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To: All Honourable Members of Parliament

Dear Honourable Member,

1ST MEETING OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 13TH PARLIAMENT

This serves to inform you that Parliament concluded the 1st Meeting of the 1st Session of the 13th Parliament on **Friday 20th December, 2024** and has adjourned *sine die*.

Please find attached the Summary of Parliament Business that was transacted during the Meeting.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dithapo'.

Barbara N. Dithapo

CLERK OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY



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BUSINESS UPDATE

1. BILLS

No.	Bill	Responsible Ministry	Date of Publication	Status
1.	Financial Intelligence (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (Bill No. 29 of 2024)	Finance	25/11/2024	Passed on 19/12/2024
2.	Virtual Assets Bill, 2024 (Bill No. 30 of 2024)	Finance	25/11/2024	Passed on 19/12/2024
3.	Societies (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (Bill No. 31 of 2024)	Labour and Home Affairs	05/12/2024	Passed on 19/12/2024
4.	Companies (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (Bill No. 32 of 2024)	Trade and Entrepreneurship	06/12/2024	Passed on 19/12/2024
5.	Trust Property Control (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (Bill No. 33 of 2024)	Justice and Correctional Services	11/12/2024	Passed on 19/12/2024
6.	Public Service (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (Bill No. 34 of 2024)	State President	13/12/2024	Passed on 19/12/2024

2. GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION

No.	Resolution	Responsible	Status
•	<u>RESPONSE TO THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH</u> "We, the National Assembly of Botswana here assembled, respond to the President's speech."	Leader of the House	Motion adopted on 17/12/2024

3. QUESTIONS

Received	Noticed	Answered	Deferred
347	134	114	20

4. MINISTERS' QUESTION TIME

Received	Noticed	Answered	Later dated
11	5	5	0

5. PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

Received	Noticed	Adopted	Rejected	Withdrawn
24	24	2	1	1

MOTION FOR THE ADJOURNMENT – DEFINITE MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

1. "That this Honourable House requests Government to set up a Parliamentary Select Committee to investigate the alleged corruption, maladministration and abuse of office by Citizen Entrepreneurial Development Agency (CEDA) board, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Senior Executives with a view to take serious action where it is established that corruption, maladministration and abuse of office occurred." (Mr. A. K. Khan, MP. – Molepolole North) ***Withdrawn***

INTRODUCTION OF UNIVERSAL HEALTH CHECKS EVERY TWO (2) YEARS

2. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider introducing universal health checks every two (2) years to diagnose and treat illnesses before they progress to advanced stages resulting in prolonged hospitalisations and high medical costs." (Dr. K. Gobotswang, MP. – Tswapong South) ***Adopted on 06/12/2024***

MOTION FOR THE ADJOURNMENT – DEFINITE MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

3. "That this Honourable House requests Government to establish, as a matter of urgency, Peace Desks and assign officers at Magistrate Courts and Police Stations to facilitate and enable the use of Section 335 of the Criminal Procedure and Evidence Act as a quick, effective and efficient procedure for the protection of victims of gender based violence." (Dr. U. Dow, MP. – Kgatleng West) ***Rejected on 11/12/2024***

BANNING THE IMPORTATION AND USE OF NON-ESSENTIAL PLASTICS

4. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider gradual banning the importation and the use of all non-essential plastics in view of environmental contamination caused by unsafe disposal of plastic material." (Mr. K. Nkawana, MP. – Selebi Phikwe East) ***Adopted on 13/12/2024***

INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE BID FOR AFCON 2027

5. "That this Honourable House requests Government to institute investigations into the 65 million bid for AFCON 2027 to determine the efficacy of the bid, determine if the amount of the bid book compares with international trends, examine the procurement process in choosing the winning bidder and to audit any other process involved in and leading to award of the tender." (Mr. A. K. Khan, MP. – Molepolole North) ***Resumed Debate 06/12/2024***

INSTITUTING A PARLIAMENTARY SELECT COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE STATUS OF MADIRELO TRAINING AND TESTING CENTRE (MTTC)

6. "That this Honourable House requests Government to institute a Parliamentary Select Committee to review the status of Madirelo Training and Testing Centre (MTTC) as a national examining body for trades as it is currently disbanded and not fully performing its mandate." (Mr. G. Lekau, MP. – Mogoditshane West) ***Member still presenting the motion on 13/12/2024***

REGULATION OF INTERNATIONAL SELF-DRIVE CUSTOMERS

7. "That this Honourable House requests Government to regulate international self-drive customers to utilise local companies in undertaking their game drives and related activities in local National Parks and Game Reserves in an effort to promote economic inclusion of locals in the tourism industry." (Mr. G. Kekgonagile, MP. – Maun East)

SETTING UP OF A PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION

8. "That this Honourable House resolves that a Presidential Commission be set up within 60 days of the adoption of the motion in accordance with the Commission of Inquiry Act; the primary focus of the Commission of Inquiry being to investigate, report and recommend actions concerning allegations of corruption in various sectors and to also assess the extent, causes and impact of corruption and recommend measures to prevent future occurrences." (Mr. D. Saleshando, MP. – Maun North)

GOVERNMENT TO CONDUCT A SOCIAL JUSTICE AUDIT

9. "That this Honourable House requests Government to conduct a social justice audit to assess and proffer proposals for addressing inequalities obtaining in our country." (Mr. T. B. Lucas, MP. – Bobirwa)

**INTRODUCTION OF 26 DAYS MONTH PAY MODEL
FOR TEACHERS IN BOTSWANA PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

10. "That this Honourable House requests Government to introduce and/or adopt a 26 days month pay model for teachers in Botswana Public Schools, as a form of recognition for the peculiarity of their work, in shaping the minds of the next generation, as well as fostering a positive learning environment for learners." (Mr. K. C. Hikuama, MP. – Maun West)

**DECLARATION OF LESHIBITSE VILLAGE
AS A HORTICULTURAL ECONOMIC ZONE**

11. "That this Honourable House requests Government to declare Leshibitse Village in Kgatleng a Horticultural Economic Zone and to that end recognise residential homesteads as small horticulture holdings, facilitate the drilling and equipping of communal boreholes, support the necessary infrastructure and generally do such things as shall be necessary for the success of the programme." (Dr. U. Dow, MP. – Kgatleng West)

**AMENDMENT OF EXISTING LAWS TO LEGALISE
CULTIVATION AND PROCESSING OF INDUSTRIAL HEMP**

12. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider amending the existing laws in order to legalise cultivation and processing of industrial hemp." (Mr. M. Moalosi, MP. – Nkange)

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CREATION OF A NATIONAL CHILDREN'S BUDGET

14. "That this Honourable House requests Government to create a detailed and disaggregated national children's budget, which must first be reviewed and passed through the National Children's Forum and Council before being considered and approved by Parliament." (Mr. M. M. Pule, MP. – Kgatleng East)

**DEVELOPMENT OF A PROGRAMME AIMED AT
ABSORBING ALL GRADUATES INTO THE JOB MARKET**

15. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider developing a programme aimed at absorbing all graduates into the job market." (Mr. P. M. Segokgo, MP. – Tlokweng)

REVIEW AND STRENGTHENING OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION LAWS

16. "That this Honourable House requests Government to review and strengthen existing environmental protection laws in view of prevailing harsh climate change conditions that have affected food production with debilitating conditions, particularly for subsistence farmers." (Mr. K. Nkawana, MP. – Selebi Phikwe East)

**GOVERNMENT TO RE-ALIGN THE TENURE OF
PARLIAMENTARIANS TO BE 60 MONTHS**

17. "That this Honourable House requests Government to re-align the tenure of Parliamentarians to be 60 months as per the Constitution and in similar patterns to Cabinet and Councillors in an effort to close a vacuum and create uniformity in political representation and responsibility." (Mr. G. Kekgonengile, MP. – Maun East)

**INTRODUCTION OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AS
A COMPULSORY COMPONENT OF BASIC EDUCATION**

18. "That this Honourable House requests Government to introduce Early Childhood Education as a compulsory component of Basic Education to open access to Basic Education Program to every three-year old child." (Dr. K. Gobotswang, MP. – Tswapong South)

**GOVERNMENT TO COMMIT TO ALLOCATE PLOTS TO
HALF OF ALL PERSONS ON THE WAITING LIST**

19. "That this Honourable House requests Government to commit to allocate residential plots to half of all persons on the waiting for such plots in the next 3 years to facilitate home ownership for a significant proportion of the people of Botswana." (Mr. T. B. Lucas, MP. – Bobirwa)

INTRODUCTION OF A RURAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME

20. "That this Honourable House requests Government to introduce a Rural Water Supply Scheme in order to promote economic and social upliftment of the rural communities." (Mr. K. C. Hikuama, MP. – Maun West)

DEVELOPMENT OF YOUTH FOCUSED JOB CREATION PROGRAMMES

21. "That this Honourable House requests Government to develop youth focused job creation programmes, entrepreneurship initiatives and vocational training to address the high rates of youth unemployment." (Mr. M. Moalosi, MP. – Nkange)

LOCAL PAYMENT OF HOTELS AND ACTIVITIES IN THE DELTA

22. "That this Honourable House resolves that all payments for hotels and activities in the delta, parks and tourism attraction areas should be fully paid for in Botswana." (Mr. G. Lekau, MP. – Mogoditshane West)

GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE TO FARMERS FOR DRILLING BOREHOLES ON FARMS

23. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider providing financial and technical assistance to farmers across Botswana for the drilling of boreholes in their farms to enhance water access for agricultural purposes." (Mr. M. M. Pule, MP. – Kgatleng East)

SETTING UP OF A COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

24. "That this Honourable House requests Government to institute a Commission of Inquiry into the alleged corruption at Botswana Unified Revenue Services (BURS)." (Mr. P. M. Segokgo, MP. – Tlokweng)

6. PAPERS TABLED

The following Papers were tabled:

1. Botswana National Productivity Centre Annual Report, 2023 (Minister of Labour and Home Affairs) **(Tabled: 27/11/2024)**
2. Public Procurement Regulatory Authority Integrated Annual Report, 2023/2024 (Minister of Finance) **(Tabled: 04/12/2024)**

3. Botswana Accountancy Oversight Authority Integrated Report, March 2024 (Minister of Finance) **(Tabled: 04/12/2024)**
4. Botswana Savings Bank Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March, 2024 (Minister of Finance) **(Tabled: 05/12/2024)**
5. Statutory Instrument No. 30 of 2024: Control of Goods, Prices and Other Charges (Petroleum Products Levy) (Revocation) Regulations, 2024 (Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship) **(Tabled: 10/12/2024)**
6. Statutory Instrument No. 31 of 2024: Control of Goods, Prices and Other Charges (Petroleum Prices) (Revocation) Regulations, 2024 (Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship) **(Tabled: 10/12/2024)**

7. STATEMENTS ISSUED

The following Statements were made in the House:

1. The Leader of the Opposition made a Statement announcing the Botswana Congress Party's shadow cabinet. **(25/11/2024)**
2. The Minister of Sports and Arts made a statement regarding the successful qualification to AFCON 2025 by the football National Team (Zebras) **(25/11/2024)**
3. The Minister of Finance made a statement regarding the country's financial position and the plans to address the problems. **(05/12/2024)**
4. The Minister of Transport and Infrastructure made a statement regarding the review of the Development Manager (DM) model to establish its efficacy in terms of project construction costs. **(05/12/2024)**
5. The Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education made a statement on the release of PSLE 2023 results by the Botswana Examinations Council. **(16/12/2024)**