



MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, ARTS, AND CULTURE

RESPONSE TO PARLIAMENT QUESTIONS

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I rise in this August House to respond to the questions asked by **Hon. Elma Jane Dienda, of the Popular Democratic Movement (PDM)** in relation to the Examination results of some candidates from Savo Nuts Private School, Oshikango, Ohangwena Region.

1. What is the current status of the learners whose results are currently withheld?

Honourable Speaker, Honourable members

As things stands in relation to the results of some candidates from Savo Nuts Private school, the results are not withheld, but rather nullified for the subjects with the evidence of malpractices and these candidates are currently serving their 12 months penalty as is stipulated in the Government Gazette 28 June 2016, in accordance with the RULES RELATING TO MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS AND MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR CONDUCTING AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE NATIONAL EXAMINATIONS FOR NATIONAL SENIOR SECONDARY CERTIFICATE.

2. Will these children (Learners) be allowed to continue with their education?

Candidates will be allowed to continue with their education as from 2025 onward since they are banned for 12 months only.

3. Will the learners be allowed to continue with their education at the school in question since the matter of deregistering the school is currently in court?

The candidates can repeat their subjects at any center of their choice as long as the center is registered with the Ministry and approved to administer national examinations. I should also clarify that, the school under discussion is not de-registered.

4. How will the Ministry ensure that there is no discrimination towards these learners when do they seek education at other schools considering the fact that they have already been punished by their conduct?

The part time learners can register at any center without any discrimination provided they are in possession of the required documents. The names of these candidates are not publicly made known by the Ministry thus discrimination is highly unlikely.

Honourable Speaker, Honourable Members,

It is without a doubt, that the National Senior Secondary Certificates are national qualifications that open doors to our learners for further studies and or employment globally. It serves as the educational currency of this country. Therefore, it is vitally important that each individual residing in this country, Namibian or a foreigner must protect the integrity of our national examinations and assessment. Any undermining that compromises the integrity of national examinations and assessment is an offence with penalties as prescribed by the Education Act. 2020 (Act. No.3 of 2020) Section 123, Sub-section (1) Paragraphs (b) and (c).

I so submit