



POLICY BULLETIN

BUSINESSBOTSWANA

PARLIAMENTARY TRACKER ON LEGISLATION

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Key Highlights

- To inform businesses about new legislation
- Concerns remain about increased regulatory pressures that could challenge businesses.
- Business Botswana advocates for a local-centered consideration focusing on digital sovereignty, local industrialization, and strong data protection to capitalise on opportunities in the digital economy.

POLICY / LEGISLATION	IMPLICATION FOR BUSINESSES	RECOMMENDATION
Access to Information Bill, 2024 Enhances public access to government-held information	Increased compliance costs; potential risks to sensitive information	Advocate for clear guidelines on information disclosure to protect business interests
Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill, 2024 Revises licensing and regulatory frameworks in mining	Greater regulatory oversight may affect exploration and operational activities.	Lobby for balanced regulations that promote both safety and business viability
Deeds Registry (Amendment) Bill, 2024 Streamlines property registration processes	Potential impacts on real estate transactions and business operations	Organize training sessions to familiarise businesses with new registration procedures.
Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2024 Revises citizenship criteria and processes	May impact the availability of skilled labor for certain	Advocate for policies that support the hiring of skilled foreign professionals.
Corruption and Economic Crime (Amendment) Bill, 2023 Broadens anti-corruption measures and penalties	Enhanced transparency could improve the business environment.	Support initiatives that promote accountability and deter
Judicial Services (Amendment) Bill, 2024 Enhances efficiency in the judicial system	Improvements may impact legal dispute resolution processes for businesses.	Engage in dialogue to ensure that changes benefit business

Other notable legislation include

- Political Party Funding Bill, 2024
- Electoral (Amendment) Bill, 2023
- Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2024