

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(THURSDAY 15TH AUGUST, 2024)

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QUESTIONS

HRS/MINS

1400 – 1445

- 1. 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.
- 2. 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.
- 3. 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.
- 4. 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.
- 5. 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.
- 6. MR. T. B. LUCAS, MP. (BOBONONG):** To ask the Minister of Trade and Industry to give a detailed progress report on the Platjan-Mathathane road construction project indicating the expected commencement and completion dates for the project. **(363)**
- 7. MR. G. KEKGONEGILE, MP. (MAUN EAST):** To ask the Minister of Defence and Security to brief this Honourable House on progress of the implementation of Directorate of Public Service Management (DPSM) Directive on payments of delayed progression at his Ministry and to further state: **(364)**
- (i) if the Botswana Police Services and Botswana Prisons Services are affected by the implementation of the Directive; if so,
 - (ii) how many are affected per institution and at what rank, how many have been paid so far and if none has been paid;
 - (iii) why and when will they be paid.
- 8. MR. F. T. LEUWE, MP. (TAKATOKWANE):** To ask the Minister of Minerals and Energy when the villages of Tshwaane and Kaudwane in the Takatokwane Constituency will be electrified. **(365)**

9. **MR. W. B. MMOLOTSI, MP. (FRANCISTOWN SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs to state: **(367)**
- (i) number of countries and the frequency His Excellency the President visited in the last five (5) years and the reasons thereof; and
 - (ii) what has been the return on investment from the said trips.
10. **MR. J. L. THIITE, MP. (GHANZI NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Minerals and Energy whether the Kuke and Qabo settlements in Ghanzi District have been included in the Financial Year 2024/25 for the connection of electricity, as assured by the Minister when answering a Parliamentary Question on Tuesday 11th April, 2023 and to further state: **(368)**
- (i) progress on the design phase for electricity connection at Kuke and Qabo settlements;
 - (ii) if a budget has been allocated for this project and if so, to state the specific amount earmarked for the connection;
 - (iii) the status of the planned electricity connections for Bere and Kacage settlements and if they are included in any upcoming financial planning;
 - (iv) measures to expedite the electrification process in Kuke and Qabo settlements to meet the communities urgent needs; and
 - (v) progress made in the implementation of solar photovoltaic projects in Ghanzi and identify which specific villages are to be connected through these initiatives.
11. **MR. M. REATILE, MP. (JWANENG-MABUTSANE):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Rural Development: **(370)**
- (i) if there are any infrastructure projects that are planned or ongoing in the rural settlements in the Jwaneng-Mabutsane Constituency to improve road connectivity, access to clean water and electricity services;
 - (ii) how his Ministry is ensuring that these rural settlements have reliable and sustainable infrastructure that can support economic development and better living conditions;

- (iii) if there are any infrastructure projects planned or ongoing in each of the Rural Area Development Programme (RADP) settlements in the Jwaneng-Mabutsane Constituency to improve road connectivity, education access, clean water and electricity services;
- (iv) how many water, education and electricity projects have been executed for each settlement from 2019 to date;
- (v) how his Ministry ensures the development of reliable and sustainable infrastructure in these rural settlements to support economic development and better living conditions; and
- (vi) what initiatives or projects are in place to diversify income through the utilisation of indigenous knowledge and natural resources such as cactus and aloe vera, for creating exportable products or processes, including manufacturing units of goods from cactus and aloe vera.

12. MR. T. LETSHOLO, MP. (KANYE NORTH): To ask the Minister of Local Government and Rural Development to apprise this Honourable House on the distribution of assets and the challenges faced by new districts resulting from the reorganisation of District Councils, particularly the former Central and Southern District Councils; more particularly: **(371)**

- (i) provide a comprehensive list of all the movable assets that were distributed during the reorganisation of these two (2) councils and how each new council formed from this reorganisation benefited from the distribution of these assets;
- (ii) apprise this Honourable House on the criteria used for the distribution of these assets;
- (iii) is it accurate that there are projects in the new districts that are still being supervised from the former district's headquarters; if so, please list these projects and explain the reasons why they have not been transferred to the new districts;
- (iv) considering the situation mentioned at (iii), when does the Ministry anticipate that the new councils will have the capacity to manage and execute their projects independently, especially given that the establishment and officer positions are similar in terms of position and salary scale; and

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