

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(THURSDAY 2ND APRIL, 2026)

QUESTIONS

HRS/MINS

0900 – 0945

1. **MR. G. LEKAU, MP. (MOGODITSHANE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to state: **(405)**
 - (i) why the Central Transport Organisation (CTO) auctions vehicles once a year as opposed to three (3) times per annum as they did during the past five (5) years;
 - (ii) why only 10 per cent of the boarded vehicles are auctioned;
 - (iii) the economic benefit of using private auctioneers as opposed to internal personnel or those from other departments like councils; and
 - (iv) what makes it difficult to carry out a countrywide auction in a single (1) day.

2. **MR. D. SALESHANDO, MP. (MAUN NORTH):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security: **(406)**
 - (i) to state the total costs incurred by Government thus far for meetings convened nationwide to promote the possible introduction of the Constitutional Court; and
 - (ii) to avail a breakdown of the costs indicating travel, lodging and other associated costs.

3. **MR. G. KEKGONEGILE, MP. (MAUN EAST):** To ask the Minister of Labour and Home Affairs to brief this Honourable House on efforts being made by his Ministry to contribute to job creation and in ensuring that all Botswana registered commercial vehicles are driven by hired locals or citizens, with particular emphasis on: **(407)**
 - (i) whether such policy exists in Botswana; and if not, why not;
 - (ii) any paradigm shift if such policy does not exist, steps being taken and targeted implementation period;

- (iii) how often inspection of the industry is done and to state the composition of the inspection team; and
- (iv) the lessons learnt in the inspections and intervention strategies being put in place.

4. **MR. T. B. LUCAS, MP. (BOBIRWA):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs if he is aware that the Department of Tribal Administration is one of the most neglected departments in Government; and in particular to state: (408)

- (i) the number of;
 - (a) functional vehicles available to a *kgotla* against the number of *Dikgotla* in Botswana;
 - (b) functional vehicles available to a *kgotla* against the number of *Dikgotla* in Bobirwa;
 - (c) habitable accommodation available to Tribal Administration staff against the number of employed Tribal Administration staff in Botswana;
 - (d) the number of habitable accommodation available to Tribal Administration staff against the number of employed staff in Bobirwa Tribal Administration Offices;
- (ii) the amount of money that was allocated for the maintenance of Tribal Administration offices and houses in the last three (3) financial years in Botswana;
- (iii) the amount of money that was allocated for the maintenance of Tribal Administration offices and houses in the last three (3) financial years in Bobirwa; and
- (iv) plans his Ministry has to address the neglected Department of Tribal Administration.

5. **MR. S. O. MAPULANGA, MP. (CHOBE):** To ask the Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship to state: (409)

- (i) the Ministry's policies and strategies designed to create a conducive environment for promoting Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Botswana;
- (ii) the inter-ministerial and inter-departmental policies and strategies which are designed to create a conducive environment for promoting FDI in Botswana;

- (iii) how the wider socio-economic environment of Botswana has been understood, considered and integrated into the policies and strategies which have been designed to create a conducive environment for promoting FDI in Botswana; and
 - (iv) the total cost of international travels associated with attracting foreign investors to Botswana from April 2018 to April 2024 and whether it is cost effective and sustainable.
6. **BRIGADIER D. MOKGWATHI, MP. (LETLHAKENG):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to apprise this Honourable House on the current status of Maratšwane Village in Letlhakeng District with regard to the gazetting of the then settlement into a village status. **(410)**
 7. **MR. P. K. MOTAOSANE, MP. (THAMAGA - KUMAKWANE):** To ask the Minister of Minerals and Energy to update this Honourable House on the main reason behind the Government's decision not to pursue the Debswana tax debt that was alleged to be in the region of P14 billion. **(411)**
 8. **MR. O. KWAPA, MP. (JWANENG-MABUTSANE):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs whether there are plans to upgrade Sese Headman of Records given the growing population and size of the Village. **(412)**
 9. **MR. G. DISHO, MP. (OKAVANGO EAST):** To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism to state: **(413)**
 - (i) the amount of revenue that is collected annually from the tourism levy and how this amount compares with expenditure allocated to the maintenance and development of infrastructure in national parks and reserves;
 - (ii) why, despite consistent collection of tourism levy revenues, infrastructure in parks and reserves remains severely dilapidated, to the extent that it undermines visitors' experiences, conservation objectives and the working conditions of staff in the tourism industry;
 - (iii) whether his Ministry acknowledges the public concern that the conditions of parks and reserves do not reflect the level of revenue generated from the tourism levy; and
 - (iv) concrete plans and timelines to ensure that these funds are visibly reinvested in improving parks and reserves infrastructure.

10. **MR. L. LESEDI, MP. (SEROWE SOUTH):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to update this Honourable House on the implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) and to state: **(414)**
- (i) steps that have been taken to ensure the effective implementation of the UNCRPD at district and national level;
 - (ii) the definition of an individual with disability according to Government and why many (presumably) disabled persons like albinos, those with vitiligo etc are disqualified from receiving disability benefits and how they are classified to ensure that they are not left in the lurch;
 - (iii) measures that have been taken at local level to implement these national and international disability rights instruments;
 - (iv) actionable steps, apart from policy, which have been taken to ensure that persons with disabilities enjoy full equality under the law and unleash their contribution to the economy; and
 - (v) when Botswana will ratify the African Disability Protocol (ADP).
11. **DR. U. DOW, MP. (KGATLENG WEST):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs: **(415)**
- (i) whether the transition from the Ipelegeng to Ikageng Programme will reduce, unless the transition is accompanied by significant budget increase, the number of beneficiaries; and if so, by what percentage will the reduction be;
 - (ii) what age group and/or educational level will be targeted by the Ikageng Programme; and
 - (iii) whether the transition from Ipelegeng to Ikageng Programme is not in effect a cancellation of an unemployment programme and the introduction of a skills programme.
12. **MR. M. M. MOROLONG, MP. (KGATLENG CENTRAL):** To ask the Minister of Health to state the primary institutional challenges affecting the efficiency of Deborah Retief Memorial Hospital; and targeted interventions he intends to implement to help address these issues to enhance service delivery at this district hospital. **(416)**

13. **MR. J. T. MODISE, MP. (KGALAGADI SOUTH):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to state when the road along the border line from Molopo farm to Two Rivers will be made for effective patrols by security services, immigration and veterinary services personnel as well as other stakeholders. (231)
14. **MR. T. FURNITURE, MP. (TATI EAST):** To ask the Minister of Health if he is aware of Tuberculosis (TB) patients who were administered TB medication believed to be reduced efficiency from around midyear 2025, which was later withdrawn and substituted with alternative medication towards the end of November 2025; and if so, to state: (236)
- (i) the number of patients who were administered the said medication during this period;
 - (ii) whether there were any patients whose health deteriorated significantly while on the said medication and also provide details of the complications brought by the said medication;
 - (iii) if any of the patients lost their lives during the period in which the said medication was administered;
 - (iv) steps Government has taken to ensure that affected patients receive appropriate medical attention, including follow up care; and
 - (v) if there are any special arrangements in place to support patients who have since developed serious infective TB.
15. **MR. J. J. FRENZEL, MP. (SHASHE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship to apprise this Honourable House on: (370)
- (i) how much funds were raised through the Alcohol Levy during the new operational times introduced during the 2025 festive season; and
 - (ii) whether there were any mishaps or incidents reported to have been associated with the new operational times compared to the same period in the previous year.

QUESTION WITHOUT NOTICE

16. **MR. L. BARONGWANG, MP. (MOGODITSHANE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Minerals and Energy to state: **(417)**

- (i) executive and management interventions in place to cushion citizens and local businesses, in light of the recently announced drastic increase in fuel prices which is likely to affect the general cost of goods and services; and
- (ii) short-term relief measures, medium-term stabilisation strategies, and long-term plans being pursued to safeguard livelihoods, maintain market confidence, and ensure macroeconomic stability in the face of fuel commodity volatility.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

HRS/MINS

COMMITTEE STAGE

0945 – 1230

- Cinematograph Bill, 2025 (Bill No. 31 of 2025) An Act to provide for the making and exhibition of cinematograph films, for the licensing of cinemas and for purposes incidental thereto and connected therewith.

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(Minister of Sport and Arts)

AMENDMENTS

1. The Bill is amended in **clause 25** appearing at page **B.719** by substituting for the clause, the following new clause –

“Issuance of film permit

25. The Commission may, on receipt of an application under section 24 (1), issue a film permit with such conditions as it deems fit, if satisfied that the applicant has fulfilled all the requirements under this Act.”.

(Minister of Sport and Arts)

2. The Bill is amended in **clause 28** appearing at page **B.720** by deleting the words, “the text, synopsis or scenes or” appearing in subclause (1).

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3. The Bill is amended in **clause 29** appearing at page **B. 720** by deleting the words “in his or her opinion” appearing in subclause (1).

(Minister of Sport and Arts)