

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(WEDNESDAY 30TH NOVEMBER, 2022)

QUESTIONS

HRS/MINS

1400 – 1445

- 1. MR. O. RAMOGAPI, MP. (PALAPYE):** To ask the Minister of Health to **(59)** state:
- (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 if it is capable of serving the population; and 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.
- 2. MR. O. REGOENG, MP. (MOLEPOLOLE NORTH):** To ask the Minister for **(43)** State President to state:
- (i) whether it is not prudent to segment the country's largest pension fund, Botswana Public Officers Pension Fund (BPOPF) into various employment categories to spread the risk and minimise the 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 she is satisfied with BPOPF in its current form.
- 3. MR. W. B. MMOLOTSI, MP. (FRANCISTOWN SOUTH):** To ask the Minister for State President to give progress with regard to lifting of the moratorium on the purchase of pool houses and communication of the same to the relevant authorities. **(48)**
- 4. MR. M. REATILE, MP. (JWANENG-MABUTSANE):** To ask the Minister of Minerals and Energy to state: **(67)**
- (i) if there are any plans to electrify Thankane and Kanaku Villages;
 - (ii) the schedule of the electrification exercise in these areas; and
 - (iii) if the Ministry would consider establishing standardised electrification connection rates for business plots as is the case with residential plots.
- 5. MR. M. I. MOSWAANE, MP. (FRANCISTOWN WEST):** To ask the Minister of Minerals and Energy how much Government has benefited from royalties or taxes from Karowe and other private owned mines for the past 10 years. **(68)**
- 6. MR. K. C. HIKUAMA, MP. (NGAMI):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Rural Development if he is aware that, though Legotlwane Village in the Ngami Constituency is a gazetted village, it has been operating without a Headman of Record which is considered to be part of a recognised and gazetted Village: if so, **(69)**
- (i) what led to this development; and
 - (ii) when will the Ministry correct this anomaly by appointing a Headman of Record.

7. **MR. J. L. THIITE, MP. (GHANZI NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism if she is aware of the existence of a huge farm in Gwana area (Matlhoaphuduhudu Camp) which encompasses game animals and is managed by the Department of Wildlife; she should further state: **(70)**
- (i) the size of this farm in hectares and kilometres;
 - (ii) the original intention of setting up this farm;
 - (iii) who were or are the beneficiaries of this farm;
 - (iv) if there has ever been any income generation project in this farm; and
 - (v) if the farm is not too big for its intended original purpose as most of the land is idle and underutilized.
8. **MR. M. BALOPI, MP. (GABORONE NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Water Affairs if he is aware that allocation of residential land in Gaborone far exceeds demand and further state: **(71)**
- (i) if the Minister acknowledges that areas such as Gaborone North farms have helped to ease the need for residential plots within Gaborone; and
 - (ii) in consideration of the foregoing, if Government would consider meeting residents of Gaborone North halfway by providing them with water from the national grid as well as sanitation services.
9. **DR. T. MATSHEKA, MP. (LOBATSE):** To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism to update this Honourable House on the initiatives and progress in establishing a Tourism Scheme to support the regeneration of towns and villages. **(72)**
10. **MR. T. MANGWEGAPE-HEALY, MP. (GABORONE CENTRAL):** To ask the Minister of Education and Skills Development: **(55)**
- (i) to explain to this Honourable House the actual events leading to the three (3) *Dikgosi* visit to Britain as there seems to be confusion between the History curriculum offered in schools and what actually transpired;
 - (ii) whether it has been passed over time that the *Dikgosi* went to seek protection yet history on the other hand says it was to prevent takeover by British South Africa Company;

- (iii) what is being done to harmonise this history so that there is a more correct version; and
- (iv) if the History curriculum in schools is being revamped to expand more on the local history than foreign history.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

HRS/MINS

MOTION

1445 – 1900

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)