

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(MONDAY 10TH MARCH, 2025)

QUESTIONS

HRS/MINS

1400 – 1445

1. **MR. T. BOGATSU, MP. (LENTSWELETAU-LEPHEPHE):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education if she: **(237)**
- (i) will consider upgrading Kopong Junior Secondary School to a 24 stream school as it is currently an 18 stream school with the infrastructure of a nine (9) stream school and a small staff room;
 - (ii) is aware that the current total student capacity is 931 and whether it is still plausible for this ever increasing number of students to be using pit latrines; and
 - (iii) will consider building more staff houses at the school given that there are 29 staff houses and 84 teachers.
2. **MR. R. W. KAIZER, MP. (SELEBI PHIKWE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Labour and Home Affairs to update this Honourable House on the Selebi Phikwe demographic profile and to state: **(239)**
- (i) the youth labour force in the town (18-35 years);
 - (ii) the number of these youth who are unemployed and underemployed;
 - (iii) policy interventions that have been put in place to curb the skyrocketing figures of the unemployed and underemployed youth in the town; and
 - (iv) whether Government is considering unemployment allowances for the unemployed youth.
3. **DR. K. GOBOTSWANG, MP. (TSWAPONG SOUTH):** To ask the Minister for State President to update this Honourable House on the number of officers who are on F2 scale and above who are supposed to be registered by professional bodies but are not registered as required by the existing legislation. The Minister should specifically state: **(241)**

- (i) how many among the officers are paid Scarce Skills Allowance and reasons given; and
 - (ii) whether he will consider terminating this allowance for these officers since they are not entitled to the dispensation.
4. **MR. T. B. LUCAS, MP. (BOBIRWA):** To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism to state: (242)
- (i) the rationale for increasing the export permit for mophane worm (Phane) fourfold in recent times;
 - (ii) if he is aware that such a huge increase has a negative impact on the livelihoods of phane traders; and
 - (iii) if he is amenable to reducing the price of such permits.
5. **MR. A. K. KHAN, MP. (MOLEPOLOLE NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Health to state: (243)
- (i) if Sir Ketumile Masire Teaching Hospital (SKTH) is a public or private hospital;
 - (ii) the current status of SKTH in terms of how it currently operates and why it operates that way;
 - (iii) if there are any plans to change its current arrangement to benefit the public; and
 - (iv) his Ministry's long term plans on SKTH in relation to its utilisation by the public and action to relieve congestion of other Government hospitals.
6. **MR. K. C. HIKUAMA, MP. (MAUN WEST):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education to explain to this Honourable House the role of Temporary Boarding Assistants in Botswana primary and secondary schools; and to further state: (244)
- (i) the terms and conditions of their employment including salaries per month;
 - (ii) if she is happy with their terms of employment, if not, how she intends to improve them; and
 - (iii) the total number of Temporary Boarding Assistants engaged by her Ministry since 2019.

7. **MR. S. O. MAPULANGA, MP. (CHOBE):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education to update this Honourable House on: (245)
- (i) Chobe education sector structures;
 - (ii) the number of teachers in acting positions and when they will be confirmed; and
 - (iii) the number of temporary teachers in the region and when they will be employed on a permanent and pensionable basis.
8. **MR. M. MOALOSI, MP. (NKANGE):** To ask the Minister of Higher Education to state: (246)
- (i) the number of lecturers per department in each Institute of Health Sciences (IHS);
 - (ii) how long it takes to fill the positions vacated by lecturers;
 - (iii) if his Ministry intends to introduce assistant lecturers to assist students during practicals;
 - (iv) when he intends to make facilities match the standard of other universities considering that the maintenance of the facilities remains an issue; and
 - (v) if there is any intention to move IHS from the Ministry of Health to the Ministry of Higher Education.
9. **MR. M. M. PULE, MP. (KGATLENG EAST):** To ask the Minister of Health to state: (248)
- (i) measures being implemented to reduce patient waiting period in Government healthcare facilities in Botswana, specifically in Kgatleng East Constituency; and
 - (ii) if there are any planned improvements to make sure citizens receive timely medical attention without long delays.
10. **DR. U. DOW, MP. (KGATLENG WEST):** To ask the Minister of Water and Human Settlement whether regard is being had to the fact that many village compounds are fairly large and out of concern that they might be contaminated by pit-latrines, underground water in large villages is not tapped for human consumption, whether: (113)
- (i) he agrees that the untapped water is a major valuable resource that could be used for small horticulture holdings;

- (ii) his Ministry would be prepared to drill boreholes for the above use;
- (iii) if the Ministry is not so prepared, whether his Ministry would support the drilling of boreholes by clusters, groups or cooperatives for communal use and horticultural purposes; and
- (iv) he would agree to the utilisation of the water and land as suggested above as it would have economic and health benefits for participants.

11. **MR. L. BARONGWANG, MP. (MOGODITSHANE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs whether, the Mogoditshane/Thamaga Rural Administration Centre which was funded under the 2023/2024 Financial Year, will be considered in the next financial year as services are currently provided in temporary office structures which are not suitable for both council employees and the general public. **(230)**

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

HRS/MINS

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

1445 - 1900

- Appropriation (2025/2026) Bill, 2025 (Bill No. 2 of 2025) 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, 2026.

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(Minister of Finance)

(Resumed Debate)

	<u>ORG</u>	<u>MINISTRY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>HRS/MINS</u>
Day 5	1200	Administration of Justice	1445 hrs – 1615 hrs	1.30
	1300	Attorney General's Chambers	1615 hrs – 1815 hrs	2.00
	1400	Auditor General	1815 hrs – 1900 hrs	0.45