

NTLO YA DIKGOSI

ORDER PAPER

(MONDAY 22ND JUNE, 2026)

QUESTIONS

- 1. KGOSI B. E. RANTUANA (MOLEPOLOLE REGION):** To ask (105)
the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services if he will consider reviewing the Matrimonial Causes Act to cause the divorce process to involve parents to offer counselling and reconciliation as the first step instead of the current practice where couples go through the process alone at the courts.
- 2. KGOSI KHAMA IV (GA-MMANGWATO):** To ask the Minister (280)
for State President, Defence and Security to illustrate the criteria the Government applies in determining the renewal, suspension, dismissal, or termination of contracts of senior Government officials and chief executive officers of parastatals.
- 3. KGOSI T. MUNDUU (NGAMI REGION):** To ask the Minister (158)
of Labour and Home Affairs if he is aware that some safari workers within the tourism industry are paid low wages amounting to P2,200.00 per month, which does not correspond with Government's request for a minimum wage of P4,000.00; and if so, how he will address this situation.
- 4. KGOSI KHAMA IV (GA-MMANGWATO):** To ask the Minister (281)
for State President, Defence and Security to state the reforms, reviews, or institutional changes the Government has undertaken or intends to undertake concerning the Directorate of Intelligence and Security (DIS) since assuming office.
- 5. KGOSI MOSADI (GA-MALETE):** To ask the Minister for State (171)
President, Defence and Security to update this Honourable House on:-

- (i) statistics of motor vehicle accidents involving heavy-duty trucks which we continue to witness on our roads in Botswana from January, 2025 to December, 2025; and
- (ii) how the current figures compare to similar seasons three (3) years prior; stating the causes and possible remedies to curb this menace.

6. KGOSI KHAMA IV (GA-MMANGWATO): To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism if he will consider reviewing policies governing hunting quotas and concession allocations to ensure more equitable benefits and broader representation in decision-making processes. **(278)**

7. KGOSI M. KHACHANA III (NORTH EAST): To ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services to inform this Honourable House on:- **(166)**

- (i) measures he will put in place to address the persistent delays in court procedures which continue to deny timely justice to citizens;
- (ii) when and how his ministry will address the backlog of cases at the Master of the High Court; and
- (iii) strategies being implemented to increase the judicial system efficiency, reduce case backlogs and strengthen access to justice.

8. KGOSI KHAMA IV (GA-MMANGWATO): To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism to state:- **(175)**

- (i) how the number of 2026 hunting quotas for elephants, lions and leopards were scientifically determined, the proportion of each population removed; and on what evidence this is considered sustainable;
- (ii) if the Department of Wildlife and National Parks (DWNP) has an up-to-date data on the population size and age structure of lions and leopards within hunting areas to support these quotas;

- (iii) whether Conservation Force assisted in drafting Botswana's elephant and leopard management plan and if so why external lobbying interests influence national quota-setting and wildlife policy, rather than independent Botswana scientists and institutions;
- (iv) if he is aware that the Non-Detriment Finding (NDF) states that the annual elephant quota "must not exceed 0.5 per cent" of the population in hunting blocks which is roughly 135 elephants, yet the 2025 quota is about 0.9 per cent which is about 410; and if so, how the Ministry justifies a quota nearly double the NDF's stated limit;
- (v) the scientific studies and data sets that were used to justify the 2026 elephant hunting quota, and if these are publicly available for independent review; and
- (vi) how elephant quotas increased while carcass ratios (an internationally recognised indicator of mortality) have been rising across Northern Botswana.

9. KGOSI C. O. PALEDI (K GALAGADI NORTH REGION): To (182)
ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to update this Honourable House on:-

- (i) the number of road projects earmarked for construction under the National Development 12 in and around Kgalagadi North Region; and
- (ii) the status of such projects.

10. KGOSI KHAMA IV (GA-MMANGWATO): To ask the Minister (195)
of Environment and Tourism to state:-

- (i) if there is good evidence of financial benefits that have accrued in the past or are expected to accrue in future, to individual households in the hunting areas, since benefits to local communities are cited as the primary justification for hunting of elephants, lions and leopards;
- (ii) how Botswana will protect the tourism sector if mature bulls (a key attraction for visitors) continue to decline;

- (iii) whether communities are fully informed about the long-term impacts of hunting out the largest bulls, who provide the highest photographic tourism value;
- (iv) how community benefits are measured, validated, and transparently reported to ensure quotas actually support rural livelihoods;
- (v) what mechanisms allow communities or local leaders to challenge unsustainable quota decisions;
- (vi) what rationale supports expanding quotas at a time when poaching incidents, poisoning events, and rising carcass rations indicate growing pressure on the population; and
- (vii) what indicators are used to demonstrate that the current quota is sustainable if sustainability is the national goal.

- 11. KGOSI D. NDHOWE (OKAVANGO REGION):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to state if he does not deem it necessary to increase the number of police officers at Etsha 13 village as the population has increased to more than five thousand residents. **(174)**
- 12. KGOSI KHAMA IV (GA-MMANGWATO):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security the number of matters relating to oversight, investigations, legal compliance, or complaints concerning the DIS that have been considered by relevant oversight bodies from January 2025 to date. **(282)**
- 13. KGOSI M. KAHIKO III (GHANZI WEST REGION):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to state if he will consider upgrading the following roads to a bitumen standard:- **(201)**
- (i) Kalkfontein – Metsimantsho;
 - (ii) Kalkfontein – New Xanagas;
 - (iii) Karakubis – New Xanagas;
 - (iv) New Xanagas – Charleshill; and
 - (v) New Xanagas – Makunda.

- 14. KGOSI KHAMA IV (GA-MMANGWATO):** To ask the Minister (283) for State President, Defence and Security to state:-
- (i) the remuneration and allowances that are payable to Members of Parliament during parliamentary sittings;
 - (ii) whether the report concerning remuneration of Cabinet members, Members of Parliament, Councillors, and Ntlo Ya Dikgosi members will be made public; and
 - (iii) whether Government intends to implement recommendations contained in the report with financial implications; and if so, the estimated budgetary impact.
- 15. KGOSI W. NDADI (TUTUME REGION):** To ask the Minister (177) of Justice and Correctional Services to state if he does not deem it necessary to establish a Magistrate Court in Tutume to reduce the load at Masunga Magistrate.
- 16. KGOSI KHAMA IV (GA-MMANGWATO):** To ask the Minister (284) for State President, Defence and Security to state:-
- (i) the safeguard measures that exist to ensure the political neutrality and independence of the Directorate of Intelligence and Security (DIS) during electoral processes; and
 - (ii) whether Government is satisfied that current oversight mechanisms are adequate to ensure public confidence in the neutrality of State security institutions during elections.
- 17. KGOSI M. I P. TUMAELETSE IV (SPECIALLY ELECTED):** To (183) ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to state:-
- (i) if he is aware that the current Tsabong airstrip is situated in the middle of the village and highly dangerous in case of accidents or any mishaps; and if so, when he will consider relocating it from Tsabong to Logaganeng ungazetted area;
 - (ii) when the airstrip was constructed and first included in the National Development Plan (NDP); and

- (iii) whether the Ministry conducted a feasibility study to determine suitability and compatibility; and if yes, whether the Minister will furnish this Honourable House with a comprehensive report to that effect which is authenticated by the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) department.

18. KGOSI KHAMA IV (GA-MMANGWATO): To ask the Minister (285) of Health:-

- (i) whether the Minister will provide this Honourable House with a comprehensive national health status report, including current life expectancy, maternal mortality ratio, under-five mortality rate, and the five most prevalent causes of death in Botswana as of the latest available data;
- (ii) what the current national doctor-to-patient ratio and nurse-to-patient ratio are, and how these compare to both WHO recommended standards and the ratios that existed five years ago;
- (iii) what is the status of essential medicines for chronic conditions such as hypertension, diabetes and asthma;
- (iv) what specific reforms have been implemented at the Central Medical Stores (CMS) since the persistent medicine shortages were first raised in this House, and whether an independent forensic audit of CMS procurement, warehousing, and distribution systems has been conducted or is planned;
- (v) what the current status is of the National Health Insurance (NHI) Scheme, including (a) the timeline for pilot implementation, (b) the estimated cost, (c) the source of funding, and (d) whether Dikgosi and local communities have been consulted on its design;
- (vi) what the Government is doing to address the shortage of specialist doctors, particularly in rural districts such as Kgalagadi, Ghanzi, and Okavango, where patients are forced to travel hundreds of kilometres for basic specialist care;

- (vii) what measures have been taken to reduce infant and maternal deaths at public health facilities, including the availability of emergency obstetric care, blood transfusions, and neonatal intensive care units in district hospitals; and
- (viii) how the Ministry ensures accountability when a patient dies or suffers permanent harm due to the unavailability of essential medicines or lack of emergency transport, and whether any compensation has been paid to affected families in the past three years.

19. KGOSI J. D. KHUMANEGO (NGWAKETSE WEST REGION): (236)

To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to update this Honourable House on the number of Motions that were passed by Ntlo ya Dikgosi which were implemented in the past 15 years; and if unable to do so, state the reasons why.

20. KGOSI KHAMA IV (GA-MMANGWATO): To ask the Minister (286)
of Transport and Infrastructure to update this Honourable House on:-

- (i) the financial and operational status of Air Botswana and Botswana Railways;
- (ii) whether the Minister is aware of any whistle-blower allegations regarding irregular sale-and-lease-back arrangements with politically connected buyers, and whether such allegations, if any, have been referred to the Directorate on Corruption and Economic Crime or any other investigative body.

21. KGOSI B. E. RANTUANA (MOLEPOLOLE REGION): To ask (176)

the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services to state if he is aware of the escalating stock theft cases which have negatively affected farmers in the country; and if so, will he consider:-

- (i) increasing fines as is the case with wildlife theft charges;
- (ii) transferring stock theft cases from Magistrate courts to customary courts to expedite the processing of these cases; and
- (iii) confiscating possessions which enable them to commit this theft such as vehicles, guns and other devices.

- 22. KGOSI M. KHACHANA III (NORTH EAST):** To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism to state whether he has any measures in place to ensure that communities living adjacent to wildlife and tourism concessions receive tangible economic benefits from tourism activities conducted in their customary land. **(196)**
- 23. KGOSI KHAMA IV (GA-MMANGWATO):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to assert whether the Government is considering the introduction of independent post-election audits or reviews relating to electoral systems, institutional accountability, or election integrity mechanisms. **(287)**
- 24. KGOSI L. M. BABEILE (KGALAGADI SOUTH REGION):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure if he is aware that Bray Border Post closes during the rainy season due to floods; and if so, whether he will consider constructing a bridge at the border post to avoid inconveniences to tourists and residents who use it on daily basis. **(238)**
- 25. KGOSI M. KHACHANA III (NORTH EAST):** To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism to inform this Honourable House on:- **(205)**
- (i) the number of human fatalities and serious injuries caused by wildlife that have been recorded in the past five years; and
 - (ii) the specific actions the Ministry has taken in response to these incidents.
- 26. KGOSI I. GAOONWE (LETLHAKENG REGION):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to state if is aware that the residents of Letlhakeng constituency were not consulted on the Constitutional Court; and if so, whether this exclusion will not disadvantage them during the referendum. **(288)**

- 27. KGOSI KHAMA IV (GA-MMANGWATO):** To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism to inform this Honourable House on:- **(200)**
- (i) who ultimately approves the national hunting quota, and what criteria or thresholds must be met before a quota is increased or decreased;
 - (ii) what independent oversight exists to prevent economic or political considerations from overriding scientific advice;
 - (iii) the rationale for approving the NG13 hunting concession for an individual who has been implicated in wildlife crime cases; and
 - (iv) what safeguards exist to prevent concession licenses from being issued to individuals with such histories and what this decision says about the credibility and oversight of the hunting sector in Botswana.
- 28. KGOSI M. KAHIKO III (GHANZI WEST REGION):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security if he has any plans to open the Department of Information and Broadcasting Service office at Charleshill District. **(266)**
- 29. KGOSI M. I P. TUMAELETSE IV (SPECIALLY ELECTED):** To ask the Minister of Health to explain:- **(289)**
- (i) why Tsabong District Hospital was not constructed during the National Development Plan 11 (NDP 11) despite having been allocated an approved budget of 280 million Pula by Parliament and the land available for construction of the hospital; and if so, when he intends to construct it;
 - (ii) where the funds were re-directed to;
 - (iii) whether he will institute a commission of enquiry on the matter and make a report available for Tsabong residents; and
 - (iv) if he is aware that this issue could be subjected to litigation.

30. KGOSI KHAMA IV (GA-MMANGWATO): To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism to state: **(220)**

- (i) what scientific studies support the claim that removing 480 elephants annually will not harm elephant populations or destabilise ecosystem considering that elephants are critical to ecosystem balance, and their loss could worsen habitat degradation and human-wildlife conflicts and why were consultations dominated by hunting companies and trusts while conservationists' independent ecologists and community representatives not benefiting from hunting revenues were excluded;
- (ii) how the expected consultation process complies with Botswana laws on public consultations and Environmental Impact Assessments and whether the limited timeframe was designed to exclude critical voices;
- (iii) systems in place to monitor hunting companies' financial contributions to communities and conservation; how these contributions are accounted for, and what measures are there to ensure transparency; and
- (iv) whether there is evidence of substantial community upliftment from the hunting industry and how many years it will take before significant revenues purported to flow from hunting translate into meaningful change in livelihoods.

31. KGOSI M. KHACHANA III (NORTH EAST): To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to state: **(290)**

- (i) if there are any strategic frameworks that he is currently implementing to identify at-risk soldiers considering the rising incidents of gender-based violence and passion killings involving active duty personnel;
- (ii) the psychological support systems and conflict resolution programs integrated into the military curriculum during training and in-service training to address domestic stressors before they escalate into violence;

- (iii) if the Ministry has any plans to expand family support structures and counseling services that are specifically tailored to prevent the tragic trend of passion killings within the Botswana Defence Force (BDF);
- (iv) a comprehensive statistical breakdown of the number of intimate partner homicides commonly referred to as 'passion killings' and related murder-suicides committed by members of the Botswana Defence Force (BDF) annually from 2010 to date;
- (v) the number of these cases involving the use of official service firearms or equipment;
- (vi) the standing policy regarding the carrying of service firearms by the Botswana Defence Force members during off-duty hours and measures in place to ensure that these weapons are securely stored into the armoury daily;
- (vii) the status of these cases in terms of prosecutions, convictions, and internal disciplinary actions taken against the perpetrators; and
- (viii) the specific long-term budgetary and policy provisions made to move beyond temporary awareness workshops towards permanent barracks based mental health and social welfare departments.

32. KGOSI KHAMA IV (GA-MMANGWATO): To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism to inform this Honourable on who represented Botswana in the recent trips to United Kingdom for the hunting petition, and what criteria was used for their selection and further explain why independent conservation voices were excluded. **(267)**

33. KGOSI M. KAHIKO III (GHANZI WEST REGION): To ask the Minister of Health to state when he intends to upgrade Charleshill Clinic to primary Hospital as it is the district headquarters. **(274)**

34. KGOSI M. I P. TUMAELETSE IV (SPECIALLY ELECTED): To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to explain:- **(291)**

- (i) why the Lobu Farm 10 kilometres road from main road was omitted during the Tsabong-Bokspits road construction;

- (ii) when this road will be included in the mid-term review of the National Development Plan 12 (NDP 12); and
- (iii) if he is aware that this farm is not only a district facility but a national facility which produces a livestock pedigree of various species; and if so, whether he will consider including it under the NDP 12.

35. KGOSI KHAMA IV (GA-MMANGWATO): To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism to apprise this Honourable on:- **(222)**

- (i) the number of elephants that have been poached in 2025;
- (ii) the number of poachers that have been apprehended and prosecuted; and
- (iii) the number of species of wildlife and birds that have been poisoned and how many culprits have been apprehended and prosecuted.

36. KGOSI M. KHACHANA III (NORTH EAST): To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to state:- **(292)**

- (i) the measures he intends to put in place to address the increasing tendency of Cabinet Ministers failing to attend scheduled sittings of Ntlo ya Dikgosi to answer questions and Motions;
- (ii) if he is aware that the absence of Ministers undermines the constitutional advisory role of Ntlo ya Dikgosi as provided for under Section 85 of the Constitution; and if so,
- (iii) whether he will consider issuing a formal directive or 'Cabinet Memo' to ensure that attendance at Ntlo ya Dikgosi is prioritised as part of a Minister's official accountability to the people of Botswana and their traditional leadership.

37. KGOSI KHAMA IV (GA-MMANGWATO): To ask the Minister of Finance to state:- **(293)**

- (i) the Government's strategy for involving traditional leaders in economic recovery efforts, noting that Dikgosi are patriotic citizens who desire the best for Botswana and are willing to stand by all Government initiatives aimed at reviving the economy, and to state;

- (ii) what specific role the Government envisages for Dikgosi and their tribal administrations in stimulating local economic activity;
- (iii) why traditional leaders, who have repeatedly demonstrated their patriotism and commitment to national development, have not been formally integrated into the planning and implementation of economic diversification strategies, such as the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme (BETP) or sector-specific initiatives in agriculture, tourism, and manufacturing;
- (iv) what formal mechanisms or platforms the Government has established or will establish to enable Dikgosi, who stand ready to support all Government efforts, to contribute directly to national economic policy formulation, including representation on key economic advisory bodies or development committees;
- (v) whether the Government will establish a dedicated tribal administration fund to promote culture, community activities, counter substance abuse, *etcetera*; and
- (vi) what plans exist to formally integrate Dikgosi into the District Development Committee structures and the planning of District Development Plans, ensuring that traditional leaders have a binding role in the allocation of development funds.

38. KGOSI M. KHACHANA III (NORTH EAST): To ask the **(294)** Minister of Health to state:-

- (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.

- 39. KGOSI KHAMA IV (GA-MMANGWATO):** To ask the Minister (231) of Environment and Tourism to state:-
- (i) the number of people that were killed by elephants in 2025;
 - (ii) the number of elephants killed by the Department of Wildlife and National Parks (DWNP) each year since the hunting of elephants resumed after the ban was lifted;
 - (iii) if the Minister is aware that there are technologies in Botswana to protect people, property and fields from elephants; and if so, mention them; and
 - (iv) whether the Ministry has engaged such technologies.
- 40. KGOSI M. KHACHANA III (NORTH EAST):** To ask the (295) Minister of Health to inform this Honourable House on:-
- (i) the national strategy for providing specialised Grief and Trauma Counseling to families of murder victims;
 - (ii) the ratio of clinical psychologists to the population in rural areas versus urban areas; and
 - (iii) the steps taken to ensure that high-level psychiatric support is available outside of major referral hospitals.
- 41. KGOSI KHAMA IV (GA-MMANGWATO):** To ask the Minister (244) of Environment and Tourism to apprise the House on:-
- (i) the exact mandate of Conservation Trust Fund (CTF), how the fund meets its objectives; and
 - (ii) when the last audit was conducted, and if the Ministry will commit to publishing the audit reports for transparency.
- 42. KGOSI M. KHACHANA III (NORTH EAST):** To ask the (296) Minister of Finance to provide an update on:-
- (i) the implementation of the Public Procurement Act of 2021 regarding the blacklisting of contractors; specifically, the number of companies that have been delisted or suspended in the last 24 months due to sub-standard or 'under quality' project delivery; and
 - (ii) the measures he will put in place to ensure such companies do not reappear under new names.

- 43. KGOSI KHAMA IV (GA-MMANGWATO):** To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism to state: **(264)**
- (i) what assessment has been done on the impact of targeting the largest and oldest bulls (a naturally scarce demographic) on genetic diversity and tourism value; and
 - (ii) what safeguards exist to prevent the overharvesting of bulls between 35 and 40 years old, given their extremely low proportion in the population.
- 44. KGOSI M. KHACHANA III (NORTH EAST):** To ask the Minister of Finance to state: **(297)**
- (i) if he has any measures in place to curb the insurance motivated homicides through tightening the verification of dependency during the inception of funeral policies, through Non-Bank Financial Institutions Regulatory Authority (NBFIRA); and
 - (ii) if he will consider creating a Centralised Insurance Registry so that one person cannot secretly insure a relative across multiple companies without being detected.
- 45. KGOSI KHAMA IV (GA-MMANGWATO):** To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism to inform this Honourable: **(273)**
- (i) how often wildlife counts are done;
 - (ii) the estimated number of leopards;
 - (iii) the estimated number of cheetahs; and
 - (iv) whether cheetahs fall into the category of endangered species due to their declining numbers; and if so, why these iconic species were donated despite their low numbers thus undermining photographic tourism that relies on such species.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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)

INTRODUCTION OF MANDATORY DNA TESTING FOR NEWBORN BABIES

4. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider introducing mandatory Deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) testing for all new born babies as part of the national birth registration process."

(Kgosi T. Dingalo- Maun Region)

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

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

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