

**BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**NOTICE PAPER**

**(FRIDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2024)**

**NOTICE OF QUESTIONS**

**(FOR ORAL ANSWER ON TUESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2024)**

1. **MR. M. G. J. MOTSAMAI, MP. (GHANZI SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Public Works to brief this Honourable House on progress regarding the fencing of the (44) road from the junction to Mamuno along the Trans Kalahari Highway. **(440)**
2. **MR. W. B. MMOLOTSI, MP. (FRANCISTOWN SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Water Affairs to give progress regarding the servicing of the Phase 4 industrial area. **(441)**
3. **MR. S. J. BROOKS, MP. (KGALAGADI SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Youth, Gender, Sport and Culture to apprise this Honourable House on: **(442)**
  - (i) the role played by the Department of Botswana National Archives and Records Services in;
    - (a) transparency, accountability and good governance;
    - (b) culture and heritage preservation;
    - (c) access to Botswana Documentary Heritage; and
  - (ii) the visibility of the Department in terms of the extent of Botswana population.
4. **MR. D. L. KEORAPETSE, MP. (SELEBI PHIKWE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Defence and Security to update this Honourable House on the average retired Botswana Defence Force net replacement ratio for Non Commissioned Officers and Commissioned Officers. The Minister must: **(443)**
  - (i) confirm if the percentage stands at about 25% and whether that of the general civil servants of equal status stands at around 73%;
  - (ii) state whether this state of affairs is tenable; and

- (iii) explain how the country arrived at this state of affairs, the reasons for the discrepancies and what the Minister has done or is doing.

**5. DR. K. GOBOTSWANG, MP. (SEFHARE-RAMOKGONAMI):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Rural Development to apprise this Honourable House over consultations regarding the establishment of a fully-fledged district in the Tswapong area. The Minister should specifically state: **(444)**

- (i) whether Government has taken a decision to establish a fully-fledged district in the Tswapong area;
- (ii) the nature and character of consultations undertaken so far;
- (iii) reasons for the consultation strategy adopted and whether such a strategy has previously been used under similar circumstances;
- (iv) whether the Minister intends to consult elected representatives in the area; and
- (v) whether there are plans to consult affected communities.

**6. MR. T. MANGWEGAPE-HEALY, MP. (GABORONE CENTRAL):** To ask the Minister of Finance: **(445)**

- (i) if there is any dispensation for Small Medium Micro Enterprises (SMMES) to be assisted with payment of mobilisation funds after they have been awarded Government tenders or issued Request for Quotations (RFQ's); if so,
- (ii) how it is processed or applied for and which industries it covers; if not,
- (iii) whether this is not a hindrance for SMMES and affects the uptake of local procurement;
- (iv) if she is aware that SMMES need mobilisation funds; and
- (v) if she does not see the need to incorporate this dispensation into the current payment system.

- 7. DR. T. MATSHEKA, MP. (LOBATSE):** To ask the Minister of Finance to update this Honorable House on progress achieved in realising an export led economy in the last five years (5) or since the elections of 2019 or the adoption of the Economic Recovery and Transformation Plan as approved by Parliament and to further state the following: **(446)**
- (i) the average growth rate of imports over the past five years;
  - (ii) the average growth rate of exports over the same period;
  - (iii) the trade balance over the same period; and
  - (iv) to finally share the measures and interventions that were implemented in an effort to realise an export led economy
- 8. MR. T. LETSHOLO, MP. (KANYE NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Finance to update Parliament on the structural reforms and policies that have been put in place to strengthen the Botswana economy over the last five (5) years, more specifically: **(447)**
- (i) outline the progress made in the diversification of the economy and of exports; and
  - (ii) what innovative and robust strategies have been introduced to increase Government revenue and reduce the expenditure bill during this period.
- 9. MR. M. REATILE, MP. (JWANENG-MABUTSANE):** To ask the Minister of Minerals and Energy to apprise this Honourable House on solar farming in the country and to state: **(448)**
- (i) what percentage of the country's electricity usage is generated by solar technology;
  - (ii) if the Minister would agree that solar farming in the Kalahari Desert presents an untapped opportunity to generate green energy;
  - (iii) what current or future plans entail farming the sunlight in the Kalahari Desert;
  - (iv) if the Minister would agree that such a solar farm would have immense socio-economic benefits to the Jwaneng-Mabutsane constituency; and
  - (v) the number of households who have applied for the rooftop solar programme in the area and in Botswana.



**10. MR. M. I. MOSWAANE, MP. (FRANCISTOWN WEST):** To ask the Minister (449)  
of Lands and Water Affairs:

- (i) if he is aware that the Monarch storm water drainage system is a living hell for Monarch residents as it does not follow the natural course to the river but instead it drives storm water right into residents' houses and businesses; and
- (ii) when he intends to do a comprehensive storm water drainage system upgrade to solve the matter.