

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(TUESDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER, 2024)

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QUESTIONS

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1400 – 1445

1. **MR. M. REATILE, MP. (JWANENG-MABUTSANE):** To ask the Minister of Justice: **(391)**
- Justice:
- (i) if in the so called Butterfly Case, Gerrie Nel was hired or is still hired by the State as its legal counsel and since Gerrie Nel is linked to AfriForum, what was the rationale of the State in engaging Gerrie Nel who is at odds, undermines and minimises the struggles of African National Congress (ANC) in fighting for justice in South Africa;
 - (ii) whether this does not reflect negatively towards the geopolitics of our neighbouring countries who share the same pain; especially South Africa, a friendly neighbouring country;
 - (iii) how much has been paid to date for his services;

- (iv) if he is still being paid by the State or owed and if so how much;
- (v) to state the number of times His Excellency the President, Dr. Mokgweetsi Eric Keabetswe Masisi met Gerrie Nel;
- (vi) why it was necessary for Gerrie Nel to have a sit-down with His Excellency the President Masisi since the Butterfly case was wholly initiated by law enforcement agencies without external influence from the Executive as per the State's claim;
- (vii) Bank of Botswana Management provided the State with an affidavit that clearly denied the theory that money was stolen under their watch and supervision. Why did the State distance itself from that affidavit; never acknowledged its existence, never disclosed it to Botswana or even used it to avoid prosecuting an innocent person;
- (viii) the High Court ordered that, Jako Hubona be charged with perjury for manufacturing evidence on behalf of the State. How many years are left before this matter can be brought before the court as per the Prescriptions Act. If the matter is not filed yet, can the Minister update this Honourable House when the State is intending to do so and why at that particular time;
- (ix) how many times did Jako Hubona meet His Excellency the President Masisi; to brief him about the Butterfly Case;
- (x) with Hubona's skillset of fabrication and manufacturing evidence, harm and injury was caused on the accused. Has the State apologised or compensated the accused person for the fabrication he did, if not why not;
- (xi) what action has been taken against other individuals who participated at various capacities in helping Hubona in the name of the State in the fabrication of evidence;
- (xii) did the State establish whether the accused person was working alone or not when money went missing at Bank of Botswana. If the accused person had partners, how many Bank of Botswana employees were charged for and if not, why were they not charged;
- (xiii) since Bank of Botswana holds annual Cabinet briefings and the incident of stolen money occurred in 2008, does His Excellency the President or anyone in Cabinet remember being briefed about the missing money; if there is someone, who is it and what they remember;

(xiv) if His Excellency the President and Cabinet do not remember being told about the missing money, did the State seek explanation from Bank of Botswana for such misleading reports that led to an innocent person being falsely accused. If no investigation was done, why not.

2. MR. G. KEKGONEGILE, MP. (MAUN EAST): To ask the Minister of Youth, Gender, Sport and Culture to brief this Honourable House on the economic value of Constituency, Culture and Sports competitions in their current state, in particular: **(277)**

- (i) if he is aware that the cost of participating in the competitions as a group sport team (e.g. football) far outweighs benefits, if so, how he is rectifying the scenario;
- (ii) when the programme was last reviewed, the findings and recommendations; and
- (iii) which recommendations have been implemented and when the rest will be implemented.

3. MR. T. MANGWEGAPE-HEALY, MP. (GABORONE CENTRAL): To ask the Minister of Defence and Security to give an update on: **(415)**

- (i) the implementation of the Sex Offender Register;
- (ii) tangible outcomes one can refer to; and
- (iii) offences that lead to the registration of such individuals.

4. MR. W. B. MMOLOTSI, MP. (FRANCISTOWN SOUTH): To ask the Minister for State President if he: **(426)**

- (i) is aware that Offices of the District Commissioner perform Judicial functions such as preparation of remand warrants, inquest dockets, liberation warrants and confession statements and that such duties expose them to risk; and
- (ii) will he consider providing them with security or if not, relief them of judiciary functions given that these functions are already performed by the Administration of Justice.

5. MR. D. L. KEORAPETSE, MP. (SELEBI PHIKWE WEST): To ask the Minister of Trade and Industry to update this Honourable House on the number of sectors or industries reserved for citizens but have foreigners operating or running businesses; to make specific reference to question number 7 (150) of December 7th 2015 and the answer provided thereto and specifically state improvements in each sector for citizen participation and explain: **(436)**

- (i) countries of origin of aliens operating in reserved sectors and the reason for foreigners operating in sectors reserved for citizens; and
 - (ii) whether there is a codified plan by his Ministry to get citizens to operate in these sectors and to share this plan with clear targets and timelines.
- 6. MR. O. RAMOGAPI, MP. (PALAPYE):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Rural Development if he is aware of late payments to suppliers of Ipelegeng workers' food and Ipelegeng workers themselves by Palapye District Council; if so, what causes this delay and how will it be addressed. **(437)**
- 7. MR. M. I. MOSWAANE, MP. (FRANCISTOWN WEST):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Water Affairs: **(438)**
- (i) if he is aware that there is a dire need of storm water drainage sewer in Tati Town; and
 - (ii) the amount needed for this sewage and storm water drainage system.
- 8. MR. M. G. J. MOTSAMAI, MP. (GHANZI SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Public Works to brief this Honourable House on progress regarding the fencing of the (44) road from the junction to Mamuno along the Trans Kalahari Highway. **(440)**
- 9. MR. S. J. BROOKS, MP. (KGALAGADI SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Youth, Gender, Sport and Culture to apprise this Honourable House on: **(442)**
- (i) the role played by the Department of Botswana National Archives and Records Services in;
 - (a) transparency, accountability and good governance;
 - (b) culture and heritage preservation;
 - (c) access to Botswana Documentary Heritage; and
 - (ii) the visibility of the Department in terms of the extent of Botswana population.
- 10. DR. K. GOBOTSWANG, MP. (SEFHARE-RAMOKGONAMI):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Rural Development to apprise this Honourable House over consultations regarding the establishment of a fully-fledged district in the Tswapong area. The Minister should specifically state: **(444)**
- (i) whether Government has taken a decision to establish a fully-fledged district in the Tswapong area;

- (ii) the nature and character of consultations undertaken so far;
- (iii) reasons for the consultation strategy adopted and whether such a strategy has previously been used under similar circumstances;
- (iv) whether the Minister intends to consult elected representatives in the area; and
- (v) whether there are plans to consult affected communities.

11. DR. T. MATSHEKA, MP. (LOBATSE): To ask the Minister of Finance to update this Honorable House on progress achieved in realising an export led economy in the last five years (5) or since the elections of 2019 or the adoption of the Economic Recovery and Transformation Plan as approved by Parliament and to further state the following: **(446)**

- (i) the average growth rate of imports over the past five years;
- (ii) the average growth rate of exports over the same period;
- (iii) the trade balance over the same period; and
- (iv) to finally share the measures and interventions that were implemented in an effort to realise an export led economy

12. MR. T. LETSHOLO, MP. (KANYE NORTH): To ask the Minister of Finance to update Parliament on the structural reforms and policies that have been put in place to strengthen the Botswana economy over the last five (5) years, more specifically: **(447)**

- (i) outline the progress made in the diversification of the economy and of exports; and
- (ii) what innovative and robust strategies have been introduced to increase Government revenue and reduce the expenditure bill during this period.

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