

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(MONDAY 15TH DECEMBER, 2025)

QUESTIONS

HRS/MINS

1400 – 1445

- 1. MR. T. B. LUCAS, MP. (BOBIRWA):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to give a departmental breakdown of all employees owed by his Ministry and the payment plan thereof. **(109)**
- 2. MR. T. FURNITURE, MP. (TATI EAST):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to state: **(111)**
 - (i) the number of physical planners who have been employed in land boards to date and to state the location of these offices;
 - (ii) what is being done to ensure that all land boards including sub land boards have physical planning officers in order to facilitate efficient execution of developments such as subdivision, consolidation and other planning activities; and
 - (iii) how long it will take his Ministry to hire physical planners and assistants for all land board offices.
- 3. MR. J. J. FRENZEL, MP. (SHASHE WEST):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security: **(104)**
 - (i) if he is aware of the lack of breakthrough by the police on the high rate of stock-theft cases in Jamataka, Shashemooke and surrounding villages;
 - (ii) what measures are being put in place to address this situation that is crippling the communities;
 - (iii) when this area will be provided with designated patrol vehicles to curb this high crime rate;
 - (iv) if there is a police station planned for the area; and
 - (v) when stock-theft cases that have been lying dormant for over 4-5 years in the Shashe West Constituency will be disposed of and to state the number of such cases.

4. **MR. B. B. MABEO, MP. (GAMALETE):** To ask the Minister of Sport and Arts: (139)
- (i) to state if Botswana will be hosting the 2027 TAFISA World Congress and if so, what the rationale is for that decision given the current fiscal pressures and competing priorities;
 - (ii) what feasibility studies or assessments were conducted before confirming Botswana's commitment, and will the Ministry provide Parliament with the full study, including estimates of costs, infrastructure needs and anticipated benefits;
 - (iii) to state if a comprehensive cost – benefit analysis has been completed for the 2027 TAFISA Congress; if so, will it be made available to Parliament;
 - (iv) what is the estimated total cost to the Government of Botswana; including venue hire, logistics, security, transport and hosting obligations; and
 - (v) what oversight structures have been established to manage planning, procurement, expenditure, and delivery of the TAFISA Congress.
5. **MR. T. BOGATSU, MP. (LENTSWELETAU-LEPHEPHE):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education to state: (140)
- (i) if she would consider upgrading Kopong Junior Secondary School in terms of classroom capacity to cater for the ever-increasing student population;
 - (ii) the time frame to achieve that; and
 - (iii) whether she will consider increasing staff accommodation in line with the school capacity.
6. **MS. H. P. MANYENENG, MP. (MMOPANE-METSIMOTLHABE):** To ask the Minister of Health to state whether: (105)
- (i) his Ministry has managed to employ pharmacists and dieticians; if so, how many and where were they deployed; and
 - (ii) this included pharmacists from University of Botswana and dieticians from Boitekanelo College.
7. **MR. D. SALESHANDO, MP. (MAUN NORTH):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security if Government has investigated whether or not the 2019 and 2024 elections were rigged or compromised in any way; if no such investigation has taken place, the Minister should state why this was not considered necessary and what assurance can be made on the credibility of future elections. (144)

8. **MR. S. O. MAPULANGA, MP. (CHOBE):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to state: (145)

- (i) if he is still not aware of the existence of the Chobe Crown Lands which were declared on January 10th 1910 as evidenced in the following references (Sail, 1981, p. 85; His Majesty's Stationery Office, 1931, p. 3; Sanders, 1990, p. 360; Saugestad, 2001; Sillery, 1952, pp. 21, 24, 99);
- (ii) whether he still maintains lack of appreciation of the assertion that the Chobe Crown Lands was variously known as the Northern Crown Lands, the Northern State Lands as evidenced in the following references ((Sail, 1981, p. 85; His Majesty's Stationery Office, 1931, p. 3; Sanders, 1990; Saugestad, 2001; Sillery, 1952, pp. 21, 24, 99);
- (iii) if he now recognizes that the Chobe Crown Lands variously known as the Northern State Lands or the Northern Crown Lands was at its declaration in 1910 measuring 64 750 km², and was by 1968 reduced to 20 712 km², 20 800 km² by the year 2006, a reduction of 44 038 km² (Rains & McKay, 1968) and 43 950 km² respectively;
- (iv) the justification for this significant reduction of the total area of the Chobe Crown Lands and the resultant expansion of the Batawana and Bangwato Tribal Reserves/Territories beyond their well-defined original boundaries with the Chobe Crown Lands/Chobe State Lands or Northern State Lands (Rains & McKay, 1968; Botswana National Archives, S. 259/1/1; Botswana National Archives, S. 259/1/2);
- (v) whether he still maintains lack of awareness of the existence of the full-fledged Chobe District that has been in existence as one the inaugural eleven (11) districts established in the British Bechuanaland Protectorate since 1930 as evidenced in the following references (His Majesty's Stationery Office, 1931; Parsons & Gumbo, 2002; Picard, 1984, p. 88; Republic of Botswana, 1998, p. 5; Republic of Botswana, 1997, pp. 2, 3, 6, 14, 20, 25, 158; Rains & McKay, 1968; pp. 7, 28, 31, 36);
- (vi) if he now appreciates that the Chobe Crown Lands/Northern State Lands declared on January 10th 1910 was what also became the Chobe District in 1930 with a total area of 64 750 km², just the same way the Ngwato District was synonymous with Ngwato Tribal Reserve etc, and therefore recognises the concerns of the Chobe residents over their land especially the shortage of ranch-land in the District as genuine; and

- (vii) if he now appreciates the justification for the incorporation of the Chobe District into the Ngamiland District in 1965 was two-pronged; a) for political gerrymandering as a BDP inclined Chobe was to offset the numbers of Botswana Independence Party (BIP) in Maun (Mokopakgosi, 2008), and b) services delivery from Maun, as Chobe District since 1930 received educational and veterinary services either from Maun or Francistown, while postal services were received from both Livingstone, Zambia (Northern Rhodesia) and Wankie, Zimbabwe (Southern Rhodesia) (Sail, 1981).
9. **MR. V. B. PHOLOGOLO, MP. (KANYE WEST):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to brief this Honourable House on: (146)
- (i) the estimated number of pregnant and/or nursing cows slaughtered by thieves and their meat sold to the public through butcheries; and
 - (ii) the impact the above indiscriminate slaughter of breeding cows might have on the livestock population, livestock improvement, the meat industry and beef exports.
10. **MR. S. O. DIGWA, MP. (BOTETI WEST):** To ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services to apprise this Honourable House on: (147)
- (i) measures his Ministry will consider to ensure continuity of services in instances where a Commissioner of Oaths is not available, particularly in smaller offices or posts where the number of officers on duty is limited; and
 - (ii) why junior officers are not being appointed or authorised to act as Commissioners of Oaths in such situations, rather than allowing essential public services to be halted due to the absence of a designated official.
11. **MR. L. BARONGWANG, MP. (MOGODITSHANE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs if he has identified critical gaps and challenges faced by the Mogoditshane-Thamaga Sub District Health Team, particularly during and after the migration of Primary Health services to the Ministry of Health; if so: (149)
- (i) to list key challenges and state if the ministry will be willing to undertake a comprehensive review of the critical gaps; and
 - (ii) if he will consider establishing Mogoditshane as an independent district as a strategic solution to alleviate these challenges, strengthen health service delivery, and ensure equitable access to services for the residents of Mogoditshane and its surrounding localities.

12. **MR. P. M. MOSANANA, MP. (KANYE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Youth and Gender Affairs to state:

- (i) whether her Ministry will expand access to start-up capital for youth owned businesses in textiles, horticulture and digital content creation specifically in the Southern region; and
- (ii) how her Ministry will ensure that youth in rural areas are not left behind in climate-smart agriculture and digital skills programme.

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

HRS/MINS

PRESENTATION OF A GOVERNMENT BILL

1445 - 1800

- Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (Bill No. 30 of 2025) An Act to amend the Citizenship Act.

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(Minister of Labour and Home Affairs)