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SECOND SESSION, EIGHTH PARLIAMENT

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

WEDNESDAY, 15 OCTOBER 2025

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

1. The Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer and Affirmation.
2. **NOTICES OF QUESTIONS:**
 - (i) Hon. Mouton (IPC) to ask the Minister of Information and Communication Technology (No. 240).
 - (ii) Hon. Hishoono (IPC) to ask the Minister of Education, Innovation, Youth, Sports, Arts and Culture (No. 241).
 - (iii) Hon. Amutenya (SWAPO) to ask the Right Hon. Prime Minister (No. 242).
 - (iv) Hon. Brinkman (IPC) to ask the Minister of Health and Social Services (No. 243).
 - (v) Hon. Mwashindange (IPC) to ask the Minister of Finance (No. 244).
 - (vi) Hon. Likando (IPC) to ask the Minister of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (No. 245).
3. **URGENT ORAL QUESTIONS:**
 - (i) Hon. Kaaronda (SWANU) asked the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and land Reform (No. 140) – *Replied to.*

- (ii) Hon. Kambala (AR) asked the Right Hon. Prime Minister (No. 141) – *Ruled out of Order.*
- (iii) Hon. Venaani (PDM) asked the Right Hon. Prime Minister (No. 142) – *To be put in writing.*
- (iv) Hon. Nashinge (IPC) asked the Right Hon. Prime Minister (No. 143) – *Replied to.*
- (v) Hon. Bishop Thomas (BCP) asked the Minister of Health and Social Services (No. 144) – *Replied to.*
- (vi) Hon. Nekongo (SWAPO) asked the Right Hon. Prime Minister (No. 146) – *Ruled out of Order.*

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

- (i) The Minister of Works and Transport through the Assembly informed the public on the transformational program for the NATIS services.

As of September 2025, Namibia's countrywide vehicle population stands at 419 716 while the driver population has reached 379 023. Further, approximately 140 000 NATIS transactions are conducted monthly, generating revenue of about N\$87 million.

The Minister indicated that the above stated facts are transacted through the pain of long queues, long waiting periods of standing in those queues, avoidable travelling costs, frustrations, corruption, scammers, as well as real or perceived purposeful acts to fail clients. Therefore, the Minister indicated that the MWT and its agency, NATIS is undertaking a transformational process to address and mitigate on the prior outlined pains to receive the NATIS service. The immediate transformational programs underway are:

- Book and Pay Module: Convenience at Your Fingertips;
- Computerised Learner Licence Testing (CLLT);
- E-drivers licences; and
- Automated Driving Testing System (ADTS).

- (ii) The Minister of International Relations and Trade addressed the august House to update it on the rapidly evolving political and security developments unfolding in the Republic of Madagascar and on Palestine.

The Minister reported that Madagascar has experienced escalating civil unrest, demanding reliable access to basic services – particularly electricity and potable water – as well as strong action against corruption and misgovernance, resulting in elements of the Madagascar Armed Forces seizing power and suspending most governmental institutions.

The Minister indicated that the situation in Madagascar remains fluid and unpredictable, and the Government of the Republic of Namibia will continue to monitor developments close and to work with Regional and International partners to support a peaceful resolution that upholds constitutional governance and addresses the legitimate aspirations of the Malagasy people.

- (iii) With regard to the situation in the occupied Palestinian Territories – particularly in Gaza, the Minister noted with cautious optimism recent diplomatic developments; that it is now time for the international community to renew its commitment to a just and lasting peace. The Minister said Namibia reiterates its support for the Two-State Solution, in line with longstanding United Nations resolutions, as the path to ensuring sustainable peace, justice, and security for the people of Palestine

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

The Minister of International Relations and Trade moved, seconded by the Deputy Minister of International Relations and Trade:

THAT –

NOTING that the *Draft Protocol on the SADC Parliament* has been submitted to the Speaker in accordance with Standing Rule 210(1);

AWARE that Namibia, as a Member State of the Southern African Development Community, is expected to provide comments thereon before 28 October 2025; and

RECOGNISING the importance of this Protocol in strengthening regional integration and inter-parliamentary cooperation;

NOW THEREFORE RESOLVES –

1. That the *Draft Protocol on the SADC Parliament* tabled by the Minister of International Relations and Trade be **received and noted**;
2. That the Protocol be **referred to the relevant Standing Committee** for consideration and report to the National Assembly in accordance with Standing Rule 212; and
3. That the Standing Committee report to the House **no later than 28 October 2025**, to enable the National Assembly to revert to the Ministry of International Relations and Trade before **31 October 2025**.

Question put: That the Draft Protocol on SADC Parliament be referred to the Committee on Standing Rules and Orders for consideration and report back.

Agreed to.

6. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – *Mental Health Bill* [B. 8 – 2025].

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 14 October 2025, as moved by the Minister of Health and Social Services (page 160): That the Bill be read a Second Time.

7. On the motion of the Right Hon. Prime Minister, seconded by Hon. Amutenya, the Assembly adjourned at 17:45 until Wednesday, 15 October 2025.

MS. E. N. KAAPANDA

Secretary: National Assembly

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