

**BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**NOTICE PAPER**

**(MONDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2024)**

**NOTICE OF QUESTIONS**

**(FOR ORAL ANSWER ON WEDNESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2024)**

- 1. MR. T. MANGWEGAPE-HEALY, MP. (GABORONE CENTRAL):** To ask the **(415)** Minister of Labour and Home Affairs to give an update on:

  - (i) the implementation of the Sex Offender Register;
  - (ii) tangible outcomes one can refer to; and
  - (iii) offences that lead to the registration of such individuals.
  
- 2. MR. M. REATILE, MP. (JWANENG-MABUTSANE):** To ask the Minister of **(416)** Defence and Security to apprise this Honourable House on the issue of pedophilia in the country and to further state:

  - (i) how many cases of defilement were recorded in the Jwaneng-Mabutsane Constituency from 2019 to date;
  - (ii) if the Ministry views pedophilia as a problem in the country;
  - (iii) if the Minister would agree that pedophilia could be a significant contributor to the number of defilement cases in the constituency; and
  - (iv) if the Ministry has records in place of known pedophiles as well as a database which can be used by police, schools and employment agencies; if so, how many pedophiles have been registered in the constituency.
  
- 3. MR. T. LETSHOLO, MP. (KANYE NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Finance **(417)** to explain the regulatory approach to attorney selection in the financial sector and its implications to consumers, more specifically:

  - (i) why banks prohibit their clients from selecting their own attorneys and instead compel them to choose from a pre-determined panel provided by the bank;

- (ii) whether this practice is not anti-competitive and not consumer-friendly; and
  - (iii) if there is a plan or timeline for discontinuing this practice and allowing clients to freely choose their own attorneys.
- 4. MR. K. NKAWANA, MP. (SELEBI PHIKWE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Water Affairs if he is aware of the deplorable state of the sewage system in Selibe Phikwe. **(418)**
- 5. MR. C. GREEFF, MP. (GABORONE BONNINGTON SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism if there are any *Phane* harvesting guidelines in Botswana and further state if there is: **(419)**
- (i) a stipulated period for *Phane* harvesting;
  - (ii) specific areas in Botswana that are designated for *Phane* harvesting;
  - (iii) a plan or strategy of *Phane* conservation in Botswana, if so, where it can be found and if not, when he plans to have one as many people depend on its harvesting for their livelihood especially in the SPEDU region which includes Tswapong, Selebi Phikwe, Mmadinare and Bobirwa; and
  - (iv) a communication plan with Dikgosi in villages where *Phane* is harvested.
- 6. MR. M. I. MOSWAANE, MP. (FRANCISTOWN WEST):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Rural Development to state how many kilometres of internal roads are needed in Tati Town Ward and the estimated cost of this project. **(420)**
- 7. MR. P. K. MOTAOSANE, MP. (THAMAGA-KUMAKWANE):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Water Affairs to apprise this Honourable House on the land acquisition process in Kumakwane. **(421)**
- 8. MR. D. L. KEORAPETSE, MP. (SELEBI PHIKWE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Labour and Home Affairs to update this Honourable House on the number of foreigners working and doing business in the country and to further state and explain: **(422)**
- (i) the number of foreigners by industry who are employed in Botswana;
  - (ii) qualifications of foreigners working in the country in Accounting, Medical, Engineering, Law, Academia and other professions;

- (iii) the longest time a foreigner has worked in the country and the profession concerned; and
  - (iv) if she is aware of complaints by Accountants in the retail and manufacturing sectors who are ill-treated in favour of foreigners who are better paid and given managerial Accounting positions.
- 9. MR. F. T. LEUWE, MP. (TAKATOKWANE):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Rural Development when Government will upgrade the Metsibotlhoko Kgotla to that of Court of Record. **(423)**
- 10. MR. D. TSHERE, MP. (MAHALAPYE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Defence and Security to apprise this Honourable House on the status of crime in Mahalapye for the past five (5) years and to further state: **(424)**
- (i) how many criminal activities were recorded in terms of rape, murder, house breaking, common nuisance, burglary and livestock theft in the past five (5) years;
  - (ii) at the answer at (i) above, how many have been convicted by courts of law;
  - (iii) comparatively, whether criminal activities have increased or decreased in the past five (5) years;
  - (iv) to demonstrate by number the answer at (iii) above;
  - (v) how many butcheries were closed because their proceeds were linked to livestock theft;
  - (vi) how many butchers were convicted in Mahalapye in the past five (5) years for stock theft;
  - (vii) whether his Ministry once commented that the people of Mahalapye should prepare to eat only vegetables because most of the butcheries will close due to stock theft; and
  - (viii) whether, this in his view, the statement at (vii) above was prejudicial to the people of Mahalapye and has negatively affected Mahalapye business confidence.
- 11. MR. J. L. THIITE, MP. (GHANZI NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Public Works whether his Ministry does not consider it necessary to amend Section 111 of the Public Procurement Act of 2021, which currently prohibits Public Officers and Employees of Public Bodies and their immediate family members from participating as bidders in any public procurement, specifically to exempt renting of houses to Government by public officers and to state: **(425)**

- (i) given the current housing shortages and the increasing demand for affordable housing solutions, what alternative measures does the Ministry propose to support public officers and their families in securing housing without undermining the principles of the Public Procurement Act;
- (ii) what impact this law has on the success of schemes such as the Government Employment Motor Vehicle Advance Scheme (GEMVAS) and Self Help Housing Agency (SHHA), which encourage public officers to build houses; and
- (iii) what commitments were made at the Housing Pitso held in 2023 to address the current housing shortages and what progress has been made on their implementation to address the housing shortage in Botswana.

**12. MR. W. B. MMOLOTSI, MP. (FRANCISTOWN SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Justice if he: **(426)**

- (i) is aware that Offices of the District Commissioner perform Judiciary functions such as preparation of remand warrants, inquest dockets, liberation warrants and confession statements and that such duties expose them to risk; and
- (ii) will he consider providing them with security or if not, relief them of judiciary functions given that these functions are already performed by the Administration of Justice.