

**BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**NOTICE PAPER**

**(TUESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2024)**

**NOTICE OF QUESTIONS**

**(FOR ORAL ANSWER ON MONDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2024)**

1. **MR. M. REATILE, MP. (JWANENG-MABUTSANE):** To ask the Minister of Agriculture to apprise this Honourable House on the import ban of selected vegetables and fruits and to further state: **(376)**
  - (i) how the ban has impacted the fruit and vegetable import bill since its implementation;
  - (ii) the increase, if any, of fruits and vegetables exported by the country since the ban was implemented; and
  - (iii) if the Ministry has any plans to set up Private Public Partnership (PPP) food processing plants in the country to bolster fruit and vegetable farming and processing.
  
2. **MR. K. C. HIKUAMA, MP. (NGAMI):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Public Works to explain the Ministry's plan on debushing and vegetation control along roads and highways in the country and to specifically state: **(377)**
  - (i) why roads within Ngamiland take long to be debushed compared to roads in other areas; and
  - (ii) the debushing plan and dates thereof for all roads within the Ngami Constituency.
  
3. **MR. T. LETSHOLO, MP. (KANYE NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Minerals and Energy to apprise this Honourable House on Government's relationship with a company involved in coal mining in Medie, as well as the nature, dynamics and impact of this particular partnership within the coal mining sector, additionally: **(378)**
  - (i) provide a comprehensive overview of the benefits that the Government has accrued from this partnership since its inception;
  - (ii) what is the extent of financial contributions made by the Government to this partnership and how much has been invested by the other company;

- (iii) are there allegations or evidence of mistreatment and exploitation of Batswana employees and subcontractors by the Government partner, who appears to exert significant control over the operations;
  - (iv) what are the reasons behind this partnership not being widely known to the general public, unlike other Government business collaborations.
- 4. MR. P. K. MOTAOSANE, MP. (THAMAGA-KUMAKWANE):** To ask the Minister of Health to state: **(379)**
- (i) when the Kumakwane Clinic will commence 24-hour operation as promised;
  - (ii) if he is aware of staff shortage at Kumakwane Clinic; and
  - (iii) when his Ministry intends to establish a maternity wing at the same clinic.
- 5. MR. D. L. KEORAPETSE, MP. (SELEBI PHIKWE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Finance to state and explain to this Honourable House on the amount of money the Government has received as non-traditional sources of revenue from the increased user fees and service charges since the announcement of the decision and to specifically address: **(380)**
- (i) which user fees and services charges (including licenses, permits etc.) have been increased in the last three (3) years and by how much including percentage increases;
  - (ii) what empirical evidence informed this policy decision of increasing user fees and services fees;
  - (iii) the extent to which these have increased the cost of living of Batswana and/or implications for purchasing power; and
  - (iv) which user fees and services changes is Government considering to increase and timelines.
- 6. DR. K. GOBOTSWANG, MP. (SEFHARE-RAMOKGONAMI):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Water Affairs to apprise this Honourable House on the water pipeline from Ramokgonami to the villages of Seleka, Rasesa, Malete and Taupye as well as the water pipeline connecting at Sefhare and Machaneng; the Minister should further state: **(381)**
- (i) if he is aware of the water challenges supply in Machaneng, Seleka, Rasesa, Malete and Taupye resulting in water rationing and bowing in some instances; and
  - (ii) plans in place to remedy the situation in the short, medium to long term.

- 7. MR. T. B. LUCAS, MP. (BOBONONG):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Public Works to give a progress report on the following roads: **(382)**
- (i) Tsetsebye-Moletemane;
  - (ii) Mathathane-Mothabaneng-Point Drift; and
  - (iii) Bobonong-Lepokole.
- 8. MR. W. B. MMOLOTSI, MP. (FRANCISTOWN SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Defence and Security whether: **(383)**
- (i) it is true that His Excellency the President has publicly declared that he has asked the Botswana Police not to handcuff the former President when he comes back to the country; if so,
  - (ii) if is in order for His Excellency the President to instruct the Police on how they should carry out their duties; and
  - (iii) this is not tantamount to interfering with the security organ of the state.
- 9. MR. J. L. THIITE, MP. (GHANZI NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Public Works on the progress of the Qabo, Grootlaagte, New Xade and East/West Hanahai road infrastructure projects that he outlined in his March 2024 Committee of Supply Speech and to state: **(384)**
- (i) budgetary allocations made for each of the mentioned projects;
  - (ii) progress achieved in terms of finalising the designs for each road;
  - (iii) a realistic cost estimate for the completion of each road project; and
  - (iv) whether his Ministry has an anticipated date of completion for the design phase of these projects.
- 10. MR. M. G. J. MOTSAMAI, MP. (GHANZI SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Agriculture: **(385)**
- (i) whether Government has rescinded on the motion adopted by this Honourable House that the minimum price for the sale of cattle must be P19 per kilogramme (kg);
  - (ii) if he is aware that in the Charleshill District the prices have fallen down to P12 per/kg;
  - (iii) what would have brought changes to what was agreed by this Honourable House and where these changes were made; and

(iv) if this means that Parliament's resolutions can be disregarded by cattle speculators as and when they want to.

**11. MR. F. T. LEUWE, MP. (TAKATOKWANE):** To ask the Minister of Minerals and Energy when his Ministry plans to extend electricity connections in the following villages: **(386)**

- (a) Dutlwe;
- (b) Takatokwane;
- (c) Maboane;
- (d) Ditshegwane;
- (e) Sesung; and
- (f) Salajwe.

**12. MR. S. J. BROOKS, MP. (K GALAGADI SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Entrepreneurship to update this Honourable House on the status of Tsabong Multi-Species Abattoir construction; the Minister should further state: **(387)**

- (i) the commencement date of the project and the initial expected date of completion;
- (ii) the cause of the delays, if any and when the abattoir will be commissioned;
- (iii) how much the project was budgeted for, how much has been spent so far and the balance on the budgeted cost;
- (iv) if any cost overruns can be expected and if that is the case, how much that would be, over and above the project's original cost;
- (v) the model of operation to be employed at the abattoir once it is completed; and
- (vi) the categories and number of people expected to be employed once the abattoir is in operation.

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

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| 1. Political Party Funding Bill,<br>2024 (Bill No. 16 of 2024) | An Act to provide for the regulation and funding of political parties and for matters connected therewith and incidental thereto. |
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(Minister for State President)

## **AMENDMENTS**

1. **Clause 5 (1) (b)** to read " 50 per cent of the moneys shall be disbursed to qualifying Political parties, on the basis of the number of National Assembly seats won by the political parties in the previous general elections.

(Mr. D. Tshere, MP. – Mahalapye West)

2. Rewrite **Clause 5 (4)** to read " The Secretary shall disburse moneys under 5 (1) (a) immediately after general elections; and thereafter at the beginning of each financial year.

(Mr. D. Tshere, MP. – Mahalapye West)

3. Add another **Clause 5 (5)** to read" The secretary shall disburse the moneys under 5 (1) (b) upon dissolution of Parliament.

(Mr. D. Tshere, MP. – Mahalapye West)

2. Data Protection Bill, 2024 (Bill No. 19 of 2024) An Act to make provision for the continuation of the Information and Data Protection Commission; to regulate the protection of personal data and to ensure that the privacy of individuals in relation to their personal data is maintained; and to provide for all matters incidental thereto.

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(Minister for State President)

1. The Bill is amended at **Clause 2** appearing at page **B.123** –
  - (a) under definition of "data controller" by substituting for the words "Part XII" appearing therein, the words "Part X"; and
  - (b) by inserting in the correction alphabetical order, the definition of the word "public authority" –

"public authority" has the same meaning assigned to it under the Access to Information Act."

(Minister for State President)

2. The Bill is amended at **Clause 4** appearing at page **B.125** by –
  - (a) substituting for subsection (3), appearing therein, the following new subsection –
    - "(3) This Act shall not apply to the processing of personal data –

- (a) in the course of a purely personal or household activity; and
- (b) by or on behalf of the State where the processing –
  - (i) involves national security, defence or public safety,
  - (ii) is for the prevention, investigation or proof of offences, the prosecution of offenders or the execution of sentences or security measures,
  - (iii) is for economic or financial interest, including monetary, budgetary and taxation matters, and
  - (iv) is for a monitoring, inspection or regulatory function connected with the exercise of functions under subparagraphs (i), (ii) and (iii).” ; and

(b) inserting immediately after subsection (3), the following new subsection –

“(4) This Act is exempt from application to the processing of personal data specified under subsection (3)(b), to the extent that adequate security safeguards have been established in specific legislation for the protection of such personal data.”.

(Minister for State President)

3. The Bill is amended at **Clause 32** appearing at page **B.134** by substituting for that clause, the following new clause –

*“Processing of personal data relating to criminal convictions and offences*

32. Processing of personal data relating to criminal convictions and offences or related security measures shall be carried out only under the control of a public authority, or when the processing is authorised by law, providing for appropriate safeguards for the rights and freedoms of data subjects.”.

(Minister for State President)

4. The Bill is amended at **Clause 74** appearing at page **B.153** by inserting the following proviso thereunder –

“Provided that a copy of the personal data being transferred remains in Botswana for the period of processing.”.

(Minister for State President)

5. The Bill is amended at **Clause 83** appearing at page **B.159** by deleting subsection (4), appearing therein.

(Minister for State President)