

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER P A P E R

(WEDNESDAY 15TH JULY, 2026)

QUESTIONS

HRS/MINS

1400 – 1445

1. **MR. M. M. PULE, MP. (KGATLENG EAST):** To ask the Minister of Finance to state measures in place to ensure that Government supply tenders benefit a wider range of citizens rather than being repeatedly awarded to a few established suppliers; and further state: (436)
 - (i) how compliance with citizen participation and local content requirements is monitored and enforced; and
 - (ii) what specific initiatives exist to enable new and emerging supply companies to access Government contracts.
2. **BRIGADIER D. MOKGWATHI, MP. (LETLHAKENG):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education to apprise this Honourable House on the statistics of all temporary teachers in her Ministry by: (450)
 - (i) stating the number of youth from Letlhakeng District who form part of these statistics who are between the ages of 21 to 39 years;
 - (ii) stating the number of temporary teachers who by the end of April 2026 would reach the adult age of 40 years; and
 - (iii) stating how she will ensure that every temporary teacher will be deployed in the main stream teaching cadres.
3. **MR. M. M. MOROLONG, MP. (KGATLENG CENTRAL):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to state when he will phase off the A1 Salary Scale in the Government salary payment structure since it is very low and it degrades public service morale on the affected public servants. (452)
4. **MR. S. O. MAPULANGA, MP. (CHOBE):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to update this Honourable House on progress of the Kachikau-Parakarungu road; in particular: (459)
 - (i) why the project has not been completed to date; and
 - (ii) if he will consider terminating the contract as it is evident that there is failure to deliver the project.

5. **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- (i) whether Government acknowledges that its initial design was based on an outdated supply driven model with limited market integration;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.
6. **MR. P. M. MOSANANA, MP. (KANYE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education whether she is aware that a number of teachers who sponsored themselves for further education training have not been refunded their tuition fees; and if so, to state: **(453)**
- (i) the number of teachers who have been affected;
 - (ii) the total amount outstanding;
 - (iii) when the refunds will be made; and
 - (iv) steps that are being taken to upgrade these teachers to salary scales commensurate with their qualifications and length of service.
7. **MR. L. LESEDI, MP. (SEROWE SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Minerals and Energy to apprise this Honourable House on Botswana Oil Limited (BOL) company; stating: **(454)**
- (i) the number of fuel suppliers supplying BOL and those importing and exporting;
 - (ii) which company was awarded the tender to construct Ghanzi Government Petroleum Reserve Storage;
 - (iii) the number of companies supplying BOL which are owned by Government employees, former cabinet Ministers and anyone who has held a cabinet position, including any of these being partners and how many are owned by locals;

- (iv) the number of companies providing transportation of fuel to BOL and how many of these companies are owned by indigenous Batswana;
 - (v) the number of companies that provide transport of fuel to BOL owned by former cabinet Ministers, their relatives and/or partners;
 - (vi) the criterion that was used to appoint these companies and how BOL sources its fuel supply;
 - (vii) measures in place for BOL to implement cost saving measures; and
 - (viii) the current status of Tshele Hills storage, in terms of capacity and operation and how much was spent on its construction and maintenance costs.
8. **MR. T. B. LUCAS, MP. (BOBIRWA):** To ask the Minister of Finance to state if the current state of the economy can support a P4000.00 minimum wage across the board as it is the desire and wish of the current Government. (214)
9. **MR. S. O. DIGWA, MP. (BOTETI WEST):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to state: (163)
- (i) the number of agricultural extension areas across the country which are currently staffed (manned) and those which remain unstaffed (unmanned);
 - (ii) what impact the lack of agricultural extension workers have on the country's annual crop production and overall agricultural output; and
 - (iii) interventions or strategies the Ministry is implementing to address this challenge to strengthen agricultural support services and improve national food security.
10. **MR. T. FURNITURE, MP. (TATI EAST):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security: (435)
- (i) to state the number of retired officers who have been appointed on contracts by Government since January 2024 and their salary scales;
 - (ii) to specify the length of contracts;
 - (iii) what special skills they possess; and
 - (iv) why other officers cannot be promoted/recruited instead of appointing officers on contracts.

11. **MR. L. BARONGWANG, MP. (MOGODITSHANE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to state the immediate and stop-gap plans to address challenges at Solomon Dihutso, Mogoditshane and Moamogwe Primary Schools perpetuated by the school enrolment that exceeds planned targets per school and educational facilities with insufficient furniture and teaching materials. (117)