

**TUESDAY, 27 FEBRUARY, 2018**

**MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**

**ALLEGED COLLAPSE OF THE CENTRAL COMPUTING SYSTEM AT THE MINISTRY  
OF FINANCE**

**The Minister of Finance (Mrs Mwanakatwe)**

Mr Speaker, I wish to thank you for according my ministry this opportunity to issue a statement on the alleged collapse of the Central Computing System (CCS) at the Ministry of Finance as reported in some sections of the media. I appreciate the honour to have this opportunity to inform this august House and through the nation, on the status of the Integrated Financial Management Information System (IFMIS) and the steps that the Government is undertaking to ensure that it is speedily restored.

Mr Speaker, IFMIS failed on Monday, the 29<sup>th</sup> of January, 2018 at about 2200 hours. Since then, the system has not been available for business use. The House may wish to note that the failure was not deliberate but a degeneration of the equipment hardware that resulted in data on the affected damaged portions being corrupted, thereby causing the system to fail. This is attributed to the old age of the equipment which has reached its end of useful life.

Sir, at the time of failure, the Government had already taken steps to replace the old equipment. The new equipment has already been installed and the process to migrate the system from the old equipment to the new hardware has already commenced.

Mr Speaker, the restoration has taken a bit of time because of the extent of damage on the equipment. On the failure occurred, immediate efforts to restore the system using backup data failed because it was discovered that the data for recent backup also contained some corrupted data as the damage to the equipment had taken place over a period of time, but only took its toll on 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2018.