

## NTLO YA DIKGOSI

### ORDER PAPER

(MONDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2026)

#### QUESTIONS

1. **KGOSI M. KHACHANA III (NORTH EAST):** To ask the Minister of Finance to inform this Honourable House on what the Government is doing to diversify the economy beyond the reliance on one commodity which is diamonds. (49)
2. **KGOSI B. SEIPONE (SPECIALLY ELECTED):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to state when:- (82)
  - (i) developments that establish Kang as a region as per the provisions of the National Spatial Plan 2036 which divided the country into ten (10) regions will commence; and
  - (ii) the Kang Regional Planning Committee will be established as per the initiatives in the Kang Planning Region spatial plan.
3. **KGOSI B. E. RANTUANA (MOLEPOLOLE REGION):** To ask 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. (105)
4. **KGOSI B. E. RANTUANA (MOLEPOLOLE REGION):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to apprise this Honourable House on whether:- (117)
  - (i) he is aware of the ground cracks at Hatsalatladi village;
  - (ii) there are any buildings that have been affected by these

cracks and if there are any measures in place to assist the victims; and

(iii) these cracks will not pose a threat to people's lives in future; and if so, how he will address the situation.

**5. KGOSI M. KHACHANA III (NORTH EAST):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to state:- **(133)**

(i) whether the land on which the Parliament building and its grounds are situated is under any lease, rental, or encumbrance arrangement;

(ii) the terms and conditions of such an arrangement, if any, including the annual payments and the duration of the lease; and

(iii) whether Government has any intention to secure permanent ownership of the site for the nation.

**6. KGOSI E. JOEL (BOBIRWA REGION):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to update this Honourable House on the status of the Motloutse Farms electrification project along the Bobonong-Tobane gravel road; and further update on whether it is achieving its intended purpose. **(143)**

**7. 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)**

8. **KGOSI J. D. KHUMANEGO (NGWAKETSE WEST REGION):** To ask the Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship to update this Honourable House on the number of Chema Chema applications received in Ngwaketse West Region; and when they will be responded to. (159)
9. **KGOSI E. JOEL (BOBIRWA REGION):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to update this Honourable House on progress made regarding the construction of Mathathane-Platjan Bridge road. (160)
10. **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.
11. **KGOSI E. JOEL (BOBIRWA REGION):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs if he will consider upgrading Tshokwe Health Post to a clinic with maternity wing since Tshokwe is one of the remote villages with no proper road linkages to the nearest hospital. (167)
12. **KGOSI D. NDHOWE (OKAVANGO REGION):** To ask the Minister of Minerals and Energy whether she is aware of the frequent power outages that are experienced in the Okavango East region; and if so, to state what will be done to address the situation. (168)

- 13. KGOSI L. M. BABEILE (KGALAGADI SOUTH REGION): (169)**  
To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to state if he is aware that debushing was stopped along the Botswana and South African border; and if so, whether he will consider re-introducing it for easy patrol.
- 14. KGOSI N. KABELO (SEROWE REGION): (170)**  
To ask the Minister of Finance to state if he will consider opening a pensions office around Serowe/Palapye to cater for pensioners around that area as Francistown is quite distant.
- 15. KGOSI MOSADI (GA-MALETE): (171)**  
To ask the Minister for State 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.
- 16. KGOSI M. I. P. TUMAELETSE IV (SPECIALLY ELECTED): (172)**  
To ask the Minister of Minerals and Energy to state:-
- (i) when mining of kimberlite blue diamond in Tsabong District will commence;
  - (ii) the quality and quantity of the resource of the diamond that was discovered by a company called Falcon Bridge Pty (Ltd) in 1979;
  - (iii) what caused the delay in the commencement of the mine then;
  - (iv) why the Ministry engaged another company called Firestone around 2004 which put up the whole infrastructure which is currently a white elephant; whether the Ministry lost confidence in the first company;
  - (v) what action the Ministry has taken to avert wastage as a result of unutilised infrastructure which was put up with

- tax payers' money;
- (vi) how much the Government has spent in putting up that structure;
  - (vii) whether there are plans in the National Development Plan 12 (NDP) to commence the mining; and
  - (viii) comprehensive reports of the two mining companies, names of the owners and shareholders.

**17. KGOSI KHAMA IV (GA-MMANGWATO):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to clarify to this Honourable House on the recent answer provided to Parliament on the 1st of December 2025, regarding the Directorate of Intelligence and Security matters and state: **(173)**

Minister for State President, Defence and Security to clarify to this Honourable House on the recent answer provided to Parliament on the 1st of December 2025, regarding the Directorate of Intelligence and Security matters and state:-

- (i) the exact number of Directorate of Intelligence and Security (DIS) officers who received accelerated promotion directly from the C-scale to E-scale within the period of 2020 -2025;
- (ii) prior to their accelerated promotion, what were the professional qualifications, experience, and performance assessments of these officers;
- (iii) whether he can confirm that among those promoted, some moved straight from C-scale to E-scale, bypassing the D-scale entirely; and if so, how many;
- (iv) what was the typical duration spent at each D-scale band before advancement to the E-scale;
- (v) if these accelerated promotion pathways are explicitly provided for and in strict accordance with the Public Service Act and DIS Conditions of Service;
- (vi) whether in the wider Civil Service, it is considered normal or exceptional for an officer to rise from C-scale to E-scale within a five-year period;
- (vii) how many officers who benefited from accelerated promotion also received overseas scholarships or state-funded further training during the same timeframe;

- (viii) whether any of the officers who received accelerated promotion or overseas scholarships are related by blood, marriage, or affinity (including being a spouse, child, or sibling) to the DIS Appointing Authority or any senior official involved in the promotion decision;
- (ix) who was personally in charge of assessing and recommending these accelerated promotions whether it was an individual, a promotions board, or a committee; and
- (x) whether the Minister, as the overseeing authority, personally verified the process by reviewing the promotion files of the officers in question if a board or committee made the recommendations.

**18. KGOSI D. NDHOWE (OKAVANGO REGION):** To ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services 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)**

**19. 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.

(vi) how elephant quotas increased while carcass ratios (an internationally recognised indicator of mortality) have been rising across Northern Botswana.

**20. KGOSI B. E. RANTUANA (MOLEPOLOLE REGION):** To ask 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:- **(176)**

(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.

**21. KGOSI W. NDADI (TUTUME REGION):** To ask the Minister 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. **(177)**

**22. KGOSI G. MONNATHEBE (KANYE REGION):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to update this Honourable House on progress made regarding the Bogosi Act review, 2008 and the Customary Act review of 2013. **(178)**

- 23. KGOSI B. M. GOBUAMANG (THAMAGA REGION):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to state:- **(179)**
- (i) if he is aware that since the re-enactment of the Tribal Land Act in 2018, the transfer of land to foreigners seems to have become more frequent and less restrictive than before;
  - (ii) the current process by which land is transferred to non-citizens; and
  - (iii) what measures are being considered to strengthen regulation and ensure that land remains accessible and protected for citizens.
- 24. KGOSI L. M. BABEILE (KGALAGADI SOUTH REGION):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security if he does not deem it necessary to increase Special Support Groups (SSGs) in Tsabong District especially in the villages of Middlepits, Werda and Bokspits considering the increasing numbers of stock theft cases in the region. **(180)**
- 25. KGOSI W. NDADI (TUTUME REGION):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to state whether he is aware that there are cattle that have crossed into Zimbabwe from Maitengwe and Sepako and were identified by the farmers' association with the help of police and the state promised to return them but up to date nothing has been done; and if so, **(181)**
- (i) when he intends to return the cattle back to the owners as it was promised by the previous President in a Kgotla Meeting at Maitengwe in 2024;
  - (ii) state the number of cattle recovered in Zimbabwe and the condition they are in; and
  - (iii) what measures he has in place to ensure that cattle in Botswana do not cross into Zimbabwe and vice versa.

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

### **MOTION**

#### **AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION**

- “That this Honourable House requests Government to consider amending the Constitution of Botswana to include the Chairman of Ntlo ya Dikgosi as an ex-officio Member of the National Assembly.”

(Kgosi M. Khachana III – North East)