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ON THE LAUNCH OF

THE THIRD PHASE OF THE MOBILE ISSUANCE OF NATIONAL REGISTRATION  
CARDS (NRCs)

COVERING

COPPERBELT, LUAPULA AND NORTH WESTERN PROVINCES

**Mr. Speaker Sir,**

This House is aware that the mobile issuance of National Registration Cards is in its second phase. Phase one, which covered Central, Muchinga, and Northern Provinces was completed in July 2015 and a Statistical report of registered persons was given to this House.

**Mr Speaker Sir,**

Phase II of the exercise was launched on the 4<sup>th</sup> of September 2015 and is currently on- going. As this House is aware, Phase II is covering Lusaka, Southern, Eastern and Western Provinces.

**Mr Speaker Sir,**

May I now give a statistical update on the persons registered in the on-going phase II of the mobile issuance of National Registration Cards. As at 20<sup>th</sup> of October 2015, the statistical standing of registered persons is as follows;

**Lusaka Province:** Total registered 156, 867 against the target of 200,000

**Southern Province:** Total Registered 86,032 against the target of 80,000

**Western Province:** Total Registered 53, 937 against the target of 100,000

**Eastern Province:** Total of Registered 107, 972 against the target of 120,000

This makes the total number of registered persons in the four provinces to be **404,808** against the total target of 500,000.

**Mr Speaker Sir,**

May I now give an update to this house on the releases from the treasury for this important undertaking.

The treasury approved a supplementary budget of K132, 831,866 in addition to the approved budget of K25, 000, 000. This makes the Total Cost of the whole exercise to be K 157, 831,866.

## **Releases;**

A total K47, 000,000 was released in phase I

A total of K22, 000,000 has so far been released for phase II

## **Mr Speaker Sir,**

My Ministry received several complaints from the three provinces Copperbelt, North-western and Luapula Provinces on non-commencement of the mobile issuance of National Registration Cards. The complaints were compounded by the fact that Electoral Commission of Zambia (ECZ) has already started the mobile voter registration exercise.

## **Mr Speaker Sir,**

Following these complaints, I am pleased to inform this House that the Treasury has ~~a~~ further released a total of K30,000,000 to commence the third phase of mobile issuance of National Registration Cards. The third and last phase shall be launched on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2015 and



shall commence on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2015 and shall last for 90 days. As stated above, the third phase will cover North-western, Copperbelt and Luapula Provinces.

**Mr Speaker Sir,**

Let the house note that my Ministry has projected to register a total of **430,000** persons in the three provinces in the third phase. The targets for the provinces are as follows;

<b>Copperbelt Province</b>	230,000
<b>North-Western Province</b>	90,000
<b>Luapula Province</b>	110,000

My Ministry is optimistic that the third phase shall also be a success. I therefore urge all stakeholders to give necessary support to the Department of National Registration, Passport and Citizenship as the third phase commences.