

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(THURSDAY 18TH DECEMBER, 2025)

QUESTIONS

HRS/MINS

1400 – 1445

- 1. MR. C. K. JACOBS, MP. (LOBATSE):** To ask the Minister of Water and Human Settlement to state: **(154)**

 - (i) if he is aware of water shortage problems facing Lobatse even with the existence of Magara tank in Thema 2 and Wayhigh tank;
 - (ii) progress on the previous water supply developments; and
 - (iii) Government's new plans to address the situation.

- 2. MR. T. FURNITURE, MP. (TATI EAST):** To ask the Minister of Health to state: **(157)**

 - (i) the number of clinics and health posts that do not have pharmacy personnel (pharmacy technicians/pharmacists);
 - (ii) why one pharmacy technician is deployed to service 3 clinics on rotation basis while there are unemployed pharmacy technicians; and
 - (iii) the number of unemployed pharmacists who are registered with the Botswana Health Professionals Council.

- 3. MR. A. K. KHAN, MP. (MOLEPOLOLE NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Sport and Arts to apprise this Honourable House on the measures being taken to: **(158)**

 - (i) support and fund elite athletes to compete successfully in regional and international competitions;
 - (ii) improve and expand sport infrastructure across the country, particularly in rural areas;
 - (iii) promote grassroots and youth sport programmes to identify and nurture talent from an early age; and
 - (iv) enhance Public Private Partnerships and community involvement in the development of sport in Botswana.

4. **MR. G. KEKGONEGILE, MP. (MAUN EAST):** To ask the Minister of Water and Human Settlement to apprise this Honourable House on plans his Ministry has for a paradigm shift in Water Policy as implemented by Water Utilities Corporation in relation to provision of potable water to farmers residing in agriculture communal areas whose water base is salty upon which efforts to drill boreholes are in vain due to salty water, in particular: (162)
- (i) if the Ministry is amenable to such paradigm shift, and if so, to state plans in place, steps to be taken and the target implementation period; and if not, why; and
 - (ii) what remedial action the Ministry is proposing or recommending as a solution to these farmers.
5. **MS. H. P. MANYENENG, MP. (MMOPANE-METSIMOTLHABE):** To ask the Minister of Health to state whether: (105)
- (i) his Ministry has managed to employ pharmacists and dieticians; if so, how many and where were they deployed; and
 - (ii) this included pharmacists from University of Botswana and dieticians from Boitekanelo College.
6. **MR. S. O. MAPULANGA, MP. (CHOBE):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to state: (145)
- (i) if he is still not aware of the existence of the Chobe Crown Lands which were declared on January 10th 1910 as evidenced in the following references (Sail, 1981, p. 85; His Majesty's Stationery Office, 1931, p. 3; Sanders, 1990, p. 360; Saugestad, 2001; Sillery, 1952, pp. 21, 24, 99);
 - (ii) whether he still maintains lack of appreciation of the assertion that the Chobe Crown Lands was variously known as the Northern Crown Lands, the Northern State Lands as evidenced in the following references ((Sail, 1981, p. 85; His Majesty's Stationery Office, 1931, p. 3; Sanders, 1990; Saugestad, 2001; Sillery, 1952, pp. 21, 24, 99);
 - (iii) if he now recognises that the Chobe Crown Lands variously known as the Northern State Lands or the Northern Crown Lands was at its declaration in 1910 measuring 64 750 km², and was by 1968 reduced to 20 712 km², 20 800 km² by the year 2006, a reduction of 44 038 km² (Rains & McKay, 1968) and 43 950 km² respectively;

- (iv) the justification for this significant reduction of the total area of the Chobe Crown Lands and the resultant expansion of the Batawana and Bangwato Tribal Reserves/Territories beyond their well-defined original boundaries with the Chobe Crown Lands/Chobe State Lands or Northern State Lands (Rains & McKay, 1968; Botswana National Archives, S. 259/1/1; Botswana National Archives, S. 259/1/2);
- (v) whether he still maintains lack of awareness of the existence of the full-fledged Chobe District that has been in existence as one the inaugural eleven (11) districts established in the British Bechuanaland Protectorate since 1930 as evidenced in the following references (His Majesty's Stationery Office, 1931; Parsons & Gumbo, 2002; Picard, 1984, p. 88; Republic of Botswana, 1998, p. 5; Republic of Botswana, 1997, pp. 2, 3, 6, 14, 20,25, 158; Rains & McKay, 1968; pp. 7, 28, 31, 36);
- (vi) if he now appreciates that the Chobe Crown Lands/Northern State Lands declared on January 10th 1910 was what also became the Chobe District in 1930 with a total area of 64 750 km², just the same way the Ngwato District was synonymous with Ngwato Tribal Reserve etc, and therefore recognises the concerns of the Chobe residents over their land especially the shortage of ranch-land in the District as genuine; and
- (vii) if he now appreciates the justification for the incorporation of the Chobe District into the Ngamiland District in 1965 was two-pronged; a) for political gerrymandering as a BDP inclined Chobe was to offset the numbers of Botswana Independence Party (BIP) in Maun (Mokopakgosi, 2008), and b) services delivery from Maun, as Chobe District since 1930 received educational and veterinary services either from Maun or Francistown, while postal services were received from both Livingstone, Zambia (Northern Rhodesia) and Wankie, Zimbabwe (Southern Rhodesia) (Sail, 1981).

7. **BRIGADIER D. MOKGWATHI, MP. (LETLHAKENG):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to apprise this Honourable House on: (166)

- (i) whether the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme (BETP) action plan has considered or looked into the roads (all types/class) and infrastructure network in the Letlhakeng District;
- (ii) the stages, phases of projects and their Key Results Indicators as well as projects Key Results Areas; and
- (iii) the roads' project life cycle up to completion within the National Development Plan (NDP) 12 planned period.

8. **MR. O. KEDIKILWE, MP. (SEROWE WEST):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security if he is aware of the circular Savingram Ref: DP 19/72/X (60) dated 20 February 2024, and the resolution reached at the 148th National Joint Industrial Coordinating Committee Meeting held on 29 September 2023, where it was agreed between the employer and the unions that the 32 hours constituting four (4) days remaining after the payment of 26 days, must henceforth be treated as rest days and remunerated at double rate, with arrears payable from 2015 and implementation commencing 1 April 2024; if so, whether: (167)
- (i) the affected Night Watchmen have been paid their arrears in accordance with the agreement; and
 - (ii) this includes the employees stationed at Mmashoro Junior Secondary School; and if not, what reasons have caused the delay in payment and when the affected employees can expect to be paid.
9. **MR. R. W. KAIZER, MP. (SELEBI PHIKWE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Water and Human Settlement to update this Honourable House on the allocation of BCL houses under the Bonno Housing Scheme; and to state: (169)
- (i) the method used to avail houses to former BCL employees;
 - (ii) the criteria to be used to determine the beneficiaries of these houses; and
 - (iii) the current structural condition of the houses and if his Ministry intends to refurbish them before they are allocated to beneficiaries; and if so, to state what the maintenance cost will be.
10. **MR. M. M. MOROLONG, MP. (KGATLENG CENTRAL):** To ask the Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship to state: (170)
- (i) oversight mechanisms in place for the scrap metals industry particularly in relation to the illicit trade of copper cables; and
 - (ii) whether there are plans to tighten regulations around the licensing and operations of scrap dealers.
11. **MR. K. K. KAPINGA, MP. (OKAVANGO WEST):** To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism whether he is aware that there is no major tourism event in Okavango West equivalent to other national events such as Makgadikgadi Epic or Khawa Dune Challenge; and if so: (171)

- (i) to state plans, if any, his Ministry has for the area; and
 - (ii) whether the major constraints in bringing such kind of events to Okavango could be the poor state of the Sehithwa/Mohembo Road.
12. **MR. S. O. DIGWA, MP. (BOTETI WEST):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to apprise this Honourable House on: (147)
- (i) measures his Ministry will consider to ensure continuity of services in instances where a Commissioner of Oaths is not available, particularly in smaller offices or posts where the number of officers on duty is limited; and
 - (ii) why junior officers are not being appointed or authorised to act as Commissioners of Oaths in such situations, rather than allowing essential public services to be halted due to the absence of a designated official.

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

13. **MR. L. BARONGWANG, MP. (MOGODITSHANE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Minerals and Energy whether she considers the upcoming World Athletics Relays Gaborone 2026 as a strategic and opportune time for Botswana to market and maybe fund our (natural) diamonds through the upcoming world event with capacity to reach out the international destinies and attract the right market and: (175)
- (i) would the minister consider developing initiatives, programs or collaborations with local business in the diamond industries to partner/collaborate with her ministry and minister of Sports and State-Owned Enterprises, aimed at providing leverage towards delivering successful World Relay Event in the midst of poor economic status of our country; and
 - (ii) whether this is not an opportune moment for Botswana to honor this historic event alongside our diamond industry i.e. our diamond subsidiary/operation or identify and dedicate a single diamond of the right value whose proceeds will fund the Relays either partly or wholly.
14. **MR. P. AARON, MP. (NGAMI):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security whether he is aware that the Gumare-Nokaneng road has become impassable due to heavy rains, rendering villages beyond Nokaneng inaccessible by road except through Four - Wheel Drive (4 × 4) vehicles; and to further state: (176)

- (i) if he is aware that Gumare Primary Hospital is unable to transfer critically ill patients with the ambulances they have; and if so, what immediate emergency measures Government has put in place to ensure uninterrupted medical evacuations, including the provision of 4×4 ambulances;
- (ii) measures in place to avoid loss of lives as a matter of disaster mitigation and preparedness; and
- (iii) if he will consider treating the situation as a possible natural disaster and invoke steps associated with saving lives under such a situation.

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

HRS/MINS

PRESENTATION OF A GOVERNMENT BILL

1445 - 1800

- Cinematograph Bill, 2025 (Bill No. 31 of 2025) An Act to provide for the making and exhibition of cinematograph films, for the licensing of cinemas and for purposes incidental thereto and connected therewith.

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(Minister of Sport and Arts)

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

SECOND READING

1. Radiation Protection Regulatory Authority Bill, 2025 (Bill No. 32 of 2025) An Act to repeal and re-enact the Radiation Protection Act, by continuing the Radiation Protection Inspectorate as a body corporate under the name Radiation Protection Regulatory Authority and by continuing the Radiation Protection Board under the name Radiation Protection Regulatory Board, to make provision for the regulation of safe, secure and peaceful use of nuclear energy and its application in health and medicine, energy production, scientific research, agriculture, industry and education, in line with international agreements, and for matters incidental thereto.

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(Minister of Communications and Innovation)

(Resumed Debate)

COMMITTEE STAGE

2. Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (Bill No. 30 of 2025) An Act to amend the Citizenship Act.

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(Minister of Labour and Home Affairs)

MOTION

ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT NATIONAL AGRICULTURE POLICY, 2025

3. "That this Honourable House resolves that the Draft National Agriculture Policy, 2025 be adopted."

(Minister of Lands and Agriculture)