

**BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**ORDER PAPER**

**(TUESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2026)**

**QUESTIONS**

**HRS/MINS**

**1400 – 1445**

1. **DR. K. GOBOTSWANG, MP. (TSWAPONG SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to state: **(418)**
- (i) whether the utilisation of public funds to purchase bulls and heifers from Texas in the United States of America was consistent with existing laws governing public finance and budget allocations;
  - (ii) the specific vote used for the procurement of the specified livestock; and
  - (iii) the role played by the National Agricultural Research and Development Institute (NARDI) in the process, if any.
2. **MR. T. FURNITURE, MP. (TATI EAST):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs whether, following the implementation of the Public Procurement Act of 2021, procurement oversight structures have been established in all Local Authorities; if not, to state: **(419)**
- (i) the reasons for the delay in operationalising them;
  - (ii) who is currently responsible for performing the procurement oversight functions within Local Authorities, and at what salary grades or positions these officers are appointed;
  - (iii) the implications of the absence or delay in establishing formal procurement oversight structures on the decisions of Accounting Officers in the award of tenders;
  - (iv) whether his Ministry has assessed if the lack of fully established oversight structures may be contributing to corruption, maladministration or the increase in tender-related complaints; and
  - (v) corrective measures being put in place.

3. **MR. M. M. PULE, MP. (KGATLENG EAST):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to state what interim measures the Ministry intends to implement to assist passengers and support taxi drivers while awaiting road rehabilitation given that some taxi drivers cannot drop access some roads and drop off passengers nearer to their homes due to poor road conditions in Kgatleng East; and to further state: (420)
- (i) whether there are plans to adjust taxi permit regulations or service guidelines to reflect these challenges and ensure safe, convenient access for users; and
  - (ii) when taxi routes will be increased within these villages to cater for population growth and village expansions.
4. **MR. D. SALESHANDO, MP. (MAUN NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Finance to provide an update on the agreement signed between the Botswana Government and Qatar's Al Mansour Holdings for the investment of 12 billion US Dollars in Botswana. (421)
5. **MR. G. KEKGONEGILE, MP. (MAUN EAST):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to brief this Honourable House on uniformity in the implementation of the Public Service Act among Ministries, with emphasis on: (422)
- (i) the Ministry's interpretation of the Public Service Act (PSA) with regard to the 12 months temporary employment moratorium, implementation challenges and differences in the implementation experienced amongst different Ministries;
  - (ii) why temporary workers are changed over posts after 12 months instead of some of them being permanently employed in the posts; and
  - (iii) reconciliation in understanding and implementation with the principle of permanent employment if one has been in temporary employment for over 12 months.
6. **MR. T. B. LUCAS, MP. (BOBIRWA):** To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism to apprise this Honourable House on what his Ministry has done or is doing in respect of the Mophane worm industry in the following key areas: (423)
- (i) expansion of the industry;
  - (ii) import and export issues;
  - (iii) harvesting permits;
  - (iv) safety and protection of harvesters;

- (v) conservation of the worm; and
  - (vi) value addition initiatives.
7. **MR. S. O. MAPULANGA, MP. (CHOBE):** To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism to state: **(424)**
- (i) the years in which Hunting Concessions CT1, CT2, CT3, CT4, CT5 and CT6 were established;
  - (ii) the number of companies and individuals who won the license to hunt in the mentioned concessions and to list their names;
  - (iii) the amount raised in terms of BWP value to date; and
  - (iv) where the lease agreements are being held and their expiry dates.
8. **BRIGADIER D. MOKGWATHI, MP. (LETLHAKENG):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education to apprise this Honourable House on: **(425)**
- (i) the number of primary school pupils commuting on a daily basis between Maratswane and Malwelwe to Malwelwe Primary School;
  - (ii) the mode of transport used by these pupils and its reliability; and
  - (iii) future plans (both short and long term) for Maratswane Primary School.
9. **MR. M. M. MOROLONG, MP. (KGATLENG CENTRAL):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture if he is not considering banning the domestic rearing of pit bull dogs due to safety concerns. **(426)**
10. **DR. U. DOW, MP. (KGATLENG WEST):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture whether he is aware of the special and unique opportunity presented by the motion adopted in this Honourable House which was to the effect that Leshibitse be declared a special agricultural area and the subsequent inclusion of the same in the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme; more particularly: **(427)**
- (i) how he plans to operationalise the motion;
  - (ii) whether he will support Phase 2 of the Parliamentarians for Climate Finance Project – Botswana; and if so, how; and
  - (iii) whether he is aware that Leshibitse has the potential to not just contribute to feeding the nation, but also to demonstrating the use of modern and green food growth and processing technologies.

11. **MR. L. LESEDI, MP. (SEROWE SOUTH):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to state: (428)

- (i) how much the Government pays France 24 for the evening Botswana Television (BTV) broadcast, how the TV station was selected and what procurement model was followed to contract the station;
- (ii) how much Mass Media pays for foreign films vs local produced content/films on average and what procurement models are being followed for the same;
- (iii) when BTV will practise affirmative action and give preference to procure only local content;
- (iv) how much was paid for the Family Feud show, why the show was not shot in Botswana and which group is benefitting from the Steve Harvey Show; and
- (v) which company supplies BTV with cameras, whether the said company has any links with any BTV employees and the procurement model followed for the same.

12. **MR. G. DISHO, MP. (OKAVANGO EAST):** To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism to state: (429)

- (i) factors that informed the sudden and significant increase in prices and rates across the tourism sector, and why such changes were implemented without adequate notice or stakeholder consultation;
- (ii) whether he has assessed the potential impact of these abrupt price hikes on the sustainability and competitiveness of the tourism industry, particularly for operators, employees and communities that depend on the sector;
- (iii) whether his Ministry appreciates that the abrupt policy and pricing changes create uncertainty for tourism operators and clients, disrupt forward bookings and investment planning; and
- (iv) what measures are being taken to mitigate the negative consequences and restore confidence in the sector.

**AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS**

**HRS/MINS**

**PRESENTATION OF GOVERNMENT BILLS**

**1445 - 1900**

1. Income Tax Bill, 2025 (Bill No. 36 of 2025) An Act to make provision for the charge, assessment, collection and administration of income tax; and for matters incidental thereto.

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(Minister of Finance)

2. Customs (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (Bill No. 37 of 2025) An Act to amend the Customs Act.

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(Minister of Finance)

3. Tax Administration Bill, 2025 (Bill No. 38 of 2025) An Act to harmonise, modernise, and consolidate the rules and procedures for the administration of the tax laws and matters connected thereto.

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(Minister of Finance)

4. Value Added Tax Bill, 2025 (Bill No. 39 of 2025) An Act to re-enact the Value Added Tax Act with amendments to provide for the imposition and collection of value added tax; and for matters connected thereto.

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(Minister of Finance)