

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(FRIDAY 24TH JULY, 2026)

MINISTERS' QUESTION TIME

HRS/MINS

0900 – 0945

1. Minister of Higher Education

THEME: CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TRUST FUND (CITF) SITES AND MANAGEMENT

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

2. Minister of Transport and Infrastructure

THEME: ASSESSMENT OF CAPITAL VALUE ASSOCIATED WITH ABANDONED OR DELAYED INFRASTRUCTURAL TENDERS AND CONSIDERATION OF A HYBRID FORCE ACCOUNT DELIVERY MODEL

To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to state:

- (i) the total value of capital expenditure associated with infrastructural projects that have been delayed, stalled, or abandoned under public tender arrangements over the last three (3) fiscal years;
- (ii) the key factors contributing to such delays, stalling, or abandonment of these projects;
- (iii) whether the Ministry has conducted any cost-benefit analysis on the efficiency, cost-effectiveness, and delivery timelines of current contractor-led infrastructure delivery models compared to Government Force Account implementation;
- (iv) whether, in light of prevailing national fiscal constraints, the Ministry has considered the adoption of a Hybrid Force Account Model whereby Government utilises its internal engineering personnel, plant, and equipment for routine maintenance, rehabilitation, and emergency works; and
- (v) whether consideration has been given to limiting private-sector participation to specialised, complex, and large-scale components of infrastructure projects, while prioritising citizen-owned contractors for designated outsourced components.

(Mr. M. M. Pule, MP. – Kgatleng East)

QUESTIONS

1. **MR. G. SEDOMBO, MP. (TONOTA):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture: (482)
 - (i) if he is aware of the growing interest among local poultry farmers in the rearing of rare and specialty chicken breeds, including but not limited to Easter Egger, Silkie, and other similar breeds;
 - (ii) whether the existing restrictions on the importation of poultry and poultry products, which are aimed at promoting national self-sufficiency, also apply to rare and non-commercial chicken breeds; if so,
 - (iii) what measures are in place to support the diversification and development of the poultry industry, particularly in relation to rare breeds that are not readily available within the country; and
 - (iv) if the Department of Veterinary Services has any plans to introduce or consider a controlled permit system, under strict biosecurity protocols, to allow for the importation of rare chicken breeds in order to enhance genetic diversity and create new opportunities within the poultry sector.
2. **MR. R. W. KAIZER, MP. (SELEBI PHIKWE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Minerals and Energy to state: (485)
 - (i) measures the Government is taking to expedite the finalisation of the BCL liquidation process, which has now entered its 10th year;
 - (ii) the estimated timeframe within which the Government expects the liquidation process to be concluded;
 - (iii) the major outstanding matters preventing the conclusion of the liquidation; and
 - (iv) progress that has been made regarding the final payment of USD30 million due from Premium Nickel Resources Botswana under the Selebi Mines Asset Purchase Agreement.
3. **MR. O. KEDIKILWE, MP. (SEROWE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to apprise this Honourable House on the following urgent operational matters: (486)
 - (i) the exact directives of the current savingram regarding overtime management for veterinary gatekeepers and night-watchmen at disease control checkpoints;
 - (ii) if he is aware that when a staff member goes on leave, the post is left vacant rather than being temporarily filled or covered through relief duties;

- (iii) the immediate measures the Ministry is taking to address the major delays experienced by farmers, who are frequently left waiting at unmanned gates, forced to open gates themselves, or forced to rely on passing individuals to gain entry;
- (iv) whether these staffing gaps are a deliberate measure to contain public sector overtime costs at the expense of agricultural logistics; and
- (v) why the Ministry does not openly communicate its official position to the public so that farmers know whether they are legally authorised to operate these disease control gates independently when no official is on duty.

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)

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

3. "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**

4. "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. – Selebi Phikwe West)

GOVERNMENT TO STOP CHARGING FARMERS TAX ON IMPORTATION OF LIVESTOCK

5. "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**

6. "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**

7. "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**

8. "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

9. "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

10. "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

11. "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)

12. "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

13. "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)

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPECIAL PARLIAMENTARY SELECT
COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT
OF BULLS AND HEIFERS AS WELL AS DAIRY GOATS**

14. "That this Honourable House resolves to establish a Special Parliamentary Select Committee to investigate the Government procurement of bulls and heifers from Texas in the United States of America as well as heifers and dairy goats from Australia."

(Dr. K. Gobotswang, MP. – Tswapong South)

**REINSTATEMENT OF CORPORAL PUNISHMENT IN SCHOOLS
AS A REGULATED DISCIPLINARY MEASURE**

15. "That this Honourable House requests Government to reinstate corporal punishment in schools as a regulated disciplinary measure to strengthen discipline, promote respect for authority, and create a safe and conducive learning environment."

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

**REVIEW OF THE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT ACT FRAMEWORK TO STRENGTHEN
AND INSTITUTIONALISE A HYBRID FORCE ACCOUNT MODEL FOR PUBLIC
INFRASTRUCTURE DELIVERY**

16. "That this Honourable House requests Government to review the Public Procurement Act and related regulatory frameworks with a view to strengthening and institutionalising a Hybrid Force Account Model for public infrastructure delivery, under which Government shall strategically utilise its existing internal engineering personnel, plant and equipment for the execution of routine road construction, rehabilitation, emergency works and maintenance; and further that the model shall prioritise the optimal use of existing State capacity in order to improve efficiency, reduce infrastructure delivery costs, enhance responsiveness to service delivery needs and contribute to fiscal consolidation, while reserving competitive tendering for highly specialised, complex and large-scale components of public infrastructure projects that require private sector expertise."

(Mr. M. M. Pule, MP. – Kgatleng East)

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

17. "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**

18. "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

19. "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)

20. "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)

CREATION OF SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES IN THE GREATER GABORONE AREA

21. "That this Honourable House requests Government to expand the creation of special economic zones in the greater Gaborone area and other areas such as Molepolole to create an entrepreneurial ecosystem through supporting and developing small, medium enterprises to manufacture and market natural resources in their areas for export as finished products to create employment opportunities and ensure inter-generational skills transfer."

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

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A STATUTORY FUND FOR NATIONAL ECO-TOURISM
AND LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (LED) FUND**

22. "That this Honourable House requests Government to urgently establish a dedicated, Ring Fenced Statutory Fund for National Eco-Tourism and Local Economic Development (LED) called the Eco-Tourism and Local Economic Development Fund to automatically finance community-led projects, heritage exhibitions and regional agri-tourism initiatives such as the Dinokeng Fish Festival thereby systematically shifting these vital rural economic engines away from a state of structural insecurity and unreliable, ad-hoc annual ministerial handout."

(Mr. M. M. Pule, MP. – Kgatleng East)