

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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(TUESDAY 29TH 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. D. SALESHANDO, MP. (MAUN WEST):** To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs to confirm if Government has purchased Plot 3125 (Sweden House) in Gaborone; if so, to state:
(56)
 - (i) the purchase price for the property;
 - (ii) date of purchase;
 - (iii) what the property has been utilised for since it was acquired; and
 - (iv) if any other properties have been bought by Government within the vicinity of State House and the purpose for which they are utilised.
- 2. 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.

3. MR. C. GREEFF, MP. (GABORONE BONNINGTON SOUTH): To ask the Minister of Health to apprise this Honourable House on his Ministry's private strategy with timelines, if any; he should further state: **(58)**

- (i) if he is aware that a lot of private laboratories were opened during the **COVID-19** Pandemic;
- (ii) how his Ministry is going to support private laboratories going forward;
- (iii) if there are any tests that can be outsourced to decongest public laboratories; and
- (iv) why his Ministry is still holding on to the Radiology and Kidney Disease Management Departments instead of allowing the private sector to operate them.

4. MR. O. RAMOGAPI, MP. (PALAPYE): To ask the Minister of Health to state: **(59)**

- (i) when Palapye Hospital was first included in the National Development Plan (NDP);
- (ii) how many times the funding of that hospital was postponed or not included in the Mid-Term Review of the NDP;
- (iii) the catchment area of Palapye Hospital per constituency;
- (iv) the total population of Palapye catchment area;
- (v) the furthest ward and distance to Palapye; and
- (vi) the total number of beds at Palapye Hospital and further state if it is capable of serving the population; if not, why are people's lives put at risk and when the Palapye Hospital project will be included in the Mid-Term Review of the NDP;
- (vii) the capacity of the maternity ward and if it is capable to serve the catchment area; if not, what the Minister is intending to do and to provide the timelines; and
- (viii) why there is no emergency exit at the Psychiatric Unit, and if he will consider installing such.

5. MR. T. MANGWEGAPE-HEALY, MP. (GABORONE CENTRAL): To ask the Minister of Defence and Security: **(62)**

- (i) to elucidate on the escalating theft and vandalism (including statistics) targeting Botswana's National Critical Infrastructures such as Botswana Telecommunications Corporation Limited (BTCL), Botswana Power Corporation (BPC), Botswana Railways (BR), Mascom Wireless and Orange Botswana pertaining to copper cable infrastructure and telecommunications infrastructure that is critical for bringing utility services to the nation;
- (ii) whether these escalating incidents of theft and vandalism have not reached levels to be classified as national security threats to Botswana's National Critical Infrastructures; and
- (iii) if Government will consider establishing a special unit that could primarily focus on the security risks posed to Botswana's National Critical Infrastructures either as a start for short term and also as a long term solution for concerted effort in maintaining security of these critical infrastructure, similar to what was done for the Diamond industry.

6. MR. G. KEKGONEGILE, MP. (MAUN EAST): To ask the Minister for State President if he is aware of discrepancies in the implementation of the Remote Area Service Allowance (RASA) in different settlements which disadvantages workers and deprives them of their right to benefit from the scheme; and to brief this Honourable House on: **(60)**

- (i) whether Sankoyo, Shorobe, Matsaudi, Chanoga, Makalamabedi villages are amongst the villages benefitting from RASA and at what rate;
- (ii) if there is a scenario whereby the most distant or most remote amongst these villages attracts the lower rate than the least distant or remote; if so,
- (iii) why and when will this anomaly be corrected; and
- (iv) why Mmakhutshumo Quarantine Camp attracts a lower rate than Makalamabedi Main Gate, and when this anomaly will be corrected.

- 7. MR. T. B. LUCAS, MP. (BOBONONG):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Rural Development to state: **(61)**
- (i) if he is aware of the financial and cash flow challenges of the Bobirwa Sub-District Council that has persisted over the last three (3) years;
 - (ii) the cause and magnitude of the cash flow challenges facing the Sub-District Council;
 - (iii) the extent to which the cash flow challenges have affected the Sub-District Council's capacity to pay for services rendered; and
 - (iv) the steps his Ministry is taking to mitigate the financial and cash flow challenges of the Sub-District Council.
- 8. MR. K. NKAWANA, MP. (SELEBI PHIKWE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism to state: **(64)**
- (i) if she is aware of the indiscriminate disposal of waste particularly from the construction sector in and around Selebi Phikwe Township;
 - (ii) what she intends to do to resolve this situation; and
 - (iii) her future plans on waste management and control in Selebi Phikwe and at national level.
- 9. MR. D. TSHERE, MP. (MAHALAPYE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Water Affairs when he is going to provide sewage system and connection to the residents of Tshikinyega, Mowana, Thomadithotse and Madiba Wards in Mahalapye who were excluded during the first phase of the project. **(65)**
- 10. MR. T. LETSHOLO, MP. (KANYE NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Trade and Industry if, in consideration of learnings from **COVID-19**, and in readiness for any similar future circumstances, he will consider the promulgation of a Business Rescue Act that promotes and facilitates rescue and rehabilitation of a company or business that is financially distressed, rather than liquidation for high value companies that have been impacted by **COVID-19** or will be impacted by other future Pandemics; more particularly: **(33)**
- (i) would it be prudent for such an Act to include the temporary supervision of the business or company, and the management of its affairs, business and property, by a business rescue practitioner;

- (ii) would it be viable for such an Act to include the temporary moratorium (stay) on the rights of claimants against the company or in respect of property in its possession during the time of rescue; and
- (iii) would it be ideal and practical for such an Act to include the development and implementation, if approved, of a business rescue plan to assist the company by restructuring its business, property, debt, affairs, other liabilities and equity.

11. MR. O. REGOENG, MP. (MOLEPOLOLE NORTH): To ask the Minister for State President to state: **(43)**

- (i) whether it is not most prudent to segment the country's largest pension fund, Botswana Public Officers Pension Fund (BPOPF) into various employment categories to spread the risk and minimize impact of any possible eventuality;
- (ii) if the Minister is alive to the possibility that any single major shock in the market may crash the entire fund in its current form, and forever dent the integrity of the country's pension system, and thus making it difficult for Government to honour payment of pensions that are due;
- (iii) the BPOPF's total assets and how much is invested locally; and
- (iv) if he is satisfied with BPOPF in its current form.

12. MR. W. B. MMOLOTSI, MP. (FRANCISTOWN SOUTH): To ask the Minister for State President to give an update of progress made with regard to lifting of the moratorium on the purchase of pool houses and communication of the same to the relevant authorities. **(48)**

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