

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(THURSDAY 9TH FEBRUARY, 2023)

QUESTIONS

HRS/MINS

1400 – 1445

- 1. 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.

- 2. 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)**

- 3. MR. D. L. KEORAPETSE, MP. (SELEBI PHIKWE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Finance to state or name the kind and number of public mega projects which have been funded through the Development Fund, Loans from International/Regional Financial Institutions or Grants from development partners since the commencement of National Development Plan 11 and to specifically enlighten this Honourable House on: **(130)**

 - (i) the amount in Pula paid to foreign owned contractors compared to Botswana owned companies and the amount paid to joint ventures between Botswana and companies owned by foreigners; and

- (ii) which foreign owned company did which project, how much it was paid and if she knows and can state how much tax it has paid to Botswana Unified Revenue Service (BURS) and how much it ploughed back as investment and the value of its corporate social investment.
- 4. MR. G. KEKGONEGILE, MP. (MAUN EAST):** To ask the Minister of Defence and Security to brief this Honourable House on the turnaround rate of arrests and investigated cases being successfully prosecuted in Courts, and in particular: **(136)**
- (i) whether prosecution rate of reported and investigated cases is high or low;
 - (ii) if low, what could be the reasons;
 - (iii) will his Ministry consider "prosecution led investigation" as a solution to cases being dismissed at the Directorate of Public Prosecutions (DPP) or Courts due to lack of evidence; and
 - (iv) if so, when is the targeted implementation date.
- 5. MR. S. J. BROOKS, MP. (KGALAGADI SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Rural Development if he is aware of the dilapidated state of the Tribal Office at McCarthy's Rust, if so, when is he planning to attend to this issue. **(128)**
- 6. MR. T. LETSHOLO, MP. (KANYE NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Entrepreneurship to apprise this Honourable House on the status of entrepreneurship and business in Botswana; in particular: **(166)**
- (i) what are Botswana's top ten (10) big-hitting companies, in terms of reputation, market value and revenue;
 - (ii) what are the top ten (10) indigenous Botswana companies by reputation, market value and revenue;
 - (iii) in general, what has caused the demise of such hopeful *Motswana-wa-sekei* enterprises such as Tlhoraboroko Construction and others; and
 - (iv) why is Botswana struggling to become an economic powerhouse; and
 - (v) what strategies are in place to make Botswana an economic powerhouse.

7. **DR. N. TSHABANG, MP. (NKANGE):** To ask the Minister of (167) Entrepreneurship to state if he:
- (i) will consider creating a local market for sale of cattle and other livestock by farmers in the Tutume, North-East and Central District who are far from the Maun and Lobatse Botswana Meat Commission (BMC) abattoirs, whom it is expensive for those farmers to sell their cattle; and
 - (ii) is in a position to update the nation on the status of the Francistown BMC abattoir.
8. **MR. D. SALESHANDO, MP. (MAUN WEST):** To ask the Minister of (169) Communications, Knowledge and Technology to provide an update on the 4G network expansion for the North West District.
9. **MR. O. RAMOGAPI, MP. (PALAPYE):** To ask the Minister of Local (170) Government and Rural Development to state:
- (i) when the Palapye internal roads and storm water drainage will be built;
 - (ii) the total number of people affected by flooding per ward in Palapye;
 - (iii) the long term solution for people affected by flooding at their homes due to lack of storm water drainage;
 - (iv) the total number of plots demarcated by physical planners or out sourced companies which are in flooding areas;
 - (v) the long term solution for those who are allocated land on a flooding area and when it will be done (timelines);
 - (vi) the total number of houses that have developed cracks at Extension 6 and the cause thereof; and
 - (vii) why physical planners demarcate plots on a flood area, shallow river or muddy area known as *Mogobe* where water lodges for a long period of time, and what that lead the land board to end up allocating plots in such areas.
10. **MR. P. MAJAGA, MP. (NATA-GWETA):** To ask the Minister of Education (171) and Skills Development to state the criteria for hiring temporary teachers and further elaborate:
- (i) if the Minister is aware that temporary teachers are usually deployed at Rural Area Development Programme (RADP) villages;
 - (ii) why this is the case; and

(iii) why he does not consider extending the three (3) months' contract to a one (1) year contract to help improve students' academic performance.

11. MR. K. C. HIKUAMA, MP. (NGAMI): To ask the Minister of Education and Skills Development to give this Honourable House a comprehensive update on the teaching of mother tongue in Botswana and introduction of local languages into the curriculum. The update should include progress made so far in preparation for:- **(173)**

- (i) formulation of both policy and legislation;
- (ii) skills training and capacity building to facilitate commencement of the use of mother tongue as an integral part of our country's education system; and
- (iii) the envisaged timeframe for commencing use of mother tongue to school children throughout Botswana.

12. MR. T. B. LUCAS, MP. (BOBONONG): To ask the Minister of Health to state: **(174)**

- (i) the criteria for one to qualify to be issued a chronic illness programme card;
- (ii) the number in Botswana who have been issued with such cards;
- (iii) the number who have been issued with these cards in the Bobirwa Sub Region; and
- (iv) whether there is any awareness programme to assist the people to know about the card.

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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