

NTLO YA DIKGOSI

ORDER PAPER

(TUESDAY 23RD JUNE, 2026)

QUESTIONS

- 1. KGOSI M. KHACHANA III (NORTH EAST):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to state: **(298)**
Minister for State President, Defence and Security to state:-
 - (i) if he has any measures in place to address absenteeism by Members of Ntlo ya Dikgosi and Members of the National Assembly during official sittings, and
 - (ii) the accountability mechanisms he intends to apply in such cases.

- 2. KGOSI TUMAELETSE IV (SPECIALLY ELECTED):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture if he is aware that there are no Meat Inspectors at the 6 Tsabong District borders (Bokspits, Middlepits, McCarthy's Rust, Makopong, Werda and Hereford); and if so, **(299)**
 - (i) when he intends to deploy officers to those borders to provide daily service based on frequent movement of Batswana crossing with livestock meat to assist their relatives who are permanent citizens of South Africa during funerals; and
 - (ii) state the number of people crossing those borders on daily, weekly and monthly basis.

- 3. KGOSI T. DINGALO (MAUN REGION):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to state: **(300)**
of Transport and Infrastructure to state:-
 - (i) if he has any plans to reduce Air Botswana prices in order to make it affordable for ordinary citizens;
 - (ii) if he will consider varying prices for citizens and non-citizens; and
 - (iii) the main reasons for constant delays in airline schedules and his immediate plans to improve the situation.

4. KGOSI KHAMA IV (GA-MMANGWATO): To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security: **(301)**

- (i) whether the Ministry can provide information regarding the number of Directorate of Intelligence and Security (DIS) officers occupying senior management positions from E2 salary scale and above;
- (ii) whether any organisational review has been undertaken to assess the effectiveness and sustainability of the current DIS management structure;
- (iii) what proportion of the DIS personnel budget is allocated to senior management positions;
- (iv) whether the Ministry is considering any restructuring or organisational audit of the DIS; and
- (v) what oversight mechanisms apply to the creation and approval of senior positions within the DIS.

5. KGOSI M. S. MAKHANGA (CHOBE): To ask the Minister of Health if he is aware that: **(302)**

- (i) the Ministry owes 17 ambulance drivers overtime allowance in Chobe District; and if so, whether there are immediate plans to pay them since they have already been transferred to the Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Affairs; and
- (ii) whether the Minister is further aware that ambulances in the district are in a bad condition; and if so, when he will address the problem.

6. 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.

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

- (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.

8. KGOSI KHAMA IV (GA-MMANGWATO): To ask the Minister (305)
of International Relations to inform this Honourable House on:-

- (i) whether Government is aware of allegations concerning vessels fraudulently operating under the Botswana flag;
- (ii) the communication the Government has had with the International Maritime Organisation and other relevant international bodies concerning the matter;
- (iii) whether any investigation or security assessment has been undertaken regarding the alleged misuse of Botswana's flag and identity;
- (iv) whether Government has received any diplomatic or regulatory communication from foreign states or international organisations regarding the matter; and
- (v) what legal, diplomatic, or operational measures Government has taken or intends to take to address the issue and protect Botswana's international reputation.

9. KGOSI T. M. MONYEPELE (TSWAPONG REGION): To ask **(306)** the Minister of Lands and Agriculture if he will consider partnering with farmers to plough and prepare the fields at an agreed share of the produce using various agricultural support programmes and subsidies to increase food security and production as Batswana are not able to plough their fields due to financial constraints.

10. KGOSI M. KHACHANA III (NORTH EAST): To ask the **(307)** Minister for State President, Defence and Security to provide clarity on the:-

- (i) provision of official transport for Government officials and the categories of Government officials and senior public officers who are currently eligible for home-to-work Government transportation as part of their established conditions of service;
- (ii) criteria used to determine this eligibility, particularly regarding the distinction between officials provided with a dedicated vehicle and those provided with a motor vehicle allowance;

- (iii) whether Members of Ntlo ya Dikgosi and other Dikgosi presiding over major Dikgotla qualify for such transportation to ensure the efficient discharge of their duties;
- (iv) measures in place to monitor and curb the misuse of these vehicles; and
- (v) number of recorded cases of misuse of Government vehicles during the 2024/2025 financial year and the financial disciplinary penalties that were imposed on the offending officers.

11. KGOSI J. D. KHUMANEGO (NGWAKETSE WEST REGION): (308)

To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to inform this Honourable House on progress made regarding the commencement of Aditsale Programme.

12. KGOSI M. I P. TUMAELETSE IV (SPECIALLY ELECTED): To (309)

ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services to apprise this Honourable House on:-

- (i) whether he is aware of the socio-economic status and mental health of officers for Botswana Prison Service, Botswana Police Service and Botswana Defence Force;
- (ii) whether there are any annual training plans for officers and the criteria used; and
- (iii) whether there are clear special progression career paths different from those stipulated under the Directorate of Public Service Management (DPSM) Directive No. 10 of 2001 (performance-based promotion every two years), No. 6 of 2008 (performance-based progression beyond artisan and technical cadres not academic qualifications based) and Section 14 of Public Service Act, Act No. 30 of 2008 (meritocracy-based performance).

13. KGOSI KHAMA IV (GA-MMANGWATO): To ask the Minister (310)

of Environment and Tourism to clarify to this Honourable House why he did not turn up at the January session of the of Ntlo ya Dikgosi to answer questions and did not even render any apology to the Chairman of Ntlo ya Dikgosi or the Honourable Member who asked the questions.

- 14. KGOSI T. DINGALO (MAUN REGION):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to update this Honourable House on:- **(311)**
- (i) progress made regarding the restructuring of Tribal Administration;
 - (ii) when the new structure will be implemented; and
 - (iii) what will happen to officers who will not be absorbed by the new structure.
- 15. KGOSI L. M. BABEILE (KGALAGADI SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services if he does not deem it necessary to review Bail Act to deny bail to murder suspects. **(312)**
- 16. KGOSI C. PALEDI (KGALAGADI NORTH REGION):** To ask the Minister of Health to state:- **(313)**
- (i) if he is aware that some machines that includes dental, x-ray, portion of the mortuary and cold room at the kitchen are not functional at Hukuntsi Primary Hospital;
 - (ii) how often the Ministry carries out maintenance of these machines as they may pose danger to both patients and employees; and
 - (iii) when the Ministry intends to address the above concerns.
- 17. KGOSI M. KHACHANA III (NORTH EAST):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to update this Honourable House on:- **(314)**
- (i) the status of Government fleet, specifically addressing the inventory of grounded vehicles;
 - (ii) the total number of Government vehicles currently parked and non-functional across all Government departments nationwide due to maintenance backlogs and lack of spare parts;
 - (iii) the Ministry's immediate intention to repair these vehicles rather than allowing them to remain idle; and

(iv) whether the Ministry will consider introducing a policy to bypass the current centralised maintenance bottlenecks by outsourcing the repair of these grounded vehicles to accredited, citizen-owned garages within their respective districts to simultaneously clear the backlog and stimulate local economies.

18. KGOSI M. I P. TUMAELETSE IV (SPECIALLY ELECTED): To (315)
ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services to apprise this Honourable House on:-

(i) whether there are performance reforms such as annual performance plan, performance contract, quarterly performance ratings and excellence awards to guard against bias and nepotism in the disciplined forces; Botswana Defence Force, Botswana Police Service and Botswana Prisons;

(ii) whether the Ministry has ever denied increment and performance awards for non-performers in the past five (5) years;

(iii) whether the Minister is aware of the persistent stagnancy of these officers especially lower ranks as opposed to senior rank officers; and

(iv) what he intends to do to address the above problems.

19. KGOSI KHAMA IV (GA-MMANGWATO): To ask the Minister (316)
of Environment and Tourism whether he can confirm that the environmental investigating agency issued a report on the 18th March 2026 about the illegal wildlife trade when over half a ton of ivory was seized in Zambia, as well as comment on this allegation concerning weak enforcement, corruption and poaching expeditions into Botswana.

20. KGOSI T. M. MONYEPELE (TSWAPONG REGION): To ask (317)
the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to state:-

(i) if he does not deem it opportune to develop clear documented and transparent succession plans for Dikgosi nationally to ensure stability in leadership;

- (ii) if he is aware that customary laws are somewhat ignored and not recognised by many in Botswana; and if so, how he intends to assist in finding a balance where customary laws can co-exist with constitutional requirements to foster a just and equitable society; and
- (iii) what his Ministry is doing to strengthen the capacity of Ntlo ya Dikgosi to initiate legislation on national issues as well as improving the effectiveness of customary courts.

21. KGOSI E. MOLEHELE (GHANZI EAST REGION): To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education if she is aware that Itekeng Junior Secondary School in Gantsi has an enrolment of 1581 students, resulting in double shifting for the students; and if so, when she will build another junior secondary school in Gantsi. **(318)**

22. KGOSI M. KHACHANA III (NORTH EAST): To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to state if he will consider:- **(319)**

- (i) granting District Councils the legal authority to build and manage toll gates on segments of the A1 road or other international transit routes passing through their jurisdictions for the purpose of National Decentralisation Policy; and
- (ii) amending the Public Roads Act of 2022 to allow Councils to act as authorised officers for the collection of tolls and road levies from these roads.

23. KGOSI B. E. RANTUANA (MOLEPOLOLE REGION): To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to state:- **(320)**

- (i) if he will consider upgrading Medie Health post to a fully-fledged clinic that has a pharmacist to cater for other villages in Kweneng District, Diphale, Mokotswana, Dikolakolane and surrounding farms; and
- (ii) if he is aware that the arrangement of a mobile clinic to visit Mmetlo lands every Thursday is no longer operational due to the fact that the Medie Clinic ambulance is in a poor condition and patients end up missing their medications; and if so, how he will address the situation.

- 24. KGOSI M. I P. TUMAELETSE IV (SPECIALLY ELECTED):** To (321) ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to inform this Honourable House if he does not deem it necessary to establish special offices in all regions to expeditiously dispose of backlogs as a way of ensuring timeous issuance of secure land title certificates since there is only one office centralised in Gaborone but is overwhelmed by workload and has caused unnecessary delays.
- 25. KGOSI KHAMA IV (GA-MMANGWATO):** To ask the Minister (322) of Transport and Infrastructure to impart knowledge as to what procedure is followed leading up to any increase in public transport fares.
- 26. KGOSI B. SEIPONE (SPECIALLY ELECTED):** To ask the (323) Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education if she will consider blocking all adults' sites or any explicit sites which are not suitable from students' laptops.
- 27. KGOSI P. GABORONE (BATLOKWA):** To ask the Minister of (324) Local Government and Traditional Affairs to State:-
- (i) if he is aware that around 2017/2018 there were community development officers who were assigned to Dikgotla to work with Dikgosi as focal persons in the developments of communities but were later withdrawn;
 - (ii) the reasons that led to the withdrawal of such officers;
 - (iii) whether there are any plans to reinstate such officers to Dikgotla help drive community developments; and
 - (iv) if the Ministry's broader plan is ensuring a transformed Bogosi that can drive community development agenda and transform rural economy.
- 28. KGOSI M. I P. TUMAELETSE IV (SPECIALLY ELECTED):** To (325) ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education to state:-
- (i) if she is aware of the adverse socio-economic status and mental health of primary school teachers;

- (ii) whether she is further aware of the disparity in application and compliance with the Directorate of Public Service Management (DPSM) Directive No. 10 of 2001 (performance-based promotion every two years), No. 6 of 2008 (performance-based progress beyond artisan and technical cadres not academic performance based) and Section 14 of Public Service Act, Act No. 30 of 2008 (meritocracy-based performance);
- (iii) whether there are any performance reforms such as annual performance plan, performance contract, quarterly performance ratings and excellence awards to guard against bias and nepotism;
- (iv) whether the Ministry has an independent promotion board; and if so, to what extent;
- (v) if the Ministry has ever denied increment and performance awards for non-performers in the past five (5) years;
- (vi) whether the Minister is aware of persistent stagnancy of officers especially in the lower ranks (C-band multiple grading) as opposed to senior rank officers; and if so, what remedial action she intends to take to address the situation; and
- (vii) whether the Minister has implemented the court ruling in a case which was filed by the Ministry of Lands and Agriculture as a judicial precedent which also cuts across the entire cadres in the public service; and if so, has all the affected teachers been paid.

29. 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)**

30. KGOSI M. KHACHANA III (NORTH EAST): To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to update this Honourable House on:- **(327)**

- (i) the position of his Ministry regarding the findings and outcomes of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) for the current financial year;

- (ii) the total recommendations made by PAC in the 2024/2025 and 2025/2026 financial year reports;
- (iii) the number of those that were implemented and the status of the remaining recommendations;
- (iv) specific administrative or legal actions that have been taken against Accounting Officers who have failed to account for public funds or who have overseen significant project cost overruns as highlighted in the PAC outcomes; and
- (v) whether the Government has any immediate plans to introduce a Surcharge Policy or amend the Public Finance Management Act to ensure that officials are held personally and financially liable for the loss of public funds identified by the Committee.

31. KGOSI M. I P. TUMAELETSE IV (SPECIALLY ELECTED): To (328) ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education to state:-

- (i) if the Minister is aware that there is disparity of operation for primary teachers as opposed to junior and senior secondary schools where teachers at junior and senior secondary schools are remunerated at D4 and D3 salary scales respectively whereas senior teachers with portfolios at primary schools are remunerated at C1 salary scale and yet clustered with teachers without portfolios;
- (ii) why Head of Department (HOD) teachers at junior and senior secondary schools with portfolios are remunerated at D3 and D2 salary scales whereas senior teachers with portfolios at primary schools are remunerated at D4 salary scales and yet clustered with teachers without portfolios;
- (iii) whether the Minister is aware that the cadres for guidance and counselling at both junior and senior secondary schools are exempted from teaching whereas their counterparts are performing teaching functions in a generalised atmosphere despite having studied and acquired the same academic qualifications; and
- (iv) what remedy she will put in place to address this situation which has been dragging for a long time between the Government and trade unions.

- 32. 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)**
- 33. KGOSI T. M. MONYEPELE (TSWAPONG REGION):** To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism to inform this Honourable House on what the Ministry is doing to leverage on cultural heritage sites and activities under the guidance of traditional leaders to generate income for local communities. **(330)**
- 34. KGOSI L. M. BABEILE (K GALAGADI SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture if he will consider erecting a cordon fence along areas that are prone to foot and mouth disease breakout to protect them. **(331)**
- 35. KGOSI M. 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.
- 36. KGOSI KHAMA IV (GA-MMANGWATO):** To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism to apprise this Honourable House on:- **(333)**
- (i) the comprehensive financial account of the Khawa Dune Challenge & Cultural Festival for the years 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025;
 - (ii) the total budget approved;

- (iii) the actual expenditure incurred;
- (iv) the variance between budget and actual expenditure;
- (v) the contributions made by Botswana Tourism Organisation (BTO), the Ministry of Tourism and other partner institutions, including the then Ministry of Youth, Gender, Sport and Culture, now the Ministry of Sport and Arts; and
- (vi) whether all expenditure was supported by approved budgets, procurement processes and post-event reconciliations.

37. KGOSI P. GABORONE (BATLOKWA): To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to state:- **(334)**

- (i) strategies adopted by the Ministry to protect fertile agricultural land from threats emanating from the emergence of structures and other developments mushrooming within arable land;
- (ii) whether repurposing highly arable land for commercial or residential use is not a threat to national food sovereignty; and
- (iii) if he has any measures in place to ensure that 2019 Land Policy that allowed citizens to use up to 50 per cent of their ploughing fields (Arable Tribal Land) for non-agricultural economic activities is not abused to the detriment of food security and agriculture in Botswana.

38. KGOSI M. 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.

39. KGOSI KHAMA IV (GA-MMANGWATO): To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism to state:- **(336)**

(i) whether the event management and logistics of the Khawa Dune Challenge & Cultural Festival were outsourced to a private company through a public tender process, and if so, outline the tender number, contract value and duration of the contract;

(ii) the specific responsibilities assigned to the private contractor as well as the ones that remained with Botswana Tourism Organisation (BTO), the Ministry of Environment and Tourism and partner ministries;

(iii) the performance indicators that were used to assess delivery;

(iv) the amount that was budgeted for by BTO, partner ministries and agencies;

(v) whether the Ministry of Sport and Arts had formally committed funding, technical support or programme support for the sport and cultural components of the event.

40. 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.

41. KGOSI M. I P. TUMAELETSE IV (SPECIALLY ELECTED): To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to inform this Honourable House on:- **(338)**

- (i) the stage at which a suspect is subjected to fingerprint exercise in terms of Criminal Procedure and Evidence Act and the Penal Code as read together with Section 10(2)(a) of the Constitution of Botswana;
- (ii) the turnaround time for fingerprints to be cleared by the police after a court order where the appellant has succeeded; and
- (iii) the duration of the fingerprints to remain active after a suspect or culprit has been discharged or acquitted and is the Minister aware that most culprits who are discharged and acquitted or have served their sentences take long to be cleared from the system which ultimately puts them at a disadvantage when they apply for any job; and if so, what measures he intends to put in place to address the situation.

42. 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.

43. KGOSI M. I P. TUMAELETSE IV (SPECIALLY ELECTED): To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism if he will consider establishing the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to facilitate the demarcation of KD15 Wildlife Management Area (WMA) corridor to grant authority for the establishment of Kolonkwaneng Community Based Trust as per the Community Based Natural Resources Management (CBNRM) Act No. 18 of 2025 to create job opportunities for unemployed youth. **(340)**

44. KGOSI L. M. BABEILE (K GALAGADI SOUTH REGION): To ask the Minister of Health if he is aware that there are nurses at Kgalagadi South who have overstayed; and if so, when he intends to transfer them. **(341)**

45. KGOSI M. 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 24 of Public Sector Association (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.

46. KGOSI T. MUNDUU (NGAMI REGION): To ask the Minister 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. **(158)**

47. KGOSI MOSADI (GA-MALETE): To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to update this Honourable House on:- **(171)**

- (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.

48. 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)**

49. 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.

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

- (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.

51. KGOSI KHAMA IV (GA-MMANGWATO): To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to state:- **(283)**

- (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.

- 52. 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.
- 53. KGOSI M. I P. TUMAELETSE IV (SPECIALLY ELECTED): To (289)**
ask the Minister of Health to explain:-
- (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.
- 54. KGOSI M. KAHIKO III (GHANZI WEST REGION): To ask the (274)**
Minister of Health to state when he intends to upgrade Charleshill Clinic to primary Hospital as it is the district headquarters.
- 55. KGOSI M. KHACHANA III (NORTH EAST): To ask the Minister (294)**
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.

- 56. KGOSI M. KHACHANA III (NORTH EAST):** To ask the Minister of Health to inform this Honourable House on:- **(295)**
- (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.
- 57. 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.
- 58. 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.
- 59. 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

FENCING OF BOREHOLE WATER POINTS

1. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider allowing farmers with borehole water points to at least fence four kilometres by four kilometres in communal areas."

(Kgosi T. Dingalo- Maun Region)

INSTITUTION OF INVESTIGATIVE TASK TEAM ON KIMBERLITE BLUE DIAMOND DISCOVERY IN TSABONG

2. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider instituting an investigative task team on the 1979 Kimberlite Blue Diamond prospecting, exploitation and discovery at Tsabong District."

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

REVIEW OF THE NATIONAL SETTLEMENT POLICY OF 2004

3. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider reviewing the National Settlement Policy of 2004 in order to remove the current impediments on the recognition of customary courts up-grading."

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

REVIEW OF THE NATIONAL POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS (NPHC) OF 2021/22

4. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider reviewing the National Population and Housing Census in order to abolish a quota formula which prohibits constituencies to be delimited for representation by more than one Member of Parliament, disregarding other pertinent factors."

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

**REVIEW OF HOUSING ALLOWANCE FOR
MEMBERS OF NTLO YA DIKGOSI**

5. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider reviewing the Housing allowance for Members of Ntlo ya Dikgosi to meet the current cost of living, inflation and market price demands for accommodation as a cautionary measure to afford Members decent accommodation."

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

AMENDMENT OF THE SOCIETIES ACT OF 2022

6. "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**

7. "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**

8. "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**

9. "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**

10. "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)