

**BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**ORDER            PAPER**

**(THURSDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> APRIL, 2025)**

**QUESTIONS**

**HRS/MINS**

**1400 – 1445**

1. **MR. A. K. KHAN, MP. (MOLEPOLOLE NORTH):** To ask the Minister for State President to explain the functions and roles of the Department of Broadcasting Services and Department of Information Services; and to further state: **(353)**
  - (i) the staff compliment for each department in terms of core duty and support staff;
  - (ii) the number of outstations each department has, and how many outstations are headed by personnel in salary scales C1, D4, D3, D2 and D1 in each department;
  - (iii) why the Department of Information Services has more officers heading outstations on C1 and D3 salary scales whereas the same is not done at the Department Broadcasting Services;
  - (iv) the number of officers (reporters) on C1 salary scale top notch in the Department of Information Services and Department of Broadcasting Services; and
  - (v) why employees at the Department of Broadcasting Services seem to progress better career wise than those working for the Department of Information Services.
  
2. **MR. M. M. PULE, MP. (KGATLENG EAST):** To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism to state: **(355)**
  - (i) concrete steps that Government has taken to implement key policy objectives of the Climate Change Policy, 2021, particularly on efforts to reduce dependence on fossil fuel, enhance food security in drought-prone areas as well as to address increasing climate variability;
  - (ii) measures in place to ensure adequate climate financing and whether Botswana is leveraging on international funding sources such as the Green Climate Fund (GCF) to support adaptation and mitigation efforts; and

- (iii) plans to review and strengthen climate adaptation strategies, particularly for communities that are mostly at risk of extreme weather events considering that Botswana remains highly vulnerable to climate change effects.
3. **MR. J. J. FRENZEL, MP. (SHASHE WEST):** To ask the Minister for State President: (358)
- (i) if he is aware of the lack of a fully functional police station between Francistown and Orapa;
  - (ii) what plans are in place to rectify the situation; and
  - (iii) when the lack of police vehicles at Chadibe and Mabesekwa villages will be addressed.
4. **MR. T. FURNITURE, MP. (TATI EAST):** To ask the Minister of Health if he is aware of the deplorable conditions of Ditladi Health Post and that the building is old and has not been maintained for a long time; if so, what does he intend doing to rectify this situation. (359)
5. **MR. L. BARONGWANG, MP. (MOGODITSHANE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism: (363)
- (i) if any comprehensive study with a detailed report has ever been conducted to provide feedback from the Hotel and Tourism Business community following the introduction and implementation of local travel per diem;
  - (ii) to provide latest data from the Ministry on;
    - (a) decline and/or increase in occupancy rates at licensed small to medium hotels, lodges, and guesthouses across the country;
    - (b) the number of small to medium accommodation providers that have closed their operations since the Policy's implementation;
  - (iii) to outline measures put in place to ensure that the Local Travel Per Diem Policy does not adversely affect the small to medium hotels, guest houses and lodges operators; and
  - (iv) how the Government ensures that the Government travel expenditure directly supports small to medium, dully registered, and tax-compliant local businesses.

6. **MR. G. DISHO, MP. (OKAVANGO EAST):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to apprise this Honourable House on: (357)
- (i) what the Government intends doing with Kilo 70 camp in the Okavango East in which a lot of modern houses were built;
  - (ii) how much was spent for their construction; and
  - (iii) how long these houses have been there without being occupied.
7. **MR. M. M. MOROLONG, MP. (KGATLENG CENTRAL):** To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism to explain what led to the stoppage of the Matsieng Air Show; and whether there are any plans to resuscitate it in the near future. (360)
8. **MR. C. K. JACOBS, MP. (LOBATSE):** To ask the Minister of Water and Human Settlement to state: (361)
- (i) if he is aware of water shortage in Lobatse; and
  - (ii) plans in place to address the situation.
9. **MR. M. MOALOSI, MP. (NKANGE):** To ask the Minister of Health to update this Honourable House on the Alcohol and Tobacco levy and whether it has been properly administered since its inception; and to further state: (364)
- (i) the amount of money collected from levies since 2019 and how much was used:
  - (ii) the number of individuals who have recovered as a result of the current Government levy intervention given the recent security threats posed by substance use disorders;
  - (iii) the Ministry's plans regarding the utilisation of the levy to curb substance use disorder and mental health issues among youth; and
  - (iv) if there are plans to establish rehabilitation centers across the country and benefit from the funds.
10. **MR. R. W. KAIZER, MP. (SELEBI PHIKWE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to update this Honourable House on the Botswana Railways forensic audit, and further state: (365)
- (i) the merits of appointing R4 Forensic Botswana;

- (ii) when the forensic audit started and how far it has gone; and
- (iii) the findings if it has been concluded.

#### **QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

**11. DR. K. GOBOTSWANG, MP. (TSWAPONG SOUTH):** To ask the Minister for State President to apprise this Honourable House on outstanding payments for members of the Botswana Police Service who took part in the 2024 General Elections; the Minister to specifically state: **(376)**

- (i) the number of officers from the Botswana Police Service who were engaged during the 2024 General Elections;
- (ii) how many have been paid claims that were due to them for participating in the General Elections;
- (iii) when all the officers will be paid for their participation in the 2024 General Elections;
- (iv) the cause of the delay in paying officers for the work they did during the General Elections: and
- (v) whether the delayed payment affects other public servants who were engaged during the General Elections.

**12. MR. P. M. SEGOKGO, MP. (TLOKWENG):** To ask the Minister for State President to state the criterion used to select Botswana Public Officers Pension Fund (BPOPF) asset managers, where the criterion is written and whether politically exposed individuals e.g. political activists or President's de facto advisors can be given money to invest; if so: **(377)**

- (i) is he aware that;
  - (a) one of the Directors of a company called Africa Light House which is favoured to invest the pensions is politically exposed as he advised a former President and a political party, and if so, whether this is not a violation of the ordinances and what action he will take;
  - (b) the said Director has no knowledge, experience or expertise in the industry the pensions have been invested in and if it is safe to invest in this manner; and

- (ii) whether the political exposure of this Director is not a concern and whether there is action now or in the past against such a Director of Light House Capital.

1. **STATEMENT BY THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INNOVATION**
2. **STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF HEALTH AND HIV/AIDS COMMITTEE**

**NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY**

**HRS/MINS**

**MOTIONS**

**1445 – 1800**

**GOVERNMENT TO CONDUCT A SOCIAL JUSTICE AUDIT OF  
SOCIO-ECONOMIC INEQUALITIES IN BOTSWANA**

1. "That this Honourable House requests Government to conduct a social justice audit of socio-economic inequalities in Botswana under the auspices of the Inter-Ministerial Committee on Sustainability for inclusive growth and social justice."

(Mr. T. B. Lucas, MP. – Bobirwa)

(Resumed Debate)

**LOCAL PAYMENT OF HOTELS AND ACTIVITIES IN THE DELTA**

2. "That this Honourable House resolves that all payments for hotels and activities in the delta, parks and tourism attraction areas should be fully paid for in Botswana."

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

**GOVERNMENT TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE LIQUIDATOR  
ON BEHALF OF THE FORMER BCL EMPLOYEES**

3. "That this Honourable House requests the Government to negotiate with the liquidator on behalf of the former BCL employees to be awarded a special programme of subsidised purchase of BCL houses including but not limited to rent-to-buy, turn-key and any other social welfare housing scheme to enable them to continue occupying these houses."

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

**INTRODUCTION OF 26 DAYS MONTH PAY MODEL  
FOR TEACHERS IN BOTSWANA PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

4. "That this Honourable House requests Government to introduce and/or adopt a 26 days month pay model for teachers in Botswana Public Schools, as a form of recognition for the peculiarity of their work, in shaping the minds of the next generation, as well as fostering a positive learning environment for learners."

(Mr. K. C. Hikuama, MP. – Maun West)

(Resumed Debate)

#### **GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE TO FARMERS FOR DRILLING BOREHOLES ON FARMS**

5. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider providing financial and technical assistance to farmers across Botswana for the drilling of boreholes in their farms to enhance water access for agricultural purposes."

(Mr. M. M. Pule, MP. – Kgatleng East)

#### **DECLARATION OF LESHIBITSE VILLAGE AS A HORTICULTURAL ECONOMIC ZONE**

6. "That this Honourable House requests Government to declare Leshibitse Village in Kgatleng a Horticultural Economic Zone and to that end recognise residential homesteads as small horticulture holdings, facilitate the drilling and equipping of communal boreholes, support the necessary infrastructure and generally do such things as shall be necessary for the success of the programme."

(Dr. U. Dow, MP. – Kgatleng West)

#### **AMENDMENT OF EXISTING LAWS TO LEGALISE CULTIVATION AND PROCESSING OF INDUSTRIAL HEMP**

7. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider amending the existing laws in order to legalise cultivation and processing of industrial hemp."

(Mr. M. Moalosi, MP. – Nkange)

#### **FORENSIC LAND AUDIT COVERING ALL LAND ALLOCATION**

8. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider instituting a Forensic Land Audit in Mogoditshane covering all land allocation in the past 15 years to past and current Land Board officials and employees; Councillors, Members of Parliament and Tribal Administration Senior staff."

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

#### **REVIEW AND STRENGTHENING OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION LAWS**

9. "That this Honourable House requests Government to review and strengthen existing environmental protection laws in view of prevailing harsh climate change conditions that have affected food production with debilitating conditions, particularly for subsistence farmers."

(Mr. K. Nkawana, MP. – Selebi Phikwe East)

**GOVERNMENT TO RE-ALIGN THE TENURE OF  
PARLIAMENTARIANS TO BE 60 MONTHS**

10. "That this Honourable House requests Government to re-align the tenure of Parliamentarians to be 60 months as per the Constitution and in similar patterns to Cabinet and Councillors in an effort to close a vacuum and create uniformity in political representation and responsibility."

(Mr. G. Kekgonegile, MP. – Maun East)

**INTRODUCTION OF SIGN LANGUAGE AS AN OFFICIAL LANGUAGE**

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

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

**SETTING UP OF A COMMISSION OF INQUIRY**

12. "That this Honourable House requests Government to institute a Commission of Inquiry into the alleged corruption at Botswana Unified Revenue Services (BURS)."

(Mr. P. M. Segokgo, MP. – Tlokweng)

**INTRODUCTION OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AS  
A COMPULSORY COMPONENT OF BASIC EDUCATION**

13. "That this Honourable House requests Government to introduce Early Childhood Education as a compulsory component of Basic Education to open access to Basic Education Programme to every three-year old child."

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

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

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

(Mr. T. B. Lucas, MP. – Bobirwa)

**SCHOOL SPORT AND TAKING YOUTH OUT OF STREETS**

15. "That this Honourable House requests Government to develop and pilot basic sport facilities in Mogoditshane by upgrading Solomon Dihutso football grounds and commence a development programme for pre-primary, primary and secondary schools."

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

#### **INTRODUCTION OF A RURAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME**

16. "That this Honourable House requests Government to introduce a Rural Water Supply Scheme in order to promote economic and social upliftment of the rural communities."

(Mr. K. C. Hikuama, MP. – Maun West)

#### **DEVELOPMENT OF YOUTH FOCUSED JOB CREATION PROGRAMMES**

17. "That this Honourable House requests Government to develop youth focused job creation programmes, entrepreneurship initiatives and vocational training to address the high rates of youth unemployment."

(Mr. M. Moalosi, MP. – Nkange)

#### **NGOMA TO SEDUDU TRANSIT ROUTE TO OPERATE ON A 24HRS BASIS**

18. "That this Honourable House resolves to request Government to have the Ngoma to Sedudu transit route operate on a 24hrs basis, remove the request for permits system and introduce Police officers to man and manage the 2 gates."

(Mr. S. O. Mapulanga, MP. – Chobe)

#### **GOVERNMENT TO HUMANITARIANLY COMPENSATE FORMER BCL EMPLOYEES WHO LOST THEIR JOBS DUE TO THE ABRUPT CLOSURE OF THE BCL MINE**

19. "That this Honourable House requests Government to humanitarially compensate former BCL employees who lost their jobs due to the abrupt closure of the BCL Mine retrenchment packages as per section 25 of the employment Act."

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

#### **CREATION OF A NATIONAL CHILDREN'S BUDGET**

20. "That this Honourable House requests Government to create a detailed and disaggregated national children's budget, which must first be reviewed and passed through the National Children's Forum and Council before being considered and approved by Parliament."

(Mr. M. M. Pule, MP. – Kgatleng East)

#### **DEVELOPMENT OF A PROGRAMME AIMED AT ABSORBING ALL GRADUATES INTO THE JOB MARKET**

21. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider developing a programme aimed at absorbing all graduates into the job market."

(Mr. P. M. Segokgo, MP. – Tlokweng)