

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

NOTICE PAPER

(TUESDAY 17TH MARCH, 2026)

NOTICE OF QUESTIONS

(FOR ORAL ANSWER ON WEDNESDAY 18TH MARCH, 2026)

1. **MR. M. MOALOSI, MP. (NKANGE):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture if there are any plans to make Tutume Sub Landboard a fully-fledged landboard with Nata and Marapong being its subordinate landboards and if there are no plans, is the Minister aware of the Decentralization Policy and whether, for the sake of service delivery, it would not be prudent to break up Ngwato Landboard into smaller landboards based on the newly established districts. (21)
2. **MR. M. BAGAISAMANG, MP. (SHOSHONG):** To ask the Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship to state progress made in the Milk Africa project thus far towards having a sustainable milk supply to Botswana. (184)
3. **MR. J. T. MODISE, MP. (KGALAGADI SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to state when it will be possible to provide pre and primary schools with official vehicles, considering that the teachers use their own vehicles for official duties. (283)
4. **MS. H. P. MANYENENG, MP. (MMOPANE-METSIMOTLHABE):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs if he is aware of the absence of stop signs, speed limits, and traffic-calming measures along Mmopane Road between the Spar junction and Iron Rod Bar, as well as poor road conditions during the rainy season; and if so, what interventions are planned to improve the poor condition of the road and its safety. (286)
5. **MR. S. O. DIGWA, MP. (BOTETI WEST):** To ask the Minister of Water and Human Settlement if he is aware that waste from drains in Boteti District is disposed of in Serowe, and that there is only one vehicle servicing the entire district; if so, whether it makes economic sense to service Boteti District from Serowe. (322)

6. **MR. L. BARONGWANG, MP. (MOGODITSHANE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship to state: (77)

- (i) the number of foreign direct investment deals already completed and those still outstanding with a clear status of each deal in the past 12 months;
- (ii) whether any economic benefits have already been realised and those expected to mature in the next 6 to 12 months from January 2026;
- (iii) the various projects and the sectors involved;
- (iv) the total amount invested in each project;
- (v) the level of citizen participation (citizen inclusion) in the various projects; and
- (vi) the number of jobs created or likely to be created.

7. **MR. L. LESEDI, MP. (SEROWE SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services to state: (202)

- (i) Government's position on capital punishment and if a moratorium has been imposed on capital punishment in Botswana;
- (ii) the number of individuals currently on death row and why no death warrants have been signed since October 2024 even for those found guilty of murder who have exhausted the legal process;
- (iii) why the number of heinous crimes and murder cases has risen exponentially since a moratorium was imposed;
- (iv) why the Government seems to place more value on the rights of murderers and killers over those of their victims and their families; and
- (v) what is being done to protect the rights of victims of murder and their families.

(FOR ORAL ANSWER ON THURSDAY 19TH MARCH, 2026)

1. **MR. T. B. LUCAS, MP. (BOBIRWA):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to give a full update of all protocols, processes and activities that have been done so far to support and sustain the Sovereign Wealth Fund in Botswana; and to state in particular: (249)

- (i) how his Ministry will navigate the sustenance of such a fund under the current economic conditions; and
- (ii) the projected milestones that will guarantee generational equity as it is the prime objective of the fund.

2. **MR. G. DISHO, MP. (OKAVANGO EAST):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to state: (292)
- (i) when Government intends to give back the underlisted concessions to the following community trusts and villages;
 - (a) NG 14 and 16 to Gudigwa community;
 - (b) NG 11 for Mogocho, Ngarange and Sekondomboro (Itekeng Community Trust); and
 - (ii) whether the leases are still valid with other operators and to further state when they will expire and how long they have been holding on to these leases.
3. **MR. M. MOALOSI, MP. (NKANGE):** To ask the Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship if he is aware that Bolux Group (Pty) Ltd sells flour as well as bread, under cutting small bakeries with pricing leading to the collapse of the said businesses; if so, whether: (260)
- (i) competition laws allow a flour manufacturer to also operate a bakery to supply wholesalers, chain stores, tuck shops and even road side vendors; and
 - (ii) Government has any plans to protect small scale bakeries from such predatory pricing and exclusive dealing arrangements.
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. C. K. HIKUAMA, MP. (MAUN WEST):** To ask the Minister of Higher Education to apprise this Honourable House on the state and operational efficiency of the Botswana Open University (BOU); and to further outline: (189)
- (i) the strategies being implemented to overcome barriers such as limited resources and facilities including internet connectivity in remote areas and ensure equitable access to BOU's programmes for all eligible citizens; and

- (ii) the enrolment for the "Open schooling" candidates for the past five (5) years, breaking it down for each year up to 2025.
6. **MR. T. FURNITURE, MP. (TATI EAST):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education to state: (216)
- (i) when the maintenance of Tashata Junior Secondary School is expected to commence; and
 - (ii) what causes delays since it was indicated that maintenance would have been done by April 2025.
7. **MR. J. T. MODISE, MP. (KGALAGADI SOUTH):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to state when the road along the border line from Molopo farm to Two Rivers will be made for effective patrols by security services, immigration and veterinary services personnel as well as other stakeholders. (231)
8. **DR. U. DOW, MP. (KGATLENG WEST):** To ask the Minister of Finance whether he considers transparency, accountability, fairness and open competition to be core principles in the Government's procurement process and if there are any plans to bring a bill to Parliament amending the current procurement laws, with a view to: (212)
- (i) granting the President special procurement powers; and
 - (ii) abandoning competitive bidding as the default position in the grant of Government tenders and contracts and substituting same with direct appointment.
9. **MR. C. K. JACOBS, MP. (LOBATSE):** To ask the Minister of Finance whether it is not time to consider putting up the Government integrated offices to revive the economic status of Lobatse as was promised during the late Honourable Sebege's tenure. (255)
10. **MR. M. BAGAISAMANG, MP. (SHOSHONG):** To ask the Minister of Labour and Home Affairs to state: (241)
- (i) the number of churches which were registered following the re-registration of societies under a new dispensation;
 - (ii) action taken against those that did not register;
 - (iii) if all mushrooming churches which occupy open spaces around cities and villages are registered; and
 - (iv) if he has made an assessment on them for potential money laundering capabilities, terrorism and financing of radicalisation of citizens; and
 - (v) implications this has on Botswana's standing in the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) 2026/2027 evaluation.

11. **MR. G. KEKGONEGILE, MP. (MAUN EAST):** To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism to brief this Honourable House on the protocols in place to alleviate escalating human-wildlife conflict challenges in the North West District, with emphasis on: (248)
- (i) efforts and strategies put in place to help communities to fight human-wildlife conflict;
 - (ii) resources in place to help the department to be responsive to reports from communities in terms of transport, staff etc;
 - (iii) the number of reports made and efforts being put in place to help Hainaveld farmers troubled by the high number of elephants and lions in their farms; and
 - (iv) the number of reports made by Shorobe livestock farmers concerning lions killing their cattle on a weekly basis and efforts made to alleviate the challenge.
12. **MR. L. BARONGWANG, MP. (MOGODITSHANE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship to state: (266)
- (i) the number of licensed and unlicensed second-hand vehicle dealerships respectively which currently operate in Mogoditshane, and the existing mechanisms to monitor their activities;
 - (ii) the estimated contribution of these dealerships to local employment creation and tax revenue generation; and
 - (iii) short and medium-term Government plans and projects in place towards Mogoditshane village, aligned with promoting the ease of doing second-hand vehicle dealership business in the village as well as tax collection and locals participation.

NOTICE OF LEADER OF THE HOUSE'S QUESTION TIME

(FOR ORAL ANSWER ON THURSDAY 26TH MARCH, 2026)

THEME: REFORMS (IF ANY) MADE TO THE DIRECTORATE OF INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY SERVICE TO IMPROVE GOVERNANCE AND OVERSIGHT

- To ask the Leader of the House to disclose whether or not Government has since November 2024 undertaken any investigations into the Directorate of Intelligence and Security Services (DISS) given the numerous complaints against the organisation under the previous Government. In particular, and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the Leader of the House should provide details of:
 - (i) **Legal and Operational Conduct:** The number of court judgments delivered against the DISS since formation, in which the court found that the Directorate had acted outside its legal mandate;

- (ii) **Influence on Government Procurement:** A list of all tenders awarded by Government departments or agencies that were influenced, directed, reviewed, or terminated as a result of direct or indirect intervention by the DISS or in any way influenced by the DISS;
- (iii) **Asset Acquisition and value for money:** A schedule of all immovable properties acquired by the DISS since inception for purposes not directly related to its core security operations, including but not limited to the Tautona Lodge and an explanation of the decision-making process for such acquisitions to ensure transparency and value for money;
- (iv) **Involvement in Financial Investigations:** Clarification on the role played by the DISS, if any, in the investigation or handling of the case involving alleged stolen funds from the Bank of Botswana;
- (v) **Financial Accountability and Audit Oversight:** An explanation of how public resources allocated to the DISS were accounted for during any periods in which the organisation was not subject to audit by the Auditor General, and a confirmation of whether the DISS will be included in the scope of the ongoing Forensic Audit; and
- (vi) **Institutional Reforms:** A detailed account of any specific administrative, operational, or oversight reforms that have been implemented or proposed since November 2024 to prevent the recurrence of past abuses of the spy agency and to ensure the DISS operates strictly within its mandate and under the rule of law.

(Mr. D. Saleshando, MP. – Maun North)

NOTICE OF TABLING OF A PAPER

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- Botswana Telecommunications Corporation Integrated Annual Report, 2025.

(Minister of Communications and Innovation)