

NTLO YA DIKGOSI

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(THURSDAY 25TH JUNE, 2026)

QUESTIONS

- 1. KGOSI TUMAELETSE IV (SPECIALLY ELECTED):** To ask the Minister of Water and Human Settlement to apprise this Honourable House on:- **(388)**
 - (i) the status of drinking water in Khawa, Tsabong District with reference to saline and residual;
 - (ii) whether the water meets established health standards of the World Health Organisation;
 - (iii) the number of mortalities or consequences in Khawa, Tsabong District if any, that are a result of non-potable water used for human consumption; and
 - (iv) what mitigative measures he has put in place to ensure the potability.
- 2. KGOSI KHAMA IV (GA-MMANGWATO):** To ask the Minister of Sport and Arts to explain why the Serowe stadium and other related infrastructure is not being maintained to an acceptable standard. **(389)**
- 3. KGOSI T. DINGALO (MAUN REGION):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure if he is aware that:- **(390)**
 - (i) Maun-Shorobe road is in a bad state of disrepair;
 - (ii) Shorobe-Khwai road is in a bad state of disrepair; and if so, when he intends to repair it considering the fact that it leads to Moremi Game Reserve, and is the only access road to Sankoyo, Mababe and Khwai Villages for both tourists and citizens.

- 4. KGOSI C. PALEDI (KGALAGADI NORTH REGION):** To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism to state if he is aware that *sexanana* and *tlolela* are negatively impacting the lives of the people of Kgalagadi North in such a way that they now contribute to the dryness of the area; and if so, what steps the Ministry is taking to alleviate this problem on a long-term basis. **(391)**
- 5. KGOSI KHAMA IV (GA-MMANGWATO):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs:- **(392)**
- (i) the specific details for the reasons why the mother support grant was postponed from end of April to June;
 - (ii) what the projected budget for this program is;
 - (iii) how will each mother receive their grant;
 - (iv) how will it be ensured that the grant will be used for its intended purposes; and
 - (v) how will mothers be assisted for the next two years after they would have been dependent on the grant.
- 6. KGOSI I. TSHIPANA (SPECIALLY ELECTED):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture if he is aware that Mookane Cluster Fields Survey was done in 2021 and the electrification is incomplete; and if so, when the project will be completed. **(393)**
- 7. KGOSI E. MOLEHELE (GHANZI EAST REGION):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs whether the increased population of D'kar village to 2814 as per the 2022 population census does not necessitate upgrading the village to Headman of Record level. **(394)**
- 8. KGOSI B. E. RANTUANA (MOLEPOLOLE REGION):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to state when he intends to upgrade Medie-Letsweletau road to bitumen status with bridges since the two villages are joined by two rivers. **(395)**

9. KGOSI KHAMA IV (GA-MMANGWATO): To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism to apprise this Honourable House on:- **(396)**

- (i) the impact of the non-hosting of the 2026 Khawa Dune Challenge and Cultural Festival and the 2026 Makgadikgadi Epic on host communities, local suppliers, small businesses, artists, sport participants, tourism operators and sponsors;
- (ii) whether any impact assessment was conducted before the decision was made;
- (iii) the mitigation measures put in place for affected communities and local businesses;
- (iv) the support he intends to give to Khawa and other affected communities during 2026 in the absence of the activities; and
- (v) how the Ministry will ensure that communities do not lose confidence in national tourism events as reliable platforms for local economic development.

10. KGOSI M. I P. TUMAELETSE IV (SPECIALLY ELECTED): To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to state:- **(397)**

- (i) if he is aware that when a senior officer (Head of Department) Tsabong District is transferred out of the District, he/she is replaced very late with a junior officer who cannot take a decision promptly on the ground at District Development Community (DDC) level;
- (ii) whether he does not perceive this scenario as disregarding quality service and ultimately render the junior officer inefficient; and
- (iii) what immediate plans are there to rectify this perpetual scenario.

11. KGOSI KHAMA IV (GA-MMANGWATO): To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism whether he or any of his officials have association with an organisation called Conservation Force and state:- **(398)**

- (i) their mandate;
- (ii) whether they have been in any way involved in hunting management and quotas; and if so, give reasons;
- (iii) whether the Minister or any officials have been invited by any hunting lobbyist to visit their countries; and if so, whom the trip was sponsored by.

- 12. KGOSI T. M. MONYEPELE (TSWAPONG REGION):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education to state when she will renovate Dikgathong Junior Secondary School at Tswapong South which is in a bad state of disrepair thereby posing a health hazard to both students and teachers. **(399)**
- 13. KGOSI L. M. BABEILE (K GALAGADI SOUTH REGION):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to update this Honourable House on the total amount of funds that were allocated to Kgalagadi South out of the P97 million that was disbursed towards foot and mouth disease control and further state how much has been spent so far. **(400)**
- 14. KGOSI KHAMA IV (GA-MMANGWATO):** To ask the Minister of Sport and Arts if he will consider introducing a standard and sustainable manner of rewards and recognition for top achievements in various categories after the very commendable performance of our sportsmen and women, like at the recently held world relays; and to do so through wide consultations. **(401)**
- 15. KGOSI B. SEIPONE (SPECIALLY ELECTED):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to state if he will consider allocating 50 per cent piece of land to both department of wildlife and human settlement rather than the current allocation of 30 per cent to human settlement and 70 per cent to wildlife management area in the Kgalagadi District as there is shortage of land for developments and agriculture which are main sources of living within the region. **(402)**

- 16. KGOSI T. MAKWA (MOSHUPA REGION):** To ask the Minister of Water and Human Settlement to update this Honourable House on progress made regarding the connection of water pipelines to the villages of Mogobane, Ntlhantlhe, Magotlhwane, Lekgolobotlo and Ranaka which was promised in 2011/2012 as they still continue to experience acute water shortage. **(403)**
- 17. KGOSI KHAMA IV (GA-MMANGWATO):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security whether there are reports of cross border criminal activities affecting tourists' facilities in Northern Botswana, and what step the Ministry is taking to address this situation. **(404)**
- 18. KGOSI T. DINGALO (MAUN REGION):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security if he is aware that Remote Area Service Allowance (RASA) has been discontinued for public officers based in Shorobe; and if so, what informed the decision whilst other officers in villages around Shorobe are still earning the said allowance. **(405)**
- 19. KGOSI M. I P. TUMAELETSE IV (SPECIALLY ELECTED):** To ask the Minister of Water and Human Settlement to update this Honourable House on:- **(406)**
- (i) the current status of the old water treatment plant in Khawa, Tsabong District and how long it has been down; and
 - (ii) any plans the Ministry has to repair the old water plant or procure a new one if the cost of repairing is high and not economical.
- 20. KGOSI KHAMA IV (GA-MMANGWATO):** To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism to confirm:- **(407)**
- (i) whether indeed there was a lodge called Kalahari Plains in the Central Kalahari Game Reserve (CKGR) whose owners applied for a lease renewal which was never responded to, thus resulting in the lease expiring and eventually closing, whereupon another citizen applied to take over the lodge; again, there was no approval given; and

(ii) why they did not allow this facility to continue operating, if the role of the Ministry is to promote tourism in the country.

- 21. KGOSI M. S. MAKHANGA (CHOBE):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security if he is aware of the current state of police infrastructure in the Chobe District that require major maintenance and that there is shortage of accommodation for police officers; and if so, when he intends to address the above. **(408)**
- 22. KGOSI M. KHACHANA III (NORTH EAST):** To ask the Minister of Water and Human Settlement to explain why the residents of Matopi, Matsiloje and Matshelagabedi who live within the vicinity of Dikgathong Dam are still not connected to its water supply after so many years since its commissioning. **(409)**
- 23. KGOSI I. TSHIPANA (SPECIALLY ELECTED):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education if she will consider upgrading Mookane Junior Secondary School to a unified school due to its strategic location where 2 mines are emerging and there is availability of students from nearby villages such as Mmaphashalala, Dibete, Phalaroad, Poloka, Dovedale and other villages within Mookane catchment area. **(410)**
- 24. KGOSI J. D. KHUMANEGO (NGWAKETSE WEST REGION):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs if he will consider upgrading Sese Village Headman of Arbitration to a Chief Representative level and also employ Headmen of Records as the population has increased and most of Jwaneng mine workers reside in Sese. **(411)**
- 25. KGOSI KHAMA IV (GA-MMANGWATO):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to update this Honourable House on:- **(412)**
- (i) the current status of investigations relating to the Karakul sheep procurement transaction;
 - (ii) whether public funds were expended in connection with the transaction and, if so, the amount involved;

- (iii) the authority or authorities that are conducting investigations into the matter;
- (iv) whether any administrative or disciplinary measures have been taken pending completion of investigations;
- (v) whether any audit or review of DIS procurement systems has been undertaken in relation to the matter;
- (vi) when the investigations are expected to be concluded; and
- (vii) whether the findings of the investigation will be reported to Parliament or Ntlo Ya Dikgosi.

26. KGOSI E. MOLEHELE (GHANZI EAST REGION): To ask the **(413)** Minister of Transport and Infrastructure if he is aware that:-

- (i) the Department of Roads in Gantsi and Charleshill Region has only one working grader which means the distance that needs to be graded for the roads of Gantsi–Qabo, Gantsi–Grootlgaate, Karakubis-New Xanagas and Charleshill–New Xanagas is very long; hence the lengthy intervals between the dry grading; and
- (ii) these roads are in a bad condition and require regular dry grading and preferably upgrading to bitumen; and if so, when he intends to address the situation.

27. KGOSI L. M. BABEILE (KGALAGADI SOUTH): To ask the **(414)** Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to state how he intends to assist pre-school and lower primary students (standard one and twos) residing at Phepheng ward, which is part of Draaihoek with transport during the winter season to enable them to attend school properly.

28. KGOSI B. E. RANTUANA (MOLEPOLOLE REGION): To ask the **(415)** Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to state when he will upgrade Metsimothabe Village Kgotla to a modern Type 2 Kgotla to suit a Senior Chief Representative level as the current one is inhabitable and very small.

- 29. KGOSI KHAMA IV (GA-MMANGWATO):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to clarify:- **(416)**
- (i) the policy that governs the appointment and grading of officers assigned to security details for former Presidents and former Vice Presidents;
 - (ii) whether different salary scales currently apply to heads of such security details and; if so, what criteria are used in determining those scales;
 - (iii) whether a standardised policy exists governing such appointments;
 - (iv) whether the Ministry is considering standardisation of the grading framework applicable to these assignments.
- 30. KGOSI M. KHACHANA III (NORTH EAST):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to state if he has any plans to identify and purchase specific freehold farms neighbouring Jackalas No. 1, Ramokgwebana, Butale and Senyawe villages to augment the community's communal grazing land as this will alleviate the current land congestion affecting local farmers and also support the livestock industry in the aforementioned villages. **(417)**
- 31. KGOSI E. MOLEHELE (GHANZI EAST REGION):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs if he is aware that the post of Headman of Arbitration at Bosele Ward in Gantsi has been vacant since the passing on of the previous Headman, and if so, when he intends to allow elections to be conducted to elect a new Headman. **(418)**
- 32. KGOSI L. M. BABEILE (K GALAGADI SOUTH REGION):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture if he is aware that farmers in Kgalagadi South who volunteered to guard the cordon fence are starving and lack resources; and if so, how he intends to aid them as promised. **(419)**

- 33. KGOSI KHAMA IV (GA-MMANGWATO):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to state:- **(420)**
- (i) whether the Directorate of Intelligence and Security (DIS) has policies governing workplace relationships involving senior officers and subordinates;
 - (ii) what safeguards exist to address conflicts of interest in recruitment, promotion, and supervision within the DIS;
 - (iii) whether promotions within the DIS are subject to independent review or approval mechanisms; and
 - (iv) whether Government is considering any review of policies relating to conflicts of interest and promotions within the DIS.
- 34. KGOSI B. E. RANTUANA (MOLEPOLOLE REGION):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs if he will consider increasing Headman of Arbitration positions at Gabane village with five (5) more posts as the village population has increased. **(421)**
- 35. KGOSI M. KHACHANA III (NORTH EAST):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to update this Honourable House on:- **(422)**
- (i) the total number of Motions passed by the Ntlo ya Dikgosi and submitted to the Government for consideration from 2010 to date;
 - (ii) the number of Motions successfully implemented as policy and those that are currently under review or pending action within the various ministries;
 - (iii) the formal tracking and feedback mechanisms that exist within the Ministry to ensure that the resolutions of this House are not merely noted but are integrated into the National Development Plans (NDPs); and

(iv) the protocol for providing a detailed justification to Dikgosi in instances where a Motion was rejected and deemed unfeasible by Government to ensure transparent and consultative process.

36. KGOSI E. MOLEHELE (GHANZI EAST REGION): To ask the Minister of Sport and Arts: **(423)**

(i) whether he is aware that Gantsi Sports Complex project that was approved more than 10 years ago is behind schedule, with only part of the boundary wall erected so far; and

(ii) when the project will be completed.

37. KGOSI L. M. BABEILE (K GALAGADI SOUTH REGION): To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to state what measures he intends to put in place to permanently prevent Foot and Mouth Disease in Kgalagadi South. **(424)**

38. KGOSI KHAMA IV (GA-MMANGWATO): To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism to state: **(425)**

(i) why there were contradictory statements released by Botswana Tourism Organisation (BTO) where the public was first informed that the 2026 Khawa Dune Challenge & Cultural Festival had been postponed to 2027, and was subsequently informed by BTO that both the Khawa Dune Challenge and Cultural Festival and Makgadikgadi Epic had been cancelled for 2026;

(ii) the details of who authorised the first communication of the postponement, the cancellation and the reasons between the two communications;

(iii) the steps that will be taken to ensure that national tourism events are communicated with consistency, accuracy and accountability; and

(iv) whether the Minister will commission an independent review into BTO's planning, budgeting, procurement, contract management, stakeholder coordination and public communication processes relating to the Khawa Dune Challenge and Cultural Festival and the Makgadikgadi Epic.

- 39. KGOSI B. E. RANTUANA (MOLEPOLOLE REGION):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure if he is aware that Kotolaname-Lesilakgokong road that connects with Molepolole is in a bad state of disrepair; and if so, when he will upgrade it to bituminous standard. **(426)**
- 40. KGOSI M. KHACHANA III (NORTH EAST):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to explain:- **(427)**
- (i) the criteria used for elevating traditional leadership status in the North East District;
 - (ii) why certain villages like Toteng and Vukwi hold the status of Headman of Arbitration, while other villages in the same district with similar or lower populations remain at Headman of Records level; and
 - (iii) whether there is a formal plan to harmonise these statuses to ensure all residents of the North East have equal access to Kgotla judicial services.
- 41. KGOSI L. M. BABEILE (KGALAGADI SOUTH REGION):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education if he is aware that:- **(428)**
- (i) Tsabong Unified Secondary School buildings are in a bad state of disrepair;
 - (ii) the school is dark and there are no lights in all the classrooms;
 - (iii) boys ablution blocks are not functional;
 - (iv) students use cold water as there is no truck to carry fire wood;
 - (v) the school has more than 30 temporary teachers; and if so, when he intends to visit the school and address the above; and
 - (vi) there are 11 vacant posts for teachers in that school.

- 42. KGOSI B. E. RANTUANA (MOLEPOLOLE REGION):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to explain to this Honourable House who is accountable for issuance of land board certificates for wards headed by Headmen of Arbitration as there is always a confusion when seeking these certificates from the land board, Tribal Administration or Council. **(429)**
- 43. KGOSI M. KHACHANA III (NORTH EAST):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs if he is aware that the position of Court Clerk at Moroka Village Kgotla has remained vacant for a period of three (3) years; and if so, whether the Minister could state what urgent measures he intends to take to fill this post and provide a specific date by which a substantive officer will be in place to restore the essential administrative and secretarial duties of the Moroka Customary Court. **(430)**
- 44. KGOSI KHAMA IV (GA-MMANGWATO):** To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism to state:- **(431)**
- (i) whether the findings of planning, budgeting, procurement, contract management, stakeholder coordination and public communication processes review will be tabled before the appropriate oversight structures;
 - (ii) whether there will be personal or institutional accountability where failures are established;
 - (iii) whether Botswana Tourism Organisation's (BTO) current national events model remains fit for purpose;
 - (iv) whether Government intends to continue outsourcing national tourism events to the private sector;
 - (v) what reforms will be implemented before the 2027 editions; and
 - (vi) how the Minister intends to restore public, sponsor, community and private sector confidence in BTO's ability to deliver credible tourism events.

- 45. KGOSI B. E. RANTUANA (MOLEPOLOLE REGION):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security if he aware that:- **(432)**
- (i) the delimitation commission which was tasked to review constituency borders have disregarded and not used the advice from Bogosi and Community leaders in regard to their tribal territory layouts; and
 - (ii) Bogosi around Molepolole region is worried that constituency borders have subsumed some tribal territories by dividing one village into different constituencies; and if so how he intends to address these issues.
- 46. KGOSI T. DINGALO (MAUN REGION):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs if he will consider upgrading Shakawe Customary Court leadership to be managed at Tribal Secretary level instead of Assistant Tribal Secretary to close all managerial gaps, given the level of responsibility which includes facilitation of 17 Customary Courts. **(343)**
- 47. KGOSI S. MASALILA (TONOTA REGION):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security if he is aware that the Ntlo ya Dikgosi representative for Tonota Region covers a wider and complicated area of six (6) constituencies namely; Tonota, Shashe West, Boteti East, Mmadinare, Bobonong and Tswapong North; and if so, whether he will consider narrowing them to three (3) to ease the work load and also cut on expenses for both the Government and the Member. **(344)**
- 48. KGOSI B. E. RANTUANA (MOLEPOLOLE REGION):** To ask the Minister of Minerals and Energy to inform this Honourable House:- **(349)**
- (i) when the Masama Coal Mine near Medie village in the Kweneng District will be re-opened;
 - (ii) if all workers were paid their benefits; and
 - (iii) who is accountable for compensating the damage to properties caused by blasting explosives.

49. KGOSI KHAMA IV (GA-MMANGWATO): To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education to confirm to this Honourable House:- **(352)**

- (i) whether it is the intention of this Government to teach Xhosa and Sotho in our institutions of learning;
- (ii) what informed this decision for them to take precedence over other local languages, if it is true;
- (iii) what consultations were embarked upon across the country;
- (iv) whom these languages will be taught by, if it is indeed true.

50. KGOSI M. KHACHANA III (NORTH EAST): To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to state:- **(363)**

- (i) if he is aware of the persistent transport challenges faced by Members of Ntlo ya Dikgosi when executing their official duties; and if so,
- (ii) whether he will consider issuing a formal Directive to District Commissioners to prioritise and formalise the allocation of official vehicles from the District Administration pool to Ntlo ya Dikgosi Members in order for them to be able to effectively consult *merafe* in their Regions.

51. KGOSI KHAMA IV (GA-MMANGWATO): To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security, as a follow up to question 186 which was asked on the 27th January 2026, will the Minister update this House:- **(366)**

- (i) whether payment of arrears arising from the court ruling concerning Directorate of Intelligence and Security (DIS) C-band officers has commenced and, if not, what factors have caused delays;
- (ii) what measures the Ministry has taken to address concerns arising from the delay in implementation of the court ruling;

- (iii) whether the Ministry has established a timeline for payment of the arrears and, if so, when payments are expected to commence;
 - (iv) whether any administrative review has been undertaken regarding delays in implementing the court ruling; and
 - (v) what mechanisms exist to ensure compliance with court decisions affecting the DIS.
- 52. KGOSI KHAMA IV (GA-MMANGWATO):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to acquaint this Honourable House on the number of clinic ambulances that are currently in the national fleet, as well as the number of those that are serviceable. **(326)**
- 53. KGOSI L. M. BABEILE (K GALAGADI SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture if he will consider erecting a cordon fence along areas that are prone to foot and mouth disease breakout to protect them. **(331)**
- 54. KGOSI KHAMA IV (GA-MMANGWATO):** To ask the Minister of Labour and Home Affairs to state:- **(256)**
- (i) whether the plan to give investors citizenship will be implemented; and if so;
 - (ii) were there any consultations carried out with Ntlo ya Dikgosi, Parliament and the general population for such a major departure from the criteria of becoming a citizen.
- 55. KGOSI KHAMA IV (GA-MMANGWATO):** To ask the Minister of Labour and Home Affairs whether the Minister can provide this Honourable House with the most recent official statistics on the youth unemployment rate (ages 15–35) and the overall unemployment rate in Botswana. **(438)**

- 56. KGOSI B. E. RANTUANA (MOLEPOLOLE REGION):** To ask the **(368)** Minister of Lands and Agriculture to state:-
- (i) if he will consider upgrading Mogoditshane Sub Landboard to a fully-fledged land board which is aligned to Mogoditshane-Thamaga District Council considering the separation of Districts and also to reduce the work load at Molepolole Main Land Board; and
 - (ii) if he is aware that a lot of land crime incidents that happen around Mogoditshane and its catchment areas are caused by the fact that Mogoditshane Sub Land Board still reports to Molepolole Main Land Board which makes it impossible to take decisions which then impacts on service delivery; and if so, when he intends to correct this anomaly.
- 57. KGOSI B. SEIPONE (SPECIALLY ELECTED):** To ask the **(369)** Minister of Justice and Correctional Services to state when he intends to construct a magistrate court with staff houses in Kang.
- 58. KGOSI M. KHACHANA III (NORTH EAST):** To ask the Minister **(370)** for State President, Defence and Security to explain:-
- (i) the constitutional and administrative rationale for Ntlo ya Dikgosi being administered under the structure of the National Assembly given that the Constitution establishes them as distinct bodies with unique mandates; and
 - (ii) if he does not deem it necessary to provide Ntlo ya Dikgosi with its own independent Secretariat and Accounting Officer to reflect its constitutional status.
- 59. KGOSI M. I P. TUMAELETSE IV (SPECIALLY ELECTED):** To **(371)** ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to state:-
- (i) when Kolonkwaneng Health Post will be upgraded to a fully-fledged and operational clinic to meet the current contemporary society needs and aspirations based on World Health Organisation (WHO) standards and best practices;

- (ii) if the Minister is aware that the population has increased to more than 2500 contrary to 715 of the population census in 2022 as confirmed by Statistics Botswana; and
 - (iii) whether there are any immediate plans to correct this anomaly.
- 60. KGOSI KHAMA IV (GA-MMANGWATO):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to state:- **(372)**
- (i) whether the current salary scales for the Director General and Deputy Director General of the DIS are F0 and F2 respectively;
 - (ii) what process governs the review and approval of salary scales and grading within the DIS;
 - (iii) whether the Ministry is considering any review of the grading structure applicable to senior DIS positions;
 - (iv) whether any assessment has been undertaken regarding the impact of current grading structures on organisational efficiency and staff morale; and
 - (v) what oversight mechanisms exist to regulate the creation or upgrading of senior positions within the DIS.
- 61. KGOSI B. SEIPONE (SPECIALLY ELECTED):** To ask the Minister of Communications and Innovation to state when he intends to construct a modernised post office in Kang as the current one is standard and was constructed in the late 1970's and it is too small for the village and its catchment area. **(373)**
- 62. KGOSI M. KHACHANA III (NORTH EAST):** To ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional services to apprise this Honorable House on:- **(374)**
- (i) the specific legal bottlenecks currently hindering the finalisation of cases for inmates on death row, particularly following the 2022 Court of Appeal judgment in Pholo versus The State, which rendered the automatic review process, Rule 44 invalid;
 - (ii) measures he intends to take to ensure that these proceedings are concluded within a reasonable time frame.

63. KGOSI M. I P. TUMAELETSE IV (SPECIALLY ELECTED): To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to state:- **(375)**

- (i) if he is aware that the review of the National Settlement Policy of 2004 which existed for 22 years to date is disadvantaging small and medium villages by limiting their Dikgotla to be upgraded and their Dikgosi to be elevated to positions beyond C1 salary scale and beyond;
- (ii) if he is aware that this question has been asked since 2005 to date and the Minister's response was based on the population of more than 5000 people for a Kgotla to be upgraded beyond C1 salary scale, disregarding other factors that include the years of existence of a village, academic qualification of a Kgosi, vast experience gained from public service when retiring into Bogosi or legal background by training in law which is a scarce skill in Tribal Administration; and if so,
- (iii) whether there are any immediate plans to review and amend this policy in a bid to abolish numbers and consider other reasonable factors and take into account human rights of affected villages and their Dikgosi.

64. KGOSI KHAMA IV (GA-MMANGWATO):To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to state:- **(376)**

- (i) whether the Minister is aware of testimony given before the Public Accounts Committee regarding the employment of persons with criminal records by the DIS;
- (ii) the laws, policies, or vetting standards that govern the recruitment of persons with prior criminal convictions into the public service and the DIS;
- (iii) whether criminal records affect eligibility for security clearance within the DIS;
- (iv) safeguards measures that exist to ensure integrity and accountability in DIS recruitment and vetting processes; and
- (v) whether any review or audit of DIS recruitment and vetting procedures is being considered.

- 65. KGOSI B. E. RANTUANA (MOLEPOLOLE REGION):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture if he is aware that: **(377)**
- Minister of Lands and Agriculture if he is aware that:-
- (i) Mogoditshane Landboard has stopped farmers of Tlhape, Kgaphamadi and Ledumadumane from ploughing their fields as they have been affected by village extension developments;
 - (ii) they were promised to compensate the said farmers and nothing has been done it is now more than 10 years; and
 - (iii) residents now what to go back and utilise their fields as they are their main source of income; and if so when he intends to address the above.
- 66. KGOSI M. KHACHANA III (NORTH EAST):** To ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services to update this Honourable House on the number of criminal cases currently pending before the High Courts and Magistrate Courts specifically due to slow or incomplete police investigations. **(378)**
- 67. KGOSI M. I P. TUMAELETSE IV (SPECIALLY ELECTED):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to state:- **(379)**
- (i) whether the Minister is aware that there are currently six Customary Courts (Bokspits, Middlepits, Bogogobo, Tsabong, Makopong and Werda) headed by Sub-Chiefs, remunerated at D2 salary scale and only Bokspits and Tsabong have Headmen of Record, remunerated at C1 salary scale; and
 - (ii) why there are still vacant positions of D4 and D3 salary scales within the Bogosi structure.
- 68. KGOSI KHAMA IV (GA-MMANGWATO):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to make it clear:- **(380)**
- (i) whether Ministers are obliged to answer questions and Motions in Ntlo ya Dikgosi; if yes, state why some Ministers do not turn up to answer questions or do not send representatives to do so;

- (ii) whether the Minister is further aware and deems it appropriate that in some cases where representatives are sent, they read answers from several Ministries and are sometimes unable to answer follow up questions.

69. KGOSI B. E. RANTUANA (MOLEPOLOLE REGION): To ask the Minister of Minerals and Energy to state when he intends to connect Lesilakgokong Village with electricity as the village population has grown with more than eight (8) wards. **(381)**

70. KGOSI M. KHACHANA III (NORTH EAST): To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to state:- **(382)**

- (i) if he is aware that the North East District currently lacks a centralised District Tribal Administration Office to facilitate the coordination of traditional leadership and customary judicial services; and if so, whether the Minister could further state the specific challenges preventing the construction of a dedicated district level facility in North East District;
- (ii) whether there are any immediate plans or budgetary allocations under the National Development Plan (NDP) or the District Development Plan (DDP) for the 2026/2027 financial year to initiate the above; and
- (iii) when the Ministry intends to prioritise the establishment of this office to ensure that the North East District is at par with other administrative districts.

71. KGOSI KHAMA IV (GA-MMANGWATO): To ask the Minister of Minerals and Energy to state:- **(383)**

- (i) the procedure that is followed leading up to the publishing of commodity prices such as electricity and fuel; and
- (ii) the status of each of the fuel levies.

72. KGOSI M. I P. TUMAELETSE IV (SPECIALLY ELECTED): To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs if he will consider:- **(384)**

- (i) creating lower positions such as Deputy Sub-Chief, remunerated at D3, Senior Deputy Sub-Chief, remunerated at D4 and Headman of Record, remunerated at C1 salary scale while waiting for the review of the current Bogosi Act of 2008 as this has demotivated Dikgosi; and
- (ii) putting measures in place that will address these socio-economic status of Dikgosi.

73. KGOSI KHAMA IV (GA-MMANGWATO): To ask the Minister of International Relations to state categorically the Government's positions on adherence to democracy, human rights and the rule of law and how it has or intends to address those same principles with other countries in the region and the continent that violate regional and continental protocols on adherence to such that they signed up to. **(385)**

74. KGOSI M. KHACHANA III (NORTH EAST): To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to update this Honourable House on:- **(386)**

- (i) progress made regarding the construction of the fire station in Masunga as previously outlined in the Transitional National Development Plan (TNDP);
- (ii) the current status of the procurement or bidding process for this facility; and
- (iii) the interim measures that are in place to reduce response times for fire outbreaks in the North East District while this project is pending.

75. KGOSI KHAMA IV (GA-MMANGWATO): To ask the Minister of International Relations what the Government's position is on countries who have arrested and detained opposition leaders and their supporters, used violence and lethal force to suppress dissent; specifically, in countries like Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda, and others. **(387)**

76. KGOSI J. D. KHUMANEGO (NGWAKETSE WEST REGION): (236)

To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to update this Honourable House on the number of Motions that were passed by Ntlo ya Dikgosi which were implemented in the past 15 years; and if unable to do so, state the reasons why.

77. KGOSI KHAMA IV (GA-MMANGWATO): To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security:- (301)

(i) whether the Ministry can provide information regarding the number of Directorate of Intelligence and Security (DIS) officers occupying senior management positions from E2 salary scale and above;

(ii) whether any organisational review has been undertaken to assess the effectiveness and sustainability of the current DIS management structure;

(iii) what proportion of the DIS personnel budget is allocated to senior management positions;

(iv) whether the Ministry is considering any restructuring or organisational audit of the DIS; and

(v) what oversight mechanisms apply to the creation and approval of senior positions within the DIS.

78. KGOSI M. KHACHANA III (NORTH EAST): To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education to apprise this Honourable House on:- (303)

(i) progress made regarding the development of a regulatory framework or policy to monitor and control the escalation of fees in private English Medium and international schools following the adoption of a parliamentary Motion on this matter in 2012 tabled by Honourable Wynter Mmolotsi;

(ii) the criteria used to determine the current fee structures across various private tiers and whether they are commensurate with the facilities and quality of education provided;

- (iii) specific measures that are taken to protect parents from arbitrary mid-year fee hikes or development levies that are often introduced without adequate consultation;
- (iv) whether the current provisions under the Education Act Cap 58:01 are sufficient to intervene when private school fees become prohibitive to the average citizen; and
- (v) whether the Ministry will consider drafting a School Fees Control Act to establish a Tribunal similar to the one found under the Rent Control Act Cap 43:09 to protect Batswana parents from exploitative pricing.

79. KGOSI M. I P. TUMAELETSE IV (SPECIALLY ELECTED): To ask the Minister of Health whether he is aware that: **(304)**

- (i) families of the deceased incur heavy costs when transporting corpse and suffer emotional distress as they travel long distance from Kuruman in South Africa to Ramatlabama border post which is roughly 800 kilometres as opposed to 200 kilometres through McCarthy's Rust or Middlepits, Makopong, Bray border post and 200 kilometres through Bokspits border post from Upington; and if so, will he consider putting in place an amicable solution between the Ministry and its counterpart to service clients with ease; and
- (ii) there is only one medical doctor stationed at Ramatlabama to conduct autopsy services for the entire Southern part of Botswana; and if so, does the Ministry have immediate plans to liaise with its counterpart to deploy doctors in each border along Molopo river to conduct autopsy services as a permanent remedy.

80. KGOSI KHAMA IV (GA-MMANGWATO): To ask the Minister International Relations to inform this Honourable House on:- **(305)**

- (i) whether Government is aware of allegations concerning vessels fraudulently operating under the Botswana flag;

- (ii) the communication the Government has had with the International Maritime Organisation and other relevant international bodies concerning the matter;
- (iii) whether any investigation or security assessment has been undertaken regarding the alleged misuse of Botswana's flag and identity;
- (iv) whether Government has received any diplomatic or regulatory communication from foreign states or international organisations regarding the matter; and
- (v) what legal, diplomatic, or operational measures Government has taken or intends to take to address the issue and protect Botswana's international reputation.

81. KGOSI T. DINGALO (MAUN REGION): To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to update this Honourable House on:- **(311)**

- (i) progress made regarding the restructuring of Tribal Administration;
- (ii) when the new structure will be implemented; and
- (iii) what will happen to officers who will not be absorbed by the new structure.

82. KGOSI T. M. MONYEPELE (TSWAPONG REGION): To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to state:- **(317)**

- (i) if he does not deem it opportune to develop clear documented and transparent succession plans for Dikgosi nationally to ensure stability in leadership;
- (ii) if he is aware that customary laws are somewhat ignored and not recognised by many in Botswana; and if so, how he intends to assist in finding a balance where customary laws can co-exist with constitutional requirements to foster a just and equitable society; and
- (iii) what his Ministry is doing to strengthen the capacity of Ntlo ya Dikgosi to initiate legislation on national issues as well as improving the effectiveness of customary courts.

83. KGOSI B. E. RANTUANA (MOLEPOLOLE REGION): To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to state: **(320)**

- (i) if he will consider upgrading Medie Health post to a fully-fledged clinic that has a pharmacist to cater for other villages in Kweneng District, Diphale, Mokotswana, Dikolakolane and surrounding farms; and
- (ii) if he is aware that the arrangement of a mobile clinic to visit Mmetlo lands every Thursday is no longer operational due to the fact that the Medie Clinic ambulance is in a poor condition and patients end up missing their medications; and if so, how he will address the situation.

84. KGOSI P. GABORONE (BATLOKWA): To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to State: **(324)**

- (i) if he is aware that around 2017/2018 there were community development officers who were assigned to Dikgotla to work with Dikgosi as focal persons in the developments of communities but were later withdrawn;
- (ii) the reasons that led to the withdrawal of such officers;
- (iii) whether there are any plans to reinstate such officers to Dikgotla help drive community developments; and
- (iv) if the Ministry's broader plan is ensuring a transformed Bogosi that can drive community development agenda and transform rural economy.

85. KGOSI KHAMA IV (GA-MMANGWATO): To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to state the steps that have so far been achieved since it was announced that it was Government's intention to improve tribal administration. **(329)**

86. KGOSI M. I P. TUMAELETSE IV (SPECIALLY ELECTED): To (332) ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to state:-

- (i) if he is aware that there is a notable disparity in grading traditional leadership positions specifically for Hukuntsi in Kgalagadi North with a Deputy Chief at D3 salary scale; and if so, could he explain why the Deputy Chief at D3 salary scale is only peculiar to Hukuntsi village;
- (ii) the criteria that was used to determine the establishment of such a post in Kgalagadi North and why similar principles cannot apply in Kgalagadi South which has more population density than the other region if at all the postulation was based on population; and
- (iii) what immediate plans the Ministry has in place to harmonise the establishment of the same post in Kgalagadi South to ensure uniform service delivery and authority.

87. KGOSI M. I P. TUMAELETSE IV (SPECIALLY ELECTED): To (335) ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to state:-

- (i) if he is aware that few Districts in Botswana have full operational positions of traditional leadership such as; Chiefs, Deputy Chiefs, Senior Chief Representative and Headmen of Record; and if so, explain why the same structure cannot be implemented in all districts;
- (ii) if he is further aware that failure to harmonise this practice which persisted for more than 6 decades could be perceived to be tantamount to gross violation of human rights; and
- (iii) whether he is aware that the marginalised groups can escalate this matter to litigate against discrimination and deprivation of the enjoyment of their rights; and if so, are there any immediate plans to factor in these sentiments in the envisaged Bogosi Act, CAP. 41:01 of 2008 which is under review.

88. KGOSI N. KABELO (SEROWE REGION): To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to state:- **(337)**

- (i) why the transfer of Primary Health Care functions to councils including Serowe District Council was implemented without a commensurate transfer of adequate financial resources; and
- (ii) if he is aware that councils face the risk of failing to deliver essential services due to budget short falls; and if so, what he intends to do as a contingency to prevent deterioration of services.

89. KGOSI KHAMA IV (GA-MMANGWATO): To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to state:- **(339)**

- (i) what informed the decision to change the name from Ipelegeng to Ikageng as self-reliance is one of the five principles of Botswana particularly the active participation in community projects; and
- (ii) what the purpose of changing the name was if they mean the same thing.

90. KGOSI M. I P. TUMAELETSE IV (SPECIALLY ELECTED): To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to inform this Honourable House on:- **(342)**

- (i) progress made regarding the completion and operationalisation of the Department of Tribal Administration structure as per the six (6) months promise that the Minister made when he assumed office;
- (ii) whether he is aware that progression or career path for most of junior officers is adversely affected as a result of no clarity which contravenes the Directorate of Public Service Management (DPSM) Directive No. 8 of 2006, No. 10 of 2001 and Section 24 of Public Sector Association (PSA), Act No. 30 of 2008;

- (iii) whether he is aware that most of the officers underwent personal self-development in Human Resource Management discipline and obtained their Certificates, Diplomas and even Degrees but without progression despite their excellent service delivery;
- (iv) whether he is aware that Assistant Court Clerks remain stagnant at B2 salary scale for more than 10 years despite having acquired further Diploma in their academic qualifications; and
- (v) whether he is further aware that entry salary scale for any Diploma holder is C4 salary scale in the entire public service.

91. KGOSI KHAMA IV (GA-MMANGWATO): To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to provide an update on the initiative under which it was announced that US\$600 million would be raised by December 2025, including the current status of the matter. **(433)**

92. KGOSI KHAMA IV (GA-MMANGWATO): To ask Minister for State President, Defence and Security to provide an update regarding the undertaking made during the January session concerning staffing at Tautona Lodge and Farm, the purpose for which the property was acquired, and the status of livestock acquired in connection with the farm. **(442)**

93. KGOSI KHAMA IV (GA-MMANGWATO): To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to inform this Honourable House on:- **(458)**

- (i) whether the forensic report which deals with financial misconduct did not go into other major abuses of office such as violations of human rights, the Constitution, the rule of law and democracy;
- (ii) whether the Government will institute a commission of inquiry into such abuses that will allow all affected citizens to come forward to seek redress; and
- (iii) whether the Government intends to hold the perpetrators of such persecution to account before the law.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTIONS

REVIEW OF THE NATIONAL POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS (NPHC) OF 2021/22

1. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider reviewing the National Population and Housing Census in order to abolish a quota formula which prohibits constituencies to be delimited for representation by more than one Member of Parliament, disregarding other pertinent factors."

(Kgosi M. I P. Tumaletse IV – Specially Elected)

(Resumed Debate)

TAILOR-MADE LIVESTOCK WATER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

2. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider making a deliberate 60 per cent tailor-made pastoral farming water development programme for farmers' cluster borehole drilling based on Special Economic Zones (SEZ) and geographical features of Tsabong District whilst 40 per cent goes to arable farming."

(Kgosi M. I P. Tumaletse IV – Specially Elected)

ERECTION OF A VETERINARY CORDON BIO-SECURITY FENCE

3. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider urgently erecting a veterinary cordon bio-security fence along the Molopo river for veterinary Zone 13 (Tsabong District) to prevent invasion of buffaloes and incursion of the contagious foot and mouth disease from the neighbouring South African provinces as there are confirmed cases of the disease at Northwest and Northern Cape provinces (Tosca and Kuruman) mainly to protect the green zone(s)."

(Kgosi M. I P. Tumaletse IV – Specially Elected)

AMENDMENT OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2012 13(3)

4. "That this Honourable House requests Government to amend the Local Government Act 2012 Section 13(3) to allow Members of Ntlo ya Dikgosi and Dikgosi to sit in the Council Committee."

(Kgosi E. Molehele- Ghanzi East Region)

CONSTRUCTION OF MULTI-PURPOSE BUS TERMINALS

5. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider constructing modern multi-purpose bus terminals across the country."

(Kgosi M. I P. Tumaletse IV – Specially Elected)

INTRODUCING A POLICY THAT ALLOWS CHILDREN OF DECEASED CITIZENS WHO HAD LONG STANDING APPLICATIONS ON THE LAND BOARD WAITING LIST TO BE PRIORITISED

6. "That this Honourable House requests the Minister of Lands and Housing to consider introducing a Policy or special consideration framework that allows children of deceased citizens who had long standing applications on the Land Board waiting list to be prioritised or fairly considered for residential plot allocation."

(Kgosi S. Masalila – Tonota Region)

LEGALISING POLYGAMOUS MARRIAGES

7. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider allowing men to marry more than one wife under Common Law."

(Kgosi T. Dingalo- Maun Region)

INTRODUCTION OF TRANSPORT ALLOWANCE FOR MEMBERS OF NTLO YA DIKGOSI WITHIN GABORONE WHILST THE HOUSE IS SITTING

8. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider introducing transport allowance for Members of Ntlo ya Dikgosi during the proceedings of the House."

(Kgosi M. I P. Tumaletse IV – Specially Elected)

**REVIEW AND INCREASE OF HOSPITALITY ALLOWANCE
FOR MEMBERS OF NTLO YA DIKGOSI**

9. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider reviewing and increasing Hospitality allowance for Members of Ntlo ya Dikgosi."

(Kgosi M. I P. Tumaletse IV – Specially Elected)

**ELEVATION OF DIRECTOR OF TRIBAL ADMINISTRATION
AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF TRIBAL ADMINISTRATION
SALARY SCALE RESPECTIVELY**

10. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider elevating the post of the Director of Tribal Administration and 4 (four) other district local authorities to be at par with District Commissioner to close the disparity gap that exists."

(Kgosi M. I P. Tumaletse IV – Specially Elected)

**REVIEW OF COMPETENCY-BASED CAREER PATH FOR
DEPARTMENT OF TRIBAL ADMINISTRATION STAFF**

11. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider reviewing competency-based career path for junior staff members such as; Court Clerks, Clerk of the Court, Court Bailiffs and auxiliary members under the Department of Tribal Administration staff to facilitate ease of clear progression for all junior staff thereof."

(Kgosi M. I P. Tumaletse IV – Specially Elected)

FENCING OF BOREHOLE WATER POINTS

12. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider allowing farmers with borehole water points to at least fence four kilometres by four kilometres in communal areas."

(Kgosi T. Dingalo- Maun Region)

**INSTITUTION OF INVESTIGATIVE TASK TEAM ON KIMBERLITE
BLUE DIAMOND DISCOVERY IN TSABONG**

13. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider instituting an investigative task team on the 1979 Kimberlite Blue Diamond prospecting, exploitation and discovery at Tsabong District."

(Kgosi M. I P. Tumaletse IV – Specially Elected)

REVIEW OF THE NATIONAL SETTLEMENT POLICY OF 2004

14. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider reviewing the National Settlement Policy of 2004 in order to remove the current impediments on the recognition of customary courts upgrading."

(Kgosi M. I P. Tumaletse IV – Specially Elected)

**REVIEW OF HOUSING ALLOWANCE FOR
MEMBERS OF NTLO YA DIKGOSI**

15. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider reviewing the Housing allowance for Members of Ntlo ya Dikgosi to meet the current cost of living, inflation and market price demands for accommodation as a cautionary measure to afford Members decent accommodation."

(Kgosi M. I P. Tumaletse IV – Specially Elected)

AMENDMENT OF THE SOCIETIES ACT OF 2022

16. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider amending the Societies Act of 2022 to allow renewal of church registration every five (5) years instead of annually."

(Kgosi S. Masalila – Tonota Region)

**APPOINTMENT OF TWO MEMBERS OF VILLAGE
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE BY DIKGOSI**

17. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider allowing Dikgosi to appoint two (2) members of Village Development Committee (VDC) in their respective villages."

(Kgosi J. D. Khumanego – Ngwaketse West Region)

**COMMISSIONING AN INDEPENDENT INQUIRY INTO THE FACTS
AND SUBSEQUENT DEVELOPMENTS ARISING FROM 1973
BOTSWANA-SOUTH AFRICA BOUNDARY TREATY**

18. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider commissioning a comprehensive, independent inquiry into the facts and subsequent developments arising from the 1973 Botswana-South Africa Boundary Treaty."

(Kgosi Mosadi – Ga-Malete)

**INTRODUCTION OF MANDATORY DNA
TESTING FOR NEWBORN BABIES**

19. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider introducing mandatory Deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) testing for all new born babies as part of the national birth registration process."

(Kgosi T. Dingalo- Maun Region)

**ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT STANDING COMMITTEE
ON REMUNERATIONS FOR MEMBERS OF NTLO YA DIKGOSI**

20. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider establishing an independent standing committee on remunerations for Members of Ntlo ya Dikgosi."

(Kgosi M. I P. Tumaletse IV – Specially Elected)