

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(MONDAY 13TH APRIL, 2026)

QUESTIONS

HRS/MINS

1400 – 1445

1. **MR. C. K. JACOBS, MP. (LOBATSE):** To ask the Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship when the adopted 2013 Parliamentary Motion will be implemented which was calling for the Lobatse town to be treated as a special area as a way of reviving its economy through the Lobatse Economic Diversification Unit, similar to SPEDU. **(238)**

2. **MR. A. K. KHAN, MP. (MOLEPOLOLE NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Sport and Arts if he is aware that most foreign sport coaches employed in the country are not sufficiently qualified to coach local athletes, despite having been granted work permits; and if so, what measures he will take to ensure that only qualified and competent coaches are engaged in developing Botswana's sporting talent. **(277)**

3. **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:
 - (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.**(299)**

4. **MR. T. FURNITURE, MP. (TATI EAST):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to apprise this Honourable House on Botswana Police Savings and Loan Guarantee Scheme for the year ended 2025; and to further state: **(360)**

- (i) from which year these dividends were declared, what happened to the dividends declared from the scheme since its inception in 1999; and
 - (ii) the criteria used to select officers who have retired from active service as it seems that some officers who are no longer members of the scheme benefitted while others were left out.
5. **MR. G. LEKAU, MP. (MOGODITSHANE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to state: **(405)**
- (i) why the Government Fleet Management auctions vehicles once a year as opposed to three (3) times per annum as they did during the past five (5) years;
 - (ii) why only 10 per cent of the boarded vehicles are auctioned;
 - (iii) the economic benefit of using private auctioneers as opposed to internal personnel or those from other departments like councils; and
 - (iv) what makes it difficult to carry out a countrywide auction in a single day.
6. **MR. O. KWAPA, MP. (JWANENG-MABUTSANE):** To ask the Minister of Labour and Home Affairs whether there is any law which binds certain businesses to transport their staff members at night when they are going to and coming from work especially when public transport is not available. **(431)**
7. **MR. D. SALESHANDO, MP. (MAUN NORTH):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security why the Sovereign Wealth Fund is managed under his Ministry and not the Ministry of Finance which has the requisite staff competencies to oversee the nation's long-term financial investments; he should further state: **(432)**
- (i) how the board members of the Sovereign Fund were selected;
 - (ii) how the Chief Executive Officer of the Sovereign Fund was selected;
 - (iii) how much has been invested in the fund up to date and how the fund will be further capitalised; and
 - (iv) the applicable law under which the fund has been established.

8. **BRIGADIER D. MOKGWATHI, MP. (LETLHAKENG):** To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism to apprise this Honourable House on the short and long term measures on: (438)
- (i) the preservation of indigenous plants, *motshiha*, *kyara*, *mositsana* and *leruswa*; and
 - (ii) culture preservation based on oral history of the Letlhakeng District.
9. **DR. U. DOW, MP. (KGATLENG WEST):** To ask the Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship to state: (440)
- (i) the various licenses under which a trader or business can sell alcohol;
 - (ii) the key requirements for each type of license; and
 - (iii) conditions under which a trader can sell the alcoholic beverage commonly known as Chibuku.
10. **MR. K. NKAWANA, MP. (SELEBI PHIKWE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to apprise this Honourable House on the status of the proposed cargo airport in Selebi Phikwe; and to further state: (441)
- (i) the correlation between this project and the existing airport;
 - (ii) whether the new project absorbed the existing airport through a purchase; and if so, for how much;
 - (iii) the estimated number of jobs to be created through this project; and
 - (iv) the amounts of compensations, if any, to the locals relocated from the area.
11. **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.

12. **MR. K. T. MMUSI, MP. (GABANE-MMANKGODI):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to update this Honourable House on progress made in the construction of the Mmokolodi Kgotla access road; and to state: **(443)**

- (i) whether he is aware that the contractor commenced the construction of the said road with the expectation to complete the project by the end of October 2025, which has not been achieved, and that the community has not been updated on the delays; and if so, what are the causes of the delay, and why the construction of a 6km access road has taken more than two (2) years to complete;
- (ii) whether he is aware of reports that employees working for companies contracted on this project are leaving due to non-payment of their monthly salaries, allegedly as a result of delayed payments to the contractor by the Ministry; and if so, what measures will be taken to address the situation and ensure completion of the project;
- (iii) when he intends to address the Mmokolodi community at a Kgotla meeting to update them on the status of the project; and
- (iv) whether he will consider extending the project by an additional 2km to connect the road from Mmokolodi Kgotla to Goo Nku in order to enhance road connectivity between Mmokolodi, Gabane and Tloaneng villages.

TABLING OF A PAPER

- Public Accounts Committee Report, Sixty First (61st) Meeting 2021-2022 Accounts.

(Chairperson of the Public Accounts Committee)

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

HRS/MINS

COMMITTEE STAGE

1445 - 1900

1. Income Tax Bill, 2025 (Bill No. 36 of 2025) An Act to make provision for the charge, assessment, collection and administration of income tax; and for matters incidental thereto.

(Published on 15th December, 2025)

(Minister of Finance)

(Resumed Debate)

AMENDMENTS

1. The Bill is amended at **Schedule 2** by substituting for **Part III** appearing on page **B.947** the following new Part –

“PART III — Retirement Savings and Insurance

The following amounts shall be exempt income —

1. The income of an approved benefit fund.
2. The income of an approved retirement fund.
3. The following commutation amounts —
 - (a) in the case of an employee permitted to commute a portion of his or her pension under any law in force in Botswana, an amount not exceeding 50 per cent of the pension entitlement of the employee at the time of retirement;
 - (b) in the case of any person other than a person subject to subparagraph (a), who, being entitled to a pension or annuity on retirement, elects to receive a part of such pension or annuity as a commuted lump sum, an actuarially calculated sum representing a commutation of not more than 50 per cent of his or her full entitlement at the date of his or her retirement; or
 - (c) in the case of any person other than a person referred to in subparagraphs (a) and (b) who is entitled bona fide to an annual pension or annuity of not more than P48 000 as an actuarially calculated sum representing the commutation of that pension or annuity.
4. In the case of a person who does not elect to commute a portion of his or her pension, an amount not exceeding 50 per cent of his or her pension income.

5. Sickness or accident benefits paid to a person, or to his or her dependents or heirs, by an approved fund, a trade union, or under a policy of insurance covering sickness or accident.

6. The investment income as defined in a statutory life insurance fund.”.

(Minister of Finance)

2. The Bill is amended at **Schedule 2 Part IV** appearing on page **B.948** by –
- (a) inserting a new paragraph immediately after paragraph 3, the following new paragraph –

“4. Any dividend received by an international financial services company in respect of a qualifying foreign participation as defined under section 2.”; and

- (b) renumbering paragraph 4 as 5.

(Minister of Finance)

3. The Bill is amended at **Schedule 2 Part V** appearing on page **B.949** by inserting the following new paragraphs immediately after paragraph 7 –

“8. The income of a specified collective investment undertaking.

9. The income contributed to the “Diamonds for Development Fund Limited” for the purposes of investments projects in Botswana as approved by the Minister.”.

(Minister of Finance)

4. The Bill is amended at **Schedule 2 Part VII** appearing on page **B.950** by inserting the following new paragraphs immediately after paragraph 5 –

“6. A gain on disposal of any shares in an International Financial Services Centre company.

7. A gain on disposal of any property which represents a qualifying foreign participation as defined under section 2.”.

(Minister of Finance)

2. Value Added Tax Bill, 2025 (Bill No. 39 of 2025) An Act to re-enact the Value Added Tax Act with amendments to provide for the imposition and collection of value added tax; and for matters connected thereto.

(Published on 15th December, 2025)

(Minister of Finance)

AMENDMENTS

1. The Bill is amended at **clause 10** appearing on page **B.1110** by deleting paragraph *(c)*.

(Minister of Finance)

2. The Bill is amended at **Schedule 1 Part III** paragraph 1 *(c)* appearing on page **B.1159** by inserting immediately after paragraph (xii) the following paragraph –

“(xiii) a supply of fertilizers specified under Customs Tariff Headings 31.01-31.05,”.

(Minister of Finance)

3. The Bill is amended at **Schedule 2** paragraph 1 appearing on page **B.1162** by inserting immediately after paragraph *(j)* the following new paragraph –

“*(j)* a supply of services by a Deposit Insurance Scheme of Botswana to any of its members.”

(Minister of Finance)

3. Customs (Amendment) Bill, An Act to amend the Customs Act. 2025 (Bill No. 37 of 2025)

(Published on 15th December, 2025)

(Minister of Finance)

AMENDMENTS

1. The Bill is amended at **clause 5** appearing on page **B.965** by deleting the words “Amendment of section 14 of the Act” appearing in that clause.

(Minister of Finance)

2. The Bill is amended at **clause 21** appearing on page **B.968** by substituting for that clause, the following new clause –

*“Amendment
of section 46
of the Act*

21. The Act is amended in section 46 by substituting for the words “of the”, appearing immediately after the word “consignor”, the word “including”.

(Minister of Finance)

4. Public Service Bill, 2026 (Bill No. 5 of 2026) An Act to provide for the law relating to the public service of Botswana, to provide for fundamental rights of employment and alignment to international labour standards; to provide for a framework to promote sound labour relations and orderly collective bargaining; to provide for a framework for the prevention and settlement of disputes; and for matters incidental thereto and connected therewith.

(Published on 6th March, 2026)

(Minister for State President, Defence and Security)

AMENDMENT

- The Bill is amended on page B.55, by substituting for clause 77 (3), the following new clause –

“(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1), a trade union that has been granted recognition, shall not be represented, during consultations and negotiations by a person –

(a) holding office in any political party;

(b) who is a member of the National Assembly, a councillor or a member of *Ntlo ya Dikgosi*; or

(c) who is not an elected official of a trade union or who is not mandated by the leadership of a trade union.”.

(Minister for State President, Defence and Security)

BILL TO BE REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

5. Tax Administration Bill, 2025 (Bill No. 38 of 2025) An Act to harmonise, modernise, and consolidate the rules and procedures for the administration of the tax laws and matters connected thereto.

(Published on 15th December, 2025)

(Minister of Finance)

MOTION

ADOPTION OF THE REVISED NATIONAL POLICY ON RURAL DEVELOPMENT

6. "That this Honourable House resolves to adopt the Revised National Policy on Rural Development, 2025."

(Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs)