MINISTERIAL STATEMENT ON THE ROAD DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (RDA) BOARD:

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Mr Speaker,
I thank you for giving me this opportunity to make a ministerial statement to this august house following the point of order raised by Honourable Mwiimbu, on 22nd October, 2013 on the status of the Road Development Agency Board.

Mr Speaker,
The Public Roads Act No 12 of 2002, Section 6 provides that the Board of Directors of the Road Development Agency shall consist of part time members appointed by the Minister as follows:

a) a representative of the National Council for Construction;

b) a representative of the Zambia National Farmers Union;

c) a representative of the National Science and Technology Council;

d) a representative of the Engineering Institute of Zambia;

e) a representative of the Chartered Institute of Transport and Logistics;

f) a representative of-

(i) the ministry responsible for works and supply;

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(ii) the ministry responsible for communications and transport;

(iii) the ministry responsible for local government and housing;

(iv) the ministry responsible for finance;

(v) the ministry responsible for tourism;

(vi) the ministry responsible for agriculture; and ,

(vii) the Attorney-General;

g) the Director of the Road Transport and Safety Agency;

h) the Director of the National Road Fund Agency; and

i) one other person.

Mr Speaker,

In accordance with the Act, my Ministry did write to the respective institutions and ministries to submit names of individuals to be appointed to the Board. However, there were delays in getting the names. Now, the institutions and ministries have submitted the names which are in the process of being cleared after which letters of appointment will be given to the individual members. It is expected that this process will be concluded before the end of November, 2013.

Mr Speaker,

It is important to note that the RDA Board is not responsible for matters pertaining to procurement at the Agency. As regards the procurement system under RDA, the Public Procurement Act No 12 of 2008, provides for a Procurement Entity.

The Road Development Agency Procurement Committee is constituted in line with Section 16 of the Public Procurement Act No. 12 of 2008 and does not include the Board Chairperson or Board members. It comprises the following:

a) Director and Chief Executive Officer as Chairperson;
b) Seven senior Members of staff;
c) One from outside of the Road Development Agency; and
d) The Director of Procurement who is the Secretary.

All the procurement of goods, works and services are approved by the above mentioned Procurement Committee in line with the provisions of the Public Procurement Act No. 12 of 2008. The RDA Board's mandate is to provide policy guidelines and oversight on the overall operations of the Road Development Agency.

Mr Speaker,

I Thank You.