

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(THURSDAY 12TH FEBRUARY, 2026)

QUESTIONS

HRS/MINS

1400 – 1445

1. **MR. G. DISHO, MP. (OKAVANGO EAST):** To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism to state: (179)
 - (i) when his Ministry will consider releasing crocodile management quotas in the Okavango region, given their contribution to human fatalities and ongoing human-wildlife conflict; and
 - (ii) the number of crocodiles in the Okavango river basin on the Botswana side.
2. **MR. T. FURNITURE, MP. (TATI EAST):** To ask the Minister of Minerals and Energy to state: (181)
 - (i) the mandate of Botswana Oil Limited (BOL);
 - (ii) the number of Citizen Economic Empowerment (CEE) fuel suppliers who are currently supplying BOL under this mandate;
 - (iii) the number of CEE fuel transporters who currently operate under adhoc deal sheets and why they are being given month's deals instead of long-term contracts; and
 - (iv) if she is aware that BOL invited local transporters to tender for the transportation of fuel from Walvis Bay in Namibia, Matola in Mozambique and that following adjudication, several local transporters were issued letters confirming their success and advising that they would receive three (3) to five (5) year contracts and it has now been over six (6) months yet no contracts have been issued; and if so,
 - (v) whether there is any intention of issuing these contracts and when they will be issued; if not, why Botswana Oil Limited has not communicated its position clearly to allow transporters to make informed decisions about their investment.

3. **MR. S. O. MAPULANGA, MP. (CHOBE):** To ask the Minister of Minerals and Energy to state if there is a state-owned enterprise or indigenous company which deals with mineral exploration and prospecting; and if so, to provide an update on the operations of the enterprise to date and if not, whether it would not be prudent to create one. (183)
4. **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 Mohebo 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.
5. **MR. T. BOGATSU, MP. (LENTSWELETAU-LEPHEPHE):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education if the unified secondary school that was promised to Lentsweletau village around the year 2000 is still part of the Ministry's plans. (186)
6. **MR. M. MOALOSI, MP. (NKANGE):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture if he is aware that karakul sheep were illegally imported into the country; and if so, to state: (187)
- (i) where the sheep are currently located;
 - (ii) whether they were quarantined to ensure that they do not bring diseases into the country; and
 - (iii) whether any laws have been violated and what actions are being taken against the perpetrators.
7. **MR. S. O. DIGWA, MP. (BOTETI WEST):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to state: (188)
- (i) the rationale for denying 18-year-old individuals access to land application opportunities particularly when land and housing are critical components of economic empowerment and dignity, given that turning 18 confers full legal adulthood and civic responsibility, including the right to vote; and
 - (ii) if his Ministry will consider reviewing this policy to align it with the constitutional rights and responsibilities granted at the age of majority.

8. **MR. C. K. HIKUAMA, MP. (MAUN WEST):** To ask the Minister of Higher Education to apprise this Honourable House on the state and operational efficiency of the Botswana Open University (BOU); and to further outline: (189)
- (i) the strategies being implemented to overcome barriers such as limited resources and facilities including internet connectivity in remote areas and ensure equitable access to BOU's programmes for all eligible citizens; and
 - (ii) the enrolment for the "Open schooling" candidates for the past five (5) years, breaking it down for each year up to 2025.
9. **MR. C. K. JACOBS, MP. (LOBATSE):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture 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.
10. **DR. U. DOW, MP. (KGATLENG WEST):** To ask the Minister of Water and Human Settlement: (191)
- (i) how many extra litres of water will be required to service the additional 200 BHC houses currently being constructed in Kgatleng District; and
 - (ii) what plans does he have to ensure that the current water shortage in the Morwa, Pilane and Rasesa area is not exacerbated.

11. **DR. K. GOBOTSWANG, MP. (TSWAPONG SOUTH):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security if Government would consider instituting a public inquiry into the P100 billion which was reported to have been stolen from Bank of Botswana to restore the credibility of Bank of Botswana, locally and internationally, and to determine how key state institutions such as the Directorate of Corruption and Economic Crime (DCEC), Directorate of Intelligence Services (DIS), and Directorate of Public Prosecutions (DPP) could make fabrications of this magnitude with far reaching domestic and international ramifications; and further: (192)
- (i) identify and prosecute individuals who played a leading role in the scandal;
 - (ii) review the situation with a view to ensure that similar transgressions never occur in the future; and
 - (iii) determine the financial cost with a view to recover public funds from the leading players as a deterrent.
12. **MR. L. BARONGWANG, MP. (MOGODITSHANE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship to state: (77)
- (i) the number of foreign direct investment deals already completed and those still outstanding with a clear status of each deal in the past 12 months;
 - (ii) whether any economic benefits have already been realised and those expected to mature in the next 6 to 12 months from January 2026;
 - (iii) the various projects and the sectors involved;
 - (iv) the total amount invested in each project;
 - (v) the level of citizen participation (citizen inclusion) in the various projects; and
 - (vi) the number of jobs created or likely to be created.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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SECOND READING

1445 – 1830

- Appropriation (2026/2027) Bill, 2026 (Bill No. 1 of 2026) An Act to authorise the payment out of the Consolidated Fund and the Development Fund of sums of money for the year ending 31st March, 2027.

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(Minister of Finance)

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