



*Tuesday, 21 April 2026*

No. 36 – 2026

THIRD SESSION, EIGHTH PARLIAMENT

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

**TUESDAY, 21 APRIL 2026**

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

1. The Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer and Affirmation.
2. **Announcement by the Hon. Speaker in terms of Rule 117(b) of the Standing Rules, Orders and Internal Arrangements:**

The Speaker announced and welcomed a three Member delegation from the Parliament of Malawi in the Public Gallery, led by their Leader of the Official Opposition Hon. Simplex Banda.

3. **NOTICES OF QUESTIONS:**
  - (i) Hon. Bishop Thomas (BCP) to ask the Minister of Health and Social Services (No. 472).
  - (ii) Hon. Lukato (NDP) to ask the Minister of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (No, 473).
  - (iii) Hon. Moongo (PDM) to ask the Minister of Health and Social Services (No. 474).
  - (iv) Hon. Hengari (PDM) to ask the Minister of Works and Transport (No. 475).
  - (v) Hon. Cloete (IPC) to ask the Minister of Industries, Mines and Energy (No. 476).

- (vi) Hon. Mbundu (RP) to ask the Minister of Justice and Labour Relations (No. 477).
- (vii) Hon. Hengombe (IPC) to ask the Minister of Industries, Mines and Energy (No. 478).
- (viii) Hon. Kandorozi (NUDO) to ask the Minister of Industries, Mines and Energy (No. 479).
- (ix) Hon. Haikola-Sakaria (AR) to ask the Minister of Education, Innovation, Youth, Sports, Arts and Culture (No. 480).

4. **URGENT ORAL QUESTIONS:**

- (i) Hon. Venaani (PDM) asked the Minister of Health and Social Services (No. 230) – *Replied to.*
- (ii) Hon. Kaaronda (SWANU) asked the Minister of Health and Social Services (No. 231) – *Replied to.*
- (iii) Hon. Somaeb (UDF) asked the Rt. Hon. Prime Minister (No. 232) – *Rt. Hon. Prime Minister to revert back.*
- (iv) Hon. Iipumbu (NEFF) asked the Minister of Health and Social Services (No. 233) – *Replied to.*

5. **Hon. Klazen move without Notice in terms of Rule 124(h), read with Rule 76(1)(d) of the Standing Rules, Orders and Internal Arrangements, that leave of absence be granted to the following Hon. Members:**

- (i) Hon. Phillipus Katamelo from 28 – 30 April 2026;
- (ii) Hon. Alpheus !Naruseb, from 28 – 30 April 2026;
- (iii) Hon. Dr. Sanet Steenkamp from 21 – 23 April 2026;
- (iv) Hon. Erica Shafuda from 21 – 23 April 2026;
- (v) Hon. Jenelly Matundu from 21 – 22 April 2026;
- (vi) Hon. Dino Balotti, from 21 – 23 April 2026; and
- (vii) Hon. Paula Kooper from 21 – 23 April 2026.

Agreed to.

6. **Hon. Emvula move without Notice in terms of Rule 124(h), read with Rule 76(1)(c) of the Standing Rules, Orders and Internal Arrangements:**

That leave of absence be granted to Hon. Dawid Eigub until further notice.

Agreed to.

7. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Committee Stage – *Mental Health Bill* [B. 8 – 2025].

The Minister of Finance moved, seconded by Hon. Karupu: That the Assembly goes now in Committee.

Agreed to.

ASSEMBLY IN COMMITTEE:

The Chairperson of the Whole House Committee reported that when progress was reported on Wednesday, 12 November 2025:

Clauses 16 to 19 were put and agreed to

ASSEMBLY RESUMED:

The Chairperson reported progress to the Speaker and ask leave to sit again.

Leave to sit again granted.

8. In terms of Rule 155(1) of the Standing Rules, Orders and Internal Arrangements, the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:50 until Wednesday, 22 April 2026.

**MS. E. N. KAAPANDA**  
*Secretary: National Assembly*

*Compiled by I. Nehoya*