**BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

# O R D E R  P A P E R

**(THURSDAY 8TH AUGUST, 2024)**

**NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY** **HRS/MINS**

**SECOND READING** **1100 – 1300**

- Data Protection Bill, 2024 (Bill No. 19 of 2024)

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**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. 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.

2. **MR. M. G. J. MOTSAMAI, MP. (GHANZI SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Youth, Gender, Sport and Culture to state: **(335)**

(i) progress in the construction of the Botswana National Library Services (BNLS) headquarters;

(ii) how much was used for the design of this building; and

(iii) if the plot still exists at Central Business District where it was to be located.

3. **MR. O. RAMOGAPI, MP. (PALAPYE):** To ask the Minister of Education and Skills Development to apprise this Honourable House on technical colleges and brigades stating the following: **(344)**

(i) the total number of students who graduate in Trade Test B the whole of Botswana per year;

(ii) the total number of students who progress to National Craft Certificate per year;

(iii) the total number of students who fail to progress to the next level per year;

(iv) what the Ministry is doing regarding students who are unable to progress to the next level due to shortage of spaces despite passing Trade Test B;

(v) why the Minister is not building a new Technical college; and

(vi) what the Ministry is doing about the shortage of equipment, practical materials, tools and lecturers' accommodation.

4. **MR. K. NKAWANA, MP. (SELEBI PHIKWE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism: **(349)**

(i) to state the number of farmers who have successfully managed to introduce game animals in their small holding farms;

(ii) to quantify the level of economic benefit to the farmers; and

(iii) if the Government intends to assist potential small holdings game farmers in the development of such farms as well as capture and stocking.

5. **MR. K. K. KAPINGA, MP. (OKAVANGO):** To ask the Minister of Justice whether he is aware that it takes an inordinately long time for records of proceedings to be transcribed by the lower courts of law for transmission to the appellate courts and that this delay occasions considerable prejudice to appellants, for example, those whose applications for bail pending appeal have to remain pending for a long time due to unavailability of a transcribed record of proceedings; if so: **(351)**

(i) what measures are, or are to be put in place to ensure the swift transcription of records of proceedings; and

(ii) to state the estimated cost of procuring a stenography machine for all courts of law.

**QUESTION WITHOUT NOTICE**

6. **MR. D. L. KEORAPETSE, MP. (SELEBI PHIKWE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Minerals and Energy to confirm if the estimated total capital expenditure for the 120 MW Selibe Phikwe/Mmadinare solar project is BWP 1.4 billion with an estimated Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) contract value going to Scatec at BWP 1.2 billion (>85%) and if not, to state correct figures and explain: **(339)**

(i) the reasons why construction and operation of the power plant will be managed by Scatec's organisation based in their South African office;

(ii) the percentage of Scatec's contract value that is being spent on local manufacturers, construction and civil companies and associated services such as electrical installation and connections, lifting and hoisting, as well as jacking and sliding of heavy components such as transformers;

(iii) how many work permits for skills that we have locally have been applied for and approved by the Government on this project; and

(iv) confirm the veracity of information that South African and non-citizen companies such as High Power (for electrical installation and connections, jacking and sliding) and Johnson & Johnson (for cranes – lifting and hoisting) etc. have been given these jobs which have previously been done by local service providers on other Botswana Power Corporation (BPC) projects.

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**SECOND READING** **1445 – 1800**

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

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

(Resumed Debate)

2. Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (Bill No. 2 of 2024) — An Act to amend the Citizenship Act.

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(Mr. G. Kekgonegile, MP. – Maun East)

3. 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.

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