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**MINISTERIAL STATEMENT ON THE
MAJOR LUSAKA WATER SUPPLY INTERRUPTION**

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MR. SPEAKER,

I WISH TO SUBMIT A REPORT ON A MAJOR WATER SUPPLY INTERRUPTION THAT OCCURRED ON 25TH TO 26TH APRIL 2016.

MR. SPEAKER,

ON 25TH APRIL 2016 A REPORT WAS MADE TO LUSAKA WATER AND SEWERAGE COMPANY OVER THE BURSTING OF AN 18 INCH WATER PIPELINE ALONG THE SIDE ROAD PARALLELL TO CHILIMBULU ROAD BEHIND KANGWA SHOPPING CENTER IN LIBALA. THE 18 INCH DIAMETER PIPE IS A PUMPING MAIN THAT DELIVERS TREATED WATER FROM LUSAKA WATER WORKS TO THE RESERVIOR LOCATED NEAR WOODLANDS ROUNDABOUT. THIS PIPE BURST RESULTED IN A BIG FLOOD WHICH ALSO LED TO THE FAILURE OF THE AFFECTED PORTION OF THE SIDE ROAD.

MR SPEAKER,

I WISH TO REPORT THAT THE IMMEDIATE ACTION TAKEN WAS TO SWITCH OFF THE BOOSTER PUMP AT LUSAKA WATER WORKS TO NOT ONLY STOP WASTAGE OF WATER BUT ALSO PROTECT THE NEWLY REHABILITATED ROAD. ARISING FROM THIS SHUT DOWN, WOODLANDS, CHILENJE, LIBALA, KABWATA, KAMWALA, PARTS OF OLYMPIA PARK, ROMA AND RHODES PARK HAD NO WATER. I WISH TO NOTE THAT FOLLOWING THIS SHUT DOWN CUSTOMERS WERE ACCORDINGLY NOTIFIED THROUGH THE MEDIA INCLUDING MOBILE BASED BUSINESS MESSAGING SYSTEMS (SMS).

MR. SPEAKER,