

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(THURSDAY 13TH NOVEMBER, 2025)

QUESTIONS

HRS/MINS

0900 – 0945

1. **MR. M. MOALOSI, MP. (NKANGE):** To ask the Minister of Labour and Home Affairs to state: (13)
 - (i) the total number of employees currently employed by Security and Cleaning Companies engaged by Government across all ministries and district councils;
 - (ii) the average salary for a cleaner and a security guard in those companies; and
 - (iii) the average length of employment contract for the said employees.
2. **MR. K. NKAHANA, MP. (SELEBI PHIKWE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs if he has any new plans to enhance the provision of municipal services including sanitation to residents of Selebi Phikwe. (17)
3. **MR. G. KEKGONEGILE, MP. (MAUN EAST):** To ask the Minister of Health to brief this Honourable House on progress made in establishing the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Department in his Ministry, in particular: (19)
 - (i) the total number of Paramedics positions in the Establishment, the number of those permanently employed and the number of vacant positions;
 - (ii) the total number of temporary Paramedics and the number absorbed into permanent status;
 - (iii) the rationale behind the 80% Human Resource Development Council (HRDC) and 20% (locally/temporary workers) which ultimately picks new graduates rather than old graduates and plans for the paradigm shift and

- (iv) which areas have EMS bases and plans in place to establish more EMS bases given their importance to the national wellbeing and immediate response.
4. **DR. K. GOBOTSWANG, MP. (TSWAPONG SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to apprise this Honourable House on the implementation of a Parliamentary Motion calling on the Government to allow subsistence farmers to use the broadcasting method of planting on account of shortage of tractors and other ploughing equipment such as planters in order to catch/harness the moisture. (22)
 5. **MR. T. FURNITURE, MP. (TATI EAST):** To ask the Minister of Minerals and Energy: (23)
 - (i) to brief this Honourable House on how ULSAN Holdings Botswana, was allowed into the Mupane Gold Mine bidding process after the official deadline;
 - (ii) whether her Ministry had a hand in facilitating this process;
 - (iii) whether the Minister is aware of reports that state that ULSAN Holdings was only registered on May 16, 2025, and that within days it was reshuffled multiple times ending up in the hands of three (03) Turkish nationals, and
 - (iv) to state what role the Government played in allowing the liquidation process to continue past the June 13, 2025 deadline.
 6. **MR. A. K. KHAN, MP. (MOLEPOLOLE NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services if there are any plans to introduce a Drug Rehabilitation Programme at Molepolole Prison, given that a number of crimes committed by inmates are drug-related or drug-influenced given that such a programme would not only support the rehabilitation of offenders but also contribute positively to the wider fight against drug abuse in Molepolole. (24)
 7. **MR. M. M. PULE, MP. (KGATLENG EAST):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs whether the Ministry is actively addressing the poor infrastructure and maintenance challenges in schools within Kgatleng East Constituency, the minister to further state: (26)

- (i) whether the Ministry is aware of the persistent infestation of bats in both classrooms and teachers' quarters in several schools in Kgatleng East, which poses serious health, safety, and hygiene risks to both learners and educators;
- (ii) what real-time interventions the Ministry is actively pursuing to eradicate bat infestations and prevent recurrence in affected schools;
- (iii) whether, in light of global pandemics such as COVID-19 suspected to have zoonotic origins, the Ministry intends to commission or support research into the risks of zoonotic transmission from bat infestations in schools and staff housing, and to develop guidelines for safe remediation;
- (iv) whether the Ministry has engaged with the Kgatleng District Council to facilitate routine inspections and timely interventions for maintenance in schools and teachers' quarters; and
- (v) when the people of Kgatleng East should expect a visible and measurable improvement in the physical learning and teaching environment in schools in the Kgatleng East Constituency.

8. **MR. S. O. MAPULANGA, MP. (CHOBÉ):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture whether there is a budget available to settle money owed to Chobe farmers who supplied their produce to Botswana Agricultural Marketing Board (BAMB); he should further state: (27)

- (i) how much money has been paid from April 2025 to date;
- (ii) how many tonnes were of different crop varieties were received; and
- (iii) how many tonnes were received from subsistence and commercial farmers including their monetary value.

9. **BRIGADIER D. MOKGWATHI, MP. (LETLHAKENG):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to apprise the Honourable House on the cattle population in Botswana per district; and to further outline benefits of each district with special reference to the Botswana cattle value chain. (28)

10. **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;
- (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.
11. **MR. S. O. DIGWA, MP. (BOTETI WEST):** To ask the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to apprise this Honourable House on what specific measures the Ministry is undertaking to improve equitable access to healthcare services in rural and remote areas, particularly to state:
- (i) availability of essential medical personnel and specialists;
 - (ii) provision of 24 hours' health care in rural areas and settlements;
 - (iii) adequacy of primary healthcare facilities and equipment; and
 - (iv) provision of emergency and referral services for critically ill patients.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

HRS/MINS

MOTION

0945 – 1230

RESPONSE TO THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH

- "We, the National Assembly of Botswana here assembled, respond to the President's speech."

(Leader of the House)

(Resumed Debate)

MINISTERS' QUESTION TIME

HRS/MINS

1400– 1445

1. Minister of Finance

THEME: TRANSPARENT AND COMPETITIVE TENDER SYSTEM FOR PROCUREMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES BY THE BOTSWANA GOVERNMENT UNDER THE PRESENT LAWS

(Mr. D. Saleshando, MP. – Maun North)

2. Minister of Environment and Tourism

THEME: REPRESENTATION OF TOURIST AREAS IN THE BOTSWANA TOURISM ORGANIZATION (BTO) BOARD

To ask the Minister of Environment and Tourism:

- (i) why there was no inclusion of representatives from major tourism districts, namely Chobe, Ngamiland (Maun), and the Okavango in the new board appointments;
- (ii) what criteria and consultation process was used in the selection of the current board members;
- (iii) how does the current board composition reflect the diverse needs and aspirations of the tourism sector across the country, especially the local communities whose livelihoods depend on tourism; and
- (iv) will he consider reviewing the current structure of the board to ensure balanced regional representation in line with principles of inclusive development and decentralization.

(Mr. S. O. Mapulanga, MP. – Chobe)

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1445 – 1800

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)

MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT TENURE

- 2. "That this Honourable House resolves to request Government to reconcile the tenure of Members of Parliament with that of Members of Cabinet and Councillors to 60 months as per Constitutional term of contract."

(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**

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)

**INTRODUCTION OF A LAW SETTING A MANDATORY
CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

4. "That this Honourable House requests Government to introduce a law setting a mandatory Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) for a specified proportion of profits before tax for companies operating in Botswana."

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

**INTRODUCTION OF SALARY STRUCTURE FOR
EMPLOYEES IN THE TOURISM SECTOR**

5. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider introduction of salary structure for employees in the tourism sector."

(Mr. S. O. Mapulanga, MP. – Chobe)

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUNS' PERMIT QUOTA

6. "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 NATIONAL SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT HUB AT THE UNIVERSITY OF
BOTSWANA TO DEVELOP GOVERNMENT-WIDE OPEN-SOURCE ERP SYSTEMS**

7. "That this Honourable House requests Government to create, fully fund, and operationalize a National Software Development Hub at the University of Botswana within the next fiscal year, with the explicit mandate to develop, implement, and maintain open-source Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) systems for Government-wide use, thereby eliminating reliance on costly proprietary software licenses and fostering local technological capacity."

(Mr. M. Moalosi, MP. – Nkange)

REDUCTION OF PENALTY FEES FOR REPLACEMENT OF PASSPORT

8. "That this Honourable House requests Government to consider reducing the penalty fee on lost passport to P600 and to also exempt all that are affected by disasters such as flooding and accidents from paying a penalty fee when replacing their passports."

(Mr. S. O. Mapulanga, MP. – Chobe)