

**REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA**  
**Ministry of Finance**

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**SUBJECT: DELAY OF THE TABLING OF THE 2020/2021 APPROPRIATION BILL  
(NATIONAL BUDGET)**

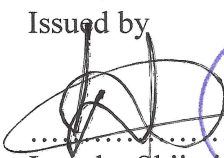
The Ministry of Finance wishes to inform the public that the tabling of the 2020/2021 Appropriation Bill (National Budget) will be delayed until further notice.

The delay is the result of the State of Emergency that was declared by the Head of State on 18 March 2020 as a measure to curb the spread of the COVID-19 virus. One of the measures relates to the limitation of gathering to a threshold of 10 or less persons. In line with this measure, National Assembly is adjourned until further notice.

Coincidentally, the tabling of the estimates of revenue, expenditure and income for the prospective financial year as required in Article 126 of the Namibian Constitution falls within the period of adjournment. To ensure that Government services is not interrupted, the Minister of Finance will apply section 9 of the State Finance Act, Act 31 of 1991, which provides for a continuation authorisation (utilisation of an amount not exceeding 33 % of the appropriation for the preceding financial year), pending the passing of the Appropriation Act by Parliament.

The Ministry of Finance requests all OMAs to abide by the Continuation Authorisation procedures and to continue applying prudent public finance management measures during the period of the State of Emergency and beyond.

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