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# **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ASSURANCES FOR THE FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWELFTH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

## **1.0 MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE**

The Committee consisted of: Mr E Kamondo, MP (Chairperson); Ms M P Langa, MP (Vice Chairperson); Mr W Banda, MP; Mr M Ndalamei, MP; Mr L Fungulwe, MP; Mr D Mulunda, MP; Mr S Miti, MP; Mr C D Miyanda, MP; Mr E Musonda, MP, and Mr L M Kaziya, MP.

The Honourable Mr Speaker  
National Assembly  
Parliament Buildings  
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Sir

The Committee has the honour to present its Report for the Fifth Session of the Twelfth National Assembly.

## **2.0 FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE**

The functions of the Committee are set out in Standing Order No 157(2) of the National Assembly Standing Orders, 2016.

## **3.0 PROCEDURE ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE**

The Committee examined all contributions made by the Executive as recorded in the Daily Parliamentary Debates and extracted statements which amounted to assurances for consideration. These were then referred to Government ministries concerned to find out the actions taken to implement the assurances. Upon receipt of submissions from Government ministries and departments on the assurances, the Committee invited the respective Permanent Secretaries and Chief Executive Officers of the concerned ministries and departments to appear before it and give updates on the implementation of the assurances falling under their respective portfolios.

## **4.0 MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE**

The Committee held eleven meetings during the period under review to consider both outstanding assurances as well as new assurances made on the floor of the House.

## **5.0 ARRANGEMENT OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE**

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

## PART I

### CONSIDERATION OF SUBMISSIONS ON NEW ASSURANCES

#### MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

##### 05/20 Upgrading of the Kenneth Kaunda International Airport and Copperbelt International Airport

On 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2019, the Minister of Housing and Infrastructure Development made the following assurance on the floor of the House in his Ministerial Statement:

*Sir, after the Government signed the contract for the upgrading of the Kenneth Kaunda International Airport with China Jiangxi Corporation for International Economic and Technical Co-operation, the works commenced on 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2015, and are expected to be completed on 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2021. The new completion date is an extension from the initial date of 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2019.*

*Sir, I remind the House that the contractor for the Copperbelt International Airport is Aviation Industry Corporation of China (AVIC) International Holding Corporation, that the contract sum is US\$397 million and that the contract period is thirty-six months. The project commenced on 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2017, and is expected to be completed in October 2020.*

#### Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that as of 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2020, the overall progress on the expansion and modernisation of the Kenneth Kaunda International Airport was at 89 per cent. Progress on the various components of the project was as indicated in the table below.

	ITEM	PROGRESS TO DATE	REMAINING WORKS
1	New Terminal Building	98 per cent	Equipment testing and commissioning
2	Airport Hotel	96 per cent	Equipment testing and commissioning
3	Fire and Rescue Service Centre	100 per cent	Completed
4	Water Tank and Pump House	100 per cent	Completed
5	Viaduct	100 per cent	Completed
6	ATC Building and Tower	98 per cent	Equipment testing and commissioning
7	Extension of the Taxiway	92 per cent	Airfield Ground Lighting (AGL) system
8	Apron for New Terminal Building	95 per cent	AGL works and service lane
9	Presidential Pavilion apron	100 per cent	Completed
10	Warehousing Facilities apron	100 per cent	Completed

11	Parking Lots	96 per cent	Pavement markings
12	Presidential Pavilion	89 per cent	Bullet-proofing and finishing
13	Warehousing Facilities	98.5 per cent	Equipment testing and commissioning
14	Commercial Complex	99 per cent	Equipment testing and commissioning
15	Airport Office Park	99 per cent	Equipment testing and commissioning
16	Corridor Connecting the Terminals	35 per cent	Steel structure installation
17	Widening of the Taxiway Shoulder	0 per cent	To be commenced after AGL cable rerouting
18	Rehabilitation of the Existing Terminal Building	0 per cent	To commence after commissioning of new terminal
19	ZASTI	0 per cent	To be commenced end of August 2020
20	<b>TOTAL PROGRESS OF THE KKIA PROJECT</b>	<b>89 per cent</b>	
21	<b>TOTAL PROGRESS OF THE KKIA SUBSTATION PROJECT</b>	88 per cent	Transmission line, underground cable laying and equipment testing.

The Committee was informed that most of the major components on the KKIA Project were above 90 per cent complete and mainly awaiting the completion of the KKIA substation (Power connection which was the most critical component of project) and had so far reached 97 per cent completion.

Works in the existing terminal would commence once the new terminal becomes operational, while for ZASTI, works would commence by the end of March, 2021. This included works on the corridor connecting the new and existing terminal.

### **Copperbelt International Airport**

The Committee was further informed that the overall progress at the Copperbelt International Airport was at 80 per cent. Notable progress on the various components of the project was tabulated in the table below.

	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>PROGRESS TO DATE</b>
1	Runway & Taxiway	98.30 per cent
2	Perimeter road	100 per cent
3	The drainage ditch moved south	100 per cent
4	Flight field Engineering	97.4 per cent
5	ATC Building	98.5 per cent
6	Terminal Engineering	88 per cent
7	Fine decoration of terminal building	75.9 per cent
8	Business Complex	96 per cent
9	East light substation	99 per cent

10	West light substation	99 per cent
11	Freight Warehouse	91 per cent
12	Airport Hotel	13 per cent
13	Navigation Hangar	90 per cent
14	Refrigeration Station	98 per cent
15	Dangerous Goods Store	94 per cent
16	Special Garage	97.5 per cent
17	Police Station	85 per cent
18	Fire Rescue Station	96 per cent
19	Water Supply Station	90 per cent
20	Sewage Treatment Station	90 per cent
21	Garbage Incineration Station	89 per cent
22	Sewage Discharge Shed	90 per cent
23	Central Substation	96 per cent
24	Fuel Farm Area	52 per cent
25	Quarantine Warehouse	99 per cent
26	Public Service Station	0 per cent
27	Security Check room	83 per cent
28	Airport Gate	20 per cent
29	AGL Engineering	99.14 per cent
30	ATC Engineering	87.08 per cent
31	Weak Current Engineering (Terminal Building)	90.42 per cent
32	Weak Current Engineering (Other Buildings)	69.58 per cent
33	Power Supply Engineering	92.46 per cent
34	Viaduct	97 per cent
35	Off-Site Bulk Substation	92.98 per cent
36	General Drawing Engineering	37.65 per cent

The Committee was further informed that the COVID-19 Pandemic had affected the project negatively in that the contractor could not receive specialised equipment and materials due to the shut down and travel restrictions due to the pandemic.

In this regard, the contractor on the 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2020 applied for extension of time in the project and was granted seven months extension of time, thereby pushing the completion date to end of 2021.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

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

### **06/20 Nabwalya / Mfuwe Road Construction**

On 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2019, the Minister of Housing and Infrastructure Development made the following assurance on the floor of the House:

*Madam Speaker, the construction of the Nabwalya/Mfuwe Road is expected to be completed in October, 2020, subject to availability of funds. The delay has been due to financial constraints. As of July, 2019, the contractor had been paid K29,962,454.13 out of the total of K165 million certified for the works done.*

### **Executive's Response**

The Committee heard that the completion date of the construction works of the Nabwalya/Mfuwe Road was rescheduled from October, 2020 to April 5, 2022 owing to funding challenges. Furthermore, the project was re-scoped from bituminous surface standard to gravel surface standard to fit within the available funds.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the submission, expresses concern that the completion date has been rescheduled to April, 2022, when the project was re-scoped to fit within the available funds. The Committee urges the Government to ensure that works are undertaken as submitted, to avoid accumulation of standing costs on the project. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **08/20 Stalled Chama/Matumbo and Chama/Lundazi Road Rehabilitation**

On 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2019, the Minister of Housing and Infrastructure Development made the following assurance on the floor of the House:

*Mr Speaker, I wish to inform the House that the timeframes for the completion of rehabilitation of each of the four lots under the Chama/Matumbo and Chama Lundazi Road are as follows:*

- (a) July, 2020 for Lot 2 (118 km);*
- (b) October, 2021 for Lot 3 (90 km);*
- (c) February, 2021 for Lot 4 (84 km); and*
- (d) June, 2020 for Lot 5 (56 km).*

### **Executive's Response**

The Committee was informed that the timeframes for the completion of rehabilitation of each of the four lots under the Chama/Matumbo and Chama Lundazi Road was affected by the cash flow challenges hence had been revised as follows:

- (a) January 17, 2023 for Lot 2 (118 km);*
- (b) October 31, 2022 for Lot 3 (90 km);*
- (c) August 23, 2023 for Lot 4 (84 km); and*
- (d) September 26, 2022 for Lot 5 (56 km).*

The works on all the four lots were in the process of being re-scoped from bituminous standard to gravel surfaced standard owing to limitations in available funds to the road sector.

#### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the submission, expresses concern that despite the plan to re-scope the project from bituminous standard to gravel surfaced standard, the completion dates were rescheduled. The Committee, therefore, urges the Executive to ensure that the re-scoping process is expedited to facilitate the implementation of the project as submitted. The Committee resolves to await a comprehensive progress report on the matter.

#### **09/20 Washed Away Bridges in Msanzala**

On 27<sup>th</sup> 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), has 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.*

#### **Executive's Response**

The Executive, in its update to the Committee, submitted that the rehabilitation of the Chipungu/Mbulamala Bridge and the Mkonda Bridge was yet to be undertaken owing to funding challenges being faced in the road sector. The Committee was further informed that, through the Road Development Agency (RDA), it would continue to engage the National Road Fund Agency (NRFA) to ensure funds were released for the works to commence on site.

#### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee notes the submission and urges the Government to ensure that the National Road Fund Agency (NRFA) releases the requisite funds to facilitate the commencement of works on site. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

#### **10/20 Damaged Infrastructure Rehabilitation in Msanzala Constituency**

On 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2020, the Minister of Housing and Infrastructure Development made the following assurance on the floor of the House:

*Mr Speaker, the rehabilitation works on Manda/Vuvye Bridge along Nyamphande/Mwape Road will be undertaken in the second quarter of 2020, once the water levels on the stream go down.*

### **Executive's Response**

The Executive, in its update to the Committee, indicated that the construction of the 4-Span 120m Long composite bridges across Mvuvye River in Nyimba District of Eastern Province was awarded to Messrs Anhui Shuian Construction Group Corporation Limited at a contract sum of K74,520,324.2 VAT inclusive. The contract commenced on 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2020 and was scheduled to be completed by 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2021.

The Committee heard that the contractor was assembling the pile driver on site in readiness for piling of the foundations for the bridge. The contractor had procured the bridge components which had since started arriving in the country. The delay in the shipment of bridge components had been due to travel restrictions owing to the Covid - 19 pandemic.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the submission, urges the Government to ensure that works are completed by August, 2021. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **11/20 Bridge Construction**

On 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2020, the Minister of Housing and Infrastructure Development made the following assurance on the floor of the House:

*Mr Speaker, an assessment of the works required at Chamatonye crossing point will be undertaken before the end of the first quarter 2020.*

*Sir, procurement of a contractor to undertake the civil works at Lupande will commence in the second quarter. It is envisaged that the civil works on Lupande Bridge will commence in the fourth quarter of 2020.*

### **Executive's Response**

The Committee in its update to the Committee indicated that the assessment of the works required at Chamatonye crossing point would be undertaken before the end of 2020. The budget for the required works under Force Account would be submitted to the National Road Fund Agency (NRFA) during the fourth quarter of 2020 and commencement of works would be upon release of funds.

The procurement of a contractor to undertake the works on Lupande Bridge had been concluded. However, signing of the contract awaited availability of funds.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee notes the submission and urges the Executive to ensure that the National Road Fund Agency (NRFA) releases the funds without further delay to facilitate the construction of the Chamatonye crossing point and Lupande Bridge, respectively. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **12/20 Kanchibiya Constituency Bridges Reconstruction**

On 14<sup>th</sup> 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 is being implemented by the Ministry of Local Government. Works commenced in March, 2019 and are scheduled to be completed by September 2020.*

### **Executive's Response**

The Executive in its update to the Committee submitted that works to reconstruct Kabinga Bridge in Kanchibiya Parliamentary Constituency that was damaged during the 2018/2019 rainy season was under the scope for the Kanchibiya/Chalabesa Project, being implemented by the Ministry of Local Government.

The project was awarded to Messrs Tomorrow Investment. The works had however, stalled due to cash flow challenges. It was envisaged that works on the bridge would be expedited once outstanding payments were made to the contractor.

The rehabilitation of the washed away embankment on the Kopa Bridge was undertaken by RDA and the bridge was in good shape.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the submission, urges the Executive to ensure that the outstanding payments are made to the contractor to facilitate the reconstruction of Kabinga Bridge which was damaged during the 2018/2019 rainy season. The Committee resolves to close the matter on Kopa Bridge and await a progress report on the reconstruction of the Kabinga Bridge.

### **13/20 Kafue River Worn Out Bridge**

On 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2020, the Minister of Housing and Infrastructure Development made the following assurance on the floor of the House:

*Mr Speaker, contrary to the assertion that the temporary bridge on the Lusaka/Mongu Road at Kafue River is worn out and is on the verge of collapse, the said temporary bridge is not worn out, and, therefore, not on the verge of collapsing. Consequently, the bridge does not pose any danger to the travelling public.*

*Sir, the contractor engaged to construct the Kafue Hook Bridge has been undertaking maintenance works to keep the temporary bridge safe. The rehabilitation of the Kafue Hook Bridge is scheduled to be completed on 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2020.*

### **Executive's Response**

The Committee was informed that the rehabilitation of the Kafue Hook Bridge was re-scheduled to be completed by 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2021. The completion of works of the Bridge delayed due to funding challenges being faced in the road sector.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee notes with sadness the failure by the Executive to implement the project as was promised and urges it to ensure that funds are secured to facilitate the rehabilitation of the Kafue



Hook Bridge as further delay may endanger the lives of the citizenry who use the temporary bridge to cross the river. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

#### **07/20 Mumbula/Katikulula Phase 3 Resettlement Scheme Mini Hospital Construction**

On 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2019, the Minister of Housing and Infrastructure Development made the following assurance on the floor of the House:

*Mr Speaker, I wish to inform the House that the construction of Mini Hospitals at Mumbula and Katikulula Phase III Resettlement Scheme in Chitambo Parliamentary Constituency is expected to commence in the second quarter of 2020.*

*Sir, the implementation of the plan to construct the two Mini Hospitals was scheduled to commence in the second quarter of 2020 and as such there is no delay. The contractor for the two Mini Hospitals is NMS Infrastructure Zambia Limited.*

#### **Executive's Response**

The Committee was informed that the construction works for the Mini Hospitals at Mumbula and Katikulula Phase III Resettlement Scheme in Chitambo Parliamentary Constituency were at 80 per cent complete and were expected to be fully completed by end of December, 2020. The Committee was also informed that the project was part of the engineering procurement contract (EPC) which included the construction of 108 mini hospitals country wide and three district hospitals anywhere within Zambia.

#### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the submission, urges the Executive to ensure that the project is actualised as submitted. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

#### **14/20 Musa Secondary School Completion**

On 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2020, the Minister of Housing and Infrastructure Development made the following assurance on the floor of the House:

*Mr Speaker, the construction of Musa Secondary School is almost complete. What is remaining is a septic tank which will be constructed after the rainy season in the second quarter of 2020.*

*Sir, the delay in completing Musa Secondary School which has been above 80 per cent completion for the past three years has been due to financial constraints.*

*Mr Speaker, the construction of Ntumpa Secondary School will be completed by the end of the fourth quarter of 2020. Sir, the delay in completion of Ntumpa Secondary School has been due to financial constraints.*

#### **Executive's Response**

The Committee was informed that the status quo for the construction of Musa Secondary school had remained the same, at 80 percent completion. This was due to inadequate funding in the education sector. However, it was Government's desire to ensure that learners had access to education.

With regard to the Ntumpa Secondary School, the status quo for the construction had also remained the same owing to non-availability of funds.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee notes with concern the failure by the Executive to complete Musa Secondary School which has remained at 80 per cent complete for the past three years. The Committee urges the Executive to ensure that funds are secured for the construction of a septic tank at Musa Secondary School and completion of Ntumpa Secondary School. The Committee resolves to await a comprehensive progress report on the matter.

### **15/20 Vubwi Boarding School Completion**

On 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2020, the Minister of Housing and Infrastructure Development made the following assurance on the floor of the House:

*Mr Speaker, the construction of Vubwi Secondary School in Vubwi District is expected to be completed by the end of December 2020.*

### **Executive's Response**

The Committee was informed that the status quo for the construction of Vubwi Boarding Secondary School remained the same at 60 per cent completion. This was due to financial challenges facing the education sector. However, it was Government's desire to ensure that learners had access to education.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee notes with concern that nothing has been done with regard to the construction of Vubwi Boarding Secondary School since the assurance was made on the floor of the House. Hence, the Committee urges the Executive to ensure that funds are secured to facilitate the actualisation of the project. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **04/20 University Construction**

On 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2019, the Minister of Housing and Infrastructure Development made the following assurance on the floor of the House:

*Mr Speaker, the construction of a University in Lukashya Parliamentary Constituency commenced in the year 2018. The estimated cost of the project is US\$225 million for the two universities in Lukashya and the Frederick Titus Jacob (FTJ) Chiluba University in Kasama and Mansa Districts, respectively.*

*Mr Speaker, the time frame for the completion of the project is thirty months.*

*The university in Lukashya Parliamentary Constituency is expected to be officially opened to the public during the 2021/2022 academic year.*

### **Executive's Response**

The Committee was informed that construction of the two universities, namely Fredrick Titus Jacob Chiluba University in Mansa and Ntumpa University in Kasama, had not advanced due to funding challenges as the financiers of the project - Industrial Commercial Bank of China (ICBC) had not released any funding.

Ntumpa University was at 5 per cent while the FTJ Chiluba University stood at 10 per cent completion. The contractor, China Energy Engineering Limited had since stopped work on sites.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the submission, expresses concern at the slow pace at which the construction of the two universities is going and urges the Executive to ensure that funds are secured to facilitate the urgent commencement of works to avoid accumulation of standing costs. The Committee resolves to await a comprehensive progress report on the matter.

## **MINISTRY OF DEFENCE**

### **30/13 Resuscitation of Mulungushi Textiles**

On 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2012, His Honour the Vice President undertook the following:

*Mr Speaker, the project to get Mulungushi Textiles working again is underway. There are negotiations between the Ministry of Defence, which happens to have a chunk but, does not own the majority, it owns a significant chunk of about 30 percent or 34 per cent. We are expecting it to be open, again, as a textile factory, and not as a dairy or piggery, within the next year.*

### **Executive's Response**

The Government, in its update to the Committee, submitted that in order to avoid vandalism of the remaining machinery at the factory, the following rehabilitation works were undertaken:

- (i) more than 200 sewing machines were serviced and brought on line, as a result the company had engaged in the production of face masks on behalf of Disaster Management and Mitigation Unit (DMMU); and
- (ii) residential quarters and the administration office block were rehabilitated.

The full operationalisation of the factory was supposed to start once the company secured a loan from a named bank as debt project finance for resumption of operations. The loan approval was affected by the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic.

In addition, the Committee was informed that the outbreak of COVID – 19 had made the process and progress of resuscitation of Mulungushi to be very slow.

The Committee was further informed that Zambia, the minority shareholder had discharged its obligations (key milestones). The majority shareholder, China was yet to accomplish matters requiring its action, which for emphasis were, capital injection for its equity stake debt and all related administrative approvals that would facilitate the export of equipment, technology and expert staff from China to Zambia. The Chinese Embassy in Zambia, through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, had been engaged to facilitate this process by the Chinese partners.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee observes with concern that the resuscitation of Mulungushi Textiles has taken inordinately long to be actualised and urges the Executive to ensure that the process to have the debt project loan approved is expedited. Further, the Committee urges the Executive to ensure that an equity partner is found as soon as possible because the industry was still viable. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

## **MINISTRY HEALTH**

### **01/20 Chiawa Mini-Hospital Construction**

On 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2020, the Minister of Health made the following assurance on the floor of the House:

*"Madam Speaker, the Government plans to construct a mini-hospital in Chiawa area in Kafue District and the plans will be implemented within the third quarter of 2020."*

### **Executive's Response**

The Committee was informed that following the completion of all administrative approvals for the financing of the second phase of the project, the construction of Chiawa Mini Hospital in Kafue District would be undertaken by NMS Infrastructure Limited as part of the project to construct 108 mini hospitals and three district hospitals in Zambia. The contractor had surveyed the site and works were expected to commence in 2021.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the submission, urges the Executive to ensure that works commence within 2021 and resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **02/20 Construction of Hospital at Msolo in Chief Nyampande's Chiefdom**

On 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2020, the Minister of Health made the following assurance on the floor of the House:

*Madam Speaker, the Government, through the Ministry of Health, has already broken ground for the construction of the mini-hospital at Msolo.*

### **Executive's Response**

The Committee was informed that the construction of the mini hospital at Msolo in Chief Nyamphande's area was included in the 2020 Ministry of Health Infrastructure Operational Plan and implementation was delayed due to lack of funding. Considering that the year had come to an end, the Government, through the Ministry of Health, intended to roll over the same works into the 2021 Infrastructure Operational Plan.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the submission, urges the Executive to ensure that works commence within 2021 as submitted and resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **03/20 Upgrade of Health Centres in Mkaika**

On 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2020, the Minister of Health made the following assurance on the floor of the House:

*Madam Speaker, the Government will 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.*

### **Executive's Response**

The Committee was informed that the additional infrastructure at Vulamkoko and Chimtende health centres was included in the 2020 Ministry of Health Infrastructure Operational Plan and implementation had delayed due to lack of funding. Considering that the year had come to an end, the Government, through the Ministry of Health, intended to roll over the same works into the 2021 Infrastructure Operational Plan.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the submission, urges the Executive to ensure that the works are rolled over into the 2021 Infrastructure Operational Plan as submitted and resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

## **MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND SOCIAL SECURITY**

### **03/18 Payment of Terminal Benefits for Zimbabwe Iron and Steel Company (ZISCO) Former Workers**

On 17<sup>th</sup> June 2011, the Vice President and Minister of Justice made the following assurance on the floor of the House:

*"Mr Speaker, as the Hon. Member has rightly pointed out, that is a labour matter and the Ministry of Labour and Social Security is addressing it. As a Government, we are concerned about situations of that nature because we want our workers to be paid whatever dues are owed to them. Having been brought to the attention of the Ministry of Labour and Social Security, it is a matter that can be looked into".*

### **Executive's Response**

The Committee was informed that the matter at hand was a complex one as it was touching on a foreign jurisdiction, that is, the Republic of Zimbabwe. Furthermore, the company in question was no longer operational and its owners were not traceable. This had, to a greater extent, hindered the Ministry from resolving the matter in a timely manner.

The Committee was further informed that the Ministry of Labour and Social Security had requested the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to facilitate the provision of relevant information pertaining to the operations of the Zimbabwe Iron and Steel Company (ZISCO) through its counterparts in the

Republic of Zimbabwe. However, these efforts had not yielded desirable results as no official feedback had been received from the Government of Zimbabwe up to now. The failure to receive official communication and proper guidance from the Government of Zimbabwe on the matter vis-a'-vis the benefits owed to the former Zambian workers under the Monarch Steel Limited, a subsidiary to ZISCO, had proved to be very challenging on the part of the Ministry of Labour and Social Security.

Given the above challenges, the Ministry informed the Committee that the matter was escalated further to the higher office of the Republic of Zimbabwe through the diplomatic channels. The Ministry was also of the view that the Office of the Attorney General would possibly render the legal opinion in order to bring the matter to its logical conclusion.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the submission, urges the Executive to ensure that legal opinion is urgently sought in order to bring the matter to its logical conclusion. Further, the Committee urges the Executive to follow up the matter which was brought to the attention of the higher office of the Republic of Zimbabwe through the diplomatic channels. The Committee also urges the Executive to ensure that concrete solutions are found to facilitate the payment of terminal benefits to former ZISCO workers. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

## **MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

### **18/20 Chifubu Market**

On 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2020, the Minister of Local Government made the following assurances on the floor of the House:

*Mr Speaker, the Government has plans to construct markets in Chifubu Parliamentary Constituency.*

*Mr Speaker, Pamodzi Market will be constructed this year, whilst the Chifubu Market works are at 96 per cent completion. As highlighted, the two markets earmarked to be constructed in Chifubu are Pamodzi and Chifubu. The total cost of Chifubu Market is K1.6 million, whilst Pamodzi Market is K350,000.*

### **Executive's Response**

The Committee was informed that the construction of the market shelter at Chifubu market was complete and commissioned, while the construction of Pamodzi market shelter was at procurement stage.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the progress made, resolves to close the matter on the construction of Chifubu market and await a progress report on the construction of Pamodzi market shelter which is still on procurement stage.

## MINISTRY OF WATER DEVELOPMENT, SANITATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

### 19/20 Mufumbwe Constituency Borehole Sinking

On 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2020, the Minister of Water Development, Sanitation and Environmental Protection made the following assurance on the floor of the House:

*Sir, the sinking of Boreholes in Miluji, Lalafuta, Kaminzekezeke, Mushima, Musonweji, Kabipupu, Kalengwa and Matushi Wards in Mufumbwe Parliamentary Constituency has been planned to commence in 2020 because that is the time when the financing agreement will take effect.*

### Executives Response

The Committee was informed that the sinking of boreholes in Miluji, Lalafuta, Kaminzekezeke, Mushima, Musonweji, Kabipupu, Kalengwa and Matushi Wards in Mufumbwe Parliamentary Constituency would commence in 2021 under Phase II of the project. Phase II would commence upon full closure of Phase I which covered forty-nine districts in five provinces, namely Central, Eastern, Lusaka North-Western and Southern Provinces. Mufumbwe was one of the beneficiary districts under Phase II of the project and boreholes would be drilled in the named wards above.

Phase II could not take off prior to undertaking a full audit and closure of Phase I activities as required by the financiers. The completion of the audit of Phase I activities, coincided with the gassing incidents the country experienced, was only completed in the first quarter of 2020. Coupled with the Covid-19 disease outbreak that resulted in the restriction of movements and partial lockdown of the country, there was a delay in the closing out of phase I and therefore the commencement of Phase II.

Following the improved security situation and easing of the restrictions on the movements due to COVID-19 in the third quarter of 2020, the project consultant commenced the closure of phase I activities and was expected to be completed in the fourth quarter of 2020. The Ministry was, in conjunction with project beneficiary districts and provincial offices, in the process of commencing the planning for Phase II activities within the fourth quarter.

The Committee was further informed that under Phase II, the following activities would be implemented:

- Water supply: This would involve rehabilitation of water points and drilling new boreholes;
- Sanitation and hygiene: This would involve construction of sanitation facilities and carrying out hygiene awareness programmes; and
- Operation and maintenance: This would involve construction of spare part storage shops, procurement of spare parts for hand pumps (seed stock) and capacity building.

Once the planning and budgeting for Phase II activities was complete, procurement of contractors was expected to commence within the fourth quarter of 2020. The works were expected to commence in the second quarter of 2021 after the rainy season.

The Committee was further informed that the financier of the project was the German Development Cooperation (KfW) and that in Phase I, 533 boreholes were sunk in five provinces as tabulated below:

Eastern Province	-	103
Central Province	-	131
Lusaka Province	-	77
Southern Province	-	132
North-Western Province	-	90

In addition, the Committee was informed that 271 VIP latrines were constructed and twenty-four spare parts shops were operational. The Committee was also informed that 430 boreholes were to be sank in Phase two, in four provinces namely: Lusaka, Central, Eastern and North-Western provinces. The Committee heard that a maximum of forty-three boreholes per district in the beneficiary provinces would be sank, 860 boreholes were also earmarked for rehabilitation. The Committee was also informed that the completion of the project was dependant on the full audit and closure of Phase I activities as required by the financiers.

### **Committee's Observation and Recommendations**

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

## **OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT**

### **20/20 Rural Roads Infrastructure Development in Kanchibiya**

On 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2020, the Vice-President made the following assurance on the floor of the House:

*Mr Speaker, this Government is committed to improving the road network infrastructure, including feeder roads in the country. As soon as the rains end, the Government will embark on rural roads infrastructure development in Kanchibiya and many other parts of the Northern Province.*

*Sir, this is a programme that has been funded already, so it is a matter of time when mobilisation of contractors will 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.*

### **Executive's Response**

The Committee was informed that Phase II of the National Feeder Roads project was awarded to Messers China Geo Construction Engineering Corporation and the contract was signed on September 11, 2019 at a contract sum of US\$312,048,579.00, VAT inclusive, with a contract duration of sixty months. The contract covered 3,000km of feeder roads in the Copperbelt, Central, Northern, North-Western and Western Provinces.

In view of the limitations in available funds, the Committee was informed that the contractor would prioritise the first 1,000km out of the 3,016km and works had since commenced in Northern Province. The Chalabesa- Kabinga road covering 86.3 Km commenced on 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2018 and was expected to be completed by 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2020 at a contract sum of ZMW108,000,399.83. The feeder road construction project was awarded to Tomorrow Investments limited.



The Chitundu-Chalabesa- Kopa Chinungu road, covering 68.0 Km, commenced on 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2020 and was expected to be completed by 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2020 at a contract sum of ZMW81,716,968.33. The feeder road construction project was awarded to A Plus Management Services

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the submission, expresses concern that rural roads which were earmarked for development in Kanchibiya were not completed and urges the Executive to ensure that funds are secured to facilitate the actualisation of the projects. The Committee resolves to await a comprehensive progress report on the matter.

## **PART II**

### **CONSIDERATION OF THE ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWELFTH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

#### **MINISTRY OF HEALTH**

#### **01/19 Resumption on the Construction of Health Posts under the 650 Health Posts Project**

On 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2018, the Minister of Health made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, by way of giving a background, the contract for the construction of health posts covering the Northern Province, the Luapula Province, the Muchinga Province and the North-Western Province was terminated and works stalled two years ago. Mr Speaker, I am happy to report that the Government has completed the procurement process for the construction of the 201 health posts in the four provinces. Construction will resume between 30<sup>th</sup> September and 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018.*

*Sir, the contractor is Overseas Jaguar Limited and the contract was signed on 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2018 and will run for eighteen months.*

The Committee, in the previous Session, had urged the Government to ensure that the remaining 135 health posts in the four provinces were completed by the end of 2020, since the prefabricated materials were in the country.

#### **Executive's Response**

The Executive in its update to the Committee indicated that as at 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2020, progress on the 201 health posts covering Northern, Muchinga, North-Western and Luapula province was as follows:

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|------|-------------------------|-------|
| i.   | North-Western Province: | 29/64 |
| ii.  | Northern Province:      | 51/59 |
| iii. | Luapula Province:       | 23/48 |
| iv.  | Muchinga province:      | 21/30 |

This meant that the cumulative total of 124 health posts were completed and handed over, with additional thirty-one structures with superstructures completed. The balance of seventy-seven Health Posts would be completed by December, 2020. The project was being undertaken by Jaguar

Overseas Limited under the Indian line of credit for the construction of 650 Health Posts countrywide.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee in noting the progress made urges the Executive to ensure that the remaining seventy-seven health posts are completed without further delay. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **03/19 Construction of Kaputa District Hospital**

On 19<sup>th</sup> September 2018, the Minister of Health made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, the construction of the Kaputa District Hospital is included in the Medium-Term Framework for 2019-2021 and earmarked to commence in the first quarter of 2019. The bed capacity of such a hospital ranges between 120 and 200 beds. We are targeting 150 beds for Kaputa.*

The Committee, in the previous Session, was concerned that nothing was being done to actualise the construction of Kaputa District Hospital and had urged the Executive to ensure that funds were secured for the project to be implemented. The Committee had resolved to await a comprehensive progress report on the construction of Kaputa District Hospital and the provision of the 150 beds targeted for Kaputa.

### **Executive's Response**

The Executive in its update to the Committee indicated that it had recognised the need for first level services in Kaputa. In this regard, it intended to construct two mini-hospitals at Nkoshya and Kalaba within the district. This was aimed at increasing access to first level referral services in the district and also reducing the distance that communities had to cover in order to reach first level referral services.

The project would be undertaken by NMS Infrastructure Limited as part of the project to construct 108 mini hospitals and three District Hospitals in Zambia and the groundbreaking for the two facilities had already taken place.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the submission, expresses concern that in its response, the Executive is diverting from the assurance made on the floor of the House. In this regard, the Committee urges the Executive to ensure that funds are secured for the construction of Kaputa District Hospital without undue delay. In addition, the Committee urges the Executive to ensure that Nkoshya and Kalaba mini-hospitals in Kaputa District are completed within the scheduled timeframe. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **06/19 Nakanyaa Health Centre**

On 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 the Minister of Health made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, the Government has plans to upgrade Nakanyaa Health Centre in Nalikwanda Parliamentary Constituency into a mini-hospital and it intends to do this in the fourth quarter of 2019.*

The Committee, in the previous Session, noted the submission and urged the Government to ensure that the upgrading of Nakanyaa Health Centre into a mini-hospital was actualised. The Committee also wished to find out the time frame for the completion of the upgrade project and resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

### **Executive's Response**

The Executive, in its update to the Committee, indicated that the infrastructure had not been upgraded to date due to limited fiscal space and that the time frame for the completion of the upgrade would be determined once resources were made available for the project.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee expresses concern that nothing has been done to actualise the project despite the Executive having made an assurance to commence the upgrade of Nakanyaa Health Centre in Nalikwanda Parliamentary Constituency into a mini-hospital in the fourth quarter of 2019. The Committee, therefore, urges the Executive to desist from making commitments on the floor of the House before the requisite funds are secured and resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **07/19 Chimbwi Mini Hospital Construction**

On 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2019, the Minister of Health made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, the Ministry of Health plans to build a mini hospital in Chimbwi in Lupososhi Parliamentary Constituency commencing in the third quarter of 2019. The project will be undertaken by a contractor known as NMS Infrastructure Limited which is based in the United Kingdom (UK). The total construction period of one mini hospital is twenty weeks from the site handover date.*

The Committee, in the previous Session, was disappointed that there was no explanation for the change in the commencement date of the project from the third quarter of 2019 to 2020 and requested that an explanation be rendered in this regard. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

### **Executive's Response**

The Committee was informed that the delay and change in the commencement date was due to administrative approvals for the financing of the second phase of the project which was only resolved in April, 2020.

Following the completion of all administrative approvals for the financing of the second phase of the project, the Executive was still committed to the implementation of the project and that the construction of the facility would be undertaken by NMS Infrastructure Limited as part of the project to construct 108 mini hospitals and three district hospitals in Zambia with construction expected to be completed by the second quarter of 2021.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the submission, urges the Executive to ensure that the project is completed by the second quarter of 2021 as submitted, and resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **11/19 Katete District Hospital Construction**

On 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2019, the Minister of Health made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, the Government plans to build a hospital in Katete District in the fourth quarter of 2019. The mini hospital is one of the 108 the Government is building. The time frame for the project is twenty weeks.*

The Committee in the previous Session expressed concern that the Government did not commence the project as was promised on the floor of the House, and no explanation was given in this regard. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

#### **Executive's Response**

The Executive in its update to the Committee indicated that the delay in commencing the construction of the mini-hospital in Katete was due to administrative approvals for the financing of the second phase of the project which was only resolved in April, 2020. Following the completion of all administrative approvals for the financing of the second phase of the project, construction of the mini hospital was expected to be completed by second quarter of 2021.

#### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the submission, urges the Executive to ensure that all the requirements needed to facilitate the actualisation of the project are met, and that the project is completed within the promised timeframe. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **12/19 Zamtan Health Centre Upgrading**

On 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2019, the Minister of Health made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, Zamtan Health Centre is being upgraded to mini hospital status. The plan is to implement the Project in the third quarter of this year (2019).*

The Committee in the last Session expressed concern over the failure by the Government to upgrade Zamtan Health Centre to a mini-hospital as was assured on the floor of the House and urged the Government to commit itself to a time frame in which the project was to be actualised. 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 due to the limited fiscal space and the focus of the Government to fund projects that were 80 per cent and above, the commencement date for the upgrade of the health facility had been rescheduled to a time when funds would be made available for the project.

#### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee expresses disappointment with the response made by the Executive, considering that an assurance was made on the floor of the House after the pronouncement of the policy by the Executive that it would only fund projects which were 80 percent and above complete. Further, the Committee expresses concern that the upgrade of the health facility has been rescheduled to an unknown date. In this regard, the Committee strongly urges the Executive to pay particular attention

to assurances made on the floor of the House, and to ensure that they are actualised as promised. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **13/19 Upgrading of Health Centres in Chadiza Parliamentary Constituency**

On 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2019, the Minister of Health made the following assurance:

*Madam Speaker, bearing in mind the population catchment for Taferansoni, Nsadzu and John, the Government has plans to upgrade the level of service to mini hospital status. For now, they are operating at the zonal health centre status, we have plans to upgrade the infrastructure to upgrade the scope of service to that of mini hospital status in 2020.*

*Madam Speaker, as for Nyamphande, a mini hospital will be built there within the fourth quarter of 2019, the implementation of the project at Nyamphande, will be in the fourth quarter after the financing agreement is completed.*

The Committee, in the previous Session, in noting the submission made had urged the Government to ensure that the project was implemented as promised and had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

### **Executive's Response**

The Executive, in its update to the Committee, indicated that the construction of a mini hospital at Nyamphande would be undertaken by NMS Infrastructure Limited as part of the project to construct 108 mini hospitals and three district hospitals in Zambia.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the submission urges the Executive to ensure that funds are urgently secured to facilitate the implementation of the projects. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **33/19 Theatre at Chimwemwe Mini Hospital**

On 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2019, the Minister of Health made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, the theatre at Chimwemwe Mini Hospital shall be operational by the end of the first quarter of 2019. Currently, the Government is in the process of procuring equipment required to operationalise the theatre. Sir, the theatre was handed over by the contractor in September, 2017. The cause of the delay in operationalising it and the x-ray facility is the lack of appropriate theatre and x-ray equipment. Mr Speaker, the Ministry of Health has plans to procure and install a generator set at the theatre annex, as backup power for optimal operations of the theatre and the x-ray department.*

The Committee, in the previous Session, in noting the progress made, had urged the Government to ensure that the operating theatre light and operating table were procured to facilitate the operationalisation of the theatre. Further, the Committee had urged the Government to ensure that the x-ray equipment and the generator were procured. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

### **Executive's Response**

The Committee was informed that the operating theatre light and operating table were secured and installed in July, 2020 at Chimwemwe Mini- Hospital theatre and the theatre was currently operational, with the first case having been attended to on 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2020.

The Committee was further informed that the procurement of a generator had delayed due to limited fiscal space and that procurement of a generator would only be done once the requisite funds were secured. Procurement of x-ray equipment was underway through the support from cooperating partners and was expected to be delivered into the country by the second quarter of 2021.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee in noting the progress made urges the Executive to ensure that the x-ray equipment is delivered as submitted, and that funds are urgently secured for the procurement of the generator. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **39/19 Chiawa Mini Hospital**

On 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2019, the Minister of Health made the following assurance:

*Madam Speaker, the Government does have plans to construct a mini hospital in Chiawa area in Kafue Parliamentary Constituency, and these plans will be implemented within the fourth quarter of 2019.*

The Committee in the previous Session had urged the Government to ensure that the necessary approvals were obtained expeditiously to enable commencement of the project. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

### **Executive's Response**

The Committee was informed that following the completion of all administrative approvals for the financing of the second phase of the project, the construction of Chiawa Mini Hospital in Kafue District would be undertaken by NMS Infrastructure Limited as part of the project to construct 108 mini hospitals and three district hospitals in Zambia and that construction was expected to be completed by the second quarter of 2021.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the progress made, urges the Executive to ensure that the project commences with the scheduled timeframe. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **10/18 Construction of Additional Hospitals and Health Centres in Kanyama**

On 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2017, the Minister of Health made the following assurance:

*Madam Speaker, the Government has planned for the construction of a second-level hospital in Kanyama Parliamentary Constituency and the upgrading of the current health facility there to a first-level hospital. Madam Speaker, we expect construction of the hospital, which is part of the L85 Project, to commence before the end of the year.*

In the previous Session, the Committee, in noting the progress made, requested that a time frame be given for the completion of the works and resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

### **Executive's Response**

In its update to the Committee, the Executive submitted that the construction works for upgrading of Kanyama Health Centre into a first level hospital had reached 95 per cent completion. However, the works which were due for completion in July, 2020 were delayed due to the Covid - 19 pandemic which forced the contractor to withdraw all his workers and evacuate them back to Japan for safety. The new completion period for the project was extended to 2021.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

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

### **12/18 Construction of a Hospital in Ngabwe District**

On 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2017, the Minister of Health made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, the Government has planned to commence construction of a district hospital in Ngabwe District in 2018. Further, the Government has taken note of the proposed areas of construction for health posts in Luamala; Chikonka; Chibakabaka; Kasu; and Kangwingwi. An assessment of the needy areas in the District is currently being done. The Government shall conclude after the assessment of the recommended areas.*

*Mr Speaker, the Government intends to construct 108 new health centres countrywide, commencing in 2018. Should the proposed areas be found appropriate for prioritisation under the allocation for Ngabwe District, the Government shall proceed to construct health centres in the proposed areas.*

The Committee, in the last Session, noted with disappointment that no real progress had been made on this project and resolved to await a progress report on the construction of the three mini hospitals earmarked for construction in Ngabwe District.

### **Executive's Response**

The Executive in its update to the Committee submitted that it recognised the need for a first level hospital in order to attain the universal health coverage and identified Ngabwe, Mukubwe and Mwinuna as sites in the District for the construction of Mini Hospitals. Therefore, following the completion of all administrative approvals for the financing of the second phase of the project, the construction of mini hospitals, to be undertaken by NMS Infrastructure Limited as part of the project to construct 108 mini hospitals and three district hospitals in Zambia, was expected to commence within the second quarter of 2021.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the submission, urges the Executive to ensure that the three mini hospitals are constructed within the scheduled timeframe and resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **29/18 First Level Hospital Construction in Lukashya**

On 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2018, the Minister of Health made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, yes, the Government has plans to construct a first level hospital in Lukashya. This has been included in the Ministry of Health Capital Investment Plan. It will commence in 2018 as it is within the Ministry's Operational Plan for 2018.*

In the previous Session, the Committee observed with concern that the construction of Lukashya First Level Hospital, which was initially planned to commence in 2018, had not commenced to date and the Government appeared to have removed it from the list of priority projects to be implemented despite the Minister having assured the House. The Committee therefore, strongly urged the Government to ensure that projects were implemented as promised on the floor of the House. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

### **Executive's Response**

In its update, the Executive informed the Committee that it was still committed to have the project implemented as was assured on the floor of the House and that the establishment of first level services in Lukashya was not removed from the list of priority projects to be implemented. The Executive further reiterated that it would construct a mini hospital in Lukashya area. The project was being undertaken by NMS Infrastructure Limited as part of the project to construct 108 mini hospitals and three district hospitals in Zambia and that construction was expected to be completed by second quarter of 2021.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the submission, urges the Executive to ensure that a first level hospital in Lukashya is constructed and completed by the second quarter of 2021. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **34/18 Construction of Health Posts in Mushindamo District**

On 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2018, the Minister of Health made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, the construction of the three health posts at Mushindamo District was planned for under the 650 health post construction programme under the Indian line of credit at Chishela, Luamfula and Chikola. Sir, the works at Chishela and Chikola are now complete. The construction works at Luamfula shall commence this year, 2018.*

In the previous Session, the Committee, in noting the submission, had urged the Government to ensure that health posts in Mushindamo District and the remaining health posts under the 650 health posts were completed by mid 2020 as submitted.

### **Executive's Response**

The Executive in its update informed the Committee that works at Chishela and Chikola were completed. However, works at Luamfula Health Post had not commenced due to poor accessibility to the site. The contractor had, however, engaged the Provincial Administration to assist in creating an access to enable him ferry the building materials.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendation**

The Committee notes the submission with concern as it has taken the Executive over two years to have Luamfula Health Post constructed, citing poor accessibility to the site. The Committee hence, finds this inordinate delay and the response by the Government unacceptable as the problem of



accessibility should have been resolved by now. The Committee, therefore, urges the Government to ensure that the project at Luamfula is actualised without any further delay, as the two health posts reported were completed way back before the assurance was made in 2018. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

#### **42/18 Construction of a Clinic in Nashinga Area**

On 4<sup>th</sup> 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.*

In the previous Session, the Committee, in noting the submission, had urged the Government to ensure that construction of the clinic was expeditiously completed and resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

#### **Executive's Response**

The Executive, in its update to the Committee, submitted that the construction of Nashinga Clinic was completed in April, 2020 and was awaiting hand over to Ministry of Health by the Council once the staff house, water and ventilated improved pit latrines (VIPs) were made available at the clinic.

#### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee in noting the progress made, urges the Executive to expedite completion of the staff house, water and ventilated improved pit latrines (VIPs) at the clinic so that the community can begin to benefit from the clinic. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

#### **57/18 Construction of Chalokwa Health Post in Siavonga District**

On 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2018, the Minister of Health made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, the health post at Chalokwa is being constructed by Megha Engineering Limited of India under the 650 Health Posts. The delay in completing the project was due to the suspension of works by the contractor in 2017 as a result of inadequate funding on the project. The Indian Government has however, approved refinancing of the project and the works are expected to resume by June, 2018.*

In the last Session, the Committee had noted the submission with concern, given that the project had taken too long to complete. The Committee had urged the Government to expedite the works and submit a progress report on the matter.

#### **Executive's Response**

The Executive, in its update to the Committee, submitted that the contractor, Megha Engineering Limited, was according to the programme, expected to be on site but could not due to limited fiscal space.

#### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the submission, expresses concern over the Executive's failure to ensure that the project is actualised. The Committee, hence, urges the Executive to ensure that funds are

secured and the contractor is on site to complete the construction Chalokwa Health Post. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

#### **02/14 Hospital Fast – Track Emergency Departments**

On Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2014, the Deputy Minister of Health assured the House that:

*“Mr Speaker, in line with the Government policy of improving health service delivery, the Government has already commenced the establishment of the emergency and trauma centres in all major health facilities.”*

In the previous Session, the Committee, in noting the progress made at Nyimba Hospital, had urged the Government to ensure that the remaining construction works were expeditiously completed and had resolved to await a comprehensive progress report on the construction of emergency and trauma centres in major health facilities.

#### **Executive’s Response**

The Committee was informed that the works at the hospital had reached 90 per cent complete. The slow progress recorded on the project was due to Covid-19 pandemic that had affected the workforce on site and procurement of construction materials. The consultants had extended the completion period to December, 2020 and urged the contractor to complete works by that date.

The following progress had been made on establishment of Emergency and Trauma Facilities.

- i. Kabwe: the emergency and trauma facility was operationalised
- ii. Liteta: under construction.
- iii. Serenje and Nyimba Hospitals were yet to be fully equipped.
- iv. Mazabuka: awaiting funding.

#### **Committee’s Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the progress made, resolves to await a comprehensive progress report on the construction and operationalisation of the remaining emergency and trauma facilities.

#### **26/15 - Renovation of Yuka Hospital**

On 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2015, the Deputy Minister of Health made the following assurance:

*“Mr Speaker, the Government has plans to facilitate the renovation of Yuka Mission Hospital in Kalabo Parliamentary Constituency through a phased approach. To this effect, an amount of K200,000 has been allocated in the draft 2016 Infrastructure Operational Plan towards the rehabilitation of the hospital. Since the Government noted that the hospital is a faith-based mission facility, it intends to work with other donors to improve the state of the infrastructure at Yuka Mission Hospital.*

*Sir, the rehabilitation of the hospital will commence in 2016 and will be done in three phases with Phase I being completed in 2016. We will embark on Phases II and III in 2017.”*

In the previous Session, the Committee, in appreciating the progress made on the construction of the X-ray Department, had expressed concern at the failure by the Government to rehabilitate Yuka

Hospital for over four years. The Committee therefore, had urged the Government to ensure that the hospital was rehabilitated without further delay. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the rehabilitation of Yuka Hospital.

### **Executive's Response**

The Executive, in its update to the Committee, submitted that the facility was faith based and that the project was in a three phased approach, with the first phase being the construction of the X-ray Department, on which significant progress was made.

The rehabilitation works were earmarked to commence in phase II and III with assistance from other donors to improve the state of the infrastructure. The Committee was further informed that due to inadequate funding for infrastructure, the two phases would only commence once resources were made available from the Treasury.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the submission made, urges the Executive to ensure that funds are secured to facilitate the commencement of renovation works. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the renovation of Yuka Hospital.

### **24/16 Update on Construction of 650 Health Posts Countrywide**

On 19<sup>th</sup> 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 will 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 will contribute the balance of US\$5.9 million. The loan agreement was signed on 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2012.*

*Mr Speaker, this project involves the following:*

- (i) construction of 650 pre-fabricated health post buildings, staff houses and ventilated latrines;*
- (ii) provision of basic medical equipment to 650 health posts to be constructed; and*
- (iii) 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 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2013. The lots were awarded as follows:*

- (i) 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;*
- (ii) 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*
- (iii) 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 has 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 has been as follows:*

- (i) out of the 650 sites, contractors have been granted possession of 547 sites, representing coverage of 84 percent across the country;*
- (ii) a total of 266 super structures have been completed countrywide, out of which 102 have 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;*
- (iii) all medical equipment and construction materials have been shipped into the country to facilitate completion of the remaining health posts; and*
- (iv) health posts that were under the Angelique International Limited component have been retendered and recommendations have 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 is now expected to be accomplished by October, 2016.”*

The Committee in the previous Session had urged the Government to ensure that works were completed within the eighteen months scheduled timeframe in all the provinces. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

### **Executive’s Response**

The Committee was informed that out of the total 650 health posts, a cumulative total of 490 health posts were completed leaving a balance of 160 health posts. The Health Posts completed were broken down as follows:

a)	Copper belt Province	–	65 out of a total of 88;
b)	Central Province	–	46 out of a total of 52;
h)	Eastern Province	–	64 out of a total of 68;
i)	Western Province	–	60 out of a total of 64;
J)	Southern Province	–	60 out of a total of 99;
k)	Lusaka Province	–	31 out of a total of 32;
l)	Northern	–	60 out of a total of 69; and
m)	Luapula Province	–	36 out of a total of 64.
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>490</b>

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee in noting the progress made urges the Executive to ensure that the remaining health posts are completed as it has taken the Executive inordinately long to complete the construction of the 650 health posts countrywide. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

#### **25/14 Rural Health Centres with Solar Power in Mwinilunga Parliamentary Constituency**

On 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2014, the Deputy Minister of Community Development, Mother and Child Health made the following assurance:

*“Mr Speaker, there are eighteen rural health centres with solar power in Mwinilunga Parliamentary Constituency. Sir, sixteen of the rural health centres have fully functional solar installations. Sir, Sakapoti Health Centre’s solar system will be fixed by November, 2014, while the system at Chiwoma Health Centre will be repaired by the end of 2014.*

*Sir, solar power will be procured for Kawiko Health Centre by the end of 2014 while Kanzinza and Ntambo Sachitolo Health Centres will be considered after the construction of new health facilities. Mr Speaker, Angelique Company has already been contracted to construct these facilities.”*

In the previous Session, the Committee, in noting the progress made, had urged the Government to ensure that the projects were completed as submitted without further delay. The Committee had resolved to await a comprehensive progress report on the construction of Kawiko, Ntambo Sachitolo and Kanzinza health centres and the provision of solar systems to the health centres.

### **Executive's Response**

The Committee was informed that Ntambo Sachitolo was the only Health Post out of the three which were under the project for the construction of 650 Health Posts countrywide which included supply and installation of solar power to the facilities once completed, while Kawiko and Kanzinza Health Posts were existing old facilities and that the District connected Kawiko on the national ZESCO grid and Kanzinza secured and installed solar power in 2016.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the submission resolves to await a progress report on the construction, supply and installation of solar power at Ntambo Sachitolo Health Centre.

#### **04/15 Houses for Personnel in Sikongo District**

On Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2015, the Deputy Minister of Community Development, Mother and Child Health made the following assurance:

*“Mr Speaker, the Ministry of Health intends to construct staff houses for health personnel in Sikongo in 2015, under its Infrastructure Operational Plan.”*

The Committee in the previous Session had expressed concern that the K200,000 in the 2019 Ministry of Health Infrastructure Operational Plan was not released for the project to be completed. The Committee had urged the Government to ensure that funds were secured to complete the house which was at widow level before it was vandalised and so as to avoid additional costs due to increase in the cost of materials. The Committee resolved to await a comprehensive progress report on the construction of houses for health personnel in Sikongo.

#### **Executive's Response**

The Committee was informed that, as previously reported, funds budgeted for in the infrastructure operational plan for 2019 for completion of the house at Sikongo were not released from the Treasury and as such the project was carried over into 2020. The status remained at window level. Once resources were made available, the Government would complete the project.

#### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee is dismayed at the fact that the status quo has remained unchanged for over four years. In this regard, the Committee urges the Executive to ensure that funds are secured and that the project is completed. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

#### **04/19 Construction of University Colleges**

On 19<sup>th</sup> September 2018, the Minister of Higher Education made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, the Ministry has made notable progress on the construction of the three university colleges in Kabompo District, Nalolo District and Katete District. The tender processes have advanced with the evaluations to choose the consultant that will design the university colleges concluded in May, 2018. The report has been submitted to the funder for a "no objection" before the contracts for the designing can be awarded. Once the "no objection" is received, the Ministry will award the contract for designing of the works and will allocate a maximum period of three months to the consultant to complete the designs. Thereafter, the tender for the construction will be floated to choose the contractors that will construct the institutions. If the "no objection" is received within the month of September, construction is expected to commence in the first quarter of 2019."*

The Committee, in the previous Session, had noted with concern the failure by the Government to implement the Kabompo University College of Science and Mathematics project and with the cancellation of the construction of the Nalolo University College of Science and Technology and the Katete University College of Arts and Commerce. The Committee had strongly urged the Government to source funding to ensure that the deferred and cancelled projects were undertaken. The Committee had resolved to await a comprehensive progress report on the matter.

#### **Executive's Response**

The Committee was informed that the Government could not proceed with the implementation of the project due to the fiscal consolidation initiatives that had been put in place by the Ministry of Finance which resulted in a number of externally financed projects to be either deferred, scaled down or cancelled. Since the Kabompo University College, Nalolo University College of Science and

Technology and the Katete University College of Arts and Commerce were deferred until such a time that the fiscal position of the country improved, and the Government was able to source funds for the project.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee expresses concern that the Executive does not seem to take assurances made on the floor of the House seriously and strongly urges it to ensure that funds are secured for these projects to be actualised. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **29/19 Milenge Trades Institute**

On 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2018, the Minister of Higher Education made the following assurance:

*Madam Speaker, the Ministry has been in negotiations with the contractor for Milenge Trades Institute on the revised contract sum. The negotiations were concluded the week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2018 and the contracts have since been submitted to the Ministry of Justice for clearance. As soon as the contracts are signed, the contractor will move on site and commence works. It is envisaged that the work will resume by January, 2019.*

*Madam Speaker, the cost of completing the outstanding works stands at K31,863,322.90.*

In the previous Session, the Committee, in noting the submission, had urged the Government to secure funds to actualise the project given that the contract was already signed and continued delay would attract additional costs due to time lapse and changes in material costs. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

### **Executive's Response**

The Committee was informed that negotiations with the contractor, Build Trust Construction Limited, for the construction of Milenge Trades Training Institute were finalised and a new contract totalling K31,863,322.90 had been signed with the contractor. However, the status quo on the project remained the same due to the non availability of funds. The Government, in its attempt to consolidate the fiscal position of the Treasury, had phased the infrastructure projects, with completion of only those projects that were 80 per cent complete being prioritised for the current phase. Once this stock of projects was completed, and once funds were secured, the Ministry would commence the project and the Committee would be updated.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the submission, expresses concern at the time it has taken the Executive to negotiate with the contractor, and that no funds have been secured to actualise the project despite the Minister having promised the House that works were expected to commence in January, 2019. The Committee, therefore, strongly urges the Executive to ensure that funds are urgently secured and the assurance is implemented given that a new contract was signed. The Committee is concerned that continued delay in funding the project will attract additional costs due to standing time and changes in material costs. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

## MINISTRY OF GENERAL EDUCATION

### 10/19 Kafwimbi Primary School

On 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2019, the Minister of General Education made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, the Government has plans to deploy additional teachers to Kafwimbi Primary School in Chifunabuli District, during the 2019 teacher recruitment exercise.*

The Committee, in the previous Session, was disappointed that teachers were not deployed to Kafwimbi Primary School in 2019, as undertaken by the Minister. The Committee further expressed concern that the 2020 budget did not provide for the recruitment of teachers despite having a serious shortfall of teachers in most schools and specifically Kafwimbi Primary School. Further, the Committee was saddened by the fact that of the nine teachers on the payroll under Kafwimbi Primary School, only two were at the station. The Committee, therefore, had strongly urged the Government to ensure that teachers were deployed to Kafwimbi Primary School as a matter of urgency and ensure that priority was given to applicants from Chifunabuli District to avoid massive transfers to other schools, in other districts. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

### Executive's Response

The Committee was informed that once authority was given for recruitment, teachers would be deployed to Kafwimbi Primary School.

### Committee's Observations and Recommendations

The Committee expresses concern that the plight of pupils at Kafwimbi Primary School has not been attended to for over two years. The Committee, therefore, urges the Executive to ensure that teachers are deployed to the school urgently as the two teachers available cannot handle all the grades adequately. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### 16/19 Frozen Staff Positions

On 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2019, the Minister of General Education made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, as at 31<sup>st</sup> September, 2018, the Ministry had frozen 6,631 positions. Mr Speaker, the main reason for the freezing of the positions was delays in the filling of vacant positions and lengthy processing points of human resource matters. With enhanced decentralisation, the Ministry hopes that there will be timely decision-making and reduced number of processing points.*

*Mr Speaker, the impact of the freezing of the positions was:*

- (a) the quality of education was compromised, as schools were manned by fewer teachers than provided for on the establishment;*
- (b) some teachers became fatigued and demotivated; and*
- (c) there is a high teacher-pupil ratio, which has a negative impact on both the learning and the teaching outcomes.*

*Mr Speaker, in 2018, the Ministry was given Treasury authority to unfreeze 1,035 promotional positions, as the unfreezing of positions is dependent on the availability of funds.*



*The Ministry will continue to consult and collaborate with the Ministry of Finance on the disbursement of funds for unfreezing positions.”*

The Committee, in the previous Session, had noted the submission and had urged the Government to come up with a mechanism where replacement of teachers leaving on retirement or dismissal was done immediately so as to avoid positions being frozen due to time lapse. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

### **Executive’s Response**

The Committee was informed that the standard procedure for the replacement of officers who had exited the system through dismissal, secondment, retirement or death was that officers are identified to fill the positions, they were then shortlisted, a recommendation was then submitted to the Teaching Services Commission, which in turn gave authority for the position to be filled.

### **Committee’s Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee notes the submission with concern as it reflects some lapses in the line of duty resulting into positions being frozen due to time lapse. In this regard, the Committee is of the view that the procedure should be tied to the time in which the process has to be undertaken, so as to avoid positions being frozen. Further, the Committee wishes to be availed with information as to how many positions have been unfrozen following the Treasury authority to unfreeze 1,035 promotional positions. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

## **MINISTRY OF FINANCE**

### **21/19 Operationalisation of the Zambia Credit Guarantee Scheme**

On 12<sup>th</sup> February 2019, the Minister of Finance made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, the Zambia Credit Guarantee Scheme was incorporated on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2017, following the recruitment of staff, including the Chief Executive Officer and the appointment of the board. Further, the policies, system, processes and procedures have now been put in place and it is expected that the scheme will start issuing guarantees by the end of the first half of 2019.*

The Committee, in the previous Session, had observed with concern that since the establishment of the Zambia Credit Guarantee Scheme (ZCGS) Limited in 2017, the Scheme had not commenced issuance of the guarantees. The situation was unacceptable as it undermined the intentions of the Government to empower small and medium enterprises (SMEs). It also resulted in wasteful expenditure as the Government had continued to release funds to the institution for wages and operations. The Committee had further expressed concern over the failure by the Government to raise a K5,000,000 minimum capital requirement to operationalise the ZCGS when a total of K29.9 million had been spent on operations (salaries and other office expenses) when the Scheme itself was not operational. The Committee therefore, had strongly urged the Government to secure the requisite funds or consider disbanding the Scheme with immediate effect so as to put an end to wasteful expenditure on wages and allowances for a non functional organisation. 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 the Ministry of Finance had taken note of the recommendations by the Committee to secure the requisite funds or consider disbanding the Scheme so as to put an end to wasteful expenditure on wages and allowances for non-functional organisation. The Committee was further informed that the issuance of partial guarantees was one technical area that required various operational systems to be put in place to safeguard public funds as well as the integrity of ZCGS's governance and operations. Therefore, a large part of the K29.9 million was spent on setting up the Scheme and all the required operational systems that included the risk management and credit system; and financial management and control systems.

The Committee was also informed that, the ZCGS had since signed Partner Financial Institution Agreements with two local partner financial institutions to commence the issuance of partial credit default guarantees to qualifying micro and medium enterprises (MSMEs). In this regard, the Government was in the process of securing funds to enable ZCGS to start issuing partial credit guarantees with partner financial institutions as the guarantees were cash backed.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee is dismayed that the Treasury has continued to spend money on salaries and other office requirements for a Scheme which is not operational. In this regard, the Committee, in noting the submission, reiterates its earlier position to have the Scheme disbanded as the Executive is still in the process of securing funds to enable ZCGS start issuing partial credit guarantees. The Committee, further, strongly urges the Executive to ensure that urgent attention is given to this matter if the Scheme has to continue. Further, the Committee is of the view that the Executive desist from making assurances before it secures funds to implement the undertakings. The Committee resolves to await a comprehensive progress report on the matter.

## **MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

### **08/19 Livingstone Town Centre Market**

On 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2019, the Minister of Local Government made the following assurance

*Mr Speaker, the market will be completed in November 2019. So far, K30.9 million has been spent on the project. Mr. Speaker, the estimated total cost of the project is K55,304,313.*

In the previous Session, the Committee, in noting the submission, had urged the Government to ensure that the market was completed by December, 2020, and to provide a progress report on the matter.

### **Executive's Response**

The Committee was informed that works were ongoing and the contractor, ZNS, was making steady progress. There were no funding problems as funds were always made available by NAPSA as and when requested for. The project was still on course.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

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

## **02/19            Upgrading of Mansa/Milambo Road**

On 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2018, the Minister of Local Government made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, the Government has plans to work on the Mansa/Milambo Road under the Improved Rural Connectivity Project supported by the World Bank. This project is being implemented under the Road Development Agency (RDA). Sir, the procurement process under Luapula Province is scheduled to commence in 2019 using the output and performance based road contract.*

The Committee, in the last Session, had noted the submission and resolved to await a progress report on the upgrading of the Mansa-Milambo Road.

### **Executive's Response**

The Committee was informed that the condition survey to ascertain the required works was undertaken in January, 2020. Subsequently, the cost estimate for the works was submitted to NRFA during the same month to facilitate release of funds. The scope of works on the entire project included restoration of the embankment, grading, gravelling and installation of culverts. At the time of reporting, funds were being awaited.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the submission, urges the Executive to ensure that funds to upgrade the Mansa-Milambo Road are secured and the project implemented without further delay. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

## **16/18    Public Libraries in Ndola Central**

On 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2018, the Minister of Local Government made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, I wish to inform the House that Ndola City Council has plans to construct one library in each of the following constituencies: Ndola Central Kanini, Chifubu Misundu, and Bwana Mkubwa Ndeke. Mr Speaker, according to the Council's strategic plan, three libraries will be constructed in three years with effect from 2018.*

The Committee, in the previous Session, had expressed concern that the library projects had not taken effect almost two years from the time the assurance was made on the floor of the House and strongly urged the Government to ensure that the projects were actualised. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the construction of libraries in Ndola Central - Kanini, Chifubu - Misundu, and Bwana Mkubwa - Ndeke.

### **Executive's Response**

The Executive in its update to the Committee submitted that due to budgetary constraints, the local authority was unable to commence works on the projects in Ndola Central (Kanini) and Bwana Mkubwa (Ndeke). However, for Chifubu Constituency (Misundu), the local authority had partnered with a private company which intended to develop a shopping mall with accompanying public amenities in form of a library and two wards at a local clinic. Works were still yet to commence as reported previously.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee expresses concern that despite being earmarked for construction in 2018, works at the three libraries had not yet commenced due to budgetary constraints. The Committee hence urges the Executive to ensure that the assurance is actualised without further delay. The Committee further reiterates its call for the Executive to take assurances seriously. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **40/18 Tarring of Township Roads in Mkushi District**

On 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2018, the Minister of Local Government made the following assurance:

*Sir, the cause of the delay in completing the works on the tarring of township roads in Mkushi District has been the delay in making advance payments. However, this has now been settled. The contractor has already started mobilising equipment on site and works are expected to commence next month in July and are expected to be completed in 2019. The contract duration is fourteen calendar months.*

The Committee, in the previous Session, was saddened to note that no significant progress was made from the last report made to the Committee. The Committee, had, therefore, strongly urged the Government to ensure that assurances made on the floor of the House were implemented as promised and had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

### **Executive's Response**

The Executive, in its submission to the Committee, reported that the status quo had remained the same as was reported in the previous Session. The contractor was yet to source the crusher material (stone aggregate) due to inefficiencies on their part.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee observes the submission with concern owing to the fact that no progress has been registered in the last two years. The Committee urges the Executive to ensure that funds are secured so that the project can be implemented without any further delay. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **43/14 Construction of infrastructure in Sikongo District**

On Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2014, the Deputy Minister of Local Government and Housing made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, as a Ministry, we have budgeted for the construction of the offices through the Local Government Equalisation Fund for 2015. We expect the construction works to start as soon as the money is released to that district.*

In the previous Session, the Committee in noting the submission had urged the Government to ensure that all the projects which were 80 per cent and above in Sikongo were funded and immediate action taken against contractors who were not willing to return on site even after being paid. 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 it was constructing various structures in Sikongo District. These include a District Administration Block, Civic Centre and two high cost houses, a Post Office, twenty low cost houses and ten medium cost houses. The current status of the projects was as follows.

### **i. District Administration Block**

Construction of District Administration block in Sikongo was being done by MUCO Trading Ltd at a contract sum of K6,886,367.05. The Administration block was roofed, plastered, and had window and door frames fitted. The contractor was now remaining with electrical and water reticulation fittings, finishes and external works. The delay to achieve adequate progress on this project is due to the delay to honour interim payment certificate owed to expedite the remaining works. The project was expected to be completed before the end of the second quarter of this year subject to availability of funds.

### **ii. The Post Office**

Construction of Sikongo Post Office was being done by Kutambuka Enterprise at a contract sum of K2 604,484.20. The Post Office was at wall plate level. The delay to achieve adequate progress on this project was due to the delay to honour the interim payment certificate owed to the contractor amounting to K540,000.95 in time. The amount would be settled in line with the Government directive to firstly prioritise payment to projects that had reached 80 per cent and above before attending to those below this level of progress.

### **iii. Construction of Thirty-two Staff Houses**

The thirty-two staff houses were being done by different contractors, under different contracts. Therefore, progress made to date would be based on individual progress.

### **iv. Construction of Twenty Low Cost Houses**

Construction of twenty low cost houses in Sikongo was being done by Kutambuka Enterprises Ltd at a contract sum of K9,503,553.60. Of the twenty houses, five had been roofed, seven were at gable level, two were at ring beam level and six were at slab level. The delay to achieve adequate progress on this project was due to the delay to honour the interim payment certificate owed to the contractor. The contractor had since been paid and was expected to expedite the completion of works.

### **v. Construction of Ten Medium Cost Houses**

Construction of ten medium cost houses in Sikongo was being done by Lilamono Shop and Hardware at a contract sum of K9,263,237.60. All the ten houses on this project had been roofed and the contractor was about to start fitting window and door frames, plastering, electricals, water reticulation and finishes. The delay to achieve adequate progress on this project was due to the delay to honour interim payment certificates owed to the contractor. The contractor had since been paid and expected to expedite the remaining works.

**vi. Construction of Civic Centre and Two High Cost Houses**

Construction of the civic centre and two high cost houses in Sikongo was being done by MUCO Trading Ltd at a contract sum of K12,407,555.91. MUCO Trading Limited took over the contract after the initial one awarded to Sokotela Investment was terminated.

Works on this project were at slab level. The delay to achieve adequate progress on the project was due to the delay to honour interim payment certificates owed to the contractor amounting to K2,725,727.61 in time. The amount would be settled in line with the Government directive to firstly prioritise payment to projects that had reached 80 per cent completion and above before attending to those below this level of progress.

**Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the submission, urges the Executive to ensure that the construction of various infrastructure in Sikongo District is completed as was submitted. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

**44/14 National Fire Service Training School**

On Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2014, the Deputy Minister of Local Government and Housing made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, I wish to inform this august House that in an effort to improve the operations and training at the National Fire Service Training School, the Ministry of Local Government and Housing has acquired land in Kafulamase in Kabwe in order to construct a modern training school that will have modern facilities. The Procurement and Supply Unit in the Ministry is currently studying the terms of reference for consultancy services for the development of construction designs for the modern training school.*

In previous last Session, the Committee, in noting the submission, had urged the Government to ensure that the title deed was amended accordingly and construction of the training centre prioritised considering the time it had taken for the Government to actualise the project. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

**Executive's Response**

The Committee was informed that Kabwe Municipal Council was advised by Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources that the anomaly (amendment of title deed so that it could be issued in the name of the school) would be corrected at the point of collection of the title deed.

With regard to the construction of the training centre, the Government informed the Committee that the austerity measures instituted by the Government were still in force, hence the construction of the National Fire Service Training School in the meantime remained suspended as the Government had prioritised projects that were at 80 per cent and above complete.

**Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the submission, reiterates its earlier position that the construction of the training centre be prioritised considering that it had taken the Executive over five years to actualise the project. The Committee is further of the view that the application of the 80 per cent and above

policy should not be applied to projects promised to be undertaken on the floor of the House. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

#### **26/14 Rehabilitation of Kabwe Venus Theatre**

On Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2014 the Deputy Minister of Tourism and Arts made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, all works are being done and will be completed in January 2015.*

In the previous Session, the Committee, in noting the submission, had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

#### **Executive's Response**

The Committee was informed that rehabilitation works had not commenced because the local authority had no resources to undertake the project at the moment.

#### **Committee's Observations and Recommendation**

The Committee expresses disappointment that the Executive had done nothing to ensure that Kabwe Venus Theatre was rehabilitated six years after the assurance was made on the floor of the House. The Committee is, therefore, of the strong view that the Executive must desist from making assurances which are not backed by finances. In this vein, the Committee urges the Executive to ensure that assurances are given the seriousness they deserve rather than making statements on the floor of the House merely to impress the public. The Committee, therefore, urges the Executive to urgently secure funds for the rehabilitation of the theatre and resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

#### **22/16 Upgrading of Township Roads in Western Province**

On 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2016, the Deputy Minister of Local Government and Housing made the following assurance:

*"Mr Speaker, the following are the roads earmarked for upgrading and the estimated completion dates:*

<i><b>Name</b></i>	<i><b>Status</b></i>	<i><b>Estimated Completion Date</b></i>
<i>Mongu Urban Roads</i>	<i>Works in progress</i>	<i>30<sup>th</sup> April, 2016</i>
<i>Kaoma Urban Roads</i>	<i>Contract signed and site handed over to contractor on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2015. The contractor is mobilising</i>	<i>31<sup>st</sup> December, 2016</i>
<i>Senanga Urban Roads</i>	<i>Contract signed and the site handed over to contractor on 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2015. The contractor is mobilising.</i>	<i>31<sup>st</sup> December, 2016</i>
<i>Sesheke Urban Roads</i>	<i>Roads Project is at procurement stage</i>	<i>To be advised</i>
<i>Kalabo Urban Roads</i>	<i>Contract is awaiting signing</i>	<i>To be advised</i>

The Committee, in the previous Session, had expressed concern that nothing was done with regard to the upgrading of township roads in Western Province and urged the Government to ensure that assurances made on the floor of the House were implemented within the promised timeframe. Further, the Committee had urged the Government to secure funds for the project and also emphasised the need for the Government to desist from making assurances when funds were not certain. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

### **Executive's Response**

The Executive in its update to the Committee on the status of township roads rehabilitation in Western Province stated as follows:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Estimated Completion Date</b>
Kaoma Urban Roads	The Ministry had closed the contract due to stalled works which were a result of persistent financial constraints. This would help the Government avoid incurring standing time costs on idle equipment mobilised.	Can only be estimated once the contract was reinstated
Senanga Urban Roads	The Ministry had closed the contract due to stalled works which were as a result of persistent financial constraints. This would help the Government avoid incurring standing time costs on idle equipment mobilised.	Can only be estimated once the contract was reinstated
Sesheke Urban Roads	The situation remains the same as reported previously. The contractor had mobilised and commenced works on setting out, clearing and grubbing. However, works have stalled due to non-payment.	Dependent on availability of funds.

For the urban roads in Kaoma and Senanga, the Executive had closed the contracts due to persistent financial constraints that had caused projects to stall. This would help to avoid incurring standing time costs on idle equipment mobilised by contractors.

However, the situation remained the same as reported previously for Sesheke urban roads. The contractor had mobilised and commenced works on setting out, clearing and grubbing. Works had stalled due to financial constraints (non-payments). Equipment and minimal administrative staff were on site.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee notes the submission with concern as all the projects have stalled owing to financial constraints. The Committee is of the view that the Executive should desist from making assurances which they do not intend to actualise but are only made to appease the general populace. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.



**05/14 Solwezi Township Roads**

On 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2014, the Deputy Minister of Local Government and Housing made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, the Government has got money to work on those roads.*

In noting the submission, the Committee, in the previous Session, had expressed concern at the failure by the Government to implement the Solwezi township road project for over five years and urged the Government to seriously prioritise implementation of assurances made on the floor of the House. The Committee further had urged the Government to ensure that where contracts were signed and the contractor mobilised, funds were secured to avoid additional costs due to standing time charges and increase in the costs of materials. 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 due to continued financial constraints, the contract was terminated to reduce on standing time being charged for equipment already mobilised on site.

**Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee notes the submission with disappointment and reiterates its earlier recommendation that the Executive should prioritise the funding of projects that are assured on the floor of the House. The Committee further observes that continued financial constraints and promises by the Executive on the floor of the House for projects not being actualised is unacceptable as the Committee is being rendered ineffective. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

**09/14 Modern Market for Solwezi**

On 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2014, the Deputy Minister of Local Government and Housing made the following assurance on the floor of the House:

*Sir, the Ministry intends to construct a multi-storey market in Solwezi District.*

In noting the submission, the Committee, in the previous Session, had urged the Government to expeditiously conclude the funding negotiations and had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

**Executive's Response**

The Executive in its update to the Committee submitted that the funding negotiations had fallen through because the contractor, Sinomine Resource Exploration Coporation, insisted on financing terms that were unfavourable to the Executive. However, the Committee was informed that the Ministry had, in the meantime, continued to pursue alternative sources of financing for the project.

**Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee notes the submission with dismay, taking into account the time it has taken for the Executive to actualise the project and urges it to ensure that assurances that have been outstanding for

over five years are prioritised when it comes to funding. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **13/14 Construction of Chipili District Council Houses**

On 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2014, the Deputy Minister of Local Government and Housing assured the House as follows:

*Mr Speaker, the construction of staff houses for Chipili District Council is earmarked for completion in September, 2014.*

In the previous Session, the Committee, in noting the submission, had expressed concern at the slow pace at which the project was being undertaken and urged the Government to ensure that funds were secured to complete the remaining works. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

### **Executive's Response**

The Government in its update to the Committee submitted that the Government was making efforts in ensuring that the project was completed as soon as possible. The project stood at 86 per cent completion with only external works such as landscaping, drilling of a borehole and installation of an overhead tank remaining.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee notes the submission and urges the Executive to ensure that funds are secured and that the remaining works are completed as continued delay will result in vandalism of the already completed works. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **09/17 Feeder Road Rehabilitation in Lumezi Constituency**

On 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2017, the Minister of Local Government made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, the Ministry will be able to commence the rehabilitation works for feeder roads in Lumezi Parliamentary Constituency once funds are secured. The roads in question are among priority roads that have been earmarked to be worked on in the 2018 Annual Work Plan and budget. Sir, the time frame for the completion will only be determined after the completion of the feasibility studies and signing of the contract. The total cost is currently unknown and will only be known when the feasibility studies are conducted.*

In the previous Session, the Committee, in noting the submission, had expressed concern that assurances made on the floor of the House were not being prioritised for funding by the Government. The Committee therefore, had urged the Government to ensure that funds were secured to complete the remaining works. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **Executive's Response**

The Committee was informed that the Ministry, after consulting the Zambia National Service (ZNS) who were the executing agency for the project, reported that the status of the road works done on the rehabilitation of feeder roads in Lumezi Constituency remained the same as was reported previously. The works had stalled due to non-release of funds by the financiers, National Road Fund Agency (NRFA). The targeted total stretch from Lundazi to Kazembe, Chitungulu and Mwanya was 120 Km.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee observes the submission with concern owing to the fact that nothing has been done in the last twelve months to ensure that the project is actualised. The Committee hence urges the Executive to ensure that the financiers, National Road Fund Agency (NRFA) releases the funds for the rehabilitation of feeder roads in Lumezi Constituency without further delay. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **28/17 Modern Bus Station and Three Market Shelters Construction in Katete**

On 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2017, the Minister of Local Government made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, the Ministry of Local Government, with the help of the German Development Cooperation, plans to construct a modern bus station and three market shelters in Katete District, under the Strengthening of Local Governance System in Zambia Project. Sir, the construction of a modern bus station and three market shelters will commence by January, 2018. The estimated cost of the project is K15 million.*

In the previous Session, the Committee, in noting the submission, was concerned at the slow pace at which the requirements needed for the project to commence were being undertaken and had urged the Government to push for the expeditious actualisation of the project. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

### **Executive's Response**

The Committee was informed that progress on this project was dependent on the pace of the financiers, KFW, working under the auspices of the German Development Cooperation. So far, the Ministry had been availing all necessary requirements especially in terms of documentation as and when the need arose. Thus far, a consultant to carry out the design had already been engaged and the processes of engaging contractors were underway. The Committee was further informed that works would commence immediately the designs were completed and the contractor procurement concluded.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the submission, expresses concern at the slow pace at which the project is being implemented and in this regard, the Committee is of the view that the Executive takes particular measures to ensure that assurances made on the floor of the House are implemented within the time frame promised. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **20/16 Modern Market and Bus Station for Chama District**

On 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2016, the Minister of Local Government made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, the Ministry is planning to construct a modern market and bus station in Chama District under the 2017 Annual Work Plan. This, however, is subject to availability of funds. The delay in the commencement of the project was due to the non-availability of funds in 2015.*

In the previous Session, the Committee, in noting the submission, had urged the Government to take concrete steps to ensure that assurances were prioritised when it comes to funding. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

### **Executive's Response**

The Executive in its update to the Committee stated that this was one of the several projects the Ministry had envisaged to use the CFI model of financing. Unfortunately, as reported for similar projects, the negotiations with the contractor, Sinomine Resource Exploration Corporation, had fallen off because they insisted on unfavorable financing terms. However, the Ministry continued to pursue alternative financing sources for these projects.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee notes the submission and urges the Executive to ensure that it expedites the process of pursuing alternative financing sources for the project. Further, the Committee reiterates its earlier recommendation for the Executive to prioritise the funding of projects assured on the floor of the House. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **16/17 Construction of Livingstone Town Centre Market**

On 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2017, the Minister of Local Government made the following assurance on:

*Mr Speaker, the Ministry intends to complete the construction of Livingstone Town Centre Market by December, 2017, subject to availability of funds.*

In the previous Session, the Committee, in noting the progress made, had urged the Government to be consistent in the disbursement of funds to enable Zambia National Service complete the project within the scheduled timeframe. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

### **Executive's Response**

The Committee was informed that the Government had made significant progress since the Zambia National Service took over the construction of the market. In this regard, physical progress of the infrastructure had since reached 90 per cent.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

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

## **MINISTRY OF FISHERIES AND LIVESTOCK**

### **09/19 Chadiza Dip Tanks**

On 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2019, the Minister of Fisheries and Livestock made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, the construction of a dip tank and a borehole in Kapilimpika in Chadiza District was awarded to Fadem Construction, Transport and Suppliers. So far, the contractor has completed drilling the borehole and construction of a dip tank is about 85 per cent complete. The remaining works of the walkways and the roof are scheduled for completion this year. The construction of a dip tank at Chaphuka in Chadiza District was awarded to Lukomi Enterprise Limited. The contractor has completed the construction of the tank, walkways and the roof. The project is about 95 per cent complete and is scheduled to be completed this year (2019).*

The Committee in the previous Session had expressed concern that the Government had taken long to complete and operationalise the dip tanks, considering that both were already above 80 per cent complete. The Committee therefore, urged the Government to ensure that funds were urgently released for the projects to be completed and had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

### **Executive's Response**

The Executive in its update to the Committee on the Chadiza Dip Tanks indicated as outlined below:

#### **a) Chaphuka Dip Tank**

The Chaphuka Dip Tank was complete, however lack of water at the dip tank site was making it difficult to operationalise the facility. The initial contract did not include the drilling of the borehole. Once funds were made available, the borehole would be drilled.

#### **b) Kapilimpika Dip Tank**

The dip tank was complete and the borehole was drilled. However, the roof of the dip tank was blown off and had not yet been repaired. Once funds have been mobilised, the roof would be repaired so that the facility could be operationalised.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the progress made, urges the Executive to urgently ensure that funds are sourced so that the borehole at Chaphuka is drilled and the blown off roof at Kapilimpika Dip Tank is repaired and the facilities operationalised. The Committee resolves to await a comprehensive progress report on the two facilities.

## **MINISTRY OF ENERGY**

### **15/19 Electrification of Chief Kabamba's Palace and Kabamba Secondary School**

On Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2019, the Minister of Energy made the following assurances:

*Madam Speaker, the Government of the Republic of Zambia has plans to construct a mini-hydro plant at Chipota Falls in Serenje. This will be undertaken with support from China South to South Renewable Energy Technology Transfer project funded by the Danish Government, through the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). The project's estimated capacity is 200kW and will target 15,000 people as beneficiaries in the area. Chief Kabamba's Palace and Kabamba Secondary School will be beneficiaries.*

*Madam Speaker, the construction is expected to commence in the second quarter of 2019 and is expected to be completed by the end of 2020. The total cost of the project is US\$1,479,320.87.*

In the previous Session, the Committee, in noting the submission, had urged the Government to ensure that funds were mobilised to actualise the project as the beneficiaries of the mini hydro plant and the nation at large were anxiously waiting for the project. The Committee had further urged the Government to ensure that all the necessary requirements were concluded expeditiously and all costs with regard to the project captured. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

### **Executive's Response**

The Committee was informed that the project was remaining with USD100,000 from the total funds committed to the construction of the mini-hydro project. Considering that the remaining funds were insufficient to meet the total project cost, the Government was looking at mobilising financial resources for the project and was considering engaging other cooperating partners in the process. It was likely that the additional funds would not be mobilised by December, 2020, the period within which the project funds were committed.

In light of the above and to avoid returning the remaining USD100,000 to the donors once the aforementioned time lapses, the Government decided to channel the remaining funds towards construction of a solar mini-grid that would electrify Chief Kabamba's Palace, the school, the clinic and some staff houses. The construction of the mini-hydro project would commence once additional financial resources for the project were mobilised.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the submission, expresses disappointment at the Executive's failure to actualise the project within the promised timeframe. The Committee resolves to await a comprehensive progress report on the construction of a solar mini-grid to electrify Chief Kabamba's Palace, the school, the clinic and some staff houses. The Committee urges the Executive to mobilise funding for the completion of the construction of the mini-hydro project earmarked to benefit 15,000 people in the area.

### **19/19 Petroleum Prices and Foreign Exchange Rates**

On 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2019, the Minister of Energy made the following assurances:

*Madam Speaker, the Government does not have a system of hedging against fluctuations in international oil prices and foreign exchange rates.*

*Madam Speaker, the Government is in the process of establishing a model that can hedge the fluctuations. In this regard, it has held discussions with financial institutions and petroleum suppliers in the country regarding the operationalisation of the hedging model. It is anticipated that the model will be in effect in the third quarter of 2019.*

The Committee in the previous Session had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

### **Executive's Response**

The Committee was informed that the Ministry in collaboration with suppliers had entered into flat priced contracts where suppliers were expected to hedge the product against fluctuations of the international oil prices for specified quantities of commingled petroleum feedstock and finished products. These contracts had since been cleared by the Treasury.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee in noting the progress made resolves to await a progress report on the operationalisation of the hedging model.

### **24/19 Stalled Electrification of Matushi Ward, Mufumbwe District**

On 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2018, the Minister of Energy made the following assurances:

*Mr Speaker, the Government, through the Zambia Electricity Supply Corporation (ZESCO), is currently implementing the project to electrify all the eleven districts in the North-Western Province, culminating in the successful implementation of a project called the North-Western Province Grid Extension, which has provided the backbone infrastructure for the connection of the entire province to the national grid.*

*Mr Speaker, the electrification of Mufumbwe District is being implemented by ZESCO under the increased Access to Electricity Supply Project. The following institutions that include some areas in Matushi Ward are earmarked to be connected under the above mentioned project; Shukwe Primary School; Mulobe Primary School; Kawama Primary School; Kalambo Primary School; Kambuta Primary School; Lubilo Rural Health Centre; Kifuwe Primary School; Matushi Primary School; Kamisombo Primary School; and Wishimanga Primary School.*

*Sir, the project's scope of works include:*

- (a) construction of 50Km of 33kV overhead line from Mufumbwe 132/33/11kV substation to Wishimanga Primary school;*
- (b) construction of 9Km of 400KV overhead line within Mufumbwe;*
- (c) installation of 15X100kVA 33/0.4kV pole mounted transformers; and*
- (d) provision of 200 service connection to the above-mentioned Government institutions and the associated staff houses.*

*Mr Speaker, the construction contract was signed in October, 2017, and became effective in February, 2018. The planned project duration is eighteen months from the effective date of the signing of the contract, hence the project is expected to be completed in the last quarter of 2019.*

The Committee in the previous Session had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

### **Executive's Response**

The Committee was informed that ZESCO Limited was implementing a project to electrify Mufumbwe District under the Increased Access to Electricity Supply Project. The said project had faced a number of challenges which led to changes in the completion date. The project suffered delays in procurement of wooden poles from Zimbabwe due to the political disturbances from time to time in that country. In addition, there were further delays due to heavy rainfall in the project areas which made some roads impassable. However, all the required materials were on site and the project was expected to be completed before the end of the second quarter of 2020. In addition, the COVID-19 pandemic had affected the completion date of the project.

The status of the project's main scope components as at July, 2020 was as follows:

- (i) construction of 50km of 33kv overhead line from Mufumbwe 132/33/11kV substation to Wishimanga Primary school was 70 per cent complete.
- (ii) construction of 9km of 400V overhead line within Mufumbwe was 70 per cent complete.
- (iii) installation of 15 x 100kVA 33/0.4kV pole mounted transformers was 40 per cent complete; and

- (iv) provision of a total of 200 service connections to the above-mentioned Government institutions and the associated staff houses to be fully implemented once the backbone network was completed.

In addition, electrification of the various Government institutions in Mufumbwe District were as follows:

- (i) electrification of Mulobe Primary School, Shukwe and Kawama Primary School was at 99 per cent complete. Remaining works included service connections and commissioning.
- (ii) electrification of Kalambo Primary, Kambuta Primary School, Lubilo Rural Health Centre, Kifuwe Primary School, Matushi Primary School, Kamisombo Primary School and Wishimanga Primary School was at 85 per cent completion. The remaining works included remaining erecting of poles, conductor stringing and installation of transformers in Wishimanga.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the submission, urges the Executive to urgently complete the remaining works and resolves to await a comprehensive progress report on the works.

## **MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT**

### **02/19 Construction of Lwela Bridge in Milenge District**

On 18<sup>th</sup> September 2018, the Minister of Housing and Infrastructure Development made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, the construction of the Lwela Bridge in Milenge District is expected to commence in November 2018, subject to an advance payment of K2,870,325.73 to the contractor. The contract was awarded to Messrs Tomorrow Investment Limited at a total contract sum of K28,703,257.30”.*

*Mr Speaker, the project has delayed because the advance payment required by the contractor to commence the works has not yet been paid. The estimated completion period for the project is twelve months after commencement. The contract was signed on 27<sup>th</sup> December, 2017. The scope of works includes, but not limited to the following: foundation works; reinforcement of concrete works in abutments and piers; installation of the pre-stressed beams; reinforcement of concrete deck; and approach embankment”.*

The Committee, in the previous Session, had observed with concern the failure by the Government to make an advance payment to the contractor to enable commencement of the construction of Lwela bridge, considering that the contract was signed in 2017. In this regard, the Committee had urged the Government to ensure that the advance payment was made without further delay so as to mitigate against additional costs due to time lapse and changes in cost of materials. 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 the contractor was engaged and agreed to commence works without the advance payment on condition that the contract sum be revised due



to the long passage of time. The Road Development Agency (RDA) awaited the contractor's revised proposal.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

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

### **30/19 Samfya/Mpanta/Kasoma Lunga Road Construction**

On 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2018, the Minister of Housing and Infrastructure Development made the following assurance:

*Sir, the construction of the Samfya – Katanshya-Mpanta (D449/D450) Road will 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 has been engaged to carry out the feasibility study in order to produce detailed engineering designs. The contract commenced on 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2018 and expected to be completed in February, 2019.*

In noting the submission, the Committee in the last Session had expressed concern over the failure by the Government to pay for the preliminary design report submitted by the consultant and resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

### **Executive's Response**

The Executive in its update to the Committee was informed that the consultant had been paid K833,778.66 out of the K1,053,626.00. Furthermore, the consultant submitted the draft design report on 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2020 and it was approved on May 15, 2020 by the Road Development Agency. The consultant was expected to submit the final design report within the third quarter of 2020.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the submission, urges the Executive to ensure that the Samfya/Mpanta/Kasoma Lunga road construction works commence without further delay. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **32/19 Tarring of Mung'anga/Mwenda/Kashiba Road**

On 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2019, the Minister of Housing and Infrastructure Development made the following assurance on the floor of the House:

*Mr Speaker, the tarring of the Mung'anga-Mwenda-Kashiba Road was initially scheduled to commence in February, 2019. However, the contractor requested for an extension of the commencement date to November, 2019 and the Government is currently considering the request.*

*Sir, the contractor is Messrs. Groupe European De Development (GED) Africa Zambia Limited. The total cost of the project is US\$180 million. The construction period is thirty-six months. The project will be funded through a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) arrangement using the Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) Model.*

The Committee in the previous Session was informed that the tarring of the road was scheduled to commence before the end of 2020 upon GED achieving financial closure for the project. It was expected that the concessionaire would attain financial closure before the end of August, 2020. The Committee, in noting the submission, had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

### **Executive's Response**

The Executive in its update to the Committee submitted that the concessionaire was yet to attain financial closure for the project. Currently, the concessionaire and the Road Development Agency were working at attaining the various conditions precedent required before financial closure was reached.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the submission, urges the Executive to ensure that the process of attaining financial closure is expedited. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the tarring of Mung'anga, Mwenda and Kashiba roads.

### **08/18 Construction of Bridges in Mkaika Constituency**

On 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2017, the Minister of Housing and Infrastructure Development made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, the construction of bridges at Mnyamanzi and Mtetezi crossing points in Mkaika Parliamentary Constituency will commence in the third quarter of 2018 upon procurement of the works by the contractor.*

*Sir, the repair works at the bridge at Chisale and Kalowe will be undertaken using the Force Account once funds are made available by the Road Development Agency (RDA). This will be undertaken after a comprehensive assessment of the works has been done.*

*Sir, the completion period for the bridges at Mnyamanzi, Chisale, Kalowe and Mtetezi crossing points in Mkaika Parliamentary Constituency is nine months from the date of commencement of the works.*

In the previous Session, the Committee, in noting the submission, had urged the Executive to ensure that works at Mtetezi bridge were completed and resolved to await a progress report on the construction of Mnyamanzi, Chisale and Kalowe crossings.

### **Executive's Response**

In its update to the Committee, the Executive submitted that solicitation documents for the procurement of a contractor to carry out works on the Mnyamanzi crossing under the ACROW Bridge Programme were issued in July, 2020 and the works were envisaged to commence in the first quarter of 2021 once all procurement procedures were finalised.

Furthermore, Chisale and Kalowe crossings were assessed by the Road Development Agency (RDA) in the third quarter of 2019. Commencement of works has delayed due to the funding challenges being experienced. It was envisaged that works would commence once funds were secured.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the submission, expresses concern that the Executive has since 2018 been citing funding challenges, despite having promised on the floor of the House that works would commence in the third quarter of 2018 and take nine months from the date of commencement. The Committee, therefore, seriously urges the Executive to ensure that assurances are fulfilled as promised on the floor of the House. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **09/18 Tarring of Katunda Turn-Off/Lukulu/Watopa/Mumbeji Turn-Off and Manyinga/Mwinilunga Roads**

On 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2017, the Minister of Housing and Infrastructure Development made the following assurance:

*Madam Speaker, the Government has plans to upgrade to bituminous standards both the Katunda Turn-off/Lukulu/Watopa/Mumbeji Turn-off and Manyinga/Mwinilunga Roads under the Link Zambia 8,000 Kilometre Road Project. The roads have been included in the 2018 Road Sector Annual Work Plan (RSAWP) and the projects will be implemented using the Contractor Facilitated Initiative (CFI).*

*Madam Speaker, the Road Development Agency (RDA) has completed the engagement of the contractors, but implementation awaits the finalisation of the financing agreement by the Ministry of Finance.*

In the previous Session, the Committee, in noting the submission, was concerned that assurances made on the floor of the House were prioritised, actualised and should not be treated like any other projects. 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 works had not commenced due to Government's decision to indefinitely postpone the contraction of debt as a measure to achieve debt sustainability.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the submission, urges the Government to ensure that assurances made on the floor of the House are backed by finances and are actualised as promised. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **11/18 Rehabilitation of Local Courts in Chitambo Constituency**

On 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2017, the Minister of Housing and Infrastructure Development made the following assurance:

*Madam Speaker, the Government is committed to rehabilitate Mpelembe and Muchinka Local Courts in Chitambo Parliamentary Constituency. The rehabilitation works will commence in 2018.*

The Committee, during the previous Session, had urged the Government to secure funds for the rehabilitation of local courts in Chitambo Constituency and had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

### **Executive's Response**

In its update, the Executive informed the Committee that the rehabilitation of the Mpelembe and Muchinka Local Courts in Chitambo Parliamentary Constituency had not been done due to lack of funding. Currently, efforts were being directed at completing on-going projects.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee expresses concern that assurances made on the floor of the House are not given the attention they deserve. The Committee therefore, urges the Executive to ensure that funds are secured for the project to be actualised and resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **13/18 Rehabilitation of Mpika/Kasama Road**

On 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2017, the Minister of Housing and Infrastructure Development made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, for purpose of periodic maintenance, the Mpika/Kasama Road has been divided into two lots. The contract for Lot 1, which is 131 km long and starts from Mpika to Chambeshi Section, was awarded to Keren Motors while the contract for Lot 2, which is 86 km long and covers the stretch from Chambeshi to Kasama Section, was awarded to China Geo-Engineering Corporation.*

*Sir, the works on Lot 1 have stalled because the contractor had demonstrated a lack of seriousness and capacity to complete the project. The Ministry has since directed the Road Development Agency (RDA) to consider terminating the contract. On Lot 2, the works are ongoing, with the contractor currently working on the urban roads in Kasama, which are part of the scope of works and are expected to be completed in December, 2017. The completion date for Lot 1 was supposed to be 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2017, but it now has to be revised because of the stalled works. The completion date for Lot 2, which is making good progress, is 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2019. Sir, the estimated cost for the project is K647,103,068.*

The Committee in the previous Session had urged the Government to urgently source funds for rehabilitation works to avoid additional costs due to the increase in material costs and further declining state of the road. 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 the consultant has been paid K833,778.66 out of the K1,053,626.00. Furthermore, the consultant submitted the draft design report on 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2020 and was approved on May 15, 2020 by RDA. The Consultant was expected to submit the final design report within the third quarter of 2020.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the submission, reiterates the need for the Executive to urgently secure funds for the rehabilitation works to avoid additional costs due to the increase in the cost of materials and further deterioration of the road. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

#### **14/18 Construction of Sinda Day Secondary School**

On 16<sup>th</sup> 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 has not been achieved because the Ministry has 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 have 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 will see the enrolling grades eights and tens in January, 2018. With availability of funds, the school is expected to be completed and handed over to the Government by the end of 2018.*

*Sir, what has caused the delay in the completion of the school is due to the financial constraints.*

The Committee in the previous Session had observed with concern the continued rescheduling of completion dates and the fact that nothing much was being done to ensure that the works at the school were actually completed. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

### **Executive's Response**

The Government in its update to the Committee submitted that all the buildings had been roofed, windows/door frames fitted, electrical wiring done and flooring works completed. However, works had stalled due to funding challenges.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee in noting the submission expresses concern that the Executive has failed to complete the works at the school despite it having been earmarked for completion and partial opening in January 2018. The Committee, therefore, urges the Executive to ensure that funds are urgently secured to complete the works at the school and resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

#### **17/18 Muoyo Road**

On 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2018, the Minister of Housing and Infrastructure Development made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, the construction of Muoyo Road in Nalolo Parliamentary Constituency has stalled owing to funding challenges. Sir, it is expected that works will resume within the*

*second quarter of 2018. Mr Speaker, the total cost of the whole project, which includes Mongu/Limulunga, Muoya, Libonda and Lyambai roads, is estimated to be US\$32,708,958. The project is expected to be completed within one year and six months after the date of commencement.*

The Committee in the previous Session had expressed disappointment that the contract expired owing to delays resulting from erratic funding for the project and urged the Government to ensure that the project was actualised. The Committee had further urged the Government to ensure that funds were urgently secured before the new contract expired and had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

### **Executive's Response**

In its update to the Committee, the Government submitted that funding for works was secured under the GRZ financing. The contractor, Messrs AVIC International Holding Corporation, commenced works on October 30, 2019 and was scheduled to complete all works by April 30, 2021. An advance payment was paid to the contractor who was currently working on the Mongu/Limulunga road and was envisaged to start works on the Muoyo road within the last quarter of 2020.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the submission, urges the Executive to live up to its submission and resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **21/18 Mbesuma Bridge**

On 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2018, the Minister of Housing and Infrastructure Development made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, I wish to inform the House that the construction of Mbesuma Bridge is scheduled to be completed in November, 2018. The contractor for the Bridge is Messrs China Railway Seventh Group Company Ltd. The contract sum is K84,185,816.99. Approximately, K6,313,936.27 has so far been paid to the contractor.*

The Committee in the previous Session had urged the Government to improve funding on projects which had commenced so as to avoid escalation of costs due to vandalism and increase in the cost of materials. 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 the construction works had reached an advanced stage with all the foundation structures nearing completion and awaiting the installation of the deck. Works on the approach road had also commenced. The overall physical progress stood at 35 per cent and the project was scheduled to be completed in November, 2020. However, works had stalled due to funding constraints since January, 2020 and this might result in extension of the completion time.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the submission, bemoans the slow pace at which construction works are going, considering that works were expected to be completed in November, 2018. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **23/18 Bridges in Mufumbwe District**

On 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2018, the Minister of Housing and Infrastructure Development made the following assurance:

*Madam Speaker, the construction of Musowenji Bridge will commence in the first quarter of 2019, upon procurement of the works contractor. The bridge is covered under the ACROW Bridges Project. Designs are currently being prepared and are scheduled to be completed by the fourth quarter of 2018. The construction of Miluji (Chitwa) Bridge will commence in the first quarter of 2019, upon procurement of the works contractor. The bridge is covered under the ACROW Bridge Project. Designs are currently being prepared and are scheduled to be completed by 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2018. The cost of constructing the two bridges will be determined once the designs have been completed and the contractor has been found. The timeframe for the completion of the project will be nine months from the commencement date.*

In the previous Session, the Committee, in noting the submission, had urged the Government to ensure that funds were urgently sourced to procure the contractor to undertake the construction of ACROW Bridges, considering that the components for all the bridges under the ACROW bridge programme were already in the country. The Committee resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

### **Executive's Response**

In its update to the Committee, the Government submitted that the procurement of a contractor for Musowenji bridge commenced on 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2020 under phase three of the ACROW Bridge Programme and was envisaged to be concluded in the fourth quarter of 2020.

Furthermore, procurement of a contractor to install the Miluji (Chitwa) bridge would be carried out during phase four of the ACROW Bridge Programme which was anticipated to commence in the fourth quarter of 2020.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee in noting the submission urges the Executive to ensure that phase four of the ACROW Bridge Programme where Miluji (Chitwa) bridge falls is actualised as submitted and resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **25/18 Secondary School in Chief Kucheka's Chieftdom in Zambezi West**

On 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2018, the Minister of Housing and Infrastructure Development made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, the construction of Liyovu Boarding Secondary School in Chief Kucheka's Chieftdom in Zambezi West Parliamentary Constituency stalled due to financial constraints. The progress of the project was also affected by seasonal flooding. However, the construction works resumed in November, 2017. The contractor for the project is Hua Jiang Investment Limited, and the total cost of the project is K48,709,354.05 and the time frame for the completion of the project is thirty-two months.*

The Committee in the previous Session had expressed concern that the status quo at Liyovu Boarding Secondary School had remained the same for the past three years and urged the Government to desist

from making assurances on the floor of the House, which had no financial backing. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report of the matter.

#### **Executive's Response**

The Committee was informed that the status quo at the school had remained the same due to non-availability of funds.

#### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee expresses disappointment by the Executive's failure to actualise the project and urges it to ensure that funds are secured to implement the project. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

#### **27/18 Upgrade of Airport Road**

On 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2018, the Minister of Housing and Infrastructure Development made the following assurance:

*Madam Speaker, we will begin upgrading that road to a dual carriageway before the end of this year.*

The Committee in the previous Session had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

#### **Executive's Response**

The Executive in its update to the Committee submitted that the procurement of a contractor for the dualisation of Kenneth Kaunda International Airport (KKIA) road was done in 2018 under the Contractor Facilitated Initiative (CFI) model of financing. The works were expected to commence once financial closure was attained. Owing to the urgent need for the 9km of the road to be rehabilitated, the option of implementing the project under the L400 Phase III Project was being considered.

#### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

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

#### **28/18 C400 Road Project in Ndola**

On 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2018, the Minister of Housing and Infrastructure Development made the following assurance:

*Madam Speaker, the construction of roads under the Copperbelt 400 km Road Project (C400) in Ndola District will commence as soon as the financial arrangements for the 15 per cent advance payment, which is the Government of the Republic of Zambia counterpart funding, is finalised. The financing arrangement is expected to be concluded soon. Works will commence by the end of this rainy season.*

The Committee in the last Session had resolved to await a progress report on the construction of roads under the Copperbelt 400 km Road Project (C400) in Ndola District.



### **Executive's Response**

In its update to the Committee, the Executive submitted that the arrangement of the 15 per cent advance payment was finalised by the Ministry of Finance and the Government had fulfilled all the conditions precedent to the disbursement of funds. The commencement of the works awaits the disbursement of funds by the financier.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

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

### **36/18 Construction of Bridges in Zambezi West**

On 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2018, the Minister of Housing and Infrastructure made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, the Government has a plan to construct bridges on Kashiji River, connecting Kanyeva to Chief Kucheka's Palace and Liyovu Primary School, and connecting Muyembe to Chief Ndungu's Palace. A bridge will also be constructed on Litapi River, connecting Kalengwa to Chief Chinyama's Palace using Acrow Corporation of America.*

*Sir, the designs for the bridges have been completed, and the contract has been signed. The Government is awaiting the delivery of the bridge components before the construction of the bridges can commence by the fourth quarter of 2018.*

In noting the progress made, the Committee, in the previous Session, had urged the Executive to urgently source funds for the construction of the bridges to avoid loss of bridge components due to lapse in time. The Committee ad resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

### **Executive's Response**

The Executive in its update to the Committee submitted that two out of the six bridges on the Kashiji and Litapi rivers had been awarded to Messrs MUCO Trading Ltd at a total cost of K10,158,922.00 while the other four were still under procurement.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the submission, urges the Executive to ensure that the procurement process for the other four remaining bridges is expedited. The Committee resolves to await a comprehensive progress report on the construction of bridges in Zambezi West Constituency.

### **51/18 Construction of Infrastructure in Siavonga District**

On 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2018, the Minister of Housing and Infrastructure Development made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, the construction of the Police Station, staff houses for police officers, district administration office block, post office, civic centre, medium cost housing units and low cost housing units for civil servants is expected to be completed by December, 2018, subject to availability of funds.*

In the previous Session, the Committee, in noting the submission, had urged the Government to ensure that the police station and its associated housing units whose structures were roofed were

completed without further delay. The Committee had resolved to await a comprehensive report on the construction of infrastructure in Siavonga District.

### **Executive's Response**

In its update to the Committee, the Executive submitted that progress was being made on the construction of the police station, two medium cost houses, eight low cost houses and associated external works. The structures had now been plastered and door and window frames fitted. In addition, wall and floor finishes were completed, ceiling installed while external works were underway. The overall progress now stood at 85 per cent. Completion was projected for December, 2020 if funds were released.

With regard to the other projects, progress had remained the same as follows:

- (i) District Administration block still at 33 per cent completion;
- (ii) Civic centre and two high cost houses at roof level for one of the two high cost houses while the other house was still at ring beam level. The civic centre was at substructure level. Overall progress was still at 25 per cent completion;
- (iii) Post Office at ring beam level translating into 33 per cent completion;
- (iv) Ten medium cost houses were at various stages. Four houses were at ring beam level, two houses were at slab level and the rest at excavation stage. Overall progress was at 20 per cent completion; and
- (v) twenty low cost houses: three houses were roofed while seventeen houses were still at slab level, translating into 30 per cent completion.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee in noting the progress made on the construction of the police station, two medium cost houses, eight low cost houses and associated external works urges the Executive to ensure that the remaining works are expeditiously completed. However, the Committee expresses disappointment that the status quo for the construction of other infrastructure in Siavonga District has remained the same. The Committee, therefore, resolves to await a comprehensive progress report on the matter.

### **11/15 Construction of the Lusaka-Kapiri Mposhi Dual Carriageway**

On 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2015, the Minister of Justice and Acting Leader of Government Business in the House made an assurance on the floor of the House on behalf of the Minister of Transport, Works, Supply and Communications as follows:

*Mr Speaker, it is envisaged that the proposed construction of the Lusaka/Kapiri Mposhi Dual Carriageway will commence in the second quarter of 2016, under a public-private partnership (PPP) financing model.*

The Committee in the previous Session had observed with concern the failure by the Government to have the project actualised for over five years and resolved to await a progress report on the Lusaka-Kapiri Mposhi - Ndola Dual Carriageway.

### **Executive's Response**

The Executive in its update to the Committee submitted that the contract for the project was awarded to Messrs China Jiangxi Corporation for International Economic and Technical Cooperation for a duration of forty-eight months. The contract was to be financed using the Contractor Financing Initiative (CFI) mode of Financing. However, in order to keep the country's debt at sustainable levels, Ministry of Finance (MoF) had granted authority to terminate the aforesaid signed contract. The Road Development Agency should engage the office of the Attorney General to ensure that any litigation costs were avoided.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the submission, is disappointed that the policy is being applied even to assurances which were made well before the policy was implemented. The Committee, therefore, urges the Executive to consider revisiting the policy and to exempt assurances made on the floor of the House from its application. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **20/15 Rehabilitation of Gwembe/Chisekesi Road**

On 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2015, the Deputy Minister of Works and Supply made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, feasibility studies of this nature take about nine months to be completed and the contract was signed in September, 2015. So, the road construction will commence before the end of 2016.*

The Committee in the previous Session had expressed concern that it had taken the Government over five years to implement the project and resolved to await a progress report on the matter. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

### **Executive's Response**

The Committee was informed that the rehabilitation of the Gwembe-Chisekesi Road had not yet commenced due to funding challenges being experienced in the road sector.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee is disappointed to note that rehabilitation of the Gwembe-Chisekesi Road has not commenced five years after the assurance was made on the floor of the House. In this regard, the Committee urges the Executive to ensure that assurances are prioritised when it comes to funding and resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **01/16 Masangano/Fisenge Road**

On 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2015, the Deputy Minister of Works and Supply made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, the Masangano/Fisenge Road Project on the Copperbelt Province is at the procurement stage and its works are expected to commence in the third quarter of 2016. The project will be executed using the public-private partnership (PPP) model. The delay in the rehabilitation of the road is attributed to the limited resource envelop due to competing needs.*

In the previous Session, the Committee, in noting the submission, had urged the Government to expeditiously finalise the financing arrangements for the project to commence and had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

### **Executive's Response**

The Committee was informed that the Masangano-Fisenge Road was part of the scope of works to be carried out under the Lusaka-Ndola dual carriageway. The contract was to be financed using the Contractor Financing Initiative (CFI) model of Financing. However, in order to keep the country's debt at sustainable levels, the Ministry of Finance (MoF) had granted authority to terminate the aforesaid signed contract. The Road Development Agency shall engage the office of the Attorney General to ensure that any litigation costs were avoided.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the submission, expresses concern that five years after the assurance was made on the Floor of the House, the project has not been actualised. The Committee therefore, urges the Executive to ensure that the project is implemented without further delay. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **02/16 Kalabo/Kalongola Road**

On 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2015, the Deputy Minister of Works and Supply made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, the construction of the Kalabo/Kalongola to Sitoti Road is scheduled to commence in the second quarter of 2016. The contract has been awarded to China State Construction Engineering Corporation Limited for a sum of K1,695,918,648.60 for the duration of forty-eight months. Sir, the Government, through the Road Development Agency (RDA), has plans to construct the above-mentioned crossing points under the same contract. Mr Speaker, the works on the crossing points will be implemented under the same contract and are scheduled to commence in 2016.*

In the previous Session, the Committee, in noting the submission, had urged the Government to consider excluding assurances made on the floor of the House from the 80 per cent threshold in order to implement projects as promised. 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 the project was to be financed using the Contractor Financing Initiative (CFI) mode of Financing. However, in order to keep the country's debt at sustainable levels, the Ministry of Finance (MoF) granted authority to terminate the aforesaid signed contract. The Road Development Agency shall engage the office of the Attorney General to ensure that any litigation costs were avoided.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee notes the submission with concern, considering that the signed contracts have to be terminated in the bid to try and bring the country's debt to sustainable levels. Given that it has taken the Executive over five years to actualise the project, the Committee, therefore, urges the Government to ensure that the project is implemented without further delay as the assurance still

stands despite the contract being terminated. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

#### **06/16 Construction of Civil Servants' Houses in Mitete**

On 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2016, the Deputy Minister of Works and Supply made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, the Government is constructing forty-two houses and other buildings in Mitete District. The categories of the housing units are broken down as follows: two high-cost, twelve medium-cost and twenty eight low-cost.*

*Sir, the construction of twenty low-cost houses will be completed by the end of October, 2016, while the construction of ten medium-cost houses will be completed by the end of May, 2016, and the construction of two high-cost houses was supposed to have been completed by the end of February, 2016, but is likely to be delayed due to non-performance by the contractor. The contract for the construction of a police station and ten houses for police officers, comprising two medium-cost and eight low-cost houses, has just been awarded and construction, which will commence as soon as possible, will be completed by the end of 2016.*

*Mr Speaker, the contractor for the construction of the twenty low-cost houses is KAPS Hardware Limited while the one for the ten medium-cost houses is MUCO Trading Limited. The two high-cost houses are being constructed by Kampe Contractors Limited.*

*Sir, the time frame for the construction of the twenty low-cost houses and associated works is twenty months, starting from February, 2015, and ending in October, 2016, while that for the construction of ten medium-cost houses and associated external works is twelve months, starting from April, 2015, to May 2016.*

In the previous Session, the Committee, in noting the submission, had urged the Government to ensure that funds were secured to complete the projects without further delay, as continued delay would result into additional costs due to vandalism and increase in cost of materials. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

#### **Executive's Response**

The Committee was informed that the progress recorded on the construction of twenty low cost houses included applying the coat of paint, fitting of window panes, doors and other finishes. The works were above 88 per cent complete from the previously reported 84 per cent and the contractor was paid for all works undertaken. The projected completion date was 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2020, subject to availability of funds.

#### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

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

#### **13/16 Construction of Masaiti District Administration Offices**

On 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2016, the Deputy Minister of Works and Supply made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, the construction of the District Administration Offices in Masaiti shall commence now that the land has been allocated for the proposed new district administrative centre.*

*Survey drawings for the old Masaiti Boma area have been completed, but the provincial administration decided to relocate the new district to an area near the Kapiri Mposhi/Ndola Highway.*

*Sir, the contractor shall be identified after tender evaluation. The contract sum shall be known after the selection of the successful bidder. As regards the time frame, this project should be done within ten to twelve months.*

The Committee in the previous Session had expressed concern over the Government's failure to procure a contractor due to financial constraints, when the assurance to undertake the project was made on the floor of the House with a timeframe to complete within ten and twelve months. The Committee had therefore, urged the Government to desist from making assurances when availability of funds was not assured and had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

### **Executive's Response**

The Executive in its update submitted that the construction of the District administration block in Masaiti District could not commence as authority was still being sought to proceed with the procurement of a contractor. The Treasury has since granted authority to re-commence the procurement of the contractor for works in Masaiti District. It was expected that once the procurement process was complete, works would start.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

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

### **17/16 Post Office in Mitete**

On 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2016, the Deputy Minister of Transport and Communication made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, the construction of the post office and associated external works in Mitete will be completed by the end of March, 2017 and the contractor undertaking the construction of the post office is Eldermain Business Solutions.*

*Mr Speaker, the completion period for the construction of the post office is nineteen months, running from October, 2015, to the end of March, 2017. The contractor has since drilled a borehole and the foundation has been excavated.*

In the previous Session, the Committee, in noting the submission, had urged the Government to ensure that funds were expeditiously secured for the construction of the Post Office in Mitete to avoid additional costs to the contract sum due to time lapse. Further, the Committee had urged the Government not to sign contracts if funds were not available to avoid additional costs due to standing charges. The Committee resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

### **Executive's Response**

The Committee was informed that the status of the project remained the same. The contractor was still awaiting the advance payment to enable them commence works. The delay to pay the advance had been due to financial constraints.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the submission, expresses disappointment at the failure by the Executive to secure funds for the construction of a Post Office in Mitete four years after the assurance was made on the Floor of the House. The Committee hence urges the Executive to secure funds to expeditiously actualise the project and resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **19/16 North-Western Railway Concession**

On 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2016, the Deputy Minister of Transport and Communication made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, the Government has not yet signed the North-Western Railway Concession. However, the Ministries of Finance, and Transport and Communication have generated a Cabinet Memorandum, which will be circulated by the first week of March, 2016, for comments before submission to Cabinet after it is cleared. The Cabinet Memorandum will then be presented before Parliament in the form of a Bill in the next Session of Parliament in April, 2016. Mr Speaker, the concession contract for the construction of the railway line will be signed in July, 2016, and construction of the railway line will begin in 2017.*

In the previous Session, the Committee, in noting the submission, had resolved to await a progress report on the signing of the Shareholder's Agreement and the sourcing of funds.

### **Executive's Response**

The Committee was informed that the Ministry of Transport and Communications prepared a draft Shareholder's Agreement which was shared with North-Western Railway (NWR) for review and input. In 2019, the North-Western Rail line reviewed the Shareholders Agreement and generated comments for the two parties (MTC & NWR) to jointly discuss and settle for a common position.

In November, 2019, the two parties convened, jointly reviewed NWR's comments and finalised the shareholders' Agreement which Agreement is ready for signing and execution.

A draft Power of Attorney was prepared and submitted to Ministry of Justice for review and legal opinion, the Ministry of Justice reviewed, amended and cleared the Power of Attorney. Following the guidance from Ministry of Justice, two representatives were appointed on behalf of the Government and North-Western Rail Line Limited.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

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

### **32/16 Rehabilitation of the Tateyoyo Gate/Katunda Road Turn-Off**

On 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2016, the Deputy Minister of Works and Supply made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, it is envisaged that the works on the Tateyoyo Gate to Katunda/Lukulu Junction will commence in the second quarter of 2016.*

The Committee in the previous Session was greatly concerned over the Government's failure to implement this assurance despite the contract having been signed as far back as 2016. The

Committee had strongly urged the Government to secure funds for the project to be implemented without further delay and had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

#### **Executive's Response**

The Government in its update to the Committee submitted that funds for the project had not yet been secured. The Committee was further informed that the Government remained committed to having the project implemented once funds were mobilised.

#### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee notes the submission with concern as it has taken the Executive over five years to actualise the project. The Committee, therefore, urges the Executive to urgently secure funds for the project to be actualised. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

#### **33/16 Road Signage between Chongwe and Luangwa Bridge**

On 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2016, the Deputy Minister of Works and Supply made the following assurance:

*Sir, there are plans to put up road signs on this stretch in the second quarter of 2016 through the routine maintenance contracts on the same stretch.*

The Committee in the previous Session had expressed concern that assurances made on the floor of the House were not given priority when it comes to implementation and, in this regard, urged the Government to ensure that such projects were prioritised in terms of funding. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

#### **Executive's Response**

The Executive in its update indicated that the road signage was installed on the first 18km from KKI Airport roundabout towards Chongwe in August, 12<sup>th</sup> 2020. Signage on the rest of the road would be installed in due course by the contractor engaged to undertake the routine maintenance of the road.

#### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the progress made, urges the Executive to ensure that the road signage is installed on the remaining part of the road and resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

#### **43/17 Construction of Bridges in Chitambo Constituency'**

On 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2017, the Minister of Housing and Infrastructure Development made the following assurances:

*Madam Speaker, the Road Development Agency (RDA) has targeted to construct a bridge across the Loumbwa River in Chitambo Parliamentary Constituency under the Acrow Bridge Programme. Preparation for detailed designs has reached an advanced stage, and is expected to be completed by the end of the third quarter of 2017. The construction of the bridge is expected to commence in 2018 upon procurement of a contractor. Only one bridge across the Loumbwa River is earmarked for construction in 2017. Other bridges in the Constituency may be considered in the 2018 Road Sector Annual Work Plan when funds permit.*

The Committee in the last Session had noted the submission with concern over the Government's tendency of making assurances on the floor of the House when it was aware that funds were not



available. The Committee strongly urged the Government to consider making assurances on projects where funding was certain. 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 a contract had been awarded to construct the crossing at the Luombwa River in Chitambo Parliamentary Constituency. Commencement of works was envisaged to start before the end of the second quarter of 2021.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

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

#### **44/17 Tarring of Mukobeko Maximum Correctional Facility/Ngabwe Road**

On 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2017, the Minister of Housing and Infrastructure Development made the following assurance:

*Madam Speaker, the tarring of the road might be considered in the 2018 Road Sector Annual Work Plan (RSAWP), funds permitting. However, the Road Development Agency (RDA) has varied the scope of the contract for the periodic maintenance of the T2 Road from Kabwe to Chibombo to include spot improvement of the Kabwe/Ngabwe Road and facilitation of the continuous flow of traffic on the road. Consultancy for the preparation of the detailed design of the bridge across the Kafue River at Ngabwe is currently in progress and the design will be completed by the fourth quarter of 2017. The construction of the bridge is expected to commence in 2018, upon completion of the designs and procurement of a contractor.*

In noting the submission, the Committee, in the previous Session, had expressed disappointment that this assurance was made without having secured funding for it. The Committee reiterated that this now common practice by the Executive was unacceptable and must come to an end. Be that as it may, the Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

### **Executive's Response**

The Executive, in its update to the Committee, indicated that works on the project had not yet commenced because funding had not yet been secured. In the meantime, the Government would undertake emergency road works under the force account once funds were secured.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee notes with concern that the Government has failed to implement the project four years after the assurance was made on the floor of the House. The Committee, therefore, urges the Government to ensure that funds are secured for the tarring of the road without further delay. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

#### **45/17 Implementation of Link Zambia 8,000 Kilometre Road Project**

On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2017, the Minister of Housing and Infrastructure Development made an assurance:

*Madam Speaker, the implementation of the Link Zambia 8,000 Kilometres Road Project is behind schedule because the target was to complete all the 8,000 km by 2020. The project time frame was ten years. The major challenge to the implementation of the project has been*

*budgetary limitations. However, the Government is exploring various options for financing the project, such as the contractor-facilitated initiative (CFI), public-private partnerships (PPPs) and engineering, procurement, construction plus finance (EPC+F).*

*Madam, on the construction of the Mtetezi/Msoro Road also known as the Katete/Msoro/Chipata Road, we have received proposals from two contractors who have expressed interest to work on the project road under a CFI, and we have submitted them to the Ministry of Finance for consideration. The Ministry has also started preparing for the possibility of procuring the works under the Government financing in the next financial year in the event of it not being given the authority to do some works under a CFI. In that regard, the Ministry has started preparing the designs and hopes to complete them by December, 2017. If authority to procure the works under a CFI is granted, we should be able to conclude the project by the end of 2017.*

*Madam, the time frame for completing the Mtetezi to Msoro Road will only be determined once the designs have been completed and the contract works signed.*

In noting the submission, the Committee, in the previous Session, had expressed concern over the failure by the Government to clear the outstanding payment certificates for the final design report to be submitted. The Committee hence, had urged the Government to ensure that funds were secured to settle the outstanding payment certificates without further delay. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

#### **Executive's Response**

The Committee was informed that due to funding challenges, the final design report for the upgrading of the Katete to Msoro to Chipata Road had not been submitted.

In the interim, the Government would undertake spot improvement works on the stretch from Chipata to Msoro before the end of 2021. The Committee was further informed that 50km of the road from Katete to Msoro recently underwent maintenance grading and spot improvement works which were completed in June 2020.

#### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee in noting the submission urges the Executive to ensure that funds are secured and that the project is implemented as was promised on the floor of the House. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

#### **37/17B Staff Houses for Agricultural Camps in Chitambo**

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2017, the Minister of Housing and Infrastructure Development made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, the construction of agricultural camp houses in various parts of the country will be considered for inclusion in the 2018 budget. Priority will be given to newly-created districts such as Chitambo.*

In noting the submission, the Committee, in the previous Session, had urged the Government to ensure that funds to construct houses in newly created districts were secured before giving assurances on the floor of the House and had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

### **Executive's Response**

The Executive, in its update to the Committee, submitted that due to financial constraints, new projects would only commence after completion of running projects.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee notes the submission with concern as the assurance to construct agricultural camp houses in various parts of the country was to be included in the 2018 budget. However, the Executive has to date been citing financial constraints as the reason for not undertaking the project, a situation which the Committee finds unacceptable. The Committee, therefore, strongly urges the Executive to ensure that assurances made on the floor of the House are given priority when it comes to funding and resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **41/17 Lundazi/Chama Road**

On 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2017, the Minister of Housing and Infrastructure Development made the following assurance on the floor of the House:

*Mr Speaker, the tarring of the Lundazi/Chama Road was divided into five lots for ease of implementation as follows:*

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- 1. a 65 km surface was substantially completed;*
- 2. the progress is at 10 per cent and the contractor is on site awaiting to continue works when funds are made available; and*
- 3. the works are on-going and the progress is currently at 8 per cent. It is anticipated that the contractor will complete a 10 km stretch of the road by the end of the fourth quarter of 2017.*

The Committee in the previous Session had expressed concern that works on this economic road had stalled due to budgetary constraints and urged the Government to ensure that funds were sourced to complete the remaining works. The Committee had further urged the Government to source funding for this project so that it could be completed without delay and had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

### **Executive's Response**

The Committee was informed that in an effort to fit the project within the available resources, the project had been re-scoped from bituminous standard to gravel standard. Works were anticipated to commence upon clearance of the Addendum to the contract and securing of funds.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the submission, expresses concern and urges the Executive to ensure that projects are implemented as promised on the floor of the House. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **31/17 Tarring of Muyombe/Isoka Road**

On 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2017, the Minister of Housing and Infrastructure Development made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, the Isoka/Muyombe Road Project was divided into five lots for ease of implementation. The works on Lot 1 are substantially complete while those on Lot 2 are currently ongoing, although the progress has been minimal due to financial limitations. The contracts for Lots 3, 4 and 5 have been signed and the initial completion dates are 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2017, 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2018, and 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2017. These dates may be reviewed if the contractors request for extensions.*

In noting the submission, the Committee, in the previous Session, had expressed concern that it had taken the Government over two years to actualise the project. The Committee had urged the Government to ensure that funds were secured to complete the project. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

#### **Executive's Response**

The Committee was informed that the road project had also been re-scoped from bituminous standard to gravel and works were anticipated to commence upon clearance of the Addendum to the contract and securing of funds.

#### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee acknowledges the submission with concern and urges the Executive to ensure that funds are secured and that the project is implemented as was assured on the floor of the House. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **32/17 Mbesuma/Kafwimbi Road**

On 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2017, the Minister of Housing and Infrastructure Development made the following assurance:

*Sir, the Government has plans to upgrade to bituminous standard the road from Mbesuma in Chinsali District to Kafwimbi in Isoka District and to construct a bridge across Chambeshi River to connect Mbesuma to Kafwimbi in Isoka District.*

*Sir, the Ministry intends to commence the construction of the Mbesuma Bridge in 2017, funds permitting, and we have requested Treasury authority from the Hon. Minister of Finance because we have already engaged a contractor.*

The Committee, in the previous Session, had noted the submission with concern and urged the Government to prioritise assurances made on the floor of the House, especially those that had been outstanding for over three years. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

#### **Executive's response**

The Committee was informed that the upgrading of the Mbesuma to Kafwimbi road which was earmarked to be procured under Contractor Facilitated Initiative (CFI) model of financing had been put on hold due to the indefinite postponement of debt contraction.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the submission, expresses concern that the Executive has not been fulfilling the assurances made on the floor of the House and urges it to ensure that assurances are given attention as promised. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **15/16 C400 Road Project**

On 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2016, the Minister of Housing and Infrastructure Development made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, it is expected that the works on the C400 Project on the Copperbelt will commence by April, 2017, upon the conclusion of the financing arrangement. The delay in the commencement of the project is because the Government and the contractor are still in the process of finalising the financing arrangement for the project. They are expected to conclude in the first quarter of 2017 and works will commence in April of the same year.*

In noting the submission, the Committee, in the previous Session, had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

### **Executive's Response**

The Committee was informed that the arrangement of the fifteen per cent advance payment was finalised by the Ministry of Finance and the Government had fulfilled all the conditions precedent to the disbursement of funds. The commencement of the works awaited the disbursement of funds by the financier.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

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

### **42/17 Infrastructure Development in Ngabwe**

On 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2017, the Minister of Housing and Infrastructure Development made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, I wish to inform the House that all the staff houses have been roofed and plastered. All things being equal, the construction of the houses is expected to be completed by the fourth quarter of 2017.*

*Sir, the contract for the construction of the post office was recently terminated. The contractor has since challenged the termination and the matter is being looked into by the Ministry. Funds permitting, the construction of the post office is expected to be completed by the end of 2017.*

*Mr Speaker, the contract for the construction of the civic centre was terminated and the process of engaging another contractor to finish the works is underway. Funds permitting, the project is expected to be completed by December, 2017.*

*Sir, the contract for the construction of Ngabwe District Administration has been recommended for termination due to poor performance by the contractor. The completion date will be known after the engagement of a new contractor. The construction of the police station and ten*

*associated houses are at an advanced stage and is expected to be completed by December, 2017.*

In noting the progress made, the Committee, in the previous Session had urged the Government to ensure that disbursement of funds was consistent to enable the contractors complete the remaining works without further delay. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

### **Executive's Response**

The Executive, in its update to the Committee, submitted as follows:

- (i) construction of twenty low cost houses - all the twenty houses were substantially completed and only remaining with the final coat of paint, external works, power and water connections;
- (ii) construction of the ten staff houses for the police was substantially completed and only remaining with external works. The police station had trusses fitted and awaiting fixing of roofing sheets;
- (iii) all the ten medium cost houses were roofed, with external walls plastered while internal plastering was underway. In addition, door and window frames had been fitted; and
- (iv) the administration block was at window level and work had stalled despite Government being up to date with payments. The contractor had since been warned against poor performance.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the progress made, urges the Executive to ensure that work performance by the contractor is up to standard and resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **13/16 Upgrading of Mkushi Roads**

On 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2016, the Minister of Housing and Infrastructure Development made the following assurance:

*Sir, the Masansa/Luano/Kabwe/Ndola Road is part of the project to upgrade the Kabwe/Kapiri/Mkushi Road (D200/D207/D214) and including the Mpula/Masansa roads in the Central Province to bituminous standard. The detailed designs for the projects were completed in September, 2016, at a cost of K6.2 million. The Government intends to use the contractor facilitated initiative (CFI) model in financing this project. In this model, the contractor mobilises funds for the project.*

*Sir, it is envisaged that the works on this project will commence upon the finalisation of the procurement of the contractor and the financing arrangements in the third quarter of 2017.*

In noting the submission, the Committee, in the previous Session, had urged the Government to ensure that the finalisation of the financing agreement was expedited so as to commence the upgrading of the Mkushi roads. Further, the Committee had urged the Government to ensure that once the works commence, they were completed within the scheduled timeframe. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

### **Executive's Response**

The Committee was informed that the contract for upgrading of the Mkushi roads was to be financed using the Contractor Financing Initiative (CFI) model of Financing. However, in order to keep the country's debt at sustainable levels, the Ministry of Finance (MoF) had granted authority to terminate the aforesaid signed contract. The Road Development Agency should engage the office of the Attorney General to ensure that any litigation costs were avoided.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee expresses disappointment with the levels of inconsistency by the Executive with regard to the funding of assurances made on the floor of the House. The Committee urges the Executive to ensure that projects are undertaken as assured. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **18/16 Bridges in Lunte Constituency**

On 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2016, the Minister of Housing and Infrastructure Development made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, it is expected that the works on the Lukulu Bridge will be carried out at the end of the 2016/2017 rainy season. The Road Development Agency (RDA) has already undertaken a conditions survey on the crossing point and has since submitted the cost requirement to the National Fund Agency (NRFA) for possible funding. The crossing point is expected to be worked on after the rainy season.*

*Sir, it is expected that the works on the Luangwa Bridge will be undertaken at the end of the 2016/2017 rainy season. The RDA has already undertaken a condition survey of the crossing point and has since submitted the cost estimate to the NRFA for possible funding so that the works can commence after the rainy season.*

In noting the submission, the Committee, in the previous Session, had urged the Government to expeditiously actualise the project to avoid additional costs due to lapse of time and subsequent change in the required scope of work. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

### **Executive's Response**

The Committee was informed that works on the access road to the Lukulu crossing point had commenced and were currently ongoing. The commencement of works on the Luangwa Bridge, however, was still awaiting mobilisation of funds.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the progress made, urges the Executive to ensure that funds are secured for the completion of works on the access road to the Lukulu crossing point and Luangwa Bridge. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **6/17 Construction of Mulambwa and Kaunga Bridges**

On 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2017, the Minister of Housing and Infrastructure Development made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, the works on the Mulambwa and Kaunga Bridges are scheduled to be undertaken as a variation order under the project for the upgrading to bituminous standard of 91 km of the D145 Road from the Great East Road at Luangwa Bridge to Luangwa (Feira) in Lusaka Province. The works will be undertaken during the course of 2017 by Messrs China Geo Engineering Corporation.*

In noting the submission, the Committee, in the previous Session, had expressed concern that there had been no progress made and urged the Government to ensure that assurances were implemented within the promised timeframe and taken seriously. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

#### **Executive's Response**

The Committee was informed that not much progress had been made as funds were yet to be secured to work on the aforesaid bridges.

#### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee notes the submission with sadness over the Executive's inability to actualise the project for the past three years due to financial constraints. In this regard, the Committee is of the view that the Executive should treat assurances with the urgency that they deserve. The Committee urges the Executive to ensure that funds are secured and the project implemented without further delay. It resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

#### **18/17 Upgrading of Kalubanshi/Milenge Road**

On 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2017, the Minister of Housing and Infrastructure Development made the following assurance on the floor of the House:

*Mr Speaker, the Kalubanshi Road in Bangweulu Constituency is part of the Kasanka/Milenge Road, which is on the Road Sector Annual Work Plan for 2017. We floated the tender under unsolicited proposal for execution by contractor-facilitated initiative (CFI) model. We have since received the proposal and are currently reviewing it.*

In noting the submission, the Committee, in the last Session, had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

#### **Executive's Response**

The Government, in its update to the Committee, submitted that spot improvement works were scheduled to be done under force account but were delayed due to erratic funding. As of August, 2020, works amounting to K747,450.27 were still outstanding. Following the guidance from Ministry of Finance to cancel all contracts earmarked for financing using the Contractor Financing Initiative (CFI), the option of upgrading the Kasanka Kalubanshi/Milenge Road to bituminous standard will therefore, not be done.

#### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee expresses disappointment at the submission that the upgrading of the Kasanka Kalubashi/Milenge Road to bituminous standard will not be done following the guidance from the Ministry of Finance to cancel all contracts earmarked for financing using the Contractor Financing Initiative (CFI). The Committee is however, of the view that the guidance by the Ministry of Finance



should not include the financing of assurances made on the floor of the House. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

## **MINISTRY OF LANDS AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

### **38/19 Installation of Border Markers**

On 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2019, the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, the Government has plans to install border markers on its boundaries with the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and with Angola. Sir, planning for the exercise will commence in the first quarter of 2019.*

*Sir, the works will commence in the second quarter of 2019. Mr Speaker, the border markers to be installed are 1.5m high concrete pyramid pillars and 50 cm concrete cubical pillars. Sir, the cost of marking the Zambia-DRC Boundary is US\$4,049,609”.*

In noting the submission, the Committee, in the previous Session, had urged the Government to urgently mobilise funds for the Sakanya and Kasumbalesa border posts since Democratic Republic of Congo was ready and resolved to await a comprehensive progress report on the installation of boarder markers.

### **Executive Response**

The Committee was informed that the installation of border markers on its boundaries with Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) for Sakanya and Kasumbalesa border posts had not commenced. The Committee was further informed that due to austerity measures for fiscal consolidation, the Ministry of Finance was still not able to release the funds that were approved by Cabinet in December, 2018 on Demarcation/Re-affirmation of International Boundaries.

### **Committee’s Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee notes the submission with concern, considering that it has taken the Executive over two years following approval by Cabinet to actualise the project. The Committee urges the Executive to ensure that the funds are secured and resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **10/14 – Installation of the Zambia Integrated Land Management Information System (ZILMIS)**

On Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2014, the Minister of Lands, Natural Resources and Environmental Protection assured the House as follows:

*Mr Speaker, in June, 2014, the Ministry will complete the implementation of the ZILMIS.*

In noting the submission, the Committee, in the previous Session, had resolved to await a progress report on the full implementation of the Zambia Integrated Land Management Information System.

### **Executive’s Response**

The Executive, in its update to the Committee, submitted that the Zambia Integrated Land Management Information System (ZILMIS) was commissioned in 2015, at the Ministry headquarters and eight provinces. The initial plan was to implement this system in two phases. Phase I was expected to take care of all aspects of functionality envisaged for the Land Administration System,

and its ease of use in interaction with the general public. Phase II was to address issues to do with digital signature feature, cadastral data conversion tool; interface to banks other institutions; batch file assignment; barcodes on Certificate of Titles; help component upgrade; staff programming capacity building; hardware upgrade; and organisational dashboards (business intelligence) tools.

The phased approach to improving ZILMIS had tended to carry with it an implication for a huge software development budget. Therefore, the Ministry opted for phased implementation progressive improvements to the software given the constraints imposed by funds availability from time to time to keep ZILMIS in line with requirements for a robust system.

Despite the completion of the first phase, some functionalities were not fully developed; as such, Phase II could not commence until the outstanding issues of Phase I were addressed. The Ministry engaged Smart Zambia to undertake a review of ZILMIS to establish or assess the quality of ZILMIS service delivery to the public as well as issues of maximising on revenue collection. The general observation by Smart Zambia was that system sustainability and improvement remained to be the best option going forward with ZILMIS implementation. The important recommendations from this review were that ZILMIS was capable of being enhanced to address its shortcomings. Further, strengthening project governance and technical support in collaboration with Smart Zambia and the developer to complete all outstanding works, enhance existing modules, data cleaning, and digitisation of physical land records.

In this regard, the Ministry signed a one year programming and support services maintenance contract with the developer on 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2018 at a total cost of \$178,674 to among the important activities upgrade the ZILMIS application software and database to meet the demands for better performance and security. The developer was expected to provide remedial measures to the system challenges of Phase I by, among others: producing certificate of titles directly from ZILMIS; providing interface to ZRA, PACRA, IFMIS and Immigration; operationalising SharePoint for document management system; customising reports; and enhancing audit trails, enhancing system slow responses.

As of 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2020, all the thirty-two tasks agreed to in the contract had been implemented by the developer and a total of eight completion certificates were issued during the contract period. However, this contract did not address all the user requirements that were expected to be implemented in Phase II. In order to address some of these user requirements, the Ministry implemented the National Land Titling System to address the systematic land titling for the National Land Titling Programme. The system integrated into ZILMIS in the mass land titling process. Further, an e-payment platform for mobile money payments was piloted but could not fully be implemented due to the implementation of the Government Service Bus and Payment Gateway by Ministry of Finance.

Finally, the Ministry undertook a detailed review of ZILMIS against a full land administration system to identify critical gaps in functionality and data content and data quality. The report provided key recommendations to address the planned Phase II user requirements to enhance electronic service delivery and support of systematic/mass land titling. Some of these recommendations included the following:

- i) future enhancements of ZILMIS to have clarity of the scope and scale in both terms of references and subsequent deliverables to avoid scope creeping;

- ii) need to adopt open standards and re-use of best practices following Electronic Government Division's guidelines;
- iii) integrate and coordinate Local Government registries to MLNR registries;
- iv) ensure all legacy records were properly entered into ZILMIS through data cleaning;
- v) ZILMIS should be expanded with Systematic Land Titling (SLT) module;
- vi) ZILMIS GIS module need to be enhanced to enable spatial data integrity; and
- vii) provide for organisational dashboard to provide on-line system data to stakeholder (citizens portal).

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the progress made, urges the Executive to ensure that the recommendations made in addressing the identified critical gaps in functionality are addressed so as to actualise phase II of the project. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

## **MINISTRY OF JUSTICE**

### **37/19 Judgment for Public Service Retrenched Workers**

On 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2019, the Minister of Justice made the following assurances:

*Mr Speaker, the judgment was delivered on 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 2011, and the state started liquidating debt instalments on 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2016. Sir, the state has, so far, paid out a total of K12,800.00. The outstanding balance for plaintiffs whose benefits have already been verified is K44, 677,909.*

*Sir, the total number of affected former employees in the matter was 1,925. Benefits for 1,162 retrenched staff have been verified while those for 404 retrenched staff are currently being computed with the aim to conclude the same by the end of the first quarter of 2019.*

*Mr Speaker, 359 plaintiffs were ineligible for payment as they were either not civil service employees or had been paid under other court matters over similar claims. Sir, the outstanding balance will be paid as and when funds are available to liquidate the outstanding amounts verified.*

The Committee, in the previous Session, had noted that little progress was made towards the liquidation of the debt. The Committee was also very concerned that some of the retrenched staff had wrong information on their files and urged the Government to correct this anomaly without delay. The Committee had further urged the Government to ensure that the release of funds to liquidate the K101,733,863.76 owed to the retrenched staff was consistent so as not to disadvantage the retrenchees. 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 according to the judgment (*Charles Mushabati and Others v. The Attorney-General – 2005/HP/369*) delivered on 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 2011, the total number of workers who were retired on national interest was 1922 and not 1925 as earlier reported. Benefits for 1789 retrenched staff were verified, leaving a balance of 133 retrenched staff. As at 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2020, the outstanding amount owed to the plaintiffs went up to K153, 100, 187.50

due to the accrual of interest calculated on the principal amount of K101,733,863.76. After part payment, the outstanding amount was reduced to K94, 640, 278.96.

The Ministry of Justice was still waiting for information from the Public Service Management Division (PSMD) for the sixty plaintiffs who had wrong information on their files.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee observes with concern that little has been done to liquidate the amount owed to the retrenched workers. The Committee urges the Executive to ensure that the Public Service Management Division (PSMD) urgently corrects the information for the sixty plaintiffs who had wrong information on their files without further delay. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **27/14 Kaputa Local Courts Staff Establishment**

On Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2014, the Deputy Minister of Justice made the following assurance:

*“Mr Speaker, eleven positions were vacant as of May, 2014. The Judiciary will consider filling them once the Ministry of Finance grants Treasury Authority for recruitment in the 2015 Financial Year. Please, note that Nsumbu Local Court is non-operational as the court building collapsed.”*

The Committee, in the previous Session, had noted the submission with displeasure and had urged the Government to ensure that the Treasury mobilised the requisite resources and issue the Treasury Authority in the 2020 – 2022 medium term as promised. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

### **Executive's Response**

The Committee was informed that the Judiciary was granted Treasury Authority in 2016 and 2018. Arising from this, six positions were created and officers were deployed to Kaputa Local Court and the Court had since been operationalised. However, despite the Court's structure having eleven positions, the Treasury Authority granted could only accommodate the creation of the six positions.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the progress made, urges the Executive to ensure that funds are secured to enable the recruitment for the five remaining positions. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **08/15 Local Court in Chief Chisomo's area in Muchinga**

On Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2015, the Deputy Minister of Justice made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, the local court in Chief Chisomo's area in Muchinga, which will include two low cost houses, is earmarked for construction in 2016 at a cost of K1.5 million.*

In noting the submission, the Committee, in the previous Session, had bemoaned the failure by the Government to actualise the project for over five years and had urged it to take steps to resolve the matter. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

### **Executive's Response**

The Committee was informed that the Judiciary was unable to make a budgetary provision for construction works due to the fact that policy guidance given in the 2019-2021 Budget Call Circular was that no new construction works and only capital projects that were almost at 80 percent complete could be budgeted for. This was because of limited fiscal space. The Judiciary would however, continue to lobby for funding from the Ministry of Finance.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee expresses disappointment with the response by the Executive considering that this assurance has been outstanding for over five years. The Committee urges the Executive to reconsider and fund projects which have been outstanding for over three years. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **09/13 Local Courts at Nsumbu Business Centre**

On Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2013, the Minister of Justice made the following assurance:

*"Mr Speaker, the Government is committed to constructing the Nsumbu Local Court in Nsama District in 2013, in accordance with the strategic plan of the Judiciary and subject to the availability of funds."*

In noting the submission, the Committee in the previous Session, was concerned that the assurance had been outstanding for over five years and urged the Government to reconsider its position and start funding assurances made on the floor of the House that have been outstanding for over five years. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **Executive's Response**

The Committee was informed that the Judiciary was unable to make a budgetary provision for construction works due to the fact that policy guidance given in the 2019-2021 Budget Call Circular that no new construction works and only capital projects that were almost at 80 percent complete could be budgeted for due to limited fiscal space. The Judiciary would however, continue to lobby for funding from the Ministry of Finance.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the submission, observes with concern that assurances which have been outstanding for over six years are also being covered by the call circular which came into place in 2018. The Committee is of the view that outstanding assurances should be given priority when it comes to funding. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **10/13 Local Courts in Nakonde District**

On 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2013, the Minister of Justice made the following undertaking:

*Mr Speaker, in accordance with the strategic plan for the Judiciary, the local court at Ntolondo in Nakonde District is earmarked for construction this year, 2013.*

The Committee, in the previous Session, had noted with disappointment that the decision by the Government to only fund projects which were 80 per cent complete also covered assurances which

had been outstanding for over five years. The Committee had urged the Government to reconsider this position and fund assurances made on the floor of the House which had been outstanding for three years and above. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

#### **Executive's Response**

The Committee was informed that the Judiciary was unable to make a budgetary provision for construction works due to the fact that policy guidance given in the 2019-2021 Budget Call Circular that no new construction works and only capital projects that were 80 percent complete could be budgeted for due to limited fiscal space. The Judiciary would, however, continue to lobby for funding from the Ministry of Finance.

#### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee observes with concern that the Executive has continuously cited limited fiscal space as the reason why this project cannot be actualised. The Committee is, however, of the view that assurances made on the floor of the House should be treated differently and implemented within the timeframe they are promised to be undertaken. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **MINISTRY OF WATER DEVELOPMENT, SANITATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

#### **27/19 Kafue Bulk Water Project**

On 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2018, the Minister of Mines and Minerals Development (*on behalf of* the Minister of Water Development, Sanitation and Environmental Protection) made the following assurance:

*Madam Speaker, the progress on the Kafue Bulk Water Project is currently at 95 per cent. The project is expected to be completed in April, 2019. The Kafue Bulk Water Project has so far, created 906 jobs which have added a great beneficiation to the people of Kafue.*

In noting the progress made, the Committee, in the previous Session, had urged the Government to ensure that funds were secured to upgrade and construct sub-stations so that the Kafue Bulk Water Project was operationalised. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the upgrade and construction of the sub-stations.

#### **Executive's Response**

The Committee was informed that the Executive had secured funds for the construction and upgrading of the two substations at Lolanda and Chilanga and the procurement process had commenced. The works were expected to start after procurement process was completed.

#### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the submission, urges the Executive to ensure that the procurement process for the construction and upgrading of the two substations at Lolanda and Chilanga is expedited. The Committee resolves to await a comprehensive progress report on the Kafue Bulk Water Project and the construction and the upgrading of Lolanda and Chilanga substations.

#### **24/18 Boreholes in Mushindamo District**

On 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2018, the Minister of Water Development, Sanitation and Environmental Protection made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, the Government has planned to sink a total of ten boreholes in Mushindamo District in 2018.*

In noting the submission, the Committee, in the previous Session, had expressed serious concern over the failure by the Government to actualise the project as was promised on the floor of the House. The Committee had urged the Government to ensure that the project was actualised without further delay and resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

#### **Executive's Response**

The Committee was informed that the sinking and equipping of ten boreholes with hand pumps in Mushindamo District had not yet been undertaken as funds were not released from the Treasury. The Ministry had engaged cooperating partners for support in the implementation of this project and feedback was being awaited.

#### **Committee's Observation and Recommendations**

The Committee notes with concern the failure by the Executive to sink the ten boreholes as was promised on the floor of the House over two years ago and urges it to ensure that assurances are undertaken seriously. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

#### **28/16 Rural Water and Sanitation Project in Mitete District**

On 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2016, the Deputy Minister of Local Government and Housing made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, the Rural Water and Sanitation Project funded by the African Development Bank (ADB) has already commenced in Mitete District. Preparations for actual water supply and sanitation infrastructure development will start this year.*

In noting the progress made, the Committee, in the previous Session, had urged the Government to ensure that assurances were always completed within the scheduled timeframe as per contract and had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

#### **Executive's Response**

In its update to the Committee, the Executive submitted that out of the eighty-five boreholes, a total of sixty-three were completed and handed over to beneficiary communities while works for the remaining boreholes were on-going.

#### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the progress made, urges the Executive to ensure that the remaining twenty-two boreholes are sunk and handed over to beneficiary communities without further delay. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **29/16 Sinking of Boreholes in Lumezi**

On 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2016, the Deputy Minister of Local Government and Housing made the following assurance:

*Sir, the number of boreholes earmarked for sinking in Lundazi District in 2016 is seventy-one, out of which seventeen will be sunk in Lumezi Constituency.*

In noting the submission, the Committee, in the last Session, had expressed concern that the Government had done nothing during the year under review with regard to the drilling and equipping of the remaining four boreholes in Lumezi Constituency. The Committee had urged the Government to consider funding assurances that were outstanding for over three years and had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

### **Executive's Response**

The Committee was informed that the remaining four boreholes had not been sunk in Lumezi Parliamentary Constituency owing to non-release of funds from the Treasury. The Ministry had however, continued engaging the Treasury to ensure funds were made available in order to complete the works.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee expresses disappointment with the failure by the Executive to ensure that the remaining boreholes are drilled and equipped. The Committee finds it unacceptable that the assurance has been outstanding for over three years. The Committee urges the Executive to urgently secure the funds to facilitate the sinking of the remaining boreholes without further delay. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **12/17 Serenje Water Reticulation System**

On 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2017, the Minister of Water Development, Sanitation and Environmental Protection made the following assurance:

*Madam Speaker, the Government has plans to improve the water reticulation system in Serenje Township. Madam, the Government is currently implementing a water supply project in the New Serenje area of Serenje town and progress is currently at 42 per cent. So far, 30 km of pipeline has been laid and a storage tank erected. The project is expected to be completed by the third quarter of 2017. In addition, the Government has mobilised US\$1.6 million to fund feasibility studies that facilitate the preparation of investment proposals for the implementation of water supply and sanitation projects in selected districts that will include Serenje, under the Lukanga, North-Western and Southern water utility companies.*

In noting the submission, the Committee, in the previous Session, had urged the Government to ensure that the Treasury was consistent with the disbursement of funds, especially where works had commenced, to avoid vandalism of the works already undertaken and standing charges as well as to ensure the intended beneficiaries begin to enjoy the intended service. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.



### **Executive's Response**

The Committee was informed that the remaining works on the project had not been completed because the Treasury had not released the project funds yet. The Ministry would continue engaging the Treasury to ensure that funds were made available for the completion of the remaining works.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee notes the submission with concern and urges the Executive to ensure that the Treasury makes the funds available for the remaining works to be completed. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **33/17 Water Reticulation System for Chiengi District**

On 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2017, the Minister of Water Development, Sanitation and Environmental Protection made the following assurance:

*"Mr Speaker, yes, the Government has plans to construct a water reticulation system in Chiengi District. The implementation of the project has been planned for in the 2017 Annual Work Plan (AWP), once funds are released from the Treasury."*

In noting the submission, the Committee, in the previous Session, had urged the Government to ensure that assurances made on the floor of the House were financially backed so as to avoid making assurances that take inordinately long to implement. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

### **Executive's Response**

The Committee was informed that the Government had already made an advance payment of K10 million to the contractor for mobilisation and commencement of works on site. The contractor was yet to start mobilising to site in readiness for commencement of works.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the progress made, urges the Executive to ensure that works commence and funds are disbursed consistently to facilitate a complete water reticulation system for Chiengi District. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **17/16 Dams and Boreholes in Nyimba District**

On 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2016, the Minister of Water Development, Sanitation and Environmental Protection made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, the Government has budgeted for ten boreholes in 2016 in Nyimba under the National Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Programme. Out of the ten potential dam sites, the one in Kacholola is undergoing feasibility studies and is likely to be constructed in 2017.*

In noting the submission, the Committee, in the previous Session, had urged the Government to ensure that funds were released for the construction of the dam without further delay and had resolved to await a progress report.

### **Executive's Response**

The Committee was informed that the construction of Kacholola Dam in Nyimba Constituency for which feasibility studies and designs were concluded, had not commenced as funds for the project had not yet been released from the Treasury.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee bemoans the failure by the Executive to fund the project and urges it to ensure that the Treasury releases the funds to enable the actualisation of the project. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **14/13 Construction of Dams in Mapatizya Constituency**

On Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2013, the Deputy Minister of Mines, Energy and Water Development made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, the Government, through the Department of Water Affairs, plans to rehabilitate the mentioned dams in 2013. This will be done after the rainy season.*

In noting the submission in the previous Session, the Committee was disappointed that the status quo at the three proposed dam sites had remained the same and reiterated the need for the Government to ensure that the proposed Tambana dam site court case was urgently disposed of and funds secured to commence the construction of the three dams without further delay. The Committee had resolved to await a comprehensive progress report on the matter.

### **Executive's Response**

In its update to the Committee, the Executive submitted that the construction of the three proposed dams, namely Tambana, Siambelele and Chuundwe had not commenced yet. For the proposed Tambana dam, the case was still in the courts of law and this had delayed the commencement of the construction works. With regard to Siambelele and Chuundwe proposed dams, funds had not yet been released to undertake feasibility studies to determine the suitability for dam construction on the two sites. The Ministry would continue to engage the Treasury to ensure that funds were released for feasibility studies to be undertaken.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee notes the submission and urges the Executive to ensure that the Treasury releases funds to enable the feasibility studies for Siambelele and Chuundwe dam sites are undertaken. Further, the Committee seeks an update on the court case with regard to the proposed Tambana dam site. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **05/16 Improvement of Water Reticulation in Samfya**

On 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2016, the Minister of Local Government and Housing made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, the Government has plans to improve the water supply and sanitation situation in Samfya District. Sir, the Government has already engaged the African Development Bank (AfDB) to finance the rehabilitation and construction of water and sanitation infrastructure in Samfya District. The Bank has just undertaken its preparatory mission to Samfya and, once it*

*approves the project proposal, the implementation of the project will commence in the third quarter of this year.*

In noting the submission in the previous Session, the Committee had urged the Government to expedite the contract signing process so as to pave way for the review of the designs before engaging the contractor. 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 the Ministry had completed the review of the designs and had commenced the procurement of the contractor. The procurement process had reached an advanced stage as the Ministry awaited for a No Objection from the financier.

#### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

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

### **MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

#### **07/18 Chitambo Mission Police Post**

On 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2017, the Minister of Home Affairs made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, we are, indeed aware of the logistical challenges that the police is having in Chitambo As regards the construction of holding cells, we have a slight challenge. As the Honourable Member is aware, Chitambo Mission Police Post is sitting on land that belongs to Chitambo Mission Hospital. Therefore, we would like the Honourable Member to work with us to see if we can find an alternative where we can then place a Police Post with all the necessary facilities. However, that might not be done this year due to unavailability of funds.*

*Sir, administrative arrangements are being made by the Regional Command to have additional officers sent to Chitambo Mission Police Post in response to the status of district. As I stated earlier, ... in 2017, our focus will be on planning for the construction of the new Police Station for the new district and housing units for our officers who will be deployed to Chitambo District.*

In noting the submission in the previous Session, 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 land for the construction of Chitambo Mission Police Station and some houses had been acquired and secured. Further, the Committee was informed that the construction of a Police Station in Chitambo District may be considered after completion of ongoing infrastructure projects which were at 80 per cent or above completion. This was in line with the Government's policy of not embarking on new projects prior to completion of ongoing infrastructure development projects.

#### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the submission, urges the Executive to ensure that funds are secured and the project actualised. Further, the Committee is of the view that the 80 per cent policy should not

apply to assurances made on the floor of the House and other critical facilities such as a police station in a district. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **37/18 Zambia Correctional Service Irrigation Project in Serenje**

On 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2018, the Minister of Home Affairs made the following assurance:

*Sir, I wish to inform the House that the irrigation project under the Zambia Correctional Service in Serenje District will be completed in the first quarter of 2019. The total cost of the project is K25,721,048.80. This includes land, the cost of clearing and leveling of the farm.*

The Committee, in the previous Session, had noted the progress made and urged the Government to ensure that the remaining works and counterpart funds were released for the project to be fully actualised. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

#### **Executive's Response**

The Executive in its update informed the Committee that ZESCO Limited had connected power lines and currently Nansanga Correctional Farm was on a Bulk Billing Tariff Plan. In addition, out of 700 hectares of land that needed to be cleared, 120 hectares of land had been cleared and 580 hectares was yet to be cleared. The remaining counterpart funds amounting to K9,305,020.60 had not yet been released.

#### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the submission, urges the Executive to ensure that the remaining counterpart funds amounting to K9,305,020.60 are released to facilitate the completion of the irrigation project under the Zambia Correctional Service in Serenje District. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **12/15 Construction of North-Western Province Police Administration Block**

On 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2015, the Deputy Minister of Home Affairs made the following assurance:

*"Mr Speaker, the Government has started the construction of the Zambia Police Division Headquarters in Solwezi, North-Western Province. The project is at the excavation level and is being supervised by the Buildings Department. Sir, the project time frame is eighteen months. As the works started on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2015, they are expected to be completed by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016."*

The Committee, in the previous Session, had expressed disappointment over the failure by the Government to honour the outstanding payment of certificates on time, resulting in a delay in completing the construction works. The Committee had therefore, urged the Government to urgently secure funds to pay the outstanding certificates and had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

#### **Executive's Response**

The Committee was informed that the Executive would consider securing funds for the completion of the project after ongoing projects which were 80 per cent and above were completed. This was in line with the Government's policy of not embarking on new projects prior to completion of ongoing infrastructure development projects.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee observes with concern the submission that the Executive will consider securing funds for the completion of the project after ongoing projects which are 80 per cent and above are completed for an assurance which was made over five years ago. The Committee, therefore, urges the Executive to ensure that the project is considered for funding notwithstanding the 80 per cent and above policy pronouncement as the assurance was made before the policy came into effect. Further, the Committee reiterates the view that assurances made on the floor of the House should be financially backed, so as not to render the assurances a mere academic exercise. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **31/15 Construction of Milenge Police Post**

On 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2015, the Minister of Home Affairs made the following assurance:

*"Mr Speaker, the Government has plans to construct a police post, not a police station, in Milenge. The police post will be built with three staff houses. Construction will begin this month, October, 2015, after we announce the contractor."*

The Committee, in noting the submission in the previous Session, had expressed concern that it had taken the Government inordinately long to pay the contractor the outstanding certificates issued. The Committee, had therefore, urged the Government to ensure that funds were secured to pay the contractor without further delay so that works could commence, as further delay would result in additional cost due to time lapse and change in costs of materials. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

### **Executive's Response**

The Committee was informed that the contractor was paid K1,116,804.60 as an initial payment by the Ministry of Home Affairs. The contractor mobilised back on site to continue with the execution of the project. However, the contractor had done some works worth K266,296.37, and the Stage Certificate had not been paid due to non-release of funds by Ministry of Finance. As a result, the contractor abandoned the site. The police post and the three houses were at roof level.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee notes the submission with disappointment and urges the Executive to ensure that funds are secured and disbursed in good time to ensure that the contractor does not abandon the site again. The Committee further urges the Executive to ensure that the outstanding payments are made without further delay, so that the construction works can resume. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **14/16 National Registration Office in Kalabo**

On 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2016, the Deputy Minister of Home Affairs made the following assurance:

*"Sir, the contractor engaged to construct the National Registration Office block in Kalabo District is back on site and construction works resumed on 30<sup>th</sup> December, 2015. The completion of the project has delayed due to lack of financial resources to commence the works. The contractor was waiting for an up-front payment in order to mobilise and start the works. However, this has been resolved and the contractor is back on site. The time frame for*

*the completion of the project is eighteen months. Therefore, it is expected that the office block for National Registration in Kalabo will be handed over to the Government in July 2017.”*

In noting the submission in the previous Session, the Committee had urged the Government to ensure that the remaining works were completed without further delay and had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

#### **Executive’s Response**

The Executive, in its update to the Committee, submitted that the contractor had mobilised back to site and executed works. The building was roofed and the contractor had started plastering, electrical wiring and some external plumbing works. The contractor was not on site as he was awaiting preparation of payment certificate by the Provincial Infrastructure Office.

#### **Committee’s Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee notes the progress made and urges the Executive to ensure that payment for the outstanding works is made and that the contractor completes the works. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

#### **12/15 Construction of Police Stations and Posts in Magoye Constituency**

On Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2015, the Deputy Minister of Home Affairs made the following assurance:

*“Mr Speaker, the Government, through the Zambia Police Force, has plans to construct a police post in Magoye Township in 2016.”*

In noting the submission in the previous Session, the Committee had reiterated the need for the Government to prioritise projects like police stations so that law and order was maintained in the communities. Further, the Committee had re-emphasised the need for the Government to prioritise implementation of assurances made on the floor of the House and had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

#### **Executive’s Response**

The Committee was informed that the construction of Magoye Police Post in Magoye Parliamentary Constituency may be considered after completion of ongoing infrastructure development projects under the Zambia Police Service. This was in line with the Government’s policy of not embarking on new projects prior to completion of ongoing infrastructure development projects.

#### **Committee’s Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee observes with concern that the construction of the police station in Magoye Parliamentary Constituency, which has been outstanding for over four years will only be considered after the completion of ongoing infrastructure development programmes under the Zambia Police Service. The Committee, hence, urges the Executive to reconsider and secure funds for the construction the Police Post in Magoye Parliamentary Constituency, as the assurance has been outstanding for over five years. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

#### **15/15 Administrative Provisions for Itemba Police Post in Milenge District**

On Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2015, the Deputy Minister of Home Affairs made the following assurance:

*“Mr Speaker, the installation of solar panels at Itemba Police Post and staff houses in Milenge District will commence this year 2015, since the funds for the two projects have been provided for in the 2015 Budget.”*

The Committee, in the previous Session, had strongly urged the Government to ensure that Itemba Police Post was immediately electrified. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the connection of Itemba Police Post to the national electricity grid since the solar panels would no longer be installed at the police post.

#### **Executive’s Response**

The Committee was informed that the Rural Electrification Authority (REA) had completed the Lwela-Milambo electricity grid extension project in Chembe and Milenge Districts. The Zambia Police Service was wiring the Itembe Police Post and work would be completed within the third quarter of this year.

#### **Committee’s Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the progress made, 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, 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2015, the Minister of Home Affairs made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, I wish to inform the House that the Government has 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 have been set aside under the Ministry of Transport, Works, Supply and Communication.*

In noting the submission in the previous Session, the Committee had urged the Government to expedite the process of terminating the contract and immediately thereafter, engage another contractor to urgently complete the remaining works. The Committee had further urged the Government to ensure that the office block and housing units were completed without further delay and had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

#### **Executive’s Response**

The Executive in its update to the Committee submitted that the contractor was paid in full and it was resolved that the same contractor completes the project.

#### **Committee’s Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the submission, urges the Executive to ensure that the works are completed following the payment of the contractor in full. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **MINISTRY OF GENERAL EDUCATION**

#### **01/18 Rehabilitation of Community Schools in Serenje Constituency**

On 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017, the Minister of General Education made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, the Government has plans to rehabilitate Ntenge and Kabala Community schools in Serenje Parliamentary Constituency. We appreciate that the two schools are in a deplorable state, but the House may wish to note that the Ministry of General Education has been supporting community schools in various ways such as providing grants, teachers and learning materials. Therefore, as and when funds are available, the two community schools will be considered for rehabilitation in 2018. Therefore, the Ministry has plans to rehabilitate the two schools.*

The Committee in the previous Session had observed with disappointment that even after the Executive acknowledged the deplorable state of the two community schools in Serenje, it could not source funds to ensure that the schools were rehabilitated. The Committee had therefore, reiterated its earlier view that the two community schools in Serenje which were in a deplorable state be rehabilitated without further delay. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

### **Executive's Response**

In its update, the Executive informed the Committee that all the structures had been roofed, windows/door frames fitted, electrical wiring done and flooring complete. The Committee also heard that the works at the schools had stalled due to none availability of funds. However, the Ministry had adopted a "Phased Approach" mode of completion in order to operationalise the schools by focusing on selected structures which would make the schools function.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

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

### **19/18 Kaniki Primary School in Chifubu, Ndola**

On 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2018, the Minister of General Education made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, the Ministry has upgraded Kaniki Primary School to a secondary school in Chifubu Parliamentary Constituency. The Ministry will work with the Provincial Education Office (PEO), the Parents and the Teachers' Association (PTA) to construct additional classroom blocks at Kaniki Primary School.*

*Mr Speaker, the Government will consider deploying more teachers at the school in 2018 once Treasury Authority to undertake new recruitment of teachers is granted by the Ministry of Finance.*

In noting the progress made, the Committee, in the previous Session had urged the Government to ensure that the project was completed and teachers deployed to the school as was assured on the floor of the House. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the upgrading of Kaniki Primary School to a secondary school.

### **Executive's Response**

The Executive in its update to the Committee submitted that the construction of the addition 1 x 3 classroom block had reached the slab level and works were ongoing.



### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

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

### **26/18 Kasaba Day Secondary School**

On 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2018, the Minister of General Education made the following assurance:

*Madam Speaker, yes, the Government plans to transform Kasaba Day Secondary School in Chifunabuli Parliamentary Constituency into a boarding school due to its ideal location and distance from feeder schools. Madam Speaker, the provision of boarding facilities at the school will only be done once the Government mobilises funds for the construction of the required infrastructure. For now, the Government is concentrating on completing on-going projects, which includes the school in question.*

*Madam Speaker, the Ministry will deploy an accounts assistant and a typist at the school once the province receives officers under this cadre of staff.*

The Committee, in the previous Session, had expressed sadness at the fact that the Government did not seem to take assurances made on the floor of the House with the seriousness they deserved. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

### **Executive's Response**

The Executive in its update informed the Committee that all the structures were roofed, windows/door frames fitted and plastered. The Ministry had further adopted the phased approach in order to operationalise the school by focusing on selected structures which would enable the school to function.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

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

### **30/18 Teacher Transfers from Kaputa**

On 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2018, the Minister of General Education made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, forty-one in 2016 and thirty-nine in 2017 teachers were transferred, which gives us a total of eighty teachers. Sir, all the eighty teachers transferred in 2016 and 2017 are still on the payroll for Kaputa District. Mr Speaker, the Ministry deployed twenty-six teachers during the 2017 recruitment programme and during the 2018 recruitment exercise, it will consider deploying more teachers to Kaputa.*

In noting the submission in the previous Session, the Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the deployment of more teachers to Kaputa District.

### **Executive's Response**

The Committee was informed that once the Ministry was granted authority to recruit teachers, they would be deployed to Kaputa District.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the submission, urges the Executive to ensure that once authority to recruit teachers is granted, Kaputa District should be considered first for the deployment of teachers. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **31/18 Computers for Gwembe Schools**

On 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2018, the Minister of General Education made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, since the introduction of the teaching of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in the education system, the Government has in a phased approach been supplying computers to schools, especially in the primary sub-sector. It desires to ensure that all the children have access to computers. However, in the face of limited resources, the rollout has been phased. For 2018 budget, the Ministry plans to procure computers that will be supplied to twenty-four schools in each province. Gwembe District will be one of the beneficiaries of these computers.*

In noting the submission, the Committee, in the previous Session had expressed concern that no computers were given to schools in Gwembe and had urged the Government that this be done as a matter of urgency. The Committee had resolved to await a comprehensive report on the distribution of computers to schools in Gwembe District.

### **Executive's Response**

In its update to the Committee, the Executive submitted that due to limited fiscal space, no computers had been distributed to Gwembe district to date.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee observes with concern the failure by the Executive to provide computers to schools in Gwembe District despite it having introduced the teaching of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in the education system. The Committee is of the view that the Executive should ensure that computers are procured for schools in Gwembe District, so as not to continuously disadvantage the learners. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **05/15 Construction of Teachers' Houses in Chasefu Constituency**

On Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2015, the Deputy Minister of General Education made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, twenty-eight staff houses are currently being constructed in Chasefu Constituency at Chasefu Boarding Secondary School, which is under construction. Sir, the estimated cost of building the houses is K8. 4 million.*

*Mr Speaker, as already stated in (a), Chasefu Boarding Secondary School will benefit from the construction of the staff houses.*

The Committee, in noting the submission in the previous Session, had expressed concern that the status quo at the school had remained the same and that it had taken inordinately long for the Government to actualise the project. The Committee had urged the Government to take steps to actualise this project and resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

### **Executive's Response**

The Government in its update to the Committee submitted that the status quo had remained the same due to the non-availability of funds. However, the phased approach which was adopted by the Ministry would focus on targeted structures in order to operationalise the school once funds were made available.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee in noting the submission urges the Executive to ensure that recommendations and observations made by the Committee are taken seriously and implemented, as the failure to do so will render the oversight role of Parliament ineffective. The Committee, therefore, urges the Executive to ensure that funds are secured to construct the twenty-eight staff houses without further delay. It resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **07/16 Chasefu Boarding Secondary School**

On 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2016, the Deputy Minister of General Education made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, the construction of Chasefu Boarding Secondary School in Chasefu Parliamentary Constituency is expected to be completed in the last quarter of 2016. The delay in completing the project is due to insufficient budgetary allocation to on-going project implementation.*

*Mr Speaker, the school is expected to open in January, 2017, after completion of the works in the fourth quarter of 2016.*

In noting the submission in the previous Session, the Committee had bemoaned the slow pace at which construction works were going and had strongly urged the Government to secure funds for the project to be actualised considering the time it had taken for the project to be implemented. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

### **Executive's Response**

The Executive in its update to the Committee indicated that it took note of the Committee's recommendation and reported that the status quo had remained the same due to the non-availability of funds. However, the phased approach which was adopted by the Ministry would focus on targeted structures in order to operationalise the school once funds were made available.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee observes with concern that the Executive has failed to complete the construction of Chasefu Boarding School as was promised on the floor of the House citing non-availability of funds for over four years, a situation the Committee finds unacceptable. The Committee therefore, urges the Executive to ensure that funds are secured and the project implemented accordingly. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **21/16 Classroom Blocks for Schools in Sikongo Constituency**

On 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2016, the Deputy Minister of General Education made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, the mentioned schools are at varying levels of construction. The biggest problem has been limited resources. In terms of completing the projects, the officers in Sikongo are trying to secure funding from the Constituency Development Fund (CDF). The Ministry of General Education is also committed to including some of the schools in its 2016 Infrastructure Development Plan (IDP). Sir, the construction of the 1x2 classroom block at Simbuu Primary School is expected to commence in 2016.*

In noting the submission, Committee, in the last Session, had expressed disappointment at the continued delay in the commencement of construction works of a 1 x 2 classroom block at Simbuu Primary School and had strongly urged the Government to ensure that this assurance was actualised as promised. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

### **Executive's Response**

The Government in its update to the Committee submitted that the status quo had remained the same due to limited fiscal space.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee expresses dismay at the failure by the Executive to secure funds for a project which was expected to commence four years ago. In this regard, the Committee implores the Executive to commit and implement the projects assured on the floor of the House as promised. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **31/16 Ncheka Primary School in Malambo**

On 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2016, the Deputy Minister of General Education made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, the blown off roof at Ncheka Primary School will be rehabilitated this year because it has been provided for in the 2016 Annual Work Plan. The works will be undertaken as soon as the funds are released.*

The Committee in the previous Session had found the response by the Executive casual and unacceptable, given the inordinate time it had taken for it to rehabilitate the blown off roof at Ncheka Primary School and had urged the Government to take this assurance seriously and rehabilitate the roof without further delay. 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 the status quo remained the same due to limited fiscal space. The rehabilitation of the school would be done once funds were secured.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee finds the submission by the Executive unacceptable as it has taken over four years to rehabilitate the blown off roof which was considered an emergency. The Committee urges the Executive to urgently secure funds for the rehabilitation of the blown off roof as the learners have been disadvantaged for a long time. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **13/15 Laboratories at Secondary Schools in Chasefu**

On 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2015, the Deputy Minister of Education, Science, Vocational Training and Early Education made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, the Ministry, through the National Science Centre, has approved the supply of mobile science laboratories to Lusuntha and Emusa Day Secondary Schools while funds are being sourced for the construction of permanent laboratories. Hoya Day Secondary School might be considered in 2016.*

In noting the submission in the previous Session, the Committee had expressed concern that the status quo had remained the same and that assurances were not being actualised as promised. The Committee had strongly urged the Government to ensure that funds were secured to actualise the project. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

#### **Executive's Response**

The Government in its update to the Committee submitted that the status quo had remained the same due to the non-availability of funds. The Committee was further informed that the construction would commence once funds were made available.

#### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee expresses concern that the Executive does not take seriously assurances made on the floor of the House, as evidenced by its repeated failure to fund the projects, hence diminishing the oversight role of Parliament. The Committee urges the Executive to ensure that the laboratories are constructed so as not to disadvantage the learners. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

#### **30/14 Construction of Nakonde Secondary School**

On 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2014, the Deputy Minister of Education, Science, Vocational Training and Early Education made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, the construction of Nakonde Secondary School is planned to be completed in 2015.*

The Committee, in the previous Session, had noted the submission with concern considering the inordinate length of time it had taken the Government to actualise the assurance and had urged the Government to ensure that funds were sourced to actualise the project. 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 the construction of Nakonde Day Secondary School had stalled due to project funding challenges. However, the works resumed following the partial release of funds. The school was earmarked for partial opening in the first quarter of 2021. The completion of the works would be done using a phased approach.

#### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the progress made, urges the Executive to ensure that the school is partially opened in the first quarter of 2021, and that funds are secured to complete the project. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the completion of the school.

### **03/13 Ntatumbila and Shemu Basic Schools**

On Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> February 2013, the Deputy Minister of Education, Science, Vocational Training and Early Education made the following assurance:

*The Provincial Education Officer (PEO) for Muchinga Province has been tasked to identify schools in the Province which could be transformed into secondary schools. This process of identification and transformation has already started in Muchinga Province and the Honourable Member of Parliament will be informed in due course.*

The Committee, in noting the submission in the previous Session, had urged the Government to seriously ensure that priority was given to such assurances and had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

### **Executive's Response**

The Executive, in its update to the Committee, submitted that once funds were made available, the works would be completed.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee finds the response by the Executive unacceptable considering that the assurance has been outstanding since 2013. In this regard, the Committee is disturbed to note that assurances made on the floor of the House are only made to appease Members of Parliament and the people they represent. The Committee, therefore, urges the Executive to take seriously the assurances made on the floor of the House and resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **21 /17 Mufumbwe Day Secondary School Laboratory**

On 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2017, the Minister of General Education made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, I wish to inform the House that the Government has plans to refurbish the laboratory at Mufumbwe Day Secondary School in Mufumbwe District to replace the one which was gutted by fire three years ago. Sir, plans to carry out the refurbishment are expected to be implemented in 2017.*

The Committee, in noting the submission in the previous Session, had expressed serious concern that the Government had failed to refurbish the Mufumbwe Day Secondary School laboratory which was gutted over six years ago and urged the Government to ensure that the laboratory was refurbished without further delay. 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 the refurbishment of the laboratory had not commenced due budgetary constraints. However, the mobilisation of building materials had commenced with 6,500 burnt bricks on site. The rest of the materials would be procured once the project was funded.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the submission, urges the Executive to urgently secure funds to refurbish the laboratory. The Committee is seriously concerned that the continued lack of an operational

laboratory has greatly disadvantaged the learners, who are required to use the laboratory for their lessons. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **26/17 Pondo Basic School**

On 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2017, the Minister of General Education made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, the Ministry is aware that a 1 x 3 classroom block was blown off. The repair works have been costed and the project is among those that will be implemented in the 2017 budget. Mr Speaker, the construction of additional classrooms will start in 2017, once funds are released as the school is appearing in the budget. Since it has already been budgeted for, what remains is the release of the funds.*

The Committee, in the previous Session, had expressed concern over the failure by the Executive to repair the blown off roof at Pondo Basic School and urged the Government to urgently mobilise funds for the repairs to avoid further dilapidation of the school infrastructure and additional costs due to time lapse. 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 once funds were made available, the rehabilitation works would commence.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee bemoans the failure by the Executive to repair the blown off roof and reiterates its call for the Government to urgently mobilise funds for these repairs to be undertaken so as to avoid further dilapidation of the school infrastructure due to exposure to the elements. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **28/17 Deployment of Teachers to Nangoma Constituency**

On 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2017, the Minister of General Education made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, the Government deployed thirty-eight teachers to Nangoma Parliamentary Constituency and hopes to send twenty more during the 2017 recruitment exercise.*

In noting the submission, the Committee, in the previous Session had urged the Government to ensure that funds for the recruitment process were consistently released and had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

### **Executive's Response**

The Executive, in its update to the Committee, submitted that the status quo had remained the same due to limited fiscal space. However, once authority was given for the recruitment and deployment, teachers would be deployed to Nangoma Parliamentary Constituency and the rest of the schools in other parts of the country in similar situations.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee finds the submission by the Executive unacceptable as it has taken three years to fulfil the assurance, which has had negative effects on the performance of the school children. The Committee, therefore, urges the Executive to ensure that funds are set aside to enable the deployment

of teachers to Nangoma Parliamentary Constituency, and resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

#### **17/17 Electrification of Chama South Schools**

On 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2017, the Minister of General Education made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, Chikwa and Chitheba Day Secondary Schools will 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 will be electrified by the end of 2017.*

In noting the submission, the Committee, in the last Session had expressed concern that it had taken the Government over three years to install solar panels at Chikwa and Chiteba Day Secondary Schools to meet their electricity demands. The Committee had urged the Government to ensure that the two schools were provided with either solar panels or generators without further delay. The Committee had resolved to await a comprehensive progress report on the construction of Chikwa Day Secondary School and installation of either solar panels or provision of generators at the two schools.

#### **Executive's Response**

The Government in its update to the Committee submitted that Chikwa Day Secondary School had been connected to the national grid while Chitheba Day Secondary School would be electrified once funds were made available.

#### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the progress made, resolves to close the matter on the electrification of Chikwa Day Secondary School and resolves to await a progress report on the electrification of Chitheba Day Secondary School.

### **MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING SERVICES**

#### **02/18 ZNBC Offices in Chinsali**

On 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2017, the Minister of Information and Broadcasting made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, the Ministry has a plan to build a provincial broadcasting station in Chinsali District. This project is part of the implementation of phases two and three of the Digital Migration Project. The provincial broadcasting stations will be utilised by the Zambia National Broadcasting Corporation (ZNBC) as local offices as well.*

*Mr Speaker, the implementation of the plan has already started. At the moment, the contractor has started building the transmission house and tower. The works on the main provincial broadcasting station in Chinsali will commence once the contractor has completed the construction of the transmission house on or before 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2017. The commencement of the construction works in Chinsali, Mongu, Mansa, Chipata, Kabwe and Kasama will, therefore, start before the end of October, 2017.*



In noting the progress made on the six provincial broadcasting studios, the Committee, in the previous Session, had urged the Government to ensure that the remaining works were completed by February, 2020 as was submitted and that funds for the construction of the two studios which had lagged behind were sourced without further delay. 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 the construction of the Provincial Studios in six provinces, namely: Northern Province in Kasama, Muchinga Province in Chinsali, Luapula Province in Mansa, Western Province in Mongu, Eastern Province in Chipata and Central Province in Kabwe, were on average at 98 per cent of completion with only some minor works remaining. It was anticipated that they would be fully completed and officially commissioned before the end of 2021.

Regarding the two studios in Choma and Solwezi, these projects had stalled at slab level due to budgetary constraints. This notwithstanding, the equipment for the two studios was procured through the Digital Migration Project and was now awaiting installation. This being the case, management made a decision to temporarily convert two buildings to accommodate the equipment for commissioning before the completion of the stalled projects. The two buildings belonged to the Ministry of Agriculture in Solwezi and local authority in Choma. Rehabilitation works for the two buildings were expected to be completed by the end of the second quarter of 2021.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the progress made on the six provincial studios, resolves to await a progress report on the remaining works and the completion of the two stalled studios in Choma and Solwezi.

### **18/15 Radio Reception in Rural Areas**

On 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2015, the Deputy Minister of Information and Broadcasting made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, the Government, through the Zambia National Broadcasting Corporation (ZNBC), has embarked on a nationwide programme to enhance radio reception in the rural parts of the country under the Rural FM Project.*

*The Rural FM Project involves installation of transmitters at the following **twenty-four** sites: Chienge; Kazembe; Kaputa; Samfya; Chilubi Island; Mporokoso; Isoka; Shiwang'andu; Luwingu; Senga Hill; Mwandi; Shang'ombo; Lukulu; Mulobezi; Maamba; Sinazeze; Sinazongwe; Chirundu; Kalomo; Mufumbwe; Chavuma; Luangwa; Nyimba; and Mumbwa.*

The Committee, in noting the submission in the previous Session, had resolved to await a comprehensive progress report on the installation of transmitters in the twenty four sites.

### **Executive's Response**

The Executive, in its update to the Committee, submitted that from the time the assurance was given, the country's fiscal space had not improved and, therefore, coupled with the current financial challenges arising from various factors, key among them the COVID-19, signal transmission

equipment were only installed in nine sites out of the planned twenty four namely; Shiwang'andu in Muchinga Province, Shang'ombo and Mulobezi in Western Province, Chilubi Island and Luwingu in Northern Province, Chavuma and Mufumbwe in North Western Province, Luangwa in Lusaka Province and Mumbwa in Central Province. This notwithstanding, the Committee was assured that as soon as the country's financial situation improved, signal transmission equipment would be installed in the remaining sixteen sites.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the effort the Executive has made, urges it to be consistent in the disbursement of funds and ensure that the signal transmission equipment is installed at remaining sixteen sites. The Committee resolves to await a comprehensive progress report on the matter.

## **MINISTRY OF FINANCE**

### **06/16 Macro Economic Objectives, Policies and Strategies for 2017**

On 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2016, the Minister of Finance through his budget address made the following assurance:

*Sir, most of the land in Zambia is not on title as only about 200,000 parcels of land are on title. In order to redress this, the Government will, in 2017, commission a pilot programme in Lusaka. This programme will commence the process of titling of all land in the province. This exercise is aimed at the following:*

- (a) giving citizens titled assets for credit extension;*
- (b) enhancing collection of land rates to finance Government activities;*
- (c) establishing an integrated and sustainable land registry on the status of land and its use;*
- (d) protecting vulnerable groups such as women; and*
- (e) resolving challenges among parties involved in disputes.*

In noting the submission in the previous Session, the Committee had urged the Government to ensure that the Land Policy was put in place so that all the lacunae in the implementation of land management and its administration were addressed. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the titling process of all land in Lusaka Province.

### **Executive's Response**

The Committee was informed that the National Land Titling sub-project MLG50000 which started in July, 2018 had recorded 60,000 properties in Lusaka. The National Land Titling Centre of the Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources, working with the Lusaka City Council and Medici Land Governance (who are the service providers) had distributed 6,000 offer letters in seven of the thirty three demarcation areas. The total number of title ready properties captured and in the system for these seven areas was 11,900. Challenges related to payment of the 20 per cent required for the generation of offer letters had revealed that of the 6,000 offer letters distributed, only 3,800 had paid the minimum required to generate a Certificate of Title. Distribution was affected by social disturbances relating to the 'gassing' issue in March and resumed in July albeit at a slower pace because of Covid-19.

The Committee was further informed that the plan was to complete the distribution of the offer letters for the remaining demarcation areas by December, 2020 and follow-up the payment of consideration fees by allowing for more payment platforms. Nationally, the Ministry had engaged Medici Land Governance to undertake the demarcation and creation of titles for the rest of the country on a privately financed fee-based contract. The draft contract stipulated the creation of 4,000,000 titles countrywide in seven years. The 4,000,000 was broken down as follows:

- a. 1,500,000 Certificates of Titles within the first 3 years; and
- b. 2,500,000 Certificates of Titles in the next 4 years.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the progress made, urges the Executive to ensure that offer letters in all the thirty three demarcation areas are issued and to ensure that Medici Land Governance undertakes the demarcation and creation of titles for the rest of the country on a privately financed fee-based contract. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **44/18 Cage Fish Farming on Lakes Mweru, Kariba, Tanganyika and Kafue River and Nalolo District in Western Province**

On 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2017, the Minister of Finance via his budget address made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, with regard to fisheries, in 2018, the Government will promote cage fish farming on Lakes Mweru, Kariba, Tanganyika and Bangweulu and Kafue River at Kasaka and in the water bodies in the Western Province. This is in an effort to improve productivity and production to attain self-reliance.*

In noting the progress made, the Committee in the previous Session had urged the Government to ensure that resources were urgently mobilised to facilitate the delivery and installation of twenty-four cages to Lake Bangweulu, twenty four to Lake Mweru in Luapula Province, forty-nine in Nalolo and three at Kasaka Fisheries Training Institute. The Committee had resolved to await a comprehensive progress report on the matter.

### **Executive's Response**

The Committee was informed that a total sum of K3,438,638.00 had been mobilised from TRALARD and PPCR to fund the installation and commission of the fish cages in Nalolo, Mweru, Nchelenge and Senanga District. The twenty-four cages had been successfully installed on Lake Bangweulu. Furthermore, the communities were trained in management of the cages as well as governance issues. In order to stagger the stocking of the cages, twelve cages were stocked. This was in a bid to avoid flooding the market with fish if all cages were to be stocked at the same time. That would in turn affect the profitability of the market.

Resources were being mobilised for the fish cages at Kasaka through payments of fees by students that were being trained at the Centre.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the progress made, resolves to await a comprehensive progress report on the installation of cages on Lakes Mweru, Kariba, Tanganyika and Kafue River at Kasaka and in the water bodies in the Western Province.

### **45/18 Zambia Aquaculture Enterprise Development Project**

On 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2017, the Minister of Finance via his budget address made the following assurance on the floor of the House:

*Mr Speaker, in 2018, the Government will continue with the implementation of the US\$50 million Zambia Aquaculture Enterprise Development Project, which is aimed, among other outcomes, at building institutional capacity for fish, fingerling and feed production. Further, it will provide support to the private sector in developing the aquaculture value chain, including in the establishment of fish feed plants, hatcheries, and freezing and processing facilities. Further, the Government is also undertaking a comprehensive livestock and aquaculture census, which will be completed in 2018. The results of the census will guide the formulation of policies to facilitate growth and development.*

In noting the progress made on the livestock and aquaculture census, the Committee in the previous Session had urged the Government to ensure that the census results were used as baseline data for statistics of livestock and aquaculture and guide the formulation of livestock and aquaculture policies in the country as promised on the floor of the House. Further, the Committee had urged the Government to ensure that the Zambia Aquaculture Enterprise Development Project was fully implemented and had resolved to await a comprehensive progress report on the matter.

### **Executive's Response**

The Executive, in its update to the Committee, submitted that the Ministry was developing the National Livestock Development Policy; and the Fisheries and Aquaculture Policy. The results from the livestock and aquaculture census were being used in the formulation of these Policies. This was in line with the assurance that was given on the floor of the House.

The progress for the implementation of the Zambia Aquaculture Enterprise Development Project aimed at stimulating a viable aquaculture subsector in Zambia in order to promote economic diversification, food security and sustainable employment generation, all of which were central priorities of the Government of Zambia. The project was designed with three components; component 1; Support to Aquaculture Entrepreneurs, component 2; Support to Growth Enabling Infrastructure and component 3; Project Management and Institutional Capacity Building. The project was supported in partnership with the African Development Bank and it was valued at USD 50.89 million. The project was expected to benefit 12,000 players along the aquaculture value chain, increase income levels from USD600 to USD 1500 along smallholder farmers, increase fish production by 20,000MT, establish five aquaculture parks and increase fish consumption per capita from 6kg to 12kgs.

The project under component 1 managed to train 497, out of which 171 were females incubatees under the incubation training programme; the project had also approved 891 beneficiaries under the aquaculture seed valued at K168,722,849.06. Further, under support to access to inputs, the project had commenced rehabilitation of three aquaculture research stations for them to increase capacity to

produce fingerlings and the project also supported twelve private hatcheries to resolve the fingerling challenge the country was experiencing. Under component two, the project had commenced establishing the five aquaculture parks (Mungwi, Samfya, Kafue, Chipepo and Kasempa).

The project had formed clusters within the aquaculture parks and 636 farmers were trained to improve the management practices in the aquaculture parks. The project had also advertised to engage contractors for the development of infrastructure (service centers) to support the aquaculture activities in the aquaculture parks. Further, under the Genetic Improvement Programme (GIP) working with WorldFish to improve the performance of the local species (Kafue Bream), the GIP was underway at National Aquaculture Research and Development Centre (NARDC) in Kitwe. The Project had already collected germ plasm from the wild and had had them screened for possible disease. It had also since put up an indoor incubation facility. The project had also commenced developing the aquatic animal health strategy with the support of the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of the United Nations. The food safety component had also commenced and the legal framework governing feed production in the country was reviewed with the support from FAO.

Under component 3; the project had supported the Department of Fisheries to improve service delivery to aquaculture players through extension support by procuring 140 motor bikes, procurement of twenty-three vehicles, IT equipment and office furniture. The project was also developing the National Aquaculture Statistics system with the support from FAO.

The current financial position of the project was 51.16 per cent under the ADB portfolio and 18.66 GRZ, with an overall disbursement rate of 47.65 per cent.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee is pleased that the Ministry is developing the National Livestock Development Policy and the Fisheries and Aquaculture Policy, using the results from the livestock and aquaculture census. In this regard, the Committee resolves to await a progress report on the full formulation and implementation of the policies to facilitate growth and development of this sector.

### **46/18 Recruitment of Extension Service Workers**

On 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2017, the Minister of Finance in his budget address made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, the Government will enhance extension service provision. In partnership with the private sector, it will work towards improving agricultural market information systems and the development of functional markets, which is essential to sustained higher production, enhanced agricultural value chains, improved farmer incomes and reduced poverty. To support the outlined measures, the Government will recruit 750 extension service workers in the agricultural sector.*

The Committee in the last Session had noted with concern that there were no other positions yet to be filled as they had exhausted the Treasury Authority as opposed to the assurance made on the floor of the House. In this regard, the Committee had strongly urged the Government to ensure that the 750 extension services officers were recruited as was promised on the floor of the House and had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

### **Executive's Response**

The Executive, in its response to the Committee, submitted that it would continuously engage the Treasury on the recruitment of additional extension officers.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the submission, urges the Executive to ensure that the remaining eighty-nine extension service officers from the 750 promised to be recruited in the agricultural sector, are recruited without further delay. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **47/18 Geological Mapping Programme**

On 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2017, the Minister of Finance through his budget address made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, to enhance information provision and planning, the Government will, in 2018, continue with the geological mapping programme for the remaining 40 per cent of the country. In addition, to promote inclusiveness in the sector, the Government will continue to support artisanal and small-scale miners through the Development Mineral Capacity Building Programme. Further, promotion of downstream value chains will be emphasised.*

In noting the progress made, the Committee, in the previous Session, had urged the Government to ensure that the geological mapping programme was expeditiously completed and ensure continued support to artisanal and small-scale miners through the Development Mineral Capacity Building Programme. 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 reports and maps for the three datasets for the geological mapping of three-quarter degree sheets covering parts of Kasama, Mporokoso, Luwingu and Lunte districts and Geochemical sampling of an area straddling Shiwang'andu, Chinsali, Isoka, Mafinga, and Chama districts undertaken in collaboration with the China Geological Survey had not yet been handed over to the Government. The delay had been attributed to international travel restrictions resulting from the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Committee was further informed that an additional 3 per cent was mapped bringing the total mapped areas in the country to 63 per cent. However, Geological mapping was a continuous and long term programme which required substantial financial resources to be implemented successfully. A minimum of K700,000.00 was required to map a quarter degree sheet. Therefore, to map a degree sheet (which had 4 quarter degree sheets) required a minimum of K2,800,000.00. However, in the recent past, funding to the Ministry (particularly the Geological Survey Department) had been far below the required amount to successfully complete geological mapping of the unmapped areas in the country due to limited fiscal space. In view of this, the Ministry would continue engaging with the Ministry of Finance for an increased resource envelop to expedite the geological mapping programme.

The ACP-EU Development Minerals Programme was an in-depth capacity building project that aimed at building the profile and improving the management of development minerals in Zambia. The programme was implemented over a period of four years from 2016-2019 with a total of 750,000 Euros. During phase I, the programme achieved the following successes: capacity building in technical and business skills, empowerment of target groups with entrepreneurial skills and creation

of business linkages for industry players; Training of Trainers (TOT) on quarry and mine management, community health and environment and human rights and support to the TOT trainees; hosting of a business forum to showcase the development minerals sector with the aim of supporting innovation and linking small-scale mining entrepreneurs to industry and market players; entrepreneurial skills training at the National Council for Construction (NCC) in cobblestone manufacturing and paving; digitisation of geological records, publications and reports at the Geological Survey Department; establishment of a mineral resource inventory of development minerals; formation of cooperatives to facilitate access to development minerals specific support; support to governance structures of mining associations; grants to small scale miners amounting to USD78,420; and hosting of the International Conference on Artisanal and Small Scale Mining and Quarrying.

Following the successful implementation of the programme, Phase II of the programme was approved for a period of three years from 2020 to 2022 with an amount of US\$600,000 from the European Union (EU) and an additional US\$150,000 from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). The Programme would continue to build on the successes of Phase I by providing capacity development support to ASMEs, sector associations, public institutions and the social stakeholders to participate in the development minerals value chain.

#### **Committee's Observation and Recommendation**

The Committee observes with concern the slow pace at which the mapping programme is being undertaken and urges the Executive to ensure that funds are consistently disbursed so as to expeditiously complete the mapping programme. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

#### **48/18 Energy Regulation and Electricity Bill**

On 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2017, the Minister of Finance in his budget address made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, stable and reliable energy supply is critical to the welfare of our people and productivity of business. Priority in the electricity sub-sector will, therefore, be on increasing the energy mix through the promotion of off-grid electricity generation and alternative energy sources. In this regard, the Government will continue with on-going reforms in the sector to boost private sector participation. Sir, in 2018, the Government will present the Energy Regulation and Electricity Bills to this august House for enactment. The Energy Regulation Bill will allow for enhanced supervision and regulation of the energy sector while the Electricity Bill will, among other outcomes, allow for participation of other players in the industry. To ensure cost reflectivity in tariffs and encourage investment in the sector, the Government will, in 2018, finalise the cost of service study. The results will provide the basis for future adjustments to electricity tariffs.*

The Committee, in the previous Session, noted the progress made and had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

#### **Executive's Response**

The Executive, in its update to the Committee, submitted that the Ministry of Energy through the Energy Regulation Board (ERB) entered into a contract with Energy Market and Regulatory

Consultants (EMRC) on 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2019. The twelve month study was officially launched in December, 2019 and was expected to be completed by end of November, 2020. However, due to COVID -19, the study had been extended to be completed by end of second quarter, 2021.

### **Committee's Observation and Recommendations**

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

### **50/18 Dam Construction at Kafue Gorge Lower Project and Maamba Thermal Plant**

On 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2017, the Minister of Finance in his budget address made the following assurance:

*Sir, I am glad to inform this House that the dam construction of the 750 MW Kafue Gorge Lower Project is progressing well. Further, the work on the second phase of the 300 MW Maamba Thermal Plant is expected to commence in 2018. In addition, the 250 MW Kalungwishi Hydro Power Project will commence in 2018.*

The Committee, in noting the submission in the previous Session, had urged the Government to ensure that the works were completed in 2020, as was submitted without further delay. The Committee had resolved to await a comprehensive report on the dam construction at Kafue Gorge Lower Project, Maamba Thermal Plant and Kalungwishi Hydro Power Project.

### **Executive's Response**

The Executive, in its update to the Committee, submitted as follows:

### **Kafue Gorge Lower Project**

The overall actual project percentage progress stood at 91 per cent against the planned 99 per cent while the overall actual project percentage progress for the main works was at 85 per cent against the planned 99 per cent. The overall actual dam percentage progress was at 89 per cent against the planned 100 per cent.

The placement of roller compacted concrete (RCC) was completed on 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2020. The placement of conventional vibrated concrete (CVC) was at 97 per cent complete against the planned 99 per cent.

The works that were outstanding and those in progress included works at the three spillways of the dam and installation of hydro and electro-mechanical equipment. The three units (3 x 150 MW) were expected to be commissioned by end of 2020 and the remaining two units in the first quarter of 2021.

Progress on all works had negatively been affected by the impact of COVID-19 as there had been restrictions not only on movement of human resources but also goods and services. Some contractor's mostly Chinese personnel had travelled to China earlier in the year for their holidays before the pandemic was declared and could not return on time for work due to travel restrictions. Further, the pandemic had led to the reduction in the number of local workers as recruitment and/or recalling of more local workers to increase manpower levels was a challenge hence the slower pace of work progress of late.



### **Kalungwishi Power Project as at end of July, 2020 Water Rights**

The Committee was informed that ZESCO applied for Water Rights from Water Resources Management Authority (WARMA). However, the application was rejected citing that the two sites in the water application were already before their Board awaiting determination as an EIA process had already been completed. ZESCO appealed WARMA's decision and during the second quarter of 2020 WARMA Board communicated to ZESCO affirming the decision by WARMA. The matter was however, being handled by the Solicitor General.

### **Environmental Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) Studies**

The Committee was also informed that the preparation of terms of reference (ToRs) and scoping reports for the project land and transmission way leave were completed in December, 2019 and submitted to the Zambia Environmental Management Agency (ZEMA) on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019. ZEMA rejected the application for the reason that the proposed project site had an already approved Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for hydropower plant by Luapula Hydro Power Corporation. Therefore, the Agency was not going to proceed to review the TORs and scoping report for the proposed Kalungwishi River Hydropower Scheme Project. The matter was being handled by the Solicitor General.

### **Land Acquisition**

The Committee was informed that detailed surveys of Kundabwika and Kabwelume power station sites were completed. Acquisition of land was done as consent for the land was given by all the chiefs in the project area. Approvals of site plans for the two sites were obtained from the Provincial Planning Authorities. Thus far, three district councils, namely Kaputa, Nchelenge and Kawambwa had approved the site plans except for Mporokoso District Council, where there was still an issue to be resolved with the National Heritage Conservation Commission (NHCC). NHCC was requesting for a Concession Agreement in which NHCC was requesting for annual concession fees from the Project. ZESCO had rejected the request from NHCC stating that the fees would push the project cost high and make the project unbankable to financiers.

During the second quarter of 2020, the Ministry of Lands, Natural Resources and Environmental Protection numbered the site plans for the pieces of land for the project applied for in Kaputa, Nchelenge, Kawambwa, and issued Invitations to Treat, except for Mporokoso District.

### **Review of the Feasibility Study Reports**

The project team had reviewed existing feasibility study reports and an in-house ZESCO team had prepared draft tender documents for solicitation of an EPC contractor. ZESCO was in the process of procuring a short term consultant to expedite the updating of the feasibility studies of the project and finalise the draft tender documents.

### **300 MW Maamba Phase II**

The Committee was further informed that the developer was still undertaking feasibility assessment for the project. Once the feasibility report was submitted to the Ministry, the inter-ministerial committee would resume the negotiations for an implementation agreement.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the progress made, urges the Executive to ensure that the issues being handled by the Solicitor-General with regard the Kalungwishi Power Project's application for water

rights and the preparation of terms of reference (ToRs) and scoping reports for the project land and transmission way leave are finalised expeditiously. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the construction of the three dams.

#### **51/18 Implement the Renewable Energy Feed-in Tariff Regulatory Framework**

On 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2017, the Minister of Finance, through his budget address, made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, in the 2017 budget address, the Government indicated its intention to disengage from direct procurement of finished petroleum products by March 2017, to remove the burden of oil procurement from the Treasury, attain efficiencies and promote private sector participation. The measure will take effect in the first quarter of 2018.*

The Committee, in the last Session, noted the submission with concern as it had taken the Government over two years to disengage from direct procurement of finished petroleum products, a measure which was to take effect in the first quarter of 2018. The Committee, therefore, had urged the Government to ensure that the assurance was actualised without 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 Finance in collaboration with the Ministry of Justice was undertaking stakeholder consultative meetings with key stakeholders. Once consultations were completed and all the stakeholders' concerns taken into account, the Ministry of Finance would submit the draft Bill to the Ministry of Justice.

#### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the submission, urges the Executive to ensure that the stakeholder consultation process is expedited to enable the Government to disengage from direct procurement of finished petroleum products. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

#### **52/18 Expansion and Modernisation of the Kenneth Kaunda International Airport (KKIA)**

On 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2017, the Minister of Finance in his budget address to the House made the following assurance:

*The expansion and modernisation of the Kenneth Kaunda International Airport (KKIA) was expected to be completed in 2019. Further, the Government has commenced the construction of the Copperbelt International Airport.*

In noting the submission in the previous Session, the Committee had urged the Government to ensure that works on the two airports were expeditiously completed and resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

#### **Executive's Response**

The Executive, in its update to the Committee, submitted that as of 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2020, the overall progress on the expansion and modernisation of the Kenneth Kaunda International Airport was at 89 per cent. Progress on the various components of the project was as indicated in the table below.

	ITEM	PROGRE SS TO DATE	REMAINING WORKS
1	New Terminal Building	98%	Equipment testing and commissioning
2	Airport Hotel	96%	Equipment testing and commissioning
3	Fire and Rescue Service Centre	100%	Completed
4	Water Tank and Pump House	100%	Completed
5	Viaduct	100%	Completed
6	ATC Building and Tower	98%	Equipment testing and commissioning
7	Extension of the Taxiway	92%	Airfield Ground Lighting (AGL) system
8	Apron for New Terminal Building	95%	AGL works and service lane
9	Presidential Pavilion apron	100%	Completed
10	Warehousing Facilities apron	100%	Completed
11	Parking Lots	96%	Pavement markings
12	Presidential Pavilion	89%	Bullet-proofing and finishing
13	Warehousing Facilities	98.5%	Equipment testing and commissioning
14	Commercial Complex	99%	Equipment testing and commissioning
15	Airport Office Park	99%	Equipment testing and commissioning
16	Corridor Connecting the Terminals	35%	Steel structure installation
17	Widening of the Taxiway Shoulder	0%	To be commenced after AGL cable rerouting
18	Rehabilitation of the Existing Terminal Building	0%	To commence after commissioning of new terminal
19	ZASTI	0%	To be commenced end of August 2020
20	Total Progress of the KKIA Project	89%	
21	Total Progress of the KKIA Substation Project	88%	Transmission line, underground cable laying and equipment testing.

Most of the major components on the KKIA Project were above 90 per cent complete and mainly awaiting equipment testing and commissioning, which was dependent on the power substation which was at 88 per cent complete. Works at ZASTI commenced in September, 2020.

With regard to the Copperbelt International Airport (CIA), the overall progress on the construction was at 75.94 per cent as at 31<sup>st</sup> June, 2020. Progress on the various components of the project was as follows:

- Parking Apron 100 per cent
- Runway and Taxiway 98.3 per cent
- Airfield Drainage 100 per cent
- Terminal Building 81per cent
- Business Complex 95 per cent
- ATC Building 68 per cent
- Hotel 9.63 per cent

• Special Garage	96 per cent
• Maintenance Hanger	87 per cent
• AGL Substation	91 per cent
• Rescue and Fire Services	91 per cent
• Viaduct	96 per cent
• Air Ground Lighting	96 per cent
• Police Station	80 per cent
• Perimeter Road	100 per cent
• Water Supply Station	81 per cent
• Sewage Treatment Station	71 per cent
• Central Substation	91 per cent
• Quarantine	90 per cent
• Central Airside Access Gate	76 per cent
• Garbage Incineration Station	76 per cent
• Cargo	85 per cent
• Fuel Farm Area	36 per cent
• Bulk Substation	66 per cent

The overall completion level was at 75.94 per cent.

The Committee was further informed that the construction of Copperbelt International Airport was ahead of schedule as the project period ran from 2017 to 2022.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the submission, urges the Executive to ensure that works at the Kenneth Kaunda International Airport are expedited as the project is two years behind schedule. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the two airports.

### **54/18 Decentralisation**

On 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2017, the Minister of Finance in his budget address made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, centralisation of power, particularly in respect of resource control and decision making has hampered the attainment of equitable national development. In order to address that, the Government will, in 2018 ensure that the finances required for the provision of frontline public services and infrastructure projects at provincial and district levels are de-concentrated to the provincial administration*

In noting the submission in the previous Session, the Committee had urged the Government to expeditiously harmonise the relevant pieces of legislation for fiscal decentralisation to be actualised. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

### **Executive's Response**

In its update to the Committee, the Government submitted that as a first step towards fiscal decentralisation, the Central Government had made progress towards deconcentration of financial

resources directly to district offices within line ministries. This could be seen under Ministry of General Education where financial resources were appropriated by Parliament at programme level but the financial resources were disbursed directly from the Treasury to the actual schools. The Committee was also informed that with regard to harmonising legislation, the process was on-going and was dependent on the outcome of the constitutional amendments.

The Committee was further informed that funds follow the function and that some functions were national, while others were local. Presently, inter-governmental transfers to local authorities were being implemented through the *Local Government Act of 2019* by the provision of the Local Government Equalisation Fund, Constituency Development Funds and Grants in Lieu of Rates.

There was little progress that was made in the process of harmonising the relevant pieces of legislation for fiscal decentralisation. This was explained by the protracted process of having the constitution amended as some processes hinged on the finalisation of the proposed amendment to the constitution as contained in the Constitutional Amendment Bill, No. 10 of 2019.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the submission, urges the Government to ensure that fiscal decentralisation is actualised and solutions found to harmonise the relevant pieces of legislation hindering the finalisation of the process. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

## **MINISTRY OF DEFENCE**

### **11/15 – Connection of Luena Barracks to new Water System**

On 4<sup>th</sup> March 2015, the Deputy Minister of Defence made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, Luena Barracks, which was initially constructed with an independent water supply system, will be connected to the Western Water Company (WWC) system in the 2016 budget cycle.*

The Committee in the last Session had urged the Government to ensure that payments to Western Water and Sewerage Company were made without further delay so that Luena Barracks could be connected to the new water system and resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

### **Executive's Response**

The Executive, in its update to the Committee, indicated that much progress was made with regard to the improvement of water system at Luena Barracks in Western Provinces. The following activities had been done:

- (i) the tendering process for single sourcing of Western Water Company (WWC) was finalised;
- (ii) the Ministerial Procurement Committee had already approved the award of contract to Western Water and Sewerage Company; and
- (iii) the draft contract was sent to Ministry of Justice for prior review before the signing of the contract between the Ministry and Western Water Company.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

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

### **SECRETARY TO THE TREASURY**

The Committee in the previous Session had noted the promise by the Treasury that assurances made on the floor of the House would be prioritised, starting with those that were 80 per cent and above complete and had been outstanding for over three years. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the funding of assurances.

### **Executive's Response**

The Committee was informed that the Treasury acknowledged the challenges in funding infrastructure projects. However, it should be noted that the prevailing revenue constraints coupled with the depreciation of the kwacha against major tradable currencies had led to the re-allocation of funds from planned activities to constitutional and statutory expenditures such as salaries and debt service. Notwithstanding this, the Treasury would still prioritise the completion of infrastructure projects above 80 percent, in line with the policy directive, as the revenue position improved.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee is saddened that not much has been done to ensure that assurances that have been outstanding for over three years are funded and projects implemented. In this vein, the Committee, in noting the submission, is of the view that construction of infrastructure projects assured on the floor of the House must be prioritised notwithstanding the 80 per cent policy directive. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the funding of assurances especially those which have been outstanding for over three years.

### **MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

#### **34/13 Construction of Chalimbana, Mukuba and Kwame Nkrumah Universities**

On Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2013, the Vice-President assured the House as follows:

*Mr Speaker, according to the latest information I have, and it is 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 will open as universities this year, 2013.*

In noting the progress made in the previous Session, the Committee had urged the Government to ensure that funds were made available for the remaining works at the three universities to be completed. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

### **Executive's Response**

In its update to the Committee, the Executive submitted as follows:

#### **a) Mukuba and Kwame Nkrumah Universities**

Following the commissioning of phase one of the projects at Mukuba and Kwame Nkrumah Universities by the Republican President on 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2019, the second phase of the two projects was at 30 percent complete. In light of the Government's decision to concentrate on completing projects that were 80 per cent and above, phase two of the projects would only commence when funds were

available and the stock of projects at 80 per cent completed. The two universities were, however, currently operational.

**b) Chalimbana University**

With regard to Chalimbana University, the Committee was informed that phase one of the project at the University was still at 30 per cent complete and falls outside the current stock of projects above 80 per cent that were earmarked for completion. Once this stock of projects was completed, and funds were made available, phase one of construction works at Chalimbana University would be completed and the Committee updated on the progress.

**Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee notes the submission with concern, considering the inordinately lengthy period of time it has taken the Executive to complete the projects, the Committee urges the Executive to ensure that funds are secured to facilitate the completion of the three universities as the assurance has been outstanding for over seven years. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

**40/14 Construction of King Lewanika University**

On 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2014, the Deputy Minister of Education, Science, Vocational Training and Early Education made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, the construction of King Lewanika University in the Western Province will commence in January, 2015. The contractor, by the name of Datong Construction Limited, has been identified. The project is estimated to cost K160 million. The project will be constructed within a period of three years.*

The Committee, in the previous Session, had expressed concern that little had been done to actualise this important project and had urged the Government to source the necessary funds to ensure that the project was actualised. The Committee had further reiterated the need by the Government to only initiate projects once the requisite funding was secured. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

**Executive's Response**

The Committee was informed that the construction of King Lewanika University still stood at 10 per cent complete, as was submitted in the previous report. The Committee was further informed that the Ministry could not proceed with the implementation of the project due to the fiscal consolidation initiatives that had been put in place by the Ministry of Finance that focussed on completing projects above 80 per cent complete. Once this stock of projects was completed and funds made available, King Lewanika University would be completed and the Committee would be updated.

**Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee expresses serious disappointment at the failure by the Executive to actualise the project seven years after the assurance was made on the floor of the House. It urges the Executive to ensure that assurances are undertaken as presented. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

#### **14/15 Mumbwa Trades Training Institute**

On Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2015, the Minister of Education, Science, Vocational Training and Early Education made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, I wish to inform the House that the construction of Mumbwa Trades Training Institute will commence in 2015.*

In noting the submission in the previous Session, the Committee had urged the Government to ensure that funds were secured and disbursed consistently for the project to be completed without further delay. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the construction of Mumbwa Trades Training Institute.

#### **Executive's Response**

The Executive, in its update to the Committee, submitted that efforts to supervise the project were implemented with increased monitoring visits by the technical staff, thereby eradicating the termite problem. To this effect, the project stood at 65 per cent complete and was earmarked for completion in 2021.

#### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee in noting the submission expresses concern that the construction of Mumbwa Trades Training Institute has remained at 65 per cent for over two years. It urges the Executive to ensure that the project is completed by 2021 as submitted. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

#### **11/17 Construction of FTJ Chiluba University**

On 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2017, the Minister of Higher Education made the following assurance:

*Madam Speaker, my Ministry is currently discussing the commencement of the project with the contractor. We want to agree on certain mechanisms before the commencement, which is envisaged to be in the second quarter of 2017.*

The Committee, in the previous Session, had expressed serious concern at the slow pace at which construction works were being undertaken and had urged the Government to be consistent in the release of funds to ensure progress in the construction works was made. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the construction of FTJ University.

#### **Executive's Response**

The Executive, in its update to the Committee, indicated that the status quo at FTJ University had marginally improved with the Mansa Campus project at 10 per cent, while the Kasama Campus was at 5 per cent. The slow pace of construction works was due to the non-release of funds by Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (ICBC) who were the financiers of the project. The Ministry of Finance was currently in negotiations with the contractor to re-scope the project as this would enable the release of the funds by the financier and the Committee would be updated on the outcome of the negotiations once these were concluded.



### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the submission, expresses concern that little progress has been recorded with regard to the construction of FTJ University, and resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

## **MINISTRY OF CHIEFS AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS**

### **38/14 1958 Chiefdom Boundaries Re-Designation**

On Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2014, the Deputy Minister of Chiefs and Traditional Affairs made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, the Ministry of Chiefs and Traditional Affairs is currently consulting with the Ministry of Lands, Natural Resources and Environmental Protection through the Surveyor-General's Office on the issuance of a new chiefdom boundary map.*

The Committee, in noting the progress made, in the previous Session, had urged the Government to ensure that the remaining maps were printed and submitted to the Ministry of Chiefs and Traditional Affairs. 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 the process of superimposing topographic features on the 1958 Chiefdom Boundary Maps for all the provinces was completed by the Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources.

To facilitate for printing of the 1958 Chiefdom Boundary Maps and the Chiefdom Boundary Topographic Maps of all the provinces, the Ministry of Chiefs and Traditional Affairs would make a budgetary provision in the Ministry's 2021 Estimates of Expenditure as there was no budgetary provision for the above mentioned activity in the approved budget for the year 2020.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee expresses disappointment at the response by the Executive that the project was not provided for in the 2020 budget, despite the assurance having been made over seven years ago. The Committee urges the Executive to ensure that the assurance is actualised without further delay. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **24/13 Construction of Palaces for Traditional Leaders in Serenje**

On 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2013, the Minister of Chiefs and Traditional Affairs made the following undertaking:

*Mr Speaker, the construction of palaces will 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 has submitted the plans for palaces which will be discussed by the House of Chiefs as it convenes on 18<sup>th</sup> 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:*

1. *Senior Chief Muchinda;*
2. *Chief Kabamba;*
3. *Chief Chisomo;*
4. *Chief Chitambo;*
5. *Chief Mailo;*
6. *Chieftainess Serenje;*
7. *Chief Muchinka; and*
8. *Chief Chibale.”*

In the previous Session, in noting the progress made regarding the construction of Chieftainess Serenje’s palace, the Committee had urged the Government to ensure that the outstanding payment certificate of K372,199.89 was paid without further delay and funds to construct the remaining palaces urgently secured. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

#### **Executive’s Response**

The Committee was informed that the outstanding Interim Payment Certificate (IPC) of K372,199. 89 for the construction of Chieftainess Serenje was paid in the month of July, 2020. The contractor had since been requested to move back on site to continue with the next stage of construction works on the palace.

#### **Committee’s Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the progress made on the construction of Chieftainess Serenje’s palace, urges the Executive to ensure that funds are secured for the remaining palaces in Serenje District. The Committee further urges the Executive to ensure that there is consistency in the disbursement of funds. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the construction of palaces for traditional leaders in Serenje.

#### **16/16 Chieftainess Kanyembo’s Palace**

On 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2016, the Minister of Chiefs and Traditional Affairs made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, the construction of Chieftainess Kanyembo’s Palace, which encompasses the main house and queen’s quarters and is currently standing at wall plate level, is earmarked for completion in 2017.*

The Committee in the previous Session had urged the Government to ensure that funds were consistently disbursed, so that the project could be completed within the shortest possible time. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

### **Executive's Response**

The Committee was informed that the outstanding interim payment certificate of K478,128.70 for the construction of Chieftainess Kanyembo's palace was paid in the month of July, 2020. The contractor was requested to move back on site and continue with the next stage of construction works on the Palace.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the progress made, urges the Executive to ensure that the contractor was on site and that works commenced. The Committee also urges the Executive to ensure that the release of funds for the construction works is consistent. 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**

On 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2017, the Minister of Chiefs and Traditional Affairs made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, the Ministry of Chiefs and Traditional Affairs wrote to the Provincial Administration Office requesting it to assess the state of dilapidation of the palaces and, thereafter, provide the Ministry with a bill of quantities (BoQ). We have since received the BOQs from the Northern Province Administration and have permitted the Provincial Administration to commence the tendering process. So, the works will be executed.*

In noting the submission, the Committee, in the previous Session, had urged the Government to honour the outstanding certificate of payment and secure funds to complete the construction of Chief Mukupa Kaoma's Palace. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

### **Executive's Response**

The Committee was informed that the outstanding interim payment certificate of K176,480.70 for the construction of Chief Mukupa Kaoma's palace was paid in the month of July, 2020. The contractor had since been requested to move back on site and continue with the next stage of construction works on the palace.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the submission, urges the Executive to ensure that the contractor is back on site to continue with the next stage. Further, the Committee urges the Executive to be consistent with the disbursement of funds to enable the completion of the remaining construction works. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

## **MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND ARTS**

### **08/12 Restocking of Game Management Areas (GMAs)**

On Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2013, the Minister of Tourism and Arts made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, all GMAs whose stocks are depleted are being considered for restocking." Lusaka National Park (2010 to 2013); Mosi-Oa-Tunya National Park (2011 to 2013); and Nsumbu National Park.*

In noting the progress made, the Committee, in the previous Session, had urged the Government to ensure that Nsumbu National Park and Lusaka National Parks were restocked as assured on the floor of the House and had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

### **Executive's Response**

The Executive, in its update to the Committee indicated that the Ministry of Tourism and Arts was committed to ensuring that restocking of protected areas which were under stocked continued. A feasibility study was conducted for the construction of a fence and other infrastructural developments in Nsumbu National Park and commencement of the construction was planned for October, 2020 while restocking of species would be done in 2021. Proposed species to be restocked include buffalo, zebra, hippo, warthog, sable, roan, hartebeest, waterbuck, sitatunga, reedbuck, eland and rhino. The restocking of Lusaka National Park had not started yet as the Ministry was finalising the water reticulation system and vegetation control. Once this was completed, restocking would be done.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee expresses disappointment at the failure by the Executive to have the Nsumbu and Lusaka National Parks restocked over eight years from the time the assurance was made on the floor of the House. The Committee urges the Executive to ensure that the project is actualised without any further delay, as it has taken inordinately long to implement. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **30/15 Renovation of Department of National Parks and Wildlife (Formerly Zawa) Camp Houses in Lumezi**

On 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2015, the Deputy Minister of Tourism and Arts, made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, the Government, through the Zambia Wildlife Authority (ZAWA), has prioritised infrastructure development as a key feature in the management of Game Management Areas (GMAs) and national parks. In this regard, the Government, through ZAWA, planned in 2014, to construct houses for game scouts and other staff throughout the country, which included the Lumezi Parliamentary Constituency. However, this could not be done due to lack of funds. As regards to the renovation of staff houses in Lumezi, this activity has been planned for in the 2016 budget.*

In noting the progress made, the Committee, in the previous Session, had urged the Government to ensure that the houses for the game scouts and other staff throughout the country were constructed, including renovation of staff houses in Lumezi Parliamentary Constituency. The Committee had resolved to await a comprehensive progress report on the matter.

### **Executive's Response**

In its update to the Committee, the Executive submitted that the fourth house highlighted in the previous report was completed in February, 2020 and four VIP latrines were under construction for the four houses at Lumumba Camp. A 1 x 3 bed roomed house was in its final construction stage in Lukusuzi National Park and what remained to be completed at Chikomeni Camp under the ifaw project were 3 x 3 bed roomed houses which were above wall plate level. Funds were set aside in Luambe National Park at Roan Camp under Zambia Integrated Forest Landscape (ZIFL) Project under the World Bank, whose total was estimated at K1.6 million to construct houses. The Ministry

under the ZIFL Project also planned to build twelve housing units in Lukusuzi National Park at Kalindi, and the procurement process had since been concluded.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the submission, bemoans the slow pace at which the project is being undertaken and urges the Executive to ensure that funds are secured to complete the project. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

## **MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE**

### **37/17 Irrigation Schemes in Feira Parliamentary Constituency**

On 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2017, the Minister of Agriculture made the following assurance:

*“Mr Speaker, the Government has identified two sites with 800 hectares and 1,000 hectares of land in Yapite Agricultural Camp for possible establishment of irrigation schemes in addition to the existing schemes at Chafukula in Kaunga A and Tiyeseke in Kaunga B camps which are used for banana production.*

*In addition, the Government, in collaboration with Child Fund, is establishing an irrigation scheme at Kavalamanja Agricultural Camp. Three villages, namely Kavalamanja, Tinkolo and Kandembwele will benefit from the scheme. Farmers under this scheme will be growing vegetables.*

In noting the submission, the Committee, in the previous Session, had urged the Government to ensure that the irrigation schemes in Feira Parliamentary Constituency benefitted from the K2,000,000.00 irrigation development component for the development of irrigation schemes under the Department of Agriculture, so as to fully develop them. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

### **Executive's Response**

The Committee was informed that K2,000,000 which was budgeted for irrigation infrastructure under the Department of Agriculture in 2019 budget could not be released due to the austerity measures that the Government was implementing. As for the 2020 budget, no capital projects were budgeted for.

As regards the Strengthening Climate Resilience of Agriculture Livelihoods in Agro Ecological Regions I and II (SCRALA) project, some progress was made. The surveying and designing of these sites were completed. What remained, however, was the installation of irrigation facilities at Chifukula site in Kaunga A, Tiyeseke in Kaunga B and Yapite site.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee notes the submission and urges the Executive to ensure that funds are secured to enable the implementation of the project as it has taken such a long time to implement. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **17/14 Investments in Irrigation, Agro-processing and Livestock Sectors**

On Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2014, the Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Livestock made the following assurance:

*Sir, the Government has made significant investments in the development of farming blocks, irrigation schemes, agro-processing, livestock and animal health services...*

In noting the submission in the previous Session, the Committee had urged the Government to ensure that funds to expeditiously complete the remaining works were secured considering that the project had been outstanding for over five years. The Committee had resolved to await a comprehensive progress report on the regional laboratories and construction of dip tanks.

### **Executive's Response**

The Executive, in its update to the Committee, submitted that little progress had been made because the K15,000,000 which was approved as supplementary funding towards the completion of the infrastructure was not released. However, some progress was made in the projects that were supported by cooperating partners as follows:

#### **Choma Provincial Laboratory**

The laboratory was completed and was now functional. It still, however, required more equipment and adequate staffing.

#### **Kasama Provincial Laboratory**

The laboratory was awaiting completion of work benches. The equipment had been procured and was awaiting installation once the benches were completed.

#### **Ndola Provincial Laboratory**

The laboratory was 60 per cent complete. It awaited release of funds to complete the remaining works. The laboratory was earmarked to be supported from the supplementary funding.

#### **Isoka Provincial Laboratory**

The laboratory had been completed and was awaiting installation of equipment and staffing.

### **Dip Tank Rehabilitation and Construction**

The construction and rehabilitation of dip tanks were being funded from RDCs. Completion of the rehabilitation and construction of dip tanks was earmarked to be done under the K15,000,000 supplementary fund which was not released. Regarding the general status of dip tank construction and rehabilitation, the Ministry planned to work on 460 dip tanks (245 rehabilitation and 215 new constructions). By the year 2018, 224 dip tanks were completed. During the year 2019, 20 more dip tanks were completed.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the progress made, urges the Executive to ensure that funds are secured for the remaining works at all the provincial laboratories and the remaining 216 dip tanks. The Committee, therefore, resolves to await a comprehensive progress report on the matter.

## **MINISTRY OF ENERGY**

### **38/17 Rural Electrification Programme in Kasama**

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2017, the Minister of Energy made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, based on the Rural Electrification Master Plan, the following areas that fall under Kasama Parliamentary Constituency were identified for electrification: Chisanga; Kachuma; Chilubula; Chishimba; Munkonge; and Lukulu North.*

*Based on the priority list of the Rural Electrification Master Plan, Chisanga, Lwabwe and Musa were scheduled to be electrified in 2009. However, Musa and Lwabwe were electrified in 2013, while Chisanga will be electrified when funds are made available. Further, the remaining areas are scheduled to be electrified in 2018. However, this is dependent on the availability of funds.*

The Committee, in noting the submission in the previous Session, had urged the Government to ensure that funds were urgently sourced for the electrification of Chisanga, Chiba, Chishipula, Chilubula, Chishimba and Luyeye areas in Kasama Central Parliamentary Constituency and Mukonge area in order to avoid additional costs arising from change in scope of works due to time lapse and standing charges. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

### **Executive's Response**

The Committee was informed that the Rural Electrification Authority did not undertake the electrification of Chisanga, Chiba, Chishipula, Chilubula, Chishimba and Luyeye areas in Kasama Central Parliamentary Constituency due to financial challenges. The electrification of these areas would depend on the availability of funds.

With regard to the electrification of Munkonge area, the Authority conducted feasibility studies in the year 2018 for possible electrification of the area but the project had not been undertaken due to limited funds. However, ZESCO Limited was in the process of electrifying the following institutions under the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Project in Kasama, these included the proposed Ntumpa University site, Ntumpa Secondary School, Ntumpa Primary School, Chilekakwa Mwamba Primary School, Chilekakwa Mwamba Secondary School, Chilekakwa Mwamba Rural Health Centre (RHC), Food Reserve Agency (FRA), market area, Kasakula RHC, Kasakula Primary and Kasakula Secondary School and market.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee expresses concern at the failure by the Executive to actualise the project in time as was presented on the floor of the House. The Committee urges the Executive to ensure that the project is implemented without any further delay. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **4/17 Electrification of Chiefdoms in Mpika District**

On 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2017, the Minister of Energy made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, the electrification of Chiundaponde, Kabinga and Kopa are earmarked for 2019 in the Rural Electrification Master Plan (REMP).*

*Mr Speaker, the Rural Electrification Authority (REA) is currently implementing a project to connect public institutions in Mpepo Chiefdom at a cost of K1 million. The beneficiaries of*

*that project are Chief Mpepo's palace, the market area, Mpepo Primary School and Mpepo Secondary School. The project is scheduled to be completed in 2017.*

In noting the submission, the Committee, in the previous Session, had urged the Government to ensure that funds were sourced for the remaining facilities in Kopa Chiefdom, Kabinga and Chiundaponde chiefdoms and surrounding areas were electrified by 2020. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

### **Executive's Response**

The Committee was informed that the Rural Electrification Authority (REA) planned to electrify Chief Kopa's palace and surrounding areas under the 2020 budget. However, due to insufficient funds under the 2020 budget, the project was not undertaken. REA conducted feasibility studies in July, 2020 in the chiefdom to re-verify the scope of works and repackage the project for possible implementation in the year 2021. The project, whose focus would be intensification, would involve the construction of 4km of a 33kV line, 13.41km of a 400V line and installation of five transformers at an estimated cost of K3,700,000.00.

The main beneficiary load centres of the project included; Chief Kopa's new palace, Kopa Primary School, Kopa Day Secondary School, Kopa Zawa Camp and the surrounding community. Further, it was expected that at least thirty-one households would be electrified using standard connections and a total of 700 households using ready boards. However, the electrification of the chiefdom depended on the availability of funds.

Further, REA conducted feasibility studies in July, 2020, in Chief Kabinga's chiefdom to re-verify the scope of works and the cost of electrifying the chiefdom. Electrification of the chiefdom would involve tapping off power from an existing 33kV line at Chalabesa, construction of 52.6km of 33kV line, construction of 16.025km of a 400V line and installation of eight transformers at an estimated cost of K20,012,348.05. The main beneficiary load centres of the project included: Chalabesa Day Secondary School, Muntu Watuka Primary School, Kawama Primary School and Rural Health Centre (RHC), Kabinga Zawa Camp, Kabinga RHC, Chief Kabinga's palace, Kabinga Primary School, Kalulu Primary and Secondary Schools and the surrounding community. In addition, it was expected that at least thirty-eight households would be electrified using standard connections and a total of 1000 households using ready boards. However, the electrification of the chiefdom would depend on the availability of funds.

REA did not undertake the electrification of Chief Chiundaponde chiefdom due to financial challenges. The electrification of the chiefdom would depend on the availability of funds.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee expresses disappointment that the electrification of the remaining chiefdoms in Mpika District was dependent on the availability of funds, contrary to the assurance which was made on the floor of the House four years ago. The Committee urges the Executive to ensure that funds are secured to enable the completion of the project and resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **5/18 Zesco Office for Chitambo District**

On 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2017, the Minister of Energy made the following assurance:



*Mr Speaker, the Government has plans to establish a ZESCO Office and a sub-station in Chitambo District, as reflected in the District Development Master Plan for Chitambo. To that effect, a plot has been allocated for the construction of the office and sub-station, and ZESCO is currently in the process of formalising the acquisition of the plot. The company has submitted the application to Chitambo District Council and is currently awaiting feedback from the Council.*

*Sir, the implementation of the project is expected to commence in the middle of next year, once funds are made available through the ZESCO budget for 2018.*

In noting the progress made, the Committee, in the previous Session, had urged the Government to ensure that the construction of the substation was actualised as submitted and had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

#### **Executive's Response**

The Committee was informed that ZESCO had commenced the construction of the 33/11kV substation in Chitambo on the land which was acquired from Forestry Department. ZESCO had also started construction of the 33kV overhead line from Pensulo substation in Serenje to the new Chitambo substation.

ZESCO also received a formal offer letter of land from Chitambo District Council after attending the full Council meeting, which agreed to reduce the price of the piece of land to K50,000.00 from the initial K163,000.00. This land would be used for construction of the second 33/11kV substation and building of Chitambo ZESCO office block.

#### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the progress made, urges the Executive to ensure that funds are urgently secured for the construction of the Zesco Office for Chitambo District. It resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

#### **15/15 National Electricity Grid Connection in Rufunsa**

On 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2015, the Deputy Minister of Mines, Energy and Water Development made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, the Government has plans to connect Sinjela, Chinyunyu, Chitemalesa and Mwachilele in Rufunsa District to the national electricity grid.*

In noting the progress made, the Committee, in the previous Session, had urged the Government to ensure that works were expedited and completed within the anticipated completion timeframe. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

#### **Executive's Response**

The Committee was informed that the status on the connection of Luangwa District to the national grid as at July, 2020 was as follows:

**Lot 1 - Lines Component:** Project scope progress stands as follows:

- i. 141km of 132kV line from Leopard Hill Substation to Mpanshya Substation in Rufunsa District was 100 per cent complete; works were completed in December, 2019, and the line had since been energised. 69km of 132kV line from Mpanshya Substation to Chitope Substation in Luangwa District was 100 per cent complete; works were completed in April, 2020, and the line had since been energised.
- ii. 130km 33kV lines network with associated 33/0.4kV pole mounted transformers (PMTs) and low voltage (LV) lines, and 33/11kV Luangwa Substation was 100 per cent complete; Rufunsa District electrification works were completed in December, 2019 as part of the above scope of works, and public institutions in the district such Mpanshya Mission Hospital had since been connected to the national power grid. Luangwa town 33/11kV Substation was energised in May, 2020, and all customers in the district previously supplied by diesel generator were now connected to the national grid.

## **Lot 2 - Substations Component:**

Project Scope Performance stands as follows:

- i. Leopards Hill 132kV Substation Extension works was 100 per cent complete;
- ii. 132/33kV Substation at Mpanshya in Rufunsa District was 100 per cent complete; the above substation was energised in December, 2019.
- iii. 132/33kV Substation at Chitope in Luangwa District was 100 per cent complete; this particular substation was energised in April, 2020.

## **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the submission, urges the Executive to ensure that Sinjela, Chinyunyu, Chitemalesa and Mwachilele in Rufunsa District are connected to the national electricity grid without any further delay. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

## **08/15 Construction of Filling Station in Kalabo**

On 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2015, the Deputy Minister of Mines, Energy and Water Development made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, the Government of the Republic of Zambia has plans to facilitate the construction of a filling station in Kalabo in 2016. The Hon. Member of Parliament would wish to note that, in fact, we have already gone ahead and written to the Permanent Secretary (PS) for Western Province to facilitate the acquisition of a suitable place or land for us to ensure that this facility is put up. Further, the Government continues to promote public-private partnerships (PPPs) in terms of filling stations in areas such as Kalabo. Sir, the funds for the works in 2016 have been put aside by the Government.*

In noting the submission, the Committee, in the previous Session, had resolved to await a progress report on the construction of a filling station in Kalabo.

### **Executive's Response**

The Committee was informed that the Ministry had managed to secure land for the construction of the filling station in Kalabo District. There was need to procure a consultant to design, construct and supervise the construction works for Lukulu and Kalabo filling stations. The Ministry was yet to procure a private consultant.

In addition to the above, the Ministry had engaged the Ministry of Housing and Infrastructure Development to facilitate the design and construction of Lukulu and Kalabo rural filling stations. The latter was premised on the mandate of the Ministry of Housing and Infrastructure Development to superintend over design and construction of all Government infrastructure in order to improve planning, coordination, standardisation of quality and efficiency in the development of infrastructure in the country. The Ministry of Energy was yet to receive a response from the Ministry of Housing and Infrastructure Development.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the submission, urges the Executive to ensure that all processes that are required to enable the construction of the two filling stations are expedited. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **07/15 Construction of Electricity Power Plants**

On 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2015, the Deputy Minister of Energy and Water Development made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, it is with this background that the Ministry is pursuing several programmes and projects to reduce the impact of load shedding. The following are the programmes that my Ministry will continue implementing in the 2016 financial year: 40 MW Kabompo Gorge Hydro Power Project - This is being developed by the Copperbelt Energy Corporation (CEC). Preliminary works have already been done.*

In noting the submission, the Committee in the previous Session had urged the Government to ensure that the process of reviewing the project optimisation was expedited so as to facilitate conclusion of negotiations for the addendum to the implementation agreement. 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 the Kabompo Gorge Hydropower involved the development of a 40MW hydropower project located on the Kabompo River in the North-Western Province by Copperbelt Energy Corporation Limited (CEC). The implementation agreement was signed on 23 September, 2015.

CEC was yet to submit a feasibility study. Once the study was submitted, an addendum to the implementation agreement relating to the portion of land in the national heritage area would be finalised.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee observes with concern that the implementation agreement relating to the portion of land in the national heritage area has not yet been finalised, six years from the time the assurance was made. The Committee, therefore, urges the Executive to urgently sort out all the outstanding issues with regard the portion of land in the national heritage area, and to ensure that CEC submits a feasibility study without further delay. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **29/14 Electrification of Wards in Bwacha Constituency**

On Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2014, the Deputy Minister of Mines, Energy and Water Development made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, Munga, Chinyanja, Munyama, Muwowo West and Muwowo East wards in Bwacha Parliamentary Constituency are planned for electrification in 2016.*

In noting the progress made, the Committee, in the previous Session, had urged the Government to ensure that funds for the electrification of the wards in Bwacha Parliamentary Constituency were disbursed consistently so that the project could be completed as soon as possible. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

### **Executive's Response**

The Committee was informed that the Rural Electrification Authority (REA) conducted a feasibility study in Bwacha Parliamentary Constituency to establish the full scope of works. Based on the study, it was established that the estimated cost of electrifying the wards in Bwacha Parliamentary Constituency was K7 million.

However, due to limited fiscal space, the Authority could not undertake the project at once and had employed a phased approach to the electrification of the wards in Bwacha Parliamentary Constituency, starting with Makululu Ward. The Authority had engaged ZESCO to undertake the works which involved grid intensification and reinforcement at a cost of K2,470,284.59. The construction works on both the high tension and the medium voltage lines had been completed. On the other hand, transformers and service cables were yet to be installed.

It was expected that at the end of the project, 200 households would be connected to electricity using standard connections and a further 250 households would be connected using ready boards. Therefore, the electrification of the remaining wards would be done in subsequent years, depending on the availability of funds.

### **Committee's Observation and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the submission, resolves to await a progress report on the electrification of the remaining wards in Bwacha Parliamentary Constituency.

## **MINISTRY OF LIVESTOCK AND FISHERIES**

### **01/16 Construction of Dip Tanks in Nangoma**

On 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2016, the Minister of Fisheries and Livestock made the following assurance:

*Madam, there was no construction of dip tanks in Nangoma Constituency in 2011, as the construction of dip tanks countrywide started in 2012. The construction of the four dip tanks in the constituency started in 2014. Site identification and the development of the technical specifications was done between January and September, 2014, while the contract was approved in September, 2014. Thereafter, the site was handed over to the contractor, DDYPE Drilling and Construction Company, on 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2014. To date, 85 per cent of the works on the four dip tanks have been completed and the Ministry has engaged the Ministry of Finance for the release of the funds needed to complete the remaining works in 2017.*

The Committee in the previous Session had noted the submission and had resolved to await a progress report on the construction of dip tanks in Nangoma.

### **Executive's Response**

The Executive in its update to the Committee submitted as follows:

### **STATUS REPORT ON THE 2014 DIP TANKS CONSTRUCTION UNDER NANGOMA CONSTITUENCY OF MUMBWA DISTRICT AS AT 21<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2020**

<b>PROJECT NAME</b>	<b>NAME OF CONTRACTOR</b>	<b>STAGE OF WORKS</b>	<b>CONTRACT SUM</b>	<b>FUNDING AGENCY</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>
Natani Diptank, Nangoma Veterinary Camp	DDYPE contactors	All substructure s and roofs. All boreholes done	K644,342.75. For the four Dip tanks. Site handover date 09/10/14	Central Government	The dip tank was completed and the Borehole sunk. However, the roof of the dip tank was blown off and the crush pen collapsed.
Mukupi Diptank Myooye Veterinary Camp	DDYPE contactors	All substructure s and roofs. All boreholes done		Central Government	The dip tank was complete and the bore is functional. However, the roof was blown off and the substructure was cracked and there was seepage. The crush pen collapsed.
Mukubu Diptank Keezwa Veterinary Camp	DDYPE contactors	All substructure s and roofs. All boreholes done		Central Government	The roof was blown off and crush pen collapsed. The Borehole broke down.
Nkonka Diptank Muchabi Veterinary Camp	DDYPE contactors	All substructure s and roofs. All boreholes done		Central Government	The roof was blown off and crush pen collapsed. The borehole is functional.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee observes with concern how all the constructed crush pens would collapse and the roofs blown off. The Committee is, therefore, of the view that the works were not up to standard and urges the Government to ensure that construction works are of the required standard to avoid the Government losing funds by way of renovations. The Committee further urges the Government to ensure that the crush pens and the blown off roofs are renovated without any further delay. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT**

#### **02/16 Establishment of the Disaster Relief Trust Fund**

On Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2016, the Vice President gave the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, a great deal of progress has been noted in the establishment of the Disaster Relief Trust Fund. As the Act stipulates, the disaster fund will not only receive money from the Treasury, but also from other sources. It takes a while to study the various modes of accessing money for the Trust Fund outside Government funds. Even within Government funding, we have to look at sources to tap into to realise some funds for this Trust Fund. Something is being done, and I believe that we are almost reaching the end of our consultancy work so that the Trust Fund will be able to be part of the 2018 national budget. It is very important for DMMU to have its own fund so that it can respond to emergencies as they occur.*

The Committee, in noting the progress made during the previous Session, had urged the Government to ensure that the Office of the Vice President and the Minister of Finance expedited the process of constituting the Board of Trustees for the Trust Fund. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the establishment of the Disaster Relief Trust Fund.

### **Executive's Response**

The Committee was informed that the Office of the Vice President, in collaboration with the Minister of Finance, was yet to constitute the Board of Trustees for the Trust Fund by the Council of Ministers. However, the Committee was informed that an account was opened with Zambia National Commercial Bank and that the fiduciary processes for management of the Fund were developed. The documents "Disaster Risk Financing Strategy" and "Trust Fund Operating Guideline" were produced. The Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) were being worked on.

The Committee was also informed that the Trust Fund would enable financing of all Disaster Risk Management activities for the Government and non-state actors in the Zambian humanitarian sphere. The Fund was to have a donor and business component to ease pressure on the National Treasury.

### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the submission, urges the Executive to ensure that the Disaster Relief Trust Fund is operational. 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**

On Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2014, the Deputy Minister of Transport, Works, Supply and Communication made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, the Road Development Agency (RDA) has engaged Messrs Roughton International for the design and construction supervision of the Lunsemfwa and Chipaba bridges in Old Mkushi at a combined contract sum of K5,693,309. The contract was signed on 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2013, and is expected to be completed in October, 2014. The construction of a bridge across the Lunsemfwa River, which connects the Chieftdoms of Shikabeta and Mbosha in Rufunsa Parliamentary Constituency, is expected to commence in the second quarter of 2015, after the conclusion of the procurement process.*

The Committee, in the previous Session, had expressed serious concern at the failure by the Government to commence the construction of Lunsemfwa and Chipaba bridges in old Mkushi considering the inordinately lengthy period of time it had taken for the Government to actualise the project. The Committee, therefore, had strongly urged the Government to ensure that funding for this assurance was prioritised. 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 Lunsemfwa and Chipaba bridges in old Mkushi was signed, but works had not commenced due to funding limitations.

#### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the submission, urges the Executive to ensure that funds are urgently secured for the construction of the Lunsemfwa and Chipaba bridges in old Mkushi to avoid increases in costs due to contract standing time and materials. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

### **42/14 Construction of Immigration Department Offices at Nsumbu Border Post**

On Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2014, the Deputy Minister of Transport, Works, Supply and Communication made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, the Immigration Department has budgeted for the construction of an Immigration office block and medium-cost house, and the sinking of a borehole and water tank at Nsumbu Border Post in Nsama District in the 2014 budget. The procurement process for the works, which will cost K3,400,000, is in progress and construction will start in 2015, after the procurement process has been completed.*

In noting the submission, the Committee, in the previous Session, urged the Government to ensure that the approval process was expedited so that the remaining works could be completed. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

#### **Executive's Response**

The Executive in its update informed the Committee that the construction of the office block and the medium-cost house was completed as per initial contract of specified works. The contractor was

issued with the completion certificate. The Committee was further informed that for other auxiliary works such as drilling a borehole and erecting a tank, another contract would have to be done for such works.

#### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee is pleased with the completion of the construction of the office block and the medium-cost house at Nsumbu Border Post in Nsama District. The Committee, however, urges the Executive to facilitate essential auxiliary works such as drilling of a borehole and erecting of a tank. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

#### **03/15 Mbala-Kasaba Bay-Nsumbu Road**

On 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2015, the Deputy Minister of Transport, Works, Supply and Communication made the following assurance:

*Mr Speaker, works to upgrade the road will commence after the completion of the feasibility studies and the detailed design, whose funding will be considered for inclusion in the 2016 budget.*

The Committee in the previous Session was saddened to note that not much progress was made in finalising the financing agreement and had urged the Government to ensure that assurances made on the floor of the House were financed and actualised within the promised implementation timeframe. The Committee had resolved to await a progress report on the matter.

#### **Executive's Response**

The Executive in its update informed the Committee that with the indefinite postponement of contraction of new debt by the Government, the project works had been re-scoped to gravel surface. The project would be implemented in a phased approach, with the first phase covering the first 61km from Mbala towards Kasaba Bay. The progress on this phase was 10.9 per cent. The subsequent phases would be implemented once funds were made available.

#### **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

The Committee, in noting the submission, urges the Executive to ensure that the funds are secured and that the project implemented. The Committee resolves to await a progress report on the matter.

#### **GENERAL OBSERVATIONS**

The Committee observes with concern that the Government has continued to make assurances on the floor of the House which are not being actualised. In many cases, projects for which funds were alleged to be available have remained uncompleted for several years. The Committee is further seriously concerned that it is increasingly apparent that assurances are made on the floor of the House merely as a means of appeasing the Members of Parliament and the general public, which is totally unacceptable, and a practice which should be discontinued forthwith. The Committee reiterates that the Executive should refrain from making assurances unless they are certain of the requisite conditions and financing.



## **CONCLUSION**

In conclusion, the Committee expresses concern regarding the failure by the Government to actualise assurances made on the Floor of the House, as can be evidenced in the Committee's Report. Consequently, out of the 180 outstanding assurances, only twenty-three were closed by the Committee during the period under review, translating into 12.7 per cent achievement by the Government, which the Committee finds unacceptable. This is ostensibly due to financial constraints. Going by the slow pace at which assurances are being implemented, it appears to the Committee that the Executive does not have any plans for implementing assurances before they are made on the floor of the House. Therefore, the Committee urges the Executive to ensure that requisite funds are made available before making assurances on the floor of the House, to avoid accumulation of outstanding assurances and frustrating the oversight role of Parliament.

Finally, the Committee wishes to extend its gratitude to all stakeholders who appeared before it and made both written and oral submissions. The Committee further wishes to express its sincere appreciation to Mr Speaker, for the guidance rendered to it during the Session, and to the Office of the Clerk of the National Assembly for the advice and services rendered to it throughout its deliberations.

E Kamondo, MP  
**CHAIRPERSON**

April, 2021  
**LUSAKA**

## **APPENDIX I**

### **List of National Assembly Officials**

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Mr F Nabulyato, Deputy Principal Clerk of Committees (SC)  
Mrs C K Mumba, Senior Committee Clerk (FC)  
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Ms E Ndlovu, Typist  
Mr M Chikome, Committee Assistant  
Mr D Lupiya, Committee Assistant  
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