

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(THURSDAY 5TH MARCH, 2026)

QUESTIONS

HRS/MINS

1400 – 1445

1. **MR. M. BAGAISAMANG, MP. (SHOSHONG):** To ask the Minister of Labour and Home Affairs to apprise this Honourable House on the hospital kiosks established by the Department of Civil and National Registration for the on-site distribution of births and deaths certificates; in particular: (285)
- (i) how many are still operational and how many have since closed;
 - (ii) how many of those operational are operating at full staff of two (2) officers per kiosk;
 - (iii) how the closure of some kiosks has impacted the Ministry's mandate of public access to birth and death certificates on site;
 - (iv) how his Ministry intends to address this apparent lack of human resource at kiosks; and
 - (v) if there are any plans to establish a kiosk at Shoshong Clinic in view of the fact that the clinic has a maternity ward and medical doctors full time.
2. **MR. K. K. KAPINGA, MP. (OKAVANGO WEST):** To ask the Minister of Health to update this Honourable House on: (288)
- (i) the staffing levels of the Joseph Polaano Kavindama Hospital (JPK) and whether they are in line with the approved human resource establishment;
 - (ii) if the establishment equitably compares with similar sized hospitals; and
 - (iii) when the hospital will have a dentist considering that the resignation of the dentist has caused great difficulty in accessing dental services in the whole of Okavango.
3. **MR. C. K. HIKUAMA, MP. (MAUN WEST):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to apprise this Honourable House on the administration of the Remote Area Service Allowance (RASA), as a retention tool and to further state: (289)

- (i) the specific criteria used to determine eligibility for the RASA for officers working in designated remote areas;
 - (ii) if he is aware that temporary engagement of staff (including those on relief or temporary contracts) who serve in the same remote and challenging environments as permanent staff are currently not entitled to this allowance; if so,
 - (iii) the justification for excluding temporary staff from RASA, considering that they face the same high cost of living and lack of basic amenities as their permanent counterparts; and
 - (iv) plans to review the Public Service Management Directives, specifically Directive No. 10 of 2014, to extend this benefit to all cadres serving in remote areas regardless of their employment terms.
4. **MR. M. M. MOROLONG, MP. (KGATLENG CENTRAL):** To ask the Minister of Water and Human Settlement when he will relocate individual properties built on tributaries feeding into the Gaborone dam, which are potentially blocking the inflow of water into this national water resource. (290)
5. **MR. P. M. MOSANANA, MP. (KANYE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship to state steps his Ministry is taking to promote digital entrepreneurship and e-commerce in Kanye as part of the Economic Diversification Drive. (291)
6. **MR. S. O. DIGWA, MP. (BOTETI WEST):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education: (293)
- (i) if she is aware of the acute shortage of textbooks in schools (primary and junior secondary) in Boteti West Constituency; and if so, when her Ministry intends to remedy the situation; and
 - (ii) whether this shortage is not a contributing factor to the poor Primary School Leaving Examinations (PSLE) and Junior Certificate (JCE) results in this constituency.
7. **MR. T. B. LUCAS, MP. (BOBIRWA):** To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism to apprise this Honourable House on the Tourism Master Plan, specifically as it relates to Bobirwa District, including progress made in relation to the Trans Frontier Park or parks in the area. (294)
8. **MR. M. MOALOSI, MP. (NKANGE):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education to state: (295)
- (i) the number of Educational Psychologists employed in her Ministry;

- (ii) if they are sufficient to assist with psychometric assessment for learners across the various primary schools;
 - (iii) the amount of time taken to do a psychometric assessment for one (1) learner; and
 - (iv) the number of Special Education schools in Tutume District and the kind of cases they are capable of dealing with, particularly dyslexia, physical disabilities, hearing impairment and blindness.
9. **MR. D. SALESHANDO, MP. (MAUN NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to state when residential plots were last allocated in Khwai village; the Minister should further state: (296)
- (i) the total number of plots that were allocated and avail the list of those who were allocated plots and the dates on which they had applied for allocation; and
 - (ii) if he is aware that there are 71 pending applications that have not been considered since 2012 and when the applicants can expect to be allocated.
10. **MR. G. KEKGONEGILE, MP. (MAUN EAST):** To ask the Minister of Labour and Home Affairs to brief this Honourable House on the outcomes of labour inspections within the long-distance buses industry in terms of challenges faced by workers and employers; with emphasis on: (297)
- (i) when last the Ministry made a labour inspection in that industry; and if not, why the Ministry is not undertaking labour inspection in the industry;
 - (ii) the challenges picked and the mitigation factors being put in place;
 - (iii) the minimum and maximum number of working hours, remuneration per worker (per hour and monthly), and if the hours and remunerations are realised in the whole industry; if not, why; and
 - (iv) the proposed changes in the Acts governing the industry in terms of protection of workers against exhaustion of long hours and exploitation through low wages.
11. **MR. A. K. KHAN, MP. (MOLEPOLOLE NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Sport and Arts to state: (298)
- (i) whether the national stadium will be ready to host the World Relays this year, and what specific challenges have prevented the facility from being compliant with the Confederation of African Football (CAF) standards;

- (ii) how much it is costing local football clubs from the southern part of the country to host their continental matches in Francistown due to the non-compliant state of the national stadium; and
- (iii) whether Government provides any form of assistance to these clubs to mitigate such costs; and if not, when this irregularity will be addressed, given that these clubs represent not only themselves but the country in continental competitions.

12. MR. M. M. PULE, MP. (KGATLENG EAST): To ask the Minister of Higher Education to indicate if the Government intends to increase student allowances in line with the current Government's commitment to raise the amount to 2,500 pula; and if so, to state:

- (i) the timeline for this increase and outline how the Government plans to ensure the sustainability of this allowance, given the current economic condition in Botswana; and
- (ii) measures the Government will take to ensure that this support effectively addresses the financial challenges faced by students.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

HRS/MINS

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

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)

(Resumed Debate)

	<u>ORG</u>	<u>MINISTRY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>HRS/MINS</u>
Day 5	0800	Local Government and Traditional Affairs	1445 hrs – 1450 hrs	0.05
	1000	Minerals and Energy	1450 hrs – 1700 hrs	2.10
	1100	Health	1700 hrs – 1830 hrs	1.30