BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

O R D E R P A P E R

(WEDNESDAY 19TH 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. 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.

3. **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

4. **MR. M. MOALOSI, MP. (NKANGE):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to state: **(45)**

(i) the largest and smallest constituency in terms of the number of council wards;

(ii) whether the CCP programme recognises that constituencies vary in size and population; and

(iii) whether in line with equitable distribution of resources, he has plans to distribute the CCP money based on the number of wards instead of the current arrangement where Nkange Constituency, with 15 wards gets the same amount of money as Okavango East with 5 wards or Mmadinare with 6 Wards.

5. **MR. A. K. KHAN, MP. (MOLEPOLOLE NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs when his Ministry will implement the P2,500 allowance for the National Community Service Programme, as stated in the 2024 UDC manifesto, in order to support the youth and participants who depend on this initiative for both livelihood and skills development. **(47)**

6. **MR. K. NKAWANA, MP. (SELEBI PHIKWE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship to state: **(48)**

(i) if Government is satisfied with the current performance of the citrus fruit farm in Selebi Phikwe; and

(ii) measures being taken to ensure its long-term sustainability and contribution to the local economy.

7. **MR. M. M. PULE, MP. (KGATLENG EAST):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure if he is aware of the poor and deteriorating state of roads in the Kgatleng East Constituency, including but not limited to the Mmamashia–Modipane, Malolwane–Ramotlabaki, Matebeleng–Morwa, Dikwididi–Mochudi Roads, as well as other main and feeder roads in the constituency; if so, to state: **(49)**

(i) immediate measures the Ministry intends to implement to make these roads usable and safe for motorists, public transport operators, and residents; and

(ii) when such measures are expected to commence and what the projected
timeframe for completion will be.

8. **MR. S. O. MAPULANGA, MP. (CHOBE):** To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism when last there was a hunting activity in Zibalianja (or Area 6 as it was commonly known). **(50)**

9. **MR. L. BARONGWANG, MP. (MOGODITSHANE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Finance: **(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 P 800.oo to P 1 400.00 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.

10. **MR. S. O. DIGWA, MP. (BOTETI WEST):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to state plans in place to address the persistent challenges of: **(54)**

(i) shortages of medicines and consumables in rural health posts and clinics;

(ii) retention and motivation of healthcare workers in hard to reach areas; and

(iii) integration of digital health solutions (e.g. telemedicine) to bridge the urban-rural divide in access to health care.

11. **MR. D. SALESHANDO, MP. (MAUN NORTH):** To ask the Minister for State President to state the number of Commissions of Enquiry that have been undertaken since independence. How many of the reports were released to the public and whether or not Government will consider releasing the reports that were never made public. **(1)**

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)