

**BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**ORDER PAPER**

**(THURSDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2022)**

**NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY**

**HRS/MINS**

**MOTION**

**1100 – 1300**

**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)

**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)**
  - progress regarding implementation of the Education and Training Sector Strategic Plan (ETSSP) in relation to brigades and technical colleges;
  - the number of students currently enrolled at brigades and technical colleges; and
  - whether there is shortage of lecturers, if so, what his Ministry is doing to correct the situation.
- 2. MR. J. L. THIITE, MP. (GHANZI NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Health whether: **(16)**
  - 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;
  - 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.

**3. 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.

**4. 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)**

**5. MR. S. J. BROOKS, MP. (KGALAGADI SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Rural Development when he will construct a storm water drainage in Tsabong. **(22)**

**6. 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.
- 7. MR. K. NKAWANA, MP. (SELEBI PHIKWE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism to state: **(25)**
- (i) the amount of revenue collected under the Tourism Levy; and
  - (ii) how much has been expended and on what activities since 2020.
- 8. MR. D. SALESHANDO, MP. (MAUN WEST):** To ask the Minister of Finance to state: **(27)**
- (i) the number of Government tenders and their corresponding values awarded to Monteco Solutions (Pty) Ltd for the following periods:
    - (a) tenders awarded before October 2014;
    - (b) tenders awarded between October 2014 and April 2018;
    - (c) tenders awarded after April 2018 to date; and
  - (ii) which of the tenders were direct allocation and give reasons why they were not subjected to a competitive bidding process and also indicate the directors and shareholders of the company for the corresponding periods.
- 9. DR. K. GOBOTSWANG, MP. (SEFHARE-RAMOKGONAMI):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Rural Development to update this Honourable House on the autonomy of Village Development Committees (VDCs); the Minister should specifically state: **(28)**
- (i) if VDCs have any legal standing that allows them to sue or be sued;

- (ii) whether they can borrow loans from financial institutions; and
- (iii) if he will consider transforming VDCs into community based investment enterprises.

**10. MR. O. RAMOGAPI, MP. (PALAPYE):** To ask the Minister of Agriculture: **(29)**

- (i) whether he would consider setting up a satellite Botswana Meat Commission (BMC) in Palapye with special focus on small stock and poultry given the centrality of Palapye and the accessibility via road and rail;
- (ii) what skill sets would be required for such a facility;
- (iii) what opportunities would be there for the many Palapye residents and young graduates; and if agreeable,
- (iv) when would such a facility be established.

**11. MR. C. GREEFF, MP. (GABORONE BONNINGTON SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Rural Development to state if ever there was a company awarded a tender to replace and fix street lights in Gaborone; if so, to state: **(30)**

- (i) when tendering and evaluation were done;
- (ii) when the tender was awarded and to who;
- (iii) how much was the tender and the mode of payment used;
- (iv) if the company managed to replace and fix the street lights; and
- (v) the duration of the tender.

**12. MR. G. KEKGONEGILE, MP. (MAUN EAST):** To ask the Minister of Education and Skills Development if he is aware of the deteriorating situation of facilities and examination results of Makalamabedi Junior Secondary School and to further brief this Honourable House on: **(31)**

- (i) when was the last renovation done and what it focused on;
- (ii) the planned renovation date and what it will focus on;
- (iii) the possibility of the school being handed to the North West Regional Education Office, given that 90% of its students are from North West; and

- (iv) the procedure or process to be undertaken for the school to be handed to the North West Regional Office and if the Ministry is amenable to kick starting such a process or procedure.

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