

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(MONDAY 5TH DECEMBER, 2022)

QUESTIONS

HRS/MINS

1400 – 1445

- 1. MR. F. T. LEUWE, MP. (TAKATOKWANE):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Rural Development if he will consider ceding the *Matimela* livestock Department to Ministry of Agriculture where cattle owners can easily be located through their Botswana Animal Information and Traceability System (BAITS). **(73)**
- 2. DR. N. TSHABANG, MP. (NKANGE):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Water Affairs to update this Honourable House on the Ntimbale Dam water supply project to Tutume and Maitengwe; he should further state: **(74)**

 - (i) the amount of water required in that area and if this amount is being realised; and
 - (ii) if the project caters for all the other originally planned villages throughout the North-East District and Tutume Sub-District.
- 3. MR. D. L. KEORAPETSE, MP. (SELEBI PHIKWE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Agriculture to explain the research, development, global and regional trends on cultivation and processing of industrial hemp and medical marijuana plants and in particular to state and explain: **(75)**

 - (i) Government policy on hemp production and medical marijuana;
 - (ii) the global and regional value of the hemp and medical marijuana industries;
 - (iii) the number of Southern African Development Community (SADC) countries which permit cultivation and processing of industrial hemp and/or are researching on the product;
 - (iv) the number of countries in SADC that permit cultivation of and processing of medical marijuana;

- (v) whether Botswana has not missed out or is not missing out on opportunities in these industries; and
 - (vi) whether Government is considering exploring these industries for research and development, industrialisation and job creation through policy and law reform.
- 4. MR. P. MAJAGA, MP. (NATA-GWETA):** To ask the Minister of Agriculture when privatisation of some agricultural services such as vaccination and ear tags sales will commence and whether he is aware that: **(76)**
- (i) cordon fences at Sepako and Maitengwe no longer exist;
 - (ii) animal theft is on the rise in those areas; and
 - (iii) there are challenges in the control of animal diseases in those areas.
- 5. MR. K. K. KAPINGA, MP. (OKAVANGO):** To ask the Minister of Education and Skills Development to update this Honourable House on any initiatives if any, to convert the high number of temporarily employed teachers to permanent employees and further state the following: **(77)**
- (i) how many teachers remain employed as temporary teachers in Okavango Constituency;
 - (ii) how many of those are in Junior Secondary schools and how many in Primary schools;
 - (iii) how many temporary teachers are at Xhaoga, Shaikarawe, Mokgacha and Eretsha Primary Schools compared to permanent teachers; and
 - (iv) whether the Minister admits that the preponderance of temporary teachers has a negative impact on the academic performance of the above cited schools and others.
- 6. MR. B. MATHOOTHE, MP. (SEROWE-NORTH):** To ask the Minister for State President if he does not see the need to introduce political party funding given the numerous ongoing court cases alleging that some contractors have given a percentage of their profits to the ruling party. **(78)**
- 7. MR. T. MANGWEGAPE-HEALY, MP. (GABORONE CENTRAL):** To ask the Minister of Finance to state: **(79)**
- (i) how mobile banking charges are determined;

- (ii) if the Ministry is not concerned that customers can be charged for the same service multiple times due to network failure;
- (iii) who pockets the bank charges between mobile network operators and banks; and
- (iv) how much has been generated in the last five (5) years as fees to access mobile banking services.

8. MR. D. SALESHANDO, MP. (MAUN WEST): To ask the Minister of Finance (80) to state:

- (i) the number of Government tenders and the corresponding values of such tenders, awarded to Tswela Khumo Ventures or companies in which it has an interest for the following periods:
 - (a) tenders awarded before October 2014;
 - (b) tenders awarded between October 2014 and April 2018;
 - (c) tenders awarded after April 2018 to date; and
- (ii) which of the tenders were direct allocation and reasons why such tenders were not subjected to a competitive bidding process, as well as the directors and shareholders of the company for the corresponding periods.

9. DR. K. GOBOTSWANG, MP. (SEFHARE-RAMOKGONAMI): To ask the Minister of Education and Skills Development if he is aware that procurement of food items from local suppliers to primary schools is the responsibility of teachers who also have classes to teach. The Minister should further state: (81)

- (i) the extent to which such a non-teaching responsibility impacts on teaching and learning in primary schools;
- (ii) what remedial actions are in place to address the problem;
- (iii) if he will consider paying responsibility allowances to teachers who are doubling as procurement officers.

10. MR. C. GREEFF, MP. (GABORONE BONNINGTON SOUTH): To ask the Minister of Lands and Water Affairs: (82)

- (i) if he is aware that Gaborone has limited space for growth as the city is surrounded by villages such as Oodi, Gabane, Mogoditshane, Tlokweng and land owned by the Roman Catholic Church;

- (ii) what efforts are being made to acquire additional land for those on the waiting list especially the youth;
- (iii) to state the number of pending applications for land allocation in Gaborone (Residential and Business plots); and
- (iv) how many of such applications have been pending for more than 20 years.

11. MR. O. RAMOGAPI, MP. (PALAPYE): To ask the Minister of Transport and Public Works: **(83)**

- (i) what plans are in place to extend air transport services to other places within Botswana, especially in the wake of **COVID 19**;
- (ii) whether constructing a small airport in Palapye would not be beneficial to the air transport industry in Botswana given the centrality of Palapye and the opportunity of developing private air transport services in the region;
- (iii) what are the possible employment opportunities for young Batswana; and
- (iv) what are the possible benefits to tourism, trade and investment.

12. MR. T. B. LUCAS, MP. (BOBONONG): To ask the Minister of Lands and Water Affairs to state: **(84)**

- (i) the reasons for the cancellation of Tender No. MTC/MLWS/PMO/Contract 3B: Lepokole, Gobajango, Semolale and Mabolwe Water Supply Scheme and Tender No. MTC/MLWS/PMO/Contract 3C: Mathathane to Motlhabaneng water supply pipeline;
- (ii) the process of retendering for the same projects; and
- (iii) the anticipated date of possible commencement of the two (2) projects.

QUESTION WITHOUT NOTICE

13. MR. S. J. BROOKS, MP. (KGALAGADI SOUTH): To ask the Minister of Defence and Security to apprise this Honourable House on whether it is true that two (2) citizens were mistakenly shot and killed by members of the Botswana Police Service during a money heist shoot out in Gaborone recently and further explain the following: **(86)**

- (i) what really happened on the day at the scene of crime that ended lives of the two (2) victims;
- (ii) what is the procedure to be followed by armed forces if there is an exchange of fire in public areas;
- (iii) how has the Government assisted families and beneficiaries of the deceased; and
- (iv) what strategies will be put in place to avoid further occurrence of such incidents in the future.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

HRS/MINS

MOTION

1445 – 1645

APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT SECOND TRANSITIONAL NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN: APRIL 2023 – MARCH 2025

- “That this Honourable House resolves that the Draft Second Transitional National Development Plan (TNDP): April 2023 – March 2025 (Macroeconomic Chapters) be approved.”

(Minister for State President)

SECTORAL DEBATE

CHAPTER 1, 2, 3, 4 AND 5

Review of NDP 11; Macroeconomic Strategies and Projections for TNDP

Ministry

Time

Hrs/Mins

State President

1645 – 1900 hrs

2.15

(Minister for State President)