

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(THURSDAY 5TH DECEMBER, 2024)

QUESTIONS

HRS/MINS

1400 – 1445

- 1. 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.
- 2. 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)**
- 3. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. 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 bowing water to Macheng and its catchment area;

- (v) how much has been spent on water bowing 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 bowing;
 - (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 bowing system which was working well to keep water available to the affected communities.

7. MR. P. AARON, MP. (NGAMI): To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism if he will consider protecting farmers along the Okavango River and flood plains within the Okavango, Ngami, Maun Constituencies from the destructions of their farms by elephants through: **(65)**

- (i) drilling boreholes in strategic places especially those high up on animal corridors; and
- (ii) adequately empowering and resourcing the Department of Wildlife and National Parks to drive away problematic wild animals approaching communities as and when such incidents are reported to them.

8. MR. G. KEKGONEGILE, MP. (MAUN EAST): To ask the Minister of Labour and Home Affairs to brief this Honourable House on the implementation of the recently reviewed Citizenship Act concerning dual citizenship and repealing of default position, with emphasis on whether: **(42)**

- (i) a directive has been issued to Districts guiding the implementation of the Act as per the new clauses; if so, when; if not, why not and when will the directive be issued; and
- (ii) the Ministry intends to address the concerned citizens more especially in Ngamiland; if so, when and who will be addressing them.

9. **MR. M. MOALOSI, MP. (NKANGE):** To ask the Minister for State President to state progress of the Maitengwe Police Station, detailing: (72)
- (i) what was the original completion date;
 - (ii) what is the cause of the delay;
 - (iii) what steps are being taken to complete the project;
 - (iv) if he is aware that the Security Guards at the Police Station have not been paid for 24 months; and
 - (v) what he is doing to resolve this long outstanding problem.
10. **MR. T. BOGATSU, MP. (LENTSWELETAU-LEPHEPHE):** To ask the Minister of Minerals and Energy if she is aware of the damage caused to houses in Medie due to blasting at the Coal Mine and if so, what remedial actions she will put in place to rehabilitate the damaged houses and further state: (73)
- (i) if she would assure the Medie Community that the fumes released due to blasting are not toxic; and
 - (ii) the Corporate Social Responsibility of the mine to the people of Medie.
11. **MR. K. T. MMUSI, MP. (GABANE-MMANKGODI):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to state progress of the construction of the access road from A1 road near Kgale to Mmokolodi Kgotla and detail: (74)
- (i) what caused the delay for the commencement of the road since the tender was awarded to Phangastin Project (Proprietary Limited) to the tune of P111, 498,837.75 through a letter from the Ministry dated 10th September, 2024; and
 - (ii) when the Ministry intends to address the community of Mmokolodi to update them on this development.
12. **MS. H. P. MANYENENG, MP. (MMOPANE-METSIMOTLHABE):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education to apprise this Honourable House on the state of Tau Manthe Primary School and in particular if she is aware that: (75)
- (i) the school is very old with 1120 pupils but only 37 teachers;
 - (ii) there are 22 classrooms out of which three (3) are too small and were built way back through Ipelegeng programme;

- (iii) 13 classes are taught under trees;
- (iv) there are no desks, chairs, staffroom, teachers' offices, textbooks and exercise books;
- (v) the school has no boundary fence and that animals roam the school and vehicles and people trespass the school;
- (vi) the toilets are dilapidated (pit latrines);
- (vii) the kitchen has no dining hall and the electric cooking pots are not working hence meals are cooked outside using three legged pots; and
- (viii) teachers are not promoted hence no motivation.

QUESTION WITHOUT NOTICE

13. MR. S. O. MAPULANGA, MP. (CHOBE): To ask the Minister of (96) Environment and Tourism if he is aware of the Ministry's ongoing construction works in Kasane which is on a grave/burial site; if so:

- (i) why is the Ministry continuing with construction while they have discovered such tragedy;
- (ii) how did they consult the community before commencement of construction;
- (iii) where are they keeping the discovered human remains; and
- (iv) whether the Ministry does not think it is proper to halt the construction; survey the site, exhume and rebury the remains in dignity.

TABLING OF A PAPER

- Botswana Savings Bank Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March, 2024.

(Minister of Finance)

- **STATEMENT BY THE MINISTER OF FINANCE, HIS HONOUR THE VICE PRESIDENT**

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)