BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

O R D E R P A P E R

(THURSDAY 1ST AUGUST, 2024)

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS **HRS/MINS**

PRESENTATION OF GOVERNMENT BILLS **1100 – 1300**

1.	Access to Information Bill, 2024 (Bill No. 15 of 2024)	An Act to provide for the right of members of the public to access information in the possession of public authorities.

(Published on 26th July, 2024)

(Minister for State President)

2.	Data Protection Bill, 2024 (Bill No. 19 of 2024)	An Act to make provision for the continuation of the Information and Data Protection Commission; to regulate the protection of personal data and to ensure that the privacy of individuals in relation to their personal data is maintained; and to provide for all matters incidental thereto.

(Published on 26th July, 2024)

(Minister for State President)

3.	Political Party Funding Bill, 2024 (Bill No. 16 of 2024)	An Act to provide for the regulation and funding of political parties and for matters connected therewith and incidental thereto.

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(Minister for State President)

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

SECOND READING

1.	Electoral (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (Bill No. 21 of 2023)	An Act to amend the Electoral Act.

(Published on 1st December, 2023)

(Mr. D. Saleshando, MP. – Maun West)

(Resumed Debate)

2.	Electoral (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (Bill No. 7 of 2024)	An Act to amend the Electoral Act.

(Published on 5th April, 2024)

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

LEADER OF THE HOUSE'S QUESTION TIME **HRS/MINS**

1400 – 1445

THEME: ACQUISITION OF TAUTONA LODGE BY THE GOVERNMENT OF BOTSWANA

- To ask the Leader of the House to state:

  (i) the size of the farm;

  (ii) activities taking place at Tautona Lodge since its purchase;

  (iii) in view of Government's aspiration to transform Botswana's economy from a mineral dependent to a knowledge based economy as envisioned by Vision 2036 how is the acquisition of Tautona Lodge going to benefit the people of Ghanzi and the Western region taking into account absence of tertiary institutions in the region;

  (iv) whether National Agricultural Research and Development Institution (NARDI) and Botswana University of Agriculture and Natural Resources (BUAN) have not considered playing a leading role in unlocking Botswana's potential as a food hub by decentralizing and transferring some of their departments to Tautona Lodge farm; taking into account the exponential growth of the cattle industry and the booming horticulture sector in the area;

(v) in view, of Ghanzi township being landlocked by farms will a portion of the Tautona Lodge farm be apportioned for expansion of the township to accelerate access to land for residential and commercial plots to create an enabling environment for commerce and industry, as well as to stimulate the local economy;

(vi) when should the people of Ghanzi expect the Lodge to be fully transformed into an educational institution/research Centre; and

(vii) when will the residents of Ghanzi be consulted to include them in the development agenda of the farm.

(Mr. J. L. Thiite, MP. – Ghanzi North)

QUESTIONS

1. **MR. T. LETSHOLO, MP. (KANYE NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Finance to apprise this Honourable House on the role of Asset Management firms in supporting local businesses in terms of investment and capital raising and the potential regulatory measures being explored to stimulate Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SME) growth; in particular: **(319)**

(i) over the past three (3) years, how much capital have Asset Managers invested in local businesses with an annual turnover of less than P50 million each year;

(ii) for the same period, disclose the number of local businesses with less than P50 million in annual turnover that Asset Managers have rejected as investment opportunities each year;

(iii) has the Government considered implementing a regulatory requirement specifying a certain portion of investments to be directed towards Small, Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in Botswana; if not, what are the reasons behind the decision;

(iv) elaborate on the potential benefits to Botswana's economy and business development, particularly for SMEs, if such regulatory requirement was to be implemented.

2. **MR. D. SALESHANDO, MP. (MAUN WEST):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Rural Development to state: **(321)**

(i) the current number of Wards per Administrative District as well as the number of wards inclusive of the new ward demarcations following the Constituency Delimitation exercise; and

(ii) if the increases are aligned to population growth in all the districts and where the increases are not based on population increase, to state the factors that were considered for each district and the number of wards demarcated not proportionate to population growth.

3. **MR. O. REGOENG, MP. (MOLEPOLOLE NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Water Affairs whether he is aware of the protracted dispute between Kweneng Land Board and a certain individual over a piece of land designated for a tribal cemetery at Magokotswane in Molepolole; if so: **(322)**

(i) to state the number of years the matter has dragged; and

(ii) how soon the matter will be resolved.

4. **MR. M. G. J. MOTSAMAI, MP. (GHANZI SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Finance if she will consider cancelling the 4% levy charge for farmers as they account for different charges regarding livestock development. **(313)**

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