

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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(TUESDAY 7TH FEBRUARY, 2023)

QUESTIONS

HRS/MINS

1400 – 1445

- 1. MR. M. I. MOSWAANE, MP. (FRANCISTOWN WEST):** To ask the Minister (140) of Defence and Security:

 - (i) how many Botswana Police Service, Botswana Prison Service, Botswana Defence Force officers both commissioned, non-commissioned and civilian personnel have lost their jobs because of renunciation delays; and
 - (ii) how many have since been re-absorbed into service.

- 2. MR. K. C. HIKUAMA, MP. (NGAMI):** To ask the Minister of Local (141) Government and Rural Development to update this Honourable House on the functionality of landfill machinery in all landfills across the country; he should further state:

 - (i) whether the following are functional at each landfill:
 - (a) landfill compactor;
 - (b) front end loader;
 - (c) tractor loader backhoe; if not,
 - (ii) when such have not been functional and when he will replace or make them functional; and
 - (iii) if the Minister will agree that his Ministry is mismanaging landfill machinery across the country given the prolonged periods plants remain dysfunctional.

- 3. MR. P. MAJAGA, MP. (NATA-GWETA):** To ask the Minister of (142) Environment and Tourism if she will consider:

 - (i) making the requirements for acquisition of licenses for harvesting Mophane worms, fetching grass and fire wood easier;
 - (ii) Kgotla and Council premises as paying points for acquiring licenses for the above; and

- (iii) facilitating the issuance of user rights of harvesting natural resources like grass and Mophane worms to existing Trusts in the Nata-Gweta Constituency for them to benefit by collecting fees for licenses.
- 4. MR. J. L. THIITE, MP. (GHANZI NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Education and Skills Development if he is aware that there is a large number of learners with special needs at Itekeng Junior Secondary School (JSS) although the school does not have a Special Education Unit; if so, to state:
- (i) what recourse and/or intervention is taken when a learner with special needs is enrolled in the school;
 - (ii) the number of qualified Special Education teachers the school has; and
 - (iii) if he would consider introducing a Special Education Unit at Itekeng JSS taking into account the large number of learners with special needs at the school to ensure that they have equal educational opportunities.
- 5. MR. O. REGOENG, MP. (MOLEPOLOLE NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Water Affairs to state when the long promised Molepolole Sewerage and Water Sanitation Project will commence.
- 6. MR. M. BALOPI, MP. (GABORONE NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Water Affairs whether the current land tenure and land use laws and provisions allow for 50% of land originally allocated for agricultural use to be used for other purposes as pledged by the ruling party in 2019:
- (i) whether the Minister is aware that some land owners encounter obstacles in an attempt to convert certificates/leases of part of their agricultural land for other uses so that they can get access to finance from financial institutions;
 - (ii) what is in place/in the pipeline to improve the current situation and to accommodate the pledge of the elected ruling party, or what obstacles prevent this from happening; and
 - (iii) when any plans of action, if any, will be implemented in order to accommodate the pledge.

- 7. MR. K. NKAWANA, MP. (SELEBI PHIKWE EAST):** To ask the Minister for State President to update this Honourable House on the status of Tautona Lodge and Farm in Ghanzi with particular reference to the following: **(147)**
- (i) total number of wild animals that were in the farm at the time of purchase;
 - (ii) varieties of animal species at the time of purchase;
 - (iii) number of domestic livestock by species at the time of purchase; and
 - (iv) current status of these animals.
- 8. DR. T. MATSHEKA, MP. (LOBATSE):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Public Works to inform this Honourable House: **(148)**
- (i) when Government will establish the "Save to Buy" Scheme to make saving for a deposit easier for those aspiring to own their homes; and
 - (ii) how the scheme is envisaged to be framed taking into account the young population.
- 9. MR. K. K. KAPINGA, MP. (OKAVANGO):** To ask the Minister of Labour and Home Affairs when she intends to establish a local office of the Department of Labour in Shakawe and whether she is aware of the following: **(149)**
- (i) that employees who are parties to trade disputes, such as failure to pay wages and unlawful dismissal from work, often abandon their cases due to prohibitive costs of having to go to Maun to prosecute their matters;
 - (ii) that unscrupulous employers take advantage of the inaccessibility of the labour offices in Okavango to perpetrate unjust labour practices; and
 - (iii) that Constituency Offices for Members of Parliament have now been virtually turned into reporting centres for labour matters.

QUESTION WITHOUT NOTICE

- 10. MR. S. J. BROOKS, MP. (KGALAGADI SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Health to apprise this Honourable House on the number of persons owed by the Ministry of Health per District, both still at work and those who are no longer with the Ministry and to further provide information on the following: **(112)**

- (i) leave concession, over time worked, leave days for those officers who quit the job, terminal benefits, etc, and cumulative values per subheading above;
- (ii) why they were not paid, when they will be paid and whether the Ministry has a budget to pay them during the current Financial Year;
- (iii) whether it is true that some officers have been waiting for more than a year for their payment and if there are any standards which guide the payment of terminal benefits and other payments by the Ministry; and
- (iv) if the Minister can deny or confirm that others have since passed on while awaiting payment of their benefits and what the Ministry plans to do going forward in relation to payment of terminal benefits and other payments to officers.