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COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ASSURANCES

FOR THE

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FOREWORD

Honourable Madam Speaker, the Committee on Government Assurances has the honour to present its Report for the Fifth Session of the Thirteenth National Assembly. The functions of the Committee are as set out in Standing Orders No. 204. (3) of the National Assembly of Zambia Standing Orders, 2024.

In accordance with its approved programme of work, the Committee held twelve meetings to receive submissions from various Ministries and Parastatal bodies in order to fully interrogate the action taken on the assurances made under their portfolio. The Committee requested detailed memoranda from various stakeholders, who were also invited to appear before the Committee to clarify any matters arising from the written submissions. The list of stakeholders is at Appendix II.

The Committee's Report is arranged in two parts. Part I deals with consideration of submissions on new assurances while Part II deals with outstanding assurances from the Action-Taken Report on the Committee's Report for the Fourth Session of the Thirteenth National Assembly.

The Committee wishes to thank you, Madam Speaker, for affording it an opportunity to carry out its work. The Committee is grateful to all the stakeholders who tendered both written oral and submissions. The Committee also appreciates the services rendered by the Office of the Clerk of the National Assembly during its deliberations.



Ms Chushi Caroline Kasanda, MP
CHAIRPERSON

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LIST OF ACRONYMS

ZACL	-	Zambia Airports Corporation Limited
DEC	-	Drug Enforcement Commission
CDF	-	Constituency Development Fund
ZNS	-	Zambia National Service
EOI	-	Expression of Interest
DZAP	-	Digital Zambia Acceleration Project
UNDP	-	United Nations Development Programme
FAZ	-	Football Association of Zambia
BOQs	-	Bills of Quantities
AfDB	-	African Development Bank
IDC	-	Industrial Development Corporation
NHIMA	-	National Health Insurance Management Authority
RDA	-	Road Development Agency
REA	-	Rural Electrification Authority
OGRESS	-	Off- Grid Rural Electrification Smart Subsidy
ZRL	-	Zambia Railways Limited
E-SLIP	-	Enhanced Small Holder Livestock Investment Programme
PWAS	-	Public Warfare Assistant Scheme
NHIS	-	National Health Insurance Scheme
MTEF	-	Medium Term Expenditure Framework
iCDFMIS	-	Constituency Development Fund Management System
NTCF	-	National Trade Facilitating Committee
ZESW	-	Zambia Electronic Single Widow

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PART 1

COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE

The Committee consisted of: Ms Chushi C Kasanda, MP (Chairperson); Mr Emmanuel M Tembo (Vice Chairperson); Mr Christopher Chibuye, MP; Mr Kaliye Mandandi, MP; Mr George K Kandafula, MP; Ms Jean N Chisenga, MP; Mr Moono H Mapani, MP; Mr Lloyd Lubozha, MP; Mr Emmanuel Banda, MP; and Mr Brian Mundubile, MP.

CONSIDERATION OF SUBMISSIONS ON NEW ASSURANCES

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

01/25 Construction of 58 Hostel Blocks across Eight Public Universities

On Friday, 27th September, 2024, the Minister of Finance and National Planning on behalf of the Minister of Education made the following assurance during the Budget presentation for 2025:

Madam Speaker, to address the challenges of accommodation in public universities, Government is constructing 58 hostel blocks across eight public universities with a total bed capacity of 9,280. To further improve the learning environment in our public universities, Government is constructing additional university infrastructure at Chalimbana, Mukuba, Nkrumah, and Palabana Universities.

Further, the Mumbwa Polytechnic and student hostels at Evelyn Hone College will be completed.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the Government reaffirmed its commitment to improving university education infrastructure. The Ministry of Education reported that, as at 30th January 2026, the Government had successfully reactivated previously stalled student hostel construction projects across public universities and selected tertiary institutions. Contracts had been signed, sites handed over to contractors, and works were progressing at various levels of completion.

Notable progress had been recorded at the University of Zambia 55 per cent to 80 per cent, Copperbelt University 55 per cent to 80 per cent, Chalimbana University 80 per cent, Palabana University 70 per cent, Mukuba University 70 per cent, Nkrumah University 60 per cent, Paul Mushindo University 55 per cent, and Mulungushi University at 55 per cent.

Additionally, projects at Mumbwa Polytechnic and Evelyn Hone College were being implemented by the Ministry of Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development through the Department of Public Infrastructure.

Overall, the projects were advancing steadily and were expected to significantly improve student accommodation and learning conditions in public higher education institutions.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee takes note of the submission and urges the Executive to speed up the completion of these projects. The Committee further recommends that the Executive should address the infrastructure challenges in all public colleges and universities to enhance quality education for all learners country wide. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

02/25 Recruitment of 2000 Teachers

On Friday, 27th September, 2024, the Minister of Finance and National Planning on Behalf of the Minister of Education made the following assurances during the budget presentation for 2025:

Madam Speaker, in 2024, we are recruiting 4200 teachers and an additional 2,000 in 2025. Teacher recruitment is a major driver of ensuring quality education through increased teacher-pupil contact time.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that Government reaffirmed its commitment to improving the quality of education through increased teacher–pupil contact time in public schools. The Ministry of Education reported that progress had been made towards the recruitment of the additional 2,000 teachers for 2025. In that regard, the necessary administrative processes had been undertaken, and Treasury Authority had been secured to facilitate the recruitment exercise.

The Committee was further, informed that, the Ministry was finalising the promotions exercise to create vacancies and provide space for the absorption of new entrants into the teaching service.

Government remained committed to undertake the recruitment process in order to strengthen staffing levels and improve learning outcomes in public schools.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee notes the response and urges the Executive to expedite the recruitment processes and complete the promotions exercise to create vacancies and space for adoption of new staff to enhance learning outcomes in public schools. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

03/25 Construction of 317 Secondary Schools

On Friday, 27th September, 2024, the Minister of Finance and National Planning, on behalf of the Minister of Education, made the following assurance during the Budget presentation for 2025:

Mr. Speaker, Government is constructing a total of 317 Secondary Schools across the country. Of these, 151 have been completed and the balance of 166 are scheduled for completion by 2025. Government is also constructing 480 Early Childhood Education Centers, earmarked for completion by the end of 2025

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that Government reaffirmed its commitment to improving access to quality education through continued infrastructure development in public schools.

A) Construction of 120 Secondary Schools

The Government, in collaboration with the World Bank, under the Zambia Education Enhancement Project (ZEEP), had initiated the construction of one hundred and twenty (120) new secondary schools countrywide.

Construction works for all 120 projects were progressing and were at varying superstructure stages, ranging from window level to ring beam and gable levels. The projects were scheduled for completion in the third quarter of 2026.

B) Completion of 46 Previously Stalled Secondary Schools

Under this batch, forty-six (46) secondary school projects had stalled at various stages of construction. To address that, Government undertook measures to reactivating the projects. Out of the forty-Six (46) projects, thirty-nine (39) had since been successfully reactivated. Contracts for their completion had been signed, sites had been handed over to the respective contractors, and works were progressing satisfactorily. These projects were expected to be completed by the third quarter of 2026.

The remaining seven (7) projects were undergoing final accounting processing and approval for project closure. Thereafter, the procurement processes would commence for the outstanding works to facilitate their completion.

Government remained resolute in ensuring that all outstanding secondary school infrastructure projects were completed in order to expand access, reduce distances to secondary schools, and enhance the overall learning environment.

(c) Construction of Early Childhood Education (ECE) Centre

The Government initially planned to construct four hundred and eighty (480) Early Childhood Education (ECE) Centres countrywide. However, due to delays in the commencement of implementation, project costs increased significantly. As a result, in consultation with the World Bank, the scope of works was revised and the target adjusted to two hundred and sixty (260) ECE Centres across the country.

All the two hundred and sixty (260) projects were currently under implementation. Of these, two hundred and twenty-two (222) had reached various superstructure stages, including window level, ring beam, and gable level.

Additionally, thirty-eight (38) projects were at advanced stages of completion, with approximately 60 per cent of these having attained about 90 per cent completion. Construction works remained ongoing at the respective sites, and all projects were expected to be completed by July 2026.

Government remained committed to expanding access to early childhood education as a critical foundation for improved learning outcomes.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee notes the submission and urges the Executive to expedite the processing and approval for project closure for the seven outstanding projects to commence the procurement process to facilitate project completion. The Committee further recommends that the Executive should ensure that these projects are completed as scheduled without any further delays. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

04/25 Construction of Nalolo Boarding Secondary School

On Thursday 28th November, 2024 the Minister of Education made the following assurances on the Floor of the House:

Madam Speaker, I wish to inform the House that the construction of Nalolo Boarding Secondary School in Nalolo Parliamentary Constituency is projected to be completed within fifteen months from the date of hand over, which is scheduled for December 2024. This is the time line for the remaining 20 per cent of the construction works

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that Government reiterated its commitment to expanding access to quality education through sustained infrastructure development in public schools. The Ministry of Education reported that the contract for the completion of Nalolo Boarding Secondary School was duly awarded, and the site was officially handed over to the contractor in April 2025, in line with the assurance made to the Floor of the House. Construction works were progressing satisfactorily, and the project had attained approximately 85 per cent completion as at December, 2025. Government remained confident that the project would be delivered within the stipulated timeframe, subject to continued steady progress on site.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee takes note of the response and urges the Executive to ensure that the construction of Nalolo Secondary Boarding School is completed within the stipulated time frame and without any further delay. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

MINISTRY OF WATER DEVELOPMENT AND SANITATION

05/25 Rehabilitation of Six Dams and Drilling of 100 Commercial Boreholes

On Thursday, 16th September, 2024, the Minister of Water Development and Sanitation made the following assurance.

Madam Speaker, to address the issue of drying water sources and reduced water levels, my Ministry will drill 100 commercial boreholes before the end of 2024 in areas most affected by the drought to supplement water production. The Ministry is carrying out major rehabilitation works on six dams, which will be completed in December 2024. Procurement for an additional fourteen dams earmarked for rehabilitation in 2025 is underway.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the Ministry, had drilled a total number of 202 boreholes regarding the assurance to drill 100- commercial boreholes under the **Food Security and Drought Response**. In addition, 90boreholes had been successfully designated for **domestic water supply** covering drought-affected areas in **Western, Eastern, Southern, Central, and Lusaka Provinces**. The table below presents the distribution of the commercial boreholes for water supplying

Province	Water Supply	
	Target	Completed
Western	20	19
Eastern	20	18
Southern	20	16
Central	20	17
Lusaka	20	20
Total	100	90

The Committee was further informed that the Ministry had also drilled boreholes for livestock and wildlife in the drought-affected areas in the provinces mentioned above. as tabulated in the table below showing the total distributions of boreholes suppling water to wildlife and livestock.

Province	Total No. of Boreholes Drilled (Dry and Successful boreholes)	No. of Successful Boreholes Drilled and Cased for Water Supply	No. of Successful Boreholes Drilled and Cased for Wild Life		No. of Successful Boreholes Drilled and Cased for Livestock	
			Target	Completed	Target	Completed
Western	20	19	0	0	8	3
Eastern	24	18	10	0	6	4
Southern	66	16	4	2	17	5
Central	61	17	0	0	11	2
Lusaka	72	20	1	0	3	0
Total	243	90	15	2	45	14

The Ministry reported that it had completed the rehabilitation of four **dams** namely Amose and Lutwazi Dams in Petauke District, Chitindi Dam in Mbala District and Kabombwa Dam in Nkeyema District. The Remaining two dams namely Nangoma Dam in Mumbwa District and Musipazi Dam 1 in Chipata District, were at 86 per cent to 90 per cent completion rate.

The Ministry further indicated that of the 14 dams earmarked for rehabilitation, two dams had been completed, namely Luyaba dam in Luyaba Ward, Bweengwa Constituency in Monze District and Mauka Dam in Manguza Ward, Mbabala Constituency, Choma District. Works were currently in progress at Feni and Lunyike Dams in Chipata District. Additionally, the Ministry had developed designs for four (4) dams and would proceed with the procurement of contractors for the rehabilitation works under the 2026 National Budget. Once additional funding was secured, the Ministry would undertake technical assessments for an additional six dams.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee notes the progress made and urges the Executive to complete the rehabilitation of the remaining dams in order to safeguard the water security for households, productive sectors and ecosystems. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

06/25 Construction of Sixteen Dams

On Thursday, 26th September, 2024, the Minister of Water Development and Sanitation made the following assurance:

Madam speaker, my ministry is constructing sixteen dams which will be completed by December, 2024. An additional twelve dams will be constructed in 2025. The ministry has also carried out routine maintenance works on seventy-nine dams, which are ready for the 2024/2025 Rainy Season.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the Ministry had commenced the construction of 16 dams across the country. Six dams had been completed, namely Chileya Dam in Kazungula District; Chuundwe Dam in Zimba District; Jongolo Dam in Kalomo District; Muyembe Dam in Kawambwa District; Kawawa Dam in Kasenengwa District; and Hajamba Dam in Pemba District. The remaining ten (10). dams namely; Chibwentolo, Chisuta, Mutwewamuntu, Tambana, Mbaswa, Luingá, Changula, Chief Mpande, Siambelele and Siakalinda dams were under construction, with progress levels ranging between 30 per cent and 90 per cent completion.

In that regard, in 2025, the Ministry had commenced the construction of twelve dams. To date, the designing and construction of nine dams namely; Bhondo Dam in Gwembe District, Mulolobela Dam in Chirundu District, Munzuma Dam in Choma District, Mpala Dam in Chama District, Lumezi Dam in Lumezi District, Kanyanja Dam in Chipata District, Kalambakuwa Dam in Nyimba district and Mumbi Dam in Petauke District in Eastern Province, were underway. Construction of the remaining three dams would commence once funds were available.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee notes the update and urges the Executive to ensure that all the dams earmarked for construction at the various levels of construction are completed in order to enhance the water resource across the country. The Committee further recommends that

Government should accelerate the process to secure additional resources to commence the outstanding works of the remaining three dams without any further delays. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

07/25 Borehole Sinking and Dam Construction in Katombola

On Tuesday, 15th October, 2024 the Minister of Water Development and Sanitation made the following assurance:

Madam Speaker, the Government has plans to sink boreholes and construct dams to cater for people and livestock in Katombola Constituency. Madam Speaker, the plans are currently being implemented from 2023 to 2025 under the following interventions:

Government, through the ministry, with support from the Southern Africa Development Community Groundwater Management Institute (SADC GMI), has plans to sink three commercial boreholes equipped with solar pumping systems for use by the Sihumbwa Primary School and the surrounding communities in Katombola Constituency in Kanchele Ward, as piped water schemes. So far, three boreholes have been drilled, and one borehole was successful. The ministry plans to drill the remaining two boreholes;

the ministry has plans to sink two commercial boreholes under the Drought Response Plan in 2024, and three commercial boreholes in 2025. Those will be piped water schemes equipped with solar systems; and the ministry is currently constructing Chileya Dam in Katombola Constituency in Kanchele Ward currently at 30 per cent completion and is expected to be completed by the second quarter of 2025.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the Ministry wished to submit the following:

Government, with support from the Southern Africa Development Community Groundwater Management Institute (SADC GMI), had sunk three boreholes in Katombola Constituency at Sihumbwa Basic School, in Sihumbwa Village and in Muzumi equipped with Solar submersible pumps and 10,000-litre storage tanks. Additionally, small water schemes were constructed for both sites. In the first quarter of 2026, the Ministry would equip the borehole at Sihumbwa Village with a solar submersible pump and would also construct a water scheme.

The Ministry, through the Disaster Management and Mitigation Unit, drilled and cased two commercial boreholes at Mulindi Primary School and Musokotwane Health Centre in Katombola Constituency, which were earmarked to be equipped with solar piped water schemes once funds were made available. Although the Ministry, under the Drought Response Plan, planned the construction of three boreholes equipped with solar piped water schemes, these were not implemented due to the non-release of funds. However, with support from UNICEF, the Ministry rehabilitated four (4) non-functional boreholes in Sinyemba Village, Mabbonga Village, Katapazhi Village, and Siamukang'andu Village in Chief Mukuni Chiefdom.

Accordingly, the Ministry had completed the construction of Chileya Dam in Katombola Constituency, Kachele Ward, as part of the Drought Response Plan and was scheduled for commissioning in due cause.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee appreciates the update and urges the Executive to ensure that all the dams in Katombola Constituency at the various stages of construction are completed within the assured time frame as given on the floor of the House to enhance the Drought Response Plan. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

8/25 Dams in Mbabala Parliamentary Constituency

On Tuesday, 3rd December, 2024 the Minister of Water Development and Sanitation made the following assurance on the floor of the House:

Madam Speaker, the Ministry has budgeted to rehabilitate a total of fourteen dams in various provinces in the 2025 National Budget, and Kabanga Dam in Mbabala Constituency has been included. Currently, the procurement of a consultant to undertake feasibility studies for the rehabilitation of these dams is ongoing. The remaining six dams will be considered for rehabilitation in subsequent budgets. The Government has not budgeted to construct any additional dams in Mbabala Constituency in the 2025 Budget.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that, in Mbabala Constituency, the Ministry had completed the assessment and designing of Kabanga dam in readiness for rehabilitation under the 2026 ministerial budget.

Furthermore, under the Drought Response Plan, 30 dams in Mbabala Constituency have been maintained as part of the 770-dam maintenance programme. A detailed list of these dams had been provided to the Committee.

Committee's Observation and Recommendation

The Committee notes the submission and urges the Executive to expedite the process of rehabilitation of the Kabanga dam in Mbabala Constituency through the Drought Response Plan under the Budget Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the 2026 National Budget. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter

9/25 Pemba Dam Rehabilitation

On Tuesday 11th February, 2025, the Minister of Water Development and Sanitation made the following assurance on the floor of the House:

Mr. Speaker, the Government, through my ministry, is currently conducting a comprehensive assessment of all water harvesting infrastructure in the country. The assessment will determine the necessary interventions and associated cost implications in restoring full functionality. The implementation timeline for the rehabilitation of the listed dams will be determined upon completion of the assessment process and once fiscal space improves. However, as part of ongoing efforts, the ministry has prioritised the rehabilitation of Bulanda Dam in Nachibanga

Ward of Pemba Constituency. The dam is scheduled for rehabilitation in the 2025 Fiscal Year. Additionally, twenty-two dams in Pemba District will undergo maintenance works, as part of the drought response plan

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the Ministry had not rehabilitated Bulanda Dam in Nachibanga ward in the 2025 fiscal year. However, once funds were made available, the Ministry had prioritised the assessment and rehabilitation of the Dam. The Committee was further informed that construction of Hajamba Dam in the District had been completed, while works at Chibwentolo Dam-were still on going. In addition, the Ministry under the Drought Response Plan carried out routine maintenance on twenty-eight dams out of the targeted twenty-two dams in Pemba District as part of the national 770-dam maintenance programme carried out by the Executive.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee notes the submissions and urges the Executive to ensure that the project is completed within the assured time frame. The Committee further recommends that Government mobilise additional resources to undertake the rehabilitation and construction of remaining dams under the 770-dam maintenance programme.

10/ 25 Water Harvesting During the 2024/2025 in Isoka District

On Thursday, 20th February, 2025 the Minister of Water Development and Sanitation made the following assurance:

Madam Speaker, in terms of upgrading boreholes to small piped-water schemes, another contract was signed in August 2023 with Atkinson Construction for the mechanisation of twenty-one existing boreholes in Muchinga Province, which included five in Isoka. Due to the contractor's failure to perform, the contract was terminated and the bonds were encashed. The uncompleted works will also be re-tendered in the first quarter of 2025. The Government will procure standby pumps for Chambeshi Water Utility in the Boma area to ensure water security. There are also plans to construct five new piped-water schemes in the following areas:

*Kawenga Village;
Chiwanda Section;
B Village;
Muzabwela Village;
Luvwemba Village; and
Katangalika/ Kalindo Village.*

Madam Speaker, it must also be noted that in 2024, with support from the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the Ministry successfully rehabilitated four boreholes and drilled four equipped with handpumps in the district. The boreholes have been completed and handed over to the communities.

Further, with support from the World Vision Zambia, the Government is upgrading nineteen existing boreholes in the district into small piped-water schemes.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that due to non-performance by the contractor concerning the mechanisation of twenty-one existing boreholes in Muchinga Province, including five located in Isoka District, the contract was subsequently terminated. Under this view, the Committee was informed that in Isoka District, particularly Chiwanda Section, one borehole was upgraded to a piped water scheme. The remaining villages namely: Kawenga Village, B Village, Muzabwela Village, Luvwemba Village and Katangalika/Kalindo Village would be considered in the new contract under the 2026 National Budget Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure.

The Committee was further informed that, Government had procured four standby pumps for **Chambeshi** Water Supply and Sanitation Company (ChWSSC) out of which one had been installed at the Boma area of Isoka District. On this view, Government disbursed additional funds to water utility, and had commenced the procurement of an additional four standby pumps for Isoka District. to be installed in the first quarter of 2026.

It is worth stating that, with support from World Vision Zambia, Government had successfully upgraded Nineteen existing boreholes in Isoka District into small piped-water schemes, thereby enhancing water security and service coverage in the district.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee appreciates the efforts being put in place and urges the Executive to ensure that the remaining boles are upgraded to small pipe water- schemes in Isoka Parliamentary Constituency in order to enhance water security and district service coverage within the stipulated time frame without further delay. The Committee further recommends that Government should expedite the new contract process so that villages not covered in Isoka District can also be considered within the scheduled time frame under the 2026 National Budget. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

11/25 Construction of a Dam on Magoye River in Mwanachingwala Chiefdom

On Friday, 21st March, 2025, the Minister of Water Development and Sanitation made the following assurance:

Madam Speaker, indeed we are carrying out an evaluation in that area. I wish to assure Hon. Malambo that the Government has plans to construct, as announced earlier, sixty dams across the length and breadth of the country. In Magoye, we are prioritizing catchment restoration and improved water management practices to enhance water availability and security in a sustainable manner, instead of constructing a dam immediately. These interventions promote ecosystem conservation, equitable water allocation and resilience of vital water sources, which will ultimately support socio-economic development.

Furthermore, the Government continues to invest in the maintenance and rehabilitation of existing dams across the country.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the Ministry had prioritised catchment restoration and improved water management practices to enhance water availability and security sustainably in Magoye Constituency. The Ministry had developed a proposal for possible

funding by cooperating partners to implement the Nature-Based Solutions (NBS) initiatives. Five communities were earmarked for catchment restoration and improved water management practices to enhance water availability and water security in the chiefdom. In any case, the Ministry had maintained six dams in Magoye Constituency as part of the 770-dam maintenance programme under the Drought Response Plan.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee notes the updates and urges the Executive to ensure that catchment restorations and improved water management are implemented to enhance water availability and security to support socio-economy development in Magoye Parliamentary Constituency. The Committee further recommends that a Dam is constructed at Magoye River in Mwanachingwala Chiefdom in Magoye Parliamentary Constituency to promote ecosystem conservation and water security. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

12/ 25 Construction of Dams in Chipangali Constituency

On 10th June, 2025 the Minister of Water Development and Sanitation made the following assurance:

Madam Speaker, in the 2025 Financial Year, the Ministry has allocated funds for the rehabilitation of Mpawa Dam in Chinunda Chiefdom of Chipangali Parliamentary Constituency. Additionally, the process to undertake detailed feasibility studies for the rehabilitation of a number of dam sites across the country, which include Mpawa Dam is underway. This is envisaged to facilitate the development of bankable project documents for possible funding and rehabilitation work

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that in 2025, the Ministry did not undertake the detailed feasibility studies for the rehabilitation of Mpawa Dam due to the non-release of funds. However, the assessment of the designing of the Dam would be undertaken during the 2026 fiscal year.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee notes the submission and urges the Executives to expedite the process to undertake a detailed feasibility, and rehabilitation of Mpawa Dam in Chipangali Parliamentary Constituency. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter

13/25 Water Supply and Sanitation in Lusaka Province

On Wednesday, 18th June, 2025, the Minister of Water Development and Sanitation made the following assurance:

Madam Speaker, in partnership with Fresh Life Zambia, the Ministry is also piloting container-based sanitation (CBS) systems to protect groundwater in Kafue. Up to 200 CBS units will be installed by December 2025, with plans for a national scale-up. Additional innovations include:

- a. mapping well fields;
- b. groundwater recharge zone delineation;
- c. hydro-census surveys; and
- d. pollution risk assessments

Shaft 5 Wellfield in Lilayi, Chilanga District, which supplies approximately 22 per cent of Lusaka's municipal groundwater, is also being looked at. The shaft has been divided into three groundwater protection zones (GWPZs) and will soon be declared a water resource protected area (WRPA). I must add that many areas that hold groundwater for supply to many people across the length and breadth of this country are being encroached on. Therefore, it is the ministry's intention to declare them GWPZs so that they are protected.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the Ministry wished to submit that, in an effort to improve sanitation in Kafue District, a total of **121** container-based sanitation (CBS) systems had been installed. The Committee was further informed, that the installation of the CBS systems was demand-driven. The importation of these systems had, however, since been discontinued, with arrangements currently being put in place by Fresh Life to facilitate the local manufacture of the facilities. In particular, following the delineation of Shaft five (5) Wellfield in Lilayi, Chilanga District, into 3 Groundwater Protection Zones (GWPZs), the Ministry was drafting a Statutory Instrument (SI) that would gazette the protected areas.

Committee's Observation and Recommendation

The Committee notes the submission and urges the Executive to ensure that the local manufacturing of the Container -Based Sanitation systems is implemented. The Committee further urges the Government to ensure that the drafting of a SI is finalised that will gazette the protected areas. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

14/25 Construction of 947 boreholes and 500 piped Water Country Wide

On Friday, 27th September 2024 the Minister of Finance and National Planning on behalf of the Minister of Water Development and Sanitation made the following assurance during the budget presentation for 2025:

Madam Speaker, with regard to boreholes, Government has since 2022 constructed 2,277 boreholes, and rehabilitated 3, 025. In addition, 365 piped water schemes have been constructed across the country. These interventions are benefiting over 902,490 people. In 2025, the target is to construct 947 boreholes and 500 piped water schemes, as well as rehabilitate 500 boreholes.

Executive's Response

Accordingly, the Committee was informed by the Ministry as follows:

Boreholes

The Ministry planned to construct 947 boreholes, out of which 219 had been **completed**. The remaining **728** boreholes had been planned for construction in the 2026 fiscal year. On this view, with support from Cooperating Partners and Constituency Development Fund (CDF) **2, 974** boreholes were constructed.

Water Schemes

The Ministry planned to construct 500 water schemes, out of which fifty-eight (**58**) water schemes had been **completed**. The remaining **442** had been planned for construction in the 2026 fiscal year. In addition, with support from Cooperating Partners and CDF **837** solar piped water schemes were constructed.

Borehole rehabilitation

The Ministry planned to rehabilitate 500 boreholes, out of which 176 had been **completed**. The remaining **324** have been planned for rehabilitation in the 2026 fiscal year. In addition, with support from Cooperating Partners and CDF **1, 886** dysfunctional boreholes with hand pumps were rehabilitated.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee notes the submission and resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

15/25 Construction, Maintenance, and Rehabilitation of Dams Countrywide.

On Friday, 27st September, 2024 the Minister of Finance and National Planning on behalf of the Minister of Water Development and Sanitation made the following assurance during budget presentation for 2025:

Madam Speaker, in 2025, Government will construct 12 dams, rehabilitate 14 and maintain 385.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the Ministry had commenced the construction, rehabilitation, and maintenance of dams in the most drought-prone provinces. Of the twelve (12) dams earmarked for construction, nine (9) were at various stages of implementation. The construction of the three (3) will commence once funds were made available

The Committee was further informed that out of the fourteen (**14**) **dams** earmarked for rehabilitation, two **Dams** had been completed, namely Luyaba Dam in Monze District and Mauka Dam in Choma District. Works were in progress at Feni and Lunyike Dams in Chipata District. With all of that, the Ministry had **developed designs** for four **dams** and would proceed with the procurement of contractors for the rehabilitation works under the 2026 National Budget. However, once, additional funding was secured, the Ministry would undertake technical assessments for an **additional six dams**.

Further, a total of **385 dams** were maintained, bringing the total number of dams maintained since the launch of the drought response plan to 684 dams nationwide.

The Committee learnt that the Ministry of Water Development and Sanitation reaffirmed its commitment to supporting the oversight role of Parliament and to delivering Government assurances in a timely, efficient, and sustainable manner.

ANNEXES

Annex I: List of dams maintained in Mbabala Parliamentary Constituency

<i>S/No</i>	<i>Name of Dam</i>	<i>Ward</i>
1	Mandala	Mbabala
2	Jobolo	Kabimba
3	Kabanze	Kabanze
4	Kangoongolo	Chilalatambo
5	Macha central	Macha
6	Namachila	Mbabala
7	Namuhila	Mbabala
8	Mbole/silukwiya	Kabimba
9	Kapopo	Kabimba
10	Kamwano	Kabimba
11	Kalundu	Kabimba
12	Kabeta	Chilalatambo
13	Nalube	Chilalatabo
14	Siachiwena	Macha
15	Hachunga	Mutanga
16	Simukanda	Macha
17	Malimba	Macha
18	Sikufweba	Chilalatambo
19	Mayobo	Kabanze
20	Hakazamba	Simaubi
21	Chibizwa	Simaubi
22	Mbilu	Mutanga
23	Kabanga	Kabanga
24	Sikubomba	Ngonga
25	Simuzele	Ngonga
26	Chiholyonga	Mbabala
27	Simuteka	Mutanga
28	Kabumbwe	Mbabala
29	Mabweatuba	Macha
30	Munyimba	Macha

Annex II: List of dams maintained in Pemba Parliamentary Constituency

SN	DAMS	WARDS
1	Hachibondo	Muzoka
2	Munene	Hamaundu
3	Hagwanama	Hamaundu
4	Hazele	Hamaundu
5	Hamuuma	Hamaundu
6	Namakambilwa	Hamaundu
7	Chimbombombo	Hamaundu
8	Chindolo	Hamaundu
9	Ndumba	Kasikili

10	Nkandela	Kasikili
11	Nalijati	Kasikili
12	Tumbi	Kasikili
13	Hakwangala	Pemba
14	Munamweba	Hamaundu
15	Chiyuna	Pemba
16	Bulanda	Demu
17	Sikanazye	Dobo
18	Simudima	Muzoka
19	Jalila	Demu
20	Makomba	Kasiya
21	Munyama	Kasiya
22	Muzoka	Nachibanga
23	Siamuleya	Yotam Muleya
24	Chimowa	Pemba
25	Likwele	Pemba
26	Hamiyoba	Muzoka
27	Demu	Demu
28	Kasiya	Pemba
29	Choopa	Hamaundu
30	Sibukome	Hamaundu
31	Fwungwe	Hamaundu

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee notes the update and urges the Executive to ensure that the nine (9) dams at various stages of construction are completed, maintained and rehabilitated, especially the remaining twelve (12) dams earmarked for rehabilitation country wide within the stipulated time frame as assured on the floor of the House.

The Committee further recommends that Government mobilise additional funds to undertake technical assessment for additional construction, maintenance and rehabilitation of six (6) dams under the 2026 budget Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure to improve sanitation and water security country wide.

MINISTRY OF TOURISM

16/25 Development of Green Resilient and Transformational Tourism Infrastructure

On Friday, 27th September, 2024, the Minister of Finance and National Planning on behalf of the Ministry of Tourism during the budget presentation for 2025, made the following assurance:

Madam Speaker, in the 2024 Budget address, I informed this august House that the US \$ 100 million Green Resilient and Transformational Tourism Development Project will support the development of a tourism infrastructure at Kasaba Bay, Liuwa National Park, and the source

of the Zambezi River. I am happy to report that the project has commenced. Feasibility studies that will inform the planned infrastructure development in the project areas are underway. Construction works will commence in 2025

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the Zambia Green, Resilient and Transformational Tourism Project (GREAT-TDP), a USD100 million loan facility from the World Bank, came into effect on 10th January 2024. The project was in its second year of implementation and was restructured in January, 2025 to include additional Tourism Development areas such as Livingstone, Kafue, Lower Zambezi and South Luangwa from the initial targeted areas such as Nsumbu, Liuwa, and Source of Zambezi in orders to create more meaningful market linkages. In particular, the GREAT-TDP had three components and the progress made for each component were as follows:

Component One (1): Enabling Environment for the Nature-Based Economy

Under this limb, the Committee was informed that the GREAT-TDP engaged Task Agencies (TAGs) constituting Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of Green Economy and Environment, Zambia Statistical Agency and Zambia Tourism Agency. The TAGs developed Task Concept Documents which described the activities, budget, implementation details and processes through which they plan to achieve the tasks and deliver intended outcomes were clearly outlined.

Further, the GREAT-TDP had been exploring interventions and investments needed to catalyse tourism and nature-based economic development in the Tourism Development Areas (TDAs) as well as specific interventions that will advance the development of anchor or catalytic projects/activities with high economic potential. The Destination Plans were being developed for Nsumbu, Source of the Zambezi River, Liuwa, South Luangwa, Lower Zambezi and Kafue TDAs.

Accordingly, the Committee was informed that the GREAT-TDP through a Natural Partnership Matching Grants (NPMGs) supported the emergence and strengthening of community-based entities and, hoped to attract private investors to contribute to a nature-based economy.

Component Two (2): Improving Climate-Resilient Destination Access and Basic Service Infrastructure

2.2.1 Rehabilitation and upgrading of three (3) Airstrips (Chunga, Jeki and Kalabo)

The Committee was informed that one of the main infrastructure interventions under the Project was the rehabilitation and upgrading of the three (3) airstrips which included Chunga Airstrip in Kafue National Park, Jeki Airstrip in Lower Zambezi National Park and Kalabo Airstrip in Kalabo District. In effect, these airstrips were expected to improve accessibility to tourism destinations to enhance tourism.

In this regard, a consulting firm, Zulu Burrow Consulting Ltd, was engaged to undertake feasibility studies at all three (3) sites and was on the ground. A draft feasibility report

submitted by the consultant was undergoing review, and upon completion of that process, construction of the airstrips would commence.

2.2.2 Livingstone Town Center Development Programme

The Committee was informed that Key infrastructure under the Livingstone Town Center Development Programme included the development of a visitor information center, landscaping, cycle lane network, pedestrian walkways, street lighting and junction signalisation, spot improvements and rehabilitation of selected town center roads. In addition, the intervention would include working on loop roads in Mosi-ao-Tunya National Park, the river drive road and spot patching of Kalomo-Dundumwezi road.

2.2.3 Access/Loop Roads

The Committee learnt that works involved the designing and rehabilitation of Access/loop roads in Nsumbu, Lower Zambezi, Liuwa and Mosi-ao-Tunya National Parks. However, these interventions were put on hold following concerns from the World Bank regarding purported mining activities in the National Parks which conflicted with the objectives of the Project. The Committee observed concern that the matter was under discussion with the World Bank which had suspended all infrastructure construction in the National Park pending its review on the issues of mining in those areas.

2.3 Component Three (3): Project Administration & Management

The main activities related to overall project planning, Financial Management (FM), audits, procurement, Environmental and Social Safeguards Risk Management, Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) reporting, communications, stakeholder coordination, basic training of activity implementing teams, beneficiaries and mobilisation of external support and technical specialists.

Committee's observations and recommendations

The Committee notes the submission and urges the Executive to accelerate the completion of these tourism infrastructural projects. The Committee further recommends that the Executive should expedite the process of conducting feasibility studies that will inform the planned infrastructure development essential to improve and support the emergence and strengthen community-based entities through partnership with private investors to contribute to natural based economic development with potential. Additionally, the Committee urges the Executive to finalise the concerns raised by the World Bank regarding mining activities in national parks so that tourism infrastructure developments can commence at the earliest possible time. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

17/25 Creating a Community Game Ranch in Mpika Parliamentary Constituency

On Tuesday, 25th February, 2025, the Minister of Tourism made the following assurance:

Madam Speaker, the Government has plans to facilitate the creation of community game ranches in various Game Management Areas (GMA), including in Mpika Parliamentary Constituency. However, I would like to bring to the attention of the House the fact that the creation of community game ranches is demand-driven by various communities. In this regard,

the Government simply facilitates the process of creating a community game ranch by interested communities as soon as they submit applications and pay the requisite statutory fees.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the initial site which was proposed for the community game ranch in the Mpika Parliamentary Constituency was not an ideal location for such a project. In that regard, the Ministry was in the process of engaging with the community to identify a suitable site for that undertaking. Once identified, experts would be assigned to conduct an ecological assessment and make recommendations on the way forward.

Finally, the Ministry of Tourism brought to the attention of the Committee that it had successfully established seven community game ranches in the North Western, Eastern, and Western Provinces among others. Under this vein, the Ministry was in the process of reviewing an application from Sioma, where the community had applied and paid the statutory fees required for the establishment of a game ranch.

Committee's observations and recommendations

The Committee notes the update and urges the Executive to speed up the engagement process with the community to identify a suitable site for creating a Community Game Ranch in Mpika Parliamentary Constituency. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

MINISTRY OF JUSTICE

18/25 Construction of Local Court Building in Lundazi

On Thursday, 13th February, 2025, the Minister of Justice made the following assurance on the floor of the House:

Madam Speaker, the Government of the Republic of Zambia reiterates its commitment to support the construction of court infrastructure, countrywide. To that end, the Judiciary has, in the Medium-Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) Budget Policy Paper 2025/2027, made a provision for capital projects to cater for the construction and rehabilitation of subordinate and local court buildings, and staff houses, countrywide. The plan to construct local courts in Mwase Sub-Boma in Mwase Chiefdom and Mphamba Chiefdom is part of the aforementioned MTEF Budget Policy Paper 2025/2027.

Mr Speaker, the works under the MTEF Budget Policy Paper 2025/2027, will commence once all the outstanding stalled capital projects awarded in 2010 and 2011, and re-tendered in 2022, are completed.

Mr Speaker, the estimated cost of the construction of the two local courts is K3,800,000.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the Ministry of Justice wished to advise that the Judiciary had, in the Medium-Term Expenditure Framework- Budget Policy Paper 2025-2027, made a provision for capital projects to cater for construction of local courts in Mwase Sub-boma in Mwase Chiefdom and Mphamba Chiefdom included in the infrastructure Development Plan for the period 2025-2027.

Certainly, the construction of the local courts in Mwase Sub-Boma in Mwase Chiefdom and Mphamba Chiefdom, would commence in the year 2027 subject to the availability of funds.

Committee's Observations and Recommendation

The Committee notes of the submission, and resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

MINISTRY OF HEALTH

19/25 Procurement of X-Ray Machines and Computed Tomography (CT) Scanner for Thompson Hospital

On Tuesday, 15th October 2024, the Minister of Health gave the following assurance on the floor of the House:

Madam Speaker, procurement of medical equipment, including digital X-Ray Machines and Computed Tomography (CT) Scanner is being done in a phased manner and is an on-going process, in the current phase of 2024. Medical Equipment and digital X-Ray Machines will be delivered, and installed within 2025. In particular Thompson Hospital is expected to be a beneficiary of digital X- Ray Machine.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that, Government was committed to ensuring that health facilities were equipped with the required medical equipment. To achieve that, the procurement was being done in a phased manner subject to availability of funds.

For Thompson Hospital in particular, a digital mobile X-ray Machine was delivered and installed in December, 2025 in order to mitigate the challenges that were being faced by the hospital with regards to X-ray services. In any case, the Ministry of Finance did not fund 100 per cent of the medical equipment budgeted to ZAMMSA under the 2024 National Budget. affecting the procurement of the planned equipment including the X ray Machines.

In brief, but highly simplified form, the Committee was informed that, the procurement of another digital X-ray machine for Thompson Hospital had been planned for under the 2026 Budget National.

With regards, to the procurement of CT scanners, the Committee learnt that, Thompson hospital did not have the necessary infrastructure to facilitate installation of the equipment.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee notes the submission by the Executive and resolves to await a progress report on the pending procurement of a digital X-ray machine for Thompson Hospital.

20/25 Construction of Mutenda Health Post in Mukubwe Ward in Lufubu Parliamentary Constituency

On Tuesday 11th February, 2024 the Minister of Health made the following assurances on the Floor of the House:

Madam Speaker, Mutenda Health Post in Mukubwe Ward in Lufubu Parliamentary Constituency, under Ngabwe District, will be completed in the second quarter of 2025. The cause of the delay in completing the project has been due to limited funds. I am happy to further inform the House that the project cost has been budgeted for in the 2025 Infrastructure Operational Plan (IOP), under the Ministry of Health

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the rehabilitation works at Mutenda Health Post had been completed. The rehabilitation of Mutenda Health Post was being implemented using the Constituency Development Fund (CDF). The Scope of the project included the following:

Rehabilitation and completion of a standard Health Post building;
Rehabilitation and completion of a standard staff house;
Installation of solar power system with inverters for both health post and staff houses;
Provision of medical Equipment and Furniture;
Provision of a borehole for safe and reliable water supply.

However, the drilling of the borehole was still outstanding and was expected to be completed in the second quarter of 2026 as the site was currently inaccessible for drilling rigs to pass.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee notes the submission, and resolves to await a progress report on the drilling of the outstanding borehole earmarked to be completed in the second quarter of 2026.

21/25 Transfer of Health Workers from Chitambo District Under Chama District Health Office Payroll

On Tuesday, 11th February, 2024, The Minister of Health made an assurance detailed here under.

*Madam Speaker, in order to mitigate the challenge, the Government is implementing the following measures:
Normalise transfers of officers that are misplaced on payroll;
discontinue processing administrative transfers except in exceptional circumstances as approved by the Civil Service Commission; and
recruit health workers for 2024.*

Out of the twenty-one positions allocated to Chama District, seventeen have since reported as of 13th February, 2025. Madam Speaker, the Government will continue to prioritise recruitment from local communities to enhance retention for staff especially in the rural and underserved areas.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that in addressing the staffing challenges relating to Chama District Health Office Payroll, Government through the Ministry of Health implemented the following:

The normalisation of transfers of officers that were misplaced on Chama District payroll had not been done yet. That was subject to availability of vacancies in the places where the people had been administratively attached.

Administrative transfers had been discouraged and were now restricted to exceptional cases only, subjected to authority from the Civil Service Commission; The 2024 recruitment exercise was successfully completed, and all twenty-one (21) officers recruited had since reported for duty.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee notes the update and urges the Executive to ensure that the staffing challenges relating to Chama District Health Office Payroll are resolved as soon as possible to enhance retention for staff particularly in rural and underserved areas as part of the Government broad scope of providing effective, impartial, fair and equitable provision of public services. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

22/25 Up-Grading of Serenje District Hospital

On Friday, 7th March 2025, the Minister of Health made the following assurance on the floor of the House:

Madam Speaker, the Government recognises the growing needs of Serenje District. Therefore, it has plans to upgrade Serenje District Hospital to a general hospital. This will not only benefit the good people of Serenje, but also the surrounding districts, such as Chitambo, Mkushi and Luano.

Madam Speaker, the process is currently underway. Notably, in February 2024, the Health Professions Council of Zambia (HPCZ) successfully assessed the hospital and cleared it for upgrade.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that, the process to upgrade Serenje District Hospital was ongoing and so far, an application for infrastructure upgrading under the Constituency Development Fund (CDF) was submitted.

Further, Government remained committed to ensuring that the needed human resource was aligned with the requirements of a General Hospital and subject to Treasury Authority for recruitment of health workers. The required staff would be recruited in a phased manner.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee notes the submission and urges the Executive to expedite the process of upgrading of Serenje District Hospital to a general hospital in order enhance service delivery within the local and surrounding areas such as Chitambo, Mkushi and Luano. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

23/25 Rehabilitation of Chitambo Mission Hospital

On Thursday, 18th March 2025, the Minister of Health made the following assurance on the floor of the House:

Madam Speaker, the Government has plans to rehabilitate Chitambo District Hospital. The House may wish to note that the rehabilitation works will not be limited to the theatre, but to other parts of the hospital infrastructure, including:
staff housing;
the infrastructure housing the oxygen generating plant;
water and sanitation reticulation system; and
establishment of a new laboratory.

Rehabilitation and extension work will be implemented using a phased approach in partnership with the local authority.

So far, infrastructure housing the oxygen plant has been completed and is in use. The new laboratory is under construction and is at roof level. Further, the local authority has approved K470,000.00 under the Constituency Development Fund (CDF) to rehabilitate the sanitation and water reticulation system for the hospital which will commence within the second quarter. The Government, through the Ministry of Health, is engaging the Treasury to source funds for rehabilitation of the theatre.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that, the rehabilitation of Chitambo District Hospital was implemented using a phased approach with funding from the Constituency Development Fund. As such, various rehabilitation activities were ongoing and at different stages of completion. The status of the key infrastructure components was outlined below:

Water Supply and Sanitation System

The rehabilitation works on the water supply and sanitation system commenced and were at 60 per cent completion.

Medical Laboratory

The construction of a new medical laboratory was ongoing and had reached 90 per cent completion.

The oxygen generating plant had been done and was functional.

Theatre: The rehabilitation of the hospital theatre had not been done due to limited fiscal space.

The construction of Staff housing had not yet been planned for due to limited fiscal space and lack of allocation from CDF so far.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee notes the progress, and resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

24/25 Recruitment of 2,000 Front Line Health Personnel

On Friday, 27th September 2024, the Minister of Finance and National Planning on behalf of the Minister of Health made the following assurance during the budget presentation for 2025:

Madam Speaker, an additional, 2000 frontline health personnel will be hired in 2025, bringing the total to 20,276.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that, the Ministry of Health had continued to make steady progress in the recruitment of two thousand (2,000) health workers as follows:

Treasury Authority for the recruitment of Health Workers was granted;

promotion of eligible serving officers in order to create vacancies for net recruitment was concluded;

loading of the resultant vacancies onto the Government payroll system;

constitution of the National Technical Committee comprising key stakeholder institution to guide and oversee the process had been done; and

The recruitment exercise would be concluded in March 2026.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee notes the progress made on the process of recruitment of two thousand (2000) frontline health workers and urges the Executive to actualise the recruitment process of the frontline health workers as assured on the floor of the House within the stipulated time frame. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

25/25 Construction of 30 Maternity Annexes

On Friday, 27th September 2024, the Minister of Finance and National on behalf of the Minister of Health made the following assurance during the budget presentation for 2025:

Madam Speaker, an additional thirty (30) annexes will be constructed in 2025 using CDF.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that, from the thirty (30) maternity annexes to be constructed, a total of sixteen (16) annexes were under construction and so far, three (3) had been completed and handed over to the Ministry of Health. Out of the thirty (30) targeted Annexes, each province was assigned to get three (3), and the following was the status of construction per province:

Lusaka	None out of the targeted 3
Central	3/3 started- 2 handed over and 1 under construction
Southern as a mother's shelter	2/3 started- 1 handed over and 1 constructed

North- Western	None out of the targeted 3
Eastern	3/3 started- all under construction
Copperbelt	None out of the targeted 3
Muchinga	None out of the targeted 3
Luapula	3/3 started- all under construction
Northern	3/3 started- all under construction
Western	3/3 started- all under construction.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee notes the progress made and urges the Executive to complete the outstanding works without any further delay. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter

MINISTRY OF FISHERIES AND LIVESTOCK

26/25 Construction of Bio-Security Check-Points, Quarantine Stations and Operationalisation of Regional and District Laboratories

On Friday, 27th September, 2024, the Minister of Finance and National Planning on behalf of the Minister of Agriculture made the following assurance during the budget presentation for 2025:

Madam Speaker, Chipata and Choma laboratories have been operationalised while Isoka and Mongu are partially operational. Works at Kasama, Ndola and Solwezi laboratories are expected to be completed by the end of this year. Equipment's for all the seven laboratories has been procured and distributed. Further, the construction of the vaccine plant at Central Veterinary Institute has commenced.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that with regard to veterinary laboratory infrastructure, construction works at Isoka, Mongu, and Kasama had been fully completed, and the laboratories were now fully operational.

As such, construction works at Ndola Laboratory was ongoing, with progress estimated at 70 percent, and completion was projected for March 2026, subject to continued availability of resources.

With respect to Solwezi Laboratory, the construction contract had expired and the project was therefore pending re-tendering. Completion timelines would be determined upon conclusion of the re-tendering processes and contract award.

In addition, the Committee learnt that the construction of the Vaccine Production Plant at the Central Veterinary Research Institute (CVRI) was ongoing, with works estimated at 27

percent completion. The project was being implemented in accordance with the signed contract, and overall completion was anticipated by June 2026.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee notes the submission and resolves to await a progress report on the outstanding works.

27/25 Community Based Livestock Breeding Programme

On Friday 27th September 2024, the Minister of Finance and National Planning during the 2025 Budget presentation on the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure made the following assurance:

Madam Speaker, Government will enhance stocking and restocking programmes, and has targeted to distribute 6,000 heifers, as well as 300 superior bulls for both artificial insemination and natural mating amongst the community herds.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that in order to improve the livestock sector's contribution to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) the Ministry had been scaling-up various programmes across the sub-sector since 2021. One such programme was the Community Based Livestock Breeding Programme that aimed at improving the livelihoods of smallholder farmers, especially women and youths, by enhancing the productivity and profitability of their indigenous livestock breeds. However, to that end, during the period under review, a total of 856 Heifers and fifty-four Commercial bulls were distributed across the country through the on-going pass-on the gift programme. In addition, the procurement processes of 900 heifers, thirty (30) commercial bulls and twenty (20) Superior bulls had reached an advanced stage and placements were expected to commence by May 2026.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee notes the progress made on the stocking and restocking programme, and resolves to await a progress report on the procurement of 900 heifers, thirty commercial bulls and twenty superior bulls.

28/25 Establishment of Fish Hatcheries

On Friday 27th September 2024, the Minister of Finance and National Planning on behalf of the Minister of Livestock and Fisheries during the 2025 Budget presentation on the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure made the following assurance:

Madam Speaker, the national fish deficit has reduced to 51,000 metric tonnes from 74,000 metric tonnes in 2023. To ensure all year-round production of fingerlings at Government fish farms, green houses are being constructed at Chadiza, Kaoma, Mwenda, Mwinilunga, and Sinda fish farms.

To further increase fingerling production, three hatcheries are being established in Kasempa, Mushindamo and Samfya aqua parks, bringing the total to 84 in 2025. This will increase fingerling production to 460 million in 2025 from the current 433.4 million.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that as part of efforts to establishing fish hatcheries, Government planned to install or construct green houses at Chadiza, Kaoma, Mwenda, Mwinilunga and Sinda fish farms in order to ensure an all year-round production of fingerlings. As such, that could not be achieved in 2025 due to the constricted fiscal space for new infrastructure projects.

Consequently, the establishment of three (3) hatcheries at Kasempa, Mushindamo and Samfya was achieved successfully. In that regard, the Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock and the Zambia National Service (ZNZ) had signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) as part of the operationalisation efforts of the established hatcheries at the aforementioned sites.

It is worth noting that in 2025, fingerling production was 481 million, surpassing the Eighth National Development Plan target of 460 million. Most of the fingerlings were produced through increased private sector investments to establish hatcheries and expand the production capacities

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee notes the response and urges the Executive to ensure that the remaining works are completed without any further delays. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

29/25 Procurements of Motorbikes for Veterinary Extension Officers in Chadiza District, and Recruitment of Seven Veterinary Assistants

On Thursday 26th October 2023, the Minister of Fisheries and Livestock made the following assurance:

Madam Speaker, the ministry has assessed the transport challenges in Chadiza District. Our findings confirm that the district has only twelve veterinary camps, not twenty as stated in the question. These camps are Bwanunka, Chadiza Central, Chanida, Chamandala, Chilenga, Kalemba, Kumadzi, Mangwe one, Musokosera, Mwangala, Mwangazi, and Nsadzu.

Out of the twelve veterinary camps in Chadiza District, only five are manned while seven remain unmanned. My ministry is seeking Treasury authority to recruit seven veterinary assistants to fill these vacancies. Additionally, in 2023, the ministry procured two motorbikes, and in March 2025, the Hon. Minister officially handed over one motorbike to address transport challenges in the district.

At present, all five veterinary assistants in the manned camps have access to motorbikes.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that improving mobility for veterinary extension officers in Chadiza District remained a key priority for enhancing disease surveillance, vaccination coverage, and farmer outreach. As earlier reported Chadiza District had a total of twelve (12) veterinary camps, of which five (5) were manned. All five operational camps have been adequately equipped with motorbikes, significantly improving the mobility and effectiveness of veterinary personnel in service delivery.

For the same reason, however, the Ministry had earlier indicated that it was seeking Treasury Authority to recruit veterinary assistants for the remaining seven (7) unmanned camps. The Ministry wish to report that Treasury Authority was granted under the 2025 Budget, and the Ministry subsequently commenced the recruitment process. However, the current phase of recruitment had been strategically directed towards employing laboratory technicians to strengthen diagnostic capacity at veterinary laboratories, as well as recruiting technical officers in areas where beef compartments had been established, in order to enhance technical capacity and biosecurity management in these priority areas.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee notes the submission and urges the Executive to conclude the recruitment of seven veterinary assistants, and extend the procurement of motor bikes for the additional veterinary extension officers in Chadiza District. The Committee further recommends that Government expedite the recruitment process of laboratory technicians and technical officers to enhance both biosecurity and technical capacity. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter

30/25 Increasing Livestock Farming and Production

On Friday, 27th September, 2024, the Minister of Finance and National Planning on behalf of the Minister of Agriculture made the following assurance during the budget presentation for 2025:

Madam Speaker, to increase livestock production to seven million by 2027 and increase the number of households engaged in livestock farming, Government will enhance stocking and restocking programmes, and has targeted to distribute 6,000 heifers, as well as 300 superior bulls for both artificial insemination and natural mating among the community herds.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that to increase cattle population from 5.3 million to 7.4 million by 2027, the Ministry had since 2024, distributed 856 heifers, and fifty-four (54) Bulls through the livestock pass-on the Gift Programme benefiting 850 Households.

In 2026, Government planned to procure 2,456 semen straws, 950 embryos (900 heifers and 50 Bulls) to enhance the national breed improvement programme that was aiming at supporting the lucrative Zambia Beef Export Project through the establishment of community-based breeding schemes (Disease Free Compartments) across the country.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee notes the update and resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

31/25 Stalled Irrigation Projects in Katendwe Ward Feira Parliamentary Constituency

On Wednesday, 22nd October, 2024 the Minister of Agriculture made the following assurances on the Floor of the House:

Madam Speaker, the Government is aware of the stalled irrigation project under the strengthening Climate Resilience of Agricultural livelihood in Agro- Ecological Regions (SCRALA) Programme in Katendwe ward in Feira Parliamentary Constituency.

Government resumed works on the stalled irrigation Scheme and has so far conducted Site surveys and assessments.

The estimated costs of completing the project is USS 120,000. The proposed date of completion of the project is December 2024.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that Government had made progress over the construction of three irrigations schemes covering twelve (12) hectares in Luangwa District and had reached eighty per cent progression rate. The project did not receive funding for 2025, hence the delay in implementation of these projects.

Committee's observations and recommendations

The Committee notes the submission and urges the Executive to ensure that it mobilises additional funding to implement the stalled irrigation project in Katendwe Ward Feira Parliamentary Constituency.

MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND INTERNAL SECURITY

32/25 Construction of Mununga Police Station in Chiengi District

On Tuesday, 25th February, 2025, the Minister of Home Affairs and Internal Security made the following assurance:

Madam Speaker, the construction of Mununga Police Station in Chiengi District will be completed by the second quarter of 2025.

The cause of the delay in completing the project on time was due to the termination of the previous contract.

The timeframe for the completion of the outstanding works is five months.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the construction of Mununga Police Station in Chiengi District was expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2026. As at December 2025, the project had attained 90 percent completion, with only final finishing works remaining.

The Committee learnt that the delay in meeting the initial completion timeline was due to the termination of the previous contract and intermittent funding constraints, which affected the pace of implementation. To date, a total of **k2, 848,886.73** had been paid to the contractor against the contract sum of **k5,532,049.33**, corresponding to the value of works executed.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee notes the updates and urges the Executive to ensure that the outstanding works for the Construction of Mununga Police Stations in Chiengi District is completed within the scheduled time frame as assured on the floor of the House. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

33/25 Alternative Lighting Systems for Police Stations Country wide

On Wednesday, 18th June, 2025, the Minister of Home Affairs and Internal Security made the following assurance on the floor of the House:

Madam Speaker, the Government has plans to procure solar energy installations, as alternative lighting systems for police stations countrywide, to enhance police operations during power outages and load management. An assessment to determine the cost of installing solar equipment in all the existing police stations has already been conducted.

Providing solar lighting to all police formations is estimated to cost K29,675,530. The House may wish to note that the Government has started implementing the interventions and is also working with stakeholders who are supporting the initiative by installing solar systems in some police stations. The President, Mr Hakainde Hichilema, also gave a directive for all Government institutions to install solar lighting, as an alternative to hydro-electricity.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the installation of solar energy systems for police stations was progressing steadily. As at 31st December 2025, a total of fifteen (15) Police Stations had been equipped with solar power systems out of an establishment of **138** Police Stations and **384** Police Posts countrywide.

The Committee learnt that in the 2026 financial year, a total of **k6,000,000.00** had been set aside to scale up the installation of solar systems to additional stations and posts. The programme remained ongoing and was aimed at improving reliability of power supply, enhancing operational efficiency, and ensuring uninterrupted service delivery.

The estimated cost for installing systems in all the police Stations and Posts was **k29,675,530.00**.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee notes the submission and urges the Executive to speed -up solar systems installation of Police Stations and Police Posts country wide. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

34/25 Procurement of New Boat for the Police in Chilubi

On Tuesday, 24th June, 2025, the Minister of Defence on behalf of the Minister of Home Affairs and Internal Security made the following assurance in the august House:

Madam Speaker, I wish to inform the House that the Government has plans to procure an additional boat for the Zambia Police Service in Chilubi District.

The estimated cost for the procurement of a Pelican 26 fibre boat, which is suitable for that area, is K870,847. This type of boat has sufficient horsepower to navigate through swampy areas, like some parts of Chilubi District.

The budget for this year is already done, so the earliest the procurement of the boat can happen is next year, using next year's Budget; certainly not this year.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the ministry would procure an additional boat for police operations in Chilubi using the 2026 Zambia Police Service budget. The estimated cost of the boat was **k870,847.00**.

To facilitate timely acquisition, the ministry was actively engaging the Zambia Police Service to expedite the procurement processes in accordance with established public procurement procedures. That intervention was aimed at ensuring that the vessel was delivered and operational within the 2026 financial year.

The acquisition of the additional boat would significantly enhance water-based patrols across the lake and surrounding island communities. It would improve rapid responses to incidents, strengthen crime prevention and law enforcement efforts, and enhance the safety and security of residents, fishermen, traders, and other lake users.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee notes the submission and urges the Executive to expedite the procurement of an additional new boat for the Zambia Police Service in Chilubi Island as it has been provided for in the 2026 National Budget. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

35/25 Completion of Zambia Police Service Housing Units in Serenje District

On Tuesday, 22nd July, 2025, the Minister of Home Affairs and Internal Security made the following assurance:

Madam Speaker, the Ministry of Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development has been engaged to carry out the final assessment of the project to determine the outstanding scope of works, with a view to prepare a fresh Bill of Quantity (BoQ) before it is re-tendered.

Madam Speaker, the timeframe will be determined by the contract terms.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the ministry of infrastructure, housing and urban development had undertaken a comprehensive assessment of the outstanding works and

subsequently prepared updated engineers' estimates and bills of quantities to facilitate completion of the project.

The construction of 118 housing units and a police station was divided into two lots situated on separate sites, as outlined below:

Lot 1: Construction of One Police Station and 52 Housing Units

The estimated cost to complete the remaining works under that lot was **k29,700,000.00**. Government was in the process of re-tendering the works under that lot in order to ensure timely completion and value for money.

Lot 2: construction of 66 housing units in Serenje

The estimated cost to complete the 66 housing units was **k57,755,000.00**. Government planned to complete the project by 2028 through a phased implementation approach under the Zambia police service project and maintenance unit.

The first phase, which involved the completion of sixteen (16) medium-cost housing units, commenced in 2025 and was scheduled for completion by 1st December 2026. As of December 2025, physical progress stood at approximately sixty-seven (67) percent.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee notes the progress made on the assurance and urges the Executive to ensure that the tendering process and remaining works of the project are finalised within the assured time frame. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

Resolution of Border Issues with the DRC

The Committee was informed that the Republic of Zambia and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) had convened a joint permanent commission on Defence and Security from 12th to 16th January 2026, during which boundary and survey matters were extensively deliberated.

Arising from the discussions, the survey authorities of the two countries were scheduled to meet in July 2026 in Pweto, DRC, to examine and review the respective submissions concerning the interpretation of the remaining eight (8) kilometer segment of the Kipimbi mountain range, in accordance with *Article 1 of the 1989 Treaty on the Kipimbi Range of Mountains*.

On this view, the two parties had agreed to hold a follow-up meeting in Chiengi to continue with sensitisation of local communities, joint reconnaissance, and boundary demarcation activities. These engagements would be undertaken in line with the harmonised work schedule that was agreed upon in Kasumbalesa in December 2025, with the objective of ensuring clarity, mutual understanding, and sustained cooperation in the management of the shared boundary.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee notes the update and urges the Executive to ensure that the matter is resolved amicably without any further delay in order to safe guard the sovereignty and

territorial integrity of the Republic of Zambia. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

36/25 Construction of a Modern Bus Station in Lundazi

On Wednesday 18th September, 2024, the Minister of Local Government and Rural Development made the following assurance on the floor of the House:

Madam Speaker, Government has plans to construct a modern bus station in Lundazi Parliamentary Constituency with support from the German Development Bank (Kredistantstaff fur Wielderaufbau). This will include construction of a market shelter, an administration block as well as ablution block. The project is scheduled to commence in the last Quarter of 2024. The procurement process for the project is on course with designs for the Bills of Quantity (BoQ) already in place. The estimated project cost is K20 million.

Executive's Response

The Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development submitted that the contract for the construction of a modern bus station in Lundazi Parliamentary Constituency was awarded and the project was currently under implementation. Physical progress on site stood at approximately 30 per cent completion. The major completed works included the roofing of the main bus station structure and the market shed, while the Contractor was currently undertaking works on the administration block and the ablution block, alongside other associated works. The Ministry remain committed to ensuring the successful completion of the project.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee notes the submission and urges the Executive to ensure that the project is implemented within the assured time frame. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

37/25 36/24 Construction of Bridges in Chiweshafwamba In Kanchibiya Parliamentary Constituency

On Thursday, 27th February 2025, the Minister of Local Government and Rural Development made the following assurance on the floor of the House:

*Mr Speaker, I wish to inform this August House that only one bridge is earmarked for construction in Chiweshafwamba Ward of Kanchibiya Parliamentary Constituency, and this is the Mulyangwa Bridge. The construction of this bridge is likely to commence by the end of the second quarter of 2025.
The average cost of this particular bridge is K1.3 million. Mr Speaker.*

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the Ministry planned to commence the construction of the Mulyangwa Bridge in Chiweshafwamba Ward of Kanchibiya Parliamentary Constituency by the end of the second quarter of 2025. As such, procurement of works to contract that bridge started in February 2025 but could not be concluded in time as planned due to delays in getting the response from Ministry of Finance and National Planning on the availability of funds. The procurement processes were however, concluded and the contract was signed in December 2025. The construction works of that bridge would therefore, commence soon as the contractor was currently preparing to mobilise. The contract details were as indicated below.

Contractor: Mukuta Contractors and General Dealers

Project Name: Construction and Rehabilitation of Crossing Points in Chinsali, Kanchibiya, and Mafinga Districts in Muchinga Province.

Contract Sum: K 6,622,072.40 VAT Inclusive

Number of Bridges in the contract:

Four (ChipunguMalalo in Chinsali, Thendele Kapembe in Mafinga, Mulyangwa in Kanchibiya, and Mulombe in Kanchibiya)

Cost of Mulyangwa Bridge alone in the contract:

K 1,122,949.20

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee notes the response and urges the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development to ensure that the project is implemented within the assured time frame without any further delays. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

38/25 Rehabilitation of Old Chilenje Library in Kabwata Constituency

On Friday, 27th September, 2024, The Minister of Finance and National Planning on behalf of the Minister of Local Government and Rural Development, during the Budget presentation for 2025, made the following assurance:

Madam Speaker, the Government has plans to rehabilitate the Old Chilenje Library in Kabwata Constituency through the Lusaka Council

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the Lusaka City Council was not able to rehabilitate the Old Chilenje Library in 2025 due to financial challenges. However, funds had now been secured and the Council would soon commence procurement of works to facilitate rehabilitation earmarked for the second quarter of 2026 using locally generated resources

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee notes the submission and resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

39/25 Management and Monitoring of Constituency Development Fund (CDF)

On Friday, 27th September, 2024, The Minister of Finance and National Planning on behalf of the Minister of Local Government and Rural Development, during the Budget presentation for 2025, made the following assurance:

Madam Speaker, Government is enhancing the Management and Monitoring of CDF implementation through a robust information, communication system and technology system being developed with support from cooperating partners.

Executive's Response

CDF Dashboard Background

The Committee was informed that since the commencement of the expanded CDF, Government through the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development had been relying on the CDF Dashboard to manage and monitor the implementation of CDF. However, management of CDF through the CDF Dashboard proved difficult because of the following challenges:

Local Authorities still needed to enter data manually into the CDF dashboard for data to remain up to date;

The manual system of data entry had led to local authorities failing to update the information on the dashboard in time thus rendering data inaccuracy;

Manual data entry into the Dashboard was time consuming and prone to many errors which ultimately led to wrong reports.

The Integrated Constituency Development Fund Information Management System (iCDFMIS)

To counter that challenge, Government through the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development with support from Cooperating Partners, migrated to a new system called the Integrated Constituency Development Fund Information Management System (iCDFMIS). Which was a comprehensive digital platform designed to streamline and enhance the management of CDF. The system was designed to achieve the following:

Replace all paper-based work;

Data was captured once & used wherever needed;

Ease the consolidation of data and reporting;

Capturing of CDF Applications into a single database;

What has been Achieved so Far?

The Committee was informed that iCDFMIS had been rolled out to all the 116 Local Authorities;

Relevant Officers in all the 116 Local Authorities had been capacity built to manage and use the iCDFMIS;

The Ministry had procured and given each Local Authority seven (7) laptops and one (1) desktop to be used on the iCDFMIS and to a lesser extent Cash for Work related work;

Local Authorities were recruiting ten (10) data clerks each as part of the iCDFMIS management of the CDF;

In that regard, local Authorities had been given up to 30th April, 2026 to ensure that their respective Ward Development Committees (WDCs) were all trained on how to use the iCDFMIS

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee notes the progress made on the Management and Monitoring of CDF projects and urges the Executive through the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development to expedite the process of recruitment of ten data clerks' in each local authority country wide to fully implement the Integrated Constituency Development Fund Management Information System (iCDFMIS). Further, the Committee recommends that the Government should speed- up the process of ward development Committee's training on how to use the iCDFMIS across the one hundred and sixteen local authorities (116) country wide. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

MINISTRY OF INFRASTRUCTURE HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

40/25 Rehabilitation and Upgrading of the 71 kilometres Monze Niko Road and the Lusaka-Mongu Road from Tateyoyo Gate to Katunda/Lukulu Junction

On Friday, 27th September, 2024, the Minister of Finance and National Planning on behalf of the Minister of Infrastructure and Urban Development made the following assurance during the budget presentation for 2025:

Madam Speaker, Government is rehabilitating and upgrading the 71km Monze-Niko Road. Works commenced in 2023 and are scheduled to be completed in 2025. Rehabilitation of the Lusaka-Mongu Road from Tateyoyo Gate to Katunda/Lukulu Junction, covering a distance of 87 kilometres commenced in August this year and works are scheduled for completion in 2026.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that works for the rehabilitation/upgrading to bituminous standard of approximately 71km of the Monze to Niko Road were ongoing. The physical progress on the project stood at 85 per cent with 67.7 km surfaced. The works were scheduled to be completed by 10th August, 2026. The project included the construction of a new bridge at Bweengwa.

The works for the rehabilitation of the approximately 87.3km of the Tateyoyo to Katunda road were ongoing and scheduled to be completed by December 24, 2026. The physical progress on the project currently stood at 38 per cent with 28.6km surfaced and opened to traffic.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee notes the progress made on the assurance and urges the Executive to ensure that the outstanding works are completed within the stipulated time frame. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

41/25 Upgrading and Rehabilitation of 22 Kilometers of Urban Roads in Choma, Kitwe, Luanshya, Lusaka, Mazabuka, Ndola, Sinazongwe and Solwezi

On Friday, 27 September 2024, the Minister of Finance and National Planning on behalf of the Minister of Infrastructure and Urban Development made the following assurance during the budget presentation for 2025:

Madam Speaker, in 2025, Government will upgrade and rehabilitate more urban roads in Choma, Kitwe, Luanshya, Lusaka, Mazabuka, Ndola, and Sinazongwe and Solwezi

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the construction/upgrading to bituminous standards of 10km of selected urban /Township roads in Choma District was awarded to Messrs., Tawilo Capital Resources Limited at the contract sum of K249,299,509.20. The project commencement date was 8th April, 2025 and completion date being 7th April, 2026 with only 1.8 km of road paved.

The Committee learn that the contract for the construction and upgrading of 10.5 km of selected township roads to bituminous standard in Sinazongwe District in Southern Province was awarded to Messrs. Asphalt Roads Zambia Limited at the revised contract sum of K 216,828,507.08 VAT inclusive. The initial contract start date was 3rd January, 2024 and completion date being 2nd April, 2026. The contractor had to date paved 5 km of the road. The completion date was 2nd April, 2026.

In addition, the contract for the construction and upgrading of 12 km of selected township roads to bituminous standard in Mazabuka District was awarded to Asphalt Roads Zambia Limited at the contract sum of K379676, 960.40. The contractor had to-date paved 0.7 km out of 12km of the road. The completion date was 13th April, 2026. The contract was expected to be extended.

The Committee was further informed that the contract for the construction and upgrading of 12 km of selected township roads to bituminous standard in Solwezi District was awarded to JDCON Zambia Limited at the contract sum of K272,421,546.39. The contractor had to date paved 1.3km out of 12km. The completion date was 13th April, 2026 with contract period expected to be extended.

In particular, the contract for the construction and upgrading of 16 km of selected township roads to bituminous standard in Kitwe District was awarded to Nchifar Enterprises Limited at the contract sum of K516,781,997.30. The contractor had to-date paved 3.3km out of 16km with completion date being 13th April, 2026 and likely to be extended.

The Committee learnt that the contract for the construction and upgrading of 16 km of selected township roads to bituminous standard in Ndola District was awarded to Henan Overseas Engineering Construction Cooperation at the contract sum of K649,924,698.64. The contractor had to-date paved 5.5km out of 16km of the road with project completion date being 15th September, 2026.

The contract for the construction and upgrading of 12.8 km of selected township roads to bituminous standard in Luanshya District was awarded to Royal Kent's Engineering Limited at the contract sum of K295,694,466.66. The contractor had to-date paved 8.6km out of 12.8km of the road project. The completion date was 21st April, 2026.

Under this vein, the contract for the construction and upgrading of 13.8 km of selected township roads to bituminous standard in Lusaka District was awarded to Kailjee Construction Limited at the contract sum of K842,675,476.13 with 2 km out of 13.8 Km of the road paved. Thus, date of completion was 13th April, 2026 with the view of extension. The Committee further learnt, that the contract for the construction and upgrading of 14.8km of selected township roads to bituminous standard in Lusaka District was awarded to Lumandwe Resources Limited at the contract sum of K589,327,688.22. The contractor had to-date paved 7.6km out of 14.8km of the road. The completion date was 31st March, 2026 with possibility of extension.

The contract for the construction and upgrading of 17 km of selected township roads to bituminous standard in Lusaka District was awarded to Scirroco Enterprises Limited at the contract sum of K407,623,459.12. The contractor had to-date paved 5.8km from the entire road project from the contract was expected to be extended from the project completion date of 13th April, 2026.

In conclusion, the rehabilitation of selected urban roads in Lusaka District totaling 58.5km was awarded to Messrs. Kailjee Construction Limited at a contract tendered sum of K1,267,642,841.52 with VAT Inclusive. In this regard, the contract commencement date was 19th December, 2025 while completion date was 19th December, 2027.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee notes the response and urges the Executive to ensure that the outstanding works of the projects are finalised within the scheduled time frame without any further delays. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

42/25 Construction of Mpanta/Katanshya/Kapata Road in Bangweulu

On Wednesday 27th November, 2024 the Minister of Fisheries and Livestock on behalf of the Minister of Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development made an assurance on the floor of the House that:

Government, through the Road Development Agency (RDA), is, currently, undertaking maintenance works on the Mpanta/Katanshya/Kapata Road in Bangweulu Parliamentary Constituency.

The maintenance works are scheduled to be completed by 31st December, 2024. The works are being carried out by the RDA under the Force Account. The total cost of the project is estimated at K13,816,986.44.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that maintenance works on the Mpanta/Katanshya/Kapata road were completed in December 2024. The works done included heavy grading of the

entire sixty-six (66) km stretch and (thirty-two) 32 km regraveling of the portion of the heavy graded section and installation of eight (8) No. Concrete pipe culverts points. Further, additional works on the stretch were identified on the remaining thirty-four (34) km section had succumbed to gravel loss due to the passage of time. The estimated cost of the required works was K22,000,000.00 expected to be undertaken once additional funds were secured through the treasury.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee notes the submission and urges the Government to mobilise additional resources to undertake additional works on the 32 kilometres stretch of the construction of Mpanta/Katanshya/Kapata Road in bangweulu. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

43/25 Construction of Mwenda Secondary School

On Tuesday, 11th February, 2025 the Minister of Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development made the following assurance on the floor of the House:

Madam Speaker, the construction of Mwenda Boarding Secondary School in Chipili District of Luapula Province will be completed by 31st December, 2025. As of April 2024, the project was at 60 per cent.

The delay in completing the project is due to funding constraints.

The cost of the outstanding works was estimated at K30, 626,060.36 as of 2014. However, that is likely to change after the procurement of a new contractor.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that Government had re-procured Messrs. Hua Jiang Investment Limited, the contractor who had done the initial works, to complete the construction of Mwenda Boarding Secondary School in Chipili District of Luapula Province of the Republic of Zambia. In that regard, works on site commenced on 16th May 2025 and were expected to be completed after 24 months (approximately May 2027). The total cost of completing the works was K 120,912,239.38, inclusive of Value Added Tax. So far, the Contractor had been paid advance payment amounting to K30,228,059.85 and fully mobilised on site with progress standing at seventy (70) percent completion.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee notes the progress made on the project and urges the Executive to actualise the assurance within the scheduled time frame as promised in the response. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

44/25 Construction of Luano Boarding Secondary in Mkushi South Parliamentary Constituency

On Friday 14th February, 2024 the Minister of Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development made the following assurance:

Mr Speaker, the construction of Luano Boarding Secondary School in Mkushi South Parliamentary Constituency will be completed once the contractor has been procured. The contract sum for the project is K59, 163,229.92.

The contractor for the project is Savenda Management Services Limited. The amount paid as of April 2024 was K14, 195,841.51.

The level of completion of the project as of April 2024 was 50 per cent.

The expected time of completion of the outstanding works is eighteen months from the date of commencement.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the contract for the construction of Luano Boarding Secondary in Mkushi South Parliamentary Constituency had expired in 2024 due to funding constraints. Furthermore, at the time the project had expired was, I was at 90 per cent towards completion. The Committee was further, informed that the major outstanding works to be completed on the project were mainly external works.

In conclusion, the Committee learnt that the process of re-procuring the works had commenced, and expected to be completed within the 1st quarter of 2026.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee notes the submission and resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

45 /25 Construction of Chembe District Administration Offices

On Friday 20th October, 2023 the Minister of Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development made the following assurance:

Mr Speaker, the construction of the District Administration Office Block in Chembe will be completed by 30th December, 2023, in line with the revised contract. All the interim payment certificates have been paid and the contractor is expected to expedite the works. As of June 2023, the level of completion, in percentage terms, was at 91 per cent and the cost of the outstanding works is K807,942.95.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the construction of Chembe District Administration Offices in Luapula Province did not progress as earlier reported due to funding constraints, leading to expiry of the earlier contract. However, in 2024, the Government re-procured the same contractor to complete the works at a total cost of K6,014,054.80 with a completion period of 120 days. So far, K3,798,689.59 had been paid to the contractor, and the progress on site stands at 97 per cent. The project was expected to be completed in the 1st quarter of 2026.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee notes the submission and urges the Executive to adhere to the time frame given in the assurance. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

47/25 Construction of Student Hostels at the University of Zambia, Copperbelt University and Mulungushi University

On Wednesday 27th November, 2024, the Minister of Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development made the following assurance:

Mr Speaker, the works on the student's hostels at the University of Zambia (UNZA) in Lusaka District are expected to take about twenty-four months to complete once works are commenced. The works on the student's hostels at the Copperbelt University (CBU) in Kitwe District are expected to take about eighteen months to complete once works are commenced. The works on the student's hostels at the Mulungushi University in Kapiri Mposhi District are expected to take about thirty-six months to complete once works are commenced. The delay in completing the projects was due to funding constraints. The total cost of each project will be fully ascertained once all the outstanding works are procured. The projects are currently being retendered.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that Construction of student hostels at the University of Zambia, Copperbelt University, and Mulungushi University had resumed and was progressing well and works expected to be completed in the third quarter of 2026. The scope of the works included the construction of (forty -eighty)48 hostel blocks across the three Universities providing a total bed capacity of 7,680 distributed as follows:

University of Zambia (UNZA) Main Campus, Lusaka: twenty-two (22) hostels with the, bed capacity of 3,520;

University of Zambia - Ridgeway Campus, Lusaka: four (4) hostels with the bed capacity of 640;

Copperbelt University - Riverside Campus, Kitwe: (ten)10 hostels with the bed capacity of 1,600

Copperbelt University - Michael Chilufya Sata Medical School, Ndola: 6 hostels with the bed capacity of 960; and

Mulungushi University - Main Campus, Kapiri Mposhi: six (6) hostels with the bed capacity of 960.

The status of the active projects were as follows;

CONSTRUCTION OF UNIVERSITY OF ZAMBIA HOSTELS

Construction of the University of Zambia Hostels

The Ministry was currently constructing twenty-six (26) four storey hostel blocks at the University of Zambia (UNZA) each with a student capacity of one hundred and sixty (160) students with a combined total capacity of four thousand one hundred and sixty (4,160) students. Of these hostels, twenty-two (22) were at the UNZA main campus while four (4) at ridgeway campus. The contracts for the construction of the twenty-six hostels had been categorised in seven lot as outlined below:

Lot 1

That lot comprised of four hostel blocks with a total student capacity of six hundred and forty students. The contract had been retendered and awarded to Hua Chang Infrastructure

Limited at a cost of K130, 930,403.57 with a contract duration of 12months. The contractor had just mobilised and was on site working.

Lot 2

In that lot, the Ministry was building five hostels with a total student capacity of eight hundred students. The Ministry was in the process of re-engaging the contractor Millers construction Limited to complete the outstanding works.

Lot 3

That lot comprised of four hostel blocks with a total student capacity of six hundred and forty students. In that regard, the Ministry was in the process of re-engaging the contractor Fair face enterprises Limited to complete the outstanding works.

Lot 4

In that lot the Ministry was building five hostels with a total student capacity of eight hundred students. The contract with the contractor Mango tree had been finalised and was awaiting clearance from Ministry of Justice before resumption of works.

Lot 5

That lot comprised of four hostel blocks with a total student capacity of six hundred and forty students. The Contract had been awarded to Wah Kong Investments at a contract tender sum of K167,498,017.41, with completion period of 12 months. The contractor was on site and works were progressing well. To that effect, progress of works was sitting at about 70 per cent completion stage.

Lot 6

That lot comprised of four hostel blocks with a total student capacity of six hundred and forty students at ridgeway campus, The Contract had been awarded to Wah Kong Investments at a tender sum of K168,235,993.08 with a completion period of 12 months. The contractor was on site and works were progressing well. As such, progress of works was sitting at about 70 per cent completion stage.

Lot 7

That lot consisted of the electrical, sewer, and water reticulation as well as the road network and the storm water drainage. The Contract had been awarded to African Brothers at a tender sum of K236,950,848.90. The contractor was on site and works were progressing well, and progress of works was sitting at about 55 per cent completion stage.

CONSTRUCTION OF COPPERBELT UNIVERSITY HOSTELS

Lot 1:

Under this sub-heading, the Committee was informed that it had comprised of four (4) Hostel Blocks, accommodating 640 students.

The contractor had been paid an advance payment amounting to K32,732,600.89. The contractor had fully mobilized and was currently working.

Lot 3 and 4:

The Committee was further informed that the Ministry has renegotiated the tender for the completion of 4 hostel blocks with Hua Jiang Investments Limited at a contract sum of K187, 695,426.20 for Lot three (3) and (four) 4. The works were progressing well and the projects were at 55 per cent towards completion.

CONSTRUCTION OF MULUNGUSHI UNIVERSITY HOSTELS

The Committee learnt that the Ministry had renegotiated the tender for the completion of six (6) hostel blocks at Mulungushi University with Hua Jiang Investments Limited at a contract sum of K410,752,016.38. The contractor was yet to officially remobilise on site upon payment of the advance sum.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee notes the progress made on the projects and urges the Executive to actualise the assurance and ensure that the outstanding works are finalised in order to mitigate the challenges of accommodation at the University of Zambia, Copperbelt University and Mulungushi University. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

48/25 Construction of industrial yards in Central, Muchinga and Southern province

On Friday, 27th September, 2024, the Minister of Finance and National Planning on behalf of the Minister of Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development made the following assurance during the budget presentation for 2025:

Madam Speaker, the construction of the second phase of yards is earmarked to commence in 2025 and will focus on three provinces which are Central, Muchinga and Southern.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the construction of industrial yards in selected provinces was being funded by the African Development Bank (AfDB) under phase one (1) which ended in December, 2025. The industrial yards for the three provinces of Central, Muchinga and Southern Provinces were not included in phase one but were earmarked to be constructed under phase two of the AfDB funded project. Implementation of phase two (2) was under discussion between the Bank and the Ministry of Medium and Small Enterprises. So far, Government had developed the concept note and the Project Implementation Document had since been submitted to the African Development Bank. To this effect, the Committee learnt that, the Ministry of Finance and National Planning had undertaken an appraisal and due diligence of phase (one)1 in preparation for phase two (2) in line with the Public Investment Management Guidelines under the *National Planning and Budgeting Act of No. 1 2020*.

The Committee observed that, other requirements needed towards the conclusion of negotiations of phase two (2) by the bank included the following undertakings: -

Environmental and Social Impact Assessment of the proposed sites in the three provinces; study on the business model for operating the industrial yards, bulking centers and warehouses; and the feasibility study on the proposed phase two (2).

In that regard, these processes were concluded, Government anticipated commencing the construction of industrial yards in the three provinces in the fourth quarter of 2026 or first quarter of 2027

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee notes the submission and resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

49/25 Construction of Chipata/ Lundazi Road

On Friday 14th March, 2025, the Minister of Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development made the following assurance:

Mr Speaker, the Government has secured funds to reconstruct the 222 km Chipata/Lundazi/Chasefu Road to bituminous standard under the Millennium Challenge Compact Project, an agency of the United States of America (USA). The project is estimated to be completed within twenty-four months after commencement.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that works for the rehabilitation of approximately 222km of the Chipata/Lundazi/Chasefu Road were initially scheduled to be undertaken through the Millennium Challenge Compact Project with financing from the Government of the United States of America. However, following a change in policy direction on the part of the US Government, Millennium Challenge Compact Project was cancelled.

In this vein, the Committee learn that, Government through the Road Development Agency advertised for the rehabilitation and periodic maintenance of 139km of the M12 road from Km42+000 to Km181+000. The works were intended to be undertaken through a designing and build contract. The tender for the works was running and scheduled to close on 27th February, 2026. Further, the scope of works would be as follows:

- Km42+000 to Km90+000 (Rehabilitation); and
- Km90+000 to Km181+000 (Periodic Maintenance)

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee notes the submission and resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

50/25 Construction of the Zimba, Nyawa and Kalomo Road

On Thursday, 20th March, 2025, the Minister of Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development made an assurance detailed hereunder.

Madam Speaker, the outstanding works in percentage terms as of December 2024, stood at 81 per cent, the project shall resume in April 2025, following the successful engagement of a new contractor. The project is anticipated to be completed within twenty-four months of commencing the works.

Executive’s Response

The Committee was informed that the construction of the Zimba, Nyawa and Kalomo roads resumed on 4th April, 2025 following the engagement of another contractor, Messrs Conduril Engenharia. The works were ongoing and expected to be completed on 4th April, 2027. The scope included the rehabilitation and maintenance of 155km of selected feeder roads in Kazungula, Zimba and Kalomo Districts. The contract sum was K217,304,682.67. The physical progress stood at 30 per cent of completion. The contractor had also done some community infrastructure in form of two big markets and twenty boreholes. Ten of these boreholes were solar powered with overhead water storage tanks.

Committee’s Observations and Recommendations

The Committee notes the progress made on the assurance and urges the Executive to ensure that the remaining scope of works for the construction of the Zimba, Nyawa and Kalomo roads are completed expeditiously. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

MINISTRY OF ENERGY

51/25 – The Electricity Situation in the Country

On Wednesday, 18th September 2024, the Hon. Minister of Transport and Logistics made the following assurance:

“Madam speaker, in terms of the medium-term and long-term measures, ZESCO Limited is currently developing a 100 MW Solar Photovoltaic (PV) power plant in chisamba. The project is underway with a scheduled duration time of ten months aiming for completion and commission by the end of this year. Further, implementation of the 120 MW Solar PV portfolio power projects under the Global Energy Transfer Feed-in Tariff (GET-FIT) programme has reached an advanced stage.”

Executive’s Response

Chisamba Solar Power Project

The Committee was informed that the 100 MW Chisamba Solar Photovoltaic Power Plant was completed and commissioned on 30th June 2025, by His Excellency, the President of the Republic of Zambia Mr. Hakainde Hichilema. The plant was fully operational and supplying power into the National grid.

GET-FiT Zambia

The Committee was further informed that core project documents, including the Implementation Agreement (IA), Grid Connection Agreement (GCA), Power Purchase Agreement (PPA), Direct Agreements and related ancillary agreements had been executed. It is worth stating that the project was yet to reach financial closure except for the 20 MW Garneton North Solar Project. In conclusion, the Committee observed that the Ministry was hopeful that the remaining 100 MW would reach financial closure by the end of March 2026.

Committee’s Observations and Recommendations

The Committee notes the progress made on the assurance and urges the Executive to ensure that the outstanding 20 MW Garneston North Solar Project and the 100 MW are completed within the assured time frame. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

52/25 Electrification of Areas in Mpika Parliamentary Constituency

On Wednesday, 13th March, 2024 the Minister of Community Development and Social Services made an assurance on the floor of the House:

“Madam Speaker, project implementation has already started, obviously, by conducting feasibility studies for the electrification of Nabwalya, Kapoko, Changalilo, Dick and Mutengo villages, Danger Hill, ChishalaMulosha and Sabwa.

Madam Speaker, the cost of implementing the project is estimated at K 61 million. In addition, the feasibility studies for the electrification of the remaining areas, namely Chipungu, Mukonteka and Kasuba are scheduled to be undertaken in September 2025.

However, subsequent electrification will be implemented in phases, subject to availability of resources.”

Executive Response

The Committee was informed that feasibility studies for the electrification of Chipungu and Mukonteka were undertaken in the month of September 2025 and the costs for implementing the projects were estimated at K9,485,324.44 and K7,324,785.11 respectively.

In addition, the Rural Electrification Authority (REA) in the 2026 Work Plan and Budget, would electrify Kapoko, Changilo, Dick and Mutengo villages at an estimated cost of K 12,468,288.47.

Further, the feasibility study to electrify Kasuba and surrounding areas would be conducted during the second quarter of 202

Committee’s Observations and Recommendations

The Committee notes the submission and resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

53/ 25 Development of 15 New Solar Power Grids

On Friday, 27th September, 2024, the Minister of Finance and National Planning on behalf of the Ministry of Energy during the budget presentation for 2025, made the following assurance:

“Madam Speaker, to increase access to electricity in rural areas, Government will continue implementing the Rural Electrification Programme. So far, 131 Grid Development and 38 Off-Grid Renewable Energy Projects have been completed. The Rural Electrification Authority is currently operating 12 mini grids resulting in 2,095 connections. By the end of the year, 15 new solar projects will be completed and will result in 3, 421 connections.”

Executive’s Response

The Committee was informed that twelve out of the fifteen solar plants planned were successfully completed by the end of 2025 and the remaining three would be completed by December 2026.

The Rural Electrification Authority was operating twenty-four off-grid plants comprising one (1) mini hydro and twenty-four (Solar Mini Grids (SMG) with a total installed generation capacity of 1.988M, the twenty-four SMG was operational with 2,190 active connections and the Mini Hydro Plant had 1,203 connections giving a total of 3,393 connections.

Committee’s Observations and Recommendations

The Committee notes the update and urges the Executive to ensure that the three remaining Solar Power Grids are completed as assured. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

54/25 Construction of a 600 Megawatts Thermal Power Plant in Maamba

On Friday, 27th September, 2024, the Minister of Finance and National Planning on behalf of the Ministry of Energy, made the following assurance:

“Madam Speaker, Government has encouraged the construction of an additional thermal Power Plant in Maamba to double capacity to 600 Megawatts by next year.”

Executive’s Response

The Committee was informed that the President of the Republic of Zambia Mr. Hakainde Hichilema launched the construction of Maamba phase II project on 13th August 2024. The 300 MW Phase II expansion at approximately sixty per cent completion, with construction progressing as planned bringing the total to 600 MW. The first generating unit (150 MW) was expected to be commissioned by the second quarter of 2026.

Committee’s Observations and Recommendations

The Committee notes the update and resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

55/25 The implementation of Net- Metering Initiative

On Friday, 27th September, 2024, the Minister of Finance and National Planning, on behalf of the Minister of Energy, during the budget presentation for 2025, made the following assurance:

“Madam Speaker, Government is also implementing the net-metering initiative to encourage consumers to generate power and supply excess to the national grid. Further, in June this year, Government launched the Energy Single Licensing System to streamline the licensing process. This will reduce the period applicants take to obtain licenses and permits for energy projects”

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the Ministry through the Zambia Electricity Supply Corporation (ZESCO) limited launched the Net Metering Programme in August 2024 following the gazetting of the Electricity (Net Metering) Regulations to promote renewable energy adoption and prosumer participation. The Committee learnt that, the framework allowed customers (Prosumers) to install embedded renewable energy systems and export surplus energy to the grid in exchange for energy credits.

As of December 2025, ZESCO Limited had onboarded **521** active Prosumers, with a total installed capacity **15.345 MW**. The cumulative energy exported to the grid by all prosumers was **12,228.4 MWh** and the total payout to prosumers in the form of electricity credits was **K3,685,031.77**.

The Committee was further informed that the Single Licensing system, the Committee was informed that Energy Single Licensing System (ESLS) was being operationalised in a phased manner. Integration with the National Digital Infrastructure (Government Service Bus) and participating licensing agencies was being progressively advanced to improve transparency and standardised turnaround time. To that end, the Committee observed that, the Ministry remained committed to full operationalisation of the system and to delivering measurable improvements in efficiency, predictability and investor confidence within the Energy Licensing Framework.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee notes the response and resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

MINISTRY OF TECHNOLOGY AND SCIENCE

56/25 Construction of 202 Towers Country-wide

On Friday, 27th September, 2024, the Minister of Finance and National Planning on behalf of the Ministry of Technology and Science during the budget presentation for 2025, made the following assurance:

Madam Speaker, a total of 202 towers are being constructed and will be completed by the end of this year. Of these, 171 are being constructed by Government through ZICTA at a cost of K 409 million while 31 are being constructed by the private sector.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that a comprehensive review of the updated national tower construction database confirmed the status of the 171 Government-funded towers as follows:

31 Towers under the Universal Access and Service Fund (UASF) 2024 Rollout Programme implemented by ZICTA – All 31 sites had been completed;

51 Greenfield Towers under the Universal Access and Service Fund (UASF) 2024 Rollout Programme implemented by ZICTA – All 51 sites had completed;

25 Towers under the GRZ Project – 24 out of 25 sites had been completed;

40 Relocation Towers implemented under the Infrastructure Relocation Programme by Infratel – No sites relocated to date;

49 Upgrade Sites under the Infrastructure Relocation Programme implemented by ZICTA – 28 of the 49 sites had been upgraded and completed.

In total, 126 out of the 171 Government-funded sites had been completed. The additional 31 towers constructed by the private sector had all been completed.

The Committee was further informed that the 40 relocation sites under the Infrastructure Relocation Programme had not been implemented due to budgetary constraints faced by Infratel, particularly arising from financial pressures associated with prolonged load shedding.

To that effect, the Committee would be updated on the progress.

Committee’s Observations and Recommendations

The Committee notes the response and resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

57/25 Construction of Digital Transformational Centres

On Friday, 27th September, 2024, the Minister of Finance and National Planning on behalf of the Ministry of Technology and Science during the budget presentation for 2025, made the following assurances:

Madam Speaker, this year, 48 Digital Transformational Centres have been established, out of which 23 are located in youth resource centres and 52 in rural post offices. Further, 75 post offices will be repurposed into Digital Transformation Centres with full internet connectivity by the end of this year. In 2025, an additional 50 post will be repurposed into Digital transformational Centres.

Executive’s Response

The Committee was informed that the Ministry had operationalised the Digital Transformation Centres (DTCs) which the Government had since procured and handed over the Information Communication Technologies (ICT) equipment to the Zambia Postal Services Corporation (ZAMPOST).

The procured equipment comprised the following items:

100 desktop computers;
100 All-in-One printers;
14 laptops;
2 Canon industrial printers;
100 chairs;
100 tables;

The procured equipment had since been distributed to various post offices across the country.

The Committee would be updated on the progress.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee notes the submission and resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

58/25 Installation of Communication Towers in Milanzi Parliamentary Constituency

On Tuesday, 11th February, 2025, the Minister of Technology and Science gave an assurance on the floor of the House as follows:

Mr Speaker, in responding to the question, I wish to inform the House that the Government has plans to erect communication towers, countrywide, including in Milanzi Parliamentary Constituency. The House may wish to note that the Government surveyed four sites in Milanzi Parliamentary Constituency in the following wards:

*Kapoche at Chiwalala Primary School;
Kafumbwe at Mnthimpa Rural Health Centre;
Kampamba at Zokango Primary School; and
Katuila at Katuila Secondary School.*

Madam Speaker, working with a private mobile network operator, the Government has commenced the erection of a tower at Katuila Secondary School, in Katuila Ward, in Milanzi Constituency. Once the fiscal space improves, the other three areas will be prioritised.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the updated national tower register confirmed that the communication tower at Katuila Secondary School, under the 51 ZICTA Towers Project, had been completed.

Zokango Primary School, Mnthimpa Rural Health Centre, and Chimwalala Primary School were listed under the 150 Digital Zambia Acceleration Project (DZAP) Towers Programme, which was funded by the World Bank. These sites were therefore scheduled for implementation under the DZAP framework.

Accordingly, progress in Milanzi Parliamentary Constituency remained aligned with the assurance rendered to the House, with one site completed and the remaining sites programmed under the World Bank-funded DZAP initiative.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee notes the update and urges the Executive to ensure that Communication Towers in Zokango Primary School, Mnthimpa Rural Health Centre and Chimwala Primary School in Milanzi Parliamentary Constituency are completed as scheduled. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

59/25 Construction of Communication Towers in Katombola Constituency

On Tuesday, 18th February, 2025 the Minister of Technology and Science gave an assurance in the House as follows:

Madam Speaker, the Ministry, through the Zambia Information and Communications Technology Authority (ZICTA), warned the contractor. He has since commenced construction in the new location in a phased manner.

According to the project schedule, the contractor is expected to be on-site in Katombola Constituency by April 2025, ensuring that the work progresses as planned.

The estimated cost of the forty towers to be relocated is US\$4,149,550.03 incurred in procuring equipment, which is exclusive of local services amounting to K31,916 268.49.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the updated project register confirmed that implementation in Katombola Constituency had been completed at Chimonsel Primary School under the 31 Towers Project.

However, the two sites under the 40 Relocation Towers Programme, namely Sinde Primary School and Ndele Primary School, had not yet been concluded due to the financial constraints referenced above.

The Committee would be updated on the progress.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee notes the update and urges the Executive to ensure that the remaining two sites for the construction of communication towers under the forty (40) Relocation Towers Programme in both Sinde and Ndele Primary School in Katombola Parliamentary Constituency are completed as scheduled to alleviate network challenges in the areas.

The Committee further recommends that Government mobilise additional resources to expedite the project completion time and date. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

60/25 Plans to Upgrade Evelyn Hone College of applied Arts and Commerce into a Polytechnic

On Tuesday 15th July, 2025 the Minister of Technology and Science gave an assurance on the floor of the House that:

Madam Speaker, I wish to inform the House that the Government has plans to upgrade Evelyn Hone College of Applied Arts and Commerce into a polytechnic and not a university. The polytechnic will offer degree programmes as appropriate.

That initiative forms part of the Government's broader strategy to enhance the skills development ecosystem by transforming selected high-performing technical colleges and trade training institutes into specialised polytechnic training facilities offering hands-on higher-level qualifications beyond a diploma.

To prepare for the upgrading of the college and other identified institutions, the Government is undertaking the following:

review of the legal and institutional framework to provide for the establishment and governance of polytechnics. This review has reached an advanced stage;

with support from co-operating partners, infrastructure expansion and modernisation to meet polytechnic standards will commence soon; and human capital development, particularly upskilling and reskilling of technical staff to match the anticipated polytechnic-level demands.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the upgrading of the Evelyn Hone College into a Polytechnic was still awaiting the enactment of the TEVET Bill which was with the Ministry of Justice for Finalisation. It was expected that the Bill would be presented to Parliament in the Legislative Session. Furthermore, as reported previously, in readiness to upgrading the institution, the Ministry had set up a Committee to look into the smooth transitioning of the institution. Some of the areas being worked on include: Competency Based Curriculum Development, identification of programmes, industrial profiling, human resource development through upgrade of lecturer qualifications, infrastructure development and improvement of equipment. The Committee would be updated on the progress.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee notes the submission and urges the Executive through the Ministry of Technology and Science to speed up the enactment of the *TEVET Bill* which will facilitate for the upgrade of Evelyn Hone College of applied Arts and Commerce into a Polytechnic or University. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

MINISTRY OF MINES AND MINERALS DEVELOPMENT

61/25 Improving the Investment Climate of Mining

On Friday, 27th September, 2024, the Minister of Finance and National Planning on behalf of the Minister of Mines and Minerals Development made the following assurances during the budget presentation for 2025.

Madam Speaker, the improved investment climate has also resulted in the revival of shaft 28 in Luanshya, a mine that has been abandoned for nearly two decades, and will create 3,000 jobs. Lubambe Mine has been saved from closing and is expanding with an initial investment of \$300 million.

Kalengwa Mine in Mufumbwe will soon come on board with an initial investment of about \$ 200 Million for the first time in our country, a copper mine is being opened at Kitumba in Mumbwa District and will create 2,500 jobs.

In addition, a total of US \$ 2 Billion will be invested in the recently commissioned Mingomba Mine Project in Chililabombwe. This will create over 1,000 jobs.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the Zambian mining sector had experienced a dynamic investment landscape, with the actualised investments such as;

Shaft 28 in Luanshya District: Once submerged for 23 years, Shaft 28 had undergone a massive transformation from flooded tunnels to a modern, fully reconstructed underground

mine. Tremendous progress was underway at Shaft 28 marking a historic revival for a mine that lay dormant for more than two decades as dewatering would be completed by end of 2025 with copper production scheduled to resume in August 2026. So far, 83 per cent of the water had been dewatered, with only 17 per cent remaining and once operational, Shaft 28 would employ more than 3,000 people and produce 55,000 tonnes of copper annually, increasing to 100,000 tonnes by 2030 and directly supporting Zambia's national production target of 3 million tonnes of copper by 2031. CNMC had invested USD 100 million in the dewatering phase of Shaft 28, with a total capital outlay of USD 710 million projected once full operations commence.

Lubambe Copper Mine in Chililabombwe District: The Committee learnt that the relaunch of Lubambe Copper Mine and the commissioning of the Shaft Sinking Project were held on Friday, 30th May 2025. The mine had so far invested USD 92 million to improve its technical operations to increase copper production at the mine. The mine had previously undergone multiple ownership changes and now had a strategic equity investor, JCHX Mining who had embraced the use of modern technologies. As such, Lubambe was sinking two new Shafts to expand its operations, thereby boosting productivity and profitability. The Shaft Sinking Project was a critical step in unlocking Zambia's mineral potential and reaffirmed the country's target to produce three million tonnes of copper annually by 2031. In addition, ZCCM-IH had increased its shareholding in Lubambe Copper Mine from 20 per cent to 30 per cent reflecting Government's commitment to enhancing Zambia's stake and participation in the mining sector, ensuring that more value was retained within the country.

Kalengwa Mine in Mufumbwe District: Kalengwa Mine was officially reopened on November 18, 2024 after being dormant for 46 years, with Euro-Africa taking over its redevelopment to revive copper production and create jobs. The reopening represented a significant milestone as Euro Africa Kalengwa Mine invested over US\$20 million in the project through an investor Moxico Resources Plc.

Kitumba Mine in Mumbwa District: The Committee learnt that the mine had launched a \$600 million open-pit mining project expected to significantly increase the country's copper output and renewable energy capacity. Kitumba Mine will be processing 4.5 million tonnes of copper ore annually, producing 50,000 tonnes of refined copper thereby contributing to the attainment of Government's target of 3 million metric tonnes of copper production by 2031. The investment had created 2,500 jobs and construction of a 50-megawatt solar plant to power operations.

Mingomba Mine Project in Chililabombwe District: KoBold Metals Mingomba Project was a massive, AI-driven copper and cobalt mining venture aiming to become one of the world's largest undeveloped copper deposits, using advanced tech for discovery and promising huge local economic benefits, job creation, and Zambia's goal to reach 3 million tonnes of copper production. Mingomba project was a joint venture between the Zambia Consolidated Copper Mines Investment Holdings (ZCCM-IH) that holds a 20 per cent stake in the project with KoBold Metals holding 80 per cent stake. The mine had completed over 120,000 meters of drilling to define the resource, described as one of the richest undeveloped

copper deposits in the world. The project progressing to feasibility studies, designing, and engineering for infrastructure development. Shaft sinking, a major step in the construction phase, was expected to commence in 2026.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee notes the progress and resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

62/25 Mining Licenses Issues Country wide in 2022/2023

On Tuesday, 25th February, 2025, the Minister of Mines and Minerals Development made the following assurances on the floor of the House:

Madam Speaker, the Government has put in place measures to support small-scale miners through the following Conducive Policy Legislative and Institutional Framework: The Ministry is using a multi-sectoral approach by undertaking various efforts aimed at providing a conducive policy, Legislative and Institutional environment to support the growth of the artisanal mining sub-sector in Zambia.

For instance, under the policy framework, the Government has put in place an enabling tax regime for artisanal miners, while in terms of legislation, among others, artisanal licenses have been left exclusively for the local people. In terms of institutional frameworks, the Government is in the process of establishing a department under the Ministry of Mines and Minerals Development, which will be dedicated to dealing with artisanal miners.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that Government through the Ministry had been implementing policy, legal, and regulatory reforms in the mining sector over the last few years. As part of the sectoral reforms, Government revised the tax regime for the Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining (ASM) sub-sector from the corporate income tax of 30 per cent to now presumptive tax of 4 per cent. That was meant to accelerate the growth of the artisanal and small-scale mining and making it viable to contribute to the country economic growth. The goal of the simplified tax regime was to draw informal miners into the formal economy, providing them with security of tenure and access to financial services and technical support that were otherwise unavailable.

In addition, the Committee was further informed that the Ministry repealed and replaced the *Mines and Minerals Development Act No 11 of 2015* through the formulation and enactment of the *Geological and Minerals Development Act NO. 2 of 2025*. Some of the progressive provisions of the Act, include the establishment of the Department responsible for ASM as well as the creation of a fund to support artisanal and small-scale mining subsector. The Department of ASM was meant to play a crucial role in contributing towards the development and growth of the ASM sub-sector.

Committee's Observation and Recommendations

The Committee notes the submission and urges the Executive to speed up the operations of the department responsible for Artisanal and Small- Scale Mining to expedite the growth of the small-scale mining and artisanal sector and enhance economic growth. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

MINISTRY OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL SERVICES

63/25 Emergency Social Cash Transfer Programme

On Friday, 27th September, 2024, the Minister of Finance and National Planning on behalf of the Minister of Community Development and Social Services made the following assurance during the budget presentation for 2025:

Madam Speaker, under the regular social cash transfer, the number of beneficiary household increased to 1.3 million at end of August 2024 from 1.1 million in 2023. To further cushion beneficiary households from the effect of the draught, the regular Social Cash Transfer beneficiary. Households are now receiving an additional K 200 per month for a period of 12 months starting June this year. Livelihoods component will be scaled up to all the 116 districts, covering 200,000 Beneficiaries

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the Drought Emergency Social Cash Transfer programme was successfully implemented in all the 116 districts for a period of 12 months, from May 2024 to April 2025 with a total caseload of 952, 570 (households affected by the drought and not on the regular Social Cash Transfer (SCT) programme). The drought ECTs was also paid to the existing 1.3 million SCT households. Households that were on the regular Social Cash Transfer (SCT) programme were paid a top-up of K200 per month bringing the total amount to K400 per month. Households identified through the rapid assessment, that were not on the Social Cash Transfer programme received K400 per month. Payments were made on a bi-monthly basis. Following the closure of the Drought Emergency Cash Transfer, households that were not on the social cash transfer programme that were captured in the rapid assessment and enumeration, no longer receive emergency cash transfer payments from the Ministry and they were advised to register for the regular SCT programme during the just ended scale -up for possible inclusion on the programme if eligible. Those on the SCT have continued to adjusted cash transfers of K800 and K1200 every bi-monthly, for households without and with a member with a disability respectively.

Supporting women's Livelihoods scale-up

The Supporting Women's Livelihoods for Climate-Smart Productive Inclusion (SWL) programme was Component 3 of the Girls' Education and Women's Empowerment and Livelihoods for Human Capital Development Project (GEWEL 2). The programme was planned for gradual national scale-up to all 116 districts and will introduce transformative measures to support sustainable, climate-smart pathways out of poverty. The number of SWL beneficiaries had accumulatively increased to 173,986 as of January 2026 against the target of 200,000. In 2026, SWL would expand coverage to all 116 districts after the completion of the market needs and assessment study.

Committee's Observation and Recommendations

The Committee notes the submission and urges the Executive to continue with the emergency Social Cash Transfer Programme as they help vulnerable women in the Society in fulfilling their basic needs such as food and shelter among other to improve their welfare. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS

64/25 Rehabilitation of the Mulobezi Railway Line

On Thursday 12th June, 2025 the Minister of Transport and Logistics made the following assurance on the floor of the House:

Madam Speaker, the Government has plans to rehabilitate the Mulobezi Railway Line, as it is a critical link that connects the Zambia Railway Limited (ZRL) railway line to the Western Province. However, due to the limited resources allocated to ZRL for the full rehabilitation of the railway network, including the Mulobezi Railway Line, in 2025, the Government will focus on attending to critical sections of the railway line in order to increase the speeds for freight trains from 15 km per hour to 20 km per hour, and for passenger trains from 20 km per hour to 25 km per hour.

The Government plans to rehabilitate critical sections of the Mulobezi Railway Line before the end of 2025 and 2026. The total cost of the rehabilitation works for Mulobezi Railway Line is estimated at US\$85 million.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that Government had attached high priority to the rehabilitation of the Mulobezi Railway Line in order to enhance safety and operational efficiency. The Committee was further informed that the Government was still in the process of mobilising resources to undertake the required works.

That notwithstanding, the Committee learnt that Government had continued to attend to critical sections of the railway to ensure the continuity of operations. To that effect, Government in 2025 allocated a total of K100 million for the rehabilitation of the Zambia Railways rail network including the Mulobezi rail line. Further, in 2026, the Government had allocated a total of K100 Million under Head 21 and K15 million under Head 51 for the rehabilitation of the Mulobezi rail infrastructure improvement

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee notes the submission and urges the Government to expedite the rehabilitation of the Mulobezi Railway line, and to mobilise additional funds for the broader network. The Committee will await a progress report on the matter.

65/25 Modernisation of TAZARA Railway Infrastructure and Equipment

On Friday, 27th September, 2024, the Minister of Finance and National Planning on behalf of the Minister of Transport and Logistics during the budget presentation for 2025 Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure, made the following assurance:

Madam Speaker, Government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Government of China and Tanzania to rehabilitate and modernise TAZARA Railway infrastructure and equipment. Once rehabilitated, tonnage on the railway will increase to 2.5 million metric tonnes from the current half a million metric tonnes per annum.

With support of Cooperating Partners, the New Dawn Government is actively working to revitalise Zambia Railways System in a methodical and cost-effective manner. The ultimate goal is to improve track speed, signaling and secure funding for long time investment.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that on 29th September 2025, the Governments of the Republic of Zambia, the United Republic of Tanzania, and the People's Republic of China signed a Concession Agreement valued at US\$1.4 Billion, with a concession period of 31 years, for the revitalisation of TAZARA.

The Agreement was signed with China Civil Engineering Construction Company (CCECC) which involved the complete rehabilitation of the 1,860 km of track between Dar es Salaam and Kapiri Mposhi and expected to last three years. Upon completion, freight volumes were projected to rise from approximately 400,000 tonnes to about 2.4 million tonnes per annum within two years of full operation, and to exceed 3 million tonnes within five years. The Agreement also provided for the acquisition of a modern fleet comprising thirty-four (34) locomotives, 760 wagons, and sixteen (16) passenger coaches.

The Committee was further informed that, on 20th November 2025, the official ground-breaking ceremony for the Concession Agreement was held, marking the formal commencement of implementation of the concession and demonstrating the Government's commitment to operationalising the revitalisation of the railway line.

With regard to the revitalisation of Zambia Railway Limited, the Committee learnt that the Government of the Republic of Zambia and the European Union (EU) signed a €50 million grant for the revitalisation of ZRL. The grant would finance the repairing and rehabilitation of critical sections of the railway track and the upgrading of the signaling and telecommunication systems along the Chingola to Kapiri Mposhi corridor. Further, Government through the treasury released K100 million in 2025 for ZRL to start working on speed restricted areas. Furthermore, Government had provided K136 million in the 2026 Budget for the ZRL.

In this regard, the Committee observed that Government would continue to pursue Public Private Partnerships (PPP) financing for ZRL in order to provide adequate recapitalisation for ZRL. These interventions were aimed at enhancing rail safety, operational efficiency, and service reliability.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee notes the submission and urges the Executive through the Ministry of Transport and Logistics to expedite the modernisation of railway infrastructure and equipment's to increase the tonnage, track speed and signaling and telecommunication systems. In addition to the PPP model of funding the ZRL operations, the Committee recommends that the Executive mobilise additional funds to address the state of dilapidated infrastructure in the Zambia Railways Network system. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

MINISTRY OF GREEN ECONOMY AND ENVIRONMENT

66/25 Recruitment of Forest Rangers' Guards

On Thursday, 7th November 2024, the Minister of Green Economy and Environment made the following assurance in the House:

Mr Speaker, yes, the Government has plans to recruit Forest Range Guards, which is envisaged to enhance the conservation of forests countrywide.

Mr Speaker, the deployment of Forest Range Guards is dependent on Treasury authority being granted for the 117 positions in the approved staff establishment.

Mr Speaker, 117 Forest Range Guards are earmarked for recruitment in 2025. However, the Government, through the Ministry of Green Economy and Environment, is actively engaging the National Treasury to increase the number to 2,300.

This is premised on the realisation that the demarcation of districts into zones that the Government, through the Ministry, has embarked will call for more Forest Range Guards to oversee the conservation of forests in the envisioned zones.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that on 7th November 2024, the Minister of Green Economy and Environment assured the House that Government had Plans to recruit 117 Forest Range Guards as per approved Staff Establishment in 2025. This was envisaged to enhance the conservation of Forests countrywide. In addition, Government through the Ministry of Green Economy and Environment had embarked on demarcation of Forests into Zones hence, the need for more Forest Range Guards. Under this view, the Committee learnt that the recruitment of the 117 Forest Guards was dependent on Treasury Authority.

The Committee was further informed that its observations was well noted. The Ministry of Green Economy and Environment was awaiting Treasury Authority to recruit the One Hundred and Seventeen (117) Forest Guards. Further, the status quo included the 2,300 Forest Range Guards the Ministry was actively pursuing.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee notes the submission and urges the Executive to expedite the recruitment exercise of Forestry Range Guards to oversee the conservation of forests country wide. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

PART 11

CONSIDERATION OF THE ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE FOURTH SESSION OF THE THIRTEENTH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

01/24 - Construction of 115 Secondary Schools

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 23rd September, 2023, urged the Executive to accelerate the completion of these projects. The Committee had further recommended that the Executive should address the infrastructure gaps as it was essential to improving access to quality education for all learners, particularly in underserved regions.

Executive's Response

In its update, the Executive submitted that as at 30th June 2025, construction of the remaining forty-six secondary schools had stalled due to the expiry of contracts. However, the Committee was informed that thirty-five contracts had been reactivated, and the respective sites were handed over to contractors who had since mobilised and commenced works. Furthermore, one new contract for the completion of **Chembe Boarding Secondary School** was signed, and the Ministry was mobilising funds to facilitate an advance payment to enable commencement of works.

The remaining ten projects had undergone final account preparation and were awaiting the tendering process. The Government remained steadfast in its commitment to ensure the timely completion of all stalled projects in order to expand access to quality secondary education, particularly in underserved areas.

The Committee was further informed that out of the thirty-six active projects, the following twelve schools were expected to be completed by the end of 2025:

Eight European Union-Supported Schools:

Pambashe Boarding Secondary School
Nalolo Boarding Secondary School
Limulunga Boarding Secondary School
Ikelenge Boarding Secondary School
Katibunga Boarding Secondary School
Mulundu Day Secondary School
Vubwi Boarding Secondary School
ShunguNamutitima Boarding Secondary School

Four other Secondary Schools:

Kopa Day Secondary School
CheweShimfwamba Day Secondary School
John Mubanga Day Secondary School
Kampamba Day Secondary School

The Committee was informed that the remaining projects were scheduled for completion by the second quarter of 2026 and that the Government remained committed to ensuring that all stalled secondary school projects were completed within the revised timeframe. That

commitment underscored the Ministry's broader goal of expanding access to quality education, especially in underserved regions.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission urges the Executive to ensure that the projects are completed within the revised timeframe and resolves to await a comprehensive progress report on the matter.

02/24 - Construction of Additional 202 Secondary Schools

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 29th September 2023, had noted the update and had urged the Executive to ensure that these projects were completed as scheduled without any further delay.

Executive's Response

The Executive in its response to the Committee submitted that as at 30th June 2025, the Government, through the Ministry of Education, was undertaking the construction of one hundred and twenty secondary schools across all ten provinces. That initiative was part of the broader strategy to expand access to quality education, particularly in underserved areas.

The progress recorded as of the reporting period was as follows:

Muchinga Province -Eight schools were under construction, with works ranging from foundation level to slab level.

Central Province -Eight schools were at advanced stages, with four at slab level and four at superstructure (window) level.

Copperbelt Province - out of fifteen schools, three were at slab level, seven at superstructure level, and five had reached gable level.

Eastern Province -Eight schools were under construction, with progress ranging from backfilling level to gable level.

Luapula Province -Eight schools were progressing, with 5 at superstructure level, 2 at ring beam level, and 1 at gable level.

Lusaka Province -six schools were under construction, with works progressing from setting out to gable level.

Northern Province -ten schools were underway, with progress from foundation level through to gable level.

North-western Province -twenty-four schools were under construction, the highest number among provinces. These ranged from concrete footing to superstructure (window) level.

Southern Province -twelve schools were at various stages, from concrete footing to gable level.

Western Province -twenty-one schools were under construction, with progress from setting out through to ring beam level.

Overall Status:

The Committee was informed that the overall status was as hereunder.

Two schools were yet to commence works.

Four schools were at the setting out stage.

Three schools were at foundation level.

Thirteen schools were at concrete footing stage.

Three schools were at substructure block work.

Thirteen schools were at backfilling level.

Twenty-nine schools had reached slab level.

Eleven schools were at superstructure (window) level.

Twenty-one schools were at ring beam level.

Twenty-one schools had reached gable level.

The Government was pleased to report that construction works were actively underway in all provinces, with the majority of projects progressing steadily towards completion. The Committee further heard that the Ministry remained committed to ensuring timely delivery of these schools to increase access to education, particularly in rural and underserved areas.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission urges the Executive to ensure that the projects are completed within the stipulated timeframe and resolves to await a comprehensive progress report on the matter.

04/24- Construction of Teachers Houses at Umodzi Day Secondary and Chibondo**Primary School**

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 6th October 2023, urged the Executive to look for an alternative source of funding in order to complete the remaining works at the two schools without any further delay. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the Government was committed to enhancing secondary education infrastructure. However, the status quo remained the same.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission expresses concern that the status quo with regards the works at the two schools remained the same two years after the assurance was made on the Floor of the House. In this regard, the Committee urges the Executive to secure funds to complete the remaining works without further delay and resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

06/24 - Construction of Teachers' House's at Umodzi Senior Secondary School

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 10th October 2023, took note of the response and had urged the Executive to mobilise additional resources to supplement the CDF in order to complete the remaining works at the school. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the Government acknowledged the Committee's observations and recommendations and reiterated its commitment to strengthening school staffing across districts. Although the Status remained the same, the Ministry was weighing options to mobilise resources to complete the project.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee notes the submission with concern and urges the Government to ensure that funds are secured to facilitate the completion of the project. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

MINISTRY OF INFRASTRUCTURE, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

10/24 - Construction of airports at Kasaba Bay, Chinsali and Choma

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 29th September, 2023, had noted the progress made on the assurance and urged the Executive to ensure that the three airports were constructed without any further day. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Executive in its update to the Committee submitted that:

a. Kasaba Bay

The Committee was informed that the bid submission which was scheduled to close on 17th December, 2024 was cancelled due to the cost estimate being beyond the projected budget. The Government through the relevant Ministries was undertaking a re-scoping exercise to reduce project costs and realign with budgetary provisions. The Consultant, who earlier worked on the designs, would be re-engaged to carry out that process under a variation to their existing consultancy assignment. It was anticipated that a revised tendering process would commence in the fourth quarter of 2025.

b. Nakonde Airport

The Committee was informed that the Contract for the Designing and construction of the Nakonde Airport was awarded to Zambia National Service (ZNS) and site was handed over in the first quarter of 2025. Contract duration was thirty-six months, inclusive of designing, approvals, and construction. The project was expected to be completed by the end of 2028. However, payments to Project affected persons was still underway and would be concluded by the end of the fourth quarter of 2025. The delay to concluding that matter was due to land disputes and limited space.

c. Choma Airport

The Committee was informed that the Government concluded the acquisition of 1000 Hectares of land for the construction of Choma Airport and had since paid K7.5 million, which was 50 per cent of the agreed purchase price (K15 million). The remaining balance was conditional upon title transferred to Zambia Airports Corporation Limited (ZACL).

The consultant undertaking the feasibility studies and designing of the airport was revising the designs to align with the acquired piece of land. The revision and approval of designing would be done by the end of the 1st quarter of 2026. Tendering and actual construction works would then follow, subject to availability of funds.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission urges the Executive to expedite the processes to facilitate the construction of the three airports without further delay and resolves to await a comprehensive progress report on the matter.

11/24 - Construction of Phase II of Michael Chilufya Sata Hospital in Mpika

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 14th September 2023, had noted the submission with disappointment as the Executive kept making unfulfilled assurances on the Floor of the House. The Committee had urged the Executive to ensure that the Micheal Chilufya Sata Hospital was completed without any further delay. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that works to complete the construction of Phase II of Michael Chilufya Sata Hospital in Mpika District had not resumed. However, the procurement of a new contractor had commenced and was expected to be concluded by the 3rd quarter of 2025

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

12/24 -Mkushi/Musofu / Mundawanga Road Project

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 3rd October 2023, had noted the response and had urged the Executive to upgrade the Mkushi/Musofu/Mundawanga roads to bituminous standard as assured. The Committee further urged the Executive to urgently secure the resources for that project.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the Government had taken note of the importance and benefits of upgrading of the Mkushi/Musofu/Mundawanga roads would bring to the area and region. It was for that reason that Government had planned to upgrade the roads to bituminous standard subject to Treasury securing adequate resources as previously assured. Pursuant to the many needs for road transport improvement, the Ministry of Housing, Infrastructure and Urban Development (MHIUD) and Road Development Agency (RDA) had been implementing plans using both Public and Private Sector expertise and financing to implement road projects. The Government had formulated a Rolling Plan to implement road projects. The Plan involved:

completing rehabilitation of existing trunk roads through either Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) or PPP models;

dualising of all trunk roads to enhance the efficient movement of people, goods, and services;

upgrading of road links to all districts to bituminous standard; developing of new road connections to improve national mobility and logistics; and it was the intention of the Government that among the roads to benefit from the Rolling Yearly Plan would be the Mkushi/Musofu/Mundawanga roads to bituminous standard as assured.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

13/24 - Rehabilitation of Mansa/Kashikishi Road

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 6th October 2023, had noted the response and urged the Executive to urgently secure requisite resources for the implementation of this important road. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the Government through the Road Development (RDA) was undertaking the detailed designing for the rehabilitation/upgrading of the Mansa to Kuputa via Chiengi road including the Mununga to Kaputa via Nsama. Further, the Committee heard that the Government had prioritised the section from Kashikishi to Chiengi which was 95 Kilometers due to budget constraints. The Government was also exploring other means of financing such as through PPPs to develop the roads in question due to the potential development it would bring when upgraded.

The Government would further continue to stride and look for more resources for other worst sections along the road corridor to assure an equitable distribution of GRZ resources. The Government through RDA had also continued to undertake holding maintenance works to keep the road in a motorable condition. These works included pothole patching of the entire stretch from Chembe to Nchelenge. The works which commenced in 2024 would also include the Mbereshi to kawambwa section. The pothole patching works were ongoing with a focus on the worst sections of the road.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission urges the Executive to ensure that funds were secured for the implementation of rehabilitation works without further delay. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

14/24 - Construction of Drug Enforcement Commission Offices in Kabwe.

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 12th March 2023, had noted the submissions and urged the Executive to stick to the time frame given for the construction of the project. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

In its update to the Committee, the Executive submitted that the procurement process for the outstanding works for the Construction of Drug Enforcement Commission Offices in Kabwe was concluded in the second quarter of 2025 via direct bidding with the same Contractor. It was envisaged that works would commence in the 4th quarter of 2025 and completed by the end of the 3rd quarter of 2026.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission resolves to await a progress report on the construction of Drug Enforcement Commission Offices in Kabwe.

15/24 - Construction of Mansansa Local Court

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 17th October 2023, had noted the progress made on the project and had urged the Executive to actualise the assurance as promised in the response. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the works for the construction of Mansansa Local Court were progressing well as the contractor was active on site. As of the end of the 2nd quarter, work had reached 84 per cent from the previously reported 75 per cent towards completion. The remaining works were minor and it was expected that works would be completed by the end of the 3rd quarter 2025.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission resolves to await a progress report on the construction of Mansansa Local Court in Mkushi District.

16/24 - Construction of Chembe District Administration Offices

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on the 20th October 2023, had noted the update and urged the Executive to ensure that the project was completed without any further delay since the contractor had been paid. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that works on site for the Construction of the District Administration Office Block in Chembe District commenced in the first quarter of 2025. As of 30th June, 2025, works were at 93 per cent towards completion. Works were expected to be completed by the end of the 4th quarter of 2025.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission resolves to await a progress report on the construction of the District Administration Office Block in Chembe District.

17/24 - Temporary Bridge on the Luangwa River

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 26th October 2023, had noted the response and urged the Executive to ensure that the remaining works were completed without any further delay. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the Government through RDA was still undertaking the Construction of Matumbo and Kampemba Bridges across Luangwa and Kampemba Rivers in Chama District of Muchinga Province. The overall progress at Kampemba Bridge stood at 85.80 per cent. The permanent works completed at Kampemba Bridge included the Substructure, Superstructure and the relief culvert on the Chama side of the approach road.

Only minor works on the approach Roads, Drainage works and Revetment works were still pending on the Kampemba Bridge. The Contractor had mobilised for Works on the Matumbo Bridge in readiness for commencement with piling.

Further, Government was undertaking spot improvement works on the Matumbo-Luangwa access road whose overall progress achieved so far stood at 87 per cent. The outstanding scope of works for Matumbo-Luangwa access road spot improvement works include, laying the final layer of gravel in some sections, cambering and provision of mitre drains to divert surface runoff water away from the access road during the rainy season.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission resolves to await a progress report on the outstanding scope of works for Matumbo-Luangwa access road in Chama District.

18/24 Construction of Industrial Yards

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 29th October 2023, urged the Executive to ensure that funding was secured for the implementation of this important project without any further delays. The Committee resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that Government through the Ministry of Small and Medium Enterprise and the Ministry of Finance and National Planning was actively trying to secure funding from African Development Bank (AfDB) for phase two of the project. Negotiations were still underway and once funds were secured, the other processes such as feasibility studies, designing, procurement of contractors and construction activities on site would commence in 2026.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission urges the Executive to ensure that funds are secured for construction of industrial yards in Chinsali, Choma, and Kabwe. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

19/24 Equitable Allocation of the Constituency Development Fund

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 3rd October 2023, urged the Executive to conclude the consultations to develop an inclusive and robust formula with various stakeholders to determine horizontal equity allocation of CDF. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the consultation process for the development of an allocative criterion for the Constituency Development Fund allocation to determine horizontal equity had been finalised. However, the Ministry was still awaiting the Electoral Commission of Zambia (ECZ) to conduct the delimitation exercise which shall advise the equitable distribution of resources anchoring on the newly created constituencies.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission resolves to await a progress report on the equitable allocation of the Constituency Development Fund.

20/24 - Cash for Work Programme

The Committee in the previous Session based on an assurance made on 29th September 2023, had noted with disappointment that the council could not show the Committee places where cash for work was being implemented as it was not ready at the time of the Committee visit. In addition, the council failed to avail the list of beneficiaries of cash for work programme which government had been implementing. The Committee, therefore, had recommended that the Executive should take keen interest in supervising the local authorities.

The Committee further urged the Executive through the Local Government Service Commission to discipline the Livingstone City Council for failing to avail information needed by the Committee on Government Assurances during its local tours. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

In its update to the Committee, the Executive submitted that following the receipt of that concern, the Local Government Service Commission instituted an enquiry into the matter in order to ascertain what transpired at the time the Committee had visited Livingstone City Council. The results of the investigation by the Commission reviewed that there was a clear case of miscommunication between the local authority and the visiting team.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission resolves to await a comprehensive progress Report on the matter as the response from the Executive on the case of miscommunication between the Committee and the Council was not satisfactory.

21/24 - Construction and Rehabilitation of Rural Roads

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 29th September 2023, had noted the response and urged the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development to be specific about the roads which had been worked on countrywide. The committee resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

In its update to the Committee, the Executive submitted that the feeder roads across the Country were being worked on using various avenues as hereunder.

Improved Rural Connectivity Project under RDA – under this project, 2,400km of feeder roads had been rehabilitated to gravel standard out of the 4,600km that had been planned to be worked on.

Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development – the Ministry was working on thirty-two feeder road projects. The total kilometres being worked on were 808 out of which 400km had been rehabilitated to gravel standard as of August 2025.

Constituency Development Fund (CDF) – under the community projects component, 700km of feeder roads had been planned for grading in 2025.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission resolves to await a comprehensive progress report on the matter.

MINISTRY OF HEALTH

23/24 - Construction of Level-1 Hospital in Kanchibiya

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 10th October 2023, was concerned that the Executive kept making assurances on the Floor of the House without financial backing to implement the projects. The Committee had urged the Executive to speed up the completion of the thirty-six district hospitals which were under construction in order to start the new ones.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that Government was still committed to completing the thirty-six district hospitals which were at different phases of construction; which was either at Phase 1, Phase 2 or Phase 3. The construction of Kanchibiya District Hospital was earmarked for 2026. The Committee was further informed that the preparations for the contract documents for Kanchibiya District Hospital were underway with the Ministry of Infrastructure and Urban Development preparing the Bill of Quantities (BOQ). Once that was completed, procurement processes would commence immediately.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission urges the Executive to expedite the processes to facilitate for the procurement works of the construction of Kanchibiya District Hospital and resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

24/24 - Replacement of Machines at the Cancer Diseases Hospital

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 26th October 2023, had noted the submission by the Executive and resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the Executive was rehabilitating and upgrading the Cancer Diseases Hospital with modern infrastructure and state-of-the-art equipment to align with cancer treatment standards. This included replacing outdated radiotherapy equipment and imaging equipment.

The project was progressing, with the completion of the decommissioning phase, rehabilitation of the imaging section at 80 per cent, construction of the new bunkers at 30 per cent and overall project at 40 per cent. The whole project was expected to be completed by second quarter 2026, with the first linear accelerator being installed in November, 2025.

Further, the Committee was informed that the first consignment of equipment was received in August, 2025. This included cages for the MRI, UPS and Chillers. The second consignment of Medical Equipment (four linear accelerators, two brachytherapy units, two CT scan simulators, one MRI, and one mammography unit) was expected in August 2025.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

26/24 - Completion of Four Mini-Hospitals

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 29th September 2023, had noted the response and urged the Executive to quickly release the VAT, which the contractor was claiming to be refunded before commencement of the construction of the last four mini hospitals. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Responses

In its update to the Committee, the Executive submitted that the completion of the remaining Mini hospitals in Lufwanyama, Lusaka, Mpongwe and Mufumbwe Districts would commence once the Treasury released funds towards the Value Added Tax (VAT), which was added on the loan amount at the time of execution. However, the Committee was informed that Government was still mobilising resources to refund the contractor on costs incurred towards VAT in order for them to resume construction of the remaining four Mini Hospitals.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission urges the Executive to urgently secure funds towards the VAT which is added on the loan amount without further delay, to facilitate the completion of the remaining Mini hospitals in Lufwanyama, Lusaka, Mpongwe and Mufumbwe Districts. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

27/24 - Construction of thirty Maternity Annexes

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 29th September 2023, had noted the progress made had urged the Executive to complete the projects as promised to the nation without any further delay. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter

Executive's Responses

The Committee was informed that the construction of the thirty maternity annexes had progressed beyond the tendering stage. For instance, the three commenced in Central Province would be fully handed over before the close of September, 2025. The remainder in Muchinga and Western, still required funds to settle initial advance payments that would see commencement. The Committee was further informed that the fiscal space had been stressed significantly but Government was committed to make available the funds as soon as possible. On the other hand, Eastern and Luapula Provinces have had advance funds provided and contractors were mobilising and construction was to be completed within the next six to nine months.

Further, the construction of the 135 Mini Hospitals was being proposed to now read construction of 120 mini hospitals. Further, the Committee was informed that the contract was signed and the advance payment made to the contractor as at September, 2025. The contractor had since commenced the reconnaissance surveys in Western, Southern, North Western and they were scheduled to extend to the other provinces.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission resolves to await a comprehensive progress report on the matter.

29/24 - Construction of Cancer Treatment Centres in Livingstone and Ndola

The Committee in the previous Session, regarding an assurance made on 29th September 2023, had urged the Executive to immediately start the construction of Livingstone Cancer Diseases Hospital as promised to the nation and the time-frame should be given when the project would be completed without any further delay. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the construction of a Specialised Cancer Diseases Hospital (Treatment Centre) in Ndola was at 70 per cent complete. The contract for Livingstone Cancer Diseases Hospital (Treatment Centre) had now been signed and the Government through Ministry of Health was scheduled to handover the site to the contractor before the end of September, 2025. The ground-breaking ceremony was expected to take place in the 4th quarter of 2025.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission resolves to await a comprehensive progress report on the construction of the Ndola Specialised Cancer Diseases Hospital (Treatment Centre) and Livingstone Cancer Diseases Hospital (Treatment Centre).

MINISTRY OF WATER DEVELOPMENT AND SANITATION

30/24 - Maintenance and Rehabilitation of Dams

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 29th September 2023, had noted the progress made and urged the Executive to complete the rehabilitation of the remaining dams in order to provide clean water to the people across the country. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the Ministry of Water Development and Sanitation was maintaining 680 dams across eight provinces as part of the Drought Response Plan. This initiative focused on ensuring consistent year-round water supply for domestic, agriculture, and industrial uses, particularly in regions prone to droughts. An additional ninety dams were being maintained under the Ministry's core budget.

As of August, 2025, a total of 631 dams had been maintained out of the planned 770 dams as targeted by the National Food Security Drought Response Plan. The distribution of the 631 dams already maintained in eight provinces was as follows: Central (twenty-eight), Lusaka (sixty-six), North-Western (ten), Southern (365), Eastern (104), Copperbelt (thirty-five), Western (eight) and Muchinga (fifteen). This intervention was being carried out using public works and created about 8,000 jobs for the local communities.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission resolves to await a progress report on the maintenance and rehabilitation of the remaining 139 dams.

31/24 - Financing of 500 Boreholes in all the Ten Provinces of Zambia

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 15th September 2023, had noted the update and urged the Executive to urgently complete the drilling of the remaining boreholes without any further delay, so as to ensure that the rural area had access to safe and clean water.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that to support rural water access, Government had launched a nationwide borehole drilling programme aimed at installing 500 boreholes across the ten Provinces. The programme targeted vulnerable communities, rural schools, and remote health posts. A total of, 218 boreholes had been drilled and equipped with hand pumps while the remaining boreholes were being procured through the Provincial Administrations under the Ministry's 2025 National Budget. The boreholes were expected to be completed by 31st December, 2025.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission resolves to await a progress report on the remaining boreholes which were being procured by the Provincial Administrations under the Ministry's 2025 National Budget.

34/24 Construction of Water Reticulation System in Itezhi-Tezhi District

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 12th June 2024, had noted the submission and had urged the Executive to ensure that the feasibility studies were conducted as scheduled in order to commence the construction of water reticulation system in Itezhi-Tezhi District without any further delay. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the Government was implementing a comprehensive water reticulation project, which was sourcing water from the Kafue River. Notably, the feasibility studies were completed in Itezhi-Tezhi and the scope of works included the construction of a raw water intake point, a treatment plant with a daily capacity of five million litres, and a distribution network targeting peri-urban communities.

The project was at the funding mobilisation stage, with financial resources yet to be secured for the commencement of construction. This intervention would not only support households but also the local tourism and hospitality sector, which had high water demand.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The committee in noting the submission resolves to await a progress report on the construction of Water Reticulation System in Itezhi-Tezhi District.

35/24 - Construction of 1,374 Boreholes and Rehabilitation of 1,270 Boreholes across the Country

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 29th September 2023, had noted the update and urged the Executive to ensure that all the boreholes were drilled as promised to the nation without any further delay. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the Government through Ministry of Water Development and Sanitation as of August 2025, rehabilitated 740 boreholes out of the planned 1,270. In addition, a total of 897 boreholes were drilled and equipped with hand pumps out of the planned 1,374.

The Ministry under the 2025 National Budget had commenced the procuring process for the remaining works through the Provincial Administration. The remaining boreholes would be completed by 31st December, 2025.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission resolves to await a comprehensive progress report on the construction and rehabilitation of the remaining boreholes.

36/24 Construction of 168 Waterborne Sanitation Facilities

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 29th September 2023, had noted the update and urged the Executive to ensure that the 168 waterborne sanitation facilities were completed as scheduled. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that following the directive by His Excellency, the President, during the 2024 Budget Address, the Ministry was implementing the construction of 168 waterborne sanitation facilities across all provinces. These facilities would serve educational institutions, health centres, and public spaces such as bus stations and markets.

Construction was being undertaken in phases with progress of works ranging between 25 per cent and 90 per cent. Once completed, the facilities would prevent the occurrences of water, sanitation and hygiene related diseases through enhanced sanitation services, hygiene services, reduce open defecation, and this would accelerate Zambia's progress toward SDG 6.2 on adequate and equitable sanitation and would benefit about 40,320 beneficiaries.

The facilities were designed with inclusivity in mind, featuring gender responsive stalls, menstrual hygiene spaces, and access for differently abled persons.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission urges the Executive to ensure that the construction of the 168 waterborne sanitation facilities is completed without further delay. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

37/24 Construction of Dams across the Country

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 29th September 2023, had noted the update and urged the Executive to ensure that all the dams which were at various levels of construction were completed in order to alleviate the struggle of the rural communities in accessing clean and safe water. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that progress for the construction of sixteen out of the twenty-eight small dams was on-going with completion rates between 15 per cent and 100 per cent. Construction of the remaining twelve dams out of the twenty-eight had been prioritised for 2025 and was at procurement stage.

Out of the sixteen dams, construction works for the four dams namely Kawawa in Eastern Province, Muyembe in Luapula province, Chuundwe and Jongolo in Southern Province had been completed.

Progress for the rest of the twelve dams out of the sixteen was as follows: Central Province (Mbaswa Dam 13 per cent and Changula Dam 29 per cent), Northern Province (Chief Mpande Dam 30 per cent), North western Province (Luing'a Dam 25 per cent) and

Southern Province (Chisuta Dam 38 per cent, Hajamba Dam 60 per cent, Chibwe/Ntolo Dam 57 per cent, Siakalinda Dam 85 per cent, and Siambelele Dam 75 per cent). In addition, three dams under ZNS in Southern Province were still being constructed with progress being as follows (Chileya Dam 57 per cent, Mutwewamuntu Dam 50 per cent, and Tambana Dam 55 per cent). The remaining works were expected to be completed by December, 2025.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission urges the Executive to ensure that construction works are urgently completed to enhance access to clean and safe water. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

38/24 - Rehabilitation of Dams in Eastern and Southern Provinces

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 29th September 2023, appreciated the update and urged the Executive to ensure that all the dams at various stages of construction were completed within the given timeframe. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that progress for the rehabilitation of six dams was on-going at different levels of progress ranging from 40 per cent to 100 per cent. Rehabilitation works for two out of the six dams namely Chitindi (Northern Province) and Kabombwa (Western Province) had been completed. Progress rate of the remaining four dams was as follows: Amose Dam 87 per cent, Lutwazi Dam 81 per cent, Nangoma Dam 86 per cent, and Msipazi Dam 22 per cent.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission urges the Executive to ensure that the remaining four dams are completed without further delays. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

MINSITRY OF TOURISM

39/24 - Rehabilitation of Mundawanga Environment Park

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 12th October 2023, had noted the submission and had urged the Executive to expedite the process of drafting an Expression of Interest. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the Government had finalised preparation of the Expression of Interest (EOI) to solicit for potential investors in the management of Munda Wanga. The EOI would soon be subjected to the procurement process to facilitate its flotation in electronic and print media.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission resolves to await a progress report on rehabilitation of Mundawanga Environment Park.

40/24 - Human-Wildlife Conflict

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 25th June 2024, had noted the effort being made and urged the Executive to ensure that those measures were implemented to protect the local community and reduce the incidents of attacks by the wild animals. The Committee resolved to await the progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the Government had made progress on a number of assurances made regarding the provision of community safeguards countrywide and in Nabwalya Chiefdom specifically in order to protect human life and property. The 1800 pieces of fireworks procured in 2024 had since been distributed to hotspot areas within Nabwalya Chiefdom. Those fireworks had been used to scare away problematic animals, thereby lessening the wastage of ammunitions fired in the air to scare away animals.

Further, a new motorbike (Yamaha - 200) was procured and delivered to Nabwalya Chiefdom in February, 2025 for HWC response services within the chiefdom. The motorbike was also being used for monitoring the HWC situation and enhancing community engagement activities.

Furthermore, the procurement process for electric deterrent fences for installation in Human-Wildlife Conflict hotspots countrywide was in progress. Nabwalya Chiefdom was part of the affected areas to benefit from the ongoing procurement process. Once these installations were completed, most of the clustered agricultural fields and communities in hotspot areas would be covered and adequately protected.

Additionally, five cages were bought for mitigation of human - lion conflicts and various drugs for demobilisation of problem animals were procured using the draught mitigation funds.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

41/24 - Sinking of Boreholes and Installation of Solar Systems for Energy

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 29th September 2023, had noted the efforts being put in place and had urged the Executive to ensure that the issue of human-wildlife conflicts was given the serious attention it deserved in order to prevent loss of human life. The Committee had resolved to await the progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the Government provided supplementary funding to the Ministry of Tourism for drought mitigation in National Parks. This funding was intended to go towards a number of activities which included drilling of boreholes for wildlife, provision of supplementary feeding, disease surveillance, wildlife counts, mitigation of human wildlife conflicts, planting of pastures and community sensitisation. To that effect, funds were allocated specifically for the drilling of boreholes in areas which were affected by the drought. The targeted areas included; Lusaka National Park, Eastern Region, Southern Region and Western regions (Park, Lower Zambezi National Park, Chunga, Munda

Wanga, Chembe Bird Sanctuary, Sioma Ngwezi National Park, South Luangwa National Park and Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park, among others) The procurement processes had since been concluded and the works were yet to commence in the recommended season for drilling of boreholes.

The Government identified several areas which needed to have boreholes and fortunately with the engagements with the stakeholders working within the protected land landscapes over thirty-five boreholes were drilled across the country in the Protected Areas e.g. hunting outfitters, conservation organizations and tourism operators.

Furthermore, the Ministry Tourism in collaboration with the Ministry of Water Development and Sanitation, Government also provided funding for the drilling of fifteen boreholes in Protected Areas. The Procurement processes were concluded and so far, the drilling had commenced in Lusaka National Park where three boreholes had been drilled.

The Ministry was conducting other drought mitigation activities—including disease surveillance, wildlife counts, human-wildlife conflict mitigation, and community sensitisation were ongoing using the available resources.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission urges the Executive to expedite the process of sinking of boreholes and installation of solar systems for energy in the bid to resolve human wildlife conflict. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

MINISTRY OF FISHERIES AND LIVESTOCK

42/24 - Animal Identification and Traceability

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made 29th September 2023, had noted the submission by the Ministry and urged the Executive to ensure that they issue statements on the Floor of the House which were attainable in terms of time frame.

Executive's Response

In its response, the Executive submitted that it remained committed to providing accurate, realistic and transparent updates to Parliament and the Public.

The Committee was therefore, informed that the Animal Identification and traceability System had two components namely: - registration of farmers on the electronic platform which addressed both the registration of farmers as well as individual animal identification, while the other platform was the Short Messaging System (SMS).

The registration of farmers on the electronic platform was a component purely for registering of farmers and issuing them with Animal Identification Marks (Brand Marks). The Animal Identification Mark issued was the one used to identify animals and also used as an identification code for a farm. So far, a total of over 96,722 farmers had been captured and recorded on the system bringing the number of cattle tracked (branded) to 580,332. The Committee was informed that the registration of farmers had been slow due

to mainly two major challenges of inadequate staff (as at 30th April, 2025, there was only one member of staff carrying out animal identification and traceability activities) and inadequate sensitisation and awareness activities.

Nonetheless, as of May, 2025 the Animal Identification and Traceability Unit was established with seven members of staff attached to the Unit. The increase in staffing would make the registration process easier and faster while the process of ensuring adequate sensitisation and awareness was being expedited. To this end a number of radio and television advertisements had been developed in English and 7 local languages Radio and TV interviews had also been planned and so far, one radio programme on ZNBC Radio 2 had taken place.

With regard, to individual Animal Identification, the Committee was informed that this component provided for unique identification of individual animal using electronic ear-tags. The marks were read using electronic readers or visual codes which could be read using barcoding or QR Coding system. The system was being piloted in Kazungula where out of 18,000 targeted for ear tagging in 2025, 6,102 cattle had been covered so far. It was expected that the piloting exercise would be concluded by 31st December, 2025 with a rolled out to other Districts in 2026. In that regard, two million ear tags had been purchased to cater for ear tagging three million cattle by 2027 while the Ministry expected to one million ear tags for cattle by the end of 2025 to achieve the target of covering three million cattle by 2027.

The Committee was further informed that the second component (the SMS System) had been fully developed but was yet to be operationalised. Operationalisation of the SMS system was expected to commence by 30th August, 2025 after finalising all logistical support arrangement. The SMS short code would allow livestock owners to register search and identify animals using mobile phones. That digital platform once operationalised and launched would serve as a vital tool in expanding the reach and efficiency of the AIT system across Zambia.

These efforts reflected the Executive's commitment to building a robust, technology-driven traceability system that supports livestock trade, strengthens diseases control, and curbs cattle theft. The phased roll-out ensures that implementation was both realistic and sustainable. With full stakeholder buy-in and transparency at every stage.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission resolves to await a comprehensive progress report on the animal identification and traceability system that will support livestock trade, strengthens diseases control, and curbs cattle theft.

43/24 - Community -based Livestock Breeding Programme

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 29th September 2023, was disappointed that the Executive made pronouncements on the Floor of the House even when there was no money to implement the project. The Committee, therefore, had

urged the Executive to only make assurances when resources were available to actualise projects. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Executive in its update to the Committee acknowledged the concern raised by the Committee and was pleased to report significant progress in strengthening livestock development and community empowerment through enhanced strategic interventions. The Executive submitted that as the Committee was aware the Budget was comprised of both domestic revenue and donor support and in this case, there was a delay in finalising the extension of the support for the donor component. However, the Committee was informed that the Ministry had secured additional financing for the Enhanced Smallholder Livestock Investment Programme (E-SLIP) from IFAD. These funds had been utilised to facilitate the livestock pass-on mechanism, whereby direct beneficiaries were transferring livestock to 1,700 new beneficiaries (pass-on households), thereby expanding the reach and impact of the programme.

In addition, the Executive had undertaken a strategic transformation of the Community-Based Livestock Breeding Programme, re-branding it into a self-sustaining initiative. This enhanced mode integrated breeding and multiplication centres at national livestock research stations, which would serve as continuous sources of high-quality breeding stock for communities. That approach was designed to ensure a sustainable and scalable increase in livestock populations, while simultaneously empowering rural households through improved access to productive assets.

While that long-term strategy may not immediately yield the targeted livestock population figures for 2025, it reflected a forward-looking vision that prioritised resilience, sustainability, and socio-economic transformation. The Ministry was confident that this model would deliver greater cumulative impact over time, surpassing short-term numerical targets and contributing meaningfully to poverty reduction, food and nutrition security, as well as inclusive rural development.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

45/24 - Construction of Dip Tanks in Namwala District

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 26th October 2023, had noted the submissions and urged the Executive through the Local Authorities to ensure that the dip tanks were constructed without fail. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Executive in its update to the Committee acknowledged the Committee's concern and informed the Committee that active consultations were underway between the Ministry and the respective Local Government Authorities to finalise the implementation modalities for the construction of the dip tanks in Namwala and other Districts. These engagements were

aimed at ensuring that all technical, financial, and administrative requirements were aligned to facilitate the smooth execution of the projects.

The Committee was further informed that as part of this collaborative effort, the Ministry was working to ensure that the construction of the dip tanks was appropriately programmed under the Local Authority 2026 Budget and the CDF programming. That would allow for formal contracting and resource allocation within the approved fiscal framework, thereby guaranteeing transparency, accountability, and timely delivery.

The Committee heard that the Ministry remained committed to fulfilling the assurance made on the floor of the House and would continue to engage with all relevant stakeholder to ensure that the tanks were constructed without fail, in line with national livestock health and community needs.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

MINISTRY OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL SERVICES

52/24 - Public Welfare Assistance Scheme for 40,000 Beneficiaries

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 29th September 2023, urged the Executive to continue with social assistance intervention programmes as they help the most vulnerable in society in fulfilling their basic needs, particularly health, education, food and shelter. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

In its update to the Committee, the Executive submitted that it remained committed to helping the most vulnerable members of society meet their basic needs. To that effect, the Ministry had steadily increased the number of people assisted under the programme. It had also experienced a steady increase in allocation. In 2025, the programme had been allocated K7,222,037 compared to K3,500,000 in 2024. A total of 9,580 beneficiaries had been assisted in the first half of 2025, as the Ministry had so far been funded K800,000.00, translating to 11per cent.

However, the programme remained underfunded with low coverage, hence limiting its impact. Many people continued to visit the District Social Welfare Offices countrywide seeking support. A higher allocation was required to adequately address vulnerabilities faced by families such as shocks suffered at household level e.g. support provided when house burns down, support access to health care through the purchase of drugs, meeting transport and prescription charges, charges levied at the Public Health Centre or Hospital and purchase of medical appliances not covered under Primary Health Care.

Further, the Committee was informed that support to vulnerable children to remain in school was one of the services provided under PWAS, where support in the procurement of

school requisites was undertaken in light of the free education policy. Before free education, the programmes supported vulnerable children with school fees.

The Committee was further informed that the Government had reviewed the PWAS guidelines to put more emphasis and effort on reaching out to more people in need, as well as to streamline the programme to enable it complement other social protection programmes. The guidelines also addressed emerging issues such as the need to adequately respond to shocks and emergencies, i.e., pandemics, floods, and droughts as well as to address the need for intensive family support services through Community Case Management to address vulnerabilities among children and their families.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission expresses concern that only 9,580 beneficiaries had been assisted in the first half of 2025, out of the 40,000 targeted beneficiaries. In this regard, the Committee urges the Executive to improve the disbursement of funds and resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

MINISTRY OF TECHNOLOGY AND SCIENCE

54/24 Construction of 169 Towers Countrywide

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 29th September 2023, urged the Executive to quickly complete the towers as assured. The Committee resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that significant progress had been made on tower construction projects as outlined below:

Thirty-one Towers Project: thirty out of thirty-one towers had been commissioned and were on-air;

Fifty-one Towers Project: forty-one out of fifty-one towers had been commissioned and were operational;

Forty Towers Relocation Project: Out of the forty towers earmarked for relocation (scope excludes active elements), two towers had been relocated and constructed, though services had not yet been commissioned;

ZAMTEL Towers: Five towers had been completed and were on-air;

ZAMTEL Donated Towers: Eighteen out of twenty-five donated towers had been completed and were on-air, with the remainder at various stages of implementation;

Special Towers (Namwala District): Two additional towers had been constructed by ZICTA using Infratel infrastructure, located at **Nchole Health Post** and **Ngabo Primary School**;

Digital Zambia Acceleration Project (DZAP): A total of **300 sites** had been earmarked under this project, comprising **150 greenfield sites** and **150 brownfield sites**;

Agro-Economic Belt Project: 80 sites were earmarked under this initiative and were at the procurement stage; and

SMART Village Project (Phase I): Eleven towers were earmarked under that project, also at the procurement stage.

The Government was actively working with stakeholders to ensure timely implementation, activation, and service commissioning across all projects in order to expand digital connectivity and bridge the communication gap in underserved and unserved areas.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission urges the Executive to ensure that the remaining towers are constructed without further delay. The Committee resolves to await a comprehensive progress report on the construction of 169 towers countrywide.

MINISTRY OF MINES AND MINERAL DEVELOPMENT

57/24 - Countrywide Geophysical Survey

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 29th September 2023, had noted the progress and urged the Executive to ensure that the countrywide high resolution aerial geophysical survey was concluded as scheduled. The mineral exploration would help to boost economic activities in Northwestern and Western Provinces as it would provide jobs to the people. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the on-going Country wide High -Resolution Aerial Geophysical Survey, launched in 2024, was recently completed in Blocks 1, 2, and 5 of Zone A, covering parts of Mongu, Senanga, Sesheke, Kaoma, Kalomo, and Livingstone Districts among others. Operations were reported to have advanced in Block 3 and Block 4, which encompassed parts of Ikelengi, Mwinilunga, Manyinga, Kabompo, Mufumbwe and Kaoma Districts. The Committee further informed that 54 per cent of block 3 and 42 per cent of Block 4 had been surveyed.

As of 13th July, 2025, the cumulative national coverage stood at 26.7 per cent, reflecting steady progress in Government effort to unlock the country's mineral potential.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission resolves to await a comprehensive progress report on the countrywide geophysical survey.

CONSIDERATION OF THE ACTION -TAKEN REPORT ON THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT FOR THE THIRD SESSION OF THE THIRTEENTH NATIONALASSEMBLY

MINISTRY OF INFRASTRUCTURE, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

23/23 -Rehabilitation of the Chinsali/Chilubanama Road

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 24th March 2023, was not pleased that the Executive gave unattainable timeframes. The Committee, therefore, urged the Executive to expedite the completion of all the processes in order to complete the project which had taken longer than expected. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that works for the rehabilitation of selected feeder roads under the AfDB funded Chinsali Nakonde road rehabilitation had commenced and were expected to be completed within the fourth quarter of 2025. The contractor had since completed clearing and grubbing and road formation works on the Katongo to Nawayitwika road.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission resolves to await a progress report on the rehabilitation of the Chinsali/Chilubanama Road.

THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND INTERNAL SECURITY

22/23 - Construction of the National Registration Office in Katete

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 24th March 2023, was disappointed that the project which was supposed to be completed within three months had taken twelve years. The Committee, therefore, urged the Executive to ensure that the remaining materials were purchased without any further delay. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the Ministry of Home Affairs and Internal Security, through the Eastern Province Administration, was in the process of engaging a new supplier, following the termination of the previous contract after the supplier demanded full payment prior to delivering the materials.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission expresses concern that the construction of the National Registration Office in Katete has not commenced. In this regard, the Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

MINISTRY OF YOUTH, SPORT AND ARTS

01/23 - Construction of Sports Development Centres

On Tuesday, 13th September, 2022, the Minister of Agriculture, on behalf of the Minister of Youth, Sport and Arts, made the following assurance:

Madam Speaker, the construction of sports development centres in four areas were ongoing. David Kaunda Stadium in Chipata and Kaole Stadium in Mansa, which were of high interest to him, the Independence stadium in Solwezi and Kasama Stadium in Kasama were being worked on at a cost of not less than US \$300,000 per Stadium and that they will be completed by the end of 2022.

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 13th September, 2022 urged the Executive to expedite the completion of the remaining works for Kasama, Kaole and Solwezi projects. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the Government through the Ministry of Youth, Sport and Arts had made progress as follows:

Kasama Stadium

Kasama Stadium was officially handed over to the Football Association of Zambia (FAZ) on 22nd January, 2022. The client (FAZ) contracted Nambwa Construction Limited to undertake civil rehabilitation works while Artificial Grass Africa (AGA) was engaged to install a natural turf pitch, all at a total cost of USD 300,000. However, several variations were made to the original scope which included;

Demolition and reconstruction of the perimeter wall which in some sections was below standard height;

construction of a new dressing room blocks. This was yet to be completed due to alleged insufficient funds;

Rehabilitation of old ablution blocks. These had been completed but with functional issues;

Drilling a new borehole and installation of a 10,000-litre water tank. The borehole had been drilled but the water tank was yet to be delivered;

Renovation of the grandstand. The roofing and painting were done, while the seats were yet to be installed; and

Conversion of old dressing rooms into office space which had been completed.

Despite a joint agreement during a 2024 site meeting to complete works for public use, the contractor had failed to fulfil several key deliverables, with reasons still unclear as FAZ Secretariat and the contractor did not include local stakeholders during the technical handover. The works undertaken include the following in pictorial view:



(i) Old dressing rooms under the grandstand being rehabilitated.



(ii) One of the two old ablution blocks being rehabilitated in place of the new ones whose funds were varied in order to construct the standard dressing rooms.



(iii) The completed dressing rooms under the grandstand ready for use. However, they are yet to be refurbished.



(iv) Building under construction for stand-alone dressing rooms in line with CAF/FIFA minimum standards for dressing rooms abandoned at ring beam level due to insufficient funds. However, FAZ has promised to source funds for completion.



(v) Shorter side of the perimeter wall fence around the stadium. It was recommended that the wall fence had to be raised to standard by at least 3 to 4 blocks.



(vi) Below were the two 5000 water tanks that were supposed to be boosted to 10000 litre tank.

The Committee was informed that it was important to note that, Kasama stadium remained a government facility regardless of the existing Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) between Government and FAZ and hence FAZ should promptly do what was required in order for the public to utilise the facility.

Kaole Stadium in Mansa

The Committee was informed that the project was on going and the Contractor had issues to resolve with the Football Association of Zambia that were outstanding and these delayed the completion of the project. The issues had been resolved and contractor was on site. The Contractor was working on the grandstand and it was taking shape.

The Committee was further informed that, civil works at Kaole Stadium, managed by Portend Mining Limited, were at 95 per cent complete, with major achievements including the construction of an ablution block, renovation of dressing rooms and the grandstand, painting and extension of terraces, elevation of sections of the perimeter wall fence, and construction of ticket booths at both gates. However, completion of the remaining works depended on the finalisation of the pitch, where the contractor had completed ground leveling, drainage installation, and grass planting—though the germination rate had been low due to water challenges. Outstanding tasks included installation of the running track and pitch fencing. The Committee was also informed that there was no contractor on site, and delays were largely due to the lack of seriousness and prolonged absence of contractors from the project.

Solwezi Independence Stadium

A memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed between the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Arts and the Football Association of Zambia FAZ for the renovation/upgrading works at the Solwezi Independence Stadium with financing from the FIFA Forward project funds. The stadium was officially handed over to FAZ on 20th January 2022.

Two contractors were selected to undertake the rehabilitation/construction works which were GNM Projects Limited who were the main contractors and Artificial Grass Africa AGA, as the sub-contractor engaged to work on the turf on the main football pitch; all the planned works were under the Supervision of the Ministry of Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development- Maintenance Department for quality control.

Scope of Works

The main contractor GNM focused on the renovation/upgrading works for the following infrastructure:

Renovation of the two ticketing booths

Replacing of the two main entry gates

Renovation/construction of two toilet blocks each consisting of four toilets and a urinary for the males and three toilets for the female section

Construction of terraces/ concrete benches for match viewers

Replacing of the seats in the VIP wing

Replacing of the roof over the VIP wing

Please note that this scope of works was based on verbatim report by FAZ office as the official contract was not availed

The scope of works for the sub-contractor AGA Limited included:

Replacing the old turf
Construction of a Runway around the Football pitch
Construction of soak ways for the football pitch

Ticketing Booths

As reported in the previous report, the booths were both complete with ramps constructed to allow access for both able bodied and persons with disabilities.



Figure (a) Back view of ticketing Booth

Gates:

One of the two main gates that were secured was unfortunately damaged due to inadequate/unsuitable material/fixtures used to secure the gate; this resulted in the gate frequently moving out of the rail position and in turn dislodging from its hinges and falling. As a result of the above incidences, the gate was bent and needed realigning and modifications as seen below.



Figure (b) One of the newly installed steel gates

Ablution Blocks

The two ablution blocks that were constructed under the FIFA grant were in fair working condition suffice to mention that there was still need for more ablution facilities in the stadium in view of the number of users for the different events hosted.

State of the Constructed Spectator terraces

The terraces which were constructed using concrete were seemingly done and even painted with the national colours, suffice to mention that the works look sub-standard as the terraces were not safe and steady enough to support the weight of people sitting on them as seen below:



Figure (c) Terraces that are not well leveled

Football Pitch

As for works undertaken by the Sub Contractor i.e. AGA on the football pitch, the following were the observations made by the FAZ-FIFA Inspectors:

The Inspectors observed that the turf/pitch that was worked on by the sub-contractor AGA did not meet FIFA standards. As a result, they recommended that the turf be removed and worked on.

Works were underway to replace the turf, over 80 per cent had been removed and replaced with the local grass commonly known as kapinga.



Figure (d) Current state of the football pitch with local grass



The remaining areas to be planted with local grass is behind the goal posts as shown in the above picture.

The replacement of the turf was funded by FAZ and its partners Kansanshi Dynamos who were funded by Kansanshi Mines. Due to the observations/recommendation by the FAZ-FIFA inspectors on the state of the turf, the stadium had been suspended from hosting any official games up until the pitch was redone and meets the FIFA standards. FAZ was guided to invite the inspectors when they were ready for the next inspection.

Soak away

A large soak away of about eight to ten meters depth had been dug and built up a few meters from the football pitch to help drain off any excess water from the pitch. The works on the soak away were complete and it was providing adequate drainage of water from the pitch.



Figure E Soak away for Football Pitch

Benches for the footballers/Coach and VIP Terraces

According to the report from the FAZ Chairperson, the Inspectors advised that the new benches procured from the FIFA grant did not meet FIFA standards. They were advised to either have them modified or procure new benches.

Additionally, the Inspectors also advised that FAZ work on the roof which was over the VIP wing does not provide adequate shelter in the event of rainfall.

A lot of work had been done to complete renovation/upgrading works at the stadium but there was need for an expert report from the project supervisors to get a concrete view of the quality of works done.

Across the country, sports infrastructure in government schools, local councils, and privately-owned institutions had suffered prolonged neglect, with minimal investment in new facilities or the rehabilitation of existing ones. This had hindered the full potential of sport to serve as a platform for inclusive participation, talent development, and competitive excellence.

The Ministry of Youth, Sport and Arts acknowledged the recurring setbacks Zambia had faced in bidding to host high-profile international tournaments due to sub-standard facilities that fell short of international requirements, such as those set by FIFA. These missed opportunities had deprived the nation of the wider social and economic benefits that

such events often bring, including city revitalisation, youth employment, and increased international visibility. To reverse that trend, the Ministry emphasised the urgent need to reposition sport as a commercially viable industry. Achieving that would require significant investment in infrastructure that met modern standards—thereby enhancing the spectator experience, attracting corporate sponsorships, and stimulating greater engagement from fans and stakeholders alike.

Moreover, the Ministry recommended the deliberate use of the Constituency Development Fund (CDF), administered by the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development, to finance the construction, improvement, and maintenance of community sports infrastructure. That approach would foster uniformity in standards, expand access, and accelerate the growth of sport at the grass-root level.

Sustainable sport development hinges on a solid foundation of infrastructure that was accessible, inclusive, and fit for purpose. Such infrastructure not only encouraged widespread participation but also played a pivotal role in nurturing athletic talent and promoting community well-being.

The Ministry called for a collective commitment from all stakeholders' government agencies, local authorities, the private sector, and community actors to prioritise and coordinate efforts towards comprehensive sport infrastructure development. This multi-stakeholder collaboration was essential if Zambia was to unlock the transformative power of sport and position itself competitively on the global stage.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission urges the Executive to ensure that the contractors are back on site and expedite the completion of the remaining works for Kasama, Kaole and Solwezi projects. The Committee resolves to await a comprehensive progress report on the matter.

MINISTRY OF ENERGY

04/23 - Electrification of Villages in Sikuka

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 16th September, 2022 noted with displeasure that nothing had been done regarding this project from the time that the assurance was made on the Floor of the House. The Committee, therefore, strongly urged the Executive to immediately secure funds for REA to conduct detailed feasibility studies as promised to the Committee without any further delay so that Sikuka Villages could be connected to the national grid. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the Government through the Rural Electrification Authority (REA) will conduct a detailed feasibility study in the fourth quarter of 2025.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission expresses concern that the Executive failed to conduct a feasibility study in 2024 as was submitted. In this regard, the Committee urges the Executive to ensure that the feasibility study is undertaken without further delay and resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

19/23 - Electrification of Schools in Mkaika

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 21st March, 2023 had noted with concern that the Executive had not provided the timeline detailing when funds would be available to electrify schools in Mkaika Constituency. The Committee, therefore, had urged the Executive to provide a timeframe when the project would be financed. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Executive informed the Committee that under the Rural Electrification Master Plan schools in Mkaika Constituency were scheduled for electrification between 2026 and 2030.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

20/23 - Electrification of Health Facilities in Kasenengwa Constituency

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 21st March, 2023 had noted the submission and had urged the Executive to ensure that this project was implemented under the 2025 Work Plan and Budget without any further delay. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the Government through the Rural Electrification Authority (REA) had successfully awarded the Chizenje Grid Intensification Project to the contractor at a cost of K6 million under the 2025 Work plan and budget. The project involved electrification of Gundani Primary School, Chizenje Rural Health Centre, and the respective surrounding communities including Masuwa Village. The project was expected to be completed in the second quarter of 2026.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The committee in noting the submission resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

21/23 Electrification of Upgraded Secondary Schools in Mbabala Constituency

In the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 23rd March, 2023, the Committee was not pleased that nothing tangible had been done on the project.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the Government through the Rural Electrification Authority (REA) awarded the project to the contractor in August 2023. However, the contractor failed to implement the project and the contract was terminated on 30th April,

2025. REA was undertaking the assessment of the remaining works with the contractor to determine the cost for retendering. During the assessment the community and the workers who were owed salaries would be engaged. The final payment to the contractor would be less the amount paid to the workers. Further, subsequent implementation of the project would be determined when the final assessment is completed.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission expresses concern at the rate at which the project is being undertaken. The Committee therefore, urges the Government to ensure that the project is not delayed any further. The committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

MINISTRY OF JUSTICE

02/23 Completion of Nyimba Urban Local Court and Kapita Local Court

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 13th September, 2022 had noted the submissions and urged the Executive to ensure that the recommendations by the Committee were taken seriously and implemented. The Committee had resolved to await progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Executive in its update to the Committee referred to its earlier response that the specifications for the ceiling were contained in the drawings obtained from the Ministry of Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development. The drawings were standard and applied to all the local courts. In addition, the Committee was updated that the samples of second fix electricals which included cables would need to be approved by the project managers in conformity with the standard specifications.

Further, the Committee was informed that for Kapita Local Court, physical assessment for construction of the court buildings had already been completed and Standard drawings and bills of quantities had since been prepared by the Ministry of Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development. It was worth noting that the construction of Kapita Local Court had been included in the 2025-2027 Judiciary Infrastructure Development Plan and the construction works would commence once funding was available.

For the meantime, the Judiciary would explore alternative avenues such as the Constituency Development Fund (CDF).

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee expresses concern that three years after the assurance was made on the Floor of the House, the construction of Nyimba and Kapita Local courts have not yet been completed. The Committee urges the Executive to urgently secure funds for the completion of the two local courts. In this regard, the Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

26/23 - Construction of Chililalila Local Court

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 7th June, 2023, urged the Government to urgently complete the Chililalila Local Court without any further delay. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the contractor was recently funded the penultimate certificate, works were progressing well and the contractor was expected to conclude the works before the end of the third quarter, 2025.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

MINISTRY OF HEALTH

28/23 - Provision of Health Services to the Poor and Vulnerable

The Committee in previous Session regarding an assurance made on 14th June, 2023, urged the Government to ensure that NHIS coverage was extended to the poor and vulnerable households across the country in order to achieve sustainable Universal Health Coverage. The Committee resolved to await a progress report.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the Government was committed to supporting NHIMA in extending coverage to the poor and vulnerable within the available resource envelope. In addition to the US\$1.5 million under Global Fund, Government had also secured US\$2.5 million from the Susan Thompson Foundation to cover 40,000 more households.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission resolves to await a comprehensive accreditation to mini-hospitals, zonal clinics and rural health centres, which are closer to poor and vulnerable communities.

07/23 - Construction of Ndeke Village Clinic

On Thursday 22nd September, 2022, the Minister of Defence and Acting Leader of Government Business, on behalf of the Minister of Health, made the following assurance:

Madam Speaker, the construction of the following infrastructure at Ndeke Village Clinic in Kamfinsa Parliamentary Constituency is scheduled for completion in 2022: children's wing, maternity wing, mortuary, surgery room and an x-ray room. The cost of the outstanding works is K2, 959, 547.37

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 22nd September, 2022, urged the Ministry of Health to urgently get feedback from the Ministry of Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development on Ndeke Village Clinic. The Committee resolved to await a progress report.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the Government was still committed to completing the upgrade of Ndeke Village Clinic to a level 1 hospital. The Government through the Ministry of Health had received BOQs from Copperbelt Provincial Health Office and were in the process of reviewing the same before commencement of the tender process scheduled before the close of 2025. The Committee was further informed that this project was among the new district hospital projects the Government intended to implement before the close of this year.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

11/23 Dilapidated Zambezi District Hospital

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 27th October, 2022, urged the Government to expedite the construction of a new Zambezi Hospital to serve the local population.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the contract had been signed with NMS Infrastructure Zambia Limited under the phase 2 project, and the advance payment for the project to commence had since been paid. A District hospital under this phase of the project is to be built in Zambezi District to provide an initial alternative solution to the dilapidated old existing Zambezi District Hospital.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

18/23 - Construction of Mulema Sampa Health Post in Malole

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 21st March, 2023, urged the Government to urgently complete the construction of Mulema Sampa Health Post without delaying further.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the Construction of staff houses for the health post was now being planned for funding under the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development through CDF support. The Committee was further informed that Primary Healthcare infrastructure now had fallen under Local Authorities following the devolution of functions.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

25/23 - Construction of Kazungula District Hospital Mortuary

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 6th June, 2023, urged the Government to expedite the construction of a mortuary at Kazungula District Hospital without any further delays.

Executive Response

The Committee was informed that Government had concluded the tendering process for the award of a new contract for the completion of Kazungula District Hospital. The proposed contract had been forwarded to Ministry of Justice for clearance. Once cleared, the contract signing would take place and construction commence. That was scheduled to take place before the close of 2025. The Committee was further informed that the construction of a mortuary was in Phase 2 of the construction.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission resolves to await a progress report on the construction of Kazungula District Hospital.

29/23 - Construction of Mini Hospitals in Mufumbwe Constituency

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 5th June 2023, urged the Government to commence and finalise the construction of a mini hospital at Kaminzekezeke without any further delay.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the position over this matter remained outstanding as Government was yet to release funds towards the Value Added Tax (VAT), to facilitate payment to the contractor in order to commence the construction of the outstanding four (4) Mini hospitals and Kaminzekezeke Mini Hospital being one of them.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission urges the Executive to ensure that the construction of the mini hospitals in Mufumbwe Parliamentary Constituency is executed within the scheduled timeframe and resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

15/23 - Construction of Chibale Boarding School in Chama North

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 15th February, 2023, urged the Government to complete the remaining works for the construction of Chibale Boarding School in Chama North without any further delays.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that Government through the Ministry of Education had taken note of the Committee's Observation and wished to submit that the contract for the completion of Chibale Boarding Secondary School was awarded and the site officially handed over to the contractor on February 2025. Works were progressing well.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission urges the Executive to expedite the construction works of Chibale Boarding School in Chama North resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

16/23 - Construction of Laboratories at Lubwe Secondary School

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 9th March, 2023, urged the Executive to facilitate the construction of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) and science laboratory at Lubwe Secondary School in Chifunabuli District and other schools' country wide.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that Government through the Ministry of Education wished to submit that once the funds were available, the construction of ICT and Science laboratories will commence

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee notes the submission with great concern and urges the Government to ensure that funds are secured to commence the construction of the ICT and Science laboratories country wide. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

17/23 - Construction of Chembe Boarding Secondary School

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 15th March, 2023, urged the Executive to expedite the completion of the outstanding works for the construction of Chembo Boarding Secondary School.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the contract for the completion of Infrastructure at Chembe Boarding Secondary School was signed. The Ministry was in the process of securing funds to provide an Advance Payment to the contractor. This payment would facilitate the contractor's mobilisation at the site and the commencement of the project activities.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

MINISTRY OF TECHNOLOGY AND SCIENCE

6/23 - Construction of Communication Towers in Chitambo Constituency

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 21st September, 2022, had noted the response and had urged the Executive to finalise the remaining works for the construction of communication towers in Chitambo Parliamentary Constituency without any delays.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that Government had taken note of the Committee's observation and wished to report that the installation of active equipment at *Chitambo Mission* had been completed and the site was now on-air. For the other sites, progress was as follows:

Mwimbula Primary School: Active equipment had been installed and final testing was underway before commissioning;

Mulaushi Hills: Civil works were complete and active equipment installation was scheduled for completion by October 2025;

Mukando Secondary School: Installation works were ongoing and expected to be finalised within the fourth quarter of 2025.

The Government had put in place measures to ensure timely completion and activation of the remaining sites. The Committee will be updated on the progress.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission urges the Executive to urgently complete the remaining works for the construction of communication towers in Chitambo constituency without further delays.

24/23 - Construction of Communication Towers in Kanchibiya Constituency

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 6th June, 2023, urged the Executive to stick to the time frame and implement the planned construction of communication towers in Kanchibiya, and country wide. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that Government had taken note of the Committee's observation and wished to report that:

Donated Towers: 18 out of the 25 towers had been completed and were on-air, while the remaining 7 were at various stages of implementation;

Agro-Economic Belt Project: 80 towers were at the procurement stage;

SMART Villages Project: 11 towers were also at the procurement stage; and

ZAMTEL Towers: 5 towers had been completed and were on-air.

The Committee will be updated on the progress.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission urges the Executive to expedite the project and resolves to await a progress report on the construction of communication towers in Kanchibiya and country

MINISTRY OF FINANCE / AGRICULTURE

09/22 - Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Sectors

On Friday, 29th October, 2021, the Minister of Finance and National Planning, during the Budget presentation, made the following assurance:

Madam Speaker, the Government will promote the establishment of large-scale agriculture estates across the country that will produce and process agricultural products that are suitable in the respective

areas. The vehicle for doing so will be the farm blocks, which are sometimes also called growth poles. The task of the Government in realising this initiative is to provide the necessary infrastructure for farm blocks to be operational.

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 29th October, 2021, urged the Executive to actualise the assurance as promised in the response. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the following progress had been made to ensure that the farm block development project was fully implemented to enhance economic growth of the country:

The construction of 50 kilometres of access roads in Nansanga Farm Block located in Central Province had been completed;

The consultant was on the ground finalising the designs for the additional 150 kilometres of the access road into Nansanga Farm Block;

The construction of the Luena Farm Block access road measuring 62 kilometres had reached 80 percent completion;

The construction of power lines for electricity to Luena Farm Block had been completed;

The consultant was on the ground designing an additional 150 kilometres of the access roads in Luena Farm Block; and

The consultant was finalising the designs of the 150 kilometres of access roads in Kalumwange and Kalugwishi respectively.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission urges the Executive to expedite the outstanding works of the project to enhance production and processing of agricultural products country wide and resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

MINISTRY OF ENERGY

45/22 - Electrification of Chiefdoms in Milanzi Constituency

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 1st March, 2022, had noted the response and urged Government to secure adequate resources for the electrification of both Kathumba and Kaweza chiefdoms in Milanzi Parliamentary Constituency. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that Government through the Rural Electrification Authority (REA) had awarded the project to the contractor in December 2023. However, the

contractor failed to implement the project, and the contract was terminated on 11th June 2025. REA was undertaking the assessment of the remaining works with the contractor to determine the cost for retendering. During the assessment, the community and the workers who were owed salaries would be engaged. The final payment to the contractor would be less the amount paid to the workers. The Committee was informed that subsequent implementation of the project would be determined when the final assessment was completed.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission resolves to await a comprehensive progress report on the matter.

55/22 - Electrification of Schools in Mulobezi Parliamentary Constituency

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 3rd March, 2022, had noted the submission by the Executive and resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the Rural Electrification Authority (REA) had so far received the following sites from the Local Authorities of Mulobezi District as priority sites for implementation under the Constituency Development Fund (CDF) in 2024; Kamanga Secondary School, Nawinda Secondary School, and Bwina Secondary School. These sites had since been included on the list to be assessed by a consultant currently being procured by REA to support the scoping and implementation of CDF projects.

Committee's Observations and Recommendation

The Committee is greatly concerned that ever since the assurance was made nothing has been done. The Committee in noting the submission urges the Government to expedite the process to facilitate electrification of Kamanga Secondary School, Nawinda Secondary School, and Bwina Secondary School in Mulobezi Constituency. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

THE MINISTRY OF WATER DEVELOPMENT AND SANITATION

03/22 - Makululu Water Project

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 7th October 2021, had noted the assurance, and urged the Executive to expedite the review of the Makululu Water Project and secure funds to commence the project for the benefit of the local people and surrounding areas. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that Makululu was a high-density unplanned settlement where water access had remained precarious. The Makululu Water Project involved the drilling of high-yield boreholes, the construction of a 500-cubic-metre elevated tank, and a reticulation network comprising over 15 kilometres of distribution pipelines.

Government had allocated funds to be used on the water improvement works in Makulu Township. Currently, Government, was scheduled to sign the works contract. In addition, the Ministry had secured funds from the African Development Bank amounting to USD13.3 million to fund the rehabilitation works for Kabwe Town.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission urges the Government to speed up the signing of the works contract and resolves to await a progress report on the Makululu Water Projects.

14/22 - Water Reservoirs Construction in Chienge

The Committee in the previous Session urged the Executive to ensure that the construction of water reservoirs in Chienge was completed within the assured time frame. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the Chiengi Water Supply Project initially suffered setbacks due to the lapse of the first contract before works could commence. Recognising the importance of that project to the people of Chiengi, the Ministry undertook a comprehensive redesign and re-tendering process.

The new scope of works included mechanised boreholes, solar-powered pumping systems, elevated tanks, and piped distribution to high-demand zones including schools, health centres, and markets. The contract was awarded in June 2023 at a total cost of K104,685,300.36, with progress standing at 68 per cent.

The project was expected to be completed by the end of 2025. That project would directly benefitted more than 19,000 people and drastically reduced waterborne diseases linked to the use of unsafe water sources.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission observes with concern at the delay in completing the project and urges the Government to complete the project without further delays. The Committee resolves to await a comprehensive progress report on the matter.

43/22 - Construction of Phase II of the Nkana Water Supply and Sanitation Project

On Tuesday, 1st March, 2022, the Minister of Water Development and Sanitation made the following assurance on the Floor of the House:

"In the 2022 Budget, money has been allocated to cater for a number of projects which stalled under this sector. We are waiting for the funds to be released so that we can direct some of them towards Phase II of the Nkana Water Supply and Sanitation Project and many other projects. This project is being financed by the Government of the Republic of Zambia through a loan from the Industrial and Commercial Bank of China".

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 1st March, 2022, urged the Executive to facilitate the releasing of funds so that stalled works would

commence for the construction of phase II of the Nkana Water Supply and Sanitation project. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the US\$200 million project, launched in 2017, was designed to upgrade and expand water and sewerage services in Kitwe, Kalulushi, and Chambeshi. The project experienced significant delays due to the suspension of financing linked to contractual and repayment issues. However, the Government had taken decisive action to revive the project.

The Committee was further informed that a total of US\$59.9 million had now been allocated for the completion of key outstanding works. From December 2022, Government had disbursed USD31.5 Million towards completion of outstanding works and the project had progressed to 61 per cent completion. The scope of the project included the construction and rehabilitation of water treatment plants, reservoirs, transmission lines, distribution networks, the rehabilitation of sewer networks and the waste water treatment plant. It was expected that once completed, the project will benefit 850,000 people.

Committee's Observation and Recommendation

The Committee in noting the submission urges the Government to complete the outstanding works of phase II of the construction of the Nkana Water Supply and Sanitation project. In this regard, the Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

67/22 - Water Supply in Kamfinsa Parliamentary Constituency

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made upon 10th June 2022, urged the Government to ensure that new pumps were installed at the raw water intake in Kamfinsa Parliamentary Constituency without any further delays. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that Government through the Ministry of Water Development and Sanitation wished to inform the Committee that the water supply challenges in Kamfinsa stemmed from inadequate storage infrastructure and deteriorating distribution systems. To address that, the Government was implementing an expansion project at the Ndeke Water Distribution Centre. Substantial progress on interventions aimed at improving water supply in Kamfinsa Parliamentary Constituency with key components of that project including the construction of one ground tank, one elevated tank, a new pump house, and the rehabilitation of critical pipeline sections.

The project had advanced significantly, with overall works now at 65 per cent completion. Once operational, the upgraded system will guarantee reliable water supply to over 40,000 residents in Kamfinsa and surrounding wards, contributing to improved public health and household productivity.

In addition, rehabilitation of the Nkana East Water Treatment Plant had reached 67 per cent completion. Those improvements were expected to boost water treatment output, improve water quality, and ensure greater operational reliability of the plant.

Further, as part of short-term measures to alleviate water supply challenges, Government had successfully drilled two commercial boreholes in Ndeke and Ndeke Changachanga.

The Committee was further informed that the Ministry was dedicated and committed to fulfilling those Government Assurances as all those projects were underpinned by strengthened monitoring and evaluation systems within the Ministry. Nonetheless, funding remains a persistent challenge. However, the Ministry continued to actively engage bilateral and multilateral development partners and was exploring climate finance mechanisms and resulted-based financing models to diversify the resource base.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission resolves to await a comprehensive progress report on the matter.

MINISTRY OF INFRASTRUCTURE, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

01/22 - Great North Road Rehabilitation

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 6th October, 2021, had noted the submissions and urged the Executive to ensure that resources were mobilised to complete the maintenance and rehabilitation works of the great north road between Serenje and Chinsali within the stipulated timeframe as assured. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the procurement for the consultancy services for designing, reviewing and preparation of tender documents for the rehabilitation of the Serenje/Mpika Road T2 was awarded to Technital S.P.A in association with Arab Consulting Engineers, Mohorram Bakhoum and Technital Consulting Zambia Limited on 27th May 2025. The services were ongoing.

Committee's Observation and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission expressed great concern at the delay and slow rate of project execution undertaken so far. The Committee therefore, urges the Executive to ensure that the project is not delayed further. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

07/22 - Rehabilitation of Mbesuma /Kafwimbi Road

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 14th October, 2021, urged the Government to ensure that the rehabilitation works of Mbesuma and Kafwimbi Road in Chinsali District were undertaken within the assured stipulated timeframe. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the contract for the construction of Mbesuma bridge which was earlier envisaged to be signed in the fourth quarter of 2024. However, the contract could not be signed due to budgetary constraints in the 2024 and 2025 Road Sector Annual Work Plans. The Government had now provided sufficient funds in the 2026 Annual Work Plan to commence with the works.

Committee's Observation and Recommendation

The Committee in noting the submission resolves to await a progress report on the Mbesuma/ Kafwimbi Road in Chinsali District.

08/22 - Luwingu/Nsombo/Chaba Road

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 20th October, 2021, had noted the update and urged the Executive to quickly secure funds for upgrading to bituminous standard the Luwingu/Nsombo/Chaba Road in Chilubi District. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that Government had allocated funds towards the upgrade of the Luwingu to Chaba road in the 2025 budget plans to upgrade the Luwingu-Nsombo-Chaba road in Luwingu District to bituminous standard. The procurement of the civil works was envisaged to commence within the third quarter of 2025. The envisaged scope works would include upgrading the Luwingu Nsombo Chaba road to a bituminous standard road with a double surface dressed wearing course.

Committee's Observation and Recommendation

The Committee in noting the submission urges the Government to mobilise funds to upgrade to bituminous standards of Luwingu/Nsombo/ Chaba Road in Chilubi District without any further delays and resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

20/22 - Construction of Nyimba District Hospital

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 15th February 2022, urged the Executive to expedite the remaining works for the construction of Nyimba District Hospital without any further delays. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the outstanding works had been assessed and BOQs had been prepared. The procurement processes were expected to commence within the third quarter of 2025, and works on site were likely to commence in the fourth quarter of 2025.

With regards cracks to wall on the existing OPD block, government engaged a contractor to repair the cracked walls and works had since been completed

Committee's Observation and Recommendation

The Committee in noting the submission urges the Government to complete the outstanding works of the project initially planned to be completed by June 2022. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the rehabilitation of Nyimba District Hospital.

28/22 - Construction of Kalungwishi Boarding School in Chiengi District

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 17th February 2022, urged the Executive to finalise the remaining works of the construction of Kalungwishi Boarding School in Chiengi. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that Government acknowledged the observations and recommendations made by the Committee and reiterated its commitment to enhancing secondary education infrastructure. The Ministry of Education reported that, as of 30th June 2025, the contract for the completion of the remaining infrastructure at Kalungwishi Boarding Secondary School had been signed, and the site formally handed over to the contractor.

Construction works were now actively underway, including the completion of the Home Economics block, Science laboratory, intake pump house, treatment house, sand filter installation, underground water reservoir, and associated piping. The Government continued to closely monitor progress to ensure timely completion of the project, recognising the importance of this school as the only boarding secondary school in Chiengi District.

The Government remained committed to providing updates on the progress of the project, in line with the Committee's request

Committee's Observation and Recommendation

The Committee in noting the submission urges the Government to expedite the outstanding works of the project and resolves to await a progress report on matter.

31/22 - Construction of the Monze/Niko Road

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 18th February 2022, urged the Executive to expedite the outstanding works for the construction of the Monze/Niko Road. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that Government through the Ministry of Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development wished to report that Chipangano Builders Limited had since mobilised some of their equipment to site. However, the contactors work flow had continued to be intermittent. The contractor had since been requested to provide a works acceleration plan. It was anticipated that the acceleration plan would be reviewed and

discussed with the contractor, with the possibility of reallocating part of the works to China Geo Engineering Corporation, should the plan be unsatisfactory.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission urges the Executive to speed up the review of the contractor's acceleration works plan, and reallocation of parts of the work project to China Geo Engineering Corporation if the plan is unsatisfactory. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

60/22 - Construction of District Administration Block in Mulobezi District

The Committee in the previous Session regarding assurance made on 17th March 2022, with completion of works initially planned for December, 2022, noted the submission and appreciated the effort made to ensure that the District Administrative Block was constructed in Mulobezi. The Committee urged the Executive to finalise the remaining works on the project. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that no price adjustments to the contract had been done. That followed the guidance rendered by Attorney general regarding status of contracts whose completion periods had elapsed. The guidance was that such contracts should not be considered for price adjustment but be retendered. The contract had expired and will be retendered in 2026 funds allowing

Committee's Observation and Recommendation

The Committee in noting the submission urges the Government to mobilise additional resources for the project and resolves to await a comprehensive progress on the matter.

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

04/22 - Paul Mushindo University

The Committee in the previous Session regarding assurance made on 12th October, 2022, had noted the progress made and urged the Executive to urgently secure resources to complete the outstanding works of the construction of Paul Mushindo University. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that Government reiterated its commitment to enhancing university education infrastructure. In that regard, the Government reported that the contract for the completion of infrastructure at Paul Mushindo University had been signed, and the site had since been handed over to the contractor. The Committee was further informed that works were in progress.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission resolves to await a progress report on the outstanding works for Paul Mushindo University.

11/22 - Education and Skills Development

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 29th October 2021, had noted the submission by the Executive and resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that Government reiterated its commitment to enhancing secondary education infrastructure. In that respect, the Ministry of Education reported that construction works were progressing steadily. Specifically, nineteen (19) projects had reached the concrete footing stage, fourteen (14) were at the substructure block work stage, nineteen (19) had progressed to slab level, forty-two (42) were at ring beam level, and twenty-six (26) had advanced to gable level. The Ministry further informed the Committee that all the projects were scheduled for completion by 31st July, 2026.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission urges the Executive to ensure that the project was implemented within the assured timeframe. Further, the Committee observes with great concern that the project has taken long to complete. In this regard, the Committee urges the Executive speed up the construction works of additional 120 secondary schools and resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

16/22 - Completion of Michael Chilufya Sata Girls School in Isoka

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 1st December 2022, had noted the progress made and urged the Executive to secure funds and complete the outstanding works of the project as promised to the nation without any further delay. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that Government had acknowledged the observations and recommendations of the Committee and reiterated its commitment to enhancing secondary education infrastructure. In that regard, the Ministry reported that the contract for the completion of infrastructure at Michael Chilufya Sata Boarding Secondary School had been signed, and the site had been officially handed over to the contractor. The House was further informed that construction works were in progress.

Committee's Observation and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission urges the Government to ensure that the project which should have originally been completed in 2022 in line with the assurance is completed without any further delays. The Committee resolves to await a comprehensive progress report on the matter.

17/22 - Additional Secondary Schools in Nalolo District

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 18th February 2022, had noted the update and urged the Executive to immediately commence the construction of secondary schools' country wide and in Nalolo District as was promised to the entire Nation on the floor of the House and state a clear time frame when the project would be

completed without delaying further. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that Government acknowledged the observations and recommendations made by the Committee and reaffirmed its commitment to expanding secondary education infrastructure. The Ministry of Education reported that measures had been taken to address the water supply challenge at Likuma Day Secondary School by decentralising the processes of hiring a driller to the District level, aimed at expediting project implementation.

Authority had been granted for the school to procure borehole drilling and equipping services, and quotations were being collected for evaluation. On-site construction progressed and stood at 5 percent, with foundation excavation works actively underway. The Ministry had continued to monitor the project closely to ensure timely completion, in line with the Committee's request.

Committee's Observation and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission resolves to await a progress on the matter.

32/22 - Construction of Lualizi Day Secondary School in Nkombwa Ward

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 18th February 2022, urged the Executive to expedite the construction of Secondary Schools country wide and Lualizi Day Secondary School in Nkombwa Ward. The Committee had resolved to await a progress matter on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that Government had acknowledged the observations and recommendations made by the Committee and reaffirmed its commitment to strengthening secondary education infrastructure. The Ministry of Education reported that measures had been taken to address the water supply challenges affecting the construction of Lualizi Day Secondary School. The processes of hiring a driller had been decentralized to the district level to expedite project implementation.

Authority had been granted for the school to procure borehole drilling and equipping services, and quotations were being collected for evaluation. Overall progress on site stood at 15 percent, with substructure blockwork actively underway. The Ministry continued to monitor the project closely to ensure that logistical challenges were resolved and that construction proceeded as scheduled, in line with the Committee's recommendations.

Committee's Observation and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission urges the Government to ensure that the project was completed without any further delays and resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

MINISTRY OF TECHNOLOGY AND SCIENCE

14/15 - Construction of Mumbwa Trades Training Institute

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 6th March 2015, urged the Executive to implement the construction of Mumbwa Trades Training Institute as promised to the nation and set a time frame for the construction of the project. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that Government had taken note of the Committee's observation and reported that the construction of Mumbwa Trades Training Institute, which commenced in October 2015 and was scheduled for completion in October 2016, stalled due to insufficient financing from the Treasury. That resulted in the expiration of the contract on 1st October 2016. With guidance from the Ministry of Infrastructure and Urban Development, the Ministry had since initiated the process to reactivate the stalled project.

The project had further been earmarked for conversion into a Polytechnic in order to enhance its mandate and expand training opportunities in line with national skills development priorities. An assessment of the outstanding works was currently underway and, once concluded, the Committee will be updated on the progress made.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission, urges the Executive to ensure that an assessment of the outstanding work is carried out and a new contractor awarded a new contract. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter

29/19 - Construction of Milenge Trades Training Institute

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 1st December 2018, had noted the update and urged the Executive to expedite the clearance and signing process of the contract through the Ministry of Justice to facilitate the contractor moving on site and commence the outstanding works. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the situation regarding the construction of Milenge Trades Training Institute had not changed. Government had remained committed to commencing the project once the fiscal situation improved.

The Committee was further informed that construction of the Institute commenced in April 2011 with an anticipated completion date of April 2013. However, the project experienced significant delays, which culminated in the termination of the contract and subsequent legal disputes. The resumption of construction activities remained contingent upon the availability of requisite resources.

Once resources were secured, priority would be given to ensuring timely delivery.

The Committee will be updated on the progress.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission urges the Government to ensure that the project is finalised without any further delays and resolves to await a progress report on the remaining construction works of Milenge Trades Training Institute.

MINISTRY OF HEALTH

29/22 - Rehabilitation and Procurement of an Ambulance for Senanga General Hospital

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 17th February 2022, urged the Executive to urgently mobilise funds for rehabilitation of infrastructure for Senanga General Hospital and procurement of ambulances for the health facilities across the country. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that Government through the Ministry of Health was developing a Maintenance Plan for all health infrastructure countrywide. Once that exercise was completed the costing and scope of work required for Senanga General Hospital will be generated to allocate the required funding.

Committee's Observation and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission urges the Executive to speed up the rehabilitation of infrastructure for Senanga General Hospital and procurement of ambulances for health facilities country wide and resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

47/22 Paving of the Kabwe Central Hospital grounds

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 1st March 2022, urged the Government to urgently secure funds for the rehabilitation of Kabwe Central Hospital grounds. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the roads at Kabwe Central Hospital had only been graded so far under the Local Authority.

Committee's Observation and Recommendation

The Committee in noting the submission urges the Executive to urgently mobilise funds and ensure that paving of the Kabwe Central Hospital grounds is finalised without any further delays and resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 29th October 2021, urged the Executive to establish the necessary infrastructure for the operation of growth poles of farms blocks country wide to enhance production and processing of agricultural products. The Committee had resolved to await to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that Government through the Ministry of Agriculture had taken note of the Committee's recommendation to quickly finalise the processes to operationalise the farm blocks as the construction of roads and electrification of commercial farms were the main infrastructure that would attract the much-needed private sector participation in farm blocks. Therefore, the following were the updates on the Committee's observations and recommendations: -

The Ministry of Agriculture in collaboration with the Zambia National Service and Road Development Agency had completed the construction of 50 kilometres of access roads in Nansanga Farm while the construction of 62 kilometres of feeder roads in Luena Farm Block had reached 80 percent completion stage. The construction of power lines for electricity to Luena Farm Block had been completed and two out of the three identified commercial farms had since been connected to the power lines.

Committee's Observation and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

64/22–Recapitalisations of Nitrogen Chemicals of Zambia

On the 7th June, 2022, the Minister of Agriculture made the following assurance on the Floor of the House:

Madam Speaker Government has plans to recapitalise Nitrogen Chemicals of Zambia (NCZ) and the plan is already being implemented. The Government allocated K 684,000,000 towards the recapitalisation of the company out of which K480, 000,000 had already been given to NCZ. The balance of K2000, 000,000 will be disbursed as soon as the process of the acquiring certain equipment is done. The money is there just waiting for NCZ to reach the process and the funds will be released.

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 7th June 2022, urged the Executive to expedite the process of acquisition of certain equipment's by the Nitrogen Chemicals of Zambia. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that Government had taken note of the Committee's observations and recommendations and wished to update the Committee on the following progress made:

The construction of the Blending and Granulating Plant had reached 95 per cent completion;

The contractor had so far been paid US\$ 4,240,511.34 representing 62 per cent of the contract value;

The K43,954.72 was still been awaited from IDC.

Committee's Observation and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission urges the Government through the Industrial Development Corporation (IDC) to release the balance of K43,627,954.72 for the actualisation of the project. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

15/21 - Kabwe-Mukobeko / Ngabwe Road

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 9th February 2021, had noted the update and urged the Executive to implement the maintenance of Kabwe/Mukobeko/Ngabwe Road without any further delays to benefit the local people. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the works on the Kabwe-Mukobeko/Ngabwe Road were ongoing and at 65 percent completion, with 62km of road formation and gravelling complete. The overall works were expected to be completed fully within the third quarter of 2025.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission urges the Government to expedite the emergency maintenance works of Kabwe/Mukobeko/Ngabwe Road without any further delays. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

18/21 - Rehabilitation of Katete / Chanida Road

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 27th April 2021, had noted the submission and urged the Executive to expedite the rehabilitation works of Katete/Chanida Road by the contractor. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the concessionaire had continued working on the first 10km section using the equity component. The Concessionaire had since informed Government through RDA that they were almost reaching financial close and were anticipated to finalise the financial close procedure within the third quarter of 2025.

The Committee was further informed that the Ministry had signed the contract to commence works in September 2024 for the rehabilitation of feeder roads in Ngabwe.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee notes the submission and resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

12/21 - Luapula Police Officers' Houses

The previous Committee in noting the submission regarding an assurance made on 26th January 2021, had urged the Executive to ensure that funds were made available without further delay to facilitate the construction of housing units for police officers in Luapula Province. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that Government through the Ministry of Home Affairs and Internal Security wished to submit that the Ministerial Housing Project Phase II had not yet commenced, as it was still awaiting Treasury Authority before the contractor would be engaged and the contract signed. Given that the housing deficit for the security wings remained a concern countrywide, the Ministry intends to prioritise Phase II in areas that had not benefited from Phase I, beginning with Luapula Province.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

MINISTRY OF HEALTH

01/21 - Gwembe Health Posts Construction

On Tuesday, 15th September, 2020, the Minister of Fisheries and Livestock, on behalf of the Minister of Health, made the following assurance on the floor of the House:

Mr Speaker, the construction of the ten health posts in Gwembe Parliamentary Constituency under the 650 health posts project commenced with three out of the ten designated health posts, which are at 90 per cent completion. The contractor is on site and was expected to complete all the ten health posts by the end of December 2020, as per programme

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 15th September 2020, had urged the Executive to ensure that the construction of ten health posts in Gwembe Parliamentary Constituency was completed. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the floor of the House.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that Primary Healthcare infrastructure had fallen under Local Authorities following the devolution of functions. The Ministry of Health had since engaged Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development to undertake the completion of the remaining 87 health posts. Further, the Ministry of Health had since provided specific site names for the remaining health posts.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission urges the Executive to expedite the procurement processes to engage a new contractor and complete the outstanding works of the project. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

03/21 - Maponde - Luamfula Health Post Construction in Solwezi East

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 2nd October 2020, urged the Executive to complete the construction of the Maponde- Luamfula Health Post in Solwezi East Parliamentary Constituency without any further delays. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that Primary Healthcare infrastructure had fallen under Local Authorities following the devolution of functions. The Ministry of Health had since engaged Ministry of Local Government & Rural Development to take up the completion of the remaining 87 health posts. Further, the Ministry of Health had since provided specific site names for the remaining health posts.

Committee's Observations and Recommendation

The Committee in noting the submission resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND ARTS

16/21 Declaration of Barotse Flood Plain as a World Heritage Site

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 30th April 2021, urged the Executive to expedite the process and secure resources to declare the Barotse Flood Plain as a World Heritage Site. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the Barotse Royal Establishment officially endorsed the Report and had consented to the inscription of the Barotse Floodplains as World Heritage Cultural Landscape. As a requirement of the World Heritage Convention, the Nomination Dossier was submitted to the UNESCO World Heritage Centre early that year. It was expected that the Nomination Dossier would be evaluated and examined during the 48th World Heritage Committee Session in South Korea in July 2026.

Committee's Observation and Recommendation

The Committee in noting the submission appreciates the progress made on the plan to declare the Barotse Flood Plain in the Western Province of the Republic of Zambia as a World Cultural Landscape in line with the UNESCO World Heritage Convention. In this regard, the Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

MINISTRY OF TECHNOLOGY AND SCIENCE

13/21 Mkushi North Communication Towers Construction

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 26th January 2021, had noted the update and urged the Executive to ensure that the remaining works of the construction of Communication Towers in Mkushi North were completed without any further delays. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that Government had taken note of the Committee's observation and reported that the situation remained the same. In the previous report, the Ministry had reported that four communication towers in Mkushi North Constituency were on air, while eight towers earmarked for operationalisation were not yet on air due to financial constraints. The Ministry had, however, placed priority on the project and would ensure that the remaining towers were brought on air in fourth quarter of 2025.

The Committee will be updated on the progress.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission observes with great concern that the project has taken long to complete since the assurance was made on the floor of the House to the Nation four years ago. In this regard, the Committee urges the Executive to speed up the construction of the remaining eight communication towers in Mkushi North Parliamentary Constituency and resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

11/21 - Rehabilitation of Ngabwe District Feeder Roads

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 31st March 2021, urged the Executive to ensure that the Feeder Roads in Ngabwe Districts were rehabilitated without any further delays. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that Government had concluded the procurement processes and engaged two contractors to work on selected feeder roads in Ngabwe District as follows:

the 18km Chisanga–Kakonko road was awarded to Teedot Investments Limited. Works commenced and physical progress was at 90 percent as of August 2025; and

the 32km Lwamala and Nsengwa-Chishimu road was awarded to SJ Top Brand Media Construction Limited; works had commenced and physical progress was at 40 per cent as of August 2025.

Committee's Observation and recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission urges the Government to speed up the remaining works of the project and resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

MINISTRY OF HEALTH

03/20 - Upgrade of Health Centres in Mkaika

On 5th March, 2020, the Minister of Health made the following assurance on the floor of the House:

Madam Speaker, the Government would add additional infrastructure to Vulamkoko and Chimtende health centres so that they can operate at mini hospital status by the third quarter of this year.

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 5th March 2020, urged the Ministry of Health to urgently secure resources and expedite the construction of additional infrastructure at Vulamkoko and Chimtende health centres to operate as mini hospitals. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the additional buildings at Vulamkoko and Chimtende Health Centres were Mother's Shelters. The Committee was further informed that since the health facilities performed Primary Health care functions, the Ministry of Local Government & Rural Development had been requested to take up this responsibility.

Committee's Observation and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission, resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

42/18 - Construction of a Clinic in Nashinga Area

On 4th July, 2018, the Minister of Health made the following assurance:

Mr Speaker, the Ministry of Health is working with the Chinsali Municipal Council to construct a clinic in Nashinga area in Lubwa Ward in Chinsali Parliamentary Constituency. Sir, we expect to commence the construction works within 2018.

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 4th July 2018, urged the Executive to complete the construction of a clinic in Nashinga area in Lubwa Ward in Chinsali Parliamentary Constituency without any further delays. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the ablution block at Nashinga health post had been completed

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission urges the Government to speed up the outstanding works of the construction of a clinic in Nashinga area in Lubwa ward and resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

57/18 Construction of Chalokwa Health Post in Siavonga District

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 12th July 2018, urged the Executive to ensure that it secured resources for the construction of the remaining works of Chalokwa Health Post under the 650 Health Posts without any further delays. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that Primary Healthcare infrastructure had fallen under Local Authorities following the devolution of functions. The Ministry of Health had since engaged Ministry of Local Government & Rural Development to undertake the completion of the remaining 87 health posts.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission observes with concern at the slow rate the project is being undertaken and urges the Executive to expedite the remaining works of the project without any further delays. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

24/16 Update on Construction of 650 Health Posts Countrywide

On 19th April, 2016, the Minister of Health made the following assurance:

“Mr Speaker, thank you very much for granting me this opportunity to update the House and nation at large on the construction of 650 health posts across the country. As the House would recall, these health posts are being constructed at a total cost of US\$55.9 million, of which US\$50 million is the Indian Government concession loan to the Government of Zambia. The Government of Zambia would contribute the balance of US\$5.9 million. The loan agreement was signed on 29th March, 2012.

*Mr Speaker, this project involves the following:
construction of 650 pre-fabricated health post buildings, staff houses and ventilated latrines;
provision of basic medical equipment to 650 health posts to be constructed; and
provision of solar power, boreholes and hand pumps to the facilities.*

*Mr Speaker, for easy management of the contracts, the 650 health posts were split into three lots in order to minimise the risk that may result if all the health posts were awarded to one contractor. These contracts were signed on 3rd July, 2013. The lots were awarded as follows:
Lot 1, covering the construction of prefabricated structures, supply and installation of essential equipment for 208 health posts in the Central, Copperbelt and Eastern provinces, was awarded to Jaguar Overseas Limited at an amount of US\$19,468,236;*

Lot 2, covering the provinces of the North-Western, Northern, Muchinga and Luapula, was awarded to Angelique International Limited at US\$18,100,735; and Lot 3, covering construction of health posts in the Western, Southern and Lusaka provinces, was awarded to Megha Engineering and Infrastructure Limited at an amount of US\$18,387,160.

Mr Speaker, the site handovers for this project were done in the first quarter of 2014 in all the provinces. The project was expected to be undertaken over a period of twenty-four months from April, 2014, to April, 2016. However, it had since suffered some major challenges that have warranted it to be extended by an additional six months.

Sir, the major setback that the project suffered was the termination of the contract for Angelique International Limited, covering 270 health posts in the Northern, Luapula, North-Western and Muchinga provinces. The termination was done following recommendations by the Indian Government.

Mr Speaker, despite the above-mentioned challenge, progress had been as follows: out of the 650 sites, contractors had been granted possession of 547 sites, representing coverage of 84 percent across the country;

a total of 266 super structures had been completed countrywide, out of which 102 had been operationalised and are being used by the local communities. We expect an additional 100 health posts to be operational within the course of the month;

all medical equipment and construction materials had been shipped into the country to facilitate completion of the remaining health posts; and

health posts that were under the Angelique International Limited component had been retendered and recommendations had been submitted to the Indian Government for its approval to proceed with the new contractor.

Sir, in view of the above-mentioned progress, completion of all health posts was now expected to be accomplished by October, 2016.”

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 19th April 2016, had noted the update and urged the Executive to facilitate completion of the remaining health posts on the construction of 650 health posts country-wide. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive’s Response

The Committee was informed that primary healthcare infrastructure had fallen under local authorities following the devolution of functions. The Ministry of Health had since engaged Ministry of Local Government & Rural Development to undertake the completion of the remaining 87 health posts.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the update resolves to await a progress report on the construction of 650 Health posts country-wide and urges the Government to expedite the process and ensure that the project is completed within the scheduled time frame.

MINISTRY OF INFRASTRUCTURE, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

06/20 Nabwalya / Mfuwe Road Construction

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 1st October 2019, urged the Executive to urgently secure additional resources for the completion of the remaining works for the construction of the Nabwalya/Mfuwe Road. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that Pursuant to the many needs for road transport improvement, the Government through the Ministry of Housing, Infrastructure and Urban Development (MIHUD) and Road Development Agency (RDA) had been implementing Plans using both Public and Private Sector expertise and financing to implement road projects. The Government had formulated a Rolling Plan to implement road projects. The Plan involved:

- Completing rehabilitation of existing trunk roads through either EPC or PPP models;
- dualising of all trunk roads to enhance the efficient movement of people, goods, and services;
- Upgrading of road links to all districts to bituminous standard, and;
- Developing of new road connections to improve national mobility and logistics.

It was the intention of Government that among the roads to benefit from the Rolling Yearly Plan will be the Nabwalya Mfuwe Road to bituminous standard as assured.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

08/20 Chama/Matumbo and Chama/Lundazi Road Rehabilitation

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 1st October 2019, urged the Executive to ensure that the project was completed urgently within the assured time frame as promised to the Nation. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the Grading and re-gravelling of approximately 120km of the Lundazi/Chama Road had been completed.

Government through the RDA had commenced the procurement of the contract to undertake the upgrading of a section of the Chama Matumbo road, from Lundazi to

Luangwa River, approximately 65km. The award of the contract and subsequent signing of the contract was expected to take place by the fourth quarter of 2025.

The Government had earlier secured funds for upgrading of a section of the Lundazi/Chama road from Lundazi to Chasefu road through the Millennium Challenge Compact (MCC) 2 programme. However, following a change in policy direction, on the part of the Government of the United States of America, the MCC 2 programme had been suspended pending a review.

The Committee was further informed that Government had taken note of the Committee's observations. Government understood the importance and benefits that upgrading of the remaining lots on the Chama/Matumbo and Chama/Lundazi Road would bring to the area and region. It was for that reason that Government had planned to upgrade the roads to bituminous standard subject to Treasury securing adequate resources as was previously assured.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission observes with concern that the project has taken long to complete and urges the Executive to mobilise additional funds and ensure that the project is completed. In this regard, the committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

09/20 Washed Away Bridges in Msanzala

On 27th February, 2020, the Minister of Housing and Infrastructure Development made the following assurance on the floor of the House:

Mr Speaker, the Government is aware of the washing away of the Chipungu/Mbulamala Bridge across Msanzala River and Mkonda Bridge across Mkonda River on Msolo Road in Msanzala Parliamentary Constituency.

Sir, the Government, through the Road Development Agency (RDA), had carried out an assessment of the damage at the Chipungu/Mbulamala Bridge and submitted a budget to the National Roads Fund Agency (NRFA) in order to facilitate release of funds for the required works. Further, an assessment of the damage at Mkonda Bridge is scheduled to be undertaken before the end of March, 2020.

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 2nd October 2020, in noting the submission, had urged the Executive to urgently secure resources and assessment of the damage at Mkonda Bridge to commence the construction works of washed away bridges in Msanzala. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter,

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the physical progress on the construction of the Lusangazi Bridge stood at 75 per cent, which constituted completed construction of abutments, and the major cross culvert on the approach road had also been completed. All

bridge components had been delivered on site and the assembling of the bridge components was expected to commence within the month of August 2025. The bridge was expected to be completed and launched within the third quarter of 2025.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

10/20 Rehabilitation of Infrastructure in Msanzala Constituency

The Committee in the previous Session urged the Executive to expedite the rehabilitation works on Manda/Vuveye Bridge along the Nyamphande/Mwape Road and secure more resources to that effect. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the contract for the construction of the Mvuvye was awarded to Trans-Engineering Zambia Limited and works commenced on 2nd January 2025. The bridge construction works were expected to be completed within the third quarter of 2026.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission urges the Government to speed up the rehabilitation works on Manda/Vuveye Bridge along Nyamphande/Mwape Road and complete the project without any further delays. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

11/20 - Construction of Chamatonye Bridge

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 13th February 2020, urged the Executive to expedite the construction of the Lupande /Chamatonye Bridge. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that Government had taken note of the Committee's observations. Government understood the importance and benefits that constructing the Chamatonye crossing point would bring to the area and region. It was for that reason that Government had plans to construct the bridge subject to Treasury securing adequate resources as previously assured.

Pursuant to the many needs for road transport improvement, the Government through the Ministry of Housing, Infrastructure and Urban Development (MIHUD) and Road Development Agency (RDA) had been implementing Plans using both Public and Private Sector expertise and financing to implement road projects. The Government had formulated a Rolling Plan to implement road projects. The Plan involved:

Completing rehabilitation of existing trunk roads through either EPC or PPP models;
dualising of all trunk roads to enhance the efficient movement of people, goods, and services;

Upgrading of road links to all districts to bituminous standard;

Developing of new road connections to improve national mobility and logistics;

It was the intention of Government that among the projects to benefit from the Rolling Yearly Plan would be the construction of Chamatonye crossing point as was assured.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission urges the Executive to expedite the construction of the Lupande /Chamatonye Bridge without any further delays and resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

12/20 - Kanchibiya Constituency Bridges Reconstruction

On 14th February, 2020, the Minister of Housing and Infrastructure Development made the following assurance on the floor of the House:

Mr Speaker, works to reconstruct Kabinga and Kopa bridges in Kanchibiya Parliamentary Constituency that were damaged during the 2018/2019 rainy season have commenced under the Kanchibiya-Chalabesa Project which was being implemented by the Ministry of Local Government. Works commenced in March, 2019 and are scheduled to be completed by September 2020.

The Committee in the previous Session regarding an assurance made on 2nd October 2020, urged the Executive to complete the project without any further delays. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the works on Kabinga bridge were completed by the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development.

The Committee was informed that Government had taken note of the Committee's observations regarding Kopa bridge. The Committee was further informed that the Government understood the importance and benefits that constructing Kopa bridged would bring to the area and region. It was for that reason that Government had planned to upgrade the roads to bituminous standard subject to Treasury securing adequate resources as previously assured.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission observes with great concern that the project has taken long to complete and therefore, urges the Government to expedite the Kanchibiya Constituency bridges outstanding reconstruction works without any further delays and resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

15/20 - Vubwi Boarding School Completion

The Committee in the previous Session based on the 7th February 2020 assurance, urged the Executive to expedite the construction works of Vubwi Boarding Secondary School. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that Government had through the Ministry of Education wished to submit that the Contract for the completion of Infrastructure at Vubwi Secondary School was signed and the site was handed over to the contractor. Works were in progress.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission resolves to await a progress report on the construction of Vubwi Secondary School.

04/20 - Construction of FTJ Chiluba and Ntumpa Universities

On 16th October, 2019, the Minister of Housing and Infrastructure Development made the following assurance on the floor of the House:

Mr Speaker, the construction of Ntumpa University in Lukashya Parliamentary Constituency commenced in the year 2018. The estimated cost of the project is US\$225 million for the two universities. Ntumpa in Lukashya of Kasama and the Frederick Titus Jacob (FTJ) Chiluba University Mansa Districts, respectively. The time frame for the completion of the project is thirty months. The university in Lukashya Parliamentary Constituency was expected to be officially opened to the public during the 2021/2022 academic year.

The Committee in the previous Session based on the 16th October 2019 assurance, urged the Executive to expedite the construction works without any further delays of Ntumpa University in Lukashya of Kasama and Frederick Titus Jacob (FTJ) Chiluba University in Mansa Districts to serve the general public. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the project was currently awaiting the closure of financial accounts, which was a prerequisite for its reactivation. Once that process was finalised, construction activities were expected to resume.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the response urges the Executive to ensure that financial closure for the two universities is secured. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

02/19 - Construction of Lwela Bridge in Milenge District

The Committee in the previous Session based on the 18th September 2018 assurance, had noted the response and urged the Executive to secure resources urgently and commence the construction of Lwela Bridge in Milenge District. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that Government had taken note of the Committee's observations. Government understood the importance and benefits of constructing the

Lwela Bridge will bring to the area and region. It was for that reason that Government had plans to construct the bridge subject to Treasury securing adequate resources as previously assured.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the response urges the Executive to ensure that funds are expeditiously secured to engage a new contractor to complete the outstanding works. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter

30/19 - Samfya/Mpanta/Kasoma Lunga Road Construction

On 13th October, 2018, the Minister of Housing and Infrastructure Development made the following assurance:

Sir, the construction of the Samfya–Katanshya-Mpanta (D449/D450) Road would only commence upon completion of the feasibility studies and detailed engineering designs, securing of funding for the project and procurement of a contractor to carry out the works. A consultant had been engaged to carry out the feasibility study in order to produce detailed engineering designs. The contract commenced on 19th April, 2018 and expected to be completed in February, 2019.

The Committee in the previous Session based on the 13th October assurance, urged the Executive to urgently secure funds for the project, complete the feasibility studies and engineering designs in details, and procurement of a contractor to undertake the works. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the spot improvement works were substantially completed with the outstanding works being the installation of culverts at selected points that had been identified to be prone to ponding.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission urges the Executive to expedite the outstanding installation of culverts on identified selected points on the completed road. The Committee` resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

32/19 Tarring of Mung'anga/Mwenda/Kashiba Road

The Committee in the previous Session based on the 13th February 2019 assurance, urged the Executive to expedite the commencement of the construction works of the tarring of Mung'anga- Mwenda- Kashiba Road. The Committee had resolved to await a progress on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the permanent works had commenced and were scheduled to be completed by the fourth quarter of 2026. The Concessionaire signed another contract with China China Civil Engineering Construction Company on 15th March 2025,

for the construction of the bridge across the Luapula river. The bridge construction works had since commenced and were scheduled to be completed by the fourth quarter of 2026.

Committee's Observation and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission appreciates the response and urges the Executive to ensure that the Contractor mobilises to site to commence work without any further delay. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

08/18 Construction of Bridges in Mkaika Constituency

The Committee in the previous Session based on the 4th October 2017 assurance, urged the Executive to mobilise additional funds and expedite the process to carry out a comprehensive assessment of the works which had been done so far and ensure that the construction works of the project is completed without any further delays. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that Government had taken note of the Committee's observations. The Committee was further informed that the Government understood the importance and benefits that the Acrow Bridges Programme would bring to the respective areas and regions. It was for that reason that Government had planned to continue with the Acrow Bridges Programme subject to Treasury securing adequate resources.

Pursuant to the many needs for road transport improvement, the Government of the Republic of Zambia through the Ministry of Housing, Infrastructure and Urban Development (MIHUD) and Road Development Agency (RDA) had been implementing Plans using both Public and Private Sector expertise and financing to implement road projects. The Government had formulated a Rolling Plan to implement road projects. The Plan involved:

- Completing rehabilitation of existing trunk roads through either EPC or PPP models;
- dualising of all trunk roads to enhance the efficient movement of people, goods, and services;
- Upgrading of road links to all districts to bituminous standard, and;
- Developing of new road connections to improve national mobility and logistics.

It was the intention of Government that among the projects to benefit from the Rolling Yearly Plan would be the Acrow Bridges Programme matter.

Committee's Observation and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission observes with great concern at the rate this project is being implemented and hence the delay. In this regard, the Committee urges the Government to expedite the construction works of bridges in Mkaika Parliamentary Constituency, and resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

09/18 Katunda Turn-off/Lukulu/Watopa/Mumbeji and Manyinga/Mwinilunga Roads

The Committee in the previous Session based on the 11th October 2017 assurance, had urged the Executive to ensure that resources were urgently secured and commence works to

upgrade to bituminous standard of both the Katundu Turn-off/Lukulu/Watopa/Mumbeji Turn-off and Manyinga/Mwinilunga Road under the Link Zambia 8,000 Kilometer Road Project. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Government through the Ministry of Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development informed the Committee that the tender for the upgrading of the Katunda Lukulu Watop Mumbezhi road to bituminous standard Lot 1 was awarded to AVIC International Project Engineering Company under a joint venture with TIMCO Investments Zambia Limited. The contract was expected to be signed within the third quarter of 2025 following the pre-contract negotiation meeting and the subsequent processes.

The Ministry noted the importance and benefits that upgrading of the remaining lots on the Lukulu/Watopa/Mumbeji turn-off road and Manyinga/Mwinilunga road would bring to the area and region. It was for that reason that Government had plans to upgrade the roads to bituminous standard subject to Treasury securing adequate resources as previously assured.

It was the intention of Government that among the roads to benefit from the Rolling Yearly Plan would be the upgrading of the remaining lots on the Lukulu/Watopa/Mumbeji turn-off road and Manyinga/Mwinilunga road to bituminous standard.

Committee's Observation and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission urges the Government to mobilise funds and ensure that Katunda Turn-off/Lukulu/Watopa/Mumbeji Turn-off and Manyinga/Mwinilunga to upgrade to bituminous standards without any delays and resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

11/18 Rehabilitation of Local Courts in Chitambo Constituency

On 20th October, 2017, the Minister of Housing and Infrastructure Development made the following assurance:

Madam Speaker, the Government was committed to rehabilitate Mpelembe and Muchinka Local Courts in Chitambo Parliamentary Constituency. The rehabilitation works would commence in 2018.

The Committee in the previous Session based on the 20th October 2017 assurance, urged the Executive to secure resources and expedite the rehabilitation works of Mpelembe and Muchinka Local Courts in Chitambo Parliamentary Constituency. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executives' Response

The Committee was informed that the rehabilitation works at Mpelembe Local Court were at 100 per cent complete.

Committee's Observation and Recommendations

The Committee notes the submission on the completed works at Mpelembe Local Court, and resolves to await a progress report on the Muchinka Local Court.

13/18 Rehabilitation of Mpika/Kasama Road

The Committee in the previous Session based on the 1st November 2017 assurance, urged the Executive to expedite the rehabilitation works of Kasama / Mpika Roads. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the Executive ensured that the tender for the consultancy services for the provision of designs and tender documents for the construction of the Mpika/Kasama Road was expedited, and the contract signed without any further delay

Committee's Observations and Recommendation

The Committee in noting the submission observes with great concern that the project had taken long to be completed from the time the assurance was made to the nation on the floor of the House. In this regard, the Committee urges the Executive to ensure that projects are completed within stipulated time frames. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the project.

14/18 Construction of Sinda Day Secondary School

On 16th November, 2017, the Minister of Housing and Infrastructure Development made the following assurance:

Mr Speaker, the construction of Sinda Day Secondary School was supposed to be completed in 2015. However, this had not been achieved because the Ministry had not been receiving funding as projected and the honouring of the Interim Payment Certificate by the Government of the Republic of Zambia (GRZ) who is the client.

So far, all the structures had been roofed and the contractor is working on completing the ten teachers' houses which is likely to lead to the partial opening of Sinda Day Secondary School in January next year. That would see the enrolling grades eights and tens in January, 2018. With availability of funds, the school was expected to be completed and handed over to the Government by the end of 2018. Sir, the delay in the completion of the school is due to the financial constraints.

The Committee in the previous Session based on the 16th November assurance, urged the Executive to complete the remaining works of the construction of Sinda Day Secondary School without any further delays. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that Government reiterated its commitment to strengthening secondary education infrastructure. The Ministry of Education reported that, as of 30th June 2025, the tendering process for the new contract to complete Sinda Day Secondary School

had been successfully concluded, and the contract had been submitted to the Ministry of Justice for review and clearance.

The Government remained committed to ensuring the timely resumption and successful completion of the project, in line with the Committee's directive to expedite the tender processes and mobilised additional resources. The Ministry continued to monitor the situation closely to ensure that construction proceeded within the planned timeline, thereby addressing the educational infrastructure needs in the region

Committee's Observation and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission urges the Executive to ensure that the contract is finalised and the remaining works commenced at the earliest possible time at Sinda Day Secondary to allow for more enrolments of grade eights and tens in the local area. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

21/18 Mbesuma Bridge in Chinsali Constituency

The Committee in the previous Session based on the 27th February 2018 assurance, urged the Executive to complete the outstanding works for the construction of Mbesuma Bridge without any further delays. The Committee had resolved to to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Executive through the Ministry of Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development informed the Committee that the contract for the construction of Mbesuma bridge was earlier envisaged to be signed in the fourth quarter of 2024. However, the contract could not be signed due to budgetary constraints in the 2024 and 2025 Road Sector Annual Work Plans. The Government had now provided sufficient funds in the 2026 Annual Work Plan to commence with the works.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission expresses concern that seven years after the assurance was made on the floor of the House to construct Mbesuma Bridge in Chinsali Constituency, the project is not yet complete. The Committee urges the Executive to ensure that the project is completed without further delays. In this regard, the Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

27/18 - Upgrade of Kenneth Kaunda International Airport Road

On 6th March, 2018, the Minister of Housing and Infrastructure Development made the following assurance:

Madam Speaker, we would begin upgrading that road to a dual carriageway before the end of this year.

The Committee in the previous Session based on the 6th March 2018 assurance, urged the Executive to ensure that the assurance made on the floor of the House to the nation was executed to completion without any further delays of upgrading the road to a dual carriage

way of Kenneth Kaunda International Airport Road. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that Government through the Road Development Agency (RDA) engaged the consultant to undertake the detailed design on February 6, 2025. The services were ongoing. The consultant was expected to finalise the detailed design within the third quarter of 2025.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee expresses concern over the delay in the commencement of the project, and urges the Government to expedite the RDA's consultancy process. The Committee further urges the Government to ensure that once the consultancy is concluded, works to upgrade Kenneth Kaunda International Airport Road to a dual carriage way are promptly commenced. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

28/18 - Construction of C400 Road Project in Ndola

The Committee in the previous Session based on the 13th March 2018 assurance, had noted the submission with disappointment at the slow rate of the implementation of the project since the assurance was made to the Zambian People after seven years on the floor of the House as nothing much had been done to that effect. The Committee had urged the Executive to secure resources and commence the construction of the C400 Road Project in Ndola and resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that Government through the Ministry of Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development wished to submit that the works for the upgrading of the Lusaka to Ndola Road to dual carriageway were ongoing. The overall progress stood at 36 percent. The works were expected to be completed by the fourth quarter of 2026

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

17/16 Construction of Post Office in Mitete

The Committee in the previous Session based on the 16th February 2016 assurance urged the Executive to stick to the time frame made in the assurance to the nation on the floor of the House for the construction of the post office in Mitete district in the Western Province of the Republic of Zambia. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that no major progress had been made on the Construction of a Post Office in Mitete District because the contract had expired. Works will be retendered in 2026 funds allowing.

Committee's Observations and Recommendation

The Committee notes the submission, and resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

32/16 - Rehabilitation of Tateyoyo Gate/Katunda Road Turn-Off

The Committee in the previous Session based on the 24th February 2016 assurance, was not happy with the Executive for the long delay the project had taken after nine years since the assurance was made to the Nation on the floor of the August House and less had been done to rehabilitate the Tateyoyo Gate/Katunda Road-Turn Off which had remained in a dilapidated state. The Committee therefore urged the Executive to ensure that the project was executed without any further delays. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report in the matter.

Executive's Response

The Government through the Ministry of Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development informed the Committee that the contractor undertaking the rehabilitation of the Tateyoyo Gate and Katunda/ Lukulu Junction in Western Province had fully mobilised N8 to site and the works were ongoing. The physical progress of the works stood at 16 percent. The works were expected to be completed by the fourth quarter of 2026.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee notes the submission and resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

43/17 Construction of Bridges in Chitambo Constituency

The Committee in the previous Session based on the 30th June 2017 assurance noted with dismay that nothing had been done regarding the construction of bridges in Chitambo Constituency from the time the assurance was made on the floor of the House. The Committee, therefore, strongly urged the Executive to immediately secure funds for the construction of bridges in Chitambo Constituency. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that Government had taken note of the Committee's observations. Government understood the importance and benefits that constructing the Luombwa Bridge would bring to the area and region. It was for that reason that Government had plans to upgrade the roads to bituminous standard subject to Treasury securing adequate resources as previously assured. The estimated cost of the envisaged works on the Luombwa bridge in Chitambo District were prepared with the total cost of the project amounting to approximately K20 million inclusive of the envisaged pile foundation works.

Pursuant to the many needs for road transport improvement, the GRZ through the Ministry of Housing, Infrastructure and Urban Development (MIHUD) and Road Development Agency (RDA) had been implementing Plans using both Public and Private Sector expertise and financing to implement road projects. The Government had formulated a Rolling Plan to implement road projects. The Plan involved:

Completing rehabilitation of existing trunk roads through either EPC or PPP models;
dualising of all trunk roads to enhance the efficient movement of people, goods, and services;

Upgrading of road links to all districts to bituminous standard, and;
Developing of new road connections to improve national mobility and logistics.

It was the intention of Government that among the projects to benefit from the Rolling Yearly Plan would be the construction of the Luombwa Bridge.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission expresses concern that the construction works of bridges in Chitambo Constituency has taken long to commence. The Committee therefore urges the Executive to secure resources and commence the construction of bridges in Chitambo Parliamentary Constituency if EPC and PPP models of financing are not tenable in rural areas such as Chitambo. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

37/17 Rehabilitation of Staff Houses for Agricultural Camps in Chitambo

The Committee in the previous Session based on the 16th June 2017 assurance urged the Executive to ensure that the rehabilitation of staff Houses for Agricultural Camps in Chitambo district was completed without any further delay. The Committee had resolved to await a progress on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that Government acknowledged the concern and submission made by the committee and therefore wished to update the committee on the current status quo as below;

Progress on Rehabilitation:

Between 2023 and 2026, four (4) camp houses were earmarked for rehabilitation—one per year. Bills of Quantities (BOQs) for all four houses were prepared and submitted to the Provincial Office for tendering. However, in 2023, Chitambo District was not included in the provincial allocation for rehabilitation funds because the funds were not adequate. In 2024, no funds were received for the rehabilitation project. In 2025, one house had been prioritized for rehabilitation, pending the release of funds from the treasury. The district had however observed that the allocated budget (K 70,000 per house) for rehabilitation activities was inadequate to meet the planned targets.

Progress on Construction:

The District had proposed construction of eight (8) new camp houses. However, there had been no budget provision for these projects from 2023 to 2026. The district continued to lobby for inclusion in future infrastructure development allocations to address housing shortages for extension staff.

Progress on Demolition:

One (1) structurally defective camp house was identified for demolition. However, the activity was pending assessment and formal recommendation from the Ministry of Infrastructure and Housing, which was expected to be concluded by the end of the fourth quarter of 2025.

Conclusion

The District Agricultural Office remained committed to the rehabilitation and upgrading of staff houses as was planned. However, progress had been constrained by limited funding and delayed budget releases. The district would continue engaging with the Provincial Office and relevant Ministries to ensure funding was secured to complete the exercise within the set timeframe by 2026.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission resolves to await a progress report on the rehabilitation of staff houses for agricultural camps in Chitambo.

31/17 - Tarring of Muyombe/Isoka Road

The Committee in the previous Session based on the 23rd March 2017 assurance urged the Executive to mobilise more resources to finalise the remaining works of the project which had taken long to complete since the assurance was made on the floor of the House. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that Government had secured funds for the upgrading of approximately 80km of the Isoka to Muyombe road. The tender for the procurement of the contractor was expected to be floated within the quarter of 2025 with the subsequent award of contract and signing expected to take place within the fourth quarter of 2025.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee notes the submission and resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

42/17 - Construction of Infrastructure in Ngabwe District

The Committee in the previous Session based on the 29th June 2017 assurance urged the Executive to secure resources and expedite the construction of infrastructure in Ngabwe District. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that Government acknowledged the Committee's recommendations to conclude all pending issues regarding the contract in order to ensure that the projects were implemented. As of 30th June, 2025, no progress had been made on all the above stated projects.

The projects would be completed in a phased manner starting with projects that were 80 per cent complete and above that was the construction of 20 new low-cost houses, Post office, police station and its associated 10 new staff houses as well as the Civic Centre and its associated two new high cost houses in 2026.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission expresses concern that eight years after the assurance was made to the nation on the floor of the House, to-date the construction of

infrastructure in Ngabwe district has not yet been finalised. The Committee resolves to await a progress on the matter.

13/16 - Upgrading of Mkushi Roads

The Committee in the previous Session based on the 17th November 2016 assurance urged the Executive to expedite the finalisation of the procurement of the contractor and the financial arrangements of the project to upgrading of Mkushi Roads. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the spot improvement works on the 50km of the road was completed and the only remaining works were the installation of drainage structures in selected places. The overall progress of the works stood at 90 percent with the entire works expected to be completed within the fourth quarter of 2025.

The Government understood the importance and benefits that upgrading of the road would bring to the area and region. It was for that reason that Government had plans to upgrade the roads to bituminous standard subject to Treasury securing adequate resources as was previously assured using public private partnerships financing model.

Committee's Observation and Recommendation

The Committee in noting the submission urges the Executive to secure resources and expedite the upgrades of Mkushi roads. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

11/15 - Connection of Luena Barracks to New Water System in Kaoma

The Committee in the previous Session based on the 4th March 2015 assurance urged the Executive to expedite the connection of Luena Barracks to the Western Water Company (WWC) system without delays owing to the long period of time the project had taken to be completed. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that Government had allocated funds in the 2026 Budget for the project to connect Luena Barracks to the Western Water and Sewerage network. In September 2025, the Ministry would undertake assessments and prepare the Bill of Quantities and cost estimates.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission resolves to await a progress report on the connection of Luena Barracks to the New Water System in Kaoma for the Western Water Company (WWC). Furthermore, the Committee urges the Executive to expedite the project to enhance sanitation in the cantonment and nearby areas. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

30/13 - Resuscitation of Mulungushi Textiles in Kabwe

The Committee in the previous Session based on the 7th December 2012 assurance urged the Executive to ensure that the resuscitation of Mulungushi Textiles in Kabwe was expedited so that it can be opened as factory to benefit the local people and the country at large. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Responses

The Committee was informed that Government through the Ministry of Defence wished to submit that, Zambia China Mulungushi Textiles (JV) Limited resumption project was focused on two sections:

- a. Dyeing and Printing Factory
- b. Cotton Out Grower Scheme

Dyeing and Printing (Processing) Zambia China Mulungushi Textiles (JV) Limited had received replacement equipment for the processing factory, which included:

set of industrial printing equipment;
set of washing machines;
tethering machine;
steaming machine;
electrical boiler;
digital printing machine; and
laser block-making machine.

The processing factory consisted of three sheds (Shed 1, Shed 2, and Shed All old equipment from Sheds 1 and 2 had been completely removed and replaced with the above-listed new machinery. The stripped old equipment had been stored outside, awaiting the auction process Cotton Out Grower Scheme. The cotton out grower scheme under Zambia China Mulungushi Textiles (JV) Limited was launched in the 2024/2025 farming season and was currently managed by China Cotton on behalf of ZCMT. Inputs for cotton cultivation were purchased by ZCMT (JV) Limited and distributed to farmers. China Africa Cotton had begun purchasing seed cotton from enrolled farmers on behalf of ZCMT (JV) Limited. A total of 10,200 farmers were enrolled in Eastern Province, while in Central Province, only Mumbwa District participated. Plans were underway to extend the scheme to additional districts during the 2025/2026 farming season.

The company anticipated commencing the production of local chitenge by the end of 2025. Operations would initially proceed without the Spinning and Weaving sections, meaning the lint from the cotton out grower scheme will be exported.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee notes the submission resolves to await progress report on the matter.

MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

20/20 - Rural Roads Infrastructure Development in Kanchibiya

On 13th March, 2020, the Vice-President made the following assurance on the floor of the House:

Mr Speaker, this Government was committed to improving the road network infrastructure, including feeder roads in the country. As soon as the rains end, the Government would embark on rural roads infrastructure development in Kanchibiya and many other parts of the Northern Province.

Sir, this is a programme that had been funded already, so it was a matter of time when mobilisation of contractors would start. We are concerned about the state of rural roads, especially with the heavy rains that we are experiencing this year. The roads in that part of Zambia are in a deplorable state and the Government is doing something about it.

The Committee in the previous Session based on the 13th March 2020 assurance expressed concern as the Executive had continued to make assurances which were not attainable due to lack of specified time frame to undertake specific projects. In this regard, the Committee urged the Executive to ensure that assurances made were carried out within a specified period and enough resources were secured. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the Kanchibiya rural roads infrastructure development constituted the bulk of projects that were terminated in 2021.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee notes that the response is inadequate as the Executive has not responded to the query by the Committee which, at the time when assurance made on the floor of the House on 13th March 2020, it was reported that the project was already funded and the contractor would mobilise soon. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the Rural Road infrastructure development in Kanchibiya.

44/14 - National Fire Service Training School

The Committee in the previous Session based on the 10th December 2014 assurance urged the Executive to speed up the studying of the terms of reference for consultancy services for the development of construction designs for the modern training school in Kafulumase in Kabwe. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the Ministry had planned to phase the construction of the National Fire School in the coming years due to budgetary constraints. The first phase of the construction would be implemented in the 2026 budget allocation.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

In noting the response, the Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

26/14 - Rehabilitation of Kabwe Venus Theatre

The Committee in the previous Session based on the 2nd October 2014 assurance urged the Executive to secure funds for the rehabilitation of Kabwe Venus Theatre without any further delays. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the Ministry had directed the local authority to allocate funds towards the rehabilitation of Kabwe Venus Theatre in 2026.

Committee's Observation and Recommendation

The Committee notes the inadequate response and resolves to await a comprehensive report on the matter.

05/14 - Solwezi Township Roads

The Committee in the previous Session based on the 25th February 2014 assurance urged the Executive to ensure that the project was completed urgently without any further delays as it had taken long to complete since the assurance was made on the floor of the House. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the Government had completed the procurement processes and engaged a contractor by the name of JD-Con Zambia Limited to rehabilitate and upgrade twelve (12) kilometres of urban roads in Solwezi district. The Contractor had since commenced the works and physical progress was at twenty (20) per cent as of August 2025

Committee's Observation and Recommendation

The Committee in noting the submission urges the Executive to ensure that works to rehabilitate and upgrade 12 kilometres of urban roads in Solwezi districts is expedited. The Committee resolves to await a progress report.

28/17 - Modern Bus Station and Three Market Shelters Construction in Katete

The Committee in the previous Session based on the 15th June 2017 assurance urged the Executive to secure resources for the project. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the project for the procurement processes for the construction of a bus station and improvement of the market in Katete District was concluded and project implementation commenced in December 2024. The works were on-going and the progress stood at 40 percent.

Committee's Observation and Recommendation

The Committee notes the submission and resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

MINISTRY OF WATER DEVELOPMENT AND SANITATION

33/17 - Water Reticulation System for Chiengi District

The Committee in the previous Session based on the 23rd March 2017 assurance urged the Government to secure funds for the construction of a water reticulation system in Chiengi District to enhance sanitation for the local people. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the Chiengi Water Supply Project initially suffered setbacks due to the lapse of the first contract before works could commence. Recognising the importance of that project to the people of Chiengi, the Ministry undertook a comprehensive redesigning and re-tendering processes.

The new scope of works included a new water treatment plant, groundwater tank and water supply systems to high-demand zones, including schools, health centres, and markets. The contract was awarded in June 2023 at a total cost of K104, 685,300.36, with progress standing at 70 per cent.

The project was expected to be completed by the end of 2025. The project would directly benefit more than 19,000 people and drastically reduce waterborne diseases linked to the use of unsafe water sources.

Committee's Observation and Recommendation

In noting the submission, the Committee resolves to await progress report on the matter.

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

04/19 - Construction of University Colleges

The Committee in the previous Session based on the 19th September 2018 assurance urged the Government to speed up the tendering processes and construction of the university colleges in Kapompo, Nalolo and Katete districts of the Republic of Zambia. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that Government had acknowledged the observations and recommendations of the Committee and reiterated its commitment to strengthening university education infrastructure. However, the Ministry wished to report that the status remains unchanged.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee notes the submission, resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

16/19 - Frozen Staff Positions

The Committee in the previous Session based on the 5th March 2019 assurance urged the Government to expedite the filling up of vacant positions and lengthy processing points of human resource matters. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that as at 31st December, 2023 the Government through the Ministry of Education had a total number of 4,739 frozen positions. However, as at 31st December, 2024, the Government through Treasury gave authority to unfreeze 915 promotional positions in the Ministry across the Country, leaving a backlog of 3,824.

Further, Government created new positions through granting of Treasury Authority for recruitment of 4,200 new teachers and 1,200 support staff positions.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission, urges the Executive to ensure that funds are secured to unfreeze the positions which have been granted Treasury Authority. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

26/18 Construction of Kasaba Day Secondary School

The Committee in the previous Session based on the 6th March 2018 assurance urged the Executive to secure funds for the construction of Kasaba Day Secondary School. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that Government acknowledged the observations and recommendations of the Committee and reiterated its commitment to strengthening secondary education infrastructure. In that regard, the Ministry of Education reported that, as of 30th June 2025, the contract for the completion of infrastructure at Kasaba Day Secondary School was signed, and the site was formally handed over to the contractor. The Committee was further informed that construction works were currently in progress.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission, resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

31/18 Distribution of computers for Gwembe Schools

The Committee in the previous Session based on the 13th March assurance urged the Executive to secure funds for the procurement of computers and distribute twenty- four schools in each province country wide inclusive Gwembe District. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Executive informed the Committee that it reiterated its commitment to strengthening the provision of quality education, particularly in the area of ICT. However, the Ministry wished to inform the House that the status remained unchanged.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission expresses concern that Government had taken long to implement the assurance and urges the Executive to secure resources as a matter of urgency to procure and distribute computers for Gwembe Schools. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

05/15 - Construction of Teachers' Houses in Chasefu Constituency

The Committee in the previous Session based on the 29th October 2015 assurance urged the Executive to secure additional resources or funds in order to complete the remaining work of the construction of Teachers Houses in Chasefu Parliamentary Constituency which had taken so long to complete. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed the contract for the completion of Infrastructure at Chasefu Secondary School was signed and the site was handed over to the contractor. Works were in progress.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission, resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

07/16 - Construction of Chasefu Boarding Secondary School

The Committee in the previous Session based on the 12th April 2016 assurance urged the Executive to secure funds for the delayed construction project of Chasefu Boarding Secondary School in Chasefu Parliamentary Constituency. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that Government reiterated its commitment to strengthening secondary education infrastructure. In that regard, the Ministry of Education reported that, as of 30th June 2025, the contract for the completion of teachers' houses at Chasefu Boarding Secondary School was duly signed, and the site was formally handed over to the contractor. The Committee was further informed that construction works were currently in progress.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission resolves to await a progress report on the construction of Chasefu Boarding Secondary School.

21/16 Construction of Simbuu Primary School in Sikongo Constituency

The Committee in the previous Session based on the 17th February 2016 assurance urged the Executive to secure additional funds and ensure that the remaining works were completed without any further delays. The Committee resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that Government through the Ministry of Education funded the school for the rehabilitation of a 1 x 3 classroom block and works were carried out. There was also the construction a ZEEL Satellite center and the school which was currently in progress. Once more funds were available, the school will be funded for the construction of additional classroom block.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission expresses concern that the project has taken long to complete. In this regard, the Committee urges the Executive to ensure that more funds are secured for the construction of Simbuu Primary School in Sikongo Parliamentary Constituency. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

30/14 - Construction of Nakonde Secondary School

The Committee in the previous Session based on the 7th October 2014 assurance when the House was informed that Nakonde Secondary School would be completed in 2015 urged the Executive to complete the construction of Nakonde Secondary School without any further delays as the project had taken unnecessarily long to complete. The Committee had resolved to await a progress on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Government through the Ministry of Education informed the Committee that the Final Account was prepared awaiting the tender process.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission expresses concern that Government has taken long to finalise the project of constructing Nakonde Secondary School since the assurance was made on the floor of the House. In this regard the Committee urges the Government to expedite the tendering process and secure funds to complete the project.

17/17 Electrification of Chama South Schools

On 2nd March, 2017, the Minister of General Education made the following assurance:

Mr Speaker, Chikwa and Chitheba Day Secondary Schools would be electrified or provided with generators after they are fully constructed. In the meantime, there are plans to provide them with solar panels with the capacity to meet their electricity demands. Mr Speaker, the schools would be electrified by the end of 2017

The Committee in the previous Session based on the 2nd March 2017 assurance urged the Executive to secure funds for the electrification of Chikwa and Chitheba Day Secondary School. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that Government reaffirmed its commitment to enhancing the provision of electricity in schools. In that regard, the Ministry of Education reported that Chikwa Day Secondary School submitted an application to the Rural Electrification

Authority (REA) for power connection; however, no response had been received to date. At Chitheba, the situation remained unchanged, with no further progress recorded.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission resolves to await a progress report on the electrification of Chikwa and Chitheba Day Secondary School.

40/14 Construction of King Lewanika University

The Committee in the previous Session based on the 2nd December 2014 assurance urged the Executive to hasten the securing of funds to complete the outstanding works without any further delays of the construction of King Lewanika University in Western Province of the Republic of Zambia. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that Government reaffirmed its commitment to strengthening university education infrastructure. In that regard, the Ministry of Education reported that the project was pending the closure of financial accounts, which was a prerequisite for its reactivation. Upon completion of the processes, construction activities were expected to resume.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission resolves to await a comprehensive progress report on the construction of King Lewanika University.

34/13 – Completion of Infrastructure for Chalimbana, Mukuba and Kwame Nkrumah Universities

On Friday, 22nd February, 2013, the Vice-President assured the House as follows:

Mr Speaker, according to the latest information I have, and it was very hot-off-the-press, I think, this morning, in fact, the progress in the construction of Chalimbana, Mukuba and Nkrumah Universities is good. They would open as universities this year, 2013.

The Committee in the previous Session based on the 22nd February 2013 assurance urged the Executive to ensure that the construction of Chalimbana, Mukuba and Kwame Nkrumah universities were fulfilled without further delays as promised to the nation on the floor of the House. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that Government reaffirmed its commitment to strengthening university education infrastructure. In that regard, the Ministry of Education reported that contracts for the completion of infrastructure at Chalimbana, Mukuba, and Kwame Nkrumah Universities had been duly signed, and the respective sites formally handed over to the contractor. Construction works were in progress.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission, urges the Executive to mobilise alternative financing sources to finalising the project without any further delays. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

MINISTRY OF ENERGY

50/18 Dam Construction at Kafue Gorge Lower Project and Maamba Thermal Plant

The Committee in the previous Session based on the 29th September 2017 assurance urged the Executive to ensure that all the dams at various levels of construction at Kafue Gorge and Maamba were completed to enhance power generation in the country. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the construction of the Kafue Gorge Lower Hydropower Plant was completed in 2023 and the Republican President, Mr Hakainde Hichilema officially commissioned the plant on 24 March 2023.

The Development of the Kalungwishi Hydropower Project had been marred with legal issues and site ownership due to two separate developers being issued with development rights. The development rights to one developer had since been withdrawn and the developer compensated for their input. The site had now been given to the original developer that was now developing the plant as an independent Power Producer.

Construction of the 300MW Maamba Phase II Thermal plant was launched by the Republican President in August 2024 and the construction was expected to take 24 months. Construction was in progress and the last unit was scheduled for commissioning by July 2026.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission take note the progress made on the two projects and resolves to await a progress report on the 300 MW Maamba Thermal Plant and 244 MW Kalungwishi Hydro Power Projects.

04/17 - Electrification of Chiefdoms in Mpika District

The Committee in the previous Session based on the 21st February 2017 assurance urged the Executive to expedite the process of electrification of Chiundaponde, Kabinga and Kopa Chiefdoms under the Rural Electrification Master Plan (REMP). The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that Government through Rural Electricity Authority (REA) had contracted the electrification of Kabinga Chiefdom through the Off – Grid Rural Electrification Smart Subsidy (OGRESS) Project under Electricity Service Access Project (ESAP). The Chiefdom was to be connected using a 40kWp solar project using a Public Private Partnership model. The project was at a stage where the contractor was finalising the

procurement of the equipment. However, the contractor had been experiencing challenges in mobilising the funds to finance the project.

Alternatively, according to the Rural Electrification Master Plan (REMP), Chief Kabinga and surrounding areas are scheduled for electrification through the National Grid starting in 2028. REA planned to undertake feasibility studies in 2026 to establish the scope and determine the cost for electrification.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

05/18 - ZESCO Office for Chitambo District

The Committee in the previous Session based on the 26th September 2017 assurance urged the Executive to mobilise funds and expedite the processes of formalising the acquisition of the plot with Chitambo District Council for the establishing of the ZESCO office and a sub-station. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the land for the construction of the ZESCO Office and substation in Chitambo District was acquired from the council. The construction of the ZESCO Office for Chitambo District was not provided for in the 2024 budget due to financial constraints. The office and substation would be built once funds were available. In that regard, ZESCO operated from a rented building, with customer, commercial and technical services being accessed from the same office.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission urges the Executive to treat this matter with the urgency it deserves by allocating funds to this important project. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

07/15 - Construction of Electricity Power Plants in Kabompo

The Committee in the previous Session based on the 25th September 2015 assurance urged the Executive to ensure that the project was implemented within the stipulated time frame as assured to the Zambian people on the floor of the House to reduce electricity supply deficit in the local area and country at large. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that Government wished to inform the committee as follows:

120MW Solar PV

While the last reported timeline for completing due diligence and achieving financial close for the 120MW Solar PV projects was set for December 2024, further delays had occurred. These were primarily due to lenders requiring approvals from their respective credit committees, with the relevant meetings now scheduled for the third quarter of 2025.

Nevertheless, significant progress had been made in parallel:

Project Documentation: The Power Purchase Agreements, Implementation Agreement and Grid Connection Agreements, were initialed by the developers in April 2025, indicating their approval. These documents were subsequently submitted to ZESCO, the Energy Regulation Board, and ultimately the Ministry of Justice for final approvals. Following the necessary approvals, the documents were being finalised, with the signing by the developers and GRZ marking the “Commercial Close” scheduled for the second week of August 2025.

Lenders had completed their due diligence processes. Final credit committee and board approvals were expected to be obtained between August and September 2025.

Supplemental Agreements: To enhance the bankability of the projects, the Ministry of Energy and KfW had committed €8 million in grant funding for the establishment of an escrow account. ZESCO had now appointed the Escrow Bank, and finalisation of the Escrow Agreement was anticipated by the end of August 2025.

With lender approvals progressing, it was also expected that the lenders’ Direct Agreements as well as the Escrow Agreement will be finalised by August 2025 and submitted to the Ministry of Justice for final approval.

Licensing and Permits: The developers were actively working to secure the licenses and permits required to commence construction of their project upon achieving financial close. Key challenges were related to finalizing land rights, including the conclusion of the processes with the landowners.

The developers had completed their grid studies, and the process had been reviewed and approved by ZESCO.

Taking into account the lenders' processes and the finalisation and approval of the Escrow Agreement and Direct Agreement, the final close and construction start was now planned for September 25.

Small Hydropower (SHP)

Progress on the small hydropower (SHP) projects can only proceed following the financial close of the 120MW Solar PV projects. As such, the program had requested the Ministry to extend the current moratorium by an additional twelve months. The extension would allow for the completion of the aforementioned processes, estimated to be September 2025 and ensure that the feasibility study rights held by the developers pre-qualified under the SHP tender remained valid and aligned with the extended moratorium period

Committee’s Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission expresses concern to delays by the Government to complete the project after ten years since the assurance was made on the floor of the House to the Zambian people. In this regard, the Committee resolves to awaits a progress report on the matter.

MINISTRY OF LANDS AND NATURAL RESOURCES

38/19 - Installation of Border Markers

The Committee in the previous Session based on the 26th February 2019 assurance urged the Executive to expedite the process of installation of borders markers on the boundaries with the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and Angola. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

ZAMBIA AND ANGOLA

The Committee was informed that Governments of Zambia and Angola held a Joint Technical Committee meeting in Shang`ombo/Rivangu from 27th August to 2nd September, 2023 to discuss reaffirmation of the common boundary and follow up activities. The meeting agreed to conduct a Reconnaissance Survey for the boundary concurrently with the joint sensitisation campaigns along the entire boundary stretch.

Further, the meeting agreed that Zambia should prepare a draft Joint sensitisation Campaign Strategy Document to be used during sensitisation campaigns and shared with Angola for review and consideration before commencement of the exercise.

As agreed Zambia prepared the draft Joint Sanitisation Campaign Strategy Document and shard through diplomatic channels with Angola for review and consideration. Zambia had not yet received feedback on the document shared with Angola and revised dates for scheduled activities. However, Zambia would be resending the document to Angola as reminder to get feedback. With regards to budgets for the pending activities on reaffirmation of the boundary, Zambia had considered both Reconnaissance survey and Sensitisation campaigns in the 2025 national budget under international boundaries.

ZAMBIA AND DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

The Committee was informed that Governments of Zambia and Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) met in April, 2024 in Lusaka for the Joint Technical Committee (JTC) meeting and during the meeting Democratic Republic of Congo submitted its position to Zambia on the interpretation of the Article 1 of 1989 Treaty on the Kipimbi Range of Mountains. Zambia in the same manner indicated to Democratic Republic of Congo to give its position in the next Joint Technical Committee meeting to allow Zambia study the Democratic Republic of Congo's submission on the same.

However, during the same meeting it was recommended that the Congolese delegation would invite the Zambian delegation to the Joint Technical Committee meeting in Pweto, Democratic Republic of Congo in July, 2024 after which the Zambian Delegation would invite the Democratic Republic of Congo delegation to Chiengi, Zambia, for sensitisation, reconnaissance and demarcation exercises as agreed in the Joint Work Plan.

Democratic Republic of Congo had invited Zambia to the Joint Technical Committee meeting in Pweto, Democratic Republic of Congo in July, 2024 and Zambia was unable to invite the Congolese Delegation for the Scheduled meeting as the matter was escalated to

Secretary to the Cabinet for guidance and which was still under consideration. Therefore, the matter had remained unresolved.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission urges the Government to expedite the guidance processes of interpretation of Article 1 of the Treaty on the Kipimbi Range of Mountains by the Secretary to Cabinet to speed up the process of the installation of borders markers with the Democratic Republic of Congo and Angola. In this regard, the Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

MINISTRY OF JUSTICE

37/19 - Judgment for Public Service Retrenched Workers

The Committee in the previous Session based on the 15th February 2019 assurance urged the Executive to mobilise funds for the payment of the outstanding balance of the retrenched Public Service Workers. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the case in question was *Charles Mushabati and others vs Attorney-General – 2003/HP/369*. The payment of claims was verified by the Public Service Management Division (PSMD) in phases.

First phase consisted of 1,106 claimants, second phase consisted of 321 claimants, the third phase consisted of 234 claimants and the fourth phase consisted of 128 claimants. These were fully paid the Principal Judgement sum of Ninety-Eight Million, Twenty-Five Thousand, Five Hundred and Five Kwacha Fifty-One Ngwee (K98,025,505.51) plus six percent interest from the date of Judgement to the date of full and final payment amounting to Sixty-Six Million, Seven Hundred Eleven Thousand, Fifty-Six Kwacha Thirty-Five Ngwee (K66,711,056.35) as at December, 2024.

The Committee was further informed that in the year, 2025 the Ministry of Justice started liquidating phase 5 which consisted of 1,705 claimants, phase 6 which consisted of 172 claimants and phase 7 consisted of 463 claimants. The total debt including interest as at 30th June, 2025 was Three Hundred Seventy-Nine Million, Eight Hundred Sixty-Eight Thousand, Five Hundred Thirteen Kwacha, Sixty-Eight Ngwee (K379,868,513.68). The payments made to date amounts to Twelve Million, Four Hundred Nineteen Thousand, Four Hundred Eighteen Kwacha, Twenty Ngwee (K12,419,418.20) leaving a balance of Three Hundred Sixty-Seven Million, Three Hundred Seventy-Seven Thousand, Ninety-Five Kwacha Forty-Eight Ngwee (K367,377,095.48).

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission urges the Executive to secure funds and compensate the retirees/ retrenched Public Service Workers of the outstanding balance of their dues without any further delays. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

08/15 Local Court in Chief Chisomo's area in Muchinga Constituency

The Committee in the previous Session based on the 27th February 2015 assurance urged the Executive to ensure that the construction of the local court in Chief Chisomo's area in Muchinga Parliamentary Constituency was completed as assured on the floor of the House to the Zambian People without any further delays. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the physical assessment for construction of the court buildings had already been completed and Standard drawings and bills of quantities had since been prepared by the Ministry of Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development. It was worth noting that the construction of Chisomo Local Court and two (2) low-cost houses had been included in the 2025-2027 Judiciary Infrastructure Development Plan and the construction works would commence once funding was available.

For the meantime, the Judiciary would explore alternative avenues such as the Constituency Development Fund (CDF).

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission urges the Executive to ensure that the project is completed without any further delays. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

09/13 - Local Court at Nsumbu Business Centre

The Committee in the previous Session based on the 21st February 2013 assurance urged the Executive to expedite the construction of the Nsumbu Local Court in Nsama District. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the physical assessment for construction of the court buildings had already been completed and Standard drawings and bills of quantities had since been prepared by the Ministry of Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development. It was worth noting that the construction of Nsumbu Local Court has been included in the 2025-2027 Judiciary Infrastructure Development Plan and the construction works would commence once funding is available.

For the meantime, the Judiciary would explore alternative avenues such as the Constituency Development Fund (CDF).

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission urges the Executive to ensure that the construction of Nsumbu Local Court in Nsama District was finalised without any further delays. In this regard, the Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

10/13 - Local Courts in Nakonde District

The Committee in the previous Session based on the 19th February 2013 assurance urged the Executive to speed up the processes of constructing Ntolondo Local Court. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the physical assessment for construction of the court buildings had already been completed and Standard drawings and bills of quantities had since been prepared by the Ministry of Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development. It was worth noting that the construction of Kutolondo (Chizo) Local Court had been included in the 2025-2027 Judiciary Infrastructure Development Plan and the construction works would commence once funding was available.

For the meantime, the Judiciary would explore alternative avenues such as the Constituency Development Fund (CDF).

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission urges the Executive to mobilise funds and ensure that the construction works of the local courts in Nakonde Districted are implemented without any further delays. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND INTERNAL SECURITY

07/18 - Chitambo Mission Police Post

The Committee in the previous Session based on the 28th September 2017 assurance urged the Executive to mobilise funds for the construction of a new police station and housing units for Chitambo Mission Police Post and implement the process without any further delays. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that Government had not commenced construction of the type 3 Police Station in Chitambo District due to persistent funding constraints. The focus was to complete the already ongoing project in the new Districts. As earlier guided, the local administration in Chitambo Districts should consider constructing a type 3 Police Station using Constituency Development Fund (CDF) as the design was cost effective.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission observes with concern that since the pronouncement was made eight years ago on the floor of the House to the Zambian People, the project has not yet commenced. In this regard, the Committee urges the Executive to prioritise the mobilisation of funds and expedite the construction of a Type 3 Police Station and housing units in Chitambo District in line with the earlier assurance. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

14/16 - National Registration Office in Kalabo

The Committee in the previous Session based on the 16th April 2016 assurance urged the Executive to mobilise funds for the construction works of the National Registration Office in Kalabo District without any further delays. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter District.

Executive's Response

The Government through the Ministry of Home Affairs and Internal Security informed the Committee that the funds for the completion of the National Registration Office block in Kalabo District had been secured. The Provincial Administration was in the process of engaging a contractor, following the advertisement of the works under a national open tender.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission on the secured funds, urges the Executive to expedite the process of engaging the contractor so that works could commence to avoid escalation of prices with the passage of time. Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

12/15 - Construction of a Police Post in Magoye Constituency

On Thursday, 5th March, 2015, the Deputy Minister of Home Affairs made the following assurance:

"Mr Speaker, the Government, through the Zambia Police Force, had plans to construct a police post in Magoye Township in 2016."

The Committee in the previous Session based on the 5th March 2015 assurance urged the Executive to expedite the construction of Police Stations and Posts in Magoye Constituency. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the project for the construction of Magoye Police Post under the CDF was contracted to Talani Zambia Limited at a sum of K1, 019,730.48. The project was at 80 per cent complete. The Council was in the process of contracting the 20 per cent remaining works under the Constituency Development Fund to complete the Police Post.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission urges the Executive to expedite the finalisation of the 20 per cent construction of a Police Post in Magoye Constituency using the CDF. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

16/15 - Construction of Office Block and Housing Units for Police in Rufunsa District

On Friday, 13th March, 2015, the Minister of Home Affairs made the following assurance:

Mr Speaker, I wish to inform the House that the Government had plans to construct an office block and ten housing units in Rufunsa District in 2015. Funds for the construction of an office block and the ten staff houses had been set aside under the Ministry of Transport, Works, Supply and Communication.

The Committee in the previous Session based on the 13th March 2015 assurance urged the Executive to speed up the construction of office block and ten housing units for the police in Rufunsa District. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that Government through the Ministry of Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development had not procured another contractor to complete the remaining works on the Police Station in Rufunsa District due to persistent funding constraints. The remaining works as earlier reported compromised the Police Station building, which was at foundation trenches levels, and two medium cost houses that did not commence. The Government's current focus was to complete the already ongoing projects in the new District, and the level of those works did not fall into that category. However, the local administration in Rufunsa District should consider completing the remaining works using Constituency Development Fund (CDF) as guided earlier.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

MINISTRY OF CHIEFS AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS

24/13 - Construction of Palaces for Traditional Leaders in Serenje

On 1st March, 2013, the Minister of Chiefs and Traditional Affairs made the following undertaking:

Mr Speaker, the construction of palaces would commence this year, 2013, after the completion of preparatory work. As we all know in this august House, there is a provision in the 2013 budget for the construction and rehabilitation of palaces in amounts totalling to K11, 215,500. The Ministry of Transport, Works, Supply and Communication had submitted the plans for palaces which would be discussed by the House of Chiefs as it convenes on 18th March, 2013. Let me also take this opportunity, Mr Speaker, to say to this august House that our assessment around the country depicts that we do not have many palaces as per the English dictionary. What we have are just little huts in some places or just what would be a house. So, I think we have a lot of work to do to construct these palaces. We have decided, as a Ministry, to do a lot of preparatory work of assessment, proper drawings, and to listen to histories of particular chiefdoms so that the palaces depict this history. We also want to add value to the palaces so that, like everywhere else in the world, they are part of our tourist attractions. The Chiefs in Serenje District were as follows:

Senior Chief Muchinda;
Chief Kabamba;
Chief Chisomo;
Chief Chitambo;
Chief Mailo;
Chief Muchinka; and
Chief Chibale.”

The Committee in the previous Session based on the 1st March 2013 assurance urged the Executive to speed up the construction works of palaces for traditional leaders in Serenje. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that Government noted the concern of the Committee regarding the slow pace at which the projects were being undertaken. The Committee was further informed that, funding for construction of palaces were available and paid upon submission of the Interim Payment Certificate (IPC) by the Contractor.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission resolves to await a progress report in the matter.

16/16 - Chieftainess Kanyembo's Palace

The Committee in the previous Session based on the 23rd November 2016 assurance urged the Executive to ensure that outstanding construction works at Chieftainess Kanyembo's place were completed without any further delays. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that following the expiry of the contract, the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development was in the process of engaging a new contractor in a bid to expedite the completion of the palace without further delays.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission observes with concern that the project has taken long to complete since the assurance was made on the floor of the House eight years ago and urges the Executive to speed up the engagement process of a new contractor to expedite the completion of the palace without any further delays. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

05/17 - Rehabilitation and Electrification of Palaces for Chiefs Shibwalya Kapila and Mukupa Kaoma

The Committee in the previous Session based on the 21st February 2017 assurance urged the Executive to ensure that the rehabilitation and electrification of palaces for the Chiefs at Shibwalya Kapila and Mukupa Kaoma was completed without any further delays. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that Considering that the contractor was on site, the Government through the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development was optimistic that the palace would be completed without further delays. The construction works for the palace was at 70 percent complete.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

37/17 - Irrigation Schemes in Feira Parliamentary Constituency

The Committee in the previous Session based on the 13th June 2017 assurance urged the Executive to expedite the process of establishing irrigation schemes in Feira Parliamentary Constituency without any further delays. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that Government had taken note of the Committee's observation and resolved to update the Committee as follows:

The cattle troughs and the water kiosks had been completed while the works on the steel tank stood at 90 per cent completion, the solar structures were at 70 per cent in all the three sites namely Yapite, Mphuka (Chafukula) and TiyopaNjala.

The contractor had requested for a six weeks' extension on the contract up to 15th October, 2025 to enable completion of works.

The steel works had delayed due to lack of proper equipment and poor site management by the Contractor. This had since been resolved.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the response urges the Government to speed up the establishment of irrigation schemes in Feira Parliamentary Constituency without any further delays. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

MINISTRY OF WORKS AND SUPPLY

32/14 - Construction of Lunsemfwa River Bridge in Rufunsa Constituency

The Committee in the previous Session based on the 7th October 2014 assurance urged the Executive to speed up the construction works of Lunsemfwa River Bridge and Chitaba Bridge in Rufunsa Parliamentary Constituency without delaying any further. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that Government had taken note of the Committee's observations. Government understood the importance and benefits that the construction of Lunsemfwa and Chipaba bridges would bring to the area and region. It was for that reason that Government had planned to contract those bridges subject to Treasury securing adequate resources as previously assured.

Pursuant to the many needs for road transport improvement, the GRZ through the Ministry of Housing, Infrastructure and Urban Development (MIHUD) and Road Development Agency (RDA) had been implementing Plans using both Public and Private Sector expertise and financing to implement road projects. The Government had formulated a Rolling Plan to implement road projects. The Plan involved:

Completing rehabilitation of existing trunk roads through either EPC or PPP models;

dualising of all trunk roads to enhance the efficient movement of people, goods, and services;

Upgrading of road links to all districts to bituminous standard, and;
Developing of new road connections to improved national mobility and logistics.

It was the intention of Government that among the projects to benefit from the Rolling Yearly Plan would be the construction of Lusemfwa and Chipaba Bridges

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission strongly urges the Executive to use all available options and secure enough resources to work on the bridges as assured. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

42/14 - Construction of Immigration Department Offices at Nsumbu Border Post

The Committee in the previous Session based on the 5th December 2014 assurance urged the Executive to expedite the construction of the immigration department Offices, medium costs house and sinking of the borehole at Nsumbu border post which had taken long to complete. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that construction of the office block and two medium cost-housing units at Nsumbu Border Post were practically completed and only awaiting power and water supply connection, which was currently underway. Siting and finding Water had been a major challenge on the site, as boreholes drilled so far had all been dry boreholes. The contractor and the project team were still trying to find water for the facility and the houses. It was expected that the office block and the 2 No. medium cost houses would be officially handed over to the user client by the end of October 2025.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

03/15 - Rehabilitation of Mbala-Kasaba Bay-Nsumbu Road

The Committee in the previous Session based on the 25th February 2015 assurance urged the Executive to expedite the upgrading and rehabilitation of Mbala-Kasaba Bay-Nsumbu Road as assured on the floor of the House within the stipulated time frame. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that it was the intention of Government that among the roads to benefit from the Rolling Yearly Plan would be the Mbala-Kasaba Bay-Nsumbu Road to bituminous standard as was assured.

It must be noted that the Government through the Ministry of Tourism had secured funding from the World Bank through the Green Resilient and Transformation Tourism Development Project (GREAT-TDP) for the rehabilitation of the Kasaba Bay-Nsumbu

Road portion of the project road. The tender for the procurement of the civil works contractor was advertised and closed on 18th July, 2025.

Committee’s Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission urges the Executive to complete the upgrading and rehabilitation works of the Mbala- Kasaba Bay-Nsumbu Road without any further delays given that funding has been secured. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

ICT in primary and secondary schools

- ii) Internet Connectivity Initiatives**
- iii) Connectivity for Remote and Rural Schools**

The Committee in the previous Session urged the Executive to ensure that ICT in primary and secondary schools, internet connect initiatives and connectivity for remote and rural schools were implemented as provided for in the assurance within the assured time frame. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive’s Response

The Committee was informed that Government acknowledged the Committee’s observations and recommendations and reaffirmed its commitment to expanding digital infrastructure in the education sector to improve access to information and enhance teaching and learning outcomes.

Significant progress had been made in providing internet connectivity and ICT equipment in schools across the country. As of 2024, a total of 500 schools had been connected to the internet through initiatives such as the “Connecting 100 Schools” project, which had benefitted both primary and secondary schools across all provinces. Connectivity efforts were extended through partnerships with Smart Zambia Institute, the Presidential Delivery Unit, and international initiatives, including GIGA, led by UNICEF and the International Telecommunication Union, and Starlink connectivity for underserved areas.

In line with the 2025 target of connecting 1,000 schools by 31st December 2025, procurement processes for internet routers and related infrastructure were currently underway, with delivery nearing completion. Once implemented, this milestone would substantially bridge the digital divide and provide learners and teachers with reliable internet access, thereby enhancing the quality of education nationwide.

Committee’s Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

FOREIGN TOUR REPORT

The National Health Insurance Scheme

Introduction of 2.5 Per cent Valued Added Tax (VAT) on Goods and Services

The Committee noted the sources of funding for the National Health Insurance Scheme of Ghana and recommended that the Government should introduce the National Health Insurance Levy which should be 2.5 percent levied on goods and services collected under the VAT to be channeled to NHIMA. This would address insolvency risk from limited formal and informal sector collections made by NHIMA to meet the demand for Universal Health Coverage.

The Committee in the previous Session urged the Executive to expedite the introduction of 2.5 Per cent Value Added Tax on goods and services channeled to enable NHIMA to meet the proposed demand of universal coverage. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive Response

The Committee was informed that Government through the Ministry of Health was engaging relevant stakeholders on levying VAT (2.5 per cent) on goods and services. That tax was to be channelled to NHIMA to address the insolvency risk being faced by the Scheme. However, that transition would require an amendment to the main Act governing the Scheme (*National Health Insurance Act No. 2 of 2018*) and the process will take longer.

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The committee observes with concern that the Ministry seems reluctant with regards the introduction of the 2.5 per cent VAT on goods and services. In this regard the Committee recommends that the Ministry should avail the Committee with information on whether the increase is feasible and provide a definite time frame when that Act can be amended. The Committee resolves to await a progress report in the matter.

Drug Prescriptions and Laboratory Requests

The Committee had strongly urged the Ministry of Health to intervene on the issues of drug prescriptions and laboratory requests from public hospitals to private facilities. That would address the lack of drugs in public hospitals, which had led to high prescriptions to the private sector, which were costlier. The Committee further urged the Ministry of Health to review the benefits package to make it responsive to members' needs and avoid abuse by healthcare providers. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

The Committee in the previous Session urged the Executive to ensure that there was intervention on drug prescriptions and laboratory requests from public hospitals to private hospitals to reduce on costs. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that Government through the Ministry of Health had issued a statement encouraging the issuance of Prescription driven mainly by increased drug

availability to over 85 per cent in Public Hospitals. However, the Ministry had observed a general decline in the issuance of prescriptions across Public Hospitals.

The Committee was further informed that there was an ongoing comprehensive review of the Benefit Package of the Scheme which would also had ceilings to promote responsible use of the Scheme. That process was at an advanced stage. The Benefit Package would among the proposals also had differentiated packages with different tier groups. The Ministry and NHIMA management were working on finalising the Package and seeking the necessary stakeholder approvals

Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the response urges the Executive to ensure that issues of drug prescriptions and laboratory requests are regulated to reduce on costs to that effect. In this regard, the Committee resolves to await a progress report on the comprehensive review of the benefit package of the Scheme.

Audit of NHIMA accredited Hospitals

The Committee noted the recommendations that all the hospitals accredited to NHIMA should be audited by the Office of the Attorney General to ensure that only those who had access to the services benefitted.

The Committee in the previous Session urged the Executive to expedite the process of auditing by the Office of the Attorney General of all NHIMA accredited hospitals and ensure that the intended beneficiaries were not omitted from the facilities. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that the Office of the Auditor General had been engaged by the Ministry to conduct the audit on the usage of NHIMA funds. The engagement was to request the Office of the Auditor General to fact in that audit in their 2026 Audit work plan.

Government was grateful and wished to thank the members of the Committee for their effort in preparing the value-adding tour and their recommendation will go a long way in realizing Universal Health Coverage in Zambia by 2030 in line with the 8th National Development Goals.

Committee's observations and Recommendations

The Committee in noting the submission urges the Executive to expedite the process of audit of NHIMA funds by the Auditor General and resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

4.0 CONCLUSION

The Committee notes that out of the 175 Assurances that were forwarded to the Executive for action, only eighty were fully implemented and closed, leaving 167 assurances outstanding in the Fifth Session. The Committee, therefore, considered sixty-seven new assurances in addition to the 167 outstanding assurances bringing the total number of assurances to 234 considered in the Fifth Session of the Thirteenth National Assembly. To this effect, the Committee bemoans the slow rate at which assurances are being fulfilled by the Executive as some assurances were made as far back as 2016 without being actualised.

Accordingly, the Committee urges the Executive to ensure that all the assurances made on the Floor of the House are implemented within the reasonable time frame. In view of the foregoing, the Committee urges the Executive to only make assurances on the Floor of the House when finances are confirmed available to fully actualise the assurance.



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Appendix i – List of National Assembly of Zambia Officials

Mr Charles Haambote, Director (Social Committees)

Mrs Chitalu K Mumba, Deputy Director (Social Committees)

Mr Kunda Darius, Senior Committee Clerk (Social Committees 1)

Mr Maxwell Mweene, Committee Clerk

Ms Catherine Chibuye, Administrative Assistant II

Mr Daniel Lupiya, Senior Committee Assistant

Mr Muyembi Kantumoya, Committee Assistant

Ms Taona Chabinga, Committee Assistant

APPENDIX II - List of Witnesses

Ministry of Justice

Ministry of Health

Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock

Ministry of Home Affairs and Internal Security

Ministry of Water Development and Sanitation

Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development

Ministry of Agriculture

Ministry of Housing and Infrastructure Development

Ministry of Tourism

Ministry of Energy

Ministry of Education

Ministry of Technology and Science

Ministry of Mines and Minerals Development

Ministry of Community Development and Social Services

Ministry of Transport and Logistics

Ministry of Green Economy and Environment