

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(FRIDAY 14TH FEBRUARY, 2025)

QUESTIONS

HRS/MINS

0900 – 0945

- 1. MR. T. FURNITURE, MP. (TATI EAST):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs when Sekokwe settlements will be declared a village as they have a population of 500+ . **(149)**
- 2. MR. G. SEDOMBO, MP. (TONOTA):** To ask the Minister of Water and Human Settlement to brief this Honourable House on the amount of water wastage through leakages throughout the country; and to state measures in place to address this. **(150)**
- 3. MR. K. K. KAPINGA, MP. (OKAVANGO WEST):** To ask the Minister of Health to inform this Honourable House on how many health facilities in the Okavango West Constituency do not have access to the national electricity grid and what those facilities are using to carry out duties which require electrical power. **(152)**
- 4. MR. M. M. MOROLONG, MP. (KGATLENG CENTRAL):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs: **(153)**
 - (i) if he is aware of the abandoned Mochudi Storm Water Drainage Master Plan Project that has not been funded since 2003/2004 Financial Year (District Development Plan 6); and
 - (ii) when this project will be funded and implemented.
- 5. MR. R. M. LEKUTLANE, MP. (KGALAGADI NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to state: **(155)**
 - (i) the number of projects which were and are subjected to direct appointment contracts;
 - (ii) projects by name, value, number, companies and company owners and when the projects contracts were signed;
 - (iii) if he is aware that the cost of these direct appointment projects has been ballooned unnecessarily;

- (iv) if he will continue to sign the direct appointment contracts despite the financial crisis the Government is facing; and
 - (v) the composition of teams that do the direct appointment contracts and the evaluation teams.
- 6. MR. T. BOGATSU, MP. (LENTSWELETAU-LEPHEPHE):** To ask the Minister of Higher Education to update this Honourable House on the status of Macheng Brigade; in particular: **(156)**
- (i) when construction commenced and the completion date; and
 - (ii) whether there will be no cost overruns considering the snail's pace adopted in implementation of the project.
- 7. DR. U. DOW, MP. (KGATLENG WEST):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture when residents serviced by the Kgatleng Land Board can expect to receive their title documents, following the last national exercise of re-registration and: **(142)**
- (i) if there are any investigations on land allocations in Kgatleng and if the answer is in the affirmative, when such investigations are expected to be concluded; and
 - (ii) whether he appreciates the negative impact the freeze on the issuance of title documents on the lives and livelihoods of those affected.
- 8. MR. J. J. FRENZEL, MP. (SHASHE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to state: **(148)**
- (i) the cause of delay in allocation of residential plots in villages such as Chadibe, Matsitama, Borolong, Shashemooke and Makobo; and
 - (ii) if he is aware that, prior to Jamataka being gazetted a village, there were some residents with residential plots that to date had not been adopted for official allocation and documentation; if so, when this will be done.
- 9. MR. C. K. JACOBS, MP. (LOBATSE):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to state the reasons why Botswana has failed to meet its quota of beef exports to the European Union (EU) since inception; and to further state: **(154)**
- (i) when Botswana started exporting to the EU market and what factors have contributed to a shortfall in meeting the EU beef export quota allocated to Botswana;

- (ii) what measures have been implemented to address this shortfall and challenges, particularly those challenges related to compliance with EU standards, production capacity and trade negotiations;
- (iii) how the Government is engaging with stakeholders, including farmers and exporters, to ensure maximisation of the benefits of Botswana's trade agreements with the EU;
- (iv) when the Government and/ or the Botswana Meat Commission (BMC) plans to liberalise the beef export market and lift restrictions to allow for other players;
- (v) why the BMC remains a loss making entity and how much beef cartons remain inside holding stores unmarketed and unsold;
- (vi) if there are any plans to diversify export markets or invest in value-added beef value chain production to reduce reliance on a single market;
- (vii) which other markets have been identified and explored and whether the BMC has started exporting to any other markets and which are those;
- (viii) why cattle are being downgraded at BMC to undercut customers; and
- (ix) why the main boiler chimney in Lobatse has been left cut and open at the top ,how long this has been going on as well as the Occupational Health and Safety hazards concomitant with this.

- 10. MR. A. K. KHAN, MP. (MOLEPOLOLE NORTH):** To ask the Minister for State President to update this Honourable House on the construction of the new Police Stations and the refurbishment of the old Molepolole Police Station. **(112)**
- 11. MR. M. BAGAISAMANG, MP. (SHOSHONG):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to apprise this Honourable House on the construction of Dibete-Otse Road. **(131)**
- 12. MR. R. W. KAIZER, MP. (SELEBI PHIKWE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship about the Accessibility of the Project Facilitation Fund (PFF) under Citizen Entrepreneurial Development Agency (CEDA), the Minister should outline: **(87)**

- (i) the eligibility criteria for accessing the Project Facilitation Fund (PFF) administered by CEDA and specify whether these criteria are made readily available to the public; and
- (ii) the specific obstacles limiting public access to this fund and to clarify whether administrative or procedural requirements within CEDA may inadvertently exclude or disadvantage aspiring entrepreneurs seeking pre-funding support through the Project Facilitation Fund (PFF).

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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SECOND READING

0945 – 1230

- 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)

(Resumed Debate)