

**BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**ORDER PAPER**

**(TUESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2026)**

**QUESTIONS**

**HRS/MINS**

**1400 – 1445**

- 1. DR. U. DOW, MP. (KGATLENG WEST):** To ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services to state the number of: **(331)**

  - (i) Magistrate Courts in Botswana;
  - (ii) Magistrates in Botswana;
  - (iii) divisions of the High Court and where the High Court sits in Botswana;
  - (iv) judges of the High Court in Botswana; and
  - (v) judges of the Court of Appeal in Botswana.
  
- 2. MR. L. LESEDI, MP. (SEROWE SOUTH):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to update this Honourable House on: **(340)**

  - (i) the nationwide Botswana Police Service escorts of security companies' cash-in-transit vehicles; and further, if the escorts are free or if there is cost sharing with the relevant banks;
  - (ii) when the escorts started, their efficacy and how much it costs Government per month for the Police escort services; and
  - (iii) whether it is not time to facilitate private security companies to enable them to handle such operations through capacitation and arming.
  
- 3. MR. G. DISHO, MP. (OKAVANGO EAST):** To ask the Minister of Labour and Home Affairs to update this Honourable House on: **(341)**

  - (i) the legal and policy framework developed or amended to support the President's desire for affirmative action by Government to curb illegal immigration and document all undocumented migrants, particularly those from Zimbabwe; and

- (ii) the implementation of these measures, including any operational strategies, stakeholder engagements or cross border coordination efforts undertaken to date.
4. **MR. T. B. LUCAS, MP. (BOBIRWA):** To ask the Minister of Finance if there are any plans to upgrade borders in the Bobirwa Constituency to a commercial status; and if so, to state the progress recorded so far in actualising such a plan. **(343)**
5. **MR. A. K. KHAN, MP. (MOLEPOLOLE NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Finance to update this Honourable House on the status of Government payments to its suppliers and provide the following particulars; **(344)**
- (i) the total amount outstanding owing to suppliers, with an age analysis e.g., 0–30 days; 31–90 days; 91–180 days; 181–365 days; >365 days, categorised by each Ministry and/or department;
- (ii) the total Value Added Tax (VAT) charged on the outstanding supplier invoices referenced in (i) above, by Ministry and/or department;
- (iii) the total VAT amount actually received to date from the suppliers i.e., VAT payments collected or paid categorised by Ministry and/or department; and
- (iv) a spreadsheet/department, creditor name, invoice date, invoice amount, outstanding amount, VAT charged and VAT received, together with the Government's plan and timetable to clear outstanding liabilities.
6. **MR. S. O. MAPULANGA, MP. (CHOBE):** To ask the Minister of Communications and Innovation to state: **(345)**
- (i) why the telecommunications towers of Ghoha, Savuti and Mid Mababe have not been completed; and
- (ii) when his Ministry intends to complete the towers to facilitate the communication in the areas and access to information as per the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 9.
7. **MR. S. O. DIGWA, MP. (BOTETI WEST):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education whether, given the work that Deputy School Heads do in primary schools, it is not time to relieve them of teaching duties so that they can focus on supervising academic work. **(346)**

8. **MR. J. J. FRENZEL, MP. (SHASHE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Minerals and Energy to state: (347)
- (i) if she is aware of a coal mine that was in operation 20 kilometres from Mabesekwa along the Tonota-Mabesekwa 60 kilometres gravel road which was abruptly closed;
  - (ii) the reasons behind this immediate closure;
  - (iii) whether there are any considerations of re-opening the mine; if so, when; and
  - (iv) what the residents of Mabesekwa will benefit from the re-opening of the coal mine operations.
9. **MR. L. BARONGWANG, MP. (MOGODITSHANE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs what measures are being taken to fast-track the development of a storm water drainage system in Mogoditshane and other affected areas, following the recent heavy rainfall in the southern part of Botswana, which destroyed many residential homes and displaced people especially the less-privileged communities. (349)
10. **MR. M. M. MOROLONG, MP. (KGATLENG CENTRAL):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to state Government plans to introduce structured retreats and psychological support programmes including emotional therapies or mindfulness - based stress reduction for Social Workers to address occupational stress and trauma. (350)
11. **MR. O. KWAPA, MP. (JWANENG-MABUTSANE):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture: (352)
- (i) to indicate categorically the number of plots which have been repossessed by the following;
    - (a) Ngwaketse Land Board;
    - (b) Maokane Sub Land Board; and
    - (c) Mabutsane Sub Land Board; and
  - (ii) whether there have been advertisements for these plots to be allocated to applicants.
12. **MR. J. T. MODISE, MP. (KGALAGADI SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to state when it will be possible to provide a passage between Molopo ranches and the border line for other farmers and Government officials to have access along the boundary line at Molopo farms to reduce cross border exit/entrance in the ungazetted area. (353)

**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 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2027.

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(Minister of Finance)

(Resumed Debate)

	<b><u>ORG</u></b>	<b><u>MINISTRY</u></b>	<b><u>TIME</u></b>	<b><u>HRS/MINS</u></b>
Day 11	1500	International Relations	1445 hrs – 1540 hrs	0.55
	2400	Communications and Innovation	1540 hrs – 1750 hrs	2.10
	2800	Ethics and Integrity Directorate	1750 hrs – 1830 hrs	0.40