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

**WEDNESDAY, 25 JUNE 2025**

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 117(b) of the Standing Rules and Orders:**

The Speaker informed the House of the presence of a visiting delegation from the Parliament of São Tomé and Príncipe, led by the Secretary-General, Mr. Domingos José da Trindade Boa Morte, who are seated in the gallery.

This visit forms part of a reciprocal exchange following the delegation's earlier visit to the Parliament of Namibia in November 2024. It aims to further strengthen bilateral cooperation between the Secretariats of the two National Assemblies.

The Speaker, on behalf of the House, extended a warm welcome to the delegation and wished them a pleasant and productive stay in Namibia.

3. **NOTICES OF QUESTIONS:**
  - (i) Hon. Vries (PDM) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security (No. 68).
  - (ii) Hon. Emvula (LPM) to ask the Minister of Works and Transport (No. 69).
  - (iii) Hon. Jonas (SWAPO) to ask the Minister of Justice and Labour Relations (No. 70).
  - (iv) Hon. Mulunga (IPC) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Land Reform (No. 71).

- (v) Hon. Susiku (IPC) to ask the Minister of Health and Social Services (No. 72).
- (vi) Hon. Kangulu (IPC) to ask the Minister of Defence and Veterans Affairs (No. 73).

**4. URGENT ORAL QUESTIONS:**

- (i) Hon. Kambala (AR) asked the Minister of Finance (No. 53) – *To be put in writing.*
- (ii) Hon. Hishoono (IPC) asked the Minister of Education, Innovation, Youth, Sports, Arts and Culture (No. 54) – *To be put in writing.*
- (iii) Hon. Venaani (PDM) asked the Minister of Education, Innovation, Youth, Sports, Arts and Culture (No. 55) – *To be put in writing.*
- (iv) Hon. Venaani (PDM) asked the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Land Reform (No. 56) – *To be put in writing.*

**5. Ministerial Statement in terms of Rule 136 of the Standing Rules and Orders:**

- (i) The Minister of Finance made a Ministerial Statement announcing a new government initiative aimed at improving access to affordable home loans for civil servants. The initiative introduces pension-backed loans that allow them to use their accumulated pension savings as collateral, thereby enabling them to secure loans under favourable terms. This intervention seeks to address longstanding housing challenges while promoting financial inclusion among government employees.
- (ii) The Minister of Gender Equality and Child Welfare delivered a Ministerial Statement outlining the Third National Gender Equality and Equity Policy, a comprehensive plan for achieving gender equality in Namibia. The policy seeks to address persistent gender inequalities, promote the empowerment of women, and ensure equal opportunities for individuals of all genders. It underscores the importance of multi-sectoral collaboration, emphasizing that the achievement of gender equality is a collective responsibility and a critical component of Namibia's sustainable development agenda.

6. In terms of Rule 155(1) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:45 until Thursday, 26 June 2025.

**MS. E.N KAAPANDA**

*Secretary: National Assembly*

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