

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(TUESDAY 25TH FEBRUARY, 2025)

QUESTIONS

HRS/MINS

1400 – 1445

1. **MR. A. K. KHAN, MP. (MOLEPOLOLE NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Finance: **(139)**
 - (i) to update this Honourable House on the status and compliance rate of State-Owned Enterprises (SOEs) on issues of corporate governance, backed by thorough audit processes; and
 - (ii) if there are any plans to provide a comprehensive report on the SOEs, especially those which are tasked with management and disbursement of public funds in the form of loans.

2. **MR. C. K. JACOBS, MP. (LOBATSE):** To ask the Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship to state: **(184)**
 - (i) the findings of the Directorate on Corruption and Economic Crime (DCEC) Citizen Entrepreneurial Development Agency (CEDA) forensic audit report and whether it will be released;
 - (ii) the real reason/s the report is being kept top secret and what measures CEDA has taken relating to whistleblowing and corruption prevention at the agency;
 - (iii) what action and steps were taken to address the findings of the report;
 - (iv) the report's full recommendations and for the Minister to make the recommendations public for the sake of transparency and good public governance as CEDA is a public entity;
 - (v) what the administrative recommendations of the audit as advised by DCEC were and when they will be implemented and released to the public;
 - (vi) the recommendations of a parallel forensic audit for the CEDA Venture Capital Fund (CVCF);

- (vii) how much CEDA spent on buying and later refurbishing a four bed-roomed house for the CEO in Extension 11 and who were the estate agents for the said transaction;
- (viii) the terms of the plush office building at the Central Business District, the owners of the building, the name of the company the agency has entered into a lease agreement with in respect of Plot No. 54350, the monthly payments being paid by CEDA, the amount paid in the last five (5) years and the period of the lease and if the construction of the building was financed by CEDA; and
- (ix) the amounts CEDA spent on Pula Steel and returns gained.

3. MR. R. M. LEKUTLANE, MP. (KGALAGADI NORTH): To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to apprise this Honourable House on: (185)

- (i) when he intends to design and construct the Hukuntsi – Ncojane road and access roads to Zutshwa, Ngwatle, Ncaang, Hunhukwe, Monong, Xhaa and Ukhwi;
- (ii) what he intends doing in the short term about the accessibility to Xhaa, Hunhukwe and Maake villages which are inaccessible unless someone uses a truck or 4x4 vehicle due to heavy loose sandy roads;
- (iii) when the routine dry grading and spot improvement was done on the following roads;
 - (a) Hukuntsi – Zutshwa – Ngwatle – Ukhwi;
 - (b) Hukuntsi – Monong – Ngwatle;
- (iv) when the Phuduhudu – Inalegolo – Kokong road will be upgraded to a paved road; and
- (v) the number of fleet allocated to Kgalagadi North constituency village by village, department by department, the number in use and the number not in use.

4. MR. T. BOGATSU, MP. (LENTSWELETAU-LEPHEPHE): To ask the Minister of Health if there are any plans to upgrade Kopong Clinic in order to match the rate of growth of the village; and to further state if he: (186)

- (i) will reconsider the clinic operational times;
- (ii) will consider increasing the number of doctors as the only available doctor also services Mmatseta and Gakuto; and
- (iii) is aware that the clinic operated through a nurse on call.

5. **MS. H. P. MANYENENG, MP. (MMOPANE-METSIMOTLHABE):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture: (187)
- (i) if he is aware that since allocation of plots to Mmopane Block 10 residents, there has never been any developments undertaken and that;
 - (a) there are no roads, water and lighting and there is high crime rate;
 - (b) there is no storm water drainage and that on rainy days it is a nightmare to residents; and
 - (ii) to state progress on the promised road linkages.
6. **MR. R. W. KAIZER, MP. (SELEBI PHIKWE WEST):** To ask the Minister for State President if he is aware of the "in-service officer cadet post" which aims at progressing Non-Commissioned Officers to Commissioned Officers; if so, to state: (188)
- (i) the criteria for the selection of non-commissioned officers to be considered for the post;
 - (ii) how often the post is advertised and if it is in line with the provisions of the Botswana Defence Force Act; and
 - (iii) how many non-commissioned officers have progressed through this programme in the past five (5) years.
7. **BRIGADIER D. MOKGWATHI, MP. (LETLHAKENG):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education to state, with special reference to the UDC Government Manifesto that talks to Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths (STEAM) as the model of the education system and the new education system, i.e. Education and Training Sector Strategic Plan (ETSSP) that the Government has rolled out: (189)
- (i) if students will be able to sit for their examinations next year;
 - (ii) if the Minister foresees any potential challenges; and if any,
 - (iii) the mitigation plan(s) to be put in place right away to prevent any possible disaster.
8. **MR. L. LESEDI, MP. (SEROWE SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism to state: (190)
- (i) when Botswana Tourism Organisation (BTO) was last audited and the results thereof;
 - (ii) the criteria used to employ the Chief Executive Officer (CEO);

- (iii) how the Tourism Development Fund has been used since 2020 vis a vis income;
 - (iv) if he is aware that the Department of Tourism does not have a Director since 2021; and
 - (v) if he is aware that the department does not have a functional organisational structure since 2007.
9. **MR. P. M. MOSANANA, MP. (KANYE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism: (191)
- (i) if he is aware of the inaccuracies in the Department of Metereology and that they predicted that there will be plenty rain from November 2024 which did not happen thus causing a big inconvenience to farmers as what they expected did not happen; and if so,
 - (ii) what measures will be put in place to avoid future inconveniences.
10. **MR. S. DIGWA, MP. (BOTETI WEST):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to state: (192)
- (i) when the Makalamabedi No.2 Quarantine Camp fence will be renovated;
 - (ii) if it will be upgraded to an electric fence since it is not easily destroyed by elephants; and
 - (iii) what arrangements have been made for cattle to be sent for artificial insemination.
11. **MR. K. NKAWANA, MP. (SELEBI PHIKWE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to state the number of: (193)
- (i) public road transport permits he has issued;
 - (ii) drivers' licenses issued in Selebi Phikwe in the last two (2) years; and
 - (iii) applications rejected as well as reasons for rejection; if any.
12. **MR. G. KEKGONEGILE, MP. (MAUN EAST):** To ask the Minister of Health if he is aware that Letsholathebe Hospital (North West District) has numerous challenges of inadequate service to patients in terms of shortage of staff and specialists, shortage of medicine and inadequate facilities; if so: (194)
- (i) how does the Ministry intend to rectify the situation;

- (ii) how many doctors and specialists are in Letsholathebe Hospital and how many are supposed to be in place given the patient population;
- (iii) are there any plans to establish a 24 hour operating clinic in one of Maun East clinics given the rise in population and growth of Maun; and
- (iv) are there any plans to upgrade Letsholathebe Hospital into a fully-fledged specialised hospital; if so, when; and which specialised areas will be covered.

TABLING OF A PAPER

- An extension by seven (7) months from the 1st April 2025 to October 2025 of the Second Transitional National Development Plan (TNDP) (April 2023 – March 2025).

(Minister for State President)

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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SECOND READING

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)