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**TUESDAY, 3 MARCH 2015**

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

1. The Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer and Affirmation.
2. **Mr. Amathila laid upon the Table for discussion:**
  - (i) Report on the Public Hearings on the Motion on ‘Prohibition to export sheep on the hoof to South Africa or any other destination in the world’, by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Economics, Natural Resources and Public Administration;
  - (ii) Report on the African Caribbean Pacific (ACP) – Eminent Persons Group Consultations, by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Economics, Natural Resources and Public Administration, held in Luanda, Angola from 1 – 3 September 2014; and
  - (iii) Report on Public Hearings on the Motion on ‘Rhino Poaching in Namibia’, by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Economics, Natural Resources and Public Administration, held at Wereldsend, Kunene Region from 11 – 12 August 2014.
3. **The Minister of Finance laid upon the Table:**

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

  - (i) Office of the President for the financial year ended 31 March 2013;
  - (ii) Ministry of Defence for the financial year ended 31 March 2013;
  - (iii) Ministry of Home Affairs and Immigration for the financial year ended 31 March 2013;
  - (iv) Ministry of Youth, National Service, Sport and Culture for the financial year ended 31 March 2013;

- (v) Ministry of Veteran Affairs for the financial year ended 31 March 2013;
- (vi) Municipality of Okahandja for the financial year ended 30 June 2013;
- (vii) Municipality of Omaruru for the financial year ended 30 June 2013;
- (viii) Village Council of Berseba for the financial year ended 30 June 2013;
- (ix) Village Council of Tses for the financial year ended 30 June 2013;
- (x) Town Council of Oshakati for the financial year ended 30 June 2013;
- (xi) Village Council of Aroab for the financial year ended 30 June 2014; and
- (xii) Town Council of Ongwediva for the financial year ended 30 June 2014.

4. **The Minister of Trade and Industry laid upon the Table:**

- (i) Annual Report of the Ministry of Trade and Industry for the year 2013/14; and
- (ii) Annual Report of the Namibian Standards Institution for the year 2012/13.

5. **The Speaker laid upon the Table in terms of Section 6(1) of the Ombudsman Act, 1990 (Act. 7 of 1990):**

Annual Report of the Ombudsman of Namibia for the year ended 2013.

6. **Ministerial Statement in terms of Rule 89 of the Standing Rules and Orders:**

The Minister of Information and Communication Technology made a Ministerial Statement on Information Technology and reported that the measuring of Information Society Report of 2014 by ITU states that Namibia has improved its ranking in overall Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) Development Index, having improved one position to rank 117 for the 2013 period compared to 118 in 2012. The Minister also reported that Namibia is now ranked 7<sup>th</sup> in Africa out of 38 countries.

7. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on Ratification of the Hague Convention on Protection of Children.

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 17 February 2015: As moved by the Minister of Gender Equality and Child Welfare (page 130).

Question put: That the Convention be adopted.

Agreed to.

8. **SECOND ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on the citizenship status of returnees of Namibian origin who returned from Botswana in the early 1990's.

Question before the Assembly on Wednesday, 18 February 2015: As moved by Mr. Kazenambo (page 133).

Question put: That the Motion be adopted.

Agreed to.

9. **THIRD ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on Namibia's Industrial Policy Implementation Strategy.

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 17 February 2015: As moved by the Minister of Trade and Industry (page 130): That the Policy be adopted.

On the motion of Mr. Bezuidenhout, seconded by Mr. Naholo, debate adjourned until Wednesday, 4 March 2015.

10. **FOURTH ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on the issue of Disease Free Buffalo.

Question before the Assembly on Wednesday, 18 February 2015: As moved by Mr. Kazenambo (page 133): That the Motion be adopted.

On the motion of the Deputy Minister of Environment and Tourism, on behalf of his Minister, seconded by the Deputy Minister of Home Affairs and Immigration, debate adjourned until Tuesday, 10 March 2015.

11. **OBSERVATION OF A MINUTE OF SILENCE:**

The Speaker requested the Members to observe a Minute of Silence in prayer or meditation, in honour of Hon. Germina Shitaleni, Member of the National Council, and Granny Hedwig !Naruses, mother to the Minister of Lands and Resettlement Hon. Alfeus !Naruseb, who passed away on 1 March 2015 and 25 February 2015 respectively.

12. On the motion of the Prime Minister, seconded by Ms. Tjongarero, the Assembly adjourned at 17:20 until Wednesday, 4 March 2015.

**F. HARKER**

*Deputy Secretary of the National Assembly*

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