

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(MONDAY 16TH MARCH, 2026)

QUESTIONS

HRS/MINS

1400 – 1445

1. **MR. L. BARONGWANG, MP. (MOGODITSHANE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Finance to apprise this Honourable House on the following in line with the Botswana Economic Transformation Plan (BETP): **(325)**
 - (i) what specific projects are earmarked for Mogoditshane to address the high and growing levels of unemployment; and
 - (ii) considering that Mogoditshane is currently the fastest growing and largest village in the country, and consequently faces the highest concentration of unemployed persons, particularly among the youth, what targeted initiatives and interventions will be implemented to stimulate job creation, skills development, and sustainable economic opportunities in the area.

2. **DR. U. DOW, MP. (KGATLENG WEST):** To ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services to state the number of: **(331)**
 - (i) Magistrate Courts in Botswana;
 - (ii) Magistrates in Botswana;
 - (iii) divisions of the High Court and where the High Court sits in Botswana;
 - (iv) judges of the High Court in Botswana; and
 - (v) judges of the Court of Appeal in Botswana.

3. **MR. A. K. KHAN, MP. (MOLEPOLOLE NORTH):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to state the total amount of money which was contributed by the private sector and other organisations to the National Disaster Management Fund established for the floods that occurred between February and March 2025; and to further state: **(332)**

- (i) the names of all companies and organisations that contributed to the Fund and the exact amount of money contributed by each;
- (ii) how the funds were disbursed with a list of beneficiaries stating each by name or organisation, and the amount of money they each received with a brief description of the purpose for which funds were used;
- (iii) what governance, oversight and accountability measures were put in place to ensure prudent utilisation of the Fund including procurement rules, approval processes, and beneficiary selection criteria; and
- (iv) whether the Fund will be independently audited; and if so, by whom and by which date the audit report will be tabled in Parliament.

4. MR. P. AARON, MP. (NGAMI): To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs: **(333)**

- (i) if he is aware:
 - (a) of over population of students in primary schools in the Ngami Constituency caused by lack of classrooms mainly due to dilapidation caused by zero maintenance plans, most common being falling ceilings caused by bats droppings, classrooms without doors, window panels and classrooms without chalkboards destroyed by termites;
 - (b) of the serious shortage of primary schools in Ngami Constituency that results in children from Etsha 10 walking long distances to Etsha 7, from Etsha 11 to Etsha 13, from Phase One and Damdeni to reach Gumare primary school;
 - (c) that children as young as those starting primary education are forced to walk long distances through bushes and among others traversing megafauna routes infested with wild animals like elephants, buffalos and lions every day to access primary education; and
- (ii) to update this Honourable House on the pending construction of Phase One Primary School in Gumare that was previously approved and got suspended.

5. **MR. T. FURNITURE, MP. (TATI EAST):** To ask the Minister of Labour and Home Affairs to state: **(334)**
- (i) the number of Safety, Health and Environment (SHE) officers who have been absorbed permanently by Government entities since the COVID – 19 era;
 - (ii) the recruitment system that was used since online labour recruitment system is not operational; and
 - (iii) when the Occupational Health and Safety Policy which was passed in the last sitting of Parliament will be implemented, and who monitors that it is implemented.
6. **MR. M. M. PULE, MP. (KGATLENG EAST):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security whether Government intends to review the current statutory retirement age of 60 years in the public service with a view to aligning it to 65 years as it applies to judges and certain other professions to promote longer economic participation and reduce the five-year retirement pension gap currently experienced by many workers; and if not, to state the reasons for maintaining different retirement ages across professions, particularly in light of increased life expectancy. **(335)**
7. **BRIGADIER D. MOKGWATHI, MP. (LETLHAKENG):** To ask the Minister of Higher Education to apprise this Honourable House on the strategic end state of higher education in Letlhakeng Constituency in the coming five (5) years looking at the following variables: **(336)**
- (i) Human Resource Placement and their welfare considerations;
 - (ii) envisaged infrastructural development for both lecture rooms and staff accommodation;
 - (iii) the specific or estimated number of support servicing equipment e.g. vehicles and their related equipment for school environment upkeep; and
 - (iv) the estimated cost of the above requirements.
8. **MR. K. K. KAPINGA, MP. (OKAVANGO WEST):** To ask the Minister of Water and Human Settlement whether he intends to review the policy denying the so-called unrecognised settlements access to treated water which passes through or near their settlements to recognised villages. **(337)**

9. **MR. P. M. MOSANANA, MP. (KANYE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to state: **(338)**
- (i) whether his Ministry still keeps and is able to supply indigenous seeds (kalahari early pearl maize and *segaolane*) that used to be main seeds for local farmers; and
 - (ii) what programmes are in place to assist the youth and women in Kanye to enter commercial farming especially horticulture, poultry and small stock production.
10. **MR. L. LESEDI, MP. (SEROWE SOUTH):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to update this Honourable House on: **(340)**
- (i) the nationwide Botswana Police Service escorts of security companies' cash-in-transit vehicles; and further, if the escorts are free or if there is cost sharing with the relevant banks;
 - (ii) when the escorts started, their efficacy and how much it costs Government per month for the Police escort services; and
 - (iii) whether it is not time to facilitate private security companies to enable them to handle such operations through capacitation and arming.
11. **MR. G. DISHO, MP. (OKAVANGO EAST):** To ask the Minister of Labour and Home Affairs to update this Honourable House on: **(341)**
- (i) the legal and policy framework developed or amended to support the President's desire for affirmative action by Government to curb illegal immigration and document all undocumented migrants, particularly those from Zimbabwe; and
 - (ii) the implementation of these measures, including any operational strategies, stakeholder engagements or cross border coordination efforts undertaken to date.
12. **MR. D. SALESHANDO, MP. (MAUN NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to state if Air Botswana was operating profitably as at the end of December 2025 as it was declared by the President to the nation; if not, to explain if there had been any strategy adopted by the Board pointing to possible profitability by December 2025. **(342)**

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 10	3400	Sport and Arts	1445 hrs – 1655 hrs	2.10
	1500	International Relations	1655 hrs – 1830 hrs	1.35