

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

NOTICE PAPER

(THURSDAY 19TH MARCH, 2026)

NOTICE OF QUESTIONS

(FOR ORAL ANSWER ON MONDAY 23RD MARCH, 2026)

1. **MR. K. NKAWANA, MP. (SELEBI PHIKWE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to state whether a multi-million-pula contract was awarded by Botswana Railways; and if so, to state: (358)
 - (i) the contract amount and how the contract was awarded, and the level of involvement of the project office at Office of the President;
 - (ii) the reasons for the secrecy of the deal and sidelining of both the Board and the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure;
 - (iii) who ordered the project office to ensure that the company is contracted;
 - (iv) if there are any letters of complaints to the Minister or to any Government officials about the deal;
 - (v) the nature of such complaints and what actions have been taken; and
 - (vi) whether there is a policy shift diverting Public Private Partnership (PPPs) project proposals from the Ministry of Finance to the Office of the President.

2. **MR. M. M. PULE, MP. (KGATLENG EAST):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure how many public transport permits have been issued for the Malolwane–Oliphants Drift, Malolwane–Mochudi, and Modipane–Mabalane roads; and to further state: (359)
 - (i) the number of permits, the permit holders (owners), and whether these permits are currently active; and
 - (ii) whether Government intends to increase the permit quota for operations on these roads; and if so, when the increased quota will be implemented so that people can apply.

3. **MR. T. FURNITURE, MP. (TATI EAST):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to apprise this Honourable House on Botswana Police Savings and Loan Guarantee Scheme for the year ended 2025; and to further state: (360)
- (i) from which year these dividends were declared, what happened to the dividends declared from the scheme since its inception in 1999; and
 - (ii) the criteria used to select officers who have retired from active service as it seems that some officers who are no longer members of the scheme benefitted while others were left out.
4. **BRIGADIER. D. MOKGWATHI, MP. (LETLHAKENG):** To ask the Minister of Health to apprise this Honourable House on the strategic end state of health services in Letlhakeng Constituency for the coming five (5) years looking at the following variables: (361)
- (i) Human Resource Placement and their welfare considerations as health care givers e.g. doctors, nurses and the ancillary staff far in rural areas;
 - (ii) envisaged infrastructural development for both medical staff and ancillary staff accommodation;
 - (iii) the specific or estimated number of support servicing equipment e.g. vehicles and their related equipment for a healthy environmental upkeep;
 - (iv) whether his Ministry has Key Performance Areas (KPAs) and Key Performance Indicators (KPIs); and
 - (v) if the above considerations form part of the Government's long term Vision 2036.
5. **MR. D. SALESHANDO, MP. (MAUN NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Minerals and Energy to update this Honourable House on the current state of fuel supply and national fuel security in Botswana, in light of recent public statements and concerns regarding the adequacy of national fuel reserves; and to specifically state: (362)
- (i) the current volume of fuel stocks available in Botswana, including both commercial stocks held by oil marketing companies and Government strategic reserves;
 - (ii) the number of days of national fuel cover currently available based on Botswana's average daily consumption;

- (iii) the maximum strategic fuel storage capacity available in the country and whether Government has plans to expand this capacity to meet internationally recommended benchmarks for energy security;
 - (iv) measures Government has put in place to mitigate potential disruptions to fuel supply, particularly in light of ongoing geopolitical tensions in the Middle East that may affect global fuel supply chains; and
 - (v) whether the country is at risk of totally running out of supply as warned by the President.
6. **MR. S. O. MAPULANGA, MP. (CHOBE):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education to state progress made in the maintenance of Nata Senior Secondary School; and further state: (363)
- (i) the amount of damage incurred in terms of value; and
 - (ii) when her Ministry will complete the maintenance works to normalise the school operations.
7. **MR. P. M. MOSANANA, MP. (KANYE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture what measures are being taken to clear backlog of land applications for youth and first-time applicants in Kanye. (364)
8. **MR. S. O. DIGWA, MP. (BOTETI WEST):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education if she is aware that the boarding hostels at Boteti West junior secondary schools have exceeded the carrying capacity which is 96 pupils per hostel by over 150 per cent; and if so, whether this condition is ideal and what she intends to do to arrest this dire situation. (365)
9. **MR. B. B. MABEO, MP. (GAMALETE):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to state: (366)
- (i) the number of Secure Land Titles (SLTs) produced to date by Malete Land Board and the total number of SLTs produced to date in all Land Boards;
 - (ii) the number of SLTs produced against what was projected;
 - (iii) the date that the actual SLTs were produced and where;
 - (iv) when they were produced and whether they were delivered as a once off or in batches; if in batches, when the first batch of SLTs and the last batch were delivered; and
 - (v) the benefits of having a Secure Land Title.

10. **MR. P. AARON, MP. (NGAMI):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs: (367)

(i) if he is aware that:

(a) Danega village, a fully gazetted village, is still operating without a proper primary school and that the current satellite structure is made of boards and has some of the walls made of river reeds which is a highly combustible material and to exacerbate this, these structures include the kitchen;

(b) that the same current structure runs on employment of 100 per cent temporary teachers without a School Head since it has not been awarded the status of a primary school;

(c) the current Satellite has one accommodation house made of boards for nine (9) teachers, simply translating to a Satellite school running without accommodation and that the nearest villages are Gumare and Nokaneng which are about 20 kilometres away without gravel roads connecting them to Danega except donkey-cart tracks; and that temporary teachers who can are forced to commute every day using their vehicles cars, making it impossible during muddy rainy seasons; and that those without transport sleep like boarding school children without privacy in the makeshift structure;

(ii) how a Government of human rights continues to run a school without water; and

(iii) whether the Minister does not find this situation inhumane, an exploitation of people and a situation which calls for his immediate action.

11. **MR. L. LESEDI, MP. (SEROWE SOUTH):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security: (368)

(i) to give a comprehensive report on the number of persons who have gone missing and those who have been reported missing in Botswana in the last ten (10) years, as well as their ages and gender and the search efforts thereof;

(ii) if his Ministry has not considered introducing a Missing Person Unit across all Police stations in Botswana to deal with escalating cases of missing persons;

- (iii) how many cases were due to kidnappings and ritual killings and what is being done to sensitise the public and raise awareness to deal with such superstition;
- (iv) why incidents of missing persons are increasing in Botswana; and
- (v) to state the longest missing persons case and cases of missing persons which were resolved.

(FOR ORAL ANSWER ON TUESDAY 24TH MARCH, 2026)

1. **MR. P. K. MOTAOSANE, MP. (THAMAGA - KUMAKWANE):** To ask the Minister of Labour and Home Affairs to state: **(369)**
 - (i) the number of jobs, by sector, that were created by Government since January 2025; and
 - (ii) if there were no job losses in the same period.
2. **MR. J. J. FRENZEL, MP. (SHASHE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship to apprise this Honourable House on: **(370)**
 - (i) how much funds were raised through the Alcohol Levy during the new operational times introduced during the 2025 festive season; and
 - (ii) whether there were any mishaps or incidents reported to have been associated with the new operational times compared to the same period in the previous year.
3. **MS. H. P. MANYENENG, MP. (MMOPANE-METSIMOTLHABE):** To ask the Minister of Minerals and Energy to state: **(371)**
 - (i) if she is aware that;
 - (a) residents of Metsimotlhabe Block 4 are experiencing prolonged delays in being connected to the electrical grid because the area is not yet fully serviced by Botswana Power Corporation (BPC);
 - (b) as a result, residents are being issued with unusually high quotations for electricity connections, comparable to those for business or commercial connections; and
 - (ii) when her Ministry, through BPC, expects the servicing of Metsimotlhabe Block 4 and the provision of standard residential connections to be completed.

4. **MR. M. M. MOROLONG, MP. (KGATLENG CENTRAL):** To ask the Minister of Health to state Government plans to introduce structured retreats and psychological support programmes including emotional therapies or mindfulness - based stress reduction for nurses, doctors and other health practitioners to address occupational stress and trauma. (372)
5. **DR. U. DOW, MP. (KGATLENG WEST):** To ask the Minister of Minerals and Energy whether an agreement on zero tariffs on rough diamond was ever reached with the United States of America; and if not, what the current tariff is. (373)
6. **MR. G. DISHO, MP. (OKAVANGO EAST):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education to apprise this Honourable House on: (374)
- (i) the current state of school infrastructure in the Okavango District, particularly the two (2) junior secondary schools in the Okavango East Constituency, which are in a severely dilapidated and unsafe condition, thereby compromising the rights of children to a safe, healthy and conducive learning environment;
 - (ii) the immediate measures Government is taking to safeguard the rights, wellbeing and dignity of learners and teachers, who are compelled to continue learning and teaching under these conditions;
 - (iii) whether her Ministry acknowledges that the persistent poor academic performance in the school may be directly linked to the violations of learners' rights caused by the degraded learning environment; and if so, to state how long children, educators and parents are expected to endure such conditions; and
 - (iv) timelines which have been set to bring these schools into compliance with national education standards and children's rights obligations as provided for under the Constitution and the relevant child protection frameworks.
7. **MR. O. KWAPA, MP. (JWANENG-MABUTSANE):** To ask the Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship whether: (375)
- (i) there was any consultation with Business Botswana regarding adjustments for trading hours for alcohol during the 2025 festive season;
 - (ii) this will happen annually in the years to come;

- (iii) there has been an improvement in the country's economy during the 2025 festive season;
 - (iv) his Ministry is aware that the bars were given times which are specifically reserved for night clubs and to state the basis for such a decision; and
 - (v) he is aware that as a result, night clubs have suffered profit loss.
8. **MR. J. T. MODISE, MP. (KGALAGADI SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs when the *Dikgotla* in the small villages such as Kolonkwaneng, Khawa, Struizendam and others will be upgraded to have Kgosi and Deputy Dikgosi positions as they have grown in population sizes. (376)
9. **MR. D. SALESHANDO, MP. (MAUN NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Water and Human Settlement if he is aware that non-clearance/removal of aquatic river blockages in the lower Okavango river channels has affected water flow patterns, which adversely affects some communities whose livelihoods are anchored on economic activity along the river; if so, to state the total funds availed in the last five (5) financial years for this activity and how much will be availed in the next financial year. (377)
10. **MR. T. FURNITURE, MP. (TATI EAST):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to state: (378)
- (i) how many cases from the public service have been registered with the Public Service Commission (PSC) since the new Government took over in October 2024;
 - (ii) how many have been settled from the registered cases, how many are pending and why;
 - (iii) what nature of cases are registered with the Commissioner General and what his Ministry is doing to ensure that these cases are not repeated;
 - (iv) when his Ministry is planning to operate PSC as a stand-alone entity rather than operating it under the Directorate of Public Service Management (DPSM);
 - (v) what is hindering his office from appointing and commissioning the Commissioner General of PSC to resume his/her duties; and

- (vi) if he is satisfied that PSC serves the purpose and rights of the civil servants; and if so, why there are still many cases registered at PSC.
11. **MR. T. B. LUCAS, MP. (BOBIRWA):** To ask the Minister of Water and Human Settlement to apprise this Honourable House on the project that seeks to connect Thune Dam to the villages of Lepokole, Gobojango, Semolale, Mabolwe and Mothabaneng for water, clearly stating past challenges and future plans to actualise the project. (379)
12. **MR. M. M. PULE, MP. (KGATLENG EAST):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to apprise this Honourable House on the current framework governing the benefits and entitlements accorded to former Presidents; and to further state: (380)
- (i) the specific benefits currently provided to former Presidents, including but not limited to financial allowances, security detail, housing, medical care, and staff support;
 - (ii) whether the Ministry considers these benefits to be commensurate with the former Presidents' past service to the nation, or if they are deemed excessive or inadequate in light of the country's current economic realities;
 - (iii) if the Ministry intends to undertake a review of the existing benefits package with a view to either reducing, maintaining, or increasing such benefits; and
 - (iv) whether the Ministry intends to conduct any benchmarking exercise against other countries in the region to assess the appropriateness and sustainability of Botswana's benefits framework for former Heads of State.

NOTICE OF A PETITION

(FOR FRIDAY 20TH MARCH, 2026)

- **PRESENTATION OF A PETITION BY MR. M. MOALOSI, MP. – NKANGE**