

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(MONDAY 24TH 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. BAGAISAMANG, MP. (SHOSHONG): To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs: **(182)**

- (i) if he is aware that Shoshong Main Kgotla offices are too congested to accommodate members of staff; if so,
- (ii) whether there are any plans to construct new offices to remedy the situation;
- (iii) to update this Honourable House on the number of Tribal Administration staff that has not been promoted for the last 10 years, their cadres and his Ministry's intention about this;
- (iv) if he is aware that Tribal Administrators are remunerated at salary scale D2 , a lower grade to that of their counter-parts like Council Secretaries, District Commissioners and Land Board Secretaries, if so, when this anomaly will be rectified;
- (v) if he is aware that there is great gap between Tribal Administrators remunerated at D2 salary scale and their Deputy Tribal Secretaries at C1, if so, does he not consider the need to close the gap difference; and
- (vi) to state progress on the restructuring exercise that has been in the offing at Tribal Administration since 2014.

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. A. K. KHAN, MP. (MOLEPOLOLE NORTH): To ask the Minister of Finance: **(139)**

- (i) to update this Honourable House on the status and compliance rate of State-Owned Enterprises (SOEs) on issues of corporate governance, backed by thorough audit processes; and
- (ii) if there are any plans to provide a comprehensive report on the SOEs, especially those which are tasked with management and disbursement of public funds in the form of loans.

7. MR. K. K. KAPINGA, MP. (OKAVANGO WEST): To ask the Minister of Labour and Home Affairs to confirm: **(104)**

- (i) whether or not it is true that the Labour Office which was promised to be set up in Shakawe is now to be set up in Gumare merely because Gumare is the District Headquarters;
- (ii) whether it is immutable policy that District or Regional offices can only be located in the District Headquarters; and
- (iii) whether consideration cannot be given to other factors such as concentration of businesses, population and accessibility of the office to the majority of the population to be served.

8. MR. P. AARON, MP. (NGAMI): To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure: **(106)**

- (i) to state the number of accidents that occurred on the A3 (Sehithwa-Shakawe) due to the bad state of the road in the past twenty (20) years and to further state the number of fatalities and injured persons from those accidents;
- (ii) if he is aware of the state of the road from Nokaneng to Shakawe and the sub-standard work currently being carried out on it and also that its condition cannot be addressed through refurbishment;
- (iii) to give an update of the progress of the road and the expected dates of completion stating the reasons that led to the delay;
- (iv) if he has criteria for construction and rehabilitation of the roads infrastructure and if there are no criteria, does the Ministry consider it necessary so that road infrastructure is prioritised; and

- (v) does the Ministry have plans to grade and maintain major access roads and border roads in the Ngami constituency that are not tarred, i.e. roads to Habu, Tubu, Dhanega, Qangwa/Xaixai and Dhobe international border.

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. MS. H. P. MANYENENG, MP. (MMOPANE-METSIMOTLHABE): To ask the Minister of Health if he is aware that Mahlaku Clinic donated by the Zion Christian Church (ZCC) is serving a large population from Mmopane, Metsimotlhabe including the catchment areas and surroundings and therefore needs the following: **(158)**

- (i) maternity wing;
- (ii) eye and dental wings together with specialists;
- (iii) for the clinic to operate 24 hours;
- (iv) a fully equipped ambulance; and
- (v) staff houses.

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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