

**BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**NOTICE PAPER**

**(FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2024)**

**NOTICE OF QUESTIONS**

**(FOR ORAL ANSWER ON TUESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2024)**

- 1. MR. G. KEKGONEGILE, MP. (MAUN EAST):** To ask the Minister of Minerals and Energy to brief this Honourable House on the affirmative action initiatives within the Ministry; in particular: (110)
  - (i) if the affirmative action is applied in the same way as Trusts in Wildlife Management Areas where companies are legally bound to avail jobs and Corporate Social Responsibility projects to nearby communities to their areas of operation;
  - (ii) whether the Ministry is planning any paradigm shift to facilitate the provision of royalties and jobs to communities displaced by mines or living within their areas of operation;
  - (iii) how many Somelo residents are employed at Zone 5/Khoemacau Mine;
  - (iv) is the number adequate given the proximity of the mine to Somelo and the total number of Zone 5 employees; and
  - (v) if not, how does the Ministry intend to change the status quo.
- 2. MR. P. M. MOSANANA, MP. (KANYE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Health: (111)
  - (i) whether there is any financial assistance given to Kanye Seventh Day Adventist (SDA) College of Nursing;
  - (ii) if he is aware of the 43 nurses who were dismissed following their payment demands for the work done at the college; and
  - (iii) how are they assisting these former employees in this regard.

3. **MR. A. K. KHAN, MP. (MOLEPOLOLE NORTH):** To ask the Minister for State President to update this Honourable House on the construction of the new Police Stations and the refurbishment of the old Molepolole Police Station. (112)
4. **DR. U. DOW, MP. (KGATLENG WEST):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture whether regard is being had to the fact that many village compounds are fairly large and out of concern that they might be contaminated by pit-latrines, underground water in large villages is not tapped for human consumption, whether:
- (i) he agrees that the untapped water is a major valuable resource that could be used for small horticulture holdings;
  - (ii) his Ministry would be prepared to drill boreholes for the above use;
  - (iii) if the Ministry is not so prepared, whether his Ministry would support the drilling of boreholes by clusters, groups or cooperatives for communal use and horticultural purposes; and
  - (iv) he would agree to the utilisation of the water and land as suggested above as it would have economic and health benefits for participants.
5. **MR. G. LEKAU, MP. (MOGODITSHANE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Water and Human Settlement to apprise this Honourable House on the Morwa Infrastructure Project and to state: (114)
- (i) when it is going to start;
  - (ii) whether the tender has been awarded; and
  - (iii) whatever happened with Tawana Joint Venture (JV), and is it likely to happen with the Morwa Project, if not, why.
6. **MR. M. M. PULE, MP. (KGATLENG EAST):** To ask the Minister for State President to provide an update on the status of the construction of a police station at Dikwididi: (115)
- (i) specifically, when can we expect the construction to begin;
  - (ii) what is the planned timeline for its completion; and
  - (iii) additionally, what assurances can the Minister provide to ensure that the project is not delayed and remains on track.

- 7. MR. M. MOALOSI, MP. (NKANGE):** To ask the Minister of Health: **(116)**
- (i) to update this Honourable House on the construction of Tutume Hospital which was budgeted for in the Transitional National Development plan; and
  - (ii) when will construction commence and what is the new budget estimate.
- 8. MR. L. LESEDI, MP. (SEROWE SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education to state: **(117)**
- (i) the ten (10) oldest primary schools in Serowe and which years those schools were built;
  - (ii) whether the stated schools' capacity and occupancy and standards the schools were initially built to accommodate;
  - (iii) the number of classrooms and the number of standards those schools now accommodate;
  - (iv) when last classrooms were increased at Simon Ratshosa and Grace Kgari Primary schools and how many they are now as compared to the school's inception;
  - (v) the Ministry's plans for expansion of classroom blocks from 10 in most old schools to cater for new demands; and
  - (vi) the Ministry's plans to renovate old primary schools in Serowe and build new classroom blocks.
- 9. MR. M. BAGAISAMANG, MP. (SHOSHONG):** To ask the Minister of Health: **(118)**
- (i) to update this Honourable House on the status of Level 1 Primary Hospital and staff housing to be built in Shoshong;
  - (ii) when will the contractor start work;
  - (iii) at what cost is the project funded; and
  - (iv) what has caused the delay in starting the project after the Development Manager indicated in a Kgotla meeting in July 2024 that they will start construction on 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2024.
- 10. MR. T. FURNITURE, MP. (TATI EAST):** To ask the Minister of Youth and Gender Affairs if she is aware of the escalating cases of Gender Based Violence in the District (Tati East), for example, the gruesome murder of three (3) children in Tati Siding village and what are the measures put in place to curb such incidents. **(119)**

**11. MR. V. B. PHOLOGOLO, MP. (KANYE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Health to apprise this Honourable House whether he is aware that there are more than 6000 nurses and midwives who have been stagnant at C1 salary scale for more than ten (10) years; and if so, to state: **(120)**

- (i) how does it affect health service delivery; and
- (ii) what plans if any, are in place to mitigate and elevate these nurses.

**12. MR. P. AARON, MP. (NGAMI):** To ask the Minister of Water and Human Settlement: **(121)**

- (i) if he is aware of the current state of the Gumare Sewage pond, the health and economic impact to residents and their livestock in general;
- (ii) what is the cause of erratic water supply to communities of Etsha, Gumare, and Nokaneng; and
- (iii) whether he is aware of the unacceptable quality of drinking water supplied to villages of Nokaneng, Dhanega, Habu, Qangwa and Xaixai and the health issues that people of those areas suffer from, including deaths.

**(FOR ORAL ANSWER ON WEDNESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2024)**

**1. MR. K. NKAWANA, MP. (SELEBI PHIKWE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional affairs to state whether his Ministry has in the last five (5) years conducted a poverty and affluent survey in Selebi Phikwe and to further state his long term plans in reducing poverty levels for residents of Selebi Phikwe and further state whether through his poverty eradication reductions he has seen any positive signs showing that the poor are graduating to levels considered to be closer to affluence. **(122)**

**2. DR. U. DOW, MP. (KGATLENG WEST):** To ask the Minister of Labour and Home Affairs if he is aware that there is no right of residence for spouses of Botswana citizens and that in some cases, even when a residence permit is issued to such a spouse, a work permit might not be and: **(123)**

- (i) whether his Ministry will be pursuing pro-family policies; and
- (ii) whether and how he plans to address this anti-family practice.

3. **MR. M. MOALOSI, MP. (NKANGE):** To ask the Minister of Water and Human Settlement if there is a plan to include all the villages in Nkange Constituency in the Ntimbale Dam water reticulation in order to provide potable water to villages currently faced with water supply challenges. **(124)**
4. **MR. T. B. LUCAS, MP. (BOBIRWA):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs: **(125)**
- (i) to state the criteria employed to grade and deploy chiefs in different villages; and
  - (ii) is the criteria employed used consistently around the country, if not, what accounts for the inconsistency and what remedies are or will be put in place to remedy the situation.
5. **MR. G. LEKAU, MP. (MOGODITSHANE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to apprise this Honourable House on the land allocation in Mogoditshane and particularly state: **(126)**
- (i) when the Ministry is starting the thibang diphotlha initiative;
  - (ii) how far the Ministry is with compensation in kind; and
  - (iii) when the Minister is intending to bring capable personnel to Mogoditshane Land Board.
6. **MR. M. M. PULE, MP. (KGATLENG EAST):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to state if there are any ongoing or planned efforts to expand and modernize the public transportation system, especially in growing urban and peri-urban areas like Oodi especially given that the Kgatleng District is part of the Special Economic Zone (SEZ). **(127)**
7. **MR. P. M. SEGOKGO, MP. (TLOKWENG):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education: **(128)**
- (i) if she is aware that temporary teachers are consistently paid late across the country and if so, how does she intend to address the problem; and
  - (ii) to further state if Government has any plans to absorb all temporary teachers as permanent and pensionable employees within the education system.

- 8. MR. G. DISHO, MP. (OKAVANGO EAST):** To ask the Minister of Water and Human Settlement to update this Honourable House on when the people of Okavango East will be provided with adequate drinking water; the Minister should specifically apprise this Honourable House on:
- (i) how the people of Okavango East, specifically people from Kaputura, Tobera and Shaikarawe villages), 15 kilometres away from the Okavango River are expected to live sustainable lives when they can go for more than half a month without safe drinking water;
  - (ii) whether the Ministry can expeditiously facilitate the revision of the Water Utilities Act to allow for drilling of boreholes as backup in the above specified areas including but not limited to Gowa Junior Secondary School; and
  - (iii) related to (ii) above, whether the Government is prepared to fund drilling of boreholes with immediate effect.
- 9. MR. J. J. FRENZEL, MP. (SHASHE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs:
- (i) when the second primary schools in the villages of Borolong and Shashemooke will be constructed as they were approved under the National Development Plan; and
  - (ii) if there are any plans to construct a second primary school in Chadibe as the current one is over populated and compromises child welfare and the quality of education.
- 10. MR. M. BAGAISAMANG, MP. (SHOSHONG):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to apprise this Honourable House on the construction of Dibete-Otse Road. **(131)**
- 11. MR. L. BARONGWANG, MP. (MOGODITSHANE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Water and Human Settlement to apprise this Honourable House on the potable water connection to Ledumadumane North households and to state: **(132)**
- (i) primarily what is stopping the Ministry from supplying/connecting people of Ledumadumane North Stands with potable water despite existing developments; and
  - (ii) when this ward will be connected to the water connection system.

**12. MR. K. K. KAPINGA, MP. (OKAVANGO WEST):** To ask the Minister of Labour and Home Affairs: **(133)**

- (i) to apprise this Honourable House on the progress made in the implementation of a law authorising the holding of dual citizenship in pursuance of the decision of the High Court of Botswana in the Sithabile Mathe case; and
- (ii) to explain to this Honourable House what is expected of those who are currently affected by the subsisting law prohibiting dual citizenship, pending the amendment of the Citizenship Act to align it with the High Court's decision.