

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(FRIDAY 29TH NOVEMBER, 2024)

MINISTERS' QUESTION TIME

HRS/MINS

0900 – 0945

1. Minister of Lands and Agriculture

THEME: PURCHASE OF LIVESTOCK OVERSEAS

To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to:

- (i) apprise this Honourable House of all purchases and proposed purchases of livestock from overseas in the past 2 years;
- (ii) state for each of the purchases or proposed purchases, the budget lines under which such purchases were or are made;
- (iii) inform the House of the procurement methods and protocols and further show if such procurement followed due diligence processes in each of the purchases or proposed purchases;
- (iv) state whether the purchases or proposed purchases represented the most cost effective way of procuring livestock from other countries or if it was really prudent to make such purchases; and
- (v) state if the Ministry intends to continue with the proposed purchases if any.

(Mr. T. B. Lucas, MP. – Bobirwa)

2. Minister of Lands and Agriculture

THEME: APPOINTMENT AT LAND BOARDS

To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to brief this Honourable House on the intended paradigm shift in terms of Land Board operations and appointments; in particular:

- (i) which Land Boards are not fully operational or without full complement of members;
- (ii) reasons for the vacancies and when will they be filled;

- (iii) the process to be used to fill the vacancies whether political appointees or independents through interviews;
- (iv) standards that are to change to facilitate speedy allocation of plots to citizens;
- (v) the number of inheritance plots applications in Maun Sub Land Board and their plan of disposal;
- (vi) the number and times people in Chanoga and Makalamabedi who have long been allocated plots but awaiting to be shown the plots, awaiting certificates will be serviced;
- (vii) why trips to allocate residential plots in Phuduhudu (Maun East) have been deferred more than once and when will the exercise take place; and
- (viii) reasons why Tawana Land Board does not attend kgotla meetings addressed by Members of Parliament and correctional measures the Ministry will put in place to alleviate that.

(Mr. G. Kekgonegile, MP. – Maun East)

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

1. **MR. G. KEKGONEGILE, MP. (MAUN EAST):** To ask the Minister for State President to brief this Honourable House on preparations being made to fulfil the Government's obligations to the Political Party Funding Act principles, in terms of: **(58)**
 - (i) if the Ministry still subscribes to paying immediately after elections; if so, the Minister should provide timelines;
 - (ii) whether the Ministry still upholds the formula prescribed in the Act; if not, what are the changes to be made and when are the changes to be made; and
 - (iii) which political parties are to benefit and how much each will benefit.

2. **MR. G. LEKAU, MP. (MOGODITSHANE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to update this Honourable House on the imported livestock from Australia and United States of America and in particular to state and elaborate on: **(59)**
 - (i) which companies have been engaged to procure and or import livestock, how they were selected and preferred and how much each company was paid and its Directors;

- (ii) whether the Government has any contract with any of the said or different companies to import more livestock from any country and if there is any outstanding payment due to any company;
- (iii) if his Ministry intends to procure additional livestock especially cattle from any country and whether they are in talks with any individual or company with a view to appointing them or awarding them a contract for same soon; and
- (iv) whether Government will continue with the import of livestock.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

HRS/MINS

MOTIONS

0945 – 1230

BANNING THE IMPORTATION AND USE OF NON-ESSENTIAL PLASTICS

1. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider banning the importation and the use of all non-essential plastics in view of environmental contamination caused by unsafe disposal of plastic material."

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

REGULATION OF INTERNATIONAL SELF-DRIVE CUSTOMERS

2. "That this Honourable House requests Government to regulate international self-drive customers to utilise local companies in undertaking their game drives and related activities in local National Parks and Game Reserves in an effort to promote economic inclusion of locals in the tourism industry."

(Mr. G. Kekgonegile, MP. – Maun East)

SETTING UP OF A PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION

3. "That this Honourable House resolves that a Presidential Commission be set up within 60 days of the adoption of the motion in accordance with the Commission of Inquiry Act; the primary focus of the Commission of Inquiry being to investigate, report and recommend actions concerning allegations of corruption in various sectors and to also assess the extent, causes and impact of corruption and recommend measures to prevent future occurrences."

(Mr. D. Saleshando, MP. – Maun North)

INTRODUCTION OF UNIVERSAL HEALTH CHECKS EVERY TWO (2) YEARS

4. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider introducing universal health checks every two (2) years to diagnose and treat illnesses before they progress to advanced stages resulting in prolonged hospitalisations and high medical costs."

(Dr. K. Gobotswang, MP. – Tswapong South)

GOVERNMENT TO CONDUCT A SOCIAL JUSTICE AUDIT

5. "That this Honourable House requests Government to conduct a social justice audit to assess and proffer proposals for addressing inequalities obtaining in our country."

(Mr. T. B. Lucas, MP. – Bobirwa)

INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE BID FOR AFCON 2027

6. "That this Honourable House requests Government to institute investigations into the 65 million bid for AFCON 2027 to determine the efficacy of the bid, determine if the amount of the bid book compares with international trends, examine the procurement process in choosing the winning bidder and to audit any other process involved in and leading to award of the tender."

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

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

7. "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)

DECLARATION OF LESHIBITSE VILLAGE AS A HORTICULTURAL ECONOMIC ZONE

8. "That this Honourable House requests Government to declare Leshibitse Village in Kgatleng a Horticultural Economic Zone and to that end recognise residential homesteads as small horticulture holdings, facilitate the drilling and equipping of communal boreholes, support the necessary infrastructure and generally do such things as shall be necessary for the success of the programme."

(Dr. U. Dow, MP. – Kgatleng West)

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

9. "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)

**INSTITUTING A PARLIAMENTARY SELECT COMMITTEE TO REVIEW
THE STATUS OF MADIRELO TRAINING AND TESTING CENTRE (MTTC)**

10. "That this Honourable House requests Government to institute a Parliamentary Select Committee to review the status of Madirelo Training and Testing Centre (MTTC) as a national examining body for trades as it is currently disbanded and not fully performing its mandate."

(Mr. G. Lekau, MP. – Mogoditshane West)

CREATION OF A NATIONAL CHILDREN'S BUDGET

11. "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**

12. "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 AND STRENGTHENING OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION LAWS

13. "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**

14. "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 EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AS
A COMPULSORY COMPONENT OF BASIC EDUCATION**

15. "That this Honourable House requests Government to introduce Early Childhood Education as a compulsory component of Basic Education to open access to Basic Education Program 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**

16. "That this Honourable House requests Government to commit to allocate residential plots to half of all persons on the waiting 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)

INTRODUCTION OF A RURAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME

17. "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

18. "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)

LOCAL PAYMENT OF HOTELS AND ACTIVITIES IN THE DELTA

19. "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)

GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE TO FARMERS FOR DRILLING BOREHOLES ON FARMS

20. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider providing financial and technical assistance to farmers across Botswana for the drilling of boreholes in their farms to enhance water access for agricultural purposes."

(Mr. M. M. Pule, MP. – Kgatleng East)

SETTING UP OF A COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

21. "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)