

Call for uniformity

PLEASE allow me to spread my views to all corners of our country - the purpose of this letter is to request the Minister of Education and Culture to investigate the issue of school uniforms in this country, because parents are totally bankrupt and cannot afford school uniforms.

I would request that the Minister have one school uniform (one colour) for all primary schools everywhere in Namibia, and another colour for all secondary schools in the country.

One of the reasons is that students transfer from one school to another and the consequence is that parents must keep buying different school uniforms.

My school is a combined primary and secondary school from Grade 1 to Grade 9 with a total of 1 071 pupils. I feel sorry for our parents who have to buy these uniforms.

I would like to have comment about this from the whole community.

Hard work is the mother of success.

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Support locals

INOTICE from the Windhoek Advertiser of January 22 that Telkom is going private.

Hopefully this will mean that when placing telephone directory and yellow pages entries

we can in future deal with a Namibian company instead of Maister Directories from Cape Town.

When I look at the amount I pay each month for directory entries and extrapolate that across the board, it is apparent that our directory and yellow pages must be worth millions. Perhaps the Postmaster General or the responsible Minister could, therefore, advise:

- Why a company which operates from Cape Town and which does not even have an office in Namibia and which does not employ Namibians, but send their own people up from Cape Town for about two months every year, have been given this very lucrative contract?

- Whether Maister Directories pay tax in Namibia on what they earn here?

- If not, why not?

- If the contract is awarded on a tender basis, with privatisation will the directly contract be thrown open to tenders from local businessmen who can then establish an office here, employ Namibians, pay taxes and generally benefit our country as a whole?

I ask these questions as it seems that Maister Directories; have had this contract for many, many years and it has never been awarded to anyone else.

With independence, we must now stand on our own two feet and do away with foreign companies who literally take the money and run back to Cape Town. We must establish local businesses employing local people. Giving the directory/yellow pages contract to a Namibian will be a step in

the right direction.

I look forward to hearing what the powers that be have to say.

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Note: We regret that we cannot send copies of the newspaper to people who submit letters to the editor. Please ensure that you buy the newspaper regularly to see if your letters have been placed. - Ed

Outjo racism

MOST officials in the Municipality of Outjo are whites and they are not concerned about our plight.

If the Minister of Local Government and Housing is not doing anything about our problems in Outjo, then we will have to do something ourselves about these racist Municipal officials.

It is horrifying for us to continue to carry buckets of human waste on a daily basis. It is inhuman to expect us to touch somebody else's waste. We are also in lowly-paid jobs and we are not given enough protective clothes by this Municipality.

We want those officials to be replaced because they have no respect for our problems. We do not know if we are independent - but if we are, then we are not yet free. Minister Libertine Amathila, please do something about this situation.

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STAY INFORMED - H