

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(FRIDAY 17TH APRIL, 2026)

MINISTERS' QUESTION TIME

HRS/MINS

0900 – 0945

1. Minister of Higher Education

THEME: SUSPENSION OF REGISTRATION AND ACCREDITATION OF WORKPLACE EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROVIDERS (ETPS)

(Mr. C. K. Hikuama, MP. – Maun West)

2. Minister of Lands and Agriculture

THEME: BATSWANA CONTRACTED FARMERS WHO GROW ORGANIC TURMERIC DURING THE 2025/26 SEASON FOR GERMAN MARKET EXPORT

To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to apprise this Honourable House on Batswana contracted farmers who grow Organic Turmeric during the 2025/26 season for German Market Export and state the following:

- (i) the total number of farmers contracted to plant turmeric during the 2025/26 season;
- (ii) the number of farmers who managed to plant any hectareage, why some of the contracted farmers did not plant;
- (iii) when the products are expected to leave for market;
- (iv) the expected total tonnage for export and the total expected revenue from the sales;
- (v) if there is any envisaged effort by the contracting companies to train and enroll more Batswana farmers for the 2026/27 season so as to create more jobs;
- (vi) given that the Turmeric Project is based on organic production methods, how this approach contributes to soil regeneration, and long-term environmental sustainability in the participating farming areas;
- (vii) how the project aligns with Botswana's new Agricultural Policy, particularly regarding sustainable farming systems, climate smart agriculture, and reduced dependence on chemical inputs; and

(viii) whether there are plans to expand organic production practices to other high value crops under the frame work of the new Agricultural Policy.

(Mr. M. Bagaisamang, MP. – Shoshong)

**MOTION FOR THE ADJOURNMENT –
DEFINITE MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE**

- “That this Honourable House requests Government to urgently consider the re-demarcation of existing veterinary disease control zones, particularly Zone 11, 3B and other similar large zones across the country and to embark on the maintenance of all zonal fences across the country in order to enhance livestock disease management and improve the livelihood of all our farmers.”

(Mr. S. O. Digwa, MP. – Botet West)

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

HRS/MINS

MOTIONS

0945– 1230

COMMISSION OF INQUIRY ON COMMUNITY BASED ORGANISATIONS OR TRUSTS

1. “That this Honourable House requests Government to institute a commission of inquiry on allegations of Maladministration, financial embezzlement, insider trading, corruption, abuse of political power and abuse of office on Community Based Organisations or Trusts by Technical Advisory Committees and Trustees from year 2014 to 2024.”

(Mr. S. O. Mapulanga, MP. – Chobe)

(Resumed Debate)

INTRODUCTION OF SAFE AND STUDENT-FRIENDLY SCHOOL BUSES

2. “That this Honourable House resolves that Government should introduce safe and student-friendly school buses by establishing a comprehensive, nationwide policy framework to ensure the safety, efficiency and accessibility of school transportation.”

(Mr. C. K. Hikuama, MP. – Maun West)

(Resumed Debate)

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUNS PERMIT QUOTA

3. “That this Honourable House resolves to request Government to introduce a “special guns” permit quota for farmers residing in dangerous wildlife infested farming areas, as a matter of facilitating them to protect their livestock, crops and properties.”

(Mr. G. Kekgonegile, MP. – Maun East)

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

4. "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)

**POLICY FRAMEWORK OR LEGISLATION, EMPLOYEE SHARE SCHEMES AS A STRATEGY TO
ENHANCE EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT, RETENTION AND ALIGNMENT OF INTEREST OF
EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES**

5. "That this Honourable House requests Government to encourage through policy framework or legislation, employee share schemes as a strategy to enhance employee engagement, retention and alignment of interest of employers and employees."

(Mr. R. W. Kaizer, MP. – Selibe Phikwe West)

GOVERNMENT TO STOP CHARGING FARMERS TAX ON IMPORTATION OF LIVESTOCK

6. "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)

**GOVERNMENT TO AUTHORISE BOTSWANA POWER CORPORATION
(BPC) TO FOCUS ON DISTRIBUTION OF POWER**

7. "That this Honourable House requests Government to authorise Botswana Power Corporation (BPC) to strictly focus on distribution of power, village connection, inspection of materials used and to allow local privately-owned companies to connect electricity in homes and farms."

(Mr. G. Lekau, MP. – Mogoditshane West)

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

8. "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)

**DOMESTICATION OF THE SADC MODEL LAW
ON PUBLIC FINANCE MANAGEMENT**

9. "That this Honourable House resolves to request Government to take the necessary steps to ratify and domesticate the SADC Model Law on Public Finance Management into the national Legal Framework."

(Mr. T. Furniture, MP. – Tati East)

AMENDMENT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACT

10. "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

11. "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**

12. "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)**

13. "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

14. "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)

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

15. "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)

**CITIZEN ENTREPRENEURIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CEDA)
TO DISCONTINUE THE ISSUANCE OF LOANS**

16. "That this Honourable House requests Government to discontinue the issuance of loans by the Citizen Entrepreneurial Development Agency (CEDA) and instead partner with commercial banks for all credit facilities by providing surety."

(Mr. G. Lekau, MP. – Mogoditshane West)

AMENDMENT OF THE PUBLIC HOLIDAYS ACT

17. "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)

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

18. "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)