BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

O R D E R P A P E R

(TUESDAY 18TH 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. 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.

3. **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.

4. **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.

5. **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)**

6. **MR. P. M. MOSANANA, MP. (KANYE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education whether she is aware that a number of teachers who sponsored themselves for further education training have not been refunded their tuition fees; and if so, to state: **(453)**

(i) the number of teachers who have been affected;

(ii) the total amount outstanding;

(iii) when the refunds will be made; and

(iv) steps that are being taken to upgrade these teachers to salary scales commensurate with their qualifications and length of service.

7. **DR. K. GOBOTSWANG, MP. (TSWAPONG SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship if he is aware of the challenges experienced by emerging local manufacturers in respect of the services offered by the Botswana Bureau of Standards (BOBS); and he should further state: **(479)**

(i) whether for example, there are standards for sawdust and leather products;

(ii) options which are available for local manufacturers in the event of absence of local standards;

(iii) the rates charged by BOBS to local manufacturers; and

(iv) whether there are plans in place to address the challenges faced by emerging local manufacturers.

8. **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.

9. **MR. T. FURNITURE, MP. (TATI EAST):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security: **(502)**

(i) how many times the President of the Republic of Botswana Advocate Duma Boko has travelled outside the country since assuming office, and to provide a breakdown of the purpose for each trip;

(ii) to provide a comprehensive breakdown of the total cost of these foreign trips, including but not limited to;

(a) air travel;

(b) accommodation;

(c) subsistence allowance;

(d) costs of accompanying delegations; and

(e) any other related expenditure borne by Government.

10. **MS. H. P. MANYENENG, MP. (MMOPANE-METSIMOTLHABE):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to state: **(348)**

(i) if he is aware that there is no designated combi rank in the Mmopane–Metsimotlhabe area, resulting in combi and taxi operators operating from informal open spaces;

(ii) whether he is aware that the absence of basic facilities, including toilets, at these locations poses public health and safety risks; and

(iii) what steps he intends to take, in collaboration with the relevant Ministry to establish a formal combi rank with adequate facilities.

11. **MR. M. M. PULE, MP. (KGATLENG EAST):** To ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services to update this Honourable House on matters relating to the constitutional and administrative implications arising from Government's handling of the late Pitseng Gaoberekwe's burial case; and to further state: **(521)**

(i) whether the Executive relied on any lawful authority or discretion to permit a burial outcome that differed from prior decisions of the High Court and the Court of Appeal regarding interment within the Central Kalahari Game Reserve (CKGR);

(ii) how the Executive justifies this decision in the context of the principle of separation of powers, and whether it considers the action consistent with respect for judicial authority and the rule of law;

(iii) whether the Executive has assessed the policy implications and potential precedents created by allowing an exception to existing residency and protected area regulations; and

(iv) whether Government intends to develop or amend any legislation, regulations, or policy frameworks to guide future requests for ancestral land burials, particularly within protected areas to ensure consistency, fairness, and legal certainty going forward.

12. **MR. G. KEKGONEGILE, MP. (MAUN EAST):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to brief this Honourable House on the progress made in the Maun Green City project, with emphasis on: **(584)**

(i) the model of investment and reasons thereof;

(ii) commencement and completion date of the project;

(iii) total area to be utilised, number of ploughing fields to be acquired and progress made in the acquisition;

(iv) compensation rates and whether the ploughing fields which will be acquired will be compensated at uniform rates; if not, why;

(v) total number of jobs to be created in the medium and long-term; and

(vi) the percentage of non-skilled and semi-skilled jobs to be allocated to District locals; and if none, why.

- **STATEMENT BY THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND HOME AFFAIRS**
- **PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY **HRS/MINS**

MOTIONS **1445 – 1800**

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

1. "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)

(Resumed Debate)

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

2. "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)

3. "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

4. "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

5. "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

6. "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

7. "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

8. "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

9. "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

10. "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

11. "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

12. "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

13. "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

14. "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)