

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(TUESDAY 30TH JULY, 2024)

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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QUESTIONS

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1400 - 1445

- 1. 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 Government's effort of encouraging home ownership.

- 2. 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.

- 3. 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 Labour in Shakawe will be opened; and
 - (ii) whether the delay in opening these offices in Shakawe means that the Minister undermines the strategic location of Shakawe and the suffering that local people have to endure to secure services in Maun.

- 4. 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.
- 5. 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.
- 6. 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)**
- 7. 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.

8. 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.

9. 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).

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