

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(FRIDAY 18TH JULY, 2025)

QUESTION

HRS/MINS

0900 – 0945

1. **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.
2. **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)
3. **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.
4. **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)

5. **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.

6. **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.

7. **MR. M. M. MOROLONG, MP. (KGATLENG CENTRAL):** To ask the Minister for State President to state:

- (i) why the contact details and resources of the Information and Data Protection Commission (IDPC) are not yet publicly available despite the Act being in effect;
- (ii) when the public can fully access the Commission including a functional website, official contact details and public engagement channels; and
- (iii) measures in place to ensure that the IDPC is operational and fulfilling its mandate.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

HRS/MINS

MOTIONS

0945 – 1230

**GOVERNMENT TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE LIQUIDATOR
ON BEHALF OF THE FORMER BCL EMPLOYEES**

1. "That this Honourable House requests the Government to negotiate with the liquidator on behalf of the former BCL employees to be awarded a special programme of subsidised purchase of BCL houses including but not limited to rent-to-buy, turn-key and any other social welfare housing scheme to enable them to continue occupying these houses."

(Mr. R. W. Kaizer, MP. – Selebi Phikwe West)

(Resumed Debate)

GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE TO FARMERS FOR DRILLING BOREHOLES ON FARMS

2. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider providing financial and technical assistance to farmers across Botswana for the drilling of boreholes in their farms to enhance water access for agricultural purposes."

(Mr. M. M. Pule, MP. – Kgatleng East)

DECLARATION OF LESHIBITSE VILLAGE AS A HORTICULTURAL ECONOMIC ZONE

3. "That this Honourable House requests Government to declare Leshibitse Village in Kgatleng a Horticultural Economic Zone and to that end recognise residential homesteads as small horticulture holdings, facilitate the drilling and equipping of communal boreholes, support the necessary infrastructure and generally do such things as shall be necessary for the success of the programme."

(Dr. U. Dow, MP. – Kgatleng West)

**AMENDMENT OF EXISTING LAWS TO LEGALISE CULTIVATION
AND PROCESSING OF INDUSTRIAL HEMP**

4. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider amending the existing laws in order to legalise cultivation and processing of industrial hemp."

(Mr. M. Moalosi, MP. – Nkange)

FORENSIC LAND AUDIT COVERING ALL LAND ALLOCATION

5. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider instituting a Forensic Land Audit in Mogoditshane covering all land allocation in the past 15 years to past and current Land Board officials and employees; Councillors, Members of Parliament and Tribal Administration Senior staff."

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

REVIEW AND STRENGTHENING OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION LAWS

6. "That this Honourable House requests Government to review and strengthen existing environmental protection laws in view of prevailing harsh climate change conditions that have affected food production with debilitating conditions, particularly for subsistence farmers."

(Mr. K. Nkawana, MP. – Selebi Phikwe East)

**GOVERNMENT TO RE-ALIGN THE TENURE OF
PARLIAMENTARIANS TO BE 60 MONTHS**

7. "That this Honourable House requests Government to re-align the tenure of Parliamentarians to be 60 months as per the Constitution and in similar patterns to Cabinet and Councillors in an effort to close a vacuum and create uniformity in political representation and responsibility."

(Mr. G. Kekgonegile, MP. – Maun East)

INTRODUCTION OF SIGN LANGUAGE AS AN OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

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

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

SETTING UP OF A COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

9. "That this Honourable House requests Government to institute a Commission of Inquiry into the alleged corruption at Botswana Unified Revenue Services (BURS)."

(Mr. P. M. Segokgo, MP. – Tlokweng)

**INTRODUCTION OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AS
A COMPULSORY COMPONENT OF BASIC EDUCATION**

10. "That this Honourable House requests Government to introduce Early Childhood Education as a compulsory component of Basic Education to open access to Basic Education Programme to every three-year old child."

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

**GOVERNMENT TO COMMIT TO ALLOCATE PLOTS TO
HALF OF ALL PERSONS ON THE WAITING LIST**

11. "That this Honourable House requests Government to commit to allocate residential plots to half of all persons on the waiting list for such plots in the next 3 years to facilitate home ownership for a significant proportion of the people of Botswana."

(Mr. T. B. Lucas, MP. – Bobirwa)

SCHOOL SPORT AND TAKING YOUTH OUT OF STREETS

12. "That this Honourable House requests Government to develop and pilot basic sport facilities in Mogoditshane by upgrading Solomon Dihutso football grounds and commence a development programme for pre-primary, primary and secondary schools."

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

INTRODUCTION OF A RURAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME

13. "That this Honourable House requests Government to introduce a Rural Water Supply Scheme in order to promote economic and social upliftment of the rural communities."

(Mr. K. C. Hikuama, MP. – Maun West)

DEVELOPMENT OF YOUTH FOCUSED JOB CREATION PROGRAMMES

14. "That this Honourable House requests Government to develop youth focused job creation programmes, entrepreneurship initiatives and vocational training to address the high rates of youth unemployment."

(Mr. M. Moalosi, MP. – Nkange)

NGOMA TO SEDUDU TRANSIT ROUTE TO OPERATE ON A 24HRS BASIS

15. "That this Honourable House resolves to request Government to have the Ngoma to Sedudu transit route operate on a 24hrs basis, remove the request for permits system and introduce Police officers to man and manage the 2 gates."

(Mr. S. O. Mapulanga, MP. – Chobe)

**GOVERNMENT TO HUMANITARIANLY COMPENSATE FORMER
BCL EMPLOYEES WHO LOST THEIR JOBS DUE TO THE
ABRUPT CLOSURE OF THE BCL MINE**

16. "That this Honourable House requests Government to humanitarially compensate former BCL employees who lost their jobs due to the abrupt closure of the BCL Mine retrenchment packages as per section 25 of the employment Act."

(Mr. R. W. Kaizer, MP. – Selebi Phikwe West)

CREATION OF A NATIONAL CHILDREN'S BUDGET

17. "That this Honourable House requests Government to create a detailed and disaggregated national children's budget, which must first be reviewed and passed through the National Children's Forum and Council before being considered and approved by Parliament."

(Mr. M. M. Pule, MP. – Kgatleng East)

**DEVELOPMENT OF A PROGRAMME AIMED AT ABSORBING
ALL GRADUATES INTO THE JOB MARKET**

18. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider developing a programme aimed at absorbing all graduates into the job market."

(Mr. P. M. Segokgo, MP. – Tlokweng)

LOCAL PAYMENT OF HOTELS AND ACTIVITIES IN THE DELTA

19. "That this Honourable House resolves that all payments for hotels and activities in the delta, parks and tourism attraction areas should be fully paid for in Botswana."

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