

**BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**ORDER PAPER**

**(FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2026)**

**MINISTER'S QUESTION TIME**

**HRS/MINS**

**0900– 0945**

- Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education

**THEME: THE RATIONALE AND RELEVANCE OF SCARCE SKILL ALLOWANCE**

To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education to inform this Honourable House of:

- (i) when scarce skill allowance was introduced in the teaching sector and for which subjects;
- (ii) the rationale for its introduction and to provide the list of subjects designated as eligible for scarce skills allowance and to provide the last time it was reviewed;
- (iii) whether the rationale for the introduction of the allowance still applies under prevailing circumstances, considering current labour market demands and educational priorities;
- (iv) what the anticipated effects on teacher recruitment, retention, and motivation would be should the scarce skills allowance be discontinued or reviewed; and
- (v) evidence or indicators the Ministry can provide to demonstrate how the allowance has influenced the labour market for educators in the designated subjects; and student performance and uptake in those subjects.

(Mr. L. Barongwang, MP. – Mogoditshane East)

**QUESTIONS**

1. **MR. M. M. MOROLONG, MP. (KGATLENG CENTRAL):** To ask the Minister of Finance to brief this Honourable House on the costs incurred by Government on the production of printing the pula currency notes and minting coins; and to further state:
  - (i) production frequency;

- (ii) security expenses; and
  - (iii) distribution costs.
2. **MR. O. KWAPA, MP. (JWANENG-MABUTSANE):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture whether there are any plans to introduce lease rental amnesty. (327)
3. **MR. J. T. MODISE, MP. (K GALAGADI SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism to state what measures are available to monitor the wild animals which are in game ranches owned by citizens near Mabuasehube Game Reserve in the Kgalagadi South Constituency which stand to benefit the country rather than individual owners. (328)
4. **MR. D. SALESHANDO, MP. (MAUN NORTH):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to confirm if the Office of the President has at any point engaged a private security company to provide for the security needs of the President alongside state security agencies; if the answer is in the affirmative, the Minister should state the following: (329)
- (i) what prompted the need for a private security company to be engaged;
  - (ii) how the private security company was identified;
  - (iii) the name of the company engaged and its directors/shareholders; and
  - (iv) how much the company has been paid and the duration for its engagement.
5. **MR. T. B. LUCAS, MP. (BOBIRWA):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to state: (330)
- (i) the ideal Agricultural Demonstrators to the population ratio;
  - (ii) the ideal Technical Officers to the population ratio;
  - (iii) the ideal Veterinary Doctors to the population ratio; and
  - (iv) how those ideal ratios compare to the status quo and if there are any remedies; if there is such need.

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A DEDICATED ARM OR UNIT OF THE POLICE SERVICE  
FOR THE PROTECTION OF JUDICIAL OFFICERS**

1. "That this Honourable House requests Government to establish a dedicated arm or unit of the Botswana Police Service for the protection of judicial officers."

(Dr. U. Dow, MP. – Kgatleng West)

(Resumed Debate)

**AMENDMENT OF SECTION 201 (A) OF THE PENAL CODE OF 2018**

2. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider amending Section 201 (A) of the Penal Code No. 18 of 2018 and charge with murder, any person, found guilty of unlawful possession of human flesh, body parts or human remains."

(Mr. C. K. Jacobs, MP. – Lobatse)

(Resumed Debate)

**COMMISSION OF INQUIRY ON COMMUNITY BASED ORGANISATIONS OR TRUSTS**

3. "That this Honourable House requests Government to institute a commission of inquiry on allegations of Maladministration, financial embezzlement, insider trading, corruption, abuse of political power and abuse of office on Community Based Organisations or Trusts by Technical Advisory Committees and Trustees from year 2014 to 2024."

(Mr. S. O. Mapulanga, MP. – Chobe)

**COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL STUDY ON THE INCLUSION OF BLOOD  
GROUP TYPE DATA WITHIN ROUTINE MEDICAL RECORDS**

4. "That this Honourable House requests Government to undertake a comprehensive national study on the inclusion of blood group type data within routine medical records, with the aim of improving emergency response and enhancing preparedness for medical interventions across the country."

(Mr. P. M. Mosanana, MP. – Kanye East)

**INTRODUCTION OF SAFE AND STUDENT-FRIENDLY SCHOOL BUSES**

5. "That this Honourable House resolves that Government should introduce safe and student-friendly school buses by establishing a comprehensive, nationwide policy framework to ensure the safety, efficiency and accessibility of school transportation."

(Mr. C. K. Hikuama, MP. – Maun West)

**INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUNS' PERMIT QUOTA**

6. "That this Honourable House resolves to request Government to introduce a "special guns" permit quota for farmers residing in dangerous wildlife infested farming areas, as a matter of facilitating them to protect their livestock, crops and properties."

(Mr. G. Kekgonegile, MP. – Maun East)

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A TASK FORCE TO INVESTIGATE THE EXTENT OF FOREIGN WORK PERMIT ABUSE AND NON-COMPLIANCE WITH CITIZEN SUBCONTRACTING MANDATES IN GOVERNMENT PROJECTS**

7. "That this Honourable House requests Government to immediately establish a high-level Task Force mandated to investigate the extent of foreign work permit abuse and non-compliance with citizen subcontracting mandates in all Government projects, and further requests that the Task Force be required to submit a comprehensive report with actionable recommendations to this Honourable House within six (6) months of its formation."

(Mr. M. Moalosi, MP. – Nkange)

**POLICY FRAMEWORK OR LEGISLATION, EMPLOYEE SHARE SCHEMES AS A STRATEGY TO ENHANCE EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT, RETENTION AND ALIGNMENT OF INTEREST OF EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES**

8. "That this Honourable House requests Government to encourage through policy framework or legislation, employee share schemes as a strategy to enhance employee engagement, retention and alignment of interest of employers and employees."

(Mr. R. W. Kaizer, MP. – Selibe Phikwe West)

**GOVERNMENT TO STOP CHARGING FARMERS TAX ON IMPORTATION OF LIVESTOCK**

9. "That this Honourable House requests Government to stop charging farmers tax on livestock imported from the neighbouring states, in order to encourage importation of more animals of high-quality genetics, as our country is gearing towards increasing both cattle and small stock number, farmers are bearing high transportation costs, food and accommodation costs."

(Mr. O. Kedikilwe, MP. – Serowe West)

**GOVERNMENT TO AUTHORISE BOTSWANA POWER CORPORATION  
(BPC) TO FOCUS ON DISTRIBUTION OF POWER**

10. "That this Honourable House requests Government to authorise Botswana Power Corporation (BPC) to strictly focus on distribution of power, village connection, inspection of materials used and to allow local privately-owned companies to connect electricity in homes and farms."

(Mr. G. Lekau, MP. – Mogoditshane West)

**GOVERNMENT TO COMMIT TO ALLOCATE PLOTS TO ALL PERSONS  
CURRENTLY ON THE WAITING LIST**

11. "That this Honourable House requests Government to commit to allocate residential plots to all persons on waiting list for residential plots in next 3 years to facilitate home ownership for a significant proportion of the people of Botswana."

(Mr. T. B. Lucas, MP. – Bobirwa)

**DOMESTICATION OF THE SADC MODEL LAW  
ON PUBLIC FINANCE MANAGEMENT**

12. "That this Honourable House resolves to request Government to take the necessary steps to ratify and domesticate the SADC Model Law on Public Finance Management into the national Legal Framework."

(Mr. T. Furniture, MP. – Tati East)

**AMENDMENT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACT**

13. "That this Honourable House requests Government to amend the Public Health Act in order to give the Director of Health Services powers to undertake efforts to contain and control the outbreak and spread of any disease without the need for His Excellency the President to rule by decree in a protracted State of Emergency."

(Mr. L. Lesedi, MP. – Serowe South)

**INTRODUCTION OF SIGN LANGUAGE AS AN OFFICIAL LANGUAGE**

14. "That this Honourable House resolves to introduce and adopt sign language as an official language in Botswana."

(Mr. M. M. Morolong, MP. – Kgatleng Central)

**AMENDMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATIONS AND COMPLIANCE AT COMPANIES  
AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AUTHORITY (CIPA)**

15. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider exempting registered non-operating businesses or shelf companies from filing fees or paying annual returns as well as to reduce filing fees for annual returns of operating business entities, restoration fees for businesses and companies deactivated and removed from the CIPA register."

(Mr. C. K. Jacobs, MP. – Lobatse)

**GOVERNMENT TO REVIEW THE POLICY OF DISPOSSESSING LAND-HOLDERS**

16. "That this Honourable House requests Government to review the policy of dispossessing land-holders to give way to village expansions, with a view to allowing the existence of small farms within towns and villages."

(Dr. U. Dow, MP. – Kgatleng West)

**REVIEW AND UPWARD ADJUSTMENT OF THE COMPENSATION RATES  
FOR LOSS OF LIFE, INJURY, LIVESTOCK AND CROPS**

17. "That this Honourable House resolves that Government immediately reviews and upwardly adjust the compensation rates which no longer reflect the true market value for loss of life, injury, livestock and crops, for the purposes of aligning them, with current market prices and inflation in order to promote the coexistence between the people of Botswana and wildlife."

(Mr. C. K. Hikuama, MP. – Maun West)

**CITIZEN ENTREPRENEURIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CEDA)  
TO DISCONTINUE THE ISSUANCE OF LOANS**

18. "That this Honourable House requests Government to discontinue the issuance of loans by the Citizen Entrepreneurial Development Agency (CEDA) and instead partner with commercial banks for all credit facilities by providing surety."

(Mr. G. Lekau, MP. – Mogoditshane West)

**AMENDMENT OF THE PUBLIC HOLIDAYS ACT**

19. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider amending the Public Holidays Act so that it reads, "if a public holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the Monday becomes a public holiday" as opposed to reading, "if the public holidays listed fall on a Sunday then the Monday shall be a public holiday" as it has now become common that if a holiday falls on a Saturday then the next Monday is declared a public holiday at short notice and this disrupts planning and is bad for business."

(Mr. L. Lesedi, MP. – Serowe South)

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPECIAL FUND FOR GENDER BASED VIOLENCE (GBV)**

20. "That this Honourable House requests Government to strengthen Botswana's commitment to gender equality and the protection of its citizens by establishing a Special Fund for Gender Based Violence (GBV) to provide immediate, targeted financial resources for prevention, survivor support and legal redress."

(Mr. T. Furniture, MP. – Tati East)