

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(TUESDAY 25TH NOVEMBER, 2025)

QUESTIONS

HRS/MINS

1400 – 1445

1. **MR. J. J. FRENZEL, MP. (SHASHE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture: (57)
 - (i) when the Mathangwane Village Agricultural offices will be renovated;
 - (ii) when Natale Village and Japane Lands will start being serviced by their own designated Agricultural officer "Molemisi"; and
 - (iii) when the allowances for Land-overseers will be reviewed to meet the current standard of living.
2. **MR. K. NKAUANA, MP. (SELEBI PHIKWE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Higher Education to apprise this Honourable House on initiatives that his Ministry is implementing or planning to implement in order to improve education outcomes and provide the citizens with the skills needed for the job market. (65)
3. **MR. T. FURNITURE, MP. (TATI EAST):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture: (15)
 - (i) how many buildings are rented by Government and its parastatals in Gaborone CBD;
 - (ii) what is the rental payment per month for each of the properties;
 - (iii) to state what mode of procurement was used to lease each of these properties; and
 - (iv) to state the owners of each of these rented properties (whether citizens or non-citizens).
4. **MR. L. BARONGWANG, MP. (MOGODITSHANE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs: (52)
 - (i) to establish and quantify data that informs this Honourable House of the bulk monetary pay-out to Old Age pensioners since the increase from P800.00 P1 400.00 for the past twelve (12) months comparing to same period in the previous financial year; and

- (ii) to explain the economic benefit of increasing the pension as well as distress exerted on Government coffers.
5. **MR. M. M. MOROLONG, MP. (KGATLENG CENTRAL):** To ask the Minister of Finance if he is aware that the internal processes for conducting disciplinary hearings by some local commercial banks particularly Standard Chartered Bank are conducted offshore. (67)
6. **MR. C. K. HIKUAMA, MP. (MAUN WEST):** To ask the Minister of Water and Human Settlement to give: (68)
- (i) a comprehensive update on the Semolo Water Treatment Plant maintenance; and
- (ii) urgent measures to arrest the persistent water shortages in the villages of Kareng, Sehithwa, Bodibeng, Bothatogo, Toteng, Legotlhwane and Tsau in the Maun West Constituency.
7. **DR. U. DOW, MP. (KGATLENG WEST):** To ask the Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship whether he appreciates that Government plays a significant role in the economy of Botswana and more particularly that: (70)
- (i) Government directly and indirectly through State Owned Enterprises and Entities, is a significant procurer of services offered by private companies and individuals;
- (ii) business or commercial success, in Botswana and anywhere in the world, depends on timely payment for services provided and goods sold;
- (iii) failure by the Government to timely pay for services and goods procured from private businesses undermines those businesses' ability to in turn meet their financial obligations; and
- (iv) that his Ministry will be failing in its mandate if it ignored the damage to specific businesses in particular and the economy in general and does not address the current crises of unpaid invoices by Government
8. **BRIGADIER D. MOKGWATHI, MP. (LETLHAKENG):** To ask the Minister of Water and Human Settlement if: (71)
- (i) there are any plans to purify (desalinate) water in Letlhakeng District; and
- (ii) it would not be ideal for Letlhakeng District to receive water supply from North-South water carrier as a long-term plan.

9. **MR. V. B. PHOLOGOLO, MP. (KANYE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to brief this Honourable House: (72)
 - (i) on the frequency with which butcheries and operations of food vendors are inspected for compliance with meat hygiene requirements; and
 - (ii) what were the main findings from such inspections in the last three (3) years.
10. **MR. T. B. LUCAS, MP. (BOBIRWA):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to state whether or not the National Development Plan proposals are aligned to the Kampala Declaration as regards to the proportion of investment in the sector; if not, what is the plan to achieve the level of investment on the sector consistent with the Kampala Declaration. (73)
11. **MR. S. O. DIGWA, MP. (BOTETI WEST):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to state if he is aware that nurses in some small and remote village clinics are using their private vehicles to collect medical supplies from larger nearby medical facilities; and if so, what operational policies are in place to ensure that these nurses are compensated for this critical role. (74)
12. **DR. K. GOBOTSWANG, MP. (TSWAPONG SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Minerals and Energy to apprise the Honourable House on the fate of some 500 employees of Meropa Resources; she should further state: (14)
 - (i) if she is aware that employees of the company were issued letters of intent to retrench effective 31st August, 2025 yet there has been no proper communication or progress regarding payment of terminal benefits and the completion of medical exit procedures;
 - (ii) if she aware that the delay has placed the employees at a severe disadvantage, as the lack of medical exit clearance has prevented them from seeking and securing new employment opportunities elsewhere;
 - (iii) whether she is aware that as a result of prolonged uncertainty surrounding their retrenchment and outstanding entitlements employees continue to suffer financial and emotional distress; and
 - (iv) what remedies are in place to assist the employees of Meropa Resources.

- **STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF PARLIAMENTARY CAUCUS ON WOMEN**

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

HRS/MINS

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)