

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(MONDAY 20TH FEBRUARY, 2023)

QUESTIONS

HRS/MINS

1400 – 1445

- 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 Kgalegadi, 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.
- 5. MR. M. I. MOSWAANE, MP. (FRANCISTOWN WEST):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Public Works how much Government is spending on office rentals in and outside of Gaborone per month; and annually. **(211)**
- 6. DR. N. TSHABANG, MP. (NKANGE):** To ask the Minister of Defence and Security what plans are in place to help ex-convicts find employment following their release from prison and in order to avert repeat offences. **(212)**

7. **MR. D. L. KEORAPETSE, MP. (SELEBI PHIKWE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Education and Skills Development to update this Honourable House on whether his Ministry considers free sanitary pads, tampons, menstrual cups, and comparable products as basic, unavoidable necessities for school going girls and young women and if these are provided in public primary, junior secondary, senior secondary schools and tertiary institutions; he should further state and explain: **(213)**
- (i) whether there is a category of girls or young women who are provided with sanitary pads or related materials or the provision is to all who are in need;
 - (ii) the amount used to procure sanitary pads and related materials in each category of schools in the last four (4) financial years; and
 - (iii) whether Government is considering free provision of sanitary pads and related products to all Batswana females the same way condoms are provided to Batswana men.
8. **DR. K. GOBOTSWANG, MP. (SEFHARE-RAMOKGONAMI):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Public Works to state: **(216)**
- (i) if he is aware of the state of the Pilikwe-Maape and Mokobeng-Seleka roads; and
 - (ii) the Ministry's short, medium to long term plans to improve the condition of these roads given that some sections are not easy to navigate especially during the rainy season.
9. **MR. C. GREEFF, MP. (GABORONE BONNINGTON SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Public Works if he is aware that the Botswana Housing Corporation (BHC) rent has gone up: if so; **(217)**
- (i) what necessitated the increment;
 - (ii) what is the record and trajectory of increase over the last five (5) years;
 - (iii) state how the increase relates to salary increases and inflation;
 - (iv) how do these relate to the mandate of BHC and how it was established;
 - (v) what is the long-term role of BHC in Botswana's economy;
 - (vi) is it Government's objective for BHC to be financially viable and self-sustaining;
 - (vii) is Government considering privatizing BHC either in the short term or long-term.

- 10. MR. O. RAMOGAPI, MP. (PALAPYE):** To ask the Minister of Health to explain **(218)** the tender process of the maintenance of the Palapye Primary Hospital; stating the following:
- (i) the stage of the tendering and when the final award will be made;
 - (ii) job to be covered under maintenance;
 - (iii) category of companies invited to tender;
 - (iv) estimated duration of the work /completion date;
 - (v) what causes the peeling off of the ceiling paint and walls immediately or about twelve (12) months after painting;
 - (vi) the remedy regarding the peeling off of paint as it occurs time and again; and
 - (vii) retention period.
- 11. MR. P. MAJAGA, MP. (NATA-GWETA):** To ask the Minister of Environment **(221)** and Tourism to state:
- (i) how much in Pula was benefitted from the Makgadikgadi Epic which was recently held at Sowa Town;
 - (ii) how the community will benefit from these funds; and
 - (iii) future plans to allocate land for accommodation (lodges/holiday homes) next to where the event is held.

QUESTION WITHOUT NOTICE

- 12. MR. D. SALESHANDO, MP. (MAUN WEST):** To ask the Minister of **(209)** Entrepreneurship to state when the Bill on Economic Inclusion was assented to by His Excellency the President; he should further state the following:
- (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)

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