

**BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**NOTICE PAPER**

**(FRIDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> AUGUST, 2019)**

**NOTICE OF MINISTER'S QUESTION TIME**

**(FOR FRIDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2019)**

- Minister for Presidential Affairs, Governance and Public Administration

**THEME: POVERTY ERADICATION PROGRAMMES**

If the Minister is aware that:

- (i) the poverty eradication programme has not been taking new applications due to poor planning;
- (ii) the City of Francistown is dealing with poverty eradication applications back log of more than three (3) years; and
- (iii) Office of the President is failing to provide funding and monitoring of projects under the poverty eradication programme.

(Mr. M. I. Moswaane, MP. – Francistown West)

**NOTICE OF QUESTIONS**

**(FOR ORAL ANSWER ON WEDNESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2019)**

- 1. MR. H. G. NKAIGWA, MP. (GABORONE NORTH):** To ask the Minister of (733) Tertiary Education, Research, Science and Technology to state:
  - (i) what causes the delay in crediting allowances for tertiary students;
  - (ii) how students are expected to deliver on projects when their allowances are credited late even during attachments; and
  - (iii) what is being done to address this anomaly.
- 2. MR. D. L. KEORAPETSE, MP. (SELEBI-PHIKWE WEST):** To ask the Minister (734) for Presidential Affairs, Governance and Public Administration if he is aware of repeated requests by Selebi-Phikwe West residents that His Excellency the President, Dr. Mokgweetsi Eric Keabetswe Masisi visits them for purposes of interactions on the state of the town and its people since closure of the BCL mine; and if so, to state:

- (i) when the first Parliamentary question by the area Member of Parliament was asked following closure of the mine;
  - (ii) if Government does not deem it necessary for His Excellency the President to interact with residents on their life experiences after the closure of the mine; and
  - (iii) if there are any plans by His Excellency the President to visit the constituency for the aforementioned purpose and if so, when; and if not, why.
- 3. MR. E. J. BATSHU, MP. (NKANGE):** To ask the Minister of Investment, Trade and Industry to update this Honourable House on: **(735)**
- (i) the number of investors who have invested in Botswana since 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2018; and
  - (ii) how many Batswana have been employed to date.
- 4. MR. P. MAJAGA, MP. (NATA-GWETA):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Rural Development to state what Government is doing to upgrade Tribal Secretaries given that: **(736)**
- (i) there is no progression in their careers; and
  - (ii) they are left to work in one station for many years in most cases especially at kgotlas without being promoted or transferred to other stations or departments.
- 5. KGOSI LOTLAMORENG II, MP. (GOODHOPE-MABULE):** To ask the Minister of Basic Education if he is aware that some teachers in the Goodhope-Mabule Constituency have been waiting for promotion for over twenty (20) years; and if so, to state steps taken to address the problem. **(737)**
- 6. MR. G. B. BUTALE, MP. (TATI WEST):** To ask the Minister of Land Management, Water and Sanitation Services if there are plans to buy back all the land owned by Tati Company in the North East; and if not, should the Ministry by now not consider such. **(738)**
- 7. MR. B. M. MOLEBATSII, MP. (MOCHUDI EAST):** To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Food Security what his Ministry is doing to improve the agricultural shows that are currently hosted in Districts. **(739)**
- 8. KGOSI LOTLAMORENG II, MP. (GOODHOPE-MABULE):** To ask the Minister of Defence, Justice and Security whether Government has fully implemented the decision of the High Court concerning the case of the right to water by Roy Sesana and others; and if so, to state: **(740)**

- (i) when last the decision of the court was implemented; and
- (ii) if residents of the Central Kalahari Game Reserve have access to water.

**9. DR. T. O. MMATLI, MP. (MOLEPOLOLE SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Land Management, Water and Sanitation Services when: **(741)**

- (i) the construction of the Molepolole bound North South Water Carrier Project will resume;
- (ii) such work is envisaged to be completed;
- (iii) water will be available for consumption in Molepolole in the meantime; and
- (iv) the Ministry will complete the rehabilitation of Malwelwe boreholes (funded through the World Bank) to benefit the people of Molepolole.

**(FOR ORAL ANSWER ON THURSDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2019)**

**1. MR. D. L. KEORAPETSE, MP. (SELEBI-PHIKWE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Mineral Resources, Green Technology and Energy Security to update this Honourable House on the liquidation of BCL and prospects of reopening of the mine(s) and in particular to explain: **(742)**

- (i) the circumstances and implications of the departure of BCL liquidator Nigel Dixon-Warren;
- (ii) the role of the new liquidator and similarities or differences in terms of reference or roles, past liquidation costs and future costs (how much has been spent and how much is likely to be spent); and
- (iii) feedback of the task force on BCL (in line with June deadline promised to Parliament by the Minister), particularly on the prospects of reopening of the mine.

**2. MR. G. B. BUTALE, MP. (TATI WEST):** To ask the Minister of Finance and Economic Development to state: **(743)**

- (i) if the fiscal prudence and discipline of the last 50 years is under threat due to the recent salary increases along with the "threatened" increase being mooted;
- (ii) what proportion of the budget now goes to salaries; and
- (iii) what is the annual Pula increase compared to pre salary increase.

- 3. KGOSI LOTLAMORENG II, MP. (GOODHOPE-MABULE):** To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Food Security to state: **(744)**
- (i) how many farmers in the Goodhope-Mabule area have been assisted with semen from the Milk Bulls Project which was promised in 2016; and
  - (ii) which parts of Botswana the Milk Bulls Project has been extended to.
- 4. MR. H. B. BILLY, MP. (FRANCISTOWN EAST):** To ask the Minister for Presidential Affairs, Governance and Public Administration to explain to this Honourable House: **(745)**
- (i) how he is cultivating a culture of a corrupt free, integrity and responsible nation;
  - (ii) if there is any training directed towards ending corruption; and
  - (iii) whether there are any structures or platforms in place to aid ending corruption across Government and the private sector.
- 5. DR. T. O. MMATLI, MP. (MOLEPOLOLE SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Health and Wellness if there are any plans to establish a water treatment plant and water purification facility within the Scottish Livingstone Hospital; and if so, when. **(746)**
- 6. MR. S. M. NTLHAILE, MP. (JWANENG-MABUTSANE):** To ask the Minister of Employment, Labour Productivity and Skills Development to apprise this Honourable House about the recent move to close Jwaneng Technical College and suspension of all members of the Student Representative Committee, and to state: **(747)**
- (i) what informed such drastic measures;
  - (ii) if the school community has statutory rules of conduct and if they were followed;
  - (iii) what were the charges against the students;
  - (iv) whether the students were given the opportunity to defend themselves;
  - (v) if any properties were lost and at what cost;
  - (vi) whether there were injuries and if so, who and how many people were injured;

- (vii) when the college will reinstate all the suspended students; and
  - (viii) what action is being taken to address challenges faced by the college.
- 7. MR. P. MAJAGA, MP. (NATA-GWETA):** To ask the Minister of Health and Wellness if he is aware that a plot has long been identified and reserved for the construction of a hospital in Palapye; and if so, to state: **(748)**
- (i) when construction of this hospital will commence;
  - (ii) whether any feasibility study has been carried out; and
  - (iii) if he will consider including it in the National Development Plan 11 mid-term review.
- 8. MR. S. KGOROBA, MP. (MOGODITSHANE):** To ask the Minister of Finance and Economic Development: **(749)**
- (i) to explain the terms and conditions of the Chinese grants for the Nata /Gumare feasibility study;
  - (ii) to confirm whether Botswana as a recipient is not expected to award the construction to a Chinese state owned contractor;
  - (iii) to state who initiated the idea of a grant;
  - (iv) why they did not borrow locally for the Gaborone/Mmopane and Bull & Bush Broadhurst roads;
  - (v) why he did not use this as an opportunity to develop and deepen our capital markets; and
  - (vi) to disclose the terms and conditions of the Chinese loan to this Honourable House.
- 9. MR. E. J. BATSHU, MP. (NKANGE):** To ask the Minister of Employment, Labour Productivity and Skills Development to state the number of employers who were charged for paying their employees below the stipulated minimum wage during the financial years 2017/18 and 2018/19. **(750)**

**10. MR. H. G. NKAIGWA, MP. (GABORONE NORTH):** To ask the Minister for Presidential Affairs, Governance and Public Administration: **(751)**

- (i) what is being done by Government to compensate former industrial class employees the 15 minutes added to their daily normal working hours;
- (ii) what causes the delay to compensate them despite approval from the Office of the President; and
- (iii) when they will be paid.