

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(WEDNESDAY 11TH FEBRUARY, 2026)

<u>QUESTIONS</u>	<u>HRS/MINS</u>
	1400 – 1445
1. 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.	
2. MR. O. KWAPA, MP. (JWANENG-MABUTSANE): To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to state:	(175)
(i) Government's plan regarding SO2 and KW6 areas respectively; and	
(ii) whether there are plans to allocate farms in the said areas.	
3. MR. O. KEDIKILWE, MP. (SEROWE WEST): To ask the Minister of Labour and Home Affairs if he is aware that foreigners who entered Botswana through illegal or unauthorised entry points are given passports of their country of origin while in Botswana; and if so, whether this will not encourage more of them to cross into Botswana illegally in order to get a passport.	(176)
4. MR. M. M. MOROLONG, MP. (KGATLENG CENTRAL): To ask the Minister of Youth and Gender Affairs if there are guidelines for remuneration of artists, if not, what is in place to ensure that artists are fairly and consistently compensated for their services and that there is a standard fee structure for different categories and levels of artistic services.	(177)

5. **MR. L. LESEDI, MP. (SEROWE SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Health to (178) inform this Honourable House if any members of the public in Botswana were ever offered COVID-19 expired doses and vaccines; in particular, the Minister should state:

- (i) the number of people who were given expired Pfizer shots locally and who granted permission to unilaterally extend the vaccines' shelf life as well as the number of people who died during and after the COVID-19 vaccination;
- (ii) when the Ministry noticed that vaccines had expired and further state how the expiry date is determined bearing in mind storage, handling and local temperatures;
- (iii) who extended the expiry date of vaccines, and if extending expiry dates of medicines is regular medical practice and the dangers posed by such to human life;
- (iv) which other COVID-19 vaccines which were available locally and had expired and how many Batswana were offered such and if any vaccines were destroyed as well as the quantities of those destroyed; and
- (v) the monetary value of all expired and destroyed vaccines, how these expired vaccines were destroyed to reduce the risk of damage to environmental health, in particular, soil and groundwater pollution as well as how many Batswana are suffering from the long-term effects of COVID-19 vaccines.

6. **MR. G. DISHO, MP. (OKAVANGO EAST):** To ask the Minister of (179) Environment and Tourism to state:

- (i) when his Ministry will consider releasing crocodile management quotas in the Okavango region, given their contribution to human fatalities and ongoing human-wildlife conflict; and
- (ii) the number of crocodiles in the Okavango river basin on the Botswana side.

7. **MR. T. B. LUCAS, MP. (BOBIRWA):** To ask the Minister of Local (180) Government and Traditional Affairs to state:

- (i) the criteria that were employed to demarcate the current district councils and whether he finds such criteria fair and consistent; and

(ii) if there are any intentions to create additional district councils in the next four (4) years.

8. **MR. T. FURNITURE, MP. (TATI EAST):** To ask the Minister of Minerals and Energy to state: (181)

- (i) the mandate of Botswana Oil Limited (BOL);
- (ii) the number of Citizen Economic Empowerment (CEE) fuel suppliers who are currently supplying BOL under this mandate;
- (iii) the number of CEE fuel transporters who currently operate under adhoc deal sheets and why they are being given month's deals instead of long-term contracts; and
- (iv) if she is aware that BOL invited local transporters to tender for the transportation of fuel from Walvis Bay in Namibia, Matola in Mozambique and that following adjudication, several local transporters were issued letters confirming their success and advising that they would receive three (3) to five (5) year contracts and it has now been over six (6) months yet no contracts have been issued; and if so,
- (v) whether there is any intention of issuing these contracts and when they will be issued; if not, why Botswana Oil Limited has not communicated its position clearly to allow transporters to make informed decisions about their investment.

9. **MR. A. K. KHAN, MP. (MOLEPOLOLE NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education to state the total number of private schools currently operating in Botswana that are led by expatriate School Heads and to provide the names of those schools and the nationalities of the expatriate School Heads; and further state: (182)

- (i) what assessment the Ministry has made of the apparent trend wherein elite private schools predominantly appoint Caucasian school heads and senior teachers and whether the Ministry has investigated the causes of this trend; and, if so, to state the findings;
- (ii) why senior management positions in private schools are frequently occupied by expatriates rather than suitably qualified Batswana; and further state, specific interventions, policies or incentives the Ministry proposes or has in place to promote and empower local teachers for such senior roles;

- (iii) if she is aware of reports alleging that a number of expatriates employed by private schools lack the necessary professional qualifications and/or are in the country without valid work permits; if so, what investigations have been launched and what actions will the Ministry take, working together with other relevant ministries and agencies, to verify qualifications and immigration status;
- (iv) if she is aware of reports that some private schools do not accurately declare expatriate employees to relevant authorities; and if so, what regulatory or enforcement measures will the Ministry implement (or recommend) to ensure compliance by private schools with reporting and registration requirements;
- (v) whether she is aware of evidence suggesting salary disparities between Caucasian expatriate teachers and local Batswana teachers performing similar roles; and if so, what steps will the Ministry take to investigate and where necessary, address unfair remuneration practices in private schools;
- (vi) if the Ministry has received complaints or evidence of racism, discrimination or unfair treatment of Batswana teachers by expatriate colleagues in private schools; and if so, what formal support mechanisms, complaint procedures and protection exist for affected teachers and how the Ministry will strengthen these;
- (vii) whether given the reportedly high number of qualified yet unemployed Batswana teachers, what justification the Ministry offers for renewal of work permits for expatriate School Heads and teachers and if the Ministry intends to adopt a plan or timeline to progressively reduce reliance on expatriate school heads and teachers in favour of suitably qualified Batswana professionals; if so, what is the target date for phasing out such permits;
- (viii) if she is aware of allegations that private school management colludes with Ministry of Labour and Home Affairs officials to suppress local teachers' rights (including unfair pay, denial of leave and withholding of benefits); and if so, what measures the Ministry will take, in collaboration with the relevant Ministry to protect the labour rights of Batswana teachers and to ensure private schools fully comply with labour legislation; and

(ix) the current total number of expatriate teachers and school heads employed in Botswana, broken down by category: private/pre-primary, primary, secondary, and international schools and by nationality.

10. **MR. S. O. MAPULANGA, MP. (CHOBE):** To ask the Minister of Minerals and Energy to state if there is a state-owned enterprise or indigenous company which deals with mineral exploration and prospecting; and if so, to provide an update on the operations of the enterprise to date and if not, whether it would not be prudent to create one. (183)

11. **MR. M. BAGAISAMANG, MP. (SHOSHONG):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to state progress made in the Milk Africa project thus far towards having a sustainable milk supply to Batswana. (184)

12. **MR. K. K. KAPINGA, MP. (OKAVANGO WEST):** To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism to state: (185)

- (i) when the residents of Okavango can expect to see touristic developments around the Mohembo Okavango bridge as proposed in the relevant plans; and
- (ii) whether his Ministry was involved in the conception of the plans; and if so, why there has not been a single development to date.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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SECOND READING

1445 – 1830

- Appropriation (2026/2027) Bill, 2026 (Bill No. 1 of 2026) 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, 2027.

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(Minister of Finance)

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