Bill be read a Second Time.

7. In terms of Rule 155(1) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 18:40 until Thursday, 17 April 2025.

**MR. O.S MUYATWA**

*Acting Secretary: National Assembly*

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