

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(WEDNESDAY 9TH FEBRUARY, 2022)

QUESTIONS

HRS/MINS

1400 - 1445

- 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 accomodation 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 considering the 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 at 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 parts of the country; 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 but are staffed with two (2) or more *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 asphalt/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.

• **STATEMENT BY THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION**

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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SECOND READING

1445 - 1800

- Appropriation (2022/2023) Bill, 2022 (Bill No. 2 of 2022) An Act to authorise the payment out of the Consolidated Fund and the Development Fund of sums of money for the year ending 31st March, 2023.

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