

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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(WEDNESDAY 12TH FEBRUARY, 2025)

QUESTIONS

HRS/MINS

1400 – 1445

- 1. DR. U. DOW, MP. (KGATLENG WEST):** To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism whether regard is being had to the fact that many village compounds are fairly large and out of concern that they might be contaminated by pit-latrines, underground water in large villages is not tapped for human consumption, whether:

 - (i) he agrees that the untapped water is a major valuable resource that could be used for small horticulture holdings;
 - (ii) his Ministry would be prepared to drill boreholes for the above use;
 - (iii) if the Ministry is not so prepared, whether his Ministry would support the drilling of boreholes by clusters, groups or cooperatives for communal use and horticultural purposes; and
 - (iv) he would agree to the utilisation of the water and land as suggested above as it would have economic and health benefits for participants.
- 2. MR. K. NKAWANA, MP. (SELEBI PHIKWE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Minerals and Energy if she is aware that:

 - (i) many households in Selebi Phikwe are terrorised day and night by earth tremors caused by flooded mine shafts; and
 - (ii) the tremors have caused cracks to some of the houses, especially in the Selebi Phikwe East Constituency.
- 3. MR. G. KEKGONEGILE, MP. (MAUN EAST):** To ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services to brief this Honourable House on the distribution programme of action of the Trust Funds compensated for Maun International Airport relocation to Disana community, in particular:

- (i) the total number of individuals to be paid through the High Court and how many have been paid so far;
- (ii) who is responsible for the process between Francistown and Maun High Court;
- (iii) what is the cause of delay in payments and any intended paradigm shift in terms of procedure to speed up the payment process; if so, elaborate;
- (iv) when should they expect payment.

4. MR. T. B. LUCAS, MP. (BOBIRWA): To ask the Minister of Minerals and Energy to: **(138)**

- (i) apprise this Honourable House on the current green/alternative energy projects in Botswana and the extent to which the projects maximise the full potential of the sector;
- (ii) spell out Government's proposals to optimise full potential of the green/alternative energy sector; and
- (iii) show job generation potential of the sector on optimal utilisation.

5 MR. K. C. HIKUAMA, MP. (MAUN WEST): To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to explain to this Honourable House the process that was followed when former employees of Water Units were transferred to Water Utilities Corporation (WUC) in 2013; and to further state: **(140)**

- (i) whether all the transferred former Water Units employees received their terminal benefits and/or pensions when they were moved to their current employer; and if not,
- (ii) when the process is going to be completed.

6. MR. S. O. MAPULANGA, MP. (CHOBE): To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism to apprise this Honourable House on: **(141)**

- (i) when last the public camp sites in the Linyanti, Savuti and Chobe National Park were advertised; and
- (ii) which company was awarded the tender and how long the lease agreement is.

- 7. MR. M. MOALOSI, MP. (NKANGE):** To ask the Minister of Health to state: **(143)**
- (i) progress in the construction and upgrading of health posts and clinics without maternity wards in Semitwe, Makuta and Magapatona villages as per the National Development Plan (NDP)11; and
 - (ii) plans to complete these projects.
- 8. MR. M. M. PULE, MP. (KGATLENG EAST):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure considering the current government's commitment in its party manifesto to develop transformative infrastructure, including the proposal for a high-speed train aimed at connecting key urban areas within a three-hour timeframe to: **(144)**
- (i) provide a realistic timeline for implementing this project; and
 - (ii) confirm whether this plan is actively being pursued.
- 9. MR. P. M. SEGOKGO, MP. (TLOKWENG):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs: **(145)**
- (i) if there are any plans to address the Tlokweng storm water drainage system as an urgent matter within this year's financial budget; and
 - (ii) if he is aware that this issue has been an ongoing problem for twenty (20) years, particularly since the development of internal roads which were constructed without storm water drainage system.
- 10. MR. L. BARONGWANG, MP. (MOGODITSHANE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Water and Human Settlement if he will consider: **(146)**
- (i) phasing out the use of pit latrines in Mogoditshane as a move towards delivering decent lives and better public health through improving sanitation and mitigating against pollution and waste management;
 - (ii) subsidising sewer connection fees to enable low income families to afford connection and connecting poor families for free; and

- (iii) restoring water that was disconnected due to high water bills by slashing off a portion of the bill and agreeing on a payment plan while poor families are reconnected without any payment following assessment, to aid this project.

11. MR. G. DISHO, MP. (OKAVANGO EAST): To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure: **(147)**

- (i) to update this Honourable House on the construction of the Ghani-Mohembo to Gudigwa road (190 kilometres);
- (ii) if Government is aware that in the entire Okavango East Constituency, there is less than 5 kilometres of tarred road; and
- (iii) to state the Ministry's preparedness to deliver commitments made by the past administration to construct the road which was given the name *Mokwepa o Montsho*.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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SECOND READING

1445 – 1900

- Appropriation (2025/2026) Bill, 2025 (Bill No. 2 of 2025) An Act to authorise the payment out of the Consolidated Fund and the Development Fund of sums of money for the year ending 31st March, 2026.

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(Minister of Finance)

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