

BOTSWANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(WEDNESDAY 29TH JULY, 2026)

QUESTIONS

HRS/MINS

1400 – 1445

1. **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.

2. **MR. G. KEKGONEGILE, MP. (MAUN EAST):** To ask the Minister of Labour and Home Affairs to brief this Honourable House on the progress made in the compensation and payments made to former workers of South African mines, with emphasis on: (501)
 - (i) the total number of individuals identified for payment in Botswana so far;
 - (ii) the number of those who have been paid as well as, the number of those whose claims are currently being processed for different stages of the payment process;
 - (iii) how many of those paid and those still being processed are from the Okavango and North West Districts; and
 - (iv) whether the Minister will arrange feedback through kgotla meetings for ex-miners in Maun, Gumare and Shakawe; if so, when, and if not, why not.

3. **MR. C. K. HIKUAMA, MP. (MAUN WEST):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security: (509)
 - (i) whether he is aware of the severe shortage of basic operational tools, specifically stationery, across all Police establishments nationwide, which forces officers to solicit supplies from other Government departments to discharge their duties;
 - (ii) to state immediate measures his Ministry will take to ensure that Police stations are adequately provisioned with essential administrative materials so that service delivery and criminal investigations are not compromised; and
 - (iii) to provide an update on the current review of the Botswana Police Service welfare policy, specifically addressing growing internal frustrations regarding the transparency of promotions and the frequency of disproportionate transfers.
4. **MR. R. W. KAIZER, MP. (SELEBI PHIKWE WEST):** To ask the Minister of Minerals and Energy to explain: (510)
 - (i) how funds exceeding BWP 633 million that were reported by the liquidator as recoveries have been utilised in the case of BCL;
 - (ii) how much was used to pay creditor claims, and how much is still owed to creditors; and
 - (iii) how much remains available in the liquidation estate to be used as an *ex gratia* payment to the former BCL employees.
5. **MR. C. K. JACOBS, MP. (LOBATSE):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to state Government's efforts in fighting nepotism and tribalism that in the workplace particularly concerning recruitment of Cleaners, Gardeners and security personnel. (511)
6. **MR. P. AARON, MP. (NGAMI):** To ask the Minister of Health if he is aware that the new X-ray machine that was received on the 31st of January 2026 at Gumare Primary Hospital is not serving the community of Ngami Constituency at least up until July 2026, and that residents continue to travel to Maun, Ghanzi and Shakawe to access X-ray services on very bad roads and for long hours; if so: (513)
 - (i) to state the reasons why the X-ray machine has not yet been commissioned and brought into service;
 - (ii) whether there are any staffing, training or technical challenges affecting operation of the machine; and
 - (iii) what immediate and long-term measures has the Ministry put in place to ensure accessible radiological services for the people of Ngami Constituency.

7. **MR. L. LESEDI, MP. (SEROWE SOUTH):** To ask the Minister of Lands and Agriculture if he is aware that the: (514)
- (i) Department of Surveys and Mapping System has been down for more than a year; and if so, what caused the system to crash; and
 - (ii) aforementioned system enables the staff at the Department of Lands to assist with any information related to plot applications; and if so, to explain how the unavailability of the system has affected the department, how the system outage has affected staff productivity and service delivery and the accuracy of information being given to members of the public at the same exorbitant price.
8. **MR. G. DISHO, MP. (OKAVANGO EAST):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to brief this Honourable House that in terms of the Constitution: (515)
- (i) who is vested with the authority to appoint judges upon the establishment of the constitutional court; and
 - (ii) to clarify the constitutional procedure, institutional safeguards, and consultative mechanisms that will govern such appointments to ensure the independence, impartiality and separation of powers as entrenched in the Constitution.
9. **MR. O. KWAPA, MP. (JWANENG-MABUTSANE):** To ask the Minister of Water and Human Settlement whether he is aware that there is inadequate water supply at some teachers' houses at Molongwa Junior Secondary School; if so, what measures will be put in place to address the situation. (516)
10. **MR. K. S. GARE, MP. (MOSHUPA-MANYANA):** To ask the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to provide an update on the progress made to date regarding the construction of the Manyana–Moshupa Road; and to further state: (517)
- (i) the current percentage of physical completion of the project;
 - (ii) whether the project is on schedule to meet its planned completion date;
 - (iii) the challenges, if any, affecting the implementation of the project; and
 - (iv) the measures being taken by the Ministry to ensure that the project is completed within the approved budget and timeframe.

11. **MR. T. B. LUCAS, MP. (BOBIRWA):** To ask the Minister of Health to state (518) and give an age analysis of the money owed to:

- (i) litigants who successfully sued the public health facilities for neglect, malpractice and/ or ill-treatment of patients of any form; and
- (ii) workers who have won court cases against the Ministry of Health.

12. **DR. K. GOBOTSWANG, MP. (TSWAPONG SOUTH):** To ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to apprise this Honourable House on Botswana Defence Force Camps that have experienced fire outbreaks in the last ten (10) years; and to further state: (519)

- (i) the number of fire outbreaks and the main causes;
- (ii) if there is a relationship between the fire outbreaks and building materials used;
- (iii) the number of lives lost and cost in monetary terms;
- (iv) if the affected people or close relatives were compensated; and
- (v) plans in place to prevent future outbreaks and timelines for such interventions.

TABLING OF A PAPER

- National Health Insurance Policy.

(Minister of Health)

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

HRS/MINS

COMMITTEE STAGE

1445 – 1800

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Research and Innovation Council Bill, 2026 (Bill No. 23 of 2026) | <p>An Act to establish an autonomous body, the National Research and Innovation Council to oversee the planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the national policy on research, development and innovation so as to catalyse the country's industrialisation efforts, provide for its powers and functions; to provide for the promotion and funding of research, development and innovation and for matters connected or incidental thereto.</p> |
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(Minister of Communications and Innovation)

AMENDMENT

- The Bill is amended at Clause 7 appearing at page B.177 by deleting paragraph (f) appearing therein and renumbering the subsequent paragraph.

(Minister of Communications and Innovation)

MOTIONS

ESTABLISHMENT OF A TASK FORCE TO INVESTIGATE THE EXTENT OF FOREIGN WORK PERMIT ABUSE AND NON-COMPLIANCE WITH CITIZEN SUBCONTRACTING MANDATES IN GOVERNMENT PROJECTS

1. "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

2. "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. – Selebi Phikwe West)

GOVERNMENT TO STOP CHARGING FARMERS TAX ON IMPORTATION OF LIVESTOCK

3. "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

4. "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**

5. "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**

6. "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

7. "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)

INTRODUCTION OF SIGN LANGUAGE AS AN OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

8. "That this Honourable House resolves to introduce and adopt sign language as an official language in Botswana."

(Mr. M. M. Morolong, MP. – Kgatleng Central)

**FORMAL DOCUMENTATION AND REGISTRATION OF IMMIGRANTS WITH A VIEW
TO ESTABLISH THE NUMBER AND THEIR SOCIO AND ECONOMIC IMPACTS**

9. "That this Honourable House resolves that Government establish and implement a Formal Documentation and Registration of all Immigrants including illegal or undocumented immigrants with a view to establish their number and their socio and economic impacts on local citizen and community resources and services."

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

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

10. "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

11. "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)

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPECIAL PARLIAMENTARY SELECT
COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT
OF BULLS AND HEIFERS AS WELL AS DAIRY GOATS**

12. "That this Honourable House resolves to establish a Special Parliamentary Select Committee to investigate the Government procurement of bulls and heifers from Texas in the United States of America as well as heifers and dairy goats from Australia."

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

**REINSTATEMENT OF CORPORAL PUNISHMENT IN SCHOOLS
AS A REGULATED DISCIPLINARY MEASURE**

13. "That this Honourable House requests Government to reinstate corporal punishment in schools as a regulated disciplinary measure to strengthen discipline, promote respect for authority, and create a safe and conducive learning environment."

(Mr. A. K. Khan, MP. – Molepolole North)

**REVIEW OF THE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT ACT FRAMEWORK TO STRENGTHEN
AND INSTITUTIONALISE A HYBRID FORCE ACCOUNT MODEL FOR PUBLIC
INFRASTRUCTURE DELIVERY**

14. "That this Honourable House requests Government to review the Public Procurement Act and related regulatory frameworks with a view to strengthening and institutionalising a Hybrid Force Account Model for public infrastructure delivery, under which Government shall strategically utilise its existing internal engineering personnel, plant and equipment for the execution of routine road construction, rehabilitation, emergency works and maintenance; and further that the model shall prioritise the optimal use of existing State capacity in order to improve efficiency, reduce infrastructure delivery costs, enhance responsiveness to service delivery needs and contribute to fiscal consolidation, while reserving competitive tendering for highly specialised, complex and large-scale components of public infrastructure projects that require private sector expertise."

(Mr. M. M. Pule, MP. – Kgatleng East)

**REVIEW AND UPWARD ADJUSTMENT OF THE COMPENSATION RATES
FOR LOSS OF LIFE, INJURY, LIVESTOCK AND CROPS**

15. "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**

16. "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

17. "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)

ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPECIAL FUND FOR GENDER BASED VIOLENCE (GBV)

18. "That this Honourable House requests Government to strengthen Botswana's commitment to gender equality and the protection of its citizens by establishing a Special Fund for Gender Based Violence (GBV) to provide immediate, targeted financial resources for prevention, survivor support and legal redress."

(Mr. T. Furniture, MP. – Tati East)

CREATION OF SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES IN THE GREATER GABORONE AREA

19. "That this Honourable House requests Government to expand the creation of special economic zones in the greater Gaborone area and other areas such as Molepolole to create an entrepreneurial ecosystem through supporting and developing small, medium enterprises to manufacture and market natural resources in their areas for export as finished products to create employment opportunities and ensure inter-generational skills transfer."

(Mr. A. K. Khan, MP. – Molepolole North)

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A STATUTORY FUND FOR NATIONAL ECO-TOURISM
AND LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (LED) FUND**

20. "That this Honourable House requests Government to urgently establish a dedicated, Ring Fenced Statutory Fund for National Eco-Tourism and Local Economic Development (LED) called the Eco-Tourism and Local Economic Development Fund to automatically finance community-led projects, heritage exhibitions and regional agri-tourism initiatives such as the Dinokeng Fish Festival thereby systematically shifting these vital rural economic engines away from a state of structural insecurity and unreliable, ad-hoc annual ministerial handout."

(Mr. M. M. Pule, MP. – Kgatleng East)