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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

WEDNESDAY, 17 JUNE 2026

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

1. The 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:**

- (i) The Speaker informed the House that the Chief Whip of the SWAPO Party had designated Honourable Dr. Peya Mushelenga to serve on the Parliamentary Standing Committees on Standing Rules and Orders and Internal Arrangements; International Relations, Defence and Security; Economy and Industry, Public Administration and Planning; and Public Accounts. The Speaker further announced that Honourable Dr. Mushelenga had been designated to serve on the Namibia–Russia Parliamentary Friendship Group, the Namibia–Finland Parliamentary Friendship Group, and the Parliamentarians for Global Action Multilateral Parliamentary Organisation. The Speaker accordingly declared Honourable Dr. Mushelenga duly designated to serve on these bodies.

The Speaker further informed the House that the Chief Whip of the SWAPO Party had designated Honourable Sophia N. Shaningwa, Honourable Alpheus G. !Naruseb, Honourable Uahekua Herunga, Honourable Alexia Manombe-Ncube, Honourable Werner Iita, Honourable Fenny Tutjavi, Honourable Iipumbu Shiimi, Honourable Modestus Atshipara, Honourable Ephraim Nekongo, Honourable Sebastiaan Karupu, Honourable Helaria Mukapuli and Honourable Dr. Peya Mushelenga to serve on the Namibia–Cuba Parliamentary Friendship Group. The Speaker accordingly declared the aforementioned Members duly designated to serve on the Namibia–Cuba Parliamentary Friendship Group.

3. **NOTICES OF QUESTIONS:**

- (i) Hon. Mootu (LPM) to ask the Minister of Health and Social Services (No. 560).

- (ii) Hon. Lutuhezi (IPC) to ask the Minister of Gender Equality and Child Welfare (No. 561).
- (iii) Hon. Nashinge (IPC) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security (No. 562).
- (iv) Hon. Moongo (PDM) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security (No. 563).
- (v) Hon. Emvula (LPM) to ask the Minister of Finance (No. 564).
- (vi) Hon. Kandorozu (NUDO) to ask the Minister of Urban and Rural Development (No. 565).
- (vii) Hon. Lukato (NDP) to ask the Minister of Finance (No. 566).
- (viii) Hon. Hishoono (IPC) to ask the Rt. Hon. Prime Minister (No. 567).
- (ix) Hon. Hangula (AR) moved that Question No. 500, directed to the Minister of Justice and Labour Relations, be withdrawn – *Agreed to*.

4. **URGENT ORAL QUESTIONS:**

- (i) Hon. Prof. Dr. Amupanda (AR) asked the Minister in the Presidency (No. 269) – *Replied to*.
- (i) Hon. Kambala (AR) asked the Minister of Justice and Labour Relations (No. 270) – *Replied to*.

5. **Hon. Haikola moved in terms of Rule 126 of the Standing Rules and Orders:**

That the Notice of Motion on Disturbing, Emotional and Unacceptable Bullying in Workplaces, tabled on 29 April 2026, be withdrawn and removed from the Order Paper with immediate effect to ease the congestion.

Agreed to.

6. **Hon. Emvula moved without Notice:**

That leave of absence be granted to Hon. Dawid Eigub from 17 – 24 June 2026, due to a personal emergency, in terms of Rule 124(h) read with Rule 76(1)(c) of the Standing Rules and Orders.

Agreed to.

7. **Hon. Kooper on behalf of Hon. !Naruseb moved without Notice:**

That leave of absence be granted to Hon. Clemencia Coetzee for 17 - 18 June 2026, while on official mission, in terms of Rule 124(h) read with Rule 76(1)(c) of the Standing Rules and Orders.

Agreed to.

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

The Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security made a Ministerial Statement on the implementation of the Electronic Identity Document (e-ID) and interoperable Digital Identity systems. She stated that the initiative, approved by Cabinet in August 2023, forms part of Government's efforts to modernise identity management, strengthen national security, improve service delivery and support Namibia's digital transformation agenda. The Minister explained that the e-ID is a secure smart identity card containing biometric and demographic information for reliable identity verification and clarified that it differs from Digital Identity, which refers to electronic credentials used for online authentication.

The Minister rejected claims that the e-ID involves the implantation of microchips in individuals or the so-called "mark of the beast", describing such allegations as false and misleading. She assured the House that the technology is contained only within the identity card, cannot track or monitor citizens, and will be implemented in full compliance with the law and constitutional protections. The Minister further informed the House that public awareness and stakeholder engagement initiatives are underway and that the rollout of the e-ID is scheduled to commence in September 2026, with the aim of establishing a secure, inclusive and modern identity management system for Namibia.

9. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – *Petroleum (Exploration and Production) Amendment Bill* [B. 12 – 2025].

Questions before the Assembly on Wednesday, 10 March 2026, as moved by the Minister of Industries, Mines and Energy (page 4): That the Bill be read a Second Time.

10. In terms of Rule 102 read with Rule 101(c) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:22 until Thursday, 18 June 2026.

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