

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(MONDAY 9TH MARCH, 2026)

QUESTIONS

HRS/MINS

1400 – 1445

- 1. DR. K. GOBOTSWANG, MP. (TSWAPONG SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Health to apprise this Honourable House on the State of Public Health Emergency that was declared by the President in August 2025; and further state: **(206)**

 - (i) the baseline levels of essential and non-essential drugs as well as Antiretroviral Drugs (ARVs) at the time the State of Public Health Emergency was declared and the levels of the same supplies at the time the State of Public Health Emergency ended;
 - (ii) systemic operational failures that were documented during the State of Public Health Emergency; and
 - (iii) corrective measures that were put in place and resultant improvements observed.

- 2. MR. S. O. MAPULANGA, MP. (CHOBE):** To ask the Minister of Water and Human Settlement to state: **(300)**

 - (i) the size of land in hectares his Ministry has secured in Chobe for the Bonno Project;
 - (ii) the number of houses earmarked to be built in the same space; and
 - (iii) the names of villages where the land has been secured.

- 3. MR. J. J. FRENZEL, MP. (SHASHE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education: **(301)**

 - (i) if she is aware that Early Childhood graduate temporary teachers are being removed from their positions in certain regions after the 12 months tenure despite the savingram issued by her office stating otherwise;
 - (ii) whether these positions are being filled by newly recruited temporary teachers in the Central region;

- (iii) to provide clarity on the laid down procedure for absorbing temporary teachers into permanent positions in her Ministry; and
 - (iv) whether this process encompasses all unemployed teacher graduates or priority is currently being given to those employed on a temporary basis.
4. **MR. O. KWAPA, MP. (JWANENG-MABUTSANE):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to explain why it is too difficult or complicated and expensive to change land use. (302)
5. **MR. J. T. MODISE, MP. (KGALAGADI SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Minerals and Energy when it will be possible to provide electricity at Two Rivers as other services are failing to be done due to insufficient/inadequate supply of electricity in the area. (303)
6. **MR. S. O. DIGWA, MP. (BOTETI WEST):** To ask the Minister of Health if he: (304)
- (i) is aware of the serious shortage of midwives in the medical facilities in the Boteti West Constituency especially at Rakops Primary Hospital; and
 - (ii) will consider upgrading midwives to attract more general nurses to enrol in midwifery.
7. **MR. T. B. LUCAS, MP. (BOBIRWA):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to apprise this Honourable House on: (305)
- (i) the total number of Development Manager Model (DM) projects that have been cancelled, considered for cancellation or are still being negotiated;
 - (ii) whether or not cancelled projects/contracts attracted penalties or costs to Government and if so, how much money has Government lost to cancelled projects or owe contractors of cancelled projects;
 - (iii) the total number and titles of DM projects that have been allowed to continue and the criteria employed in making such a decision;
 - (iv) the total cost of the projects that have been allowed to continue and the conditions for such continuation; and
 - (v) whether or not Government will consider using DM model in future.

8. **MS. H. P. MANYENENG, MP. (MMOPANE-METSIMOTLHABE):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to clarify the respective roles of the Department of Road Transport and Safety and the Botswana Police Service with regard to regulating and enforcing road transport operations. (306)
9. **MR. L. BARONGWANG, MP. (MOGODITSHANE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Finance to state policy reforms that are being implemented to formalise the second-hand vehicle industry, prevent tax leakages, and curb illicit financial flows associated with vehicle imports; he should further state: (307)
- (i) how key institutions such as the Botswana Unified Revenue Service, Financial Intelligence Agency, Immigration, and the Department of Road Transport and Safety integrate data to detect and combat trade-based money laundering in the importation and sale of vehicles;
 - (ii) if the Government is effecting mandatory digital invoicing and cease cash transaction immediately for vehicle dealerships, to strengthen transparency, accountability, and tax compliance; and
 - (iii) the regulatory limits that exist.
10. **MR. A. K. KHAN, MP. (MOLEPOLOLE NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Labour and Home Affairs 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 he 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 he 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 he 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 he 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.

11. **MR. C. K. JACOBS, MP. (LOBATSE):** To ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services if there are any Government efforts and considerations on the establishment of Land Courts and Land Courts of Appeal as a way to relevantly attend and address land disputes and land related matters in a more professional setup and legal framework; and whether he is aware that: (190)

- (i) with Land Courts and Courts of Appeal, land disputes will undergo proper legality and administration;
- (ii) Lands Courts and Courts of Appeal could administer and handle Land Disputes Management System and Database;
- (iii) Lands Courts and Courts of Appeal could foster relevance to land issues and settlements; and
- (iv) with Land Courts and Courts of Appeal, land allocations and land disputes will separately run effectively and efficiently independent and manageable as different portfolios under oversight of the ministry and other relevant stakeholders.

12. **MR. K. NKAWANA, MP. (SELEBI PHIKWE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism what plans he has to address the impact of climate change on Botswana's ecosystem and economy. (101)

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

HRS/MINS

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

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)

(Resumed Debate)

| | <u>ORG</u> | <u>MINISTRY</u> | <u>TIME</u> | <u>HRS/MINS</u> |
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| Day 6 | 1100 | Health | 1445 hrs – 1530 hrs | 0.45 |
| | 1200 | Administration of Justice | 1530 hrs – 1720 hrs | 1.50 |
| | 2000 | Environment and Tourism | 1720 hrs – 1830 hrs | 1.10 |