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REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

TUESDAY, 21 OCTOBER 2025

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

1. The Deputy Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer and Affirmation.
2. **NOTICES OF QUESTIONS:**
 - (i) Hon. Bishop Thomas (BCP) to ask the Minister of Health and Social Services (No. 252).
 - (ii) Hon. Susiku (IPC) to ask the Minister of Health and Social Services (No. 253).
 - (iii) Hon. Vries (PDM) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security (No. 254).
 - (iv) Hon. Cloete (IPC) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Trade (No. 255).
 - (v) Hon. Jonas (SWAPO) to ask the Minister of Justice and Labour Relations (No. 256).
 - (vi) Hon. Mbundu (RP) to ask the Minister of Education, Innovation, Youth, Sports, Arts and Culture (No. 257).
 - (vii) Hon. Mbinge-Tjeundo (PDM) to ask the Minister of Education, Innovation, Youth, Sports, Arts and Culture (No. 258).

- (viii) Hon. Werner Iita (SWAPO) to ask the Minister of Works and Transport (No. 259).

3. URGENT ORAL QUESTIONS:

- (i) Hon. Mulunga (IPC) asked the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Land Reform (No. 148) – *Replied to*.
- (ii) Hon. Somaeb (UDF) asked the Minister of Information and Communication Technology (No. 149) – *Replied to*.
- (iii) Hon. Haikola (AR) asked the Minister of Education, Innovation, Youth, Sports, Arts and Culture (No. 150).

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

The Minister of Health and Social Services delivered a brief Ministerial Statement informing the House and the nation about the recent outbreak of Mpox in Namibia. The first case was confirmed on 18 October 2025 in Swakopmund, Erongo Region, involving a patient who is in stable condition and receiving care in isolation. Since then, one additional confirmed case and a suspected case have been identified, with investigations suggesting possible links to travel within the SADC region. Health authorities in the affected areas are actively tracing contacts and monitoring for further infections in line with World Health Organization (WHO) protocols.

The Minister assured the public that the Ministry is well-prepared to manage the outbreak through a coordinated national response led by the National Health Emergency Management Committee. Namibia is utilizing resources and infrastructure developed during the COVID-19 pandemic, including isolation facilities and trained healthcare personnel. The Ministry continues to work closely with international partners such as WHO and Africa CDC to ensure timely identification, testing, and monitoring of Mpox cases. Preventive measures such as avoiding close contact with infected individuals, maintaining proper hygiene, and raising public awareness remain critical to controlling the spread of the disease.

5. FIRST NOTICE OF A MOTION:

Minister of Finance moved, seconded by the Deputy Minister of Industries, Mines and Energy:

That leave be given to introduce a Bill to amend the Appropriation Act, 2025 so as to increase and decrease certain amounts of money in the Schedule to that Act to meet the financial requirements of the State during the remainder of the financial year ending 31 March 2026.

Agreed to.

Appropriation Amendment Bill [B.11 – 2025] read a First Time.

The Minister of Finance moved, subject to Rule 176(1) of the Standing Rules and Orders, seconded by the Minister of International Relations and Trade: That the Bill be read a Second Time.

On the motion of Hon. Amutenya, seconded by Hon. Sheya, debate adjourned until Wednesday, 22 October 2025.

6. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

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

Questions before the Assembly on Wednesday, 15 October 2025, as moved by the Minister of Health and Social Services (page 160): That the Bill be read a Second Time.

On the motion of Hon. Mbundu, seconded by Hon. Somaeb, debate adjourned until Wednesday, 22 October 2025.

7. In terms of Rule 155(1) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:51 until Wednesday, 22 October 2025.

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Secretary: National Assembly

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