BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

O R D E R P A P E R

(TUESDAY 3RD DECEMBER, 2024)

QUESTIONS **HRS/MINS**

1400 – 1445

1. **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)**

2. **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)**

3. **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.

4. **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.

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. **DR. U. DOW, MP. (KGATLENG WEST):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs whether he is aware of the health hazards posed by the co-location of the fertiliser plant and residences in Molangwana in Kgatleng and, considering the undeniable value to the economy of the plant, whether he has considered or would consider measures such as: **(43)**

(i) Government constructing a wind barrier on the southern side of the plant; and

(ii) Government negotiating with the residents with a view to relocating them to the northern side of the plant.

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. 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)**

9. **MR. L. BARONGWANG, MP. (MOGODITSHANE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs whether he does not consider: **(60)**

   (i) adequately resourcing Headmen of Arbitration through provision of necessary administrative services and delegate some of the responsibilities from Tribal administration;

   (ii) improving their conditions of service from part time to full time employment to enable them better remuneration that will suit their status in the society; and

   (iii) stating the total number of Headmen of Arbitration across the country and whether that number is not sufficient enough to influence the decision.

10. **MR. G. DISHO, MP. (OKAVANGO EAST):** To ask the Minister of Higher Education to update this Honourable House on: **(61)**

   (i) progress regarding the implementation of the promised payment of P2500 for tertiary student allowances; and

   (ii) whether his Ministry is prepared to give an additional transport and living allowance to students coming from remote places such as Sekondomboro, Beetsha and Gudigwa in the Okavango East Constituency which are located about 400 kilometres away from Gaborone.

11. **MR. J. J. FRENZEL, MP. (SHASHE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to state: **(62)**

   (i) the actual expected completion date of the Francistown-Nata (A3) Road;

   (ii) the name of the contracting company that was awarded the tender of the aforementioned road construction;

   (iii) the actual cost of the project;

   (iv) the expected infrastructural drawings of the road upon completion; and

   (v) the actual expected completion date for the Mandunyane – Mathangwane road including Makobo and Natale access road.

12. **MR. T. FURNITURE, MP. (TATI EAST):** To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism if he is aware of revenue repatriation in the tourism sector; and to specifically explain what he intends on doing to remedy the situation. **(63)**

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)