BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(FRIDAY 21ST NOVEMBER, 2025)

MINISTERS' QUESTION TIME

HRS/MINS

0900-0945

1. Minister of Finance

THEME: TRANSPARENT AND COMPETITIVE TENDER SYSTEM FOR PROCUREMENT

OF GOODS AND SERVICES BY THE BOTSWANA GOVERNMENT UNDER THE

PRESENT LAWS

(Mr. D. Saleshando, MP. - Maun North)

2. Minister of Lands and Agriculture

THEME: DELAYS IN PAYING TRACTOR OWNERS

To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture:

- (i) if he is aware of delays in paying tractor owners following the 2024/2025 ploughing season;
- (ii) if so, what strategies have they put in place to ensure this does not recur in future to avoid farmers incurring unnecessary costs;
- (iii) to state how much money was used on this initiative in the last five (5) years;
- (iv) to state how much output was realized on this initiative;
- (v) if the Ministry has an Agricultural Mechanization Strategy given that the next ploughing season is approaching; and
- (vi) when farmers should expect its rollout

(Mr. M. Bagaisamang, MP. Shoshong)

• STATEMENT BY THE ACTING MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE.

MOTIONS 0945 – 1230

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

1. "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)

MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT TENURE

2. "That this Honourable House resolves to request Government to reconcile the tenure of Members of Parliament with that of Members of Cabinet and Councillors to 60 months as per Constitutional term of contract."

(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

3. "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)

INTRODUCTION OF A LAW SETTING A MANDATORY CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

4. "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)

COMMISSION OF ENQUIRY ON COMMUNITY BASED ORGANISATIONS OR TRUSTS

5. "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)

FORENSIC LAND AUDIT

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

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

INTRODUCTION OF SIGN LANGUAGE AS AN OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

7. "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

8. "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)

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 NATIONAL SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT HUB AT THE UNIVERSITY OF BOTSWANA TO DEVELOP GOVERNMENT-WIDE OPEN-SOURCE ERP SYSTEMS

10. "That this Honourable House requests Government to create, fully fund, and operationalize a National Software Development Hub at the University of Botswana within the next fiscal year, with the explicit mandate to develop, implement, and maintain open-source Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) systems for Government-wide use, thereby eliminating reliance on costly proprietary software licenses and fostering local technological capacity."

(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)