

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(TUESDAY 11TH MARCH, 2025)

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

HRS/MINS

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

0900 - 1300

- 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 6	1400	Auditor General	0900 hrs – 1015 hrs	1.15
	1800	Water and Human Settlement	1015 hrs – 1300 hrs	2.45

QUESTIONS

HRS/MINS

1400 – 1445

1. **MR. A. K. KHAN, MP. (MOLEPOLOLE NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Health to state:
 - (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.

2. **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.
3. **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.
4. **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)
5. **MR. P. M. SEGOKGO, MP. (TLOKWENG):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure if there are any intentions to expand the Zeerust road to dual carriage way from Maratanang to the border gate considering the huge traffic volume on this road. (249)

6. **MR. G. DISHO, MP. (OKAVANGO EAST):** To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism when he will consider funding community Trusts that are duly registered but currently struggling because of capacity and cashflow issues (e.g., Itekeng Community Trust which covers 7 different villages). (250)
7. **MR. J. J. FRENZEL, MP. (SHASHE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education if she is aware of the overpopulation of: (252)
- (i) students at Tlhalogang Junior Secondary School with a holding capacity of 650 but currently stands at 1200; and
 - (ii) the over double capacity of boarding students at John Nswazwi and Tlhalogang Junior Secondary Schools.
8. **MR. T. FURNITURE, MP. (TATI EAST):** To ask the Minister for State President to update this Honourable House on cross border crimes in the Tati East Constituency particularly house breakings and stock theft and measures in place to prevent such incidents. (253)
9. **MR. M. BAGAISAMANG, MP. (SHOSHONG):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to state: (254)
- (i) when plots were last allocated at Pallaroad and Dovedale villages; and
 - (ii) if there are plans to allocate plots at these villages and if so, when.
10. **MR. M. M. MOROLONG, MP. (KGATLENG CENTRAL):** To ask the Minister of Health to provide an update on the relocation of Deborah Relief Memorial (DRM) Hospital, including timelines and any plans for the inclusion of a School of Nursing in the new facility. (255)
11. **MR. C. K. JACOBS, MP. (LOBATSE):** To ask the Minister of Higher Education to apprise this Honourable House on the effectiveness of the Human Resource Development Council (HRDC); in particular: (256)
- (i) if he is satisfied that the HRDC is effectively fulfilling its mandate to align education and training programmes with the needs of the labour market; if so,
 - (ii) what accounts for congestion in the market for many training programmes and the skills mismatch between market needs and graduate skills;

- (iii) what specific measures the HRDC has implemented to address persistent skills shortages in critical sectors;
- (iv) how the HRDC monitors and evaluates the impact of its initiatives on reducing unemployment, particularly among youth and graduates;
- (v) to provide an update on the utilisation and impact of the Human Resource Development Fund (HRDF); if it is effectively supporting skills development and training; and
- (vi) challenges the HRDC is facing and how Government is addressing these to ensure the council fulfils its strategic objectives.

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Day 6	1600	Independent Electoral Commission	1445 hrs – 1645 hrs	2.00
	1700	Ombudsman	1645 hrs – 1845 hrs	2.00
	2900	Justice and Correctional Services	1845 hrs – 1900 hrs	0.15