

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(THURSDAY 1ST DECEMBER, 2022)

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

HRS/MINS

MOTION

1100 – 1300

RESPONSE TO THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH

- "We, the National Assembly of Botswana here assembled, respond to the President's speech."

(Leader of the House)

(Resumed Debate)

LEADER OF THE HOUSE'S QUESTION TIME

HRS/MINS

1400 – 1445

THEME: THE STATE OF THE JUDICIARY: INDEPENDENCE, INTEGRITY AND PUBLIC CONFIDENCE

(Mr. D. L. Keorapetse, MP. – Selebi Phikwe West)

QUESTION

1. **MR. C. GREEFF, MP. (GABORONE BONNINGTON SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Health to apprise this Honourable House on his Ministry's privatisation strategy with timelines, if any; he should further state: **(58)**
 - (i) if he is aware that a lot of private laboratories were opened during the **COVID-19** Pandemic;
 - (ii) how his Ministry is going to support private laboratories going forward;
 - (iii) if there are any tests that can be outsourced to decongest public laboratories; and
 - (iv) why his Ministry is still holding on to and operating the Radiology and Kidney Disease Management Departments instead of allowing the private sector to take over and operate them.

QUESTION WITHOUT NOTICE

- 2. MR. T. LETSHOLO, MP. (KANYE NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Health **(37)** to apprise this Honourable House on the Ministry's conduct of business with the private sector and in particular, private hospitals in Botswana, including but not limited to the process that private doctors and facilities should follow in order to be included in the list of facilities that Government refers patients to; and further elucidate on the amount owed to private hospitals, articulating the following:
- (i) the name of the hospitals, where they are located, their ownership status and how much they are owed;
 - (ii) how much was paid to each of the hospitals or facilities in the current year and the last financial year, and what was the criteria for the allocations;
 - (iii) whether the debts referred to in (i) above are amounts owed or some payments that are still in the processing system and have not yet been captured and processed for payment; if so, what is the value of all the invoices that have not yet been captured but goods and services delivered for payment per facility or hospital;
 - (iv) how long have these invoices been with the Ministry for processing and in particular, which ones have been awaiting payment for one year, two years and more, respectively;
 - (v) when did the Ministry start dealing with these facilities and what is the state of the relationship considering the delayed payments;
 - (vi) what is Government's general position on the late payment for goods and services, and what negative consequences have the facilities suffered in this context, especially in the hospital's ability to run their businesses; and
 - (vii) what is the Ministry's undertaking to Parliament and Batswana in general, in so far as the time between service delivery and payment is concerned going forward.

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

PRESENTATION OF A PRIVATE MEMBER'S BILL

- Electoral (Amendment) Bill, 2022 An Act to amend the Electoral Act.
(Bill No. 15 of 2022)

(Published on 4th August, 2022)

(Mr. D. Tshere, MP. – Mahalapye West)

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