

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(THURSDAY 20TH FEBRUARY, 2025)

QUESTIONS

HRS/MINS

1400 – 1445

- 1. MR. P. M. MOSANANA, MP. (KANYE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to update this Honourable House on the tarring of the following roads: **(163)**

 - (i) Tshweneyagae to Dipotsana;
 - (ii) Dipotsana to Diabo; and
 - (iii) Diabo to Gasegwagwa.

- 2. MR. B. B. MABEO, MP. (GAMALETE):** To ask the Minister of Water and Human Settlement: **(165)**

 - (i) whether he is aware that Magope/Disana Ward in Ramotswa has been without water for the past twenty (20) years; if so,
 - (ii) what plans are in place to ensure that Magope/Disana water reticulation is done; and
 - (iii) to update this Honourable House on the progress of such plans if any.

- 3. MR. G. KEKGONEGILE, MP. (MAUN EAST):** To ask the Minister of Labour and Home Affairs if he is aware that workers in private security and cleaning companies are not paid their wages and benefits on time; if so, to state: **(167)**

 - (i) what measures are in place to alleviate this challenge;
 - (ii) how many cases of this nature have been reported to the Labour Office and how many have been resolved;
 - (iii) what are the reasons behind pending cases and how is the Ministry speeding up conclusion of the cases;
 - (iv) who is at fault, whether it is Government not paying these companies on time or companies deliberately not paying workers; and

- (v) what is the Ministry's long term solution to this situation of infringement on human rights.
- 4. MR. M. MOALOSI, MP. (NKANGE):** To ask the Minister of Higher Education to state: **(173)**
- (i) the total number of students and teachers in each of the five (5) brigades in the Nkange Constituency namely Marapong, Marobela, Nswazwi, Tutume and Nkange; and
 - (ii) what courses are taught at those brigades and whether there are any plans to increase the courses, student intake and teachers at the brigades.
- 5. MR. M. M. PULE, MP. (KGATLENG EAST):** To ask the Minister of Water and Human Settlement to confirm if he is aware that connecting Kgatleng East, particularly the river villages, to the Mmamashia Water Treatment Plant was prioritised by Government and: **(174)**
- (i) given that the project has not yet commenced, can the Minister provide a clear update on the plans and timeline for this connection;
 - (ii) what specific actions are being taken to ensure the timely implementation of this project; and
 - (iii) how soon can the people of Kgatleng East expect to see this crucial development begin.
- 6. MR. P. M. SEGOKGO, MP. (TLOKWENG):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to state progress on construction of the primary school in Maratanang Ward in Tlokweng. **(175)**
- 7. MR. L. BARONGWANG, MP. (MOGODITSHANE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to update this Honourable House on the following projects: **(176)**
- (i) the construction of Mogoditshane/Thamaga Administration Centre; and
 - (ii) the construction of the 25 kilometre (km) internal roads.

- 8. MR. G. DISHO, MP. (OKAVANGO EAST):** To ask the Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship to state: **(177)**
- (i) the number of jobs that will be created in Okavango East in the first 12 months of the new Government; and
 - (ii) sectors that have been identified as job creators.
- 9. MR. J. J. FRENZEL, MP. (SHASHE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Health to state if there are plans to: **(178)**
- (i) at least have a primary hospital in the Shashe West Constituency either in Borolong, Chadibe, Shashemooke or Mathangwane; and
 - (ii) upgrade Borolong Health facility to a 24 hour clinic.
- 10. MR. T. FURNITURE, MP. (TATI EAST):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to state: **(179)**
- (i) what Government intends doing about the state of commercial farmers in the Ditladi area since they supply the whole region;
 - (ii) when Ditladi will be designated as a Special Economic Zone; and
 - (iii) plans to assist farmers to access markets.
- 11. MR. G. SEDOMBO, MP. (TONOTA):** To ask the Minister of Water and Human Settlement: **(180)**
- (i) if he is aware of the water crisis in the Tonota Constituency, especially in Mhakamme, Leloto and Lephane Wards; and
 - (ii) if there are any plans to rectify the matter; and to provide timeliness.
- 12. MR. P. AARON, MP. (NGAMI):** To ask the Minister of Health to state: **(181)**
- (i) how many applications the Botswana Health Profession Council (BHPC) has rejected and how many registration related erasures it has made since its inception in 2001;
 - (ii) how many of these were qualified Batswana Doctors;
 - (iii) how many of these ended in the High Court and the number of cases BHPC lost;

- (iv) the total legal costs to the BHPC and how much was paid in compensation;
- (v) whether Section 9 of the Botswana Health Professions Act, 2001 in particular is fit for purpose and if the BHPC took heed of the Honourable Court Judges' advice;
- (vi) if he could reassure this Honourable House that each application is considered strictly within the wording of Section 9 of the BHPC Act;
- (vii) to explain section 9 (2b) and confirm that 'registrar' in the form 2 refers to the person defined in section 3 (3) of the Act and is the person charged with issuing form 2 as mentioned in this section and that the Act makes no mention to any other 'registrar' apart from that of the BHPC; and to further confirm that there are no rules or guidelines to assist in the interpretation of the Act or guide applicants;
- (viii) the number of times in the past 23 years a Minister has exercised their power at section 18 and in particular section 18 (j); and
- (ix) if he is aware of any pending court cases against the BHPC and whether it is money well spent to prevent a well-trained and highly capable citizen from bringing well needed healthcare services to Batswana.

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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