

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(WEDNESDAY 18TH FEBRUARY, 2026)

QUESTIONS

HRS/MINS

1400 – 1445

1. **MR. C. K. JACOBS, MP. (LOBATSE):** To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism if he is aware of the need to establish a weather station or meteorological station in Lobatse. (211)
2. **MR. M. M. MOROLONG, MP. (KGATLENG CENTRAL):** To ask the Minister of Sport and Arts if there are guidelines for remuneration of artists, if not, what is in place to ensure that artists are fairly and consistently compensated for their services and that there is a standard fee structure for different categories and levels of artistic services. (177)
3. **MR. M. M. PULE, MP. (KGATLENG EAST):** To ask the Minister of Finance to state whether Government is willing to consider the commercialisation of the Sikwane Border Post in order to enhance economic activity, trade facilitation and service delivery for the Kgatleng East Constituency; and if so, to state: (218)
 - (i) whether the Ministry has conducted, or is willing to conduct a feasibility study or assessment to determine the viability of commercialising the Sikwane Border Post;
 - (ii) the timeline within which such an assessment could be undertaken; and
 - (iii) whether the Ministry will prioritise the Sikwane Border Post for future budget planning in recognition of its potential socio-economic benefits to the local communities.
4. **MR. S. O. MAPULANGA, MP. (CHOBE):** To ask the Minister of Health to state: (219)
 - (i) the quantity of medicines which were recommended to be disposed of due to expiration between 2019 and 2025;
 - (ii) the value of the destroyed medicines due to expiration by year; and
 - (iii) the quantity that was destroyed in terms of value due to recommendation by Botswana Medical Regulatory Authority (BOMRA) in the same period.

5. **MR. S. O. DIGWA, MP. (BOTETI WEST):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture if he is aware that cordon fences are frequently destroyed by veld fires, particularly when surrounding areas are not properly de-bushed; and if so:
 - (i) what measures are in place to prevent such incidents and protect this critical infrastructure; and
 - (ii) what assessment has been made of the potential risk that the destruction of cordon fences poses to the beef industry particularly regarding the increased vulnerability to the spread of Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) from red zone to green zone areas.
6. **MR. M. BAGAISAMANG, MP. (SHOSHONG):** To ask the Minister of Youth and Gender Affairs if her Ministry does not see the need to prioritise funding youth for day care centres through the Youth Development Fund (YDF) programme, considering that many youths have studied Early Childhood Education and many day care centres are owned by foreigners. (221)
7. **MR. K. K. KAPINGA, MP. (OKAVANGO WEST):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security if he is aware that there is a huge debt owed to low ranking Public Servants left over from the previous administration, especially for employees in the Department of Veterinary Services based at Disease Control Camps spread throughout the country; and if so, would he assuage the feelings of such Public Servants by letting them know how Government is planning to discharge its debt obligations to its employees. (222)
8. **MR. C. K. HIKUAMA, MP. (MAUN WEST):** To ask the Minister of Higher Education to update this Honourable House on the restructuring process at the University of Botswana; and to further state whether:
 - (i) the University of Botswana Act and related Statutes were revised and the dates of the revision, if any;
 - (ii) the Act and Statutes were availed to the University community and public; if so, when;
 - (iii) there is a University Council; and
 - (iv) the Minister is satisfied with the entire restructuring process.
9. **MR. T. BOGATSU, MP. (LENTSWELETAU-LEPHEPHE):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure:
 - (i) to update this Honourable House on the status of the following roads;
 - (a) Gakuto-Kopong-Bokaa;

- (b) Kopong-Gaborone North; and
- (ii) how these roads will be maintained to make them navigable since they were not catered for in the National Development Plan 12.
10. **MR. O. KEDIKILWE, MP. (SEROWE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education if she is aware that all schools in Serowe West Constituency are not in a conducive state to learning; and if so, whether her Ministry will consider engaging Serowe Brigade to undertake the necessary renovations on these facilities to reduce costs, aligning with the new national policy announced by the Government to utilise the Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) students on infrastructure and facility maintenance for them to acquire skills. (226)
11. **MR. L. LESEDI, MP. (SEROWE SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education to state the position of Government on corporal punishment and if corporal punishment has been completely abolished in all schools in Botswana; and to further state: (227)
- (i) why Government has gone squarely against Batswana's cultural norms which encourage and embody discipline and the Bible, Proverbs 13:24 which explicitly compels Batswana as a Christian nation to "spare the rod or spoil the child";
 - (ii) why consultation was not done when this decision was being taken and what is being done to protect teachers and staff in schools against an onslaught of students who have been emboldened by the knowledge that teachers cannot discipline them when they become unruly;
 - (iii) to provide a formal assessment or findings of a report of the situation in schools before and after the abolition of corporal punishment; and
 - (iv) if the Minister does not see the dichotomy of abolishing corporal punishment for students in schools while the Children's Act of 2009 allows reasonable corporal punishment by parents at home and while this form of Botswana's cultural discipline is still allowed in the Kgotla system.
12. **MR. G. KEKGONEGILE, MP. (MAUN EAST):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security if he is aware of challenges faced by Botswana Police Officers serving in Forensic Pathology Division in terms of remunerations, progression and welfare in general, in comparison to other workers within the same department; and if so, the Minister should elaborate on the challenges with emphasis on: (228)

- (i) benefits received by other workers within the Division which Police Officers are not receiving and why;
- (ii) the number of Police Officers in the Division, their ranks and when the last promotion was made and for how many Police Officers; and reasons thereof; and
- (iii) qualifications of the Police Officers, their duration in the Division and solutions being put in place to reward them accordingly.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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SECOND READING

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)