

PARLIAMENT OF MALAWI



49TH SESSION: 5TH MEETING

ORDER PAPER

Tuesday, 15th February, 2022

Business commences at 9:30 a.m.

The Speaker will take the Chair at 9:30 a.m.

- 1. PRAYER
- 2. GENERAL BUSINESS
 - (a) Communication from the Chair
 - (b) Questions on Notice to Ministers for Oral Replies
 - (i) Questions Brought Forward from Previous Order Papers
 - *461 Hon. M. Malowa (Chiradzulu Central) To ask the Minister of Education to consider constructing a Teacher Development Centre Office at PIM Zone. The PEA for this zone has no office.
 - *462 Hon. E. Chambulanyina Jere (Mzimba South) To ask the Minister of Education as what is the ministry's plan on MSIP projects that were advertised in the papers for contractor bidding but nothing to date. In my constituency, there was Mzomazoma and Kachiwale where aministry official came and made commitment that we would have these new school blocks but up to now nothing has happened on the ground. People are now wondering as to why there is no progress todate.
 - *474 Hon. K. Pemba Kachingwe (Blantyre Rural South West) To ask the Minister of Education to consider constructing fences and a girls hostel at the following:
 - (i) Mpemba CDSS;
 - (ii) Nankumba CDSS;
 - (iii) Mpapa CDSS; and
 - (iv) Madziabango CDSS
 - *475 Hon. F. Phiso (Blantyre North) To ask the Minister of Education to consider constructing hostels at Namikasi and the Big Secondary Schools since at the moment most of the students are compelled to find their own accommodation and this becomes a challenge especially to the girl child.

MINISTRY OF JUSTICE

*463 Hon. Dr. Kenneth Zikhale Ng'oma (Nkhata Bay South) To ask the Minister of Justice to consider constructing a magistrate court at Kande Trading centre where Senior Chief Fukamapiri operate from. People travel long distances to go to Chintheche for such services.

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MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- *465 Hon. S. Mikaya (Blantyre City West) To ask the Minister of LocalGovernment to consider the construction of Nancholi market. The current market place is an accident prone area as people are trading on the roads which is putting their lives at risk.
- *476 Hon. C. Chipungu (Thyolo South West) To ask the Minister of Local Government to consider the completion of T.A. Changata's house that has stalled due to unknown reasons.
- *477 Hon. A.R. Kalitendere (Machinga North East) To ask the Minister of Local Government to elevate T.A. Chiwalo to Senior Chief as this chief has been at the same position since colonial rule and part of his area was given to Senior Chief Kapoloma. Several requests have been sent to the ministry butup to date he has not been elevated.
- *478 Hon. G. Kapiseni Phiri (Salima Central) To ask the Minister of Local Government to consider upgrading Sengabay Market to a rural growth centre to reflect as a tourist area and also consider constructing a modern market at Kaphatenga Trading Centre.
- *483 Hon. N. Dausi (Mwanza Central) To ask the Minister of Local Government on the progress of Mwanza Community Stadium that was earmarked to be launched but up to this time. When will the stadium and the Bus Depot come into operation.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

*468 Hon. J.B. Chitekwe (Ntchisi East) To ask the Minister of Agriculture to 2012 from Kalira EPA in order to facilitate smooth implementation of AIP since people from Kasakula have consider completely detaching Kasakula EPA which was instituted in to travel over 25 km to access agricultural services at Kalira EPA.

MINISTRY OF GENDER, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL WELFARE

*471 Hon. R.G. Gadama (Zomba Thondwe) To ask the Minister of Gender Community Development and Social Welfare to give the status of the EDC centre project which was given to Zomba Thondwe Constituency during the DPP regime but after the change of government, the project has commenced but the money has been trimmed from K4 million to K2 million, where has the other half gone?

With K2 million are we going to produce a standard structure conducive to our children? Has the budget been trimmed because this is a rural area? The structure in question is in T.A. M'biza, GVH Misiyasi, Nampwache ECD Centre.

MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND DIGITALIZATION

- *472 Hon. J. Malango (Dedza Central East) To ask the Minister of Information and Digitalization to consider erecting network towers at the following sites:
 - (i) Hinda Malindima
 - (ii) Gwengwere Chongoni/Namoni Katengeza
 - (iii) Mbirima Mtolo
- *473 Hon. Sadala Y. Ibrahim (Nkhotakota South East) To ask the Minister of Information and Digitalization to consider erecting a tower at the following areas:
 - (i) Chiphaka Trading Centre;
 - (ii) Chamalile area; and
 - (iii) Manyamba Trading Centre.

These towers will help people of the following villages: Mtosa, Mulalo, Masewe, Mwalawambila, Chisaka, Kasipa, Nkumbaleza, Dambrumphia, Mgombe, Chadewa and many more.

The people of the stated areas are finding it very difficult to communicate with their family and friends due to lack of network.

- *484 Hon. L.E. Patel (Mangochi South) To ask the Minister of Information and Digitalization to consider erecting towers at the following centres where there is no network:
 - (i) Chisopi; and
 - (ii) Lidunde.

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS

- *479 Hon. J. Mwale (Mchinji Central) To ask the Minister of Transport and Public Works if there are plans to maintain the following bridges which were washed away during the last rainy season:
 - (i) M'mbachundu-Msemwe Bridge;
 - (ii) Chioko-Mazawa Bridge; and
 - (iii) Kalekeni-Sigereta Bridge.

MINISTRY OF HEALTH

- *480 Hon. Santigo Phiri (Mulanje South) To ask the Minister of Health to renovate Mulanje District Hospital hostels which were burnt by fire a long time ago.
- *481 Hon. A.T. Ngalande (Balaka North) To ask the Minister of Health to consider speeding up the upgrade of Mcherezo building at Kachenga Trading Centre which was already considered for upgrade to health centre.

(ii) Today's Questions

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

- *485 Hon. M. Mwambande (Karonga North) To ask the Minister of Education to consider constructing a Community Day Secondary School at Ngana. It will serve over six primary schools. These schools are as follows:
 - (i) Ighamba Primary School;
 - (ii) Muwisi Primary School;
 - (iii) Chiwira Primary School;
 - (iv) Ngana Primary School;
 - (v) Kalulu Primary School; and
 - (vi) Ngisi Primary School.

Access to these schools is hampered by hills from around other places in the area.

- *486 Hon. N. Poya (Zomba Ntonya) To ask the Minister of Education to consider the construction of Chikala Secondary School in the area of Group Village Headman Majawa or Mbembesya (6 miles).
- *487 Hon. B. Mwamlima (Mzuzu City) To ask the Minister of Education as to when will the Ministry consider constructing a new University at the new site in Nkhorongo Ward. If my memory saves me well, Mzuzu University was a Teachers Training College.

MINISTRY OF JUSTICE

- *489 Hon. A. S. Bongwe (Zomba Likangala) To ask the Minister of Justice to consider renovating Mwambo Court and staff houses.
- *490 Hon. C.M. Chipungu (Thyolo South West) To ask the Minister of Justice to consider constructing new court offices at T.A. Changata and T.A. Mbawela's premises as all offices being used at the moment are health hazards.
- *491 Hon. J. K. Bonongwe (Kasungu West) To ask the Minister of Justice to consider constructing courts in the following:
 - (i) Senior Chief Lukwa; and
 - (ii) Senior Chief Kawamba.

MINISTRY OF LABOUR

*492 Hon. B. Msaka, SC (Machinga Likwenu) To ask the Minister of Labour to consider opening the only Skills Development Centre (Technical College) in Machinga, whose construction is now complete, to enable the youth of Machinga acquire much-needed skills.

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- *493 Hon. Dr. M.J. Boti (Lilongwe North West) To ask the Minister of Labour to consider constructing a Technical College/Skills centre in the constituency especially now that land has already been identified.
- *494 Hon. G. Kwelepeta (Zomba Malosa) To ask the Minister of Labour to consider opening Domasi Works Centre as a community college. Youths travel to Msondole which is far from Zomba Malosa Constituency.
- *495 Hon. M.A. Chilikumtima (Ntcheu Bwanje South) To ask the Minister of Labour to consider constructing a Technical College at Bilira Trading Centre.

MINISTRY OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY

*496 Hon. C. Kajawa (Lilongwe Mpenu Nkhoma) To ask the Minister of Trade and Industry to consider constructing 10 commercial buildings each containing 20 rooms to facilitate youth empowerment in business ventures by renting the rooms at a concessionary rate. This would promote investment activities at grassroots level.

(a) Questions under Standing Order 69

- (i) The Honourable Member for Mzimba South to ask the Minister of Finance as when the Treasury will refund/payback the 2020/2021 Constituency Development Fund monies that were misappropriated by Mberwa District Council which has negatively affected a number of issues as follows:
 - (a) Numerous projects are unfished whereby bringing unnecessary pressures to the Members of Parliament;
 - (b) Cheques to suppliers were returned at the bank and they have not been paid back; and
 - (c) Members of Parliament for Mzimba are failing to report to Area Development Committees on the utilization of the 2020/2021 financial year as per the CDF guidelines.
- (ii) The Honourable Member for Nkhotakota Central to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation on the following issues;
 - (a) What plans does the Ministry have to ensure that residents of Nkhotakota Boma have access to safe water just like was the case in the 1980s and 1990s when residents were supplied with safe and portable water from Lake Malawi and Chitenje Marsh. The two water sources have now become dysfunction due to abandonment and increased demand for farming land.

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- (b) What measures government is putting in place to control urbanization due to population growth as the case with Nkhotakota Boma?
- (c) What measures government is putting in place to ensure people of Jalo and Vithenga which are within the town planning area have access to safe water?
- (d) Can government consider replacing one the three water tanks which was relocated to Dwangwa from Nkhotakota Boma which has increased water shortage due to increased population?
- (iii) The Honourable Member for Chitipa South to ask the Minister of Energy through the Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs to release K20 billion from MAREP funds which have been idle for some time for immediate repair of Kapichira Power Plant. The Plant has been devastated due to Tropical Cyclone Ana which has led the country to lose 130 MW.

3. GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

(a) Motion on the President's State of the Nation Address

Motion on the President's State of the Nation Address: "That this House do agree with the State of the Nation Address graciously delivered by His Excellency, President Dr. Lazarus McCarthy Chakwera on 3rd February, 2022 (Moved by the Honourable Member for Kasungu South).

(i) The President to respond to Questions under Standing Order 70B

SONA Q1 Hon. Noah Chimpeni (Nkhatabay South West) To ask the President, considering that the fight against corruption need a lot of resources and joint effort of several governance institutions like the Anti-corruption Bureau and the Judiciary, can the President assure Malawians that the ACB will be financially resourced to carry out its investigations in a timely and professional manner? And that the Judiciary should consider setting up special courts to speed up some of the high profile corruption cases which is what Malawians are calling for.

SONA Q2 Hon. Yona Adadawizamkandawire (Rumphi West) To ask the President on the state of stalled road construction across the country, for example: Rumphi Nyika Chitipa Road which started long time ago and the contract with Mota Engel was terminated but monies were fully paid to the contractor.

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SONA Q3 Hon. Chipiliro Mpinganjira (Blantyre City Centre) To ask the President what are his plans for Malawi's cities regarding setting up of industries, for jobs and export of Malawian manufactured goods, expansion of cities and making available of land, for dwelling houses to reduce slums and for businesses, and for a conducive environment for businesses for all, but especially for the youth, in view of Vision 2063's industrialization, urbanization and youth centric nature.

SONA Q4 Hon. Dr. William Susuwele Banda (Zomba Lisanjala) To ask the President as to what his plans are in order to ensure that some secondary schools which have not received funding since July, 2021 are properly funded. Our understanding is that the PDU is set up among other things to capture such outstanding issues. What is your comment on Government's failure to fund such schools and PDU not stepping in to address this matter.

SONA Q5 Hon. Darlington Harawa (Dowa Central) To ask the President, former President H.E. Joyce Banda commissioned a geo mapping study to determine mineral resources of the country:

- (i) The report, until now is not yet known yet your gut is prioritizing mining as one of the game changers when will this report be out for the benefit of Malawians.
- (ii) In view of bridging the capacity gaps for local miners, can't our local banks be financially supporting them to enable them explore and extract minerals as a way of empowering them.

(ii) Continuation of General Debate

(b) Bill

Second Reading

Bill No. 21 of 2021: Deposit Insurance (The Chairperson of Legal Affairs Committee to present a Report on the Bill)

Committee Stage

Bill No. 21 of 2021: Deposit Insurance

Report Stage

Bill No. 21 of 2021: Deposit Insurance

Third Reading

Bill No. 21 of 2021: Deposit Insurance

(c) Ministerial Statements

- (i) The Honourable Minister of Tourism, Culture and Wildlife to present a Statement on Development in Tourism, Culture and Wildlife.
- (ii) The Honourable Minister of Information and Digitalization to present a Statement on the initiatives implemented by Government to ensure access and affordable internet services in the country.
- (iii) The Honourable Minister of Education to present a Statement on progress on Projects in the Ministry of Education.
- (iv) The Honourable Minister of Agriculture to present a Statement on National Food Security.

4. ADJOURNMENT AT 5:00 PM

NOTICES FOR UPCOMING BUSINESS

1. GENERAL BUSINESS

(a) Debate on Committee Reports

- (i) Report on the Public Appointments Committee on its Activities carried out between July 2020 and November, 2021. (Report to be debated on Wednesday, 16th February, 2022).
- (ii) Report of Parliamentary Committee on Legal Affairs following its Analysis of the Financial Crimes (Money Laundering) Regulations tabled in the House by the Honourable Minister of Finance. (*Report to be debated on Wednesday*, 16th February, 2022).
- (iii) Report of Parliamentary Committee on Public Accounts upon considering and scrutinizing the report of the Auditor General on the Accounts of the Government of the Republic of Malawi for the Year Ended 30th June, 2019. (Report to be debated on Wednesday, 16th February, 2022).
- (iv) Report of the Parliamentary Committee on Local Authority and Rural Development on Waste Management and Revenue Collection by the City Councils. (*Report to be debated on Wednesday*, 16th February, 2022).
- (v) Report of the Parliamentary Committee on Local Authorities and Rural Development on Status of Rural Growth Centres in Malawi. (Report to be debated on Wednesday, 16th February, 2022).

(b) Presentation of Committee Reports

- (i) Report of the Parliamentary Committee on Government Assurances and Public Sector Reforms on its Activities carried out during the 2020/2021 Financial Year.
- (ii) Report of the Parliamentary Committee on Social and Community Affairs on field visits and consultative meetings with various stakeholders in the 2020/2021 Financial Year.
- (iii) Report of the Parliamentary Committee on Education, Science and Technology on the consideration of a petition from Malawi College of Health Sciences needy students on the amendment of Higher Education Students Loans and Grants Board Act No. 2 of 2015

(iv) Report of the Parliamentary Committee on Budget and Finance on the inquiry into the Commercial Bank's Products Pricing and Consumer Protection Initiatives following a public outcry about the ever increasing cost of doing business in the country.

(c) Presentation of Delegation Report

Report of the Malawi Delegation on a study visit to various organizations working on potable water, waste water management and electricity generation and supply, Mauritius.

(d) Responses to Committee Reports

- (i) The Honourable Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs to respond to a Report from the Parliamentary Committee on Social and Community Affairs on its visits to various technical colleges
- (ii) The Honourable Minister of Health to respond to a Report from the Parliamentary Committee on Women Caucus
- (iii) The Honourable Minister of Gender, Community Development and Social Welfare to respond to a Report from Parliamentary Committee on Women Caucus
- (iv) The Honourable Minister of Health to respond to a Report of the Parliamentary Committee on International Relations

(e) Report referred back to Committee

Report of the Parliamentary Committee on Industry, Trade and Tourism on the Impact of Malawi's Tax Policy Regime in the Industry, Trade and Tourism Sectors. (The Report was referred back to Industry, Trade and Tourism Committee on Wednesday, 1st December, 2021.

2. GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

(a) Bills

Circulated to Honourable Members on Thursday, 3rd February, 2022

- (i) Bill No. 1 of 2022: Land (Amendment)
- (ii) Bill No. 2 of 2022: Land Survey (Amendment)
- (iii) Bill No. 3 of 2022: Physical Planning (Amendment)
- (iv) Bill No. 4 of 2022: Registered Land (Amendment)
- (v) Bill No. 5 of 2022: Land Acquisition and Compensation (Amendment)
- (vi) Bill No. 6 of 2022: Customary Land (Amendment)
- (vii) Bill No. 7 of 2022: Peace and Unity

Circulated to Honourable Members on Monday, 14th February, 2022

- (i) Bill No. 8 of 2022: OPEC Fund for International Development (Dowa Town Water Supply and Sanitation Project) Loan (Authorization)
- (ii) Bill No. 9 of 2022: International Development Association (Additional Financing for Lilongwe Water and Sanitation Project) Loan (Authorization)

(b) Laying of Papers at the Table

- (i) The Honourable Minister of Natural Resources and Climate Change to lay at the Table Metrology (Type Approval Administrative) Regulations, 2021
- (ii) The Honourable Minister of Natural Resources and Climate Change to lay at the Table Atomic Energy (Amendment) Regulations, 2021
- (iii) The Honourable Minister of Natural Resources and Climate Change to lay at the Table Waterworks (Northern Region Water Board) Water Supply Charges (Amendment) By laws, 2021
- (iv) The Honourable Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs to lay at the Table Customs and Excise (Duty Free Week) Regulations, 2022
- (v) The Honourable Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs to lay at the Table Customs and Exercise (Declaration of Duty Free Week) Notice, 2022
- (vi) The Honourable Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs to lay at the Table Roads Fund Administration (Toll) (Amendment) Regulations, 2022

(c) Presentation of Statutory Report

The Honourable Minister of Homeland Security to present a Report on the Prisons Inspection conducted in February, May, August, 2020 and February, 2021

3. PRIVATE MEMBERS BUSINESS

(a) Private Member's Bills

Second Reading

- (i) P.M.B. No. 1 of 2021 : Financial Services (Amendment) (*The Bill was referred to a Taskforce for further consultations*)
- (ii) P. M. B. No. 2 of 2021 : Pension (Amendment) (Continuation of general debate)

Committee Stage

- (i) P.M.B. No. 1 of 2021 : Financial Services (Amendment).
- (ii) P.M.B. No. 2 of 2021 : Pension (Amendment)

Report Stage

(i) P.M.B. No. 1 of 2021 : Financial Services (Amendment).

(ii) P.M.B. No. 2 of 2021 : Pension (Amendment)

Third Reading

(i) P.M.B. No. 1 of 2021 : Financial Services (Amendment).

(ii) P.M.B. No. 2 of 2021 : Pension (Amendment)

(b) Private Members Motions

- (i) The Honourable Member for Dowa Central to move: "That this House in order to ensure effective and timely response to natural disasters which affect our communities at constituency levels, and considering the delays that ensue when communities wait for assistance coordinated and implemented at District level when natural disasters befall them, this House resolves that the Minister of Finance should consider devolving the district emergency fund to constituency level and that in so doing must issue appropriate rules and regulations to guide constituencies on how to access and account for emergency resources". (Honourable Member to seek consent from Minister of Finance under Section 57 of the Constitution).
- (ii) The Honourable Member for Mzimba North to move: "That, having noted with concern that Malawi continues to lose a lot of forex and jobs for Malawians, through the use of two systems of buying and delivering of fuel in this country namely, Duty Delivered and Unpaid largely by foreign owned companies and Ex-tank by PLC, and considering that the railway line, as a cheaper mode of transporting fuels into Malawi in not being used, this House resolves that, the Malawi Energy Regulatory Authority should review these procurement preferences with a view to maintaining the Ex-Tank mode in order to save a lot of forex and to report to this House through the Minister of Energy." (The matter is before the Court of law)
- (iii) The Honourable Member for Mzimba North to move: "That, this House, having noted the discrepancies in the total valuation of an assessable property being implemented by some Local Authorities who are basing their calculations on the provisions of Section 68 (2) of the Local Government (Amendment) Act of 2017, resolves that all such assessment which are in conflict with section 68 (2) of the Local Government (Amendment) Act, should ceases and that concerned Local Authorities should revisit all valuations in order for property owners to pay the correct assessed value of a property".

(c) Responses to Private Member's Motions

- (i) The Honourable Minister of Information and Digitalization to respond to a Private Members' Motion moved by Thyolo Central and adopted by the House on 20th May, 2021 under Standing Order 85.
- (ii) The Honourable Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs to respond to the motion on privatization moved by the Honourable Member for Mzimba North.

(d) Constituency Statements

- (i) The Honourable Member for Ntcheu Bwanje South to present a Constituency statement on the following issues:
 - (a) Roads Infrastructure
 - (b) Health
 - (c) Agriculture
 - (d) Education
 - (e) Water
- (ii) The Honourable Member for Rumphi West to present a Constituency statement on the following issues:
 - (a) Water
 - (b) Road and Bridges
 - (c) Agriculture
 - (d) Tourism
 - (e) Health
 - (f) Youth and Women
 - (g) Education
 - (h) Security
 - (i) Natural Resources
- (iii) The Honourable Member for Blantyre Rural South West to present a Constituency statement on the following issues:
 - (a) Health
 - (b) Agriculture
 - (c) Transport
 - (d) Education
 - (e) Energy

- (iv) The Honourable Member for Machinga Central to present a Constituency statement on the following issues:
 - (a) Agriculture
 - (b) Health
 - (c) Education
 - (d) Roads Infrastructure
- (v) The Honourable Member for Thyolo Central to present a Constituency statement on the following issues:
 - (a) Agriculture
 - (b) Health
 - (c) Education
 - (d) Transport
 - (e) Local Governance
 - (f) Energy
- (vi) The Honourable Member for Chitipa Wenya to present a Constituency statement on the following issues:
 - (a) Agriculture
 - (b) Public works/Road construction
 - (c) Energy/MAREP
 - (d) Water problem
 - (e) Health
- (vii) The Honourable Member for Blantyre City Centre to present a Constituency Statement on the following issues:
 - (a) Youth
 - (b) Trade
 - (c) Land and Natural Resources
 - (d) Sports
 - (e) Health

(e) Petitions

- (i) The Honourable Member for Mangochi South to present a Petition of the undersigned Ministry of Lands on the Dubious and Suspicious Land Selling in Area 45 (Chinsapo) by the Youth Health Network.
- (ii) The Honourable Member for Mangochi South West to present a Petition of Federal System of Government Motion moved by Honourable Yeremiah Chihana by the United Federal Movement (UFEMO).

