

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(WEDNESDAY 8TH FEBRUARY, 2023)

QUESTIONS

HRS/MINS

1400 – 1445

- 1. MR. L. LESEDI, MP. (SEROWE SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Public Works to state: **(153)**
- (i) how much in total has been transferred to or withdrawn from the Road Levy Collections Fund since April 2019;
 - (ii) how much was withdrawn from this levy and transferred to the National Petroleum Fund (NPF) and what informed the decision;
 - (iii) how much was withdrawn from this levy and transferred to the COVID-19 Relief Fund and what informed the decision bearing in mind the deplorable state of our roads;
 - (iv) what was the original intention and function of the Road Levy Collections Fund and why has this fund not been utilised for its intended purpose;
 - (v) how much this fund has collected since inception and what is its current balance; and
 - (vi) if the fund has achieved its deliverables and intended purpose and if the Minister would not consider using this fund to reconstruct and upgrade roads throughout the country.
- 2. MR. W. B. MMOLOTSI, MP. (FRANCISTOWN SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Health to explain the entire process for patients to access medication at private pharmacies and how long that process takes. **(155)**

- 3. MR. T. LETSHOLO, MP. (KANYE NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Communications, Knowledge and Technology to apprise this Honourable House on the status of the Rural Industries Innovation Centre (RIIC) in Kanye; and further state: **(156)**
- (i) the Ministry's plans to use the facility for nano-technology and similar; and
 - (ii) what is the current value of the property located in Kanye and what are the buildings currently used for.
- 4. DR. N. TSHABANG, MP. (NKANGE):** To ask the Minister for State President if he is aware that retirees do not get their pension payout on time and end up being disgruntled and accruing more debts; if so: **(158)**
- (i) what causes the delay;
 - (ii) what plans are in place to remedy the situation; and
 - (iii) is there a consideration for payouts with interest for delayed cash out and payments.
- 5. MR. D. L. KEORAPETSE, MP. (SELEBI PHIKWE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Health to update this Honourable House on the number of patients or people living with disabilities in Botswana in need of wheelchairs but are without them and/or are on the waiting list at health facilities or other Government establishments; the Minister should also update and explain: **(159)**
- (i) the numbers at Selebi Phikwe Hospital specifically or health facilities in the Selebi Phikwe District Health Management Team (unbundling the figures);
 - (ii) his Ministry's targets and timelines to eradicate the backlog; and
 - (iii) how these Batswana survive without this critical equipment.
- 6. MR. T. MANGWEGAPE-HEALY, MP. (GABORONE CENTRAL):** To ask the Minister of Defence and Security to state: **(160)**
- (i) the number of prisoners in Botswana, split between citizens and foreigners;
 - (ii) the trend of this population over a period of five (5) years;
 - (iii) if prisoners are profiled and held in different prisons/segments according to the severity of their crimes;

- (iv) if prisoners undergo medical and drug tests when they get remanded; and
 - (v) if those who have been found to use drugs are given support for rehabilitation while in prison.
- 7. MR. D. SALESHANDO, MP. (MAUN WEST):** To ask the Minister of Minerals and Energy: **(161)**
- (i) to provide an update on negotiations with De Beers on the mining and sale of Botswana diamonds; and
 - (ii) to state when the negotiations started and the expected completion date.
- 8. DR. K. GOBOTSWANG, MP. (SEFHARE-RAMOKGONAMI):** To ask the Minister of Labour and Home Affairs to state the number of persons who have been given Botswana citizenship from 2018 to date by country of origin and occupation under the investor of note provision preferred by His Excellency the President, and the possible implications for the economic inclusion goal. **(162)**
- 9. MR. C. GREEFF, MP. (GABORONE BONNINGTON SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Water Affairs to state: **(163)**
- (i) the number of people in Gaborone who have queried their water bills since 2020;
 - (ii) the number of house disconnections in the Gaborone Bonnington South Constituency;
 - (iii) when Water Utilities Corporation (WUC) intends to introduce prepaid metres;
 - (iv) how many tenders for WUC were awarded since 2020;
 - (v) the total number of all tenders awarded;
 - (vi) how many of the tenders were awarded through direct appointment; and
 - (vii) how many tenders were awarded to Botswana companies versus foreign companies.

QUESTION WITHOUT NOTICE

10. MR. M. REATILE, MP. (JWANENG-MABUTSANE): To ask the Minister of Transport and Public Works to apprise this Honourable House on the following: **(165)**

- (i) if Government has introduced a Development Management Model to implement a portfolio of projects under the Transitional Development Plan, if so;
- (ii) if Government has already identified and/or appointed a Development Manager and in the context of the inclusive economic empowerment, is the Development Manager going to be a local;
- (iii) what percentage of the total cost of Transitional Development Plan and monetary value will the Development Manager cost Government;
- (iv) in the case where the appointed Development Manager is a foreigner, does this not replicate the same scenario as of Majwe Mining where Government was concerned of huge profits going to foreign companies that were engaged and the resultant capital flight;
- (v) will the Development Manager be responsible for selecting consultants, contractors and other key players for implementation of portfolio projects and if so, what criteria he/she will be using to do so; and
- (vi) by way of this undertaking has Government lost confidence on the capacity of citizen consultants to assist in implementing projects and what effect does this have on their existence growth and their participation in job creation and retention.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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SECOND READING

1445 - 1800

- Appropriation (2023/2024) Bill, 2023 (Bill No. 4 of 2023) 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, 2024.

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(Minister of Finance)

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