BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

O R D E R P A P E R

(TUESDAY 10TH NOVEMBER, 2026)

QUESTIONS **HRS/MINS**

1400 – 1445

1. **DR. K. GOBOTSWANG, MP. (TSWAPONG SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to apprise this Honourable House on the state of Bogosi and further state: **(1)**

   (i) whether the conditions under which traditional leaders operate, are in keeping with their status in respect of office furniture, ablutions and staffing; and

   (ii) what plans are in place to improve the working environment of traditional leaders with clear timelines.

2. **MR. O. KWAPA, MP. (JWANENG-MABUTSANE):** To ask the Minister of Water and Human Settlement whether the Ministry is aware that some teachers' houses at Molongwa Junior Secondary School receive inadequate water supply and if so, what are the measures in place to address the situation. **(2)**

3. **MR. L. LESEDI, MP. (SEROWE SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Minerals and Energy to apprise this Honourable House on the investigation involving De Beers and its relationship with its major site holder, Pluczenik Diamond Company, whose misconduct was previously raised by Government with De Beers and Anglo American, including concerns regarding possible corruption, concealment and conflict of interest; and to further state: **(3)**

   (i) if the Minister is privy to the investigation and subsequent contents of a dossier of evidence on this issue and whether Government is satisfied that the complaints have been transparently and sufficiently addressed;

   (ii) if Government has been provided with the full findings of the investigations by De Beers and Anglo American, together with comprehensive responses to the questions that were formally raised on the matter;

   (iii) whether the internal review that was promised by Government in December 2025 was concluded; and if so, what were the findings;

(iv) the conclusion over the concerns the Government raised with De Beers and Anglo American regarding a concealed transaction of rough diamonds ultimately for the benefit of the former Chairman, Nicky Oppenheimer, whether the transaction had been investigated, its purpose and value, and why it was concealed and conducted through Pluczenik; and

(v) whether Government is satisfied that this issue has been fully addressed and that no such undue leverage or conflict of interest still exists.

4. **MR. M. MOALOSI, MP. (NKANGE):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education to state if there are any plans to set-up proper administration systems at primary schools with administration officers, secretaries for headteachers, supplies officers, driver/messengers and utility vehicles; and if not, whether: **(4)**

(i) the Ministry has assessed a need for the system especially that some headteachers manage schools with over 1000 students, over 50 teachers and other employees; and

(ii) the Ministry is aware that teachers who do supplies officer duties spend a significant amount of time outside classrooms handling supplier disputes and receiving supplies, which may result in them neglecting their core duties and affecting the quality of services they are supposed to give to their clients; if so, how will the ministry address the problem.

5. **MR. S. O. MAPULANGA, MP. (CHOBE):** To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism to update this Honourable House on: **(5)**

(i) the mid-term and long-term strategies that the Ministry plans to deploy to end human-wildlife conflict; and

(ii) when the strategy roll-out will be implemented.

6. **MR. A. K. KHAN, MP. (MOLEPOLOLE NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to apprise this Honourable House on: **(6)**

(i) the implementation status of the Development Manager model; and

(ii) all projects earmarked for implementation under the programme, in Molepolole, indicating their funding status, implementation progress, expected completion dates, and reasons for any delays.

7. **MR. G. SEDOMBO, MP. (TONOTA):** To ask the Minister of Labour and Home Affairs to update this Honourable House on the implementation of Botswana's Occupational Health and Safety Policy; and to further state: **(7)**

(i) if the ministry is aware that safety officers employed in construction companies do not fully carry out their mandate, since there is no local legislation that enforces their recruitment; and

(ii) when Government will employ more safety officers in all its ministries since their expertise is needed.

8. **MR. C. K. HIKUAMA, MP. (MAUN WEST):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture whether he is aware that cattle farmers in the Ngamiland region who supplied livestock to the Botswana Meat Commission (BMC) in May and June 2026 remain unpaid to date; to further state: **(8)**

(i) specific administrative, operational, or financial constraints that have led to this extended delay in disbursing payments;

(ii) the exact date by which the BMC will fully settle all outstanding funds owed to the farmers; and

(iii) measures being taken to establish a reliable payment cushion that prevents recurrent cashflow disruptions for rural livestock producers.

9 **MR. M. BAGAISAMANG, MP. (SHOSHONG):** To ask the Minister of Communications and Innovation; **(9)**

(i) what the Ministry is doing about culprits who call citizens with the intention of scamming them:

(ii) why the numbers used by the culprits are not blocked and such individuals prosecuted, given the recent SIM Card Registration and frequent Know Your Customer (KYC) updates;

(iii) where these culprits obtain users' contact numbers according to the Ministry's investigations; and

(iv) to state the penalties, if any, against such perpetrators.

10. **DR. U. DOW, MP. (KGATLENG WEST):** To ask the Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship what steps the Ministry is taking to promote the success of small and medium size enterprises and whether the Ministry would consider: **(10)**

(i) reviewing the current licensing processes with a view to reducing bureaucratic red tape;

(ii) provision of grants and subsidies for start-ups;

(iii) reviewing the Companies and Intellectual Property Authority (CIPA) fees;

(iv) reviewing and removing unnecessary burdensome requirements such as those that relate to parking bays, number of toilets, size of classes (for preschools) etc; and

(v) re-aligning regulations and requirements with the new realities of businesses on the ground.

11. **MR. C. K. JACOBS, MP. (LOBATSE):** To ask the Minister of Health to state: (11)

(i) whether the Ministry is aware of the long-standing concerns relating to the delayed payment of outstanding back pays and delayed promotions affecting Health Promotion Officers responsible for tuberculosis related programmes, including officers who have remained at the C1 salary grade for periods exceeding sixteen (16) years;

(ii) factors that have caused delays in the processing and payment of the outstanding back pays, as well as implementing the applicable promotions for these officers;

(iii) practical administrative and financial measures that have been undertaken to resolve these outstanding matters, and when the affected officers should expect the matters to be resolved;

(iv) whether there is a coordinated transition or administrative framework between the Ministry and the Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Affairs concerning the management, grading, promotion and remuneration of Health Promotion Officers involved in the Tuberculosis Programme; and if so, to explain how responsibilities for resolving the outstanding grievances are divided between the two (2) Ministries;

(v) whether Government recognises the contribution made by Health Promotion Officers and other Tuberculosis (TB) health personnel in protecting the people of Botswana from TB and in implementing national TB prevention, awareness, treatment-support and control programmes, particularly during periods when TB constituted a major public health threat globally;

(vi) specific steps Government is taking to ensure that these officers are not disadvantaged or demoralised by prolonged delays in the payment of monies due to them or in the consideration and implementation of their promotions;

(vii) whether Government has undertaken an assessment of the number of affected Health Promotion Officers countrywide, the total outstanding back pays owed to them, the number awaiting promotion, and the length of time each category of grievance has remained unresolved;

(viii) assurances the Minister can give affected officers and their families that Government will resolve these long-standing grievances in a fair, transparent and time-bound manner, and what mechanisms are available for officers who believe that their individual cases have not been properly addressed; and

(ix) whether the Minister will table before the National Assembly, a detailed implementation plan, including responsible authorities and timelines, for resolving the outstanding back pays and promotion matters affecting these officers.

12. **MR. K. S. GARE, MP. (MOSHUPA-MANYANA):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to state: (12)

(i) the immediate (short-term) measures that the Ministry intends to undertake to make the Moshupa–Tshwaane–Ralekgetho–Pitseng Road usable and safe for motorists and other road users; and

(ii) whether the Ministry is aware that this route is of significant economic importance as it provides access to key agricultural and production areas; and if so, what plans are in place to improve and maintain the road to support economic activities in the area.