

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(FRIDAY 19TH DECEMBER, 2025)

QUESTIONS

HRS/MINS

0900– 0945

1. **MR. S. O. MAPULANGA, MP. (CHOBE):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs 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 recognises 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).
2. **BRIGADIER D. MOKGWATHI, MP. (LETLHAKENG):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to apprise this Honourable House on: (166)
- (i) whether the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme (BETP) action plan has considered or looked into the roads (all types/class) and infrastructure network in the Letlhakeng District;
 - (ii) the stages, phases of projects and their Key Results Indicators as well as projects Key Results Areas; and
 - (iii) the roads' project life cycle up to completion within the National Development Plan (NDP) 12 planned period.
3. **MR. O. KEDIKILWE, MP. (SEROWE WEST):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security if he is aware of the circular Savingram Ref: DP 19/72/X (60) dated 20 February 2024, and the resolution reached at the 148th National Joint Industrial Coordinating Committee Meeting held on 29 September 2023, where it was agreed between the employer and the unions that the 32 hours constituting four (4) days remaining after the payment of 26 days, must henceforth be treated as rest days and remunerated at double rate, with arrears payable from 2015 and implementation commencing 1 April 2024; if so, whether: (167)
- (i) the affected Night Watchmen have been paid their arrears in accordance with the agreement; and
 - (ii) this includes the employees stationed at Mmashoro Junior Secondary School; and if not, what reasons have caused the delay in payment and when the affected employees can expect to be paid.

4. **MR. R. W. KAIZER, MP. (SELEBI PHIKWE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Water and Human Settlement to update this Honourable House on the allocation of BCL houses under the Bonno Housing Scheme; and to state: (169)
- (i) the method used to avail houses to former BCL employees;
 - (ii) the criteria to be used to determine the beneficiaries of these houses; and
 - (iii) the current structural condition of the houses and if his Ministry intends to refurbish them before they are allocated to beneficiaries; and if so, to state what the maintenance cost will be.
5. **MR. M. M. MOROLONG, MP. (KGATLENG CENTRAL):** To ask the Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship to state: (170)
- (i) oversight mechanisms in place for the scrap metals industry particularly in relation to the illicit trade of copper cables; and
 - (ii) whether there are plans to tighten regulations around the licensing and operations of scrap dealers.
6. **MR. K. K. KAPINGA, MP. (OKAVANGO WEST):** To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism whether he is aware that there is no major tourism event in Okavango West equivalent to other national events such as Makgadikgadi Epic or Khawa Dune Challenge; and if so: (171)
- (i) to state plans, if any, his Ministry has for the area; and
 - (ii) whether the major constraints in bringing such kind of events to Okavango could be the poor state of the Sehithwa/Mohembo Road.
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. C. K. HIKUAMA, MP. (MAUN WEST):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to state if: (172)
- (i) it is still relevant or of any good use, for Botswana Defence Force (BDF)'s Non-Commissioned Officers (NCOs) to retire earlier than the age of 60 years as it is the case with their colleagues in the Commissioned Officers category; and

- (ii) there are any ongoing reviews to ensure the BDF Pension Scheme, particularly concerning NCOs, and its alignment with the Botswana Public Officers Pension Fund (BPOPF) remains equitable and provides comparable long-term security to other public servants with similar lengths of service.
9. **MR. L. LESEDI, MP. (SEROWE SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship to update this Honourable House on the glass project site and building in Palapye stating the following: (173)
- (i) the total amount Government spent in the whole project;
 - (ii) the total amount Government received through the liquidator;
 - (iii) the difference or loss amount;
 - (iv) if Government intends to revive the project looking into the investment already made in the construction of the railway line to the site, Botswana Power Corporation (BPC) powerline and buildings;
 - (v) why the director of the company is not being sued or facing criminal charges;
 - (vi) why those who were involved in the wrong doing are walking free; and
 - (vii) how many jobs could be created if the project was revived.
10. **DR. U. DOW, MP. (KGATLENG WEST):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs what plans he has, if any, to: (174)
- (i) close the Pilane Landfill;
 - (ii) rehabilitate the Pilane Landfill; and
 - (iii) investigate the adverse health consequences of the smoke that regularly spews from the Pilane Landfill.
11. **MR. P. AARON, MP. (NGAMI):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure if he is aware: (164)
- (i) that the A35 highway construction does not comply with road construction standards in Botswana of offering an alternative road to road users during construction;
 - (ii) of the number of accidents that have occurred during construction due to thick clouds of dust and why the contractor is not doing what he is paid to do, and if an alternative road is part of the contract on A35; and
 - (iii) that currently it is difficult to use small vehicles/cars along the construction part as they get stuck.

12. **MR. G. KEKGONEGILE, MP. (MAUN EAST):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to brief this Honourable House on progress made in the payment of outstanding Botswana Defence Force (BDF) personnel dues inclusive of pension and focusing on: (165)

- (i) the number of personnel initially owed and the number paid so far;
- (ii) the number not paid, the reasons thereof and real payment date; and
- (iii) why they are forced to purchase pension schemes with 50% of their dues, and whether there is any flexibility on the aforementioned given the ages of some of the beneficiaries.

- **PRESENTATION OF A PETITION BY MR. S. O. MAPULANGA, MP. – CHOBE**
- **STATEMENT BY THE MINISTER OF FINANCE**

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

HRS/MINS

MOTIONS

0945 – 1230

**INTRODUCTION OF A LAW SETTING A MANDATORY
CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

1. "That this Honourable House requests Government to introduce a law setting a mandatory Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) for a specified proportion of profits before tax for companies operating in Botswana."

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

(Resumed Debate)

**GOVERNMENT TO ABANDON PLANS TO CONSTRUCT A
PRESIDENT LODGE IN THE OKAVANGO DELTA**

2. "That this Honourable House resolves that Government should abandon plans to construct a Presidential Lodge in the Okavango Delta and return the earmarked piece of land to Tawana Land Board for possible allocation to the District Council."

(Mr. D. Saleshando, MP. – Maun North)

COMMISSION OF ENQUIRY ON COMMUNITY BASED ORGANISATIONS OR TRUSTS

3. "That this Honourable House requests Government to institute a commission of enquiry on allegations of Maladministration, financial embezzlement, insider trading, corruption, abuse of political power and abuse of office on Community Based Organisations or Trusts by Technical Advisory Committees and Trustees from year 2014 to 2024."

(Mr. S. O. Mapulanga, MP. – Chobe)

INTRODUCTION OF SIGN LANGUAGE AS AN OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

4. "That this Honourable House resolves to introduce and adopt sign language as an official language in Botswana."

(Mr. M. M. Morolong, MP. – Kgatleng Central)

AMENDMENT OF SECTION 201 (A) OF THE PENAL CODE OF 2018

5. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider amending Section 201 (A) of the Penal Code No.18 of 2018 and charge with murder, any person, found guilty of unlawful possession of human flesh, body parts or human remains."

(Mr. C. K. Jacobs, MP. – Lobatse)

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A DEDICATED ARM OR UNIT OF THE POLICE SERVICE
FOR THE PROTECTION OF JUDICIAL OFFICERS**

6. "That this Honourable House requests Government to establish a dedicated arm or unit of the Botswana Police Service for the protection of judicial officers."

(Dr. U. Dow, MP. – Kgatleng West)

**COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL STUDY ON THE INCLUSION OF BLOOD
GROUP TYPE DATA WITHIN ROUTINE MEDICAL RECORDS**

7. "That this Honourable House requests Government to undertake a comprehensive national study on the inclusion of blood group type data within routine medical records, with the aim of improving emergency response systems, strengthening public health research and enhancing preparedness for medical interventions across the country."

(Mr. P. M. Mosanana, MP. – Kanye East)

INTRODUCTION OF SAFE AND STUDENT-FRIENDLY SCHOOL BUSES

8. "That this Honourable House resolves that Government should introduce safe and student-friendly school buses by establishing a comprehensive, nationwide policy framework to ensure the safety, efficiency and accessibility of school transportation."

(Mr. C. K. Hikuama, MP. – Maun West)

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUNS' PERMIT QUOTA

9. "That this Honourable House resolves to request Government to introduce a "special guns" permit quota for farmers residing in dangerous wildlife infested farming areas, as a matter of facilitating them to protect their livestock, crops and properties."

(Mr. G. Kekgonegile, MP. – Maun East)

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A TASK FORCE TO INVESTIGATE THE EXTENT OF
FOREIGN WORK PERMIT ABUSE AND NON-COMPLIANCE WITH CITIZEN
SUBCONTRACTING MANDATES IN GOVERNMENT PROJECTS**

10. "That this Honourable House requests Government to immediately establish a high-level Task Force mandated to investigate the extent of foreign work permit abuse and non-compliance with citizen subcontracting mandates in all Government projects, and further requests that the Task Force be required to submit a comprehensive report with actionable recommendations to this Honourable House within six (6) months of its formation."

(Mr. M. Moalosi, MP. – Nkange)

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

11. "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

12. "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)

**POLICY FRAMEWORK OR LEGISLATION, EMPLOYEE SHARE SCHEMES AS A STRATEGY TO
ENHANCE EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT, RETENTION AND ALIGNMENT OF INTEREST OF
EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES**

13. "That this Honourable House requests Government to encourage through policy framework or legislation, employee share schemes as a strategy to enhance employee engagement, retention and alignment of interest of employers and employees."

(Mr. R. W. Kaizer, MP. – Selibe Phikwe West)