

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(MONDAY 4TH AUGUST, 2025)

QUESTIONS

HRS/MINS

1400 – 1445

- 1. MR. V. B. PHOLOGOLO, MP. (KANYE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Finance **(459)** to update this Honourable House on:
 - (i) the staggered salary payments of civil servants and if it will remain in place for the foreseeable future; and
 - (ii) whether the payment schedule is favourable to small businesses such as the taxi industry.

- 2. MR. P. K. MOTAOSANE, MP. (THAMAGA-KUMAKWANE):** To ask the Minister of Finance to state: **(460)**
 - (i) how much the Government has collected as Revenues from November 2024 to June 2025;
 - (ii) which sectors contributed to these Revenues; and
 - (iii) the Government Expenditure from November 2024 to date.

- 3. MR. B. B. MABEO, MP. (GAMALETE):** To ask the Minister of Sports and Arts to state: **(461)**
 - (i) the amount spent on replacing the athletics track in preparation for the Gaborone Golden Grand Prix;
 - (ii) whether the national stadium athletics track is being replaced/revamped again in preparation for the World Relays 2026 and to state reasons for this; and
 - (iii) the company appointed to provide this service, how it was appointed, and the amount associated with revamping.

- 4. MR. S. O. MAPULANGA, MP. (CHOBE):** To ask the Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship to apprise this Honourable House on: **(462)**
 - (i) how many businesses have been funded in Chobe from 2014 to 2024;
 - (ii) how much was disbursed in the same period;

- (iii) how many are operating and in which sectors;
 - (iv) how many failed or have been repossessed and in which sectors; and
 - (v) the major challenges of those unsuccessful businesses.
5. **DR. U. DOW, MP. (KGATLENG WEST):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure whether Botswana Railways will make profit during the current financial year and: **(463)**
- (i) if the answer is in the affirmative, what lessons other State-Owned Enterprises can learn from the example of Botswana Railways;
 - (ii) if the answer is in the negative, when it is expected to make profit; and
 - (iii) whether there are any plans to privatise the entity.
6. **MR. M. MOALOSI, MP. (NKANGE):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education when, in line with Government's Decentralisation Policy, the Ministry will establish regional offices in Tutume; the Minister to further state: **(464)**
- (i) the number of schools that fall under the Serowe Region;
 - (ii) whether the continued administration of regional matters from Serowe does not contravene the Decentralisation Policy; and
 - (iii) whether service delivery is not compromised by the current arrangement.
7. **MR. M. M. PULE, MP. (KGATLENG EAST):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to provide a detailed and timely update on specific measures taken to improve the quality and reliability of healthcare services in Kgatleng East Constituency, and further state: **(465)**
- (i) the current availability of essential medications in clinics and health posts throughout Kgatleng East;
 - (ii) what the Ministry identifies as the key reasons behind recurring medicine shortages in clinics and health post and if the constraints are currently being addressed;
 - (iii) what specific interventions the Ministry is actively implementing to improve access to healthcare in the constituency, including staffing, equipment upgrades, mobile health services;

- (iv) whether the Ministry has conducted any recent needs assessment or audit in the health facilities within Kgatleng East, and if so, whether the findings will be shared with the community and local leadership; and
 - (v) when the people of Kgatleng East can expect to see visible and measurable improvements in their access to medicine and health services, and how such progress will be monitored and communicated public.
8. **MR. P. M. SEGOKGO, MP. (TLOKWENG):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture when the Meat Industries and Regulatory Act will be implemented to liberalise the beef industry. (466)
9. **MR. P. AARON, MP. (NGAMI):** To ask the Minister of Minerals and Energy if there are any minerals that have been explored and found around Xaixai and Qangwa areas; if so, which are they and whether any company has been given rights to explore or mine the minerals. (467)
10. **MR. M. M. MOROLONG, MP. (KGATLENG CENTRAL):** To ask the Minister of Minerals and Energy to state: (468)
- (i) the estimated annual financial loss caused by copper cable theft to State-Owned Enterprises such as Botswana Power Corporation (BPC) and Botswana Telecommunications Corporation (BTC); and
 - (ii) what investment is being made in theft-proof alternatives such as fibre-optic or insulated cable system.
11. **MR. R. M. LEKUTLANE, MP. (KGALAGADI NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to state: (469)
- (i) when the Kokotsha-Tsabong road was constructed;
 - (ii) when the road condition survey for the Kokotsha-Tsabong road was done, what the Ministry learnt from the survey if it was done, and if not, when the Ministry is intending to carry out the exercise;
 - (iii) whether the Ministry has any plans to carry out the reconstruction of the road given the current status of the road (very narrow and uneven); and
 - (iv) when his Ministry intends to fence the road as it is hazardous to motorists due to roaming animals.

12. **MR. G. LEKAU, MP. (MOGODITSHANE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Higher Education to state: (470)

- (i) who between Botswana Examinations Council (BEC) and Ministry of Higher Education pays for French course work; and
- (ii) when the teachers will be paid for the 2023 French examinations.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

HRS/MINS

SECOND READING

1445 - 1800

- **Conventional Arms Control Bill, 2025 (Bill No. 13 of 2025)** An Act to provide for the establishment of the National Conventional Arms Control Authority and the National Conventional Arms Control Committee as part of the national system for the control of international trade in conventional arms; to regulate the authorisation, transfer, transit, and brokering of conventional arms; to promote transparency and responsible trade in conventional arms; and to provide for matters incidental thereto.

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(Minister for State President)

COMMITTEE STAGE

1. **Community Based Natural Resources Management Bill, 2025 (Bill No. 11 of 2025)** An Act to provide for the implementation of the Community Based Natural Resources Management (CBNRM) approach for the sustainable use of natural resources including cultural heritage by communities, and for matters connected or incidental thereto.

(Published on 13th June, 2025)

(Minister of Environment and Tourism)

(Resumed Debate)

AMENDMENTS

1. The Bill is amended at **Clause 18(1)** appearing on **page B. 244** –
 - a.* in paragraph (a) by substituting for that paragraph, the following new paragraph –

"(a) four members from Community Based Organisation"; and
 - b.* in paragraph (b) by substituting for the word "five" appearing therein, the word "four".

(Minister of Environment and Tourism)

2. The Bill is amended at **Clause 18.1 (a)** by replacing the words "two members" with "five members".

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

3. The Bill is amended at **Clause 18.1 (b)** by replacing the words "five members" with "two members".

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

4. The Bill is amended at **Clause 18 (1)** appearing on **page B.244** –

- a.* in paragraph (a) by substituting for that paragraph, the following new paragraph-

"(a) five members from Community Based Organisation" and
- b.* in paragraph (b) by substituting for the word "five" appearing therein, the word "four".

(Mr. G. Disho, MP. – Okavango East)

5. The Bill is amended at **Clause 18.2** by replacing the word "Minister" with the word "board".

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

6. The Bill is amended at **Clause 18 (2)** appearing on **page B.244** –

- a.* by removing the words "The Minister shall appoint the Chairperson and the members shall appoint the Vice chairperson from amongst themselves," the following new paragraph-

"(a) The Chairperson and Vice chairperson shall be elected from the Community Based Natural Resources Management Board members."

(Mr. G. Disho, MP. – Okavango East)

7. The Bill is amended in **Clause 20** appearing at **page B.245**, by substituting for subclause (2) appearing therein, the following new subclause -

"(2) "The Board of a Community Based Organisation shall, in consultation with the Technical Advisory Committee, appoint a general manager to run the affairs of the Community Based Organisation."

(Minister of Environment and Tourism)

8. The Bill is amended at **Clause 21** appearing at **page B.245** –

a. in subclause (1)(c) by substituting for the words "Botswana General Certificate of Secondary Education" appearing therein, the words "Junior Certificate";

b. by substituting for subclause (2), the following new subclause –

"(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1)(c), a Community Based Organisation may recommend to the Director for endorsement, a person to be a Board member of the Community Based Organisation."; and

c. by substituting for subclause (5), the following new subclause –

"(5) A member of the National Assembly, Councilor, *Kgosi*, a chairperson of a village development committee or a ward development committee shall be an *ex-officio* member of the Board of a Community Based Organisation and shall have no voting rights."

(Minister of Environment and Tourism)

9. The Bill is amended at **Clause 21** appearing at **page B.245** –

a. in subclause (1)(c) by substituting for the words "Botswana General Certificate of Secondary Education or the equivalent and at least five years' experience" appearing therein, the words "Primary School Leaving Examination... ."

b. by substituting for subclause (5), the following new subclause –

"(5) A member of the National Assembly, Councilor, *Kgosi*, chairperson of a village development committee shall be *ex-officio* members of the Board of a Community Based Organisation."

(Mr. G. Disho, MP. – Okavango East)

10. The Bill is amended at **Clause 22** appearing at **page B. 246** by deleting subclause (5), appearing therein.

(Minister of Environment and Tourism)

11. The Bill is amended at **Clause 22(1) (b)** by replacing the words "10 years" with "5 years".

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

12. The Bill is amended at **Clause 23(2)** appearing on **page B.247**, by adding immediately after the word "proceedings" the following words, "in the interest of the public to do so."

(Mr. K. K. Kapinga, MP. – Okavango West)

13. The Bill is amended at **Clause 24 (3)** appearing on **page B.248** by-
- a.* substituting for sub-paragraph "*(a) the chairperson shall be elected by the members of the Technical Advisory Committee,*"
 - b.* inserting immediately after the word "sector" at sub-paragraph (b) with the words "with a minimum of two years' experience in a management role,"
 - c.* by inserting the following new sub-paragraph after sub-paragraph (x), "(xi) two representatives from a registered Community Based Organisation,"

(Mr. G. Disho, MP. – Okavango East)

14. The Bill is amended at **Clause 25** appearing at **page B. 248** by substituting-
- a.* for the word "conduct" appearing under paragraphs *(f)* and *(g)*, the word "oversee"; and
 - b.* for the word "assess" appearing under paragraphs *(h)* and *(i)*, the word "oversee".

(Minister of Environment and Tourism)

15. The Bill is amended at **Clause 25** appearing on **page B.248**, by deleting sub-paragraphs "g,h,i,j,k and l" appearing therein.

(Mr. K. K. Kapinga, MP. – Okavango West)

16. The Bill is amended at **Clause 25** appearing at **page B. 248** by substituting-
- a.* for the word "undertake" appearing under paragraph *(e)* the word "oversee"; and
 - b.* for the words "conduct" appearing under paragraphs *(f)* and *(g)* the words "offer advisory role on the..."...

(Mr. G. Disho, MP. – Okavango East)

17. The Bill is amended at **Clause 27** appearing at **page B.248** by substituting for subclause (2) appearing therein, the following new subclause-

"(2) A decision of a Technical Advisory Committee on any question shall be by the majority of the members present and voting at the meeting and, in the event of an equality of votes, the matter shall be referred to the National Board for resolution."

(Mr. G. Disho, MP. – Okavango East)

18. The Bill is amended at **Clause 29** by substituting for subclause (5) appearing at **page B. 250**, the following new subclause –

"(5) Where it is determined that there is misappropriation of the funds of a Community Based Organisation, the Community Based Organisation shall, with the guidance of the Technical Advisory Committee, open a temporary holding bank account for depository and holding of all investment monies and assets of the Community Based Organisation and the District Commissioner shall authorise for the release of the funds."

(Minister of Environment and Tourism)

19. The Bill is amended at **Clause 29(5)** appearing on **page B.250**, by deleting these subsequent words "and the District Commissioner shall be designated as the principal signatory to the account" appearing therein.

(Mr. K. K. Kapinga, MP. – Okavango West)

20. The Bill is amended at **Clause 35** appearing at **page B. 252** by inserting the following new proviso under subclause (3) –

"Provided that the trust property of the Community Based Organisation registered under the Trust Property Control Act or any other body shall vest in the Community Based Organisation and continue to be administered and disposed by the Board in accordance with the provisions of this Act."

(Minister of Environment and Tourism)

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| 2. Forest and Range Resources Bill, 2025 (Bill No. 12 of 2025) | An Act to provide for the establishment of the Department of Forestry and Range Resources, the institutional and regulatory framework for sustainable management of forest and range resources, and to provide for matters incidental or connected therewith. |
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(Minister of Environment and Tourism)

AMENDMENTS

1. The Bill is amended at **clause 13 (3)** appearing on **page B264** by substituting for the word "agricultural" which appear therein the word "natural".

(Minister of Environment and Tourism)

2. **Clause 15** appearing on **page B264** is amended by deleting **sub-clause (5)**.

(Minister of Environment and Tourism)

3. **Clause 58 (2)** appearing on **page B276** is amended by substituting for the word "person" which appear therein the word "citizen".

(Minister of Environment and Tourism)

4. **Clause 58 (4)** appearing on **page B276** is amended by substituting for the word "generic" which appear therein the word "genetic".

(Minister of Environment and Tourism)