

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(TUESDAY 15TH JULY, 2025)

QUESTIONS

HRS/MINS

1400 – 1445

1. **MR. C. K. JACOBS, MP. (LOBATSE):** To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism if he is aware of the need to establish a weather or meteorological station in Lobatse. **(393)**
2. **MR. R. W. KAIZER, MP. (SELEBI PHIKWE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Health if he is aware that Selebi Phikwe Primary Hospital has numerous challenges of shortage of staff and specialists, shortage of medicine and inadequate facilities; if so:
 - (i) how does his Ministry intend to rectify the situation;
 - (ii) how many doctors and specialists are in Selebi Phikwe Primary Hospital and how many are supposed to be in place given the patient population; and
 - (iii) are there any plans to build a new hospital or to upgrade Selebi Phikwe Primary Hospital into a fully-fledged specialised hospital; if so, when and which specialised areas will be covered.
3. **MR. T. B. LUCAS, MP. (BOBIRWA):** To ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services to state the total number of administration of estate cases that are currently unresolved before the Master of the High Court; and to further state:
 - (i) the current and future plans for expediting the resolution and disposition of administration of estate cases; and
 - (ii) if there are any legislative proposals that the Ministry seeks to bring before Parliament that could help expedite the resolution of estate cases.
4. **MR. S. O. MAPULANGA, MP. (CHOBE):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to apprise this Honourable House on:
 - (i) when last Self Help Housing Agency (SHHA) plots were allocated and how soon they will be allocated; and

- (ii) the causes of delays in allocation and the solutions to be put in place for expediency.
- 5. **MR. M. MOALOSI, MP. (NKANGE):** To ask the Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship if he is aware that some business franchises such as Nando's and Pedros are not accessible to any other people apart from the so called 'Master Franchise' owners; he should further state whether: (397)

 - (i) this does not contravene anti-competition laws; and
 - (ii) Government would consider laws that ban master franchising so that Batswana are not closed out of lucrative business for the benefit of a few individuals.
- 6. **MR. M. M. PULE, MP. (KGATLENG EAST):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture whether he is aware of the persistent challenges affecting land allocation processes across the country, particularly in Kgatleng East; and further: (398)

 - (i) whether the Ministry is actively working on the modernisation and digitisation of land records through a centralised Land Information Management System (LIMS), and if so, to state the timeline for full implementation across all Land Boards;
 - (ii) what safeguards are being introduced to ensure that Land Boards operate independently from political interference, and whether reforms will be made to the appointment or oversight mechanisms of Land Board members;
 - (iii) whether the Ministry is undertaking a national audit of undeveloped or hoarded plots, particularly in high demand areas such as Oodi and Matebeleng and if there will be any penalties or recovery processes to the land speculators;
 - (iv) what specific measures are being taken to harmonise the State, tribal, and freehold land tenure systems, especially in Special Economic Zones such as Oodi and Matebeleng where conflicts and allocation confusion persist; and
 - (v) whether the Ministry has considered introducing performance based metrics or service charters for Land Board officers and members to reduce allocation backlogs, and what mechanisms are in place to track and report such progress to the public.
- 7. **MR. K. S. GARE, MP. (MOSHUPA-MANYANA):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to provide an update on the progress in the construction of Manyana-Moshupa Road; and to further state: (399)

- (i) if it is true that the contractor threatened to suspend the construction due to non-payment of the works done; and
 - (ii) if he can assure this Honourable House that the project will be completed within time and budget.
8. **MR. G. SEDOMBO, MP. (TONOTA):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture if there are any plans to re-open Francistown Botswana Meat Commission Abattoir (BMC) since new beef markets have been secured. (400)
9. **MR. K. K. KAPINGA, MP. (OKAVANGO WEST):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture whether he would consider a special tailor-made assistance programme for farmers in areas with a high incidence of human/wildlife conflict and further inform this Honourable House of the following: (401)
- (i) how many farmers qualified for assistance with tractors and implements under the Temo Letlotlo Programme countrywide;
 - (ii) how many of those were from Okavango and whether he is satisfied that the number is significant to improve the availability of draught power in the region; and
 - (iii) what was the total amount spent on the tractors and implements subsidy.
10. **MR. K. C. HIKUAMA, MP. (MAUN WEST):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education to update this Honourable House on the progress regarding the establishment of a dedicated special education unit in Maun, including the projected timeline for its completion and operationalisation; and to further state: (402)
- (i) the allocated budget for the unit for the current fiscal year; and
 - (ii) if the budget will be sufficient to cover staffing, resources and operational costs.
11. **MR. T. FURNITURE, MP. (TATI EAST):** To ask the Minister of Finance when service providers who have been owed by the Government for the past six (6) months will be paid. (403)

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

HRS/MINS

COMMITTEE STAGE

1445 – 1800

- Employment and Labour Relations Bill, 2025 (Bill No. 10 of 2025) An Act to establish the labour institutions; to provide for the fundamental rights of employment and labour standards; to provide for a framework to promote sound labour relations and orderly collective bargaining; to provide for a framework for the prevention and settlement of disputes; and for matters incidental thereto and connected therewith.

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(Minister of Labour and Home Affairs)

AMENDMENTS

1. The Bill is amended at **Clause 2(2)** appearing on **page B.99**, by adding immediately after the words "son-in-law" the following words, "grandmother, grandfather, sister, aunt, grandson, or granddaughter,"...
(Mr. G. Kekgonegile, MP. – Maun East)
2. The Bill is amended at **Clause 172(5)** appearing on **page B.172**, by substituting for the number "6" appearing therein, the number "12".
(Mr. G. Kekgonegile, MP. – Maun East)
3. The Bill is amended at **Clause 172(6)** appearing on **page B.172**, by substituting for the number "20 000" appearing therein, the number "50 000".
(Mr. G. Kekgonegile, MP. – Maun East)
4. The Bill is amended at **Clause 197(1)** appearing on **page B.181**, by substituting for the word "may" appearing therein, the word "shall".
(Mr. G. Kekgonegile, MP. – Maun East)
5. The Bill is amended at **Clause 222(b)** appearing on **page B.193**, by substituting for the number "70" appearing therein, the number "100".
(Mr. G. Kekgonegile, MP. – Maun East)
6. The Bill is amended at **Clause 227(1)** appearing on **page B.195**, by substituting for the number "5" appearing therein, the number "10".
(Mr. G. Kekgonegile, MP. – Maun East)
7. The Bill is amended at **Clause 244(1)** appearing on **page B.201**, by substituting for the word "may" appearing therein, the word "shall".
(Mr. G. Kekgonegile, MP. – Maun East)

8. The Bill is amended at **Clause 248(1)** appearing on **page B.205**, by substituting for the word "may" appearing therein, the word "shall".

(Mr. G. Kekgonegile, MP. – Maun East)

9. The Bill is amended at **Clause 259(2)** appearing on **page B.212**, by adding immediately after the word "workers" the following words, "or any legally recognised trade union"...

(Mr. G. Kekgonegile, MP. – Maun East)

10. The Bill is amended at **Clause 259(4)** appearing on **page B.212**, by substituting for the word "may" appearing therein, the word "shall".

(Mr. G. Kekgonegile, MP. – Maun East)

11. The Bill is amended at **Clause 280(2)** appearing on **page B.222**, by substituting for the number "30" appearing therein, the number "90".

(Mr. V. B. Phologolo, MP. – Kanye West)

MOTIONS

ADOPTION OF THE BOTSWANA OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH POLICY

1. "That this Honourable House resolves to adopt the Botswana Occupational Safety and Health Policy."

(Minister of Labour and Home Affairs)

(Resumed Debate)

ADOPTION OF THE NATIONAL PRODUCTIVITY AND COMPETITIVENESS POLICY

2. "That this Honourable House resolves to adopt the National Productivity and Competitiveness Policy."

(Minister of Labour and Home Affairs)