

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

NOTICE PAPER

(MONDAY 25TH NOVEMBER, 2024)

NOTICE OF QUESTIONS

(FOR ORAL ANSWER ON WEDNESDAY 27TH NOVEMBER, 2024)

- 1. MR. P. M. SEGOKGO, MP. (TLOKWENG):** To ask the Minister of **(46)** Transport and Infrastructure if there are:
 - (i) plans to construct a toll-gate at the Tlokweng Border Post to raise revenue for the country; and
 - (ii) intentions to construct a toll-gate at the Dibete Quarantine Gate on the A1 road as a way to diversify the country's revenue base.
- 2. MR. T. B. LUCAS, MP. (BOBIRWA):** To ask the Minister for State **(47)** President to state:
 - (i) concrete reforms and actual impact on the quality of life following the ratification of the UN Convention on People with Disabilities (PWD), passage of a Policy on PWD and the enactment of a law to protect PWDs in Botswana; and
 - (ii) how Government has or intends to work with organisations, associations and bodies working with PWDs in the furtherance of the rights and welfare of PWDs.
- 3. MR. A. K. KHAN, MP. (MOLEPOLOLE NORTH):** To ask the Minister of **(48)** Labour and Home Affairs to update this Honourable House on:
 - (i) the number of people from neighbouring South Africa who are under visa restrictions to visit Botswana for political reasons; and
 - (ii) if there are any plans to revoke such restrictions in the foreseeable future.

- 4. MR. S. O. MAPULANGA, MP. (CHOBE):** To ask the Minister of Water and Human Settlement to state: **(49)**
- (i) whether he is aware that Pandamatenga is the only village in the Chobe Constituency which is not directly supplied by the pipeline from the Kasane Water Treatment Plant;
 - (ii) when Pandamatenga will be connected directly to the pipeline; and
 - (iii) the long term effects of the salty/hard water consumption to the human body.
- 5. DR. U. DOW, MP. (KGATLENG WEST):** To ask the Minister of Water and Human Settlement what plans he has, if any, for the development of Budungwane Settlement in Kgatleng District and more particularly: **(50)**
- (i) whether the residents of Budungwane can expect any additional services within the next five (5) years, and if so, what kind of services they can expect; and
 - (ii) when, if at all, the residents of Budungwane can expect to be provided with potable drinking water.
- 6. MR. M. M. PULE, MP. (KGATLENG EAST):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to outline Government's current and future plans to address the state of both internal and central Government roads in the Kgatleng East Constituency as well as other roads across the country and to further: **(51)**
- (i) provide a detailed maintenance plan, including measures put in place to ensure timely and consistent upkeep of these roads in order to improve durability and safety for all road users; and
 - (ii) indicate specific plans to dry grade Dikwididi – Mochudi Road, Mokatse – Mochudi Road and Matebeleng – Mochudi Road.
- 7. MR. G. LEKAU, MP. (MOGODITSHANE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to state when the terminal benefits of former employee of the Selibe Phikwe Town Council (the late Ms. Nurse Raale Tekeletso) who was employed at the Council from November 1996-2021, will be paid. **(52)**

- 8. MR. G. KEKGONEGILE, MP. (MAUN EAST):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to brief this Honourable House on the state of the North West District roads and intended mitigating factors against extreme deterioration; in particular: **(53)**
- (i) plans to upgrade the Samedupi - Somelo road to tar; and if so, when;
 - (ii) the takeover plan of the Samedupi – Xeredomo Road and periodic plans to upgrade the road;
 - (iii) the rehabilitation or upgrading of the Nata – Maun road and whether it will be resurfaced or a new road built; and
 - (iv) if the Ministry will maintain the Development Manager Model initiative to upgrade the Nata – Maun Road; if not, which model will be used and if yes, what will be the changes to the model as explained.
- 9. MR. P. M. SEGOKGO, MP. (TLOKWENG):** To ask the Minister of Communications and Innovation whether he is aware that two hundred (200) Botswana Telecommunications Corporation (BTC) employees were unfairly dismissed in December 2022; if so: **(54)**
- (i) is he also aware that some of those employees had worked for as long as 35 years but were only given meagre severance packages as low as P40,000;
 - (ii) are there any plans to resolve this matter amicably including recalling the cases from the courts; and
 - (iii) are there any plans to re-employ them in future.
- 10. MR. T. B. LUCAS, MP. (BOBIRWA):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to state how Government intends to transform and reform District Councils to ensure that they have relative autonomy and are able to generate income for self-sustenance. **(55)**
- 11. MR. A. K. KHAN, MP. (MOLEPOLOLE NORTH):** To ask the Minister for State President to provide an update on the value and beneficiaries of direct procurements of tenders in the Ministry from October 2019 to October 2024; and whether the Ministry intends to audit the processes and ascertain if there were any cases of abuse of public office. **(56)**

12. DR. U. DOW, MP. (KGATLENG WEST): To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture whether his Government will be reviewing the current policy of repossession of farm land to make way for residential plots and more particularly whether he: **(57)**

- (i) accepts that there is an economic value for the presence of small holdings in towns and villages;
- (ii) is aware that the co-existence of residence and farm holdings is a feature that obtains in many towns across the world; and
- (iii) that one of the reasons for the high cost of locally produced agricultural products is the high transportation costs and lack of other infrastructural services.