

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(WEDNESDAY 16TH NOVEMBER, 2022)

QUESTIONS

HRS/MINS

1400 - 1445

- 1. MR. M. I. MOSWAANE, MP. (FRANCISTOWN WEST):** To ask the Minister of Education and Skills Development to state: **(13)**
 - (i) progress regarding implementation of the Education and Training Sector Strategic Plan (ETSSP) in relation to brigades and technical colleges;
 - (ii) the number of students currently enrolled at brigades and technical colleges; and
 - (iii) whether there is shortage of lecturers, if so, what his Ministry is doing to correct the situation.

- 2. MR. P. MAJAGA, MP. (NATA-GWETA):** To ask the Minister of Labour and Home Affairs to state: **(15)**
 - (i) whether she will consider coming up with a special plan to grant foreign investors who are doing business in Botswana citizenship especially those who have resided in the country for a minimum of five (5) years;
 - (ii) if she is aware that at the Pandamatenga Farms a lot of farmers have applied for citizenship but were rejected without any reasons given; and
 - (iii) if she is aware that some of these farmers stated above could teach Botswana the farming business techniques if granted citizenship, thus increasing food security in the country.

- 3. MR. J. L. THIITE, MP. (GHANZI NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Health whether: **(16)**
 - (i) he is aware of complaints raised by patients on referral from Ghanzi Health facilities to Princess Marina Hospital and other referral facilities in the country that they sometimes do not receive appropriate health services due to their inability to communicate either in Setswana or English;

- (ii) there has ever been any cross-cultural training for health professionals to provide appropriate services to locals who have difficulties in communicating either in Setswana or English and are of culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds;
- (iii) there is any legal obligation for his Ministry to use properly qualified health interpreters to inform and obtain informed consent for medical procedures undertaken within the health service; and
- (iv) his Ministry does not find it prudent to offer professional interpretation training programme to multilingual staff in medical facilities.

4. MR. O. REGOENG, MP. (MOLEPOLOLE NORTH): To ask the Minister of Minerals and Energy to state: **(17)**

- (i) the national electricity consumption requirement in a year;
- (ii) the current level of local electricity production per year and how much is imported or exported;
- (iii) plans to become self-sufficient in electricity generation and how self-sufficiency will affect the current household electricity connection cost and consumption unit price; and
- (iv) if he is aware that Molepolole experiences frequent power cuts and this has had negative bearing on most households and businesses, if so, what he is doing about it.

5. MR. M. BALOPI, MP. (GABORONE NORTH): To ask the Minister of Agriculture: **(18)**

- (i) whether he is aware that of recent, poultry farmers have been worried about the inputs of chicken/poultry farming and whether the Minister agrees that, for a country that is targeting food self sufficiency, this turn of events is worrying;
- (ii) what interventions the Ministry will put in place to address this complaint;
- (iii) whether Botswana produces enough poultry feed and chicken meat;
- (iv) how Government is ensuring that as much local produce as possible from different producers gets into the market without being stifled by monopolistic practices; and

- (v) how Government intends to deal with issues of monopolies and vertical integration in the poultry sector as they are impediments to local production.
6. **MR. P. P. P. MOATLHODI, MP. (TONOTA):** To ask the Minister of Agriculture to update this Honourable House on the matter whereby some residents from Tonota and Foley were employed by the Tonota Veterinary Office to debush the power line from Foley to Moratole from 9th until 22nd September, 2022, and further state: **(19)**
- (i) why they have not been paid their dues; and
 - (ii) when can they expect to be paid.
7. **MR. T. LETSHOLO, MP. (KANYE NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Entrepreneurship to apprise this Honourable House on the hardships faced by small, micro and medium sized citizen enterprises in Botswana, more particularly as a result of **COVID-19**; and further state: **(20)**
- (i) how many small, micro and medium sized citizen businesses have collapsed as a result of **COVID-19**;
 - (ii) that since the Motion to reserve Government and State Owned Enterprises (SOE) tenders up to P10,000,000 to small, micro and medium sized 100% citizen-owned enterprises was gazetted;
 - (iii) the number of individual Ministries and Parastatals, Batswana companies that have benefited from this Motion and the tender values thereof; and
 - (iv) foreign and non-citizen companies that were awarded these tenders together with values and reasons relating to the deviation thereof.
8. **MR. D. TSHERE, MP. (MAHALAPYE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Education and Skills Development to apprise this Honourable House on progress made towards the implementation of the Health Policy in schools. **(21)**
9. **MR. S. J. BROOKS, MP. (K GALAGADI SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Rural Development when he will construct a storm water drainage in Tsabong. **(22)**

10. MR. D. L. KEORAPETSE, MP. (SELEBI PHIKWE WEST): To ask the Minister of Justice to update this Honourable House on the number of Batswana who have been put under civil imprisonment for failure to pay debts in Selebi Phikwe Prisons since 2016; he should further state and explain: **(24)**

- (i) the number of all Batswana who have been put under civil imprisonment since April 2018 across the country;
- (ii) whether the numbers are going up or down and to explain this phenomenon;
- (iii) whether there is justice in imprisoning Batswana who cannot sincerely honour their financial obligations due to circumstances beyond their control like abrupt unemployment, poverty and/or sudden destitution; and
- (iv) whether there is consideration of policy intervention to ameliorate the situation, for instance outlawing civil imprisonment for genuine failure to pay debts.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

HRS/MINS

MOTION

1445 – 1900

RESPONSE TO THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH

- "We, the National Assembly of Botswana here assembled, respond to the President's speech."

(Leader of the House)

(Resumed Debate)