

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(THURSDAY 6TH MARCH, 2025)

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

HRS/MINS

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

0900 - 1300

- Appropriation (2025/2026) Bill, 2025 (Bill No. 2 of 2025) An Act to authorise the payment out of the Consolidated Fund and the Development Fund of sums of money for the year ending 31st March, 2026.

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(Resumed Debate)

	<u>ORG</u>	<u>MINISTRY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>HRS/MINS</u>
Day 4	0700	Trade and Entrepreneurship	0900 hrs – 1045 hrs	1.45
	0800	Local Government and Traditional Affairs	1045 hrs – 1300 hrs	2.15

QUESTIONS

HRS/MINS

1400 – 1445

1. **MS. H. P. MANYENENG, MP. (MMOPANE-METSIMOTLHABE):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs if he is aware that since allocation of plots to Mogoditshane Block 10 residents, there has never been any developments undertaken and that:
 - (i) there are no internal roads within the ward, during rainy season there is a problem of movement, children miss classes and parents struggle to reach Mmopane main road;
 - (ii) how far is the construction of the road from Mogoditshane Block 10 to Ledumadumane;
 - (iii) Block 10 residents do not have storm water drainage and floods have damaged their properties, and they need assistance; and

- (iv) the community is living in fear; and are occasionally robbed of their hard earned belongings, since some parts of the area are bushy and have no street lights.
2. **MR. M. MOALOSI, MP. (NKANGE):** To ask the Minister of Higher Education whether he is aware that Postgraduate Diploma in Technical and Vocational Education (PGDTVE) graduates do not find suitable employment for teaching and lecturing positions in technical colleges, brigades and colleges of education; he should further state: (226)
- (i) whether all relevant positions have been filled;
 - (ii) the recruitment process that has been in place, which left out a lot of graduates on the streets;
 - (iii) if there is an established centralised job placement system for PGDTVE graduates, being the equivalent of basic education with teaching graduates; and
 - (iv) whether this cadre is not suitably qualified to handle the Outcome-Based Education (OBE).
3. **MR. M. M. PULE, MP. (KGATLENG EAST):** To ask the Minister of Higher Education to state: (227)
- (i) the specific measures that Government is implementing to ensure that educational curricula at all levels are aligned with both current and future needs of the economy, particularly in sectors where there is a high demand for skilled workers given the growing concern about the mismatch between education outputs and labour market requirements;
 - (ii) details on plans to bridge the skills gap by ensuring that educational institutions are responsive to changing industry trends, technological advancements and emerging job markets; and
 - (iii) how Government intends to support graduates in acquiring relevant and marketable skills to better prepare them for the workforce.

4. **MR. P. M. SEGOKGO, MP. (TLOKWENG):** To ask the Minister of Health to update this Honourable House on the prevalence of infertility in Botswana and how patients are assisted; and further, if: (228)
- (i) he is aware that there are currently Clinical Embryologist trained by Merck Foundation to conduct In Vitro Fertilization (IVF) services for infertile couples;
 - (ii) he is aware that Clinical Embryologists are currently not employed in Botswana due to lack of IVF laboratories (labs) in Botswana;
 - (iii) there are plans to introduce IVF labs in Botswana;
 - (iv) the Government supports patients who seek IVF lab services abroad; and
 - (v) there are currently policies regulating IVF in Botswana.
5. **MR. T. FURNITURE, MP. (TATI EAST):** To ask the Minister Lands and Agriculture to update this Honourable House on the purchase of land in the Tati East District from Tati Company (Ltd); and to state the following: (229)
- (i) how much has been paid to Tati Company to date;
 - (ii) whether a transfer of ownership to Botswana has been done;
 - (iii) plans on land use that are in place or in the offing; and
 - (iv) whether he is aware that some people have already occupied part of the land by setting up cattle posts.
6. **MR. M. BAGAISAMANG, MP. (SHOSHONG):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to update this Honourable House about the Mahalapye, Makwate, Parrshalt road; in particular: (233)
- (i) if he is aware of the potential of the road in terms of economic value to Botswana;
 - (ii) delays that affect the construction of a tarred road; and
 - (iii) if there are plans to tar the road in the near future and if so, when.
7. **MR. M. M. MOROLONG, MP. (KGATLENG CENTRAL):** To ask the Minister of Health to state: (234)
- (i) decisions made by the President of the United States of America (USA) which have impacted his Ministry;
 - (ii) whether any jobs have been lost as a result;

- (iii) the number of employees who are likely to be affected by these decisions; and
 - (iv) steps his Ministry is taking to prevent further job losses.
8. **MR. C. K. JACOBS, MP. (LOBATSE):** To ask the Minister for State President if he is aware that the appointment of the Chief of Staff might have been illegal; he should further: (235)
- (i) state the role and functions of the Chief of Staff, Permanent Secretary to the President (PSP) and the National Strategy Office as well as the Government Implementation and Coordination Office (GICO);
 - (ii) produce an organogram for the revised OP structure and the revised ministerial portfolio responsibilities clearly indicating the date they were gazetted;
 - (iii) what functions have been re-arranged or transferred from the above offices to the new post of Chief of Staff to ensure that there are no overlapping roles and responsibilities; and
 - (iv) if creation of the administrative position of Chief of Staff has any legal authority to either ensure implementation of projects or discipline staff such as those expressed under PSP's functions and if so, why the Public Service Act has not been reviewed when creating this post and its responsibilities.
9. **MR. R. M. LEKUTLANE, MP. (KGALAGADI NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Minerals and Energy to state: (236)
- (i) why there are always power cuts beyond Jwaneng towards and into Kgalagadi North villages every time it rains; and
 - (ii) measures in place to curb this.
10. **MR. T. BOGATSU, MP. (LENTSWELETAU-LEPHEPHE):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education if she: (237)
- (i) will consider upgrading Kopong Junior Secondary School to a 24 stream school as it is currently an 18 stream school with the infrastructure of a nine (9) stream school and a small staff room;
 - (ii) is aware that the current total student capacity is 931 and whether it is still plausible for this ever increasing number of students to be using pit latrines; and
 - (iii) will consider building more staff houses at the school given that there are 29 staff houses and 84 teachers.

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	1100	Health	1530 hrs – 1830 hrs	3.00
	1200	Administration of Justice	1830 hrs – 1900 hrs	0.30