



MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS.

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT FROM HON. DAVIES MWILA, MP, MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS ON THE SHORTAGE OF REGISTRATION MATERIALS IN SOUTHERN PROVINCE FOR THE ON-GOING MOBILE ISSUANCE OF NATIONAL REGISTRATION CARDS.

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MR. SPEAKER SIR,

I thank you yet again for the opportunity given to issue a ministerial statement on the point of order raised by Honourable Jack Mwiimbu MP, with regard to the shortage of registration materials in the on-going mobile issuance of National Registration Cards in the Southern Province in general and Monze, in particular. The reported affected polling stations were Katimbo and Kazungula. I also have similar report for kalomo in the following polling stations, ikumbi, mulamfu and Mabombo.

I wish to state that the Government does not discriminate in the issuance of National Registration Cards. On the contrary, the Government seeks to serve all Zambians to the best of its ability. And as far as National Registration Cards are concerned Government wishes to make this important identity document available to every eligible Zambian.

MR. SPEAKER SIR,

Allow me to give a comprehensive statistical report on the blank Green National Registration Cards issued to Southern Province since the commencement of the mobile Issuance of National Registration Cards.

In August 2015, the province was given a total of **40,000** Blank Cards in preparation for the Mobile issuance of National Registration Cards.

On 5th September 2015 the Province received an additional supply of **36,000** blank cards

On 20th September 2015, the province was given another supply of **28,000** blank cards to keep the stock levels at maximum.

On 10th October 2015, the province received an additional supply of **20,000** cards to sustain the mobile issuance of National Registration Cards.

The province was also given an additional **20,000** blank green National Registration Cards on 27th October 2015.

Therefore, the province has been supplied with **144,000** blank green National Registration Cards since August, 2015.

MR SPEAKER SIR,

The target for Southern Province in the mobile issuance of National Registration Cards was **80,000** persons. However by 1st November 2015, the province had registered

113, 492 persons against the **144,000** blank cards supplied. The figures show that, the province has a balance of about **30,508** blank cards.

However, I acknowledge that, there was some shortage of materials in the mentioned polling stations. The field vehicles had mechanical problems which took five days to rectify. To make up for the lost five days, the mobile issuance of National Registration Cards has been extended in the affected stations.

MR. SPEAKER SIR,

I want to assure this House that, National Registration Cards are for all Zambian Citizens. Therefore, my Ministry shall ensure that all eligible Zambians are given the opportunity to register and obtain this important document.

May I emphasize that, it is not Government Policy to discriminate against any of our citizens based on region, political affiliation or any difference whatsoever. I therefore, appeal to my colleagues on the left to desist from issuing inflammatory statements that promote divisions rather than the unity of our Country. We are one people and hence our National motto of One Zambia

One nation. We must all work together to ensure we serve all our people to the best of our ability.

I THANK YOU SIR