

**BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**NOTICE PAPER**

**(THURSDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2026)**

**NOTICE OF QUESTIONS**

**(FOR ORAL ANSWER ON WEDNESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2026)**

1. **MR. J. J. FRENZEL, MP. (SHASHE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to state: (251)
  - (i) the actual date of completion of the Mandunyane – Mathangwane road, since the revised date of June 2026 is not realistic;
  - (ii) the causes of delay since completion dates have been revised and postponed up to three (3) times thus far;
  - (iii) if the 14 kilometre gravel road between Mathangwane and Makobo will be constructed under this project as it was included in the initial plan; and
  - (iv) if there are any plans to re-seal the A30 road from Borolong to A3 junction as it has severely been damaged by adverse weather conditions.
  
2. **MR T. FURNITURE MP (TATI EAST):** To ask the Minister of International Relations to state: (252)
  - (i) the number of Botswana Embassies in Europe, Asia, Africa and the United States of America respectively;
  - (ii) the number of such embassies which have, over the past six (6) years successfully attracted foreign investors to set up business ventures even on partnership basis in Botswana, with the aim of stimulating economic development;
  - (iii) the firms that were successfully created and the percentage of job opportunities provided for the people of Botswana;
  - (iv) the number of businesses which are currently in operation, and the reasons for the closure;
  - (v) the total contribution of these businesses to Botswana Gross Domestic Product (GDP);

- (vi) whether, considering return on investment, Botswana benefits from the establishment of various embassies abroad; and
  - (vii) the Government's position regarding the reduction of operational expenses and ensuring that these embassies make positive return on investment.
3. **MR. A. K. KHAN, MP. (MOLEPOLOLE NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Sport and Arts whether there are any existing or planned policies that compel or incentivise businesses to partner in sport, for example, through tax rebates or other tax incentives; and if so, when such will be implemented to stimulate greater private sector participation in the development of sport in the country. (253)
4. **MR. K. T. MMUSI, MP. (GABANE-MMANKGODI):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to state: (254)
- (i) when he will consider upgrading Mmokolodi Kgotla to be led by a Headman of Record, instead of a Headman of Arbitration, as the current arrangement disadvantages the Mmokolodi community in accessing Government resources and services;
  - (ii) if he is aware that due to the absence of a Headman of Record, residents of Mmokolodi are required to travel long distances and incur unnecessary costs in order to access tribal services from other *Dikgotla*, and if so,
  - (iii) when this matter will be addressed and for the Minister to provide a clear timeline for its resolution.
5. **MR. C. K. JACOBS, MP. (LOBATSE):** To ask the Minister of Finance whether it is not time to consider putting up the Government integrated offices to revive the economic status of Lobatse as was promised during the late Honourable Sebege's tenure. (255)
6. **MR. O. KWAPA, MP. (JWANENG-MABUTSANE):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture whether he is aware that Ngwaketse Landboard, Maokane Sub Landboard and Mabutsane Sub Landboard are selective in repossessing prime plots as those belonging to certain individuals are never repossessed. (256)
7. **MR. J. T. MODISE, MP. (KGALAGADI SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs why unserviceable goods at Tribal Administration offices take a long time in open storages waiting for auction sale in Kgalagadi South and some take years which lead to losing value as a result of harsh weather conditions. (257)

8. **MR. G. KEKGONEGILE, MP. (MAUN EAST):** To ask the Minister of Health to brief this Honourable House on the countrywide vacancy rate of nurses in hospitals, clinics and health posts and mitigating factors being undertaken to fill the vacant posts; with emphasis on: (258)
- (i) defining the ratio of nurses per patient as per our population and if any district has attained the ratio;
  - (ii) which categories within the nursing profession have the most vacancies and the least vacancies respectively;
  - (iii) which district has the most vacancies across the units, which one is better staffed and at what rate the two districts are staffed; and
  - (iv) whether wards and units across the country are manned by personnel with the right qualifications and not on acting basis.
9. **MR. T. B. LUCAS, MP. (BOBIRWA):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to state if there are any legal, administrative, structural, fiscal or spiritual impediments to upgrading Chief Representatives in the Tutume, Bobirwa, Boteti and Tswapong areas to be fully fledged chiefs with operational autonomy and independence from the Bagammangwato Tribal Territory; and to further state if he: (259)
- (i) finds the current arrangement of Chief Representatives in the mentioned areas consistent with the principles of social justice, human rights and equality of ethnicities; and
  - (ii) is evolving any plans to address this matter.
10. **MR. M. MOALOSI, MP. (NKANGE):** To ask the Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship if he is aware that Bolux Group (Pty) Ltd sells flour as well as bread, under cutting small bakeries with pricing leading to the collapse of the said businesses; if so, whether: (260)
- (i) competition laws allow a flour manufacturer to also operate a bakery to supply wholesalers, chain stores, tuck shops and even road side vendors; and
  - (ii) Government has any plans to protect small scale bakeries from such predatory pricing and exclusive dealing arrangements.
11. **MR. M. M. PULE, MP. (KGATLENG EAST):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to state why, despite cited budgetary constraints, the Ministry has been unable to gravel and grade the Malolwane–Oliphants Drift Road, given its extremely poor condition and: (261)

- (i) what immediate interventions will be undertaken to restore basic access, particularly for residents in far-flung areas who are effectively denied the right to travel; and
- (ii) when the Ministry intends to carry out grading or gravelling works as a matter of urgency to make the road safely passable.