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**REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA  
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**TUESDAY, 4 JUNE 2024**

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

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

The Speaker acknowledged and welcome the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Education and Sports from the Parliament of the Republic of Uganda. The Committee is on a benchmark mission to their counterparts here in Namibia.

The delegation is headed by Hon. Twesigye John Ntamuhira, Chairperson of the Committee together with other three (3) Members of Parliament and two (2) support staff members.

During the visit they will engage different stakeholders dealing with matters of education and sports.

3. **The Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises laid upon the Table:**

Reports of the Auditor-General on the Accounts of the –

- (i) Namibia Tourism Board for the financial years ended 31 March 2023; and
- (ii) Game Products Trust Fund for the financial year ended 31 March 2022.

4. **NOTICES OF QUESTIONS:**

- (i) Hon. Kauandenge (NUDO) to ask the Right Hon. Prime Minister (No. 39).

- (ii) Hon. Iipumbu (NEFF) to ask the Minister of Labour, Industrial Relations and Employment Creation (No. 40).
- (iii) Hon. Iipumbu (NEFF) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform (No. 41).
- (iv) Hon. Dienda (PDM) to ask the Minister of Education, Arts and Culture (No. 42).
- (v) Hon. Mike Venaani (PDM) to ask the Minister of Urban and Rural Development (No. 43).
- (vi) Hon. Vries (PDM) to ask the Right Hon. Prime Minister (No. 44).

5. **URGENT ORAL QUESTION:**

Hon. Tjiveze (RP) asked the Deputy Minister of Health and Social Services (No. 20)  
– *Replied to.*

6. **Ministerial Statement in terms of Rule 98 of the Standing Rules and Orders:**

The Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises reported about the Sovereign Rating Action by Moody's Investor Services, and said that the rating Agency retained Namibia's rating of B1, and upgraded the outlook to positive from stable.

The positive outlook reflects Namibia's improved growth prospect supported not only by cyclical factors like higher commodity prices in a post-pandemic environment and renewed investment in the traditional mining industries but also by the prospect of significant new hydrocarbon and renewable energy resource developments.

7. **FIRST NOTICE OF A MOTION** deferred by Hon. Hengari to Tuesday, 11 June 2024.

8. **SECOND NOTICE OF A MOTION:**

Hon. Van den Heever moved, seconded by Hon. Dienda:

That this Assembly –

*Debates* the accessibility and affordability of alcohol and drug rehabilitation centres in Namibia and consider the establishment of more State-owned alcohol and rehabilitation centres that offer affordable services to all Namibians.

That this Motion be referred to the relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee to propose recommendations to this august House after conducting diligent work on the subject matter.

On the motion of the Deputy Minister of Health and Social services, seconded by Hon. Shuumbwa, debate adjourned until Tuesday, 11 June 2024.

9. **THIRD NOTICE OF A MOTION:**

Hon. Katjimune moved, seconded by Hon. Moongo:

That this Assembly –

*Debates and considers* merging the National Youth Council (NYC) into the National Youth Service (NYS) into one single body to put an end to the duplication of responsibilities, programmes, resources and overlapping policies around the same issue affecting the youth demographic.

That this motion be referred to the relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee for further scrutiny and report back to this House.

On the motion of the Deputy Minister of Sport, Youth and National Service, seconded by Hon. Kafula, debate adjourned until Tuesday, 11 June 2024.

10. **FOURTH NOTICE OF A MOTION:**

The Minister of Information and Communication Technology moved, seconded by Hon. Kasuto:

That this Assembly –

*Discuss and adopt* the Regulations relating to the Terms and Conditions of the Selection Committee and the process for the appointment of the Information Commissioner and the Deputy Information Commissioner, following the enactment of the *Access to Information Act, 2022* (Act No. 8 of 2022).

On the motion of Hon. Hengari, seconded by Hon. Dienda, debate adjourned until Tuesday, 11 June 2024.

11. **FIRST ORDER** deferred for Hon. Tweya's reply.
12. **SECOND ORDER** deferred by the Deputy Minister of Education, Arts and Culture, on behalf of the Deputy Minister of Mines and Energy, to Wednesday, 12 June 2024
13. **THIRD ORDER** deferred by the Deputy Minister of Urban and Rural Development, on behalf of her Minister, to Wednesday, 5 June 2024
14. **FOURTH ORDER** deferred for Hon. Mbundu's reply.
15. On the motion of the Prime Minister, seconded by the Minister of Higher Education, Technology and Innovation, the Assembly adjourned at 16:53 until Wednesday, 5 June 2024.

**MS. L. KANDETU**  
*Secretary of the National Assembly*

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