

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(THURSDAY 16TH JULY, 2026)

QUESTIONS

HRS/MINS

1400 – 1445

1. **MR. D. SALESHANDO, MP. (MAUN NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to state if: **(464)**
 - (i) Botswana Agricultural Marketing Board (BAMB) was operating profitably as at the end of December 2025 as announced by the President to the nation; and
 - (ii) there had been any organisational strategic plan adopted by the Board pointing to possible profitability by December 2025, if the organisation remains loss making.

2. **MR. G. SEDOMBO, MP. (TONOTA):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security whether: **(465)**
 - (i) he is aware of the dilapidated condition of the Serule Police Station, which is characterised by structural cracks, a sunken floor, non-functional electrical systems, falling ceilings, a leaking roof, and an unusable holding cell due to sewerage system failure; and if so,
 - (ii) there are any plans in place to rehabilitate the facility, and when such remedial works are expected to commence.

3. **MR. G. KEKGONEGILE, MP. (MAUN EAST):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to brief this Honourable House on measures put in place to redress past injustices suffered by former Botswana Defence Force (BDF) personnel (Privates to Warrant Officers) in the years between 1980 to 1998 while undertaking official local trips, in particular to state: **(466)**
 - (i) the reasons they were not paid subsistence allowances but also personally paid for their meals during the trips;
 - (ii) if the Ministry has any plans to reimburse the officers the meal expenses and to pay them their dues in terms of subsistence allowances (night outs and meals); if so, when, if not, why not; and

- (iii) the number of officers involved, and to further brief on the current status of payments for subsistence allowances to BDF personnel of Private to Warrant Officer ranks.
4. **MR. T. FURNITURE, MP. (TATI EAST):** To ask the Minister of Health to (467) update this Honourable House on:
- (i) whether Sir Ketumile Masire Teaching Hospital is a public hospital; and if so,
 - (ii) why patients are still required to pay and use medical aid at the facility; and if not, whether services at this hospital are free like in all other public hospitals.
5. **MR. A. K. KHAN, MP. (MOLEPOLOLE NORTH):** To ask the Minister for State (468) President, Defence and Security to state who between Ministers and Permanent Secretaries is constitutionally and operationally responsible for the overall direction and leadership of a Ministry, and to further state:
- (i) if Ministers have any formal role in the recruitment and appointment of senior ministry officials (e.g., Directors, Deputy Permanent Secretaries, and Permanent Secretaries) to enable them to assemble teams aligned with the Minister's vision for the Ministry; if so, to outline the Minister's role in the recruitment process;
 - (ii) if he is confident that Ministers exercise effective control and oversight of their respective Ministries, or there are systemic issues that allow Permanent Secretaries to override or derail Ministerial direction; if so, what reforms are proposed to restore Ministerial leadership;
 - (iii) concrete measures that the Government is taking to remove or otherwise deal with corrupt and/or incompetent officers who remain in senior public service positions and whose conduct hampers the new Government's ability to deliver on its promises, and to provide the legal and administrative instruments the Government will use, including a timeline for implementation; and
 - (iv) the relevant policy documents, statutes or circulars that govern appointments, oversight and discipline of senior public officers.
6. **MR. K. NKAWANA, MP. (SELEBI PHIKWE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Trade (469) and Entrepreneurship to apprise this Honourable House on the planned turnaround strategy to make Selebi Phikwe a place to go to for local and foreign investors.

7. **MR. S. O. MAPULANGA, MP. (CHOBE):** To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism: (470)
- (i) to update this Honourable House on the statistics of animals that are trapped or found in the Pandamatenga farms;
 - (ii) to state immediate and long term strategies of removing them or managing their numbers; and
 - (iii) if he would consider the animals to be part of the hunting quota for the Trust in the jurisdiction or create specialised hunting permits for the subsistence of the community.
8. **MR. L. BARONGWANG, MP. (MOGODITSHANE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education: (471)
- (i) to state the difference in the general job descriptions, scope of work and remuneration between Teacher Aides and Care Takers;
 - (ii) if there is a difference in remuneration and conditions of service between those employed directly by the Ministry of Child Welfare and Basic Education and those employed under the Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Affairs;
 - (iii) whether her Ministry provides any form of assistance to these cadres, such as training opportunities, housing, or allowances, in recognition of their work demands and specialised roles; if so, what specific programmes or benefits are currently in place;
 - (iv) what provisions exist for career progression from initial employment to promotion, including recognition of length of service; and
 - (v) how her Ministry ensures that these positions offer a clear pathway for professional growth and retention.
9. **MR. M. MOALOSI, MP. (NKANGE):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education to state: (472)
- (i) the process that would be used to permanently absorb temporary teachers;
 - (ii) whether those that worked for a long time as temporary teachers would be given preference over newer graduates;
 - (iii) if she is aware that some posts held by temporary teachers are said to have "disappeared" in the Oracle system, such as the post for an English Teacher at Goshwe Junior Secondary School;

- (iv) plans to get back the posts that are no longer available because the Oracle system deleted them; and
 - (v) if she is aware of the service disruption in schools where posts that are said to be “no longer available” remain unfilled.
- 10. MR. S. O. DIGWA, MP. (BOTETI WEST):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education: **(473)**
- (i) if she is aware of the serious shortage of both core and supplementary text books in the five (5) junior secondary schools in Boteti West Constituency;
 - (ii) what measures are in place to ensure that there is adequate supply of text books in those schools; and
 - (iii) whether the shortage is not limiting teaching and learning in these junior secondary schools.
- 11. MR. C. K. HIKUAMA, MP. (MAUN WEST):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education whether she is aware of the current state of infrastructure in schools across the country more specifically in the Maun West Constituency; if so,
- (i) what assessment has been made regarding the extent of the repairs needed; and
 - (ii) what steps are being taken to address these infrastructure backlogs in the current financial year.
- 12. MR. M. M. MOROLONG, MP. (KGATLENG CENTRAL):** To ask the Minister of Water and Human Settlement if there are plans in place to relocate the Water Utilities Corporation facilities in Mochudi particularly the sewerage ponds in Boseja North and Mabodisa Wards and other associated facilities that are now a health hazard to the community. **(475)**

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

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PRESENTATION OF A PRIVATE MEMBER'S BILL

1445 – 1800

- Local Government (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (Bill No. 17 of 2026) An Act to amend the Local Government Act.

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(Mr. T. B. Lucas, MP. – Bobirwa)