

**BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**ORDER PAPER**

**(WEDNESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2025)**

**QUESTIONS**

**HRS/MINS**

**1400 – 1445**

- 1. MR. J. J. FRENZEL, MP. (SHASHE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to state: **(480)**
  - (i) the number of plots reserved for churches and businesses in Shashe West villages;
  - (ii) what delays the allocation of residential plots in Mathangwane as ploughing fields have long been reposessed by the land board; and
  - (iii) when the remaining residential and business plots in Natale will be allocated pending part allocation that was done in March-April 2023.
- 2. MR. P. AARON, MP. (NGAMI):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to state: **(482)**
  - (i) if he is aware that people of Ngami have been turned into destitutes as a result of their livestock being killed due to the outbreak of cattle disease;
  - (ii) whether cattle from Qangwa, Xaixai and Dobe areas are killed despite having not crossed any fence and with very little or no compensation;
  - (iii) if he is aware that Namibian cattle that have crossed into Botswana are not killed but instead are allowed to go back to Namibia, if so, why are they allowed to freely return to Namibia;
  - (iv) if the exact same thing is happening on the eastern side, with cattle farmers from Tubu all the way to Habu losing huge heads of cattle;
  - (v) if buffalos which are believed to be carriers of Foot and Mouth disease when found on the cattle side are not killed but are driven back using BDF helicopters; and

- (vi) if he is aware that the area from Makalamabedi to Godigwa has suffered the greatest loss in cattle population than any other area in Botswana due to negligence associated with how the outbreak of cattle disease is dealt with.
3. **MR. M. M. MOROLONG, MP. (KGATLENG CENTRAL):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to state: (483)
- (i) if there are plans to establish a Railway Training School in the near future;
  - (ii) costs incurred by Botswana Railways on maintenance services of their locomotive engines and wagons for the past 10 years; and
  - (iii) why the wagon maintenance services are sourced out of the country.
4. **MR. K. S. GARE, MP. (MOSHUPA-MANYANA):** To ask the Minister of Water and Human Settlement to state: (484)
- (i) if he is aware that there is water shortage in Ntlhantlhe, Letlhakane West, Manyana as well as Sesung; and
  - (ii) plans bring a permanent solution to address this and the timeline for this to be done.
5. **MR. R. M. LEKUTLANE, MP. (KGALAGADI NORTH):** To ask Minister of Lands and Agriculture to state: (485)
- (i) the initial start and completion date and cost of the Multi Species abattoir and if there are any revised costs and completion dates;
  - (ii) whether the project is running as planned, if not, what was the course of delays and any mitigation in place; and
  - (iii) whether, during the feasibility studies prior to the construction of the abattoir, Kgalagadi North farmers were factored in as suppliers to the abattoir, if so, how are the Kgalagadi North farmers expected to reach Tsabong, given that Tsabong - Lekgwabe/Tshane road is heavy sand and infested with predators lions to be specific, especially as via Sekoma is not economical.

6. **MR. T. BOGATSU, MP. (LENTSWELETAU-LEPHEPHE):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education if she is aware of the Government Savingram dated 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2022, that made reference to a prior Circular Savingram DP4/75/8 XI dated 6th May 2022, which instructed that Officers who were on study leave prior to the coming into effect of Public Service Management Directive No.8 of 2014, which introduced full salary while on training, are entitled to half of their salary arrears for such period; if so: (486)
- (i) the affected teachers have not yet been paid; and
  - (ii) would the Minister pay the owed teachers their accrued half salary arrears.
7. **MR. R. W. KAIZER, MP. (SELEBI PHIKWE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education if she is aware of part time adult educators who were employed at Lapologang Primary School in Selebi Phikwe who were relieved from their jobs without notice; if so, to state: (487)
- (i) the number of part time adult educators who lost their jobs in 2012;
  - (ii) whether the said adult educators were paid their terminal benefits, if so, how much was disbursed and how many of them got paid;
  - (iii) for those who were not paid, if any, what are the challenges and when will they be paid; and
  - (iv) if the Government will consider reemploying them since they were unfairly dismissed from their posts.
8. **MR. V. B. PHOLOGOLO, MP. (KANYE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture whether he is aware that some long time and former employees of Botswana Meat Commission were coerced and or tricked to opt for voluntary early retirement sometime in January 2016 at a time when retrenchment exercise negotiations were ongoing between the management and the union, Botswana Meat Industry Workers Union and that those tricked for voluntary exit walked away with way less a package that one received by the involuntarily retrenched; if so, to apprise this Honourable House on the grievances those former employees registered with their former employer and the resultant outcome. In the event the outcome was adverse, is the employer amenable to a re-engagement. (488)

9. **MR. L. LESEDI, MP. (SEROWE SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to state: (489)
- (i) reasons for the delay in the allocation of residential plots in Serowe whereas plenty of land is available for allocation;
  - (ii) when the Ngwato land board last allocated a plot in Serowe and why there has been no allocation for such a very long period of time; and
  - (iii) when Ngwato land board will resume and open plots for allocation as residents have waited for many years to be allocated plots.
10. **MR. P. M. MOSANANA, MP. (KANYE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to state: (490)
- (i) when the Service Centre in Mmathethe was completed;
  - (ii) when this facility is going to start operation;
  - (iii) how much money is used monthly to pay people manning the place; and
  - (iv) how much has been spent on the project to completion.
11. **MR. P. K. MOTAOSANE, MP. (THAMAGA-KUMAKWANE):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to state: (491)
- (i) the number of farms owned by Government;
  - (ii) if all the farms are all in use; if so, whether they are all used to full capacity; and
  - (iii) whether Government will consider leasing those farms to farmers in communal areas.
12. **DR. K. GOBOTSWANG, MP. (TSWAPONG SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to state: (183)
- (i) the total number of public projects that Joe Electrical is involved in;
  - (ii) the said projects;
  - (iii) the total value in relation to each component;
  - (iv) the projects where Joe Electrical has benefited via direct appointment; and

- (v) whether there were no other qualified companies that could have benefited in the same way.

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

**HRS/MINS**

**COMMITTEE STAGE**

**1445 - 1800**

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| 1. Community Based Natural Resources Management Bill, 2025 (Bill No. 11 of 2025) | An Act to provide for the implementation of the Community Based Natural Resources Management (CBNRM) approach for the sustainable use of natural resources including cultural heritage by communities, and for matters connected or incidental thereto. |
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(Minister of Environment and Tourism)

(Resumed Debate)

**AMENDMENTS**

1. The Bill is amended at **Clause 23(2)** appearing on **page B.247**, by adding immediately after the word "proceedings" the following words, "in the interest of the public to do so."

(Mr. K. K. Kapinga, MP. – Okavango West)

2. The Bill is amended at **Clause 24 (3)** appearing on **page B.248** by-

- a. substituting for sub-paragraph "(a) the chairperson shall be elected by the members of the Technical Advisory Committee,"*
- b. inserting immediately after the word "sector" at sub-paragraph (b) with the words "with a minimum of two years' experience in a management role,"*
- c. by inserting the following new sub-paragraph after sub-paragraph (x), "(xi) two representatives from a registered Community Based Organisation,"*

(Mr. G. Disho, MP. – Okavango East)

3. The Bill is amended at **Clause 25** appearing at **page B. 248** by substituting–

- a. for the word "conduct" appearing under paragraphs (f) and (g), the word "oversee"; and*
- b. for the word "assess" appearing under paragraphs (h) and (i), the word "oversee".*

(Minister of Environment and Tourism)

4. The Bill is amended at **Clause 25** appearing on **page B.248**, by deleting subparagraphs "g,h,i,j,k and l" appearing therein.

(Mr. K. K. Kapinga, MP. – Okavango West)

5. The Bill is amended at **Clause 25** appearing at **page B. 248** by substituting-
- a.* for the word "undertake" appearing under paragraph *(e)* the word "oversee"; and
  - b.* for the words "conduct" appearing under paragraphs *(f)* and *(g)* the words "offer advisory role on the..."...

(Mr. G. Disho, MP. – Okavango East)

6. The Bill is amended at **Clause 27** appearing at **page B.248** by substituting for subclause (2) appearing therein, the following new subclause-

"(2) A decision of a Technical Advisory Committee on any question shall be by the majority of the members present and voting at the meeting and, in the event of an equality of votes, the matter shall be referred to the National Board for resolution."

(Mr. G. Disho, MP. – Okavango East)

7. The Bill is amended at **Clause 29** by substituting for subclause (5) appearing at **page B. 250**, the following new subclause –

"(5) Where it is determined that there is misappropriation of the funds of a Community Based Organisation, the Community Based Organisation shall, with the guidance of the Technical Advisory Committee, open a temporary holding bank account for depository and holding of all investment monies and assets of the Community Based Organisation and the District Commissioner shall authorise for the release of the funds."

(Minister of Environment and Tourism)

8. The Bill is amended at **Clause 29(5)** appearing on **page B.250**, by deleting these subsequent words "and the District Commissioner shall be designated as the principal signatory to the account" appearing therein.

(Mr. K. K. Kapinga, MP. – Okavango West)

9. The Bill is amended at **Clause 35** appearing at **page B. 252** by inserting the following new proviso under subclause (3) –

"Provided that the trust property of the Community Based Organisation registered under the Trust Property Control Act or any other body shall vest in the Community Based Organisation and continue to be administered and disposed by the Board in accordance with the provisions of this Act."

(Minister of Environment and Tourism)

2. Forest and Range Resources Bill, 2025 (Bill No. 12 of 2025) An Act to provide for the establishment of the Department of Forestry and Range Resources, the institutional and regulatory framework for sustainable management of forest and range resources, and to provide for matters incidental or connected therewith.

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(Minister of Environment and Tourism)

#### **AMENDMENTS**

1. The Bill is amended at **clause 11** appearing at **page B. 263**, by substituting for subparagraph *(f)* appearing therein, the following new subparagraph-

*"(f) an academic field of environmental or land management who is a community representative;"...*

(Mr. S. O. Mapulanga, MP. – Chobe)

2. The Bill is amended at **clause 13 (2)** appearing on **page B264** by substituting for the word "agricultural" which appear therein the word "natural".

(Minister of Environment and Tourism)

3. **Clause 15** appearing on **page B264** is amended by deleting sub-clause (5).

(Minister of Environment and Tourism)

4. The Bill is amended at **Clause 22** appearing at **page B. 267**, by inserting at subparagraph *(a)* the following words "in consultation with the community" immediately before the word "ensure" appearing therein.

(Mr. S. O. Mapulanga, MP. – Chobe)

5. The Bill is amended at **Clause 22** appearing at **page B. 267**, by inserting at subparagraph *(b)* the following words "in consultation with the community" immediately before the word "guide" appearing therein.

(Mr. S. O. Mapulanga, MP. – Chobe)

6. The Bill is amended at **Clause 27** appearing at **page B. 268**, by substituting for subclause (2) appearing therein, the following new subclause –

"(2) Except for his or her own field or ranch, a person shall not in communal land, and without an appropriate permit from a competent authority"-

(Mr. S. O. Mapulanga, MP. – Chobe)

7. The Bill is amended at **Clause 35** appearing at **page B.270**, by substituting for subclause (2) appearing therein, the following new subclause-

"(2) Any person who fails to report commits an offence and is liable to a fine not exceeding P10 000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 5 years or to both."

(Mr. S. O. Mapulanga, MP. – Chobe)

8. **Clause 58 (2)** appearing on **page B276** is amended by substituting for the word "person" which appear therein the word "citizen".

(Minister of Environment and Tourism)

9. **Clause 58 (4)** appearing on **page B276** is amended by substituting for the word "generic" which appear therein the word "genetic".

(Minister of Environment and Tourism)

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| 3. Conventional Arms Control Bill, 2025 (Bill No. 13 of 2025) | An Act to provide for the establishment of the National Conventional Arms Control Authority and the National Conventional Arms Control Committee as part of the national system for the control of international trade in conventional arms; to regulate the authorisation, transfer, transit, and brokering of conventional arms; to promote transparency and responsible trade in conventional arms; and to provide for matters incidental thereto. |
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(Minister for State President)