BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

O R D E R P A P E R

(MONDAY 2ND DECEMBER, 2024)

QUESTIONS **HRS/MINS**

1400 – 1445

1. **MR. P. M. SEGOKGO, MP. (TLOKWENG):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure if there are: **(46)**

(i) plans to construct a toll-gate at the Tlokweng Border Post to raise revenue for the country; and

(ii) intentions to construct a toll-gate at the Dibete Quarantine Gate on the A1 road as a way to diversify the country's revenue base.

2. **MR. M. M. PULE, MP. (KGATLENG EAST):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to outline Government's current and future plans to address the state of both internal and central Government roads in the Kgatleng East Constituency as well as other roads across the country and to further: **(51)**

(i) provide a detailed maintenance plan, including measures put in place to ensure timely and consistent upkeep of these roads in order to improve durability and safety for all road users; and

(ii) indicate specific plans to dry grade Dikwididi – Mochudi Road, Mokatse – Mochudi Road and Matebeleng – Mochudi Road.

3. **MR. S. O. MAPULANGA, MP. (CHOBE):** To ask the Minister of Water and Human Settlement to state: **(49)**

(i) whether he is aware that Pandamatenga is the only village in the Chobe Constituency which is not directly supplied by the pipeline from the Kasane Water Treatment Plant;

(ii) when Pandamatenga will be connected directly to the pipeline; and

(iii) the long term effects of the salty/hard water consumption to the human body.

4. **MR. G. KEKGONEGILE, MP. (MAUN EAST):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to brief this Honourable House on the state of the North West District roads and intended mitigating factors against extreme deterioration; in particular: **(53)**

(i) plans to upgrade the Samedupi - Somelo road to tar; and if so, when;

(ii) the takeover plan of the Samedupi – Xeredomo Road and periodic plans to upgrade the road;

(iii) the rehabilitation or upgrading of the Nata – Maun road and whether it will be resurfaced or a new road built; and

(iv) if the Ministry will maintain the Development Manager Model initiative to upgrade the Nata – Maun Road; if not, which model will be used and if yes, what will be the changes to the model as explained.

5. **MR. P. M. SEGOKGO, MP. (TLOKWENG):** To ask the Minister of Communications and Innovation whether he is aware that two hundred (200) Botswana Telecommunications Corporation (BTC) employees were unfairly dismissed in December 2022; if so: **(54)**

(i) is he also aware that some of those employees had worked for as long as 35 years but were only given meagre severance packages as low as P40,000;

(ii) are there any plans to resolve this matter amicably including recalling the cases from the courts; and

(iii) are there any plans to re-employ them in future.

6. **MR. T. B. LUCAS, MP. (BOBIRWA):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to state how Government intends to transform and reform District Councils to ensure that they have relative autonomy and are able to generate income for self-sustenance. **(55)**

7. **MR. A. K. KHAN, MP. (MOLEPOLOLE NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship to inform this Honourable House as to: **(13)**

(i) how many Citizen Entrepreneurial Development Agency (CEDA) employees, Board Members acquired loans from CEDA in the last 10 years;

(ii) the names of the Board members and employees who acquired loans from CEDA and the amounts approved;

(iii) the status of those loans;

(iv) how many companies and their names owned by CEDA board members and staff benefited from CEDA tenders in the last five (5) years and the tender amounts for each; and

(v) whether it is true that a company of a staff member at CEDA got a loan, bought a fleet and was awarded work by CEDA to transport CEDA staff and that in the process the staff member promoted his own company.

8. **DR. U. DOW, MP. (KGATLENG WEST):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture whether his Government will be reviewing the current policy of repossession of farm land to make way for residential plots and more particularly whether he: **(57)**

(i) accepts that there is an economic value for the presence of small holdings in towns and villages;

(ii) is aware that the co-existence of residence and farm holdings is a feature that obtains in many towns across the world; and

(iii) that one of the reasons for the high cost of locally produced agricultural products is the high transportation costs and lack of other infrastructural services.

9. **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)**

10. **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)**

11. **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.

12. **MR. G. LEKAU, MP. (MOGODITSHANE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Finance to state: **(44)**

(i) how many locals have bonded warehouses and operate as clearing agents as opposed to foreigners;

(ii) how many imported vehicles have been cleared or stored in bonded warehouses operated by Batswana compared to foreigners this year;

(iii) how many vehicles from locals were revalued as compared to foreigners;

(iv) what it takes for one to have a bonded warehouse and/or clearing agent (fees/skills); and

(v) whether it is not time this kind of business is strictly reserved for locals.

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)