

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(FRIDAY 21ST FEBRUARY, 2025)

MINISTERS' QUESTION TIME

HRS/MINS

0900 – 0945

1. Minister of Minerals and Energy

THEME: ALLEGED BUSINESS FRONTING AS A TOOL TO CIRCUMVENT CITIZEN ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME (CEEP) AT DEBSWANA

To ask the Minister of Minerals and Energy if she is aware of the alleged Business Fronting tendencies at DEBSWANA Mining Company that frustrates the Citizen Economic Empowerment Programme (CEEP) and to further brief this Honourable House on what the Ministry is intending to do to address this.

(Mr. L. Barongwang, MP. – Mogoditshane East)

2. Minister for State President

THEME: REFORM OF THE DISS

To ask the Minister for State President to state if he is aware that under its current leadership the Directorate of Intelligence and Security Services (DISS) has in the recent past been described by the courts of law as a rogue institution that undermines the operations of other state security organs such as the Botswana Police Service and the Directorate of Corruption and Economic Crime (DCEC). The Minister should specifically state:

- (i) if it is permissible for the Director General of DISS to make political statements in the public sphere;
- (ii) whether he will consider amending the DISS Act to among other things ensure transparency and accountability;
- (iii) if he will consider amending the DISS Act to ensure that the DISS Parliamentary Committee becomes a truly independent oversight committee established in accordance with Parliamentary Standing Orders; and
- (iv) if there are plans to radically transform the DISS to restore its integrity and public trust.

(Dr. K. Gobotswang, MP. – Tswapong South)

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

HRS/MINS

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)