

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(TUESDAY 10TH FEBRUARY, 2026)

QUESTIONS

HRS/MINS

1400 – 1445

1. **MR. P. AARON, MP. (NGAMI):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure if he is aware: (164)
 - (i) that the A35 highway construction does not comply with road construction standards in Botswana of offering an alternative road to road users during construction;
 - (ii) of the number of accidents that have occurred during construction due to thick clouds of dust and why the contractor is not doing what he is paid to do, and if an alternative road is part of the contract on A35; and
 - (iii) that currently it is difficult to use small vehicles/cars along the construction part as they get stuck.
2. **MR. G. KEKGONEGILE, MP. (MAUN EAST):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to brief this Honourable House on progress made in the payment of outstanding Botswana Defence Force (BDF) personnel dues inclusive of pension and focusing on: (165)
 - (i) the number of personnel initially owed and the number paid so far;
 - (ii) the number not paid, the reasons thereof and real payment date; and
 - (iii) why they are forced to purchase pension schemes with 50% of their dues, and whether there is any flexibility on the afore-mentioned given the ages of some of the beneficiaries.
3. **MR. C. K. HIKUAMA, MP. (MAUN WEST):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to state if: (172)
 - (i) it is still relevant or of any good use, for Botswana Defence Force (BDF)'s Non-Commissioned Officers (NCOs) to retire earlier than the age of 60 years as it is the case with their colleagues in the Commissioned Officers category; and

- (ii) there are any ongoing reviews to ensure the BDF Pension Scheme, particularly concerning NCOs, and its alignment with the Botswana Public Officers Pension Fund (BPOPF) remains equitable and provides comparable long-term security to other public servants with similar lengths of service.
- 4. MR. L. LESEDI, MP. (SEROWE SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship to update this Honourable House on the glass project site and building in Palapye stating the following: (173)

 - (i) the total amount Government spent in the whole project;
 - (ii) the total amount Government received through the liquidator;
 - (iii) the difference or loss amount;
 - (iv) if Government intends to revive the project looking into the investment already made in the construction of the railway line to the site, Botswana Power Corporation (BPC) powerline and buildings;
 - (v) why the director of the company is not being sued or facing criminal charges;
 - (vi) why those who were involved in the wrong doing are walking free; and
 - (vii) how many jobs could be created if the project was revived.
- 5. DR. U. DOW, MP. (KGATLENG WEST):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs what plans he has, if any, to: (174)

 - (i) close the Pilane Landfill;
 - (ii) rehabilitate the Pilane Landfill; and
 - (iii) investigate the adverse health consequences of the smoke that regularly spews from the Pilane Landfill.
- 6. MR. M. MOALOSI, MP. (NKANGE):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs if there are any plans to make Tutume Sub Landboard a fully-fledged landboard with Nata and Marapong being its surbordinate landboards and if there are no plans, is the Minister aware of the Decentralisation Policy and whether, for the sake of service delivery, it would not be prudent to break up Ngwato Landboard into smaller landboards based on the newly established districts. (21)
- 7. MR. J. J. FRENZEL, MP. (SHASHE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs whether he is aware of the overpopulation of students in Chadibe, Borolong and Shashemooke Primary Schools; and if so: (82)

- (i) what plans are being put in place to address the situation; and
 - (ii) if the planned construction of new primary schools at the above stated villages using the Development Manager (DM) Model are still underway.
8. **MS. H. P. MANYENENG, MP. (MMOPANE-METSIMOTLHABE):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs: (83)
- (i) if he is aware that learners from areas such as Dintoroko, Gamononyane, and Mmamhiko are being transported to Metsimotlhabe on donkey carts, a mode of transport that poses serious safety risks and exposes children to accidents and harsh weather conditions; and if so,
 - (ii) whether the Ministry will consider providing safer and properly covered vehicles to ensure the protection and wellbeing of learners during transportation.
9. **MR. T. FURNITURE, MP. (TATI EAST):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs: (89)
- (i) why Kgosi of Patayamatebele and Government employees are not paid Remote Area Service Allowance (RASA); and
 - (ii) if Patayamatebele is not categorised as a rural settlement; if so, why Government employees do not enjoy RASA like other employees at the settlement.
10. **MR. S. O. DIGWA, MP. (BOTETI WEST):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to apprise this Honourable House on: (147)
- (i) measures his Ministry will consider to ensure continuity of services in instances where a Commissioner of Oaths is not available, particularly in smaller offices or posts where the number of officers on duty is limited; and
 - (ii) why junior officers are not being appointed or authorised to act as Commissioners of Oaths in such situations, rather than allowing essential public services to be halted due to the absence of a designated official.

TABLING OF A PAPER

- Civil Aviation Authority of Botswana Annual Report, 2024/25.
(Minister of Transport and Infrastructure)