

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(THURSDAY 14TH AUGUST, 2025)

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

HRS/MINS

PRESENTATION OF A GOVERNMENT BILL

0900 - 1300

- Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (Bill No. 26 of 2025) An Act to amend the Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act.

(Published on 12th August, 2025)

(Minister for State President)

COMMITTEE STAGE

1. Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (Bill No. 22 of 2025) An Act to amend the Value Added Tax Act.

(Published on 8th August, 2025)

(Minister of Finance)

2. Digital Services Bill, 2025 (Bill No. 23 of 2025) An Act to provide for the regulation of digital services; to enhance the management and promotion of digital services and processes; to establish the Digital Services Authority which shall be responsible for the formulation of digital services standards and provide for its functions; facilitate access to digital services to improve service delivery, administrative functions and productivity in order to enhance public access to digital services and information; and provide for matters connected with, or incidental, to the foregoing.

(Published on 8th August, 2025)

(Minister of Communications and Innovation)

AMENDMENT

- The Bill is amended at **Clause 3** appearing on **page B.542**, by substituting for subsection (2), appearing therein, the following new subsection –

"(2) This Act shall not apply to the provision of digital services by or on behalf of the State, to the extent that adequate safeguards have been provided for or established necessary, where it involves national security, defence, public safety, customs and taxation".

(Minister of Communications and Innovation)

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| 3. Cybersecurity Bill, 2025 (Bill No. 24 of 2025) | An Act to provide for the establishment of structures to promote cybersecurity and capacity building in Botswana; to regulate and promote the development of cybersecurity activities in the country; to provide for the identification and declaration of critical information infrastructures and measures to protect critical information infrastructures; to provide for secure and cyber resilient systems for the protection of users; to provide for the governance and securing of network and information systems essential for the functioning of society and state and local authorities' network and information systems, liability and supervision as well as the basis for the prevention and resolution of cyber incidents; and for matters connected or incidental therewith. |
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1. The Bill is amended at **Clause 3 (2)** appearing on **page B.564**, by inserting immediately after paragraph *(g)*, the following new paragraph –

"*(h)* Botswana Unified Revenue Service".

(Minister of Communications and Innovation)

2. The Bill is amended at **Clause 46 (2)**, appearing on **page B.579**, by substituting for the word "Authority", the word "Minister".

(Minister of Communications and Innovation)

4. Cannabis Bill, 2025 (Bill No. 25 of 2025) An Act to provide for the regulation of the cultivation, manufacture, production, storage, distribution, import and export of cannabis for medicinal, scientific or research or industrial purpose; establish the National Cannabis Control Authority which will be responsible for the licensing of cannabis for medicinal, scientific, research or industrial purposes; provide for security measures for the cultivation, manufacture, production, storage, distribution, import and export of cannabis for medicinal, scientific, research or industrial purposes; domesticate Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961; and provide for matters connected with, or incidental to, the foregoing.

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(Acting Minister of Lands and Agriculture)

LEADER OF THE HOUSE'S QUESTION TIME

HRS/MINS

1400 - 1445

THEME: RETURNING OF A PIECE OF LAND WITHIN THE OKAVANGO DELTA BY GOVERNMENT

- To ask the Leader of the House if Government will return a piece of land that was taken from the Tawana Land Board, within the Okavango Delta, by the previous Government. The Minister should state the full reasons for their position, in the event Government does not plan to return the land.

(Mr. D. Saleshando, MP. – Maun North)

QUESTIONS

1. **MR. L. BARONGWANG, MP. (MOGODITSHANE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Labour and Home Affairs to state: **(502)**
- (i) the current capacity and legal empowerment of Government officers, beyond judicial magistrates and judges, who are authorised to hear and issue legally binding rulings on labour disputes in Botswana, specifically detailing the roles and powers of the Commissioner of Labour and arbitrators under the Trade Disputes Act, 2016;
 - (ii) the average turnaround time for labour-related matters to be completed within the Ministry's dispute resolution framework for the last three (3) financial years (2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24), compared to the Ministry's set targets; and

- (iii) the specific legislative amendments being considered to enhance the adjudicatory powers of labour officers and address any identified delays.
2. **MR. K. S. GARE, MP. (MOSHUPA-MANYANA):** To ask the Minister of Water and Human Settlement if he is aware that despite the promises made during the last parliament, the queries raised by Moshupa residents with regard to the damages to their properties (especially houses) that occurred during the water sanitation project have not been addressed; if so: (507)
- (i) when does he intend to bring this matter to closure; and
 - (ii) will he consider addressing a Kgotla meeting specifically to speak to those who were affected.
3. **MR. O. KEDIKILWE, MP. (SEROWE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to state: (511)
- (i) when Mmashoro clinic will operate on a 24 hours basis as it has long been upgraded; and
 - (ii) what has caused the delay; if any.
4. **MR. O. KWAPA, MP. (JWANENG-MABUTSANE):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education to state plans to upgrade the five (5) junior secondary schools to senior secondary schools or build a much more needed Senior Secondary School in the Jwaneng-Mabutsane Constituency. (512)
5. **MR. P. AARON, MP. (NGAMI):** To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism to state: (513)
- (i) whether or not the purpose of the Khama Rhino Sanctuary Programme was to save and increase the declining Rhino population in Botswana due to poaching;
 - (ii) when last the rhinos from Khama Rhino Sanctuary were reintroduced to their natural habitats like Moremi Game Reserve and Chobe National Park other than the special friendly dispensation to Mombo; and to state their numbers; and
 - (iii) if it is not time to continue with the reintroduction programme now that the Government has taken the stand to reintroduce fully armed anti-poaching units.

6. **MR. M. BAGAISAMANG, MP. (SHOSHONG):** To ask the Minister of Higher Education if he is aware that Shoshong Brigade operates as a Satellite School under Mahalapye Brigade; if so, when does he intend to have Shoshong Brigade turned into a fully-fledged facility; and when does he intend to introduce any other new courses other than Brick Laying/Plastering and Crop Farming. (514)
7. **MR. T. BOGATSU, MP. (LENTSWELETAU-LEPHEPHE):** To ask the Minister of Water and Human Settlement when a revenue office will be established in Kopong to save residents transport costs and long queues when they want to access water bill payment services; and to ensure that people do not fall behind in the monthly water bill payments. (515)
8. **MR. O. KEDIKILWE, MP. (SEROWE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education: (516)
 - (i) if she is aware that;
 - (a) the establishment register of Mmashoro Junior Secondary School is still at 12 streams, but the school population has grown to 24 streams;
 - (b) the school needs more classrooms, pavilions, laboratories and an administration block;
 - (c) the school is operating with 23 temporary teachers, no cleaner, no Grounds personnel, no Boarding Assistants and an Information Technology (IT) programmer;
 - (d) there are 14 housing units for 75 staff members and the 14 housing units accommodate 28 teachers all on sharing basis whether married or not which translates into a serious shortage of staff houses and they are also dilapidated.
 - (e) there is no accommodation for the Boarding Master, as well as shortage of hostels to accommodate students;
 - (f) some teachers are accommodated in Serowe (85km) away, while others rent private houses in the village, which are of sub-standard;
 - (g) the school is still using pit latrines at a ratio of 33 students per toilet and shower, most of the time hostels are surrounded by grey water that attracts mosquitoes; and if so,
 - (ii) when she intends to rectify these conditions.

9. **MR. K. K. KAPINGA, MP. (OKAVANGO WEST):** To ask the Minister of Health (517) to update this Honourable House on the staffing levels at Joseph Kavindama (JPK) Primary Hospital and specify the following:
- (i) Medical staff;
 - (ii) Health care assistants;
 - (iii) General support staff;
 - (iv) whether the staffing levels equitably compare with staffing levels at similar sized 70 bed medical facilities such as Moshupa Hospital, and if not, what justifies the disparity; and
 - (v) what has contributed to the terrible delay in completing the staff housing project at the JPK Hospital.

QUESTION WITHOUT NOTICE

10. **MR. K. C. HIKUAMA, MP. (MAUN WEST):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education to apprise this Honourable House if she is aware of Tender Titled: Provision of Service Contract for Implementation of an integrated STEAM E-Learning solution, Early Childhood Learning solution, coding and Teacher Capacity Building in the Ministry of Child Welfare and Basic Education Approval of Procurement Method and ITT; if she is aware, she should state:
- (i) the total approved budget for the tender and specify the source of these funds, whether from the recurrent budget, development budget or a special warrant;
 - (ii) what due diligence and market analysis the Ministry conducted to ensure that the cost represents the best value for money, as compared to procuring these solutions as separate and potentially at more competitive packages; and
 - (iii) how the company was selected when it appears it is three (3) months old in existence, with no track record nor demonstrated capacity.

• **STATEMENT BY LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION**

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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