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Parliament is pleased to present a summary of the business conducted during the 3rd Meeting of the 1st Session of the 13th Parliament, commonly referred to as the Winter Meeting, which was held from 7th July to 15th August 2025. During this session, Parliament effectively fulfilled its mandate of law-making, oversight, and representation. The meeting was characterized by strong participation from Members of Parliament and constructive deliberations on key national priorities aimed at driving the country's development agenda.

Below is the detailed breakdown of the summary of the business;

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1. BILLS

No.	Bill	Responsible Ministry	Date of Publication	Status
1.	Medical Aid Funds Bill, 2025 (Bill No. 5 of 2025)	Finance	10/03/2025	Passed on 14/07/2025
2.	Employment and Labour Relations Bill, 2025 (Bill No. 10 of 2025)	Labour and Home Affairs	06/06/2025	Passed on 15/07/2025
3.	Community Based Natural Resources Management Bill, 2025 (Bill No. 11 of 2025)	Environment and Tourism	13/06/2025	Passed on 06/08/2025
4.	Conventional Arms Control Bill, 2025 (Bill No. 13 of 2025)	State President	27/06/2025	Passed on 06/08/2025
5.	Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (Bill No. 14 of 2025)	State President	04/07/2025	Referred to Ntlo Ya Dikgosi on 05/08/2025
6.	Forest and Range Resources Bill, 2025 (Bill No. 12 of 2025)	Environment and Tourism	13/06/2025	Passed on 06/08/2025
7.	Botswana (Governance and Economic Resilience Support Programme) African Development Bank (AfDB) (Loan Authorisation) Bill, 2025 (Bill No. 15 of 2025)	Finance	16/07/2025	Passed on 24/07/2025
8.	Governance and Economic Resilience Support Programme, OPEC Fund for International Development (OFID) (Loan Authorisation) Bill, 2025 (Bill No. 16 of 2025)	Finance	23/07/2025	Passed on 24/07/2025
9.	Anti-Doping Bill, 2025 (Bill No. 18 of 2025)	Sport and Arts	23/07/2025	Passed on 11/08/2025
10.	Botswana National Sports Commission (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (Bill No. 17 of 2025)	Sport and Arts	23/07/2025	Passed on 11/08/2025
11.	Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (Bill No. 22 of 2025)	Finance	08/08/2025	Passed on 14/08/2025
12.	Digital Services Bill, 2025 (Bill No. 23 of 2025)	Communications and Innovation	08/08/2025	Passed on 14/08/2025
13.	Cybersecurity Bill, 2025 (Bill No. 24 of 2025)	Communications and Innovation	08/08/2025	Passed on 14/08/2025
15.	Cannabis Bill, 2025 (Bill No. 25 of 2025)	Lands and Agriculture	08/08/2025	Passed on 14/08/2025
16.	Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (Bill No. 26 of 2025)	State President	12/08/2025	Passed on 14/08/2025

2. GOVERNMENT RESOLUTIONS

NO.	RESOLUTION	RESPONSIBLE MINISTER	STATUS
1.	ADOPTION OF THE BOTSWANA OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH POLICY "That this Honourable House resolves to adopt the Botswana Occupational Safety and Health Policy."	Labour and Home Affairs	<i>Adopted on 16/07/2025</i>
2.	ADOPTION OF THE NATIONAL PRODUCTIVITY AND COMPETITIVENESS POLICY "That this Honourable House resolves to adopt the National Productivity and Competitiveness Policy."	Labour and Home Affairs	<i>Adopted on 17/07/2025</i>

3. QUESTIONS

Received	Answered	Remaining
301	135	166

4. MINISTERS' QUESTION TIME

Received	Answered	Remaining
10	3	7

5. LEADER OF THE HOUSE'S QUESTION TIME

Received	Answered	Remaining
5	2	3

6. PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

Received	Adopted	Rejected	Remaining
28	3	3	22

INTRODUCTION OF 26 DAYS MONTH PAY MODEL FOR TEACHERS IN BOTSWANA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

1. "That this Honourable House requests Government to introduce and/or adopt a 26 days month pay model for teachers in Botswana Public Schools, as a form of recognition for the peculiarity of their work, in shaping the minds of the next generation, as well as fostering a positive learning environment for learners."

(Mr. K. C. Hikuama, MP. – Maun West)

(Rejected on 11/07/2025)

GOVERNMENT TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE LIQUIDATOR ON BEHALF OF THE FORMER BCL EMPLOYEES

2. "That this Honourable House request the Government to negotiate with the liquidator on behalf of the former BCL employees to be awarded a special programme of subsidised purchase of BCL houses including but not limited to rent-to-buy, turn-key and any other social welfare housing scheme to enable them to continue occupying these houses."

(Mr. R. W. Kaizer, MP. – Selebi Phikwe West)

(Rejected on 18/07/2025)

GOVERNMENT TO PRIORITISE THE PROVISION OF WATER TO THE FARMING AREAS

3. "That this Honourable House requests Government to prioritise the provision of water to farming areas for agricultural purposes."

(Mr. M. M. Pule, MP. – Kgatleng East)

(Adopted on 18/07/2025)

DECLARATION OF LESHIBITSE VILLAGE AS A HORTICULTURAL ECONOMIC ZONE

4. "That this Honourable House requests Government to declare Leshibitse Village in Kgatleng a Horticultural Economic Area and to that end recognise residential homesteads as small horticulture holdings, facilitate the drilling and equipping of communal boreholes and support the necessary infrastructure."

(Dr. U. Dow, MP. – Kgatleng West)

(Adopted on 25/07/2025)

AMENDMENT OF EXISTING LAWS TO LEGALISE CULTIVATION AND PROCESSING OF INDUSTRIAL HEMP

5. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider amending the existing laws in order to legalise cultivation and processing of industrial hemp."

(Mr. M. Moalosi, MP. – Nkange)

(Rejected on 08/08/2025)

MOTION FOR THE ADJOURNMENT – DEFINITE MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

6. "That this Honourable House resolves to request Government to prioritise resolving the current health crisis through mobilization of funds in all possible ways so as to buy essential medication, pay for outstanding health bills and restore to normalcy all medical procedures for patients."

(Mr. R. M. Lekutlane, MP. – Kgalagadi North)

(Adopted on 15/08/2025)

FORENSIC LAND AUDIT COVERING ALL LAND ALLOCATION

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

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

(Motion on the floor)

REVIEW AND STRENGTHENING OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION LAWS

8. "That this Honourable House requests Government to review and strengthen existing environmental protection laws in view of prevailing harsh climate change conditions that have affected food production with debilitating conditions, particularly for subsistence farmers."

(Mr. K. Nkawana, MP. – Selebi Phikwe East)

GOVERNMENT TO RE-ALIGN THE TENURE OF PARLIAMENTARIANS TO BE 60 MONTHS

9. "That this Honourable House requests Government to re-align the tenure of Parliamentarians to be 60 months as per the Constitution and in similar patterns to Cabinet and Councillors in an effort to close a vacuum and create uniformity in political representation and responsibility."

(Mr. G. Kekgonegile, MP. – Maun East)

INTRODUCTION OF SIGN LANGUAGE AS AN OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

10. "That this Honourable House resolves to introduce and adopt sign language as an official language in Botswana."
(Mr. M. M. Morolong, MP. – Kgatleng Central)

SETTING UP OF A COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

11. "That this Honourable House requests Government to institute a Commission of Inquiry into the alleged corruption at Botswana Unified Revenue Services (BURS)."
(Mr. P. M. Segokgo, MP. – Tlokweng)

INTRODUCTION OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AS A COMPULSORY COMPONENT OF BASIC EDUCATION

12. "That this Honourable House requests Government to introduce Early Childhood Education as a compulsory component of Basic Education to open access to Basic Education Programme to every three-year old child."
(Dr. K. Gobotswang, MP. – Tswapong South)

GOVERNMENT TO COMMIT TO ALLOCATE PLOTS TO HALF OF ALL PERSONS ON THE WAITING LIST

13. "That this Honourable House requests Government to commit to allocate residential plots to half of all persons on the waiting list for such plots in the next 3 years to facilitate home ownership for a significant proportion of the people of Botswana."
(Mr. T. B. Lucas, MP. – Bobirwa)

NGOMA TO SEDUDU TRANSIT ROUTE TO OPERATE ON A 24HRS BASIS

14. "That this Honourable House resolves to request Government to have the Ngoma to Sedudu transit route operate on a 24hrs basis, remove the request for permits system and introduce Police officers to man and manage the 2 gates."
(Mr. S. O. Mapulanga, MP. – Chobe)

LOCAL PAYMENT OF HOTELS AND ACTIVITIES IN THE DELTA

15. "That this Honourable House resolves that all payments for hotels and activities in the delta, parks and tourism attraction areas should be fully paid for in Botswana."
(Mr. G. Lekau, MP. – Mogoditshane West)

RENAMING A GOVERNMENT INSTITUTION

16. "That this Honourable House resolves to rename one of the Government institutions in honour of the late Dr. Kenneth Goabamong Shololo Koma."
(Mr. A. K. Khan, MP. – Molepolole North)

GOVERNMENT TO ESTABLISH A REGULATORY BODY FOR PROFESSIONALS IN THE FIELD OF CONSTRUCTION PROJECT MANAGEMENT

17. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider establishing a regulatory body for professionals in the field of Construction Project Management as a move towards greater recognition of the unique skills and knowledge required in Construction Project Management, to serve as an oversight entity, setting standards, providing certifications, and enforcing ethical conduct to ensure the competence and integrity of construction project managers in Botswana."

(Mr. R. M. Lekutlane, MP. – Kgalagadi North)

URGENT CONSTRUCTION OF THE MOHEMBO-GUDIGWA ROAD

18. "That this Honourable House requests Government to commence and complete the construction of the road from Moheambo River Bridge to Gudigwa within a period not exceeding twelve (12) months."

(Mr. G. Disho, MP. – Okavango East)

AMENDMENT OF SECTION 201 (A) OF THE PENAL CODE OF 2018

19. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider amending Section 201 (A) of the Penal Code 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 A RURAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME

20. "That this Honourable House requests Government to introduce a Rural Water Supply Scheme in order to promote economic and social upliftment of the rural communities."

(Mr. K. C. Hikuama, MP. – Maun West)

DEVELOPMENT OF YOUTH FOCUSED JOB CREATION PROGRAMMES

21. "That this Honourable House requests Government to develop youth focused job creation programmes, entrepreneurship initiatives and vocational training to address the high rates of youth unemployment."

(Mr. M. Moalosi, MP. – Nkange)

SCHOOL SPORT AND TAKING YOUTH OUT OF STREETS

22. "That this Honourable House requests Government to develop and pilot basic sport facilities in Mogoditshane by upgrading Solomon Dihutso football grounds and commence a development programme for pre-primary, primary and secondary schools."

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

GOVERNMENT TO REDUCE THE PASSPORT FEE

23. "That this Honourable House resolves to request Government to reduce the passport penalty fee by 50% or to P600 to make it affordable for Batswana."

(Mr. S. O. Mapulanga, MP. – Chobe)

GOVERNMENT TO HUMANITARIANLY COMPENSATE FORMER BCL EMPLOYEES WHO LOST THEIR JOBS DUE TO THE ABRUPT CLOSURE OF THE BCL MINE

24. "That this Honourable House requests Government to humanitarily compensate former BCL employees who lost their jobs due to the abrupt closure of the BCL Mine retrenchment packages as per section 25 of the employment Act."

(Mr. R. W. Kaizer, MP. – Selebi Phikwe West)

CREATION OF A NATIONAL CHILDREN'S BUDGET

25. "That this Honourable House requests Government to create a detailed and disaggregated national children's budget, which must first be reviewed and passed through the National Children's Forum and Council before being considered and approved by Parliament."

(Mr. M. M. Pule, MP. – Kgatleng East)

DEVELOPMENT OF A PROGRAMME AIMED AT ABSORBING ALL GRADUATES INTO THE JOB MARKET

26. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider developing a programme aimed at absorbing all graduates into the job market."

(Mr. P. M. Segokgo, MP. – Tlokweng)

REVIEW OF THE CONSTITUTION

27. "That this Honourable House requests Government to start a process of review of the constitution of Botswana to bring an inclusive, progressive and transformative constitution for Botswana."

(Mr. A. K. Khan, MP. – Molepolole North)

AMENDMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATIONS AND COMPLIANCE AT COMPANIES AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AUTHORITY (CIPA)

28. "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 CIPA register."

(Mr. C. K. Jacobs, MP. – Lobatse)

7. PAPERS TABLED

The following Papers were tabled:

1. Botswana Occupational Safety and Health Policy
(Minister of Labour and Home Affairs)
(Tabled: 08/07/2025)
2. National Productivity and Competitiveness Policy
(Minister of Labour and Home Affairs)
(Tabled: 08/07/2025)
3. Statutory Instrument No. 156 of 2024: Public Finance Management
(National Research Fund) Order, 2024.
(Minister of Finance)
(Tabled: 17/07/2025)
4. Statutory Instrument No. 152 of 2024: Hypothecation (Authorised
Creditors) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, 2024.
(Minister of Finance)
(Tabled: 24/07/2025)
5. Statutory Instrument No. 13 of 2025: Hypothecation (Authorised
Creditors) (Amendment) (No. 1) Regulations, 2025.
(Minister of Finance)
(Tabled: 24/07/2025)
6. Statutory Instrument No. 14 of 2025: Hypothecation (Authorised
Creditors) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, 2025.
(Minister of Finance)
(Tabled: 24/07/2025)
7. National Development Bank Annual Report, 2022/2023.
(Minister of Finance)
(Tabled: 28/07/2025)
8. National Development Bank Annual Report, 2023/2024.
(Minister of Finance)
(Tabled: 28/07/2025)
9. Gambling Authority Integrated Annual Report, 2023/2024
(Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship)
(Tabled: 29/07/2025)
10. Botswana Savings Bank Consolidated and Separate Financial
Statements for the year ended 31st March 2025.
(Minister of Finance)
(Tabled: 31/07/2025)

8. STATEMENTS ISSUED

The following Statements were made in the House:

1. The Minister of Finance made a statement on the re-adjustment to the Botswana Pula currency exchange rates. **(23/07/2025)**
2. The Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs made a statement on the relocation of Primary Health care from Ministry of Health to the Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Affairs. **(24/07/2025)**
3. The Acting Leader of the Opposition, Hon. T. B. Lucas, MP. made a statement condemning violence and attacks on Police Officers. **(01/08/2025)**
4. The Minister of Health briefed the House on the availability of essential medicines and medical commodities across all health facilities. **(05/08/2025)**
5. The Leader of the House made a statement regarding violation of Standing Orders 38. 1 (Contents of Questions) and Standing Order 57.6 (Contents of Speeches) by some Honourable Members. **(07/08/2025)**
6. The Minister of Transport and Infrastructure made a statement on the Development Manager Model. **(13/08/2025)**
7. The Leader of the Opposition made a statement regarding the Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (Bill No. 14 of 2025). **(14/08/2025)**
8. The Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education made a statement on the growing challenge of students' indiscipline. **(15/08/2025)**

9. PERSONAL EXPLANATION

- The Leader of the Opposition made a personal explanation regarding his extended medical leave. **(17/07/2025).**

10. PETITION

- The Opposition Whip Hon. C. K. Hikuama, MP. presented a petition on behalf of DDT College of Medicine students. The Petition was on DDT College of Medicine not meeting the Botswana Qualifications Authority and the Human Resource Development Council standards. **(23/07/2025).**