

ESWATINI HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

(For Wednesday 23rd October, 2024)

TABLING OF A REPORT:

REPORT OF THE PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE OF THE MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY ON THE FIXATION OF WATER AND SEWER TARRIFFS REGULATIONS.

(The Hon. Madala Mhlanga)

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

78/2024 Could the Hon. Minister for Public Works and Transport explain to this Honourable House when the country's weigh bridge are going to be utilised by the Ministry, particularly because the country, through the Ministry, invested a lot of taxpayers money in constructing such a facility?

(The Hon. Madala Mhlanga)

80/2024 Could the Hon. Minister for Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs appraise this Hon. House as to whether car spinning could be considered as one of the official sporting activities in the country due to the public participation it attracts?

(The Hon. Nokuthula Dlamini)

81/2024 Could the Hon. Minister for Health consider increasing Health Motivators allowance, since their job is tedious and they do tremendous work in helping the Swazi citizens particularly in the constituencies?

(The Hon. Zanele Mashaba)

82/2024 Could the Hon. Minister for Public Works and Transport consider it an easy option and convenient for customers to purchase flight tickets directly from Swazi Airways and Air-link, instead of purchasing them from the agent?

(The Hon. Zanele Mashaba)

85/2024 Could the Hon. Minister for Labour and Social Security inform this Hon. House as to why sugar Cane Cutters who used to work in the sugar cane fields contracted by private companies end up not receiving their death benefits? There is a concern that as soon as they leave or die they are told of none existence of their contributions and yet whilst they were alive monthly deductions are taken by Eswatini National Provident Fund (ENPF), and is the Minister not considering piloting an Act that will address such an anomaly?

(The Hon. David C. Ngcamphalala)

86/2024 Could the Hon. Minister for Natural Resources and Energy explain to this Hon. House why Eswatini Electricity Company (EEC) is lagging behind in terms of ICT services? The Hon. Minister should state why EEC still require their customers to travel long distances to hand deliver documents and pay for services?

(The Hon. Charles Ndlovu)

87/2024 Could the Hon. Minister for Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs appraise the Hon. House on why the Ministry has not incorporated the business plans and company registration costs into Youth Fund loans?

(The Hon. Charles Ndlovu)

88/2024 Could the Hon. Minister for Tourism and Environmental Affairs, explain to this Hon. House why it takes so long for liSwati desiring to purchase Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) seeds from South Africa? Is the Ministry not considering shortening the process of purchasing such seeds?

(The Hon. Charles Ndlovu)

89/2024 Could His Excellency the Rt. Hon. Prime Minister, explain to this Hon. House why there is only one finger prints scanner in the Police Department? His Excellency needs to further explain why are emaSwati forced to travel long distances and/or wait for days to get fingerprint reports?

(The Hon. Charles Ndlovu)

ORDERS OF THE DAY

ADOPTION OF RESPONSES:

1. TO MOVE THAT THE HOUSE ADOPTS THE RESPONSE TO PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTION NO.15/2024.

(The Hon. Minister for Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs)

2. TO MOVE THAT THE HOUSE ADOPTS RESPONSE TO PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTION NO.17/2024

(The Hon. Minister for Public Service)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

- 18/2024 To move that the Hon. House directs the Hon. Minister for Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs to present a detailed report on measures taken by his Ministry to align the business sector with sports in the country. The Hon. Minister is also directed to present the report within seven (7) days after the adoption of this motion by the Hon. House.

Mover: (The Hon. Nathi Hlophe)
Secunder (The Hon. Sifiso Shongwe)

23/2024 To move that the Hon. Minister for Agriculture provide information on the resources required to extend the subsidy program such that it meets the needs of all the small scale Farmers. The Hon. Minister must table a report within seven (7) days after the adoption of this motion by the Hon. House.

Mover: (The Hon. Sicelo Jele)

Secunder: (The Hon. Sicelo Dlamini)

25/2024 To move that the Hon. Minister for Agriculture closely monitor Agro-dealers and manufactures to ensure the authenticity or genuineness of agricultural inputs, which are crucial to achieving food security in Eswatini. While the Government, through Ministry, already conducts seed inspections, recent developments highlight the need for similar measures for fertilizers. Fertilizers should be tested to verify if they contain the nutrients and elements as labelled, ensuring their effectiveness in crop production.

Seed quality control services test for germination rates, which farmers can easily verify upon planting. However, fertilizer performance is only evident through crop growth and yield. Therefore, we recommend that the Ministry of Agriculture adopts a similar inspection regime for fertilizers to safeguard productivity. The Honorable Minister must table the report within seven (7) days after the adoption of this motion by the Hon. House.

Mover: (The Hon. Mgucisi Dlamini)

Secunder: (The Hon. Sifiso Shongwe)

27/2024 To move that the Hon. Minister for Finance gives the Hon. House assurance about the state of health of the Public Service Pension Fund, which is Eswatini's most powerful Fund, overseeing the pension savings of civil servants. In his assurance, the Minister should provide the following:

1. The last time that an on-site inspection of the Fund was carried out as per the Insurance and Retirement Funds Act and what this inspection found.
2. Information on the Fund's domestic loan book.
3. The provision in law that allows Government or its Agencies to borrow money directly from the Fund and not via Government Bonds or Treasury Bills.
4. Are pension funds allowed to donate money for charity, social responsibility or any such similar endeavours?

The Hon. Minister must table a report within seven (7) days after the adoption of this motion by the Hon. House.

Mover: (The Hon. Welcome Dlamini)

Seconder: (The Hon. Charles Ndlovu)

28/2024 To move that this Honourable House establishes a seven (7) member select committee to examine the Eswatini Sports and Recreational Council's role and the compliance of associations as outlined in the recognition rules. This motion is based on the following issues:

Eswatini Athletics Association:

- More than half of the board members have resigned, leaving the association unable to form a quorum for any meetings.
- The association has failed to call a meeting to fill the vacant positions, but the remaining two members have co-opted new members.

Eswatini Boxing Association:

- Three members of the executive board have resigned without any replacements.
- There has been mismanagement of funds, as cited by the Secretary General as her reason for resigning.
- No Annual General Meeting (AGM) has been held in the past four years.

Consequently, the committee must compile and table a report of their findings within fourteen (14) days of passing of this motion by the Hon. House.

Mover: (The Hon. Welcome Dlamini)

Seconder: (The Hon. Manzi Zwane)

29/2024 To move that the Hon. Minister for Justice and Constitutional Affairs explains to this Honourable House how the judiciary has been able to carry out its functions in the absence of the Judicial Service Commission (JSC). The Minister should include the following:

- how judges, magistrates and court registrars have been appointed to either hold or act in their positions in the absence of the JSC.
- how government has been kept informed on the administration of justice as provided for in Section 160(f) of the Constitution in the absence of the JSC.

Mover: (The Hon. Welcome)

Seconder: (The Hon. Mancoba Sihlongonyane)

30/2024 To move that the Hon. Minister for Housing and Urban Development gives a comprehensive report to this Honourable House on how a government-owned house was sold to former Principal Secretary. The report should include the following:

1. How the Crown Lands Disposal Act of 2011 and the Crown Lands Disposal Regulations of 2003 applied to the sale of the government house?
2. The specific roles of Cabinet and the Housing Minister in the entire process of selling the house to the former PS.
3. The date on which the house was sold to the former PS in relation to his retirement date and the date the deed of sale was signed. Who is responsible for paying rates for the property and from when.
4. Has the occupant/buyer been paying rent for the property since leaving the civil service?
5. The number of government houses that were earmarked to be sold alongside that which was eventually sold to the former PS and why these houses were eventually not sold, as well as whether any offers were made to other government officials to buy these houses.
6. What the Minister understands about section 6 (Land Acquisition Crown Land) of the Municipal Council of Mbabane's "2012 Policy for Land to Develop Public Facilities".
7. The Minister must submit the municipal valuation applicable during the transaction period of the property that was sold to the former PS.
8. The history of renovations on the property by the Ministry of Public Works and Transport and allegations about the extensive renovations of the house by the Eswatini National Housing Board.
10. The role of the Land Management Board in the disposal of government-owned land.

The Minister should table the report to the Honourable House within twenty one (21) days after this motion is passed.

Mover: (The Hon. Welcome Dlamini)

Seconder: (The Hon. Charles Ndlovu)

31/2024 To move that the Hon. Minister for Finance tables a report to this Honourable House pertaining to the terms and conditions of the loan agreement reached between Government and Standard Bank in the procurement of 800 motor vehicles. This report, which should be tabled within seven (7) days after the passing of this motion, should include the following:

1. How much this purchase will cost government and what the interest on the loan granted by the bank is?
2. The status of the Central Transport Administration (CTA) since Standard Bank will also be controlling the movement of the vehicles, including fuelling of petrol and control in the usage of these vehicles.
3. The financial cost of the fleet management arrangement with Standard Bank?
4. Whether other financial institutions were approached by government before settling for Standard Bank?

Mover: (The Hon. Welcome Dlamini)

Seconder: (The Hon. Sicelo Prince Dlamini)

32/2024 To move that the Hon. Minister for Sports Culture and Youth Affairs informs this Honourable House about plans that are in place to curb the country's continued reputation of being perennial underperformers at international athletics events such as the Olympic Games, World Athletics Championships and other Continental and Regional competitions. The Hon. Minister should table a report within seven (7) days after the adoption of the motion by the House.

Mover: (The Hon. Welcome Dlamini)
Seconder: (The Hon. Peter Ngwenya)
