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OF THE
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

WEDNESDAY, 8 JULY 2026

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

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

2. **SPEAKER'S RULING:**

Having considered the question regarding the documents that may be made available to Honourable Members in respect of the President's nominations under the Electoral Act, the Speaker ruled as follows:

In terms of section 6 of the Electoral Act, the Selection Committee is entrusted with receiving applications, conducting interviews and recommending suitable candidates to the President. Upon submitting its recommendations to the President in accordance with section 6(16) of the Act, the Selection Committee has fulfilled and exhausted its statutory mandate.

The Speaker further ruled that the process thereafter proceeds to the next and distinct statutory stage contemplated in section 6(17) of the Electoral Act, under which the President submits his or her nominations to the National Assembly for consideration and approval. At that stage, the mandate of the National Assembly is confined to considering and determining whether to approve or reject the President's nominees. That mandate does not extend to scrutinising, reviewing or revisiting the Selection Committee's internal processes, deliberations, assessments or evaluation records.

Accordingly, the Speaker ruled that the only documents properly before the House, and which may be made available to Honourable Members for purposes of the Assembly's consideration, are the President's nominations submitted to the National Assembly in terms of section 6(17) of the Electoral Act, together with any other documents that lawfully form part of the proceedings before the House.

The Speaker further ruled that the Selection Committee's internal records, including scoring sheets, interview assessments, evaluation records, reports and deliberative documents, remain the records of the Selection Committee and are neither records of the Speaker nor of the Secretary to the National Assembly. In performing the functions of Secretary to the Selection Committee, the Secretary to the National Assembly acts solely in an administrative capacity on behalf of the Committee and may deal with the Committee's records only in accordance with its instructions or authority. Consequently, the Secretary is not authorised to disclose or distribute the Selection Committee's internal records either on the instruction of the Speaker or on his or her own initiative.

The Speaker accordingly directed that the House proceed to determine the matter on the basis of the President's nominations, the provisions of the Electoral Act, and the documents lawfully before the National Assembly.

3. NOTICES OF QUESTIONS:

- (i) Hon. Lukato (NDP) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Land Reform (No. 613).
- (ii) Hon. Cloete (IPC) to ask the Minister of Works and Transport (No. 614).
- (iii) Hon. Hishoono (IPC) to ask the Minister of Education, Innovation, Youth, Sports, Arts and Culture (No. 615).
- (iv) Hon. Nashinge (IPC) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security (No. 616).
- (v) Hon. Brink (IPC) to ask the Minister of Health and Social Services (No. 617).
- (vi) Hon. Lutuhezi (IPC) to ask the Minister of Justice and Labour Relations (No. 618).

4. URGENT ORAL QUESTIONS:

- (i) Hon. Somaeb (UDF) asked the Minister of Health and Social Services (No. 293) – *Replied to.*
- (ii) Hon. Prof. Dr. Amupanda (AR) asked the Rt. Hon. Prime Minister of (No. 294) – *Replied to.*
- (iii) Hon. Kaaronda (SWANU) asked the Minister of Health and Social Services (No. 295) – *Replied to.*
- (iv) Hon. Eigub (LPM) asked the Minister of Health and Social Services (No. 296) – *Replied to.*
- (v) Hon. Amutenya (SWAPO) asked the Minister of Finance (No. 297) – *Replied to.*

5. NOTICE OF A MOTION:

Hon. !Naruseb moved without Notice:

That in terms of Standing Rule 124(l), read together with Standing Rule 14(1), and notwithstanding the ordinary days and times of sitting prescribed therein, this Assembly resolves to extend the Session till Friday, 10 July 2026, from 09h00 to 13h00, for the purpose of considering and disposing of the Notices of Motions Nos. 1 to 5 and Orders of the Day Nos. 1 to 8, as set out on the Order Paper.

Question put: That the Motion be agreed to.
Hon. Nashinge raised an objection.

House divided in terms of Rules 149 of the Standing Rules and Orders.
In favour of the Motion = 49 voting Members
Against = 0 voting Members
Abstaining = 0 voting Members

Therefore, the Speaker, in terms of Rule 12(5) of the Standing Rules and Orders, authorised the extension of the Session in accordance with the Motion as moved.

Agreed to.

6. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on the nomination of Dr. Gerson Sindano for appointment as Chairperson, and Dr. Emmerentia Leonard and Ms. Juelieta Diva Ferreira as Members of the Electoral Commission of Namibia.

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 7 July 2025 as moved by Hon. Shifeta (page 155): That the Motion for the appointment of the Chairperson and the two Members of the Electoral Commission of Namibia be approved.

Question put: That the Motion be approved.
House divided in terms of Rules 149 of the Standing Rules and Orders.

During the division, most Opposition Members withdrew from the Chamber, resulting in the absence of the required voting quorum of 49 Members.

Accordingly, the Speaker deferred the question and will put it again at the next sitting, once the required voting quorum has been confirmed.

7. In terms of Rule 155(1) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:44 until Thursday, 9 July 2026.

MS. E.N KAAPANDA
Secretary: National Assembly

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