

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(TUESDAY 11TH AUGUST, 2026)

QUESTIONS

HRS/MINS

1400 – 1445

1. **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 - (i) whether Government acknowledges that its initial design was based on an outdated supply driven model with limited market integration;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.
2. **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)
3. **DR. U. DOW, MP. (KGATLENG WEST):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education: (569)
 - (i) what the current state of Artesia Junior Secondary School is, with particular regard to:
 - (a) the school's pass rate;
 - (b) the condition of the school hostels;
 - (c) the condition of the school toilet facilities;

- (d) the condition of the school's electricity supply; and
 - (ii) what measures the Ministry has taken, or intends to take, to address the challenges identified.
- 4. **MR. J. J. FRENZEL, MP. (SHASHE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to update this Honourable House on the state of land allocation in the Shashe West Constituency following his indication that there were ongoing plot surveys in some villages in Shashe West, and as such land allocations would commence in the current financial year; and to state when: (570)
 - (i) land allocations will commence in Shashemooke village;
 - (ii) the residents of Borolong, Chadibe, Mathangwane, Matsitama, Mabesekwa and Makobo villages should expect to be assisted with residential land allocations; and
 - (iii) residential as well as ploughing field plots will be allocated in Natale.
- 5. **MR. P. M. MOSANANA, MP. (KANYE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services: (574)
 - (i) if he is aware that Kanye Prison has an authorised holding capacity of 129 inmates at a time but currently holds over 200 inmates;
 - (ii) what measures he is taking to address the overcrowding challenges at the facility;
 - (iii) whether there are any plans to expand or upgrade Kanye Prison to ensure acceptable standards of inmate accommodation, rehabilitation and safety of correctional officers; and
 - (iv) what he is doing to address shortage of staff housing at the said facility.
- 6. **MR. T. BOGATSU, MP. (LENTSWELETAU-LEPHEPHE):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs if he would consider bridging the gap where the Senior Chief Representative is pegged at D2 salary scale, while the Chief Representative is at D4 salary scale. (576)
- 7. **MR. O. KEDIKILWE, MP. (SEROWE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Finance to apprise this Honourable House on the state of Government finances and the national debt; and in particular to state: (577)
 - (i) how long Government intends to continue relying on borrowing to fund national operations and development, given the current fiscal constraints;

- (ii) the specific short-term and long-term strategies, structural reforms, and actionable plans the Ministry will implement to exit the current debt crisis and restore fiscal sustainability; and
 - (iii) realistic projections and timelines for when the nation can expect tangible improvements in economic growth and job creation while concurrently reducing the national debt burden.
- 8. **MR. P. AARON, MP. (NGAMI):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to state: (578)
 - (i) when the Danega Village *Kgotla* will be upgraded from a Court of Arbitration to a Court of Record, now that Danega has been gazetted as a village;
 - (ii) if he is aware that the failure to recognise Danega *Kgotla* causes delays in the election of the Village Development Committee which assists in identifying village needs and in formulating development proposals; and
 - (iii) the timeline for Danega to receive other qualifying village services such as a dedicated *kgotla* office, clinic and a fully recognised primary school, instead of relying on services from neighbouring villages.
- 9. **MR. M. M. PULE, MP. (KGATLENG EAST):** To ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services to update this Honourable House on matters relating to the constitutional and administrative implications arising from Government's handling of the late Pitseng Gaoberekwe's burial case; and to further state: (521)
 - (i) whether the Executive relied on any lawful authority or discretion to permit a burial outcome that differed from prior decisions of the High Court and the Court of Appeal regarding interment within the Central Kalahari Game Reserve (CKGR);
 - (ii) how the Executive justifies this decision in the context of the principle of separation of powers, and whether it considers the action consistent with respect for judicial authority and the rule of law;
 - (iii) whether the Executive has assessed the policy implications and potential precedents created by allowing an exception to existing residency and protected area regulations; and
 - (iv) whether Government intends to develop or amend any legislation, regulations, or policy frameworks to guide future requests for ancestral land burials, particularly within protected areas to ensure consistency, fairness, and legal certainty going forward.

10. **MR. S. O. MAPULANGA, MP. (CHOBE):** To ask the Minister of Minerals and Energy to apprise this Honourable House of: (559)
- (i) the number of earthquakes and earth tremors which have been experienced in the Chobe-Kavango Region between the years 2014 and 2025;
 - (ii) how these incidents have affected the biodiversity and ecosystem in the Chobe Region; and
 - (iii) measures in place for adaptation on the negative impacts on both human lives and wildlife.
11. **MR. T. B. LUCAS, MP. (BOBIRWA):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to state: (561)
- (i) the total number of Batswana who have been on the waiting list for residential plots for;
 - (a) more than 30 years;
 - (b) more than 20 years;
 - (c) more than 10 years;
 - (d) for less than 5 years;
 - (i) timelines for addressing the current waiting lists; and
 - (ii) if there are any plans to utilise current technologies to expedite allocation of residential plots.
12. **MR. V. B. PHOLOGOLO, MP. (KANYE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Finance to clarify the administrative and governance changes introduced to the management of the Government Employees Motor Vehicle and Residential Property Advance Scheme (GEMVAS); and to state: (560)
- (i) Government's official response to allegations raised by public service trade unions regarding a lack of joint consultation and a purported plan to outsource the scheme's administration to private entities;
 - (ii) whether consultation was undertaken with recognised structures before implementation of the administrative changes and, if not, the reasons thereof; and
 - (iii) Government's long-term policy on keeping GEMVAS as a strictly state-guaranteed benefit, versus any future plans for outsourcing, privatisation, or third-party administration.

- **STATEMENT BY THE MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE**

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

HRS/MINS

SECOND READING

1445 – 1800

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| 1. Proceeds and Instruments of Crime (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (Bill No. 25 of 2026) | An Act to amend the Proceeds and Instruments of Crime Act. |
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(Minister of Justice and Correctional Services)

(Resumed Debate)

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| 2. Trust Property Control (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (Bill No. 26 of 2026) | An Act to amend the Trust Property Control Act. |
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(Minister of Justice and Correctional Services)

COMMITTEE STAGE

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| 3. Gambling (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (Bill No. 15 of 2026) | An Act to amend the Gambling Authority Act. |
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(Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship)

AMENDMENT

- The Bill is amended at **Clause 2** appearing on page **B.122**, by substituting for that clause the following new clause:

"2. The Gambling Act (hereinafter referred to as the "Act") is amended by substituting for the words "casino inspector" wherever they appear in the Act the words "authorised officer"."

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

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| 4. Financial Intelligence (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (Bill No. 24 of 2026) | An Act to amend the Financial Intelligence Act. |
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(Minister of Finance)