

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

NOTICE PAPER

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NOTICE OF QUESTIONS

(FOR ORAL ANSWER ON TUESDAY 26TH NOVEMBER, 2024)

- 1. MR. G. KEKGONEGILE, MP. (MAUN EAST):** To ask the Minister for State President to brief this Honourable House on the state of temporary and freelance workers in the Department of Broadcasting Services, and in particular: **(34)**

 - (i) the total number of temporary and freelance workers in the Department;
 - (ii) how long have they been engaged individually;
 - (iii) if there are any plans to absorb them on a permanent basis, and if so, when;
 - (iv) if any of them are owed wages or benefits, if so, for how long and when will they be paid; and
 - (v) what mitigating factors are in place to prevent such occurrences in future.
- 2. DR. U. DOW, MP. (KGATLENG WEST):** To ask the Minister of Finance if he is aware that many businesses are being financially crippled by Government's failure to pay for services rendered and/or goods supplied and more specifically whether he would consider: **(35)**

 - (i) this problem to be so important and urgent to as to form part of the Government's 100 day commitments;
 - (ii) proposing to the Botswana Unified Revenue Services (BURS) that it takes Government's debt to businesses, when deciding whether or not to issue Tax Clearance Certificates; and
 - (iii) making a statement to this Honourable House on this very important matter.

- 3. MR. G. LEKAU, MP. (MOGODITSHANE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure whether any 25 kilometre internal road in Mogoditshane was ever approved; if so, when will the construction commence. **(36)**
- 4. MR. P. M. SEGOKGO, MP. (TLOKWENG):** To ask the Minister of Higher Education: **(37)**
- (i) whether, at the time the current Vice Chancellor of the University of Botswana's appointment was made, the Minister consulted the University Council and Senate as required by Section 8(1) of the University of Botswana Act No. 15 of 2008; if so,
 - (ii) to state when the recommendation for his appointment was made in accordance with Statute 13(1) of the University of Botswana Statute, which stipulates that such a recommendation should come from a Joint Committee of Council and Senate; and if so,
 - (iii) when the meeting of the Joint Committee of Council and Senate was held, and who were the attendees.
- 5. MR. M. M. PULE, MP. (KGATLENG EAST):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to provide an update on the progress of the Modipane-Mabalane Road project, currently under construction using the Development Manager Model and to specifically: **(38)**
- (i) share details on the current status of construction and milestones achieved;
 - (ii) indicate if there are any encountered or anticipated delays; and
 - (iii) state the estimated timeframe for the project's completion.
- 6. MR. T. B. LUCAS, MP. (BOBIRWA):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to state: **(39)**
- (i) the total number of people on the waiting list for potential plots nationally, and in Bobirwa Constituency;
 - (ii) the plan and strategy for dealing with those waiting lists in the next 12 months, 2 years and 5 years; and
 - (iii) whether Government intends to continue with the policy of allocating unserviced plots in some areas.

7. **MR. A. K. KHAN, MP. (MOLEPOLOLE NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to state if there are any plans to reduce the eligibility to receive Old Age Pension from 65 years to 60 years in the foreseeable future. **(40)**
8. **MR. S. O. MAPULANGA, MP. (CHOBE):** To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism: **(41)**
- (i) if he is aware of the free movement buffer to the Chobe West communities driving through the Sedudu to Ngoma transit route; if so,
 - (ii) when the route will be operated on a 24 hour basis through assistance of manning the gates by other departments like Botswana Police Service; and
 - (iii) to state the negative economic impact of this scenario as the areas to be reached are production areas and villages which are dependent on subsistence and self-reliance.
9. **MR. G. KEKGONEGILE, MP. (MAUN EAST):** To ask the Minister of Labour and Home Affairs to brief this Honourable House on the implementation of the recently reviewed Citizenship Act concerning dual citizenship and repealing of default position, with emphasis on whether: **(42)**
- (i) a directive has been issued to Districts guiding the implementation of the Act as per the new clauses; if so, when; if not, why not and when will the directive be issued; and
 - (ii) the Ministry intends to address the concerned citizens more especially in Ngamiland; if so, when and who will be addressing them.
10. **DR. U. DOW, MP. (KGATLENG WEST):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture whether he is aware of the health hazards posed by the co-location of the fertiliser plant and residences in Molangwana in Kgatleng and, considering the undeniable value to the economy of the plant, whether he has considered or would consider measures such as: **(43)**
- (i) Government constructing a wind barrier on the southern side of the plant; and
 - (ii) Government negotiating with the residents with a view to relocating them to the northern side of the plant.

11. MR. G. LEKAU, MP. (MOCODITSHANE WEST): To ask the Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship to state: **(44)**

- (i) how many locals have bonded warehouses and operate as clearing agents as opposed to foreigners;
- (ii) how many imported vehicles have been cleared or stored in bonded warehouses operated by Batswana compared to foreigners this year;
- (iii) how many vehicles from locals were revalued as compared to foreigners;
- (iv) what it takes for one to have a bonded warehouse and/or clearing agent (fees/skills); and
- (v) whether it is not time this kind of business is strictly reserved for locals.

12. MR. M. M. PULE, MP. (KGATLENG EAST): To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure if he is aware that the Malolwane-Mmaphashalala Road which passes through Oliphant's Drift, Ramotlabaki and Phala Camp was prioritised by the previous Government as a critical alternative to reduce congestion on the A1, and further: **(45)**

- (i) to confirm whether this project remains a priority for the current Government; and
- (ii) provide an update on the current design stage, as well as any projected timeline for the construction phase.