

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(THURSDAY 19TH FEBRUARY, 2026)

QUESTIONS

HRS/MINS

1400 – 1445

1. **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:

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 - (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.
2. **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.

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3. **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:

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 - (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.
- 4. **MR. G. DISHO, MP. (OKAVANGO EAST):** To ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services to state: (229)
 - (i) strategies to make Legal Aid Botswana accessible across the country including to persons in rural areas especially in district service centres such as Seronga, Shakawe, Gumare, Sehithwa, Hukuntsi, Bobonong and Gudigwa; and
 - (ii) why officers from his Ministry cannot be seconded to District Administration Centres or main *Dikgotla* in towns and villages to distribute their services including in rural areas.
- 5. **MR. O. KWAPA, MP. (JWANENG-MABUTSANE):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education whether she is aware that there are children in Kaduwe lands who are currently not going to school and are staying with their unemployed parents. (230)
- 6. **MR. J. T. MODISE, MP. (KGALAGADI SOUTH):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to state when the road along the border line from Molopo farm to Two Rivers will be made for effective patrols by security services, immigration and veterinary services personnel as well as other stakeholders. (231)
- 7. **MR. K. T. MMUSI, MP. (GABANE-MMANKGODI):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture when his Ministry intends to allocate plots to churches for worship in Mmankgodi, Lesirane, Gabane and Tloaneng villages as they have been promised such for so long. (232)
- 8. **MR. T. B. LUCAS, MP. (BOBIRWA):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to explain to this Honourable House measures his Ministry is embarking upon to prevent the spread of Foot and Mouth disease from South Africa and Zimbabwe into Bobirwa District; in particular to state what his Ministry is doing with respect to the following: (233)
 - (i) cordon fences;
 - (ii) deployment of personnel and other resources;

- (iii) the work of *Mephato*; and
 - (iv) engagement with South Africa and Zimbabwe.
9. **MR. M. MOALOSI, MP. (NKANGE):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs if he is aware that communities were relocated from cattle posts to villages such as Maitengwe, Nkange, Marapong, Semitwe and Tutume with the objective to bring them closer to services; and if so: **(234)**
- (i) is he aware that these communities were settled in the outskirts of the said villages and have not been provided with stand pipes, residential plots, ploughing fields, schools and clinics;
 - (ii) to state plans to assist these people; and
 - (iii) whether Government has any affirmative action policies specifically to address the challenges faced by these communities.
10. **DR. K. GOBOTSWANG, MP. (TSWAPONG SOUTH):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to apprise this Honourable House on the conditions of service for freelance journalists at Multi-Media Complex; further, the Minister should state: **(235)**
- (i) if he is aware that some of them have been freelancers for ten (10) years at a rate of P100 per hour; and
 - (ii) whether there are plans to engage them on a permanent and pensionable basis.
11. **MR. T. FURNITURE, MP. (TATI EAST):** To ask the Minister of Health if he is aware of Tuberculosis (TB) patients who were administered TB medication believed to be reduced efficiency from around midyear 2025, which was later withdrawn and substituted with alternative medication towards the end of November 2025; and if so, to state: **(236)**
- (i) the number of patients who were administered the said medication during this period;
 - (ii) whether there were any patients whose health deteriorated significantly while on the said medication and also provide details of the complications brought by the said medication;
 - (iii) if any of the patients lost their lives during the period in which the said medication was administered;

- (iv) steps Government has taken to ensure that affected patients receive appropriate medical attention, including follow up care; and
 - (v) if there are any special arrangements in place to support patients who have since developed serious infective TB.
12. **MR. A. K. KHAN, MP. (MOLEPOLOLE NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Sport and Arts when Botswana will begin to host international football tournaments such as the Council of Southern Africa Football Association (COSAFA) Cup, and the measures the Ministry is putting in place to ensure that the country is adequately prepared to host such regional and international sporting events. **(237)**

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)