

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(THURSDAY 24TH NOVEMBER, 2022)

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

HRS/MINS

MOTION

1100 – 1300

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)

QUESTIONS

HRS/MINS

1400 – 1445

- 1. MR. T. MANGWEGAPE-HEALY, MP. (GABORONE CENTRAL):** To ask the Minister of Finance: **(26)**
 - 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
 - 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.
- 2. MR. M. I. MOSWAANE, MP. (FRANCISTOWN WEST):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Rural Development: **(39)**
 - 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;
 - whether his Ministry has engaged the Social Workers; and if so, what were the outcomes of the meeting; and
 - when their payment structure will be reviewed.

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. DR. N. TSHABANG, MP. (NKANGE): To ask the Minister of Local Government and Rural Development to update this Honourable House on how: **(36)**

- (i) Ipelegeng skills will assist beneficiaries more than the skills obtained from brigades; and
- (ii) long the beneficiaries will be with the Ipelegeng Programme before they graduate and whether they will be issued certificates upon qualification.

6. **MR. K. C. HIKUAMA, MP. (NGAMI):** To ask the Minister of Defence and Security to explain to this Honourable House if he has an emergency plan of action to combat cattle rustling activities and livestock theft in general, which seem to be rampant and on the rise in the country, more especially in the North West Region; and to further state: **(38)**
- (i) if he is aware that cattle rustling destabilises communities and undermines their normal livelihood, thus contributing to increased poverty and hopelessness;
 - (ii) if he is aware that it poses danger to people's lives and security; and
 - (iii) the current strategies in place used in combating cattle rustling or livestock theft and the challenges encountered by farmers.
7. **DR. T. MATSHEKA, MP. (LOBATSE):** To ask the Minister of Trade and Industry to update this Honourable House on Government's commitment to grow the private sector and in particular: **(49)**
- (i) how many medium scale Centres of Excellence have been established in the country to date and further update on their operation in fostering private sector growth;
 - (ii) how far the Government is in setting up Botswana as a start-up capital of Southern Africa; and
 - (iii) how the manufacturing sector in particular has been incentivised.
8. **MR. D. L. KEORAPETSE, MP. (SELEBI PHIKWE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Finance to state and explain to this Honourable House the demographic profile of Selebi Phikwe and in particular, to state: **(50)**
- (i) the number of young people (18-35 years) in the town;
 - (ii) the number of these youths who are unemployed, underemployed and those that are categorized as poor but have completed secondary and tertiary education (Certificates (including National Crafts Certificate, Trade Test A, B, C), Diplomas, Degrees, Post-graduate qualifications), and to further state this number in Botswana in general;
 - (iii) what specific policy interventions have been put in place, their impact in Selebi Phikwe (including figures), the target for employment of these young people and their alleviation from poverty;

- (iv) whether her Government is considering unemployment benefit and/or an allowance for all the unemployed Batswana; and
 - (v) the number of unemployed people in the country.
- 9. MR. P. MAJAGA, MP. (NATA-GWETA):** To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism if she will consider: **(51)**
- (i) having a fixed date in the calendar for hosting the annual Makgadikgadi Epic;
 - (ii) extending the duration of the event to at least one (1) week to boost the economy in that area;
 - (iii) alternating the venues between Nata and Sowa Town to avoid potential conflicts in the Constituency; and
 - (iv) grading the gravel roads in that area so that other modes of transport can access the area such as motorbikes and 4×4 vehicles.
- 10. MR. P. P. P. MOATLHODI, MP. (TONOTA):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Water Affairs if he is aware that Tonota Sub Land Board continues to refuse to register most of *Dikgotla tsa Tetlanyo* and if so, to state: **(52)**
- (i) the reasons thereof; and
 - (ii) what plans are in place to ensure that such *Dikgotla* are registered given that most of them have been in existence as far back as 1966.
- 11. MR. T. LETSHOLO, MP. (KANYE NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Entrepreneurship if, in consideration of lessons learnt from **COVID-19**, and in readiness for any similar circumstances in the future, he will consider implementing steps and actions in law, to simplify personal insolvency to allow entrepreneurs a discharge from their debts, to enter into voluntary arrangements with creditors and debt relief orders for a shorter period to allow them back to doing business; and further state: **(53)**
- (i) what is the extent to which such a law will rescue businesses and also give entrepreneurs a second chance;
 - (ii) if it would be prudent for such a law to enable individual entrepreneurs to be able to propose voluntary arrangements with the help of an insolvency practitioner, to put proposals to creditors, to prepare a statement of affairs and then apply to Court of Law for a moratorium where no suit will be effective during this period; and

(iii) if debts are so deferred and then paid as agreed, how this will benefit entrepreneurs and the economy in general.

12. DR. K. GOBOTSWANG, MP. (SEFHARE-RAMOKGONAMI): To ask the Minister of Education and Skills Development if he is aware that there are schools without proper or no kitchen facilities; the Minister should further state: **(57)**

- (i) plans in place to build a kitchen at Sesholo Junior Secondary School;
- (ii) if the Ministry has a standard plan for junior secondary schools and why some schools were constructed without kitchens; and
- (iii) why schools continue to use firewood contrary to the stated Government policy on environment and natural resource conservation.

TABLING OF A PAPER

- Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure from the Consolidated and Development Funds, Financial Paper No. 1 of 2022/2023.

(Minister of Finance)

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