

**BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**NOTICE PAPER**

**(MONDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2024)**

**NOTICE OF QUESTIONS**

**(FOR ORAL ANSWER ON WEDNESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST, 2024)**

1. **MR. T. LETSHOLO, MP. (KANYE NORTH):** To ask the Minister for State President to apprise this Honourable House on the current status of positions at management level within Government and parastatals that are under the purview of and appointed by the Permanent Secretary to the President (PSP) and steps taken to address any gaps in these key roles, specifically: **(388)**
  - (i) what is the total number of management positions within Government and parastatals that are either vacant or temporarily acted upon, broken down according to each ministry and the reasons for these vacancies or acting appointments;
  - (ii) what is the duration for which these posts have remained vacant or temporarily acted upon;
  - (iii) how does the absence of qualified individuals in these positions affect service delivery within Government;
  - (iv) is there a shortage of qualified candidates within Botswana to fill these positions and if so, what are the reasons for the shortage, additionally, if there is a need, why has there been reluctance to consider foreign candidates for the roles;
  - (v) are there plans to allow specialised ministries such as the Ministry of Health to participate in filling these management positions directly; and
  - (vi) what is the Ministry's timeline commitment for filling these positions with qualified personnel.
  
2. **DR. N. TSHABANG, MP. (NKANGE):** To ask the Minister for State President to update this Honourable House on the amount spent by Government on the funeral proceedings of the former President of Namibia, Dr. Hage Geingob; and to further state: **(389)**

- (i) whether it is of diplomatic (relations) interest for a country to spend such an amount on the other; and
- (ii) resources used such as the number of vehicles, motorbikes and human resources.

**3. MR. O. REGOENG, MP. (MOLEPOLOLE NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Labour and Home Affairs to state: **(390)**

- (i) whether Botswana National Productivity Centre (BNPC) is succeeding in the quest to stimulate and generate national productivity consciousness and competitiveness;
- (ii) the extent to which BNPC efforts improved the level and quality of labour productivity and work ethics in Botswana;
- (iii) if there is any plan to review the BNPC mandate any time soon; and
- (iv) if she is satisfied with the current productivity level and work ethics in Botswana, if not, what the Ministry is doing about it.

**4. MR. M. REATILE, MP. (JWANENG-MABUTSANE):** To ask the Minister of Justice: **(391)**

- (i) if in the so called Butterfly Case, Gerrie Nel was hired or is still hired by the State as its legal counsel and since Gerrie Nel is linked to AfriForum, what was the rationale of the State in engaging Gerrie Nel who is at odds, undermines and minimises the struggles of African National Congress (ANC) in fighting for justice in South Africa;
- (ii) whether this does not reflect negatively towards the geopolitics of our neighbouring countries who share the same pain; especially South Africa, a friendly neighbouring country;
- (iii) how much has been paid to date for his services;
- (iv) if he is still being paid by the State or owed and if so how much;
- (v) to state the number of times His Excellency the President, Dr. Mokgweetsi Eric Keabetswe Masisi met Gerrie Nel;
- (vi) why it was necessary for Gerrie Nel to have a sit-down with His Excellency the President Masisi since the Butterfly case was wholly initiated by law enforcement agencies without external influence from the Executive as per the State's claim;

- (vii) Bank of Botswana Management provided the State with an affidavit that clearly denied the theory that money was stolen under their watch and supervision. Why did the State distance itself from that affidavit; never acknowledged its existence, never disclosed it to Batswana or even used it to avoid prosecuting an innocent person;
- (viii) the High Court ordered that, Jako Hubona be charged with perjury for manufacturing evidence on behalf of the State. How many years are left before this matter can be brought before the court as per the Prescriptions Act. If the matter is not filed yet, can the Minister update this Honourable House when the State is intending to do so and why at that particular time;
- (ix) how many times did Jako Hubona meet His Excellency the President Masisi; to brief him about the Butterfly Case;
- (x) with Hubona's skillset of fabrication and manufacturing evidence, harm and injury was caused on the accused. Has the State apologised or compensated the accused person for the fabrication he did, if not why not;
- (xi) what action has been taken against other individuals who participated at various capacities in helping Hubona in the name of the State in the fabrication of evidence;
- (xii) did the State establish whether the accused person was working alone or not when money went missing at Bank of Botswana. If the accused person had partners, how many Bank of Botswana employees were charged for and if not, why were they not charged;
- (xiii) since Bank of Botswana holds annual Cabinet briefings and the incident of stolen money occurred in 2008, does His Excellency the President or anyone in Cabinet remember being briefed about the missing money; if there is someone, who is it and what they remember;
- (xiv) if His Excellency the President and Cabinet do not remember being told about the missing money, did the State seek explanation from Bank of Botswana for such misleading reports that led to an innocent person being falsely accused. If no investigation was done, why not.

5. **MR. P. K. MOTAOSANE, MP. (THAMAGA-KUMAKWANE):** To ask the Minister of Health to state when the Satar Dada Clinic staff housing project will commence in Kumakwane. **(392)**

**6. MR. D. TSHERE, MP. (MAHALAPYE WEST):** To ask the Minister for State President to apprise this Honourable House on the promise made by His Excellency the President, Dr. Mokgweetsi Eric Keabetswe Masisi in 2019 to reinstate all those who were dismissed from work as a consequence of the 2011 industrial strike and further explain the following: **(393)**

- (i) how many people were dismissed from work at Ministry of Health and any other Ministry;
- (ii) how many were reinstated at Ministry of Health and other Ministries;
- (iii) if he is aware that most of the people who were dismissed were actually not reinstated but instead given two (2) year contracts;
- (iv) the selection criteria and rational when giving them two (2) year contracts as some were not given;
- (v) if he is aware that these people are now out of work;
- (vi) whether these contracts were merely electioneering for 2019 General Election without any intention to reinstate them to their original positions;
- (vii) whether the reinstated employees were given their original benefits in terms of terminal benefits, salary adjustments, leave days and allowances as is the nature with reinstatements; and
- (viii) what his Ministry is doing to rectify the suffering of people who were dismissed from work following the industrial strike.

**7. MR. S. J. BROOKS, MP. (KGALAGADI SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism to state: **(394)**

- (i) the number of community Trusts in Botswana recognised under the Community Based Natural Resources Management (CBNRM) Policy;
- (ii) how many of them are running successful business ventures;
- (iii) the kind of businesses they ventured into; and

- (iv) if the CBNRM Policy is beneficial to Community Trusts in any way and if not, whether he plans to improve it so that it has more positive impact in our communities.
8. **MR. K. NKAWANA, MP. (SELEBI PHIKWE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Trade and Industry to apprise this Honourable House on the number of vacant managerial and directorship positions at SPEDU if any and when he intends to fill them. **(395)**
9. **MR. F. T. LEUWE, MP. (TAKATOKWANE):** To ask the Minister of Health to update this Honourable House on progress regarding the construction of nurses' houses at Maboane Clinic as it has been long promised. **(396)**
10. **MR. O. RAMOGAPI, MP. (PALAPYE):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Public Works to state: **(397)**
- (i) why the Mogome-Mokgware road has taken so long to be upgraded from gravel to bitumen;
  - (ii) how long this project has been in the National Development Plan (NDP); and
  - (iii) when it will be constructed.
11. **MR. J. L. THIITE, MP. (GHANZI NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Rural Development to apprise this Honourable House on the minimum entry requirements for the Ipelegeng Skills Development Component (ISDC) Certificate in comparison with those from brigades and technical colleges; and to state: **(398)**
- (i) whether there are any long-term plans to support ISDC graduates in pursuing further studies in technical fields or enrolling in brigades and technical colleges;
  - (ii) what collaborative measures are in place between the Ministries of Local Government and Rural Development, Education and Skills Development and Labour and Home Affairs to ensure seamless transitions for ISDC graduates into higher education or vocational training programmes;
  - (iii) how the Government plans to monitor and evaluate the outcomes of the ISDC in terms of employment rates and the integration of graduates into the labour market;
  - (iv) strategies being implemented to ensure that the skills acquired through the ISDC are aligned with the current industry demands and the needs of the economy; and

- (v) any additional support mechanisms such as mentorship or apprenticeships that are being planned to enhance the practical application of skills gained through the ISDC thereby reducing dependency among beneficiaries.

**12. MR. M. I. MOSWAANE, MP. (FRANCISTOWN WEST):** To ask the Minister (399) of Lands and Water Affairs to state:

- (i) if he is aware that there is a dire need for a storm water drainage and sewer system in Botsalano ward; and
- (ii) how much this system will cost.

**NOTICE OF A STATEMENT**

**(FOR TUESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2024)**

- **STATEMENT BY THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND HOME AFFAIRS**

**NOTICE OF LEADER OF THE HOUSE'S QUESTION TIME**

**(FOR ORAL ANSWER ON THURSDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> AUGUST, 2024)**

**THEME: ARRANGEMENTS IN PLACE TO ENSURE THAT ALL NEWLY ESTABLISHED DISTRICTS FUNCTION OPTIMALLY**

- To ask the Leader of the House to apprise this Honourable House on all administrative, personnel and financial arrangements that have been put in place to ensure that all the newly established districts function optimally. The Leader of the House should specifically state:
  - (i) the new districts where substantive Council Secretaries and District Commissioners have been appointed and where there are delays, state the causes of such delays;
  - (ii) Central Government offices that are expected to place senior officers in the new districts and whether this has been done; if not, when;
  - (iii) if there is adequate legal infrastructure to allow for districts to mobilise own resources and self-finance; and
  - (iv) if the current decentralisation process covers land administration and Bogosi (traditional leadership) operations.

(Mr. T. B. Lucas, MP. – Bobonong)

**NOTICE OF AMENDMENTS TO BE MOVED AT COMMITTEE STAGE**

1. Deputy Sheriffs Bill, 2024 (Bill No. 22 of 2024)      An Act to provide for the appointment, supervision, monitoring and regulation of the conduct of Deputy Sheriffs, the establishment of a Board and a Fidelity Fund for Deputy Sheriffs, and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

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(Minister of Justice)

**AMENDMENTS**

1. The Bill is amended at **Clause 21** appearing on page **B.178**, by substituting for paragraph (a), appearing therein, the following new paragraph –

*“(a) the Chief Registrar shall be an *ex-officio* member and Chairperson of the Board;”.*

(Minister of Justice)

2. The Bill is amended by substituting for **Clause 61**, appearing at page **B. 187** the following new clause –

*“Storage facility of Deputy Sheriff*      61. (1) The office of the Deputy Sheriff shall be a functional office with a proper storage facility.  
(2) A Deputy Sheriff shall pay into the Fidelity Fund, a storage fee as may be prescribed.  
(3) The Sheriff may inspect the storage facility to ensure that it is suitable and secure to store the property attached.”.

(Minister of Justice)

2. High Court (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (Bill No. 21 of 2024)      An Act to amend the High Court Act.

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(Minister of Justice)

**AMENDMENT**

- The Bill is amended by inserting, immediately after **clause 2** appearing on page **B.168**, the following new clause –

*“Deletion of section 18 of the Act*      2A. The Act is amended by deleting section 18 appearing therein.”.

(Minister of Justice)