

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

NOTICE PAPER

(WEDNESDAY 24TH JULY, 2024)

NOTICE OF QUESTIONS

(FOR ORAL ANSWER ON MONDAY 29TH JULY, 2024)

1. **DR. K. GOBOTSWANG, MP. (SEFHARE-RAMOKGONAMI):** To ask the Minister of Agriculture to update this Honourable House on the state of the Machaneng District Agricultural Offices; he should specifically state: **(265)**
 - (i) if he is aware that the offices have been declared environmentally uninhabitable for continued use; and
 - (ii) whether there are plans to construct new offices indicating timelines.
2. **MR. P. K. MOTAOSANE, MP. (THAMAGA-KUMAKWANE):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Rural Development to state whether: **(317)**
 - (i) he is aware that councils refuse to grade roads leading to *masimo* and settlements even though such roads are de-bushed under the Ipelegeng programme;
 - (ii) such a scenario is not counterproductive to the good initiatives by Government to create access to production centres; and
 - (iii) he will consider instructing councils to start grading such roads with immediate effect.
3. **MR. T. B. LUCAS, MP. (BOBONONG):** To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism to update this Honourable House on the following: **(318)**
 - (i) review of compensation rates for damages caused by wildlife;
 - (ii) review in compensable species and plants/crops;
 - (iii) compensation rates for persons killed by wildlife; and
 - (iv) estimated time frame for the completion of the compensation review exercise.

- 4. MR. T. LETSHOLO, MP. (KANYE NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Finance **(319)**
to apprise this Honourable House on the role of Asset Management firms in supporting local businesses in terms of investment and capital raising and the potential regulatory measures being explored to stimulate Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SME) growth; in particular:
- (i) over the past three (3) years, how much capital have Asset Managers invested in local businesses with an annual turnover of less than P50 million each year;
 - (ii) for the same period, disclose the number of local businesses with less than P50 million in annual turnover that Asset Managers have rejected as investment opportunities each year;
 - (iii) has the Government considered implementing a regulatory requirement specifying a certain portion of investments to be directed towards Small, Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in Botswana; if not, what are the reasons behind the decision;
 - (iv) elaborate on the potential benefits to Botswana's economy and business development, particularly for SMEs, if such regulatory requirement was to be implemented.
- 5. MR. K. NKAWANA, MP. (SELEBI PHIKWE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Water Affairs whether his Ministry does not consider the current process of change of land use and application of land use planning too lengthy and costly, where one has to first request for consent to apply at Land Board, go to Council Physical Planning offices and back to Land Board for final application. **(320)**
- 6. MR. D. SALESHANDO, MP. (MAUN WEST):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Rural Development to state: **(321)**
- (i) the current number of Wards per Administrative District as well as the number of wards inclusive of the new ward demarcations following the Constituency Delimitation exercise; and
 - (ii) if the increases are aligned to population growth in all the districts and where the increases are not based on population increase, to state the factors that were considered for each district and the number of wards demarcated not proportionate to population growth.

- 7. MR. O. REGOENG, MP. (MOLEPOLOLE NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Water Affairs whether he is aware of the protracted dispute between Kweneng Land Board and a certain individual over a piece of land designated for a tribal cemetery at Magokotswane in Molepolole; if so: **(322)**
- (i) to state the number of years the matter has dragged; and
 - (ii) how soon the matter will be resolved.
- 8. MR. D. TSHERE, MP. (MAHALAPYE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Water Affairs to state: **(323)**
- (i) under which circumstances have sewerage water pipelines gone through people's yards and further explain;
 - (ii) whether rental is paid in cases where sewerage pipelines go through the yard,
 - (iii) if it is possible to relocate these sewerage pipelines out of the yards' upon request;
 - (iv) if it is possible to relocate the home owner to another suitable location and compensate upon request;
 - (v) if he is aware that most of these sewerage pipelines normally get blocked and sewerage spills into people's yards, making homes inhabitable; and
 - (vi) what his Ministry is doing to help people who are affected by these intruding sewerage pipeline spillages.
- 9. MR. S. N. MOABI, MP. (TATI WEST):** To ask the Minister of Trade and Industry if he has plans to institute a buy Botswana initiative which will enable access to the public (Government) markets through listing of locally manufactured products and brands in Invitation To Tender (ITTs) before procuring imported goods. **(324)**
- 10. MR. M. REATILE, MP. (JWANENG-MABUTSANE):** To ask the Minister of Trade and Industry to state: **(325)**
- (i) progress on the large-scale tobacco company licensed in October 2020, specifically regarding its projected investment of P10 million and anticipated employment of 20 people;
 - (ii) the types of products or services produced by the two (2) licensed tobacco companies in Gaborone and any relevant regulations or quality standards they must adhere to;

- (iii) measures or incentives in place to attract and support the growth of the tobacco and alcohol manufacturing industries in Botswana and how his Ministry ensures responsible manufacturing practices including health and safety standards;
- (iv) the licensing process and requirements for retail liquor businesses including the different types of licenses and any specific criteria or regulations they must meet;
- (v) measures or support his Ministry provides to ensure responsible alcohol sales and consumption in Botswana especially with regard to public health and safety in light of the significant number of employees in the liquor retail businesses; and
- (vi) plans or initiatives to further develop and diversify the tobacco and alcohol manufacturing sectors in Botswana and how his Ministry monitors the impact of these industries on the economy and society.

11. MR. G. KEKGONEGILE, MP. (MAUN EAST): To ask the Minister of Defence and Security to brief this Honourable House on the sewerage arrangements at the Maun Botswana Defence Force (BDF) camp, in particular: **(326)**

- (i) how the BDF camp disposes sewerage;
- (ii) engagement that took place with households adjacent to the BDF sewerage tanks;
- (iii) how BDF deals with the extreme smell affecting households adjacent to the sewerage tanks; and
- (iv) compensation paid to adjacent households to help them alleviate the health ills emanating from extreme smell.

NOTICE OF PRESENTATION OF A PRIVATE MEMBER'S BILL

(FOR THURSDAY 25TH JULY, 2024)

- Electoral (Amendment) Bill, An Act to amend the Electoral Act.
2024 (Bill No. 7 of 2024)

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(Mr. D. L. Keorapetse, MP. – Selebi Phikwe West)

NOTICE OF SECOND READING

(FOR THURSDAY 25TH JULY, 2024)

1. Corruption and Economic Crime (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (Bill No. 16 of 2023) An Act to amend Corruption and Economic Crime Act.

(Published on 11th August, 2023)

(Mr. D. L. Keorapetse, MP. – Selebi Phikwe West)

2. Electoral (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (Bill No. 21 of 2023) An Act to amend the Electoral Act.

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(Mr. D. Saleshando, MP. – Maun West)

3. Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (Bill No. 2 of 2024) An Act to amend the Citizenship Act.

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(Mr. G. Kekgonegile, MP. – Maun East)