

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(TUESDAY 27TH FEBRUARY, 2024)

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

HRS/MINS

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

1100 - 1300

- 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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	<u>ORG</u>	<u>MINISTRY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>HRS/MINS</u>
Day 2	0200	State President	1100 hrs – 1110 hrs	0.10
	0300	Finance	1110 hrs – 1300 hrs	1.50

QUESTIONS

HRS/MINS

1400 – 1445

1. **MR. G. KEKGONEGILE, MP. (MAUN EAST):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Rural Development to brief this Honourable House on the progress made from the Ipelegeng Skills Development Component (ISDC) in particular:
 - (i) the turnaround period on projects and if it makes economic sense to continue with the model on public projects;
 - (ii) the turnaround period of the LA2 house built through the model in Sexaxa/Maun East;
 - (iii) why the Boseja Central/Maun East 800 metres road paving earmarked for the same project has not progressed as per schedule;

- (iv) the cost overrun implications of ISDC projects being completed late and mitigations against such cost overruns; and
- (v) if trainers are able to be part of the project for extended periods, if it is at an extra cost.

2. MR. D. TSHERE, MP. (MAHALAPYE WEST): To ask the Minister of Health (222) to apprise this Honourable House on Boiler Operator Services at Ministry of Health and to further state:

- (i) which Department Boiler Operators belong to;
- (ii) how many Boiler Operators the Ministry should have as per the establishment register;
- (iii) how many are supposed to be at Mahalapye District Hospital in Mahalapye West Constituency;
- (iv) when the Ministry started hiring Boiler Operators;
- (v) the salary scale attached to the employment of Boiler Operators;
- (vi) what the plan was at the time regarding their promotion, progression, training and development;
- (vii) if he is aware that there is no Scheme of Service for Boiler Operators as such they have been stuck at the entry level scale for over fourteen (16) years;
- (viii) the Ministry's plan to rectify this seemingly unfair treatment of workers;
- (ix) how his Ministry plans to compensate for the years Boiler Operators did not have a Scheme of Service thereby disadvantaging them; and
- (x) if he will consider recommending that Boiler Operators countrywide be moved to B3 Salary Scale with effect from 2011 and progress to B2 Salary Scale from 2016 and progress to B1 Salary Scale from 2017 and pay them accordingly in recognition of his Ministry's omission of not putting in place measures to ensure that they benefit appropriately from progression, promotion and development.

3. MR. O. REGOENG, MP. (MOLEPOLOLE NORTH): To ask the Minister of Education and Skills Development to update this Honourable House on the improvement made in terms of students intake at Molepolole institute of Health Sciences: (223)

- (i) total number of students currently enrolled;

- (ii) the different programmes offered and the number of students for each programme;
- (iii) the actual designed maximum students carrying capacity of the institute;
- (iv) if the school is operating at full capacity as per its design or not; and
- (v) whether all the academic staff are Batswana.

4. MR. M. I. MOSWAANE, MP. (FRANCISTOWN WEST): To ask the Minister of Education and Skills Development to apprise this Honourable House on the status of brigades in Botswana and to further state: **(225)**

- (i) how many are closed; and
- (ii) the total number of students admitted.

5. MR. D. L. KEORAPETSE, MP. (SELEBI PHIKWE WEST): To ask the Minister for State President if he will consider paying teachers 26 days, or more days than currently paid, so as to restore the tradition of teachers in schools working outside the normal eight (8) hours a day: **(219)**

- (i) the Minister should state if he appreciates the ramifications of treating teachers like ordinary civil servants and subjecting them to typical civil service structures especially under the Public Service Act;
- (ii) to update this Honourable House on whether he has conducted any study to assess the results of this relatively new policy; and
- (iii) to explain his engagement with teachers' unions on the same.

6. DR. U. DOW, MP. (SPECIALLY ELECTED): To ask the Minister of Local Government and Rural Development: **(226)**

- (i) whether he accepts that;
 - (a) there has been a steady but sure shrinking of social services to the poor and vulnerable people since the onset of COVID-19;
 - (b) not every person assessed for assistance by his Ministry is actually assisted;
 - (c) the assistance for persons living with disabilities is not available to all those in need;

- (d) the Government's policy on universal access to health care is undermined when everyone, including the poor, are expected to buy their own medication;
 - (e) the deterioration of the education system, leading to the mushrooming of unregulated tuition centres, will affect the poor more than the wealthy; and if so;
 - (ii) what new policy and programing reforms will he initiate to address this situation before it worsens.
- 7. MR. M. G. J. MOTSAMAI, MP. (GHANZI SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Education and Skills Development to state the short-term solution for the Marakanelo Junior Secondary School drainage system since the kitchen is affected by the flowing drainage water. **(228)**
- 8. MR. W. B. MMOLOTSI, MP. (FRANCISTOWN SOUTH):** To ask the Minister for State President: **(221)**
- (i) why donations made to the Office of the President such as blankets and food parcels from the private sector are only given to constituencies under the ruling party; and
 - (ii) whether this practice is not flawed or tantamount to theft.
- 9. MR. T. LETSHOLO, MP. (KANYE NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Health to update this Honourable House on the procurement and allocation processes and practices in the Ministry of Health under the new Public Procurement Regulatory Act, especially in terms of the procurement of supplies in the Ministry; additionally, and specifically focusing on the following facilities: **(224)**
- (a) Kanye SDA Hospital;
 - (b) Nyangabgwe Referral Hospital;
 - (c) Princess Marina Hospital;
 - (d) Scottish Livingstone Hospital;
 - (i) from Government subventions allocated for hospital supplies, both drugs and non-pharmaceuticals, what amounts have been allocated for local and for foreign procurement; and
 - (ii) what has been the expenditure on local and on foreign procurement at each of these facilities, differentiating between drugs and non-pharmaceuticals.
- 10. MR. J. L. THIITE, MP. (GHANZI NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Health to provide an update to this Honourable House regarding the status of the Mobile Stop Clinic programme or initiative in the Ghanzi North Constituency; and to state: **(229)**

- (i) whether he is aware that constituents, especially those residing in remote cattle posts and farms, have not been visited by Mobile Stop Clinics for a period of over four (4) years;
- (ii) whether there has been any budgetary allocations for the programme in the past 4 years; if not, what are the reasons for this absence of budgetary allocations; if there have been allocations, the Minister should provide the relevant details; and
- (iii) if the Ministry will consider, as a matter of urgency, the provision of additional staffing, vehicles and medical supplies to conduct this exercise.

11. MR. S. N. MOABI, MP. (TATI WEST): To ask the Minister of Local Government and Rural Development to state: **(230)**

- (i) why the number of people receiving social grants in the North East Region was reduced; and
- (ii) what criteria or factors were considered in determining the reduction of social grants in the North East Region.

12. MR. D. SALESHANDO, MP. (MAUN WEST): To ask the Minister of Education and Skills Development: **(231)**

- (i) to state the number of temporary teachers employed in the North West and Okavango Districts respectively;
- (ii) the number of such teachers who have since been employed on a permanent basis in the last five (5) years; and
- (iii) if he is aware that temporary teachers in the two (2) Districts are repeatedly subjected to delays in payment of salaries and how this will be avoided in future.

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	0400	Labour and Home Affairs	1515 hrs – 1735 hrs	2.20
	0500	Agriculture	1735 hrs – 1900 hrs	1.25