

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(WEDNESDAY 24TH JULY, 2024)

QUESTIONS

HRS/MINS

1400 - 1445

- 1. MR. M. REATILE, MP. (JWANENG-MABUTSANE):** To ask the Minister of Agriculture to apprise this Honourable House on the development of agriculture in the country and to further state: **(292)**
- (i) strategies in place to promote sustainable agriculture and food security in the rural areas of Thankane, Mahotshwane, Kanaku and Itholoke which can contribute to better livelihoods of local farmers; and
 - (ii) how his Ministry encourages the use of indigenous agricultural knowledge and practices to enhance agricultural productivity in these rural communities.
- 2. DR. K. GOBOTSWANG, MP. (SEFHARE-RAMOKGONAMI):** To ask the Minister of Agriculture 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.
- 3. 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 providing water for livestock;
 - (ii) the number of community dams currently in need of rehabilitation and the possible timeline for rehabilitation; and
 - (iii) what budget allocation was made for the rehabilitation of community dams and if there are any envisaged partnerships or collaborations with local communities or organisations involved.

- 4. MR. P. K. MOTAOSANE, MP. (THAMAGA-KUMAKWANE):** To ask the Minister of Education and Skills Development to apprise this Honourable House on the status of the Construction Industry Trust Fund (CITF) in Botswana especially Thamaga CITF and what is the intention of the Ministry regarding these institutions as it seems the Ministry is not aware of what is happening in these Institutions. **(267)**
- 5. MR. O. KEDIKILWE, MP. (SEROWE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Agriculture to update this Honourable House whether there are plans to match expiry dates of farmer's keeper identity cards with the cattle brand certificate. **(284)**
- 6. MR. T. MANGWEGAPE-HEALY, MP. (GABORONE CENTRAL):** To ask the Minister of Youth, Gender, Sport and Culture to state: **(288)**
 - (i) how his Ministry has been using funds for the Annual National Arts Festival formerly also known as the President's Day competitions since 2019;
 - (ii) names of consultants engaged as part of the competitions and the amounts paid to them;
 - (iii) the number and list of Botswana companies engaged for the competitions since 2019 and associated costs; and
 - (iv) the criteria used to select artists, number of artists that benefit yearly and if there are artists who perform/participate every year and if so, to provide a list.
- 7. MR. J. L. THIITE, MP. (GHANZI NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Minerals and Energy if he is aware that whenever there are veld fires in some areas, electricity timber poles are burnt resulting in some villages enduring days without electricity supply; if so: **(296)**
 - (i) when will his Ministry consider using concrete poles in veld fire prone areas as a long term solution taking into account their superior fire rating and other factors compared to timber and steel poles; if not, what is the position in this regard; and
 - (ii) to elaborate on the Expression of Interest (EOI) 3531/19 concerning the establishment of a manufacturing plant for the production, supply, and delivery of concrete poles and cross arms to Botswana Power Corporation (BPC).

- 8. MR. G. KEKGONEGILE, MP. (MAUN EAST):** To ask the Minister of Education and Skills Development to brief this Honourable House on the temporary teaching programme, in particular to state: **(300)**
- (i) the total number of temporary teachers and their concentration per region;
 - (ii) the total number of vacancies nationally and target financial year of filling the posts;
 - (iii) if the relevant Department has a budget for temporary teachers, if so, what is the 2023/2024 and 2024/2025 budget to pay temporary teachers; and
 - (iv) why his Ministry always pays workers late and mitigation strategies in place to correct the anomaly.
- 9. MR. D. SALESHANDO, MP. (MAUN WEST):** To ask the Minister of Entrepreneurship to state if the Regulations for the Economic Inclusion Law have been promulgated and brought into effect; if so, to state: **(301)**
- (i) the date they came into effect; and
 - (ii) how many targeted Batswana have benefited from the Law.
- 10. MR. D. L. KEORAPETSE, MP. (SELEBI PHIKWE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Trade and Industry to update this Honourable House on the number of registered and operating stationery manufacturers in Selebi Phikwe and SPEDU Region, what they manufacture including quantities and current number of employees per company; the Minister should further state and explain: **(302)**
- (i) incentives available for stationery manufacturers in Selebi Phikwe and SPEDU region and each company's exact benefit of any specific incentive in the last five (5) years, with emphasis on 30% off take by Government;
 - (ii) which stationery manufacturing company in Phikwe or the region have benefited from any major government tenders for supply of stationery in the last five (5) years;
 - (iii) if he is aware of companies which continue to win big tenders for the supply of stationery by local authorities and central government and that they are actually not manufacturing companies but agents with fraudulent manufacturing codes with no evidence of manufacturing;

- (iv) why Selebi Phikwe/SPEDU based stationery manufacturers do not benefit from major tenders from local authorities and Central Government notwithstanding incentives; and
- (v) what his Ministry is doing to improve this situation.

11. MR. O. RAMOGAPI, MP. (PALAPYE): To ask the Minister of Transport and Public Works to update this Honourable House on the construction of Palapye Hospital stating the following: **(303)**

- (i) site location and commencement date of the project;
- (ii) the names of the consultants managing the project and their contact details;
- (iii) the envisaged total beds, rooms, services to be offered as per the plan drawings;
- (iv) the description of the construction project in terms of rooms and offices, and if it is a high rise building, period and expected date of construction; and
- (v) approximate budget of the project.

12. MR. K. NKAWANA, MP. (SELEBI PHIKWE EAST): To ask the Minister of Defence and Security if he is aware that herdboys who are employed by Botswana Police Service (BPS) to look after exhibit livestock do not have work related protective clothing, if so: **(304)**

- (i) what is stopping Government from providing such clothing; and
- (ii) when consideration will be made to provide them with appropriate protection gear.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

HRS/MINS

SECOND READING

1445 – 1800

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| 1. Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (Bill No. 9 of 2024) | An Act to amend the Mines and Minerals Act. |
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(Published on 31st May, 2024)

(Minister of Minerals and Energy)

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| 2. Deeds Registry (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (Bill No. 6 of 2024) | An Act to amend the Deeds Registry Act. |
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(Minister of Lands and Water Affairs)

COMMITTEE STAGE

1. Standing Committee on Remuneration (Members of the National Assembly, Councillors, *Ntlo ya Dikgosi* and Specified Offices) (Amendment) (Bill No. 3 of 2024) An Act to amend the Standing Committee on Remuneration (Members of the National Assembly, Councillors, *Ntlo ya Dikgosi* and Specified Offices) Act.

(Published on 1st March, 2024)

(Minister for State President)

2. Specified Offices (Salaries and Allowances) (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (Bill No. 11 of 2024) An Act to amend the Specified Offices (Salaries and Allowances) Act.

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(Minister for State President)

3. Judicial Services (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (Bill No. 10 of 2024) An Act to amend the Judicial Services Act.

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(Minister of Justice)