

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(WEDNESDAY 25TH FEBRUARY, 2026)

QUESTIONS

HRS/MINS

1400 – 1445

1. **MR. M. MOALOSI, MP. (NKANGE):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs if he is aware that communities were relocated from cattle posts to villages such as Maitengwe, Nkange, Marapong, Semitwe and Tutume with the objective to bring them closer to services; and if so: **(234)**
- (i) is he aware that these communities were settled in the outskirts of the said villages and have not been provided with stand pipes, residential plots, ploughing fields, schools and clinics;
 - (ii) to state plans to assist these people; and
 - (iii) whether Government has any affirmative action policies specifically to address the challenges faced by these communities.
2. **MR. M. M. PULE, MP. (KGATLENG EAST):** To ask the Minister of Water and Human Settlement if he is aware of the persistent water shortages affecting residents of Dikwididi, Mabalane, Sikwane, Mmathubudukwane, Ramonaka and Malolwane villages in Kgatleng East, including erratic supply and prolonged periods without running water; and if so, to further state: **(239)**
- (i) whether his Ministry has investigated reports of water colorisation when supply is restored through household taps;
 - (ii) immediate and long-term measures that are being implemented to ensure reliable supply and safe water quality and when residents can expect improvements; and
 - (iii) when the Ministry plans to commence the connection of the river villages to the Mmamashia Water Treatment Plant.

3. **MR. S. O. MAPULANGA, MP. (CHOBE):** To ask the Minister of Health to update this Honourable House on: (240)
- (i) the amount spent on Botswana Post for medical couriers from the year 2023 to October 2025; and
 - (ii) whether there is an agreement or it was a once off contract; and if so, when the contract will end.
4. **MR. T. BOGATSU, MP. (LENTSWELETAU-LEPHEPHE):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to explain to this Honourable House what happened to the Sub District status that was granted to the Lentsweletau-Lephephe Constituency. (245)
5. **MR. J. J. FRENZEL, MP. (SHASHE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to state: (251)
- (i) the actual date of completion of the Mandunyane – Mathangwane road, since the revised date of June 2026 is not realistic;
 - (ii) the causes of delay since completion dates have been revised and postponed up to three (3) times thus far;
 - (iii) if the 14 kilometre gravel road between Mathangwane and Makobo will be constructed under this project as it was included in the initial plan; and
 - (iv) if there are any plans to re-seal the A30 road from Borolong to A3 junction as it has severely been damaged by adverse weather conditions.
6. **MR. T. FURNITURE, MP. (TATI EAST):** To ask the Minister of International Relations to state: (252)
- (i) the number of Botswana Embassies in Europe, Asia, Africa and the United States of America respectively;
 - (ii) the number of such embassies which have, over the past six (6) years successfully attracted foreign investors to set up business ventures even on partnership basis in Botswana, with the aim of stimulating economic development;
 - (iii) the firms that were successfully created and the percentage of job opportunities provided for the people of Botswana;
 - (iv) the number of businesses which are currently in operation, and the reasons for the closure;

- (v) the total contribution of these businesses to Botswana Gross Domestic Product (GDP);
 - (vi) whether, considering return on investment, Botswana benefits from the establishment of various embassies abroad; and
 - (vii) the Government's position regarding the reduction of operational expenses and ensuring that these embassies make positive return on investment.
7. **MR. A. K. KHAN, MP. (MOLEPOLOLE NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Sport and Arts whether there are any existing or planned policies that compel or incentivise businesses to partner in sport, for example, through tax rebates or other tax incentives; and if so, when such will be implemented to stimulate greater private sector participation in the development of sport in the country. (253)
8. **MR. K. T. MMUSI, MP. (GABANE-MMANKGODI):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to state: (254)
- (i) when he will consider upgrading Mmokolodi Kgotla to be led by a Headman of Record, instead of a Headman of Arbitration, as the current arrangement disadvantages the Mmokolodi community in accessing Government resources and services;
 - (ii) if he is aware that due to the absence of a Headman of Record, residents of Mmokolodi are required to travel long distances and incur unnecessary costs in order to access tribal services from other *Dikgotla*, and if so,
 - (iii) when this matter will be addressed and for the Minister to provide a clear timeline for its resolution.
9. **MR. C. K. JACOBS, MP. (LOBATSE):** To ask the Minister of Finance whether it is not time to consider putting up the Government integrated offices to revive the economic status of Lobatse as was promised during the late Honourable Sebego's tenure. (255)
10. **MR. O. KWAPA, MP. (JWANENG-MABUTSANE):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture whether he is aware that Ngwaketse Landboard, Maokane Sub Landboard and Mabutsane Sub Landboard are selective in repossessing prime plots as those belonging to certain individuals are never repossessed. (256)

11. **MR. J. T. MODISE, MP. (K GALAGADI SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs why unserviceable goods at Tribal Administration offices take a long time in open storages waiting for auction sale in Kgalagadi South and some take years which lead to losing value as a result of harsh weather conditions. (257)
12. **MR. G. KEKGONEGILE, MP. (MAUN EAST):** To ask the Minister of Health to brief this Honourable House on the countrywide vacancy rate of nurses in hospitals, clinics and health posts and mitigating factors being undertaken to fill the vacant posts; with emphasis on: (258)
- (i) defining the ratio of nurses per patient as per our population and if any district has attained the ratio;
 - (ii) which categories within the nursing profession have the most vacancies and the least vacancies respectively;
 - (iii) which district has the most vacancies across the units, which one is better staffed and at what rate the two districts are staffed; and
 - (iv) whether wards and units across the country are manned by personnel with the right qualifications and not on acting basis.

QUESTION WITHOUT NOTICE

13. **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.

TABLING OF PAPERS

1. Botswana Fibre Networks (BoFiNet) Annual Report, 2024.
(Minister of Communications and Innovation)
2. Botswana Communications Regulatory Authority Annual Report, 2024.
(Minister of Communications and Innovation)
3. Botswana Trade Commission Annual Report, 2024/2025.
(Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship)