

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

NOTICE PAPER

(TUESDAY 13TH FEBRUARY, 2024)

NOTICE OF QUESTIONS

(FOR ORAL ANSWER ON THURSDAY 15TH FEBRUARY, 2024)

1. **MR. D. SALESHANDO, MP. (MAUN WEST):** To ask the Minister of Education and Skills Development to state: (201)
 - (i) names of Junior Secondary Schools in the Maun and Okavango Districts that have attained a pass rate of more than 50% in the past ten (10) years versus total number of schools with a pass rate of less than 50%;
 - (ii) the average pass rate for schools in the area and compare it to the national average for the past five (5) years; and
 - (iii) possible factors influencing the region's pass rate.
2. **MR. P. K. MOTAOSANE, MP. (THAMAGA-KUMAKWANE):** To ask the Minister for State President to explain to this Honourable House the purpose of consultation meetings by the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) regarding demarcations. (202)
3. **MR. O. KEDIKILWE, MP. (SEROWE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Rural Development if he is aware that primary schools in Serowe District Council are experiencing serious shortage of school furniture and that pupils are asked to bring chairs from home, if so, what is he doing to address this situation. (203)
4. **MR. T. MANGWEGAPE-HEALY, MP. (GABORONE CENTRAL):** To ask the Minister of Communications, Knowledge and Technology: (204)
 - (i) how much the Government spent on research and development on the National Development Plan (NDP) 11;
 - (ii) how much of that research turned into implementation or commercialisation of research and development that was carried in that period;
 - (iii) to list the success stories; and
 - (iv) what has been done to improve and enhance research and development in Botswana.

5. **DR. K. GOBOTSWANG, MP. (SEFHARE-RAMOKGONAMI):** To ask the Minister for State President to explain to this Honourable House: **(205)**
 - (i) what informed the transfer of Banyana Farms to Government property; and
 - (ii) the intended objectives of such a decision given the existence of scores of similar properties that remain idle across the length and breadth of the country.
6. **MR. P. P. P. MOATLHODI, MP. (TONOTA):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Rural Development to state if he is aware that two (2) years ago the Tonota Sub District built a substandard clinic at Loomboko in the Tonota Constituency denying the residents access to some services; if so, what plans will be put in place to upgrade the facility. **(206)**
7. **MR. T. B. LUCAS, MP. (BOBONONG):** To ask the Minister of Health to state: **(207)**
 - (i) the total number of ambulances that will be procured during the transitional national plan;
 - (ii) the total number that has been procured since April 2023;
 - (iii) the number that has been procured for Bobirwa district since the beginning of this year;
 - (iv) the level of shortage of ambulances in the Bobirwa District; and
 - (v) plans to purchase ambulances for all health facilities in Bobirwa District.
8. **MR. J. L. THIITE, MP. (GHANZI NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Minerals and Energy if there are any plans to connect Kacgae and Bere villages in the Ghanzi Constituency to the Botswana Power Corporation power grid; if so: **(208)**
 - (i) when will this be undertaken; and
 - (ii) how much is budgeted for the project.
9. **MR. M. REATILE, MP. (JWANENG-MABUTSANE):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Rural Development to appraise this Honourable House on model bye-laws by the Ministry and to state: **(209)**
 - (i) how many cities and towns in the country have adopted the Model Bye-law regulating the ownership of dogs in the country;

- (ii) how many cities and towns in the country have adopted the Model Bye-law regulating littering in the country;
- (iii) the system and criterion used by the Ministry to determine if and when a bye-law needs to be upgraded to a national law; and
- (iv) if the Ministry has considered enacting the bye-law regulating both dog ownership and littering as a national law.

10. MR. M. I. MOSWAANE, MP. (FRANCISTOWN WEST): To ask the Minister of Local Government and Rural Development **(210)**

- (i) if he is aware that:
 - (a) Francistown City Council destroyed the market which was built for the BLACK PEOPLE of Francistown;
 - (b) for more than fifteen (15) years the city council allegedly took a decision to allocate the market plot to some rich people at the expense of the informal sector;
 - (c) the city council had during the 9th and 10th Parliament taken a decision not to remove the informal sector from that plot to protect them against big businesses;
 - (d) the city council during the 11th Parliament took a trip to Zimbabwe to benchmark about the informal sector;
 - (e) if the informal sector is allowed to operate where the market used to be it can create more than 200 job opportunities; and
- (ii) to state the number of stalls that were destroyed.

11. MR. S. N. MOABI, MP. (TATI WEST): To ask the Minister of Local Government and Rural Development to state: **(211)**

- (i) whether the recent inferno at Masunga Senior Secondary School is not enough evidence that a fire brigade facility should be urgently constructed in Masunga; and
- (ii) plans to address the lack of Fire extinguishing Infrastructure in Masunga to ensure the safety of the community.

- 12. MR. W. B. MMOLOTSI, MP. (FRANCISTOWN SOUTH):** To ask the Minister **(212)** of Lands and Water Affairs to give an update on progress regarding the pronouncement that Batswana can use part of their fields for other businesses.