HANSARD

The National Assembly met at a Quarter-past Two o’clock p.m.

PRAYERS

(THE HON. SPEAKER in the Chair)

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HON. D. SIBANDA: Thank you Madam Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Justice, Legal and Parliamentary Affairs. Minister, sometime in 2014, we had a Bill tabled in this Parliament, which lapsed because of time factor. The Bill is about the Biological and Toxin Weapons Crime Bill. From then, it has been quiet, what is the position?

THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE, LEGAL AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (HON. ZIYAMBI): Thank you Madam Speaker. I would like to thank the Hon. Member for the question. Indeed, I am aware of the Bill and we have a very huge backlog in terms of the Bills that have to come to Parliament and it is one of those Bills that will come perhaps in the next Session. I thank you.

HON. D. SIBANDA: Minister, my supplementary may be to buttress this one is that this Bill is important for us and our environment. I will be pleased if you tell us exactly when you are going to bring this Bill into Parliament because it is of paramount importance.

HON. ZIYAMBI: Thank you Madam Speaker. I responded to say that in the next Session that starts September.....