

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(WEDNESDAY 12TH MARCH, 2025)

QUESTIONS

HRS/MINS

1400 – 1445

- 1. 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)**
- 2. 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)**
- 3. 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.
- 4. 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)**
- 5. 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.
6. **MR. L. BARONGWANG, MP. (MOGODITSHANE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to update this Honourable House on the construction and upgrading of the 27 kilometres Mogoditshane – Gabane and Mmankgodi road Project; in particular: **(251)**
- (i) how his Ministry and related departments will deal with the relocation of existing developments in an attempt to avoid delays and escalating development costs; and
 - (ii) if he will consider taking a deliberate and bold decision to reserve the project development to strictly local companies in order to boost the local market and promote/empower local contractors.
7. **MR. K. C. HIKUAMA, MP. (MAUN WEST):** To ask the Minister of Higher Education to apprise this Honourable House on the state of the Botswana Qualifications Authority (BQA) and its operational efficiency and/or challenges; and to further state on the following: **(259)**
- (i) the last time when the BQA Board met to approve programmes from tertiary institutions in Botswana; and
 - (ii) the number of University of Botswana (UB) programmes that were submitted on or before June 2024 that are still pending evaluation and approval by the BQA.
8. **MR. P. K. MOTAOSANE, MP. (THAMAGA-KUMAKWANE):** To ask the Minister of Water and Human Settlement: **(261)**
- (i) if he is aware of the water shortage in Kumakwane; and
 - (ii) how he intends to solve the problem and to state timelines.
9. **MR. R. M. LEKUTLANE, MP. (KCALAGADI NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to state: **(262)**
- (i) when Hukuntsi District Council will change its name to a neutral name as previously promised;
 - (ii) the number of staff members deployed to the district after being announced as a full district council;

- (iii) the number and salary/grades of vacant posts and when they are going to be filled;
- (iv) if the budget allocation has changed after the transition from sub district level to district and by how much;
- (v) when his Ministry intends to construct a council chamber at Hukuntsi; and
- (vi) when his Ministry intends to construct a fire station in Kgalagadi North.

10. **MR. T. BOGATSU, MP. (LENTSWELETAU-LEPHEPHE):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs if he: (263)

- (i) is aware that 9 classes are permanently taught in the open at Letsholo Primary School in Kopong;
- (ii) will consider expanding the school since there are 17 classrooms and the school roll is 980 students; and
- (iii) will consider building a staffroom for the ease of doing business.

11. **MR. K. NKAWANA, MP. (SELEBI PHIKWE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to state his Ministry's plans on the refurbishment of the Selebi Phikwe Airport and to further state the type and/or size of air crafts that will land at the airport after completing the refurbishments. (265)

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 7	1700	Ombudsman	1445 hrs – 1515 hrs	0.30
	2900	Justice and Correctional Services	1515 hrs – 1815 hrs	3.00
	2000	Environment and Tourism	1815 hrs – 1900 hrs	0.45