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REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

WEDNESDAY, 29 MARCH 2017

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

1. The Deputy Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer and Affirmation.
2. **Announcement by the Deputy Speaker in terms of Rule 20(b) of the Standing Rules and Orders:**

The Deputy Speaker reported about the passing on of two liberation struggle icons, anti-apartheid activist Ahmed Mohamed Kathrada who passed on yesterday in South Africa and whose funeral is taking place today; and also in Namibia Meekulu Queen Namundjebo who passed on last week Friday in Oshakati.

Minute of Silence observed in their honours.

3. **The Deputy Minister of Finance laid upon the Table:**
Reports of the Auditor-General on the Accounts of the –
 - (i) Diamond Valuation fund for the financial years ended 31 December 2012 and 2013; and
 - (ii) Agricultural Bank for the financial year ended 31 March 2016.
4. **The Deputy Minister of Mines and Energy laid upon the Table:**
Annual Report of NamCor for the year 2014 / 2015.
5. **Ministerial Statements in terms of Rule 98 of the Standing Rules and Orders:**
 - (i) The Minister of Finance informed the Assembly about the appointment of the Central Procurement Board members and of that of the members of the Review

Panel following an open, fair and transparent prescribed process of invitation, interview and recommendation by a recruitment committee.

The Public Procurement Act, 2015 and its Regulations come into operation on 1 April 2017 as per Government Gazette No. 6255 and the current Tender Board is legally dissolved with effect from 31 March 2017.

- (ii) The Minister of Home Affairs and Immigration raised to inform the House on the status of *Namibian Time Bill* which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Security for consultations and report back to this House.

The Minister informed the House and the public at large that that the *Namibian Time Act* will not change this coming Sunday. Thus, the time will have to be adjusted an hour back until Parliament has pronounced itself on the time change.

6. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – *Appropriation Bill* [B. 7 – 2017].

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 28 March 2017, as moved by the Minister of Finance (page 24).

Question put: That the Bill be read a Second Time.

Agreed to.

Appropriation Bill [B. 7 – 2017] read a Second Time.

- 7. On the motion of the Prime Minister, seconded by the Deputy Minister of Gender Equality and Child Welfare, the Assembly adjourned at 15:55 until Thursday, 30 March 2017.

F. HARKER

Deputy Secretary of the National Assembly

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