

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(THURSDAY 16TH FEBRUARY, 2023)

LEADER OF THE HOUSE'S QUESTION TIME

HRS/MINS

1400 – 1445

THEME: PROGRESS ON RESET AGENDA

- To ask the Leader of the House:
 - (i) to apprise this Honourable House on the Reset Agenda progress and challenges;
 - (ii) what monitoring and evaluation tools are put in place.

(Mr. T. Mangwegape-Healy, MP. – Gaborone Central)

QUESTIONS

1. **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.
2. **MR. L. LESEDI, MP. (SEROWE SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism: **(204)**
 - (i) what has caused rhino poaching to spiral out of control in the last four (4) years;

- (ii) to avail statistics and the number of rhinos that have been poached and those that died from natural causes since April 2018;
- (iii) why some rhinos were allegedly moved to Ghanzi, how many were moved and how many died due to mishandling during the relocation;
- (iv) how many rhinos were recently killed at Khama Rhino Sanctuary and how poachers managed to gain access to the Sanctuary as it is a highly protected area; and further state
- (v) how many endangered white backed vultures have been reported dead in Botswana in the last two (2) years; and
- (vi) interventions if any, being carried out to control poaching and possible extinction of endangered species.

3. MR. T. LETSHOLO, MP. (KANYE NORTH): To ask the Minister of Entrepreneurship to apprise this Honourable House on the status of entrepreneurship and business in Botswana; in particular: **(166)**

- (i) what are Botswana's top ten (10) big-hitting companies, in terms of reputation, market value and revenue;
- (ii) what are the top ten (10) indigenous Botswana companies by reputation, market value and revenue;
- (iii) in general, what has caused the demise of such hopeful *Motswana-wa-sekei* enterprises such as Tlhoraboroko Construction and others; and
- (iv) why is Botswana struggling to become an economic powerhouse; and
- (v) what strategies are in place to make Botswana an economic powerhouse.

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.

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

- 5. DR. N. TSHABANG, MP. (NKANGE):** To ask the Minister for State President **(208)** if he is aware of complaints about the new Government policy on live broadcasting of Parliament, in particular the decision to not beam the House proceedings live on the normal Botswana Television (BTV) channel accessible by many Batswana; if yes, or no he should, state:
- (i) what the new policy is and why it was decided upon, explaining the ill he sought to cure;
 - (ii) the name of the device Batswana should procure to access live Parliament proceedings, where it can be bought and how much it costs;
 - (iii) explain in detail the harm the state would suffer if the live Parliament proceedings was to revert to what it was before the recent change; and
 - (iv) why when His Excellency the President or the Minister of Finance presents speeches to Parliament, there is return to previous arrangement which results in wider access by ordinary Batswana.
- 6. MR. D. SALESHANDO, MP. (MAUN WEST):** To ask the Minister of Entrepreneurship to state when the Bill on Economic Inclusion was assented to by His Excellency the President; he should further state the following: **(209)**
- (i) the date on which implementation of the Law commenced;
 - (ii) if there are any Regulations that have been adopted as part of Subsidiary Legislation to assist with the implementation of the same Law;
 - (iii) if any local companies have benefited from the implementation of the Law; if the answer is in the affirmative, the Minister should state companies that have so benefited;
 - (iv) explain how companies that wish to benefit from the provisions of the Law should proceed and which Government office they should approach; and

- (v) in the absence of Regulations, the Minister should state who qualifies as “targeted Motswana”.

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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(Minister of Finance)

(Resumed Debate)