

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(THURSDAY 30TH JULY, 2026)

QUESTIONS

HRS/MINS

1400 – 1445

- 1. MR. P. AARON, MP. (NGAMI):** To ask the Minister of Health if he is aware that the new X-ray machine that was received on the 31st of January 2026 at Gumare Primary Hospital is not serving the community of Ngami Constituency at least up until July 2026, and that residents continue to travel to Maun, Ghanzi and Shakawe to access X-ray services on very bad roads and for long hours; if so:

 - (i) to state the reasons why the X-ray machine has not yet been commissioned and brought into service;
 - (ii) whether there are any staffing, training or technical challenges affecting operation of the machine; and
 - (iii) what immediate and long-term measures has the Ministry put in place to ensure accessible radiological services for the people of Ngami Constituency.
- 2. MR. A. K. KHAN, MP. (MOLEPOLOLE NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Water and Human Settlement to state:

 - (i) the names of all companies that submitted proposals for the infrastructure development component of the Bonno Housing Project;
 - (ii) the procurement process followed in identifying these companies and whether that process complied with the Botswana Housing Corporation (BHC) Procurement Policy and the Public Procurement Act;
 - (iii) whether the BHC Board of Directors approved the infrastructure business case before its dissolution; and
 - (iv) whether the Minister of Finance approved the proposed financing arrangements, including any advance payments and sovereign guarantees requested by the contractors.

3. **MR. M. M. PULE, MP. (KGATLENG EAST):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to update this Honourable House on matters relating to the constitutional and administrative implications arising from Government's handling of the late Pitseng Gaoberekwe's burial case; and to further state: (521)
- (i) whether the Executive relied on any lawful authority or discretion to permit a burial outcome that differed from prior decisions of the High Court and the Court of Appeal regarding interment within the Central Kalahari Game Reserve (CKGR);
 - (ii) how the Executive justifies this decision in the context of the principle of separation of powers, and whether it considers the action consistent with respect for judicial authority and the rule of law;
 - (iii) whether the Executive has assessed the policy implications and potential precedents created by allowing an exception to existing residency and protected area regulations; and
 - (iv) whether Government intends to develop or amend any legislation, regulations, or policy frameworks to guide future requests for ancestral land burials, particularly within protected areas to ensure consistency, fairness, and legal certainty going forward.
4. **MR. V. B. PHOLOGOLO, MP. (KANYE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Finance to provide a comprehensive update on the Government Employees Motor Vehicle and Residential Property Advance Scheme (GEMVAS) following its recent temporary suspension; and to state: (522)
- (i) the specific terms and interest rate frameworks agreed upon in the newly finalised negotiations with participating commercial banking institutions;
 - (ii) whether these new frameworks will result in any increased borrowing costs, stricter eligibility criteria, or altered repayment structures for public officers; and
 - (iii) the total number of pending applications accumulated during the suspension period, and the Ministry's concrete plan to clear this backlog.
5. **MR. S. O. MAPULANGA, MP. (CHOBE):** To ask the Minister of Minerals and Energy to update this Honourable House on the gas fracking in the Chobe National Park and to state the concessions which have been set for such projects. (523)

6. **MR. J. J. FRENZEL, MP. (SHASHE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Water and Human Settlement: (524)
- (i) whether members of the community who have been issued with water rights for boreholes at farms and cattle posts with Government owned boreholes are allowed to privately fence them, consequently restricting access to fellow community members; if so,
 - (ii) to state correctional measures in place to ensure fair usage and accessibility by all.
7. **MR. G. KEKGONEGILE, MP. (MAUN EAST):** To ask the Minister of Minerals and Energy to brief this Honourable House on the challenges of the Botswana Power Corporation (BPC) with regard to the high rate of shortages of meters and cables; with emphasis on: (525)
- (i) the magnitude of the problem in terms of shortage of meters and cables connecting electricity to households;
 - (ii) the reasons behind the shortage;
 - (iii) where the two items are sourced and the number recently sourced;
 - (iv) the number to be committed to Maun BPC Office against the total demand in the North West;
 - (v) the difference between the number to be supplied and demand in North West; and
 - (vi) how the discrepancy will be rectified and when.
8. **MR. T. FURNITURE, MP. (TATI EAST):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to state measurable benefits that have been realised for the country, in view of the frequency of international trips President Advocate Duma Boko made; particularly: (526)
- (i) the number of investment focused engagements that were undertaken;
 - (ii) how many binding or implementable investment agreements have been concluded; and
 - (iii) the total monetary value of such investments, if any, that have materialised as a direct result of these travels.
9. **MR. K. NKAWANA, MP. (SELEBI PHIKWE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship to apprise this Honourable House of the business viability of all hotels run by Botswana Development Corporation (BDC) and Cresta; and whether BDC has any plans to open new hotels. (527)

10. **MR. M. BAGAISAMANG, MP. (SHOSHONG):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to state: (528)
- (i) whether Government has developed a strategy to facilitate the export of surplus poultry products;
 - (ii) if there are any regional or international markets that have been identified for Botswana poultry exports;
 - (iii) what measures are being undertaken to ensure Botswana poultry products comply with international sanitary and phytosanitary requirements;
 - (iv) whether he will allow export of poultry products given that Botswana has reportedly achieved self-sufficiency in poultry meat and eggs and that production capacity continues to expand; and
 - (v) what concrete steps the Government is taking to secure export markets to prevent oversupply in the domestic market and protect poultry farmers from declining prices.
11. **MR. K. T. MMUSI, MP. (GABANE-MMANKGODI):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to state whether: (529)
- (i) Government will consider tabling a Bill to repeal the Constitution (Amendment) Act No. 14 of 2020 on Floor Crossing in order to strengthen democracy and promote freedom of association, consistent with Government's commitment to human rights; and
 - (ii) the Constitution (Amendment) Act No. 14 of 2020 on Floor Crossing in its current form, applies to Councillors.
12. **MR. M. M. MOROLONG, MP. (KGATLENG CENTRAL):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education to outline: (530)
- (i) the total cost of damages caused by the 2025 floods on the Kgatleng Regional Education offices (education centre); Isang Primary School and Linchwe Junior Secondary School;
 - (ii) the costs for equipment and furniture lost;
 - (iii) if there was any risk assessment done on these facilities since they are situated in flood prone areas; and
 - (iv) whether there are any plans to relocate these facilities to safer areas to prevent recurring damage and financial losses.

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A TASK FORCE TO INVESTIGATE THE EXTENT OF
FOREIGN WORK PERMIT ABUSE AND NON-COMPLIANCE WITH CITIZEN
SUBCONTRACTING MANDATES IN GOVERNMENT PROJECTS**

1. "That this Honourable House requests Government to immediately establish a high-level Task Force mandated to investigate the extent of foreign work permit abuse and non-compliance with citizen subcontracting mandates in all Government projects, and further requests that the Task Force be required to submit a comprehensive report with actionable recommendations to this Honourable House within six (6) months of its formation."

(Mr. M. Moalosi, MP. – Nkange)

**POLICY FRAMEWORK OR LEGISLATION, EMPLOYEE SHARE SCHEMES AS A STRATEGY TO
ENHANCE EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT, RETENTION AND ALIGNMENT OF INTEREST OF
EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES**

2. "That this Honourable House requests Government to encourage through policy framework or legislation, employee share schemes as a strategy to enhance employee engagement, retention and alignment of interest of employers and employees."

(Mr. R. W. Kaizer, MP. – Selebi Phikwe West)

**GOVERNMENT TO AUTHORISE BOTSWANA POWER CORPORATION
(BPC) TO FOCUS ON DISTRIBUTION OF POWER**

3. "That this Honourable House requests Government to authorise Botswana Power Corporation (BPC) to strictly focus on distribution of power, village connection, inspection of materials used and to allow local privately-owned companies to connect electricity in homes and farms."

(Mr. G. Lekau, MP. – Mogoditshane West)

(Resumed Debate)

**GOVERNMENT TO COMMIT TO ALLOCATE PLOTS TO ALL PERSONS
CURRENTLY ON THE WAITING LIST**

4. "That this Honourable House requests Government to commit to allocate residential plots to all persons on waiting list for residential plots in next 3 years to facilitate home ownership for a significant proportion of the people of Botswana."

(Mr. T. B. Lucas, MP. – Bobirwa)

ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPECIAL FUND FOR GENDER BASED VIOLENCE (GBV)

5. "That this Honourable House requests Government to strengthen Botswana's commitment to gender equality and the protection of its citizens by establishing a Special Fund for Gender Based Violence (GBV) to provide immediate, targeted financial resources for prevention, survivor support and legal redress."

(Mr. T. Furniture, MP. – Tati East)

AMENDMENT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACT

6. "That this Honourable House requests Government to amend the Public Health Act in order to give the Director of Health Services powers to undertake efforts to contain and control the outbreak and spread of any disease without the need for His Excellency the President to rule by decree in a protracted State of Emergency."

(Mr. L. Lesedi, MP. – Serowe South)

INTRODUCTION OF SIGN LANGUAGE AS AN OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

7. "That this Honourable House resolves to introduce and adopt sign language as an official language in Botswana."

(Mr. M. M. Morolong, MP. – Kgatleng Central)

FORMAL DOCUMENTATION AND REGISTRATION OF IMMIGRANTS WITH A VIEW TO ESTABLISH THE NUMBER AND THEIR SOCIO AND ECONOMIC IMPACTS

8. "That this Honourable House resolves that Government establish and implement a Formal Documentation and Registration of all Immigrants including illegal or undocumented immigrants with a view to establish their number and their socio and economic impacts on local citizen and community resources and services."

(Mr. L. Barongwang, MP. – Mogoditshane East)

AMENDMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATIONS AND COMPLIANCE AT COMPANIES AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AUTHORITY (CIPA)

9. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider exempting registered non-operating businesses or shelf companies from filing fees or paying annual returns as well as to reduce filing fees for annual returns of operating business entities, restoration fees for businesses and companies deactivated and removed from the CIPA register."

(Mr. C. K. Jacobs, MP. – Lobatse)

GOVERNMENT TO REVIEW THE POLICY OF DISPOSSESSING LAND-HOLDERS

10. "That this Honourable House requests Government to review the policy of dispossessing land-holders to give way to village expansions, with a view to allowing the existence of small farms within towns and villages."

(Dr. U. Dow, MP. – Kgatleng West)

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPECIAL PARLIAMENTARY SELECT
COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT
OF BULLS AND HEIFERS AS WELL AS DAIRY GOATS**

11. "That this Honourable House resolves to establish a Special Parliamentary Select Committee to investigate the Government procurement of bulls and heifers from Texas in the United States of America as well as heifers and dairy goats from Australia."

(Dr. K. Gobotswang, MP. – Tswapong South)

**REINSTATEMENT OF CORPORAL PUNISHMENT IN SCHOOLS
AS A REGULATED DISCIPLINARY MEASURE**

12. "That this Honourable House requests Government to reinstate corporal punishment in schools as a regulated disciplinary measure to strengthen discipline, promote respect for authority, and create a safe and conducive learning environment."

(Mr. A. K. Khan, MP. – Molepolole North)

**REVIEW OF THE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT ACT FRAMEWORK TO STRENGTHEN
AND INSTITUTIONALISE A HYBRID FORCE ACCOUNT MODEL FOR PUBLIC
INFRASTRUCTURE DELIVERY**

13. "That this Honourable House requests Government to review the Public Procurement Act and related regulatory frameworks with a view to strengthening and institutionalising a Hybrid Force Account Model for public infrastructure delivery, under which Government shall strategically utilise its existing internal engineering personnel, plant and equipment for the execution of routine road construction, rehabilitation, emergency works and maintenance; and further that the model shall prioritise the optimal use of existing State capacity in order to improve efficiency, reduce infrastructure delivery costs, enhance responsiveness to service delivery needs and contribute to fiscal consolidation, while reserving competitive tendering for highly specialised, complex and large-scale components of public infrastructure projects that require private sector expertise."

(Mr. M. M. Pule, MP. – Kgatleng East)

**REVIEW AND UPWARD ADJUSTMENT OF THE COMPENSATION RATES
FOR LOSS OF LIFE, INJURY, LIVESTOCK AND CROPS**

14. "That this Honourable House resolves that Government immediately reviews and upwardly adjust the compensation rates which no longer reflect the true market value for loss of life, injury, livestock and crops, for the purposes of aligning them, with current market prices and inflation in order to promote the coexistence between the people of Botswana and wildlife."

(Mr. C. K. Hikuama, MP. – Maun West)

AMENDMENT OF THE PUBLIC HOLIDAYS ACT

15. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider amending the Public Holidays Act so that it reads, "if a public holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the Monday becomes a public holiday" as opposed to reading, "if the public holidays listed fall on a Sunday then the Monday shall be a public holiday" as it has now become common that if a holiday falls on a Saturday then the next Monday is declared a public holiday at short notice and this disrupts planning and is bad for business."

(Mr. L. Lesedi, MP. – Serowe South)

CREATION OF SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES IN THE GREATER GABORONE AREA

16. "That this Honourable House requests Government to expand the creation of special economic zones in the greater Gaborone area and other areas such as Molepolole to create an entrepreneurial ecosystem through supporting and developing small, medium enterprises to manufacture and market natural resources in their areas for export as finished products to create employment opportunities and ensure inter-generational skills transfer."

(Mr. A. K. Khan, MP. – Molepolole North)

ESTABLISHMENT OF A STATUTORY FUND FOR NATIONAL ECO-TOURISM AND LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (LED) FUND

17. "That this Honourable House requests Government to urgently establish a dedicated, Ring Fenced Statutory Fund for National Eco-Tourism and Local Economic Development (LED) called the Eco-Tourism and Local Economic Development Fund to automatically finance community-led projects, heritage exhibitions and regional agri-tourism initiatives such as the Dinokeng Fish Festival thereby systematically shifting these vital rural economic engines away from a state of structural insecurity and unreliable, ad-hoc annual ministerial handout."

(Mr. M. M. Pule, MP. – Kgatleng East)

GOVERNMENT TO STOP CHARGING FARMERS TAX ON IMPORTATION OF LIVESTOCK

18. "That this Honourable House requests Government to stop charging farmers tax on livestock imported from the neighbouring states, in order to encourage importation of more animals of high-quality genetics, as our country is gearing towards increasing both cattle and small stock number, farmers are bearing high transportation costs, food and accommodation costs."

(Mr. O. Kedikilwe, MP. – Serowe West)