

PARLIAMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF LESOTHO

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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NOTICE OF QUESTIONS

**Statement Regarding Review of Livestock Selling
Requirements - Stock Theft Act 2000**

Section 7 of Stock theft Act 2000 provides that any person who possesses livestock is allowed to cause it to be issued the Babeisi by the Babeisi Writer. It has been observed that there is no problem or complaint concerning the livestock that is being transferred to another person for Mafisa or Bohali purposes. The main concern is mainly on livestock that is taken to the open market.

Any Mosotho person who wants to sell or trade in the open market is allowed to do so provided they

possesses a license to trade in livestock. The fee for obtaining such a license is M100.00

The Babeisi that is issued to an individual who wishes to sell to the open market is valid for 3 months.

However, and noting the public outcry regarding sales and transportation of livestock, on the 21st March 2023, the Commissioner of Police issued out a directive to all police personnel to immediately cease or stop with enforcement of section 7 to the extent that it requires the Babeisi Writer to include the name of the person to whom the livestock is going, the place where it is going, while investigations and trainings are conducted to all Stakeholders to ensure common understanding of the Act. Proper report shall be submitted in the near future.