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

**THURSDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER 2025**

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 117(b) of the Standing Rules and Orders:**
  - (i) The Speaker announced that; as part of the Commonwealth Games tradition, the King's Baton Relay is going to pass through all Commonwealth member states.

The King's Baton Relay carries a message from the Head of the Commonwealth, symbolizing the unity and diversity of member nations. For the first time, each Commonwealth nation and territory will receive its own uniquely customized baton, and Namibia's baton will represent our rich culture and heritage while also showcasing our commitment to environmental conservation in partnership with Ocean Conservation Namibia.

In light of the above, the King's Baton Relay delegation is scheduled to present this baton to the National Assembly on Tuesday, 30 September 2025. They will arrive at 15h30 and sit in for a bit in the gallery. They are then going to present it in the courtyard during Tea break, where MPs will be able to engage the athletes and para-athletes and to wish them luck.

- (ii) Secondly, the Speaker informed the Assembly that the following Members will represent the National Assembly at the Southern African Development Community Parliamentary Forum (SADC PF) for the 2025 – 2030 term.

- Hon John Likando
- Hon. Paula Kooper
- Hon. Nelson T. Kalangula

The Speaker congratulated the afore-mentioned Members on their appointments and encourage them to carry out their functions and duties with efficiency, effectiveness, professionalism and diligence.

3. **Message from the Head of State in terms of Rule 117(c) of the Standing Rules and Orders:**

The Rt. Hon. Prime Minister conveyed to the Assembly a message from the Head of State, that H.E the President delivered on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Namibia, at the 80<sup>th</sup> Annual General Assembly this week in New York.

*The full message is uploaded on Telegram.*

4. **NOTICES OF QUESTIONS:**

- (i) Hon. Hishoono (IPC) to ask the Minister of Education, Innovation, Youth, Sports, Arts and Culture (No. 196).
- (ii) Hon. Lukato (NDP) to ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Industries, Mines and Energy (No. 197).
- (iii) Hon. Likando (IPC) to ask the Minister of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (No. 198).
- (iv) Hon. Moongo (PDM) to ask the Minister of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (No. 199).
- (v) Hon. Nghifikwa (IPC) to ask the Minister of Education, Innovation, Youth, Sports, Arts and Culture (No. 200).

5. **URGENT ORAL QUESTION:**

Hon. Brinkman (IPC) asked the Minister of Health and Social Services (No. 112)  
– *To be put in writing.*

6. **Ministerial Statements in terms of Rule 136 of the Standing Rules and Orders:**

- (i) The Minister of Environment, Forestry and Tourism provided an update and official statement regarding the buffalo stampede that occurred in the early hours of Tuesday, 23 September 2025, at the Kabulabula area within the Kabulabula Conservancy, located in the eastern floodplains of the Zambezi Region.

The Minister confirmed that ninety (90) buffaloes perished in this tragic incident. This event unfolded when a herd of buffaloes, fleeing a lion chase in the Chobe National Park on the Botswana side, attempted to cross the river into Namibia. Upon reaching the steep bank, the buffaloes fell, trampled one another, and ultimately drowned.

- (ii) The Deputy Minister of Education, Innovation, Youth, Sports, Arts and Culture, delivered a Ministerial Statement on behalf of his Minister, following important consultations earlier this morning with the Right Hon. Prime Minister, The Hon. Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Industries, Mines and Energy, Debmarine Namibia and the leadership of the Namibia Football Association.

Debmarine Namibia, which over the past three years has invested N\$49 million into the Namibia Premiership, and in excess of N\$112 million in sport in general over the past 7 years, finds itself in an unfavourable financial position to renew their sponsorship at this time.

As a result, the Ministry with the leadership of the Right Hon. Prime Minister as well as the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Industries, Mines and Energy, have started actively engaging the mining sector, the financial services industry as well as the retail sector. This is a clarion call to the private sector and corporate Namibia to assist the Football Association in forming a consortium of companies that can collectively raise at least N\$20 million to ensure that our top-tier league resumes without delay. The Deputy Minister reported.

#### 7. **QUESTIONS DEALT WITH:**

- (i) Hon. Venaani (PDM) asked the Minister of Works and Transport (No. 3) – *Stands over.*
- (ii) Hon. Venaani (PDM) asked the Minister of Works and Transport (No. 4) – *Stands over.*
- (iii) Hon. Mbinge-Tjeundo (PDM) asked the Minister of Works and Transport (No. 11) – *Stands over.*
- (iv) Hon. Mootu (LPM) asked the Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security (No. 18) – *Stands over.*
- (v) Hon. Venaani (PDM) asked the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Industries, Mines and Energy (No. 20) – *Stands over.*
- (vi) Hon. Venaani (PDM) asked the Rt. Hon. Prime Minister (No. 23) – *Stands over.*
- (vii) Hon. Bishop Thomas (BCP) asked the Minister of Urban and Rural Development (No. 24) – *Stands over.*
- (viii) Hon. Mootu (LPM) asked the Minister of Works and Transport (No. 28) – *Stands over.*
- (ix) Hon. Iipumbu (NEFF) asked the Minister of Justice and Labour Relations (No. 29) – *Stands over.*
- (x) Hon. Venaani (PDM) asked the Rt. Hon. Prime Minister (No. 30) – *Stands over.*
- (xi) Hon. Hengari (PDM) asked the Rt. Hon. Prime Minister (No. 47) – *Stands over.*

- (xii) Hon. Hengari (PDM) asked the Minister of Justice and Labour Relations (No. 48) – *Stands over*.
- (xiii) Hon. Shitana (AR) asked the Minister of Finance (No. 55) – *Replied to*.
- (xiv) Hon. Lukato (NDP) asked the Rt. Hon. Prime Minister (No. 60) – *Replied to*.
- (xv) Hon. Mouton (IPC) asked the Minister of Information and Communication Technology (No. 62) – *Stands over*.
- (xvi) Hon. Kalangula (IPC) asked the Minister of Works and Transport (No. 63) – *Stands over*.
- (xvii) Hon. Hengombe (IPC) asked the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Industries, Mines and Energy (No. 64) – *Stands over*.
- (xviii) Hon. Likando (IPC) asked the Minister of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (No. 65) – *Replied to*.
- (xix) Hon. Jonas (SWAPO) asked the Minister of Justice and Labour Relations (No. 66) – *Replied to*.
- (xx) Hon. Jonas (SWAPO) asked the Minister of Gender Equality and Child Welfare (No. 67) – *Stands over*.
- (xxi) Hon. Vries (PDM) asked the Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security (No. 68) – *Stands over*.
- (xxii) Hon. Emvula (LPM) asked the Minister of Works and Transport (No. 69) – *Stands over*.
- (xxiii) Hon. Jonas (SWAPO) asked the Minister of Justice and Labour Relations (No. 70) – *Replied to*.
- (xxiv) Hon. Mulunga (IPC) asked the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Land Reform (No. 71) – *Replied to*.
- (xxv) Hon. Susiku (IPC) asked the Minister of Health and Social Services (No. 72) – *Stands over*.
- (xxvi) Hon. Kalangula (IPC) asked the Minister of Defence and Veterans Affairs (No. 73) – *Stands over*.
- (xxvii) Hon. Kalangula (IPC) asked the Minister of Works and Transport (No. 74) – *Stands over*.
- (xxviii) Hon. Bishop Thomas (BCP) asked the Minister of Education, Innovation, Youth, Sports, Arts and Culture (No. 75) – *Stands over*.
- (xxix) Hon. Bishop Thomas (BCP) asked the Minister of Urban and Rural Development (No. 76) – *Stands over*.

- (xxx) Hon. Bishop Thomas (BCP) asked the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Industries, Mines and Energy (No. 77) – *Stands over*.
- (xxxi) Hon. Mootu (LPM) asked the Minister of Education, Innovation, Youth, Sports, Arts and Culture (No. 78) – *Stands over*.
- (xxxii) Hon. Likando (IPC) asked the Minister of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (No. 79) – *Stands over*.
- (xxxiii) Hon. Prof. Dr. Amupanda (AR) asked the Rt. Hon. Prime Minister (No. 80) – *Stands over*.
- (xxxiv) Hon. Kandorozi (NUDO) asked the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Land Reform (No. 81) – *Stands over*.
- (xxxv) Hon. Kandorozi (NUDO) asked the Minister of Works and Transport (No. 82) – *Stands over*.
- (xxxvi) Hon. Vries (PDM) asked the Minister of Information and Communication Technology (No. 83) – *Stands over*.
- (xxxvii) Hon. Itope (SWAPO) asked the Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security (No. 84) – *Stands over*.
- (xxxviii) Hon. Itope (SWAPO) asked the Minister of Health and Social Services (No. 85) – *Stands over*.
- (xxxix) Hon. Kanyemba (IPC) asked the Minister of Defence and Veterans Affairs (No. 86) – *Stands over*.
- (xl) Hon. Brinkman (IPC) asked the Minister of Health and Social Services (No. 87) – *Stands over*.
- (xli) Hon. Kaaronda (SWANU) asked the Minister of Urban and Rural Development (No. 88) – *Stands over*.
- (xlii) Hon. Kaaronda (SWANU) asked the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Land Reform (No. 89) – *Stands over*.
- (xliii) Hon. Mootu (LPM) asked the Minister of Education, Innovation, Youth, Sports, Arts and Culture (No. 90) – *Replied to*.
- (xliv) Hon. Nashinge (IPC) asked the Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security (No. 91) – *Stands over*.
- (xlv) Hon. Kandorozi (NUDO) asked the Rt. Hon. Prime Minister (No. 92) – *Stands over*.
- (xlvi) Hon. Kandorozi (NUDO) asked the Minister of Health and Social Services (No. 93) – *Stands over*.
- (xlvii) Hon. Haitota (IPC) asked the Minister of Urban and Rural Development (No. 94) – *Stands over*.

- (xlviii) Hon. Cloete (IPC) asked the Minister of International Relations and Trade (No. 95) – *Stands over*.
- (xlix) Hon. Kandorozi (NUDO) asked the Minister of Health and Social Services (No. 97) – *Stands over*.
- (l) Hon. Hishoono (IPC) asked the Minister of Education, Innovation, Youth, Sports, Arts and Culture (No. 98) – *Replied to*.
- (li) Hon. Lukato (NDP) asked the Minister of Education, Innovation, Youth, Sports, Arts and Culture (No. 99) – *Stands over*.
- (lii) Hon. Hengari (PDM) asked the Minister of Urban and Rural Development (No. 101) – *Stands over*.
- (liii) Hon. Mwashindange (IPC) asked the Minister of Finance (No. 102) – *Stands over*.
- (liv) Hon. Nashinge (IPC) asked the Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security (No. 103) – *Stands over*.
- (lv) Hon. Nashinge (IPC) asked the Minister of Justice and Labour Relations (No. 104) – *Stands over*.
- (lvi) Hon. Ihemba (IPC) asked the Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security (No. 105) – *Stands over*.
- (lvii) Hon. April (SWAPO) asked the Minister of Education, Innovation, Youth, Sports, Arts and Culture (No. 106) – *Replied to*.
8. In terms of Rule 155(1) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Speaker adjourned the Assembly adjourned at 17:47 until Tuesday, 30 September 2025.

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*Secretary: National Assembly*

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