

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

NOTICE PAPER

(WEDNESDAY 18TH FEBRUARY, 2026)

NOTICE OF QUESTIONS

(FOR ORAL ANSWER ON TUESDAY 24TH FEBRUARY, 2026)

1. **MR. M. M. PULE, MP. (KGATLENG EAST):** To ask the Minister of Water and Human Settlement if he is aware of the persistent water shortages affecting residents of Dikwididi, Mabalane, Sikwane, Mmathubudukwane, Ramonaka and Malolwane villages in Kgatleng East, including erratic supply and prolonged periods without running water; and if so, to further state: (239)
 - (i) whether his Ministry has investigated reports of water colorisation when supply is restored through household taps;
 - (ii) immediate and long-term measures that are being implemented to ensure reliable supply and safe water quality and when residents can expect improvements; and
 - (iii) when the Ministry plans to commence the connection of the river villages to the Mmamashia Water Treatment Plant.
2. **MR. S. O. MAPULANGA, MP. (CHOBE):** To ask the Minister of Health to update this Honourable House on: (240)
 - (i) the amount spent on Botswana Post for medical couriers from the year 2023 to October 2025; and
 - (ii) whether there is an agreement or it was a once off contract; and if so, when the contract will end.
3. **MR. M. BAGAISAMANG, MP. (SHOSHONG):** To ask the Minister of Labour and Home Affairs to state: (241)
 - (i) the number of churches which were registered following the re-registration of societies under a new dispensation;
 - (ii) action taken against those that did not register;
 - (iii) if all mushrooming churches which occupy open spaces around cities and villages are registered; and

- (iv) if he has made an assessment on them for potential money laundering capabilities, terrorism and financing of radicalisation of citizens; and
 - (v) implications this has on Botswana's standing in the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) 2026/2027 evaluation.
4. **MR. K. K. KAPINGA, MP. (OKAVANGO WEST):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture: (242)
- (i) how many cattle farmers in Okavango have benefitted from artificial insemination services provided by Government;
 - (ii) if he would acknowledge that his Ministry has since 2019, not demonstrated any drive or intention to ensure that farmers in Okavango enjoy the benefits of artificial insemination; and
 - (iii) if he foresees any significant contribution by the Okavango region to the wish by the President to increase the cattle population to five (5) million, in the absence of access to artificial insemination.
5. **MR. C. K. HIKUAMA, MP. (MAUN WEST):** To ask the Minister of Health to apprise this Honourable House on the ongoing refurbishment and maintenance of the Maun General Hospital and to further state: (243)
- (i) what led to project delays and maintenance backlogs;
 - (ii) the impact on healthcare delivery in the Ngamiland region;
 - (iii) a definitive completion date for the refurbishment of the old Maun General Hospital, given that the project was originally scheduled for completion in 2018 but remains incomplete as of 2026; and
 - (iv) the current maintenance budget for Maun General Hospital.
6. **MR. M. M. MOROLONG, MP. (KGATLENG CENTRAL):** To ask the Minister of Finance when he will amend the Public Procurement and Regulatory Authority Act of 2001 which prohibits public officers and employees of public bodies to engage in any procurement with Government Ministries, Local Authorities, Parastatals and State-Owned Enterprises since they do not have any influence in the evaluation process and awarding of tenders. (244)
7. **MR. T. BOGATSU, MP. (LENTSWELETAU-LEPHEPHE):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to explain to this Honourable House what happened to the Sub District status that was granted to the Lentsweletau-Lephephe Constituency. (245)

8. **MR. O. KEDIKILWE, MP. (SEROWE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture if he is aware of the significant backlog in the allocation of residential plots; and if so, to state: (246)
- (i) the specific tangible strategies beyond standard policy announcements that can accelerate land allocation, including measurable targets and timelines; and
 - (ii) if it is not viable for every main land board to have a deeds registry to streamline the registration process, reduce the reliance on a centralised deeds registry, and improve the efficiency and security of land tenure for citizens.
9. **MR. L. LESEDI, MP. (SEROWE SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Minerals and Energy to state: (247)
- (i) the terms of the Government agreement with MMG Limited which runs and operates Khoemacau Copper Mine in the Kalahari copper belt;
 - (ii) how much has been paid to Government so far as per the agreement with the company and why Government allows for raw materials to leave the country unprocessed to be refined elsewhere;
 - (iii) how much raw copper has left the country since the opening of the mine and how much copper leaves the country annually from the mine since it started operations;
 - (iv) why Government does not see the need for value addition to the copper through beneficiation within the country to ensure Botswana does not only benefit from mere extraction of copper;
 - (v) what is being done to enable citizen participation in the entire copper production value chain ensuring that more of the industry's wealth is realised within the country, creating jobs, fostering innovation, and equipping locals with the skills; and
 - (vi) how many tonnes of copper Khoemacau and its associated mines produce annually, how many Botswana it employs and its estimated mine life span.
10. **MR. G. KEKGONEGILE, MP. (MAUN EAST):** To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism to brief this Honourable House on the protocols in place to alleviate escalating human-wildlife conflict challenges in the North West District, with emphasis on: (248)

- (i) efforts and strategies put in place to help communities to fight human-wildlife conflict;
 - (ii) resources in place to help the department to be responsive to reports from communities in terms of transport, staff etc;
 - (iii) the number of reports made and efforts being put in place to help Hainaveld farmers troubled by the high number of elephants and lions in their farms; and
 - (iv) the number of reports made by Shorobe livestock farmers concerning lions killing their cattle on a weekly basis and efforts made to alleviate the challenge.
11. **MR. T. B. LUCAS, MP. (BOBIRWA):** To ask the Minister of Finance to give a full update of all protocols, processes and activities that have been done so far to support and sustain the Sovereign Wealth Fund in Botswana; and to state in particular: (249)
- (i) how his Ministry will navigate the sustenance of such a fund under the current economic conditions; and
 - (ii) the projected milestones that will guarantee generational equity as it is the prime objective of the fund.
12. **MR. M. MOALOSI, MP. (NKANGE):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to state: (250)
- (i) the number of Batswana owned businesses in the parent chicken rearing industry;
 - (ii) the number of Batswana who applied for permits to import parent stock, stating the number of those who were approved, those who were denied; and the reasons for denial;
 - (iii) why Batswana are not allowed to import fertile eggs from nearby countries to run their own hatcheries;
 - (iv) if he is aware that every year there are a limited number of day-old chicks available for small and medium scale farmers from the beginning of September until the 15th of November as a ploy by the current suppliers to lock Batswana out of the lucrative Christmas period market; and
 - (v) whether he will consider reporting the said suppliers to the Competition and Consumer Authority to be investigated for such anti competition practices as the suppliers are active in the whole chicken value chain, from parent stock to finished products including supplying feed and medicine.