

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(FRIDAY 21ST AUGUST, 2026)

MINISTERS' QUESTION TIME

HRS/MINS

0900 – 0945

1. Minister of Minerals and Energy

THEME: POWER INTERRUPTIONS IN THE CHOBE ENCLAVE WEST

(Mr. S. O. Mapulanga, MP. – Chobe)

2. Minister of Lands and Agriculture

THEME: UPDATE ON POVERTY ERADICATION STRATEGIES FOLLOWING THE TERMINATION OF THE SPECIAL ISPAAD PROGRAMME

(Mr. J. T. Modise, MP. – Kgalagadi South)

QUESTIONS

1. MR. M. MOALOSI, MP. (NKANGE): To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education to state: (205)

- (i) if she is aware of;**
 - (a) the shortage of hostel accommodation at John Nswazwi Junior Secondary School where 120 students live in prison-like conditions, staying in a hostel that was supposed to accommodate 48 students;**
 - (b) that the whole school is dark, including streetlights and classrooms making it difficult for students to study at night;**
 - (c) that the ablution blocks at the boys' hostels are not working leaving the children with no option but to bath outside using buckets, with no drainage provided for the water, creating a fertile ground for mosquitoes that torment the students;**
- (ii) if she will consider closing the hostels until the situation has been resolved; and if not,**
- (iii) mitigation measures she is taking to address this situation.**

2. **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: (326)
- (i) production frequency;
 - (ii) security expenses; and
 - (iii) distribution costs.
3. **MR. T. B. LUCAS, MP. (BOBIRWA):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to give a detailed breakdown of Government expenditure on the recent and latest outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease in the country; in particular to indicate: (540)
- (i) the amount spent on;
 - (a) cordon fences;
 - (b) vaccines (Botswana and Zimbabwe) and deployment of staff; and
 - (ii) lessons learnt from the most recent outbreak and how his Ministry is preparing to prevent future outbreaks.
4. **MR. G. LEKAU, MP. (MOGODITSHANE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism if his Ministry still considers it appropriate for the Board to sit for the licensing of lodges, guest houses, campsites and hotels; if so, are there any plans to: (554)
- (i) decentralise these services to District offices or Councils;
 - (ii) review the requirements and policy; and
 - (iii) review categories in this sector.
5. **MR. J. T. MODISE, MP. (KGALAGADI SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism if he will consider allocating campsites in national parks and game reserves to local trusts as a source of economic activity to raise funds for their communities through trusts. (583)
6. **MR. S. O. MAPULANGA, MP. (CHOBE):** To ask the Minister of Water and Human Settlement to update this Honourable House on the progress of the Unzovu Project; and further state: (592)
- (i) the initial completion dates and the progress against financial claims; and

- (ii) how his Ministry intends to fast track the project delivery and action taken so far.
- 7. **MR. C. K. JACOBS, MP. (LOBATSE):** To ask the Minister of Health if he is aware of the state and situation at Sbrana Psychiatric Hospital particularly in terms of the health risk, patients' wellbeing, the state of the facility and the wellbeing of employees. (108)
- 8. **MR. M. M. MOROLONG, MP. (KGATLENG CENTRAL):** To ask the Minister of Health to state the primary institutional challenges affecting the efficiency of Deborah Retief Memorial Hospital; and targeted interventions he intends to implement to help address these issues to enhance service delivery at this district hospital. (416)
- 9. **MR. R. W. KAIZER, MP. (SELEBI PHIKWE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship to state: (121)
 - (i) the contribution in Gross Domestic Products (GDP) of the Selebi Phikwe Citrus Project in the past two (2) years;
 - (ii) the reasons why only 10 per cent of the farm produce is reserved for the local market, and if this is enough for the local market; and
 - (iii) if the Government will consider increasing the percentage for the local market; and if so, when.
- 10. **MR. M. MOALOSI, MP. (NKANGE):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education to state: (588)
 - (i) the last time the Syllabus for Computer Studies at BGSE and Junior Certificate (JC) level was revised;
 - (ii) if she is aware that JC Computer Awareness subject is managed by 90% non-IT teachers despite a lot of trained IT teachers having been hired over the years;
 - (iii) the number of non-IT teachers who are heading/supervising IT teachers at senior schools compared to fully trained IT teachers; and
 - (iv) if she will consider revising the existing Computer Studies Policy to create dedicated Principal Education Officer posts and have merit-based computer science/computer awareness D4 promotions.

11. MR. A. K. KHAN, MP. (MOLEPOLOLE NORTH): To ask the Minister of Finance: **(589)**

- (i) why several State-Owned Enterprises continue to procure System Applications and Products (SAP) support services from foreign-owned SAP partners, despite Government's commitment to citizen economic empowerment and the reservation of certain ICT services for citizen-owned enterprises; and
- (ii) what measures Government is implementing to build the capacity of citizen-owned ICT firms to participate meaningfully in this sector.

12. MR. M. M. PULE, MP. (KGATLENG EAST): To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to state: **(543)**

- (i) how much of the Botswana Sovereign Wealth Fund has been invested locally and internationally since its establishment and what measurable outcomes have been achieved, including job creation and return on investment;
- (ii) whether the Fund has met its strategic objectives in supporting economic growth and citizen benefit; and
- (iii) mechanisms in place to ensure transparency and accountability in reporting the Fund's investments and outcomes.

13. MR. S. O. DIGWA, MP. (BOTETI WEST): To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education: **(496)**

- (i) if she is aware that all Science Laboratories (Labs) in Boteti West junior secondary schools are no longer serving their intended purpose but instead, they are used as normal classrooms;
- (ii) whether the Ministry still treats Science as an important subject in junior secondary schools;
- (iii) if sharing the already dilapidated Science Labs will not frustrate and further demotivate Science teachers; and
- (iv) when her Ministry intends to improve this situation so that learners in Boteti West can also have an opportunity to learn in a conducive environment.

14. **MR. M. BAGAISAMANG, MP. (SHOSHONG):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to state: (528)
- (i) whether Government has developed a strategy to facilitate the export of surplus poultry products;
 - (ii) if there are any regional or international markets that have been identified for Botswana poultry exports;
 - (iii) what measures are being undertaken to ensure Botswana poultry products comply with international sanitary and phytosanitary requirements;
 - (iv) whether he will allow export of poultry products given that Botswana has reportedly achieved self-sufficiency in poultry meat and eggs and that production capacity continues to expand; and
 - (v) what concrete steps the Government is taking to secure export markets to prevent oversupply in the domestic market and protect poultry farmers from declining prices.
15. **MR. T. K. MMUSI, MP. (GABANE-MMANKGODI):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security whether: (549)
- (i) Government has assessed whether the emerging conflicts between political leaders and public service employees, such as those involving the Mayor of Gaborone and the Town Clerk, and between Botswana Housing Corporation (BHC) executives and the responsible Minister, are evidence of weaknesses in the governance system; and
 - (ii) Ministers are adequately aware of the limits of their authority regarding governance and policy implementation, and the risks associated with exceeding those limits.
16. **MR. C. K. HIKUAMA, MP. (MAUN WEST):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security if he is aware of the persistent basic salary discrepancies affecting members of the Botswana Police Service (BPS) compared to other civil servants on the same salary scale and notch, amounting to a shortfall of P400 to P500 per month, which reportedly stems from a 2019 salary adjustment anomaly; if so: (562)
- (i) to provide the legal or administrative justification for allowing public servants at identical grades and notches to receive different baseline remunerations;

- (ii) why BPS officers at the E2 scale and below are excluded from receiving the Housing and Upkeep Allowance that is actively enjoyed by their counterparts across other Government ministries and departments; and
 - (iii) when his Ministry intends to harmonise these welfare benefits.
- 17. **MR. C. K. JACOBS, MP. (LOBATSE):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to state Government's efforts in fighting nepotism and tribalism that in the workplace particularly concerning recruitment of Cleaners, Gardeners and security personnel. (511)
- 18. **MR. M. M. MOROLONG, MP. (KGATLENG CENTRAL):** To ask the Minister of Higher Education if he will consider introducing compulsory life insurance cover for aviation schools in Botswana. (484)
- 19. **DR. K. GOBOTSWANG, MP. (TSWAPONG SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to apprise this Honourable House on the state of *Bogosi* and to state: (590)
 - (i) whether the conditions under which traditional leaders operate are in keeping with their status, in respect of office furniture, ablutions and staffing; and
 - (ii) plans in place to improve the working environment of traditional leaders with clear timelines.
- 20. **MR. T. FURNITURE, MP. (TATI EAST):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs whether his Ministry has paid all eligible officers' sitting allowances for serving in the Adjudication Committee meetings in compliance with the Ombudsman's ruling dated 7th October, 2024; and if not, to state: (591)
 - (i) the reasons for the delay in effecting the payments; and
 - (ii) whether there are plans to settle the outstanding arrears; and if so, when the affected officers can expect payment.
- 21. **MR. M. M. PULE, MP. (KGATLENG EAST):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to state: (481)
 - (i) the current operational status of all graders and other road-maintenance equipment in the Kgatleng District;
 - (ii) how many are fully operational, under repair, or grounded;
 - (iii) what proactive maintenance plans are in place to reduce frequent breakdowns;

- (iv) what the Ministry has identified as the main cause of repeated equipment breakdowns; and
 - (v) whether long-term or alternative solutions are being considered to end the recurring cycle of repair, breakdown and repair.
- 22. MR. S. O. DIGWA, MP. (BOTETI WEST):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs if he is aware that Boteti West clinics and health posts are serviced by only two (2) vehicles; one covering a cluster of Mokoboxane, Mopipi, Kedia, Xhumo, Mmadikola, Toromoja and Xere, and the other vehicle covering Makalamabedi, Motopi, Moreomaoto and Khumaga; and if so, to state: **(505)**
- (i) how the shortage is affecting outreach programmes especially to mobile stops; and
 - (ii) if this shortage does not affect the morale of nurses in the constituency.
- 23. MR. K. T. MMUSI, MP. (GABANE-MMANKGODI):** To ask the Minister of Water and Human Settlement: **(598)**
- (i) what percentage of communities in Botswana are currently experiencing regular water rationing; and
 - (ii) when Government expects normal water supply to be restored in the affected areas.
- 24. MR. C. K. JACOBS, MP. (LOBATSE):** To ask the Minister of Youth and Gender Affairs if there are any Government efforts to save the lives of the youth of Botswana, particularly with new ideas and programmes; and if there are plans to: **(531)**
- (i) make an allocation for youth unemployment fund;
 - (ii) mitigate the challenges of the less privileged youth interested in business or formal education; and
 - (iii) establish a special dispensation for the youth in terms of land allocation.
- 25. DR. U. DOW, MP. (KGATLENG WEST):** To ask the Minister of Finance to make a statement on the current status of the Government Employees Motor Vehicle and Residential Property Advance (GEMVAS), more particularly to inform this Honourable House on any significant changes, proposed or actual, in its management. **(532)**

26. **MR. R. W. KAIZER, MP. (SELEBI PHIKWE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship whether the Government is aware of the reported USD150 million (approximately P2 billion) Grand Prix investment proposal for Selebi-Phikwe; and if so: (533)
- (i) to provide details of the proposed investment, its scope, expected economic impact, and the current status of negotiations;
 - (ii) whether the proposed investor made continued negotiations conditional upon the retention of the current Acting Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of SPEDU, and what steps Government is taking to safeguard the investment;
 - (iii) what were the reasons to redeploy or replace the Acting Chief Executive Officer of SPEDU, and whether the SPEDU Board was consulted before the decision was made; and
 - (iv) whether the intended deployment or replacement of the Acting CEO complies with the relevant provisions of the Public Service Act and SPEDU's governance framework; and if not, what corrective measures will be taken.
27. **MR. R. W. KAIZER, MP. (SELEBI PHIKWE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Minerals and Energy to state: (575)
- (i) the cause of continued delays in the transfer and registration of BCL housing units sold to purchasers;
 - (ii) the Government resolution with the purchaser who paid deposits only and failed to pay the remaining balance;
 - (iii) the number of purchasers who are currently unable to obtain title deeds as a result of unresolved land ownership and registration issues; and
 - (iv) steps Government is taking to regularise the ownership status of the housing units still registered under Government.
28. **MR. O. KEDIKILWE, MP. (SEROWE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture: (604)
- (i) to provide a comprehensive update regarding beneficiaries who hold official letters of approval for funding under the now defunct Livestock Management and Infrastructure Development (LIMID) programme; and

- (ii) to state his Ministry's definitive timeline to process and assist these pending beneficiaries and the specific target deadlines set for the completion of this rollout.

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

29. **MR. M. M. PULE, MP. (KGATLENG EAST):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs if he is aware that residents, fishers and cooperative societies in Kgatleng East are still waiting for the implementation of the annual Dinokeng Fish Festival which they were used to hosting annually during March and which operates as a core socio-economic marker for the region; and if so, to state: (607)
- (i) where and when it is scheduled to take place;
 - (ii) how much money has been set aside for the initiative;
 - (iii) what clear budgetary allocations have been authorised under the Local Economic Development (LED) finances to secure its continuity;
 - (iv) how many fishermen and women are expected to participate based on the registered data of local small-scale fishers, poverty-eradication and destitute beneficiaries;
 - (v) what long term strategy does the Ministry have in place to ensure the Dinokeng Fish Festival becomes self-sustaining and less reliant on annual ministry level approvals; and
 - (vi) whether there are immediate plans to establish a permanent fishery market centre and cold storage infrastructure within Kgatleng East to ensure that local fishers can safely preserve, process and distribute their catch to national markets beyond festival days.
30. **MR. S. O. MAPULANGA, MP. (CHOBE):** To ask the Minister of Labour and Home Affairs: (609)
- (i) whether Government has assessed the principal causes of the reported increase in retrenchments, including the extent to which they are attributable to the economic downturn or to anticipated compliance with the new Act;
 - (ii) what urgent measures Government is taking to mitigate further job losses and protect employment;
 - (iii) if Government has assessed the potential impact of the act, on employment, particularly in respect of MSMEs, business viability, investment, productivity and job creation; and

(iv) whether Government will make available to Parliament the data on job losses in this current Financial Year, in both private and public sectors.

• **STATEMENT BY THE MINISTER OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

**MOTION FOR THE ADJOURNMENT –
DEFINITE MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE**

- "That this Honourable House requests Government to broaden the approach to the search and rescue of missing persons by establishing appropriate mechanisms through which families and communities may, where they so wish, engage traditional practitioners, spiritual leaders and other persons whom they believe may assist in locating missing persons, in coordination with and subject to the oversight of the Botswana Police Service."

(Ms. H. P. Manyeneng, MP. – Mmopane-Metsimotlhabe)

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

HRS/MINS

MOTIONS

0945 – 1230

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

1. "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)

(Resumed Debate)

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

2. "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

3. "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)

ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPECIAL PARLIAMENTARY SELECT COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT OF BULLS AND HEIFERS AS WELL AS DAIRY GOATS

4. "That this Honourable House resolves to establish a Special Parliamentary Select Committee to investigate the Government procurement of bulls and heifers from Texas in the United States of America as well as heifers and dairy goats from Australia."

(Dr. K. Gobotswang, MP. – Tswapong South)

CREATION OF SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES IN THE GREATER GABORONE AREA

5. "That this Honourable House requests Government to expand the creation of special economic zones in the greater Gaborone area and other areas such as Molepolole to create an entrepreneurial ecosystem through supporting and developing small, medium enterprises to manufacture and market natural resources in their areas for export as finished products to create employment opportunities and ensure inter-generational skills transfer."

(Mr. A. K. Khan, MP. – Molepolole North)

REVIEW OF THE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT ACT FRAMEWORK TO STRENGTHEN AND INSTITUTIONALISE A HYBRID FORCE ACCOUNT MODEL FOR PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE DELIVERY

6. "That this Honourable House requests Government to review the Public Procurement Act and related regulatory frameworks with a view to strengthening and institutionalising a Hybrid Force Account Model for public infrastructure delivery, under which Government shall strategically utilise its existing internal engineering personnel, plant and equipment for the execution of routine road construction, rehabilitation, emergency works and maintenance; and further that the model shall prioritise the optimal use of existing State capacity in order to improve efficiency, reduce infrastructure delivery costs, enhance responsiveness to service delivery needs and contribute to fiscal consolidation, while reserving competitive tendering for highly specialised, complex and large-scale components of public infrastructure projects that require private sector expertise."

(Mr. M. M. Pule, MP. – Kgatleng East)

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

7. "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)

DECRIMINALISATION OF SEX WORK

8. "That this Honourable House resolves to request Government to decriminalise sex work by repealing section 155 (Living on the earnings of prostitution) and Section 156 (Keeping a brothel) of the Penal Code (Cap 08:01) in order to protect human rights, curb gender-based violence, and strengthen public health interventions."

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

DEVELOPMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK FOR EARLY ACCESS TO A PORTION OF PENSION AND RETIREMENT SAVINGS BY GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

9. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider developing a comprehensive policy and legislative framework permitting government employees to access a prescribed portion of their accumulated pension funds."

(Mr. J. J. Frenzel, MP. – Shashe West)

ESTABLISHMENT OF A HUMAN-WILDLIFE VICTIM FUND

10. "That this Honourable House resolves that Government establishes a Human-Wildlife Victim Fund to provide timely and adequate financial assistance, compensation, rehabilitation, and livelihood support to individuals, families, and communities affected by human-wildlife conflict."

(Mr. G. Disho, MP. – Okavango East)

AMENDMENT OF THE PUBLIC HOLIDAYS ACT

11. "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)

AMENDMENT OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC ACT

12. "That this Honourable House resolves to request Government to amend the Road Traffic Act Cap 69:01 and it's Regulations to reduce certain traffic fines to affordable levels in order to combat corruption and increase Government revenue."

(Brigadier D. Mokgwathi, MP. – Letlhakeng)

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A STATUTORY FUND FOR NATIONAL ECO-TOURISM
AND LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (LED) FUND**

13. "That this Honourable House requests Government to urgently establish a dedicated, Ring Fenced Statutory Fund for National Eco-Tourism and Local Economic Development (LED) called the Eco-Tourism and Local Economic Development Fund to automatically finance community-led projects, heritage exhibitions and regional agri-tourism initiatives such as the Dinokeng Fish Festival thereby systematically shifting these vital rural economic engines away from a state of structural insecurity and unreliable, ad-hoc annual ministerial handout."

(Mr. M. M. Pule, MP. – Kgatleng East)