

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(MONDAY 13TH FEBRUARY, 2023)

QUESTIONS

HRS/MINS

1400 – 1445

- 1. MR. S. J. BROOKS, MP. (KGALAGADI SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Water Affairs to apprise this Honourable House on the water situation in the Werda cluster namely Werda, Makopong/Draaihoek, Kokotsha and Hereford; and further state: **(157)**
- (i) the Ministry's short and long term plans in this regard;
 - (ii) how long the company which is bowsing water will be engaged;
 - (iii) if the contractors are periodically changed or they are engaged on a permanent basis; and
 - (iv) the cost for bowsing water in the area during the past six (6) months.
- 2. MR. C. GREEFF, MP. (GABORONE BONNINGTON SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Defence and Security to apprise this Honourable House on the number of Police Officers who have been trained to handle cases of child abuse, Gender Based Violence, rape, murder and drugs, as they are the most common occurring cases in Botswana and further state: **(134)**
- (i) common cases that are mostly reported in the Gaborone West cluster;
 - (ii) if the Minister is satisfied with allocated resources such as staffing and others at Gaborone West Police Station, which are meant to assist in dealing with the reported cases timeously;
 - (iii) how many alleged perpetrators on all the above mentioned cases have been granted bail;
 - (iv) the repeated offences status for the past five (5) years in the Gaborone West cluster; and
 - (v) if there is any strategy to curb crime or lawlessness in this cluster in order to maintain peace and security in Gaborone.

3. MR. M. REATILE, MP. (JWANENG-MABUTSANE): To ask the Minister for State President to state: **(154)**

- (i) the number of people living with disabilities in the Jwaneng-Mabutsane Constituency; (adult, youth and children) (males and females);
- (ii) the number of children living with disabilities enrolled in pre-primary, primary, secondary and tertiary education in the Jwaneng-Mabutsane Constituency as per the Revised Disability Policy;
- (iii) the number of people living with disabilities (per gender) allocated land and housing in the Jwaneng-Mabutsane Constituency;
- (iv) the number of people living with disabilities (per gender) with registered businesses/companies and the type of businesses/companies they operate:
 - (a) the number of tenders allocated to these businesses/companies from 2018 to date; and
 - (b) the amount awarded for these tenders.

4. MR. O. REGOENG, MP. (MOLEPOLOLE NORTH): To ask the Minister of Finance to state: **(176)**

- (i) what percentage of Botswana's population is at par with the country's upper middle income status;
- (ii) what percentage of the population is in poverty level relative to the status of the country's upper middle income;
- (iii) whether owing to economic inequality, the gap between citizens, and between citizens and State/Government is getting narrower or wider as the country grows to become upper middle income; and
- (iv) considering all other variables, if the Minister is confident that by 2036 all or a significant portion of the citizenry will be at par with the country's income status.

5. MR. M. BALOPI, MP. (GABORONE NORTH): To ask the Minister of Youth, Gender, Sport and Culture to state progress made regarding the Inter-Ministerial Committee on Gender Based Violence (GBV) which was a result of a 2020 Parliamentary Motion: and further explain; **(177)**

- (i) what actions the inter-ministerial committee has to date undertaken and, if any, and whether the Minister is content with its performance; and
 - (ii) if there are any signs of improvement of GBV case statistics and, if so, whether the change can be attributed to the work, or lack of, of the committee.
- 6. MR. K. NKAWANA, MP. (SELEBI PHIKWE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism to apprise this Honourable House on: **(178)**
- (i) progress and processes put in place to collect the plastic levy; and
 - (ii) whether there are any plans to ban the use of non-essential plastic.
- 7. MR. K. K. KAPINGA, MP. (OKAVANGO):** To ask the Minister of Agriculture to update this Honourable House on progress made to resuscitate the Kgomokgwana Quarantine Camp and confirm the following: **(179)**
- (i) the exact or approximate date when the quarantine will be opened for use by farmers;
 - (ii) when artificial insemination will become accessible to farmers in the Okavango Constituency; and
 - (iii) if there is any intention to convene a farmer's day in the Okavango and if so, when such can be expected.
- 8. DR. T. MATSHEKA, MP. (LOBATSE):** To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism to update this Honourable House on progress made to date in making Botswana a Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, and Exhibitions and Tourism Hub notwithstanding the setting in of the **Covid-19** Pandemic. **(180)**
- 9. MR. B. MATHOOTHE, MP. (SEROWE NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Agriculture to state: **(181)**
- (i) if he is aware of the state of the Milk Processing Plant in Serowe;
 - (ii) the projected budget to getting the plant up and running as well as the remedial actions in place;
 - (iii) what is the maintenance plan for the plant and to further explain the multifunctional parts of the plant that affect its operational efficiency; and
 - (iv) when it was budgeted for and what was the cause of delay.

10. MR. L. LESEDI, MP. (SEROWE SOUTH): To ask the Minister of Defence and Security to state: **(182)**

- (i) the number of cash in transit heists, bank robberies and Automated Teller Machines (ATM) blasts that have occurred from April 2018 to date and what causes the escalation of such incidents;
- (ii) how much in cash has been stolen in all the heists, bank robberies and ATM blasts and what accounts for a rise and proliferation in such incidences;
- (iii) how much has been recovered and how much still remains unrecovered and how this has affected cash flow in the banking system and economic stability;
- (iv) to explain why the police and law enforcements are unable to control and curb such heists and the groups and individuals behind the heists;
- (v) if his Ministry would not consider deploying retired police and Botswana Defence Force personnel to assist law enforcement or arming security companies to control increasing heists and ATM blasts;
- (vi) what interventions the Ministry has put in place to fight the emergence of heists and nip their escalation in the bud.

11. MR. W. B. MMOLOTSI, MP. (FRANCISTOWN SOUTH): To ask the Minister of Lands and Water Affairs to update this Honourable House on the use of water smart metres in Botswana. **(183)**

12. MR. T. MANGWEGAPE-HEALY, MP. (GABORONE CENTRAL): To ask the Minister of Defence and Security to state:- **(168)**

- (i) how secure our borders are in detecting the passage of drugs;
- (ii) what the Ministry is doing about proliferation of heavy drugs in the country; and
- (iii) if penalties for dealing with drugs will be increased, specifically targeting traffickers and their handlers instead of focusing on possession.

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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