

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(MONDAY 21ST NOVEMBER, 2022)

QUESTIONS

HRS/MINS

1400 – 1445

- 1. MR. D. SALESHANDO, MP. (MAUN WEST):** To ask the Minister of Finance **(27)** to state:
- (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.
- 2. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. MR. T. B. LUCAS, MP. (BOBONONG): To ask the Minister for State President to state: **(32)**

- (i) the outcome of the Commission of Enquiry on Livestock Rustling/Theft in the Bobirwa area;
- (ii) if the Report of the Commission will be made public and whether a white paper arising from the Commission should be expected;
- (iii) if he is aware that in his recent visit to the Bobonong Constituency, His Excellency the President promised to assist victims of the cross border livestock theft or rustling with livestock;
- (iv) the number of livestock to be given to each farmer and when farmers should expect such assistance; and
- (v) if the assistance rendered in Bobirwa shall be made available to other parts of the country where farmers have lost their cattle to cross border cattle theft.

7. MR. T. LETSHOLO, MP. (KANYE NORTH): To ask the Minister of Finance if, in consideration of learnings from **COVID-19**, and in readiness for any similar future circumstances, he will consider the promulgation of a Business Rescue Act that promotes and facilitates rescue and rehabilitation of a company or business that is financially distressed, rather than liquidation for high value companies that have been impacted by **COVID-19** or will be impacted by other future pandemics; more particularly: **(33)**

- (i) would it be prudent for such an Act to include the temporary supervision of the business or company, and the management of its affairs, business and property, by a business rescue practitioner;
- (ii) would it be viable for such an Act to include the temporary moratorium (stay) on the rights of claimants against the company or in respect of property in its possession during the time of rescue; and
- (iii) would it be ideal and practical for such an Act to include the development and implementation, if approved, of a business rescue plan to rescue the company by restructuring its business, property, debt, affairs, other liabilities and equity.

- 8. MR. S. J. BROOKS, MP. (KGALAGADI SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism if she is aware that waste management can create a lot of jobs, if so: **(35)**
- (i) what strategies are in place to commercialise waste management activities; and
 - (ii) to what length has her Ministry engaged financial Institutions since waste management related projects are not among the lists of projects to be funded.
- 9. MR. T. MANGWEGAPE-HEALY, MP. (GABORONE CENTRAL):** To ask the Minister of Communications, Knowledge and Technology: **(6)**
- (i) to elucidate what impact the escalating incidents of theft and vandalism of copper cables have on Botswana's National objective of digital transformation and Maitlamo (Botswana's National ICT Policy); and
 - (ii) to elucidate on the impact of these escalating incidents of theft and vandalism on consumers and service providers in relation to the regulator approved service standards and key performance indicators.
- 10. MR. K. C. HIKUAMA, MP. (NGAMI):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Public Works to brief this Honourable House on his Ministry's strategies to achieve road safety in our country; he should further state: **(14)**
- (i) the total number of fatal road accidents and deaths recorded in the country each year from 2019 to date and in particular, along the Sehithwa-Mohembo Road;
 - (ii) if he is satisfied with the state of roads in the North West Region; if not,
 - (iii) what he is planning to do in the short, medium and long term to improve the state of roads in the North West Region which pose a danger to people's lives.
- 11. DR. N. TSHABANG, MP. (NKANGE):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Public Works to update this Honourable House on the reconstruction of Nsuswane and Nkange bridges and assure the residents of Nkange that this matter is being treated as an emergency; he should further: **(23)**
- (i) state how long the bridges have been in this state without being attended to; and

- (ii) update this Honourable House on the status of the Tutume-Maitengwe road that entails the bridges under consideration.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

HRS/MINS

MOTION

1445 – 1900

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)