

## **NTLO YA DIKGOSI**

### **ORDER PAPER**

**(WEDNESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2026)**

#### **QUESTIONS**

- 1. KGOSI T. DINGALO (MAUN REGION):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs if he will consider upgrading Shakawe Customary Court leadership to be managed at Tribal Secretary level instead of Assistant Tribal Secretary to close all managerial gaps, given the level of responsibility which includes facilitation of 17 Customary Courts. **(343)**
- 2. KGOSI S. MASALILA (TONOTA REGION):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security 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)**
- 3. KGOSI M. KHACHANA III (NORTH EAST):** To ask the Minister of Communications and Innovation to update this Honourable House on the total expenditure of the e-Mobility project to date and when the associated 53 vehicles and 20 buses will actually be deployed for public use. **(345)**
- 4. KGOSI C. PALEDI (KGALAGADI NORTH REGION):** To ask the Minister of Minerals and Energy to explain why Botswana Power Corporation (BPC) does not collect and dispose off by auction sale the unserviceable electric poles that are abandoned at their depots or stations to the public as they may still be useful to the needy, rather than subjecting them to termites destruction. **(346)**

- 5. KGOSI M. S. MAKHANGA (CHOBE):** To ask the Minister of Labour and Home Affairs if he is aware that Chobe Civil registration office has one registration officer covering Parakarungu to Pandamatenga which compromises service delivery when the officer is on leave; and if so, whether the Minister will employ another registration officer as a remedy. **(347)**
- 6. KGOSI J. D. KHUMANEGO (NGWAKETSE WEST REGION):** **(348)**  
To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture if he will consider increasing the purchase price Botswana Agricultural Marketing Board (BAMB) pays to farmers when they sell their crops.
- 7. KGOSI B. E. RANTUANA (MOLEPOLOLE REGION):** To ask the Minister of Minerals and Energy to inform this Honourable House:- **(349)**
- (i) when the Masama Coal Mine near Medie village in the Kweneng District will be re-opened;
  - (ii) if all workers were paid their benefits; and
  - (iii) who is accountable for compensating the damage to properties caused by blasting explosives.
- 8. KGOSI I. TSHIPANA (SPECIALLY ELECTED):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to state if he is aware that:- **(350)**
- (i) Mookane Village was recommended to have a Village Service Centre and land was allocated for the centre; and
  - (ii) up to date only three roomed block offices have been constructed and not enough to accommodate other officers to provide services to the villagers and surrounding villages; and if so, will he consider providing a bigger structure to accommodate other needed service providers such as Omang, Matimela, Immigration, Water Utilities, Botswana Power Corporation.
- 9. KGOSI M. I P. TUMAELETSE IV (SPECIALLY ELECTED):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to inform this Honourable House on:- **(351)**

- (i) whether it has a clear transfer policy for disciplined forces which outlines the duration of stay in one station before an officer is transferred;
- (ii) the number of cases of overstay in the past five (5) years, the consequences thereof and possible remedies to address the situation; and
- (iii) whether he is aware that overstaying can lead to corrupt practices and poor service delivery; and if so, what he intends to do to address the situation.

**10. KGOSI KHAMA IV (GA-MMANGWATO):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education to confirm to this Honourable House:- **(352)**

- (i) whether it is the intention of this Government to teach Xhosa and Sotho in our institutions of learning;
- (ii) what informed this decision for them to take precedence over other local languages, if it is true;
- (iii) what consultations were embarked upon across the country;
- (iv) whom these languages will be taught by, if it is indeed true.

**11. KGOSI LOTLAMORENG II (BAROLONG):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs if he does not deem it necessary to have fire brigades in all districts. **(353)**

**12. KGOSI B. SEIPONE (SPECIALLY ELECTED):** To ask the Minister of International Relations if he will consider securing employment opportunities outside the country for graduates where their services are in demand as a way of reducing unemployment and avoiding cases of exploitation by illegal sources. **(354)**

**13. KGOSI M. KHACHANA III (NORTH EAST):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to apprise this Honourable House on:- **(355)**

- (i) a detailed breakdown of the total expenditure incurred by the Botswana Police Service (BPS), the Botswana Defence Force (BDF), and the Directorate of Intelligence and Security (DIS) for providing armed escorts of private cash-in-transit (CIT) vehicles since the operation began in 2021; and
  - (ii) the specific legislative policy measures he intends to introduce as a cost recovery mechanism for these services.
- 14. KGOSI C. PALEDI (KGALAGADI NORTH REGION):** To ask the Minister of Communications and Innovation to state:- **(356)**
- (i) what the Ministry is doing to protect the citizens from scammers who tamper and withdraw their monies through illegal means by the use of Botswana Telecommunications Corporation (BTC), Orange, Mascom or any means of telecommunication devices; and
  - (ii) if there is any law that holds either financial institutions or telecommunication providers accountable to such criminal actions as they continue to use unregistered sim cards to scam people.
- 15. KGOSI E. MOLEHELE (GHANZI EAST REGION):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to state when Gantsi Land Board will allocate farms at GH10 farms as they have completed the surveying and mapping of the land. **(357)**
- 16. KGOSI B. E. RANTUANA (MOLEPOLOLE REGION):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs if he is aware that residents of Lentsweletau were promised a Sub District Council by the former Minister of Local Government and Rural Development in the year 2009 during a Kgotla meeting and nothing has been done to date; and if so, when is the Ministry going fulfill the promise. **(358)**
- 17. KGOSI M. I P. TUMAELETSE IV (SPECIALLY ELECTED):** To ask the Minister of Higher Education to inform this Honourable House on:- **(359)**

- (i) when he intends to offer all accredited courses at Kgalagadi South Brigade in Tsabong instead of offering them in piecemeal;
- (ii) the cost implications for students travelling to Kang, Jwaneng and beyond to access the school;
- (iii) whether he perceives this scenario as fair to deny students the right to education by providing a conducive learning environment free from hazels;
- (iv) whether he is aware that the institution has more than 20 years since its establishment and yet the students are still suffering; and if so,
- (v) the plans he will put in place to mitigate this challenge.

**18. KGOSI KHAMA IV (GA-MMANGWATO):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to state:- **(360)**

- (i) whether the Ministry is aware of allegations concerning the recruitment of close relatives of a Directorate of Intelligence and Security (DIS) appointing authority;
- (ii) whether DIS recruitment policies and applicable public service codes regulate conflicts of interest and family relationships in appointments;
- (iii) whether any investigation or review has been undertaken regarding such allegations and, if so, what the status is;
- (iv) the safeguard measures that exist to ensure fairness, transparency, and accountability in DIS recruitment processes; and
- (v) whether the Ministry is considering any policy or legislative reforms relating to disclosure of conflicts of interest in appointments within the DIS.

- 19. KGOSI L. M. BABEILE (KGALAGADI SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Communications and Innovation if he will consider expanding the WiFi broadband coverage in offices that have been connected to SmartBots WiFi to allow public access. **(361)**
- 20. KGOSI MOSADI (GAMALETE):** To ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services if he is aware of the persistent and significant delays by the Master of the High Court in the processing and finalization of the deceased estates; and if so, could he provide a comprehensive explanation for these delays, stating clearly:- **(362)**
- (i) the estimated average turnaround time for the processing of an estate, and how the Ministry intends to improve this to ensure that families are not left in financial distress while waiting for the administration of their loved ones' estates;
  - (ii) the systemic, staffing, or procedural challenges contributing to the backlog of estate files; and
  - (iii) the concrete steps the Ministry is taking to streamline the probate process and reduce the waiting time for grieving families.
- 21. KGOSI M. KHACHANA III (NORTH EAST):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to state:- **(363)**
- (i) if he is aware of the persistent transport challenges faced by Members of Ntlo ya Dikgosi when executing their official duties; and if so,
  - (ii) whether he will consider issuing a formal Directive to District Commissioners to prioritise and formalise the allocation of official vehicles from the District Administration pool to Ntlo ya Dikgosi Members in order for them to be able to effectively consult *merafe* in their Regions.
- 22. KGOSI E. MOLEHELE (GHANZI EAST REGION):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to state when he will release GH171 farm to Kuke community to rear their livestock. **(364)**

- 23. KGOSI B. E. RANTUANA (MOLEPOLOLE REGION):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to state if he does not deem it necessary to upgrade Merope Ward under Mogoditshane village to a Headman of Record level considering that it was once an independent settlement with its layout plan and its population has increased. **(365)**
- 24. 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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.
- 25. KGOSI L. M. BABEILE (KGALAGADI SOUTH REGION):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture if he is aware that there is a pit along the Werda/Makopong border post line which collects water during the rainy season thus attracting cattle movement risking the spread of foot and mouth disease; and if so, what measures he has in place to assist farmers to prevent the spread of foot and mouth disease around that place. **(367)**

**26. KGOSI B. E. RANTUANA (MOLEPOLOLE REGION):** To ask the **(368)** Minister of Lands and Agriculture to state:-

- (i) if he will consider upgrading Mogoditshane Sub Landboard to a fully-fledged land board which is aligned to Mogoditshane-Thamaga District Council considering the separation of Districts and also to reduce the work load at Molepolole Main Land Board; and
- (ii) if he is aware that a lot of land crime incidents that happen around Mogoditshane and its catchment areas are caused by the fact that Mogoditshane Sub Land Board still reports to Molepolole Main Land Board which makes it impossible to take decisions which then impacts on service delivery; and if so, when he intends to correct this anomaly.

**27. KGOSI B. SEIPONE (SPECIALLY ELECTED):** To ask the **(369)** Minister of Justice and Correctional Services to state when he intends to construct a magistrate court with staff houses in Kang.

**28. KGOSI M. KHACHANA III (NORTH EAST):** To ask the Minister **(370)** for State President, Defence and Security to explain:-

- (i) the constitutional and administrative rationale for Ntlo ya Dikgosi being administered under the structure of the National Assembly given that the Constitution establishes them as distinct bodies with unique mandates; and
- (ii) if he does not deem it necessary to provide Ntlo ya Dikgosi with its own independent Secretariat and Accounting Officer to reflect its constitutional status.

**29. KGOSI M. I P. TUMAELETSE IV (SPECIALLY ELECTED):** To **(371)** ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to state:-

- (i) when Kolonkwaneng Health Post will be upgraded to a fully-fledged and operational clinic to meet the current contemporary society needs and aspirations based on World Health Organisation (WHO) standards and best practices;

- (ii) if the Minister is aware that the population has increased to more than 2500 contrary to 715 of the population census in 2022 as confirmed by Statistics Botswana; and
- (iii) whether there are any immediate plans to correct this anomaly.

**30. KGOSI KHAMA IV (GA-MMANGWATO):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to state:- **(372)**

- (i) whether the current salary scales for the Director General and Deputy Director General of the DIS are F0 and F2 respectively;
- (ii) what process governs the review and approval of salary scales and grading within the DIS;
- (iii) whether the Ministry is considering any review of the grading structure applicable to senior DIS positions;
- (iv) whether any assessment has been undertaken regarding the impact of current grading structures on organisational efficiency and staff morale; and
- (v) what oversight mechanisms exist to regulate the creation or upgrading of senior positions within the DIS.

**31. KGOSI B. SEIPONE (SPECIALLY ELECTED):** To ask the Minister of Communications and Innovation to state when he intends to construct a modernised post office in Kang as the current one is standard and was constructed in the late 1970's and it is too small for the village and its catchment area. **(373)**

**32. KGOSI M. KHACHANA III (NORTH EAST):** To ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services to apprise this Honorable House on:- **(374)**

- (i) the specific legal bottlenecks currently hindering the finalisation of cases for inmates on death row, particularly following the 2022 Court of Appeal judgment in Pholo versus The State, which rendered the automatic review process, Rule 44 invalid;

- (ii) measures he intends to take to ensure that these proceedings are concluded within a reasonable time frame.

**33. KGOSI M. I P. TUMAELETSE IV (SPECIALLY ELECTED): To (375)**  
ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to state:-

- (i) if he is aware that the review of the National Settlement Policy of 2004 which existed for 22 years to date is disadvantaging small and medium villages by limiting their Dikgotla to be upgraded and their Dikgosi to be elevated to positions beyond C1 salary scale and beyond;
- (ii) if he is aware that this question has been asked since 2005 to date and the Minister's response was based on the population of more than 5000 people for a Kgotla to be upgraded beyond C1 salary scale, disregarding other factors that include the years of existence of a village, academic qualification of a Kgosi, vast experience gained from public service when retiring into Bogosi or legal background by training in law which is a scarce skill in Tribal Administration; and if so,
- (iii) whether there are any immediate plans to review and amend this policy in a bid to abolish numbers and consider other reasonable factors and take into account human rights of affected villages and their Dikgosi.

**34. KGOSI KHAMA IV (GA-MMANGWATO):To ask the Minister for (376)**  
State President, Defence and Security to state:-

- (i) whether the Minister is aware of testimony given before the Public Accounts Committee regarding the employment of persons with criminal records by the DIS;
- (ii) the laws, policies, or vetting standards that govern the recruitment of persons with prior criminal convictions into the public service and the DIS;
- (iii) whether criminal records affect eligibility for security clearance within the DIS;

- (iv) safeguards measures that exist to ensure integrity and accountability in DIS recruitment and vetting processes; and
- (v) whether any review or audit of DIS recruitment and vetting procedures is being considered.

**35. KGOSI B. E. RANTUANA (MOLEPOLOLE REGION):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture if he is aware that: **(377)**

- (i) Mogoditshane Landboard has stopped farmers of Tlhape, Kgaphamadi and Ledumadumane from ploughing their fields as they have been affected by village extension developments;
- (ii) they were promised to compensate the said farmers and nothing has been done it is now more than 10 years; and
- (iii) residents now what to go back and utilise their fields as they are their main source of income; and if so when he intends to address the above.

**36. KGOSI M. KHACHANA III (NORTH EAST):** To ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services to update this Honourable House on the number of criminal cases currently pending before the High Courts and Magistrate Courts specifically due to slow or incomplete police investigations. **(378)**

**37. KGOSI M. I P. TUMAELETSE IV (SPECIALLY ELECTED):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to state: **(379)**

- (i) whether the Minister is aware that there are currently six Customary Courts (Bokspits, Middlepits, Bogogobo, Tsabong, Makopong and Werda) headed by Sub-Chiefs, remunerated at D2 salary scale and only Bokspits and Tsabong have Headmen of Record, remunerated at C1 salary scale; and
- (ii) why there are still vacant positions of D4 and D3 salary scales within the Bogosi structure.

**38. KGOSI KHAMA IV (GA-MMANGWATO):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to make it clear:- **(380)**

- (i) whether Ministers are obliged to answer questions and Motions in Ntlo ya Dikgosi; if yes, state why some Ministers do not turn up to answer questions or do not send representatives to do so; and
- (ii) whether the Minister is aware that in some cases where representatives are sent, they read answers from several Ministries and are sometimes unable to answer follow up questions.

**39. KGOSI B. E. RANTUANA (MOLEPOLOLE REGION):** To ask the Minister of Minerals and Energy to state when he intends to connect Lesilakgokong Village with electricity as the village population has grown with more than eight (8) wards. **(381)**

**40. KGOSI M. KHACHANA III (NORTH EAST):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to state:- **(382)**

- (i) if he is aware that the North East District currently lacks a centralised District Tribal Administration Office to facilitate the coordination of traditional leadership and customary judicial services; and if so, whether the Minister could further state the specific challenges preventing the construction of a dedicated district level facility in North East District;
- (ii) whether there are any immediate plans or budgetary allocations under the National Development Plan (NDP) or the District Development Plan (DDP) for the 2026/2027 financial year to initiate the above; and
- (iii) when the Ministry intends to prioritise the establishment of this office to ensure that the North East District is at par with other administrative districts.

- 41. KGOSI KHAMA IV (GA-MMANGWATO):** To ask the Minister of Minerals and Energy to state:- **(383)**
- (i) the procedure that is followed leading up to the publishing of commodity prices such as electricity and fuel; and
  - (ii) the status of each of the fuel levies.
- 42. KGOSI M. I P. TUMAELETSE IV (SPECIALLY ELECTED):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs if he will consider:- **(384)**
- (i) creating lower positions such as Deputy Sub-Chief, remunerated at D3, Senior Deputy Sub-Chief, remunerated at D4 and Headman of Record, remunerated at C1 salary scale while waiting for the review of the current Bogosi Act of 2008 as this has demotivated Dikgosi; and
  - (ii) putting measures in place that will address these socio-economic status of Dikgosi.
- 43. 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)**
- 44. KGOSI M. KHACHANA III (NORTH EAST):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to update this Honourable House on:- **(386)**
- (i) progress made regarding the construction of the fire station in Masunga as previously outlined in the Transitional National Development Plan (TNDP);
  - (ii) the current status of the procurement or bidding process for this facility; and

(iii) the interim measures that are in place to reduce response times for fire outbreaks in the North East District while this project is pending.

- 45. 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)**
- 46. KGOSI J. D. KHUMANEGO (NGWAKETSE WEST REGION):** 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. **(236)**
- 47. 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.

**48. 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.

**49. KGOSI M. 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.

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

- (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.

**51. 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.

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

- (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.

**53. 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.

**54. KGOSI P. GABORONE (BATLOKWA):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to State: **(324)**

- (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.

**55. 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)**

**56. 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.

**57. 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.

**58. 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.

**59. 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.

**60. 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.
- 61. KGOSI KHAMA IV (GA-MMANGWATO):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to provide an update on the initiative under which it was announced that US\$600 million would be raised by December 2025, including the current status of the matter. **(433)**
- 62. 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)**
- 63. 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.

## **NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **MOTIONS**

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

1. "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. Tumaletse IV – Specially Elected)

(Resumed Debate)

#### **LEGALISING POLYGAMOUS MARRIAGES**

2. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider allowing men to marry more than one wife under Common Law."

(Kgosi T. Dingalo- Maun Region)

#### **INTRODUCTION OF TRANSPORT ALLOWANCE FOR MEMBERS OF NTLO YA DIKGOSI WITHIN GABORONE WHILST THE HOUSE IS SITTING**

3. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider introducing transport allowance for Members of Ntlo ya Dikgosi during the proceedings of the House."

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

**REVIEW AND INCREASE OF HOSPITALITY ALLOWANCE  
FOR MEMBERS OF NTLO YA DIKGOSI**

4. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider reviewing and increasing Hospitality allowance for Members of Ntlo ya Dikgosi."

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

**ELEVATION OF DIRECTOR OF TRIBAL ADMINISTRATION  
AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF TRIBAL ADMINISTRATION  
SALARY SCALE RESPECTIVELY**

5. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider elevating the post of the Director of Tribal Administration and 4 (four) other district local authorities to be at par with District Commissioner to close the disparity gap that exists."

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

**REVIEW OF COMPETENCY-BASED CAREER PATH FOR  
DEPARTMENT OF TRIBAL ADMINISTRATION STAFF**

6. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider reviewing competency-based career path for junior staff members such as; Court Clerks, Clerk of the Court, Court Bailiffs and auxiliary members under the Department of Tribal Administration staff to facilitate ease of clear progression for all junior staff thereof."

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

**FENCING OF BOREHOLE WATER POINTS**

7. "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**

8. "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. Tumaletse IV – Specially Elected)

**REVIEW OF THE NATIONAL SETTLEMENT POLICY OF 2004**

9. "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 upgrading."

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

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

10. "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**

11. "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**

12. "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**

13. "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**

14. "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**

15. "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)