

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

NOTICE OF QUESTION

Honorable Agnes Limbo (**Signature**):.....

I give notice that on **Thursday, 5th October 2017** I shall ask the **Minister of Health and Social Services, Honourable Dr. Bernard Haufiku**, the following questions regarding the provision of health services to all Namibians:

It is a well known fact that in some parts of Namibia such as the Zambezi region, state patients whose conditions require medical attention further up are referred to the nearest referral hospital located over 500 kilometers at Rundu in the Kavango East region or even as far away as Windhoek, more than 1,300 kilometers. This is quite worrisome considering how delicately serious ailments could be. I therefore ask the following:

- 1) During the fifth Parliament, there was a plan to build an intermediate hospital in the Zambezi region. Can the Minister explain to this August House and the public out there when this hospital would materialize?
- 2) Taking into account the Zambezi region's proximity to four neighboring countries, has the Ministry considered setting up an isolation unit at the Katima-Mulilo district hospital?

3) What is the logic of the Ministry putting up yet another major hospital in Oshana region while elsewhere the citizens have no access to advanced health facilities?

I so move.