

Budget praise

ALLOW me to express my sincere thanks and appreciation for the outstanding and well prepared budget for the year 1991/2.

As a citizen of this country and a person who has read and listened to various budget speeches of many countries throughout the world, I can assure the Honourable Minister that his budget speech was well-articulated and fascinating. Congratulations for that.

Having said that, I would like to draw your attention to the public's concern over the general sales tax (GST).

The educational background of this country reveals that the majority of citizens are illiterate or ignorant in one way or another, especially when it comes to mathematics.

It would therefore be helpful to us if the Minister could use his authority to request the business community to include GST in the general price of items found in the shops.

The reason being that not all of us know how to calculate and as a result we only budget according to the prices on the items we need to buy. Surprisingly, and disturbingly, then to

be told we have to pay more money for tax. We are not demanding the abolition of GST but want it to be included in the general sales price.

The other point is that the public's general feeling is that there is a lack of general information as to the purpose of GST, and how it works.

I hope that the Minister will be able to facilitate the inclusion of GST in the general sales price of goods.

N MUSHELENGA
WINDHOEK

Paying for toilets

I WOULD be grateful for the opportunity through your columns to air my concern. I am a teacher at Opuwo Secondary School in Kaoko district. I am really concerned about the system of paying for the use of toilets imposed by many of the service station owners, particularly in Outjo.

When you ask why you have to pay for the toilet, you are told that you are not a customer. So I wonder how they know who their customers are and who are not.

I have travelled through various parts of Namibia and