

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

NOTICE PAPER

(THURSDAY 9TH JULY, 2026)

(FOR MONDAY 13TH JULY, 2026)

- Inaugural Official Opening of the Legislative Meeting of Parliament.

NOTICE OF QUESTIONS

(FOR ORAL ANSWER ON TUESDAY 14TH JULY, 2026)

1. **MR. K. K. KAPINGA, MP. (OKAVANGO WEST):** To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism to state: (185)
 - (i) when the residents of Okavango can expect to see touristic developments around the Mohembo Okavango bridge as proposed in the relevant plans; and
 - (ii) whether his Ministry was involved in the conception of the plans; and if so, why there has not been a single development to date.
2. **MR. M. M. PULE, MP. (KGATLENG EAST):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to state reforms the Government intends to implement to ensure timely recruitment, prompt confirmation of appointments and effective succession planning within the Public Service; and: (278)
 - (i) whether there are timelines or performance standards for recruitment and confirmation processes; and
 - (ii) what measures are being taken to prevent prolonged acting appointments and skills gaps in critical positions.
3. **MR. M. MOALOSI, MP. (NKANGE):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education to state: (205)
 - (i) if she is aware of;
 - (a) the shortage of hostel accommodation at John Nswazwi Junior Secondary School where 120 students live in prison-like conditions, staying in a hostel that was supposed to accommodate 48 students;
 - (b) that the whole school is dark, including streetlights and classrooms making it difficult for students to study at night;

- (c) that the ablution blocks at the boys' hostels are not working leaving the children with no option but to bath outside using buckets, with no drainage provided for the water, creating a fertile ground for mosquitoes that torment the students;
 - (ii) if she will consider closing the hostels until the situation has been resolved; and if not,
 - (iii) mitigation measures she is taking to address this situation.
- 4. **MR. O. KWAPA, MP. (JWANENG-MABUTSANE):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs whether there are plans to upgrade Sese Headman of Records given the growing population and size of the village. (412)
- 5. **MR. T. FURNITURE, MP. (TATI EAST):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to state: (378)
 - (i) how many cases from the public service have been registered with the Public Service Commission (PSC) since the new Government took over in October 2024;
 - (ii) how many have been settled from the registered cases, how many are pending and why;
 - (iii) what nature of cases are registered with the Commissioner General and what his Ministry is doing to ensure that these cases are not repeated;
 - (iv) when his Ministry is planning to operate PSC as a stand-alone entity rather than operating it under the Directorate of Public Service Management (DPSM);
 - (v) what is hindering his office from appointing and commissioning the Commissioner General of PSC to resume his/her duties; and
 - (vi) if he is satisfied that PSC serves the purpose and rights of the civil servants; and if so, why there are still many cases registered at PSC.
- 6. **BRIGADIER D. MOKGWATHI, MP. (LETLHAKENG):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to apprise this Honourable House on: (425)
 - (i) the number of primary school pupils commuting on a daily basis between Maratswane and Malwelwe to Malwelwe Primary School;
 - (ii) the mode of transport used by these pupils and its reliability; and

- (iii) future plans (both short and long term) for Maratswane Primary School.
7. **MR. G. DISHO, MP. (OKAVANGO EAST):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to apprise this Honourable House on: (401)
- (i) why his Ministry continues to employ a significant number of workers on temporary or fixed term contracts, including renewals, despite that the work they are hired for is of a continuous nature;
 - (ii) whether this practice is consistent with national labour laws and fair labour standards, and whether it does not undermine workers' rights to the job security, decent work and human dignity; and
 - (iii) when his Ministry intends to review this practice and what concrete measures are being put in place to regularise the employment status of long serving temporary employees.
8. **MR. M. M. MOROLONG, MP. (KGATLENG CENTRAL):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to brief this Honourable House on the comparative rate of performance by local authorities and what factors contribute to poor service delivery and development outcomes. (439)
9. **MR. S. O. MAPULANGA, MP. (CHOBE):** To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism to state: (424)
- (i) the years in which Hunting Concessions CT1, CT2, CT3, CT4, CT5 and CT6 were established;
 - (ii) the number of companies and individuals who won the license to hunt in the mentioned concessions and to list their names;
 - (iii) the amount raised in terms of BWP value to date; and
 - (iv) where the lease agreements are being held and their expiry dates.
10. **MR. C. K. JACOBS, MP. (LOBATSE):** To ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services if there are any Government efforts and considerations on the establishment of Land Courts and Land Courts of Appeal as a way to relevantly attend and address land disputes and land related matters in a more professional setup and legal framework; and whether he is aware that: (190)
- (i) with Land Courts and Courts of Appeal, land disputes will undergo proper legality and administration;

- (ii) Lands Courts and Courts of Appeal could administer and handle Land Disputes Management System and Database;
 - (iii) Lands Courts and Courts of Appeal could foster relevance to land issues and settlements; and
 - (iv) with Land Courts and Courts of Appeal, land allocations and land disputes will separately run effectively and efficiently independent and manageable as different portfolios under oversight of the ministry and other relevant stakeholders.
11. **MR. P. K. MOTAOSANE, MP. (THAMAGA - KUMAKWANE):** To ask the Minister of Finance to update this Honourable House on the main reason behind the Government's decision not to pursue the De Beers tax debt that was alleged to be in the region of P14 billion. (411)
12. **MS. H. P. MANYENENG, MP. (MMOPANE-METSIMOTLHABE):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to state: (348)
- (i) if he is aware that there is no designated combi rank in the Mmopane–Metsimotlhabe area, resulting in combi and taxi operators operating from informal open spaces;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that the absence of basic facilities, including toilets, at these locations poses public health and safety risks; and
 - (iii) what steps he intends to take, in collaboration with the relevant Ministry to establish a formal combi rank with adequate facilities.

(FOR ORAL ANSWER ON WEDNESDAY 15TH JULY, 2026)

1. **MR. M. M. PULE, MP. (KGATLENG EAST):** To ask the Minister of Finance to state measures in place to ensure that Government supply tenders benefit a wider range of citizens rather than being repeatedly awarded to a few established suppliers; and further state: (436)
- (i) how compliance with citizen participation and local content requirements is monitored and enforced; and
 - (ii) what specific initiatives exist to enable new and emerging supply companies to access Government contracts.
2. **MR. M. MOALOSI, MP. (NKANGE):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security: (4)
- (i) to confirm whether farmers in Bobirwa who lost their cattle due to cross border cattle rustling were compensated by Government;

- (ii) if *mephato* in Bobirwa are being paid through Ipelegeng to help patrol the area to curb stock theft;
 - (iii) why has this compensation programme not been extended to the people of Tutume District particularly in Maitengwe and Sepako;
 - (iv) if he does not see the need to treat all Batswana equally and apply similar compensation measures to all similarly affected farmers; and
 - (v) what is the new Government's long-term plan to help farmers to better secure their livestock from cattle rustlers.
3. **BRIGADIER D. MOKGWATHI, MP. (LETLHAKENG):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education to apprise this Honourable House on the statistics of all temporary teachers in her Ministry by: (450)
- (i) stating the number of youth from Letlhakeng District who form part of these statistics who are between the ages of 21 to 39 years;
 - (ii) stating the number of temporary teachers who by the end of April 2026 would reach the adult age of 40 years; and
 - (iii) stating how she will ensure that every temporary teacher will be deployed in the main stream teaching cadres.
4. **MR. M. M. MOROLONG, MP. (KGATLENG CENTRAL):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to state when he will phase off the A1 Salary Scale in the Government salary payment structure since it is very low and it degrades public service morale on the affected public servants. (452)
5. **MR. S. O. MAPULANGA, MP. (CHOBE):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to update this Honourable House on progress of the Kachikau-Parakarungu road; in particular: (459)
- (i) why the project has not been completed to date; and
 - (ii) if he will consider terminating the contract as it is evident that there is failure to deliver the project.
6. **MR. M. BAGAISAMANG, MP. (SHOSHONG):** To ask the Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship to update this Honourable House on the Letsema Horticulture Market; and to state: (442)
- (i) whether Government acknowledges that its initial design was based on an outdated supply driven model with limited market integration;
 - (ii) the current operational strategy, including governance, market access, pricing, and farmer participation;

- (iii) the key challenges affecting performance, particularly competitiveness, coordination, and sustainability;
 - (iv) the future development strategy to reposition the Market as a demand driven, export oriented horticulture hub; and
 - (v) what informed the shift in Government's approach, including lessons learned and private sector input.
7. **MR. P. M. MOSANANA, MP. (KANYE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education whether she is aware that a number of teachers who sponsored themselves for further education training have not been refunded their tuition fees; and if so, to state: **(453)**
- (i) the number of teachers who have been affected;
 - (ii) the total amount outstanding;
 - (iii) when the refunds will be made; and
 - (iv) steps that are being taken to upgrade these teachers to salary scales commensurate with their qualifications and length of service.
8. **MR. L. LESEDI, MP. (SEROWE SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Minerals and Energy to apprise this Honourable House on Botswana Oil Limited (BOL) company; stating: **(454)**
- (i) the number of fuel suppliers supplying BOL and those importing and exporting;
 - (ii) which company was awarded the tender to construct Ghanzi Government Petroleum Reserve Storage;
 - (iii) the number of companies supplying BOL which are owned by Government employees, former cabinet Ministers and anyone who has held a cabinet position, including any of these being partners and how many are owned by locals;
 - (iv) the number of companies providing transportation of fuel to BOL and how many of these companies are owned by indigenous Batswana;
 - (v) the number of companies that provide transport of fuel to BOL owned by former cabinet Ministers, their relatives and/or partners;
 - (vi) the criterion that was used to appoint these companies and how BOL sources its fuel supply;
 - (vii) measures in place for BOL to implement cost saving measures; and

- (viii) the current status of Tshele Hills storage, in terms of capacity and operation and how much was spent on its construction and maintenance costs.
9. **MR. T. B. LUCAS, MP. (BOBIRWA):** To ask the Minister of Finance to state (214)
if the current state of the economy can support a P4000.00 minimum wage across the board as it is the desire and wish of the current Government.
10. **MR. S. O. DIGWA, MP. (BOTETI WEST):** To ask the Minister of Lands and (163)
Agriculture to state:
- (i) the number of agricultural extension areas across the country which are currently staffed (manned) and those which remain unstaffed (unmanned);
 - (ii) what impact the lack of agricultural extension workers have on the country's annual crop production and overall agricultural output; and
 - (iii) interventions or strategies the Ministry is implementing to address this challenge to strengthen agricultural support services and improve national food security.
11. **MR. T. FURNITURE, MP. (TATI EAST):** To ask the Minister for State (435)
President, Defence and Security:
- (i) to state the number of retired officers who have been appointed on contracts by Government since January 2024 and their salary scales;
 - (ii) to specify the length of contracts;
 - (iii) what special skills they possess; and
 - (iv) why other officers cannot be promoted/recruited instead of appointing officers on contracts.
12. **MR. L. BARONGWANG, MP. (MOGODITSHANE EAST):** To ask the Minister of (117)
Local Government and Traditional Affairs to state the immediate and stop-gap plans to address challenges at Solomon Dihutso, Mogoditshane and Moamogwe Primary Schools perpetuated by the school enrolment that exceeds planned targets per school and educational facilities with insufficient furniture and teaching materials.

(FOR ORAL ANSWER ON THURSDAY 16TH JULY, 2026)

1. **MR. D. SALESHANDO, MP. (MAUN NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Lands and (464)
Agriculture to state if:
- (i) Botswana Agricultural Marketing Board (BAMB) was operating profitably as at the end of December 2025 as announced by the President to the nation; and

- (ii) there had been any organisational strategic plan adopted by the Board pointing to possible profitability by December 2025, if the organisation remains loss making.
- 2. MR. G. SEDOMBO, MP. (TONOTA):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security whether: **(465)**

 - (i) he is aware of the dilapidated condition of the Serule Police Station, which is characterised by structural cracks, a sunken floor, non-functional electrical systems, falling ceilings, a leaking roof, and an unusable holding cell due to sewerage system failure; and if so,
 - (ii) there are any plans in place to rehabilitate the facility, and when such remedial works are expected to commence.
- 3. MR. G. KEKGONEGILE, MP. (MAUN EAST):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to brief this Honourable House on measures put in place to redress past injustices suffered by former Botswana Defence Force (BDF) personnel (Privates to Warrant Officers) in the years between 1980 to 1998 while undertaking official local trips, in particular to state: **(466)**

 - (i) the reasons they were not paid subsistence allowances but also personally paid for their meals during the trips;
 - (ii) if the Ministry has any plans to reimburse the officers the meal expenses and to pay them their dues in terms of subsistence allowances (night outs and meals); if so, when, if not, why not; and
 - (iii) the number of officers involved, and to further brief on the current status of payments for subsistence allowances to BDF personnel of Private to Warrant Officer ranks.
- 4. MR. T. FURNITURE, MP. (TATI EAST):** To ask the Minister of Health to update this Honourable House on: **(467)**

 - (i) whether Sir Ketumile Masire Teaching Hospital is a public hospital; and if so,
 - (ii) why patients are still required to pay and use medical aid at the facility; and if not, whether services at this hospital are free like in all other public hospitals.
- 5. MR. A. K. KHAN, MP. (MOLEPOLOLE NORTH):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to state who between Ministers and Permanent Secretaries is constitutionally and operationally responsible for the overall direction and leadership of a Ministry, and to further state: **(468)**

- (i) if Ministers have any formal role in the recruitment and appointment of senior ministry officials (e.g., Directors, Deputy Permanent Secretaries, and Permanent Secretaries) to enable them to assemble teams aligned with the Minister's vision for the Ministry; if so, to outline the Minister's role in the recruitment process;
 - (ii) if he is confident that Ministers exercise effective control and oversight of their respective Ministries, or there are systemic issues that allow Permanent Secretaries to override or derail Ministerial direction; if so, what reforms are proposed to restore Ministerial leadership;
 - (iii) concrete measures that the Government is taking to remove or otherwise deal with corrupt and/or incompetent officers who remain in senior public service positions and whose conduct hampers the new Government's ability to deliver on its promises, and to provide the legal and administrative instruments the Government will use, including a timeline for implementation; and
 - (iv) the relevant policy documents, statutes or circulars that govern appointments, oversight and discipline of senior public officers.
6. **MR. K. NKAWANA, MP. (SELEBI PHIKWE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship to apprise this Honourable House on the planned turnaround strategy to make Selebi Phikwe a place to go to for local and foreign investors. (469)
7. **MR. S. O. MAPULANGA, MP. (CHOBE):** To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism: (470)
- (i) to update this Honourable House on the statistics of animals that are trapped or found in the Pandamatenga farms;
 - (ii) to state immediate and long term strategies of removing them or managing their numbers; and
 - (iii) if he would consider the animals to be part of the hunting quota for the Trust in the jurisdiction or create specialised hunting permits for the subsistence of the community.
8. **MR. L. BARONGWANG, MP. (MOGODITSHANE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education: (471)
- (i) to state the difference in the general job descriptions, scope of work and remuneration between Teacher Aides and Care Takers;

- (ii) if there is a difference in remuneration and conditions of service between those employed directly by the Ministry of Child Welfare and Basic Education and those employed under the Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Affairs;
 - (iii) whether her Ministry provides any form of assistance to these cadres, such as training opportunities, housing, or allowances, in recognition of their work demands and specialised roles; if so, what specific programmes or benefits are currently in place;
 - (iv) what provisions exist for career progression from initial employment to promotion, including recognition of length of service; and
 - (v) how her Ministry ensures that these positions offer a clear pathway for professional growth and retention.
9. **MR. M. MOALOSI, MP. (NKANGE):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education to state: (472)
- (i) the process that would be used to permanently absorb temporary teachers;
 - (ii) whether those that worked for a long time as temporary teachers would be given preference over newer graduates;
 - (iii) if she is aware that some posts held by temporary teachers are said to have “disappeared” in the Oracle system, such as the post for an English Teacher at Goshwe Junior Secondary School;
 - (iv) plans to get back the posts that are no longer available because the Oracle system deleted them; and
 - (v) if she is aware of the service disruption in schools where posts that are said to be “no longer available” remain unfilled.
10. **MR. S. O. DIGWA, MP. (BOTETI WEST):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education: (473)
- (i) if she is aware of the serious shortage of both core and supplementary text books in the five (5) junior secondary schools in Boteti West Constituency;
 - (ii) what measures are in place to ensure that there is adequate supply of text books in those schools; and
 - (iii) whether the shortage is not limiting teaching and learning in these junior secondary schools.

11. **MR. C. K. HIKUAMA, MP. (MAUN WEST):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education whether she is aware of the current state of infrastructure in schools across the country more specifically in the Maun West Constituency; if so, (474)
- (i) what assessment has been made regarding the extent of the repairs needed; and
 - (ii) what steps are being taken to address these infrastructure backlogs in the current financial year.
12. **MR. M. M. MOROLONG, MP. (KGATLENG CENTRAL):** To ask the Minister of Water and Human Settlement if there are plans in place to relocate the Water Utilities Corporation facilities in Mochudi particularly the sewerage ponds in Boseja North and Mabodisa Wards and other associated facilities that are now a health hazard to the community. (475)

NOTICE OF MINISTERS' QUESTION TIME

(FOR ORAL ANSWER ON FRIDAY 17TH JULY, 2026)

1. Minister of Minerals and Energy

THEME: ACQUISITION OF CONTROLLING STAKE IN DEBEERS BY BOTSWANA GOVERNMENT

(Mr. D. Saleshando, MP. – Maun North)

2. Minister of Labour and Home Affairs

THEME: CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TRUST FUND (CITF) SITES AND MANAGEMENT

(Mr. G. Lekau, MP. – Mogoditshane West)