

PARLIAMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF LESOTHO

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ELEVENTH MEETING – FIRST SESSION OF THE TENTH PARLIAMENT

Monday 15th February, 2021 to Friday, 4th June, 2021

BUSINESS TRANSACTED

| <u>No.</u> | <u>MOTIONS</u> | <u>DECISION</u> |
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| 223. | Short Adjournment: Consideration of the 2021/2022 Annual Estimates by Portfolio Committees. | Passed 19/02/2021 |
| 228. | Rescission of House Decision on Senate Amendment No.11 of Education (Amendment) Bill, 2019 | Passed 15/03/2021 |
| 229. | Adoption of the Report of Standing Orders Committee on the Extra-Ordinary Sittings of the National Assembly. | Passed 30/03/2021 |
| 230. | Easter Recess. | Passed 30/03/2021 |
| 222. | Financial Policy. | Passed 06/04/2021 |
| 233. | Consolidated Capital Account (Development Estimates) 2021/2022. | Passed 12/04/2021 |
| 239. | Adoption of the Report on the Collection of Diamonds (Diamonds Amnesty). | Passed 10/05/2021 |
| 241. | Allocation of Procurement Quotas to Economically Empower Marginalised Sections Of Community. | Passed 10/05/2021 |
| 242 | Support to and Control over Initiation Schools. | Passed 11/05/2021 |

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| 240. | Parliamentary and Government Support for the Transformation of SADC PF into a Regional Parliament. | Passed 14/05/2021 |
| 243. | Adoption of the Report on the Safety of Covid-19 Vaccine for the People living with HIV and AIDS. | Passed 28/05/2021 |
| 238. | Leave to Bring the Tenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill, 2021. | Passed 01/06/2021 |
| 198. | Establishment of Ad Hoc Committee on Covid-19. | Passed 04/06/2021 |
| 244. | Conduct of Members and Adherence to Standing Orders by Parliamentary Committees. | Passed 04/06/2021 |
| 245. | Adjournment Sine Die. | Passed 04/06/2021 |

SUBORDINATE LAWS:

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| 224. | National Reforms Authority Regulations, 2020. | Passed 16/03/2021 |
| 225. | Legal Aid (Amendment) Regulations, 2020. | Passed 16/03/2021 |
| 226. | Air Navigation Fees (Amendment of Schedule) Regulations, 2020. | Passed 16/03/2021 |
| 227. | Mini-Grid Power Generation, Distribution and Supply Regulations, 2021. | Passed 16/03/2021 |
| 228. | Members of Parliament Salaries (Amendment of Schedule) Regulations, 2020. | Passed 22/03/2021 |
| 232. | Tourism Levy Regulations, 2021. | Passed 13/04/2021 |
| 236. | Value Added Tax (Amendment) Regulations, 2021. | Withdrawn 21/04/2021 |

BILLS.

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| Consideration of Senate Amendments to the Education (Amendment) Bill, 2019. | Passed 15/03/2021 |
| Appropriation (2021/2022) Bill, 2021. | Passed 12/04/2021 |
| Drugs of Abuse (Amendment) Bill, 2020. | Passed 16/04/2021 |
| Customs and Excise Bill, 2019. | Passed 19/04/2021 |
| Witness Protection Bill, 2020. | Passed 23/04/2021 |
| Senate Amendments to Education (Amendment) Bill, 2019 | Negated 15/02/2021 |
| Consideration of Senate Amendments to the Witness Protection Bill, 2020. | Passed 28/05/2021 |

MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS:

Hon. Minister of Small Business Development, Co-operatives and Marketing made a statement to the House informing the Hon. Members that the Ministry would embark on a three (3) day verification process across the country with the aim to expedite the outstanding payments to wool and mohair farmers. 10/03/2021

The Hon. Minister of Forestry, Range and Soil Conservation made a Statement to the House regarding the campaign to re-forest the country; which would begin on the 19th of March, 2021 and is intended to see at least 100 000 trees planted throughout the country. 18/03/2021

Hon. Minister of Small Business Development, Cooperatives and Marketing made a Statement regarding steps undertaken by the 29/03/2021

Government in an initiative to pay wool and mohair farmers their due monies for the year 2018/2019.

Hon. Minister of Local Government and Chieftainship made a statement on the Government's initiative to address unlawful conversion of agricultural land into other forms of use and unlawful allocation of land and declared that with effect from 14th April, 2021, it is unlawful to allocate land to foreign nationals and enterprises. 14/04/2021

The Hon Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Food Security made a Statement to the House regarding a public auction which will be held at the Lesotho Agricultural College, Maseru on 21/04/21 from 9.00 a.m. to sell 148 male breeding goats to farmers all over the Country. 15/04/2021

The Hon. Minister of Health made a Statement to the House regarding the days on which the coronavirus vaccine injections would be administered to the people of Lesotho; as well as the locations where such injections would be made; as well as the categories of the public which would receive the injection on certain given dates. The Minister also enlightened the House of the Government initiative to procure other vaccines that would assist the country to achieve the intended herd immunity. 19/04/2021

The Hon. Minister of Local Government and Chieftainship made a Statement to the House regarding "Operation Hloekisa Lesotho" which would continue on Friday, 30th April, 2021 across the country. 28/04/2021

Hon. Minister of Mining made a Statement to the House regarding the sale of the diamonds which were recovered from Basotho who possessed them without proper mining licenses; and which would be sold by the Government at designated auction places and the proceeds be handed over to the diamond owners. 30/04/2021

Hon. Minister of Small Business Development, Cooperatives and Marketing made a Statement affirming that as indicated in the previous Statement, the Ministry has duly paid Wool and Mohair producers their monies through Commercial Banks. He stated that farmers who do not have bank accounts shall be paid through the Post Bank. 05/05/2021

Hon. Minister of Foreign Affairs made a Statement to the House detailing the impact of Covid-19 on Basotho nationals currently living in the Republic of India. 10/05/2021

The Hon. Minister of Local Government and Chieftainship made a statement to the House regarding the proliferation of threats made against the personnel in the offices of the different tiers of Local Government, especially against those officers who deal with the granting of land leases. 28/05/2021

The Acting Hon. Minister of Agriculture and Food Security made a Statement informing the House of the outbreak of influenza H45, affecting poultry farming at Ha-Teko in Maseru district. The Minister detailed the Ministry's initiative to combat the outbreak. He also encouraged the public to avoid transporting poultry to and from the disease epicentre as this could lead to further spread of the disease. 01/06/2021
