

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(MONDAY 17TH NOVEMBER, 2025)

QUESTIONS

HRS/MINS

1400 – 1445

1. **MR. G. KEKGONEGILE, MP. (MAUN EAST):** To ask the Minister of Health to brief this Honourable House on progress made in establishing the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Department in his Ministry, in particular: (19)
 - (i) the total number of Paramedics positions in the Establishment, the number of those permanently employed and the number of vacant positions;
 - (ii) the total number of temporary Paramedics and the number absorbed into permanent status;
 - (iii) the rationale behind the 80% Human Resource Development Council (HRDC) and 20% (locally/temporary workers) which ultimately picks new graduates rather than old graduates and plans for the paradigm shift; and
 - (iv) which areas have EMS bases and plans in place to establish more EMS bases given their importance to the national wellbeing and immediate response.

2. **MR. M. M. PULE, MP. (KGATLENG EAST):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs whether the Ministry is actively addressing the poor infrastructure and maintenance challenges in schools within Kgatleng East Constituency, the minister to further state: (26)
 - (i) whether the Ministry is aware of the persistent infestation of bats in both classrooms and teachers' quarters in several schools in Kgatleng East, which poses serious health, safety, and hygiene risks to both earners and educators;
 - (ii) what real-time interventions the Ministry is actively pursuing to eradicate bat infestations and prevent recurrence in affected schools;

- (iii) whether, in light of global pandemics such as COVID-19 suspected to have zoonotic origins, the Ministry intends to commission or support research into the risks of zoonotic transmission from bat infestations in schools and staff housing, and to develop guidelines for safe remediation;
 - (iv) whether the Ministry has engaged with the Kgatleng District Council to facilitate routine inspections and timely interventions for maintenance in schools and teachers' quarters; and
 - (v) when the people of Kgatleng East should expect a visible and measurable improvement in the physical learning and teaching environment in schools in the Kgatleng East Constituency.
3. **MR. V. B. PHOLOGOLO, MP. (KANYE WEST):** To ask the Minister for State President to brief this Honourable House on the number of stock theft cases that have been brought before courts in the last three (3) years and how many of these cases have been adjudicated and how many are still pending; the Minister to further state; (29)
- (i) on average, how long it takes for such cases to be adjudicated; and
 - (ii) how many of these crimes were committed by repeat offenders.
4. **MR. J. J. FRENZEL, MP. (SHASHE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to apprise this Honourable House on Billboard advertisements in Gaborone; in particular: (31)
- (i) if he is aware that all prime spots for outdoor advertisement have been allocated to foreign companies;
 - (ii) if he is aware that Batswana have been left out and that the Gaborone City Council has frozen applications for any new billboard advertisement applications;
 - (iii) when the City Council will start allocating advertisement spots to Batswana owned entities; and
 - (iv) what his Ministry is doing to ensure that these inequalities and lack of fairness and transparency are unravelled to ensure that councils

5. **MS. H. P. MANYENENG, MP. (MMOPANE-METSIMOTLHABE):** To ask the Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship whether he is aware that foreign nationals are increasingly dominating the manufacturing and sale of school uniforms in various constituencies, often using low-quality materials, to the detriment of local businesses that produce authentic and durable uniforms. Whether the Ministry will consider measures to support and prioritize local tailors within constituencies for the production and sale of school uniforms, in order to promote quality standards and empower local entrepreneurs. (33)
6. **MR. K. T. MMUSI, MP. (GABANE-MMANKGODI):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture whether he issued a special directive to Landboards to speed up land allocations for Bonno projects, if yes, how many plots have been allocated so far across the country and which companies benefited: (34)
- (i) what happens to people who have been on the waiting lists for plots for many years, whether those people also do not deserve a special dispensation to be allocated plots speedily; and
 - (ii) when can expect to be allocated plots.
7. **DR. K. GOBOTSWANG, MP. (TSWAPONG SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to apprise this Honourable House on the Government assurance to create a buffer zone to ensure free access to Limpopo River for border patrols by members of the security forces as well as economic activities such as small-scale irrigation schemes, fishing and tourism. (35)
8. **MR. T. FURNITURE, MP. (TATI EAST):** To ask the Minister of Youth and Gender Affairs to state: the amount her Ministry pays as office rental per month; (36)
- (i) the number of floors in the building;
 - (iii) the number of unoccupied floors in the building and how much money her Ministry loses due to this anomaly; and
 - (iv) whether it was not premature for the Ministry of Sport and Arts to vacate this building.
9. **MR. A. K. KHAN, MP. (MOLEPOLOLE NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture whether there are any plans in place to transform and modernize the operations within the Ministry, particularly to make it easier and faster for citizens to obtain land-related services such as consents, transfers, and title deeds. (37)

10. **MR. K. NKAWANA, MP. (SELEBI PHIKWE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Trade (38) and Entrepreneurship to state:
- (i) plans to stimulate small businesses; and
 - (ii) local products which are being promoted outside the SPEDU Region including at international markets.
11. **MR. S. O. MAPULANGA, MP. (CHOBE):** To ask the Minister of Transport and (40) Infrastructure:
- (i) why there is no weigh bridge at Ngoma Bridge; and
 - (ii) when Government will construct one.
12. **BRIGADIER D. MOKGWATHI, MP. (LETLHAKENG):** To ask the Minister of Lands (41) and Agriculture:
- (i) if he is aware that Letlhakeng District is one of the districts with the largest population of cattle; if so, whether there are future plan(s) to establish structures for Botswana Animal Identification and Traceability System (BAITS) in Letlhakeng District to avoid long travel for farmers to Gaborone; and further;
 - (ii) what would be the envisaged workforce to be employed and if there are any structures to house such workforce;
 - (iii) what would be the financial implications; and if there are no plans
 - (iv) whether the Minister does not deem it necessary to establish this highly required service in the Letlhakeng District.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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MOTION

1445 – 1800

RESPONSE TO THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH

- "We, the National Assembly of Botswana here assembled, respond to the President's speech."

(Leader of the House)

(Resumed Debate)