

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(WEDNESDAY 14TH AUGUST, 2024)

QUESTIONS

HRS/MINS

1400 – 1445

- 1. MR. J. L. THIITE, MP. (GHANZI NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Communications, Knowledge and Technology to provide an update on the implementation of the SmartBots Village Connectivity project in Ghanzi District settlements, specifically addressing: **(353)**
- (i) the specific objectives and key components of the project;
 - (ii) any challenges or obstacles faced in the execution of the project;
 - (iii) the anticipated timelines for completion and activation of the SmartBots Village Connectivity in all settlements in Ghanzi District;
 - (iv) the measures in place for monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of the project in improving access to communication services; and
 - (v) whether he is aware of concerns by residents of Ghanzi settlements regarding the quality of cell phone network reception and radio signal and the steps being taken to address these issues.
- 2. MR. M. REATILE, MP. (JWANENG-MABUTSANE):** To ask the Minister of Entrepreneurship to state: **(355)**
- (i) how his Ministry supports small business development and small business owners in rural areas with low literacy rates, ensuring that they have access to training, mentorship and financial assistance to grow their businesses; and
 - (ii) if there are specific programmes designed to help small and micro entrepreneurs in these rural areas overcome literacy-related barriers to business success.

- 3. MR. T. LETSHOLO, MP. (KANYE NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Minerals and Energy to apprise this Honourable House on the state of electricity distribution in Botswana as well as the progress and plans for electricity infrastructure and electricity extension to the villages in Kanye North, Kanye South and Boteti East Constituencies, further: **(356)**
- (i) what is the number of transformers required in each village within the mentioned constituencies to fulfil the requisite electricity extension;
 - (ii) explain the budget necessary to address this need and shortage and when the allocation and execution of this project are planned;
 - (iii) what is the duration for which residents of these villages have been waiting for access to electricity; and
 - (iv) what is the Minister's perspective on the current distribution of electricity across Botswana, including whether he is satisfied with its status.
- 4. MR. K. NKAWANA, MP. (SELEBI PHIKWE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Labour and Home Affairs to state whether there are plans to open an Omang office at Mmadinare. **(357)**
- 5. MR. M. G. J. MOTSAMAI, MP. (GHANZI SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Youth, Gender, Sport and Culture to state: **(358)**
- (i) when the Botswana National Library Service Act will be reviewed in order to align it with modern information needs; and
 - (ii) why it has taken long for it to be reviewed.
- 6. MR. M. I. MOSWAANE, MP. (FRANCISTOWN WEST):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Rural Development to state: **(359)**
- (i) how many (in kilometres) of internal roads are needed in Gerald Estates, Moselewapula and Kanana; and
 - (ii) how much the project will cost.
- 7. MR. K. C. HIKUAMA, MP. (NGAMI):** To ask the Minister of Defence and Security to apprise this Honourable House on the state of the long closed Dibete Police building/offices; including, the exact cause(s) of not using the building and to further state: **(360)**
- (i) what his Ministry is doing to ensure that the building is functional and serves its initial purpose;

- (ii) if there are any specific plans and time set for the renovation of this building;
 - (iii) how the closure of this building has impacted service provision to the public;
 - (iv) how the closure has affected the performance of Police Officers looking at issues of productivity and morale of officers at that Police Station; and
 - (v) if it would be wrong to conclude that Government does not care about the welfare of both Police Officers and the public who are meant to use this facility.
- 8. DR. K. GOBOTSWANG, MP. (SEFHARE-RAMOKGONAMI):** To ask the Minister of Defence and Security if he is aware of the existence of anti-stock theft crime prevention volunteers or *Mephato* in the Sefhare-Ramokgonami Constituency and what he is doing to support as well as facilitate them in their noble endeavor; he should specifically state: **(361)**
- (i) if he is aware of the recent unfortunate incident where one of the anti-stock theft volunteers lost his life during a violent confrontation with suspected livestock thieves; and
 - (ii) whether he will consider consolidating and rationalising the community policing cluster volunteers and anti-stock theft crime prevention volunteers.
- 9. MR. O. RAMOGAPI, MP. (PALAPYE):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Public Works to brief this Honourable House on the public transport situation in Palapye in particular stating the following: **(362)**
- (i) lack of combis in Palapye to assist the public whereas there are some people that have such permits. If the answer is in the affirmative what action has been taken; and
 - (ii) challenges of taxi operators (bearing in mind that there is one Government) such as poor roads that hinders them to ferry the public to their destination at Extension 7,8,9,10 and other surrounding areas.
- 10. MR. T. B. LUCAS, MP. (BOBONONG):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Public Works to give a detailed progress report on the Platjan-Mathathane road construction project indicating the expected commencement and completion dates for the project. **(363)**

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

HRS/MINS

SECOND READING

1445 – 1800

1. Deputy Sheriffs Bill, 2024 (Bill No. 22 of 2024)

An Act to provide for the appointment, supervision, monitoring and regulation of the conduct of Deputy Sheriffs, the establishment of a Board and a Fidelity Fund for Deputy Sheriffs, and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(Published on 30th July, 2024)

(Minister of Justice)

(Resumed Debate)
2. High Court (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (Bill No. 21 of 2024)

An Act to amend the High Court Act.

(Published on 30th July, 2024)

(Minister of Justice)
3. Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (Bill No. 26 of 2024)

An Act to amend the Citizenship Act.

(Published on 1st August, 2024)

(Minister of Labour and Home Affairs)
4. National Registration (Amendment) (NO. 2) Bill, 2024 (Bill No. 25 of 2024)

An Act to amend the National Registration Act.

(Published on 1st August, 2024)

(Minister of Labour and Home Affairs)
5. Births and Deaths Registration Bill, 2024 (Bill No. 24 of 2024)

An Act to re-enact the Births and Deaths Registration Act with amendments to regulate the registration of births, still-births and deaths; and for matters connected thereto.

(Published on 1st August, 2024)

(Minister of Labour and Home Affairs)

6. Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (Bill No. 2 of 2024) An Act to amend the Citizenship Act.

(Published on 23rd February, 2024)

(Mr. G. Kekgonegile, MP. – Maun East)

(Resumed Debate)

COMMITTEE STAGE

- Access to Information Bill, 2024 (Bill No. 15 of 2024) An Act to provide for the right of members of the public to access information in the possession of public authorities.

(Published on 26th July, 2024)

(Minister for State President)