

**BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**ORDER PAPER**

**(THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2026)**

**LEADER OF THE HOUSE'S QUESTION TIME**

**HRS/MINS**

**1400 – 1445**

**THEME: REFORMS (IF ANY) MADE TO THE DIRECTORATE OF INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY SERVICE TO IMPROVE GOVERNANCE AND OVERSIGHT**

- To ask the Leader of the House to disclose whether or not Government has since November 2024 undertaken any investigations into the Directorate of Intelligence and Security Services (DISS) given the numerous complaints against the organisation under the previous Government. In particular, and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the Leader of the House should provide details of:
  - (i) **Legal and Operational Conduct:** The number of court judgments delivered against the DISS since formation, in which the court found that the Directorate had acted outside its legal mandate;
  - (ii) **Influence on Government Procurement:** A list of all tenders awarded by Government departments or agencies that were influenced, directed, reviewed, or terminated as a result of direct or indirect intervention by the DISS or in any way influenced by the DISS;
  - (iii) **Asset Acquisition and value for money:** A schedule of all immovable properties acquired by the DISS since inception for purposes not directly related to its core security operations, including but not limited to the Tautona Lodge and an explanation of the decision-making process for such acquisitions to ensure transparency and value for money;
  - (iv) **Involvement in Financial Investigations:** Clarification on the role played by the DISS, if any, in the investigation or handling of the case involving alleged stolen funds from the Bank of Botswana;
  - (v) **Financial Accountability and Audit Oversight:** An explanation of how public resources allocated to the DISS were accounted for during any periods in which the organisation was not subject to audit by the Auditor General, and a confirmation of whether the DISS will be included in the scope of the ongoing Forensic Audit; and
  - (vi) **Institutional Reforms:** A detailed account of any specific administrative, operational, or oversight reforms that have been implemented or proposed since November 2024 to prevent the recurrence of past abuses of the spy agency and to ensure the DISS operates strictly within its mandate and under the rule of law.

(Mr. D. Saleshando, MP. – Maun North)

## QUESTIONS

1. **MR. G. DISHO, MP. (OKAVANGO EAST):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to state: (292)
  - (i) when Government intends to give back the underlisted concessions to the following community trusts and villages;
    - (a) NG 14 and 16 to Gudigwa community;
    - (b) NG 11 for Mogocho, Ngarange and Sekondomboro (Itekeng Community Trust); and
  - (ii) whether the leases are still valid with other operators and to further state when they will expire and how long they have been holding on to these leases.
  
2. **MR. M. MOALOSI, MP. (NKANGE):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture if he is aware that karakul sheep were illegally imported into the country; and if so, to state: (187)
  - (i) where the sheep are currently located;
  - (ii) whether they were quarantined to ensure that they do not bring diseases into the country; and
  - (iii) whether any laws have been violated and what actions are being taken against the perpetrators.
  
3. **MR. O. KWAPA, MP. (JWANENG-MABUTSANE):** To ask the Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship whether: (375)
  - (i) there was any consultation with Business Botswana regarding adjustments for trading hours for alcohol during the 2025 festive season;
  - (ii) this will happen annually in the years to come;
  - (iii) there has been an improvement in the country's economy during the 2025 festive season;
  - (iv) his Ministry is aware that the bars were given times which are specifically reserved for night clubs and to state the basis for such a decision; and
  - (v) he is aware that as a result, night clubs have suffered profit loss.
  
4. **MR. J. T. MODISE, MP. (KGALAGADI SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs when the *Dikgotla* in the small villages such as Kolonkwaneng, Khawa, Struizendam and others will be upgraded to have Kgosi and Deputy Dikgosi positions as they have grown in population sizes. (376)

5. **MR. T. B. LUCAS, MP. (BOBIRWA):** To ask the Minister of Water and Human Settlement to apprise this Honourable House on the project that seeks to connect Thune Dam to the villages of Lepokole, Gobojango, Semolale, Mabolwe and Mothabaneng for water, clearly stating past challenges and future plans to actualise the project. **(379)**
6. **MR. M. M. PULE, MP. (KGATLENG EAST):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to apprise this Honourable House on the current framework governing the benefits and entitlements accorded to former Presidents; and to further state: **(380)**
- (i) the specific benefits currently provided to former Presidents, including but not limited to financial allowances, security detail, housing, medical care, and staff support;
  - (ii) whether the Ministry considers these benefits to be commensurate with the former Presidents' past service to the nation, or if they are deemed excessive or inadequate in light of the country's current economic realities;
  - (iii) if the Ministry intends to undertake a review of the existing benefits package with a view to either reducing, maintaining, or increasing such benefits; and
  - (iv) whether the Ministry intends to conduct any benchmarking exercise against other countries in the region to assess the appropriateness and sustainability of Botswana's benefits framework for former Heads of State.

**NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY**

**HRS/MINS**

**SECOND READING**

**1445 – 1800**

- Stock, Bonds and Treasury Bills (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (Bill No. 2 of 2026)      An Act to amend the Stock, Bonds and Treasury Bills Act.

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(Minister of Finance)

(Resumed Debate)