

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

NOTICE PAPER

(FRIDAY 4TH FEBRUARY, 2022)

NOTICE OF QUESTIONS

(FOR ORAL ANSWER ON TUESDAY 8TH FEBRUARY, 2022)

- 1. MR. M. REATILE, MP. (JWANENG-MABUTSANE):** To ask the Minister of Youth Empowerment, Sport and Culture Development to state: **(99)**
 - (i) the number of unemployed youth in Botswana;
 - (ii) the number of underemployed youth in Botswana;
 - (iii) Government's interventions to create employment for the youth and its key performance indicators; and
 - (iv) the results of these interventions.
- 2. MR. T. LETSHOLO, MP. (KANYE NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Investment, Trade and Industry to apprise this Honourable House on the hardships faced by small, micro and medium sized citizen enterprises in Botswana as a result of the negative impact of COVID-19. **(100)**
- 3. MR. O. RAMOGAPI, MP. (PALAPYE):** To ask the Minister of Investment, Trade and Industry: **(106)**
 - (i) if he is aware that there is a tender for Makoro Retail Stores, to be funded by Botswana Investment and Trade Centre (BITC), Debswana, Botswana Telecommunications Corporation (BTC) and Morupule Coal Mine under the coordination of BITC. The project was awarded a long time ago and all stakeholders have made assurances that funds are available, however, the project is failing to commence;
 - (ii) if the answer is in the affirmative, what is causing the delay; and
 - (iii) to provide the timelines as to when the project will kick start as it hampers economic growth in Palapye.

4. **MR. D. SALESHANDO, MP. (MAUN WEST):** To ask the Minister of Nationality, Immigration and Gender Affairs to state: **(107)**
- (i) the amounts disbursed by her Ministry in the last three (3) financial years to assist organisations that provide safe homes for victims of Gender Based Violence (GBV);
 - (ii) amounts availed to each organisation assisted and if the amounts are adequate compared to the rising numbers in GBV; and
 - (iii) if the amounts have been found to be inadequate, how does she plan to address the shortfall.
5. **MR. P. MAJAGA, MP. (NATA-GWETA):** To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Food Security to apprise this Honourable House on the impact of the cluster fencing initiative in the contribution towards food production and employment creation and to further state: **(108)**
- (i) the number of cluster fences that are functional in Botswana;
 - (ii) the number of requests that were approved and funded;
 - (iii) the number of cluster fences in Nata-Gweta Constituency; and
 - (iv) why initiatives and requests from Nata-Gweta are not funded.
6. **MR. B. MATHOOTHE, MP. (SEROWE NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Defence, Justice and Security: **(109)**
- (i) why officers below the rank of Senior Superintendent at Botswana Prisons Service (BPS) are not paid Special Duty Allowance as stated in the BPS White Paper of 2020-2021; and
 - (ii) if he is aware that those officers perform such special duties from the day an accused person is charged with murder until the day of execution.
7. **MR. G. KEKGONEGILE, MP. (MAUN EAST):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Communications to state progress in paying the Disana community their compensation for relocation to give way to the expansion of Maun International Airport, and in particular: **(113)**
- (i) clarify when the relocation took place and if the Disana Community was compensated;

- (ii) the number of persons who have been compensated against those who are eligible for compensation respectively;
 - (iii) when the compensation exercise will be completed;
 - (iv) if Government will pay interest accruing from outstanding payments to individuals and at what rate or percentage;
 - (v) how much has Government paid so far; and
 - (vi) how much Government is anticipating to pay as interest.
8. **MR. F. T. LEUWE, MP. (TAKATOKWANE):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Rural Development to state when the Metsibotlhoko Court will be designated as a Court of Record. **(114)**
9. **MR. K. NKAWANA, MP. (SELEBI PHIKWE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Rural Development if he is aware that there are no Supplies Officers or Bursars in Selebi Phikwe Primary Schools which increases the workload for Head of Departments (HODs) as they have to carry out the duties of those portfolios causing them to miss some classes; if so, are there plans to create the above stated posts. **(115)**
10. **MR. T. MANGWECAPE-HEALY, MP. (GABORONE CENTRAL):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Rural Development to state: **(116)**
- (i) the number and types of open spaces in Gaborone;
 - (ii) the number of those that have been either targeted for development and/or leasing;
 - (iii) the beneficiaries of those that have been leased out; and
 - (iv) the number of Batswana who have been employed from such enterprises.
11. **MR. P. K. MOTAOSANE, MP. (THAMAGA-KUMAKWANE):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Communications to give an update on the expansion of the A10 road from Mogoditshane to Mmankgodi turn-off (Sengaparile); and the Molepolole-Thamaga road. **(117)**
12. **MR. D. TSHERE, MP. (MAHALAPYE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Health and Wellness if he is aware that the Mahalapye District Hospital has been operating without Obstetrics, Gynaecology and Paeditrician services for a long time and he should further state: **(118)**
- (i) the infant mortality rate at the said Hospital;
 - (ii) the maternal mortality rate;
 - (iii) the monthly average baby deliveries at this Hospital;

- (iv) how many of these babies needed special baby units; and
- (v) how many unfortunately passed on while being transferred to Francistown.

(FOR ORAL ANSWER ON WEDNESDAY 9TH FEBRUARY, 2022)

1. **MR. M. I. MOSWAANE, MP. (FRANCISTOWN WEST):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Communications to state: **(119)**
 - (i) the number of Roads Engineers on C1 salary scale at the Ministry;
 - (ii) the number of vacant posts of Senior Roads Engineer II, D4 salary scale;
 - (iii) the longest serving Roads Engineer I on C1 salary scale and the reasons why the Engineer could not progress to D4 salary scale;
 - (iv) if he is aware that the Ministry is losing Engineers because of lack of progression; and
 - (v) if he has ever considered and compared how Engineers employed at the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development progress to higher salary scales, and if there is a difference, why the discrepancy.
2. **MR. S. N. MOABI, MP. (TATI WEST):** To ask the Minister of Land Management, Water and Sanitation Services to state: **(120)**
 - (i) how many boreholes are serviceable in the North East District; and
 - (ii) whether Government will consider the above stated boreholes for agricultural purposes once the Ntimbale Water Project is completed and functional.
3. **MR. L. LESEDI, MP. (SEROWE SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Health and Wellness to brief this Honourable House on further improvements to the health care system since the advent of COVID-19, stating: **(122)**
 - (i) measures in place to reduce over-reliance on COVID-19 related purchases from foreign manufacturers or shifting from direct procurement to Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Board (PPADB) supervised procurement;
 - (ii) the demand for nurses and doctors locally during the pandemic and the number of health workers who lost their lives due to the pandemic;

- (iii) the ratio of doctor to patient at Sir Ketumile Masire Teaching Hospital given that it is the main centre relied upon;
 - (iv) the role of the Botswana Vaccine Institute (BVI) in assisting the Ministry to find homemade remedies for COVID-19;
 - (v) the quantities of hand sanitizers, face masks, Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs) and medical equipment which were procured in China and the quantity donated by the Chinese Government; and
 - (vi) lessons learnt from the COVID-19 outbreak and what comprehensive plans and strategies are now in place to ensure that no more lives are lost due to COVID-19 and level of preparedness for future outbreaks.
- 4. MR. K. K. KAPINGA, MP. (OKAVANGO):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Rural Development to state: **(123)**
- (i) when the last inspection of classrooms and teachers accommodation was undertaken at Shakawe Primary School; and
 - (ii) the findings in relation to the above.
- 5. MR. O. REGOENG, MP. (MOLEPOLOLE NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Defence, Justice and Security to state: **(124)**
- (i) when the long promised Molepolole Police Station will be constructed;
 - (ii) if he is aware that the present number of police in Molepolole is inadequate to cope with the level of crime and size of the village; and
 - (iii) what the Ministry is doing to curb the spate of cash heists ravaging businesses and banking sectors around the country.
- 6. MR. M. G. J. MOTSAMAI, MP. (GHANZI SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Rural Development: **(127)**
- (i) if he is aware of the general state of disrepair of the Tribal Administration offices and *Kgotla* shelters around the country;
 - (ii) if he has a maintenance plan for renovating Tribal Administration offices and *Kgotla* shelters in the Ghanzi South Constituency; and
 - (iii) if there are any plans to build shelters with ablution blocks for Headmen of Arbitration at their respective areas.

- 7. MR. D. L. KEORAPETSE, MP. (SELEBI PHIKWE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Finance and Economic Development to update this Honourable House on the Public Procurement and Assets Disposal Board (PPADB) facilitated Government tender bids won by or awarded to Chinese Company China Civil Engineering Construction Botswana (Pty) Ltd (including direct appointments) in the last ten (10) years; the Minister should specifically state and explain: **(128)**
- (i) the total number of tenders (state these tenders/jobs) and their value including amount paid by the treasury to the company (include value for each tender;
 - (ii) the amount of tax the company paid;
 - (iii) the amount Batswana contractors were paid as sub-contractors (total and for each tender);
 - (iv) the amount repatriated as profit and the amount invested in Botswana; and
 - (v) whether the company did Government jobs simultaneously (including direct appointments) in the last ten (10) years.
- 8. MR. W. B. MMOLOTSI, MP. (FRANCISTOWN SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Health and Wellness to state: **(129)**
- (i) the number of doctors at the Francistown District Health Management Team (DHMT) against the establishment register;
 - (ii) the number of nurses in the Francistown South Constituency clinics against the establishment register; and
 - (iii) when the Ministry will consider upgrading one of the clinics in the Francistown South Constituency to a 24-hour facility.
- 9. MR. Y. BOKO, MP. (MAHALAPYE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Communications to state: **(130)**
- (i) if he is aware that the Parr's Halt/Makwate/Machaneng and Parr's Halt/Makwate/Shakwe Roads are key routes to connecting tourism destinations to the central and northern areas; and if so,
 - (ii) when will these strategic roads be tarred.
- 10. DR. K. GOBOTSWANG, MP. (SEFHARE-RAMOKGONAMI):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Rural Development if he is aware that the Chadibe village main *kgotla* (in Tswapong area) is the only *kgotla* headed by one Headman of Records for a village of a population size of Chadibe in the Mahalapye Sub-District; and if so, to state: **(131)**

- (i) the names of villages that are smaller than Chadibe staffed with two (2) or more positions of *Dikgosi* in the Mahalapye Sub-District;
- (ii) the criteria used to grade *Dikgotla* and the level of staffing; and
- (iii) whether there are plans to upgrade the current status of Chadibe *Kgotla* to have at least two (2) *Dikgosi*.

11. DR. N. TSHABANG, MP. (NKANGE): To ask the Minister of Local Government and Rural Development: **(132)**

- (i) whether he is aware of the Dagwi and Changate villages boundary disputes and if so, when he intends to resolve the matter; and
- (ii) why it has taken so long to address the matter.

12. MR. K. C. HIKUAMA, MP. (NGAMI): To ask the Minister of Transport and Communications to brief this Honourable House on plans to upgrade the following gravel roads in the Ngami Constituency to bitumen standard: **(133)**

- (i) Bodibeng-Toteng;
- (ii) Sehithwa-Kareng;
- (iii) Samedupi-Somelo;
- (iv) Kareng-Tsau, Habu Junction-Habu Village; and
- (v) Nokaneng-Qangwa/Dobe Border.