

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(WEDNESDAY 4TH DECEMBER, 2024)

QUESTIONS

HRS/MINS

1400 – 1445

- 1. DR. K. GOBOTSWANG, MP. (TSWAPONG SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to update this Honourable House on the construction of the second primary schools at Ramokgonami and Chadibe respectively as well as Letoreng village. **(2)**
- 2. MR. K. NKAWANA, MP. (SELEBI PHIKWE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship to provide quantitative information on the status of poverty alleviation projects in Selebi Phikwe East and to state the level of wealth creation particularly for the informal sector. **(7)**
- 3. MR. G. KEKGONEGILE, MP. (MAUN EAST):** To ask the Minister for State President to brief this Honourable House on the state of temporary and freelance workers in the Department of Broadcasting Services and the Department of Information Services, in particular: **(34)**
 - (i) the total number of temporary and freelance workers in the Departments;
 - (ii) how long have they been engaged individually;
 - (iii) if there are any plans to absorb them on a permanent basis, and if so, when;
 - (iv) if any of them are owed wages or benefits, if so, for how long and when will they be paid; and
 - (v) what mitigating factors are in place to prevent such occurrences in future.
- 4. MR. G. DISHO, MP. (OKAVANGO EAST):** To ask the Minister of Higher Education to update this Honourable House on: **(61)**
 - (i) progress regarding the implementation of the promised payment of P2500 for tertiary student allowances; and

- (ii) whether his Ministry is prepared to give an additional transport and living allowance to students coming from remote places such as Sekondomboro, Beetsha and Gudigwa in the Okavango East Constituency which are located about 400 kilometres away from Gaborone.
- 5. MR. J. J. FRENZEL, MP. (SHASHE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to state: **(62)**

 - (i) the actual expected completion date of the Francistown-Nata (A3) Road;
 - (ii) the name of the contracting company that was awarded the tender of the aforementioned road construction;
 - (iii) the actual cost of the project;
 - (iv) the expected infrastructural drawings of the road upon completion; and
 - (v) the actual expected completion date for the Mandunyane – Mathangwane road including Makobo and Natale access road.
- 6. MR. G. SEDOMBO, MP. (TONOTA):** To ask the Minister of Water and Human Settlement if he is aware of the water crisis in the Tonota Constituency, especially in areas such as Mhakamme, Leloto and Lephane wards; if so, are there any plans to rectify the matter and to provide timelines. **(64)**
- 7. MR. M. BAGAISAMANG, MP. (SHOSHONG):** To ask the Minister of Water and Human Settlement if he is aware of the halting of the construction of a transmission main water supply to Shoshong from the ongoing Construction of the 20ML water tank at Mahalapye; and if so: **(66)**

 - (i) what plans are in place to resume such and when as currently Shoshong village is faced with water shortage due to rationing between Tswapong and Mahalapye villages; and
 - (ii) to update this Honourable House on the state of rampant water shortages in Kalamare, Mosolotshane, Kodibeleng, Mmutlane, Bonwapitse and Tobela and the proposed remedial actions as this has been ongoing since July 2024.

8. **MR. K. K. KAPINGA, MP. (OKAVANGO WEST):** To ask the Minister for State President if he has any intention to review the previous Government's handling of the incident in which ten (10) alleged suspects were shot to death by people reported to be security agents. (67)
9. **MR. M. M. MOROLONG, MP. (KGATLENG CENTRAL):** To ask the Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship if there are plans to attract a large scale investor to Kgatleng District and Kgatleng Central Constituency; if so, to state: (68)
- (i) the number of people who will be employed; and
 - (ii) other developmental opportunities that can uplift the lives of the Kgatleng Community.
10. **MR. C. K. JACOBS, MP. (LOBATSE):** To ask the Minister of Health to brief this Honourable House as to: (69)
- (i) why upgrading of Athlone Hospital to a modern hospital was not carried out in the financial year 2015/2016 since the then Minister of Health in 2014 when answering a question in Parliament had said the construction could not be carried out in 2014/2015 Financial Year due to financial constraints;
 - (ii) what happened to the designs that were carried out and paid for;
 - (iii) whether the contract to build the hospital was terminated and Government had to part with P12 Million for the cancellation and when should we expect the re-tendering for the project; and
 - (iv) whether the Ministry has any plans to fulfil that which was promised to Lobatse residents being construction of new Athlone Hospital, as was the case with Sekgoma Memorial in Serowe and Scottish Livingstone in Molepolole.
11. **MR. K. S. GARE, MP. (MOSHUPA – MANYANA):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to apprise this Honourable House on the gains if any made through the vegetable ban and if the Government has the intention to continue with the ban and to further state: (70)
- (i) how many jobs were created as a result; and
 - (ii) the impact of this ban on the Citizen Entrepreneurial Development Agency (CEDA) loan book.

12. MR. R. M. LEKUTLANE, MP. (KGALAGADI NORTH): To ask the Minister of Water and Human Settlement to apprise this Honourable House on: **(71)**

- (i) the current water crisis in Macheng and catchment area being the villages of Zutshwa, Gwathe, Monong, Ncaang, Maake and Hunhukwe;
- (ii) the long and short-term solution of the water crisis;
- (iii) how long has this crisis been affecting the said areas;
- (iv) how long has the Government been bowsing water to Macheng and its catchment area;
- (v) how much has been spent on water bowsing from Kang to Hukuntsi and surrounding settlements and the current projected costs, clearly stating the;
 - (a) number and cost of purchased water bowser trucks;
 - (b) number and cost of hired water bowser trucks;
 - (c) overtime paid to personnel doing the water bowsing;
 - (d) number of water bowser trucks in good condition and those at the garages for repairs; and
- (vi) why has the Ministry terminated the shift water bowsing system which was working well to keep water available to the affected communities.

TABLING OF PAPERS

1. Public Procurement Regulatory Authority Integrated Annual Report, 2023/2024.

(Minister of Finance)

2. Botswana Accountancy Oversight Authority Integrated Report, March 2024.

(Minister of Finance)

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

HRS/MINS

MOTION

1445 – 1800

RESPONSE TO THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH

- "We, the National Assembly of Botswana here assembled, respond to the President's speech."

(Leader of the House)

(Resumed Debate)