

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(WEDNESDAY 23RD JULY, 2025)

QUESTIONS

HRS/MINS

1400 – 1445

1. **DR. U. DOW, MP. (KGATLENG WEST):** To ask the Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship whether he appreciates that the Government plays a significant role in the economy of Botswana and more particularly that: **(413)**
- (i) Government, directly and indirectly through State Owned Enterprises and Entities, is a significant procurer of services offered by private companies and individuals;
 - (ii) business or commercial success, in Botswana and anywhere in the world, depends on timely payment for services provided and goods sold;
 - (iii) failure by the Government to timely pay for services and goods procured from private businesses undermines those businesses' ability to in turn meet their financial obligations; and
 - (iv) his Ministry will be failing in its mandate if it ignored the damage to specific businesses in particular and the economy, in general and does not address the current crises of unpaid invoices by Government.
2. **MR. V. B. PHOLOGOLO, MP. (KANYE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Health to update this Honourable House on the progress of the long-awaited Kanye Hospital and to confirm or refute claims that the hospital recently built in Moshupa was supposed to have been built in Kanye. **(414)**
3. **MR. M. MOALOSI, MP. (NKANGE):** To ask the Minister of Labour and Home Affairs to state: **(415)**
- (i) the total number of employees currently employed by security and cleaning companies engaged by Government across all Ministries and District Councils;
 - (ii) the average salary for a cleaner and a security guard respectively; and
 - (iii) the average length of employment contract for the said employees.

4. **MR. S. O. MAPULANGA, MP. (CHOBE):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to state: (416)
- (i) why the Surveys and Lands plots take time to be allocated in Kasane;
 - (ii) why people were promised to be allocated plots in Francistown yet they have not been allocated after signing consent letters; and
 - (iii) how many hectares of land is earmarked for Surveys and Lands plots in the Kasane/Plateau areas.
5. **MR. M. M. PULE, MP. (KGATLENG EAST):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education whether she is aware of challenges faced by teachers in the Kgatleng East Constituency primary schools especially those at far to reach areas like Oliphant's Drift, noting that the Honourable Minister has personally visited some of these schools and further to ask: (417)
- (i) what the Ministry identifies as the root causes for delays in teacher transfers, and why some teachers remain in the same posts or schools for prolonged periods without rotation;
 - (ii) whether the Ministry has a formal teacher redeployment or rotation policy, and if not, whether it intends to develop one to promote equitable movement and professional growth of teachers across regions;
 - (iii) what the Ministry is doing to address promotion stagnation for teachers in rural schools, where upward mobility appears to be very slow compared to others;
 - (iv) whether there is a performance monitoring or career development framework that ensures rural based teachers have equal access to promotion opportunities and capacity building programmes; and
 - (v) whether her Ministry will consider reviewing or reforming the current Remote Area Service Allowance (RASA), to make rural postings more attractive and sustainable for qualified personnel.
6. **MR. G. DISHO, MP. (OKAVANGO EAST):** To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism to state: (418)
- (i) the current impact of the "Low Volume, High Value" Policy on Citizen Economic Empowerment and community-based tourism development;

- (ii) if Government has reviewed or considered revising this Policy to allow for more inclusive participation, especially from emerging local operators and youth entrepreneurs;
 - (iii) how his Ministry ensures equity in tourism licensing, access to concessions, and benefit sharing under this model; and
 - (iv) what efforts are being made to balance conservation with community development and broader economic inclusion within this framework.
7. **MR. G. SEDOMBO, MP. (TONOTA):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education if she is aware of the condition of Shashe River School where there is no power in the hostels, classrooms, warm water and the general condition of infrastructure in the school; if so, what plans are in place to normalise the situation. **(419)**
8. **MR. M. M. MOROLONG, MP. (KGATLENG CENTRAL):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education to state the number of teachers awaiting payments of Leave Concession and to further state: **(420)**
- (i) the amount owed and the reasons that led to the accrued debt; and
 - (ii) measures in place to address this challenge going forward.
9. **MR. O. KEDIKILWE, MP. (SEROWE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to update this Honourable House on the intention or purpose of introducing Secure Land Titles (SLT); and to further state: **(421)**
- (i) whether the programme has achieved the intended mandate; and
 - (ii) the number of Batswana who have acquired SLT certificates in the Serowe District.
10. **MR. K. T. MMUSI, MP. (GABANE-MMANKGODI):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to state: **(422)**
- (i) when his Ministry intends to upgrade the Tloaneng Health Post to a fully-fledged clinic, in view of the significant population growth in the village since the establishment of the Health Post and the need to meet clinic infrastructure and service standards; and
 - (ii) if there are any plans to extend the operating hours of the Health Post to include weekends, considering that healthcare needs are continuous and not limited to weekdays.

11. **MR. L. LESEDI, MP. (SEROWE SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to state: **(423)**
- (i) what happened to the Agricultural Service Centre which was promised and supposed to be built in Mogatsapoo and when such will be established and built;
 - (ii) how much was spent to establish the Radihemelo grey water project for horticultural irrigation and why the project is not being used to create employment; and
 - (iii) what his Ministry intends to do to resuscitate the grey water project for return on investment.
12. **MR. B. B. MABEO, MP. (GAMALETE):** To ask the Minister for State President to update this Honourable House on the arrangements and conditions surrounding the engagement of private Presidential photographers; and to further state: **(424)**
- (i) if there are photographers engaged as individuals or as part of a company, and if it is a company to provide its name;
 - (ii) how these photographers were selected, whether it was through a direct appointment or open tender;
 - (iii) the total amount spent on engaging these photographers thus far and this should include their accommodation, transportation (locally and Internationally) and service fees; and
 - (iv) whether the newly appointed team members possess the necessary capacity to effectively archive the President's photographs like the Department of Information Services which has been responsible for archiving the activities of the Head of State since 1966, maintaining a dedicated office to maintain and protect the Presidential photo archives.

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

13. **MR. T. B. LUCAS, MP. (BOBIRWA):** To ask the Minister of Finance to explain the implications of the recent adjustment of the exchange rate crawl margin and trading bands on the following: **(425)**
- (i) cost of imports;
 - (ii) business that depend on imports;
 - (iii) cost of imported essentials such as food;
 - (iv) purchasing power of low income groups;
 - (v) informal sector businesses;

- (vi) poverty, unemployment and inequalities; and
- (vii) the Minister should also state the safeguards that are in place to protect those whose vulnerability is heightened by this decision.

14. **MS. H. P. MANYENENG, MP. (MMOPANE-METSIMOTLHABE):** To ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services whether he is aware of the high number of women who have been remanded in custody; and if so: (426)

- (i) what measures, if any, are being taken to address the situation of women with children under five years of age who are remanded in custody;
- (ii) what provisions exist for pregnant women who are remanded in custody and subsequently deliver while in prison;
- (iii) whether he considers the current bail fee structure to be discriminatory against families from disadvantaged socio-economic backgrounds; and
- (iv) what steps, if any, are being taken to review the bail system to ensure equal access to justice regardless of economic status.

1. **STATEMENT BY THE MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS**

2. **STATEMENT BY THE MINISTER OF FINANCE**

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

HRS/MINS

PRESENTATION OF A GOVERNMENT BILL

1445 - 1800

- **Forest and Range Resources Bill, 2025 (Bill No. 12 of 2025)** An Act to provide for the establishment of the Department of Forestry and Range Resources, the institutional and regulatory framework for sustainable management of forest and range resources, and to provide for matters incidental or conducted therewith.

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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

SECOND READING

- Community Based Natural Resources Management Bill, 2025 (Bill No. 11 of 2025) An Act to provide for the implementation of the Community Based Natural Resources Management (CBNRM) approach for the sustainable use of natural resources including cultural heritage by communities, and for matters connected or incidental thereto.

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