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REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

THURSDAY, 2 MARCH 2017

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 20(b) of the Standing Rules and Orders:**

The Speaker extended an invitation to all Members of Parliament to attend and engage in a budget review discussion on Friday, 10 March 2017, in the Chamber of the National Assembly, from 09:00 till noon.

Panel experts will lead the discussion.

3. **NOTICES OF QUESTIONS:**
 - (i) Ms. Van den Heever to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Water and Forestry – (No. 31).
 - (ii) Mr. Auchab (UDF) to ask the Minister of Finance (No. 32).
 - (iii) Mr. Auchab (UDF) to ask the Minister of Finance (No. 33).
 - (iv) Mr. Auchab (UDF) to ask the Prime Minister (No. 34).
4. **QUESTIONS DEALT WITH:**
 - (i) Mr. Smit (DTA) asked the Minister of Finance (No. 1) – *Replied to.*
 - (ii) Mr. Auchab (UDF) asked the Minister of Finance (No. 3) – *Replied to.*
 - (iii) Mr. Auchab (UDF) asked the Minister of Environment and Tourism (No. 4) – *Replied to.*

- (iv) Mr. Kavekatora (RDP) asked the Minister of Finance (No. 5) – *5.4 Replied to; the rest stand over.*
- (v) Mr. Kavekatora (RDP) asked the Minister of Home Affairs and Immigration (No. 6) – *Stands over.*
- (vi) Mr. Kavekatora (RDP) asked the Minister of Environment and Tourism (No. 7) – *Replied to.*
- (vii) Mr. Mbai (NUDO) asked the Minister of Agriculture, Water and Forestry (No. 9) – *Stands over.*
- (viii) Mr. Auchab (UDF) asked the Minister of Education, Arts and Culture (No. 10) – *Replied to.*
- (ix) Mr. Auchab (UDF) asked the Minister of Agriculture, Water and Forestry (No. 11) – *Replied to.*

5. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – *Witness Protection Bill* [B. 2 – 2017].

Question before the Assembly on Wednesday, 1 March 2017, as moved by the Minister of Justice (page 5): That the Bill be read a Second Time.

On the motion of Mr. Maamberua, seconded by Mr. Bezuidenhout, debate adjourned until Tuesday, 7 March 2017.

6. **Clarification by the Minister of Health and Social Services:**

The Minister of Health and Social Services clarified to the Assembly about his Ministry's initiative to start airlifting patients from certain parts of the country to tertiary care facilities mainly to Windhoek, Oshakati and Rundu.

The Minister further announced that an agreement has been reached in principle, between himself and the Minister of Defence, to deploy an NDF helicopter to pick up critically ill or injured patients from Tsumkwe to Grootfontein State Hospital; and also to transport medical staff members from Opuwo State Hospital to Onjewa Medical Centre. Critically ill persons will also be airlifted from Onjewa to Opuwo.

7. In terms of Rule 99 of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:48 until Tuesday, 7 March 2017.

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