

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(MONDAY 28TH JULY, 2025)

QUESTIONS

HRS/MINS

1400 – 1445

1. **MR. B. B. MABEO, MP. (GAMALETE):** To ask the Minister for State President to update this Honourable House on the arrangements and conditions surrounding the engagement of private Presidential photographers; and to further state: (424)
 - (i) if there are photographers engaged as individuals or as part of a company, and if it is a company to provide its name;
 - (ii) how these photographers were selected, whether it was through a direct appointment or open tender;
 - (iii) the total amount spent on engaging these photographers thus far and this should include their accommodation, transportation (locally and Internationally) and service fees; and
 - (iv) whether the newly appointed team members possess the necessary capacity to effectively archive the President's photographs like the Department of Information Services which has been responsible for archiving the activities of the Head of State since 1966, maintaining a dedicated office to maintain and protect the Presidential photo archives.

2. **MR. K. C. HIKUAMA, MP. (MAUN WEST):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to apprise this Honourable House on the current assessment of the state of toilets and overall sanitation in all primary schools within Maun; and further: (412)
 - (i) provide a school by school breakdown on the condition of these facilities more especially in the Maun West Constituency;
 - (ii) if there are any primary schools in Maun West Constituency that still rely solely on pit latrines, and if so, which ones, and what is the time frame for their upgrade to waterborne systems; and

- (iii) measures currently in place to ensure that existing waterborne toilets in the Maun West Constituency are consistently functional, given reports of frequent non-functionality due to water shortages.
- 3. MR. M. M. MOROLONG, MP. (KGATLENG CENTRAL):** To ask the Minister for State President to state: **(392)**

 - (i) why the contact details and resources of the Information and Data Protection Commission (IDPC) are not yet publicly available despite the Act being in effect;
 - (ii) when the public can fully access the Commission including a functional website, official contact details and public engagement channels; and
 - (iii) measures in place to ensure that the IDPC is operational and fulfilling its mandate.
- 4. MR. T. B. LUCAS, MP. (BOBIRWA):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs if there are any plans to decentralise chieftainship such that it is aligned to District boundaries; and if so, whether he would consider motivating a repeal of the Tribal Territories Act. **(428)**
- 5. MR. A. K. KHAN, MP. (MOLEPOLOLE NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Water and Human Settlement to state: **(429)**

 - (i) whether Botswana Housing Corporation (BHC) still has plans to build houses in Molepolole; if so,
 - (ii) what is delaying the commencement of the development; and
 - (iii) when it is expected to start.
- 6. MR. G. DISHO, MP. (OKAVANGO EAST):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to apprise this Honourable House on the Honourable Councillors' welfare; in particular: **(431)**

 - (i) when he will consider increasing housing allowances for Councillors as this will enable them to execute their duties effectively;
 - (ii) if the Minister will provide spouse allowance for Honourable Councillors as a form of recognition and for the work that they do; and

(iii) if he will consider providing them with ward offices and at least one (1) secretary to draft and keep notes for the Honourable Councillor when on duty.

7. MR. K. S. GARE, MP. (MOSHUPA – MANYANA): To ask the Minister of Health (432) to state:

- (i) when the Moshupa Primary Hospital will be commissioned;
- (ii) the type of services that will be provided at the hospital; and
- (iii) staff complement expected to be deployed at the hospital.

8. MR. R. W. KAIZER, MP. (SELEBI PHIKWE WEST): To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs if he is aware that Bye Law Enforcement Officers at councils are not entitled to scarce skills allowances like their counterparts at Directorate on Corruption and Economic Corruption (DCEC), Land Boards and Deeds Registry; if so, to state:

- (i) the criteria used to exclude them from being paid this allowance;
- (ii) if Bye Law Enforcement Officers are appointed at the same qualifications as their counterparts at DCEC, Land Boards and Deeds Registry; and
- (iii) if he will consider paying scarce skills allowance for the officers in question.

9. MR. P. M. MOSANANA, MP. (KANYE EAST): To ask the Minister of Water and Human Settlement to state when: (434)

- (i) the Kanye sanitation project will be completed; and
- (ii) the Kanye rehabilitation for potable water pipes is going to be completed and what measures are in place to avoid future inconveniences.

QUESTION WITHOUT NOTICE

10. MR. L. LESEDI, MP. (SEROWE SOUTH): To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure if he has been made aware that the road safety transport system in Botswana is dysfunctional and consistently down country wide and that this happens on a weekly basis; and if so, to explain: (435)

- (i) why this is so and what action is being taken to address this calamity;

- (ii) what is being done to improve provision of efficient road safety transport system and if a more efficient system can't be adopted in place of the failing system;
- (iii) how this failing system has affected vehicle registration and licensing, vehicle examination, driver training and examination, transport permits, public transport inspection and enforcement as well as revenue collection for Government; and
- (iv) how far the Ministry has gone in the introduction of secure and personalised number plates for local vehicles.

TABLING OF PAPERS

1. National Development Bank Annual Report, 2022/2023.

(Minister of Finance)

2. National Development Bank Annual Report, 2023/2024.

(Minister of Finance)

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

HRS/MINS

PRESENTATION OF A GOVERNMENT BILL

1445 - 1800

- Conventional Arms Control Bill, 2025 (Bill No. 13 of 2025) An Act to provide for the establishment of the National Conventional Arms Control Authority and the National Conventional Arms Control Committee as part of the national system for the control of international trade in conventional arms; to regulate the authorisation, transfer, transit, and brokering of conventional arms; to promote transparency and responsible trade in conventional arms; and to provide for matters incidental thereto.

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(Minister for State President)

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

SECOND READING

1. Community Based Natural Resources Management Bill, 2025 (Bill No. 11 of 2025)) An Act to provide for the implementation of the Community Based Natural Resources Management (CBNRM) approach for the sustainable use of natural resources including cultural heritage by communities, and for matters connected or incidental thereto.

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(Minister of Environment and Tourism)

(Resumed Debate)

2. Forest and Range Resources Bill, 2025 (Bill No. 12 of 2025) An Act to provide for the establishment of the Department of Forestry and Range Resources, the institutional and regulatory framework for sustainable management of forest and range resources, and to provide for matters incidental or connected therewith.

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(Minister of Environment and Tourism)