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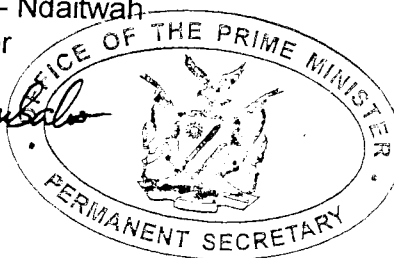
INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

To : Hon. Netumbo Nandi- Ndaitwah
Deputy Prime Minister

From : Nangula Mbako *Nangula Mbako*
Permanent Secretary

Date : 09 October 2015

**SUBJECT : ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS RAISED BY HON. APIUS AUCHAB
AND HON. VAN DEN HEEVER.**



Attached herewith, kindly receive the answers to questions raised by Hon. Apius Auchab and Hon. Van den Heever.

Kind Regard

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS RAISED BY:

HON. APIUS AUCHAB

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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

NOTICE OF QUESTION

BY

HON. APIUS AUCHAB (Signature: *Apius Auchab*)

Honourable Speaker Sir, I hereby give notice that on ~~Wednesday, 14th~~ *Thursday, 15* October 2015

I shall ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister Sara Kuugongelwa-Amadhila the following questions.

In view of the current drought situation in the country the President of Namibia His Excellency, Dr Hage Geingob, assured Namibians in his First State of the Nation address that interim drought relief measures will be introduced pending the conclusion of a final drought assessment for the country. The President said more than N\$ 300 million had been set aside for drought mitigation purpose.

1. May the ~~Right~~ Honourable Prime Minister appraise this August House on the impact of drought on food production, livelihood and the number of people affected?
2. How is the N\$ 300 million earmarked for drought mitigation purpose spend on the following:
 - (a) New boreholes drilling
 - (b) Rehabilitation of old boreholes
 - (c) Animal fodder, licks and health packages.
3. How many Communal farmers have benefited ^{ed} from the free seeds distributed by the Government and so far how many regions have been covered?
4. How regularly does the technical team, established for the implementation of the drought mitigation measures, issue information to the public indicating the progress made?

I so move Honourable Speaker

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS RAISED BY HON. APIUS AUCHAB

PART ONE:

Hon. Speaker, before I respond to the questions raised by Hon. Auchab, I would like to re confirm to this august House that Government put aside **N\$359,093,106.25** for interim drought relief measures. This amount was allocated to cover the following: Food Commodities, Logistics, Water provision, and assistance to livestock farmers (Lease incentives, transport subsidy to grazing, fodder/ / hay, licks and health packaging for breeding stock, and transport subsidy to marketing facilities). These interim measures were introduced in April 2015 and implemented by the Office of the Prime Minister and the Ministry of Agriculture Water and forestry. In addition, Government approved a Comprehensive Drought Relief Program based on the Crop Prospect, Food Security and Drought Situation Report Assessment and Namibia Rural Food Security and Livelihood Vulnerability Assessment 2015.

Honourable AUCHAB would like to know the following:

1. The impact of drought on food production:

Hon. Speaker, Honourable Members, the findings of the Crop Prospects, Food Security and Drought Situation Report by the Ministry of Agriculture Water and Forestry (MAWF) estimate cereal production at **67,800** metric tons reflecting a reduction in harvest of 46% below average and 49% lower than last season's harvest. As a result household security continued to weaken.

The situation has been worsened by the outbreak of Food and Mouth Diseases (FMD) in the north central regions affecting the destocking and marketing of livestock exercise as part of the drought relief mitigating measures.

The 2015/2016 Namibia Rural Food Security and Livelihood Vulnerability Assessment Report identified 578,480 people who need food assistance up to next harvest (March 2016). This is the number we provide with food relief;

2. The Honourable member wants to know about the spending of the N\$300 Million and my response to this is as follows:

2.1 ANIMAL FODDER:

So far no funds were spend on the acquisition of fodder, licks and health packages however an "Expression of Interest" was advertised in the local print media where reputable individuals and companies were invited to tender for the provision of fodder and licks. The tender closed on the 11/09/2015 at 12H00 and a total of 22 Tenders in sealed envelopes were received. The Tenders were opened and evaluated. Due to the huge tonnage of fodder required a decision was made to assign each of the recommended Tenderers a specific region. Out of the 22 tenderers only 5 were successful and complied to all the specifications.

The MAWF is process of drafting an agreement that the successful Tenderers will enter into with the Ministry this will ensure that these suppliers deliver the agreed consignments within the required times frame.

2.2 Seed Provision:

So far only farmers in the Zambezi Region that are farming around the flat plains (river site) benefited were ploughing and planting season start late August. A total of 23 Metric tons of maize seeds were distributed to 1900 households around the flat planes.

Seed distribution to the rest of the farmers in the country will commence in November. A total amount of **N\$350000.00** is spend on seed provision

2.3 Water Provision:

To date a total of 42 boreholes were drilled. Out of the 42 only 38 were successful. A total amount of **N\$15,129,990.00** is spend on the drilling of the boreholes

Boreholes Drilled

Drought Drilling summary			
Region	Planned	Completed	
	Drilling	Drilled	Successful
Erongo	5	5	5
Hardap	5	5	5
Kavango E&W	5	5	5
Kunene	5	2	2
//Karas	5	5	3
Ohangwena	5	5	5
Omaheke	5	5	4
Omusati	5	5	5
Otjozondjupa	5	5	4
Zambezi	5	0	0
Total	50	42	38

A total of 29 out of the 87 boreholes planed were installed. A total amount of **N\$1,397,803.15** is spend on seed provision

Boreholes Installed

Drought Installation summary		
Region	Planned	Completed
	Installation	Installed
Erongo	9	9
Hardap	9	7
Kavango E&W	16	1
//Karas	9	0
Ohangwena	9	3
Omaheke	10	0
Omusati	9	1
Otjozondjupa	8	8
Zambezi	8	0
Total	87	29

