

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(TUESDAY 4TH FEBRUARY, 2020)

QUESTIONS

- 1. DR. K. GOBOTSWANG, MP. (SEFHARE-RAMOKGONAMI):** To ask the Minister of Land Management, Water and Sanitation Services to update this Honourable House on the implementation of integrated farming and to further explain if the programme meets its intended goal and specific objectives. **(138)**
- 2. MR. M. M. PULE, MP. (MOCHUDI EAST):** To ask the Minister of Employment, Labour Productivity and Skills Development when construction of the brigade planned for the river villages in Kgatleng is going to commence; and to state: **(109)**

 - (i) how much it will cost;
 - (ii) when it is going to be completed; and
 - (iii) how many students will be enrolled annually.
- 3. MR. J. L. THIITE, MP. (GHANZI NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Land Management, Water and Sanitation Services if he is aware of the acute water shortage in Ghanzi North particularly Kuke, D'Kar and Grootlaagte settlements and to explain: **(118)**

 - (i) what plans are in place to address this situation in the short, medium and long term;
 - (ii) if he is aware that Water Utilities Corporation (WUC) fails to adequately remedy the situation by using water bowsers to supply water to the settlements;
 - (iii) if he is aware that this acute water shortage is frustrating citizen economic empowerment;
 - (iv) if loss of small stock does not frustrate the good intentions of Government to graduate the settlement communities and the beneficiaries from poverty;
 - (v) if this cannot translate to wasting the tax payers' money; and
 - (vi) if this situation is not an emergency.

- 4. DR. K. GOBOTSWANG, MP. (SEFHARE-RAMOKGONAMI):** To ask the Minister of Investment, Trade and Industry to update this Honourable House on the implementation of the Presidential Directive to support small-scale caterers and vendors and to state the number of vendors who: **(121)**
- (i) have utilised the dispensation;
 - (ii) have dropped out and why; and
 - (iii) are still operating within Government offices.
- 5. MR. T. S. KHAMA, MP. (SEROWE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Communications to brief this Honourable House on the current Air Botswana Board and whether they have aviation, commercial and operational experience including the General Manager; and of those, what qualifications they hold and to state: **(129)**
- (i) whether Air Botswana has been profitable since 1st April, 2018; if not, what is the current debt;
 - (ii) if Air Botswana last financial year results have been audited and made public;
 - (iii) if he can advise on the status of all the operational and safety issues that were identified in Air Botswana IATA Operational Safety Audit (IOSA) earlier this year, findings and how many have now been satisfactorily rectified to date; and
 - (iv) how much it cost the Botswana Government for the six (6) months that the E170 jet was grounded and not operational since its arrival.
- 6. MR. S. J. BROOKS, MP. (KGALAGADI SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Defence, Justice and Security to state: **(142)**
- (i) the compensation given to officers of the Botswana Defence Force (BDF) Peace Keeping Missions for different countries since inception of the BDF;
 - (ii) the countries to which officers were sent to and their length of stay respectively;
 - (iii) as an annexure how much each officer was paid;
 - (iv) whether the above mentioned officers are still with BDF, retired, alive or have passed on;
 - (v) whether the then Commander followed the right procedure in dealing with the concerned officers' benefits, taking into account the BDF Act;

- (vi) if there were any irregularities with the above process;
- (vii) when the officers will be paid; and
- (viii) what action will be taken against that Commander in case there was any wrong doing.

7. MR. P. P. P. MOATLHODI, MP. (TONOTA): To ask the Minister of Basic Education whether there are plans to erect a palisade fence at Shashe River Senior Secondary School as the current fence is in a very bad state such that agricultural projects within the school get destroyed by goats from within the village and if so, when and at what cost. **(144)**

8. MR. D. L. KEORAPETSE, MP. (SELEBI PHIKWE WEST): To ask the Minister of Finance and Economic Development to update this Honourable House on the use by Bank of Botswana (BoB) of De La Rue and Oberth since 1998 on the design, integration, manufacturing and delivery of Pula banknotes, banknote paper, polymer and security features on the currency, and to specifically state: **(145)**

- (i) the number of times the bank has utilised these two companies for these services and the level of satisfaction of BoB;
- (ii) the names of other companies engaged to provide these services;
- (iii) the amount in Pula terms paid to each of these and the other companies; and
- (iv) how companies providing these services are identified and awarded contracts and further state institutions providing oversight of the process.

9. MR. T. LETSHOLO, MP. (KANYE NORTH): To ask the Minister of Transport and Communications to apprise this Honourable House on the following: **(146)**

- (i) the possibility of increasing public transport licenses at Ramotswa, Mogobane and Otse in the morning and evening hours (for example 05:00 up to 22:00) to cater for a contingent of people going to and from work; and
- (ii) if it is lawful to have public transport operators putting road marshals at strategic bus stops to stop people from getting alternative means of transport in the absence of scheduled buses.

• **STATEMENT BY THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS**

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTION

**MOTION FOR THE ADJOURNMENT – DEFINITE MATTER OF URGENT
PUBLIC IMPORTANCE – GOVERNMENT TO DECLARE THE CORONAVIRUS
OUTBREAK A NATIONAL HEALTH EMERGENCY**

- “That this Honourable House requests Government to declare the Coronavirus outbreak a national health emergency in view of rising suspected cases identified in Botswana, coupled with escalating number of confirmed and suspected cases globally.”

(Mr. T. Letsholo, MP. – Kanye North)