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REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

TUESDAY, 14 OCTOBER 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) On behalf of the National Assembly, the Hon. Speaker congratulated the following two Ministers who graduated last week.

The Minister of Education, Innovation, Youth, Sports, Arts and Culture Hon. Sanet Steenkamp on being conferred a Doctoral Degree in Philosophy (PhD) in Education Leadership and Management from Rhodes University in South Africa, on Friday, 10 October 2025.

Honourable Dr. Steenkamp's thesis, titled *“Expanding the Leadership of Learning Support Teachers in Resource Schools: A Formative Intervention Study in Namibia”*, explored ways to strengthen leadership among teachers supporting learners with special needs.

The Minister of Environment, Forestry and Tourism Honourable Indileni Daniels graduated on Wednesday, 8 October 2025 with a Master Degree in Education, in Early Childhood Development.

The Speaker said that their dedication, perseverance and countless hours of hard work have paid off, and therefor on behalf of the Assembly wished them continued success and fulfilment in all their future endeavours.

- (ii) Further, the Speaker announced that all Hon. Members are being invited to the National Assembly Fun Walk that is going to take place on Friday, 17 October 2025.

The starting point will be Daan Viljoen Road Block and Hon. Members are expected to be there at 07:00, to start walking at 07:30 for a 5 times two kilometers distance, equaling 10 kilometers (5 kilometers to go and 5 kilometers back).

Hon. Members should wear comfortable sport gear and walking shoes. T-shirts, light snacks and drinks are going to be provided.

3. **Hon. Katjingisua laid upon the Table for discussion:**

Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Gender Equality, Health and Social Welfare, on the Meetings of the 78th World Health Assembly (WHA) and the Inter Parliamentary Union (IPU), Report No. 1 of 2025.

The 78th World Health Assembly (WHA) took place from 19 – 27 May 2025 in Geneva, Switzerland under the Theme “*One World for Health*”

4. **The Deputy Minister of Education, Innovation, Youth, Sports, Arts and Culture laid upon the Table in terms of Rule 222 of the Standing Rules and Orders –**

- (i) Executive Summary of NAMCOL for the year 2023/2024;
- (ii) Annual Report of NAMCOL for the year 2023/2024; and
- (iii) Integrated Annual Report of the National Commission on Research, Science and Technology for the year 2024/2025.

5. **NOTICES OF QUESTIONS:**

- (i) Hon. Nashinge (IPC) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security (No. 235).
- (ii) Hon. Mouton (IPC) to ask the Minister of Information and Communication Technology (No. 236).
- (iii) Hon. Lukato (NDP) to ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Industries, Mines, Energy (No. 237).
- (iv) Hon. Likando (IPC) to ask the Minister of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (No. 238).
- (v) Hon. Venaani (PDM) to ask the Minister of Defence and Veterans Affairs (No. 239).

6. **URGENT ORAL QUESTIONS:**

- (i) Hon. Brinkman (IPC) asked the Minister of Health and Social Services (No. 132) – *Replied to.*

- (ii) Hon. Venaani (PDM) asked the Deputy Minister of Urban and Rural Development (No. 133) – *Ruled out of Order.*
- (iii) Hon. Venaani (PDM) asked the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Land Reform (No. 134) – *Replied to.*
- (vi) Hon. Kandorozi (NUDO) asked the Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security (No. 135) – *Replied to.*
- (iv) Hon. Kandorozi (NUDO) asked the Minister of Health and Social Services (No. 136) – *Replied to.*
- (v) Hon. April (SWAPO) asked the Minister of Works and Transport (No. 137) – *Replied to.*
- (vi) Hon. Lukato (NDP) asked the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Land Reform (No. 138) – *Replied to.*

7. Hon. Hangula moved without Notice in terms of Rule 124(h) of the Standing Rules and Orders:

That leave of absence be granted to Hon. Prof. Dr. Amupanda until further notice.

Agreed to.

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

- (i) The Minister of Works and Transport updated the Assembly on the progress of critical infrastructure restoration works at the Katutura Intermediate Hospital, specifically regarding the restoration of the solar water heating system serving the main hospital building, nurses home and kitchen area.

The Ministry, through the Namibia Engineering Cooperation and Pumps (Proprietary) Limited, commenced vital restoration works on the 12th of August this year. This contract, valued at N\$10 269 158.82, has a completion timeline of six months, with practical completion scheduled for the 13th of January next year.

- (ii) The Minister of Environment, Forestry and Tourism informed the Assembly that on 11th October 2025 the Ministry was compelled to take the difficult decision to put down an elephant bull near Onawa Village in the Omusati Region.

The elephant had entered the vicinity of Onawa Village, dangerously close to homes and schools, with panic escalating among residents and the risk to human life becoming imminent, that the Ministry was left with no alternative but to act decisively to prevent potential harm, by putting it down.

9. FIRST NOTICE OF A MOTION:

The Minister of Health and Social Services moved, seconded by Hon. Amutse:

That leave be given to introduce Bill to regulate mental health care in Namibia in order to promote the dignity, autonomy, human rights and the optimal mental, social and physical wellbeing of persons with mental health conditions; provide for

the care and treatment of persons with mental health conditions; set out the procedures that must be followed should persons with mental health conditions require admission to health facilities and for their discharge from such facilities; establish review boards to supervise the functions of mental health services and mental health facilities; provide for the powers and functions of review boards; to provide for the care and administration of the property of persons with mental conditions; generally to give effect to the provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; repeal the Mental Health Act, 1973 and provide for incidental matters.

Agreed to.

Mental Health Bill [B. 8 – 2025] read a First Time.

The Minister of Health and Social Services moved, subject to Rule 176 of the Standing Rules and Orders, seconded by the Minister of Works and Transport: That the Bill be read a Second Time.

10. In terms of Rule 155(1) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:48 until Wednesday, 15 October 2025.

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Secretary: National Assembly

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