

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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(MONDAY 7TH JULY, 2025)

QUESTIONS

HRS/MINS

1400 – 1445

1. **MR. G. DISHO, MP. (OKAVANGO EAST):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to apprise this Honourable House on: (357)
 - (i) what the Government intends doing with Kilo 70 camp in the Okavango East in which a lot of modern houses were built;
 - (ii) how much was spent for their construction; and
 - (iii) how long these houses have been there without being occupied.

2. **MR. C. K. JACOBS, MP. (LOBATSE):** To ask the Minister of Water and Human Settlement to state: (361)
 - (i) if he is aware of water shortage in Lobatse; and
 - (ii) plans in place to address the situation.

3. **MR. P. M. SEGOKGO, MP. (TLOKWENG):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs: (356)
 - (i) if he is aware:
 - (a) of a sewerage tender that was awarded by the Council in Ramfurwa Ward in 2011;
 - (b) that the company did not complete the work;
 - (c) that the P4 Million that was budgeted for the tender is still in Government coffers; and
 - (ii) if he will consider sending this money to Water Department to continue with the project and help Ramfurwa residents.

4. **DR. K. GOBOTSWANG, MP. (TSWAPONG SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture if he is aware that the process of merging public entities to constitute the National Agricultural Research and Development Institute (NARDI) experienced critical challenges. The Minister should specifically state: (362)
- (i) whether the National Food Technology Research Centre (NFTRC) in Kanye has been fully integrated into NARDI and explain why it continues to have a care taker;
 - (ii) if assets from NFTRC were fully transferred to NARDI;
 - (iii) if he is aware that since 2022 there are researchers from NFTRC who continue to be paid salaries they remain staying at home because they opted not to be relocated to NARDI;
 - (iv) if he is aware that Farm Technicians were given employment offer letters that were later retracted and to state the reasons for doing so; and
 - (v) what he is doing to remedy the situation at NARDI.
5. **MR. L. LESEDI, MP. (SEROWE SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Water and Human Settlement: (334)
- (i) to give a clear and unequivocal answer on the number of plots in and around Gaborone owned by Sayed Jamali and his companies;
 - (ii) how many commercial and residential properties that various Government Departments are leasing from the same individual and his companies and the duration of each lease; and
 - (iii) how much Government spends annually on rentals and accommodation and if the Government does not see the efficacy and utility of building its own hotels and properties as a cost containment measure.
6. **MR. T. B. LUCAS, MP. (BOBIRWA):** To ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services to state if he: (367)
- (i) is aware that the dispensation and process of awarding lost inheritance rights and claims is fraught with delays that at times lead to wastage and loss of value of the deceased's estate;
 - (ii) will embark on corrective measures to improve the efficiency of processing inheritance rights and claims; and

- (iii) will be amenable to legislative reforms that shall include traditional leaders in the processing of inheritance rights and claims to mitigate current delays in processing same.
7. **MR. A. K. KHAN, MP. (MOLEPOLOLE NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to give a detailed report on how much was spent on the previous Moshupa Agricultural Show and to further state: **(368)**
 - (i) the number of parastatals and Government departments that participated in the show and how much each spent; and
 - (ii) how much was used in the infrastructural development of the showground and reasons why the same gesture was not extended to Molepolole Agricultural Show.
 8. **MR. S. O. MAPULANGA, MP. (CHOBE):** To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism to state the status of Zibalianja area; and whether Zibalianja area has been transferred from the Chobe District to the North West District, if so, when the transfer occurred and the justification for such transfer. **(369)**
 9. **MR. M. M. PULE, MP. (KGATLENG EAST):** To ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services if there are any plans to establish Child-Friendly Courts equipped with specialised personnel, child-sensitive procedures and appropriate facilities to handle cases involving minors considering the sensitive nature of child-related cases and the need for a safe, supportive judicial environment; and to further state if: **(370)**
 - (i) there are any ongoing assessments or feasibility studies to determine the need for such courts across the country;
 - (ii) any steps are being taken to ensure trained personnel such as child psychologists, social workers and legal experts, are available to support children throughout judicial proceedings; and
 - (iii) his Ministry has or aims to explore best practices from other countries that have successfully implemented Child-Friendly Courts.
 10. **MR. T. FURNITURE, MP. (TATI EAST):** To ask the Minister of Health to update this Honourable House on the status of Siviya Health post and if there are any intentions to upgrade it to a clinic since the population size allows for that dispensation. **(373)**

11. **MR. L. BARONGWANG, MP. (MOGODITSHANE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Water and Human Settlement to consider prioritising Mogoditshane amongst the first villages where the National Housing Scheme will be commissioned and implemented as stated in the 2025/2026 Budget Speech, given that a good number of Government employees such as teachers, members of the disciplined forces and those working in other Government offices in Gaborone reside in Mogoditshane and; (375)
- (i) that these Government employees have stable income and are able and willing to settle in fast developing villages like Mogoditshane;
 - (ii) is the Government considering subsidising rentals for teachers living in the Greater Gaborone so as to alleviate severe shortage of accommodation while awaiting for the Government Housing Scheme to be implemented.
12. **MR. R. M. LEKUTLANE, MP. (KGALAGADI NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Minerals and Energy to state: (236)
- (i) why there are always power cuts beyond Jwaneng towards and into Kgalagadi North villages every time it rains; and
 - (ii) measures in place to curb this.