

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(TUESDAY 5TH AUGUST, 2025)

QUESTIONS

HRS/MINS

1400 – 1445

- 1. MR. B. B. MABEO, MP. (GAMALETE):** To ask the Minister of Sports and Arts **(461)** to state:

 - (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.

- 2. MR. O. KWAPA, MP. (JWANENG-MABUTSANE):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs whether he is aware of the inadequacy and untimely payment of Old Age Pension in the Jwaneng-Mabutsane Constituency and to state the assurances the Government can provide to ensure that this arrangement does not repeat. **(471)**

- 3. MR. M. BAGAISAMANG, MP. (SHOSHONG):** To ask the Minister of Health to **(472)** state:

 - (i) the number of industrial engineers employed by his Ministry;
 - (ii) if he is aware of the economic operational advantages of employing industrial engineers in healthcare especially in reducing patient waiting times and improving workflows to minimise waste and inefficiencies and if so, to state how the Ministry intends to utilise this cadre; and
 - (iii) if there are any plans to explore the potential for employing industrial engineers within the healthcare sector to enhance the efficiency of hospital operations.

4. **MR. L. BARONGWANG, MP. (MOGODITSHANE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services: (473)
- (i) whether there have been any past development plans or considerations to establish and house judicial services, specifically a Magistrate Court, within the Mogoditshane Constituency; if not,
 - (ii) when Government will consider conducting a comprehensive assessment for the provision of a Magistrate Court in Mogoditshane, given the constituency's significant population growth and expanding socio-economic activities; and if any,
 - (iii) when Government is projecting the execution and completion of these plans to ensure that the residents of Mogoditshane have accessible and efficient judicial services readily available within their locality.
5. **MR. G. KEKGONEGILE, MP. (MAUN EAST):** To ask the Minister of Labour and Home Affairs to brief this Honourable House on the progress in implementing his national promise that by end of April all Government workers will be paid their owed dues; with emphasis on: (474)
- (i) the numbers of workers owed and total amount owed;
 - (ii) the percentage of workers paid and which Ministries have paid lower than 50% of workers; and
 - (iii) how his Ministry intends to deal with this matter going forward.
6. **MR. D. SALESHANDO, MP. (MAUN NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Finance to state the number of parastatals: (475)
- (i) which have consistently generated profit for the last three (3) consecutive financial years;
 - (ii) have never generated profits in any of the last five (5) financial years; and
 - (iii) he expects to make profits by the end of the current financial year and to provide a list of such parastatals.
7. **MR. T. B. LUCAS, MP. (BOBIRWA):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to apprise this Honourable House on planned administrative and legislative changes that would allow Councils to attain autonomy and be financially independent from the Central Government. (476)

8. **MR. A. K. KHAN, MP. (MOLEPOLOLE NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to state: (477)
- (i) how much was spent on procurement of legal services/the budget for legal services by District Councils for the past 3 years;
 - (ii) how many law firms were engaged to provide legal services to district councils for the past three years;
 - (iii) which law firms were engaged to provide legal services for the following councils; Kweneng, Gaborone City, Lobatse Town, Batlokwa District, Kgatleng;
 - (iv) whether there is a policy to ensure that youth and women operated law firms are empowered in terms of being given legal work;
 - (v) whether the procedure of issuing expression of interest for purposes of establishing panels of attorneys by district councils and landboards do not violate the Legal Practitioners Act in that lawyers are not allowed to tender by the Act; and
 - (vi) whether the practice of having panels of attorney do not disadvantage the majority of small and medium law firms especially those operated by youth and women in particular.
9. **MR. K. C. HIKUAMA, MP. (MAUN WEST):** To ask the Minister for State President to provide this Honourable House with the specific and current criteria used to determine which professions qualify for the scarce skills allowance and to further explain: (478)
- (i) the process and the body responsible for reviewing and updating the list of professions eligible for the scarce skills allowance; and
 - (ii) how frequently this review is conducted.
10. **MR. G. DISHO, MP. (OKAVANGO EAST):** To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism to state when he, in collaboration with relevant ministries such as Lands and Agriculture, will consider employing or seconding Strategic Impact Assessment (SIA) personnel within key stakeholder institutions such as Land Boards, Districts and Planning Units. (479)
11. **MR. J. J. FRENZEL, MP. (SHASHE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to state: (480)
- (i) the number of plots reserved for churches and businesses in Shashe West villages;

- (i) what delays the allocation of residential plots in Mathangwane as ploughing fields have long been repossessed by the land board; and
- (ii) when the remaining residential and business plots in Natale will be allocated pending part allocation that was done in March-April 2023.

12. **MR. T. FURNITURE, MP. (TATI EAST):** To ask the Minister of Labour and Home Affairs: (481)

- (i) how much churches are charged for leases;
- (ii) what criteria is used to arrive at that figure;
- (iii) if he is aware that the amounts charged are way too much such that churches are struggling to pay; and
- (iv) to state plans to rectify this.

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

HRS/MINS

PRESENTATION OF A GOVERNMENT BILL

1445 - 1800

- Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (Bill No. 14 of 2025) An Act to amend the Constitution.

(Published on 4th July, 2025)

(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)

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.

(Published on 20th June, 2025)

(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)

3. 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)