

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(WEDNESDAY 14TH DECEMBER, 2022)

QUESTIONS

HRS/MINS

1400 – 1445

- 1. MR. C. GREEFF, MP. (GABORONE BONNINGTON SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Education and Skills Development to apprise this Honourable House on the status of schools under his ministry in Gaborone (Junior and Secondary Schools): and further state; **(105)**

 - (i) whether the Minister is satisfied with their staffing situation as per levels mentioned above;
 - (ii) how many teachers are not accommodated in institutional houses and how many are sharing accommodation in all schools under Gaborone Bonnington South constituency;
 - (iii) if there are teachers who are protected by the Ministry management and are non-transferable out of Gaborone, if any state reasons why they cannot be transferred; and
 - (iv) what is the Ministry's strategy to alleviate this anomaly if any.

- 2. MR. T. B. LUCAS, MP. (BOBONONG):** To ask the Minister of Education and Skills Development: **(108)**

 - (i) to update this Honourable House on the number of teachers who have been stuck at C1 Salary scale for the following number of years:
 - (a) 5-9 years
 - (b) 10-14 years
 - (c) 15-19 years
 - (d) 20-24 years
 - (e) +25 years

- (ii) does the Ministry have any plans to deal with the progression stagnation at C1 Salary scale in the teaching fraternity;
 - (iii) to state whether there are any insights that can be drawn from the PEMANDU report and if so, what are those insights and when does the Ministry intend to implement them.
- 3. MR. T. MANGWEGAPE-HEALY, MP. (GABORONE CENTRAL): To ask the Minister of Finance: (102)**
- (i) to outline the trend of profitability and employment in Botswana's commercial banks; and
 - (ii) if the Minister is not concerned that banks remain profitable by outsourcing some job services to their foreign domiciled parent companies thus starving the country of employment opportunities.
- 4. MR. S. J. BROOKS, MP. (K GALAGADI SOUTH): To ask the Minister of Transport and Public Works to apprise this Honourable House on old or unoccupied pool houses in Kgalagadi South: and further state: (110)**
- (i) these unoccupied houses per village;
 - (ii) what is his plan regarding these houses; and
 - (iii) how many and which departments are still short of accommodation.
- 5. MR. W. B. MMOLOTSI, MP. (FRANCISTOWN SOUTH): To ask the Minister of Education and Skills Development if he will consider providing sponsorship for students to pursue online programmes at accredited institutions of learning. (111)**
- 6. MR. S. N. MOABI, MP. (TATI WEST): To ask the Minister of Finance to state steps her Ministry is taking to help educate the public on ways to alleviate the cost of living crisis. (113)**
- 7. MR. T. LETSHOLO, MP. (KANYE NORTH): To ask the Minister of Youth, Gender, Sport and Culture to apprise this Honourable House on football players from Kanye and Tswapong areas currently in the Premier League and over the last ten (10) years; and to explain the following: (114)**
- (i) the significance of numbers in the two (2) areas compared to other regions in Botswana;

- (ii) if the Ministry can confirm that all premier league teams have players from Kanye and Tswapong at any given point, and if so, why is the Ministry slow or overlooking these two (2) areas when it comes to construction of stadiums; and
 - (iii) when are we going to see the construction of stadiums in Kanye and Tswapong.
- 8. MR. M. I. MOSWAANE, MP. (FRANCISTOWN WEST):** To ask the Minister of Education and Skills Development if he is aware that schools in the North East Region is in dire need of photocopying equipment as the current equipment is not working and if so: **(115)**
- (i) whether this situation does not affect teachers' productivity as well as students' performance; and
 - (ii) what the Minister is doing to remedy the situation.
- 9. MR. K. C. HIKUAMA, MP. (NGAMI):** To ask the Minister of Agriculture to update this Honourable House on progress made so far by his Ministry and Government in accessing the Arab small market, after the announcement made by His Excellency the President of Botswana Dr. Mokgweetsi Eric Keabetswe Masisi in the previous State of Nation Addresses. **(116)**
- 10. MR. J. L. THIITE, MP. (GHANZI NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Rural Development whether in view of the dire shortage of grazing land for Rural Area Dwellers (RADs) residing in the Kuke settlement, his Ministry will consider assisting the Kuke RADs with a Rural Area Development Programme (RADP) farm as is the case with other settlements; if not, why not and if so, when. **(117)**
- 11. MR. O. REGOENG, MP. (MOLEPOLOLE NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Education and Skills Development to update this Honourable House on: **(118)**
- (i) the improvement made in terms of number of students intake at Molepolole Institute of Health Sciences this year, considering the basic fact that the Institute was magnificently designed and tailor-made for offering seven (7) different programmes being; General Nursing, Midwifery, Community Health, Pharmacy Technicians, Ophthalmic, Family Welfare Planning and Public Health; and
 - (ii) whether the Minister is aware of the extent of acute shortage of trained professionals in the above mentioned fields currently besieging Government health facilities in Molepolole and the country at large.

- 12. MR. M. BALOPI, MP. (GABORONE NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Water Affairs to brief this Honourable House on the situation of residential plot allocation in Botswana and whether Government does not consider it a concern and to further state: **(119)**
- (i) what is the current total waiting list nationally and particularly in Gaborone;
 - (ii) how many plots were allocated nationally over the last five (5) years and how many in Gaborone, in particular;
 - (iii) how many plots are expected to be allocated within the current financial year; and
 - (iv) what are the limiting factors in the manner land is allocated within a reasonable time so that people do not have to wait for as long as over ten (10) year in some areas.

QUESTION WITHOUT NOTICE

- 13. MR. G. KEKGONEGILE, MP. (MAUN EAST):** To ask the Minister of Communications, Knowledge and Technology to brief this Honourable House on the retrenchment taking place at Botswana Telecommunications Corporation (BTC) and in particular: **(151)**
- (i) how many workers are being retrenched and what is the total establishment at BTC;
 - (ii) how many times the BTC has retrenched in the past twenty (20) years;
 - (iii) in which years BTC retrenchin the past 20 years;
 - (iv) why is BTC retrenching so often;
 - (v) has the retrenchment package been agreed upon by both the Union and BTC Management if not, why has a social dialogue basis principle not been adhered to;
 - (vi) does the current retrenchment payment formula reward workers better than the BTC 2018 retrenchment package; if not, why not; and
 - (vii) what is the BTC financial position for the past three (3) years; has the company been profitable; if so, why is it retrenching.

TABLING OF A PAPER

- National Development Bank Annual Report 2019/2020.

(Minister of Finance)

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

HRS/MINS

MOTION

1445 – 1900

APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT SECOND TRANSITIONAL NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN: APRIL 2023–MARCH 2025

- “That this Honourable House resolves that the Draft Second Transitional National Development Plan (TNDP): April 2023–March 2025 be approved.”

(Minister for State President)

(Resumed Debate)

CHAPTER 9

Governance, Peace and Security

<u>Item</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Hrs/Mins</u>
Presentation on Chapter 9: Governance, Peace and Security by Minister of Defence and Security	1445 – 1530 hrs	0.45
Debate by Members of Parliament (Chapter 9)	1530 – 1800 hrs	2.30
Response to the Debate and Motion to approve Chapter 9 by Minister of Defence and Security	1800 – 1830 hrs	0.30

(Minister of Defence and Security)

CHAPTER 10

Implementation, Monitoring and Evaluation

<u>Item</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Hrs/Mins</u>
Presentation on Chapter 10: Implementation, Monitoring and Evaluation by Minister for State President	1830 – 1900 hrs	0.30

(Minister for State President)