

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

NOTICE PAPER

(FRIDAY 5TH APRIL, 2019)

MINISTER'S QUESTION TIME

FOR ORAL ANSWER ON FRIDAY 12TH APRIL, 2019

- Minister of Tertiary Education, Research, Science and Technology

THEME: REVISION OF TERTIARY STUDENT ALLOWANCES

- Whether there are any plans to revise tertiary student allowances that have been stagnant for many years.

(Dr. P. Butale, MP. - Gaborone Central):

NOTICE OF QUESTIONS

(FOR ORAL ANSWER ON THURSDAY 11TH APRIL, 2019)

1. **MR. K. S. GARE, MP. (MOSHUPA-MANYANA):** To ask the Minister of (578) Defence, Justice and Security:
 - (i) if he is aware that Moshupa Police Station is faced with the following challenges that makes it extremely difficult to diligently and satisfactorily perform their duties;
 - (a) they are supposed to have one hundred and ten (110) officers excluding Special Constables instead of the current one hundred and nine (109) officers including Special Constables hence a shortfall of fifty-seven (57) officers;
 - (b) there is acute shortage of office and staff accommodation which currently compromises their work and privacy;
 - (c) there is shortage of vehicles as eleven (11) are at Central Transport Organisation (CTO) for repairs and this compromises service delivery, reaction to crime reports and late arrival to crime scenes; and if so,
 - (ii) what plans are in place to address the above shortcomings.

2. **MR. E. J. BATSHU, MP. (NKANGE):** To ask the Minister of Mineral Resources, Green Technology and Energy Security to apprise this Honourable House on the progress in the development of a Minerals Policy for Botswana which seeks to maximise the national economic benefit from mineral resources in the country. **(579)**
3. **MR. S. LELATISITWE, MP. (BOTETI EAST):** To ask the Minister of Basic Education if he is aware that for the past five (5) years no promotions were effected at Mosu Primary School and Makgadikgadi Junior Secondary School by the Ministry and that the two (2) schools only received transfers-in on promotion; and if so, to state: **(580)**
- (i) why recommendations for promotion of teachers at the said schools is not considered;
 - (ii) how many teachers were transferred-in during the past five (5) years and which schools they were transferred from;
 - (iii) how many recommendations for promotion were made to the region in the past five (5) years;
 - (iv) whether there are teachers who have not been transferred or promoted at these schools for the past five to ten (5-10) years; and if so, why; and
 - (v) when this situation will be addressed.
4. **MR. M. I. MOSWAANE, MP. (FRANCISTOWN WEST):** To ask the Minister for Presidential Affairs, Governance and Public Administration to state: **(581)**
- (i) when the Youth Freelancers Programme started at the Department of Information Services;
 - (ii) what has been the intake process since its inception;
 - (iii) if he is aware that the department is possibly in breach of contract with the youth freelancers, as they are only paid for published stories, contrary to the Clause which states that they have to be paid for every story submitted;
 - (iv) if the current administration will continue with the programme given that it was introduced in the past administration;
 - (v) how much has been spent on the payment of youth freelancers since its inception up to January, 2019;
 - (vi) the 2019/2020 budget proposal for the programme; and

(vii) if he is aware that the freelance journalism programme has been running for more than five (5) years now and whether the Ministry has any plans to permanently employ the best performing freelancers and take them for further training.

5. MR. S. M. NTLHAILE, MP. (JWANENG-MABUTSANE): To ask the Minister of Land Management, Water and Sanitation Services to brief this Honourable House on the nature of water supply contract Bango Construction Company entered into for the Sekoma-Morwamosu Asphalt road project, and to state: **(582)**

- (i) the total amount of water used in the construction of the road;
- (ii) the total number of existing, new boreholes and water points used;
- (iii) the dates such boreholes and water points were drilled;
- (iv) the names and locations of such boreholes and water points;
- (v) the names of companies and individuals with whom water supply contracts were entered into;
- (vi) the yields and water qualities for each water supply contracts; and
- (vii) the value of each contract.

6. MR. E. J. BATSHU, MP. (NKANCE): To ask the Minister for Presidential Affairs, Governance and Public Administration to state: **(584)**

- (i) when Orapa House was bought by Government;
- (ii) when it will be occupied; and
- (iii) why it has remained unoccupied for such a long time.

7. MR. P. MAJAGA, MP. (NATA-GWETA): To ask the Minister of Defence, Justice and Security if he is aware that: **(585)**

- (i) some refugee students have not been given sponsorship to universities or tertiary institutions since 2010 to date; and
- (ii) almost all of refugee students doing Form 5 this year were born in Botswana; and if so, to consider giving them sponsorships to universities and colleges after completing Cambridge certificate; and if so, when.

- 8. MR. D. L. KEORAPETSE, MP. (SELEBI-PHIKWE WEST):** To ask the Minister for Presidential Affairs, Governance and Public Administration to clarify to this Honourable House the recent hosting of Botswana Democratic Party (BDP) Members of Parliament, 2019 General Elections candidates and other party officials by His Excellency the President Dr. M.E.K. Masisi at the State House and to specifically state: **(586)**
- (i) what was the event, who was in attendance and who sponsored the event;
 - (ii) who incurred costs for the lunch, decor and other expenses;
 - (iii) what gives authority to this practice in terms of laws, rules and regulations or tradition;
 - (iv) how many of times BDP functions of that magnitude were held at the State House before and after the current President; and
 - (v) whether His Excellency the President will continue to host BDP functions at the State House including 2019 General Elections related events; and if so, is this ethical.