

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(MONDAY 24TH MARCH, 2025)

QUESTIONS

HRS/MINS

1400 – 1445

1. **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.

2. **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.

3. **MR. R. W. KAIZER, MP. (SELEBI PHIKWE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to apprise this Honourable House on the staff houses under Botswana Railways Properties. The Minister should further state: **(308)**
 - (i) the number of residential staff houses in Gaborone and their occupancy rate; and

- (ii) the basis for increasing rental fees by over 200% in 2022.
4. **MR. G. KEKGONEGILE, MP. (MAUN EAST):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education to brief this Honourable House on efforts being made to establish Ministerial departments and units that would enhance the Ministry's performance countrywide; in particular to state: (309)
- (i) elaborative plans in place to re-demarcate regions into Districts given the national paradigm shift as per the intended goals on decentralisation;
 - (ii) the Ministry's plans and timelines in having a fully fledged administration wing with administration officers etc. at primary schools; and
 - (iii) the Ministry's view with moving the aspect of classrooms (Education Secretary Office) from Councils to the Ministry of Child Welfare and Basic Education leaving only facilities aspect at Councils.
5. **MR. P. K. MOTAOSANE, MP. (THAMAGA-KUMAKWANE):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure if the Sengaparile junction road project to Kanye will include street lights in the villages that the road passes through, e.g. Ramaphatle, Thamaga, Moshupa, Polokwe etc. (310)
6. **MR. K. NKAWANA, MP. (SELEBI PHIKWE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to state his Ministry's plans on the construction of a road that will link Platjan Border Post and Selebi Phikwe. (312)
7. **MR. S. O. MAPULANGA, MP. (CHOBE):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to state: (313)
- (i) the total area of the then Chobe Crown Land between 1889 and 1964;
 - (ii) the total area of the Chobe District between 1965 to date;
 - (iii) the total variation area of the then Chobe Crown Land and today's Chobe District with a total area of 22 560/22 500 kilometre squared (km²);
 - (iv) the justification for the reduction of the total area of Chobe Crown Land to the current 22 560/22 500 km²;
 - (v) when consultations with the natives of Chobe were conducted and what their sentiments were regarding the reduction in the total area of the Chobe Crown Land to the current constricted Chobe District;

- (vi) the net effect of the reduction of the total area of the Chobe Crown Land on the total areas of the bordering Central and North West Districts;
 - (vii) the present parameters and boundary of the Chobe District;
 - (viii) if the continued designation of land in some districts such as the Chobe, North East, Ghanzi, Kgalagadi as state land whilst land in the eight (08) main tribes' districts as tribal territory is not outdated and ethnically prejudiced in a modern state and Republic;
 - (ix) whether it is the position of the UDC Government that some tribes have group rights to land through tribal territories while Basubiya and Basarwa in the Chobe District are Government guests in a state land; and
 - (x) the requirements for tribes in the state lands of Chobe, North East, Ghanzi and Kgalagadi Districts in exercising group/tribal rights to land or tribal territory that have been accorded other citizens since independence.
8. **DR. U. DOW, MP. (KGATLENG WEST):** To ask the Minister of Health when, if at all, construction of the new hospital in Kgatleng will commence. (314)
9. **MR. M. MOALOSI, MP. (NKANGE):** To ask the Minister of Labour and Home Affairs if he is aware that there are temporary employees at various border gates since 2017; if so: (315)
- (i) whether this is not a violation of the worker's rights and the law;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that the said temporary employees are given only two (2) weeks maternity leave and are expected to work 2 weeks after delivery;
 - (iii) what is his Ministry's plan to absorb these employees permanently;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that for the past eight (8) years the said employees have been on C3 fifth notch and to appraise this Honourable House if temporary employees are not supposed to progress; and
 - (v) whether the Government policy of hiring temporary employees across the civil service will continue in their Government.

10. **MR. M. M. PULE, MP. (KGATLENG EAST):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education to confirm if the Government is aware of the previous intent to convert Madikwe and Oodima Junior Secondary Schools into universal schools, allowing students to study from Form 1 to Form 5, in a bid to address to the lack of senior secondary schools in Kgatleng East; if so: (316)
- (i) what steps is the Government taking to expedite the implementation of this plan; and
 - (ii) to provide a clear timeline for when these schools will be upgraded and operational as universal schools.
11. **MR. L. BARONGWANG, MP. (MOGODITSHANE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs if he is aware of the serious challenges of waste management and waste collection in Mogoditshane. (317)
12. **MR. J. J. FRENZEL, MP. (SHASHE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education: (318)
- (i) when the Ministry plans to introduce sitting allowance for Parents, Teachers Associations (PTAs) in schools; and
 - (ii) if she is aware of the actual duties that PTA members execute.

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 31st March, 2026.

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(Minister of Finance)

(Resumed Debate)

	<u>ORG</u>	<u>MINISTRY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>HRS/MINS</u>
Day 13	3300	Sports and Arts	1445 hrs – 1515 hrs	0.30
	1000	Minerals and Energy	1515 hrs – 1815 hrs	3.00
	2200	Youth and Gender	1815 hrs – 1900 hrs	0.45