

**BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**ORDER PAPER**

**(TUESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2024)**

**NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY**

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**COMMITTEE STAGE**

**1100 – 1300**

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(Minister of Transport and Public Works)

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- 1. MR. O. RAMOGAPI, MP. (PALAPYE):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Public Works to state: **(397)**

  - (i) why the Mogome-Mokgware road has taken so long to be upgraded from gravel to bitumen;
  - (ii) how long this project has been in the National Development Plan (NDP); and
  - (iii) when it will be constructed.
  
- 2. MR. M. I. MOSWAANE, MP. (FRANCISTOWN WEST):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Public Works to brief this Honourable House: **(315)**

  - (i) on the legal frameworks and statutes guiding transportation of goods by foreign operators from Botswana to other countries, in particular Zimbabwe;
  - (ii) if he is aware that private Zimbabwean transport operators are taking goods from Botswana to Zimbabwe which fuels lack of business opportunities for Botswana;
  - (iii) if he is aware that his Ministry has directed that the above practice must stop but to date it is still happening despite the fact that the department of transport and road safety knows about it;
  - (iv) on how many foreigners were caught from 2020 to 2023, crossing or conducting businesses at ungazetted point of entry into Botswana; and
  - (v) what are the remedial actions in place to stop the practice and when will it be stopped.
  
- 3. MR. W. B. MMOLOTSI, MP. (FRANCISTOWN SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Agriculture to state: **(346)**

  - (i) how much his Ministry spent in transporting;
    - (a) cattle from United States of America;
    - (b) cattle, sheep and goats from Australia; and
  - (ii) whether it is true that some of the imported semen has gone bad, if so, what caused the problem and how much was lost in monetary terms.

4. **MR. M. G. J. MOTSAMAI, MP. (GHANZI SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Youth, Gender, Sport and Culture to state: **(350)**
- (i) if he is aware of the disgruntlement, resentment and frustration suffered by the staff of the Department of National Library Services who have been in the same salary scale (C1) for five (5), ten (10) and fifteen (15) years;
  - (ii) the total number of Library staff who have not been promoted for the past five (5), ten (10) and fifteen (15) years (D4, D3, D2, D1, etc.);
  - (iii) their levels of qualification (Certificate, Diploma and Degree levels); and
  - (iv) the reasons for their non-progression, if any.
5. **MR. P. K. MOTAOSANE, MP. (THAMAGA-KUMAKWANE):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Public Works to state: **(403)**
- (i) when construction of the A10 road from Sengaparile Junction to Mogoditshane will commence; and
  - (ii) if he is aware of the deterioration of this road and the number of accidents that have occurred as a result of its bad state.
6. **MR. D. L. KEORAPETSE, MP. (SELEBI PHIKWE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Trade and Industry to state and explain which sectors of the economy are major and their contributions to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP); the Minister should further clarify: **(404)**
- (i) which sector and sub-sector of the economy is dominated by native African black Batswana citizens;
  - (ii) which sector and sub-sector of the economy is dominated by foreigners and naturalised citizens;
  - (iii) why foreigners and naturalised citizens dominate major sectors of the economy; and
  - (iv) what codified plans are in place to improve the situation including targets and timelines.
7. **DR. K. GOBOTSWANG, MP. (SEFHARE-RAMOKGONAMI):** To ask the Minister for State President to update this Honourable House on the current policy in respect of live coverage of political parties by Radio Botswana and Botswana Television; the Minister should specifically state: **(405)**

- (i) if he is aware that some of the regular Radio Botswana and Botswana Television programmes were disrupted to allow live coverage of the Botswana Democratic Party (BDP) National Council and Extra-Ordinary National Congress in August 2023;
- (ii) why such a dispensation was not extended to opposition parties during their national conferences in July 2023; and
- (iii) whether future elections will be fair under the circumstances of unfair coverage of political parties by state media.

**8. DR. N. TSHABANG, MP. (NKANGE):** To ask the Minister of Defence and Security to update this Honourable House on the promise made to pay retired soldiers by July 2024 and explain what has caused the delay in disbursements. **(406)**

**9. MR. D. TSHERE, MP. (MAHALAPYE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Rural Development to apprise this Honourable House on the status of the Department of Tribal Administration and to further state: **(407)**

- (i) the total number of positions in the establishment at Mahalapye Tribal Authority;
- (ii) how many of the positions at (i) above are occupied;
- (iii) if he is aware that Tribal Authority officers are aggrieved due to lack of progression, promotions, training and development;
- (iv) if he is aware that when an officer from the Tribal Authority retires there is no replacement;
- (v) plans to create new positions for Mahalapye Tribal Authority considering the ever increasing challenges as well as population size;
- (vi) when his Ministry plans to upgrade the Tewane Main Kgotla from Court of Arbitration to Court of Record;
- (vii) the budget for Mahalapye Tribal Authority and how much is allocated for vehicle maintenance and office stationery; and
- (viii) long term plans for Tribal Authority Offices in the country and whether they will be doing restructuring of positions any time soon.

**10. MR. M. REATILE, MP. (JWANENG-MABUTSANE):** To ask the Minister of Justice: **(391)**

- (i) if in the so called Butterfly Case, Gerrie Nel was hired or is still hired by the State as its legal counsel and since Gerrie Nel is linked to AfriForum, what was the rationale of the State in engaging Gerrie Nel who is at odds, undermines and minimises the struggles of African National Congress (ANC) in fighting for justice in South Africa;
- (ii) whether this does not reflect negatively towards the geopolitics of our neighbouring countries who share the same pain; especially South Africa, a friendly neighbouring country;
- (iii) how much has been paid to date for his services;
- (iv) if he is still being paid by the State or owed and if so how much;
- (v) to state the number of times His Excellency the President, Dr. Mokgweetsi Eric Keabetswe Masisi met Gerrie Nel;
- (vi) why it was necessary for Gerrie Nel to have a sit-down with His Excellency the President Masisi since the Butterfly case was wholly initiated by law enforcement agencies without external influence from the Executive as per the State's claim;
- (vii) Bank of Botswana Management provided the State with an affidavit that clearly denied the theory that money was stolen under their watch and supervision. Why did the State distance itself from that affidavit; never acknowledged its existence, never disclosed it to Batswana or even used it to avoid prosecuting an innocent person;
- (viii) the High Court ordered that, Jako Hubona be charged with perjury for manufacturing evidence on behalf of the State. How many years are left before this matter can be brought before the court as per the Prescriptions Act. If the matter is not filed yet, can the Minister update this Honourable House when the State is intending to do so and why at that particular time;
- (ix) how many times did Jako Hubona meet His Excellency the President Masisi; to brief him about the Butterfly Case;
- (x) with Hubona's skillset of fabrication and manufacturing evidence, harm and injury was caused on the accused. Has the State apologised or compensated the accused person for the fabrication he did, if not why not;

- (xi) what action has been taken against other individuals who participated at various capacities in helping Hubona in the name of the State in the fabrication of evidence;
- (xii) did the State establish whether the accused person was working alone or not when money went missing at Bank of Botswana. If the accused person had partners, how many Bank of Botswana employees were charged for and if not, why were they not charged;
- (xiii) since Bank of Botswana holds annual Cabinet briefings and the incident of stolen money occurred in 2008, does His Excellency the President or anyone in Cabinet remember being briefed about the missing money; if there is someone, who is it and what they remember;
- (xiv) if His Excellency the President and Cabinet do not remember being told about the missing money, did the State seek explanation from Bank of Botswana for such misleading reports that led to an innocent person being falsely accused. If no investigation was done, why not.

#### **QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

**11. MR. F. T. LEUWE, MP. (TAKATOKWANE):** To ask the Minister of Agriculture to provide information regarding payment of employees on C band who the Court directed that they be paid and in particular to state: **(401)**

- (i) how many employees were affected by the Ministry's failure to implement the Government Policy on multiple grading of the C band Cadre;
- (ii) how many employees have been paid;
- (iii) how many employees have not been paid, if any;
- (iv) reasons why these employees have not been paid; and
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**12. MR. S. J. BROOKS, MP. (K GALAGADI SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Agriculture to update this Honourable House on progress made with regards to the compensation of farmers who were adversely affected by livestock rustling from Botswana to neighbouring countries, in so doing the Minister should indicate the following: **(414)**

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- (ii) if all the farmers have been compensated;
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