

**PARLIAMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF LESOTHO**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

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**NOTICE OF QUESTIONS**

**Notice given on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2024.**

For oral reply on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2024.

**699. INCOMPLETE ROAD CONSTRUCTION.**

Hon. M. A. 'Muso (Phamong): To ask the Minister of Local Government, Chieftainship, Home Affairs and Police, if he is aware that construction of the road from 'Malehloa to Mothibi have cease before completed, and that this has resulted in the general erosion of loosened earth; and if the Minister is aware, how soon work on the road will resume.

**700. PROGRESS ON SELESO-KOFI ANNAN ROAD.**

Hon. I. Rantsho (Likotsi): To ask the Minister of Local Government, Chieftainship, Home Affairs and Police, to provide information on the progress so far of the Seleso – Kofi Annan road (that passes in front of St. Angela Home for the disabled).

**701. ROAD DOWN-GRADE.**

Hon. I. Rantsho (Likotsi): To ask the Minister of Local Government, Chieftainship, Home Affairs and Police, to provide reasons that the

Semphethenyane – Kofi Annan road was downgraded from being a tarred road to being a gravel road.

**702. ERECTION OF HIGH MAST LIGHTS.**

Hon. I. Rantsho (Likotsi): To ask the Minister of Local Government, Chieftainship, Home Affairs and Police, to say how soon the Ministry will provide high mast (Apollo) lights in the villages of Tikoe, Linakotseng, Ramatsa and Masowe.

**703. NURSES NOT RECEIVING HARDSHIP ALLOWANCE.**

Hon. L. Hlapisi ('Maliepetsane): To ask the Minister of Health, if he is aware that nurses at Ribaneng Health Center who work at such hard to reach places as Koting –sa – Lifariki, Khorong Ha Sekhaila, Phocha, Ha Maluoluo and Tiping have not been receiving hardship allowance for a very long time; and if so, how soon the Minister will intervene.

**704. PROVISION OF WATER.**

Hon. M. A. 'Muso (Phamong): To ask the Minister of Natural Resources, if he is aware of the need to provide water at Ketane Local Court in Phamong Constituency; and if so, how soon he will intervene.

**705. NEED TO MEND LOCAL COURT FENCE.**

Hon. M. A. 'Muso (Phamong): To ask the Minister of Justice and Law, if he is aware of the need to repair the fence of Ketane Local Court in Phamong Constituency in order to keep out roaming animals which frequently cause damage; and if so, how soon the Minister will intervene.

**706. PROVISION OF ELECTRICITY.**

Hon. M. Mpobole (PR): To ask the Minister of Energy, if he is aware of the need to provide the villages of Ha –Senei and Ha- Makhonofane with electricity; and if so, how soon the Minister will intervene.

**707. NEED FOR FOOT-BRIDGE.**

Hon. M. Mpobole (PR): To ask the Minister of Local Government, Chieftainship, Home Affairs and Police, if he is aware of the need to build a footbridge across the gorge (donga) near the village of Ha-Makhonofane as its non-existence presents danger to school children and the whole society when the gorge is flooded.

**708. REASONS FOR REASSIGNING ROAD-WORK EQUIPMENT.**

Hon. M. Maea (PR): To ask the Minister of Local Government, Chieftainship, Home Affairs and Police, to provide reasons that the road works equipment which was deployed in the Kolonyama Constituency has been removed and reassigned without having completed construction of the remaining 3km stretch from Ha Molipa to Ha Mohlokaqala; and to say when the equipment will be brought back to complete the road.

**709. SITTING ALLOWANCES FOR LOCAL COUNCIL MEMBERS.**

Hon. M. Mpobole (PR): To ask the Minister of Local Government, Chieftainship, Home Affairs and Police, to shed some light on the following:

- (i) the last time Local Government Councillors of the Leribe District were given their due sitting allowances;
- (ii) the councils that have been affected by non-payment of allowances;

- (iii) the number of councillors affected countrywide;
- (iv) reasons for the non-payment of sitting allowances;
- (v) the plans of the Ministry in this regard;
- (vi) whether the councillors will be paid all arrears; and
  
- (vii) the total number of months in which councillors were not paid.

**710. UNFAIR TREATMENT OF IMPOUNDED ANIMALS.**

Hon. B. Makhakhe (Bobatsi): To ask the Minister of Local Government, Chieftainship, Home Affairs and Police, if he is aware of the following regarding impounded livestock:

- (i) even though lost but found livestock are brought for safekeeping at authorized pounds, the animals upkeep is handed over to civilian caretakers;
- (ii) the money that is gained from the sale of animals that are auctioned off is claimed by Local Government institutions who neglect the food requirements of the animals that remain in the pound, often resulting in their deaths; and
- (iii) impounded animals are denied required medication and often perish;

and if the Minister is aware, how soon he will intervene.

**711. UNPAID CATCHMENT WORKERS.**

Hon. V. Tsheka (Thuathe): To ask the Minister of Environment and Forestry, if he is aware that the following people who worked at Senekane catchment “Likhakeletsi” Project are to-date owed their wages:

- (i) Tšoeu Tšoeu, 'Mathoothe Polaki, 'Marethabile, 'Matutle and 'Mathabiso Lethole all of whom are owed for the month of September, 2023; and
- (ii) Keneuoe Mpenyane who is owed for the month of November, 2023;

and if so, how soon they will be paid.

**712. INTERVENTION IN FACTORY WORKER'S PLIGHT.**

Hon. T. Mojapela (PR): To ask the Minister of Labour and Employment, if he is aware that the erstwhile clothes manufacturing firm ACE Apparel, closed down and the owners left without paying their workers, and without giving them their terminal benefits; and that the firm was taken over by a company called Vishai Clothing, that similarly abused the rights of the workers by, amongst others, not paying worker's monthly salaries, underpaying a lot of workers, and also unfairly dismissing some workers without valid reasons and due course forcing employees to serve “short time” illegally since April 2024; and to-date Minister of Trade and other Government and Arbitration structures have failed to bring the matter to a satisfactory and equitable finality; and if so, can the Minister say:

- (i) what the progress is in locating the owners of the ACE Apparel firm in order that they may be prosecuted and be

made to pay pending salaries and terminal benefits of their former workers;

- (ii) how soon the owners of Vashai Clothing will be made to account for the grievances that Basotho workers have leveled against them; and be forced to work within the law when it comes to the issue of “ short time”; and
- (iii) whether the Minister, after failing several times in the past, intends to answer these grievances of Basotho and work towards ensuring that they are paid what is owed to them..

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