

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

NOTICE PAPER

(WEDNESDAY 11TH FEBRUARY, 2026)

NOTICE OF QUESTIONS

(FOR ORAL ANSWER ON MONDAY 16TH FEBRUARY, 2026)

1. **MR. T. B. LUCAS, MP. (BOBIRWA):** To ask the Minister of Finance to state: (194)
 - (i) the current unemployment rates in Botswana as per Statistics Botswana Surveys indicating whether unemployment is increasing or decreasing;
 - (ii) the total number of unemployed persons in Botswana including those considered as discouraged job seekers;
 - (iii) the economic conditions that are required to create 450 000 to 500 000 jobs in the next four (4) years and further, if such economic conditions are achievable in Botswana in the next four (4) years; and
 - (iv) if the current and projected economic growth rates could support the condition of full employment in Botswana.
2. **MR. T. FURNITURE, MP. (TATI EAST):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare (195) and Basic Education to update this Honourable House on:
 - (i) progress made in terms of promotions or posts for reception class teachers; and
 - (ii) the criteria used to determine progression and promotions.
3. **MR. A. K. KHAN, MP. (MOLEPOLOLE NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Trade (196) and Entrepreneurship to state:
 - (i) the number of forensic audits that the Citizen Entrepreneurial Development Agency (CEDA) has undertaken since its inception and whether the findings were presented to this Honourable House; and if not, why not; and
 - (ii) if he will not consider undertaking a comprehensive forensic audit covering the last ten (10) years and present the report to this Honourable House with recommendations.

4. **MR. M. BAGAISAMANG, MP. (SHOSHONG):** To ask the Minister of Finance (197) to explain why Government is not funding multi-residential projects through its Government Employees Motor Vehicle and Residential Property Advance Scheme (GEMVAS) since employees pay their mortgage directly from their salaries.

5. **MR. K. K. KAPINGA, MP. (OKAVANGO WEST):** To ask the Minister of Minerals and Energy when the reticulation of electricity to Tsodilo and Chukumuchu villages will be completed, and if she is aware that: (198)

- (i) Public Servants serving in a number of villages in Okavango West are living without this basic necessity such as electricity and that this terribly degrades the quality of their lives; and
- (ii) most of the solar power plants built in primary schools are unserviceable due to failure to solve the battery problems; and if so, how will she address the problem.

6. **MR. M. M. MOROLONG, MP. (KGATLENG CENTRAL):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to state Government plans to introduce structured retreats and psychological support programmes including emotional therapies or mindfullness - based stress reduction for frontline workers such as the Police, Social Workers, Nurses, Doctors and other health practitioners to address occupational stress and trauma. (199)

7. **MR. B. B. MABEO, MP. (GAMALETE):** To ask the Minister of Water and Human Settlement to state: (200)

- (i) the name of the company which has been awarded the tender to construct Bonno Housing Scheme houses in Ramotswa/Gamalete Constituency;
- (ii) the number of plots/land which will be given to the said company;
- (iii) the number of plots which have been given to all private property developers (companies) that are constructing Bonno Housing Scheme throughout Botswana; and
- (iv) the estimated cost of all the land that has been given to the said property developers.

8. **MR. O. KEDIKILWE, MP. (SEROWE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Finance if he is aware that the cost of living has gone up to a point where many families are struggling to have a meal for the day, leading to rising poverty levels and increased food insecurity; if so, to state: (201)

- (i) whether he has plans to stabilise the ever-escalating cost of living;
- (ii) specific immediate and long-term strategies Government will implement to mitigate the inflated prices of essential commodities; and
- (iii) actionable steps the Ministry is taking to address the high unemployment rate in the current economic climate.

9. **MR. L. LESEDI, MP. (SEROWE SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services to state: (202)

- (i) Government's position on capital punishment and if a moratorium has been imposed on capital punishment in Botswana;
- (ii) the number of individuals currently on death row and why no death warrants have been signed since October 2024 even for those found guilty of murder who have exhausted the legal process;
- (iii) why the number of heinous crimes and murder cases has risen exponentially since a moratorium was imposed;
- (iv) why the Government seems to place more value on the rights of murderers and killers over those of their victims and their families; and
- (v) what is being done to protect the rights of victims of murder and their families.

10. **MR. G. DISHO, MP. (OKAVANGO EAST):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to apprise this Honourable House on: (203)

- (i) the number of cattle and other livestock which have been illegally driven out of Botswana from the Okavango East over the past four (4) years as a result of cattle rustling and cross-border criminal activity;
- (ii) whether Government has intelligence indicating who is responsible for these acts, and to state whether the perpetrators are local criminals, cross border syndicates, or nationals of neighbouring countries;
- (iii) the number of stolen cattle which have been recovered and where they are currently secured;
- (iv) the number of cattle-rustling suspects who have been arrested and successfully prosecuted during this period;

- (v) the security, border-control, and victim-support measures Government is implementing to protect affected communities; and
- (vi) when compensations will be paid to victims in fulfilment of the state's obligation to safeguard citizens and their property.

11. **MR. O. KWAPA, MP. (JWANENG-MABUTSANE):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education to state Government's interim plan to have all Mogale Junior Secondary School teachers accommodated in Maokane as a matter of urgency to improve the school's performance. (204)

12. **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 bathe 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.

(FOR ORAL ANSWER ON TUESDAY 17TH FEBRUARY, 2026)

1. **DR. K. GOBOTSWANG, MP. (TSWAPONG SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Health to apprise this Honourable House on the State of Public Health Emergency that was declared by the President in August 2025; and further state: (206)

- (i) the baseline levels of essential and non-essential drugs as well as Antiretroviral Drugs (ARVs) at the time the State of Public Health Emergency was declared and the levels of the same supplies at the time the State of Public Health Emergency ended;

- (ii) systemic operational failures that were documented during the State of Public Health Emergency; and
- (iii) corrective measures that were put in place and resultant improvements observed.

2. **MR. M. M. PULE, MP. (KGATLENG EAST):** To ask the Minister of Transport (207) and Infrastructure to state:

- (i) when and how he plans to intervene as a matter of emergency, to protect public safety given the court interdict on the construction of the Modipane–Mabalane road and also noting that the current condition of the road, poses a serious and potentially fatal risk to road users;
- (ii) interim measures the Ministry will implement while legal disputes are being resolved;
- (iii) specific timelines on the planned interventions; and
- (iv) when he intends to visit the project site to assess firsthand the severity of the road's condition.

3. **MR. S. O. MAPULANGA, MP. (CHOBE):** To ask the Minister of Minerals (208) and Energy to state:

- (i) the number of Batswana who benefitted from the Lesedi project under Botswana Power Corporation by volume and the amount used;
- (ii) challenges that caused the project to fail; and
- (iii) where the purchased assets that were not used are and how much they cost.

4. **MR. S. O. DIGWA, MP. (BOTETI WEST):** To ask the Minister of Lands and (209) Agriculture to state:

- (i) the policy or legal rationale for not transferring the rights of the plot to the deceased applicant's immediate family such as their children or siblings, in cases where an individual has applied for a plot (residential or commercial) but passes away before the allocation is finalised; and
- (ii) if he will consider revising the policy to ensure that families of deceased applicants are not unfairly excluded from benefitting from their relative's application.

5. **MR. C. K. HIKUAMA, MP. (MAUN WEST):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education to apprise this Honourable House on the state of the Department of Curriculum and Evaluation buildings, adjacent to the Mosque in Gaborone Central Constituency and if it is true that in 2012, the building was vacated for the purposes of renovation; and if so, to explain the following:

- (i) which company was awarded the tender to renovate the buildings and at how much;
- (ii) when the renovation was expected to be completed;
- (iii) how much has been paid to the engaged company to date;
- (iv) how much the department is paying annually for the buildings currently renting in the Fair Grounds area; and
- (v) when the department is expected to move back to its buildings.

6. **MR. C. K. JACOBS, MP. (LOBATSE):** To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism if he is aware of the need to establish a weather station or meteorological station in Lobatse. (211)

7. **DR. U. DOW, MP. (KGATLENG WEST):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security whether he considers transparency, accountability, fairness and open competition to be core principles in the Government's procurement process and if there are any plans to bring a bill to Parliament amending the current procurement laws, with a view to:

- (i) granting the President special procurement powers; and
- (ii) abandoning competitive bidding as the default position in the grant of Government tenders and contracts and substituting same with direct appointment.

8. **MR. T. BOGATSU, MP. (LENTSWELETAU-LEPHEPHE):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to update this Honourable House on:

- (i) the state of plot allocations in the villages of Gakuto, Mmatseta, Kopong, Sasakwe, Lentsweletau, Kgope and Ditshukudung where there seems to be discrepancies in the manner in which land is allocated; and
- (ii) whether there are some systems that the Minister would put in place to ensure seamless plot allocation.

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. M. MOALOSI, MP. (NKANGE):** To ask the Minister for State President, (215) Defence and Security to state:

- (i) the number of reported cases of causing death by dangerous driving in the past ten (10) years;
- (ii) the number of people charged, prosecuted, convicted, respectively and the average sentence for those convicted;
- (iii) the minimum and maximum sentences for causing death by dangerous driving;
- (iv) whether the rate of prosecution and conviction for people who kill others on the road either as pedestrians or drivers and passengers is enough to deter people from driving in a way that can harm others; and
- (v) whether the statistics do not call for stiffer sentences and more robust investigation and prosecution for offenders.

11. **MR. T. FURNITURE, MP. (TATI EAST):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare (216) and Basic Education to state:

- (i) when the maintenance of Tashata Junior Secondary School is expected to commence; and
- (ii) what causes delays since it was indicated that maintenance would have been done by April 2025.

12. **MR. A. K. KHAN, MP. (MOLEPOLOLE NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Lands (217) and Agriculture whether he has considered repossessing unused land around or within Molepolole Prison as well as some of the underutilised plantation areas in Molepolole, with a view to reallocating such land for residential plots to address the growing demand for land among residents.

NOTICE OF MINISTERS' QUESTION TIME

(FOR ORAL ANSWER ON FRIDAY 13TH FEBRUARY, 2026)

1. Minister of Minerals and Energy

THEME: PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION OF ENQUIRY ON BCL CLOSURE

To ask the Minister of Minerals and Energy to state:

- (i) the criteria used to select the commissioners;

- (ii) how the commission will ensure transparency and independence in its investigations;
- (iii) the terms of reference, and whether those terms were subjected to any stakeholder input or expert review;
- (iv) how Government will guarantee operational independence of the commission from political influence, particularly given that it will investigate actions of former leaders;
- (v) the total budget allocated for the commission operation; and
- (vi) arrangements that have been made to ensure witness protection and prevent intimidation or interference during testimony.

(Mr. R. W. Kaizer, MP. – Selebi Phikwe West)

2. Minister of Lands and Agriculture

THEME: PLOTS ALLOCATION CAMPAIGN

To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to apprise this Honourable House on the 100,000 Plots Allocation Campaign; in particular:

- (i) of the 100,000 plots allocated by the previous administration, how much was spent on preparing these plots for allocation (including surveying, servicing, and related preparatory works);
- (ii) out of the 100,000 allocated plots, how many beneficiaries were ultimately issued with title deeds or certificates of rights;
- (iii) How many of the allocated plots were subsequently returned to Land Authorities by the allotters; please provide this figure in both absolute numbers and percentage form;
- (iv) what were the predominant reasons for the return of these plots, and what remedial measures or policy adjustments are being implemented to address the identified causes;
- (v) to provide a summary of the geographic distribution of the 100,000 plots—specifically indicating how many were allocated in:
 - (a) Remote areas;
 - (b) Rural villages;
 - (c) Peri-urban settlements;
 - (d) Urbanised centres such as Molepolole, Tonota, Serowe, Palapye, Maun, and similar localities;
- (vi) what statistical relationship can be observed between the location category of plots and the rate at which they were returned;

- (vii) as of now, what percentage of requests to return plots submitted by allottees across various Land Boards remain pending or not yet finalised; and
- (viii) which Land Board recorded the highest rate of returned plots when comparing percentages across the country.

(Mr. A. K. Khan, MP. – Molepolole North)