

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER, 2024)

QUESTIONS

HRS/MINS

0900 – 0945

- 1. MR. K. NKAWANA, MP. (SELEBI PHIKWE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs 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)**
- 2. 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.
- 3. MR. C. K. JACOBS, MP. (LOBATSE):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture whether it is not time to consider constructing the Government integrated offices in Lobatse that were promised during the late Honourable Sebegu's tenure. **(91)**
- 4. MR. L. LESEDI, MP. (SEROWE SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Youth and Gender Affairs: **(97)**
 - (i) to state Government's position on homosexuality and Government's policy on homosexuality in Government schools;

- (ii) to unequivocally explain if Government intends to legalise homosexual marriages in the near future;
- (iii) to give statistics showing the number of homosexuals, heterosexuals, bisexuals, transgender and asexuals in Botswana; and
- (iv) to further state what is being done to sensitise the public about the existence and acceptance of LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer) in Botswana.

5. 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.

6. MS. H. P. MANYENENG, MP. (MMOPANE-METSIMOTLHABE): To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs 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.

7. **MR. P. M. MOSANANA, MP. (KANYE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Higher Education: **(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.
8. **DR. U. DOW, MP. (KGATLENG WEST):** To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism 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: **(113)**
- (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.
9. **MR. R. W. KAIZER, MP. (SELEBI PHIKWE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Water and Human Settlement to apprise this Honourable House on the number of civil servants working in Selebi Phikwe and the number of houses available to them for accommodation purposes and state: **(108)**
- (i) the number of staff housed in official houses versus those renting accommodation;
 - (ii) the number of those who share accommodation, inclusive of married couples who share accommodation; and
 - (iii) the waiting period for those with no official accommodation inclusive of married couples.

10. 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.

11. BRIGADIER D. MOKGWATHI, MP. (LETLHAKENG): To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to apprise this Honourable House on the procurement status and management of Letlhakeng-Kaudwane tarred road and further state: **(88)**

- (i) the total cost of the project;
- (ii) the quantum of labour force to be employed/deployed during the same road construction;
- (iii) when construction of the road will commence; and
- (iv) the estimated time of completion.

QUESTION WITHOUT NOTICE

12. MR. S. O. DIGWA (BOTETI WEST): To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure if he is aware that the Gaborone–Maun public buses do not drop and pick passengers inside the villages of Xhumo, Rakops, Khumaga and Moreomaoto but they just pass at the main road even at night: **(135)**

- (i) in this regard, are the operators in compliance with the specification of their permits; and
- (ii) if not, what is the Minister doing to ensure that passengers are dropped at their destinations.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

HRS/MINS

MOTIONS

0945 – 1230

INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE BID FOR AFCON 2027

1. "That this Honourable House requests Government to institute investigations into the 65 million bid for AFCON 2027 to determine the efficacy of the bid, determine if the amount of the bid book compares with international trends, examine the procurement process in choosing the winning bidder and to audit any other process involved in and leading to award of the tender."

(Mr. A. K. Khan, MP. – Molepolole North)

(Resumed Debate)

**INSTITUTING A PARLIAMENTARY SELECT COMMITTEE TO REVIEW
THE STATUS OF MADIRELO TRAINING AND TESTING CENTRE (MTTC)**

2. "That this Honourable House requests Government to institute a Parliamentary Select Committee to review the status of Madirelo Training and Testing Centre (MTTC) as a national examining body for trades as it is currently disbanded and not fully performing its mandate."

(Mr. G. Lekau, MP. – Mogoditshane West)

(Resumed Debate)

REGULATION OF INTERNATIONAL SELF-DRIVE CUSTOMERS

3. "That this Honourable House requests Government to regulate international self-drive customers to utilise local companies in undertaking their game drives and related activities in local National Parks and Game Reserves in an effort to promote economic inclusion of locals in the tourism industry."

(Mr. G. Kekgonegile, MP. – Maun East)

CREATION OF A NATIONAL CHILDREN'S BUDGET

4. "That this Honourable House requests Government to create a detailed and disaggregated national children's budget, which must first be reviewed and passed through the National Children's Forum and Council before being considered and approved by Parliament."

(Mr. M. M. Pule, MP. – Kgatleng East)

SETTING UP OF A PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

5. "That this Honourable House resolves that a Presidential Commission be set up within 60 days of the adoption of the motion in accordance with the Commission of Inquiry Act; the primary focus of the Commission of Inquiry being to investigate, report and recommend actions concerning allegations of corruption in various sectors and to also assess the extent, causes and impact of corruption and recommend measures to prevent future occurrences."

(Mr. D. Saleshando, MP. – Maun North)

DEVELOPMENT OF A PROGRAMME AIMED AT ABSORBING ALL GRADUATES INTO THE JOB MARKET

6. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider developing a programme aimed at absorbing all graduates into the job market."

(Mr. P. M. Segokgo, MP. – Tlokweng)

GOVERNMENT TO CONDUCT A SOCIAL JUSTICE AUDIT

7. "That this Honourable House requests Government to conduct a social justice audit to assess and proffer proposals for addressing inequalities obtaining in our country."

(Mr. T. B. Lucas, MP. – Bobirwa)

LOCAL PAYMENT OF HOTELS AND ACTIVITIES IN THE DELTA

8. "That this Honourable House resolves that all payments for hotels and activities in the delta, parks and tourism attraction areas should be fully paid for in Botswana."

(Mr. G. Lekau, MP. – Mogoditshane West)

INTRODUCTION OF 26 DAYS MONTH PAY MODEL FOR TEACHERS IN BOTSWANA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

9. "That this Honourable House requests Government to introduce and/or adopt a 26 days month pay model for teachers in Botswana Public Schools, as a form of recognition for the peculiarity of their work, in shaping the minds of the next generation, as well as fostering a positive learning environment for learners."

(Mr. K. C. Hikuama, MP. – Maun West)

GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE TO FARMERS FOR DRILLING BOREHOLES ON FARMS

10. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider providing financial and technical assistance to farmers across Botswana for the drilling of boreholes in their farms to enhance water access for agricultural purposes."

(Mr. M. M. Pule, MP. – Kgatleng East)

DECLARATION OF LESHIBITSE VILLAGE AS A HORTICULTURAL ECONOMIC ZONE

11. "That this Honourable House requests Government to declare Leshibitse Village in Kgatleng a Horticultural Economic Zone and to that end recognise residential homesteads as small horticulture holdings, facilitate the drilling and equipping of communal boreholes, support the necessary infrastructure and generally do such things as shall be necessary for the success of the programme."

(Dr. U. Dow, MP. – Kgatleng West)

AMENDMENT OF EXISTING LAWS TO LEGALISE CULTIVATION AND PROCESSING OF INDUSTRIAL HEMP

12. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider amending the existing laws in order to legalise cultivation and processing of industrial hemp."

(Mr. M. Moalosi, MP. – Nkange)

FORENSIC LAND AUDIT COVERING ALL LAND ALLOCATION

13. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider instituting a Forensic Land Audit in Mogoditshane covering all land allocation in the past 15 years to past and current Land Board officials and employees; Councillors, Members of Parliament and Tribal Administration Senior staff."

(Mr. L. Barongwang, MP. – Mogoditshane East)

REVIEW AND STRENGTHENING OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION LAWS

14. "That this Honourable House requests Government to review and strengthen existing environmental protection laws in view of prevailing harsh climate change conditions that have affected food production with debilitating conditions, particularly for subsistence farmers."

(Mr. K. Nkawana, MP. – Selebi Phikwe East)

**GOVERNMENT TO RE-ALIGN THE TENURE OF
PARLIAMENTARIANS TO BE 60 MONTHS**

15. "That this Honourable House requests Government to re-align the tenure of Parliamentarians to be 60 months as per the Constitution and in similar patterns to Cabinet and Councillors in an effort to close a vacuum and create uniformity in political representation and responsibility."

(Mr. G. Kekgonegile, MP. – Maun East)

SETTING UP OF A COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

16. "That this Honourable House requests Government to institute a Commission of Inquiry into the alleged corruption at Botswana Unified Revenue Services (BURS)."

(Mr. P. M. Segokgo, MP. – Tlokweng)

**INTRODUCTION OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AS
A COMPULSORY COMPONENT OF BASIC EDUCATION**

17. "That this Honourable House requests Government to introduce Early Childhood Education as a compulsory component of Basic Education to open access to Basic Education Program to every three-year old child."

(Dr. K. Gobotswang, MP. – Tswapong South)

**GOVERNMENT TO COMMIT TO ALLOCATE PLOTS TO
HALF OF ALL PERSONS ON THE WAITING LIST**

18. "That this Honourable House requests Government to commit to allocate residential plots to half of all persons on the waiting list for such plots in the next 3 years to facilitate home ownership for a significant proportion of the people of Botswana."

(Mr. T. B. Lucas, MP. – Bobirwa)

SCHOOL SPORT AND TAKING YOUTH OUT OF STREETS

19. "That this Honourable House requests Government to develop and pilot basic sport facilities in Mogoditshane by upgrading Solomon Dihutso football grounds and commence a development programme for pre-primary, primary and secondary schools."

(Mr. L. Barongwang, MP. – Mogoditshane East)

INTRODUCTION OF A RURAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME

20. "That this Honourable House requests Government to introduce a Rural Water Supply Scheme in order to promote economic and social upliftment of the rural communities."

(Mr. K. C. Hikuama, MP. – Maun West)

DEVELOPMENT OF YOUTH FOCUSED JOB CREATION PROGRAMMES

21. "That this Honourable House requests Government to develop youth focused job creation programmes, entrepreneurship initiatives and vocational training to address the high rates of youth unemployment."

(Mr. M. Moalosi, MP. – Nkange)

NGOMA TO SEDUDU TRANSIT ROUTE TO OPERATE ON A 24HRS BASIS

22. "That this Honourable House resolves to request Government to have the Ngoma to Sedudu transit route operate on a 24hrs basis, remove the request for permits system and introduce Police officers to man and manage the 2 gates."

(Mr. S. O. Mapulanga, MP. – Chobe)