

**BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**ORDER          PAPER**

**(THURSDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2025)**

**QUESTIONS**

**HRS/MINS**

**1400 – 1445**

- 1.    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.
  
- 2.    MR. M. MOALOSI, MP. (NKANGE):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education if she is aware that there are Business Studies Teachers who are yet to be paid Scarce Skills Allowance despite a court order having directed that they be paid from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2013; if so: **(294)**

  - (i)    when does the Minister intend to comply with this court order; and
  - (ii)   which other teaching disciplines qualify for scarce skills allowances and are yet to be paid.
  
- 3.    MR. R. W. KAIZER, MP. (SELEBI PHIKWE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Youth and Gender Affairs to update this Honourable House on the state of Gender Based Violence (GBV) cases in Botswana, the Minister should further state: **(286)**

  - (i)    in figures, how many persons have lost their lives due to GBV in the past 12 months;
  - (ii)   the measures already in place to curb GBV cases and their effectiveness;
  - (iii)  if he will consider the operationalisation of Section 335 of the Criminal Procedure and Evidence Act; and
  - (iv)  the remedial measures considered to mitigate the state of GBV cases in Botswana.

4. **MR. A. K. KHAN, MP. (MOLEPOLOLE NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services: (299)
- (i) if he is aware that it is impossible for Botswana qualified lawyers to practise law in the Republic of South Africa either as advocates or attorneys; and if so,
  - (ii) what measures are in place to protect and promote the Botswana legal profession from Advocates from the Republic of South Africa and elsewhere.
5. **MR. S. O. MAPULANGA, MP. (CHOBE):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to state: (300)
- (i) when Ngwasha Veterinary Control Gate was established;
  - (ii) what considerations informed the location of Ngwasha Veterinary Control Gate at the current site;
  - (iii) whether it is not simple logic for Ngwasha Veterinary Control Gate to serve as the boundary of the Chobe District and the Central District on the justification that the gate is the barrier between the Chobe Red Zone and the Central District Green zone in terms of Foot and Mouth Disease Control and Chobe Forest Reserve preservation; and
  - (iv) why the Central District would extend north of Ngwasha Veterinary Control Gate, if the latter (Ngwasha Veterinary Control Gate) is not considered the boundary between Chobe District and Central District.
6. **MR. M. M. PULE, MP. (KGATLENG EAST):** To ask the Minister of Labour and Home Affairs to state: (302)
- (i) if the Government has any intention or plan to construct a border crossing facility for the people in Oliphants Drift, Ramotlabaki, and Phala Camp who currently struggle to cross at the Sikwane Border Post; and
  - (ii) the timeframe for when this plan will be implemented.
7. **MR. T. BOGATSU, MP. (LENTSWELETAU-LEPHEPHE):** To ask the Minister of Water and Human Settlement if he will consider providing water to the people of Kgabaneng, near Mmatseta as they currently collect water from a spillage along the North – South Carrier (NSC) pipeline and the puddle where they fetch water from is also a watering point for livestock. (305)
8. **MR. R. M. LEKUTLANE, MP. (KGALAGADI NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Minerals and Energy to state: (236)
- (i) why there are always power cuts beyond Jwaneng towards and into Kgalagadi North villages every time it rains; and
  - (ii) measures in place to curb this.

9. **MR. G. DISHO, MP. (OKAVANGO EAST):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure: (147)
- (i) to update this Honourable House on the construction of the Ghani-Mohembo to Gudigwa road (190 kilometres);
  - (ii) if Government is aware that in the entire Okavango East Constituency, there is less than 5 kilometres of tarred road; and
  - (iii) to state the Ministry's preparedness to deliver commitments made by the past administration to construct the road which was given the name *Mokwepa o Montsho*.
10. **MS. H. P. MANYENENG, MP. (MMOPANE-METSIMOTLHABE):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure if he is aware that the newly constructed road at Mmopane Block 1 is seriously damaged and that there is no storm water drainage, causing water to flow into homesteads and flooding, the Minister should further state: (282)
- (i) who will be responsible for such damages;
  - (ii) if the Chinese contractor responsible for constructing the road has abandoned the project;
  - (iii) progress made regarding the Block 8 road; and
  - (iv) with no roads, especially during rainy season, the bush between the villages harbours thieves, what will be done to address the problem.
11. **MR. G. KEKGONEGILE, MP. (MAUN EAST):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to brief this Honourable House on efforts made to improve service delivery through its different units and sectors in the North West District, in particular: (296)
- (i) how the Ministry is rectifying lack of organisational structure in the District and extreme congestion at C1 salary scale;
  - (ii) efforts in place to address lack of extension workers in the district leading to low yields and cattle herd growth;
  - (iii) how the Ministry is alleviating the shortage of transport given that every unit has 70% of its fleet grounded; and
  - (iv) elaborative plans to provide adequate office accommodation to different units under one or two roofs rather than have them scattered over Maun.

12. **MR. C. K. JACOBS, MP. (LOBATSE):** To ask the Minister of Finance to outline the economic impact of the revised per diem policy on the viability of guesthouses, especially small and medium-sized establishments, which traditionally relied on Government as a key customer base; in particular: (306)
- (i) how much has been disbursed to individuals in cash as per diem in the last twelve (12) months and if there are any measures in place to monitor how the money has been spent;
  - (ii) to state if the Ministry conducted any assessment or gathered data to quantify the impact of giving cash to individuals lodging in guesthouses and the broader hospitality sector;
  - (iii) what alternative support mechanisms or relief measures are being considered to mitigate these financial challenges and ensure that guesthouses, which are vital to local tourism and community economic development remain operational;
  - (iv) if there are plans to reconsider or adjust the per diem framework to balance fiscal prudence to support the hospitality sector;
  - (v) if he is aware of the abuse of the per diem and that many civil servants no longer lodge at guesthouses but spend the money in other needs since its establishment; and
  - (vi) if his Ministry will consider paying directly to lodges and guesthouse as was the practice before in order to curtail the abuse of Government resources.

**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 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2026.

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(Minister of Finance)

(Resumed Debate)

	<b><u>ORG</u></b>	<b><u>MINISTRY</u></b>	<b><u>TIME</u></b>	<b><u>HRS/MINS</u></b>
Day 12	3300	Higher Education	1445 hrs – 1630 hrs	1.45
	3400	Sports and Arts	1630 hrs – 1900 hrs	2.30