

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(FRIDAY 7TH AUGUST, 2026)

MINISTERS' QUESTION TIME

HRS/MINS

0900 – 0945

1. Minister for State President, Defence and Security

THEME: DEVELOPMENT OF KALAHARI CITY IN GHANZI

(Mr. D. Saleshando, MP. – Maun North)

2. Minister of Lands and Agriculture

THEME: GREEN CLIMATE FUND PROJECT

To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to state:

- (i) how the Green Climate Fund project is linked with the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme (BETP) and the National Development Plan (NDP) 12;
- (ii) how the project will contribute to an increase of the national herd;
- (iii) how the project will support investments in the livestock industry and other value chains; and
- (iv) what are the sustainability measures in place beyond the life of this project.

(Mr. M. Bagaisamang, MP. – Shoshong)

QUESTIONS

1. **MR. C. K. HIKUAMA, MP. (MAUN WEST):** To ask the Minister of Labour and Home Affairs to apprise this Honourable House on the benefits and resourcefulness of migrants to the Botswana economy; and to further: **(483)**
- (i) provide a detailed report on the total tax revenue and Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) contributed by migrant-owned businesses over the last three (3) financial years;
 - (ii) state the extent to which the Ministry has assessed the impact of migrant entrepreneurs in diversifying the economy away from diamonds, particularly in sectors such as manufacturing, retail and agribusiness; and

- (iii) explain the extent to which progress has been made in the development and implementation of the National Migration Policy to ensure that the entry and stay of migrants are orderly, legal, and aligned with Botswana's national security interests.
- 2. MR. G. DISHO, MP. (OKAVANGO EAST):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to apprise this Honourable House on Botswana's long and porous International Border Line (IBL) considering that every year, countless incidents and reports are made on cross-border vices such as poaching, wildlife smuggling, cattle rustling, illegal mining, smuggling of goods and persons as well as murders among others; he should further state: (488)

 - (i) steps his Ministry intends to take to address cross-border crime in the absence of a fully functioning border patrol management authority;
 - (ii) the reasons why the border patrol management authority has not yet been set up; and
 - (iii) when he intends to set it up or a similar agency in that respect.
- 3. MR. M. BAGAISAMANG, MP. (SHOSHONG):** To ask the Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship to update this Honourable House on the Letsema Horticulture Market; and to state: (442)

 - (i) whether Government acknowledges that its initial design was based on an outdated supply driven model with limited market integration;
 - (ii) the current operational strategy, including governance, market access, pricing, and farmer participation;
 - (iii) the key challenges affecting performance, particularly competitiveness, coordination, and sustainability;
 - (iv) the future development strategy to reposition the Market as a demand driven, export oriented horticulture hub; and
 - (v) what informed the shift in Government's approach, including lessons learned and private sector input.
- 4. MR. C. K. JACOBS, MP. (LOBATSE):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure whether Government will consider introducing an appropriate licensing or permit framework for small passenger vehicles (such as Honda Fit, Toyota Vitz, seven-seater vehicles and similar vehicles) currently operating outside the regulated public transport system, and whether Government will also consider formal recognition of bus stop caretakers through an appropriate permit system. (558)

5. **DR. K. GOBOTSWANG, MP. (TSWAPONG SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Higher Education to apprise this Honourable House of the outcome of discussions with the management of DDT College of Medicine; and to further state: (567)

- (i) the number of students who continue to be sponsored at DDT;
- (ii) the justification for the continued sponsorship of students considering the unemployability of graduates and poor school infrastructure; and
- (iii) the number of students who were transferred to other tertiary education institutions; and further state the names of such institutions.

• **STATEMENT BY THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM**

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

HRS/MINS

MOTIONS

0945 – 1230

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

1. "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)

(Resumed Debate)

ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPECIAL FUND FOR GENDER BASED VIOLENCE (GBV)

2. "That this Honourable House requests Government to strengthen Botswana's commitment to gender equality and the protection of its citizens by establishing a Special Fund for Gender Based Violence (GBV) to provide immediate, targeted financial resources for prevention, survivor support and legal redress."

(Mr. T. Furniture, MP. – Tati East)

AMENDMENT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACT

3. "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)

INTRODUCTION OF SIGN LANGUAGE AS AN OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

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

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

FORMAL DOCUMENTATION AND REGISTRATION OF IMMIGRANTS WITH A VIEW TO ESTABLISH THE NUMBER AND THEIR SOCIO AND ECONOMIC IMPACTS

5. "That this Honourable House resolves that Government establish and implement a Formal Documentation and Registration of all Immigrants including illegal or undocumented immigrants with a view to establish their number and their socio and economic impacts on local citizen and community resources and services."

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

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

6. "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

7. "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)

ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPECIAL PARLIAMENTARY SELECT COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT OF BULLS AND HEIFERS AS WELL AS DAIRY GOATS

8. "That this Honourable House resolves to establish a Special Parliamentary Select Committee to investigate the Government procurement of bulls and heifers from Texas in the United States of America as well as heifers and dairy goats from Australia."

(Dr. K. Gobotswang, MP. – Tswapong South)

REINSTATEMENT OF CORPORAL PUNISHMENT IN SCHOOLS AS A REGULATED DISCIPLINARY MEASURE

9. "That this Honourable House requests Government to reinstate corporal punishment in schools as a regulated disciplinary measure to strengthen discipline, promote respect for authority, and create a safe and conducive learning environment."

(Mr. A. K. Khan, MP. – Molepolole North)

**REVIEW OF THE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT ACT FRAMEWORK TO STRENGTHEN
AND INSTITUTIONALISE A HYBRID FORCE ACCOUNT MODEL FOR PUBLIC
INFRASTRUCTURE DELIVERY**

10. "That this Honourable House requests Government to review the Public Procurement Act and related regulatory frameworks with a view to strengthening and institutionalising a Hybrid Force Account Model for public infrastructure delivery, under which Government shall strategically utilise its existing internal engineering personnel, plant and equipment for the execution of routine road construction, rehabilitation, emergency works and maintenance; and further that the model shall prioritise the optimal use of existing State capacity in order to improve efficiency, reduce infrastructure delivery costs, enhance responsiveness to service delivery needs and contribute to fiscal consolidation, while reserving competitive tendering for highly specialised, complex and large-scale components of public infrastructure projects that require private sector expertise."

(Mr. M. M. Pule, MP. – Kgatleng East)

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

11. "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)

DECRIMINALISATION OF SEX WORK

12. "That this Honourable House resolves to request Government to decriminalise sex work by repealing section 155 (Living on the earnings of prostitution) and Section 156 (Keeping a brothel) of the Penal Code (Cap 08:01) in order to protect human rights, curb gender-based violence, and strengthen public health interventions."

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

GOVERNMENT TO CONFISCATE ALL TRUCKS USED IN ILLEGAL SAND MINING

13. "That this Honourable House requests Government to confiscate all trucks used in illegal sand mining upon the conviction of the offenders and that the proceeds from the forfeiture of such vehicles be allocated to the respective Village Development Committees."

(Ms. H. P. Manyeneng, MP. – Mmopane-Metsimotlhabe)

AMENDMENT OF THE PUBLIC HOLIDAYS ACT

14. "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)

CREATION OF SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES IN THE GREATER GABORONE AREA

15. "That this Honourable House requests Government to expand the creation of special economic zones in the greater Gaborone area and other areas such as Molepolole to create an entrepreneurial ecosystem through supporting and developing small, medium enterprises to manufacture and market natural resources in their areas for export as finished products to create employment opportunities and ensure inter-generational skills transfer."

(Mr. A. K. Khan, MP. – Molepolole North)

ESTABLISHMENT OF A STATUTORY FUND FOR NATIONAL ECO-TOURISM AND LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (LED) FUND

16. "That this Honourable House requests Government to urgently establish a dedicated, Ring Fenced Statutory Fund for National Eco-Tourism and Local Economic Development (LED) called the Eco-Tourism and Local Economic Development Fund to automatically finance community-led projects, heritage exhibitions and regional agri-tourism initiatives such as the Dinokeng Fish Festival thereby systematically shifting these vital rural economic engines away from a state of structural insecurity and unreliable, ad-hoc annual ministerial handout."

(Mr. M. M. Pule, MP. – Kgatleng East)