

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(WEDNESDAY 16TH JULY, 2025)

QUESTIONS

HRS/MINS

1400 – 1445

1. **MR. C. K. JACOBS, MP. (LOBATSE):** To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism if he is aware of the need to establish a weather or meteorological station in Lobatse. **(393)**
2. **MR. K. S. GARE, MP. (MOSHUPA-MANYANA):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to provide an update on the progress in the construction of Manyana-Moshupa Road; and to further state: **(399)**
 - (i) if it is true that the contractor threatened to suspend the construction due to non-payment of the works done; and
 - (ii) if he can assure this Honourable House that the project will be completed within time and budget.
3. **MR. K. C. HIKUAMA, MP. (MAUN WEST):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education to update this Honourable House on the progress regarding the establishment of a dedicated special education unit in Maun, including the projected timeline for its completion and operationalisation; and to further state: **(402)**
 - (i) the allocated budget for the unit for the current fiscal year; and
 - (ii) if the budget will be sufficient to cover staffing, resources and operational costs.
4. **MR. T. FURNITURE, MP. (TATI EAST):** To ask the Minister of Finance when service providers who have been owed by the Government for the past six (6) months will be paid. **(403)**
5. **DR. K. GOBOTSWANG, MP. (TSWAPONG SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to apprise this Honourable House on the relationship between African Agriculture (PTY) LTD (AA) and National Agricultural Research and Development Institute (NARDI) in the spirit of citizen inclusion. The Minister should specifically state: **(404)**
 - (i) if he is aware that African Agriculture (AA) was given a tender to supply agriculture and scientific equipment to NARDI;

- (ii) whether the procurement was an open or competitive bidding;
 - (iii) if he is happy with the quality of equipment supplied by AA; and
 - (iv) the circumstances under which AA was offered land for rice trials and a government warehouse worth P100, 000 monthly rental but offered for a paltry P10, 000.
6. **MR. A. K. KHAN, MP. (MOLEPOLOLE NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure when the Mahetlwe – Molepolole road will be upgraded; and if not, when it will be done. (405)
7. **MR. L. BARONGWANG, MP. (MOGODITSHANE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education if Government will consider subsidising rentals for teachers living in the Greater Gaborone area so as to alleviate severe shortage of accommodation while awaiting the implementation of the Government Housing Scheme. (406)
8. **MR. P. AARON, MP. (NGAMI):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to state: (407)
- (i) if he is aware;
 - (a) of a decree (order) that was issued in 2010 to halt the allocation of plots in the villages of Tubu and Habu;
 - (b) that despite the halting of allocation of residential plots for fifteen (15) years on the pretext of land being vulnerable to flooding, flood water has never caused any person to be reallocated in these villages for over 15 years and beyond, yet the villages affected by flood water every year are not mentioned in this decree;
 - (c) that in these 15 years new developments have been carried out in these villages despite being doubtful of its existence; and
 - (ii) if he will consider withdrawing this decree as it has caused serious issues in families where children and grandchildren are forced to live in one plot.
9. **MR. L. LESEDI, MP. (SEROWE SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to state: (408)
- (i) when the Serowe Dairy Milk Plant dairy will be operational;
 - (ii) how much was spent to construct the plant, why it was closed, the litres of milk it produced on a daily basis before closure and the areas and villages it supplied; and

- (iii) the level of community involvement in terms of partnerships with the community and dairy associations in and around Serowe and whether they were consulted when the Ministry decided to close the plant.
10. **MR. P. M. MOSANANA, MP. (KANYE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Minerals and Energy: (409)
- (i) if a radiation baseline study has been carried out to protect workers, general public and the environment on the exposure of manganese oxide in the commencement of manganese mining in Kgwakgwe Hill; and
 - (ii) what mitigation measures are put in place to make sure that there is zero contamination of water, which may affect the public as well as domestic animals.
11. **MR. D. SALESHANDO, MP. (MAUN NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture if he is aware that the buffalo fence in Ngamiland has been badly maintained allowing free movement of wild and domestic animals. The Minister should explain why the Ministry has not prioritised the maintenance of the fence and to further indicate the following: (410)
- (i) the total funds disbursed in the past five (5) financial years to maintain the funds versus total amounts budgeted for the task;
 - (ii) if the Government has considered enrolling the participation of communities living within the proximity of the fence for its maintenance and also considered new innovations for maintaining an effective buffalo fence; and
 - (iii) why farmers whose cattle are killed primarily due to animal movement arising from the collapsed fence are not compensated at market rate.
12. **MR. K. K. KAPINGA, MP. (OKAVANGO WEST):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to give this Honourable House an update on progress made in the project to refurbish the A33 road from Gumare to Mohembo; especially the Sepopa/Mohembo section which appears to have failed to take off successfully. (78)

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

HRS/MINS

PRESENTATION OF A GOVERNMENT BILL

1445 - 1800

- Community Based Natural Resources Management Bill, 2025 (Bill No. 11 of 2025) An Act to provide for the implementation of the Community Based Natural Resources Management (CBNRM) approach for the sustainable use of natural resources including cultural heritage by communities, and for matters connected or incidental thereto.

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(Minister of Environment and Tourism)

MOTIONS

**ADOPTION OF THE BOTSWANA OCCUPATIONAL
SAFETY AND HEALTH POLICY**

1. "That this Honourable House resolves to adopt the Botswana Occupational Safety and Health Policy."

(Minister of Labour and Home Affairs)

(Resumed Debate)

**ADOPTION OF THE NATIONAL PRODUCTIVITY
AND COMPETITIVENESS POLICY**

2. "That this Honourable House resolves to adopt the National Productivity and Competitiveness Policy."

(Minister of Labour and Home Affairs)