

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(FRIDAY 11TH FEBRUARY, 2022)

MINISTER'S QUESTION TIME

HRS/MINS

0900 - 0945

1. Minister of Mineral Resources, Green Technology and Energy Security
THEME: BCL LIQUIDATION: PREMIUM NICKEL RESOURCES (PNR) EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS
(Mr. D. L. Keorapetse, MP. – Selebi Phikwe West)

2. Minister of Finance and Economic Development
THEME: REPOSSESSION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES BY FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS SINCE THE ADVENT OF COVID-19

To ask the Minister of Finance and Economic Development to state:

- (i) the number of persons whose immovable properties have been repossessed by financial institutions due to failure to pay monthly premiums since the advent of COVID-19;
- (ii) the number of people who have defaulted from paying monthly mortgage premiums to financial institutions since the advent of COVID-19 and during the state of emergency period;
- (iii) the number of those who have defaulted to pay, out of those who have defaulted how many are earmarked for the repossessions; and
- (iv) if there are any efforts to stem the tide of repossessions of immovable properties by financial institutions given that failure to pay has been occasioned by the economic hardships arising from COVID-19.

(Mr. T. B. Lucas, MP. – Bobonong)

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

**COMMISSION OF ENQUIRY TO INVESTIGATE THE NATURE AND EXTENT OF
CORRUPTION, ECONOMIC CRIME, MISMANAGEMENT, MALADMINISTRATION AND
UNETHICAL GOVERNANCE IN PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS**

1. "That this Honourable House resolves that His Excellency the President sets up a Commission of Enquiry, chaired by a judge, sitting in public and whose report shall be published, to investigate the nature and extent of corruption, economic crime, mismanagement, maladministration and unethical governance in public institutions with a view to recommend formulation of appropriate policies, programmes and enacting appropriate laws."

(Mr. D. L. Keorapetse, MP. – Selebi Phikwe West)

**GOVERNMENT TO CONSIDER SUPPLEMENTING NORTH WEST DISTRICT
CATTLE FARMERS WHO SELL THEIR CATTLE TO
BOTSWANA MEAT COMMISSION (BMC)**

2. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider supplementing North West District cattle farmers who sell their cattle to Botswana Meat Commission (BMC) in relation to the cost of quarantining cattle for thirty (30) days before they reach the BMC."

(Mr. G. Kekgonegile, MP. – Maun East)

**TRANSFORMATION OF BOTSWANA TELEVISION (BTV) AND
RADIO BOTSWANA (RB1 AND RB2) FROM STATE BROADCASTERS
(STATE CONTROLLED) TO PUBLIC BROADCASTERS**

3. "That this Honourable House resolves to transform Botswana Television (BTV) and Radio Botswana (RB1 and RB2) from state broadcasters (state controlled) to public broadcasters (state funded) with editorial independence."

(Mr. Y. Boko, MP. – Mahalapye East)

(Resumed Debate)

**GOVERNMENT TO INTRODUCE A MANDATORY
CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY LAW (CSR)**

4. "That this Honourable House resolves to request Government to introduce a law setting a mandatory Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) for a specified proportion of profits before tax for all extraction companies operating in the Republic of Botswana so as to provide mitigation against the adverse impact of mining on communities that host extraction companies."

(Dr. K. Gobotswang, MP. – Sefhare-Ramokgonami)

**GOVERNMENT TO CONSIDER PROVIDING CLEAN DRINKING WATER
TO RURAL COMMUNITIES IN FARMING AREAS
AND UNGAZETTED SETTLEMENTS**

5. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider providing clean drinking water to rural communities in farm lands, ungazetted settlements and cattle posts, because drinking water and sanitation are a pre-requisite for achieving a minimum standard of health and to undertake productive activities and that it is also in line with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goal number 6, of providing safe and affordable drinking water for all by 2030."

(Mr. K. C. Hikuama, MP. – Ngami)

**GOVERNMENT TO CONDUCT A FREEHOLD
LAND AUDIT IN BOTSWANA**

6. "That this Honourable House resolves to request Government to conduct a freehold land audit in Botswana to determine unused land with a view to acquiring such for productive use."

(Mr. T. B. Lucas, MP. – Bobonong)

**GOVERNMENT TO SET UP A MINIMUM
WAGE ADVISORY BOARD**

7. "That this Honourable House resolves to request Government to set up a Minimum Wage Advisory Board in terms of Part XVI of the Employment Act as a matter of urgency, to investigate and recommend the needed adjustment to the current minimum wage in Botswana so as to address the shortfalls of current wages."

(Mr. C. Greeff, MP. – Gaborone Bonnington South)

**GOVERNMENT TO UPGRADE THE MCCARTHY'S RUST,
BOKSPITS AND HEREFORD/BRAY BORDER POSTS
TO COMMERCIAL BORDERS**

8. "That this Honourable House requests Government to upgrade the Border Posts of McCarthy's Rust (Tsabong), Bokspits and Hereford/Bray to commercial borders to allow transportation of goods between Botswana and the Republic of South Africa and to adjust working hours from 0800 – 1600 hours to 0600 – 1800 hours."

(Mr. S. J. Brooks, MP. – Kgalagadi South)

**GOVERNMENT TO HARMONISE ALL ACTS OF PARLIAMENT
ESTABLISHING PROFESSIONAL BODIES**

9. "That this Honourable House resolves to harmonise all Acts of Parliament establishing professional bodies, such as Real Estate Botswana, Engineers Registration Botswana, Botswana Health Professional Council and others with the Botswana Qualifications Authority (BQA) with a view to recognise and register graduates and programmes accredited by the BQA."

(Mr. O. Ramogapi, MP. – Palapye)

GOVERNMENT TO EXPEDITE THE ALLOCATION OF PLOTS

10. "That this Honourable House requests Government to expedite the allocation of plots earmarked for Self Help Housing Agency (SHHA) Project and businesses in Sowa Town."

(Mr. P. Majaga, MP. – Nata-Gweta)

**GOVERNMENT TO PUT A MORATORIUM ON ALL LICENSES FOR
RIVER SAND MINING ALONG MAHALAPYE RIVER**

11. "That this Honourable House requests Government to put a moratorium on all licenses for river sand mining along Mahalapye River and all other smaller rivers in Mahalapye Sub-District."

(Mr. D. Tshere, MP. – Mahalapye West)

**SPECIAL DISPENSATION TO ALLOCATE LAND TO PERSONS
DISADVANTAGED BY THE OLD BOTSWANA LAND POLICY**

12. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider establishing a special dispensation to allocate land to persons who were disadvantaged by the old Botswana Land Policy which did not allow allocation of land to the spouses of those who already had land."

(Mr. W. B. Mmolotsi, MP. – Francistown South)

GOVERNMENT TO STOP THE SALE OF MATIMELA CATTLE

13. "That this Honourable House requests Government to stop the sale of matimela cattle that are fully branded or earmarked (sufficient identification), with a view to instead contact the owners at a cost."

(Mr. Y. Boko, MP. – Mahalapye East)

COMPREHENSIVE RURAL INDUSTRIALISATION STRATEGY

14. "That this Honourable House resolves to request Government to expeditiously evolve a comprehensive rural industrialisation strategy with clear resource outlay and timelines to address unemployment and poverty in the country's rural areas."

(Mr. T. B. Lucas, MP. – Bobonong)

**GOVERNMENT TO SURVEY AND DRILL SUITABLE WATER FOR FARMERS IN K GALAGADI
SOUTH AND TO RETICULATE TO THEIR WATER POINTS OR SITES UNDER THE LIVESTOCK
MANAGEMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT (LIMID) PROGRAMME**

15. "That this Honourable House requests Government to survey and drill suitable water for farmers in Kgalagadi South and reticulate to their water points or sites under the LIMID programme so that they can improve the growth of their livestock given that the area has a high rate of saline in underground water."

(Mr. S. J. Brooks, MP. – Kgalagadi South)

AMENDMENT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACT

16. "That this Honourable House requests Government to amend the Public Health Act in order to give the Director of Health powers to be able to contain and control the outbreak and spread of any diseases without need for the President to rule by decree in a protracted State of Emergency."

(Mr. L. Lesedi, MP. – Serowe South)

REVIEW OF THE PENSION REGULATIONS

17. "That this Honourable House requests Government to review pension regulations and administrations to benefit the pensioners."

(Dr. N. Tshabang, MP. – Nkange)

ENACTMENT OF A CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT

18. "That this Honourable House resolves to enact a Corporate Social Responsibility legislation, to ensure companies interests are not only limited to its shareholders, customers and employees but also to their local community and environment in which they operate."

(Mr. T. Mangwegape-Healy, MP. – Gaborone Central)

MANDATORY RENTAL RATES FOR SMMEs

19. "That this Honourable House requests Government to make it mandatory for shopping malls to reserve a portion of smaller sized retail space with favourable rental rates for Small, Medium Micro Enterprises (SMMEs)."

(Mr. T. Mangwegape-Healy, MP. – Gaborone Central)