**Corruption allegations fly high at Meat Board**

**By Staff Reporter**

Corruption allegations are flying high at Namibia’s biggest red meat producer and supplier, the Meat Board of Namibia. The allegations involve a local audit company, (name supplied) which has conducted several study projects for the Meat Board without going through tender procedures.

It appears that the study projects were carried out without anyone bothering to go through the normal way of outsourcing such services, which usually requires tender invitations to avoid wrong doing or allay fears of corruption.

The situation has been made worse by another allegation that the local audit company has carried out such studies has awarded a bursary to a child of one of the senior managers at Meat Board, who is now studying at Stellenbosch University in South Africa.

“We need some guidelines on how we should deal with such issues. One cannot just wake up one day and say this or that study should be carried by this or that company. It even raises questions as to how and why a child of a senior manager was awarded that bursary.

“What does it tell us as ordinary people? What criteria was used to pick her out of so many children? Corning as it does from a company that has preferably landed such study projects, something somewhere is wrong.

“We have people running this company as if it were a private company. This should not be allowed. This is a public company which must be run like any other public company. If we allow things to go the way they are going, we will find ourselves in a terrible situation."

Namibia Today is in possession of the name of the company that has been awarded

$6,4b for education

**By Esau Muzeu**

Namibia will spend over N$6,4 billion on education over the next financial year, according to this year’s financial budget unveiled in the National Assembly by Finance Minister Saara Kuugongelwa-Amadhila on Tuesday.

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