

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(MONDAY 16TH DECEMBER, 2024)

QUESTIONS

HRS/MINS

1400 – 1445

- 1. MR. A. K. KHAN, MP. (MOLEPOLOLE NORTH):** To ask the Minister for State President to provide an update on the value and beneficiaries of direct procurements of tenders in the Ministry from October 2019 to October 2024; and whether the Ministry intends to audit the processes and ascertain if there were any cases of abuse of public office. **(56)**
- 2. MR. M. MOALOSI, MP. (NKANGE):** To ask the Minister of Sports and Arts to update this Honourable House on progress regarding the construction of the Isaac Makwala Stadium and the expected completion date. **(83)**
- 3. 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)**
- 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. 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.
- 7. MR. M. M. PULE, MP. (KGATLENG EAST):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure if he is aware that the Malolwane-Mmaphashalala Road which passes through Oliphant's Drift, Ramotlabaki and Phala Camp was prioritised by the previous Government as a critical alternative to reduce congestion on the A1, and further: **(45)**
- (i) to confirm whether this project remains a priority for the current Government; and
 - (ii) provide an update on the current design stage, as well as any projected timeline for the construction phase.
- 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. 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.
- 10. 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.
- 11. BRIGADIER D. MOKGWATHI, MP. (LETLHAKENG):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to state whether the previous Government marginalised the Letlhakeng District in terms of developments and that as a result the District remains one of the poorest of the poor in Botswana, with specific reference is made to road networks, infrastructural development, support equipment, material resources; and if the above is in the affirmative the Minister should further state: **(77)**
- (i) what is or are the Governments strategy(ies) to balance such inequalities of poverty levels in the next five years;

- (ii) if he does not assert that the District is the poorest of the poor due to development marginalisation; and
- (iii) what would then be the Government's priorities to address the poverty inequalities that exists amongst the marginalised groups.

12. MR. R. M. LEKUTLANE, MP. (KGALAGADI NORTH): To ask the Minister of Water and Human Settlement to apprise this Honourable House when he intends to supply Inalegolo village with potable water as currently water connectivity remains high and unaffordable and further state why Inalegolo is not connected to the Phuduhudu – Kokong – Mabutsane water pipe line. **(82)**

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)