

**BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**ORDER          P A P E R**

**(MONDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH, 2025)**

**QUESTIONS**

**HRS/MINS**

**1400 – 1445**

1. **MR. P. M. SEGOKGO, MP. (TLOKWENG):** To ask the Minister of Water and Human Settlement:  
(331)
  - (i) if he is aware of the water reticulation problem at Maratanang, Letlapeng and Maratadiba wards; and
  - (ii) if it is possible for his Ministry to facilitate those who are willing to go an extra mile to connect their homes to the water reticulation system using the syndicate model.
  
2. **MR. G. DISHO, MP. (OKAVANGO EAST):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to update this Honourable House:  
(332)
  - (i) if his Ministry has plans to hire Ipelegeng Programme Coordinators (district, regional and national) as permanent and pensionable employees as opposed to appointing them on a secondment basis as is currently the case;
  - (ii) whether he is aware that Ipelegeng Coordinators are barred from competing for posts higher than their secondment positions even though they possess the required length of experience for the posts being applied for, let alone for positions equivalent to the secondment scale, e.g. a Social Welfare Officer in C1 and seconded to Ipelegeng as Coordinator (D3) cannot apply for D3 posts in their parent department; and
  - (iii) whether there are plans to make the new Ipelegeng programme a fully-fledged Department with its own Head of Department and support staff for smooth running of the programme; and if so, what is the intention with those who are currently holding the fort.
  
3. **MR. T. FURNITURE, MP. (TATI EAST):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education if she is aware of shortages of classes and teachers' accommodation at Matsiloje Junior Secondary School; if so, what is she doing to solve the problem.  
(333)

4. **MR. L. LESEDI, MP. (SEROWE SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Water and Human Settlement: (334)
- (i) to give a clear and unequivocal answer on the number of plots in and around Gaborone owned by Sayed Jamali and his companies;
  - (ii) how many commercial and residential properties that various Government Departments are leasing from the same individual and his companies and the duration of each lease; and
  - (iii) how much Government spends annually on rentals and accommodation and if the Government does not see the efficacy and utility of building its own hotels and properties as a cost containment measure.
5. **MR. C. K. JACOBS, MP. (LOBATSE):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to give an update on the situation at Botswana Meat Commission (BMC) particularly in terms of: (335)
- (i) BMC employee beneficiation schemes for abattoir risk, health and proper compensation structures to improve the lives of all BMC employees and their welfare, i.e. Band 1 to Band 4; and
  - (ii) unpaid accrued cash for long service awards, as per (Annexure 5) of BMC Guidelines as promised and communicated to concerned long service employees and potential beneficiaries.
6. **MR. T. BOGATSU, MP. (LENTSWELETAU-LEPHEPHE):** To ask the Minister of Finance if he is aware that the transition of Barclays Bank to ABSA Bank did not attract any severance benefits or remuneration packages for former Barclays Bank employees; if so, to state: (336)
- (i) what were the reasons for the non-payment of terminal benefits; and
  - (ii) why the transition shift did not attract monetary benefits.
7. **MS. H. P. MANYENENG, MP. (MMOPANE-METSIMOTLHABE):** To ask the Minister for State President: (337)
- (i) to state what his Ministry is doing with all the old, long parked vehicles at Criminal Investigations Department (CID) Headquarters; and
  - (ii) if he does not consider disposing of these vehicles through public auction sale since the parking space is overcrowded and full to the maximum.

8. **MR. R. W. KAIZER, MP. (SELEBI PHIKWE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to apprise this Honourable House on the status of the report of train accidents at Bonwapitse and Phakalane; he should further state: (338)
- (i) when the report of the two (2) accidents will be released;
  - (ii) when last the Railways Signaling System was maintained and if it is currently operational; and if not,
  - (iii) what mitigation strategies are in place to arrest the situation.
9. **DR. K. GOBOTSWANG, MP. (TSWAPONG SOUTH):** To ask the Minister for State President if he is aware that under the previous administration the Ombudsman found that the state media coverage of political parties disproportionately favoured the ruling party and to state whether the situation has changed and in the spirit of inclusivity and equity he should state: (339)
- (i) the number of persons representing civic organisations and opposition political parties interviewed by state media especially Btv in response to the 2025/2026 Budget Speech;
  - (ii) the number of Union Leaders interviewed by state media especially Btv concerning the 2025/2026 Budget Speech;
  - (iii) the number of persons with disability interviewed by the state media especially Btv over the 2025/2026 Budget Speech;
  - (iv) the number of young people interviewed by state media especially Btv over the 2025/2026 Budget Speech; and
  - (v) when the state media will become a public broadcaster to ensure editorial independence.
10. **MR. S. O. MAPULANGA, MP. (CHOBE):** To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism to state: (340)
- (i) the original total area of the Chobe Game Reserve at inception in 1960/61;
  - (ii) changes in the total area from 1968 when it was transformed from a game reserve into a national park;
  - (iii) any subsequent changes to the total area of Chobe National Park from 1968 to date, and when those changes were effected and why;
  - (iv) when Wildlife Management Areas were introduced in the Chobe District and what the justification for their introduction was;

- (v) when the concept of wild animal corridors was implemented in the Chobe District and why these corridors lead to communal lands; and
  - (vi) whether he is not aware that the animal corridors that lead to communal lands have led to the escalation of human-wildlife conflict, loss of valuable human life, destruction of property and escalation of poverty.
11. **MR. K. K. KAPINGA, MP. (OKAVANGO WEST):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to give this Honourable House an update on progress made in the project to refurbish the A33 road from Gumare to Mohembo; especially the Sepopa/Mohembo section which appears to have failed to take off successfully. (78)
12. **MR. G. LEKAU, MP. (MOGODITSHANE WEST):** To ask the Minister for State President to state: (285)
- (i) what action he will take in relation to the prevailing institutional culture among disciplined forces where there is reluctance to attend to reported incidents concerning their members, protecting each other and encouraging reconciliation of the affected parties even though there is always possibilities of incidents recurring;
  - (ii) plans in place to address rampant Gender Based Violence (GBV) incidents within disciplined forces;
  - (iii) plans in place to address bullying and ill treatment of junior officers by senior officers in the disciplined forces; and
  - (iv) if it is not opportune to establish independent bodies to deal with incidents of ill treatment.

#### **TABLING OF A PAPER**

- Policy on the licit use of cannabis in Botswana.

(Minister of Lands and Agriculture)

#### **AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS**

**HRS/MINS**

#### **PRESENTATION OF A GOVERNMENT BILL**

**1445 – 1800**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Botswana Public Officers Pension Fund (BPOPF) (Loan Authorisation) Bill, 2025 (Bill No. 7 of 2025)</li> </ul> | <p>An Act to authorise the raising, by the Government, of a loan from the Botswana Public Officers Pension Fund for purposes of financing the budget.</p> |
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(Minister of Finance)