

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(THURSDAY 20TH AUGUST, 2026)

HRS/MINS

0900 – 1300

- **STATEMENT BY LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION**

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTION

**ADOPTION OF THE NATIONAL TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL
EDUCATION AND TRAINING POLICY**

- “That this Honourable House resolves to adopt the National Technical and Vocational Education and Training Policy.”

(Minister of Higher Education)

(Resumed Debate)

LEADER OF THE HOUSE'S QUESTION TIME

HRS/MINS

1400 – 1445

- **THEME: TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE REGARDING THE PROCESSING OF THE FORENSIC
AUDIT REPORT**

(Mr. D. Saleshando, MP. – Maun North)

QUESTIONS

1. **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:
 - (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.

2. MR. M. MOALOSI, MP. (NKANGE): To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education to state: **(205)**

- (i) if she is aware of;
 - (a) the shortage of hostel accommodation at John Nswazwi Junior Secondary School where 120 students live in prison-like conditions, staying in a hostel that was supposed to accommodate 48 students;
 - (b) that the whole school is dark, including streetlights and classrooms making it difficult for students to study at night;
 - (c) that the ablution blocks at the boys' hostels are not working leaving the children with no option but to bath outside using buckets, with no drainage provided for the water, creating a fertile ground for mosquitoes that torment the students;
- (ii) if she will consider closing the hostels until the situation has been resolved; and if not,
- (iii) mitigation measures she is taking to address this situation.

3. MR. M. M. MOROLONG, MP. (KGATLENG CENTRAL): To ask the Minister of Finance to brief this Honourable House on the costs incurred by Government on the production of printing the pula currency notes and minting coins; and to further state: **(326)**

- (i) production frequency;
- (ii) security expenses; and
- (iii) distribution costs.

4. MR. T. B. LUCAS, MP. (BOBIRWA): To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to give a detailed breakdown of Government expenditure on the recent and latest outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease in the country; in particular to indicate: **(540)**

- (i) the amount spent on;
 - (a) cordon fences;
 - (b) vaccines (Botswana and Zimbabwe) and deployment of staff; and
 - (ii) lessons learnt from the most recent outbreak and how his Ministry is preparing to prevent future outbreaks.
- 5. **MR. G. LEKAU, MP. (MOGODITSHANE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism if his Ministry still considers it appropriate for the Board to sit for the licensing of lodges, guest houses, campsites and hotels; if so, are there any plans to: (554)
 - (i) decentralise these services to District offices or Councils;
 - (ii) review the requirements and policy; and
 - (iii) review categories in this sector.
- 6. **MR. J. T. MODISE, MP. (KGALAGADI SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism if he will consider allocating campsites in national parks and game reserves to local trusts as a source of economic activity to raise funds for their communities through trusts. (583)
- 7. **MR. S. O. MAPULANGA, MP. (CHOBE):** To ask the Minister of Water and Human Settlement to update this Honourable House on the progress of the Unzovu Project; and further state: (592)
 - (i) the initial completion dates and the progress against financial claims; and
 - (ii) how his Ministry intends to fast track the project delivery and action taken so far.

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

- 8. **MR. L. BARONGWANG, MP. (MOGODITSHANE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Communications and Innovation to provide the detailed intent to privatise Botswana Telecommunications Corporation (BTC) and establish Botswana Fibre Networks (BoFiNeT) along with the dedicated separation of roles; and state whether this initial intent is respected and maintained; and further: (606)
 - (i) if he is aware that BTC and BoFiNeT (both Government owned) are now in direct competition in the wholesale market (deploying parallel networks); and if so, whether this arrangement was approved by Cabinet or Parliament;

- (ii) what assessment has been undertaken to determine whether the original intent behind the establishment of BoFiNet has been fully implemented and continuously maintained, in particular, the deployment of parallel fibre infrastructure thereby duplicating existing national infrastructure and potentially causing a loss of Government revenue;
- (iii) what oversight mechanisms were in place to ensure BTC adhered to its retail-focused mandate post 2014 and whether BTC's wholesale license was revoked, suspended or otherwise amended to ensure that they do not;
 - (a) deploy its own fibre infrastructure;
 - (b) compete with BoFiNet and re-sell to other License Service Operators;
- (iv) whether BTC is actively supporting BoFiNet's sustainability by procuring both local and international connectivity services from BoFiNet or whether BTC is increasingly self-provisioning its network and sourcing international internet capacity directly from foreign-owned telecommunications providers;
- (v) what measures the Ministry intends to implement to restore and safeguard the integrity of the structural separation, and to ensure that BoFiNet remains Government's designated national wholesale for both local and international telecommunications services, in particular;
 - (a) what steps will be taken to prevent BTC from continuously deploying parallel fibre infrastructure, self-provisioning of wholesale capacity, or direct procurement of services from foreign-owned entities where equivalent national infrastructure and services are available through BoFiNet; and
 - (b) how his Ministry through Botswana Communications Regulatory Authority (BOCRA) will ensure that the current regulatory and licensing framework does not inadvertently undermine BoFiNet's utilisation, profitability and long-term sustainability, and consequently result in erosion of Government's investment and potential revenue from the national telecommunications infrastructure.

9. **MS. H. P. MANYENENG, MP. (MMOPANE-METSIMOTLHABE):** To ask the (608) Minister of Minerals and Energy to state:

- (i) measures put in place to curb illegal sand mining; and
- (ii) whether such measures include confiscation of vehicles upon conviction of offenders, and if so, will there be consideration to auction such vehicles, with a portion of the proceeds being channeled towards environmental rehabilitation and development of affected communities.

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

HRS/MINS

PRESENTATION OF GOVERNMENT BILLS

1445 – 1800

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| 1. Syndicated Loan Facility (ABSA Bank Botswana, First National Bank Botswana and Stanbic Bank Botswana) (Loan Authorisation) Bill, 2026 (Bill No. 29 of 2026) | An Act to authorise the raising by Government, of a loan from ABSA Bank Botswana, First National Bank Botswana and Stanbic Bank Botswana for the purpose of financing the 2026/2027 budget deficit. |
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| 2. Governance and Economic Resilience Support Programme (OPEC Fund for International Development) (Loan Authorisation) Bill, 2026 (Bill No. 30 of 2026) | An Act to authorise the raising, by the Government, of a loan from OPEC Fund for International Development, for financing the 2026/2027 budget deficit. |
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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTION

**GOVERNMENT TO RAISE THE CEILING ON
THE GOVERNMENT BOND ISSUANCE PROGRAMME**

- "That this Honourable House resolves to authorise Government to raise the ceiling on the Government Bond Issuance Programme, from the current limit of P55 Billion to P85 Billion."

(Minister of Finance)