

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(WEDNESDAY 26TH 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. 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.
3. **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)
4. **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.

- 5. **MR. T. FURNITURE, MP. (TATI EAST):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education to explain: (75)
 - (i) the late payment of teachers who have been engaged by Botswana Examination Council (BEC);
 - (ii) what causes such delays; and
 - (iii) if there are any plans to rectify such delays.

- 6. **MR. A. K. KHAN, MP. (MOLEPOLOLE NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to state when the Ministry will reduce the eligibility age for the Old Age Pension from 65 years to 60 years, as outlined in the ruling party 2024 manifesto in order to improve the welfare and dignity of senior citizens. (76)

- 7. **MR. L. BARONGWANG, MP. (MOGODITSHANE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship to state: (77)
 - (i) the number of foreign direct investment deals already completed and those still outstanding with a clear status of each deal in the past 12 months;
 - (ii) whether any economic benefits have already been realised and those expected to mature in the next 6 to 12 months from January 2026;
 - (iii) the various projects and the sectors involved;
 - (iv) the total amount invested in each project;
 - (v) the level of citizen participation (citizen inclusion) in the various projects; and
 - (vi) the number of jobs created or likely to be created.

8. **MR. T. B. LUCAS, MP. (BOBIRWA):** To ask the Minister of Labour and Home Affairs to state the total number of decent jobs created and those that have been lost between November 2024 and November, 2025 in the following sectors, manufacturing sector, tourism, retail, agriculture sector, mining sector and construction sector; at the current economic growth rate and the number of jobs created in the first year, does the Minister think it is feasible and possible to create the 500 000 jobs by the year 2029 as promised by the Government. (20)
9. **MR. M. M. PULE, MP. (KGATLENG EAST):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to update this Honourable House on the availability of essential medications in clinics and health posts throughout the Kgatleng East Constituency and to state:
 - (i) immediate measures being implemented to address any current shortages identified; and
 - (ii) long-term strategies to ensure consistent and reliable availability of medicines and medical supplies in clinics and health posts within the constituency going forward.
10. **MR. M. BAGAISAMANG, MP. (SHOSHONG):** To ask the Minister for State President: (43)
 - (i) if he is aware that Land board members are not getting salary increases whenever there are salary adjustments like the rest of civil servants, and if so why it is so since they are also regulated by the Public Service Act;
 - (ii) if the Minister has any intentions to rectify this under the current financial year; and
 - (iii) to state if they are also covered in the Fan Shape Salary Structure.
11. **BRIGADIER D. MOKGWATHI, MP. (LETLHAKENG):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to state: (51)
 - (i) if there is a Botswana Economic Transformation Programme (BTEP) plan of action on the road communication network in the Letlhakeng District Road Network either in the short term, medium term or long term; and
 - (ii) the Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) in the coming four (4) years.

12. **MS. H. P. MANYENENG, MP. (MMOPANE-METSIMOTLHABE):** To ask the (59)
Minister of Minerals and Energy:

- (i) if she is aware that natural resources, particularly sand, are being illegally extracted from the Metsimotlhabe River in the Mmopane–Metsimotlhabe area; and if so,
- (ii) whether her Ministry will consider putting in place clear regulations to allow for controlled and legal sand mining, strictly for use by young citizens in their personal or community projects, and not for commercial sale, in order to curb illegal extraction while promoting responsible resource use.

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

HRS/MINS

PRESENTATION OF GOVERNMENT BILLS

1445 - 1800

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| 1. Trade Unions and Employers' Organisations (Repeal) Bill, 2025 (Bill No. 27 of 2025) | An Act to repeal the Trade Unions and Employers' Organisations Act. |
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| 2. Trade Disputes (Repeal) Bill, 2025 (Bill No. 28 of 2025) | An Act to repeal the Trade Disputes Act. |
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MOTION

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)