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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

THURSDAY, 18 JUNE 2026

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

1. The Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer and Affirmation.

2. **Hon. Jonas laid upon the Table for discussion:**

Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Poverty Eradication, Labour and Industrial Relations on the Oversight Visit to the Mining Sector to Assess the Impact of the Outsourcing of Jobs and the Condition of Service of Employees and Communities.

3. **NOTICES OF QUESTIONS:**

(i) Hon. Mbundu (RP) to ask the Minister of Works and Transport (No. 568).

(ii) Hon. Lukato (NDP) to ask the Minister of Health and Social Services (No. 569).

(iii) Hon. Prof. Dr. Amupanda (AR) to ask the Minister of Industries, Mines and Energy (No. 570).

(iv) Hon. Likando (IPC) to ask the Minister of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (No. 571).

4. **URGENT ORAL QUESTIONS:**

(i) Hon. Kandorozi (NUDO) asked the Minister of Information and Communication Technology (No. 271) – *Replied to.*

(ii) Hon. Venaani (PDM) asked the Minister of Gender Equality and Child Welfare (No. 272) – *Replied to.*

5. **Hon. Klazen on behalf of Hon. !Naruseb moved without Notice:**

That leave of absence be granted to Hon. Alexia Manombe-Ncube for 18 June 2026, while on official business, in terms of Rule 124(h) read with Rule 76(1)(d) of the Standing Rules and Orders.

Agreed to.

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

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

Agreed to.

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

That leave of absence be granted to Hon. Esperance Luvindao for 18 June 2026, due to illness, in terms of Rule 124(h) read with Rule 76(1)(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders.

Agreed to.

8. **Hon. Samupwa on behalf of Hon. !Naruseb moved without Notice:**

That leave of absence be granted to Hon. Modestus Amutse for 18 June 2026, due to illness, in terms of Rule 124(h) read with Rule 76(1)(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders.

Agreed to.

9. **Hon. Karupu on behalf of Hon. !Naruseb moved without Notice:**

That leave of absence be granted to Hon. Dr. Sanet L. Steensamp for 18 June 2026, while on official business, in terms of Rule 124(h) read with Rule 76(1)(d) of the Standing Rules and Orders.

Agreed to.

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

The Deputy Minister of Education, Innovation, Youth, Sports, Arts and Culture made a Ministerial Statement on the admission of learners to schools for the 2027 academic year. He clarified that admissions are not conducted on a first-come, first-served basis and assured parents and guardians that there is no need to queue overnight or sleep outside school premises to secure admission for their children. He explained that the admissions process is governed by the Constitution, the Education Act, 2020, its Regulations and relevant Ministry directives, and highlighted the awareness campaigns undertaken to inform communities about the admissions procedures. He further outlined the admission criteria, including priority for learners residing within school feeder zones, and emphasized that the prescribed application fee remains N\$10.00 and that all learners are entitled to fair and non-discriminatory consideration.

The Deputy Minister identified several challenges affecting school admissions, including overcrowding at high-demand schools, parental preference for a limited number of schools, increasing migration to urban centres, particularly the Khomas Region, and infrastructure constraints. To address these challenges, he stated that the Ministry is strengthening admissions management through representative Admissions Committees, exploring expanded online admissions systems while maintaining manual processes, improving Grade 8 placement planning, and reviewing policy measures to enhance fairness, transparency and efficiency. He concluded by reaffirming Government's commitment to ensuring access to quality education for every child and urged parents and guardians to adhere to official admissions procedures and communications.

11. QUESTIONS DEALT WITH:

- (i) Hon. Swartbooi (LPM) asked the Minister of Justice and Labour Relations (No. 139) – *Replied to.*
- (ii) Hon. Prof. Dr. Amupanda (AR) asked the Minister of Justice and Labour Relations (No. 141) – *Replied to.*
- (iii) Hon. Ihemba (IPC) asked the Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security (No. 143) – *Stands over.*
- (iv) Hon. Lukato (NDP) asked the Minister of Urban and Rural Development (No. 146) – *Stands over.*
- (v) Hon. Moongo (PDM) asked the Minister of Justice and Labour Relations (No. 149) – *Replied to.*
- (vi) Hon. Cloete (IPC) asked the Minister of International Relations and Trade (No. 152) – *Stands over.*
- (vii) Hon. Mbuti (IPC) asked the Minister of Gender Equality and Child Welfare (No. 156) – *Replied to.*
- (viii) Hon. Cloete (IPC) asked the Minister of International Relations and Trade (No. 159) – *Stands over.*
- (ix) Hon. Lizazi (IPC) asked the Minister of Justice and Labour Relations (No. 164) – *Replied to.*
- (x) Hon. Cloete (IPC) asked the Minister of International Relations and Trade (No. 165) – *Stands over.*
- (xi) Hon. Iipumbu (NEFF) asked the Minister of Urban and Rural Development (No. 167) – *Stands over.*
- (xii) Hon. Iipumbu (NEFF) asked the Minister of Works and Transport (No. 168) – *Replied to.*

12. ANNOUNCEMENT:

The Speaker informed the House that it was recently brought to her attention of the passing of Hon. Mbuti's husband two (2) weeks ago.

On behalf of the National Assembly, the Speaker extended heartfelt condolences to Hon. Mbuti and her family during this time of bereavement.

A minute of silence observed in his honour. May his soul rest in peace.

13. In terms of Rule 155(1) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:57 until Tuesday, 23 June 2026.

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