

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(FRIDAY 6TH MARCH, 2026)

MINISTERS' QUESTION TIME

HRS/MINS

0900– 0945

1. Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship

THEME: LATEST BOTSWANA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (BDC) SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENT DEAL OR DEALS IN THE PAST FIVE (5) YEARS

To ask the Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship to state the number of Foreign Direct Investment deals that have already been completed and those that are still outstanding with a clear deal status of each deal in the past 12 months; whether there have been economic benefits already realised and those expected to mature in the next 12 months from January 2026, stating the following:

- (i) the various projects and the sectors involved;
- (ii) the total amount invested in each project;
- (iii) the level of citizen participation (citizen inclusion) in the various projects; and
- (iv) number of jobs/employments created or likely to be created.

(Mr. L. Barongwang, MP. – Mogoditshane East)

2. Minister for State President, Defence and Security

THEME: PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY ON BCL CLOSURE

To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to state:

- (i) the criteria used to select the commissioners;
- (ii) how the commission will ensure transparency and independence in its investigations;
- (iii) the terms of reference, and whether those terms were subjected to any stakeholder input or expert review;
- (iv) how Government will guarantee operational independence of the commission from political influence, particularly given that it will investigate actions of former leaders;
- (v) the total budget allocated for the commission's operation; and

- (vi) arrangements that have been made to ensure witness protection and prevent intimidation or interference during testimony.

(Mr. R. W. Kaizer, MP. – Selebi Phikwe West)

QUESTIONS

1. **MR. M. BAGAISAMANG, MP. (SHOSHONG):** To ask the Minister of Labour and Home Affairs to apprise this Honourable House on the hospital kiosks established by the Department of Civil and National Registration for the on-site distribution of births and deaths certificates; in particular: (285)
 - (i) how many are still operational and how many have since closed;
 - (ii) how many of those operational are operating at full staff of two (2) officers per kiosk;
 - (iii) how the closure of some kiosks has impacted the Ministry's mandate of public access to birth and death certificates on site;
 - (iv) how his Ministry intends to address this apparent lack of human resource at kiosks; and
 - (v) if there are any plans to establish a kiosk at Shoshong Clinic in view of the fact that the clinic has a maternity ward and medical doctors full time.
2. **MR. P. M. MOSANANA, MP. (KANYE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship to state steps his Ministry is taking to promote digital entrepreneurship and e-commerce in Kanye as part of the Economic Diversification Drive. (291)
3. **MR. G. KEKGONEGILE, MP. (MAUN EAST):** To ask the Minister of Labour and Home Affairs to brief this Honourable House on the outcomes of labour inspections within the long-distance buses industry in terms of challenges faced by workers and employers; with emphasis on: (297)
 - (i) when last the Ministry made a labour inspection in that industry; and if not, why the Ministry is not undertaking labour inspection in the industry;
 - (ii) the challenges picked and the mitigation factors being put in place;
 - (iii) the minimum and maximum number of working hours, remuneration per worker (per hour and monthly), and if the hours and remunerations are realised in the whole industry; if not, why; and

- (iv) the proposed changes in the Acts governing the industry in terms of protection of workers against exhaustion of long hours and exploitation through low wages.
4. **MR. A. K. KHAN, MP. (MOLEPOLOLE NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Sport and Arts to state: (298)
- (i) whether the national stadium will be ready to host the World Relays this year, and what specific challenges have prevented the facility from being compliant with the Confederation of African Football (CAF) standards;
 - (ii) how much it is costing local football clubs from the southern part of the country to host their continental matches in Francistown due to the non-compliant state of the national stadium; and
 - (iii) whether Government provides any form of assistance to these clubs to mitigate such costs; and if not, when this irregularity will be addressed, given that these clubs represent not only themselves but the country in continental competitions.
5. **MR. M. M. PULE, MP. (KGATLENG EAST):** To ask the Minister of Higher Education to indicate if the Government intends to increase student allowances in line with the current Government's commitment to raise the amount to 2,500 pula; and if so, to state: (299)
- (i) the timeline for this increase and outline how the Government plans to ensure the sustainability of this allowance, given the current economic condition in Botswana; and
 - (ii) measures the Government will take to ensure that this support effectively addresses the financial challenges faced by students.
6. **DR. K. GOBOTSWANG, MP. (TSWAPONG SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Health to apprise this Honourable House on the State of Public Health Emergency that was declared by the President in August 2025; and further state: (206)
- (i) the baseline levels of essential and non-essential drugs as well as Antiretroviral Drugs (ARVs) at the time the State of Public Health Emergency was declared and the levels of the same supplies at the time the State of Public Health Emergency ended;
 - (ii) systemic operational failures that were documented during the State of Public Health Emergency; and

- (iii) corrective measures that were put in place and resultant improvements observed.

QUESTION WITHOUT NOTICE

7. **MR. P. AARON, MP. (NGAMI):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to apprise this Honourable House on the status of the African Migratory Locust elimination campaign in the Gumare and surrounding extension areas, specifically: (308)
- (i) whether it is true that the campaign has been abruptly halted or suspended;
 - (ii) if the suspension is due to lack of financial resources or an exhausted budget for pest control;
 - (iii) the immediate risk assessment regarding the potential destruction of crops and grazing lands in the Ngami Constituency, if the locust swarms are left unchecked;
 - (iv) what emergency measures the Ministry is taking to secure funding and resume the campaign before the current ploughing season is further compromised; and
 - (v) how the Government will assist those farmers whose farms lost crops completely or to almost none.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

HRS/MINS

MOTIONS

0945 – 1230

AMENDMENT OF SECTION 201 (A) OF THE PENAL CODE OF 2018

1. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider amending Section 201 (A) of the Penal Code No. 18 of 2018 and charge with murder, any person, found guilty of unlawful possession of human flesh, body parts or human remains."

(Mr. C. K. Jacobs, MP. – Lobatse)

(Resumed Debate)

ESTABLISHMENT OF A DEDICATED ARM OR UNIT OF THE POLICE SERVICE FOR THE PROTECTION OF JUDICIAL OFFICERS

2. "That this Honourable House requests Government to establish a dedicated arm or unit of the Botswana Police Service for the protection of judicial officers."

(Dr. U. Dow, MP. – Kgatleng West)

(Resumed Debate)

**COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL STUDY ON THE INCLUSION OF BLOOD
GROUP TYPE DATA WITHIN ROUTINE MEDICAL RECORDS**

3. "That this Honourable House requests Government to undertake a comprehensive national study on the inclusion of blood group type data within routine medical records, with the aim of improving emergency response and enhancing preparedness for medical interventions across the country."

(Mr. P. M. Mosanana, MP. – Kanye East)

INTRODUCTION OF SAFE AND STUDENT-FRIENDLY SCHOOL BUSES

4. "That this Honourable House resolves that Government should introduce safe and student-friendly school buses by establishing a comprehensive, nationwide policy framework to ensure the safety, efficiency and accessibility of school transportation."

(Mr. C. K. Hikuama, MP. – Maun West)

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUNS' PERMIT QUOTA

5. "That this Honourable House resolves to request Government to introduce a "special guns" permit quota for farmers residing in dangerous wildlife infested farming areas, as a matter of facilitating them to protect their livestock, crops and properties."

(Mr. G. Kekgonegile, MP. – Maun East)

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A TASK FORCE TO INVESTIGATE THE EXTENT OF
FOREIGN WORK PERMIT ABUSE AND NON-COMPLIANCE WITH CITIZEN
SUBCONTRACTING MANDATES IN GOVERNMENT PROJECTS**

6. "That this Honourable House requests Government to immediately establish a high-level Task Force mandated to investigate the extent of foreign work permit abuse and non-compliance with citizen subcontracting mandates in all Government projects, and further requests that the Task Force be required to submit a comprehensive report with actionable recommendations to this Honourable House within six (6) months of its formation."

(Mr. M. Moalosi, MP. – Nkange)

**POLICY FRAMEWORK OR LEGISLATION, EMPLOYEE SHARE SCHEMES AS A STRATEGY TO
ENHANCE EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT, RETENTION AND ALIGNMENT OF INTEREST OF
EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES**

7. "That this Honourable House requests Government to encourage through policy framework or legislation, employee share schemes as a strategy to enhance employee engagement, retention and alignment of interest of employers and employees."

(Mr. R. W. Kaizer, MP. – Selibe Phikwe West)

GOVERNMENT TO STOP CHARGING FARMERS TAX ON IMPORTATION OF LIVESTOCK

8. "That this Honourable House requests Government to stop charging farmers tax on livestock imported from the neighbouring states, in order to encourage importation of more animals of high-quality genetics, as our country is gearing towards increasing both cattle and small stock number, farmers are bearing high transportation costs, food and accommodation costs."

(Mr. O. Kedikilwe, MP. – Serowe West)

**GOVERNMENT TO AUTHORISE BOTSWANA POWER CORPORATION
(BPC) TO FOCUS ON DISTRIBUTION OF POWER**

9. "That this Honourable House requests Government to authorise Botswana Power Corporation (BPC) to strictly focus on distribution of power, village connection, inspection of materials used and to allow local privately-owned companies to connect electricity in homes and farms."

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

**GOVERNMENT TO COMMIT TO ALLOCATE PLOTS TO ALL PERSONS
CURRENTLY ON THE WAITING LIST**

10. "That this Honourable House requests Government to commit to allocate residential plots to all persons on waiting list for residential plots in next 3 years to facilitate home ownership for a significant proportion of the people of Botswana."

(Mr. T. B. Lucas, MP. – Bobirwa)

**DOMESTICATION OF THE SADC MODEL LAW
ON PUBLIC FINANCE MANAGEMENT**

11. "That this Honourable House resolves to request Government to take the necessary steps to ratify and domesticate the SADC Model Law on Public Finance Management into the national Legal Framework."

(Mr. T. Furniture, MP. – Tati East)

AMENDMENT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACT

12. "That this Honourable House requests Government to amend the Public Health Act in order to give the Director of Health Services powers to undertake efforts to contain and control the outbreak and spread of any disease without the need for His Excellency the President to rule by decree in a protracted State of Emergency."

(Mr. L. Lesedi, MP. – Serowe South)

COMMISSION OF INQUIRY ON COMMUNITY BASED ORGANISATIONS OR TRUSTS

13. "That this Honourable House requests Government to institute a commission of inquiry on allegations of Maladministration, financial embezzlement, insider trading, corruption, abuse of political power and abuse of office on Community Based Organisations or Trusts by Technical Advisory Committees and Trustees from year 2014 to 2024."

(Mr. S. O. Mapulanga, MP. – Chobe)

INTRODUCTION OF SIGN LANGUAGE AS AN OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

14. "That this Honourable House resolves to introduce and adopt sign language as an official language in Botswana."

(Mr. M. M. Morolong, MP. – Kgatleng Central)

**AMENDMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATIONS AND COMPLIANCE AT COMPANIES
AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AUTHORITY (CIPA)**

15. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider exempting registered non-operating businesses or shelf companies from filing fees or paying annual returns as well as to reduce filing fees for annual returns of operating business entities, restoration fees for businesses and companies deactivated and removed from the CIPA register."

(Mr. C. K. Jacobs, MP. – Lobatse)

GOVERNMENT TO REVIEW THE POLICY OF DISPOSSESSING LAND-HOLDERS

16. "That this Honourable House requests Government to review the policy of dispossessing land-holders to give way to village expansions, with a view to allowing the existence of small farms within towns and villages."

(Dr. U. Dow, MP. – Kgatleng West)

**REVIEW AND UPWARD ADJUSTMENT OF THE COMPENSATION RATES
FOR LOSS OF LIFE, INJURY, LIVESTOCK AND CROPS**

17. "That this Honourable House resolves that Government immediately reviews and upwardly adjust the compensation rates which no longer reflect the true market value for loss of life, injury, livestock and crops, for the purposes of aligning them, with current market prices and inflation in order to promote the coexistence between the people of Botswana and wildlife."

(Mr. C. K. Hikuama, MP. – Maun West)

**CITIZEN ENTREPRENEURIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CEDA)
TO DISCONTINUE THE ISSUANCE OF LOANS**

18. "That this Honourable House requests Government to discontinue the issuance of loans by the Citizen Entrepreneurial Development Agency (CEDA) and instead partner with commercial banks for all credit facilities by providing surety."

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

AMENDMENT OF THE PUBLIC HOLIDAYS ACT

19. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider amending the Public Holidays Act so that it reads, "if a public holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the Monday becomes a public holiday" as opposed to reading, "if the public holidays listed fall on a Sunday then the Monday shall be a public holiday" as it has now become common that if a holiday falls on a Saturday then the next Monday is declared a public holiday at short notice and this disrupts planning and is bad for business."

(Mr. L. Lesedi, MP. – Serowe South)