

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(MONDAY 17TH AUGUST, 2026)

QUESTIONS

HRS/MINS

1400 – 1445

- 1. MR. M. BAGAISAMANG, MP. (SHOSHONG):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to state: **(556)**

 - (i) whether Botswana currently exports poultry meat and eggs; if not what constraints continue to hinder exports despite local self-sufficiency; and
 - (ii) to give the time frame within which Government expects the poultry industry to become a net exporter.
- 2. MR. L. LESEDI, MP. (SEROWE SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Labour and Home Affairs: **(579)**

 - (i) how many cases of employee grievances were recorded by his Ministry over the past two (2) financial years;
 - (ii) how many cases the Ministry has lost at the Ombudsman, Commissioner of Labour, Industrial Court and High Court respectively and to state the total value of money paid out to employees in these cases;
 - (iii) to state the breakdown of payments on these cases per Department in the Ministry;
 - (iv) how many cases are currently pending at the Ombudsman, Commissioner of Labour, Industrial Court and the High Court respectively per Department; and
 - (v) what measures the Ministry is implementing to improve labour relations and reduce employment disputes involving its employees.
- 3. MR. G. DISHO, MP. (OKAVANGO EAST):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to state: **(580)**

 - (i) when the President will respond to the request for urgent intervention in the ongoing cattle rustling crisis in the Okavango East Constituency;
 - (ii) Government's intervention plan to address cattle rustling in Okavango East; and

- (iii) why no response has been provided to the affected communities despite the seriousness of the situation; and further confirm whether this matter remains a priority for the Government.
4. **MR. K. NKAJANA, MP. (SELEBI PHIKWE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Labour and Home Affairs to apprise this Honourable House on the rationale for increasing fees for new applications, renewals and replacement of lost or damaged Omang identity cards. (593)
 5. **MR. V. B. PHOLOGOLO, MP. (KANYE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure: (594)
 - (i) to state Government's alternative financing and execution model for the construction of the Selokolela-Lorolwane and the Segwagwa Roads, following their exclusion from the National Development Plan (NDP) 12;
 - (ii) how the Ministry plans to facilitate local agricultural trade given the lack of paved roads leading to farms in the Kanye West Constituency; and
 - (iii) what urgent grading or maintenance schedules have been drafted to keep these unpaved rural arterial routes passable during the upcoming rainy seasons.
 6. **MR. J. J. FRENZEL, MP. (SHASHE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture: (595)
 - (i) how long it has been since Secure Land Title (SLT) certificates were introduced and to give progress to date regarding the issuance of such;
 - (ii) when the services that are being offered by the Registrar of Deeds office will be decentralised as certificates are said to be only printed in Gaborone;
 - (iii) when the Francistown Deeds office will be authorised to assist Batswana with SLT services;
 - (iv) how many SLT certificates have been issued to date countrywide and how many are pending; and
 - (v) what has caused delays in the delivery of this service.
 7. **MS. H. P. MANYENENG, MP. (MMOPANE-METSIMOTLHABE):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture whether he is aware that some residents in the Mmopane-Metsimotlhabe Constituency are owed compensation by Government following the compulsory acquisition of their residential plots and farms to cater for the Gaborone City expansion; and if so, to state when the concerned residents will be paid their dues. (597)

8. **MR. C. K. HIKUAMA, MP. (MAUN WEST):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure whether he is aware of the hazardous, heavily overgrown vegetation along the Sehithwa–Kuke, Sehithwa–Gumare, and Sehithwa–Maun road networks within the Maun West Constituency, which severely compromises drivers' visibility and increases the risk of wildlife and livestock collisions; if so: (599)
- (i) to state the last time a comprehensive de-bushing exercise was conducted on each of these specific road sections; and
 - (ii) what immediate budget allocation has been set aside for the 2026/2027 financial year specifically for road reserve maintenance and de-bushing in Ngamiland.
9. **MR. M. M. MOROLONG, MP. (KGATLENG CENTRAL):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs whether he is aware that some beneficiaries of the Old Age Pension Scheme may be simultaneously earning regular salaries or receiving pensions from other public and private entities (double dipping); and if so, when he intends to review the eligibility criteria to ensure the Scheme benefits the most vulnerable: and to further state; (600)
- (i) the total number of double dipping beneficiaries; and
 - (ii) the total amount incurred or spent as pension for such beneficiaries for the financial year 2024/2025.
10. **MR. C. K. JACOBS, MP. (LOBATSE):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security whether he is aware of the situation at Botswana Police Service holding cells in all Police centres in Lobatse, that is Lobatse Police Station and Woodhall Police Station; if so, to state: (601)
- (i) what Government efforts are in place to bring the situation back to normal as the holding cells are not in use since last year causing for offenders or suspects to be accommodated in Pitsane and Goodhope for custody;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that the crime rate in Lobatse increases annually; and
 - (iii) Government efforts to reduce crime rates and improve community protection in a rapid growing town like Lobatse.
11. **MR. R. W. KAIZER, MP. (SELEBI PHIKWE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship if the Directorate on Corruption and Economic Crime (DCEC) is investigating the Motloutse River water boreholes project and the recruitment process of the SPEDU Chief Executive Officer (CEO); if so, to state: (602)
- (i) the total value of the consultancy contract for the Motloutse River water boreholes abstraction project;

- (ii) which company or companies were awarded the consultancy contract, and what procurement method was used in awarding the contract; and
 - (iii) whether the contract was approved by the SPEDU Board, the Accounting Officer, or any other authority.
12. **MR. T. BOGATSU, MP. (LENTSWELETAU-LEPHEPHE):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security if he will consider making amendments to the Order of Precedence to award *Dikgosi* the honour and the recognition they deserve given that the current Order places them at No. 14. (603)

QUESTION WITHOUT NOTICE

13. **MR. K. T. MMUSI, MP. (GABANE-MMANKGODI):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture if he is aware that on 22nd September, 2025, during a Kgotla meeting in Gabane, he addressed residents and undertook to facilitate a resolution to the matter concerning compensation for ploughing fields which had been repossessed by the Land Board; and further state: (605)
- (i) whether he is aware that, to date, the affected residents have not received a resolution or any substantive update regarding the compensation for their repossessed ploughing fields;
 - (ii) whether he can explain the reasons for the delay in resolving the matter, despite the undertaking made to the community during the Kgotla meeting of 22nd September, 2025;
 - (iii) what progress has been made by the Ministry and the relevant Land Board in determining and facilitating compensation for the affected residents;
 - (iv) whether the affected residents qualify for compensation in kind or any other form of compensation for the ploughing fields that were repossessed; and if so, what form of compensation is envisaged;
 - (v) whether he is aware that the prolonged failure to resolve the matter or provide regular feedback has caused considerable frustration and anger among the affected members of the Gabane community, and has adversely affected their livelihoods and economic well-being;
 - (vi) whether the Minister will commit to providing the affected residents with a clear update on the status of their claims and a definite timeframe within which the matter will be resolved;

(vii) whether, in view of the undertaking made at the Kgotla meeting on 22nd September 2025, the Minister will take urgent steps to ensure that the affected residents are adequately consulted and kept informed of developments concerning their compensation; and

(viii) whether the Minister will consider arranging a follow-up Kgotla meeting with the affected residents of Gabane to provide a comprehensive report on the progress made and to outline the way forward towards resolving this long-standing matter.

• **STATEMENT BY THE MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT, DEFENCE AND SECURITY**

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

HRS/MINS

MOTIONS

1445 – 1800

INTRODUCTION OF SIGN LANGUAGE AS AN OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

1. "That this Honourable House resolves to introduce and adopt sign language as an official language in Botswana."

(Mr. M. M. Morolong, MP. – Kgatleng Central)

(Resumed Debate)

ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPECIAL FUND FOR GENDER BASED VIOLENCE (GBV)

2. "That this Honourable House requests Government to strengthen Botswana's commitment to gender equality and the protection of its citizens by establishing a Special Fund for Gender Based Violence (GBV) to provide immediate, targeted financial resources for prevention, survivor support and legal redress."

(Mr. T. Furniture, MP. – Tati East)

FORMAL DOCUMENTATION AND REGISTRATION OF IMMIGRANTS WITH A VIEW TO ESTABLISH THE NUMBER AND THEIR SOCIO AND ECONOMIC IMPACTS

3. "That this Honourable House resolves that Government establish and implement a Formal Documentation and Registration of all Immigrants including illegal or undocumented immigrants with a view to establish their number and their socio and economic impacts on local citizen and community resources and services."

(Mr. L. Barongwang, MP. – Mogoditshane East)

AMENDMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATIONS AND COMPLIANCE AT COMPANIES AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AUTHORITY (CIPA)

4. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider exempting registered non-operating businesses or shelf companies from filing fees or paying annual returns as well as to reduce filing fees for annual returns of operating business entities, restoration fees for businesses and companies deactivated and removed from the CIPA register."

(Mr. C. K. Jacobs, MP. – Lobatse)

GOVERNMENT TO REVIEW THE POLICY OF DISPOSSESSING LAND-HOLDERS

5. "That this Honourable House requests Government to review the policy of dispossessing land-holders to give way to village expansions, with a view to allowing the existence of small farms within towns and villages."

(Dr. U. Dow, MP. – Kgatleng West)

ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPECIAL PARLIAMENTARY SELECT COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT OF BULLS AND HEIFERS AS WELL AS DAIRY GOATS

6. "That this Honourable House resolves to establish a Special Parliamentary Select Committee to investigate the Government procurement of bulls and heifers from Texas in the United States of America as well as heifers and dairy goats from Australia."

(Dr. K. Gobotswang, MP. – Tswapong South)

CREATION OF SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES IN THE GREATER GABORONE AREA

7. "That this Honourable House requests Government to expand the creation of special economic zones in the greater Gaborone area and other areas such as Molepolole to create an entrepreneurial ecosystem through supporting and developing small, medium enterprises to manufacture and market natural resources in their areas for export as finished products to create employment opportunities and ensure inter-generational skills transfer."

(Mr. A. K. Khan, MP. – Molepolole North)

REVIEW OF THE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT ACT FRAMEWORK TO STRENGTHEN AND INSTITUTIONALISE A HYBRID FORCE ACCOUNT MODEL FOR PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE DELIVERY

8. "That this Honourable House requests Government to review the Public Procurement Act and related regulatory frameworks with a view to strengthening and institutionalising a Hybrid Force Account Model for public infrastructure delivery, under which Government shall strategically utilise its existing internal engineering personnel, plant and equipment for the execution of routine road construction, rehabilitation, emergency works and maintenance; and further that the model shall prioritise the optimal use of existing State capacity in order to improve efficiency, reduce infrastructure delivery costs, enhance responsiveness to service delivery needs and contribute to fiscal consolidation, while reserving competitive tendering for highly specialised, complex and large-scale components of public infrastructure projects that require private sector expertise."

(Mr. M. M. Pule, MP. – Kgatleng East)

**REVIEW AND UPWARD ADJUSTMENT OF THE COMPENSATION RATES
FOR LOSS OF LIFE, INJURY, LIVESTOCK AND CROPS**

9. "That this Honourable House resolves that Government immediately reviews and upwardly adjust the compensation rates which no longer reflect the true market value for loss of life, injury, livestock and crops, for the purposes of aligning them, with current market prices and inflation in order to promote the coexistence between the people of Botswana and wildlife."

(Mr. C. K. Hikuama, MP. – Maun West)

DECRIMINALISATION OF SEX WORK

10. "That this Honourable House resolves to request Government to decriminalise sex work by repealing section 155 (Living on the earnings of prostitution) and Section 156 (Keeping a brothel) of the Penal Code (Cap 08:01) in order to protect human rights, curb gender-based violence, and strengthen public health interventions."

(Mr. G. Lekau, MP. – Mogoditshane West)

GOVERNMENT TO CONFISCATE ALL TRUCKS USED IN ILLEGAL SAND MINING

11. "That this Honourable House requests Government to confiscate all trucks used in illegal sand mining upon the conviction of the offenders and that the proceeds from the forfeiture of such vehicles be allocated to the respective Village Development Committees."

(Ms. H. P. Manyeneng, MP. – Mmopane-Metsimotlhabe)

**DEVELOPMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK
FOR EARLY ACCESS TO A PORTION OF PENSION AND RETIREMENT
SAVINGS BY GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES**

12. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider developing a comprehensive policy and legislative framework permitting government employees to access a prescribed portion of their accumulated pension funds."

(Mr. J. J. Frenzel, MP. – Shashe West)

ESTABLISHMENT OF A HUMAN-WILDLIFE VICTIM FUND

13. "That this Honourable House resolves that Government establishes a Human-Wildlife Victim Fund to provide timely and adequate financial assistance, compensation, rehabilitation, and livelihood support to individuals, families, and communities affected by human-wildlife conflict."

(Mr. G. Disho, MP. – Okavango East)

AMENDMENT OF THE PUBLIC HOLIDAYS ACT

14. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider amending the Public Holidays Act so that it reads, "if a public holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the Monday becomes a public holiday" as opposed to reading, "if the public holidays listed fall on a Sunday then the Monday shall be a public holiday" as it has now become common that if a holiday falls on a Saturday then the next Monday is declared a public holiday at short notice and this disrupts planning and is bad for business."

(Mr. L. Lesedi, MP. – Serowe South)

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A STATUTORY FUND FOR NATIONAL ECO-TOURISM
AND LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (LED) FUND**

15. "That this Honourable House requests Government to urgently establish a dedicated, Ring Fenced Statutory Fund for National Eco-Tourism and Local Economic Development (LED) called the Eco-Tourism and Local Economic Development Fund to automatically finance community-led projects, heritage exhibitions and regional agri-tourism initiatives such as the Dinokeng Fish Festival thereby systematically shifting these vital rural economic engines away from a state of structural insecurity and unreliable, ad-hoc annual ministerial handout."

(Mr. M. M. Pule, MP. – Kgatleng East)