

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(TUESDAY 17TH DECEMBER, 2024)

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

HRS/MINS

PRESENTATION OF GOVERNMENT BILLS

0900 – 1300

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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. 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.
3. **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.

4. **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)
5. **MR. K. T. MMUSI, MP. (GABANE-MMANKGODI):** To ask the Minister of Water and Human Settlement when a 3 x standpipe at Mokolwe and Fikeng will be installed since the ungazetted settlement is now recognised as was approved by Government in October 2024. (85)
6. **MR. R. W. KAIZER, MP. (SELEBI PHIKWE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship about the Accessibility of the Project Facilitation Fund (PFF) under Citizen Entrepreneurial Development Agency (CEDA), the Minister should outline: (87)
 - (i) the eligibility criteria for accessing the Project Facilitation Fund (PFF) administered by CEDA and specify whether these criteria are made readily available to the public; and
 - (ii) the specific obstacles limiting public access to this fund and to clarify whether administrative or procedural requirements within CEDA may inadvertently exclude or disadvantage aspiring entrepreneurs seeking pre-funding support through the Project Facilitation Fund (PFF).
7. **MR. K. K. KAPINGA, MP. (OKAVANGO WEST):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education whether the satellite schools in the Okavango West Constituency meet the basic requirements in terms of facilities and personnel. (89)
8. **MR. V. B. PHOLOGOLO, MP. (KANYE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services 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 in the past ten (10) years;
 - (iii) the number of judgements that went against and those the Government has failed to comply with in the past ten (10) years; and
 - (iv) the reasons for non-compliance, if any.

9. **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)**
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. **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.

12. 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.

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)

SECOND READING

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