

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

NOTICE PAPER

(FRIDAY 13TH MARCH, 2026)

NOTICE OF QUESTIONS

(FOR ORAL ANSWER ON TUESDAY 17TH MARCH, 2026)

1. **MR. S. O. MAPULANGA, MP. (CHOBE):** To ask the Minister of Communications and Innovation to state: (345)
 - (i) why the telecommunications towers of Ghoha, Savuti and Mid Mababe have not been completed; and
 - (ii) when his Ministry intends to complete the towers to facilitate the communication in the areas and access to information as per the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 9.
2. **MR. S. O. DIGWA, MP. (BOTETI WEST):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education whether, given the work that Deputy School Heads do in primary schools, it is not time to relieve them of teaching duties so that they can focus on supervising academic work. (346)
3. **MR. J. J. FRENZEL, MP. (SHASHE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Minerals and Energy to state: (347)
 - (i) if she is aware of a coal mine that was in operation 20 kilometres from Mabesekwa along the Tonota-Mabesekwa 60 kilometres gravel road which was abruptly closed;
 - (ii) the reasons behind this immediate closure;
 - (iii) whether there are any considerations of re-opening the mine; if so, when; and
 - (iv) what the residents of Mabesekwa will benefit from the re-opening of the coal mine operations.
4. **MS. H. P. MANYENENG, MP. (MMOPANE-METSIMOTLHABE):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to state: (348)
 - (i) if he is aware that there is no designated combi rank in the Mmopane–Metsimotlhabe area, resulting in combi and taxi operators operating from informal open spaces;

- (ii) whether he is aware that the absence of basic facilities, including toilets, at these locations poses public health and safety risks; and
 - (iii) what steps he intends to take, in collaboration with the relevant Ministry to establish a formal combi rank with adequate facilities.
5. **MR. L. BARONGWANG, MP. (MOGODITSHANE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs what measures are being taken to fast-track the development of a storm water drainage system in Mogoditshane and other affected areas, following the recent heavy rainfall in the southern part of Botswana, which destroyed many residential homes and displaced people especially the less-privileged communities. **(349)**
6. **MR. M. M. MOROLONG, MP. (KGATLENG CENTRAL):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to state Government plans to introduce structured retreats and psychological support programmes including emotional therapies or mindfulness - based stress reduction for Social Workers to address occupational stress and trauma. **(350)**
7. **DR. U. DOW, MP. (KGATLENG WEST):** To ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services to state: **(351)**
- (i) how many people were detained under the civil imprisonment for failure to pay their debts during the years 2019; 2020; 2021; 2022, 2023; 2024 and 2025;
 - (ii) what the cost per day to the creditor civil imprisonment for debt is;
 - (iii) what the cost per day to Government civil imprisonment for debt is; and
 - (iv) whether he considers it necessary to review the law and procedures regulating the civil imprisonment for failure to pay debt.
8. **MR. O. KWAPA, MP. (JWANENG-MABUTSANE):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture: **(352)**
- (i) to indicate categorically the number of plots which have been repossessed by the following;
 - (a) Ngwaketse Land Board;
 - (b) Maokane Sub Land Board; and
 - (c) Mabutsane Sub Land Board; and

- (ii) whether there have been advertisements for these plots to be allocated to applicants.
9. **MR. J. T. MODISE, MP. (KGALAGADI SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to state when it will be possible to provide a passage between Molopo ranches and the border line for other farmers and Government officials to have access along the boundary line at Molopo farms to reduce cross border exit/entrance in the ungazetted area. (353)
10. **MR. G. LEKAU, MP. (MOGODITSHANE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to state: (354)
- (i) when the National Policy on Destitute Persons was last reviewed; and
- (ii) if there are plans to review the policy; and if so, when.
11. **MR. G. DISHO, MP. (OKAVANGO EAST):** To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism to state: (355)
- (i) when Government intends to establish a National Sustainability Framework to guide environmental, social and economic governance;
- (ii) whether Government acknowledges that the continued absence of such a framework has placed Botswana at a disadvantage relative to comparable countries in the region, weakened compliance with international green and climate finance requirements, and resulted in missed or foregone opportunities to access green finance and sustainability-linked funding; and
- (iii) immediate corrective measures that are being instituted to avert further financial and developmental loss arising from the gap.
12. **MR. D. SALESHANDO, MP. (MAUN NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to state if Botswana Railways was operating profitably as at the end of December 2025 as had been declared and decreed by the President to the nation; if not, to explain if there had been any strategy adopted by the Board pointing to possible profitability by December 2025. (356)