

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(WEDNESDAY 7TH DECEMBER, 2022)

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. 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.
- 3. 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)**
- 4. MR. T. LETSHOLO, MP. (KANYE NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Youth, Gender, Sport and Culture to apprise this Honourable House on the criteria used to select performing artists for national events; and further: **(87)**
- (i) share the list of performing artists engaged for each of the national events since the emergence of COVID-19;
 - (ii) disclose the amount paid to each of the artists;
 - (iii) share a list of artists from Kanye, Moshana, Ranaka, Lekgolobotlo, Ntlhantlhe, Mogotlhwane and Kgomokasitwa, who were so engaged and amounts they were each paid for each national event;
 - (iv) from the list shared at part (i) above, which village or town has the highest number of artists and what is that attributable to; and
 - (v) is the Ministry satisfied with the selection criteria, and if not, what is being done to improve it.
- 5. MR. O. REGOENG, MP. (MOLEPOLOLE NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Education and Skills Development to state: **(88)**
- (i) the student carrying capacity of Kweneng Rural Development Association (KRDA) Brigade in Molepolole, against the present enrolment, programmes offered and at what levels;
 - (ii) how the present enrolment compares with last year's intake in terms of the number enrolled (2021);
 - (iii) if he is aware that last year some classes sat for their year-end examinations without teachers/instructors (for Mathematics and Accounts subjects) and for more than seven (7) successive months;
 - (iv) when the Brigade will be supplied with the long promised modern workshop machinery/equipment and a library; and
 - (v) when the last cyclical major maintenance was carried out and when the next one will be.

6. **MR. D. TSHERE, MP. (MAHALAPYE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Youth, Gender, Sport and Culture if he is aware that the Mahalapye Library is dilapidated, too small and without adequate reading space and reading materials especially for children and further explain: **(90)**
- (i) why the office does not have transport for outreach purposes;
 - (ii) why there is no public toilet and only limited staff toilets;
 - (iii) when the Ministry will build a new Mahalapye Public Library; and
 - (iv) if the Ministry has already secured a plot to build this new Mahalapye Public Library.
7. **MR. K. NKAWANA, MP. (SELEBI PHIKWE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Rural Development if he would consider increasing the budget allocated to Selebi Phikwe Town Council so as to specifically address maintenance issues of facilities whose usability has been deteriorating over the years due to lack of funding; in particular: **(91)**
- (i) Anne Adams Recreational Park; and
 - (ii) the Selebi Phikwe Abattoir.
8. **MR. M. I. MOSWAANE, MP. (FRANCISTOWN WEST):** To ask the Minister of Agriculture if he is aware of the Livestock Management and Infrastructure Development (LIMID) backlog and if so, what he is planning to do to solve it. **(92)**
9. **MR. K. C. HIKUAMA, MP. (NGAMI):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Rural Development to state: **(93)**
- (i) progress made so far on the establishment of Xhorotshaa Rural Area Dwellers (RADS) settlement in the North West District; and
 - (ii) the challenges that delayed the settlement of people to their new home as well as how he plans to resolve these challenges.
10. **MR. M. BALOPI, MP. (GABORONE NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Rural Development whether: **(95)**
- (i) he is aware that Gaborone City Council occasionally removes structures set up by vendors in spite of the State President's pronouncement that councils should allow the Vendors to operate and then regularisation would follow later;

- (ii) he does not consider the move to be detrimental to the livelihoods that have already been negatively impacted by an economic depression that has lasted for over two (2) years; and
- (iii) the Minister will consider advising the City Council to postpone such practice in order to give vendors who are able to rectify themselves some time to do so.

11. MR. L. LESEDI, MP. (SEROWE SOUTH): To ask the Minister of (97) Environment and Tourism:

- (i) how much it costs on average to spend a night at Botswana's most prime tourism establishments in the delta and what informs these amounts;
- (ii) why the amounts are paid in foreign currencies and not in Pula; and
- (iii) which are the most expensive camps in the delta and who owns those camps and how much they charge per night.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTION

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 be approved."

(Minister for State President)

(Resumed Debate)

CHAPTER 1, 2, 3, 4 AND 5

Review of NDP 11; Macroeconomic Strategies and Projections for TNDP

<u>Item</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Hrs/Mins</u>
Debate by Members of Parliament (Chapter 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5)	1445 – 1900 hrs	4.15

(Minister for State President)