

only got K5 700 for the same period of six months. What happened to the K3 000?

It is too much for people to steal money from already poorly-paid nurses. Can anyone be courageous enough to explain to these innocent nurses about the missing K3 000?

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On car abuse

I WAS amazed to read 'FPP's' letter of Wednesday, October 24, in which he/she implied that the abuse of government vehicles was the "order of the day" in the past and that it went unchecked and unnoticed.

The implication in the letter was also that the abuse of government vehicles is no worse than in the past and that the numerous complaints arise out of resentment that "blacks are driving luxury vehicles".

I can tell Mr/Mrs FPP that in the department in which I work there was (and still is) very strict control over the use of State vehicles.

The use of a government vehicle as transport to and from home was (and still is) strictly forbidden. The idea of using a government vehicle for a shopping trip as one frequently sees nowadays was completely out of the question.

When I was shopping on Saturday October 6, there were at least four 'D...T' Toyota Landcruisers parked in the Wernhil car park. Whatever Mr/Mrs FPP might think, this type of blatant misuse of our (as taxpayers) property did not happen in the past, and certainly not in the recent plus-minus five years.

I am really not concerned with whether the current offenders are black or white, but I am concerned that taxpayers such as myself are paying for the use of government vehicles in flagrant violation of regulations, which for some reason are not being enforced in certain government departments.

I appreciate that many civil servants are not able to afford to buy a car for transport to and from work, and that public transport in Windhoek is woefully inadequate.

Would it not then be a better idea for departments to look at the possibility of a bus/minibus collection service instead of using countless fuel-guzzling four-wheel drive vehicles to transport civil servants to and from their place of work?

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Peer conditions

THE situation in the township of Katutura is bad - people here continue to live under appalling conditions such a poor housing, poor roads, and very poor communications and security lights are not adequate. People have become daily victims of theft and other criminal activities carried out by unsocial elements.

In an area like Wanaheda there are no security lights and hence no telephones. When some of us enquired about telephones we were told that there is no exchange in the area.

We have heard many reports about