

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER P A P E R

(THURSDAY 23RD JULY, 2026)

QUESTIONS

HRS/MINS

1400 – 1445

1. **MR. S. O. MAPULANGA, MP. (CHOBE):** To ask the Minister of Labour and Home Affairs to state: (103)
 - (i) how much has been paid out as workman's compensation between 2019 to 2024;
 - (ii) the number of people who were paid in the tourism, agricultural, mining and industrial sectors respectively; and
 - (iii) what causes the delay in payments, if any, and what will be done to address such delays.

2. **MR. B. B. MABEO, MP. (GAMALETE):** To ask the Minister of Sport and Arts: (139)
 - (i) to state if Botswana will be hosting the 2027 TAFISA World Congress; and if so, what the rationale is for that decision given the current fiscal pressures and competing priorities;
 - (ii) what feasibility studies or assessments were conducted before confirming Botswana's commitment, and will the Ministry provide Parliament with the full study, including estimates of costs, infrastructure needs and anticipated benefits;
 - (iii) to state if a comprehensive cost – benefit analysis has been completed for the 2027 TAFISA Congress; if so, will it be made available to Parliament;
 - (iv) what is the estimated total cost to the Government of Botswana; including venue hire, logistics, security, transport and hosting obligations; and
 - (v) what oversight structures have been established to manage planning, procurement, expenditure, and delivery of the TAFISA Congress.

3. **MS. H. P. MANYENENG, MP. (MMOPANE-METSIMOTLHABE):** To ask the Minister of Communications and Innovation to state whether it is possible to filter internet content in schools. (148)

4. **MR. C. K. HIKUAMA, MP. (MAUN WEST):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education whether she is aware of the current state of infrastructure in schools across the country more specifically in the Maun West Constituency; if so, (474)
- (i) what assessment has been made regarding the extent of the repairs needed; and
 - (ii) what steps are being taken to address these infrastructure backlogs in the current financial year.
5. **DR. K. GOBOTSWANG, MP. (TSWAPONG SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship if he is aware of the challenges experienced by emerging local manufacturers in respect of the services offered by the Botswana Bureau of Standards (BOBS); and he should further state: (479)
- (i) whether for example, there are standards for sawdust and leather products;
 - (ii) options which are available for local manufacturers in the event of absence of local standards;
 - (iii) the rates charged by BOBS to local manufacturers; and
 - (iv) whether there are plans in place to address the challenges faced by emerging local manufacturers.
6. **MR. A. K. KHAN, MP. (MOLEPOLOLE NORTH):** To ask the Minister of Water and Human Settlement to state: (480)
- (i) the reasons and circumstances that led to the dissolution of the Board of Directors of the Botswana Housing Corporation (BHC);
 - (ii) the specific provisions of the BHC Act or any other applicable legislation that empower him to appoint or remove a Chief Executive Officer, including an Acting Chief Executive Officer, following the dissolution of the Board; and
 - (iii) in light of the provisions of the BHC Act and principles of corporate governance, how he justifies these actions; and further assure the House that due process and good governance principles were observed.
7. **MR. M. M. PULE, MP. (KGATLENG EAST):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to state: (481)
- (i) the current operational status of all graders and other road-maintenance equipment in the Kgatleng District;
 - (ii) how many are fully operational, under repair, or grounded;
 - (iii) what proactive maintenance plans are in place to reduce frequent breakdowns;

- (iv) what the Ministry has identified as the main cause of repeated equipment breakdowns; and
 - (v) whether long-term or alternative solutions are being considered to end the recurring cycle of repair, breakdown and repair.
8. **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.
9. **MR. M. M. MOROLONG, MP. (KGATLENG CENTRAL):** To ask the Minister of Higher Education if he will consider introducing compulsory life insurance cover for aviation schools in Botswana. (484)
10. **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.

11. **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.
12. **MR. L. LESEDI, MP. (SEROWE SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Labour and Home Affairs to state: (487)
- (i) the number of jobs created by the Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC) Government from October 2024 to date in line with pledges and promises from the UDC manifesto;
 - (ii) the sectors the jobs were created from and the number of jobs per sector and if the number of jobs created have reached the target promised in the UDC manifesto and election pledges;
 - (iii) the rate of youth unemployment in Botswana from 2024 to 2026;
 - (iv) the total rate of unemployment in Botswana as a whole and why youth unemployment is high in the country and the youth seem disproportionately affected;
 - (v) comprehensive plans, solutions and strategies in place to create employment for the youth of Botswana;
 - (vi) the number of unemployed graduates in Botswana to date, causes of high unemployment in Botswana and what will be done to create employment for the youth;
 - (vii) the number of people who have lost jobs in the last two (2) years; and

- (viii) if the Ministry will consider introducing unemployment compensation to cushion all those who have lost jobs due to the pandemic as well as unemployment insurance and unemployment benefits for unemployed youth graduates.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

HRS/MINS

MOTION

1445 – 1800

ADOPTION OF THE BOTSWANA NATIONAL MIGRATION POLICY

- "That this Honourable House resolves to adopt the Botswana National Migration Policy."

(Minister of Labour and Home Affairs)