

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(MONDAY 3RD AUGUST, 2026)

QUESTIONS

HRS/MINS

1400 – 1445

1. **MR. O. KEDIKILWE, MP. (SEROWE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Water and Human Settlement to apprise this Honourable House of the status of the Bonno National Housing Programme within the Serowe District Council, with particular focus on Social Housing and Affordable Housing initiatives driven through the Private Sector-Led Investment and Public-Private Partnership (PPP) models; and to further state: **(534)**
- (i) the exact timelines for the commencement of houses construction under this programme within the Serowe District Council;
 - (ii) the Ministry's specific housing delivery targets across the Serowe District Council;
 - (iii) when an investor is expected to be appointed to the Serowe West Constituency and start operation;
 - (iv) if there are any existing land allocation challenges or administrative bottlenecks originating from the Main or Subordinate Land Boards that are currently delaying these housing developments; and
 - (v) the precise number of houses targeted for each of the following villages; Serowe, Mmashoro, Dimajwe and Malatswai.
2. **MR. P. AARON, MP. (NGAMI):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture if he is aware of the people who were made to pay for Artificial Insemination training in the Okavango District and have to date, not received the training; if so: **(535)**
- (i) how many people were affected and how much money was received in total;
 - (ii) what are the reasons for the delay in conducting the training;
 - (iii) what measures the Ministry put in place to ensure that the affected people receive the training or are refunded; and
 - (iv) when this matter is expected to be resolved.

3. MR. L. LESEDI, MP. (SEROWE SOUTH): To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure: **(536)**

- (i) to apprise this Honourable House on the Air Botswana flight routes between Gaborone and Windhoek and Gaborone and Durban; in particular:
 - (a) if Air Botswana and the Civil Aviation Authority have put in place the necessary authorisation and permits for the routes;
 - (b) how many air tickets were sold for the routes and how the routes are faring;
- (ii) why Air Botswana continues to fall behind schedule in its regular operations, what causes frequent flight delays and cancellations;
- (iii) when last did Air Botswana produce audited financial records, and how much has been spent on new fleet in the last five (5) years juxtaposed with its profit margins and financial performance;
- (iv) how the airline acquired the Embraer EMB 145 Aircraft, how it was purchased, how much it cost the taxpayer, and why it was grounded post purchase, for how long it has been grounded and how much has been spent on the aircraft maintenance, borescope and corrosion post purchase; and
- (v) how much was the EMB 175's concomitant costs, and why the E175 and E170 continue to be grounded, for how long they have been grounded and the implications to the operations of the airline.

4. MR. G. DISHO, MP. (OKAVANGO EAST): To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security whether: **(537)**

- (i) Government's Green Book, which governs the conditions of service, benefits and privileges of the President and other public office holders, was developed specifically for Botswana's post-independence governance framework or is substantially based on colonial administrative policies inherited at independence;
- (ii) Government has undertaken any comprehensive review of the Green Book since independence to ensure that it reflects Botswana's current economic realities, constitutional values and principles of good governance; and if not,
- (iii) whether there are plans to review and modernise the Green Book; if so, when.

5. **MR. O. KWAPA, MP. (JWANENG-MABUTSANE):** To ask the Minister of Minerals and Energy to state when the villages of Mahotshwane, Kanaku and Thankane will be electrified. (538)
6. **MR. K. S. GARE, MP. (MOSHUPA-MANYANA):** To ask the Minister of Health to provide an update on the progress made to date regarding the construction and operational readiness of Moshupa Primary Hospital; and to further state: (539)
 - (i) why the hospital was not opened to the public in April 2026 as initially promised;
 - (ii) the specific factors that contributed to the delay in opening the facility;
 - (iii) whether all construction works, equipment installation, staffing, and regulatory requirements have been completed; and
 - (iv) the date on which the hospital will officially be opened and begin providing services to the public.
7. **MR. T. B. LUCAS, MP. (BOBIRWA):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to give a detailed breakdown of Government expenditure on the recent and latest outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease in the country; in particular to indicate: (540)
 - (i) the amount spent on;
 - (a) cordon fences;
 - (b) vaccines (Botswana and Zimbabwe) and deployment of staff; and
 - (ii) lessons learnt from the most recent outbreak and how his Ministry is preparing to prevent future outbreaks.
8. **MR. M. MOALOSI, MP. (NKANGE):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education to state the longest number of years a teacher has stayed in the same school in the Nkange Constituency (in both primary and secondary schools) and to further state: (541)
 - (i) the average length of stay for teachers in the junior secondary and primary schools respectively in this constituency;
 - (ii) whether the fact that the Central Region is too big and difficult to administer is the reason why teachers would stay for a long time in one school and not transferred even when they have found an officer in the same position to swap with;
 - (iii) if there is any concrete plan to divide this region in the current financial year;

- (iv) if she is aware that officers who have requested to be transferred on compassionate grounds have been denied such transfers, with the Regional Office in Serowe ignoring their desperate pleas;
- (v) the procedure applicable to officers seeking compassionate transfers and what mechanisms exist where such requests remain unresolved; and
- (vi) whether, considering the number of officers who have suffered over the years to get transfers on compassionate grounds, the Minister does not see the need to realign the Ministry to the goal of building a "Compassionate, Just and Caring Nation" which was a central pillar of Botswana's Vision 2016.

9. **MR. A. K. KHAN, MP. (MOLEPOLOLE NORTH):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to state: (542)

- (i) the statutory or regulatory authority under which the Botswana Police Service provides escort services for commercial banks' Cash-in-Transit (CIT) operations and explain the rationale for Government's involvement in a private commercial operation;
- (ii) the total cost incurred by Government over the past five (5) years in providing this service, including personnel costs, vehicle usage, fuel, and other operational expenses;
- (iii) if there are any plans to recover the full cost of these services from the commercial banks benefiting from the arrangement; and
- (iv) whether he is aware that private security companies contracted by the banks are compensated for providing CIT services while Government continues to subsidise these operations through public resources.

10. **MR. M. M. PULE, MP. (KGATLENG EAST):** To ask the Minister of Finance to state: (543)

- (i) how much of the Botswana Sovereign Wealth Fund has been invested locally and internationally since its establishment and what measurable outcomes have been achieved, including job creation and return on investment;
- (ii) whether the Fund has met its strategic objectives in supporting economic growth and citizen benefit; and
- (iii) mechanisms in place to ensure transparency and accountability in reporting the Fund's investments and outcomes.

11. **MR. S. O. DIGWA, MP. (BOTETI WEST):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs: (544)
- (i) if he is aware of the dire state of toilets in primary schools in the Boteti West Constituency and that reception classes pupils use the same toilets as mainstream learners;
 - (ii) when the state of the toilets is going to be attended to; and
 - (iii) whether the Education policy allows reception classes pupils to use the same toilets as the mainstream learners.
12. **DR. K. GOBOTSWANG, MP. (TSWAPONG SOUTH):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to apprise this Honourable House on assurances he gave to this Honourable House concerning the proposed study to assess the security of judicial officers stating the timelines on every phase of the exercise. (545)

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

HRS/MINS

MOTIONS

1445 – 1800

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A TASK FORCE TO INVESTIGATE THE EXTENT OF
FOREIGN WORK PERMIT ABUSE AND NON-COMPLIANCE WITH CITIZEN
SUBCONTRACTING MANDATES IN GOVERNMENT PROJECTS**

1. "That this Honourable House requests Government to immediately establish a high-level Task Force mandated to investigate the extent of foreign work permit abuse and non-compliance with citizen subcontracting mandates in all Government projects, and further requests that the Task Force be required to submit a comprehensive report with actionable recommendations to this Honourable House within six (6) months of its formation."

(Mr. M. Moalosi, MP. – Nkange)

(Resumed Debate)

**GOVERNMENT TO COMMIT TO ALLOCATE PLOTS TO ALL
PERSONS CURRENTLY ON THE WAITING LIST**

2. "That this Honourable House requests Government to commit to allocate residential plots to all persons on waiting list for residential plots in next 3 years to facilitate home ownership for a significant proportion of the people of Botswana."

(Mr. T. B. Lucas, MP. – Bobirwa)

GOVERNMENT TO STOP CHARGING FARMERS TAX ON IMPORTATION OF LIVESTOCK

3. "That this Honourable House requests Government to stop charging farmers tax on livestock imported from the neighbouring states, in order to encourage importation of more animals of high-quality genetics, as our country is gearing towards increasing both cattle and small stock number, farmers are bearing high transportation costs, food and accommodation costs."

(Mr. O. Kedikilwe, MP. – Serowe West)

ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPECIAL FUND FOR GENDER BASED VIOLENCE (GBV)

4. "That this Honourable House requests Government to strengthen Botswana's commitment to gender equality and the protection of its citizens by establishing a Special Fund for Gender Based Violence (GBV) to provide immediate, targeted financial resources for prevention, survivor support and legal redress."

(Mr. T. Furniture, MP. – Tati East)

AMENDMENT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACT

5. "That this Honourable House requests Government to amend the Public Health Act in order to give the Director of Health Services powers to undertake efforts to contain and control the outbreak and spread of any disease without the need for His Excellency the President to rule by decree in a protracted State of Emergency."

(Mr. L. Lesedi, MP. – Serowe South)

INTRODUCTION OF SIGN LANGUAGE AS AN OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

6. "That this Honourable House resolves to introduce and adopt sign language as an official language in Botswana."

(Mr. M. M. Morolong, MP. – Kgatleng Central)

FORMAL DOCUMENTATION AND REGISTRATION OF IMMIGRANTS WITH A VIEW TO ESTABLISH THE NUMBER AND THEIR SOCIO AND ECONOMIC IMPACTS

7. "That this Honourable House resolves that Government establish and implement a Formal Documentation and Registration of all Immigrants including illegal or undocumented immigrants with a view to establish their number and their socio and economic impacts on local citizen and community resources and services."

(Mr. L. Barongwang, MP. – Mogoditshane East)

AMENDMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATIONS AND COMPLIANCE AT COMPANIES AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AUTHORITY (CIPA)

8. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider exempting registered non-operating businesses or shelf companies from filing fees or paying annual returns as well as to reduce filing fees for annual returns of operating business entities, restoration fees for businesses and companies deactivated and removed from the CIPA register."

(Mr. C. K. Jacobs, MP. – Lobatse)

GOVERNMENT TO REVIEW THE POLICY OF DISPOSSESSING LAND-HOLDERS

9. "That this Honourable House requests Government to review the policy of dispossessing land-holders to give way to village expansions, with a view to allowing the existence of small farms within towns and villages."

(Dr. U. Dow, MP. – Kgatleng West)

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPECIAL PARLIAMENTARY SELECT COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE
GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT OF BULLS AND HEIFERS AS WELL AS DAIRY GOATS**

10. "That this Honourable House resolves to establish a Special Parliamentary Select Committee to investigate the Government procurement of bulls and heifers from Texas in the United States of America as well as heifers and dairy goats from Australia."

(Dr. K. Gobotswang, MP. – Tswapong South)

**REINSTATEMENT OF CORPORAL PUNISHMENT IN SCHOOLS
AS A REGULATED DISCIPLINARY MEASURE**

11. "That this Honourable House requests Government to reinstate corporal punishment in schools as a regulated disciplinary measure to strengthen discipline, promote respect for authority, and create a safe and conducive learning environment."

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

**REVIEW OF THE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT ACT FRAMEWORK TO STRENGTHEN
AND INSTITUTIONALISE A HYBRID FORCE ACCOUNT MODEL FOR PUBLIC
INFRASTRUCTURE DELIVERY**

12. "That this Honourable House requests Government to review the Public Procurement Act and related regulatory frameworks with a view to strengthening and institutionalising a Hybrid Force Account Model for public infrastructure delivery, under which Government shall strategically utilise its existing internal engineering personnel, plant and equipment for the execution of routine road construction, rehabilitation, emergency works and maintenance; and further that the model shall prioritise the optimal use of existing State capacity in order to improve efficiency, reduce infrastructure delivery costs, enhance responsiveness to service delivery needs and contribute to fiscal consolidation, while reserving competitive tendering for highly specialised, complex and large-scale components of public infrastructure projects that require private sector expertise."

(Mr. M. M. Pule, MP. – Kgatleng East)

**REVIEW AND UPWARD ADJUSTMENT OF THE COMPENSATION RATES
FOR LOSS OF LIFE, INJURY, LIVESTOCK AND CROPS**

13. "That this Honourable House resolves that Government immediately reviews and upwardly adjust the compensation rates which no longer reflect the true market value for loss of life, injury, livestock and crops, for the purposes of aligning them, with current market prices and inflation in order to promote the coexistence between the people of Botswana and wildlife."

(Mr. C. K. Hikuama, MP. – Maun West)

AMENDMENT OF THE PUBLIC HOLIDAYS ACT

14. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider amending the Public Holidays Act so that it reads, "if a public holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the Monday becomes a public holiday" as opposed to reading, "if the public holidays listed fall on a Sunday then the Monday shall be a public holiday" as it has now become common that if a holiday falls on a Saturday then the next Monday is declared a public holiday at short notice and this disrupts planning and is bad for business."

(Mr. L. Lesedi, MP. – Serowe South)

CREATION OF SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES IN THE GREATER GABORONE AREA

15. "That this Honourable House requests Government to expand the creation of special economic zones in the greater Gaborone area and other areas such as Molepolole to create an entrepreneurial ecosystem through supporting and developing small, medium enterprises to manufacture and market natural resources in their areas for export as finished products to create employment opportunities and ensure inter-generational skills transfer."

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

ESTABLISHMENT OF A STATUTORY FUND FOR NATIONAL ECO-TOURISM AND LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (LED) FUND

16. "That this Honourable House requests Government to urgently establish a dedicated, Ring Fenced Statutory Fund for National Eco-Tourism and Local Economic Development (LED) called the Eco-Tourism and Local Economic Development Fund to automatically finance community-led projects, heritage exhibitions and regional agri-tourism initiatives such as the Dinokeng Fish Festival thereby systematically shifting these vital rural economic engines away from a state of structural insecurity and unreliable, ad-hoc annual ministerial handout."

(Mr. M. M. Pule, MP. – Kgatleng East)