

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(FRIDAY 15TH AUGUST, 2025)

MINISTERS' QUESTION TIME

HRS/MINS

0900– 0945

1. Minister of Minerals and Energy

THEME: BOTSWANA GOVERNMENT AND DEBEERS AGREEMENT

To ask the Minister of Minerals and Energy to present the main highlights of the agreement that was signed between the Government and Debeers. The Minister should further state the following:

- (i) key areas of improvement to the agreement that the previous administration had secured in principle;
- (ii) the composition of the Government negotiating team engaged by the previous administration and changes made to the negotiating team post October 2024;
- (iii) if any fees were paid to any of the members of the Government negotiating team;
- (iv) if there was a tax dispute between the parties; and if so, how the dispute was resolved; and
- (v) details of the agreement with members of the relevant portfolio committee.

(Mr. D. Saleshando, MP. – Maun North)

2. Minister of Transport and Infrastructure

THEME: AIR BOTSWANA

To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to state:

- (i) how much (budget) has been allocated to Air Botswana from 2019 to 2024;
- (ii) how many airplanes were bought by Air Botswana during the same period and the total cost;
- (iii) whether the planes were bought as new; and
- (iv) how many are in operation and the challenges associated with the planes not being in operation.

(Mr. S. O. Mapulanga, MP. – Chobe)

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.

**MOTION FOR THE ADJOURNMENT –
DEFINITE MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE**

- “That this Honourable House resolves to request Government to prioritise resolving the current health crisis through withdrawals from special funds so as to buy essential medication, pay for outstanding health bills and resume all suspended life threatening operations.”

(Mr. R. M. Lekutlane, MP. – Kgalagadi North)

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

HRS/MINS

MOTIONS

0945 – 1230

FORENSIC LAND AUDIT COVERING ALL LAND ALLOCATION

1. “That this Honourable House requests Government to consider instituting a Forensic Land Audit in Mogoditshane covering all land allocation in the past 15 years to past and current Land Board officials and employees; Councillors, Members of Parliament and Tribal Administration Senior staff.”

(Mr. L. Barongwang, MP. – Mogoditshane East)

(Resumed Debate)

REVIEW AND STRENGTHENING OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION LAWS

2. "That this Honourable House requests Government to review and strengthen existing environmental protection laws in view of prevailing harsh climate change conditions that have affected food production with debilitating conditions, particularly for subsistence farmers."

(Mr. K. Nkawana, MP. – Selebi Phikwe East)

GOVERNMENT TO RE-ALIGN THE TENURE OF PARLIAMENTARIANS TO BE 60 MONTHS

3. "That this Honourable House requests Government to re-align the tenure of Parliamentarians to be 60 months as per the Constitution and in similar patterns to Cabinet and Councillors in an effort to close a vacuum and create uniformity in political representation and responsibility."

(Mr. G. Kekgonegile, MP. – Maun East)

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)

SETTING UP OF A COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

5. "That this Honourable House requests Government to institute a Commission of Inquiry into the alleged corruption at Botswana Unified Revenue Services (BURS)."

(Mr. P. M. Segokgo, MP. – Tlokweng)

INTRODUCTION OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AS A COMPULSORY COMPONENT OF BASIC EDUCATION

6. "That this Honourable House requests Government to introduce Early Childhood Education as a compulsory component of Basic Education to open access to Basic Education Programme to every three-year old child."

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

GOVERNMENT TO COMMIT TO ALLOCATE PLOTS TO HALF OF ALL PERSONS ON THE WAITING LIST

7. "That this Honourable House requests Government to commit to allocate residential plots to half of all persons on the waiting list for such plots in the next 3 years to facilitate home ownership for a significant proportion of the people of Botswana."

(Mr. T. B. Lucas, MP. – Bobirwa)

NGOMA TO SEDUDU TRANSIT ROUTE TO OPERATE ON A 24HRS BASIS

8. "That this Honourable House resolves to request Government to have the Ngoma to Sedudu transit route operate on a 24hrs basis, remove the request for permits system and introduce Police officers to man and manage the 2 gates."

(Mr. S. O. Mapulanga, MP. – Chobe)

LOCAL PAYMENT OF HOTELS AND ACTIVITIES IN THE DELTA

9. "That this Honourable House resolves that all payments for hotels and activities in the delta, parks and tourism attraction areas should be fully paid for in Botswana."

(Mr. G. Lekau, MP. – Mogoditshane West)

RENAMING A GOVERNMENT INSTITUTION

10. "That this Honourable House resolves to rename one of the Government institutions in honour of the late Dr. Kenneth Goabamong Shololo Koma."

(Mr. A. K. Khan, MP. – Molepolole North)

**GOVERNMENT TO ESTABLISH A REGULATORY BODY FOR PROFESSIONALS
IN THE FIELD OF CONSTRUCTION PROJECT MANAGEMENT**

11. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider establishing a regulatory body for professionals in the field of Construction Project Management as a move towards greater recognition of the unique skills and knowledge required in Construction Project Management, to serve as an oversight entity, setting standards, providing certifications, and enforcing ethical conduct to ensure the competence and integrity of construction project managers in Botswana."

(Mr. R. M. Lekutlane, MP. – Kgalagadi North)

URGENT CONSTRUCTION OF THE MOHEMBO-GUDIGWA ROAD

12. "That this Honourable House requests Government to commence and complete the construction of the road from Mohembo River Bridge to Gudigwa within a period not exceeding twelve (12) months."

(Mr. G. Disho, MP. – Okavango East)

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

13. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider amending Section 201 (A) of the Penal Code 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)

INTRODUCTION OF A RURAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME

14. "That this Honourable House requests Government to introduce a Rural Water Supply Scheme in order to promote economic and social upliftment of the rural communities."

(Mr. K. C. Hikuama, MP. – Maun West)

DEVELOPMENT OF YOUTH FOCUSED JOB CREATION PROGRAMMES

15. "That this Honourable House requests Government to develop youth focused job creation programmes, entrepreneurship initiatives and vocational training to address the high rates of youth unemployment."

(Mr. M. Moalosi, MP. – Nkange)

SCHOOL SPORT AND TAKING YOUTH OUT OF STREETS

16. "That this Honourable House requests Government to develop and pilot basic sport facilities in Mogoditshane by upgrading Solomon Dihutso football grounds and commence a development programme for pre-primary, primary and secondary schools."

(Mr. L. Barongwang, MP. – Mogoditshane East)

GOVERNMENT TO REDUCE THE PASSPORT FEE

17. "That this Honourable House resolves to request Government to reduce the passport penalty fee by 50% or to P600 to make it affordable for Batswana."

(Mr. S. O. Mapulanga, MP. – Chobe)

GOVERNMENT TO HUMANITARIANLY COMPENSATE FORMER BCL EMPLOYEES WHO LOST THEIR JOBS DUE TO THE ABRUPT CLOSURE OF THE BCL MINE

18. "That this Honourable House requests Government to humanitarianly compensate former BCL employees who lost their jobs due to the abrupt closure of the BCL Mine retrenchment packages as per section 25 of the employment Act."

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

CREATION OF A NATIONAL CHILDREN'S BUDGET

19. "That this Honourable House requests Government to create a detailed and disaggregated national children's budget, which must first be reviewed and passed through the National Children's Forum and Council before being considered and approved by Parliament."

(Mr. M. M. Pule, MP. – Kgatleng East)

**DEVELOPMENT OF A PROGRAMME AIMED AT ABSORBING
ALL GRADUATES INTO THE JOB MARKET**

20. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider developing a programme aimed at absorbing all graduates into the job market."

(Mr. P. M. Segokgo, MP. – Tlokweng)

REVIEW OF THE CONSTITUTION

21. "That this Honourable House requests Government to start a process of review of the constitution of Botswana to bring an inclusive, progressive and transformative constitution for Botswana."

(Mr. A. K. Khan, MP. – Molepolole North)

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

22. "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 CIPA register."

(Mr. C. K. Jacobs, MP. – Lobatse)