

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(MONDAY 16TH FEBRUARY, 2026)

QUESTIONS

HRS/MINS

1400 – 1445

1. **MR. M. M. PULE, MP. (KGATLENG EAST):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs if the Ministry is aware of the problem of water-logging and the formation of wetlands in certain parts of Oodi Village in the Kgatleng East Constituency and further: (18)
 - (i) whether any formal assessment has been carried out (or is currently under way) to determine the causes, extent and risks of such waterlogging and wetland formation in the affected areas; and
 - (ii) what concrete measures the Ministry will implement to assist the residents of Oodi and within what timeframe these measures will be deployed.
2. **MR. S. O. MAPULANGA, MP. (CHOBE):** To ask the Minister of Minerals and Energy to state if there is a state-owned enterprise or indigenous company which deals with mineral exploration and prospecting; and if so, to provide an update on the operations of the enterprise to date and if not, whether it would not be prudent to create one. (193)
3. **MR. T. B. LUCAS, MP. (BOBIRWA):** To ask the Minister of Finance to state: (194)
 - (i) the current unemployment rates in Botswana as per Statistics Botswana Surveys indicating whether unemployment is increasing or decreasing;
 - (ii) the total number of unemployed persons in Botswana including those considered as discouraged job seekers;
 - (iii) the economic conditions that are required to create 450 000 to 500 000 jobs in the next four (4) years and further, if such economic conditions are achievable in Botswana in the next four (4) years; and
 - (iv) if the current and projected economic growth rates could support the condition of full employment in Botswana.

4. **MR. T. FURNITURE, MP. (TATI EAST):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education to update this Honourable House on: (195)
- (i) progress made in terms of promotions or posts for reception class teachers; and
 - (ii) the criteria used to determine progression and promotions.
5. **MR. A. K. KHAN, MP. (MOLEPOLOLE NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship to state: (196)
- (i) the number of forensic audits that the Citizen Entrepreneurial Development Agency (CEDA) has undertaken since its inception and whether the findings were presented to this Honourable House; and if not, why not; and
 - (ii) if he will not consider undertaking a comprehensive forensic audit covering the last ten (10) years and present the report to this Honourable House with recommendations.
6. **MR. M. BAGAISAMANG, MP. (SHOSHONG):** To ask the Minister of Finance to explain why Government is not funding multi-residential projects through its Government Employees Motor Vehicle and Residential Property Advance Scheme (GEMVAS) since employees pay their mortgage directly from their salaries. (197)
7. **MR. K. K. KAPINGA, MP. (OKAVANGO WEST):** To ask the Minister of Minerals and Energy when the reticulation of electricity to Tsodilo and Chukumuchu villages will be completed, and if she is aware that: (198)
- (i) Public Servants serving in a number of villages in Okavango West are living without this basic necessity such as electricity and that this terribly degrades the quality of their lives; and
 - (ii) most of the solar power plants built in primary schools are unserviceable due to failure to solve the battery problems; and if so, how will she address the problem.
8. **MR. M. M. MOROLONG, MP. (KGATLENG CENTRAL):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to state Government plans to introduce structured retreats and psychological support programmes including emotional therapies or mindfulness - based stress reduction for frontline workers such as the Police, Social Workers, Nurses, Doctors and other health practitioners to address occupational stress and trauma. (199)

9. **MR. B. B. MABEO, MP. (GAMALETE):** To ask the Minister of Water and Human Settlement to state: (200)
- (i) the name of the company which has been awarded the tender to construct Bonno Housing Scheme houses in Ramotswa/Gamalete Constituency;
 - (ii) the number of plots/land which will be given to the said company;
 - (iii) the number of plots which have been given to all private property developers (companies) that are constructing Bonno Housing Scheme throughout Botswana; and
 - (iv) the estimated cost of all the land that has been given to the said property developers.
10. **MR. O. KEDIKILWE, MP. (SEROWE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Finance if he is aware that the cost of living has gone up to a point where many families are struggling to have a meal for the day, leading to rising poverty levels and increased food insecurity; if so, to state: (201)
- (i) whether he has plans to stabilise the ever-escalating cost of living;
 - (ii) specific immediate and long-term strategies Government will implement to mitigate the inflated prices of essential commodities; and
 - (iii) actionable steps the Ministry is taking to address the high unemployment rate in the current economic climate.
11. **MR. L. LESEDI, MP. (SEROWE SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services to state: (202)
- (i) Government's position on capital punishment and if a moratorium has been imposed on capital punishment in Botswana;
 - (ii) the number of individuals currently on death row and why no death warrants have been signed since October 2024 even for those found guilty of murder who have exhausted the legal process;
 - (iii) why the number of heinous crimes and murder cases has risen exponentially since a moratorium was imposed;
 - (iv) why the Government seems to place more value on the rights of murderers and killers over those of their victims and their families; and

- (v) what is being done to protect the rights of victims of murder and their families.

12. MR. G. DISHO, MP. (OKAVANGO EAST): To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to apprise this Honourable House on:

- (i) the number of cattle and other livestock which have been illegally driven out of Botswana from the Okavango East over the past four (4) years as a result of cattle rustling and cross-border criminal activity;
- (ii) whether Government has intelligence indicating who is responsible for these acts, and to state whether the perpetrators are local criminals, cross border syndicates, or nationals of neighbouring countries;
- (iii) the number of stolen cattle which have been recovered and where they are currently secured;
- (iv) the number of cattle-rustling suspects who have been arrested and successfully prosecuted during this period;
- (v) the security, border-control, and victim-support measures Government is implementing to protect affected communities; and
- (vi) when compensations will be paid to victims in fulfilment of the state's obligation to safeguard citizens and their property.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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SECOND READING

1445 – 1830

- Appropriation (2026/2027) Bill, 2026 (Bill No. 1 of 2026) An Act to authorise the payment out of the Consolidated Fund and the Development Fund of sums of money for the year ending 31st March, 2027.

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(Minister of Finance)

(Resumed Debate)