

# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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**Question 1: (2015-03-30)**

Mr. Venaani (DTA) asked the Minister of Agriculture, Water and Forestry:

In view of the fact that many regions are lagging behind in their poverty index and many citizens are suffering from unemployment and under development. One of these regions is the alarming Ohangwena Region.

1. May the Minister appraise this August Assembly as to the current underground water reservoir capacity and if utilised, how much irrigation project capacity will be created?
  2. In view of this wealth of aquatic resources, how many jobs and food capacity could be created?
  3. How many regions can benefit from this water reservoir and what is the actual cost to access this reservoir?
  4. Has the Ministry engaged the Angolan authorities on the use of these waters and if the answer is in the affirmative, may the Minister share the agreements?
  5. May the Minister further share information on other underground water reservoirs that exist in the country that can enhance modernisation of the agriculture industry through irrigation projects and in particular the Eiseb Block Water Reservoirs?
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**Question 2: (2015-03-30)**

Mr. Venaani (DTA) asked the Minister of Agriculture, Water and Forestry:

Due to the overuse of our South African neighbours of the Orange River waters stretching from Lesotho and its feeding tributaries.

1. What is the agreement reached between our two nations' Water Commissions and how long will this situation be allowed to continue?

2. What is the maximum water wage capacity that we are allowed to use - are we currently over or under capacity?
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**Question 3: (2015-03-30)**

Ms. Dienda (DTA) asked the Minister of Urban and Rural Development:

1. How much money did the Municipality receive from Government for the Build Together Programme during the 2011/2012 financial year?
  2. Furthermore, what portion of this money has been spent, and how many houses were built? May the Minister kindly provide the House with a detailed financial and progress report pertaining to this project?
  3. Can the Minister explain the amount of N\$3,656,674.00 (three million six hundred and fifty six thousand six hundred and seventy four Namibian dollars), which was allocated as interest from internal loans during the 2011/2012 financial year?
  4. How many erven were sold during the 2011/2012 financial year and to whom and for what amount?
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**Question 4: (2015-03-31)**

Mr. Venaani (DTA) asked the Minister of Mines and Energy:

In view of the fact that we import high volumes of electricity from our neighbouring Republic of South Africa, having notice that there is a current power crisis with their power utility Eskom, and the current periodic load shedding in many of their cities, may the Minister answer the following:

1. What capacity of electricity do we import from South Africa and how are we influenced by their current power crisis?
  2. May the Minister further appraise this House to the current general picture of our electricity generation capacity and the demand we have to keep up to keep economic demand?
  3. A few years ago our power utility Nampower loaned their Zimbabwe counterparts millions of dollars to help our sister Republic to jump start one of their power plants. How much of these funds were loan and how much was paid back? If no repayment was made when do we expect payment from them?
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**Question 5: (2015-03-31)**

Mr. Venaani (DTA) asked the Minister of Mines and Energy:

1. What downstream benefits could be accrued from Namibia setting up a refinery in the northern regions from Angolan oil?

2. Will there be any down prize effect that could stimulate the northern regions' economy and if the answer is in the affirmative, may the Minister appraise this August Chamber.
  3. Has there been any conclusive agreement between Namibia and Angola to date on the matter of oil refinery or access of Angolan oil products.
  4. Will the Minister agree with the assertion that our Namibian negotiating team has no broader understanding on the business values and strategic approach on how our counterparts conduct business and this negatively influences the process in the negotiations. If this assertion is correct how does the Minister intend to mitigate the situation and to put the talks on course?
  5. May the Minister appraise this August House to the current diesel and petrol prices in our neighboring Republic Angola and how a refinery may influence our future oil prices in general?
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