

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(MONDAY 23RD FEBRUARY, 2026)

QUESTIONS

HRS/MINS

1400 – 1445

1. **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)**

2. **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:
 - (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.

3. **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:
 - (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.

4. **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who were administered TB medication believed to be reduced efficiency from around midyear 2025, which was later withdrawn and substituted with alternative medication towards the end of November 2025; and if so, to state: (236)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.
5. **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)
6. **MR. M. M. MOROLONG, MP. (KGATLENG CENTRAL):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to state: (224)
- (i) if the Government has specific legislation or policies addressing the rights and protection of persons living with albinism; and if not, what plans are in place to develop them;
 - (ii) how his Ministry plans to improve access to specialised dermatological care and sun protection resources for people living with albinism;
 - (iii) what steps are being taken to ensure that albino children have equal access to education including provision for visual aid and inclusive learning environment; and

- (iv) how Government collaborates with organisations supporting albino persons to provide counselling, mobility assistance and address specific challenges they face.
7. **MR. C. K. JACOBS, MP. (LOBATSE):** To ask the Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship when the adopted 2013 Parliamentary Motion will be implemented which was calling for the Lobatse town to be treated as a special area as a way of reviving its economy through the Lobatse Economic Diversification Unit, similar to SPEDU. (238)
8. **MR. O. KWAPA, MP. (JWANENG-MABUTSANE):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education to state Government's interim plan to have all Mogale Junior Secondary School teachers accommodated in Maokane as a matter of urgency to improve the school's performance. (204)
9. **DR. U. DOW, MP. (KGATLENG WEST):** To ask the Minister of Finance whether he considers transparency, accountability, fairness and open competition to be core principles in the Government's procurement process and if there are any plans to bring a bill to Parliament amending the current procurement laws, with a view to:
- (i) granting the President special procurement powers; and
 - (ii) abandoning competitive bidding as the default position in the grant of Government tenders and contracts and substituting same with direct appointment.
10. **MR. K. K. KAPINGA, MP. (OKAVANGO WEST):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture 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)
11. **MR. K. NKAWANA, MP. (SELEBI PHIKWE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Higher Education to apprise this Honourable House on initiatives that his Ministry is implementing or planning to implement in order to improve education outcomes and provide the citizens with the skills needed for the job market. (65)

12. **MR. C. K. HIKUAMA, MP. (MAUN WEST):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education to apprise this Honourable House on the state of the Department of Curriculum and Evaluation buildings, adjacent to the Mosque in Gaborone Central Constituency and if it is true that in 2012, the building was vacated for the purposes of renovation; and if so, to explain the following:
- (i) which company was awarded the tender to renovate the buildings and at how much;
 - (ii) when the renovation was expected to be completed;
 - (iii) how much has been paid to the engaged company to date;
 - (iv) how much the department is paying annually for the buildings currently renting in the Fair Grounds area; and
 - (v) when the department is expected to move back to its buildings.

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)

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