

**BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

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**(FRIDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH, 2025)**

**QUESTIONS**

**HRS/MINS**

**0900 – 0945**

1. **MR. P. AARON, MP. (NGAMI):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure: (106)
  - (i) to state the number of accidents that occurred on the A3 (Sehithwa-Shakawe) due to the bad state of the road in the past twenty (20) years and to further state the number of fatalities and injured persons from those accidents;
  - (ii) if he is aware of the state of the road from Nokaneng to Shakawe and the sub-standard work currently being carried out on it and also that its condition cannot be addressed through refurbishment;
  - (iii) to give an update of the progress of the road and the expected dates of completion stating the reasons that led to the delay;
  - (iv) if he has criteria for construction and rehabilitation of the roads infrastructure and if there are no criteria, does the Ministry consider it necessary so that road infrastructure is prioritised; and
  - (v) does the Ministry have plans to grade and maintain major access roads and border roads in the Ngami constituency that are not tarred, i.e. roads to Habu, Tubu, Dhanega, Qangwa/Xaixai and Dhobe international border.
  
2. **MR. J. J. FRENZEL, MP. (SHASHE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education if she is aware of the status of schools at Tlhalogang, Zwenshambe, John Nswazwi and Dukwi Junior Secondary Schools and when these rather gruesome problems will be addressed; in particular: (220)
  - (i) unconducive and inhumane student accommodation status e.g sleeping on the actual floor;
  - (ii) dysfunctional lights in dormitories;
  - (iii) constant and continuous malfunction of cooking pots;
  - (iv) use of already full pit latrines as well as those that ought to be considered out of use; and

- (v) unavailability of lockers for students.
3. **MR. M. BAGAISAMANG, MP. (SHOSHONG):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to update this Honourable House about the Mahalapye, Makwate, Parrshalt road; in particular: (233)
- (i) if he is aware of the potential of the road in terms of economic value to Botswana;
  - (ii) delays that affect the construction of a tarred road; and
  - (iii) if there are plans to tar the road in the near future and if so, when.
4. **MS. H. P. MANYENENG, MP. (MMOPANE-METSIMOTLHABE):** To ask the Minister of Health if he is aware that: (238)
- (i) Mmopane Clinic needs a complete refurbishment as the building is old including additional staff; and
  - (ii) Pharmacy Technicians are employed on temporary basis (three (3) months in a year) which leads to a problem when such employees' contracts are awaiting renewal; if so, why can they not be employed on a permanent basis.
5. **MR. K. NKAWANA, MP. (SELEBI PHIKWE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Minerals and Energy to apprise this Honourable House on the BCL Liquidator's work as it relates to the pumping out of water from the mine to avoid tremors occasioned by flooding of the mine. The Minister should further state: (240)
- (i) if she is aware of the liquidator's plans to discontinue pumping out water from the mine;
  - (ii) the impact and implications of such a move by the liquidator;
  - (iii) plans by the Ministry to mitigate the impact of possible flooding of the mine caused by discontinuation of pumping out of water from the mine; and
  - (iv) how the Ministry intends to assist those whose properties were damaged by tremors caused by mine flooding.
6. **DR. K. GOBOTSWANG, MP. (TSWAPONG SOUTH):** To ask the Minister for State President to update this Honourable House on the number of officers who are on E2 scale and above who are supposed to be registered by professional bodies but are not registered as required by the existing legislation. The Minister should specifically state: (241)
- (i) how many among the officers are paid Scarce Skills Allowance and reasons given; and

- (ii) whether he will consider terminating this allowance for these officers since they are not entitled to the dispensation.
7. **MR. A. K. KHAN, MP. (MOLEPOLOLE NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Sports and Arts: (268)
- (i) how the National Arts Council Board was elected and which Act was followed;
  - (ii) how the immediate former Chief Executive Officer (CEO) was fired from her job and if proper procedures were followed;
  - (iii) how many bank accounts the Botswana National Sport Commission (BNSC) has, the balances in each account and what the funds were being used for;
  - (iv) if the former Minister had access to any bank account and if it is an account that BNSC had fixed funds from Government;
  - (v) to give a breakdown of the amount used for the Legends football game which was held during the independence holiday; and
  - (vi) how much each player was paid as appearance fees.
8. **MR. M. MOALOSI, MP. (NKANGE):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture: (271)
- (i) why his Ministry is not allocating infills in Nkange village and other villages in the Nkange Constituency; and
  - (ii) whether the infills would not provide a lot of plots in areas already serviced.

#### **QUESTION WITHOUT NOTICE**

9. **MR. P. M. SEGOKGO, MP. (TLOKWENG):** To ask the Minister for State President to state the number of army officers who have been involved in murder cases, Gender Based Violence and sexual violence since 2020 and further: 283
- (i) if the BDF runs psychometric tests before employing and trusting them with lethal weapons; if so,
  - (ii) how often they run the tests; and if not
  - (iii) whether it is not necessary for the tests to be introduced as a matter of urgency as the officers are now a threat to themselves and a security threat to the nation.

**INSTITUTING A PARLIAMENTARY SELECT COMMITTEE TO REVIEW  
THE STATUS OF MADIRELO TRAINING AND TESTING CENTRE (MTTC)**

1. "That this Honourable House requests Government to institute a Parliamentary Select Committee to review the status of Madirelo Training and Testing Centre (MTTC) as a national examining body for trades as it is currently disbanded and not fully performing its mandate."

(Mr. G. Lekau, MP. – Mogoditshane West)

(Resumed Debate)

**CREATION OF A NATIONAL CHILDREN'S BUDGET**

2. "That this Honourable House requests Government to create a detailed and disaggregated national children's budget, which must first be reviewed and passed through the National Children's Forum and Council before being considered and approved by Parliament."

(Mr. M. M. Pule, MP. – Kgatleng East)

**SETTING UP OF A PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY**

3. "That this Honourable House resolves that a Presidential Commission be set up within 60 days of the adoption of the motion in accordance with the Commission of Inquiry Act; the primary focus of the Commission of Inquiry being to investigate, report and recommend actions concerning allegations of corruption in various sectors and to also assess the extent, causes and impact of corruption and recommend measures to prevent future occurrences."

(Mr. D. Saleshando, MP. – Maun North)

**DEVELOPMENT OF A PROGRAMME AIMED AT ABSORBING  
ALL GRADUATES INTO THE JOB MARKET**

4. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider developing a programme aimed at absorbing all graduates into the job market."

(Mr. P. M. Segokgo, MP. – Tlokweng)

**GOVERNMENT TO CONDUCT A SOCIAL JUSTICE AUDIT**

5. "That this Honourable House requests Government to conduct a social justice audit to assess and proffer proposals for addressing inequalities obtaining in our country."

(Mr. T. B. Lucas, MP. – Bobirwa)

#### **LOCAL PAYMENT OF HOTELS AND ACTIVITIES IN THE DELTA**

6. "That this Honourable House resolves that all payments for hotels and activities in the delta, parks and tourism attraction areas should be fully paid for in Botswana."

(Mr. G. Lekau, MP. – Mogoditshane West)

#### **ESTABLISHMENT OF A CONSTITUTIONAL COURT**

7. "That this Honourable House resolves to consider the establishment of a Constitutional Court."

(Mr. M. M. Morolong, MP. – Kgatleng Central)

#### **GOVERNMENT TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE LIQUIDATOR ON BEHALF OF THE FORMER BCL EMPLOYEES**

8. "That this Honourable House request the Government to negotiate with the liquidator on behalf of the former BCL employees to be awarded a special programme of subsidised purchase of BCL houses including but to limited to rent-to-buy, turn-key and any other social welfare housing scheme to enable them to continue occupying these houses."

(Mr. R. W. Kaizer, MP. – Selebi Phikwe West)

#### **INTRODUCTION OF 26 DAYS MONTH PAY MODEL FOR TEACHERS IN BOTSWANA PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

9. "That this Honourable House requests Government to introduce and/or adopt a 26 days month pay model for teachers in Botswana Public Schools, as a form of recognition for the peculiarity of their work, in shaping the minds of the next generation, as well as fostering a positive learning environment for learners."

(Mr. K. C. Hikuama, MP. – Maun West)

#### **GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE TO FARMERS FOR DRILLING BOREHOLES ON FARMS**

10. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider providing financial and technical assistance to farmers across Botswana for the drilling of boreholes in their farms to enhance water access for agricultural purposes."

(Mr. M. M. Pule, MP. – Kgatleng East)

#### **DECLARATION OF LESHIBITSE VILLAGE AS A HORTICULTURAL ECONOMIC ZONE**

11. "That this Honourable House requests Government to declare Leshibitse Village in Kgatleng a Horticultural Economic Zone and to that end recognise residential homesteads as small horticulture holdings, facilitate the drilling and equipping of communal boreholes, support the necessary infrastructure and generally do such things as shall be necessary for the success of the programme."

(Dr. U. Dow, MP. – Kgatleng West)

**AMENDMENT OF EXISTING LAWS TO LEGALISE CULTIVATION  
AND PROCESSING OF INDUSTRIAL HEMP**

12. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider amending the existing laws in order to legalise cultivation and processing of industrial hemp."

(Mr. M. Moalosi, MP. – Nkange)

**FORENSIC LAND AUDIT COVERING ALL LAND ALLOCATION**

13. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider instituting a Forensic Land Audit in Mogoditshane covering all land allocation in the past 15 years to past and current Land Board officials and employees; Councillors, Members of Parliament and Tribal Administration Senior staff."

(Mr. L. Barongwang, MP. – Mogoditshane East)

**REVIEW AND STRENGTHENING OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION LAWS**

14. "That this Honourable House requests Government to review and strengthen existing environmental protection laws in view of prevailing harsh climate change conditions that have affected food production with debilitating conditions, particularly for subsistence farmers."

(Mr. K. Nkawana, MP. – Selebi Phikwe East)

**GOVERNMENT TO RE-ALIGN THE TENURE OF  
PARLIAMENTARIANS TO BE 60 MONTHS**

15. "That this Honourable House requests Government to re-align the tenure of Parliamentarians to be 60 months as per the Constitution and in similar patterns to Cabinet and Councillors in an effort to close a vacuum and create uniformity in political representation and responsibility."

(Mr. G. Kekgonegile, MP. – Maun East)

**SETTING UP OF A COMMISSION OF INQUIRY**

16. "That this Honourable House requests Government to institute a Commission of Inquiry into the alleged corruption at Botswana Unified Revenue Services (BURS)."

(Mr. P. M. Segokgo, MP. – Tlokweng)

**INTRODUCTION OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AS  
A COMPULSORY COMPONENT OF BASIC EDUCATION**

17. "That this Honourable House requests Government to introduce Early Childhood Education as a compulsory component of Basic Education to open access to Basic Education Program to every three-year old child."

(Dr. K. Gobotswang, MP. – Tswapong South)

**GOVERNMENT TO COMMIT TO ALLOCATE PLOTS TO  
HALF OF ALL PERSONS ON THE WAITING LIST**

18. "That this Honourable House requests Government to commit to allocate residential plots to half of all persons on the waiting list for such plots in the next 3 years to facilitate home ownership for a significant proportion of the people of Botswana."

(Mr. T. B. Lucas, MP. – Bobirwa)

**SCHOOL SPORT AND TAKING YOUTH OUT OF STREETS**

19. "That this Honourable House requests Government to develop and pilot basic sport facilities in Mogoditshane by upgrading Solomon Dihutso football grounds and commence a development programme for pre-primary, primary and secondary schools."

(Mr. L. Barongwang, MP. – Mogoditshane East)

**INTRODUCTION OF A RURAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME**

20. "That this Honourable House requests Government to introduce a Rural Water Supply Scheme in order to promote economic and social upliftment of the rural communities."

(Mr. K. C. Hikuama, MP. – Maun West)

**DEVELOPMENT OF YOUTH FOCUSED JOB CREATION PROGRAMMES**

21. "That this Honourable House requests Government to develop youth focused job creation programmes, entrepreneurship initiatives and vocational training to address the high rates of youth unemployment."

(Mr. M. Moalosi, MP. – Nkange)

**NGOMA TO SEDUDU TRANSIT ROUTE TO OPERATE ON A 24HRS BASIS**

22. "That this Honourable House resolves to request Government to have the Ngoma to Sedudu transit route operate on a 24hrs basis, remove the request for permits system and introduce Police officers to man and manage the 2 gates."

(Mr. S. O. Mapulanga, MP. – Chobe)

**GOVERNMENT TO HUMANITARIANLY COMPENSATE FORMER  
BCL EMPLOYEES WHO LOST THEIR JOBS DUE TO THE  
ABRUPT CLOSURE OF THE BCL MINE**

23. "That this Honourable House requests Government to humanitarially compensate former BCL employees who lost their jobs due to the abrupt closure of the BCL Mine retrenchment packages as per section 25 of the employment Act."

(Mr. R. W. Kaizer, MP. – Selebi Phikwe West)