

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(THURSDAY 17TH JULY, 2025)

LEADER OF THE HOUSE'S QUESTION TIME

HRS/MINS

1400 – 1445

THEME: STATUS OF NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS IN BOTSWANA'S NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK

- To ask the Leader of the House to:
 - (i) explain to this Honourable House the status of National Development Plans (NDPs) in Botswana's National Legislative Framework;
 - (ii) give a detailed schedule on the preparation and finalisation of National Development Plan 12;
 - (iii) apprise this Honourable House on the differences between National Development Plan and what has been touted as the National Transformation Programme; and
 - (iv) explain how NDP 12 shall incorporate social justice in the distribution of major infrastructure projects.

(Mr. T. B. Lucas, MP. – Bobirwa)

QUESTIONS

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. 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)
4. **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.
5. **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.
6. **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.

7. **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)
8. **MR. J. J. FRENZEL, MP. (SHASHE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Communications and Innovation to state: (276)
 - (i) if the electric vehicles that were said to be assembled by the past Government will be allocated for use in Government departments, if so, how many have been allocated and where;
 - (ii) if the current administration will continue with the electric vehicles factory;
 - (iii) whether the country has started to break-even on the project and how much revenue has been raised thus far;
 - (iv) how many Batswana have been employed at the factory; and
 - (v) the salaries of the lowest and highest paid employee respectively.
9. **MS. H. P. MANYENENG, MP. (MMOPANE-METSIMOTLHABE):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs if he is aware that there are no tarred internal roads at Metsimotlhabe, except the pavement by the entrance of the school and the Kgotla and that the road is in a bad state; and if so, when he will attend to this. (327)
10. **MR. S. O. MAPULANGA, MP. (CHOBE):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to state: (313)
 - (i) the total area of the then Chobe Crown Land between 1889 and 1964;
 - (ii) the total area of the Chobe District between 1965 to date;
 - (iii) the total variation area of the then Chobe Crown Land and today's Chobe District with a total area of 22 560/22 500 kilometre squared (km²);
 - (iv) the justification for the reduction of the total area of Chobe Crown Land to the current 22 560/22 500 km²;
 - (v) when consultations with the natives of Chobe were conducted and what their sentiments were regarding the reduction in the total area of the Chobe Crown Land to the current constricted Chobe District;

- (vi) the net effect of the reduction of the total area of the Chobe Crown Land on the total areas of the bordering Central and North West Districts;
 - (vii) the present parameters and boundary of the Chobe District;
 - (viii) if the continued designation of land in some districts such as the Chobe, North East, Ghanzi, Kgalagadi as state land whilst land in the eight (08) main tribes' districts as tribal territory is not outdated and ethnically prejudiced in a modern state and Republic;
 - (ix) whether it is the position of the UDC Government that some tribes have group rights to land through tribal territories while Basubiya and Basarwa in the Chobe District are Government guests in a state land; and
 - (x) the requirements for tribes in the state lands of Chobe, North East, Ghanzi and Kgalagadi Districts in exercising group/tribal rights to land or tribal territory that have been accorded other citizens since independence.
11. **MR. K. C. HIKUAMA, MP. (MAUN WEST):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to apprise this Honourable House on the current assessment of the state of toilets and overall sanitation in all primary schools within Maun; and further: (412)
- (i) provide a school by school breakdown on the condition of these facilities more especially in the Maun West Constituency;
 - (ii) if there are any primary schools in Maun West Constituency that still rely solely on pit latrines, and if so, which ones, and what is the time frame for their upgrade to waterborne systems; and
 - (iii) measures currently in place to ensure that existing waterborne toilets in the Maun West Constituency are consistently functional, given reports of frequent non-functionality due to water shortages.
12. **DR. U. DOW, MP. (KGATLENG WEST):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education if she would agree that many pre-schools are small businesses with a very narrow profit margin and if she agrees: (297)
- (i) would she be willing to consider reviewing and removing requirements that make such businesses expensive to run, such as the requirement for toddler toilets, a spare room for rest and a canvas shade;
 - (ii) that holding up a small business such as a pre-school to standards that Government itself is not able to uphold is unfair and anti-business; and

(iii) that with the high incidence of child abandonment by fathers in this country, high child-care costs disproportionately affect women.

- **STATEMENT BY THE MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS**
- **PERSONAL EXPLANATION BY LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION**

TABLING OF A PAPER

- Statutory Instrument No. 156 of 2024: Public Finance Management (National Research Fund) Order, 2024.

(Minister of Finance)

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

HRS/MINS

MOTION

1445 – 1800

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

- “That this Honourable House resolves to adopt the National Productivity and Competitiveness Policy.”

(Minister of Labour and Home Affairs)

(Resumed Debate)