

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(TUESDAY 18TH MARCH, 2025)

QUESTIONS

HRS/MINS

1400 – 1445

- 1. MR. M. M. MOROLONG, MP. (KGATLENG CENTRAL):** To ask the Minister of Water and Human Settlement: **(279)**

 - (i) what action his Ministry is taking to address the contamination of the Notwane River caused by effluent water flowing from the sewerage ponds in Glen Valley;
 - (ii) if the water from the Notwane River is safe for watering livestock and for horticultural purposes;
 - (iii) if his Ministry has conducted any water quality assessments or testing in the Notwane River; and
 - (iv) what measures are being taken to prevent further contamination of the river and to protect both the environment and public health.

- 2. MR. K. NKAWANA, MP. (SELEBI PHIKWE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to state the number of: **(193)**

 - (i) public road transport permits he has issued;
 - (ii) drivers' licenses issued in Selebi Phikwe in the last two (2) years; and
 - (iii) applications rejected as well as reasons for rejection; if any.

- 3. MR. J. J. FRENZEL, MP. (SHASHE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Communications and Innovation to state: **(204)**

 - (i) whether the newly established electric vehicles factory is Government owned or a private entity;
 - (ii) who was responsible for the procurement of vehicles and/or vehicle parts that are to be assembled and the costs thereof; and
 - (iii) the number of buses, bakkies and sedans in the fleet.

4. MR. C. K. JACOBS, MP. (LOBATSE): To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture: (211)

- (i) to provide an update on the Botswana Meat Commission's (BMC) current practices regarding the pay disparity between hourly-paid employees and full-time staff;
- (ii) what measures are being taken to ensure that hourly paid workers at BMC receive equitable pay, benefits and job security as compared to their full-time counterparts, particularly in relation to wages, health benefits and career progression;
- (iii) what is being done to address concerns raised regarding the treatment of hourly-paid employees particularly in relation to the provision of separate canteens;
- (iv) what steps are being taken to ensure that all employees, regardless of their employment status, have equal access to facilities, including canteens, in a manner that promotes fairness, equity and inclusivity within the Commission;
- (v) why the welfare officer at BMC Lobatse was promoted to the position of Human Resource Officer and if this is procedural and if the appointment was based on merit or qualifications;
- (vi) why BMC workers are the least paid of all parastatals in the market; and
- (vii) why a lot of condemned meat remains in the BMC chillers and what action will be taken to rectify this persistent problem once and for all as it results in tax payers footing the bill.

5. MR. G. KEKGONEGILE, MP. (MAUN EAST): To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to brief this Honourable House on efforts made to improve the progression path and working conditions of Accountants and Revenue Collectors based in his Ministry inclusive of Councils, in particular: (284)

- (i) if self-sponsored workers are reimbursed as it is done at Land Boards and the Office of the Accountant General;
- (ii) when the cadre was last trained and when they are likely to be trained again;
- (iii) if they are trained annually; if not, why not;
- (iv) if the Minister is acting on none re-designation of self-sponsored workers given that they are disadvantaged on progression process; if so, how;

- (v) why Revenue Collectors in his Ministry do not earn risk allowance like their colleagues in other Ministries; and
 - (vi) what remedial action he will undertake upon the realisation of injustices these workers suffered by non-implementation of the right procedures.
6. **MR. G. LEKAU, MP. (MOGODITSHANE WEST):** To ask the Minister for State President to state: (285)
- (i) what action he will take in relation to the prevailing institutional culture among disciplined forces where there is reluctance to attend to reported incidents concerning their members, protecting each other and encouraging reconciliation of the affected parties even though there is always possibilities of incidents recurring;
 - (ii) plans in place to address rampant Gender Based Violence (GBV) incidents within disciplined forces;
 - (iii) plans in place to address bullying and ill treatment of junior officers by senior officers in the disciplined forces; and
 - (iv) if it is not opportune to establish independent bodies to deal with incidents of ill treatment.
7. **MR. P. K. MOTAOSANE, MP. (THAMAGA-KUMAKWANE):** To ask the Minister of Health to apprise this Honourable House on the overall status of Thamaga Primary Hospital, in particular: (287)
- (i) the staffing situation;
 - (ii) the condition of the hospital;
 - (iii) the overstaying of some staff members; and
 - (iv) why the hospital standby generator is not working.
8. **MR. O. KEDIKILWE, MP. (SEROWE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to state: (288)
- (i) when the National Agricultural Research and Development Institute (NARDI) Sports and Recreation initiative was established and under what mandate it operates within the parastatal;
 - (ii) the total amount of funds raised towards NARDI Sports and Recreation activities since its inception;
 - (iii) how these funds have been utilised and what percentage has been allocated to subcontractors who facilitated training and events;

- (iv) the subcontractors engaged for training and facilitation, including their qualifications and selection criteria;
 - (v) if there are any governance measures in place to prevent conflicts of interest in financial and operational decisions given that a private health coach is an executive member of NARDI Sports and Recreation; and
 - (vi) if his Ministry has conducted any financial audits or oversight on the management of NARDI Sports and Recreation funds; if so, to share the findings.
9. **MR. T. B. LUCAS, MP. (BOBIRWA):** To ask the Minister of Health: (290)
- (i) if he is aware that;
 - (a) all three (3) major health projects in the Bobirwa Constituency namely the 70 bed hospital, Level 1 Primary Hospital in Tsetsebye and the Borotsi Clinic were all not done as planned in NDP 11;
 - (b) the non-implementation of the 3 projects has hugely impacted on the health and well-being of the people of Bobirwa; and
 - (ii) to state if he would prioritise these projects.
10. **MR. A. K. KHAN, MP. (MOLEPOLOLE NORTH):** To ask the Minister for State President if he will consider doing away with the requirement for certain years of experience when it comes to advertising jobs, given that young people make up close to 60% of the population. (291)
11. **MR. S. O. MAPULANGA, MP. (CHOBE):** To ask the Minister for State President to state: (292)
- (i) the total number of missing persons reported in the period between 2019 and December 31st 2024;
 - (ii) the total number of victims of human trafficking in the period between 2019 and December 31st 2024;
 - (iii) the total number of missing persons, victims of human tracking and ritual murders per year in the period between 2019 and 31st December, 2024;
 - (iv) his Ministry's strategies in significantly combating and reducing these threats to the right to life, personal safety and security of Batswana now and in the future;
 - (v) whether specialised units will not be established within the Botswana Police Service to focus on policing the three (3) above-mentioned types of crimes against humanity;

- (vi) police districts which have registered the highest total numbers of missing persons, human trafficking victims and ritual murders in the period between 2019 and December 31st 2024, and to rationalise these statistics; and
- (vii) the position of the Government on and the approach of the Botswana Police Service to a particular criminal cult commonly known in our native language as "*Bo rraboko le bo mmaboko*".

12. **DR. U. DOW, MP. (KGATLENG WEST):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education how many undeveloped plots are held by her Ministry and: (293)

- (i) how many and in which towns and villages have those plots remained undeveloped for more than 15 years; and
- (ii) whether she would consider collaborating with the Minister of Sports and Arts and to turn over some of those plots for use as sports grounds and stadiums.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

HRS/MINS

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

1445 - 1900

- Appropriation (2025/2026) Bill, 2025 (Bill No. 2 of 2025) 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, 2026.

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(Minister of Finance)

(Resumed Debate)

	<u>ORG</u>	<u>MINISTRY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>HRS/MINS</u>
Day 10	2800	Ethics and Integrity Directorate	1445 hrs – 1530 hrs	0.45
	1500	International Relations	1530 hrs – 1800 hrs	2.30
	3100	Office of the Receiver	1800 hrs – 1900 hrs	1.00