

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

O R D E R P A P E R

(TUESDAY 6TH AUGUST, 2024)

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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SECOND READING

1100 – 1300

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QUESTIONS

HRS/MINS

1400 – 1445

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| 1. 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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2. **MR. W. B. MMOLOTSI, MP. (FRANCISTOWN SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Public Works to state: **(328)**
 - (i) when the passenger train is likely to resume operation;
 - (ii) how long it has been suspended; and
 - (iii) whether the coaches are still in good condition.
3. **MR. O. RAMOGAPI, MP. (PALAPYE):** To ask the Minister of Health to explain the status of Palapye Hospital in particular; **(330)**
 - (i) the cockroaches that infest the hospital due to poor hygiene;
 - (ii) shortage of nurses and doctors and how the Minister is addressing this;
 - (iii) long queues at the hospital and how he intends to provide quality service without long queues; and
 - (iv) unavailability of scan and ultra sound and the technical operator, i.e. how many people are capacitated to operate these machines.
4. **MR. K. NKAWANA, MP. (SELEBI PHIKWE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Entrepreneurship to apprise this Honourable House on existing programmes intended for wealth creation and their status to date. **(332)**
5. **MR. K. K. KAPINGA, MP. (OKAVANGO):** To ask the Minister of Agriculture: **(334)**
 - (i) to disclose where, in his 2023/2024 Committee of Supply Speech, he made reference to an intention by Government to buy cattle from the United States of America (USA);
 - (ii) if such purchase of cattle was indeed part of the Ministry's publicly declared plan of action, why was it shrouded in secrecy until just before their arrival; and
 - (iii) to disclose the costs of keeping the cattle from the date of importation to date and declare whether he is convinced that the purchase is in line with the national policy of financial prudence and value for money.
6. **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.

7. MR. K. C. HIKUAMA, MP. (NGAMI): To ask the Minister of Health to apprise this Honourable House on the relationship between his Ministry and Tshidilo Stimulation Centre in Maun; and give a background on the genesis of the relationship; he should further state, **(336)**

- (i) the programmes and services offered by the centre;
- (ii) the total subvention given to the centre by Government in the past five (5) years;
- (iii) the total number of workers at the centre;
- (iv) the total number of people enrolled at the centre annually;
- (v) the total number of workers absorbed from Thuso Rehabilitation Centre;
- (vi) the number of workers who lost employment due to termination of contract between Thuso Rehabilitation Centre and the Government; and
- (vii) if Government still has any relationship with Sekgele Rehabilitation Centre in Gumare and how the relationship is working.

8. MR. M. I. MOSWAANE, MP. (FRANCISTOWN WEST): To ask the Minister of Transport and Public Works to state: **(340)**

- (i) when the Gerald Estates-Aerodrome road construction will commence;

- (ii) what has caused the delays since the road was supposed to have been constructed almost five (5) years ago;
 - (iii) if he is aware that the road, if constructed can ease traffic congestion in the Francistown City Centre; and
 - (iv) what remedial action will be undertaken to ensure that the project starts as soon as possible.
- 9. MR. P. P. P. MOATLHODI, MP. (TONOTA):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Public Works to apprise this Honourable House on the construction of the access road from Semotswane or Via Take No Time Junction through Tonota West ending at Tonota West Kgotla and the cost of the project as well as the duration. **(342)**
- 10. DR. K. GOBOTSWANG, MP. (SEFHARE-RAMOKGONAMI):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Rural Development to update this Honourable House on the status of Sherwood-Martin's Drift in relation to the Revised National Settlement Policy and state whether he will consider upgrading it into a gazetted settlement to provide the social, education, health and spiritual needs of residents. **(343)**
- 11. MR. T. B. LUCAS, MP. (BOBONONG):** To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism to update this Honourable House on the following: **(345)**
- (i) the review of compensation rates and compensable species that has been promised since 2020;
 - (ii) the current rates of compensation for donkeys, goats, sheep and cattle that have been killed by wildlife;
 - (iii) the number of domestic animals that have been killed by lions in the areas around Semolale and specifically state progress made in controlling the destruction caused by lions in the area;
 - (iv) efforts made to control the destruction caused by elephants in the Gobojango, Semolale and Mabolwe catchment area; and
 - (v) if the hunting season in the Bobirwa area is likely to change if sufficient reasons are canvassed for the same.
- 12. MR. M. REATILE, MP. (JWANENG-MABUTSANE):** To ask the Minister of Trade and Industry to state: **(347)**
- (i) measures his Ministry has taken to attract and support both local and foreign investors to develop projects and industries that capitalise on the unique wildlife, climate, vegetation, and other natural resources in Mahotshwane, Sekoma, Kokong, Keng and Mabutsane;

- (ii) if he agrees that such an investment has the potential to significantly boost not only the economy of these villages but also that of most, if not all, surrounding settlements; and
- (iii) any potential projects that have been identified in and around these three villages that might warrant seeking investors.

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