

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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(MONDAY 27TH JULY, 2026)

QUESTIONS

HRS/MINS

1400 – 1445

1. **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.
2. **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.

3. **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.
4. **MR. G. LEKAU, MP. (MOGODITSHANE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to update this Honourable House on Artificial Insemination (AI) Centres; and to further state: (491)
- (i) how many are functioning;
 - (ii) how many semen straws are available and at what price; and
 - (iii) how the Ramatlabama farm is accessible to Batswana and AI centres.
5. **MR. K. S. CARE, MP. (MOSHUPA-MANYANA):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture if he is aware of the situation regarding the use and status of the Lohalane area in the Sesung area; and if so, to state: (492)
- (i) the current land use classification of the area and those utilising it;
 - (ii) whether there is any outstanding land allocation dispute relating to Lohalane; and
 - (iii) plans, if any, the Ministry has to ensure sustainable agricultural use and support for farmers in that area.
6. **MR. T. B. LUCAS, MP. (BOBIRWA):** To ask the Minister of Finance: (493)
- (i) if the state of the economy has the capacity to support the following in the short term;

- (a) the increment of Ikageng/Ipelegeng allowance to 2 500 Pula;
 - (b) the increment of the Village Development Committee (VDC) allowance to 2 500 Pula;
 - (c) the increment of tertiary student allowance to 2500 Pula;
 - (d) the extension of old age pension to people who are aged between 60 and 64 years; and
 - (ii) to indicate the state of the economy or conditions in the economy that could support and finance the above.
7. **MR. T. FURNITURE, MP. (TATI EAST):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to update this Honourable House on the status of the Matsiloje to Francistown road; in particular: (494)
- (i) whether P150 million was budgeted for the project; and if so,
 - (ii) what happened to the budgeted amount; and
 - (iii) what is delaying the progress.
8. **MR. S. O. MAPULANGA, MP. (CHOBE):** To ask the Minister of Minerals and Energy to state: (495)
- (i) minerals which have been discovered in the Chobe area through prospecting; and
 - (ii) Government's position on the discovered minerals for economic benefit.
9. **MR. S. O. DIGWA, MP. (BOTETI WEST):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education: (496)
- (i) if she is aware that all Science Laboratories (Labs) in Boteti West junior secondary schools are no longer serving their intended purpose but instead, they are used as normal classrooms;
 - (ii) whether the Ministry still treats Science as an important subject in junior secondary schools;
 - (iii) if sharing the already dilapidated Science Labs will not frustrate and further demotivate Science teachers; and
 - (iv) when her Ministry intends to improve this situation so that learners in Boteti West can also have an opportunity to learn in a conducive environment.

10. **MR. L. BARONGWANG, MP. (MOGODITSHANE EAST):** To ask the Minister of Labour and Home Affairs: (497)
- (i) to state the total number of workplace injury compensation claims which are currently pending and the average waiting period for settlement; and
 - (ii) whether the Ministry has plans to introduce fixed time limits for the processing and payment of compensation claims, and to adopt Information and Communication Technology (ICT) systems that will expedite claims lodgement, tracking and settlement, thereby improving on transparency and accountability.
11. **DR. U. DOW, MP. (KGATLENG WEST):** To ask the Minister of Water and Human Settlement to make a statement on the total number of plots allocated for the Bonno National Housing Programme in Kgatleng West; and to further state: (498)
- (i) the villages where these plots are;
 - (ii) progress made to date;
 - (iii) the citizenship of the companies appointed to undertake the project and the terms of the said appointment; and
 - (iv) the expected date of completion for the first 50 houses.
12. **MR. O. KWAPA, MP. (JWANENG-MABUTSANE):** To ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education if she is aware that the mini bus which has been transporting Mogale Junior Secondary School teachers who are staying in Jwaneng has not been transporting the teachers as was promised; if so, to state: (499)
- (i) challenges and measures in place to fully address the situation;
 - (ii) when a permanent solution will be achieved;
 - (iii) which classes have been affected and the number of children thereof;
 - (iv) the number of teachers who are being transported; and
 - (v) why the teachers were not transported during rainy days.