

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(FRIDAY 20TH FEBRUARY, 2026)

MINISTERS' QUESTION TIME

HRS/MINS

0900 – 0945

1. Minister for State President, Defence and Security

THEME: PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY ON BCL CLOSURE

To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to state:

- (i) the criteria used to select the commissioners;
- (ii) how the commission will ensure transparency and independence in its investigations;
- (iii) the terms of reference, and whether those terms were subjected to any stakeholder input or expert review;
- (iv) how Government will guarantee operational independence of the commission from political influence, particularly given that it will investigate actions of former leaders;
- (v) the total budget allocated for the commission's operation; and
- (vi) arrangements that have been made to ensure witness protection and prevent intimidation or interference during testimony.

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

2. Minister of Lands and Agriculture

THEME: PLOTS ALLOCATION CAMPAIGN

To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to apprise this Honourable House on the 100,000 Plots Allocation Campaign; in particular:

- (i) of the 100,000 plots allocated by the previous administration, how much was spent on preparing these plots for allocation (including surveying, servicing, and related preparatory works);
- (ii) out of the 100,000 allocated plots, how many beneficiaries were ultimately issued with title deeds or certificates of rights;
- (iii) how many of the allocated plots were subsequently returned to Land Authorities by the allottees; please provide this figure in both absolute numbers and percentage form;

- (iv) what were the predominant reasons for the return of these plots, and what remedial measures or policy adjustments are being implemented to address the identified causes;
- (v) to provide a summary of the geographic distribution of the 100,000 plots—specifically indicating how many were allocated in:
 - (a) Remote areas;
 - (b) Rural villages;
 - (c) Peri-urban settlements;
 - (d) Urbanised centres such as Molepolole, Tonota, Serowe, Palapye, Maun, and similar localities;
- (vi) what statistical relationship can be observed between the location category of plots and the rate at which they were returned;
- (vii) as of now, what percentage of requests to return plots submitted by allottees across various Land Boards remain pending or not yet finalised; and
- (viii) which Land Board recorded the highest rate of returned plots when comparing percentages across the country.

(Mr. A. K. Khan, MP. – Molepolole North)

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

HRS/MINS

MOTIONS

0945 – 1230

**GOVERNMENT TO ABANDON PLANS TO CONSTRUCT A
PRESIDENT LODGE IN THE OKAVANGO DELTA**

1. "That this Honourable House resolves that Government should abandon plans to construct a Presidential Lodge in the Okavango Delta and return the earmarked piece of land to Tawana Land Board for possible allocation to the District Council."

(Mr. D. Saleshando, MP. – Maun North)

(Resumed Debate)

COMMISSION OF INQUIRY ON COMMUNITY BASED ORGANISATIONS OR TRUSTS

2. "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)

INTRODUCTION OF SIGN LANGUAGE AS AN OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

3. "That this Honourable House resolves to introduce and adopt sign language as an official language in Botswana."

(Mr. M. M. Morolong, MP. – Kgatleng Central)

AMENDMENT OF SECTION 201 (A) OF THE PENAL CODE OF 2018

4. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider amending Section 201 (A) of the Penal Code No.18 of 2018 and charge with murder, any person, found guilty of unlawful possession of human flesh, body parts or human remains."

(Mr. C. K. Jacobs, MP. – Lobatse)

ESTABLISHMENT OF A DEDICATED ARM OR UNIT OF THE POLICE SERVICE FOR THE PROTECTION OF JUDICIAL OFFICERS

5. "That this Honourable House requests Government to establish a dedicated arm or unit of the Botswana Police Service for the protection of judicial officers."

(Dr. U. Dow, MP. – Kgatleng West)

COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL STUDY ON THE INCLUSION OF BLOOD GROUP TYPE DATA WITHIN ROUTINE MEDICAL RECORDS

6. "That this Honourable House requests Government to undertake a comprehensive national study on the inclusion of blood group type data within routine medical records, with the aim of improving emergency response systems, strengthening public health research and enhancing preparedness for medical interventions across the country."

(Mr. P. M. Mosanana, MP. – Kanye East)

INTRODUCTION OF SAFE AND STUDENT-FRIENDLY SCHOOL BUSES

7. "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)

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUNS' PERMIT QOUTA

8. "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**

9. "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**

10. "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

11. "That this Honourable House request 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**

12. "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**

13. "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)

**AMENDMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATIONS AND COMPLIANCE AT COMPANIES
AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AUTHORITY (CIPA)**

14. "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

15. "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**

16. "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**

17. "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)