

**BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**ORDER PAPER**

**(WEDNESDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER, 2022)**

**QUESTIONS**

**HRS/MINS**

**1400 – 1445**

- 1. 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.
  
- 2. 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; and
  - (ii) update this Honourable House on the status of the Tutume-Maitengwe road that entails the bridges under consideration.
  
- 3. MR. D. L. KEORAPETSE, MP. (SELEBI PHIKWE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Justice to update this Honourable House on the number of Batswana who have been put under civil imprisonment for failure to pay debts in Selebi Phikwe Prisons since 2016; he should further state and explain: **(24)**

  - (i) the number of all Batswana who have been put under civil imprisonment since April 2018 across the country;

- (ii) whether the numbers are going up or down and to explain this phenomenon;
  - (iii) whether there is justice in imprisoning Batswana who cannot sincerely honour their financial obligations due to circumstances beyond their control like abrupt unemployment, poverty and/or sudden destitution; and
  - (iv) whether there is consideration of policy intervention to ameliorate the situation, for instance outlawing civil imprisonment for genuine failure to pay debts.
- 4. MR. M. I. MOSWAANE, MP. (FRANCISTOWN WEST): To ask the Minister of Local Government and Rural Development: (39)**
- (i) if he is aware that Social Workers are aggrieved by their Conditions of Service, and that their progression is limited to a certain level of payment structure;
  - (ii) whether his Ministry has engaged the social workers; and if so, what were the outcomes of the meeting; and
  - (iii) when their payment structure will be reviewed.
- 5. MR. K. K. KAPINGA, MP. (OKAVANGO): To ask the Minister of Agriculture to update this Honourable House on the following: (40)**
- (i) the current state of infestation of the “be-Mobile tick” on the eastern side of the Okavango Delta, especially in Beetsha, Eretsha and Gunotsoga areas;
  - (ii) what efforts his Ministry has made to assist in the eradication of the tick through cattle dipping or spraying;
  - (iii) how many cattle have been lost to diseases caused by the tick; and
  - (iv) if he would consider the erection of communal dipping bays in the affected areas in consideration of the inability by individual farmers to dip their cattle regularly.
- 6. MR. J. L. THIITE, MP. (GHANZI NORTH): To ask the Minister of Agriculture to state: (42)**
- (i) whether he is aware that arable farmers across the nation have decried that Botswana Agricultural Marketing Board (BAMB) buying prices for their products is very low as compared to the previous years;

- (ii) BAMB's 2014/2015 and 2021/2022 marketing season producer prices for Tswana Cowpeas and Black Eyed Cowpeas;
- (iii) whether in view of the rising production costs in arable farming his Ministry has any plans to review the prices; and
- (iv) what other action his Ministry will take to counter the rise in production costs in arable farming, reduce the grain import bill and underutilisation of ploughing fields to create a thriving, inclusive, transformed and sustainable arable farming.

**7. MR. M. BALOPI, MP. (GABORONE NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Rural Development whether all the people who own or occupy residential land within the jurisdiction of Gaborone City Council are liable to pay rates, and further state: **(44)**

- (i) how the City Council spends the said rates; and
- (ii) whether Gaborone North residents, in particular Gaborone North Farms, are fulfilling this obligation and if so, what benefit they derive from their compliance, in view of the fact that they currently get very little services compared to some other areas of Gaborone in respect of litter collection and road maintenance.

**8. MR. L. LESEDI, MP. (SEROWE SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Public Works: **(45)**

- (i) if he is aware of the bad state of the A3 highway and what is being done to address the challenges presented by the deplorable state of the road;
- (ii) when his Ministry intends to reconstruct and repair the road to bring it to a roadworthy standard;
- (iii) if he is aware of the recurring dangerous potholes on this road and why he chooses to ignore them bearing in mind their danger to human life;
- (iv) how many people have lost their lives on the A3 in the last five (5) years and how many survived with minor injuries and those who sustained serious injuries in the same period; and
- (v) how many fatal and non-fatal accidents have occurred on this road in the last five (5) years.

- 9. MR. M. REATILE, MP. (JWANENG-MABUTSANE):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Water Affairs to state: **(46)**
- (i) the villages and settlements within a 70 kilometre (km) radius of the SO2 Wildlife Management Area;
  - (ii) the obligation of Government to communities surrounded by SO2 Wildlife Management Area;
  - (iii) the date of the last consultation meetings held with community leadership and the resolutions from those consultative meetings held with villages and settlements surrounding the SO2 Wildlife Management Area;
  - (iv) how his Ministry intends to provide land for residential use for the constituents;
  - (v) the wildlife population within the SO2 Wildlife Management area; and
  - (vi) when the SO2 Wildlife Management Area was gazetted and the year of establishment of each village/settlement around the area.
- 10. MR. D. TSHERE, MP. (MAHALAPYE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Defence and Security when Tewanane Police Post will be facilitated with office accommodation, transport and staff accommodation. **(47)**
- 11. MR. T. MANGWEGAPE-HEALY, MP. (GABORONE CENTRAL):** To ask the Minister of Finance: **(26)**
- (i) to share statistics in terms of tonnes and cost, for the copper scrap and batteries that have been exported outside the country from 2019 to date; and
  - (ii) to elucidate on where the market demand is and opportunities which Botswana can exploit in terms of direct export with strict export measures for such.

**TABLING OF A PAPER**

- Statistics Botswana Annual Report, 2021/2022.

(Minister of Finance)

**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)