

NTLO YA DIKGOSI

ORDER PAPER

(MONDAY 26TH OCTOBER, 2026)

QUESTIONS

- 1. KGOSI B. SEIPONE (SPECIALLY ELECTED):** To ask the Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship to state when the Botswana Investment and Trade Centre (BITC) will promote investment in the Kang Planning Region for the region to take shape as per the region's initiative. **(279)**
- 2. KGOSI M. KHACHANA III (NORTH EAST):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to state:- **(294)**
 - (i) whether he is aware that there is a fully fitted modular clinic located at Vukwi Village (North East District);
 - (ii) whether the facility was part of a donation from the People's Republic of China specifically the batch of modular or mobile clinics donated circa 2018;
 - (iii) why the facility remains underutilised or non-operational despite its adequate capacity to serve the community; and
 - (iv) the measures he intends to put in place to deploy staff and fully equip the clinic in order for the residents of Vukwi to have access to the healthcare services intended by the donor.
- 3. KGOSI M. KHACHANA III (NORTH EAST):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education to apprise this Honourable House on:- **(303)**
 - (i) progress made regarding the development of a regulatory framework or policy to monitor and control the escalation of fees in private English Medium and international schools following the adoption of a parliamentary Motion on this matter in 2012 tabled by Honourable Wynter Mmolotsi;
 - (ii) the criteria used to determine the current fee structures across various private tiers and whether they are commensurate with the facilities and quality of education provided;

- (iii) specific measures that are taken to protect parents from arbitrary mid-year fee hikes or development levies that are often introduced without adequate consultation;
- (iv) whether the current provisions under the Education Act Cap 58:01 are sufficient to intervene when private school fees become prohibitive to the average citizen; and
- (v) whether the Ministry will consider drafting a School Fees Control Act to establish a Tribunal similar to the one found under the Rent Control Act Cap 43:09 to protect Batswana parents from exploitative pricing.

4. KGOSI MOROKA I. P. TUMAELETSE IV (SPECIALLY ELECTED): To ask the Minister of Health whether he is aware that:- **(304)**

- (i) families of the deceased incur heavy costs when transporting corpse and suffer emotional distress as they travel long distance from Kuruman in South Africa to Ramatlabama border post which is roughly 800 kilometres as opposed to 200 kilometres through McCarthy's Rust or Middlepits, Makopong, Bray border post and 200 kilometres through Bokspits border post from Upington; and if so, will he consider putting in place an amicable solution between the Ministry and its counterpart to service clients with ease; and
- (ii) there is only one medical doctor stationed at Ramatlabama to conduct autopsy services for the entire Southern part of Botswana; and if so, does the Ministry have immediate plans to liaise with its counterpart to deploy doctors in each border along Molopo river to conduct autopsy services as a permanent remedy.

5. KGOSI KHAMA IV (GA-MMANGWATO): To ask the Minister of Health to acquaint this Honourable House on the number of clinic ambulances that are currently in the national fleet, as well as the number of those that are serviceable. **(326)**

6. **KGOSI KHAMA IV (GA-MMANGWATO):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to state the steps that have so far been achieved since it was announced that it was Government's intention to improve tribal administration. (329)
7. **KGOSI MOROKA I P. TUMAELETSE IV (SPECIALLY ELECTED):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to state:- (332)
- (i) if he is aware that there is a notable disparity in grading traditional leadership positions specifically for Hukuntsi in Kgalagadi North with a Deputy Chief at D3 salary scale; and if so, could he explain why the Deputy Chief at D3 salary scale is only peculiar to Hukuntsi village;
 - (ii) the criteria that was used to determine the establishment of such a post in Kgalagadi North and why similar principles cannot apply in Kgalagadi South which has more population density than the other region if at all the postulation was based on population; and
 - (iii) what immediate plans the Ministry has in place to harmonise the establishment of the same post in Kgalagadi South to ensure uniform service delivery and authority.
8. **KGOSI MOROKA I P. TUMAELETSE IV (SPECIALLY ELECTED):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to state:- (335)
- (i) if he is aware that few Districts in Botswana have full operational positions of traditional leadership such as; Chiefs, Deputy Chiefs, Senior Chief Representative and Headmen of Record; and if so, explain why the same structure cannot be implemented in all districts;
 - (ii) if he is further aware that failure to harmonise this practice which persisted for more than 6 decades could be perceived to be tantamount to gross violation of human rights; and

- (iii) whether he is aware that the marginalised groups can escalate this matter to litigate against discrimination and deprivation of the enjoyment of their rights; and if so, are there any immediate plans to factor in these sentiments in the envisaged Bogosi Act, CAP. 41:01 of 2008 which is under review.

9. KGOSI N. KABELO (SEROWE REGION): To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to state:- **(337)**

- (i) why the transfer of Primary Health Care functions to councils including Serowe District Council was implemented without a commensurate transfer of adequate financial resources; and
- (ii) if he is aware that councils face the risk of failing to deliver essential services due to budget short falls; and if so, what he intends to do as a contingency to prevent deterioration of services.

10. KGOSI KHAMA IV (GA-MMANGWATO): To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to state:- **(339)**

- (i) what informed the decision to change the name from Ipelegeng to Ikageng as self-reliance is one of the five principles of Botswana particularly the active participation in community projects; and
- (ii) what the purpose of changing the name was if they mean the same thing.

11. KGOSI MOROKA I P. TUMAELETSE IV (SPECIALLY ELECTED): To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to inform this Honourable House on:- **(342)**

- (i) progress made regarding the completion and operationalisation of the Department of Tribal Administration structure as per the six (6) months promise that the Minister made when he assumed office;
- (ii) whether he is aware that progression or career path for most of junior officers is adversely affected as a result of no clarity which contravenes the Directorate of Public Service Management (DPSM) Directive No. 8 of 2006, No. 10 of 2001 and Section 14 of Public Service Act (PSA), Act No. 30 of 2008;

- (iii) whether he is aware that most of the officers underwent personal self-development in Human Resource Management discipline and obtained their Certificates, Diplomas and even Degrees but without progression despite their excellent service delivery;
- (iv) whether he is aware that Assistant Court Clerks remain stagnant at B2 salary scale for more than 10 years despite having acquired further Diploma in their academic qualifications; and
- (v) whether he is further aware that entry salary scale for any Diploma holder is C4 salary scale in the entire public service.

12. KGOSI S. MASALILA (TONOTA REGION): To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs if he is aware that the Ntlo ya Dikgosi representative for Tonota Region covers a wider and complicated area of six (6) constituencies namely; Tonota, Shashe West, Boteti East, Mmadinare, Bobonong and Tswapong North; and if so, whether he will consider narrowing them to three (3) to ease the work load and also cut on expenses for both the Government and the Member. **(344)**

13. KGOSI KHAMA IV (GA-MMANGWATO): To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security, as a follow up to question 186 which was asked on the 27th January 2026, will the Minister update this House:- **(366)**

- (i) whether payment of arrears arising from the court ruling concerning Directorate of Intelligence and Security (DIS) C-band officers has commenced and, if not, what factors have caused delays;
- (ii) what measures the Ministry has taken to address concerns arising from the delay in implementation of the court ruling;
- (iii) whether the Ministry has established a timeline for payment of the arrears and, if so, when payments are expected to commence;

- (iv) whether any administrative review has been undertaken regarding delays in implementing the court ruling; and
- (v) what mechanisms exist to ensure compliance with court decisions affecting the DIS.

14. **KGOSI KHAMA IV (GA-MMANGWATO):** To ask the Minister of International Relations to state categorically the Government's positions on adherence to democracy, human rights and the rule of law and how it has or intends to address those same principles with other countries in the region and the continent that violate regional and continental protocols on adherence to such that they signed up to. **(385)**
15. **KGOSI KHAMA IV (GA-MMANGWATO):** To ask the Minister of International Relations what the Government's position is on countries who have arrested and detained opposition leaders and their supporters, used violence and lethal force to suppress dissent; specifically, in countries like Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda, and others. **(387)**
16. **KGOSI KHAMA IV (GA-MMANGWATO):** To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism to confirm:- **(407)**
 - (i) whether indeed there was a lodge called Kalahari Plains in the Central Kalahari Game Reserve (CKGR) whose owners applied for a lease renewal which was never responded to, thus resulting in the lease expiring and eventually closing, whereupon another citizen applied to take over the lodge; again, there was no approval given; and
 - (ii) further confirm why they did not allow this facility to continue operating, if the role of the Ministry is to promote tourism in the country.
17. **KGOSI I. TSHIPANA (SPECIALLY ELECTED):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education if she will consider upgrading Mookane Junior Secondary School to a unified school due to its strategic location where 2 mines are emerging and there is availability of students from nearby villages such as Mmaphashalala, Dibete, Phalaroad, Poloka, Dovedale and other villages within Mookane catchment area. **(410)**

18. KGOSI M. KHACHANA III (NORTH EAST): To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to update this Honourable House on:- **(422)**

- (i) the total number of Motions passed by the Ntlo ya Dikgosi and submitted to the Government for consideration from 2010 to date;
- (ii) the number of Motions successfully implemented as policy and those that are currently under review or pending action within the various ministries;
- (iii) the formal tracking and feedback mechanisms that exist within the Ministry to ensure that the resolutions of this House are not merely noted but are integrated into the National Development Plans (NDPs); and
- (iv) the protocol for providing a detailed justification to Dikgosi in instances where a Motion was rejected and deemed unfeasible by Government to ensure transparent and consultative process.

19. KGOSI KHAMA IV (GA-MMANGWATO): To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism to state:- **(425)**

- (i) why there were contradictory statements released by Botswana Tourism Organisation (BTO) where the public was first informed that the 2026 Khawa Dune Challenge & Cultural Festival had been postponed to 2027, and was subsequently informed by BTO that both the Khawa Dune Challenge and Cultural Festival and Makgadikgadi Epic had been cancelled for 2026;
- (ii) the details of who authorised the first communication of the postponement, the cancellation and the reasons between the two communications;
- (iii) the steps that will be taken to ensure that national tourism events are communicated with consistency, accuracy and accountability; and

- (iv) whether the Minister will commission an independent review into BTO's planning, budgeting, procurement, contract management, stakeholder coordination and public communication processes relating to the Khawa Dune Challenge and Cultural Festival and the Makgadikgadi Epic.

20. KGOSI L. M. BABEILE (KGALAGADI SOUTH REGION): To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education if he is aware that:- **(428)**

- (i) Tsabong Unified Secondary School buildings are in a bad state of disrepair;
- (ii) the school is dark and there are no lights in all the classrooms;
- (iii) boys ablution blocks are not functional;
- (iv) students use cold water as there is no truck to carry fire wood;
- (v) the school has more than 30 temporary teachers; and if so, when he intends to visit the school and address the above; and
- (vi) there are 11 vacant posts for teachers in that school.

21. KGOSI KHAMA IV (GA-MMANGWATO): To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism to state:- **(431)**

- (i) whether the findings of planning, budgeting, procurement, contract management, stakeholder coordination and public communication processes review will be tabled before the appropriate oversight structures;
- (ii) whether there will be personal or institutional accountability where failures are established;
- (iii) whether Botswana Tourism Organisation's (BTO) current national events model remains fit for purpose;
- (iv) whether Government intends to continue outsourcing national tourism events to the private sector;

- (v) what reforms will be implemented before the 2027 editions; and
 - (vi) how the Minister intends to restore public, sponsor, community and private sector confidence in BTO's ability to deliver credible tourism events.
- 22. KGOSI KHAMA IV (GA-MMANGWATO):** To ask Minister for State President, Defence and Security to provide an update regarding the undertaking made during the January session concerning staffing at Tautona Lodge and Farm, the purpose for which the property was acquired, and the status of livestock acquired in connection with the farm. **(442)**
- 23. KGOSI T. M. MONYEPELE (TSWAPONG REGION):** To ask the Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship to apprise this Honourable House on:- **(461)**
- (i) the policies he has put in place to foster an enabling business environment that provides financial assistance, strengthen value chains and improve market access for rural based products; and
 - (ii) what the Ministry is doing to promote rural entrepreneurship and provide statistics of progress made so far.
- 24. KGOSI L. M. BABEILE (KGALAGADI SOUTH):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security if he is aware that there are no police officers stationed at Maleshe, and if so, when he intends to deploy them. **(457)**
- 25. KGOSI KHAMA IV (GA-MMANGWATO):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to inform this Honourable House on:- **(458)**
- (i) whether the forensic report which deals with financial misconduct did not go into other major abuses of office such as violations of human rights, the Constitution, the rule of law and democracy;
 - (ii) whether the Government will institute a commission of inquiry into such abuses that will allow all affected citizens to come forward to seek redress; and

- (iii) whether the Government intends to hold the perpetrators of such persecution to account before the law.

26. KGOSI J. D. KHUMANEGO (NGWAKETSE WEST REGION): To ask the Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship to update this Honourable House on the number of:- **(462)**

- (i) Chema-Chema Scheme applications that were approved and financed; and
- (ii) applications that were also meant to be approved and paid at Ngwaketse West Region in the 2025/2026 Financial Year.

27. KGOSI KHAMA IV (GA-MMANGWATO): To ask the Minister of International Relations to state:- **(463)**

- (i) whether Government is aware of reports concerning the recruitment of Batswana to participate in the Russia-Ukraine conflict and, if so, what measures have been taken to protect Botswana citizens from unlawful or deceptive recruitment;
- (ii) whether Botswana has undertaken any diplomatic engagement with the Government of the Russian Federation concerning such recruitment
- (iii) if information is available to Government, how many Botswana citizens are reported to have died, injured or captured in the conflict; and
- (iv) Botswana's position on the Russia-Ukraine conflict and the principles of international law that inform that position

28. KGOSI KHAMA IV (GA-MMANGWATO): To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to explain:- **(464)**

- (i) whether the schools built by Moti come with teachers' quarters; and if not where the teachers will reside;
- (ii) whether the teachers are already in place;
- (iii) where in the country the schools are to be built and over what period;

- (iv) whether the Government is going to pay anything for the construction through deferred payment or through rent; and if so, state how much and who will maintain them;
- (v) in which financial years provision has been made for the maintenance and cost of supplies, and all services, transport and school feeding, has been made for these schools;
- (vi) whether in respect of the proposed school construction projects, Parliament has been engaged or its approval obtained where required by law in relation to any financial, appropriation or asset implications arising from the project and, if so, state the reasons therefore.

MOTIONS

AMENDMENT OF THE SOCIETIES ACT OF 2022

1. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider amending the Societies Act of 2022 to allow renewal of church registration every five (5) years instead of annually."

(Kgosi S. Masalila – Tonota Region)

APPOINTMENT OF TWO MEMBERS OF VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE BY DIKGOSI

2. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider allowing Dikgosi to appoint two (2) members of Village Development Committee (VDC) in their respective villages."

(Kgosi J. D. Khumanego – Ngwaketse West Region)

COMMISSIONING AN INDEPENDENT INQUIRY INTO THE FACTS AND SUBSEQUENT DEVELOPMENTS ARISING FROM 1973 BOTSWANA-SOUTH AFRICA BOUNDARY TREATY

3. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider commissioning a comprehensive, independent inquiry into the facts and subsequent developments arising from the 1973 Botswana-South Africa Boundary Treaty."

(Kgosi Mosadi – Ga-Malete)

**ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
REMUNERATIONS FOR MEMBERS OF NTLO YA DIKGOSI**

4. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider establishing an independent standing committee on remunerations for Members of Ntlo ya Dikgosi."

(Kgosi Moroka I P. Tumaletse IV – Specially Elected)

**EMPLOYMENT OF TRIBAL ADMINISTRATION
OFFICERS AT DEPARTMENT DISTRICT LEVEL**

5. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider allowing the Department of Tribal Administration to employ officers at District level."

(Kgosi Lotlamoreng II– Barolong)