



Wednesday, 4 February 2026

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SECOND SESSION, EIGHTH PARLIAMENT

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

WEDNESDAY, 4 FEBRUARY 2026

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

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1. The Deputy 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 Assembly, in terms of Rule 38 of the Standing Rules, Orders, and Internal Arrangements, that there has been a change in the leadership of the Government Chief Whip.

The Speaker further informed the House that Hon. Uahekua Herunga has tendered his resignation as Deputy Chairperson of the Whole House Committee. As a result, a vacancy has arisen and in terms of Rule 32(2), the election to that position will take place on 5 February 2026.

In accordance with Rule 32(2), read together with Rule 28, nominations will be invited from the floor and where more than one Member is nominated, the election shall be determined by secret ballot.

3. **NOTICES OF QUESTIONS:**

- (i) Hon. Moongo (PDM) to ask the Right Hon. Prime Minister (No. 302).
- (ii) Hon. Kalangula (IPC) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security (No. 303).

- (iii) Hon. Amukoto (IPC) to ask the Minister of Urban and Rural Development (No. 304).
- (iv) Hon. Mbundu (RP) to ask the Minister of Education, Innovation, Youth, Sports, Arts and Culture (No. 305).
- (v) Hon. Nashinge (IPC) to ask the Right Hon Prime Minister (No. 306).
- (vi) Hon. Cloete (IPC) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Trade (No. 307).
- (vii) Hon. Vries (PDM) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security (No. 308).
- (viii) Hon. Bishop Thomas (BCP) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Trade (No. 309).
- (ix) Hon. Mbinge-Tjeundo (PDM) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security (No. 310).

4. URGENT ORAL QUESTIONS:

- (i) Hon. Hengari (PDM) asked the Right Hon. Prime Minister (No. 155) – *Ruled out of Order.*
- (ii) Hon. Venaani (PDM) asked the Minister of Finance (No. 156) – *To be replied to in due course.*
- (iii) Hon. Kaaronda (SWANU) asked the Right Hon. Prime Minister (No. 157) – *To be replied to in due course.*
- (iv) Hon. Kumbwa (APP) asked the Minister of Urban and Rural Development (No. 158) – *Should be put in writing*

5. FIRST NOTICE OF A MOTION:

The Minister of Industries, Mines and Energy moved, seconded by Hon. Kooper:

That leave be given to introduce a Bill to amend the Petroleum (Exploration and Production) Act, 1991, so as to delete, amend and define certain expressions; provide for the transfer of certain powers from the Minister of Industries, Mines and Energy to the President; provide for the transfer of certain powers from the Minister of Industries, Mines and Energy to the Director-General: Upstream Petroleum Unit in the Office of the President; provide for the transfer powers from the Commissioner for Petroleum Affairs to the Deputy Director-General: Upstream Petroleum Unit; provide for the establishment, objects and functions of the Upstream Petroleum Unit in the Office of the President; provide for the powers, duties and functions of the Director-General and the Deputy Director-General; define or further define certain expressions; and provide for matters incidental.

Agreed to.

Petroleum (Exploration and Production) Amendment Bill [B. 12 – 2025] read a First Time.

The Minister of Industries, Mines and Energy moved, subject to Rule 176(1) of the Standing Rules, Orders and Internal Arrangement, seconded by Hon. Mukapuli: That the Bill be read a Second Time.

On the motion of Hon. Swartbooi, seconded by Hon. Eigub, debate adjourned until Thursday, 5 February 2026.

6. In terms of Rule 155(1) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:45 until Thursday, 5 February 2026.

MS. E. N. KAAPANDA
Secretary: National Assembly

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