

**BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**ORDER PAPER**

**(TUESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2022)**

**AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS**

**HRS/MINS**

**PRESENTATION OF GOVERNMENT BILLS**

**1100 – 1300**

- 1.** Botswana Programmatic Economic Resilience and Green Recovery Programme (Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries fund for International Development (OPEC Fund) (Loan Authorisation) Bill, 2022 (Bill No. 31 of 2022)

An Act to authorise the raising, by the Government, of a loan from the organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries Fund for International Development (OPEC Fund) for the purpose of budget support for the Economic Resilience and Green Recovery Programme.

(Published on 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2022)

(Minister of Finance)

- 2.** Botswana **COVID – 19** Crisis response emergency support loan (Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) (Loan Authorisation) Bill, 2022 (Bill No. 32 of 2022)

An Act to authorise the raising, by the Government, of a loan from the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) for the purpose of budget support for the **COVID – 19** Crisis Response Emergency Support Programme.

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**QUESTIONS**

**HRS/MINS**

**1400 – 1445**

- 1. 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.

**2. 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.

**3. 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.

4. **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)**
5. **DR. K. GOBOTSWANG, MP. (SEFHARE-RAMOKGONAMI):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Rural 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.
6. **MR. G. KEKGONEGILE, MP. (MAUN EAST):** To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism to brief this Honourable House on the process undertaken to dispose trophies accessed by private individuals through legal awards of hunting quotas, and in particular: **(85)**
- (i) whether the Minister is aware that individuals are in possession of unlicensed elephant trophies;
  - (ii) when the Ministry intends to license these trophies for sale purposes;
  - (iii) why the trophies are not licensed; and
  - (iv) mitigating factors put forward to avoid the re-occurrence of such scenarios.
7. **MR. M. BALOPI, MP. (GABORONE NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Rural Development whether all the people who own or occupy residential land within the jurisdiction of Gaborone City Council are liable to pay rates, and further state: **(44)**
- (i) how the City Council spends the said rates; and
  - (ii) whether Gaborone North residents, in particular Gaborone North Farms, are fulfilling this obligation and if so, what benefit they derive from their compliance, in view of the fact that they currently get very little services compared to some other areas of Gaborone in respect of litter collection and road maintenance.

8. **MR. J. L. THIITE, MP. (GHANZI NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism if she is aware of the existence of a huge farm in Gwana area (Matlhoaphuduhudu Camp) which has game animals and is managed by the Department of Wildlife; she should further state: (70)
- (i) the size of this farm in hectares and kilometres;
  - (ii) the original intention of setting up this farm;
  - (iii) who were or are the beneficiaries of this farm;
  - (iv) if there has ever been any income generation from this farm; and
  - (v) if the farm is not too big for its intended original purpose as most of the land is idle and underutilized.
9. **DR. T. MATSHEKA, MP. (LOBATSE):** To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism to update this Honourable House on the initiatives and progress in establishing a Tourism Scheme to support the regeneration of towns and villages. (72)

#### **QUESTION WITHOUT NOTICE**

10. **MR. T. LETSHOLO, MP. (KANYE NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Health to apprise this Honourable House of cases of people charged for contravening **COVID-19** regulations; further: (99)
- (i) how many of those charged, did not pay the admission of guilt and their cases reached the Courts of Botswana;
  - (ii) how many in (i) above have been found guilty to date and more particularly, how many are serving prison sentences; and
  - (iii) will the Minister consider advising His Excellency the President to pardon all those who contravened the **COVID-19** regulations, some of whom are breadwinners who's contravention was purely out of desperate life circumstances.

#### **TABLING OF A PAPER**

- Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Board Annual Performance Report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

(Minister of Finance)

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

**HRS/MINS**

**MOTION**

**1445 – 1900**

**GOVERNMENT GUARANTEE FOR P300 MILLION BE EXTENDED  
TO BOTSWANA MEAT COMMISSION IN FAVOUR OF  
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BOTSWANA LIMITED**

- “That this Honourable House resolves that a Government Guarantee for P300 million be extended to Botswana Meat Commission (BMC) in favour of First National Bank Botswana Limited (FNBB)”.

(Minister of Finance)