

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

NOTICE PAPER

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NOTICE OF QUESTIONS

(FOR ORAL ANSWER ON TUESDAY 10TH DECEMBER, 2024)

- 1. MR. L. LESEDI, MP. (SEROWE SOUTH):** To ask the Minister for State President: **(97)**
 - (i) to state Government's position on homosexuality and Government's policy on homosexuality in Government schools;
 - (ii) to unequivocally explain if Government intends to legalise homosexual marriages in the near future;
 - (iii) to give statistics showing the number of homosexuals, heterosexuals, bisexuals, transgender and asexuals in Botswana; and
 - (iv) to further state what is being done to sensitise the public about the existence and acceptance of LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer) in Botswana.
- 2. MR. M. BAGAISAMANG, MP. (SHOSHONG):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education: **(98)**
 - (i) if she is aware that the recently bought calculators for Shoshong Senior School students have been collected and returned back to the Ministry Headquarters; if so,
 - (ii) does this mean the current Form Four students will not have the chance to use them in their studies preparing for Botswana General Certificate of Secondary Education (BGCSE) examinations in 2025.
- 3. MR. G. DISHO, MP. (OKAVANGO EAST):** To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism to give a concrete date on when the Tourism Act of 2000 will be reviewed to align it with the new developments in the tourism sector; the Minister should also apprise this Honourable House on: **(99)**

- (i) whether Government is aware that international tourists without the right documents (i.e. Professional Guides License (PGL) make up almost 80% of tourist traffic in the parks as self-drivers;
- (ii) related to (i) above, whether the Government realises the economic benefits (to the locals) of stopping self-drivers in national parks and reserves to allow only licensed people to conduct and lead ethical and sustainable guided tours within national parks; and
- (iii) the intention, plan and strategy for the Government to promote safety for all (i.e., wildlife, people and the environment) by building sufficiently gravelled roads to link destination and attractions like in neighbouring countries (i.e., Namibia, Zambia, South Africa and Zimbabwe).

4. MR. V. B. PHOLOGOLO, MP. (KANYE WEST): To ask the Minister for State President to apprise this Honourable House on: **(100)**

- (i) the number of Court cases currently on-going between the Trade Unions and Government and between the private citizens and the Government;
- (ii) the number of cases completed in favour and against the Government;
- (iii) the number of judgements that went against and those the Government has failed to comply with; and
- (iv) the reasons for non-compliance, if any.

5. MR. P. M. MOSANANA, MP. (KANYE EAST): To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture if he is aware that shortage of registered tractors impacted negatively in the past ploughing season; if so, will he consider allowing unregistered tractor owners to benefit from Temo Letlotlo as it has not been the case with the previous administration. **(101)**

6. MR. J. J. FRENZEL, MP. (SHASHE WEST): To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture: **(102)**

- (i) if he is aware that most of the employees at Land Boards specifically board members are people who had lost primary elections from the past regime hence this raises a question of credibility; and
- (ii) are there any measures in place to dissolve current membership of land board members across the country.

7. **MR. L. BARONGWANG, MP. (MOGODITSHANE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Finance what the total average monthly feeding cost of the Ipelegeng programme is and if he will consider converting the feeding cost to income as an immediate and reasonable approach towards providing a sustainable Ipelegeng programme which is part of Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC's) Manifesto and further state by how much will it increase the current P619 per month paid to those enrolled. **(103)**
8. **MR. K. K. KAPINGA, MP. (OKAVANGO WEST):** To ask the Minister of Labour and Home Affairs to confirm: **(104)**
- (i) whether or not it is true that the Labour Office which was promised to be set up in Shakawe is now to be set up in Gumare merely because Gumare is the District Headquarters;
 - (ii) whether it is immutable policy that District or Regional offices can only be located in the District Headquarters; and
 - (iii) whether consideration cannot be given to other factors such as concentration of businesses, population and accessibility of the office to the majority of the population to be served.
9. **MR. K. T. MMUSI, MP. (GABANE-MMANKGODI):** To ask the Minister of Water and Human Settlement if there are any plans to have a lasting solution to supply Mmankgodi village with enough water as the village is experiencing shortages especially at Ramothabeng, Di Line, Dirokolwe and at Goo Keiphile and Goo Mmusi wards. **(105)**
10. **MR. P. AARON, MP. (NGAMI):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure: **(106)**
- (i) to state the number of accidents that occurred on the A3 (Sehithwa-Shakawe) due to the bad state of the road in the past twenty (20) years and to further state the number of fatalities and injured persons from those accidents;
 - (ii) if he is aware of the state of the road from Nokaneng to Shakawe and the sub-standard work currently being carried out on it and also that its condition cannot be addressed through refurbishment;
 - (iii) to give an update of the progress of the road and the expected dates of completion stating the reasons that led to the delay;

- (iv) if he has criteria for construction and rehabilitation of the roads infrastructure and if there are no criteria, does the Ministry consider it necessary so that road infrastructure is prioritised; and
- (v) does the Ministry have plans to grade and maintain major access roads and border roads in the Ngami constituency that are not tarred, i.e. roads to Habu, Tubu, Dhanega, Qangwa/Xaixai and Dhobe international border.

11. BRIGADIER D. MOKGWATHI, MP. (LETLHAKENG): To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to apprise this Honourable House on the construction of the tarred road from Khudumelapye to Metsibotlhoko and to state: **(107)**

- (i) the total cost of the road;
- (ii) the time that the project is to start;
- (iii) the quantum of labour force to be employed during the road construction; and
- (iv) the estimated time of project completion.

12. MR. R. W. KAIZER, MP. (SELEBI PHIKWE WEST): To ask the Minister for State President to apprise this Honourable House on the number of civil servants working in Selebi Phikwe and the number of houses available to them for accommodation purposes and state: **(108)**

- (i) the number of staff housed in official houses versus those renting accommodation;
- (ii) the number of those who share accommodation, inclusive of married couples who share accommodation; and
- (iii) the waiting period for those with no official accommodation inclusive of married couples.