

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(WEDNESDAY 11TH MARCH, 2026)

QUESTIONS

HRS/MINS

1400 – 1445

1. **MR. J. J. FRENZEL, MP. (SHASHE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education: **(301)**
 - (i) if she is aware that Early Childhood graduate temporary teachers are being removed from their positions in certain regions after the 12 months tenure despite the savingram issued by her office stating otherwise;
 - (ii) whether these positions are being filled by newly recruited temporary teachers in the Central region;
 - (iii) to provide clarity on the laid down procedure for absorbing temporary teachers into permanent positions in her Ministry; and
 - (iv) whether this process encompasses all unemployed teacher graduates or priority is currently being given to those employed on a temporary basis.

2. **MR. P. M. MOSANANA, MP. (KANYE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism to state: **(312)**
 - (i) whether there are any grants or financial support schemes available to promote community based tourism projects in rural villages around Kanye, particularly the potential development of Mmakgodumo and Pharing gorge;
 - (ii) whether there are plans to upgrade the Kgosi Bathoen historical sites and local craft markets to attract both domestic and international tourists; and
 - (iii) what specific support is being provided to local Small and Medium Enterprises to help them meet tourism industry standards in order to participate meaningfully in the sector.

3. MR. L. LESEDI, MP. (SEROWE SOUTH): To ask the Minister of Health to state: **(313)**

- (i) when the Tecmed 2000 X-Ray Machine at Sekgoma Memorial Hospital was last serviced and maintained;
- (ii) which framework service contract is used for the maintenance of Tecmed X-Ray equipment in Government hospitals such as Sekgoma Memorial, Tutume Primary Hospital and others where certain spare parts were replaced with new spare parts;
- (iii) what was replaced in the X-Ray machines at Sekgoma Memorial and Tutume Primary Hospital; and if the machines failed at different intervals after maintenance;
- (iv) why Sekgoma Memorial Hospital failed X-Ray tube was never replaced by said contractor until today rendering the diagnostic function non-existent since 2021;
- (v) why the contractor was not allowed to replace failed newly replaced Tecmed X-ray tube just like they did at Tutume Primary Hospital; and
- (vi) the cost/price of the replaced Tecmed X-Ray tube and company/contractor which was awarded this tender and the amounts; and to confirm or deny that the said contractor attempted to charge or quote for another x-ray tube replacement and the hospital resident Biomedical Engineer rejected the quotation citing unreasonable pricing, yet the same spare part was previously approved by the Senior Manager at the Ministry Headquarters at the same exorbitant price.

4. MR. G. DISHO, MP. (OKAVANGO EAST): To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture when his Ministry intends to: **(314)**

- (i) eradicate Foot and Mouth Disease in the North West District, given the adverse effects on livestock production and household incomes in comparison with other districts where the disease has been brought under control; and
- (ii) review and revise livestock prices applicable to the North West District, considering the significant disparity between prices offered in other parts of Botswana, and the resulting economic hardship faced by farmers in the district.

5. **MR. D. SALESHANDO, MP. (MAUN NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education to state the number of temporary teachers per district as well as the top five (5) districts with the highest student teacher ratios. (315)
6. **MR. G. KEKGONEGILE, MP. (MAUN EAST):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to brief this Honourable House on the BOFEPUSU 2011 industrial action repercussions and lessons learnt as experienced by workers involved and the employer; with emphasis on: (316)
- (i) the legality of the industrial action as per the Public Service Act and Trade Disputes Act;
 - (ii) the number of dismissed employees, number of workers reinstated, number not reinstated and reasons for non-reinstatement;
 - (iii) reasons why some workers were reinstated, others re-employed and how many were re-employed; and
 - (iv) recourse to be undertaken in compensating concerned workers if the strike was legal and the due date.
7. **MR. T. B. LUCAS, MP. (BOBIRWA):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to explain to this Honourable House if there are any legal, administrative, structural, fiscal and spiritual factors that currently stand in the way of Tutume, Bobirwa, Boteti and Tswapong areas from being upgraded into fully fledged Land Boards as opposed to being Sub-Land Boards as is currently the case; and if so, how his Ministry intends to deal with such hurdles. (317)
8. **MR. T. FURNITURE, MP. (TATI EAST):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education to state the number of reception teachers who have been promoted across the country. (318)
9. **MR. A. K. KHAN, MP. (MOLEPOLOLE NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Sport and Arts to inform this Honourable House when the official report on the Zebras' September 2024 trip will be released, particularly in relation to the incident in which the team was stranded in Mauritania; and further update this Honourable House on: (319)
- (i) whether the applicants who had expressed interest in the Botswana National Sport Commission (BNSC) Marketing and Communications Management position which was advertised were found to be unqualified, and why the BNSC did not follow due process in the recruitment and appointment for this position;

- (ii) when a substantive Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for the BNSC will be appointed, given that the Acting CEO has been in office since May 2025;
- (iii) when Government intends to introduce a comprehensive sport investment policy that will allow companies to meaningfully invest in sport development, rather than only rewarding athletes after they have won medals;
- (iv) the state of Botswana's stadiums, in particular the Lobatse Sports Complex and the National Stadium, which are currently not Confederation of African Football (CAF) compliant; when will the Ministry ensure that all national stadiums are upgraded to meet CAF standards instead of relying solely on the Obed Itani Chilume Stadium; and
- (v) how school sport will be rolled out, given that Unions have instructed their members not to participate in the programme.

10. **MR. M. M. PULE, MP. (KGATLENG EAST):** To ask the Minister of Youth and Gender Affairs to state if there is an ongoing review of the Youth Development Fund (YDF), and when the revised YDF framework is expected to be implemented, including the anticipated funding allocations; and further state: **(320)**

- (i) whether the Ministry intends to reform and modernise the YDF to improve its effectiveness and accessibility through digitising the application, assessment and monitoring processes, improving transparency in application outcomes and disbursements, strengthening mentorship, training and follow-up support for funded youth, expanding the fund's scope to support new and emerging sectors such as technology, renewable energy, agribusiness, and the creative and cultural industries; and
- (ii) if such reforms are planned, to indicate the timeframes and implementation roadmap for the rollout of these improvements.

11. **MR. S. O. MAPULANGA, MP. (CHOBE):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to update this Honourable House on progress made on the Kachikau to Parakarungu road via Satau; and further state: **(321)**

- (i) when his Ministry last met the contractor;
- (ii) the conclusion from the meeting; and
- (iii) when the contractor will hand over the project.

12. **MR. J. J. FRENZEL, MP. (SHASHE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to state: **(323)**

- (i) whether he is aware of the acute shortage of nurses and midwives in the primary health care sector which further inhibits provision of health care services to patients during weekends;
- (ii) what interventions are being put in place to alleviate the situation and the timelines for such measures; and
- (iii) whether his Ministry has completed all the transfer procedures and necessities from the Ministry of Health.

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 8	2300	Transport and Infrastructure	1445 hrs – 1640 hrs	1.55
	1600	Independent Electoral Commission	1640 hrs – 1830 hrs	1.50