

NTLO YA DIKGOSI

ORDER PAPER

(WEDNESDAY 25TH JUNE, 2025)

QUESTIONS

1. **KGOSI T. MUNDUU (NGAMI REGION):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to inform this Honourable House whether he has any plans to:- **(35)**
 - (i) recognise Headmen of Arbitration and include them in the Bogosi Act; and
 - (ii) employ the above on a permanent and pensionable basis to allow them to access the associated benefits as well as to address their current conditions of service which impede their well-being and good health.
2. **KGOSI C. O. PALEDI (KGALAGADI NORTH REGION):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure if he has any plans to convert the Lehututu-Hunhukwe road to bitumen as it is in a bad state of disrepair. **(36)**
3. **KGOSI T. M. MONYEPELE (TSWAPONG REGION):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to state when the Maunatlala Kgotla will be fully resourced to bring it to the same level as the Palapye Kgotla. **(37)**
4. **KGOSI D. NDHOWE (OKAVANGO REGION):** To ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services to state when he will develop the Botswana Prisons Service plot at Sepopa village as per his response to Ntlo ya Dikgosi Question 693 asked on Friday 1st February, 2019. **(38)**

- 5. KGOSI M. I P. TUMAELETSE IV (SPECIALLY ELECTED):** To ask **(39)** the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to state if he is aware of the remuneration disparity in the Bogosi structure; and if so, what measures he will put in place to restructure and create new posts as follows:-
- (i) remunerate all the twelve (12) Dikgosi who are recognised by Section 77 (1) (a) (i)-(xii) of the Constitution of Botswana to E band salary scale;
 - (ii) remunerate Mothusa Kgosi and Headman of Records at D1 salary scale equivalent to Urban Customary Court President;
 - (iii) remunerate Moemela Mothusa Kgosi yo Mogolwane at D2 salary scale;
 - (iv) remunerate Moemela Mothusa Kgosi at D3 salary scale;
 - (v) employ and remunerate Mogolwane wa Motse (Senior Member of the Tribe) at D4 scale in terms of Section 2 and 6(1) of the Bogosi Act No. 9 of 2008 based on meritocracy, competence, academic qualification and experience of an individual member; and
 - (vi) employ on permanent and pensionable terms and remunerate Headmen of Arbitration at C4-C1 multiple grading scale based on meritocracy, competence, academic qualifications and experience of an individual.
- 6. KGOSI N. KABELO (SEROWE REGION):** To ask the Minister of **(40)** Child Welfare and Basic Education if she is aware that retired teachers receive their packages or benefits after seven (7) months to a year; and if so, what measures she will put in place to curb this delay.
- 7. KGOSI T. M. MONYEPELE (TSWAPONG REGION):** To ask the **(41)** Minister of Transport and Infrastructure whether he is aware of the many road accidents that occur at the railway crossing on the A1 road junction from Palapye that turns towards Kgagodi-Bobonong; and if so, when he will address this matter to curb the frequent accidents.

- 8. KGOSI M. KHACHANA (NORTH EAST):** To ask the Minister for State President to explain why Government purchases high end vehicles for top officials; and further state, how much in terms of budget has been used in the past five (5) financial years for such. **(42)**
- 9. KGOSI D. NDHOWE (OKAVANGO REGION):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs if he is aware that the Okavango East Customary Courts for the villages of Gudigwa, Seronga, Eretsha and Sekondomboro have had vacant posts of Clerk Assistant for a long period of time; and if so, when the posts will be filled. **(43)**
- 10. KGOSI KHAMA IV (GA MMANGWATO):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure if he is aware that the airstrips that used to be in Serowe, Mahalapye, Bobonong and Rakops are no longer operational; and if so, in order to facilitate air transport and the contribution it makes to a country's economy, will the Minister consider operationalising those and other airstrips around the country to boost the aviation sector. **(44)**
- 11. KGOSI M. KHACHANA (NORTH EAST):** To ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services if he does not deem it necessary to translate all statutes/Acts to Setswana. **(46)**
- 12. KGOSI T. M. MONYEPELE (TSWAPONG REGION):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to state when he will:- **(47)**
- (i) build comprehensive facilities in small villages to enhance the system of customary courts that exist; and
 - (ii) broaden laws that are applied by customary courts and commission smaller offices in Dikgotla to deal with issues of inheritance as they get delayed at the master's court.

- 13. KGOSI KHAMA IV (GA MMANGWATO):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure whether he is aware that many roads such as Francistown–Nata, Serowe–Letlhakane–Makalamabedi, Nata–Maun, are in urgent need of repairs, amongst others; and if so, what timeline the ministry is working on to effect repair on these roads and others. **(48)**
- 14. KGOSI M. KHACHANA (NORTH EAST):** To ask the Minister of Finance to inform this Honourable House on what the Government is doing to diversify the economy beyond the reliance on one commodity which is diamonds. **(49)**
- 15. KGOSI G. MONNATHEBE (KANYE REGION):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to inform this Honourable House of:- **(50)**
- (i) the total number of specially elected Headmen of Arbitration to Ntlo ya Dikgosi since the introduction of Specially Elected Members; and
 - (ii) the criteria used in their selection.
- 16. KGOSI M. KHACHANA (NORTH EAST):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to state when he will install modern computers and connect Wi-Fi in all Dikgotla that have not yet been connected. **(51)**
- 17. KGOSI C. O. PALEDI (KGALAGADI NORTH REGION):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture whether he is aware that the cordon fence along the Hukuntsi/Kang road is in a bad condition; and if so, when he will repair it. **(20)**
- 18. KGOSI M. KHACHANA (NORTH EAST):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to apprise this Honourable House on:- **(21)**
- (i) the steps his ministry is taking to encourage youth participation in agriculture and make farming an attractive career option for young people; and

(ii) whether he will consider reserving a substantial amount of hectares of land purchased from the Tati Company Limited in the North East to lease to the youth for commercial farming projects.

19. KGOSI J. D. KHUMANEGO (NGWAKETSE WEST REGION): To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to state:- **(23)**

(i) the number of Thuo Letlotlo beneficiaries since its inception to date; and

(ii) the region with the highest number of beneficiaries as well as the region with the lowest number of beneficiaries.

20. KGOSI L. M. BABEILE (K GALAGADI SOUTH REGION): To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture if he will consider reducing ear tag prices to make it affordable for most farmers. **(25)**

21. KGOSI C. O. PALEDI (K GALAGADI NORTH REGION): To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to apprise this Honourable House on:- **(30)**

(i) whether conservation committees that were under the Agricultural Resource Board which did outreach on the preservation of natural resources and prevention and/or control of veld fires are still operational;

(ii) if they are fulfilling the mandate they were established for; and

(iii) when they last convened.

22. KGOSI G. MONNATHEBE (KANYE REGION): To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture if he is aware that the Keeper Identity Card for livestock owners expires after two (2) years and that the brand certificate expires after ten (10) years; and if so, whether he will consider aligning the two to expire at the same time. **(32)**

- 23. KGOSI G. MONNATHEBE (KANYE REGION):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture if he is aware that some matimela cattle are sold with visible brands, earmarks and the Botswana Animal Identification and Traceability System (BAITS) ear tags; and if so, whether it is not ideal to contact the owners as their details are in the system. **(34)**

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTIONS

AUTONOMY OF NTLO YA DIKGOSI FROM NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

- 1.** "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider according autonomy to Ntlo ya Dikgosi from the National Assembly in terms of; scale and remuneration of the Secretary of Ntlo ya Dikgosi; budget be detached from that of National Assembly; staff complement be increased in all aspects of administrative trainings and remuneration."

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

BUILDING OF SHELTERS FOR HEADMEN OF ARBITRATION

- 2.** "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider building shelters for Headmen of Arbitration in their respective wards."

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

SALE OF NGAMILAND CATTLE TO BOTSWANA MEAT COMMISSION

- 3.** "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider allowing Ngamiland farmers to sell cattle directly to Botswana Meat Commission (BMC) without quarantine."

(Kgosi T. Munduu – Ngami Region)

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A REFERRAL HOSPITAL
IN THE WESTERN PART OF BOTSWANA**

4. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider building a referral hospital in Kang as there is currently none in the western region of Botswana, which forces patients to travel a long distance of approximately 900 kilometres from Mamuno border to Princess Marina Hospital in Gaborone to access help."

(Kgosi B. Seipone – Specially Elected)

FITTING OF REFLECTIVE NECK COLLARS ON LIVESTOCK

5. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider introducing a law that requires all farmers to fit reflective neck collars on all livestock to help curb road accidents that are caused by livestock at night."

(Kgosi M. Khachana – North East)