

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(FRIDAY 14TH AUGUST, 2026)

MINISTERS' QUESTION TIME

HRS/MINS

0900 – 0945

1. Minister of Health

THEME: PRIVATE CLINICS OPERATING IN BOTSWANA

To ask the Minister of Health to state:

- (i) why registered Nurses are not allowed to run private clinics; and
- (ii) why Government trusts them with consultations and referrals in public hospitals and clinics but the same cannot be done in private practice.

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

2. Minister of Lands and Agriculture

THEME: STATUS OF POULTRY INDUSTRY IN BOTSWANA

To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to state:

- (i) the extent to which Botswana's poultry industry relies on imported feed ingredients such as maize and soya beans;
- (ii) the impact of imported feed costs on poultry competitiveness;
- (iii) what interventions the Government is implementing to increase local feed production costs;
- (iv) the contribution of the poultry sector to Gross Domestic Product over the last five (5) years;
- (v) the number of jobs created by the poultry industry; and
- (vi) the projected economic benefits expected from the transition towards an export-led industry.

(Mr. M. Bagaisamang, MP. – Shoshong)

QUESTIONS

1. **MR. K. S. GARE, MP. (MOSHUPA-MANYANA):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to state: (582)
 - (i) immediate and/or short-term measures the Ministry intends to undertake to make the Moshupa–Tshwaane–Ralekgetho–Pitseng road usable and safe for motorists and other road users; and
 - (ii) whether he is aware that this route is of significant economic importance as it provides access to key agricultural and production areas; and if so, what plans are in place to improve and maintain the road to support economic activities in the area.
2. **MR. T. FURNITURE, MP. (TATI EAST):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to update this Honourable House on the current status of payment of pension for retired soldiers; in particular: (555)
 - (i) how many beneficiaries were supposed to be paid;
 - (ii) how many have been paid so far;
 - (iii) how many are still left to be paid;
 - (iv) how much has been spent in paying the retired soldier or beneficiaries; and
 - (v) if it is true that payments are done based on which soldier has more problems.
3. **MR. C. K. HIKUAMA, MP. (MAUN WEST):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security if he is aware of the persistent basic salary discrepancies affecting members of the Botswana Police Service (BPS) compared to other civil servants on the same salary scale and notch, amounting to a shortfall of P400 to P500 per month, which reportedly stems from a 2019 salary adjustment anomaly; if so: (562)
 - (i) to provide the legal or administrative justification for allowing public servants at identical grades and notches to receive different baseline remunerations;
 - (ii) why BPS officers at the E2 scale and below are excluded from receiving the Housing and Upkeep Allowance that is actively enjoyed by their counterparts across other Government ministries and departments; and

- (iii) when his Ministry intends to harmonise these welfare benefits.
4. **MR. K. NKAWANA, MP. (SELEBI PHIKWE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to apprise this Honourable House of the allocation status of residential plots in Phase Four in Selebi Phikwe East which were serviced and are noticeably bushlands with culverts clogged. (568)
5. **MR. L. LESEDI, MP. (SEROWE SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Labour and Home Affairs: (579)
- (i) how many cases of employee grievances were recorded by his Ministry over the past two (2) financial years;
 - (ii) how many cases the Ministry has lost at the Ombudsman, Commissioner of Labour, Industrial Court and High Court respectively and to state the total value of money paid out to employees in these cases;
 - (iii) to state the breakdown of payments on these cases per Department in the Ministry;
 - (iv) how many cases are currently pending at the Ombudsman, Commissioner of Labour, Industrial Court and the High Court respectively per Department; and
 - (v) what measures the Ministry is implementing to improve labour relations and reduce employment disputes involving its employees.
6. **MR. G. DISHO, MP. (OKAVANGO EAST):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to state: (580)
- (i) when the President will respond to the request for urgent intervention in the ongoing cattle rustling crisis in the Okavango East Constituency;
 - (ii) Government's intervention plan to address cattle rustling in Okavango East; and
 - (iii) why no response has been provided to the affected communities despite the seriousness of the situation; and further confirm whether this matter remains a priority for the Government.

TABLING OF A PAPER

- National Health Insurance Policy.

(Minister of Health)

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

1. "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

2. "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

3. "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**

4. "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)**

5. "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

6. "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

7. "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)

CREATION OF SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES IN THE GREATER GABORONE AREA

8. "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)

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

9. "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**

10. "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

11. "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

12. "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)

**DEVELOPMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK
FOR EARLY ACCESS TO A PORTION OF PENSION AND RETIREMENT
SAVINGS BY GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES**

13. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider developing a comprehensive policy and legislative framework permitting government employees to access a prescribed portion of their accumulated pension funds."

(Mr. J. J. Frenzel, MP. – Shashe West)

ESTABLISHMENT OF A HUMAN-WILDLIFE VICTIM FUND

14. "That this Honourable House resolves that Government establishes a Human-Wildlife Victim Fund to provide timely and adequate financial assistance, compensation, rehabilitation, and livelihood support to individuals, families, and communities affected by human-wildlife conflict."

(Mr. G. Disho, MP. – Okavango East)

AMENDMENT OF THE PUBLIC HOLIDAYS ACT

15. "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)

**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)