

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(MONDAY 11TH MARCH, 2024)

QUESTIONS

HRS/MINS

1400 – 1445

- 1. MR. G. KEKGONEGILE, MP. (MAUN WEST):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Water Affairs to brief this Honourable House on progress of the Maun Water Works Project; in particular: **(242)**
- (i) the completion date of all the four (4) components of the project;
 - (ii) when the worsening Maun potable water situation will be improved and at what rate or percentage;
 - (iii) the number of compensation reports being handled by contractors;
 - (iv) how many cases have been resolved, those pending and why they are pending; and
 - (v) protection measures in place for non-compensated households upon the departure of contractors.
- 2. DR. K. GOBOTSWANG, MP. (SEFHARE-RAMOKGONAMI):** To ask the Minister of Labour and Home Affairs to apprise this Honourable House on labour issues in the Tuli Block commercial farms; the Minister should specifically state: **(246)**
- (i) if she is aware that farm workers are subjected to poor labour practices such as being paid below Statutory minimum wages, long working hours without overtime payment, unfair dismissals, living in squalor conditions, no sick leave and verbal abuse;
 - (ii) the number of labour inspections conducted since November 2019 indicating the last time such inspections were undertaken; and
 - (iii) whether she will consider opening labour offices in the Sefhare-Ramokgonami Constituency in consistent with the decentralisation policy.

3. MR. T. MANGWEGAPE-HEALY, MP. (GABORONE CENTRAL): To ask the Minister of Defence and Security to state: **(249)**

- (i) the number of reported drugs and substance abuse cases since 2022, and the percentage of the contributing drugs;
- (ii) whether his Ministry is collecting data to collate the prevalence of drug abuse given how the scourge of drugs and abuse is afflicting the nation and whether besides reported police cases, the Ministry collects data from schools and clinics;
- (iii) if he will consider propagating regulations that will increase the use of drug testing kits for certain services offered by Government as well as employment prospects, as a way to limit the use of drugs; and
- (iv) what has been done to curb drugs entering the country since the establishment of Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), and ways it has implemented to limit drug abuse.

4. MR. M. REATILE, MP. (JWANENG-MABUTSANE): To ask the Minister of Lands and Water Affairs to apprise this Honourable House on water supply disconnections by Water Utilities Corporation (WUC) in the Jwaneng-Mabutsane Constituency and to state: **(252)**

- (i) the Act governing water calibrations in Botswana;
- (ii) how WUC implements this Act;
- (iii) the total expenditure by WUC on sizing/calibrating water metres in the Jwaneng-Mabutsane Constituency from 2019 to date, broken down per year;
- (iv) how many water metres in households and businesses were sized/calibrated during the same period;
- (v) the number of households that have been calibrated since the inception of the Act;
- (vi) the total outstanding amount owed to WUC by disconnected households;
- (vii) how many households and businesses in the Jwaneng-Mabutsane Constituency have been disconnected due to unpaid bills from 2019 to date; and
- (viii) how many households were disconnected post the COVID-19 waiver in 2022 to date.

- 5. MR. K. NKAWANA, MP. (SELEBI PHIKWE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Entrepreneurship whether he is aware that since the start of the Poverty Eradication/Wealth Creation Programme, there are beneficiaries who take up the programme and end up unceremoniously abandoning the equipment/programme, demonstrating lack of commitment; if so: **(254)**
- (i) what steps does the Ministry intend to take in order to correct the situation; and
 - (ii) does the Ministry ever do market research to establish feasibility before giving out projects to potential beneficiaries in view of the fact that there is so much equipment lying idle in people's homes.
- 6. MR. M. BALOPI, MP. (GABORONE NORTH):** To ask the Minister for State President: **(256)**
- (i) how Botswana is performing in recognised international corruption indices and rankings, particularly whether the country is improving or regressing;
 - (ii) what Botswana's performance is attributable to;
 - (iii) in which sectors corruption is most prevalent; and
 - (iv) how corruption has hampered Government's efforts to uplift the living standards of all Botswana.
- 7. MR. M. G. J. MOTSAMAI, MP. (GHANZI SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Rural Development why the appointments of Sub-Chief and Headman of Record at Karakubis and Ncojane respectively are taking long resulting in residents of the two (2) villages not getting adequate services. **(257)**
- 8. MR. J. L. THIITE, MP. (GHANZI NORTH):** To ask the Minister for State President to apprise the Honourable House on the delay of paying salary arrears to many public service employees, which arose from a Court of Appeal Judgment on Multiple Graded C-Band positions, despite the Ministry of Finance allocating one billion, four hundred and ten million Pula (P1.41 billion) for this purpose and to further state: **(258)**
- (i) when can employees expect to receive their salary arrears payment;
 - (ii) if there has been any formal communication to the concerned employees regarding the non-payment of their salary arrears;

- (iii) whether non-payment of salary arrears in not contempt of Court of Appeal Judgment; and
 - (iv) whether any action will be taken against officers who caused or contributed to the delay in payments of salary arrears.
- 9. MR. S. N. MOABI, MP. (TATI WEST):** To ask the Minister of Agriculture to state: **(259)**
- (i) plans in place to rehabilitate community dams for livestock watering;
 - (ii) the number of community dams currently in need of rehabilitation and the timeline for implementing these plans; and
 - (iii) what budget allocation was made for the rehabilitation of community dams and if there are any partnerships or collaborations with local communities or organisations involved.
- 10. MR. L. KABLAY, MP. (LETlhAKENG-LEPHEPE):** To ask the Minister of Minerals and Energy if there are any mineral deposits found in Letlhakeng-Lephepe Constituency and if so, whether Botswana Geoscience Institute is ready to share this information with the Letlhakeng-Lephepe community so that Botswana Investment Trade Centre (BITC) can find investors for them as they did for the Mmadinare Cooperative and to state the following: **(176)**
- (i) the names of minerals found in the area;
 - (ii) the potential size of the deposits;
 - (iii) the potential use and by products of these minerals; and
 - (iv) if the Ministry has any programme for encouraging rural mineral benefiting by communities through partnerships with Minerals Development Company Botswana (MDCB) and other investors as seen in other neighbouring countries to enable the rural transformation as espoused in the Vision 2036.
- 11. MR. C. GREEFF, MP. (GABORONE BONNINGTON SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Education and Skills Development to update this Honourable House on the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) Scholarship offered by the Indian High Commission for the year 2023-2024; he should further state: **(192)**
- (i) the total number of applicants distributed across the 57 constituencies;

- (ii) the total number of successful applicants and their distribution by the 57 Constituencies;
- (iii) the total number of successful applicants with Junior Certificate qualifications and those with Botswana General Certificate of Secondary Education (BGCSE);
- (iv) the key selection criteria and whether first come first served takes precedence over merit;
- (v) if he is aware that there are applicants with lower BGCSE points who have been awarded scholarship over those with higher points; and
- (vi) if he will be willing to investigate the ICCR scholarship during the last five (5) years for possible corruption, nepotism, favouritism and fraud.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

HRS/MINS

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

1445 - 1900

- Appropriation (2024/2025) Bill, 2024 (Bill No. 1 of 2024) An Act to authorise the payment out of the Consolidated Fund and the Development Fund of sums of money for the year ending 31st March, 2025.

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(Minister of Finance)

(Resumed Debate)

	<u>ORG</u>	<u>MINISTRY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>HRS/MINS</u>
Day 9	2000	Environment and Tourism	1445 hrs – 1535 hrs	0. 50
	2500	Defence and Security	1535 hrs – 1755 hrs	2.20
	0700	Trade and Industry	1755 hrs – 1900 hrs	1.05