

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(FRIDAY 16TH AUGUST, 2024)

MINISTER'S QUESTION TIME

HRS/MINS

0900 - 0945

- Minister of Agriculture

THEME: BUFFALO INCURSION IN ZONE 3B, 3C & 6A

To ask the Minister of Agriculture to brief this Honourable House on progress thus far in driving away stray buffaloes from grazing land at Zones 3B, 3C & 6A and further state:

- (i) how far the Ministry is with disease surveillance in terms of area and cattle crushes covered;
- (ii) if there is any sign that the buffaloes might be having Foot and Mouth (FMD);
- (iii) when the Ministry intends to reduce restrictions on movement of live cloven hooved animals and their fresh produce into Zone 3B, 3C & 6A;
- (iv) how buffalo incursions have affected farmers in these three zones economically;
- (v) in view of the declaration of a drought year by His Excellency the President and the incursion of stray buffaloes that has stopped movement of cloven hooved animals, are there any plans by Government to assist farmers in Zone 3B, 3C & 6A to cushion them against this challenge; and
- (vi) the status of the disease control fence along Botswana and Zimbabwe around the Sepako area.

(Mr. P. Majaga, MP. – Nata/Gweta)

QUESTIONS

1. **MR. M. I. MOSWAANE, MP. (FRANCISTOWN WEST):** To ask the Minister (359) of Local Government and Rural Development to state:
 - (i) how many (in kilometres) of internal roads are needed in Gerald Estates, Moselewapula and Kanana; and

(ii) how much the project will cost.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. 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.

**MOTION FOR THE ADJOURNMENT – DEFINITE
MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE**

- “That this Honourable House requests Government to consider waiving the requirements by Land Boards to advertise available civic and community plots which are tendered for by local Batswana churches particularly in their territories or jurisdictions as it takes long for these churches to be allocated land.”

(Mr. P. P. P. Moatlhodi, MP. – Tonota)

(Resumed Debate)

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

HRS/MINS

MOTIONS

0945 – 1230

REVAMPING SELEBI PHIKWE ECONOMY

1. “That this Honourable House requests Government to consider revamping Selebi Phikwe economy through the mining industry by relocating the Department of Mines Headquarters to the town, prioritising the town for base metal processing plants such as smelters, refineries and manufacturing facilities; establishing a national Nickel and Copper Mining Museum; favouring the town for major mining events; and moving the Department of Mining and Geological Engineering of the College of Engineering and Technology at the Botswana International University of Science and Technology (BIUST) from Palapye to Selebi Phikwe for the purpose of establishing BIUST Phikwe Campus among other workable current and past initiatives.”

(Mr. D. L. Keorapetse, MP. – Selebi Phikwe West)

(Resumed Debate)

**GOVERNMENT TO CONSIDER ASSISTING
FARMERS TO DRILL BOREHOLES**

2. “That this Honourable House requests Government to consider assisting farmers to drill boreholes in their farms in order to encourage food security and food self-sufficiency.”

(Mr. W. B. Mmolotsi, MP. – Francistown South)

**RELOCATION OF PRIMARY HEALTH CARE TO THE
MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

3. “That this Honourable House requests Government to relocate Primary Health Care to the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development.”

(Mr. F. T. Leuwe, MP. – Takatokwane)

**REVIEW OF THE POLICY ON ALLOCATION OF
BOREHOLES IN COMMUNAL AREAS**

4. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider reviewing the current policy concerning the allocation of boreholes in communal areas with a view to reduce the radius between boreholes from six (6) kilometres to four (4) kilometres in order to reduce the over concentration of cattle around limited boreholes resulting in over grazing."

(Dr. K. Gobotswang, MP. – Sefhare-Ramokgonami)

**SPECIAL SELECT COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE
BILLING SYSTEM AT WATER UTILITIES CORPORATION (WUC)**

5. "That this Honourable House resolves to setup a Special Select Committee as per the Standing Order to investigate on the water billing system at Water Utilities Corporation."

(Mr. O. Ramogapi, MP. – Palapye)

**DECLARATION OF GABORONE MAIN MALL
A SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE**

6. "That this Honourable House requests Government to declare Gaborone Main Mall as part of Special Economic Zone geared towards the creative sector and entertainment hub."

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

(Resumed Debate)

INSTALLATION OF BACKUP GENERATORS

7. "That this Honourable House requests Government to install backup generators in all Government clinics in the Takatokwane Constituency as a matter of urgency."

(Mr. F. T. Leuwe, MP. – Takatokwane)

INCENTIVES FOR LONG SERVING CIVIL SERVANTS

8. "That this Honourable House requests Government to introduce an incentives programme for long serving civil servants to incentivise them to take early retirement and make way for younger, more able-bodied graduates with the right skill sets and qualifications so that they get an opportunity for employment in Government."

(Mr. B. Mathoothe, MP. – Serowe North)

**INTRODUCTION OF A POLICY THAT COMPELS SUPERMARKETS TO SUB
CONTRACT THEIR IN-HOUSE BUTCHERIES AND BAKERIES**

9. "That this Honourable House requests Government to come up with a policy that compels supermarkets to sub-contract their in-house butcheries and bakeries to 100% citizen owned businesses in which the supermarket owners are not shareholders as a way of making up for mainstay businesses such as bakeries and general dealers which have generally closed down due to being outmuscled by supermarkets."

(Mr. M. Balopi, MP. – Gaborone North)

INTRODUCTION OF A RURAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME

10. "That this Honourable House requests Government to introduce a Rural Water Supply Scheme in order to promote economic and social upliftment of the rural communities."

(Mr. K. C. Hikuama, MP. – Ngami)

AMENDMENT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACT

11. "That this Honourable House requests Government to amend the Public Health Act in order to give the Director of Health Services powers to be able to contain and control the outbreak and spread of any disease without the need for His Excellency the President to rule by decree in a protracted State of Emergency."

(Mr. L. Lesedi, MP. – Serowe South)

DESIGNATING MAUN A SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE

12. "That this Honourable House resolves that Maun be designated a Special Economic Zone for tourism."

(Mr. D. Saleshando, MP. – Maun West)

REGULATION OF INTERNATIONAL SELF DRIVE CUSTOMERS

13. "That this Honourable House requests Government to regulate international self-drive customers to utilise local companies in undertaking their game drives and related activities in local National Parks and Game Reserves in an effort to promote economic inclusion of locals in the tourism industry."

(Mr. G. Kekgonegile, MP. – Maun East)

GOVERNMENT TO EXPEDITE ALLOCATION OF PLOTS

14. "That this Honourable House requests Government to expedite the allocation of plots earmarked for Self Help Housing Agency (SHAA) Project and business in Sowa Town."

(Mr. P. Majaga, MP. – Nata-Gweta)

REVIEW OF SPEDU INCENTIVES

15. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider reviewing SPEDU incentives to boost domestic and foreign investment."

(Mr. D. L. Keorapetse, MP. – Selebi Phikwe West)

GOVERNMENT TO EVOLVE A COMPREHENSIVE RURAL INDUSTRIALISATION STRATEGY

16. "That this Honourable House requests Government to expeditiously evolve a comprehensive rural industrialisation strategy with clear resource allocations and timelines to address unemployment and poverty in rural areas."

(Mr. T. B. Lucas, MP. – Bobonong)

QUOTA FOR LAND ALLOCATION TO CHURCHES

17. "That this Honourable House requests Government to set a quota of at least 30 percent for land allocation to churches on advertised plots and further demarcate plots to be specifically allocated to churches only."

(Mr. O. Ramogapi, MP. – Palapye)

BANNING OF NON-ESSENTIAL PLASTICS

18. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider banning the use of non-essential plastics."

(Mr. K. Nkawana, MP. – Selebi Phikwe East)

CREATION OF A CITY/TOWN IN THE NORTH WEST REGION

19. "That this Honourable House requests Government to create a city/town in the North West Region given that the North West Region is underdeveloped, but it could be the hub of tourism with a city/town that fits a tourism hub status in terms of infrastructural development and services. This is the Region which is home to Okavango River, Thamalakane River, Lake Ngami and a wide range of flora and fauna. Creation of a tourism city in this Region would not only put the country in a better position to exploit the rich natural resources found in the Region and to create jobs, but also because the country is ready for an additional city to alleviate crowding in the existing towns and cities."

(Mr. K. C. Hikuama, MP. – Ngami)

AMENDMENT OF THE PUBLIC HOLIDAYS ACT

20. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider amending the Public Holidays Act so that it reads "if a public holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the Monday becomes a public holiday" as opposed to reading "if the public holidays listed fall on a Sunday then the Monday shall be a public holiday" as it has now become common that if a holiday falls on a Saturday then the next Monday is declared a public holiday at short notice and this disrupts planning and is bad for business."

(Mr. L. Lesedi, MP. – Serowe South)