

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(WEDNESDAY 17TH DECEMBER, 2025)

QUESTIONS

HRS/MINS

1400 – 1445

- 1. MR. M. M. MOROLONG, MP. (KGATLENG CENTRAL):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure if the disposed of sand mines at Jwaneng and Orapa Mines are not suitable for re-use on roads particularly on re-gravelling, spot improvements or on other infrastructural developments. **(153)**
- 2. MR. C. K. JACOBS, MP. (LOBATSE):** To ask the Minister of Water and Human Settlement to state: **(154)**

 - (i) if he is aware of water shortage problems facing Lobatse even with the existence of Magara tank in Thema 2 and Wayhigh tank;
 - (ii) progress on the previous water supply developments; and
 - (iii) Government's new plans to address the situation.
- 3. DR. U. DOW, MP. (KGATLENG WEST):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to explain why, in his exercise of his Ministry's environmental health mandate, he appears to excuse public institutions such as schools, landfills, health facilities, from his oversight role, more particularly: **(155)**

 - (i) why his Ministry has raided, named and shamed private entities for allegedly failing to comply with health and hygiene standards while he has been complicit to the continued use of pit latrines that are full, unsafe, emitting putrid smells by learners at Rasesa Primary School;
 - (ii) why he has failed to cause the closure of the Pilane Land Fill, allowing it to be used for more than 15 years beyond its lifespan; and
 - (iii) why he has allowed the continued disposal of clinical waste in ways that do not comply with health regulations.

4. **MR. M. MOALOSI, MP. (NKANGE):** To ask the Minister of Water and Human Settlement whether he is aware of the acute shortage of water in the villages of Nkange, Changate, Senete, Dagwi and Maitengwe; and to state: (156)
- (i) his short and long term plans to provide potable water to these villages with timelines for those plans;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that some of the shortages are caused by blocked pipes due to the salts from water supplied from Maitengwe Well fields; and
 - (iii) whether there are any plans to desalinate the water before pumping it to homesteads.
5. **MR. T. FURNITURE, MP. (TATI EAST):** To ask the Minister of Health to state: (157)
- (i) the number of clinics and health posts that do not have pharmacy personnel (pharmacy technicians/pharmacists);
 - (ii) why one pharmacy technician is deployed to service 3 clinics on rotation basis while there are unemployed pharmacy technicians; and
 - (iii) the number of unemployed pharmacists who are registered with the Botswana Health Professionals Council.
6. **MR. A. K. KHAN, MP. (MOLEPOLOLE NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Sport and Arts to apprise this Honourable House on the measures being taken to: (158)
- (i) support and fund elite athletes to compete successfully in regional and international competitions;
 - (ii) improve and expand sport infrastructure across the country, particularly in rural areas;
 - (iii) promote grassroots and youth sport programmes to identify and nurture talent from an early age; and
 - (iv) enhance Public Private Partnerships and community involvement in the development of sport in Botswana.
7. **MR. M. M. PULE, MP. (KGATLENG EAST):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture if Government intends to establish an agricultural collection centre for farmers within the Kgatleng East Constituency, particularly along the Madikwe and Limpopo Rivers, where farmers produce a significant amount of agricultural produce and if so, what plans are in place to support this initiative. (159)

8. **MR. T. BOGATSU, MP. (LENTSWELETAU-LEPHEPHE):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to explain the statuses of: (160)
 - (i) Leologane, Ramankhung, Galekgatshwane and Mmatseta villages; and
 - (ii) the headmen of the above-mentioned villages.
9. **MR. V. B. PHOLOGOLO, MP. (KANYE WEST):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security if he is aware of the methods used by criminals to butcher cattle in the bush such as breaking their legs, tying them to trees before slashing their necks with machetes; and whether the methods by thieves are acceptable or they constitute cruelty to animals. (161)
10. **MR. G. KEKGONEGILE, MP. (MAUN EAST):** To ask the Minister of Water and Human Settlement to apprise this Honourable House on plans his Ministry has for a paradigm shift in Water Policy as implemented by Water Utilities Corporation in relation to provision of potable water to farmers residing in agriculture communal areas whose water base is salty upon which efforts to drill boreholes are in vain due to salty water, in particular: (162)
 - (i) if the Ministry is amenable to such paradigm shift, and if so, to state plans in place, steps to be taken and the target implementation period; and if not, why; and
 - (ii) what remedial action the Ministry is proposing or recommending as a solution to these farmers.
11. **MS. H. P. MANYENENG, MP. (MMOPANE-METSIMOTLHABE):** To ask the Minister of Health to state whether: (105)
 - (i) his Ministry has managed to employ pharmacists and dieticians; if so, how many and where were they deployed; and
 - (ii) this included pharmacists from University of Botswana and dieticians from Boitekanelo College.
12. **MR. S. O. MAPULANGA, MP. (CHOBE):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to state: (145)
 - (i) if he is still not aware of the existence of the Chobe Crown Lands which were declared on January 10th 1910 as evidenced in the following references (Sail, 1981, p. 85; His Majesty's Stationery Office, 1931, p. 3; Sanders, 1990, p. 360; Saugestad, 2001; Sillery, 1952, pp. 21, 24, 99);

- (ii) whether he still maintains lack of appreciation of the assertion that the Chobe Crown Lands was variously known as the Northern Crown Lands, the Northern State Lands as evidenced in the following references ((Sail, 1981, p. 85; His Majesty's Stationery Office, 1931, p. 3; Sanders, 1990; Saugestad, 2001; Sillery, 1952, pp. 21, 24, 99);
- (iii) if he now recognizes that the Chobe Crown Lands variously known as the Northern State Lands or the Northern Crown Lands was at its declaration in 1910 measuring 64 750 km², and was by 1968 reduced to 20 712 km², 20 800 km² by the year 2006, a reduction of 44 038 km² (Rains & McKay, 1968) and 43 950 km² respectively;
- (iv) the justification for this significant reduction of the total area of the Chobe Crown Lands and the resultant expansion of the Batawana and Bangwato Tribal Reserves/Territories beyond their well-defined original boundaries with the Chobe Crown Lands/Chobe State Lands or Northern State Lands (Rains & McKay, 1968; Botswana National Archives, S. 259/1/1; Botswana National Archives, S. 259/1/2);
- (v) whether he still maintains lack of awareness of the existence of the full-fledged Chobe District that has been in existence as one the inaugural eleven (11) districts established in the British Bechuanaland Protectorate since 1930 as evidenced in the following references (His Majesty's Stationery Office, 1931; Parsons & Gumbo, 2002; Picard, 1984, p. 88; Republic of Botswana, 1998, p. 5; Republic of Botswana, 1997, pp. 2, 3, 6, 14, 20, 25, 158; Rains & McKay, 1968; pp. 7, 28, 31, 36);
- (vi) if he now appreciates that the Chobe Crown Lands/Northern State Lands declared on January 10th 1910 was what also became the Chobe District in 1930 with a total area of 64 750 km², just the same way the Ngwato District was synonymous with Ngwato Tribal Reserve etc, and therefore recognises the concerns of the Chobe residents over their land especially the shortage of ranch-land in the District as genuine; and
- (vii) if he now appreciates the justification for the incorporation of the Chobe District into the Ngamiland District in 1965 was two-pronged; a) for political gerrymandering as a BDP inclined Chobe was to offset the numbers of Botswana Independence Party (BIP) in Maun (Mokopakgosi, 2008), and b) services delivery from Maun, as Chobe District since 1930 received educational and veterinary services either from Maun or Francistown, while postal services were received from both Livingstone, Zambia (Northern Rhodesia) and Wankie, Zimbabwe (Southern Rhodesia) (Sail, 1981).

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

HRS/MINS

PRESENTATION OF A GOVERNMENT BILL

1445 – 1800

- Cinematograph Bill, 2025 (Bill No. 31 of 2025) An Act to provide for the making and exhibition of cinematograph films, for the licensing of cinemas and for purposes incidental thereto and connected therewith.

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(Minister of Sport and Arts)

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

SECOND READING

1. Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (Bill No. 30 of 2025) An Act to amend the Citizenship Act.

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(Minister of Labour and Home Affairs)

(Resumed Debate)

2. Radiation Protection Regulatory Authority Bill, 2025 (Bill No. 32 of 2025) An Act to repeal and re-enact the Radiation Protection Act, by continuing the Radiation Protection Inspectorate as a body corporate under the name Radiation Protection Regulatory Authority and by continuing the Radiation Protection Board under the name Radiation Protection Regulatory Board, to make provision for the regulation of safe, secure and peaceful use of nuclear energy and its application in health and medicine, energy production, scientific research, agriculture, industry and education, in line with international agreements, and for matters incidental thereto.

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(Minister of Communications and Innovation)

MOTION

- "That this Honourable House resolves that the Draft National Agriculture Policy, 2025 be approved."

(Minister of Lands and Agriculture)