

**BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**ORDER PAPER**

**(FRIDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2022)**

**MINISTERS' QUESTION TIME**

**HRS/MINS**

**0900 - 0945**

- Minister of Health

**THEME: EMPOWERMENT THROUGH TENDERS**

To ask the Minister of Health that since the new procurement law, and in respect of the Ministry's procurement tenders to date, how much has been awarded to 100% citizen owned companies versus non-citizen companies; and further state:

- (i) what was being purchased;
- (ii) for all items purchased from non-citizen companies, do the companies manufacture the items or they are simply agents and distributors of the same items;
- (iii) what proportion of each of the above applies specifically to Sir Ketumile Masire Teaching Hospital;
- (iv) why the Ministry continues to award tenders to distributors and agents who are not 100% Botswana citizen companies; is the Ministry against citizen economic empowerment Acts; and
- (v) when will this practice at (iv) above come to an end.

(Mr. T. Letsholo, MP. – Kanye North)

- **STATEMENT BY THE MINISTER OF HEALTH**

**NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY**

**HRS/MINS**

**MOTIONS**

**0945 - 1230**

**PROHIBITION OF OBTAINING TRADING LICENCES FOR  
BUSINESSES WITH THE SAME BENEFICIAL OWNERS**

1. "That this Honourable House resolves that in order to achieve a more inclusive economy in which Botswana truly share prosperity and participate in wealth creation, Government considers prohibiting businesses with the same beneficial owners from obtaining trading licenses within the same value chain."

(Mr. T. Letsholo, MP. – Kanye North)

**MORATORIUM ON ALL LICENSES FOR RIVER  
SAND MINING ALONG MAHALAPYE RIVER**

2. "That this Honourable House requests Government to put a moratorium on all licenses for river sand mining along Mahalapye River and all other smaller rivers in Mahalapye Sub District."

(Mr. D. Tshere, MP. – Mahalapye West)

**GOVERNMENT TO UPGRADE MCCARTHY'S RUST AND BOKSPITS  
BORDER POSTS TO COMMERCIAL BORDERS**

3. "That this Honourable House requests Government to upgrade McCarthy's Rust and Bokspits border posts to commercial borders, to allow transportation of goods between Botswana and South Africa and to adjust working hours from 0800-1600hours to 0600-1800hours."

(Mr. S. J. Brooks, MP. – Kgalagadi South)

**GOVERNMENT TO INTRODUCE A LIVING WAGE**

4. "That this Honourable House requests Government to introduce a living wage policy as opposed to minimum wage."

(Dr. N. Tshabang, MP. – Nkange)

**GOVERNMENT TO CONSIDER UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT STIPEND**

5. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider unemployment benefit stipend for the unemployed Batswana."

(Mr. D. L. Keorapetse, MP. – Selebi Phikwe West)

**GOVERNMENT TO CONSIDER DEVELOPING AND OPTIMISING THE  
ECONOMIC VALUE OF SEGODITSHANE RIVER CANAL**

6. "That this Honourable House requests Government to develop and optimise the economic value of Segoditshane River canal."

(Mr. T. Mangwegape-Healy, MP. – Gaborone Central)

**DESIGNATION OF MAUN A SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE FOR TOURISM**

7. "That this Honourable House resolves to request Government that Maun be designated a Special Economic Zone for tourism."

(Mr. D. Saleshando, MP. – Maun West)

**REVIEW OF THE POLICY ON ALLOCATION OF  
BOREHOLES IN COMMUNAL AREAS**

8. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider reviewing the current policy concerning the allocation of boreholes in communal areas with a view to reduce the radius between boreholes from six (6) kilometres to four (4) kilometres in areas where the 6km radius is no longer feasible."

(Dr. K. Gobotswang, MP. – Sefhare-Ramokgonami)

**GOVERNMENT TO HARMONISE ALL PROFESSIONAL BODIES ACTS**

9. "That this Honourable House resolves to request Government to harmonies all professional bodies' Acts, such as Real Estate Botswana, Engineers Registration Botswana, Botswana Health Professional Council and any other with Botswana Qualifications Authority."

(Mr. O. Ramogapi, MP. – Palapye)

**REGULATION OF INTERNATIONAL SELF DRIVE CUSTOMERS**

10. "That this Honourable House requests Government to regulate international self drive customers to utilise local companies in undertaking their game drives and related activities in local National Parks and Game Reserves in an effort to promote economic inclusion of locals in the tourism industry."

(Mr. G. Kekgonegile, MP. – Maun East)

**GOVERNMENT TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE FREE HOLD LAND AUDIT**

11. "That this Honourable House requests Government to conduct a comprehensive freehold land audit to determine the efficacy of such land title and evolve criteria as well as timelines within which some such land or parts of that land could be acquired for use by landless Batswana."

(Mr. T. B. Lucas, MP. – Bobonong)

**UPGRADING OF STORM WATER DRAINAGE SYSTEM  
FOR THE CITY OF FRANCISTOWN**

12. "That this Honourable House requests Government to adopt a Motion calling for a comprehensive upgrading of master storm water drainage system for the City of Francistown."

(Mr. M. I. Moswaane, MP. – Francistown West)

### **CREATION OF A CITY/TOWN IN THE NORTHWEST REGION**

13. "That this Honourable House requests Government to create a City/Town in the North West Region. The North West Region is underdeveloped but it could be the hub of tourism with a city/town that fits a tourism hub status in terms of infrastructural development and services. This is the Region which is home to Okavango River, Thamalakane River, Lake Ngami and a wide range of flora and fauna. Creation of a tourism City in this Region would not only put the country in a better position to exploit the rich natural resources found in the Region and to create jobs, but also because the country is ready for an additional City to alleviate the crowding in the existing towns and cities."

(Mr. K. C. Hikuama, MP. – Ngami)

### **GOVERNMENT TO EXPEDITE ALLOCATION OF PLOTS**

14. "That this Honourable House requests Government to expedite the allocation of plots earmarked for Self Help Housing Agency (SHHA) Project and businesses in Sowa Town."

(Mr. P. Majaga, MP. – Nata-Gweta)

### **EXEMPTION OF TAX ON SANITARY PRODUCTS**

15. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider extending the same tax exemption applicable to certain staple food items to sanitary products in order to improve accessibility especially for low income households who do not afford."

(Mr. M. Balopi, MP. – Gaborone North)

### **INCENTIVES FOR LONG SERVING CIVIL SERVANTS**

16. "That this Honourable House requests Government to introduce an incentives programme for long serving civil servants to incentivise them to take early retirement and make way for younger, more able bodied graduates with the right skill sets and qualifications to get an opportunity for employment in Government."

(Mr. B. Mathoothe, MP. – Serowe North)

### **OPENING UP COMMERCIAL RIVER SAND MINING**

17. "That this Honourable House resolves that Government considers opening up commercial river sand mining in the greater Gaborone area for 24 months as a transitional period to the development of artificial river sand manufacturing."

(Mr. T. Letsholo, MP. – Kanye North)

**ESTABLISHMENT OF TOURISM FOCUSED SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES**

18. "That this Honourable House requests Government to establish Tourism focused Special Economic Zones (SEZs) around our best tourism destinations like Kgalagadi South, Makgadikgadi Pans and Okavango Delta."

(Mr. S. J. Brooks, MP. – Kgalagadi South)

**INDEPENDENT PARLIAMENTARY SERVICE COMMISSION**

19. "That this Honourable House resolves to have an independent Parliamentary Service Commission."

(Mr. D. L. Keorapetse, MP. – Selebi Phikwe West)

**HANDOVER OF GABORONE GAME RESERVE TO  
GABORONE CENTRAL CONSTITUENCY**

20. "That this Honourable House resolves to direct the Ministry of Environment and Tourism to hand over Gaborone Game Reserve to the Gaborone Central Constituency for purposes of Community Based Natural Resource Management with a view to maximising its commercial potential."

Mr. T. Mangwegape-Healy, MP. – Gaborone Central)

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPECIAL SELECT COMMITTEE  
TO INVESTIGATE WATER UTILITIES CORPORATION**

21. "That this Honourable House resolves to request Parliament Select Committee as per Standing Order 98 to investigate the billing system of Water Utilities Corporation."

(Mr. O. Ramogapi, MP. – Palapye)

**UPGRADING OF MINIMUM WAGE TO P2, 500.00  
IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR**

22. "That this Honourable House requests Government to facilitate upgrading of minimum wage to P2, 500.00 in the private sector and Non-Governmental Organisations in line with minimum wage in the Public Sector."

(Mr. G. Kekgonegile, MP. – Maun East)

**GOVERNMENT TO EVOLVE A COMPREHENSIVE  
RURAL INDUSTRIALISATION STRATEGY**

23. "That this Honourable House resolves to request Government to expeditiously evolve a comprehensive rural industrialisation strategy with clear resource outlays and timelines to address unemployment and poverty in the rural areas."

(Mr. T. B. Lucas, MP. – Bobonong)

### **INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL CITIZENSHIP QUOTA**

24. "That this Honourable House requests Government to adopt a Motion calling for Government through Ministry of Labour and Home Affairs to introduce special citizenship quota for persons applying for citizenship, the quota should be only for persons playing a meaningful role in the economy of Botswana i.e. Investors, academics and experts."

(Mr. M. I. Moswaane, MP. – Francistown West)

### **INTRODUCTION OF A RURAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME**

25. "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. – Ngami)

### **GOVERNMENT TO REDUCE MINIMUM DISTANCES BETWEEN RANCHES AND SETTLEMENTS**

26. "That this Honourable House requests Government to reduce prescribed minimum distances between settlements and ranches, for ranches feasibility study from 20km buffer zone to 10km for settlement of less than 10000 people according to Statistics Botswana 2022 or to introduce livestock paddocks or small ranches, (6kmx3km) around allocated functional water points or boreholes in communal grazing areas, by so doing this will expand existing ranches with small paddocks with a gradual decrease from 6kmx6km to either 6kmx3km or 4kmx4km."

(Mr. P. Majaga, MP. – Nata-Gweta)

### **INTRODUCTION OF POLICY THAT COMPELS SUPERMARKETS TO SUB CONTRACT THEIR IN HOUSE BUTCHERIES AND BAKERIES**

27. "That this Honourable House requests to resolve to encourage Government to come up with a policy that compels supermarkets to sub-contract their in-house butcheries and bakeries to 100% citizen owned businesses in which the supermarket owners are not shareholders as a way of making up for mainstay businesses such as bakeries and general dealers which have generally closed down due to being outmuscled by supermarkets."

(Mr. M. Balopi, MP. – Gaborone North)