

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(THURSDAY 8TH DECEMBER, 2022)

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

HRS/MINS

MOTION

1100 – 1300

**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**

Item

Time

Hrs/Mins

**Debate by Members of
Parliament (Chapter 1, 2, 3, 4
and 5)**

1100 – 1300 hrs

2.00

(Minister for State President)

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. 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.
- 3. 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.
- 4. MR. L. LESEDI, MP. (SEROWE SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism: **(97)**
- (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.

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

- 5. MR. T. LETSHOLO, MP. (KANYE NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Defence and Security 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.
- 6. 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.

TABLING OF PAPERS

1. Botswana Bureau of Standards (BOBS) Annual Report, 2021/2022.
(Minister of Investment, Trade and Industry)
2. Report on the Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure from the Consolidated and Development Funds – Financial Paper No. 1 of 2022/2023.
(Chairperson of the Finance and Estimates Committee)

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Response to the Debate and Motion to approve Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 by Minister for State President	1445 – 1545 hrs	1.00

(Minister for State President)

CHAPTER 6

Sustainable Economic Development

<u>Item</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Hrs/Mins</u>
Presentation on Chapter 6: Sustainable Economic Development by Minister of Trade and Industry	1545 – 1645 hrs	1.00
Debate by Members of Parliament (Chapter 6)	1645 – 1900 hrs	2.15

(Minister of Trade and Industry)