

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(FRIDAY 20TH MARCH, 2026)

MINISTER'S QUESTION TIME

HRS/MINS

0900– 0945

- Minister of Minerals and Energy

THEME: PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY ON BCL CLOSURE

To ask the Minister of Minerals and Energy to state:

- (i) the criteria used to select the commissioners;
- (ii) how the commission will ensure transparency and independence in its investigations;
- (iii) the terms of reference, and whether those terms were subjected to any stakeholder input or expert review;
- (iv) how Government will guarantee operational independence of the commission from political influence, particularly given that it will investigate actions of former leaders;
- (v) the total budget allocated for the commission's operation; and
- (vi) arrangements that have been made to ensure witness protection and prevent intimidation or interference during testimony.

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

QUESTIONS

1. **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.

2. **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.
3. **DR. U. DOW, MP. (KGATLENG WEST):** To ask the Minister of Finance whether he considers transparency, accountability, fairness and open competition to be core principles in the Government's procurement process and if there are any plans to bring a bill to Parliament amending the current procurement laws, with a view to: (212)
- (i) granting the President special procurement powers; and
 - (ii) abandoning competitive bidding as the default position in the grant of Government tenders and contracts and substituting same with direct appointment.
4. **MR. M. BAGAISAMANG, MP. (SHOSHONG):** To ask the Minister of Labour and Home Affairs to state: (241)
- (i) the number of churches which were registered following the re-registration of societies under a new dispensation;
 - (ii) action taken against those that did not register;
 - (iii) if all mushrooming churches which occupy open spaces around cities and villages are registered; and
 - (iv) if he has made an assessment on them for potential money laundering capabilities, terrorism and financing of radicalisation of citizens; and
 - (v) implications this has on Botswana's standing in the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) 2026/2027 evaluation.

5. **MR. G. KEKGONEGILE, MP. (MAUN EAST):** To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism to brief this Honourable House on the protocols in place to alleviate escalating human-wildlife conflict challenges in the North West District, with emphasis on: (248)
- (i) efforts and strategies put in place to help communities to fight human-wildlife conflict;
 - (ii) resources in place to help the department to be responsive to reports from communities in terms of transport, staff etc;
 - (iii) the number of reports made and efforts being put in place to help Hainaveld farmers troubled by the high number of elephants and lions in their farms; and
 - (iv) the number of reports made by Shorobe livestock farmers concerning lions killing their cattle on a weekly basis and efforts made to alleviate the challenge.
6. **MR. L. BARONGWANG, MP. (MOGODITSHANE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship to state: (266)
- (i) the number of licensed and unlicensed second-hand vehicle dealerships respectively which currently operate in Mogoditshane, and the existing mechanisms to monitor their activities;
 - (ii) the estimated contribution of these dealerships to local employment creation and tax revenue generation; and
 - (iii) short and medium-term Government plans and projects in place towards Mogoditshane village, aligned with promoting the ease of doing second-hand vehicle dealership business in the village as well as tax collection and locals participation.
7. **MR. D. SALESHANDO, MP. (MAUN NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to state if Air Botswana was operating profitably as at the end of December 2025 as it was declared by the President to the nation; if not, to explain if there had been any strategy adopted by the Board pointing to possible profitability by December 2025. (342)
8. **MS. H. P. MANYENENG, MP. (MMOPANE-METSIMOTLHABE):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to state: (348)
- (i) if he is aware that there is no designated combi rank in the Mmopane–Metsimotlhabe area, resulting in combi and taxi operators operating from informal open spaces;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that the absence of basic facilities, including toilets, at these locations poses public health and safety risks; and

- (iii) what steps he intends to take, in collaboration with the relevant Ministry to establish a formal combi rank with adequate facilities.

QUESTION WITHOUT NOTICE

9. **MR. C. K. HIKUAMA, MP. (MAUN WEST):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education: (262)

- (i) to provide a definitive timeline for the placement of thousands of learners who did not meet the cut-off point for admission to senior secondary schools following the 2025 Junior Certificate results;
- (ii) to state the steps and processes to be followed for one to access the Project Bula Buka;
- (iii) to confirm if all satellite centres and partner institutions are fully equipped with the necessary Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) resources and trained personnel to accommodate this influx, given that the first phase is set to begin in March 2026; and
- (iv) what immediate measures her Ministry is taking to communicate with the "discarded" learners and their guardians to alleviate the current climate of uncertainty and prevent further social exclusion.

• **PRESENTATION OF A PETITION BY MR. M. MOALOSI, MP. – NKANGE**

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

HRS/MINS

MOTIONS

0945 – 1230

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATIONAL SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT HUB AT
THE UNIVERSITY OF BOTSWANA TO DEVELOP GOVERNMENT-WIDE
OPEN-SOURCE ERP SYSTEMS**

1. "That this Honourable House requests Government to create, fully fund, and operationalise a National Software Development Hub at the University of Botswana within the next fiscal year, with the explicit mandate to develop, implement, and maintain open-source Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) systems for Government-wide use, thereby eliminating reliance on costly proprietary software licenses and fostering local technological capacity."

(Mr. M. Moalosi, MP. – Nkange)

(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)