

**BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**ORDER PAPER**

**(TUESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2023)**

**QUESTIONS**

**HRS/MINS**

**1400 – 1445**

- 1. 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.
  
- 2. 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.
  
- 3. MR. F. T. LEUWE, MP. (TAKATOKWANE):** To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism to state: **(184)**

  - (i) regions or villages which the Tropic of Capricorn passes through in Botswana; and
  - (ii) if the Ministry has any plans to demarcate or mark for visibility where the line passes to stimulate the tourism sector in those areas.

- 4. MR. S. N. MOABI, MP. (TATI WEST):** To ask the Minister of Defence and Security whether he intends to introduce any measures or steps to curb the increasing rate of Automated Teller Machine (ATM) bombings, armed robberies, kidnappings, torturing of women and children and Gender Based Violence (GBV) incidents. **(185)**
- 5. MR. T. LETSHOLO, MP. (KANYE NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Trade and Industry to articulate the success of the restriction on imported baked products; in particular: **(186)**
- (i) what key performance indicators is the Ministry using to evaluate the effectiveness and value creation of the initiative;
  - (ii) how much value has been localised as a result; and
  - (iii) elucidate on the perception that the move has primarily benefited supermarket chains instead of targeted individual Batswana, small businesses and local bakeries.
- 6. DR. N. TSHABANG, MP. (NKANGE):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Rural Development: **(187)**
- (i) if he will consider construction of an additional primary school in Tutume village given its population size; and
  - (ii) to give an update on the demographics required for a large centre to have an additional primary school.
- 7. MR. D. L. KEORAPETSE, MP. (SELEBI PHIKWE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Finance to update this Honourable House on household debt in the country including consumer debt and mortgage loans; the Minister should specifically state and explain how much in total is owed by Batswana to lenders and: **(188)**
- (i) the number of micro lending establishments and related companies like pawn shops and how much in total Batswana owe to these companies;
  - (ii) the number of commercial banks or other types of banks and the amount owed to these financial institutions;
  - (iii) whether there is price regulation for micro lenders or related companies in terms of percentage charged;
  - (iv) what is Government's take home policy for married, unmarried persons and industrial class employees and when was this last updated; and
  - (v) whether Government is doing something to relieve Batswana of the debt pandemic.

- 8. MR. T. MANGWEGAPE-HEALY, MP. (GABORONE CENTRAL):** To ask the Minister of Labour and Home Affairs: **(189)**
- (i) to state the number of retrenchment requests issued to the Commissioner;
  - (ii) how many people have been retrenched since 2019; and
  - (iii) to give an update on the merger of parastatals and expected number of job losses.
- 9. MR. D. SALESHANDO, MP. (MAUN WEST):** To ask the Minister of Minerals and Energy to state: **(190)**
- (i) why Debswana, given its strategic importance to the economy of Botswana, operated under the care of an acting Chief Executive Officer for an extended period;
  - (ii) factors that made it difficult to appoint a substantive Chief Executive Officer within a reasonable time; and
  - (iii) which of the existing shareholders proposed the current Chief Executive Officer and why any of the internal employees were not appointed to the post.
- 10. DR. K. GOBOTSWANG, MP. (SEFHARE-RAMOKGONAMI):** To ask the Minister of Finance to state: **(191)**
- (i) if she is aware of the condition of staff housing at Martin's Drift Border Post; and
  - (ii) what plans are in place to address the appalling housing situation that has the potential to affect staff morale.
- 11. MR. O. RAMOGAPI, MP. (PALAPYE):** To ask the Minister of Trade and Industry to state: **(192)**
- (i) the names of companies and directors who have invested in poultry, broilers, layers and all types of poultry feeds;
  - (ii) if there is no monopoly in the sector, if so;
  - (iii) what he is doing to rectify the situation; and if not,
  - (iv) if he will consider investigating and reporting the findings to this Honourable House, stating timelines.
- 12. MR. G. KEKGONEGILE, MP. (MAUN EAST):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Public Works to brief this Honourable House on the influence of climate change in architectural design of both public and private housing given extreme weathers (both high and low) depending on geographical area, and in particular: **(193)**

- (i) if the Ministry intends to table a new policy or review the current policy to accommodate high and low temperature experiences in housing designs;
- (ii) what features the Ministry intends to include in the new designs; and
- (iii) whether the initiative includes provision of air conditioners in public servants' housing especially in extremely hot areas such as Kgalagadi, Ghanzi and North West.

**NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY**

**HRS/MINS**

**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 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2024.

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(Minister of Finance)

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