

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(MONDAY 3RD MARCH, 2025)

QUESTIONS

HRS/MINS

1400 – 1445

1. **MR. T. B. LUCAS, MP. (BOBIRWA):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education to state: (195)
 - (i) the total number of young persons who dropped out of the terminal points of Form 3 and Form 5 between 2019 and 2024; and
 - (ii) Government interventions in respect of ensuring a secure future for them.
2. **MR. M. M. MOROLONG, MP. (KGATLENG CENTRAL):** To ask the Minister of Communications and Innovation whether there are any challenges that impede people from establishing community radio stations and if so, what measures are being taken to address these challenges. (207)
3. **MR. K. S. GARE, MP. (MOSHUPA – MANYANA):** To ask the Minister of Water and Human Settlement if he is aware that although the Moshupa Water Sanitation Project is complete there are some pending issues that the constructing company is yet to fully address in the village given that: (208)
 - (i) four (4) people died but the grieving families and their inquiries have not been fully addressed;
 - (ii) many homes have been affected and their queries have not been adequately addressed, in particular;
 - (a) houses are in a near collapse state;
 - (b) some homes flood and the owners cannot access them;
 - (iii) most roads were left in bad condition, making it difficult for the users to travel on; and
 - (iv) some employees did not receive severance payments after parting ways with the company.

4. **MR. M. BAGAISAMANG, MP. (SHOSHONG):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to state: (209)
- (i) if he is aware of the direct appointment of 3 in 1 Agric Consultancy for the supply and delivery of 100 live dairy cattle from Brazil and United States of America (USA) awarded on 6th October, 2024; if so, to state;
 - (ii) the value in BWP of the direct contract award; and
 - (iii) if such an award of contract still stands in view of the current economic state.
5. **MR. R. M. LEKUTLANE, MP. (KGALAGADI NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Minerals and Energy to state when Inalegolo, Ukhwi and Ncaang villages will be connected to the national power grid in view of their proximity to the national power grid, ranging from 19, 22 and 54 kilometres (kms) respectively. (210)
6. **MR. C. K. JACOBS, MP. (LOBATSE):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture: (211)
- (i) to provide an update on the Botswana Meat Commission's (BMC) current practices regarding the pay disparity between hourly-paid employees and full-time staff;
 - (ii) what measures are being taken to ensure that hourly paid workers at BMC receive equitable pay, benefits and job security as compared to their full-time counterparts, particularly in relation to wages, health benefits and career progression;
 - (iii) what is being done to address concerns raised regarding the treatment of hourly-paid employees particularly in relation to the provision of separate canteens;
 - (iv) what steps are being taken to ensure that all employees, regardless of their employment status, have equal access to facilities, including canteens, in a manner that promotes fairness, equity and inclusivity within the Commission;
 - (v) why the welfare officer at BMC Lobatse was promoted to the position of Human Resource Officer and if this is procedural and if the appointment was based on merit or qualifications;
 - (vi) why BMC workers are the least paid of all parastatals in the market; and

- (vii) why a lot of condemned meat remains in the BMC chillers and what action will be taken to rectify this persistent problem once and for all as it results in tax payers footing the bill.
7. **MR. T. BOGATSU, MP. (LENTSWELETAU-LEPHEPHE):** To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism if he would not consider the ruins in Lobatse (Old Legislative Council buildings) and the Old Radio Botswana house to stimulate heritage tourism. (212)
8. **MS. H. P. MANYENENG, MP. (MMOPANE-METSIMOTLHABE):** To ask the Minister of Health if he is aware that Metsimotlhabe Clinic is old and small and does not have all necessary services; in particular: (213)
- (i) the consultation room is small such that dressing, injection and dispensary are done in the same room;
 - (ii) that there is ample space for extension of the facility to accommodate waiting rooms, consultation rooms, dressing/injection room, observation room, offices, staffroom, storeroom, ablution block etc.;
 - (iii) shortage of furniture (chairs) for patients while queuing, they even queue outside the building in the sun and even during rainy seasons;
 - (iv) shortage of toilets (ablution) for both staff and patients;
 - (v) the storage space for food rations is too small and it is used as a store shared for other tools;
 - (vi) shortage of manpower, as the current number of nurses is not enough to cater for the population of the village, including those on the outskirts e.g. – Diphiring, Monageng, Gamosusu, Mophakane, Dintoro, Gamononyane, Mmamhiko, Ramogobjwa, Ntshuga-Ditsebe and Letswaaneng;
 - (vii) there are no desks, chairs, staff rooms and offices at Ramogobjwa, Ntshoga-Ditsebe/Letswaaneng; and
 - (viii) the need for a maternity wing, Ante Natal services for expectant mothers and Post Natal Services, midwives and ambulances.

9. **MR. R. W. KAIZER, MP. (SELEBI PHIKWE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to apprise this Honourable House on progress of residential and commercial plots allocation in Selebi Phikwe and to state: (214)
- (i) the number of plots allocated in the past three (3) years and how many plots the Government is intending to allocate in the next five (5) years; and
 - (ii) the number of applicants on the waiting list and how long they should wait to be allocated such plots.
10. **BRIGADIER D. MOKGWATHI, MP. (LETLHAKENG):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education to apprise this Honourable House on the status of junior secondary school that was supposed to be built at Ngware village between 2010 and 2012. (215)
11. **MR. P. M. MOSANANA, MP. (KANYE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Finance to state: (216)
- (i) why some vehicles imported from China and Singapore have been impounded by the Botswana Unified Revenue Services (BURS);
 - (ii) how long the vehicles have been kept in the custody of BURS;
 - (iii) if he is aware that these vehicles lose value by being exposed to the current harsh weather conditions; and
 - (iv) if there are any plans to dispose them or return them to their owners.
12. **DR. K. GOBOTSWANG, MP. (TSWAPONG SOUTH):** To ask the Minister for State President to apprise this Honourable House on how Government intends to address ethnic inequalities to ensure cultural identity and unity in diversity in the context of the stated commitment by Government to a human rights driven vision; the Minister should specifically state: (217)
- (i) whether there are plans to scrap Section 77, 78, and 79 from the Botswana Constitution; and
 - (ii) if there is a plan to repeal the Tribal Territories Act.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY**HRS/MINS****COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY****1445 - 1900**

- Appropriation (2025/2026) Bill, 2025 (Bill No. 2 of 2025) An Act to authorise the payment out of the Consolidated Fund and the Development Fund of sums of money for the year ending 31st March, 2026.

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(Minister of Finance)

	<u>ORG</u>	<u>MINISTRY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>HRS/MINS</u>
Day 1	0100	Parliament	1445 hrs – 1645 hrs	2.00
	0200	State President	1645 hrs – 1900 hrs	2.15