

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(TUESDAY 19TH MARCH, 2024)

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

HRS/MINS

PRESENTATION OF A GOVERNMENT BILL

1100 - 1300

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| 1. Standing Committee on Remuneration (Members of the National Assembly, Councillors, <i>Ntlo ya Dikgosi</i> and Specified Offices) (Bill No. 3 of 2024) | An Act to amend the Standing Committee on Remuneration (Members of the National Assembly, Councillors, <i>Ntlo ya Dikgosi</i> and Specified Offices) Act. |
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(Minister for State President)

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

SECOND READING

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| 2. Supplementary Appropriation (2022/2023) Bill, 2024 (Bill No. 5 of 2024) | An Act to authorise the payment out of the Consolidated Fund to meet expenditure incurred during the year ending 31 st March, 2023. |
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(Minister of Finance)

MOTIONS

**EXTENSION OF A GOVERNMENT GUARANTEE TO
BOTSWANA POWER CORPORATION (BPC)**

1. "That this Honourable House resolves to extend a Government Guarantee to Botswana Power Corporation (BPC)."

(Minister of Finance)

**INCREMENT OF THE CEILING FOR THE
GOVERNMENT BOND ISSUANCE PROGRAMME**

2. "That this Honourable House resolves to increase the ceiling for the Government Bond Issuance Programme from the current P30 billion to P55 billion."

(Minister of Finance)

QUESTIONS

HRS/MINS

1400 – 1445

- 1. 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.
- 2. MR. M. BALOPI, MP. (GABORONE NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Finance to state the latest unemployment figures in Botswana, and: **(151)**

 - (i) distribution of unemployment between male and female Batswana;
 - (ii) the level of graduate unemployment; and
 - (iii) whether Government has a strategy in place to increase economic activity in order to improve the prospects of job creation in both private and public sector.
- 3. DR. N. TSHABANG, MP. (NKANGE):** To ask the Minister of Entrepreneurship to update this Honourable House on the financial status of the Botswana Meat Commission (BMC) and to further state: **(276)**

 - (i) the amount owed for each year since 2019 and the cumulative amount owed to date;
 - (ii) if the current financial year has a promising turn around and to further elucidate if he is in a position to resuscitate the commission; and
 - (iii) if Batswana have been getting value for their livestock from BMC.
- 4. MR. P. MAJAGA, MP. (NATA-GWETA):** To ask the Minister of Education and Skills Development if he is aware of the Nata Senior Secondary school boys' hostels that were gutted by fire; if so: **(278)**

- (i) when the Minister and other senior Government officials intend to visit the school to appreciate the accident as they did in other schools;
- (ii) what permanent plans are in place to maintain the boys' hostels;
- (iii) to state short term plans in place to accommodate the 2024 Form Fours;
- (iv) if he is aware that 2 out of 3 boys' hostels are burnt;
- (v) when were the first and second blocks burnt; and
- (vi) why his Ministry took long to respond to the first incident until the second one happened.

5. MR. D. SALESHANDO, MP. (MAUN WEST): To ask the Minister for State President: **(280)**

- (i) to state the number of acting or substantive Directors appointed to head the Directorate on Economic Crime and Corruption (DCEC) since April 2018 and the reasons for the changes; and
- (ii) if the changes effected to the leadership of the DCEC enhance or erode their independence.

6. MR. K. C. HIKUAMA, MP. (NGAMI): To ask the Minister of Education and Skills Development if Government through his Ministry ever conducts skills inventory in the public service, parastatals and private sector in the country; if it does: **(281)**

- (i) how often and what is meant to be their purpose; and
- (ii) do the outcomes of the inventory confirm or reject the long held view that there is a high level of skills' mismatch to the country labour market demand.

7. MR. P. K. MOTAOSANE, MP. (THAMAGA-KUMAKWANE): To ask the Minister of Transport and Public Works to apprise this Honourable House on the status of the Thamaga-Molepolole road project: **(282)**

- (i) if he is aware that the delay of the progress on this project is due to the Roads Department; and
- (ii) what he is doing about this delay.

8. **MR. O. KEDIKILWE, MP. (SEROWE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Agriculture to update this Honourable House if there are plans to match expiry dates of farmer's keeper identity card with the cattle brand certificate. **(284)**
9. **DR. T. MATSHEKA, MP. (LOBATSE):** To ask the Minister of Education and Skills Development to state: **(285)**
- (i) when maintenance was last done at Ipelegeng Junior Secondary School;
 - (ii) when the next cycle of maintenance for the school will be;
 - (iii) whether he considers the state of the school conducive to appropriate learning by the students; and
 - (iv) whether he considers the state of schools infrastructure a national issue and what he plans to do about it.
10. **MR. B. MATHOOTHE, MP. (SEROWE NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Trade and Industry to state: **(286)**
- (i) if he does not see the need to centralise the trade offices;
 - (ii) the process of applying for the mophane worm trading license for exportation; and
 - (iii) the levies for the phane exportation.
11. **MR. O. RAMOGAPI, MP. (PALAPYE):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Rural Development to explain educational challenges in the Palapye Constituency addressing the following: **(287)**
- (i) why Palapye primary schools are allocated a budget of less than the recommended amount of P450.00 per student unlike other councils;
 - (ii) how much the council budgets per student and what the Ministry gives per student;
 - (iii) why the Handy man maintenance of P10, 000 per school is not given to the primary schools as it has been happening in the past;
 - (iv) why the council disobeys the directive as the amount came through the Presidential Directive;
 - (v) why parents in Palapye are requested to buy stationery for their children;

- (vi) if he is aware that some parents are unable to buy the stationery and how can they be assisted;
- (vii) why there is acute shortage of classrooms and teachers' accommodation in all Palapye primary schools;
- (viii) if there are any plans to build more schools other than the primary school under construction at Extension 5; and
- (ix) if he is aware that Ratsie Sethako, Khurumela, Serorome and Kediretsewe Primary Schools are using old bat infested kitchens as classrooms which is dangerous to the health of pupils and teachers; and if so, what he is doing to address the problem.

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