

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(WEDNESDAY 28TH FEBRUARY, 2024)

QUESTIONS

HRS/MINS

1400 – 1445

- 1. 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.
- 2. 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.
- 3. 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.
- 4. 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.
- 5. 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.
- 6. 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.

7. MR. P. K. MOTAOSANE, MP. (THAMAGA-KUMAKWANE): To ask the Minister of Education and Skills Development if all primary and secondary schools have employed Information Technology (IT) technicians since the roll out of the programme; if not, what action will be taken. **(232)**

8. MR. P. P. P. MOATLHODI, MP. (TONOTA): To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism; **(233)**

(i) whether he is aware that:

(a) most of the herdboys around Goloshabe area in the Tonota Constituency and nearby cattle posts are Zimbabweans;

(b) the herdboys hunt wildlife at night under the aid of bright lights as well as dogs;

(c) they will kill different species in the process eg. one herdboy killing ten (10) hares (*mebutla*) and if so;

(ii) what plans are in place to end this poaching and cruelty against animals; and

(iii) when this will be addressed and how.

9. MR. K. NKAWANA, MP. (SELEBI PHIKWE EAST): To ask the Minister of Education and Skills Development when his Ministry will fill all vacant teaching positions permanently in all vocational institutions as it is currently happening in primary and secondary schools. **(234)**

10. DR. N. TSHABANG, MP. (NKANGE): To ask the Minister of Minerals and Energy if he is aware of an outcry of Matobo Village Community concerning illegal sand river mining along Tutume River in Matobo Village, and if he is aware: **(236)**

(i) has he made any investigations of what caused the outcry; and

(ii) does he intend to dialogue with the aggrieved community.

11. MR. P. MAJAGA, MP. (NATA-GWETA): To ask the Minister of Entrepreneurship to apprise this Honourable House on: **(237)**

- (i) the number of businesses that have been financed through Citizen Entrepreneurial Development Agency (CEDA) in the Nata-Gweta Constituency;
- (ii) how the businesses are performing and how many have failed;
- (iii) whether he is aware that there is acute shortage of staff at Masunga Local Enterprise Authority (LEA) offices;
- (iv) when he intends to increase staff at Masunga LEA office; and
- (v) what hinders the Ministry from constructing a LEA Satellite office in Nata to service the Nata-Gweta Constituency for easy monitoring and advice to entrepreneurs.

12. MR. K. C. HIKUAMA, MP. (NGAMI): To ask the Minister of Justice: **(238)**

- (i) to apprise this Honourable House on the state of Dukwi Refugee camp in terms of structural defects and the number of immigrants housed;
- (ii) to classify the housed immigrants according to countries of their citizenship and the reasons that forced them out of their countries;
- (iii) how many have applied for political asylum, if any, how many were approved and how many are pending;
- (iv) to state the number of those who were deported in the past ten (10) years; and
- (v) how many have been allowed to pursue business opportunities in this country.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

HRS/MINS

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

1445 - 1900

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 31 st 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 3	0500	Agriculture	1445 hrs – 1615 hrs	1.30
	0600	Education and Skills Development	1615 hrs – 1900 hrs	2.45