

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

NOTICE OF QUESTION

Honorable Mike Kavekatora (**Signature**):.....

I give notice that on **Thursday, 8th October 2015** I shall ask the **Minister of Information, Communication and Technology, Honorable Tjekero Tweya**, the following questions relating to Telecom Namibia:

The matter of the shady and ethically underhand acquisition of Telecom Namibia's billing system and its inability to meet its first bond instalment repayment is generally known. Telecom Namibia is a public utility and benefits from public resources.

I would however like to provide the context of these questions. Firstly, it was reported that Telecom Namibia purchased Cisco-based MPLS system at a cost of N\$150 million in 2006. The Cisco based system was replaced the current Juniper-based MPLS system. The latter billing system cost Telecom Namibia N\$120 million in 2013. Secondly, it is recorded that Telecom Namibia would have defaulted on its first bond instalment repayment of N\$400 million, had it not been for the bailout of the parent Company (Namibia Post and Telecom Holdings. Given this fact, it stands to reason whether Telecom will be in the position to repay the remaining two instalments. In this context, I would like to ask Honourable Tweya the following questions:

1. Considering the costs involved, was there any need for the replacements of Cisco billing system with Juniper system?
2. Does the process of the billing systems replacement reflect a situation that Telecom Namibia is a hostage of self-interests of marauding Telecom managers and consultants?
3. If it turns out that Telecom Namibia is in fact a hostage, what quantum of ransom are you prepared to pay, how do you intend to repay and with whose money?
4. Who will bailout Telecom Namibia for the two remaining two instalments?

I so move.