

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(THURSDAY 19TH MARCH, 2026)

QUESTIONS

HRS/MINS

1400 – 1445

1. **MR. G. DISHO, MP. (OKAVANGO EAST):** To ask the Minister of Labour and Home Affairs to update this Honourable House on: **(341)**
 - (i) the legal and policy framework developed or amended to support the President's desire for affirmative action by Government to curb illegal immigration and document all undocumented migrants, particularly those from Zimbabwe; and
 - (ii) the implementation of these measures, including any operational strategies, stakeholder engagements or cross border coordination efforts undertaken to date.

2. **MR. A. K. KHAN, MP. (MOLEPOLOLE NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Finance to update this Honourable House on the status of Government payments to its suppliers and provide the following particulars: **(344)**
 - (i) the total amount outstanding owing to suppliers, with an age analysis e.g., 0–30 days; 31–90 days; 91–180 days; 181–365 days; >365 days, categorised by each Ministry and/or department;
 - (ii) the total Value Added Tax (VAT) charged on the outstanding supplier invoices referenced in (i) above, by Ministry and/or department;
 - (iii) the total VAT amount actually received to date from the suppliers i.e., VAT payments collected or paid categorised by Ministry and/or department; and
 - (iv) a spreadsheet/department, creditor name, invoice date, invoice amount, outstanding amount, VAT charged and VAT received, together with the Government's plan and timetable to clear outstanding liabilities.

3. **MR. S. O. DIGWA, MP. (BOTETI WEST):** To ask the Minister of Water and Human Settlement if he is aware that waste from drains in Boteti District is disposed of in Serowe, and that there is only one vehicle servicing the entire district; if so, whether it makes economic sense to service Boteti District from Serowe. (322)
4. **MR. L. LESEDI, MP. (SEROWE SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services to state: (202)
- (i) Government's position on capital punishment and if a moratorium has been imposed on capital punishment in Botswana;
 - (ii) the number of individuals currently on death row and why no death warrants have been signed since October 2024 even for those found guilty of murder who have exhausted the legal process;
 - (iii) why the number of heinous crimes and murder cases has risen exponentially since a moratorium was imposed;
 - (iv) why the Government seems to place more value on the rights of murderers and killers over those of their victims and their families; and
 - (v) what is being done to protect the rights of victims of murder and their families.
5. **MR. M. MOALOSI, MP. (NKANGE):** To ask the Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship if he is aware that Bolux Group (Pty) Ltd sells flour as well as bread, under cutting small bakeries with pricing leading to the collapse of the said businesses; if so, whether: (260)
- (i) competition laws allow a flour manufacturer to also operate a bakery to supply wholesalers, chain stores, tuck shops and even road side vendors; and
 - (ii) Government has any plans to protect small scale bakeries from such predatory pricing and exclusive dealing arrangements.
6. **MS. H. P. MANYENENG, MP. (MMOPANE-METSIMOTLHABE):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure 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.
- 7. MR. C. K. HIKUAMA, MP. (MAUN WEST):** To ask the Minister of Higher Education to apprise this Honourable House on the state and operational efficiency of the Botswana Open University (BOU); and to further outline: **(189)**

 - (i) the strategies being implemented to overcome barriers such as limited resources and facilities including internet connectivity in remote areas and ensure equitable access to BOU's programmes for all eligible citizens; and
 - (ii) the enrolment for the "Open schooling" candidates for the past five (5) years, breaking it down for each year up to 2025.
- 8. MR. T. FURNITURE, MP. (TATI EAST):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education to state: **(216)**

 - (i) when the maintenance of Tashata Junior Secondary School is expected to commence; and
 - (ii) what causes delays since it was indicated that maintenance would have been done by April 2025.
- 9. DR. U. DOW, MP. (KGATLENG WEST):** To ask the Minister of Finance whether he considers transparency, accountability, fairness and open competition to be core principles in the Government's procurement process and if there are any plans to bring a bill to Parliament amending the current procurement laws, with a view to: **(212)**

 - (i) granting the President special procurement powers; and
 - (ii) abandoning competitive bidding as the default position in the grant of Government tenders and contracts and substituting same with direct appointment.
- 10. MR. M. BAGAISAMANG, MP. (SHOSHONG):** To ask the Minister of Labour and Home Affairs to state: **(241)**

 - (i) the number of churches which were registered following the re-registration of societies under a new dispensation;

- (ii) action taken against those that did not register;
 - (iii) if all mushrooming churches which occupy open spaces around cities and villages are registered; and
 - (iv) if he has made an assessment on them for potential money laundering capabilities, terrorism and financing of radicalisation of citizens; and
 - (v) implications this has on Botswana's standing in the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) 2026/2027 evaluation.
11. **MR. G. KEGGONEGILE, MP. (MAUN EAST):** To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism to brief this Honourable House on the protocols in place to alleviate escalating human-wildlife conflict challenges in the North West District, with emphasis on: (248)
- (i) efforts and strategies put in place to help communities to fight human-wildlife conflict;
 - (ii) resources in place to help the department to be responsive to reports from communities in terms of transport, staff etc;
 - (iii) the number of reports made and efforts being put in place to help Hainaveld farmers troubled by the high number of elephants and lions in their farms; and
 - (iv) the number of reports made by Shorobe livestock farmers concerning lions killing their cattle on a weekly basis and efforts made to alleviate the challenge.
12. **MR. L. BARONGWANG, MP. (MOGODITSHANE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship to state: (266)
- (i) the number of licensed and unlicensed second-hand vehicle dealerships respectively which currently operate in Mogoditshane, and the existing mechanisms to monitor their activities;
 - (ii) the estimated contribution of these dealerships to local employment creation and tax revenue generation; and
 - (iii) short and medium-term Government plans and projects in place towards Mogoditshane village, aligned with promoting the ease of doing second-hand vehicle dealership business in the village as well as tax collection and locals participation.

TABLING OF A PAPER

- Botswana Telecommunications Corporation Integrated Annual Report, 2025.
(Minister of Communications and Innovation)

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY**HRS/MINS****COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY****1445 – 1830**

- Appropriation (2026/2027) Bill, 2026 (Bill No. 1 of 2026) An Act to authorise the payment out of the Consolidated Fund and the Development Fund of sums of money for the year ending 31st March, 2027.

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(Minister of Finance)

(Resumed Debate)

	<u>ORG</u>	<u>MINISTRY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>HRS/MINS</u>
Day 13	3100	Office of the Receiver	1445 hrs – 1635 hrs	1.50
	3200	Land Tribunal	1635 hrs – 1825 hrs	1.50
	3300	Higher Education	1825 hrs – 1830 hrs	0.05