

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
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11 OCTOBER 2016**

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

**HON SPEAKER** took the Chair and read Prayers and the Affirmation.

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**ANNOUNCEMENT IN TERMS OF RULE  
20(B) OF THE STANDING RULES AND ORDERS**

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**HON SPEAKER**: Honourable Members, a very good afternoon. We start with good things, good news is always good news and I am looking at the person and I can see a gentle smile on her face. You can tell really who I am talking about and that is the Honourable Pendukeni Iivula-Ithana Happy Birthday my dear (*singing birthday song*).

Another happy news except that I very much regret that the person I am going to talk about is not in the House now but will be joining us later and I can see the name by actually pointing a finger and I can tell he knows precisely what I am talking about.

We wish to extend our warmest congratulations to the Honourable Swartbooi for having been admitted as an Attorney to the High Court of the Republic of Namibia, congratulations and I am sure those sentiments will be duly conveyed to him by his neighbours including the Honourable Muharukua.

Any Petitions? Reports of Standing or Select Committees? Other Reports and Papers? the Honourable Ithete.

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**TABLING: AUDIT REPORT OF THE AUDITOR-GENERAL**

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**TABLING OF REPORTS  
HON ITHETE / KANDJII-MURANGI**

**HON DEPUTY MINISTER OF FINANCE:** Honourable Members, I lay upon Table:

Performance Audit Report of the Auditor-General on the recruitment process within the Public Service of Namibia for the Financial Years of 2011/2012; 2012/2013; 2013/2014.

I so Move, Honourable Speaker.

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**HON SPEAKER:** Next is the Honourable Idah Kandjii-Murangi.

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**TABLING: ANNUAL REPORT**

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**HON MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION, TRAINING AND INNOVATION:** Honourable Speaker, Honourable Members I lay upon the Table: the Annual Report of the National Council for Higher Education for the year 2014/2015.

I so Move Honourable Speaker.

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**HON SPEAKER:** Thank you. Notices of Questions? I have the Honourable Fleermuys.

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**QUESTION NO. 90:**

**HON FLEERMUYS:** Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I hereby give Notice that on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> of October 2016 I shall ask the Honourable Minister of Safety and Security the following:

When is the Government planning to give salary adjustments to the Junior Police Officials? Some Police Officials have also not been promoted in ranks of many years, what are the reasons for this? I thank you.

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**HON SPEAKER:** Thank you. The next is the Honourable //Gowases.

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**QUESTION 91:**

**HON //GOWASES:** Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I give Notice that on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2016 I shall ask the Honourable Minister of Health and Social Services Dr Bernard Haufiku the following:

Given the recent Media report in the Namibian Newspaper on the late Kenyan Booyesen a nine year old boy who was suffering extreme abdomen pains and later had intestines removed although doctors could not say what was wrong with him.

Adding the facts it is reported that the doctors appear to be at the end and continue to prescribe pain killers before sending him then back home every time they visited the hospital. Nodding steadily that little Booyesen who was hopeful until his last hour that he was to become a pilot clearly had a rare condition which our doctors here could not explain or diagnose.

Honourable Minister in 2009 Cabinet approved the creation of a Special Medical Fund to finance Specialist Surgeries such as transplants that could not be performed in Namibia and cater for special cases such as that of the

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late Booysen. Notwithstanding the fact that your predecessors in that Ministry are on record to have criticised Namibians requiring special medical treatment who run to the Media for donation instead of asking for State assistance. Could the Honourable Minister inform us about the status of the Fund?

1. How much of the tax payer's money has been pumped into this Fund since its inception?
2. How much money was used under this Fund for the reasons it was created for?
3. How much money is in this Fund currently?
4. Can the Minister inform us who is the responsible person or Department tasked with informing patients with special medical conditions about this Fund?
5. How many people have benefitted from this Fund since 2009?
6. Would the Minister explain why there is no awareness about the existence of this? My last question is:
7. Can the Minister say whether the parent of the late Booysen was informed of this Fund and if not why not?

I so Move, Honourable Speaker.

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**HON SPEAKER:** Thank you. Next on my list is the Honourable Nico Smit.

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**QUESTION 91**

**HON SMIT:** Thank you, Honourable Speaker. Honourable Speaker I think notice that on Thursday the 20<sup>th</sup> of October 2016 I shall ask the Minister of Industrialization, Trade and SME Development Honourable Immanuel Ngatjizeko the following:

At the meeting between President Hage Geingob and the leadership of the Affirmative Repositioning (AR) movement earlier this year it was decided that unregulated property rental prices will become a thing of the past. This was supported by a Special Cabinet Committee on Land and Related matters.

During the meeting between Government and Affirmative Repositioning (AR) it was further decided that the 1<sup>st</sup> of August 2016 which serve as the deadline for the operationalization of Rent Boards as provided for it in the Rent Ordinance of 13 of 1997.

The resolution was also taken that Government being directed to meet with the Namibian Estate Agent Board to address escalating property prices thus I ask:

1. Has the Ministry met the August 1<sup>st</sup> 2016 deadline set by President Hage Geingob for the operationalization of the Rent Boards? If not, why not?
2. What action if any does the Ministry intent to take or has already taken to ensure that the Rent Boards are made operational as a matter of urgency?
3. Can you provide a date for when the Rent Boards will be operational?

I so Move.

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**HON SPEAKER:** Thank you. I realised I moved rather too quickly for

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the Deputy Chief Whip. Can I call on you now? Yes, please.

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**HON HAMBYUKA**: Honourable Speaker, I move without notice that Leave of Absence due to official business be granted to the Deputy Minister of Information and Communication Technology Honourable Stanley Simataa until the 31<sup>st</sup> of October 2016. I so Move, Honourable Speaker.

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**HON SPEAKER**: Thank you.

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**HON HAMBYUKA**: I further, Honourable Speaker, Move without notice that Leave of Absence due to her own illness be granted to Honourable Margaret Mahoto until the 31<sup>st</sup> of October 2016. I so Move Honourable Speaker.

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**HON SPEAKER**: The Honourable Minister of Labour.

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**APPROVAL OF NEWMEMBERS  
OF EMPLOYMENT EQUITY COMMISSION**

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**HON MINISTER OF LABOUR, INDUSTRIALISATION AND SME DEVELOPMENT**: Thank you Honourable Speaker. I give Notice that

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tomorrow, Wednesday 12 October, I Move that this Assembly has been informed that the Cabinet has approved, in principle, the following persons as members of Employment Equity Commission for the expired portion of the period of office:

- Ms Sarimene Shihare main member representing the previous racial disadvantaged;
- Mr Charles Peter alternative member representing the previous racial disadvantaged, and;
- Mr Drum Daniel Siremo main member representing persons with disabilities.

No approved appointment of the members of the Employment Equity Commission in terms of the provisions of Section 6(1) of the Affirmative Action Employment Act 1998 Act No.29 of 1998, I so move Honourable Speaker.

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**HON SPEAKER:** Thank you. Honourable Ithete.

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**INTRODUCTION OF BILL TO AMEND  
CUSTOMS AND EXCISE ACT OF 1998**

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**HON DEPUTY MINISTER OF FINANCE.** Honourable Speaker, Honourable Members, I give Notice that tomorrow on Wednesday the 12<sup>th</sup>

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of October I shall move that leave be given to introduce a Bill to amend the Customs and Excise Act of 1998, so as to insert a new definition to:

1. provide for the streamlining of Customs control and Customs procedure, for a better facilitation of trade and for risk management;
2. to further address (indistinct) and integrator requisites;
3. to strengthen the provision relating to the exchange of an access to information and confidentiality;
4. to further provide for the territorial applications of the Act;
5. to provide for the automations and the use of information, technology in electronic comments;
6. to accommodate the one stop border post concept by providing for places of entry and exiting in terms of international agreements with SADC Member States and adjoining countries;
7. to provide for cooperation between Government, Office, Ministry and Agency;
8. to facilitate the functioning of the national single window concept;
9. to change the time frame for the report of arrival and launching of declarations to Customs and Excise;
10. to permit or require the declarations of goods import over land to be launched electronically and prior to its importation;
11. to simply provisions requiring export to produce documents and pay duties;
12. to provide for the registration of legal persons as authorised economic operators;

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13. to provide for the impositions of an environmental levy in respect of certain goods manufacturers and imported into Namibia;
14. to require the electronic documents and records being maintained, and;
15. to provide for incidental matter.

I so Move, Honourable Speaker.

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**HON SPEAKER:** Thank you. So we are moving on now. The next Notices of Motions? Messages from the Head of State? Ministerial Statements? Good.

The Secretary will read the Order of the Day.

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**RESUMPTION OF DEBATE ON  
PROVISION OF ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY SCHOOL GIRLS**

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**SECRETARY:** *Resumption of Debate on Provision of Assistance to Needy School Girls.*

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**HON SPEAKER:** When the debate was adjourned on Tuesday, the 4<sup>th</sup> of October, the question before the Assembly was the Motion by the Honourable Venaani. The Honourable Kandumbu adjourned the debate and I now have the pleasure to call on here. You have the floor, Honourable.

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**HON KANDUMBU:** Thank you Honourable Speaker, Honourable Members, I rise to withdraw my contribution on this Motion. Thank you.

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**HON SPEAKER:** Thank you. Yes the Honourable Pendukeni Iivula-Ithana.

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**HON MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS AND IMMIGRATION:** Yes Comrade Speaker. Honourable Members, as you have been well aware I have been away for some time and if I may do something that may contradict what was done or said before I seek your indulgency to pardon me.

Honourable Speaker, the item under discussion is of great interest to me because it talks about me, my daughter, my granddaughter and all the shes of Namibia therefore, I feel I have an obligation to add my voice. The issue raised by the Honourable Member if it was not in the age of computer and other developmental debates going on I would have said the mover has crossed the borders or the boundaries because these are issues we do not normally discuss in public. For him to have done so maybe there was something that really forced him to do so and I have asked myself a question, what is it that probably has forced the Honourable Member to raise this in the National Assembly.

I looked at what we have. The systems we have in the country, that are aiming at alleviating at some of the problems afflicting the vulnerable. I want to believe that the category of persons dealt probably the Honourable Member has in mind to be assisted in this fashion is the same category that this Government has also made provision to cater for through the Ministry of Gender, Equality and Child Welfare (intervention).

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**HON SPEAKER:** Yes on the point of order.

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**HON DIENDA:** May I ask the Honourable Minister a question?

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**HON MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS AND IMMIGRATION:**  
Pardon.

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**HON DIENDA:** May I ask the Honourable Minister a question, please?

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**HON SPEAKER:** You want to pose a question?

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**HON DIENDA:** Yes.

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**HON MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS AND IMMIGRATION:** I am just on the introductory part of what I want to say (intervention).

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**HON DIENDA:** Honourable Minister, you said that normally these matters are not being discussed in public – this is what you said am I right?

Honourable Minister where do you want us to discuss this matter, in the

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church, at malls, in shebeens or where because I think that as Members of Parliament this is the right place to discuss issues like this.

The reason why I am saying this is my grandchild is 9 years old and she is talking about menstruation, pads and everything and they are watching us here so they know exactly what we are talking about so if Members of Parliament can discuss these things it is very important for them so that they can see we have their interests in us. I asked the question, where did you want us, this is the question? Thank you.

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**HON SPEAKER:** Honourable Member, you may continue.

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**HON MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS AND IMMIGRATION:**  
Thank you very much, Honourable Dienda. The question is irrelevant, it is not precisely what I said. I said if it were not meaning I have qualified my statement so which means the world has changed to such an extent that nowadays we can even talk about such issues in public, that is what I meant. Maybe my NamLish did not bring it out clearly. Just be patient and listen carefully.

Honourable Speaker, I have missed the debate in a larger part of it probably, not probably but more so the statement of the mover. Probably he had stated the category of girls this Parliament would like to be assisted with such facilities and I am asking this question because I now the Government has put in place, measures to assist vulnerable children including girls I suppose, orphans and other vulnerable children are taken care of unless if my information is not correct.

Now, if we are talking about this other assistance to be given is it going to be given to every girl in school? Is it going to be given to a certain category of girls in school or what is really what we are aiming at

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achieving? Is this just brought here for us to talk about some of these things that are not talked about in public for the sake of it or we really mean business?

I do not see the need for us to debate such an issue here. Yes, I do not see it. Probably we run out of issues to such an extent that we even bring to Parliament issues that we can deal with at home levels. I want to know the category for those who have been here who have listened to the debate I want to know the categories of girls we want to assist in this manner because I know the vulnerable are assisted?

That is my problem, Comrade Speaker, when I saw this item on the agenda, therefore, I have not much to say other than to leave what I have here probably for further elucidation. Thank you.

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**HON SPEAKER:** Thank you very much. The next is the Honourable Jennifer Van Den Heever.

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**HN VAN DEN HEEVER:** Thank you, Honourable Speaker. Honourable Members, I also rise to contribute to the deliberation of this Motion of Honourable Venaani regarding the urgent provision of sanitary pads to girls in need.

I really like to thank him for being a caring father and being outspoken. It is because he was caring that is why he brought the issue to the House. In fact it was us as women who have to bring this Motion to the House to debate on it because there is a need.

If Members of Parliament are really turning a blind eye and a deaf ear and saying that there is no need then I do not know but it is in fact sometimes one has to be outspoken on issues which we regarded previously as

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sensitive, private and as a taboo. Leaders have to rise above that fear of taboos and respond to the realities that the fact that people if we as leaders are not talking about it who is going to talk about it and how will we address it at the end of the day.

It is our duty to raise awareness in all sectors and I would like to quote, there is an advocacy by the UNICEF Cooperation Plan for Namibia which is titled A Namibia Fit for Children and the UNICEF Representative in Namibia Michaela Marcos De Sausa said and I quote, *"We need to empower communities with knowledge on better hygiene behaviours and instil these practises into their everyday lives. Simple techniques can be taught that go a long way in preventing diseases and keeping children and women healthy"*.

We also have to look at the national Human Rights Action Plan dated from 2015 to 2019 where we have different focus areas. Focus area one is the right to health in which it is stipulated that we strive for the improvement of all aspects of environmental and industrial hygiene.

Honourable Speaker the point I would like to make is that we should make sure that our children's dignity is upheld. We know that due to the challenge of widespread poverty that we face not all families and girls can afford to have the necessities required to maintain good hygiene and prevent the spread of diseases.

This morning in the New Era there was that message line and so many women and children expressed themselves that it is a real need because it is an embarrassment for them coming to school, having their menstruation at school and not having a pad. So it is really important for us to do something about it.

Honourable Members, I would like to support the Motion and I support and add that the Ministry of Health and Social Services and the Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture should cooperate and try to create an intervention whereby we will embark upon a comprehensive programme

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to assist our girls and to keep their dignity. I thank you.

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**HON SPEAKER:** Thank you. Honourable Muharukua.

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**HON MUHARUKUA:** Honourable, I say thank you. Yes, Honourable Speaker, I, just like my mother the Honourable Minister of Home Affairs and Immigration, was not around when this was tabled and neither do I really know what the (laughter). How the conversation went, full conversation but I want to, yes I do have lack of experience I admit, I want to perhaps make a contribution in a very different (intervention).

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**HON SPEAKER:** On a point of order yes.

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**HON DEPUTY MINISTER OF LAND REFORM:** Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I am just very concerned about hearing from what my mother said and issues of age and so on whether perhaps there is no parental guidance for the Honourable Muharukua who is clearly below the age to experience these matters.

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**HON SPEAKER:** The Honourable Muharukua wishes to continue.

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**HON MUHARUKUA:** I think the NBC does advise that Parliamentary things are PG so it is okay. Yes, I want to and my contribution wants to

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perhaps focus on something linked to the issue but also different before I perhaps come to the issue at hand and that is when one was growing up there was this subject at school (indistinct) home economics now in English you see I am from the other era.

In this subject our young girls were taught to become to behave as ladies. This is now hygiene so to speak. Yes, as a nation we are striving towards economic emancipation such that we prioritise and we curtail and not curtail but we streamline our school curricula to fit those aspirations so much that sometimes we forget what is morally important.

I tell you if you look at the old nurses, if you walk into the hospitals and you look at the old nurses the way that nurse is wearing her skirt, the way her shoes are polished, the way she is walking, shoulders out brought you can actually hear her from 100 metres away walking, properly taught to behave like a lady. What it does, not only does it preserve the morals of our society but it also compels forces men to respect our ladies.

Perhaps it is time that we do that introspection and say yes maybe we want to economically advance but what is it that we are teaching our children and one will always revert to that? What is it that we are teaching our children at school? How are we teaching our girls to behave?

Now, when one is talking about behaviour, one is also talking about hygiene because the way you carry yourselves and treat yourselves is the way you are going to behave outwardly.

Let me come back to the issues, I am actually very disappointed and now I understand why the Honourable Kandumbu refused to comment or to withdraw her contribution I understand and it is embedded in, no I will not go as far as saying she made her choice.

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**HON KANDUMBU:** (Not on microphone).

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**HON MUHARUKUA:** No, I am not speaking on your behalf, I am talking about you. It is embedded in the contribution of the Honourable PendukeniIthana and I understand. I understand we are an African society and that some things are taboo to discuss with our children let alone in public. Well, some things area taboo to discuss even with our children like some things a man would not discuss with his daughter and some things a woman or a mother will not discuss with her son because we are an African society, it is quite true.

But there is also one reality. The reality that we are leaders, as leaders we do not bring to the floor of this Parliament what things that fits us individually. I am sure the Honourable Venaani can afford his household needs with regards to this specific Motion and I am sure he does. I am sure he can and I am sure the majority of us here can and it is just profoundly wrong simply because you can afford to argue that if someone is speaking on behalf of a young lady who just cannot make ends meet has lost issues.

It is profoundly disappointing for me to hear a mother to say that if one is speaking of sanitary needs of a person that cannot afford that person has no issues, that is just wrong.

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**HON SPEAKER:** Yes, point of order.

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**HON MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS AND IMMIGRATION:** A point of correction Honourable Speaker. The Honourable son of mine is taking me wrong totally. Completely wrong because what he is attributing

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to me is not what I said. I talked about the vulnerable children in our society whom I know this Government is catering for the vulnerable. If the child is not falling under vulnerable then it should be yourself and myself and therefore have no place in this debate. Put what I said in context.

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**HON MUHARUKUA:** If I have paraphrased the Honourable Member wrongly I shall apology and I will duly withdraw. However, this is what I wanted to say in this regard that we provide assistance for the vulnerable children, that is true. Last time I checked it was N\$250,00 that is quite correct but we also know that there is one reality, the wrong nonetheless it is there but sometimes this money does not even get to buying the children shoes, it does not. People/adults are abusing this money. The Honourable Kawana would now that some of us would pay maintenance and this money would never get to the children, it is true so what do we do as leaders?

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**HON MEMBER:** (Indistinct).

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**HON MUHARUKUA:** Yes I know you want to tie us. It is quite, what we do as leaders do we leave it to the Courts to punish or do we assist whilst we are trying to come with a solution? We are forgetting one thing when we are choosing morality you must choose real morality and not choose selective morality.

The very kids, vulnerable kids that we are talking about that are getting these funds are the very kids that we are feeding at school. Why do we feed them if we give them money in any event? Because there is that specific need to feed and because we know that the money does not

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necessarily get to the kids it is the very same arguments that necessitates the sanitary needs of girls if need be.

In my conclusion, Honourable Speaker, perhaps it would be a more prudent, a more compelling, a more responsible argument for Government to say that people we do not have money let us look at this issue later, that to me would be more responsible than to say there is no need. We cannot discuss. Of course there is need. Of course if there is a need they need us to discuss. We discuss rape in this august House, it is discussed. Things that are done oh (intervention).

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**HON DEPUTY MINISTER OF FINANCE:** I just want to correct my colleague that Government has never said there is no need to discuss this matter. Myself when the discussion was tabled here said we have a programme in schools.

We have this First Aid kits, emergency kits and they are there at school and they are at Government schools and what we are discussing is supposed to be in those emergency kits. I even said if they are not there schools that do not have them should make sure they should have them. These are things that are there. It is not to say Government has no programme of this nature we do and we should appeal to the schools that do not have them to have them.

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**HON SPEAKER:** Thank you. You may continue, Honourable Member.

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**HON MUHARUKUA:** Well, in that event perhaps you are informing me that Government is already having that programme in place, if I am hearing you correctly? Perhaps not at all schools and it must be rolled out

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to cover where it should cover, if that is what Government is saying to me that is responsible but I also do not buy (intervention).

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**HON SPEAKER:** Are you on a point of order?

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**HON DIENDA:** I am on the First Aid kit that the Honourable Deputy Minister is talking about. Yes on a point of information (intervention).

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**HON MEMBER:** On a point of order I am informing you, you are out of order.

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**HON DIENDA:** No I am not out of order, I am in order. As a former teacher myself I can tell you now, I can come and go back whatever I have the qualification to teach any time.

Honourable Speaker, the First Aid was stopped at all schools. We are not allowed in schools even to give a headachetablet to a child anymore. Not even anything so there is no First Aid kit. Honourable how long ago were you attending school because I know this thing is long time where they said sorry no more First Aid kits at schools. If there is a need call the parents to come and address the problem so besides that even if we have First Aid kits at school you will only have one packet of pads in that First Aid kits and we are talking about 1,500 learners at school and one pack of pad, so Honourable Deputy Minister your information is outdated. Thank you.

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**HON SPEAKER:** Yours was on a point of information so the Honourable Muharukwa should continue please.

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**HON MUHARUKUA:** I forgot I was on the floor. Honourable Speaker, maybe just to conclude and AG it is not legal matters. While we know what our society is and knowing what our morals are we must not choose selective morality. This House, I was still a child but I knew that this House is discussing (indistinct) sorry and I say the word lightly but it does discuss. A thing that goes at the places the other one that is being discussed and so the other one is fine and this other one is not fine. As leaders let us really be true with ourselves. Thank you, Honourable Speaker.

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**HON SPEAKER:** Thank you. On that note I wish not draw the attention of the Honourable House to – let me say I have a great pleasure to acknowledge the presence of colleagues, Parliamentary Delegation from a sister Parliament of the Republic of Zimbabwe that consist of Members of the Senate and Members of the National Assembly who are currently visiting us representing the Parliament and the Women Caucus Group and they are here to consult with their counterpart. They have been here for some time now and I wish to introduce them one by one:

- The Honourable Monica Mutsvangwa, the Chairperson of Women Caucus, a long standing Member of Senate;
- the Honourable Mabel Kachazo, over there;
- the Honourable Simbanegavi;
- Honourable Gumbo;

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- the Honourable Chikuni;
- the Honourable Khupe, the leader of the Opposition;
- the Honourable Majaya, and;
- the Honourable Joyce Ndlovu, accompanied by a team of staff from the Parliament of Zimbabwe.

I had a particular pleasure meeting them and listening to some of the issues they were raising and they are obviously in good hands being attended to by a number of our colleagues. Welcome to Namibia and welcome to Parliament.

We will continue. I call upon the Deputy Minister of Education, Arts and Culture.

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**HON DEPUTY MINISTER OF EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE**: Thank you very much Honourable Speaker. I just want to make a little contribution also to the discussion and agree with especially the notion that we may not necessarily need to go into details of this discussion.

I also want to call to mind what was discussed the last time, the last time the Ministry of Gender, the Deputy Minister made it clear on programmes that are already running in this Government to address the same issue. In addition I would also like to add to the information that the Ministry of Health and Social Services and the Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture we signed a Memorandum of Understanding on integrated reproductive health programmes in our schools which are addressing issues of this nature.

I would like to also call the attention of the Members like Honourable

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Muharukua's contribution he is not contesting the assistance it is rather the issue of implementation. If the money is made available and doing what we are supposed to do and I am asking a question to say do we really need to go back and come and discuss this issue here if we are saying there is evidence.

The programmes are running addressing this specific issue or is it a matter of the Right Honourable Prime Minister concluded and this is why I believe Honourable Kandumbu withdrew because she said it was made clear that all the programmes are running already and combining it with the feeling that we may not necessarily need to go into the discussions of this, if there is any further consultation that needs to be done with the Ministry (intervention).

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**HON SPEAKER:** Yes, on the point of order.

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**HON MUHARUKUA:** On the point of information, perhaps the Honourable Deputy Minister for the benefit of Members like myself maybe you can just highlight on a few of those programmes because some of us were not here and if this information is assisting the debate (intervention).

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**HON SPEAKER:** And that is precisely what the Deputy Minister is actually trying to share with the House. Yes please.

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**HON DEPUTY MINISTER OF EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE:** Yes Honourable Speaker, unfortunately I cannot go into the

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details of what is happening in the Minister of Gender, Equality and Child Welfare now and I think it is my responsibility to go and repeat everything that was said before the Member was absent.

I am just highlighting to say that the programmes are running, they are available and I gave them the example of the MOU between our Ministry and the Ministry of Health and Social Services addressing all those issues relating to sexuality and all those programmes relating to helping our girl child in full and I was concluding to say (intervention).

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**HON SPEAKER:** On a point of order.

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**HON NAUYOMA:** Honourable Deputy Minister, Namibia is known for its lack of implementation. When you talk about our policies, our agreements and so on but on the ground things are not happening. If there is no clear cut policies or implementation procedures the schools more especially the only thing that happens at schools because these problems normally happens at schools because some schools might have got that at the BBC (intervention).

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**HON DEPUTY MINISTER OF EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE:** That is not a point of order, it is point of information.

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**HON NAUYOMA:** Yes, it is a point of information. Some schools are gender sensitive maybe some schools principals, school boards and staff but some are not. If there is no clear cut how these things are supposed to be done what do we expect from that kind of arrangement because schools

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are not duty bound to provide these things. What practical implementation is that today?

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**HON SPEAKER:** Thank you, Honourable Member.

I must say, the Honourable Nghipondoka and Honourable Witbooi have helped this House on this particular topic. Their contribution was actually concrete and precise in terms of what has been done.

We might argue, we might debate about that varying from area to area in some rural areas but I think they are on the right path they are already helping the House. You may continue.

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**HON DEPUTY MINISTER OF EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE:** Thank you, Honourable Speaker. In conclusion, I just want to remind the House that when we conclude this speech it was when the Prime Minister said since the programmes are running the best will be for individual Parliamentarians who have got advices on how we can address the issue to consult the Ministry for further better implementation.

I am even happy that the issue is no more than none availability of these programmes but rather on implementation.

With those few words, I conclude Honourable Speaker.

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**HON SPEAKER:** Now I think we are done. You just missed it. Honourable Members, honestly speaking – yes.

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**HON MUHARUKUA:** Should be rather for the Honourable Speaker. When as I am hearing, since when do Government policies and projects, since when did they become not subject to debate and deliberation in Parliament?

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**HON SPEAKER:** No, I do not think that is fair.

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**HON MUHARUKUA:** If I am understanding wrongly maybe also (intervention).

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**HON SPEAKER:** I think you missed the debate. You really missed the opportunity. There was a free flowing debate in the last couple of days, and what the Honourable Nghipondoka commented on supplemented was precisely the contribution made by the Honourable Witbooi. I felt she assisted the House in so many ways. Nobody is contesting the question of us debating not at all.

I have exhausted my list and the Honourable Dienda you would like to come back, I thought you spoke in the debate.

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**HON DIENDA:** (Not on microphone).

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**HON SPEAKER:** No, I think you are speaking on behalf of the mover.

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**HON DIENDA:** Yes. Please be quiet, you do not know what I wanted to say, you just jumped to conclusions.

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**HON SPEAKER:** Yes.

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**HON MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS AND IMMIGRATION:**  
...Honourable Venaani, on behalf of the Mover – do I understand it that she is now concluding the debate?

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**HON SPEAKER:** Absolutely that is where we are.

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**HON MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS AND IMMIGRATION:**  
Okay.

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**HON SPEAKER:** Basically she might adjourn on behalf of the Leader. Please you have the floor.

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**HON DIENDA:** Honourable Speaker, the Deputy Speaker has said before I adjourn this debate on behalf of my president, she said that she is so ashamed to discuss this matter, yes, no I will not let me talk this is the House it is not my bedroom.

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**HON SPEAKER:** Make your comments please.

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**HON DIENDA:** Yes. Can I make my comment?

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**HON MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS AND IMMIGRATION:** No.

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**HON DIENDA:** Let me – Honourable Speaker, it was said in this House last week that I am too ashamed, no, do not put words into my mouth. I am so ashamed to discuss something like this in this House.

Honourable Speaker, I am standing to say that I Elma Dienda am so ashamed that female Members of Parliament in this House condemn something which is important to us women.

Instead of this Motion to be brought into this House by a female Member of Parliament we must be ashamed as women that did not think about it. I want to adjourn the debate until the 26<sup>th</sup> of October on behalf of Honourable Venaani. I thank you.

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**HON SPEAKER:** There was no need for that extra introduction. Anyway, the Motion is adjourned until such a time when the mover will be available to thank all of you who have spoken in the debate.

For now, we have concluded on this important subject that meant to energise some Members but we leave it at that.

Honourable Members, we have concluded and that is the last item on our

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agenda. All that is left is for us to continue tomorrow the usual time. I adjourn the House. The House stands adjourned until tomorrow the usual time.

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**HOUSE ADJOURNS AT 16:00 UNTIL 2016.10.12 AT 14:30**

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