

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(MONDAY 29TH JULY, 2024)

QUESTIONS

HRS/MINS

1400 - 1445

- 1. 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:

 - (i) the date they came into effect; and
 - (ii) how many targeted Batswana have benefited from the Law.

- 2. 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:

 - (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.

- 3. 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.
- 4. MR. W. B. MMOLOTSI, MP. (FRANCISTOWN SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Public Works: **(305)**
- (i) why it has taken so long for Botswana Housing Corporation (BHC) to sell their houses that require sectional titles given that there is no legal impediment to do so; and
 - (ii) whether this does not defeat the Government's effort of encouraging home ownership.
- 5. MR. P. MAJAGA, MP. (NATA-GWETA):** To ask the Minister of Minerals and Energy to state: **(306)**
- (i) if he is aware of the frequent power cuts in the Nata-Gweta Constituency;
 - (ii) if it is mandatory for his Ministry to provide electricity for Batswana in the Nata-Gweta Constituency or his Ministry is doing them a favour;
 - (iii) what action has been taken to assist the Botswana Power Corporation (BPC) in Nata since power cuts occur every year during rainy season;
 - (iv) what plans are in place to have a permanent solution for power cuts not to occur in future;
 - (v) if he is aware of the damage caused by power cuts on electrical appliances;
 - (vi) if he is aware of the impact of power cuts on the businesses in the Nata-Gweta Constituency especially butcheries; and

- (vii) if there is any provision to compensate for business losses caused by power cuts.

6. MR. K. K. KAPINGA, MP. (OKAVANGO): To ask the Minister of Labour and Home Affairs: **(309)**

- (i) when the local offices of the Departments of Immigration and those of the Department of Labour in Shakawe will be opened; and
- (ii) whether the delay in opening these offices in Shakawe mean that the Minister undermines the strategic location of Shakawe and the suffering that local people have to endure to secure services in Maun.

7. MR. T. LETSHOLO, MP. (KANYE NORTH): To ask the Minister of Transport and Public Works to update this Honourable House on the Ministry's efforts to enhance Government revenues and optimise road network investments, including the potential transformation of the Department of Roads into an independent Roads Agency as a means of reducing the burden on the national fiscus related to road construction and maintenance; more particularly: **(310)**

- (i) how his Ministry ensures an increased return on investment in our road networks, particularly on critical routes like the Trans-Kalahari Highway;
- (ii) to provide insights into the country of origin mix of trucks using the Trans-Kalahari highway and the fees generated from foreign trucks that use the highway;
- (iii) how Botswana's road fee structure compares to that of other countries in the SADC region, particularly for foreign goods trucks; and
- (iv) if his Ministry is open to considering a review of the road fees in Botswana, with the aim to contributing to cost recovery and supporting ongoing roads infrastructure maintenance.

8. MR. T. B. LUCAS, MP. (BOBONONG): To ask the Minister for State President to apprise this Honourable House on the following: **(311)**

- (i) the number of civil servants who have stagnated at the top notch of the C1, A and B Scales for 10 or more years;
- (ii) plans to address stagnation and its effects in the Civil Service; and

- (iii) recommendations of the PEMANDU report as they relate to stagnation in the Civil Service.
9. **MR. P. P. P. MOATLHODI, MP. (TONOTA):** To ask the Minister of Labour and Home Affairs if there are any plans to establish Immigration as well as Labour Offices at Tonota Village; and if so, when. **(312)**
10. **MR. M. G. J. MOTSAMAI, MP. (GHANZI SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Agriculture if he will consider cancelling the 4% levy charge for farmers as they account for different charges regarding livestock development. **(313)**
11. **MR. S. J. BROOKS, MP. (KGALAGADI SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism: **(314)**
- (i) when the Climate Change Policy will be implemented in Botswana;
 - (ii) if there is a budget for the implementation of this Policy and how much it is;
 - (iii) if he is aware of the negative impacts of climate change on food security and the tourism sector at large, if so; to state them; and
 - (iv) to explain plans to address the increasing challenges of climate change and how he will raise a budget to cushion the stated sectors.
12. **MR. C. GREEFF, MP. (GABORONE BONNINGTON SOUTH):** To ask the Minister for State President to give an update on the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) Scholarship offered by the Indian High Commission for the year 2023-2024; and further state the number of: **(192)**
- (i) applicants across the 57 constituencies;
 - (ii) successful applicants and their distribution by the 57 Constituencies;
 - (iii) successful applicants with Junior Certificate qualifications and those with Botswana General Certificate of Secondary Education (BGCSE); and
 - (iv) the key selection criteria and whether first come first served takes precedence over merit;
 - (v) if he is aware that there are applicants with lower BGCSE points who have been awarded scholarships over those with higher points; and

- (vi) if he will be willing to investigate the ICCR scholarship during the last five (5) years for possible corruption, nepotism, favouritism and fraud.

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

HRS/MINS

PRESENTATION OF GOVERNMENT BILLS

1445 – 1800

1. Presidents (Pensions and Retirement Benefits) (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (Bill No. 12 of 2024)

An Act to amend the Presidents (Pensions and Retirement Benefits) Act.

(Published on 12th July, 2024)
(Minister for State President)
2. Former Vice-Presidents (Pensions and Retirement Benefits) Bill, 2024 (Bill No. 13 of 2024)

An Act to amend the Former Vice-Presidents (Pensions and Retirement) Act.

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(Minister for State President)
3. Ministers and National Assembly Gratuities and Pensions (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (Bill No. 14 of 2024)

An Act to amend the Ministers and National Assembly Gratuities and Pensions Act.

(Published on 12th July, 2024)
(Minister for State President)

PRESENTATION OF A PRIVATE MEMBER'S BILL

- Electoral (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (Bill No. 7 of 2024)

An Act to amend the Electoral Act.

(Published on 5th April, 2024)
(Mr. D. L. Keorapetse, MP. – Selebi Phikwe West)

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

SECOND READING

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.

(Published on 1st December, 2023)

(Mr. D. Saleshando, MP. – Maun West)

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

(Published on 23rd February, 2024)

(Mr. G. Kekgonegile, MP. – Maun East)