

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(FRIDAY 28TH 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)

MOTIONS

0945 – 1230

INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE BID FOR AFCON 2027

1. "That this Honourable House requests Government to institute investigations into the 65 million bid for AFCON 2027 to determine the efficacy of the bid, determine if the amount of the bid book compares with international trends, examine the procurement process in choosing the winning bidder and to audit any other process involved in and leading to award of the tender."

(Mr. A. K. Khan, MP. – Molepolole North)

(Resumed Debate)

**INSTITUTING A PARLIAMENTARY SELECT COMMITTEE TO REVIEW
THE STATUS OF MADIRELO TRAINING AND TESTING CENTRE (MTTC)**

2. "That this Honourable House requests Government to institute a Parliamentary Select Committee to review the status of Madirelo Training and Testing Centre (MTTC) as a national examining body for trades as it is currently disbanded and not fully performing its mandate."

(Mr. G. Lekau, MP. – Mogoditshane West)

(Resumed Debate)

REGULATION OF INTERNATIONAL SELF-DRIVE CUSTOMERS

3. "That this Honourable House requests Government to regulate international self-drive customers to utilise local companies in undertaking their game drives and related activities in local National Parks and Game Reserves in an effort to promote economic inclusion of locals in the tourism industry."

(Mr. G. Kekgonegile, MP. – Maun East)

CREATION OF A NATIONAL CHILDREN'S BUDGET

4. "That this Honourable House requests Government to create a detailed and disaggregated national children's budget, which must first be reviewed and passed through the National Children's Forum and Council before being considered and approved by Parliament."

(Mr. M. M. Pule, MP. – Kgatleng East)

SETTING UP OF A PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

5. "That this Honourable House resolves that a Presidential Commission be set up within 60 days of the adoption of the motion in accordance with the Commission of Inquiry Act; the primary focus of the Commission of Inquiry being to investigate, report and recommend actions concerning allegations of corruption in various sectors and to also assess the extent, causes and impact of corruption and recommend measures to prevent future occurrences."

(Mr. D. Saleshando, MP. – Maun North)

DEVELOPMENT OF A PROGRAMME AIMED AT ABSORBING ALL GRADUATES INTO THE JOB MARKET

6. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider developing a programme aimed at absorbing all graduates into the job market."

(Mr. P. M. Segokgo, MP. – Tlokweng)

GOVERNMENT TO CONDUCT A SOCIAL JUSTICE AUDIT

7. "That this Honourable House requests Government to conduct a social justice audit to assess and proffer proposals for addressing inequalities obtaining in our country."

(Mr. T. B. Lucas, MP. – Bobirwa)

LOCAL PAYMENT OF HOTELS AND ACTIVITIES IN THE DELTA

8. "That this Honourable House resolves that all payments for hotels and activities in the delta, parks and tourism attraction areas should be fully paid for in Botswana."

(Mr. G. Lekau, MP. – Mogoditshane West)

INTRODUCTION OF 26 DAYS MONTH PAY MODEL FOR TEACHERS IN BOTSWANA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

9. "That this Honourable House requests Government to introduce and/or adopt a 26 days month pay model for teachers in Botswana Public Schools, as a form of recognition for the peculiarity of their work, in shaping the minds of the next generation, as well as fostering a positive learning environment for learners."

(Mr. K. C. Hikuama, MP. – Maun West)

GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE TO FARMERS FOR DRILLING BOREHOLES ON FARMS

10. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider providing financial and technical assistance to farmers across Botswana for the drilling of boreholes in their farms to enhance water access for agricultural purposes."

(Mr. M. M. Pule, MP. – Kgatleng East)

DECLARATION OF LESHIBITSE VILLAGE AS A HORTICULTURAL ECONOMIC ZONE

11. "That this Honourable House requests Government to declare Leshibitse Village in Kgatleng a Horticultural Economic Zone and to that end recognise residential homesteads as small horticulture holdings, facilitate the drilling and equipping of communal boreholes, support the necessary infrastructure and generally do such things as shall be necessary for the success of the programme."

(Dr. U. Dow, MP. – Kgatleng West)

AMENDMENT OF EXISTING LAWS TO LEGALISE CULTIVATION AND PROCESSING OF INDUSTRIAL HEMP

12. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider amending the existing laws in order to legalise cultivation and processing of industrial hemp."

(Mr. M. Moalosi, MP. – Nkange)

FORENSIC LAND AUDIT COVERING ALL LAND ALLOCATION

13. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider instituting a Forensic Land Audit in Mogoditshane covering all land allocation in the past 15 years to past and current Land Board officials and employees; Councillors, Members of Parliament and Tribal Administration Senior staff."

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

REVIEW AND STRENGTHENING OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION LAWS

14. "That this Honourable House requests Government to review and strengthen existing environmental protection laws in view of prevailing harsh climate change conditions that have affected food production with debilitating conditions, particularly for subsistence farmers."

(Mr. K. Nkawana, MP. – Selebi Phikwe East)

**GOVERNMENT TO RE-ALIGN THE TENURE OF
PARLIAMENTARIANS TO BE 60 MONTHS**

15. "That this Honourable House requests Government to re-align the tenure of Parliamentarians to be 60 months as per the Constitution and in similar patterns to Cabinet and Councillors in an effort to close a vacuum and create uniformity in political representation and responsibility."

(Mr. G. Kekgonegile, MP. – Maun East)

SETTING UP OF A COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

16. "That this Honourable House requests Government to institute a Commission of Inquiry into the alleged corruption at Botswana Unified Revenue Services (BURS)."

(Mr. P. M. Segokgo, MP. – Tlokweng)

**INTRODUCTION OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AS
A COMPULSORY COMPONENT OF BASIC EDUCATION**

17. "That this Honourable House requests Government to introduce Early Childhood Education as a compulsory component of Basic Education to open access to Basic Education Program to every three-year old child."

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

**GOVERNMENT TO COMMIT TO ALLOCATE PLOTS TO
HALF OF ALL PERSONS ON THE WAITING LIST**

18. "That this Honourable House requests Government to commit to allocate residential plots to half of all persons on the waiting list for such plots in the next 3 years to facilitate home ownership for a significant proportion of the people of Botswana."

(Mr. T. B. Lucas, MP. – Bobirwa)

SCHOOL SPORT AND TAKING YOUTH OUT OF STREETS

19. "That this Honourable House requests Government to develop and pilot basic sport facilities in Mogoditshane by upgrading Solomon Dihutso football grounds and commence a development programme for pre-primary, primary and secondary schools."

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

INTRODUCTION OF A RURAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME

20. "That this Honourable House requests Government to introduce a Rural Water Supply Scheme in order to promote economic and social upliftment of the rural communities."

(Mr. K. C. Hikuama, MP. – Maun West)

DEVELOPMENT OF YOUTH FOCUSED JOB CREATION PROGRAMMES

21. "That this Honourable House requests Government to develop youth focused job creation programmes, entrepreneurship initiatives and vocational training to address the high rates of youth unemployment."

(Mr. M. Moalosi, MP. – Nkange)

NGOMA TO SEDUDU TRANSIT ROUTE TO OPERATE ON A 24HRS BASIS

22. "That this Honourable House resolves to request Government to have the Ngoma to Sedudu transit route operate on a 24hrs basis, remove the request for permits system and introduce Police officers to man and manage the 2 gates."

(Mr. S. O. Mapulanga, MP. – Chobe)