

Parliament Business 2018 to 2023

Other than MP Mduduzi Matsebula vigorously debating other members' Questions and Motions, Government Bills and Regulations, quarterly performance reports from the different Ministries, Ministerial statements, annual and supplementary budget estimates, the Siphocosini Member of Parliament also raised the following Motions and Questions:

Motion 01/2019 (MP Mduduzi Matsebula – sec)

To move that the Honorable Minister for Home Affairs to ensure that the Birth, Marriage and Death Certificate (BMDs) acquisition services are easily accessible to the people at all Tinkundla Centers. Consequently, the Hon. Minister should table a detailed progress report within three (3) months of passing this motion.

Objectives: To bring the services closer to the people, cut costs (decentralization), and bring an end to statelessness

Motion 07/2019 (MP Mduduzi Matsebula)

To move that His Excellency the Right Hon. Prime Minister presents to this Honorable house, within three months of passing of this motion, a clear strategy on how the Government intends to improve the road infrastructure from our Border Posts and the services provided therein; particularly the Bulembu, Lundzi and Nsalitje border posts before 2022.

Objectives: To encourage Government to prioritize and budget for the paving of all border posts roads including D78 and D120 (Siphocosini, Sigangeni, Lundzi road). To cut the cost of doing business, stimulate economic growth through tourism, road levies, new businesses along the paved roads, etc.

Question 29/2019 (MP Mduduzi Matsebula)

Would the Hon. Minister for Education and Training inform this August House on the preparedness of the country's education system to accommodate children with special needs like autism, epilepsy, asthma, etc?

Objectives: To sensitize, encourage and increase awareness on the rise of autism cases and to check Government's plans and strategies to deal with same.



Question 56/2019 (MP Mduduzi Matsebula)

Would the Hon. Minster for Public Works and Transport appraise the Honourable House about the challenges the Ministry is facing, and how it intends to solve them; regarding to the turtle pace with which the road network re-gravelling programme is progressing, especially at Siphocosini Inkhundla?

Objective: To speed up the re-gravelling program.

Question 57/2019 (MP Mduduzi Matsebula)

Could the on. minister for Labour and Social Security clarify to the Honourable house as to when will the ex-miners who were working in the Republic of South African mines get their Silicosis and TB compensation, and explain what the Ministry is doing to facilitate the process?

Objective: representing the ex-miners of Siphocosini Inkhundla and the country in general to find closure and request for Government's intervention in facilitating the compensation process.

Question 58/2019 (MP Mduduzi Matsebula)

Could His Excellency the Right Honourable Prime Minister give reasons why there are no State Police at the Eswatini Railways Inland Container Dry Port in Matsapha which is the country's major Import and Export Station that receives, store and clear containerised goods from all over the world?

Objective: to bring to Government's attention the security issue and associated risks in regard to the absence of state security at the Inland Container Depot.

Motion 08/2020 (MP Mduduzi Matsebula)

To move that Honourable Minister for Finance in consultation with the Honourable Minister for Public Works and Transport should, within thirty (30) days, commence a process of sourcing funds and a contractor through a Public Private Partnership (PPP) model for the completion of the Sicunusa Nhlangano Road.

Objective: to fast track the completion of the road (the road is of national interest linking Mankayane-Sicunusa with Mahamba – Nhlangano via Gege) to prevent further dilapidation and escalation of cost.

Motion 31/2020 (MP Mduduzi Matsebula)

To move that the Honorable Minister for Agriculture should, in consultation with the relevant public functionaries and other stakeholders, table a report within thirty (30) days detailing how government intends protecting local livestock farmers from losing millions of Emalangeni as a result of stock theft which is on the increase.

Objective: to persuade the ministry of Agriculture to organize or integrate (diverse elements) in a harmonious operation to minimize or put an end to stock theft which is robbing local farmers millions of emalangeni every year.



Motion 32/2020 (MP Mduduzi Matsebula)

To move that the Honorable Minister for Commerce, Industry and Trade should within twenty-one (21) days of passing of this motion, furnish this August House with a report that details the top 20 commodities with quantities/volumes and value imported into the country which should successively be published annually. Further, the Hon. Minister should explain what is being done, or what the Minister intends to do to help encourage emaSwati to produce the goods locally or alternatively attract Foreign Direct Investment to reduce the dependence on other countries.

Objective: To address issues of import substitution and job creation that will subsequently reduce the unemployment rate and grow the local economy.

Motion 05/2021 (MP Mduduzi Matsebula)

To move that the Honourable Minister for Finance; in consultation with relevant stakeholders, review the Rural Development Fund (RDF) Regulations 2014 with the view to allow individuals, who want to start income generating projects that will create employment for other people within the region, to have access to the fund. Consequently, within thirty (30) days of passing of this motion.

Objective: To lower unemployment and contribute towards higher economic development.

Motion 06/2021 (MP Mduduzi Matsebula)

To move that the Honourable Minister for Public Works and Transport should furnish the House, within a period of thirty (30) days, with a clear schedule, realistic timelines and budget estimates to be requested in the 2022-2023 National Budget for the following projects, inter alia:

- 1. Upgrading or paving of D78, D120, D81, D12, MR20, MR2 and MR21.
- 2. Rehabilitation of the extremely damaged major roads like Mhlaleni Nhlangano, Motshane Matsamo Roads etc;
- 3. Re-gravelling or heavy blading of other gravel Regional Roads; and
- 4. Maintenance or blading of feeder roads.

Objective: To persuade Government to attend to the extremely dilapidated road infrastructure and upgrade or paving of all major roads especially all border post roads like D78 (Siphocosini – Motshane) D120 (Sigangeni – Lundzi).



Motion without notice 06/2021 (MP Mduduzi Matsebula)

To move that the Honourable Minister for Finance should consider amending the Youth Enterprise Revolving Fund (YERF) Regulations 2009 to make the fund more accessible to the youth, particularly on the stringent requirements relating to business plan and cash flow projections. Consequently, the Honourable Minister should table the Amendment Regulation within thirty (30) days of passing of this motion.

Objective: Making the fund more accessible to the youth to create employment opportunities for young people through entrepreneurship and encourage them to be job creators and not job seekers.

Question 08/2021 (MP Mduduzi Matsebula)

Would the Honourable Minister for Tinkhundla Administration and Development appraise this Honourable House about plans the Ministry has to address the shortage of transport for the Community Development Officer (Batfutfukisi).

Objective: To enhance development of communities by making it easier for community development officers to reach all corners of the country.

Question 04/2022 (MP Mduduzi Matsebula)

Could the Honourable Minister for Labour and Social Security, in light of the glaring increase in prices and fall in purchasing value of money, explain when the Ministry is considering to holistically review the Wages Regulations with a view to increase the minimum wage for all sectors?

Objective: To persuade Government to set minimum terms and conditions of employment, including the minimum rates of remuneration for all sectors.

Private Members Motion 04/2022 (MP Mduduzi Matsebula)

To move that the Honourable Minister for Health should, within seven (7) days, submit a concise report before this August house on what the Ministry is doing to address the root causes of the medicine shortages in public clinics and hospitals and the creation of a contingency reserve of medicine of strategic importance.

Objective: To address the shortage of drugs in our public health facilities and creation of a contingency reserve of medicine of strategic importance.



Question 12/2022 (MP Mduduzi Matsebula)

Could the Honourable Minister for Natural Resources and Energy inform the Honourable House as to what is the Ministry, in collaboration with other public functionaries, doing to strengthen national measures to maximise returns from the mining sector, particularly in the following areas of concerns:

- a) job opportunities and subcontracts to benefit emaSwati; and
- b) value addition before export?

Objective: To encourage Government to strengthen value addition policies in order to create employment opportunities, mitigate the imbalance of trade and increase the country's Gross Domestic Product value.

Question 13/2022 (MP Mduduzi Matsebula)

Could the Honourable Minister for Commerce, Industry and Trade inform the Honourable House as to what is the Ministry doing, in collaboration with other government ministries or entities, to create a favourable and conducive environment for private sector investment in order to attract more enterprise setups and uplifting and motivating the existing enterprises especially on the following: (1) factors of production like land and capital; (2) availability of abundant and stable power supply; (3) access to regional and international markets; (4) roadways for transportation of raw materials and finished goods; and (5) reduction in the number of days and requirements it takes to start a business especially in rural areas?

Objective: To make Eswatini the best investment destination by improving the ease of doing business ranking and to enhance the increase of the productive capacity of the economy by reducing red flags and creating a conducive environment for private sector investment.

Question 14/2022 (MP Mduduzi Matsebula)

Could the Honourable Minister for sports, Culture and Youth Affairs Department under the ministry doing to: (1) create an enabling environment for young people to actively participate and contribute to the transformation and socio-economic development and good governance process that shape the present and future destiny of the communities in which they live; and (2) foster effective youth empowerment programmes at grassroots level?

Objective: to increase understanding of the obstacles and concerns encountered by the youth and the need to address the concerns and create a conducive environment for young people to actively participate in shaping the present and future destiny of their communities.



Question 15/2022 (MP Mduduzi Matsebula)

Could His Excellency the Rt. Honourable Prime Minister kindly inform this august House as to when will Government seriously consider paying a stipend fee to Community Police and the Chiefs Headmen (Tindvuna Temcuba) to at least cover the ever-escalating travel expenses and wireless communication costs?

Objective: to coax Government to improve the working conditions of community police and Chiefs headmen in order to increase efficiency and reduce corruption.

Question 16/2022 (MP Mduduzi Matsebula)

Could the hon. minister for Agriculture shed light on its preparedness or what he is doing to address shortage and late availability or delivery of farm inputs under the input subsidy program to avoid recurrence of the inefficiency or incompetence experienced last season?

Objective: encourage early delivery of farm inputs and availability of Tractors so that farmers could take advantage of the first rains.

Question 01/2023 (MP Mduduzi Matsebula)

Could the Honourable Minister for Health appraise the House if the Ministry would consider:

- a) Upgrading Sigangeni Clinic into a Health-care Centre or hospital and
- b) To provide at least an ambulance to service Siphocosini Inkhundla and neighbouring constituencies.

Objective: to cajole Government into upgrading Sigangeni Clinic to be a health-care centre that will provide midwifery and dental services.

Question 02/2023 (MP Mduduzi Matsebula)

Could the Honourable Minister for Labour and Social Security explain as to when he would lay on the table the Employment bill which is expected to address a wide range of Labour issues like labour brokering.

Objective: to highlight the importance of the Employment Bill designed to improve the status of employment in Eswatini especially in comprehensively addressing the labour brokering issue.



Question 03/2023 (MP Mduduzi Matsebula)

Could the Honourable Minister for Education and Training explain as to what is the ministry doing to analyse and come up with a sustainable plan to address the serious challenges affecting female students as a result of non or limited availability in rural community schools of sanitary pads especially in rural community schools due to scanty resources which sometimes force the girl child to miss classes for a week.

Objective: to edge Government to seriously consider coming up with a sustainable plan to address the challenges faced by the girl child especially in rural schools.

Question 04/2023 (MP Mduduzi Matsebula)

Could the Honourable Minister for Information, Communication and Technology shed light on what happened to the project and equipment purportedly donated by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) to provide accessibility to free internet to schools, which we desperately need especially in our rural schools.

Objective: to find closure and update on the much-needed free internet project for schools

Motion 04/2023 (MP Mduduzi Matsebula)

To move that the Honourable Minister for Health should, within seven (7) days of passing of this motion, submit a report to this august house narrating the measures the ministry has or will put in place to resolve the health crisis facing the country, paying particular attention to the following:

- 1. Shortage of human resources and equipment in public clinics and hospitals;
- 2. Shortage of medical supplies in public clinics and hospitals;
- 3. Shortage of linen and bedding in public hospitals;
- 4. Shortage of transport and fuel; and
- 5. The creation of contingency reserve of medical supplies of strategic importance

Objective: Eswatini is facing health crisis that is resulting to lose of life, it is therefore a matter of the utmost urgency that we provide workable solutions