

**BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**ORDER PAPER**

**(FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2026)**

**MINISTERS' QUESTION TIME**

**HRS/MINS**

**0900– 0945**

**1. Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship**

**THEME: LATEST BOTSWANA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (BDC) SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENT DEAL OR DEALS IN THE PAST FIVE (5) YEARS**

To ask the Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship to state the number of Foreign Direct Investment deals that have already been completed and those that are still outstanding with a clear deal status of each deal in the past 12 months; whether there have been economic benefits already realised and those expected to mature in the next 12 months from January 2026, stating the following:

- (i) the various projects and the sectors involved;
- (ii) the total amount invested in each project;
- (iii) the level of citizen participation (citizen inclusion) in the various projects; and
- (iv) number of jobs/employments created or likely to be created.

(Mr. L. Barongwang, MP. – Mogoditshane East)

**2. 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)

## QUESTIONS

1. **DR. K. GOBOTSWANG, MP. (TSWAPONG SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to apprise this Honourable House on the Government assurance to create a buffer zone to ensure free access to Limpopo River for border patrols by members of the security forces as well as economic activities such as small scale irrigation schemes, fishing and tourism. (35)
2. **MR. V. B. PHOLOGOLO, MP. (KANYE WEST):** To ask the Minister for State President to brief this Honourable House on the number of stock theft cases that have been brought before courts in the last three (3) years and how many of these cases have been adjudicated and how many are still pending; the Minister to further state; (29)
  - (i) on average, how long it takes for such cases to be adjudicated; and
  - (ii) how many of these crimes were committed by repeat offenders.
3. **MR. M. M. PULE, MP. (KGATLENG EAST):** To ask the Minister of Youth and Gender Affairs whether the Ministry is aware of the high youth unemployment in the Kgatleng East Constituency and: (66)
  - (i) what concrete plans the Government has to create sustainable job opportunities for young people in Kgatleng East; and
  - (ii) provide details on any new programmes, initiatives, or partnerships currently being implemented or planned, including skills development, vocational training, entrepreneurship support, internship placements, or private sector collaboration aimed at improving employment prospects for the youth in the constituency.
4. **MR. C. K. JACOBS, MP. (LOBATSE):** To ask the Minister of Communications and Innovation: (88)
  - (i) whether there are any plans to advance communities with modern Information and Communication Technology (ICT) establishments and fair installation of community internet centres in cities, towns and villages regardless of locality development backgrounds; and
  - (ii) if this approach can align our national ICT development setup to African Digital Development Strategy and Advancing Digital Economies.

5. **MR. M. MOALOSI, MP. (NKANGE):** To ask the Minister of Sport and Arts to state: (99)
- (i) the amount of money Botswana National Sports Council (BNSC) disbursed to Botswana Motor Sport (BMS) over the past ten (10) years;
  - (ii) the number of Annual General Meetings (AGMs) that BMS has held over the same period where financials have been presented;
  - (iii) whether it is normal for tax payers' money to be disbursed annually to an organisation that does not account for the said money; and
  - (iv) which AGM minutes were used by BMS for re-registration with the Registrar of Societies since AGMs have not been held regularly.

**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)

**INTRODUCTION OF SIGN LANGUAGE AS AN OFFICIAL LANGUAGE**

2. "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**

3. "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**

4. "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**

5. "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**

6. "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**

7. "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**

8. "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**

9. "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**

10. "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**

11. "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**

12. "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**

13. "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**

14. "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)

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

15. "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**

16. "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**

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)