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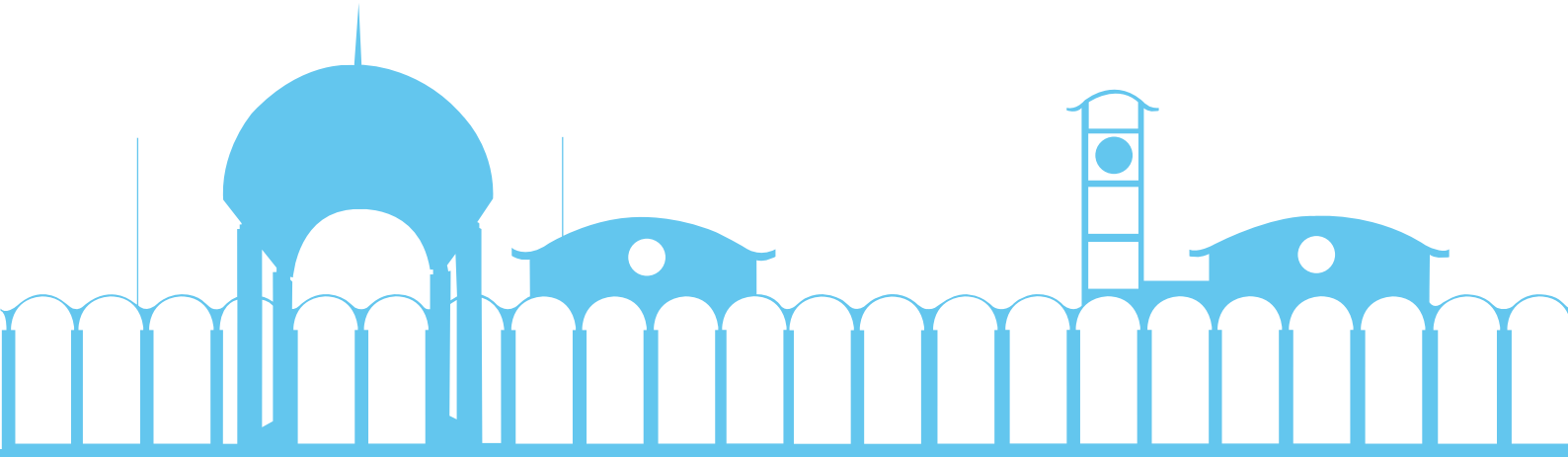

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THE ASSEMBLY met at 2:00 p.m.

(THE SPEAKER in the Chair)

P R A Y E R S

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MADAM SPEAKER (MS MANYENENG): Pray be seated!

…Silence…

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Digwa, *ke kopa gore o re biletse bakaulengwe fa ntle, re a tlhaela.* Order! Honourable Members, we are now quorated, we can start.

SPEAKER'S ANNOUNCEMENT

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Members, good afternoon! I am pleased to inform you that Honourable Taolo Lucas, Member of Parliament (MP) for Bobirwa, is the Acting Leader of the Opposition from the 2nd to the 12th April, 2025.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Applause!)...

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Leader of the Opposition (LOO) is attending the 150th Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) Assembly and related meetings in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, *kwa e neng e le* Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR).

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

DRILLING OF BOREHOLES IN DECEPTION VALLEY

MR G. DISHO (OKAVANGO EAST): asked the Minister of Environment and Tourism:

(i) when he will consider drilling boreholes in Deception valley as wild animals walk long distances to Sunday Pan and Letiahau and eventually abandon the area for the whole peak season or half a year;

(ii) when the road from Matswiri, Tsau and New Xade Gates will be gravelled to facilitate easy movement; and

(iii) if his ministry will drill boreholes in Makgadikgadi for the 50 000 zebras, elephants and other small animals as they now have to walk long distances to Boteti and Jacks Camp searching for water.

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM (MR MMOLOTSI): Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker.* Gongwe ke kope maitshwarelo gore ke ntse ke seyo ke ile go neela batho ba kwa Chobe boipuso. Gape ke supe gore ga ke a itumela gore *Honourable* Lucas a bo a ne a re Mothusa Tautona ke ngame.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ah-ah!...(Inaudible)…

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: …(Laughter!)…

MR MMOLOTSI: *Ke raya gore ga ke a itumela.*

(i) Mr Speaker, the Northern Central Kalahari Game Reserve currently has seven boreholes strategically positioned to provide year-round water for wildlife. These are located at Mopipi Pan, Passarge, Sunday Pans, Tau Pan, Central Kalahari Game Reserve (CKGR) 2, Letiahau and Piper Pans. Additionally, small waterholes have been established at Tsau and Matswere gates to support animals in those areas. This distribution was designed with the understanding that the wildlife in the reserve is primarily adapted to desert conditions and generally is not highly dependent on water.

However, since the significant influx of elephants in 2016, water provision for both elephants and other wildlife has posed challenges. To address this, the ministry is considering drilling at least two additional waterholes along the Passarge Valley. This initiative would improve overall water availability within the reserve.

(ii) Mr Speaker, currently there are no plans to gravel the road between Matswere, Tsau and New Xade. This is meant to preserve Botswana's distinctive wilderness tourism model, which prioritises minimal infrastructural development to maintain a pristine wilderness experience that is greatly appreciated by our visitors. This distinguishes us from our competitors in the region that have gravel roads and tarred roads in their protected areas. Additionally, gravelling roads would lead to over speeding, potentially compromising both safety and the ecological integrity of the area.

This approach aligns with our commitment to sustainable tourism and the conservation of our natural heritage.

(iii) Mr Speaker, Nxai Pan-Makgadikgadi Pans National Park currently has 15 boreholes managed by the Department of Wildlife and National Parks, out of which only two are non-operational. There are also additional 14 boreholes which are operated by tourism entities operating within the park. Now while these boreholes are not evenly distributed, with most located near the Boteti river, there are plans to equip two additional boreholes in the Nxai Pan area before end of this financial year, and drill two more in the central part of Makgadikgadi National Park funds permitting to address this imbalance. Furthermore, it is important to note that zebras are migratory animals and their movements are not solely influenced by water availability but also seasonal variations in forage quality and quantity. These zebras leave the abundant water in the Chobe area and move down to Boteti River bypassing any available surface water until they reach their destination. This explains the reasons why boreholes are concentrated along the Boteti River and boreholes that are placed far away from the river remain largely unused by zebras. These zebras will later in the year and after the first rains travel back to the Chobe area. I thank you Madam Speaker.

MR DISHO: Supplementary. *Ke a leboga Tona ka dikarabo tseo, tse e leng gore tsotlhe* are not addressing the question, I do not know who advised that.

Ke simolole ka Central Kalahari, *e o buang ka yone, gongwe ke go fe* correction first, *ga se* 'Mopipi' *ke* 'Motopi' waterhole. You are saying there are seven boreholes in a 52,000 square kilometres (km^2), which is the largest game reserve in the world, only seven of them. My question *e bua ka* Deception valley, *e e leng gore* it is 40 kilometres away from Letiahau. A springbok would not travel for 40 kilometres for water, if it travels it means it goes forever, it will leave that area completely. So *ke yone e ke neng ke re* address *eo*.

The second one; *re tsena ka* gravel road, are you aware *gore* like in February-March, which is the peak for Central Kalahari, a lot of guests or self-drives *kana* tour operators get stuck, sometimes completely *ba re* park *e tswetswe,* because it is impassable, *go sena le fa e le ditsela? Ga ke itse gore ke mang yo o reng,* they enjoy *ditsela tse di tshwanang le tseo.*

Then the third one *ke ya* Makgadikgadi; Makgadikgadi *ke botsa ka bo* Njuca Island, which is the northern part of Ntwetwe Pan. Motopi… are you aware *gore diphologolo tse* as they follow water, *di latela metsi* along the Boteti River, *they attract diphologolo tse di tshwanang le ditau* that end up as a danger to *batho ba* Motopi le Makalamabedi, whereas if you were to provide them with water in the northern part of Ntwetwe Pan, it would be nice? *Ke re ke botse ka tsone tse gore,* are you aware of that *gore fa nne o ka di phunyetsa metsi kwa* Northern Ntwetwe Pan where they gather, these 50 000 zebras, *tse e leng gore* is the second largest migration of zebras in the world, *fa o ka di phunyetsa metsi, le* the economy value *e e ka di tlisang ke bokae?* Are you aware of how much value will they bring *fa nne o ka di fa metsi, kwa di tshwanetseng gore di nwe teng? Ke a leboga.*

MR MMOLOTSI: Ke a leboga Motlotlegi Mopalamente. Ke simolole fela ka eo go supa gore kana jaaka ke arabile Motlotlegi Mopalamente, *these zebras* di na le *pattern* e di e salang morago. Jaaka ke ntse ke tlhalosa, le fa metsi a le teng, di na le *quality* ya phulo *they prefer,* e e leng gore *regardless of where water is, they will follow that migratory pattern.* Ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, go ka nna bokete Motlotlegi Mopalamente gore, le fa re ka epa metsi *along the route* di eme, ka gore kgang ya tsone ga se metsi *per se,* di laolwa ke dilo tse dingwe jaaka *forest quality and quantity.*

Mo kgannyeng ya Deception valley, maikaelelo ke gore re ye go dira *more water homes,* gore re tle re kgone gore re siele diphologolo tse metsi.

Mo kgannyeng ya ditsela, gore *we will gravel* le gore wa re ga gona ope *enjoying that kind of terrain*. Kana tota fela *experiences* tsa *tourists* gongwe di a farologana. *The feedback that we get is that tourists* tse *they feel* gore ke *adventure as* ba ntse ba leka go tswa mo diretseng ka dikoloi tsa bone, ba reng, ba reng, *and* ke bone ba ba reng *they do not enjoy* dikontere. Fa ba tsena mo *park,* ga ba batle sekontere, ga ba batle tsela fela e e monatenyana, *they would like adventure of some sort.* Ke a tlhaloganya gore Motlotlegi Disho wa re *that experience* mo go bone ga e monate, *but that is subjective.*

Ke a bona gore le tshikinya ditlhogo bakaulengwe, mme kana re bua ka gore *you cannot* gompieno jaana *produce a report* e e reng ke e ba re ga ba rate.

MR DISHO: Further supplementary. *Motlotlegi, o baakanye fale, ke ne ke sa re ba tsenye sekontere, le nna ga ke batle sekontere in the* parks. *Ke bua ka* gravel *fela,* of which Namibia, South Africa and Zimbabwe are doing that. All the neighboring countries have gravel *mo* parks *tsa bone,* beside Botswana. Correct that one, *mme ba dira madi fela mo e leng gore* people enjoy that. They compare these destinations.

Jaanong ya zebras *e ke neng ke bua ka yone mokaulengwe, kwa o buang gore* it is the best *kwa di hulelang teng, ke gone kwa* the Northern Ntwetwe Pan *e ke neng ke bua ka yone,* that is their best destination. They winter there for six months in a year, then they go back to Liuwa Plains in Zambia. Which is the longest migration. They come there for six months in the Northern Ntwetwe Pan, *ke sone se ke reng ke eng o sa di phunyetse metsi gone foo,* instead of *gore di ye kwa* Boteti? That is the question. *Kwa* Boteti there is no pasture for them, *kwa* Northern Ntwetwe Pan, that is where they feed. *Ke gone kwa ke reng* supply them *ka metsi. Tanki.*

MR MMOLOTSI: Ee, ke tlhalose gape motlotlegi gore, rona mo nakong ya gompieno se re se tlhaloganyang ke gore *tourists* tsa *self-drives*, ba re bolelela gore ba *enjoy terrain* e ntse ka fa e ntseng ka teng. Ke raya fa ba re neela *feedback,* ga ba a re neela *website, they give us feedback. We occasionally ask* gore *experience* e ntse jang, *and that is what they tell us.* Gone re a tlhaloganya gore Motlotlegi Disho, o ka tswa gongwe o bo o e eletsa e ntse ka tsela e e ntseng ka teng, *but the tourists* bone ka bo bone, *experience* ya bone *is different,* ba e rata e le makgaphila fela ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, gore ba kgone gore ba nne ba itseye dinepe ba leka go ntsha koloi mo diretseng, koloi e sokame e ntse jaana. Mo go bone *that is the experience* e ba e ratang.

Mo kgannyeng ya gago ya *zebras,* tota fela jaaka ke ne ke bua, *our intention is to make sure* gore re tswelela ka go epa *waterholes where there are no boreholes. We just do waterholes, just so that we provide water,* e bile re rile mo *area* e, kana ke gore mathata a re nang le one gompieno ke ditsompelo. Jaaka re tsena mo *this new financial year,* re beile *around* P5 *million* yo maikaelelo e leng gore re leke go ya go dira *waterholes*, *drill a few boreholes. The experience that we have had previously* ke gore, go epa didiba *was becoming very costly, because one borehole* ga re tlhaloganye gore go ne go diragala eng, *would cost around* P4 *million.* Se re batlang gore re se dire gompieno ke gore, didiba di ye go epiwa ka madi a tshwanelwang ke gore a epe didiba, e se ao a *forensic audit* ao. Ka tsela e e ntseng jalo re dumela gore fa sediba se ka epiwa ka *between* P150 *million,* P200 *million, then* re ka nna le didiba le *waterholes* tsa palo e e botoka mo *area* eo. Ke a leboga.

TERMINAL BENEFITS OF COUNCILLLORS

MR M. M. MOROLONG (KGATLENG CENTRAL): asked the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to state:

(i) the criteria and format used to calculate terminal benefits of Councillors;

(ii) the total amount of terminal benefits for the 2019-2024 Councillors; and

(iii) whether there are unresolved queries surrounding their terminal benefits.

MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS (MR MOTSHEGWA): Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ka ke araba potso ya *Local Government,* ke lemoge *shadow Minister of Local Government,* yo o tlhatlositsweng maemo gompieno. Ka bokhutshwane karabo e ntse jaana;

(i) Mo go baakanyeng gore Makhanselara fa go tla kwa bokhutlong jwa pereko ya bone ya Bokhanselara go lejwa ka tsela e e tseng jang, *Ministry* o ne wa dira seo o ikaegile ka Ministers' and National Assembly Gratuities and Pensions Act. Se se raya gore e ne ya nna bokaedi mo dikhanseleng go dirisa *formula* e e tlhalosiwang mo molaong one o o fa godimo oo. *Formula* e ka tsela e e ntseng jaana, go lebelelwa 30 *per cent* ya dikamogelo tsa kgwedi le kgwedi ka *different positions held.* E bo e le gore *it is multiplied* ka dikgwedi tse a bong a di digetse mo maemong ao, mo *term* eo. 30 *per cent* yo re reng *average* wa *ward allowance,* o duelwa go lebeletswe *different categories,* go bo go *multiply* ka dikgwedi tse o a bong o nnile le tsone mo *term* ya boikarabelo eo.

(ii) Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, dituelo tse di setseng di neetswe Makhanselara kwa bofelelong jwa tiro ya bone kana *terminal benefits,* di tsamaya kwa go P284 886 143, e le Makhanselara ba le 605 mo *term* ya 2019-2024.

(iii) Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, re na le itemogelo ya gore go na le bangwe ba ba ntseng ba ngongorega gore gongwe dituelo tsa bone ga di a nna sentle, re lekile go ba tlhalosetsa mme tsa rarabololesega. Kwa ntle fela ga kgang nngwe e Makhanselara bangwe ba le *five* ba e neng e le ba Gaborone, ba sekisa Khansele ya Gaborone. Ba mekamekane le go leka go tsoma madi a bone a phelelo ya boikarabelo, mme gongwe e le ka gore ga ba dumalane le *formula* e e leng teng.

Re leka ka bojotlhe gore dikgang tsa rona re di tlhalose gone kwa *ministry,* re leke gore di felele teng, re feme tsa dikgotlatshekelo. Kana ga gona ka fa re ka emisang batho ka teng fa gongwe ba setse ba gorogile mo seemong seo, karabo ke yone eo. Fa go na le tse dingwe fela tse di ka nnang di tlhoka ditlhaloso, re teng kwa *ministry* go nna re ka amogana le Batswana le ope fela ka dikgang tseo. Ke a leboga.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Supplementary Madam Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: Tsenya mowa mo nameng, fa e kare o robetse mo sepatela jaana.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: …(Laughter!)…

MR MOROLONG: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga. Ke kotlometse mowa ka gore ga ke kgotsofalele karabo ya ga Motlotlegi Tona. Motlotlegi o bua gore go na le Makhanselara a Gaborone ba ba ngongoregang ka kgang e, e bile bangwe ba gomagometsa go ya makgotlatshekelong kana ba setse ba ile makgotlatshekelong. Ke mo itsise gore ga se kgang ya Gaborone fela, ke ya lefatshe lotlhe. Makhanselara ka bontsi ga ba a itumela, Tona o a itse. Ke setse ke kile ka tlisa bangwe ba bone fa. Ka go tlhoka lesego, ga ba ise ba kgone go kopana le ene. Kgang e, e ama Makhanselara. Ba me kwa Kgatleng ba ba neng ba tswa rraetsho, ba a amega botlhe ka kgang e. *Minister* o utlwile Tautona a bua kgapetsakgapetsa gore ga a eletse gore Goromente a ipone a le molato, a bo a nna a ya dikgotlatshekelong go sa tlhokafale.

MADAM SPEAKER: Wa re potso ke eng *honourable?* Wela.

MR MOROLONG: Potso ke gore, Tona o dira jang ene a sa baya mo Gaborone City Council gore e mekamekane le kgang ya yone e le nosi? O dira jang ka Makhanselara botlhe ba ba neng ba tswa fa, ba ba lelang? Ke yone kgang ya me e ke batlang a e rarabolole. Ke kgang e e batlang a nna le *audience* le bone. Ba tlhama Former Councillors Association e le nna ke tlaa tsenang ka maemo mo go yone.

MR MOTSHEGWA: Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke tsaya gore ke arabile, e bile ke ikaegile ka molao le *formula* e e dirisitsweng. Ke yone tlhaloso e kgolo eo. Fa e le gore gongwe bone ba na le *formula* e nngwe e ba e itseng, rona re tlhalositse jalo. Ga ke tseye gore le fa Tautona a ne a re, go se ka ga sekwa le batho, o ne a raya gore go bulwe phatlha e go ka gopelwang Goromente ka yone le fa gongwe go sa nna jalo. Ga go na molato, ba ba ka tlang re tla ya le bone fa fatshe go ba tlhalosetsa. Puo ke phate, e a alwa. Re tshwanetse ra e buisana le bone, ra neelana ditlhaloso. Tlhaloso e re ka e dirisang mo kgannyeng e tshwana le e, ke e e amanang le tsa semolao. Ke re gongwe ke eme gone foo.

MR BARONGWANG: *Further supplementary. Good afternoon Madam Speaker.* Ke na le dipotso tse pedi, mme mma ke botse e le nngwefela gone jaana. Ke fetise pele tlhagiso ke re Tona, ke kopa le lebelele *welfare* ya Makhanselara *especially* fa ba sena go nna ba fetsa *turn* ya bone mo khanseleng. Potso ya me ke gore, maloba ka *Budget Speech,* Mothusa Tautona, yo e bile e leng *Minister of Finance*, o ne a tshephisa Batswana gore o ya go oketsa madi a bagodi *to* P1 400. Ke botsa gore a golo moo go diragetse ka e bile go setse go le 2nd *April?* Fa e le gore go diragetse, a ko o bolelele Batswana gore go tsamaya fa kae? Ke a leboga.

MR MOTSHEGWA: Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Mo go ya ntlha, go boammaaruri Makhanselara ba tshwanetse ba tlhokomelesega sentle. Ke sone se mo go buisaneng le bone, re ne ra dira gore go nne le tsamaiso ya gore ba nne le *office at the Wards*. Go nne le fa ba ka tlholelwang teng, ba thusetsa batho teng. Ba bangwe ba ne ba ngongorega ba re e tlaare motho o santse go le makuku,

a iketlile ka fa a iketlileng ka teng, batho ba bo ba tla, ba batla thuso. Gone moo e bo e kete go kgotlela matshelo a gagwe a selegae. Re dirile gore ba nne le diofisi tsa *the Wards.*

Re ntse re buisana le bone gape gore fa re lebeletse boikarabelo jwa bone, ba tshwanetse ba rutuntshiwa mo go tsa boeteledipele. Ke sone se re tsamaelang mo go direng *a tailor-made Leadership Development Programme* re dirisa *the institutions* tse di leng teng *to train* bo *Mayor, Council Chairman* le Makhanselara. E tlaare kgabagare, re bo re ka dira *taskforce* e e yang go lebelela mabaka a bone a pereko.

Dikgang tse di botlhokwa gore Batswana ba di lemoge. Fa batho ba tshwere boikarabelo ba tshwana le Makhanselara, Mapalamente le bo Tona, re tshwanetse ra lemoga gore fa go buiwa ka *good corporate governance* kana *good governance*, e raya gore gore motho a tseye boikarabelo ka tlhwaafalo a sa itewe tsebe ka sepe, a sa shebashebe gope. O tshwanetse le ene mo boikarabelong jwa gagwe, a tlhokomelesege. Ke selo se se botlhokwa. Ga re a tshwanela gore fa re se bua, e bo e le gore re tsaya gore o ka lejwa ka tsela nngwe mo setšhabeng, go sa kgathalesege gore ka nako eo, boikarabelo bo a bo bo tshwerwe ke mang.

Fa o ya kwa King Code e e buang ka *good governance* ya re, ba ba tsereng boikarabelo jo gotweng *fiduciary responsibility,* ba nne le tlhwaafalo mo tirong ya bone. Ba direle ba ba tshwanetseng *and* go tshwanetse gore ba bo ba tlhokomelesega. Ke tsaya ke re, ke e arabile.

Mo go ya bofelo ya P1 400; ka boammaaruri dikhansele di duela ka *stages.* Ba dituelo tsa ntlha, P1 400 o setse a tsene.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: …(Applause!)…

MR MOTSHEGWA: Re bone melaetsa e mentsi ya bannabagolo le basadibagolo ba supa gore a tsene. Go raya gore fela jaaka Tona wa Madi, Rre Gaolathe a ne a supa, Puso e diragaditse maitlamo a yone a P1 400, e le go gagabela kwa go P1 800. Ke go bua fela le bana, re leke go ba boka mo batsading. Ba bangwe go lebega jaanong lerato la bone le simolola go oketsega mo batsading fela ka P1 400. Ke a leboga.

SBRANA PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL

MR C. K. JACOBS (LOBATSE): asked the Minister of Health if he is aware of the state and situation at Sbrana Psychiatric Hospital particularly in terms of health risks that include patients' wellbeing, state of the facility and wellbeing of employees.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF HEALTH (MR OOKEDITSE): Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker.* Ke itumele gore Dr Gobotswang o jele sengwe mo go P1 400.

DR GOBOTSWANG: *On a point of procedure. Madam Speaker,* golo mo go dirwang ke maUmbrella for Democratic Change (UDC) ke gone mo gotweng *scam. Phone* ya me ke e, *I am eligible*, ga go na le fa e le P1 400 yo o tseneng. *Thank you Madam Speaker.*

MR OOKEDITSE: Ke a itumela *Madam Speaker.*

MADAM SPEAKER: *Withdraw* gore o rumola Dr Gobotswang.

MR OOKEDITSE: *Madam Speaker, I withdraw*. A gago a setse a tsene, ke ne ke raya gore a tlaa tsena. Ke tswelele pele ke arabe potso. *Honourable* Jacobs, *we are aware* gore seemo sa Sbrana Hospital ga se a nna sentle. Re lemogile gore go na le mathata a *fire alarm* le *air conditioners* tse di sa berekeng sentle. Fa o ela tlhoko, *part of the problem apart from the neglect* e e kileng ya bo e le teng ka tsamaiso tsa maloba, ke gape gore sepatela sa rona se tshotse balwetse ba e leng gore fa gongwe go na le nako tse e leng gore fa a se *stable* sentle, o kgona go nna le tshenyo. *It is not their fault,* e a bo e le *the state of the person at that point.* Go raya gore se tlhoka go nna se tlhokomelwa botokanyana.

To address this situation, our ministry has since engaged the local Fire Department to conduct an assessment and do recommendations ka *the fire alarm system*. *Further to this, I am told contractors are currently on site to refurbish the acute wards with one ward already handed over* ka *December* 2024. Le ntswa go ntse jalo, re a lemoga gore go nna go ntse go senyega, re baakanya go senyega, mme re tlaa itlama go nna re ntse re tswelela jalo. Se se raya gape gore sepatela ka bosone*, apart from what I have mentioned,* se tlhoka dipaakanyo tse di kwa godimonyana tse di tseneletseng. Ka lebaka lone leo, e ne ya re ka *January* 2025, *ministry* wa rona o bo o

tsenya *the washers, driers* le *irons* go leka go baakanya *condition* ya sepatela.

Following the COVID-19 *scourge, some of the psychiatric wards in the districts hospitals around, were closed*. Go bo go raya gore fa di tswalwa jaana, se se raya gore balwetse ba ba tlhokang go ka tsena kwa sepatela ba tswa *from different areas,* ba isiwa kwa Lobatse. Seemo se, se bo se baka gore go tlale phetelela mme go bo go sa nne le *provision* ya gore go ka okediwa *space.* Re lemoga gore go na le mathata a matona a a ntseng jalo.

One of the things that we are doing is to now have other psychiatric clinics and hospitals around the country tse ba neng ba tswetswe *wards* tsa teng ba di bula *so that we can reduce part of the congestion* e e leng teng kwa Sbrana.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: …(Inaudible)…

MR OOKEDITSE: Madam Speaker, the other thing that we are battling with is shortage of staff. We found acute shortage of staffing *kwa sepateleng se, mme jaanong fa re lebeletse dipalo,* I can confirm that last year the ministry graduated five psychiatrists and 16 more are expected to graduate in the next three years, with an additional 65 psychiatric nurse specialists also expected to graduate within the next year. *Go raya gore* in terms of shortage of staff, *go ka nna botoka.*

Jaanong Madam Speaker, we are also in discussions with the University of Botswana (UB) so that we can now have a lot more of the training, our psychiatric specialist *e dirwe* locally because that will also help us address staff shortages.

Sa bofelo Madam Speaker, there is grave shortage of staff accommodation at Sbrana. *Re na le matlo fela a le* 60 *a* staff *mme re na le bodiredi bo le* 330, *seo se raya gore re na le* challenge *e tona.* Challenge *e re e* mitigate *ka go nna re kopa molaodi gore fa ba na le matlo, ba* allocate. Madam Speaker, we are appealing to this House to prioritise construction of staff accommodation under National Development Plan (NDP) 12, because absent to that, *mathata a teng a ya go tswelela.*

MR JACOBS: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga Tona. Tota dikarabo tsa gago di dintle, mme ke ne ke re ke go itsise gore Sbrana *is facing a lot of problems especially where children are concerned. We have a child who is under two years old who has been abandoned by the parent at* Sbrana. *Since the child has been induced to … (Inaudible)… that have psychiatric problem,* ke ne ke re a ga go maleba Tona gore *maybe* le lona *you must come up with a recreational facility to be able to adopt kids of this nature*? Ke raya gore fa o tsaya ngwana wa *two years* o mo tlogela koo le *patients* ba ba santseng ba tlhoka kalafi ya tlhaloganyo, ga se gore ngwana yo le ene *at the end of the day* o ya go tswa a le *disturbed somehow? Maybe it would be proper that it is time that* le lona batho ba bongaka le leke go bona gore bana bale ba ka hemelwa jang.

My second issue ke gore teng kwa Sbrana gape, *patients stay on the first floor* kwa godimo, *they do not have any security of any sort. You find that by the time a patient* a setse a ikaletsa, *the security personnel* ba ba kwa tlase gone fale, *only find out half an hour or an hour later. Maybe it is time for Ministry of Health* gore le akanye gore *patients* bale ba nne le *some security* e ba nnang le bone *fulltime.* Kana batho bale ga ba a itekanela gakere, *you will find that* tlhaloganyo e a bo e hapoga kana go bo go diragala jang, a bo a ipolelela gore tlaa ke ikaletse kana ke tshube *the facility down. You need to have some sort of security in place to be able to curb against such*. Ke a itumela *sir.*

MR OOKEDITSE: *Thank you Honourable* Jacobs. Sa ntlha ke leboge gore o motho yo o kgathalang thata ka *the wellbeing* ya ba bangwe. Ka jalo, ke kope gore mo go ya ntlha *since we are addressing a specific client, issues of health care* le tsone di na le *a lot of sensitivity and ethical things to look into.* Fa gongwe fa go na le sengwe se tshwenya *like a specific case* e e ntseng jalo, fela jaaka re tlhola re bua, *just engage me or* Dr Modise *on the side, and say we have this situation,* re bone gore *is it something that we can look into and deal with urgently.* Ke thuse le ba bangwe *Honourable Members of the House* gore tse tsa botsogo, fa gongwe fa re diega *to report them,* o fitlhela e le gore *by the time it comes to the floor* re bo re ya go tsena mo go yone, *harm has already occurred to the patient, so* re leke go di isa ka bonako.

Ke ratile e o e buang e nngwe gape rra ka *security* jalo, jalo kwa godimo, jaaka o supa gore ba bangwe *are on the first floor.* Se o se buang ke gore *because we have security at the facility,* gongwe *in terms of the*

deployment strategy sa *security, we need to relook it. That is something we will bring to the attention of our security people* re bo re bona gore *is it a present danger, and do we need to redeploy as suggested by yourself*. Ke a leboga.

BOTSWANA RAILWAYS ORGANISATIONAL AND SALARY STRUCTURES

MR R. W. KAIZER (SELEBI PHIKWE WEST): asked the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to state:

(i) when last the Botswana Railways (BR) Organisational and Salary Structures were reviewed and implemented;

(ii) if the two structures were both reviewed and implemented across all positions; if not, why not;

(iii) why there is a huge disparity between the highest paid and the least paid employee; and

(iv) when there will be a review and increment of salaries for the BR staff.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE (MR ATAMELANG): *Ke a leboga* Madam Speaker. *Ke a leboga* Honourable Kaizer.

(i) Madam Speaker, the current Botswana Railways organisational structure was last reviewed by an external consultant in 2019. Consultations with the union on that structure were concluded in June 2021, and implementation was effected in September 2021.

The salary structure was done by an independent consultant during the financial year 2022/23 and it was approved by the Board of Directors in March 2023 for implementation, subject to the availability of funding. To date, management has not been able to implement the approved salary structure despite the board's approval because the organisation's financial situation has not improved to accommodate the budgetary requirements of the new structure.

(ii) Madam Speaker, the approved salary structure which was done across the board covering all job positions from the lowest grade to Executive Management could not be implemented due to financial challenges faced by Botswana Railways. The organisational structure has on the other hand been implemented.

(iii) Madam Speaker, the salary levels of Botswana Railways across positions are guided by the Botswana Railways compensation and benefits policy. The salary levels and their implementation are purely guided by the financial performance of the organisation as well as the prevailing market rates per job position, which is done through participation in annual market compensation and benefits comparisons by Private Sector Consultants as engaged by Botswana Railways.

In the recent past, Botswana Railways had engaged Tsa Badiri Consultants, a Private Consulting Human Resources firm. Furthermore, the organisation has adopted a pay policy to pay at the 50 percentile (median rate of the Botswana Parastatal Market) of the prevailing market compensation rates for every surveyed job position.

What this means is that every job position at Botswana Railways is compared against compensation rates for similar job positions in the market.

The disparity in terms of pay between the lowest and highest job grades in the organisation is not substantiated as the current salary market survey findings show that the executive job positions at Botswana Railways are currently the lowest in the market whilst the lower job positions were found to be above the market as per the findings by an independent consultant. The consultant who was engaged to do the salary structure made the following observations:

(a) Employees among the unskilled, semiskilled to clerical are paid well within the organisations targets of the 50th percentile.

(b) Employees at technical, supervisory, management and Executive level were paid below the market rates; and

(c) The basic salary of the General Manager has been pegged at Permanent Secretary (PS) level

as it is the same for other parastatals of the same level. However, the survey indicated that the total compensation and benefits were well below compared to other counterparts.

Mr Speaker, as indicated, the new salary structure has been approved for implementation by the board, subject to funding availability. Therefore, the new salary structure will be implemented once the organisation's revenues exceed its operating costs. *Ke a leboga* Madam Speaker.

MR KAIZER: *Supplementary. Thank you* Tona. *Madam Speaker*, ke re ke botse Tona gore kana Goromente wa UDC o ipela e bile o bua puo ya gore *a well paid employee is more effective and productive in executing their daily duties*. Jaanong gongwe ke botse Tona gore a ga ba bone go le botlhokwa gore *the structures that were approved,* ba di diragatse mo nakong e e sa fediseng pelo? Ke utlwile karabo ya gago mme ga ke dumele gore e tsamaelana le tumelo e Goromente wa UDC o nang le yone.

O buile gape ka kgang ya madi gore gongwe ga a yo, *that is why it is not implemented*. Ka gore Goromente gape wa UDC o ipoka ka gore ba tlaa fetlha itsholelo, jaanong fa a labile, madi a tlaa bonala leng jaaka ba fetlha itsholelo jalo *in a positive manner*?

E nngwe *Madam Speaker*, ke gore ke tsaya gore Tona o ne a lebelela dipharologanyo tsa dikamogelo tsa yo o amogelang madi a a kwa godimo le yo o amogelang a a kwa tlase; *the disparities* tseo. Jaanong potso ya me ke gore a o ka baya Ntlo e mo leseding la go itse gore yo o amogelang madi a a kwa godimo kwa Botswana Railways (BR) o amogela bokae, yo a amogelang a mannyennyane ke bokae, *so that we get to understand the disparities* tse di leng teng mo dikamogelong tsa babereki?

This report with regard to the two structures, a ke e e leng gore fa ke batla go e okomela, ke ka nna le tshwanelo ya gore ke tle ke e okomele? *Can it be made public*? Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker.*

MR ATAMELANG: *Ke a leboga* Madam Speaker. *Ke a leboga Rre* Kaizer. *Ke tlaa di tsaya* from the last one going to the first one. Access to the report; *re le* UDC we subscribe to access to information and transparency, so we will make it available so that Batswana *ba kgone go itse gore go diragala eng*. The disparities between the high earner and the low earner, I do not have the figures *tsa* the low earner but like *jaaka ke sa tswa go bua gore* the General Manager is getting the same level as PSs. *Ya* the low earner *go sa kgathalesege gore ke bokae gompieno jaana,* what we know is *re le* UDC we are subscribing to a minimum living wage *ya* P4, 000.00. So we will make sure *gore* the lowest earner *kwa* BR will be getting above P4, 000.00.

MR KAIZER: *Procedure*. Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker*, ke akanya gore Tona o ikgatholosa go araba potso ya me. Ka gore Tona *has studied the disparities*, o a itse gore yo o amogelang madi a a kwa godimo ke bokae, le yo o amogelang a a kwa tlase ke bokae. Jaanong o tshwanetse go bua gone fa *because he has appreciated the disparities as per the answer that he gave with regard to* dipharologanyo. *He should have studied the disparities.* Jaanong o tshwanetse gore fa a re tlhalosetsa, a re neele dipalo go le motlhofo *Madam Speaker*. Ke a leboga.

MR LEKAU: Point of order. Thank you very much. *Ke emelela* Madam Speaker, *ka* Standing Order 38.1(f). *Sa re fa o botsa potso o le mmotsi, e se ka potso ya gago ya nna le* argument *kana ya batla* opinion. The Honourable Member is making an argument in the question. He is out of order. He cannot come and phrase the question *mme e na le* argument. Thank you very much.

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Atamelang.

MR ATAMELANG: Ke a leboga Rre Lekau. *Naturally I am calm…*

MADAM SPEAKER: *Honourable* Atamelang, ke kopa gore o tlhoafale nako e re siile ya dipotso. Tlhoafala o arabe.

MR ATAMELANG: *Ke a leboga. Kana mme ke ne ke reetse* honourable *ke re* in terms of comparison, I do not have the exact figure, so *ke ka se ke ke ntshe* exact figure to the latter *gone jaana*. I will bring back those findings. That was the answer. *E ne e se gore* I am avoiding *go mo araba kana jang.*

Ke bo ke mo raya ke re go sa kgathalesege gore ke bokae, what we know as UDC is we want the lowest earner *mo* Botswana *gore e nne* above P4, 000.00. That was just me saying *gore* how much the lowest

earner going forward will earn *ka gore* the independent consultant and a report *e dirilwe* at a time it was not the UDC administration. It means *gore* going forward, all these salary structures are going to be reviewed so that they can align with the UDC's manifesto. That is what I was trying to say. *Jaanong o nkgaotse ke ise ke tsene*.

Le gone gore when will the increment come into play? The BR is one of the state owned organisations *tse e leng gore* they are currently below the red line. *Di tshwanelwa ke gore re di thuse gore itsholelo ya* Botswana *e ye kwa pele*. I cannot give you specific timeline *ke go raya ke re* six months *mongwe le mongwe o tlaabo a amogela madi a a rileng*. It is subject to strategies that we are trying to implement *gore re tle re bone gore re ka tsosolosa* BR *jang le* other struggling state owned entities. *Ke gone fela* Madam Speaker. *Ke a leboga*.

NYUNGU ROYAL RUINS

MR S. O. MAPULANGA (CHOBE): asked the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to state:

(i) the status and ownership of the Nyungu (Ko Letswaing) Basubiya royal ruins;

(ii) when the ownership changed and how it changed from the community to the current status and ownership;

(iii) when and where consultations with the affected community were held regarding the status and ownership of the ruins;

(iv) whether the Nyungu royal ruins cannot be restored to community ownership under the management of Cisiya Nkulu Trust;

(v) the whereabouts of artefacts which included human bones and pottery that were excavated from the Nyungu ruins area;

(vi) whether the ministry would allow access to the artefacts by academics and researchers representing the community to document observations that will add to the literature and heritage of the Basubiya tribe which has inhabited the area from about AD 900 according to ancient archaeological research;

(vii) the status and ownership of the Ghoha Hills areas and when such status and ownership were assumed;

(viii) whether the ownership and/or management of the Ghoha Hills area cannot be restored to the community through the management of Cisiya Nkulu Trust;

(ix) whether he is aware that the Ghoha Hill is an ancient Subiya settlement/village with two graves of former Basubiya chiefs, a water well, castor oil medicinal plants and other sites that need preservation and official acknowledgement as part of Basubiya heritage; and

(x) whether he is aware that the settlements/ruins of Nyungu and Ghoha Hills are documented by some of the renowned researchers/authors such as Mr Anthony Sillery (1952, pp. 190-193), Professors Thomas Tlou and Christine Saidi, Messrs Daniel Shamukuni and Nicholas Katanekwa (archaeologist) to mention but a few.

ACTING MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE (DR DIKOLOTI): *Ke a go leboga* Madam Speaker. *Ke re kgotsa o dirile* reshuffle Madam Speaker.

(i) Madam Speaker, the Nyungu *kana* Ko Letswaing is part of a land parcel that is currently leased to Chobe Farms Pty (Ltd) through an agreement of grant of lease entered into by the Chobe Land Board as this is a tribal land, for a period of 50 years commencing on the 8th November 2010 to 7th November 2060.

(ii) Madam Speaker, the original farm Nyungu Valley Irrigation Scheme was established by the Brigades Development Trust in the early 1980's to train the youth in commercial arable farming. However, within a short period of time, the brigades encountered financial challenges and in order to sustain progress made on the land and to protect employees, the farm was sold by the Brigade Development Trust to the Botswana Development Corporation in 1985 who further developed the farm under horticulture.

MADAM SPEAKER: Order! Order! Honourable Dikoloti, *ke lebeletse nako gore* can you not summarise *kana* is this too long, *o tle o e mo neele*?

DR DIKOLOTI: Nnyaa, mme ga e telele *Madam Speaker* ka gore mo teng gape ke tsaya gore go na le tse a batlang ba di utlwa.

MADAM SPEAKER: E khutshwanyane?

DR DIKOLOTI: *Ee mma e khutshwanyane*. At the time the lease was remaining with four years. Upon expiry of the lease in 2010, the Chobe Farms Pty (Ltd) obtained the current commercial lease for 50 years.

(iii) Madam Speaker, there has not been any consultations as the tribe still retains the ownership of the land and by extension the ruins.

(iv) Madam Speaker, consultations can take place between the community and the Chobe Land Board on the management of the ruins.

(v) Madam Speaker, I am not in a position to state the whereabouts of the artifacts alleged to have been excavated from the Nyungu Ruins. Developments in areas of archaeological importance are preceded by Archaeological Impact Assessment (AIA). The ministry responsible for Monuments and Relics is responsible for the proper treatment and preservation of any artifacts found on site.

(vi) Madam Speaker, my ministry is not responsible for issuing research permits, however, access to any site for research purposes can be arranged with the ministry responsible for issuing research permits and with those currently holding rights to the land. Archaeological research is administered and managed through the Monuments and Relics Act of 2001 under the Ministry of Environment and Tourism.

(vii) Madam Speaker, the Ghoha Hills area in the Chobe National Park has been leased by Holly Hock by the Department of Lands since 2008 for operation of a tourism facility (a lodge). The lease was renewed in 2023 for a period of 15 years.

(viii) Madam Speaker, consultation on the management of the Ghoha Hills can take place between the land owners and the trust.

(ix) Madam Speaker, I am not aware of the details of the history of the Ghoha Hills site and whether there is a site of two graves of the former Basubiya Chiefs, a water well, castor oil medicinal plants and other sites that need preservation and official acknowledgement as part of Basubiya heritage. I encourage those with the history, knowledge and evidence to bring them to the relevant ministry so that the rich heritage of the sites can be preserved and documented.

(x) Madam Speaker, I am aware that the settlements and ruins of Nyungu and Ghoha Hills are documented by the some of the renowned researchers and authors, including those mentioned by the Honourable Member. I thank you Madam Speaker.

MR MAPULANGA: *Supplementary*. Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Tla ke go leboge Tona ka karabo. O supa fa gore ga o na *information* sentle, mme kana *Lands* e kwa go wena. Ga ke itse gore fa o re ga o na *information,* mme *Lands* e go neng go abiwa lefatshe le e wela kwa go wena go tewa jang? Tla ke supe jaana Tona gore *information* ya Chobe fa go tla kwa Pusong e a tlhaela, mme fa go tla mo mafelong a mangwe e a bonala. Ke buisiwa se *Madam Speaker* ka gore *the Old* Shoshong e a supa gore batho ba ba neng ba le foo ke bo mang bogologolo.

You go to Domboshaba e a supa gore batho ba ba foo, e bile ga e a tsewa yone. Jaanong mo gotweng ga re na *information* sentle ke sone se re tsayang ditshwetso tsa go aba lefatshe le, go tla jang gore Puso e e neetsweng Puso ke ba ba tsamaileng bo Mmamosadinyana e bo e tla gompieno e re ga e na *information* sentle ka mafelo a mangwe, mme ba kgona go tswelela ba itse *information* ya mafelo a mangwe *despite the records* tse di leng teng tse e leng gore *I have sighted a few of them here*? Go diragala eng Tona gore *information* ya Kgaolo ya Chobe e bo e tlhaela mo go kanakana mo go ka tsewang ditshwetso tse di ntseng jaana, tse di sa nnang sentle tse re dumelang gore ga di a nna sentle? Ke eng e tlhaela?

DR DIKOLOTI: Nte ke go leboge mokaulengwe. Ke ne ke bua ka tšhomi, mme ka fa ke neng ke bua ka tšhomi ka teng ke tlhamaletse. Ga go na sepe sa lefatshe se ke reng ga ke na *information* ya sone. Se ke senang *information* ya sone ke se o neng o se mpotsa se se lebanyeng lephata le sele. Mo karabong ya me ke ne ke go kaela gore tsamaya o ye go botsa mokaulengwe wa me ka tse o di botsang, e bile ke go lebogela gore o bo o na le kitso nngwe e re dumelang gore e ka re kgontsha gore re thuse batho ba kgaolo e o ba emetseng.

Ke dumela gore dilo tseo ga o a di farologanya sentle mokaulengwe. Ga go molato ke itse gore potso e ga o bolo go e botsa o batla dikarabo tsa yone, mme ke di go neetse ka botlalo mo e leng gore ke go kaeditse gore o ye kwa go mokaulengwe wa me Wynter Mmolotsi, re tle re katolole re kgone gore re supe mo gontsi mo go diragalang kana mo go diragetseng kwa kgaolong e o emetseng. Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*.

MADAM SPEAKER: *Honourable Members*, e tshaile nako ya dipotso, re tsena kwa *Motions*.

ADOPTION OF THE POLICY ON THE LICIT USE OF CANNABIS IN BOTSWANA FOR INDUSTRIAL AND MEDICINAL PURPOSES

Motion

(Resumed Debate)

MADAM SPEAKER: Order! Order! Honourable Members, the debate on this Motion is resuming, when the House adjourned yesterday, Honourable Ramaotwana was on the floor debating and he is left with six minutes 20 seconds. Honourable Ramaotwana, you can continue with the debate.

MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES (MR RAMAOTWANA): Ke a go leboga *Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker*, ke ne ke re ke *support policy* e re e beilweng pele ke Tona Dikoloti ka fa e kwadilweng ka botswerere ka teng. E nankotse dilo tsotlhe tse di tlhokafalang *in terms of the international conventions, international law obligations, domestic laws* le *objectives. Let me recap, the policy on page* 5 *is clear* gore ya re e batla go dira eng. E bua ka *cultivation of cannabis sativa*, ke yone e e itlhalosang gore ya re e batla go dira eng, go lema *cannabis sativa*. Go ne go na le ketsaetsego maabane ya gore gatwe go lemiwa eng, *definition* ke eng. *Sativa* fa o bala Act ya Palamente yone e gore *what is cannabis, illicit traffic and narcotic drugs and psychotropic substance, declaration of illicit substances,* Order 23 *Madam Speaker, if I can quote with your permission.*

MADAM SPEAKER: Please continue.

MR RAMAOTWANA: Ya re, "*cannabis, the flowering of fruiting tops of the cannabis plant* (*reason not extracted*)." *So* sethunya se se neng se buiwa ke *honourable* fa ke ene *cannabis* e e leng gore *this plant* ke yone e e nang le sethunya, ke yone e re buang ka yone *in terms of this Act*. Fa o ya kwa *the* Illicit Drug Trafficking Act ka gore re bua ka *plant,* e tlhalosa *plant* e re ke eng? Ya re, "*plant includes any portion of a plant*," *so it cannot be detained by whether we are talking about a seed, flower or what, we are talking of a plant called cannabis sativa,* ke yone *debate* ya *this policy*. Ke sone se ke reng *this plant* e re buang ka yone, ke yone e re batlang gore re tle re dire ditiro ka yone.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: E bue ka Setswana.

MR RAMAOTWANA: Le fa o ka re motokwane, ga ke itse gore *hemp* yone ka Setswana ke eng *but what I know* ke gore *sativa* ba re ke motokwane. Go tshwana le fa o re kgomo *is a cow*; e ka tswa e le Brahman, Simmental, Shirleen jalojalo. *So, you will be talking about a cow.*

So, ke sone se ke reng, *you are concerned about the family name of this plant.* Rona *we are concerned about the plant that we want to create jobs* ka yone, e seng *variegated subsidiaries of the plant. Madam Speaker,* go tshwana fela le motho a baka *assault and battery* a bo a re ka Setswana o raya eng? Go na le bo *rape, defilement* kana *indecent assault* mo teng mme fa o di bua ka Setswana, *they may have a different… also* thubetso le bo go phoraphora, yo mongwe go reng. *So*, ke sone ke reng, *it cannot be detained by semantics* tsa lefoko *cannabis sativa, so*, re ntse re itse gore ra re re batla eng.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR RAMAOTWANA: Nako ya me e nnyennyane thata, bona gore ke saletswe ke bokae. Jaanong fa o ya kwa *Page* 7, e tlaabo e go bolelela ka *opportunities for this plant.* E ka dira *textiles, food, pharmaceuticals and job creation*. E itlhalosa gore ya re e batla *to achieve* eng le *diversification of the economy.*

Fa o ya kwa *Page* 11 *up to* 16, e go bolelela ka *the current status* sa Botswana gore ke eng, melao ya teng ke eng, e kganela eng. Fa o ya kwa 16 jaanong e bo e go bolelela ka *policy objectives* gore ke go dira eng. Sengwe le sengwe se kwadilwe ka botswetswere le ka botlalo. Fa o tsaya *objectives* tsa teng kwa *Page* 16, e go bolelela ka;

(i) medicinal and scientific applications of the cannabis

(ii) industrial cannabis cultivation in processing.

So, go raya gore matute a *this plant* a ka dirisiwa *for* melemo, dijo le *cultivation* ya *fibre.* Di kwadilwe kwa *Page* 23 gore go ka tswa eng mo setlhareng se re batlang go se lema. 23 e buile sengwe le sengwe gore *the stock* sa teng se ka dira *textile* le *ropes,* pampiri *and fibre boards*. *Seed* ya teng e ka dira *cooking oil, fuel* le *paint. So,* e tlhalositse gore setlhare se re batlang go se lema se se ka dira dijo le melemo e e ntseng jang. *So,* ga re a tshwanela go etseetsega, e a itlhalosa ka boyone. Ke sone se ke reng *I support* mogopolo o ka tsela e e ntseng jalo gore o fete. Re ne re bina kosha e mmogo le bagarona mo *Manifesto* wa UDC ka 2019 re bua ka *industrial hemp. So,* ke yone e re santseng re e bina le gompieno. Fa e le gore ba e tlhanogetse, ga go molato mme re ne re bina kosha e mmogo. Ke sone se ke reng kosha e e a tswelela *Madam Speaker.*

Go ne go na le letshwenyego la gore ra reng ka batho ba basetlha? Fa o ka bala mo *Page* 18, e tlaa go bolelela ka bo *key objectives, local capacity building* le dilo tse dintsi jaaka bo *community benefits.* Ke gore go tshwana le *royalties* ka gore rona ra re, *it should control* gore e se ka ga tloga ga nna le *contamination,* o fitlhela ba bangwe jaanong ba e dirisa *for recreational use.* Re batla gore e dirisediwe *for* melemo, go dira *fibre,* diaparo le sengwe le sengwe gore re *diversify economy* ya rona.

Batho le bone ba ka nna *involved* mo *issues* tsa bo *transportation.* Fa o na le koloi, *you may participate,* go ka nna le *local benefits.* Ke sone se ke reng *Madam Speaker*…

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure.

MR RAMAOTWANA: E tshaile.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Supplementary.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: E tlaa ema fa ke re *procedure.*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ga o e mphe foo?

MR RAMAOTWANA: *Madam Speaker, with that,* go raya gore jaanong le *licences for manufacturing and processing,* o ka kgona go e tsaya ya bo *transportation.* Ke sone se ke reng *it does not exclude* ope, mongwe le mongwe o ka nna *involved* mo go yone, a *participate*. Ka jalo, ke ema ka go *support this policy.*

MADAM SPEAKER: E go tshwere *honourable.*

MR RAMAOTWANA: Thank you.

MR HIKUAMA (MAUN WEST): Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Le nna mma ke tseye sebaka se go latlhela a se kae mo puisanong e re e beilweng pele ke tsala ya me wa Tona, yo malatsi a a nkgalefelang fa ke mmitsa ka leina, mme tota e le tsala ya me, Dr Dikoloti. O ne a tsamaya a njesa dijo tse di monate tsa bo Tona mo dikgaolong tse ke di mo tsamaisitseng.

Madam Speaker, I do not have a strong conviction to either support this policy or to move against it. I do not have those strong convictions. Ke na le melaetsa e ke batlang go e fetisa mabapi le kgang ya temo *in general* mo lefatsheng la Botswana. *Madam Speaker,* ga ke dumele gore leina le kgona go fetola motho go nna *a master farmer* ka gore gatwe gompieno go lengwa motokwane, go raya gore Batswana ba tlaa nna balemi ba popota, leina fela, ga ke dumele jalo. Mo dilong tse di botlhokwa jaaka mabele, mmidi le dinawa, re paletswe ke go dira *master farmers. Honourable Speaker,* le gompieno go ntsha mabele fela a mabele gore lefatshe la Botswana gotwe le dira mabele, le a lema, batho ba a ja e bile ba a rekisa, go a pala. Gongwe se re neng re ka se leba re le lefatshe ke go leba gore se se paledisang Batswana go nna le seabe se segolo fa re tla mo temong ke eng, re bo re *address limitations and those shortfalls* tse di dirang gore re se ka ra kgona go intshetsa dijo. Ga ke dumele gore le *Honourable* Barongwang o ka bua gore dijo di tshwana le mabele le mmidi ga di na mosola mo setshabeng e bile ga di ka ke tsa dira ditiro.

Fa e le gore re ka dira ditiro ka motokwane, dijo di tshwana le mabele, mmidi le dinawa tse di jewang ke mongwe le mongwe di ka pala go dira ditiro jang?

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM (MR MMOLOTSI): *Clarification.* Ga ke itse gore a *policy* golo fa ya re go tlaabo go sa tlhole go letlelelwa go lengwa *other crops* jaaka mabele le mmidi? Kana e bua ka *production* ya *cannabis sativa* e e leng gore gongwe go lebilwe *products and by-products* tse e leng gore fa o di *beneficiate, you are likely to create more jobs because it is a high value crop* e e leng gore *its by-products are very helpful*. Ke ne ke re o e tlhalose gone foo gore a gatwe go kganelwa tse dingwe tse re di batlang thata jaaka bo mabele? Le nna ke a di rata.

MR JACOBS: *Clarification*. *Thank you.* Re a leboga Rre Hikuama. Rre Hikuama, *projection* ya *hemp,* kana re e bitsa re reng…

HONOURABLE MEMBER: …(Inaudible)…

MR JACOBS: …(*Laughter!*)… *Rre* Hikuama, I wanted to highlight something to you, the hemp has contributed to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth of this world at 57 billion in 2023 and it is anticipated *gore* by the year 2030, we will be sitting at 444 trillion Dollars that it shall contribute to the GDP growth of this world. So, how can we say *tota* Botswana should not tap into such a big opportunity? Thank you so much.

MR HIKUAMA: Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker.* Ke lebogela *your interventions*. Fa le nkutlwile, ke ne ke sa re ke ganana le motokwane ka gore nna ga ke o itse gore o dira eng, ga o dire eng. *So,* ga ke ka ke ka ganana le selo se ke sa se itseng gore se dira eng e bile se ka dira ditiro jang. *I am here, I am at your mercy* gore le tle le dire mathaithai le hire batho ka motokwane, le lwantshe lehuma ka motokwane. Ke gore nna ke gakgamala gore fa re paletswe ke go lwantsha lehuma ka mmidi o re o itseng, *sunflower* e re e itseng, e e jewang ke mongwe le mongwe, le ka mabele le dinawa re sa kgona go dira gore re ka fetsa lehuma le letlhoko la ditiro mo lefatsheng ka tsone, re tlaabo re tla ka *magic* fela wa gore gompieno re bitsa motokwane, re bo re nna le *magic* wa gore jaanong *we can create* ditiro, re paletswe ke *job creation* ka dilo tse re di itseng, tse di lengwang le ke motho a le kwa...

MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES (MR RAMAOTWANA): *Clarification.* Ke batla go botsa motlotlegi gore, ka a re motokwane o se ka wa lengwa, e bile ga a dumele gore o ka dira sepe, a mme a re, a re ka fetsa...

MR HIKUAMA: Ke a go emisa jaanong. *I take my floor* ka gore o simolola…nnyaa ga ke sa tlhole ke go letlelela. Fa e le gore wena o tla ka *to distort* mo *clarification* ke go file *slot* sa me, nnyaa, nna fa fatshe. Mo nnise fa fatshe *Madam Speaker.*

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Laughter!)...

MADAM SPEAKER: ...(Laughter!)...

MR RAMAOTWANA: Ke a botsa gore a ga o dumele mo *number eight* ya *Motion* o e neng e le gore...

MADAM SPEAKER: *Honourable* Ramaotwana, mong wa *slot* o a se batla *back.*

MR HIKUAMA: O tsaya nako ya me, fa e le gore o tla ka *to distort* se ke se buileng, jaanong o ntseela nako. General *I am banning him* le ene, ga ke ka ke ka tlhola ke mo neela. *I am banning him for* dingwaga tse *five*, *I will never yield for him.*

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Laughter!)...

MR HIKUAMA: Se ke se buang ke se, ka re ga ke na kgang *against* motokwane ka gore, ga ke itse sepe ka motokwane, ga ke itse gore o tshedisitse mang. Ga ke ka ke ka gana, ga ke itse gore ba o ba tshetsang kwa mafatsheng a ba tshelang ka motokwane…ba ba kgonneng go dira ditiro ga ke na kgang le bone, ka gore ga ke itse. Ka re, fa e le gore re le Lephata la Temothuo, e bile re batla go nonotsha motokwane mme re paletswe ke go ijesa ka mabele a re a itseng, le go dira ditiro ka mmidi o re o itseng, gatwe re tlaabo re tla ka *magic* wa mofuta ofe? *I yield for Honourable* Barongwang *and Honourable* Ntsima.

MR BARONGWANG: *Clarification.* Ke a go leboga, e bile *I feel* gore ke tshwanelwa ke *to clarify* ka *you mentioned* leina la me. Batho kwa Mogoditshane ba tlaa tloga ba dumela gore ke na le tumelo ya gore mabele a se ka a lengwa. Ke batla go go gakolola sengwe fa *Honourable* Hikuama, fa o re batho ba paletswe, gakere ga o reye Puso ya gompieno, o raya e e nang le 58 e ne e ntse e le teng? Se se tlang gompieno se ke se se lekwang ke Puso e ntšha, *so* jaanong ga o ka ke wa re raya o re batho ba ba paletsweng maloba, ba kamoso ba tlaa palelwa. Ke a leboga.

MINISTER OF TRADE AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (MR NTSIMA): *Clarification.* Ke a leboga. Ke ne ke re ka gore gongwe re paletswe ke tse dingwe, ga se gore re leke jaanong tse re bonang di dira sentle kwa mafatsheng mangwe?

MR HIKUAMA: Fa ke ema ke rile, ga ke ka ke ka ganana le dilo tse ke sa di itseng. Ke gore ke setse ke *doubt* gore, a mme la re go bitsa fela gore jaanong re lema motokwane re kgone go ntsha *a master farmer,* re paletswe ke go ntsha *master farmer* ka mabele, mmidi le dinawa tse re di itseng, a *value chain* e le e buang, ya dilo tse ga e botlhokwa? O raya gore *value chain* ya mmidi…

kana Rre Koma o ne a re kana fa o …(*Interruptions*)… kgetsi ya mmidi o dira mealie-rice, setampa le bopi. Ke raya gore go na le ...(*Interruptions*)… Jaanong la re dilo tse ga di na *value chain? ...*(*Interruptions*)… dijo tsa dikgomo tsa dilo tse, ga di na *value chain? Are you saying* motokwane fela ka bo one *is magical*? O ...(*Interruptions*)… o ka tlisa ditiro tse re palelwang ke go di dira ka dilo tse re di itseng? Nna ka re a re beye mo go lona ba le nang le dikitso tsa metokwane ya gore gatwe e tlile go dira ditiro ka teng. Ke gakgametse gore la re, re ka palelwa ke go dira ditiro ka dilo tse re di itseng, re bo re re, jaanong re a go lekeletsa ka motokwane o o kwa mafatsheng a sele, o ba ka se keng ba o leme gope gape. Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker.*

MR FRENZEL (SHASHE WEST): Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker.* Tla ke simolole ke re, ke ema fa gongwe go supa gore ke dumalana le se Tona a tlang ka sone. Ke dumalana totatota gore re tshwanelwa ke go lebelela mabaka a mantsi gore, gone re bua ka eng. Fa o re o a lebelela mo dikgannyeng tse Tona a neng a bua ka tsone, ke ne ke mo reeditse fa a itlhalosa, a itsatsanka ka fa a neng a itsatsanka ka teng, e bile a ba a supa gore, ga re bue ka motokwane o bangwe ba rona re o akantseng. E rile fa ke ntse ke akanya, ka akanya gore, fa re bua ka mabele, ke tlaa fa sekai ka mabele…kana gongwe re re morogo, go na le *spinach,* se wela ka fa tlase ga merogo. Go na le bo *rape, chomolia* le *nyevhe,* tsotlhe di wela ka fa tlase ga merogo. Merogo e mentsintsi. Go na le mabele, le one go na le bo segaolwane le phofu, o ka a bitsa ka metlhale mentsi. Kgang e bo e nna gore, a mme e ka re fa e le gore morogo wa *rape* o na le bothata fa o o ja, o a kgwa kana o tsenwa ke mala, a o tlaa tla o tla o re morogo ga o a siama fela ka gore *rape* e go tsenya mala? A o ka tla o re *rape* ga e a siama? Ke kgang e ke batlang gore gongwe re fete ka yone. Motokwane o Tona a buang ka one o bua ka setlhatshana se se ka tlang sa tsosa itsholelo. Ga a bue ka motokwane o gongwe re ka o buang o o kileng wa bo o lemiwa kwa bo Paje.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Wena o nkgatlhela gore o bua ka motokwane.

MR FRENZEL: Gakere jaanong ke batla gore ke le tlhalosetse. O bua ka motokwane…ga a bue ka motokwane o o neng o lemiwa kwa bo Paje kana Mopipi ka dinako tseo. Gompieno re bua ka motokwane o a go tlang o fetola itsholelo ya lefatshe la rona. Jaanong o supile a re...

MR FURNITURE: *Clarification.* Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Mma ke go leboge *Honourable* Frenzel. Ke re gongwe o thuse le Motswana yo o kwa gae gore, gone mme jaaka o bua gore motokwane o kana setlhatshana se se a go thusa itsholelo, se a go tlhama ditiro, gone mme wena le Puso ya gago ya UDC, le solofela gore le ya go tlhama ditiro di le kae mo setlhatshaneng se?

MR FRENZEL: Ke a leboga. Go ya ka *policy* e fa ke tla le yone, e ne e ntshupegetsa gore madi a a ka tlang a nna teng… ya ditiro ke a e utlwa, ga re ise re goroge kwa go yone…madi a a ka diragalang go tswa ka 2023 go ya go tsena ka 2030, go ka dirwa a a kana ka US$387 *billion*. Ke madi a a ka dirwang. O bo o ipotsa gore, madi a a kanakana a fa a ka tla ra tla ra a bona, go ka diragala eng mo lefatsheng le? Go a go ngoka ditiro di le kae go tsosa itsholelo? E bile go ya ka *policy* e go ya go nna le *licences* tse di farologaneng, go ya go nna le ba ba tlaabong ba hirwa, fa ke feta ka yone, ba ba tlaabong ba hirelwa *for cultivation,* mo *page* 27. Go na le ba *transportation, processing and manufacturing*, *research* le bo *laboratory,* ke gore di farologane. Ke bua ka ditiro tse e leng gore ...(*Interruptions*)… tsa dirwa fa setlhare se se nna teng…

MR JACOBS: *Clarification.* Ke a leboga tsala ya me Rre Frenzel. Rre Frenzel wee! jaaka re le mo tumalanong ya gore gompieno diteemane le nama ya Botswana thekiso ya teng e ile kwa tlase, mme go na le *potential* ya gore re ka tla ka selo se se ntša jaaka *cannabis,* e kgona go tlisa itsholelo e e botoka mo lefatsheng la rona, e tlisa GDP *growth* ya P444 *billion. Then why should we not invest in such a thing my brother?* Ke a leboga.

MR FRENZEL: Gakere o a utlwa gore o e tshwere sentle, jaanong re a dumalana. O ka ipotsa gore fa diteemane tsa lefatshe la Botswana gompieno, di epiwa jaaka *gold* e epiwa kwa Zimbabwe, re ka bo re le fa kae. Mongwe le mongwe a ka ya go tsaya peke a bo a tsena kwa Letlhakane kana Jwaneng a ikepela, fela jaaka kwa Zimbabwe fa o tsamaya mo ditoropong tsele tsa Zimbabwe, gongwe le gongwe fa o tsamayang teng mo dikgaolong tsele, mongwe le mongwe o tsamaya ka *machine* wa gagwe *that senses* gore *gold* e fa kae. O ka ipotsa gore re ka bo re le fa kae.

Jaanong ba ba leng kgatlhanong le temo ya setlhare se, a ba batla go nthaya ba re fa re tsamaya ka *policy* e, go supa gore go tlaabo go sireletsegile, ba reela gore re ya

go dira ka tsela e e ntseng jang, fa mongwe le mongwe a ne a ka itemela. Kana fa re tlogela mongwe le mongwe a itemela, ke gore le ka fa morago ga dijarata mongwe le mongwe a itemele, go gogiwe gongwe le gongwe. Jaanong rona ga re bue ka motokwane o o tlaabong o gogiwa gongwe le gongwe, jaaka o gompieno jaana re o bonang o tsena mo lefatsheng. Re bua ka setlhare se e leng gore fa o bua ka sone… ke le boleletse dikai gore morogo le mabele di wela ka fa tlase ga setlhare sefe.

Fa o bala mo *Page* 24, e a go supegetsa gore ditata *(seeds)* tsa setlhare se di ka dira eng. Di ka go direla *fuel, cooking oil* le pente. O bo o tsena mo meding ya setlhare se, se ka go direla molemo le *manure.* Re a itse gore setlhare se, gongwe se ka fodisa malwetse a a tshwanang *cancer* le *diabetes.* A la re re tlogele, re nne re ye kwa mafatsheng a sele a a lemang setlhare seo ka fa molaong, mafatshe a a tshwanang jaaka Tona a ne a supa, Zimbabwe, South Africa le Eswatini?. Ba lema setlhare seo, a la re re lebelele mafatshe ao a tswelele rona re palelwe re nne fa fatshe? Re re nnyaa, tswelelang rona re tlaa baya mo diteemaneng, tse mo nakong ya gompieno re itseng gore ga di dire sentle. Diteemane di eme fela, ga di tswelele. Jaanong a la re re tswelele re nne fela fa fatshe, *economy* ya rona e *collapse,* kamoso le bo le tsoga le re tshega le bo le tla le re ke ba ba a palelwa? A le a rialo ne? E go bolelela le ka thito ya setlhare se, kana re bua ka selo se se botlhokwa. Thito ya sone e ka go direla *textile* kana kapari e re e aparang e. E ka go direla mogala.

Ke santse ke gakologelwa *Honourable* Moalosi a eme ka 2014 a batla bopalamente mo kgaolong ya me, ke le mo bokhanselareng. A tsamaya ka beke a tsamaya a bapatsa setlhare se. A letsatsi leno *Honourable* Moalosi o batla go nthaya a re, nnyaa a re se ka ra lema setlhare se ga se a siama? Ke batla fela gore a mpolelele, a tle a bue gore a o kgatlhanong le setlhare se letsatsi leno? A o batla gore re le mo Pusong re tle re palelwe, mme wena ka 2014 e rile fa o tsamaya o se bapatsa, e bile ke santse ke gakologelwa gore *hemp* fa o ne o e tlhalosa, o supa gore e dirisiwa mo *plumbing.* O bua dilo tse dintle thata.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Mpha *clarification* ke go tlhalosetse *comrade.*

MR FRENZEL: Nnyaa. O se ka wa tshwenyega...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure.

MR FRENZEL: …gakere o ne o tsene. Jaanong dilo tse tse re di tlhalosang, re a di supa...

MR KAIZER: *Procedure.* Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker.* Ke dumela gore Motlotlegi Frenzel o tlaabo a ntsha Ntlo e mo tsamaisong, ka gore ga a na bosupi jwa gore *Honourable* Moalosi o ne a tshwere setlhatshana se a buang ka sone. Jaanong *the information* e a e ntshang, gongwe a tlise bosupi le rona re tle re dumalane re bone gore nnyaa, go boammaaruri o ne o tshwere setlhatshana seo. Ke a leboga.

MADAM SPEAKER: *Honourable* Kaizer, ga o a tshwanela gore o bo o buelelela *Honourable* Molaosi, a le fa a itidimaletse. *Continue Honourable* Frenzel.

MR FRENZEL: Nnyaa, letsatsi leno Kaizer o mpaletse. Ga ke ise ke re *Honourable* Moalosi o ne a tsamaya a se sikere, ka re o ne a tsamaya a ipapatsa, gakere ke bua re le mo *constituency* e nngwefela. Ee, a tsamaya a tshwere beke ka nako ya teng. Ga ke ise ke re o ne a tshwere motokwane kana *hemp.* Ka re o ne a ipapatsa a tshwere *hemp.*

Jaanong *Madam Speaker,* ke ema fa ke lebeletse seemo sa itsholelo ya lefatshe la rona le ditiro tse di ka tlhamiwang fa re ka letla gore setlhare se se nne teng mo lefatsheng la rona, jaaka re lebeletse gore mafatshe a re bapileng le one a setse a se lema. Ke supa e bile ke dumela gore setlhare se se ka godisa itsholelo ya lefatshe la Botswana. Ka go rialo ke ema nokeng ke re, a re se lemeng. Ke a leboga.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: …(Applause!)…

SPEAKER'S ANNOUNCEMENT

MADAM SPEAKER: Order! Order! Honourable Members, we have visitors today in the gallery. They are hosted by Botswana Qualification Authority (BQA), the visitors are a team of experts from African Continental Qualification Framework (ACQF) Authority. They are touring Parliament buildings, they will be here briefly to appreciate how our Parliament Business is run. *E re le ntse le dira dilonyana.*

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: …(Applause!)…

MADAM SPEAKER: I have not finished, I am still standing up. The team of experts who are in the company of two BQA employees are James Mwewa

from Zambia, can you wave please from there. Patrick Werquin from France, Robin Phooichund from Mauritius, Michael Graham from Italy. Thank you sir. Honourable Members, welcome our visitors to Botswana Parliament. Thank you.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: …(Applause!)…

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS (MR MOSWAANE): Ke go leboge Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke ema fano go ema nokeng Tshutiso e re e beilweng pele ke Dr Dikoloti. Ke rata ke bua jaana ke re, ke modumedi wa letso la Sekeresete, e bile ke emela gore ke ba ntshe letshogo le le ka tswang le ka bewa fa pele ga bone. Tona o kopa fela gore go dirwe *policy* ya gore go lengwe setlhatshana sengwe se dipatlisiso di dirilweng mo mafatsheng a a tlhabologileng go fitlha jaana, gore setlhatsana se fa se le teng, se ka lengwa mme sa thusa go dira melemo mengwe e e ka fodisang malwetse a a sa foleng mo lefatsheng la Botswana kana mo lefatsheng ka kakaretso. Malwetse a tshwana le *cancer,* sukiri le *high blood* a feditse ditšhaba. Ke batla go supa jaana gore ke mangwe mabaka a matona a a dirileng gore Puso mo nakong ya gompieno e bo e tsaya tshwetso ya gore e leme setlhatshana se. Go lengwa ga setlhatshana se, go tlaabo go sireleditswe fela jaaka go sireleditswe teemane. Ga gona go dira mongwe le mongwe, jaaka batho ba ka akanya. Go tlaabo go sireleditswe mo e leng gore fa o ka iphitlhela wena yo o sa fiwang *licence* o tswelela wa dira tiro e e tshwanang le go lema setlhatshana seo, o ka di gama o sa di tlhapela.

Ke supa jaana gore, ba le leng ba letso la me la bodumedi, ba ba dumelang mo go Jeso Keresete, ba se ka ba tlhodiega mo ditlhaloganyong tsa bone fa go buiwa ka Setswana gotwe setlhatshana se sa motokwane se tlaa lengwa, go bo gotwe a Puso jaanong e rotloetsa thekiso ya motokwane. Nnyaa, ra re go dirilwe dipatlisiso kwa mafatsheng a mangwe a matona a a tlhabologileng, gore setlhatshana se fa se lengwa, se kgona go dira melemo e e sireletsang mo malwetseng. Ga se ne se lemelwa go jesa batho, jaaka re bona yo mongwe a re, "ke eleditse go goga motokwane," go bo gotwe "tsaya *packet* ke e, o ye go rekisa." Jalo he, go lengwa ga sone, go ka tlhama ditiro tse batho ba ka hirwang ka dipalopalo mo lefelong le le tlaabong le sireleditswe gore ba kgone go bereka ba le bantsi. Ka jalo, ke le *Honourable* Moswaane, ke ema fano ke supa gore bagaetsho, fa go lengwa setlhare se se sireletsegileng, se se sa feteleng kwa bathong, se se tlaabong se sa bonwe ke moloi, ke tlaa ema Tona nokeng ka kopo e a e beileng fa pele ga Palamente.

Bagaetsho, mo nakong ya gompieno, go na le melemo e mengwe e re e fiwang ke ba bongaka e e nang le *alcohol content*. Melemo e mengwe ya sehuba le e e alafang malwetse a mangwe, e na le *alcohol content* mme re a e nwa. Re sa e nwele botagwa. Re e nwela go batla go fodisiwa. Ka jalo, ke batla gore batho ba tlhatswege mo dipelong gore setlhatshana se fa se jwalwa, ga se na go nna sa maitirelo, se mongwe le mongwe a ka se itemelang, se bo se leswafatsa lefatshe la rona. Go a bonagala gore mafatshe a a se lemang, se tsholetsa *economy* ya one.

Bagaetsho, ga o ka ke wa tshwantshanya setlhatshana se le kgetsi ya mmidi. Fa o tla ka 50 kilogrammes (kg) ya setlhatshana se, yo mongwe a tla ka 50 kg ya dinawa, yo mongwe ka ya mmidi jaaka *Honourable* Hikuama a ne a bua, ga di na go tshwana ka tlhwatlhwa. Setlhatshana se, se na le tlhwatlhwa e e kwa godimo e lefatshe la rona le tlaa bonang dikhumo. Ke re, le se boifeng ka gore setlhatshana se, se tlaabo se sireleditswe. Se lengwa fa go sireleditsweng. Se neelwa motho ka *licence*, e bile go sa tsene mongwe le mongwe fa se lengwang teng. Ga se na go tshwana le tshimo e o lemang mabele mo go yone, e mongwe le mongwe a ka tsenang a re ke tlile go kopa magapu. Ga se na go tshwana le tshimo e o lemang mmidi mo go yone kana sepe fela se se jewang, e mongwe le mongwe a ka tsenelelang mo go yone a itirela go rata batho betsho. Ka jalo, ke batla go le raya ke re, lalang ka ntho madi a tshologa ba le tshogileng. Ga go na go nna le botlhole bope jo bo tlaa direlwang tšhaba ya Botswana jo bo sa siamang.

Ke le file sekai le le badumedi ka re, go na le melemo mengwe e le e nwang e e nang le *alcohol content.* Re a e nwa, re bo re fola. Re a e nwa, re bo re sa tagwe. O bo o fitlhela e le gore ke boammaaruri o ka nna wa tsaya boikhutso jwa gore o lapile, o bo o robala. Ga o na go kaiwa jaaka mongwe yo gotweng o ne a gogile motokwane kana o nole bojalwa jo bo feteletseng.

MR HIKUAMA: *On a point of clarification.* Ke a leboga *Honourable* Moswaane. Ke batla *clarification* mo dintlheng tse pedi; ya ntlha ke gore o papamatsa gore se le batlang go se dira mo lefatsheng la Botswana,

ke go tlisa batho ba ba nang le boitsaanape, ba ba nang le madi a mantsi. Re bo re dira *partnership* jaaka re dira mo diteemaneng ka o ne o e tshwantshanya le De Beers. De beers ke yone e epang, sa rona ke go e neela lefatshe le dilo tsa rona. Se o se buang ke gore, le ya go tsaya baitsaanape ba ba supileng gore motokwane o na le boleng, ba bo ba tla ba dira mono le ba sireletsa, go sena Motswana ope yo o letlelesegang go ka itemela dilo tseo. Ke ya ntlha.

Ya bobedi, ka tlhwatlhwa o bua boammaaruri, *Honourable* Moswaane. *Packet* fela ya motokwane gompieno e turu go gaisa 50 kg ya mmidi.

MR MOSWAANE: Nnyaa, ke go tlhomamisetse *Honourable* Hikuama, fa e le gore go ka nna le Motswana mongwe yo o nang le dikgatlhego, a na le dikitso a bo a batla go dira kgwebo eo, fa a ka fitlhelela *the requirements* tse di batliwang ke *policies and programmes* tse re nang le tsone, o tlaa tswelela ka kgwebo eo. Ra re, go dira melemo, go batlega baitsaanape. Fa re bua gore go na le baitsaanape ba ba rileng, re bua ka gore golo gongwe re tlaa lema *and produce,* re bo re isa kwa go ba ba tshwanetseng go ya *to process.*

ACTING MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE (DR DIKOLOTI): *Elucidation.* Ke a go leboga *Honourable* Moswaane. Fa gongwe bakaulengwe ka fale ba tloga ba dira gore Batswana ba inyatse. Re na le Motswana kwa New Zealand, *who is playing a very big part in the cannabis space*. E bile o go bolelela gore o dirisa dikitso tse di seng kana ka sepe tsa gore re tshela jang kwano *when it comes to transportation of the same,* a lebeletse *the conditions* tse a tshelang mo go tsone kwa New Zealand. Kgang ya gore Batswana ba nyadiwe gotwe ga ba ka ke ba nna le seabe mo teng, ga se e tshwanetseng gore bakaulengwe ka fale ba e tsweledise. Ba batla go kgoba Batswana marapo gore ba se ka ba ipona mo thulaganyong e re leng mo go yone e.

MR MOSWAANE: *Thank you Honourable* Dr Dikoloti. Tota ke ne ke emetse go supa gore *we are a Christian country.* Bangwe ba ka simolola ba nna le mogopolo o o botlhoko ka kgang ya gore re bua ka leina le gotweng motokwane. Ke sone se ke reng batsadi ba me ba ba dumelang mo Moreneng, setlhatshana se re buang ka sone se, ke se se tlaa romelwang kwa mafatsheng kana kwa go tshwanetseng teng gore se ye go dira melemo mengwe e e ka thusang lefatshe lotlhe. Se tlhwatlhwakgolo mo se ka re ntshang mo lehumeng. Ga se ye go rekisiwa ka tsela e e botlhaswa jaaka dilo dingwe tse di lengwang.

Ga ke rate gore bangwe ba bo ba tsweletse ba raya batho ba re, le tlaabo le kgoreletsa Batswana go ka gweba ka kgwebo e, nnyaa bagaetsho. Yo o nang le kgatlhego, o ya go fiwa gore *these are the requirements* fa e le gore o batla go lema setlhare se. Fa e le gore *you meet the requirements,* o bo o simolola o tsweledisa, go tlaa nna fela jalo. Fela jaaka go le thata mo teemaneng gongwe le mo setlhatshaneng se, go tlaa nna thata. Lefatshe le tlaa boelwa ka gore ga go batlege gore re iphitlhele se lemelwa gore batho ba intshe bodutu ka sone. Ke se se lemelwang go dira melemo e e sireletsang botshelo jwa motho.

Ke kopa gore rotlhe ba re mo Ntlong e, re amogele *policy* e gore e re tlela ka maduo a go tlhama ditiro, a go godisa letseno la itsholelo ya rona le gore re nne lengwe la mafatshe a a tlhabologang. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM (MR MMOLOTSI): Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker,* ke batla re simolole kgang ya *policy* e, ka kutlwisiso ya gore re le UDC, re beile Batswana mogopolo pele wa gore re eletsa gore re ye go dira ditiro di le kae. Ke batla gore gape le e tlhaloganye ka kutlwisiso ya gore mo nakong ya gompieno, itsholelo ya rona ga e dire sentle. Seemo sa diteemane tse di ntseng di tshegeditse itsholelo ya rona, se ile kwa tlase mo go feteletseng. Fa re nna le kutlwisiso e, re bo re itse gore lefatshe le, le tlhoka go tlhabologa.

Re itlamile gape re le UDC gore re tle re dire ditiro tse di 450 000 *in five years,* re ya go tlhoka go godisa itsholelo ya rona *at some point* ka 10 *per cent* ngwaga le ngwaga. Re bua dikgang tse re lebile gore re tle re kgone go ntsha P1 800, P4 000, P2 500 le ditsholofetso tse re neng re di dirile. Re bone gore re tlhoka gore re godise itsholelo ka tsela e e ntseng jang.

Dingwe sa dilo tse re neng re lebile mo go tsone gore di godisa itsholelo, e bile di godisitse diitsholelo tsa mafatshe a mangwe, ke *cannabis production. Before I get there*, mma ke tlhalose gape gore re lefatshe la

temothuo. Re le Puso ya UDC, *we are saying* sengwe sa dilo tse re batlang go ya go di emela ka dinao, ke go leka go godisa *agriculture* gore *food production* e nne mo seemong se e leng gore *we can achieve food self-sufficiency and food security*. Maikaelelo a rona ke gore, *both pastoral and arable farming* re di emele ka dinao go bona gore di tlisa maduo a a ka dirang ditiro tse dingwe, a a ka godisang itsholelo.

Re eletsa gore re godise *contribution* ya *agriculture to the* GDP gore re tle re kgone go dira ditiro tse di rileng. Ke batla gore le e tlhaloganye ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, gore fa o bona mo nakong ya gompieno le madi a Research and Development (R&D) a le botoka, ke gone go ya go leka gore le *research* ya gore re ka tokafatsa *food production* ka tsela e e ntseng jang, re e godise ka go *research* bo *high yielding varieties, crops* tse di nang le *short lifecycle.* Ke gore re dira *research* ka tse di ka dirang gore *agriculture* ya rona e tokafale, itsholelo e bo e nna botoka. Ke batla go ntsha Rre Hikuama mo kakanyong ya gore rona ra re temo ya mmidi, mabele, ya eng ga e na mosola, *those are very, very important.* Ra re fa godimo ga tsone e bile re ya go di tokafatsa, jaanong re batla *to introduce another thing,* e leng *cannabis production.* E e tswang kgalala e eteletswe pele ke Botswana Congress Party (BCP) e eteletswe pele ke Rre Moalosi yo o dumelang thata ka lebaka la gore *in his assessment,* o ne a lemoga gore *cannabis* ka boyone, *whether you call it cannabis sativa or you look at another variety, cannabis indica, or the other variety cannabis ruderalis,* ke *cannabis.* Kwa bofelong jwa letsatsi kgang ke gore…

DR GOBOTSWANG: *Procedure. Honourable* Mmolotsi, o a itse gore ga o bue boammaaruri gotlhelele, BCP ga e ise e bue gore e batla go simolodisa temo ya motokwane le go gweba ka one. Se re neng re se kopanetse le ka 2019 e ne e le *industrial hemp* e seng motokwane, e seng *marijuana for medical purposes.* E e dirang dithoto tsotlhe tsa mo malwapeng, *hemp*, jaanong se o se buang ga se boammaaruri. Fa e le gore o na le bosupi, o bo ntshe, fa o ka se ka wa kgona go bo ntsha, o e boele morago. Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker.*

MR MMOLOTSI: *My understanding Madam Speaker* ke gore *hemp* ke lefoko la *slang* fela, ga ke itse gore o badile fa kae, ba ba e bitsang ka setsotsi ba re *hemp* mme ba raya *cannabis.*

Ke ne ke ntse ke go neela *varieties of cannabis*, ke go file tse tharo, fa ke ne ke na le nako, ke ne ke tlaa go tlhalosetsa gore di farologana ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Fela gone kgangkgolo ga se eo, kgang ke gore, ra re ka lebaka la gore la re re ya go tsaya kae madi a go dira ditiro, re ya go neela batho P1,800 leng, P2,500 leng, ra re nngwe ya dilo tse re neng re di lebile re re re batla go godisa itsholelo ka 10 *per cent,* e ne e le yone e. Lebaka ke gore *this is a high value crop* mme e tlisa *products and by-products* tse di ka kgonang go ntsha lefatshe le fa le leng teng tsa re thusa go godisa itsholelo go ya gone kwa re batlang teng kwa go 10 *per cent,* gore le se ka la tlhola le re tsenya dingalo ka go re botsa gore P2,500 le P1,800 a kae, se se kae. Jaanong fa le gana gape re re re batla go oketsa dilo tse di ka tsholetsang itsholelo e, mme le bo le tla le re botsa gape gore ke eng le diegile ka P1,800, ke bona o kare ga le re direle sentle bakaulengwe.

Gompieno jaana fa o lebelela mo mafatsheng a mangwe, melora e e dirwang ya madi a mantsi, batho ba teng o bona o kare ba tlhapa ka mashi, e dirilwe ka bo *hemp*. Kana e bile le fa o bona e ne e ntse e kganelwa jaana, fa o ya kwa bo Pick'n Pay, o ne o fitlhela *lotions* tsa teng, melora ya teng, sele le sele. E bile *cannabis* yone e, mo mafatsheng a mangwe ba dira pilisi e e dirisiwang jaaka re dirisa ARV mono. *You can imagine* gore gompieno Goromente wa lefatshe le letona le le ntseng le re thusa ka dipilisi tsa mogare, fa ba setse jaanong ba dule mo go rona jaana, *what are we going to do*? Go raya gone gore re tshwanelwa ke go akanya, mme jaaka re itse gore go na le pilisi ya mogare e e ntshiwang ke *cannabis,* e ka re thusa, *why are we saying we should not take that direction*? Re itse gore fa ba re tswalela re sena ARV, re na le batho ba dipalo tse di kae ba ba tshelang ka ARV? Ga ke dumele gore *Honourable* Gobotswang, *without any alternative,* fa e le gore ga le batle batho ba rona ba tlhokafala ka dipalo tse di kwa godimo, ke ne ke akanya gore re dumalane le thulaganyo ya gore *hemp* e na le mosola. Sengwe sa dilo tse di tlaa tswang mo go yone ke pilisi e e yang go thusa. Kwa ntle ga eo, go na le *by-products* tse re yang go di dira re bo re di *export*…

HONOURABLE MEMBER: …(Inaudible)...

MR MMOLOTSI: Ga ke *mix, I understand myself very well*…

MADAM SPEAKER: *Honourable* Gobotswang, o ne o bua o sa tsenwe ke ope ganong, a ko o reetse.

MR HIKUAMA: *Clarification.* Ke a leboga *Honourable* Mmolotsi. Wena go lebega o tlhaloganya motokwane sentle fela mo o tlhalosang botoka, le fa o ne o o tshaba, o o tshela mmu. Potso ya me e nosi, a mme ka o tlhalosa sentle gore le ya go tokafatsa seemo sa temothuo le dira gore temo e nne le maduo mo lefatsheng la Botswana, a le mo seemong sa go ka thusa Batswana ba ba batlang go ntsha dijo gore ba phunyetswe didiba mo masimong a bone?

MR MMOLOTSI: O a itse gore re le UDC kgang e ya go phunya didiba le go thusa Batswana ka metsi, ke nngwe ya dikgang tse re di tseelang kwa godimo thata. Ke bona e bile *Honourable* Mabuse Pule a e tsentse mo Order Paper a tsaya gore re a tshameka. *We are very serious about water provision to farmers and it can come in many forms*. Mo mafelong a go nang le fa metsi a fetang teng ka *pipes,* a Water Utilities, ke nngwe ya ditsela tse e leng gore re ka *tap* metsi ra thusa batho, kwa go kgakala ra ba thusa go epa didiba. Ke dilo tse e leng gore *as the new Government, it is the plan, but* se nkise koo, kgang ya me e mo *cannabis.* Ga o ka ke wa bo wa ntaolela *Honourable* Gobotswang gore ke e bue ka sekae, ka re *cannabis* ke yone e re buang ka yone. Lefatshe le tshwana Malawi *for an example,* itsholelo ya bone ba a fiwa, ke lefatshe le le beileng mo *donations,* mme *their chief export* ke *tobacco.* Kwa Lesotho gompieno fa o ya teng *cannabis* e lemilwe ka *quantities* tse di gakgamatsang ka lebaka la gore le bone ba bone gore itsholelo ya bone ke ya *donations* fela, *so* ba batla go e godisa. Mafatshe fela ka bontsi ba tsere *direction* e, mme ga ke dumele gore a ke lona bakaulengwe ba e leng gore le ngongoregela gore Batswana ba mo mathateng, ga go na madi, seemo se ntse jang, ba le ka ganang re re re batla go godisa itsholelo ya rona mme re ka e godisa ka go lema *cannabis.*

Gape kana malatsing a re bua ka *sustainable economy,* re a itse gore fa o lema *cannabis, when you are in agriculture, we are talking sustainable economy*. Ke gore ga go tshwane le *minerals* tse e leng gore *at some point they will not be there*. Ke sone se ke emang *policy* e ya ga Rre Dikoloti nokeng gore re leme *cannabis* re tle re kgone go ntsha tse re di tlhokang go di rekisa, gore re tle re direle lefatshe le madi. Gape ke itumelela le gone gore *cannabis production* e ya go dirwa *in high security areas.* Fa e le gore *Honourable* Hikuama o ne a ka akanya go e dirisa go ithapholola mmele, go nne bokete gore a e bone a e dirise ka tsela e rona re sa ikaelelang gore e dirisiwe ka yone. E ya go lengwa fa go tlaabong go lebilwe ka *cameras,* ka sengwe le sengwe fela jaaka teemane e dirwa. Ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, *it is not going to put any risk* mo ngwaneng kana mo go ope gore e ka se ke e dirisiwe sentle. Ke a leboga.

MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INNOVATION (MR TSHERE): *Thank you Madam Speaker.* Tota ke emela *to support* Tshutiso e e tlileng ka *Honourable* Dikoloti. Jaanong kana fa gongwe ke etle ke emele *Honourable* Dr Dikoloti *Madam Speaker,* kgang e re kile ra e tshwaraganela mo nakong e e kwa morago.

Sa ntlha ke re kana maloba ke ipolaisitse banna ba ke re ga se kganetso, jaanong ga ba na le fa e le sepe se ba se ganetsang. Ke bone gore fa ke sena go bua jalo, ba bo ba ya *caucus, they took a drive to* Mahalapye *and back just to come and prove a point that they can oppose*. *That is why* o bona e re go ntse jaana e bo e le gore ba gogomosa batho maikutlo, ke gore kgang ke motokwane fela. Tota ga ba a bua sepe, ke utlwile ba bua ka motokwane fela, "motokwane, motokwane." *Okay*, a re o bitseng motokwane. Jaanong motokwane o go buiwang ka one o, *the scientific difference* ya teng ke *chemical* e e fitlhelwang mo teng. Ke tlaa le tlhalosetsa gompieno fa ke wela. Fa e le gore re ka baya mo bathong re bo re re re, "Puso ya UDC ke e e batla go rekisa motokwane, ba feletswe", e nna o kare re raya gore motokwane o tlaabo o tletsetletse mo lefatsheng la Botswana. Ga re bue sentle e bile re faposa puo e e tlang ka Dr Dikoloti.

Madam Speaker, Zimbabwe ka nako ya yone e santse e le kwa godimo e ne e rekisa motsoko. Ba ne ba lema motsoko o montsi thata. E ne e re *President* wa Zimbabwe, *comrade* Robert Mugabe, *may his soul rest in peace*, a ya kwa mafatsheng a mangwe, a bo a fitlhela batho ba tshwere dikgapetlana, ba mmolelela gore wena o lema motsoko, o bolaya batho, go bolailwe batho ba le bo 2 *million*, 1.5 *million* ba sule ka ntateng ya motsoko. *You know what he said to them* fa a setse a ba araba Robert Mugabe, o ne a re, "*Yes*, re lema motsoko kwa Zimbabwe mme rona ga re o goge re na le ditsala tsa rona." A bua ka lefatshe le lengwe le ke sa batleng go

le bua ka leina. E ne e le bone ba bantsi go feta batho mo lefatsheng. A re, "ba ditsala tsa rona ba a o reka. Ke bone re ba lemelang. Re a ba lemela."

Jaanong ke sone se UDC e lekang go se dira. Go na le *market* wa batho ba ba batlang *cannabis or* motokwane jaaka ba o bitsa. O a batliwa *at large scale, not as a small scale*. O batliwa ka mo go kwa godimo thata. Jaaka o utlwa gotwe ditlhwatlhwa tsa one fa o lebeletse o bapisa ka madi, go buiwa ka bo US$500 *billion. This money* a ke a buang a diteemane ga di a dire gotlhelele, le mo nakong yotlhe e re kileng ra rekisa diteemane, ga re ise re ko re dire madi ao. Jaanong motokwane o ba buang ka one o dira madi ao. Ke eng re ka se ke jaanong re o leme ra o neela batho ba ba o batlang? Ga re ise re re o tle o rekisiwe kwano, ga re batle *to supply* batho ba ba rekisang motokwane mo Botswana. *No, that is not the intention of the Government*. Jaanong re batla *to supply* ba ba o batlang. Ke sone se o bonang e le gore UDC e lemoga gore fa re kare re o rekisa a bo re kgona go dira US$1 *billion, it will change everything. We will build a power plant out of that. They will never complain about the electricity. We want the money. That is what* Robert Mugabe *told the people* ba ba neng ba mo raya ba re a emise motsoko a re, "rona ga re o goge, ga re o lemele go o goga, re o lemela gore re o rekisetse ba ba o batlang." Go na le ba ba o batlang *and they are willing to pay*. Rona re batla madi go tlhabolola lefatshe la Botswana. *This is why* re dira jaana *Madam Speaker*.

Jaanong bakaulengwe ba tlhaloganye jalo gore molao o le *policy* e re tlang ka yone, e bua ka *a controlled substance*. E bua ka go lema setlhatshana se, ke tlaa se bitsa motokwane ka gore ba bua jalo. E bua ka go lema motokwane ka tsela e e babalesegileng *and it is highly controlled* fela jaaka diteemane jaaka mongwe a setse a tlhalositse. Re a itse gore diteemane di bonwa mo lefatsheng la Botswana mme le rona gone fa ba bangwe kwa *opposition,* ke simolotse go bona teemane lantlha ke le mo *Cabinet* jaana. Re ne re sa e itse mme e re tsentse dikole. A go tlhokafala gore re itse motokwane fa e le gore go na le ba ba o rekang koo? Rona re tlaa bona ka madi re reka melemo mo dipateleng. Ke sone se re se tlhokang. Ga re tlhoke gore re bo re itse motokwane gore o bonwa jang, o dirwa jang. Ba tlaa o dira koo, ba bo ba o rekisetsa ditsala tsa bone tse di o batlang, ba batla go o dirisa ka fa ba o dirisang, ba dira ditlolo, ba dira eng ka one, rona re tlaabo re rekisa re dira madi. Ke sone se ke batlang gore bakaulengwe ba se tlhaloganye fa gore tiro ya rona ke eng.

Ke wele ka e, gongwe ke tlaa go neela. Ke ya bofelo, e e neng e buiwa ke mokaulengwe *Honourable* wa Nkange yo o ntshitseng tsala ya me mo Palamenteng. O tlaabo a re re fetole molao gore re dire *hemp,* re bo re dira le *Medical Marijuana Policy* gore batho ba tle ba leme *hemp*. O raya ba e lema ba e rekisa kae? Kana ga re na *market* wa *hemp* mo Botswana jaaka re bua jaana. Rona re bua ka batho ba ba e rekang, ba ba e batlang kwa ntle, ba ba nang le *industries* fela jaaka teemane re e epa fa. A o ka e epa fa o re mongwe le mongwe a ikepele, ba ya go e rekisa kae? Re batla batho kwa go nang…

HONOURABLE MEMBER: *Clarification* ke go arabe.

MR TSHERE: Mme ke arabe ya gago pele o tle o *clarify* sentle.

Fa o re re dire *policies* tse pedi, *let me tell you*; lefatshe la Botswana ga se la ntlha le le tlaabong le dira thulaganyo e ya go lema *medical marijuana and hemp*. Kwa mafatsheng a mangwe, South Africa yone *recently*, kana e ne ya dira jalo mo bosheng jaana. America *even when I was still at school in* California, *marijuana was allowed* mo California, *the whole of* Los Angeles (LA). Kgang e tona e ne e le gore *you cannot separate these policies. They tried*. Fa ba leka jalo jaanong ga re jaaka ke ne ke bua gore *chemical that differentiate between hemp and medical marijuana* ke *the level of* Thin Layer Chromatography (TLC). Jaanong wena *as a regulator* fa e le gore *you want to regulate* golo moo, go raya gore nako le nako, ngwaga le ngwaga o ye kwa masimong a batho ba o ye go tsaya matute o tle o *test* gore TLC *level* ya teng e kae. Ke gone o ka tlang wa bua gore a ke *hemp* kana ke *medical marijuana*. Mafatshe a bo a lemoga gore golo mo go a tura ka gore *scientifically* fa o lema *hemp* fa, ngwaga wa ntlha TLC e tlaabo e le kwa tlase, wa bobedi, wa boraro, *you are producing a high* TLC mo *the same plant*. E ntse jalo. *Scientifically it has been proven*. Jaanong fa o mo raya o re *differentiate*, o raya selo se le sengwefela *basically* jaaka ba ntse ba bua ba palelwa ke go tlhalosa gore golo mo re bua ka motokwane. Jaanong o kgona gore TLC ya teng e bo e le kwa tlasetlase, e bo e bidiwa o kare ke *hemp*, fa e ya kwa godimodimo mo selekanyong se se rileng, jaanong gatwe ke *medical marijuana*. *You cannot separate them*

gotlhelele. O dia batho le go akanya fa o utlwa a bua jaana. Ga gona gore o ka di farologanya jang. Ke golo go le gongwefela. Ke gore fela *the difference is* TLC.

Kwa mafatsheng a mangwe kwa ba dirileng jalo, e ne e le gore fa ba fitlhela *content* e le kwa godimo, go raya gore ba *cut* tshimo yotlhe. Ba dirile le kwa South Africa jalo ngwaga wa ntlha, wa bobedi, wa boraro, ba bo ba ineela ba bona gore go a tura go dira jalo. *It is better you make it controlled* jaaka lefatshe la Botswana gompieno jaana re o *control*.

DR GOBOTSWANG: *Clarification*. Ke ne ke itheile ka re la re le batla *the value chain*, gore re ya go lema motokwane fa, *be processed* fa, o bo o ya go dira melemo mo Botswana, Batswana ba hirwa ka bokete. Jaanong se o se buang wena wa re go na le ba ba o batlang o le *unprocessed* golo gongwe, ke gone kwa e leng gore re o isa teng. *Is that what you are saying*? *Thank you*.

MR TSHERE: *Thank you*. Jaanong re mo seporong. Gakere diteemane e rile fa re simolola go ne go ntse fela jaana. Re ne re re *we are going to mine diamonds*. Re ne re ntse re batla *beneficiation* ya *diamonds but* go tsere lebaka gore re tle go bona motho a rekisa nnetlane fa. Go ya go tsaya lebaka *Madam Speaker,* gore re tle go wela kwa re batlang gore re bo re dira *industries* gone fa. *For now, there is a market ready that we can dispose of.* Ke kile ka bua gone mo Palamenteng ke ba tlhalosetsa gore fa ke ntse ke le kwa mafatsheng, ke ne ke bolelelwa gore *the best marijuana comes from* Botswana. Ke yone *the starting point*. Batho ba tlile go reka kwano, ga ba na go reka kwa Zimbabwe, South Africa *because like our beef, the grass* ya mo Botswana ke yone *the best* fa o ja. Jaanong le *marijuana* a mo Botswana *is the best*. Ke gone mo o bonang batho ba tlile go tla kwano ba reka mo go rona. *I support the Motion Madam Speaker. Thank you very much*.

MR KAIZER (SELEBI PHIKWE WEST): Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ke re le nna ke tle ke akgele mo *policy* e re e beilweng pele ke Tona. Gongwe ke tle ka *debate* e e pharologanyonyana ka gore ke setse ke reeditse bakaulengwe fa ba ntse ba akgela mo puong e. Re ka dumalana gore bakaulengwe ba ba busang ba setse ba tsere tshwetso gore go ya go lengwa setlhatshana se. Jaanong fela ka gore ba setse ba tsere tshwetso, e re ntswa ke sa dumalane le *this policy,* gongwe ga me e tle e le selelo kwa go bone, e le go ba kopa gore ka gore le setse le tsere tshwetso mme ke kope dilo tse pedi fela. Go tswa kgakala *Madam Speaker,* re ntse re dumela e bile re iponela gore mo lefatsheng la Botswana, *the economy is in the hands of the foreigners*. Jaanong *this policy* jaaka e tla jaana, ra reng ka kgang e? *How do we intentionally protect* Batswana *and ensure that they are the main benefactors of this policy that they are bringing? Madam Speaker, we have to agree…*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR KAIZER: Ema pele ke tlaa tla ke go neela, tla ke gate dikgato tse pedi, tse tharo. Jaanong ka gore *this is an opportunity that is being presented, I want to urge our comrades* gore *let us not miss this opportunity of allowing* Batswana *to take full control of this industry. If you remember very well Madam Speaker in my Budget Speech debate, I emphasised what we call means of production. What I said then was,* Batswana *do not own the means of production*. E ka nna lefatshe, *the markets* kwa go rekisiwang teng, *distribution*, Batswana ga ba bonwe gone koo. Jaanong ka *policy* le a e tsisa bakaulengwe, netefatsang gore Batswana ke bone ba etelelang pele Tshutiso e. *I want to urge you* gore…

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Neela Tona motsotso fela.

MR KAIZER: Ema pele *comrade*, nna le Tona re santse re dumalana. Fa ke bua jaana ke mo lebile, jaanong ema pele. *I want to urge you* gore *these foreign companies that are coming to invest in this industry*, a re direng molao wa gore *let* Batswana *own* 51 *per cent of shareholding*. Ga le ka ke la palelwa ke sepe go dira jalo. Fa le dira jaana bo *comrade* le tlaabo le neela Batswana *the possession of the means of production*. Ke sone se ke se kopang mo go lona gore *we need to be the main benefactors, so that the production lines all the way to sale* e nne mo diatleng tsa Batswana. *Now, the reason why we find ourselves in the situation* e o fitlhelang re sa itse gore tsela re tsaya efe, *here is the main problem, as we speak, the* Citizen Economic Empowerment Act *has not been implemented. So, there is no foundation, there is no basis* e e re kaelang gore *in any policies that we bring, what is the foundation. Now we need to have this tool* ya *Citizen Economic Empowerment* e e neelang Batswana dithata tsotlhe gore *all these policies* tse re di dirang *then this policy* ya *Citizen Economic Empowerment* e bo e nna yone e e neelang *direction*

so that we do not get to debate on gore ke mang yo o tshwanetseng *to benefit when it comes to* Motswana *and the naturalised* Batswana. Jaanong ke yone kgang e re e buang ya *citizen inclusion Honourable* Dikoloti. *Please* a re nneng *clear in terms of the guidelines* gore mme gone ra re re batla mang *to benefit*. Tla ke go neele *Honourable Minister*.

ACTING MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE (DR DIKOLOTI): *Point of clarification*. Ke a go leboga Motlotlegi Kaizer. Fa o lebelela *page* 17 *of this policy document under guiding principles number* (d) *under social responsibility, it speaks exactly to what you are explaining*. Ke tsaya fela gore o a e atolosa e bile o a dumalana le mo go direng *policy* e re lebeletse tsotlhe tse o di buang tseo tsa gore Batswana ba nne le seabe mo go se re se dirang. Gape ke tsaya gore ke ne ntse ke atolosa maloba gore kana Motlotlegi Tautona *has set up an Inter-Ministerial Committee* e e dumelang gore gotlhe mo go dirwang mo lefatsheng, beng ba lefatshe leo ba tshwanetse go nna le *benefit* e e ba tshwanetseng gore re se ka ra bonwa re le basetlha fela, mme mo go dirwang mo lefatsheng leo, batho ba teng ba phatsima.

MR KAIZER: Ke a leboga *Honourable Minister*. Ke dumalana le wena, mme ke farologana le wena fa, se ke se buang ke gore go tshwanetse go papamala. A go papamale gore Batswana ke bone ba ba yang go etelela pele *all these lines of production*, ga se selo se se ka re palelang. *Award* 51 *per cent shareholding of all these companies to* Batswana. Gape go nne le *what we call access to financing*. Re ka dumalana nna le wena gore Batswana gompieno re a tlhaela fa go tla kwa letsenong, dipata tsa rona ga di kwa teng. *So, we need to have this financing availed to* Batswana *so that* nako e *this policy* e simololang *to be implemented*, re bo re na le *the funds that are readily available* tse e leng gore le melawana ya go tsaya one madi a, a tlhofofaditswe, fa e le gore kompone eo kana motho yo o tlang go tsaya lenaneo le e tlaabo e le Motswana. Ke yone kgang e ke e buang *Honourable Minister*.

DR DIKOLOTI: Point of elucidation. Thank you very much Honourable Kaizer. *O a itse gore ka fa o e tshwereng ka teng*, you should have orientated Honourable Hikuama *ka gore* for the longest, we have never had an Agric financing strategy, and that is what we have talked about in my Committee of Supply, that is what we have mentioned *gore* we even need to gravitate to having an agricultural bank so that we can finance agriculture the right way, for us to realise true output.

MR KAIZER: Ke a leboga *Honourable Minister*. Gongwe gape fa re tla kwa go yone eo ya nnetu, fa ke lebeletse *this policy* ya lona, go na le *boards* tse di farologaneng *that are going to be implemented. You need resources be it financial, human resource and infrastructure that meet the international standard level*. Jaanong a mme Batswana ba tlaa kgona? *Your policy* e tshwanetse gore e itebaganye le *to empower* Batswana *in that aspect* go le *clear.* Go se ka ga nna *grey Honourable Minister*, mme legale tla ke dumele gongwe ke nne le tshepho gore puo ya me o e utlwile. Fa e le gore ke ka rera thero e e ntseng jaana *Honourable Minister*, a bo e sa go tsene mo pelong, ga ke dumele gore ba Goodhope ba tlaa go busetsa gape. Ke a leboga…

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: …(Murmurs)…

MR KAIZER: Nnyaa, ga ke dumalane le *policy*.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: …(Murmurs)…

MR KAIZER: *I have made it clear* gore ga ke dumalane ka gore ke a bona gore le tsere tshwetso, mme se ke se buang ke gore *I said mine to you is a plea because* ke a kgona go lemoga gore le setse le tsere tshwetso. Jaanong ke a le kopa gore mo tshwetsong e le e tsereng e, *go and implement* se ke se kopelang Batswana bagaetsho ba lefatshe le. Ke a leboga *honourable*.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF TRADE AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (MR MATHOOTHE): Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Mma ke supe jaana, bogolo jang sebui se se sa tswang go bua, mo mafokong a gagwe otlhe a a neng a a tlhalosa fa. O ne a tlisa dikgakololo tse di rileng, tse re tshwanetseng gore re baakanye fa kae, re lebe fa kae. Ke raya gore e ne e le *debate* e e siameng thata go supa gore o tsamaya sentle le rona mo tseleng, gore kwa bofelong Batswana ba bo ba felela ba *benefit. Madam Speaker*, gongwe ke fete ka kgang e e leng gore fa re bua ka *policy* e e fa pele ga rona e re yang go lema setlhatshana se, se se tlaabong se re thusa.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: …(Inaudible)…

MR MATHOOTHE: Le fa ke ka bua fela ke re *zolo* ga gore sepe...*(Interruptions)*... Fa re bua ka *policy* e, go na le gore gongwe re bo re ka feta re bua fa ka *policy*, bo mabele le mmidi. Puso ya UDC fa e riana e simolotse, e lebeletse tseo tse e leng gore ke tsone tse di ka tsenyang letseno mo lefatsheng la Botswana. Go raya gore e tlaa re fa re sena go nna re fetsa ka *policy* e, Puso ya UDC ka *Ministry* wa *Agriculture,* e tlaabo e tla ka tse dingwe tse di amang go atolosa go lema mabele le mmidi le go agela Batswana matamo a a itebagantseng le tsa temothuo. Gompieno re santse re le fa mme mosepele go ya kwa pele, re tlaabo re tla ka dilo tse re le Puso e mo Pusong mo nakong ya gompieno gore Motswana a nne le *choice* gore fa e le gore ke yo o dumelang thata mo go lemeng mmidi, re bo re itse gore le ene o itebagantse le koo. Ga go reye gore fa re le fa re lebile *policy* e ya gompieno, go raya gore jaanong tseo tsone re di phuagantse.

Madam Speaker, go mosola thata gore lefatshe la Botswana mo Pusong e ntšha le bo le itepatepanya le mengwe ya metswedi e e ka tsosolosang itsholelo ya lefatshe la Botswana. Ke sone se re boneng jalo gore gompieno e bo e le gore *policy* e fa pele ga rona. *Policy* e, e e fa pele ga rona, bakaulengwe ba tshwanetse gore ba lebe fa go nang le diphatlha teng gore re tle re baakanye gore e re re tswa fa re bo re tsamaya re le mogopolo mongwefela.

Madam Speaker, fa o ka lebelela dilo tse e leng gore ke tse di mosola tse di tlaabong di ntshiwa mo setlhatshaneng se, ga go na ope yo o ka akanyang gore a itebise go sele. Ka gore fa o bua ka dijo kana melemo fela ka go farologana e e tlaabong e tswa mo setlhatshaneng se, go botlhokwa thata gore re bo re eme fa ka pela re baakanya gore ditiro tse di tle di dirwe.

Ke gopola mo Palamenteng e e neng e feta fa le nna ke tlaa simolola thata ke dumela, Rre Nkawana o ne a tsile ka *drink* e nngwe jaana, o ne a e tsaya kwa mafatsheng, e le gore ke *drink* e e dirilweng ka setlhatshana sone se. O ne a tla a e supa gone mo Palamenteng a e tshwere a re, "bona gore ke tshwere *product* e e ntseng jang, re tshwanetse gore e rata." Go raya gore ke bangwe ba e leng gore go tswa bogologolong, o ne a supa jalo gore go botlhokwa thata gore *policy* e, e bo e ka bo e gorogile gompieno gore le rona re tle re itepatepanye le diemo tse e leng gore ga re gaisiwe ke mafatshe a mangwe gore re kgone gore itsholelo ya rona e tle e gole.

Madam Speaker, fa ke ka go fa sekai, fa o ka lebelela fela *the cannabis oil* e e ntshiwang gone mo, fa o ka lebelela *prices* mo nakong ya gompieno, ba tlaa go tlhalosetsa gore *a gram* ya yone e rekwa 30 U$ Dollar. O ka bona gore fa o a isa kwa mading a Pula, a go neela P300 *per gram* ya yone. Go botlhokwa thata gore fa re bua ka madi a a ntseng jaana, le rona re bo re sa…

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Jacobs, you are collapsing the quorum. Wait for others to come and then you can go.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: …(Murmurs)…

MR MATHOOTHE: *Madam Speaker*, ke ne ke batla go supa jalo gore fa o lebelela jalo mo mafatsheng a mangwe, o lebelela *the market* ya one, re bua ka *a gram* ya yone gore e tsamaya mo go P300, jaanong ga re a tshwanela gore re tle re salele kwa morago, bogolo jang ka gore Puso ya UDC e tsaya Puso jaana e fitlhela e le gore go na le dikoloto tse di leng teng tse go tlhokanang le gore madi a duelwe. Fa o tsaya dikoloto tsa motlakase, fa o tsaya maitlamo a rona a e leng gore ke one a re batlang gore re tle re thuse Batswana ka one, go supafala gore go na le madi a re a tlhokang a mantsintsi thata. Mme fa re bona gore thulaganyo e ya go lema setlhatshana se, ke yone e ka re lekelang thata gore e re ntshe mo mathateng, re tshwanetse ra dira jalo ka bofefo, re se ka ra salela kwa morago. E bile ke tshwanetse ka leboga *Minister* Dikoloti gore a bo a dirile ka bofefo gore e re fa re ya go tswala Palamente e, re bo re itse gore *policy* jaanong e teng e e nang le kaedi e tlhamaletse gore go ya go dirwa ka tsela e e ntseng jang.

Re a tlhaloganya gape gore Batswana ka bontsi mo nakong ya gompieno ga ba na dikitso tsa gore *the processing* ya setlhatshana sone se, e ya go dirwa jang. Re tsaya gore dikompone tse di tlaabong di *partner* le Batswana mono, ba ya go kgona go nna le tshono ya gore jaanong ba bo ba simolola ba nna le dikitso ka gore ba tlaabo ba hirilwe ba nna le dikitso tsa gore bone jaanong fa nako e ntse e tsamaya, le bone ba tle ba ye go itirela fale. Go botlhokwa thata gore re nne le kitso pele gona le gore gongwe ke bo ke neelwa gotwe le nna ke a lema mme ke sena dikitso. Re dumela jalo gore dikompone tsone tse, fa o lebelela mo *policy* yone e, go na le fa e tlhalosang teng gore re tlaabo jaanong gape re ruta batho ka gore ba tlaabo ba bereka gone kwa *industries* tse di ntseng jalo tse di mo lefatsheng la Botswana.

Madam Speaker, ke ne ke sa batle go dia nako, ke supe fela gore *policy* e, re a e tlhoka, ga re bolo go e tlhoka mme nako ke yone e gore re dumalane le yone re tle re tsose dinao re baakanyetse Batswana. *Thank you.*

BRIG. MOKGWATHI (LETLHAKENG): Tanki *Madam Speaker*. Betsho, kgang e e mašhetla, e bokete, e batla bomme ba apere ditšhiba tse di lekaneng le borre ba meditse dithapo tsa morula.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: …(Murmurs)…

BRIG. MOKGWATHI: Betsho, ke batla gore ke re Botswana ga a tshele a le nosi mo lefatsheng. Fa a sa tshele a le nosi mo lefatsheng, Puso ya UDC, e rile mo maitlamong a yone, ya bolela gore rona re tlaa dira gore mo go tsa botsogo re nne le *Universal Health Coverage* e e ikaegileng ka Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) *Number* 3, *particularly Number* 3.8. Betsho, fa re lebelela kgang e, ke tlaa bua ka gore re tshela ka malwetse a a bidiwang Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs). Fa o ka ela tlhoko, maikaelelo a Puso e ke gore e tsise botsogo mo tšhabeng ya Botswana.

Go na le rre yo mongwe o tshotswe ka 1908 yo go neng gotwe Maslow. O tlhokafetse ka 1970 a na le 72 *years.* O ne a bua ka dilo tse motho a di tlhokang gore a tshele. Lantlha fela o ne a bua ka phefo, metsi le dijo gore go nne le botsogo. Betsho, fa o ela tlhoko, setlhatshana se, se e leng gore re bua ka sone gompieno, mongwe le mongwe fa go buiwa ka sone, o a itumela. O bona gore go buiwa ka motokwane, o bo o bone gore motho mongwe o kare o itumetse thata mo e leng gore fa go ka bona a o gogile o kare go tlaabo go tšhentšhile. Setlhatshana se, se bitswa gotwe ke setlhatshana sa diphetogo, *a revolutionary plant.*

Bagaetsho, setlhatshana se, jaaka le itse, se na le *benefits* tse dintsi. Fa o se lebelela, mo botshelong jwa motho fa ke ne ke bua ka dilo tse motho a di tlhokang, se dirisiwa mo dilong tse dintsi. Fa o ela tlhoko, go dira marogo ka megala e bangwe ba sa tswang go bua ka yone, ke dilo tse di dirwang… bogolo jang ka dinako tse dithata tse e leng gore fa le ka ela tlhoko, pula fa di nele, re tshwanetse gore re *cross* marogo gore re kgone go tswa mo motseng o mongwe re ya ka kwa, re dirisa megala e e leng gore e thata. Re kgona go aga ka setlhatshana se.

Setlhatshana se, kwa Amerika jaaka mongwe a sa tswa go bua, ba ne ba se dirisa mo go direng matsela. Lefoko lone le gotweng *canvas* le tswa mo go lone lefoko lone le la *cannabis.* Gompieno fa o lebelela dibeke tse tsa rona tse re di tse tshotseng tse, di dirilwe ka sone setlhatshana se. Setlhatshana se betsho, se kgona go dira pampiri e gompieno mongwe le mongwe mo Palamenteng le gongwe le gongwe o a e dirisa go kwala, go tsaya se ke buang ka sone. Setlhatshana se betsho se dirisiwa gore se nne motswako wa dijo, o ka Sekgoa gotweng *you are what you eat*, o se o se jang. Setlhatshana se ka gore se dupilwe, sa bonwa, ka re a Botswana e ka tsaya lebaka lefe gore e gane gore setlhatshana se se dirisiwe se se sa bolong go dirisiwa ke mafatshe a mangwe *since* 1600 se ba solegela molemo. Betsho, ke batla go le raya ke re le *furnitures* tse re nnang mo go tsone mo gotweng *quality wood…*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Golo mo ke makgonatsotlhe.

BRIG. MOKGWATHI: Selo se ke makgonatsotlhe. Ke rile *it is a revolutionary plant,* setlhatshana se se tlisang diphetogo mo matshelong a motho. Betsho setlhatshana se fa le bona batho matlalo a bone…mongwe o buile gore o kare ba tlhapa ka mashi, leba kgaitsadiake Motlotlegi wa Kgatleng, yo o tlotlileng setlhatshana se bope, a sa se tlotlele go se goga, a se tlotla ka o itse *benefits* tsa sone. Betsho se dira *cosmetics* tse di tsweletseng, tse e leng gore fa motho a di dirisa o nna a le letlhogela go fitlheleleng, bona tlhe dilo tse. Gompieno jaana re bua ka gore re tshwanetse ra tlotla bomme ba rona, e re fa o mo tlotlile o mo tlele ka di olenyana (*oil*) tse, *cosmetics* tse, gore e re o mmona kana le ene a go bona a bone sethunya sa botshelo.

Health care products; bagaetsho le a itse gore mo botshelong…ke ne ke ka bua gore go na le dilo tse e leng gore, malwetse a a sa tshelwaneng, re itse gore go na le mo gotweng bo *high blood,* bo mmapheresi. Ba le itseng gore mmapheresi e re tshwarisitse bothata betsho mo gompieno…bontsi jwa batho gompieno fa motho a ntse o utlwa gotwe motho o wele, e le mmapheresi. Betsho le a itse gore batho gantsinyana ba nna *obese,* bakima, gatwe go na le selo gatwe *cholesterol,* golo mo…setlhare se bagaetsho se tlile go tlisa botsogo, re tlaabo re nna re le mothekge jaaka le mpona.

Bagaetsho setlhatshana se… ke batla gore Batswana ba itse gore setlhatshana se se tlile go dira eng mo Batswaneng, ga se motokwane jaaka ba garona ka fa ba

bua gore ke motokwane o o tlileng go senya botshelo jwa rona re tshela re le Batswana. Le tshwanetse le itse gore setlhare se se tlile go tlisa matshelo le botsogo jo bo siameng. Go na le malwetse a gotweng *skin cancer, skin conditions*, setlhatshana se matute a sone fa a ntshitswe a fodisa dilo tse. Le *asthma* tota, eo le a itse gore fa o na le mathata a *asthma* setlhatshana se o se nwa e le tee.

Betsho le itse gore go na le kgotlelo tikologo, le itse gore setlhare se fa o dira *plastics* le fa o ka se latlhela gope, se tlile go inyeletsa ka bosone. Go raya gore *the environment shall remain clean and clean forever.*

Betsho re bua ka *biofuel*. Mongwe le mongwe o ne a bua ka *biofuel,* e e leng gore gompieno rona ba Botswana ga re itse gore ga re na *oils* tse re di tlhokang*, biofuel* e re tlaa boa re e dirisa go nna re apaya, re dira dilo tse dingwe tse di farologaneng, golo mo go tlaa tlisa itsholelo bagaetsho.

Le gone gape mo temong le itse gore setlhare se ga se jewe ke ditshidinyana dingwe le dingwe, bo *armyworms,* ke gore se itekanetse. Fa o se lemile ga se na go dira gore o tle Gaborone o tle go reka *insecticide.* Ke dilo tse re tshwanetseng re di itse bagaetsho. Fa re se dirisa dilo tse tsotlhe tse ke di buileng tsotlhe tse di tlaa tlisa itsholelo. E seng fela mo Botswana, mo lefatsheng ka bophara, e seng fela mo lefatsheng, le rona *as individuals,* batho ka bongwe ka bongwe e le balemi go tlaa ba tlisetsa bomosola. Betsho setlhare se ga se gore se tlaabo se rekisiwa *xaaka* fela se rekisitswa *xaaxaa,* re tlaabo re itse gore go nna le melao *that will control,* fela jaaka yo mongwe a buile gore, re tlhola re ntse re laola diteemane, re laola sengwe le sengwe. Go ka pala eng Botswana e le *a renowned democratic state*, re itse thulaganyo, Puso ...(*Inaudible*)… le melao re e setse morago, *the rule of law* re e setse morago, re ka palelwa ke eng go laola setlhatshana se?

Betsho ke batla gore ke le reye ke re, *policy* e ke e ema nokeng. E ka tlisa Botswana kwa re batlang teng. Re aga itsholelo e re e fitlhetseng e phutlhame, e phutlhamisitswe ke bale ba garona ba re ba itseng. E tlaa re go le kana ke re, betsho ke ema ke sa re ke feditse, ke ka gore nako ke yone e e ntshwereng. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

MADAM SPEAKER: *Honourable Members, I think* re e gogile ka sebaka, ke kopa *to invoke* Standing Order 56 gore re dumalane gore ke bitse *Minister* a tle go fa dikarabo.

MR AARON: *Procedure.* Ke a leboga *Madam.* Ke a ikopela… ke gaufi le wena mme o kare leitlho la me le kgakala le wena. Ke ne ke kopa gore o ntetle, le fa e ka nna *five minutes* fela ke akgele ka ke ntse ke eleditse go akgela.

MADAM SPEAKER: *Honourable* Aaron, e tšhaile mogolole. *Today re* sale re tsena re sale re tshwara *topic* e *from* maabane mme go na le *Motions* tse dintsi mo go maswe, re a tswala ka *Friday. We are trying to push* gore re tsenye tse dingwe. Ke kopa gore re tle re reetse, gongwe o tlaa arabiwa fa go arabiwa. Tanki.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: ...(Inaudible)...

MADAM SPEAKER: *Honourable,* ke kopa gore o reetse se ke se kopang.

ACTING MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE (DR DIKOLOTI): Mma ke go leboge *Madam Speaker.*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification!

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Laughter!)...

DR DIKOLOTI: *You cannot clarify* malebo, iketle pele o tlaa tla o tsena, ke tlaa go neela.

Mma ke go leboge *Madam Speaker,* ke leboge bakaulengwe go nkgwa kgaba mo *policy* e re ba e beileng pele. Ba ne ba nkgwa kgaba ka dikitso tse di farologaneng, ka dipatlisiso tse di tseneletseng ka go farologana ga boteng jwa tsone. Bangwe ba supa ba tsentse mo pelong gore ba itse botlhokwa jwa go fetisiwa ga *policy* e. E re dumelang gore e baakanyetsa go diriwa ga molao. O ke nang le tumelo e e tletseng ya gore e tlaa re ka *July sitting* o bo o kgona go tla re tla go o fetisa. *Policy* e e re fang tshono re le Mapalamente gore re tsamaye re ye Dikgotleng, re ye go e buisa kwa Dikgotleng, re ye go bua le Batswana. Re atolose morero o re o simolotseng fa, gore Batswana e nne banaleseabe, re tle re *shape* go feta selekanyo molao o re tlaa o dirang o o tlaa tlang ka *July.*

MR AARON: *Clarification.* Ke a go leboga motlotlegi, ke a go leboga *Minister,* go bo o mphile tshono e. Ke supe gore ga ke kgatlhanong le *policy* ya motokwane,

ke kgatlhanong fela le ka fa e dirilweng ka teng. Fa e le gore ke nnete re dumela gore motokwane o na le boleng, mme e bile o ka re tlisetsa letseno le le rileng, se re eletsang go se bona ke gore, a letseno le le se akolwe ke batho bangwe. Ka gore kwa nna ke tswang teng go tswa fela mo Habu go ya kwa Khoemacau, re na le mebu e e nonneng. Ke utlwile o bua ka gore o tlhokana le mebu e e rileng, e e leng gore fa o latlhela thotse fela ya motokwane o gola o bo o go feta.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Murmurs)...

MR AARON: Nnyaa, kana motokwane ga o mosha, *it was regulated,* mme ke setlhare se se ntseng se le teng. Rona re godile se ntse se le teng, lona fa le sa itse.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Murmurs)...

MR AARON: *Yes, it is very true*, ee, ga se phitlhang, ke setlhare se se ntseng se le teng.

Jaanong se ke lekang go se supa ke gore, ke dumalana le wena fa e le gore *policy* e e ka supa gore Batswana ba kwa gae ba tlaa boelwa jang mo thekisong le tse di tlaabong di tswa mo metokwaneng. Fela jaaka ba ba lemang merogo jalojalo. A e re fa melao e e dirwa, e ba sireletse. Ke feleletse fela ke re ka jalo...

MADAM SPEAKER: *Honourable* Aaron, kgang e o e boeletsang eo kana mokaulengwe Kaizer o ne a e bua, go raya gore o ne o seyo.

MR AARON: Ehee.

MADAM SPEAKER: Jaanong o ka bo o letetse a araba, o ne a tsile go mo araba, o bo o e sela mo go yone ya ga *Honourable* Kaizer.

MR AARON: Ke a leboga. Ke supe gape gore, ga go phoso gore epe melao e e neng e le *restrictions* gore e ka fetolwa. Re a itse gore ga se lantlha mo Botswana ke e fa sekai, Section 164 ya Penal Code, e e neng e le kgatlhanong le gore a ope yo o kopanang le motho yo e leng wa bong jo bo tshwanang le ene go molato, malatsi a ga go molato. Jaanong ga re gakgamale gore le motokwane le one o ka dirwa gore o nne *exempted,* mme re bontshe *benefits* tsa batho ba kwa Habu, Dugu le Xumukau. Ke a leboga.

DR DIKOLOTI: Nte ke go leboge mokaulengwe. Ke na le tumelo e e tletseng ya gore ba ba kwa kgaolong ba go utlwile, e bile le bone ba ipona mo teng. Ke tsaya gore se o neng o leka go se dira, o ne o leka go nna seipone sa gore ba ipone mo go se ke se buang. Gore le bone ba itse gore e le ruri boammaaruri le bomolemo bo a ba tlela. Thulaganyo e re e tshwereng e, ke e e mashetla Kaizer. Fa nne o utlwa Wynter Mmolotsi a leka go e atolosa a re, fa re bua ka *economic diversification,* ga re sa tlhola re batla go bua manatetshapuo. Re batla go bua puo go diragala.

Fa re bua ka temo, *Honourable* Gobotswang ke go utlwile o bua ka *an overarching Agricultural Policy, and I agree with you that the policy* e e leng teng ke ya bogologolo. Ke nngwe ya dilo tse re di tseetseng kwa godimo, gore *the Agricultural Policy* e nne teng ka bonako. Ke batla gore nna le wena re dumalane gore go na le diphetogo tse di seng kana ka sepe. Gompieno *we have the new cadre programme, that has shifted all from the agriculture into the agrifood systems. So it is in order for us now to say, we can start looking to revise our policy to align with what we know will benefit us a lot.*

I can assure you that Botswana ke nngwe ya mafatshe a le matlhano a e leng gore *in the* German-AU Partnership, *we have been picked to benefit in that forum.* Fa go tla go tsena mo dikgannyeng tsa *Agriculture Policy and that which we are going to do, there are a lot of big things that are coming.* Se ke ka se go rayang ke gore, *just fasten your seatbelt.* Ke na le Motlotlegi Butale, fa a tsamaya a ya kwa mafatsheng jaana, dilo tse tsotlhe o a di lotlolola. Le yone ya *hemp* o tshwere *key* ya teng. Fa a bua le Majeremane, a bua le bomang, o tshwere selotlele sa mmaraka.

Ke batla gore re tlhaloganyeng bakaulengwe, *policy* e re ntseng re e buisa e, *I want to liken it to the first Parliament.* E e rileng ka nako e nneng ba nna, ba bona go tlhokafala gore go nne le molao o o tlileng ka *cold storage,* Botswana Meat Commission (BMC), *because by then* ba ne ba bona gore re sale re rua dikgomo, mme *we need to access market and add value to that which we are producing. That alone did not leave out an ordinary* Motswana kwa Lorolwane le kwa Sekhutlane. *What we just needed to do there,* e ne e le go bona gore Batswana ba, *they comply to standards* tse di rileng tse di ka kgonang go ba tsenyetsa boleng mo go se ba se dirang.

Ke batla gore re tshwantshanye Palamente e, le Palamente e e dirileng the 1974 Botswana Agricultural Marketing Board (BAMB) Act. E e neng e dumela gore re a lema, mme re lema mo go *haphazard in that we need to get organised, because access to the market is what brings value to your produce. How you bring that access, it comes with standards*. Le kwa *horticulture* fela e le ntseng le e tlwaetse e, *you cannot do it without following the good agricultural practices.* Dilo tse tsotlhe tse, re se ka ra tshosetsa Batswana re re, hee! melao e e rile. Nnyaa, a re boleleng Batswana boammaaruri.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF HEALTH (MR OOKEDITSE): *Clarification.* Ga ke motho le go sukunyetsa *Madam Speaker,* mme ke ne ke re ke botse Tona gore ke utlwa fa ke ntse ke tlhola, ke bala ba nthaya ba re, go lebega e le gore boloko jwa ditlou ke nngwe ya menontshane e e tseneletseng e e godisang motokwane kana *hemp* ka bofefo jo bo gakgamatsang. Jaanong ke re ke go reye ke re fa o ntse o tsamaya jalo, fa Sowa fale go na le letswai le *by-products* tse re ka dirang *fertilisers.* Jaanong go ne go tshwanetse gore ka gore re bolawa ke ditlou, re tshela le tsone, e re o ntse o tsamaya o akanye gore fa Sowa ka re setse re na le tse dingwe, go nne le madirelo a matona a a tlaa dirang menontshane.

DR DIKOLOTI: Ntle ke go leboge thata Rre Ookeditse. Dikgang tse o di buang ke tsone tse re le Puso ya UDC re leng mo go tsone. Go netefatsa gore Motswana kwa a leng teng kwa Sowa, le ntsha tsotlhe tse di botlhokwa gore re dire *fertilisers, but for the longest we do not even have factories that manufacture fertilisers.* Fa o ka lebelela *import bill* ya *fertilisers* fela, *it is unimaginable. We have said* jaaka *Minister* wa *Finance* a ne a bua, re a fetola, *we are getting into organic fertiliser manufacturing. We will make sure that the next input subsidy programme, we make a deliberate move* ya gore *they are there.* Jaanong go raya gore kwa Sowa ka *the elephant dung* e mo teng, e bile le na le mo le ka tswakanyang gore golo mo e nne gone mo go babalesegileng go feta.

Ke tsaya gore ba mafatshe ba reeditse, gore ditlou e re di ntse di le sotla, jaanong re bone tharabololo ya gore bogolo boloko jwa tsone re tlaa bona gore re bo tlhofofatsa jang gore kwa bofelong re dire *manure* a a tlaa nnang teng mo go mo re tlang ka gone ga *policy* ya *cannabis. So* ke dumela gore dilo tse di a lomagana, e bile banana ba a rokotsega. Ke belaela gore yo o ntseng a tlola boloko jwa tlou, o akanya go bo sela gore e seng gore ke simolole go bo kokotleletsa ruri, e tle e re fa go tla go dirwa madi ka jone le nna ke bo ke le mo teng. Dilo tse ke maakanya a re mo go one.

Motlotlegi Hikuama o ne o bua sentle gore, tota wena o lekanyetsa *debate* ga gago go ya ka fa o tlhaloganyang ka teng. O ne o se molato, o ne o intsha mo dilong, o tlhapa diatla, o re nna batho ba Modimo ke felela fa, mme fa go na le golo gongwe fa ke feletseng teng, ntlatsang le thuse batho ba ke ba emetseng kwa Ngamiland. Re fano fa, re tla ka gone mo go rarabololang mathata, re tla re tshotse Joshua. Re tlile go rarabolola bothata jotlhe jo bo ntseng bo le teng, jwa gore re netefatse gore re godisa boleng jwa temothuo.

Sekai se sengwe se ke batlang gore ke se le neele bakaulengwe, bogolo jang Kaizer. Kwa Phikwe ke ba le kae ba ba neng ba ntse ba lema dinamune, ba itemela, o godile o lema namune gakere kwa ga lona? *You have never realised true value of that* Orange, *until you had the citrus plant or the citrus project that we have* kwa Mmadinare. *That came as a result of very even strong phytosanitary measures.* Kgang e ya gore melao e tshwanetse gore e nne teng *for whatever agricultural production that we get into, is given. It is supposed to be there, so do not scare people and say because* gatwe go na le melao, hee! le ntsheditse ba bangwe kwa ntle, golo mo ke thulaganyo kana mogopolo wa batho ba tla ka one, ba batla go tima ba bangwe. Se batleng go tima Batswana. Batswana *are participating in the value chain of...*

MR KAIZER: *Clarification.* Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker.* Nnyaa, motlotlegi o kare o senya mafoko a ke a buileng. Ke ne ke papametse fela mo goreng, a *policy* e e *benefit* Batswana. Ga ke ise ke bue sepe se a se buang, fa e le gore ke kile ka bua se a se buileng, ke akanya gore a boele mafoko ao morago.

DR DIKOLOTI: Nnyaa, ga ke boele mafoko ape kwa morago. *The citrus project* e e kwa ele...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: …(Inaudible)…

DR DIKOLOTI: *Okay,* nnyaa go siame rra ba go arabile balekane ba gago, mme ke tsaya gore re a utlwana mo kgannyeng e ke le e bayang pele. Ke batla gore re se ka ra inyatsa, mo nneng Motlotlegi Tshere a go bua, *about*

the engineering processes that we have mastered as a country for diteemane, golo mo *is a knowledge that we can try* re bo re e baakanya sentle, re bo re e dirisa *even in the hemp production. It is a knowledge* e e leng gore *many countries want to come and copy from us on how we have developed our...* le gore re di epa jang diteemane. Golo moo ke botlhale jo re tshwanetseng go bona gore re bo boloka jang. Mo *policy* e, re tlhalositse gore *we will even tap from our indigenous knowledge* go bona gore re dira jang gore golo mo, mongwe le mongwe a ipone mo teng, re go tlhofofatse. Dingwe tsa *policies* tse re di fetisitseng *Honourable* Hikuama le *Honourable* Gobotswang, *is the* Seed Act. Re ne re le teng mo Palamenteng e e fetileng. *How do you them implement that which we pass in the* Seed Act *and* Plant Varieties Act. Dikarabo di mo *this policy* ka fa re e logileng ka teng ya *cultivation of cannabis.*

Bakaulengwe, ga ke eletse re batle go tima Batswana ka go ba tshosetsa gotwe *policy* e, ke ya bo semangmang. Mongwe le mongwe o mo teng, le wena o mo teng. Go nna mo teng ga gago, ga go reye gore o ye go lema, *there is a value chain involved in this.* Fa o e bala sentle, o tlaa bona gore *whatever that we are going to be doing, is going to be backed by a very strong research and development. This is a component that has been missing in a lot of our input subsidy programmes. This is a component that has been missing even in our livestock production programmes. That is why at the moment*, re kgona gore fa re bua ka *cold storage,* o bo o sa bue ka *production system,* le gore dikgomo di kae tse di ka isiwang mo *cold storage*…

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF CHILD WELFARE AND BASIC EDUCATION (MR HUNYEPA): *On a point of elucidation. Thank you Madam Speaker.* Ke a go leboga *Minister.* Ke re baitsaanape ba a supa *Minister* gore mo Botswana fela go lema, go rekisa le go fetola setlhatshana, go ka dira ditiro di le 100 000. E nngwe gape kgang e ba e buang e e botlhokwa thata ke gore, mo lefatsheng lotlhe, ba ba lemang *hemp* le *cannabis* ka 2023 jaana, go dirilwe madi a a fetang 57.18 *billion* British Pounds. Ka Pula ke *over one trillion* Pula. *In five years to come,* go tlile go dirwa madi a a fetang 44 *billion Pounds*. O kgona go bona gore ke madi a kana ka eng.

Mo Africa mafatshe a mangwe a South Africa, Lesotho, Zimbabwe, Uganda le Malawi ba lema setlhatshana se. Botswana e tlaabo e se yone fela. A Batswana ba fiwe tshono ba leme setlhare. Re tle re dire khumo, re tlhame ditiro. Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker.*

DR DIKOLOTI: Ke a go leboga thata. Ke a itse gore bakaulengwe ba e nyorile. *Policy document* e fa o bala o iketlile *Madam Speaker*, o sena mowa wa kganetso mo go wena, o e bala ka mowa o o edileng wa go thusa Batswana, o tlaa bona gore mo gotlhe mo bakaulengwe ba ntseng ba go bua, go mo teng. Fa o lebelela *page* 16 *under the Policy Goals and Objectives, it is very clear* gore *the objective of the policy* e ya *to address medicinal and scientific applications of the cannabis, industrious cannabis, cultivation and processing*. E bua ka *the quality control and safety standards which are very important for every production*. Ga ke ise ke bone go buiwa ka *production* epe go bo go tlhokomologwa *the quality control and safety standards.*

The regulatory oversight mechanism e bua gape le ka *the industry development for both medicinal cannabis and industrial cannabis.* Fa o ka e lebelela ka go felela ka yone, ka mowa o o iketlileng, o o edileng, o o tletsweng ke tlhotlheletso ya bo Modimo mo go wena, o tlaa bona gore *policy* e, ke kgonkgonyane e Batswana ba tshwanetseng ba tsenye monwana mo teng gore ba kgone go akola…

MR MAPULANGA: *On a point of clarification*. Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ke a go leboga Tona. Ke ne ke re ke latedise fa gore tse re di balang tseo, ke *research* le *development* tsa batho bangwe. Rona re le Botswana, re lebile monepenepe, sengaparile le *sugar beans,* a re ne re sa ka ke ra itirela ga rona *because they are also value chain plants*?

DR DIKOLOTI: Le tsone tseo, re tlaa di dira. Tota fa o bona kgantele ke ne ke araba potso ya gago ya kwa Chobe *in full, is because there was a mention of the castor oil plant* e ke tlaa go bolelelang ka yone le *what we are doing. Project* e e eteletsweng pele ke Rre Butale, e a lotlololang ka dilotlolo tse a di tshotseng. *There is a big project that is coming* ya *castor oil and in the* Act *you know it is listed under* …(*inaudible*)… *Those are the things that we are unlocking opportunities for because we want to go for high value crops. We want to go for that which will attract our youth to agriculture. We want to go that which will grow our* GDP *a lot better*. Le nna ga ke itumelele gore ke bo ke tshwareletse

Rre Chimbombi mo lephateng le e leng gore gatwe *contribution* ya lone *to* GDP ke 2 *per cent, of which* 96 *per cent of it comes from livestock. There is a dire need for us* gore re le Palamente e, re dire melao, re fetole e e tlaa re kgontshang *to set* mo go tlaa kgonang go isa kwa lefatsheng la tsholofelo.

Fa le ntse le e fa sekai ka mabele le mmidi, ke batla go le raya ke re, sengwe se re se buileng, se Tona Gaolathe a se buileng ka kgang ya *commodity market trade platform. It is a very important platform because* e go thusa go atumetsa *the producers in the market. I am not saying this in the context of cannabis. I am saying this because you mentioned other produces and how they are struggling with access to the market. There is a wholesome approach that which I have spoken to in my statement* sa *Committee of Supply* se re le lephata, re se emetseng ka dinao. Se ke le se kopang ke gore, go siame gore le nne le tla le re thusa re akantshana, le nna lekwalo la boammaaruri. Fa o tswa fa o le lekwalo la boammaaruri, o bue mo go mo *policy.* O bue mo re go buileng mo Palamenteng, se leke go go fetola. Fa o bona re batla go laola *cannabis* jaana, fa o sa o leme sentle, o kgona go iphetola kwa o leng teng. Ga re batle gore le gone one o iphetole jaaka bangwe ba ka felela ba fetotse tse re di buileng fa, kgantele e bo e sa nne se se ka thusang Batswana.

Madam Speaker, ka gore nako e tsamaile, *I move that this Honourable House resolves to adopt the policy on the licit use of cannabis in* Botswana *for industrial and medicinal purposes. I so move Madam Speaker.*

Question put and a**greed to.**

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Members, I would like to invoke Standing Order 26.2 to have a five minutes break.

PROCEEDINGS SUSPENDED AT 4:54 P.M. FOR APPROXIMATELY 10 MINUTES

PROCEEDINGS RESUMED AT 5:05 P.M.

GOVERNMENT TO CONDUCT A SOCIAL JUSTICE AUDIT

Motion

(Resumed Debate)

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Members, the debate on this Motion is resuming. When the House adjourned last week Friday 28th March, 2025, Honourable Ookeditse was on the floor debating and he is left with 9 minutes, 24 seconds.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF HEALTH (MR OOKEDITSE): *Thank you Madam Speaker.* Ke ne ke re o tlaa re ke ne ke dumedisitse ka ke ne ke ise ke simolole *debate.* Tota fela *Madam Speaker,* ke ne ke batla go tla ke bua ka gore fa o tsaya *a Motion such as this one*, o bua ka *issues of social justice,* o bua ka fa batho ba tsewang ka teng mo lefatsheng la Botswana ka go lekana kana ka go sa lekana, le tse dingwe jalojalo.

Kwa tshimologong ke supe…

MADAM SPEAKER: Let us clarify something.

…Silence…

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Ookeditse, it is 9 minutes 24 seconds.

MR OOKEDITSE: Ba re ke ne ke kgomisitse, ga ke itse gore Mapalamente ba raya eng fa ba rialo.

Madam Speaker, it is a very important Motion ka gore e bile ke kgang e ke dumelang gore le Khuduthamaga e ne ya e bua fela thata, *and a social justice Inter-Ministerial Committee was established*. Lebaka le letona le re tshwanetseng go le lebelela ke gore, ke batla go tsaya Palamente ke e isa kwa go reng re lebelele seemo sa Botswana. *I want us to look at the state of the country from the perspective* ya bangwe ba e leng gore bontsinyana jwa lona le ka tswa le na le *familiarity* le bone. Wa ntlha fela ke monna o ne a bitswa Raúl Prebisch, e ne e le *Director of* United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America. Se a neng a se bua, o ne a lebelela *development* le *underdevelopment* mo lefatsheng, a bo a supa gore go lebega e le gore mafatshe a a tlhabologileng ke one a dirang gore a mangwe a se ka a tlhabologa. A sa tlhabologe jaana ka lebaka la gore tse di tswang kwa mafatsheng a a sa tlhabologang ke *raw materials* di bo di ya *to the developed world.* Go bo go ya go nna le *a lot of value addition*, go bo go nna le *brain drain from the developed world* ba bo ba ya kwa mafatsheng a a tlhabologileng. Fa o tsena kwano, *you find that these goods then go back to the world* e e iseng e tlhabologe sentle, fa di tsena kwa *they set a*

higher price than the original goods tse di neng di ile kwa mafatsheng a a tlhabologileng.

That very same pattern of developments, o a e lebelela gape fa o le motho yo o balang. Fa o bala, monna wa kwa Guyana o ne a bitswa gotwe Walter Rodney, o ne a bua ka *how* Europe *underdeveloped* Africa, ke tlaa tla ke le bolelela gore *why* ke le bolelela *story* seo. *Then when he speaks how* Europe *underdeveloped* Africa, o bua ka gore tota fela *underdevelopment* e tla *as a result of the contradiction in terms of* fa o tsaya *resources that are coming from poor countries and the value* e e yang kwa go tsone e tswa *from the rich countries*. Andre Gunder Frank, *speaks about the same thing,* ene e bile o supa gore lefatshe le *divided into a core part which is like the developed countries, and then a semi periphery and peripheries* kwa e leng mafatshe a a sa tlhabologang. *Relationships* tse *between these centres of economics produce poverty* le *prosperity more than anything else. I am bringing it home for you.*

Professor Kenneth Good *spoke about a problem* a re ke *diamonds, democracy and dispossession in* Botswana. Fa a bua ka tsone, *he was echoing the same critical theory* e e reng *certain centres are improvising certain others.* Good ene e bile fa a e bua, o supa gore *it is not just economic, which is why I like your Motion* ka *social justice, it is also socially*, *culturally,* ka ditsela tse di farologanyeng jalo. A supa gore *the population* ya Basarwa mo Botswana *has been confined to what the* Russians *will call gulags,* kwa e leng gore ra re ke Remote Area Dwellers (RADS), ke dikampa tse ba nnang kwa go tsone. *In these camps you do not get the same resources and everything as you obtain somewhere else.*

Kenneth Good *concludes* gore seDomkrag seo se ne se na le *intention to commit cultural genocide.*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: …(Inaudible)...

MR OOKEDITSE: Ke ne ke le ngwana wa sekole, fa o botsa Dumelang Saleshando, ka 2004 fa a tsena mo Palamenteng, ke ne ke na le Motshegwa re ntse kwa re re roma nna, wena *you were nowhere to be found, you did not even know politics. So you should not even begin to tell us history because you do not know the history of…*

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Ookeditse?

MR OOKEDITSE: *I am a student of Comrade* Marobela *when he was coming back from …(Interruptions)…* a tla le mosadi yo mosweu, *his Marxist schools, we were the first people to attend them and learn these theories. When I talk about theories* tsa *Critical Theory* le *Marxism, do not think* gore ke kile ka etela Domkrag in order to *understand* sekomanisi se. *I can teach you these things because I was taught by the Great* moswi Marobela *himself.*

Ke batla go tsena mo goreng, Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo, fa o lebelela Botswana ka fa a ntseng ka teng, *the same patterns of development and underdevelopment* di diragala *between the northern part of the country and the southern part of the country.* Di diragala *between a lot of the southern part of the country and the western and north western part of the country*. O bo o fitlhela e le gore *the developed parts of the country, cities and towns are under developing the poor rural communities.* Ke go neele sekai, *the banality of evil, you have salt* kwa Sowa, *you have dispossessed and kicked out* Basarwa ba ba neng ba tshela ka lekgadikgadi, *but instead of creating factories that process* letswai *into glass and all these things, what do you do? You have a rail road and you are happy enough to take* letswai lele o le isa kwa Palapye o bo o ya *to create a glass manufacturing factory* kwa Palapye, *so* kwa Sowa *you cannot create a factory* ya teng. *It is a case of social justice* ya gore kwa go na le bo mang.

It is the historical aspects tse re nang le tsone tsa gore *historically in this country, we have decided that there are certain populations that should be poor. Go to* Kgalagadi, *North West, North East and part of the* Makgadikgadi area, *they can be poor, it is okay. I am sorry I know* fa ke rialo ba bangwe ba utlwa botlhoko, mme *the truth is* golo gone mo, seDomkrag sone seo, *the system itself* e na le mmila ya *imperialism* e e leng gore mo go yone mafatshe a *the global south are underdeveloped* mme e le gone gore *everything they have goes elsewhere*.

Fa o batla go utlwa botlhoko jwa teng, o bo o lemoga gore *children from these poor families* ba ba tswang kwa *these gulags* tse ba neng ba beilwe kwa go tsone, *socially elsewhere* go na le *a lot of marginalisation and exclusion.* Fa o tsaya *a lot of institutions and everything else* se se diragalang, o fitlhela e le gore batho ba ga ba

na *the same opportunities because the system then was such that you needed to be* ngwana wa ga semangmang *in order for you to get a board sitting or for you to get a certain job. Now, when your mother is a lowly paid domestic worker for* makgoa ba ba neng ba direla kwa Holiday Inn *then, and your father was a nomadic painter who was paid nothing*, go raya gore wena *then chances of you ever getting a job* e e rileng, *are almost zero. If by any chance you are a super performer and you ever make it,* o na le *guilt* ya gore o *commit class suicide, you even begin to fear wealth.* Lebaka fela e le gore *you were dictated upon that you are going to be poor, by the circumstances of birth and where you are.*

We need to have this Motion, mme go na le ka fa ke yang go kopa gore le o dire ka teng. *The two sides of the House* di setse di na le *a similar proposal, Cabinet has set up an Inter-Ministerial Committee which is looking into social justice. Honourable* Lucas *has come up with a very Motion* o o buang ka *social justice, so I think it is a middle ground* ka tsela e re tsamayang ka yone. Ke tlile go kopa gore o ntetlelele *Madam Speaker* le wena *Honourable* Lucas gore ke bale *my proposed amendment to the Motion as I spot it for adoption. I therefore propose that this Motion be amended to read as follows, 'That this Honourable House requests Government to conduct a social justice audit of social economic inequalities in* Botswana *under the auspices of the Inter-Ministerial Committee on Sustainability for inclusive growth and social justice."*

I do not know if I should repeat that Madam Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: Please do.

MR OOKEDITSE: I therefore propose, "That this Honourable House requests Government to conduct a social justice audit of social economic inequalities in Botswana under the auspices of the Inter-Ministerial Committee on Sustainability for inclusive growth and social justice." I should think then that we achieve exactly what we want and we do not get to have unnecessary issues around this.

Ke bo ke nna fa fatshe jalo Madam Speaker, *ka gore ke re* malnutrition *kwa kgaolong e ke tswang kwa go yone e kwa go* 7 per cent. The national average *ya* malnutrition *ke* 3 per cent. You guys should keep that as one of the reasons I am motivated to argue the way I argue. Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER: *Ke gore le nna* I was waiting for you to say you move and then we wait for the House *gore a ba a dumalana*.

MR OOKEDITSE: Thank you Madam Speaker. I did move before I read it.

MADAM SPEAKER: The Motion to be amended read thus, "That this Honourable House requests Government to conduct a social justice audit of social economic inequalities in Botswana under the auspices of the Inter-Ministerial Committee on Sustainability for inclusive growth and social justice."

Are you fine Honourable Lucas? *Ke raya gore* have you captured it? *Ke ne ke bona a kwala.*

MR LUCAS: Ke ne ke kwala jaana e le gore ka re ke…

MADAM SPEAKER: *Ga ke ise ke re o bue*. Honourable House, are you fine with the amendment? Have you captured it right? Order Honourable Members! I think I should have said I move for the House to adopt the amendment.

MR LUCAS (BOBIRWA): Tanki *Madam Speaker*. Fa ke sena go reetsa mokaulengwe Lawrence Ookeditse, yo ba bangwe fa gongwe le mo kgalelang gore o kile a nna le *honeymoon* le Domkrag, a bua ka *the banality of evil*, tumelo ya me ke gore *he is not trying to be evil in trying to amend this Motion*. E le selo sa ntlha.

Sa bobedi se ke batlang go se supa ke gore, kana ka kopo ke ne ke kopa Puso gore e dire *social justice audit* mme tumelo ya me ke gore fa Puso e dumetse, gape ke yone e tlileng go bona gore e dira *social justice audit* eo ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Jaanong se *Honourable* Ookeditse a se buang ke gore mme gongwe ga se gore re tlaleletse *Motion*, re supe gore *social justice audit* eo e wele *under the auspices of the Inter-Ministerial Committee on Sustainability and Social Justice*. *You know anything and everything for me* se se ka berekelang go fokotsa dipharologanyo mo lefatsheng la Botswana tsa bahumi le bahumanegi, tsa ba ba amogelang madi a a kwa godimo le a a kwa tlase ba A Scale le ba FO. Sepe fela se se ka dirwang go fokotsa dipharologanyo fa gare ga batho ba ba tshelang ka bogole le ba ba senang bogole, sengwe le sengwe se se ka dirwang go tlhomamisa gore Basarwa ba tsewa e le batho. Sengwe le sengwe se se ka dirwang go tlhomamisa gore mongwe le mongwe mo

Botswana o nna le lefatshe le metsi go sa kgathalesege gore o tswa fa kae, ke wa letso lefe, sengwe le sengwe se se ka dirwang *I will go along with it*. Ke sone se gompieno ke ka sekeng ka gana paakanyo ya gagwe ka gore ga e fetole *Motion* o, e bile e felela e tsenya *social justice* gabedi. Tumelo ya me ke gore fa e tsentse *social justice* gabedi, go raya gore fa re lebelela *budget* e e tlang le National Development Plan (NDP) 12, re tlaabo re tlhola gore a mme *social justice* e e builweng gabedi mo *Motion* o, a mme e mo teng.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: …(Murmurs)…

MR LUCAS: Kante lona le bo *Speakers*, le tlhomamisitswe leng? Ke emisiwa ke *Speaker*. Nna fa fatshe Butale.

MADAM SPEAKER: E tšhaile *Honourable* Lucas. Ke ne ke supile *Honourable* Butale ke re e tšhaile.

MR LUCAS: *Tanki* Madam Speaker.

MINISTER FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (DR BUTALE): Re a leboga. Monna wa kwa Dandane o bogale thata.

Ke re ke supe gore ke ema nokeng *this amendment*. Bagaetsho, re tswa mo maemong a a thata, mo e leng gore rona ba re neng re le fa mo Pusong e e fetileng, ke gore motho fa a *debate* o utlwa gore o dumalana le wena mme e re fa a nna fa fatshe a bo a re, "*I oppose the Motion*." Jaanong golo mo go ne go le dingalo mo re neng re sa kgone go ya kwa pele.

Jaanong re le Puso ya UDC, re dumela gore megopolo e mentle re e atle e bile re bo re e baakanyetse mo goreng go nne le diphetogo le tiragatso ya megopolo eo. Ke dumela gore se *Honourable* Ookeditse a se dirileng, ke go netefatsa gore *he unites the House,* gore rotlhe ka gore re a dumalana gore batho ba kwa 16, Extension 27, ba kwa 19, Taung, batho bao botlhe ba re itseng gore *they are the downtrodden*, ke batho ba e leng gore *economically they are disadvantaged,* re nne le thulaganyo ya gore re ba atumetse le bone ba ikutlwe ba le motlotlo mo goreng kwa bofelong jwa letsatsi e bo e le Batswana. Jaanong gone mo *Madam Speaker*, ke dumela thatathata gore ke mogopolo o o siameng, o e leng gore fa e le gore re ya go o tsaya re o atla re le Ntlo e, re tlaabo re dirile sentle. Re bo re ya go netefatsa gore batsadi ba rona ba ba re romileng rotlhe kwano, ba ikutlwa e le gore ba emetswe ke batho ba e leng gore ga ba ye go dira *grandstanding, they really want solutions and want to plug the gap between the rich and the poor*.

Jaanong ke re ke eme ka a le kalo ke re o e tshwere sentle mokaulengwe.

MR LEKAU (MOGODITSHANE WEST): Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ke re ke eme fa ke ikobile thata gore maboko a ga *Honourable* Lucas, *the Acting President*, fa o a kopantse le a ga Rre Ookeditse, a ka isa Botswana pele. Ke ema fa ke ema nokeng mogopolo o ka gore ga se fela jaaka nne Rre Lucas a o tlisitse. Go o tlhabololeng ga ga *Honourable* Ookeditse go supile gore o kgathala thata ka batho ba Nata-Gweta. E bile le kemedi ya Bobirwa re a e utlwa ka gore e kgona go re tshikinya gore re akanye gore Batswana re ka ba direla eng se se botoka go gaisa. Ke ema fa e le gore le nna ke ema nokeng ka bongwefela jwa pelo gore *amendment* e fa e ntse jaana, le ba Mogoditshane re gautshwane go bona gore le *the flushing toilets* re se ka ra di bonela fela kwa bangwe batho, di bonelwe mo Motswaneng mongwe le mongwe, e bile le botshelo jwa Mogoditshane re se ka ra *depend* fela mo dikoloing, re itse gore Motswana mongwe le mongwe o ka dira botshelo. Ka a le kalo *Madam Speaker*, ke a leboga.

DR GOBOTSWANG (TSWAPONG SOUTH): Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Fa *Motion* o baakanngwa, gantsi re etle re re paakanyo ya teng e se ka ya re kwa bofelong a bo e le gore, gore *Motion* wa re eng, a bo e latlhega. Paakanyo e e dirilweng ke *Honourable* Ookeditse, ke tsaya gore le fa e tsentse mafoko a mantsi, o kare *the original intent* ya *Motion* e ntse e teng. Le fa ke ne ke etla ke ipotsa gore a mme kgang ya gore *Inter-Ministerial Committee* ga se kgang ya *methodology* ya gore go ya go dirwa jang. Ke tsaya gore ke *deviation* e e ka amogelwang ya tswelela *Madam Speaker*. Ke a leboga.

Amendment **agreed to.**

MADAM SPEAKER: The debate resumes.

MR MOALOSI (NKANGE): Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ke eme fa *to support Motion* wa ga *Honourable* Lucas *as amended by Honourable…* ga ke itse leina la gagwe mothaka yo, ke ene mang?

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: …(Laughter!)…

MR MOALOSI: …wa kwa Nata-Gweta. Bagaetsho, lefatshe la Botswana le na le *inequality* kana go sa lekalekana ga batho mo go ntsi thata. Jaanong fa re sa dira *an audit* e e tshwanang le yone e, re ka tswa re bo re fopholetsa fela. Ke dumela gore fa re ka dira *audit* e e ka tla ya re neela boteng jwa kgang, gore fa re tla ka *policy of addressing inequality,* re bo re itse tota gore boteng jwa kgang ke eng. Re tswa kwa dikgaolong tse go nang le batho tota ba e leng gore ga ba na se ba nang le sone, fa motho a tsoga maphakela a leba bana, ga a itse gore ba ya go ja eng. Re bo re nna le batho ba bangwe gape ba e leng gore *still* ba le mo kgaolong, ke bahumi ba dinaledi, ba ba nang le *helicopters* kwa kgaolong ya me. Jaanong selo seo se go supegetsa fela gore ka fa meamuso ya lefatshe le e kabakanngwang ka teng, ga go lekalekane. Re bo re tsena mo dikgannyeng tse di tshwanang le tsa thuto, fa o lebelela dikole tse di kwa dikgaolong tsa rona, o fitlhela e le gore di kgautlhane. *Like* o tsaya sekole se tshwana le sa Senete Primary School ga go na *chalk boards*, mme fa o tsena mo dikgaolong tse dingwe tse o fitlhelang maduo a teng bana ba pasa, dikole ka fa di ntseng ka teng, *they are maintained* di siame, mme e ntse e le mo lefatsheng le lengwefela.

Nako e nngwe o ka ipotsa o ntse o tsamaya gore *are we living in the same country*? Fa o tsamaya kwa bo Sorojina, Mapatse le Sawasi le fa gare ga Tutume fela kwa bo Chadaba jaana, o ka ipotsa a mme batho ba, ba tshela mo lefatsheng le re tshelelang mo go lone? Ke dumela gore fa re ka tla ka *audit* e fa re e akantseng ka teng, e ka thusa Goromente yo mosha gore fa a dira *policies* tsa gagwe, a tle ka *policies that they are going to address* mathata.

Ke kile ka bala buka e nngwe *Honourable Speaker*, e e kwadilweng ke rre mongwe yo o bidiwang gotwe Greg Mills. Buka e e is *titled* "Why Africa is poor and what Africans can do about it." Mo bukeng e, Rre Greg Mills o bua gore Africa *is poor because their leaders made that decision*. Africa *is poor* ka gore babusi ba tsere tshwetso ya gore Africa a nne *poor*. Jaanong ke dumela gore kgang ya Batswana ya go fetola Puso, ba ne ba tsogologela ditshwetso tse di dirilweng ke ba ba neng ba tla pele garona gore ga ba batle go tswelela le babusi ba ba tsayang ditshwetso tsa gore Africa kana lefatshe la Botswana le nne *poor*. Mapolotiki ke bone ba ba tsayang ditshwetso tsa gore meamuso ya lefatshe e ya kae, e tswa kae. Ke bone ba tsayang ditshwetso tsa gore *budget* e abiwa jang, ke bone ba tsayang ditshwetso tsa gore ba reka eng kae. Jaanong re mo seemong se re leng mo go sone jaana mo Botswana ka gore ba ba neng ba ntse ba busa, ba tsere ditshwetso tseo. Jaanong *we are hoping* gore fa go sena go dirwa *audit* e, ka gore e bile *it will be done by Inter-Ministerial Team*, Goromente yo o mo Pusong, o tlaa tsaya ditshwetso tse di dirang gore a baakanye fa go sentsweng teng. Re se ka ra re yo o sentseng a baakanye, ka gore Batswana ba ka tloga ba ba busetsa ba ba sentseng gore ba tle ba baakanye.

Re dumele fela gore ba ba tseneng ga ba ka ke ba tswelela ba ntse ba lela, ba tlaa baakanya. Ke dumela gore go ne go le maleba tota gore *Motion* o o tle fa pele ga Palamente ka sebaka gore dikgang tse di dirileng gore gongwe bontsi jwa rona re bo re le fa, ka gore re ne re tsamaya, maDomkrag ba ne ba re re tsamaya re boka mathata, mme kana re boka dilo tse e leng gore Batswana ba tshelela mo go tsone. Ke tsone tse di dirileng gore Batswana ba tseye tshwetso ya gore ba re tshephe. Ke dumela go re tshepha ga Batswana go tlaa dira gore re tseye ditshwetso tse di tlaa ba solegelang molemo, ditshwetso tsa go dira *audits* tse di tshwanang le tsone tse, mme e re di sena go dirwa, *reports* tsa teng di dirwe *public*. Di se ka tsa nna sephiri, re itse boteng jwa kgang gore le fa ba tla fa Matona ba kopa *budget* ke gore fa a tla a kopa e le *Minister* wa *Local Government* a re re na le *policy* e re batla go rarabolola mathata a a neng a tla ka ka *audit* e e neng e dirilwe, le rona re bo re kgona go amogela, re bona gore kana ke rona re neng re rile go dirwe *audit,* mme maduo a teng re a bone, *the proposed budget* e batla go rarabolola mathata ao.

Kana fa o ka lebelela madi a mantsi a dirisitswe ke Goromente yo o neng a feta ba leka go baakanya mathata a *inequality* e. Re gakologelwa mananeo a bo *backyard gardening*, a gongwe fa go ne go ka bo go dirilwe *an audit* e e tshwanang le e *before* mananeo a a dirwa, mananeo ao *would have been targeted* e bile a ka bo a ne a tla ka maduo. Kana dinako tse dingwe re ne re ipotsa fela gore gatwe go dirwa eng. Ke gakologelwa go neetswe mongwe *salon* kwa Jamataka, gongwe makgarebe ga se gore a mantsi thata *that can afford* go dira moriri. Jaanong o bona gore ke lenaneo le dirwa fela *to tick the box* e se gore go dirwa gore motho yoo o ka nna le *business* e e ka mo dirang gore a tswe mo lehumeng leo.

Jaanong ke dumela thata gore Batswana kwa ba leng teng tshwetso e ba e tsereng ya go ntsha Domkrag, ba tshwanetse gore ba se ka ba e ikotlhaela ka gore re tlaa tla ka *Motions* tse di ntseng jaana. Ba ba neetsweng marapo a go di diragatsa, ba tlaa dira ka fa go tshwanetseng gore go dirwe ka teng gore Batswana ba se ka ba tlhola ba boela magaleng, ka gore gatwe o se ka wa boela magaleng gabedi. Jaanong nako e nngwe fa o ne o dule mo magaleng, kana o kgona go bona gore go botoka ke boela kwa magaleng. Ke dumela thata mo go borre le bomme ba ba fa pele ga me ba gore *policies* tse ba tlang ka tsone *especially if they can be informed by such audits,* di tlaa baakanya mathata a *inequality* a lefatshe le.

Ke dumela gore mathata ao re setse re a buile, ke ne ke reeditse Mapalamente ka go farologana ga bone ba bua ka dikgaolo tsa bone gore dipharologanyo tseo di ntse jang. Kana Goromente wa UDC o ne a buile fa ba ntse ba *campaign*, ba ne ba tla ka mananeo a a neng a rokotsa mathe tota gore ba ka tla ba rarabolola dikgang tsa bo *inequality* one a gore gongwe *pay* kana dituelo tsa babereki di simolole golo gongwe fa go P4, 000. Ke dumalana le bone gore gongwe ga ba mo seemong sa gore ba ka dira jalo gone jaana, mme ke dumela gore mo dingwageng tse di tlang ba tlaa baakanya jalo gore *inequality* eo e fokotsege.

Go ne go na le potso e e neng e boditswe kgantele ya kwa Botswana Railways (BR). E ne e boditswe ke mokaulengwe Kaizer. E ne e *address inequality* kwa BR kwa e leng gore o fitlhela e le gore Chief Executive Officer (CEO) o amogela madi a a seng kana ka sepe mme yo o mo thusang gore a kgone go dira tiro eo ya bo CEO, ene a amogela madi tota a leng gore o ipotsa gore motho yo tota dilo di tura jaana, o tshela jang a amogela madi a a kananyana mme a na le bana.

Dikgang tse dingwe tse di neng di builwe tsa bo *housing,* ke dikgang tse e leng gore mo kgaolong ya me ke matlhotlhapelo. Go na le batho ba ba santseng ba nna mo matlong a e leng gore le lebati ga go na lebati. E le dikgang tsa gore ga ba na fa ba kgonang go bereka teng go itirela letseno la gore ba ka itirela. Ke dumela gore fa re setse jaanong *audit* e e sena go dirwa, *interventions* tse re yang go di dira *based on the audit,* di tlaa *solve* dikgang tse tsa *inequality* ya *health access*, *education access* le ya gore mo *family* yotlhe, ga go na motho yo o berekang, go sena ditshono tsa gore batho ba ka bona diphatlha tsa mebereko. Ke dumela gore fa re ntse re fetisa melao, *policie*s le *Motions, the overarching goal* ke go dira gore matshelo a Batswana a nne botoka *and* a ka nna botoka fela fa re ka fokotsa *inequality* gore fa re tsena mo ditlhophong, batho ba se ka ba rekwa ka dikipara le dijo. Motho fa a tsaya sekipara se, a bo a se tsaya ka gore o rata phathi ya gagwe, a sa se tseele gore o tlaa bona seaparo se sešha, a kgone go kgaba le ene a ya maitisong.

Jaanong ke wela ke re ke *support Motion* o wa ga *Honourable* Lucas. Ke a leboga.

MR DIGWA (BOTETI WEST): Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Mma ke tseye sebaka se go amogela *Motion* o wa ga Rre Lucas, *that has been amended by this Honourable House.* Ke re *Motion* o, o tsile ka nako e e siameng, e e tshwanetseng e re tsereng Puso ka yone. O tsamaelana thata le *Manifesto* wa rona.

Ke re bagaetsho, lefatshe le fela fa le tlhagoga, ga le a agiwa sentle, le agilwe ka tsamaiso e e neng e sa siama. Le a itse gore ka fa le kgaogantsweng ka teng bogologolo, le ne le kgaoganngwa ka tlhotlhoetso ya *the eight tribes*. Ke sone se le bonang *districts* tse dingwe di biditswe ka *tribes* mme go ntse go na le batho ba ditšhaba di sele gone koo. Selo seo ke sone *that can be addressed* ke tsamaiso e ya *social justice* ya leka go se baakanya.

Fa le ka lebelela lefatshe la rona ka fa le abilweng ka teng, le lengwe le bidiwa Gammangwato, Kweneng kana Ngwaketse, le bitsa merafe mme go na le merafe e mengwe mo dikgaolong tse. Go botlhokwa thata gore go nne le *audit* e e ntseng jaana gore e baakanye seemo se.

Se re se lemogang gape ke gore e rile fa go segwa lefatshe le, le kgaoganngwa, go bo go tsewa *parks* tsotlhe di isiwa kwa bathong ba ba seyong mo Molaomotheong. Fa o ka lebelela kwa *parks* di leng teng, di kwa Ngamiland, Kgalagadi, Makgadikgadi le Boteti.

Fa e le rona kwa Boteti, re mo mokorong, le jaana ga re na kwa re fudisang teng. Fa o le ka fa ke *park,* fa o le ka fa ke *park,* mme se se utlwisang botlhoko ke gore gatwe ga se tsa Boteti.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ke tsa Gammangwato.

MR DIGWA: Ba di kgaogantse le bo monnawe bone ba Batawana. Ke seemo se e leng gore se supa fela ka fa lefatshe le le neng le agiwa ka teng gore ga le a agiwa sentle. Le ne le na le…

MR PULE: *Clarification.* O e tshwere sentle motlotlegi. O a bona gore ke *social injustice* gore gompieno jaana kwa kgaolong ya rona ya Kgatleng ga re na *park.*

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: …(Laughter!)…

MR PULE: Ke a leboga.

MR DIGWA: Jaanong *parks* tse, di babaletse batho ba dikgaolo tsone tseo ka gore meamuso e e tswang mo *parks* tse tsotlhe, e jewa ke mongwe le mongwe ka tekatekanyo, mme bone batho ba dikgaolo tsone tse, ba ba ruileng dikgomo, ba ba lemang, ba a senyegelwa ka ntata ya diphologolo tse.

Batho ba Boteti ke batho ba ba lerato thata, ba ba pelotlhomogi, ga ba batle go ja ba le nosi, ba re ke tle go kopa Ntlo e gore e letlelele gore ditlou tse dingwe tse di kwa Boteti, di tsewe di isiwe kwa dikgaolong tse di seyong teng.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: …(Laughter!)…

MR DIGWA: Ditau, bophokoje, bo eng, ba tsewe *and should be shared equally.*

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: …(Applause!)…

MR DIGWA: *So,* ke tsaya gore seemo se ke seemo se se ka siamang thata, se re ka reng fa re bua ka diemo tse dingwe, batho ba kgona go tlhaloganya gore re bua ka ga eng.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF HEALTH (MR OOKEDITSE): *Clarification.* Ke ne ke re ke *clarify* gore ga se gore gongwe bo nkwenyana le bone ba le babedinyana, dinoga le mo gongwe, re tseye re abele Mabuse le ene a tle a nne le tsone ka o a di batla?

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: …(Laughter!)…

MR DIGWA: Go tlhamaletse ka gore go a supafala gore o a ngongorega. *Professor* Dudley Seers, o kile a bua gore *to measure* ditlhabololo, o tshwanetse go lebelela *the level of poverty*, *inequality* le *unemployment.* Ke tsone tse di ka go supegetsang gore *is that area or country developed*. *So,* go a supafala gore *the level* ya *poverty* ga e lekane mo Botswana otlhe. Fa o ya kwa Boteti, *level* ya *poverty* e kwa godimo thata ka gore fa o ruile dikgomo di tsala dinamane di le 10, go ya go aloga di le *three,* tse dingwe di jewa ke tsone dilo tse, tse re dikopang gore re di abelane le ba bangwe ka tekatekanyo ka lerato le le kalokalo.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: …(Laughter!)…

MR DIGWA: Tekatekanyo e, e ka thusa *to enhance unity* ka gore rotlhe jaanong re tlaabo re lekalekana. Fa e le gore go na le bothata bongwe bo sa itemogelwe ke kgaolo e nngwefela, rotlhe re itemogela bothata jo bo ntseng jalo.

Bagaetsho, Boteti o na le seemo se se utlwisang botlhoko, ga go na sepatela. Gore re ye sepatela, ke gore re ye kwa dikgaolong di sele. Ga go na *senior secondary schools.* Fa go buiwa ka *Ministry of Higher Education,* rona ga go na sepe se re se akolang sa *ministry* o gotlhelele. Ga re na le fa e le *brigade,* ke seemo fela se se botlhoko. Ke sone se le utlwang ke re ke *support* mogopolo o wa *social justice audit*.

Land boards tsa rona di bidiwa di-*sub*. Ke raya gore o utlwe fela, *sub*, *we are sub to who*?

HONOURABLE MEMBER: …(Inaudible)…

MR DIGWA: Le rona go raya gore re ya go nna *sub-tribes?*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: No, subjects.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Elucidation.

MR DIGWA: Jaanong ke seemo se se botlhoko, mo lefatsheng re re re a ipusa mo go lone. *That is why I support* mogopolo o. *I yield.*

MR HIKUAMA: *Elucidation.* Mme o e tshwere sentle *Honourable* Digwa. *We are not already sub,* ke gore *the setup* ya lefatshe la Botswana *has created superordinate tribes and subordinate tribes.* Go ntse fela jalo, ga se se se tlaa tlang se diragala, ke se se le teng le gompieno fa re bua jaana. Selo se e leng gore gongwe *audit* e e tlaa fetsa seemo seo. Ke ne ke re ke go tlaleletse gone foo fela.

MR DIGWA: Ke a leboga mokaulengwe. Nna gompieno jaana fa o ka mpotsa gore ke mokae, le fa o ka mpatla mo Molaomotheong ga o ka ke wa mphitlhela gope.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Laughter!)...

MR DIGWA: Ke seemo se se dirang gore ke amogele mogopolo o. Kana ke setlogolo sa Bayei, malome ke yole, malome tota, mme ga a yo mo Molaomotheong.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Laughter!)...

MR DIGWA: Fa e le leleme la gagwe fa re re re a bua re re, *leteshere*, batho ba a re gakgamalela gore ba ke ba ba tswang kae. *So* seemo se ga se se re tshwanetseng go se letlelela mo Botswana. Fa o ya kwa South Africa, batho ba ithuta diteme tsa ba bangwe ba sa di bihele, ba ba tsayang boipuso maabane jaana. Ga re bolo go tsaya boipuso mme re setse re bihela diteme tse dingwe. Go riana go itsiwe fela gore go na le Ovaherero, mme go na le Ovambanderu, ke ba, ke Ovambanderu. Fela fa o ka bala dibuka tsa Botswana, ga o ka ke wa fitlhela e le gore go kwadilwe Ovambanderu. Go na le Badereku, ba teng gone fa, ga o ka ke wa bona ba kwadilwe gope. *There are about* 45 *tribes* mo lefatsheng le. Re batla gore *audit* e fa e sena go nna e dirwa, go kwalwe maina a merafe e yotlhe, e bile go ya kwa Ntlong ya Dikgosi *should not be applied for*, jaaka gompieno go dirwa. Bayei ba na le dingwaga tse di fetang 100 ba ntse ba batla go ya kwa Ntlong ya Dikgosi, ba kganelwa.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Applause!)...

MR BOGATSU (LENTSWELETAU-LEPHEPHE): Tanki *Madam Speaker.* Tota ke emela fela go le go nnyennyane gore *Honourable* Lucas a utlwe gore *I support him* ka mogopolo o. Ka gore mogopolo o wa gagwe ntlha e nngwe a re o dirilwe ke go utlwa ka fa e rileng ke tsena mo Palamenteng mo ka bua ka teng ka kgaolo e e samileng Gaborone. E mongwe le mongwe a neng a ka dumela gore kgaolo e fa e leng teng ruri e ka bo e ungwelwa ke sengwe ka Gaborone o namela mo go yone.

Mma re fete jaana, se re se buang gompieno sa dipharologanyo tse di kanakana tse ke tse re di jang boswa *from the colonial era*. Ka gore ka nako ya fa Mmamosadinyana a goroga mo lefatsheng le a ba a lemoga gore le lefatshe ga le kgatlhe, ga le na sepe, maikaelelo a gagwe e ne e le gore a nne le tsela e go neng gotwe, *the road to the north*. A bo a re, mme ke ka dira jang gore Maburu ba se ka ba ntseela fa ke fetang teng go a go bona mafatshe a a humileng, a bo Northern Rhodesia and Southern Rhodesia?

MADAM SPEAKER: *Order! Honourable* Bogatsu, dirisa lefoko le le siameng e seng la Maburu.

MR BOGATSU: …(Inaudible)…

MADAM SPEAKER: Nnyaa, ga se mafoko a a siameng.

MR BOGATSU: Ke tlaa ba bitsa eng jaanong? Ga nna jalo, mme a bo a bona gore, gore ke tle ke nne le tsela e e ntse e le teng e e tsamaelang kwa, mma ke tseye lefatshe le go thibela Majeremane le *the Boers from taking over this road to the north.* Ka go lemoga gore ga go na se se mo kgatlhang mo ke fa a tlaa tla ka *that policy of indirect rule.* A bo a re, gore ke tle ke kgone jaanong gore ke tswelele ka *to control* batho ba, mma ke ba beye *under the administration of other tribes*, ke fa go tlaa tla *the tribal reserves.* Se se neng sa direga, sa nna phoso, ke gore e re *at independence* ga bo go sa baakanngwe tsela eo e e neng e diragetse. Re bo re tswelela ka *the same system* e e neng e ntse e le teng. *It was wrong to do that*. Fa re ne re baakantse, re ka bo re tsamaya golo gongwe. Mafoko a a buiwang a go bolelelwa ruri.

Language le yone e dirile gore go nne le mathata, ka gore e rile fa go tsena e bo *the focus* e nna mo *language* ya Setswana le Sekgoa. Ke gakologelwa fa ke santse ke tsena sekole, ke ne ka bala mokwalo mongwe o o kwadilweng ke ntate yo mongwe a re, "*our education system* yone fela *entrenches culture of exclusion and social indifference*." A bua gore, ke gore fa o isa ngwana kwa sekoleng jaanong ke go mmogisa, ka *the expectation* ke gore ngwana yo a ye go rutwa ka Setswana ntswa e se Motswana. Ke ka moo re reng, go ne go tlhokafala gore Puso, le ya rona ya UDC, jaanong e baakanye, e re, bogolo ngwana a rutwe ka *mother tongue to Standard* 4 *at least,* ke gone re ka simololang ra lebelela dilo tse dingwe tse di diragalang.

Jaanong fa ke tla ke boela mo Kgaolong e ke e emetseng ya Lentsweletau-Lephephe, *you will realise that,* ka boyone fa go ne go dirwa dilo sentle, ka gore le rona fa re di lebelela dilo tse, ditlhabololo tse, ke tshaba go dirisa lefoko le gotweng, *maybe* ke re ke bua ka *tribalistic*

connotations, ke re *there are egocentric based,* ka go lebilwe gore o wa morafe ofe gore o bo o ka tlhabololwa. Fa o tsaya, *for example* motse o ke ratang go bua ka one, o e leng wa Medie gompieno, o e ka bong e le one *the hub* ya *development* mo Lentsweletau-Lephephe, ka gore o tshwere se e leng gore re a bona diteraka moso le maitseboa, motshegare otlhe, di tsamaya teng di ya go tsaya magala. Magala ao… re bua ka motlakase gompieno o re senang nao, *quality coal* e e ka bo e re fetlhela motlakase. Lebelela *injustice* e e dirilweng, gore e re re ne re solofeditswe *power station,* e bo gotwe bale ga e a ba tshwanela, e bo e tsewa e isiwa kwa Palapye. Ka gore ba Palapye ba setse ba na le Morupule B *that is failing*, ke eng ba sa re tlogele ra iteka, gongwe e e ne e tlaa re berekela? Gongwe re ka bo re tsamaya golo gongwe.

Fa o tla o lebelela gape *in terms of development,* jaaka ke aga ke bua, Kgaolo e ke e emetseng ya Lentsweletau-Lephephe, o ya kwa bo Macheng, ba na le sengwe le sengwe se re neng re ka se tlhoka go tlhabolola, mme jaanong ka gore ke rona, ga go na ope yo o kgatlhegang.

O tsaya dikole, bohutsana… ke gore pharologanyo ya bana ba ba tsenang sekole kwa Kopong le ngwana yo o tsenang sekole, ga ke itse gore ke ka re kae, ke gore o fitlhela e le gore ngwana yo o mo *classroom* le yo o tsenang kwa ntle, pharologanyo ya bone ke gore yo mongwe o rutelwa *inside the classroom,* yo mongwe o kwa ntle, *but they are all sitting on the floor*. Yo o *in the class* o ntse fa fatshe, ga go na tafole, ga go na setilo, yo o kwa ntle le ene o ipharile mo mmung. Ke mathata a re iphitlhelang re le mo go one, mme dikgang tse di ntse di buiwa go sena se se diragalang. Mme fa o tsena mo metseng e megolwane, *take for example* fa o tswa mo Kopong o bo o ya kwa Molepolole, *they are all taught in classrooms,* ba ntse mo ditilong, ga go na ngwana yo o rutelwang kwa ntle. Fa o tsena kwa sekoleng sa ...(*inaudible*)… 1,265 *students outside,* o fitlhela o ipotsa gore, fa e le gore ngwana o tsena *in class* a bala *Standard* 1 a ba a ya go tsena a bala *Standard seven,* tota wa re *what are you achieving*? Go raya gore maduo a thuto ga a yo a bana ba a bonang. Le fa bana ba tlhasetswe ke bo mmamanthwane mo dikoleng ga go na sepe se se diriwang.

Fa o bua ka *transportation* ya bana ba ba tsamayang mesepele e meleele ba ya dikoleng kgakala, ba tsewa ka dikara tsa ditonki, ba bangwe *they walk more than five kilometres to school every day,* o bo o nthaya o re, a mme ngwana wa mofuta o a o ka rutega? Go a go tlhokafala gore fa re bua ka gore, *we want to fight these injustices* tse re di bonang, tota go supafale re tlhoafetse, re batla go di lwantsha le go di fetsa. A re lebeleleng fa bana ba nnang teng. Fa o tsaya Kgaolo ya rona ya Lentsweletau-Lephephe, e tlhoka *two senior secondary schools or at least two unified secondary schools; one* ka kwa Macheng, *one* ka kwano, ka gore ke kgaolo e le nngwe fela e bana ba teng ba senang sekole se ba ka reng *this is a senior school that we go to.* Gompieno jaanong ba utlwalelwa kwa bo Mogoditshane, ba bangwe ba ya Goodhope, Matsha, ba bangwe ba tlolela kwa bo Shoshong, kgakala *from their parents.* Mme la re thuto e a tshwaraganelwa ke motsadi, *teacher* le ngwana. O tshwaraganela jang thuto le ngwana…ke raya motsadi o e tshwaraganela jang le sekole le ngwana fa ngwana wa gago a tsena *over a* 100 *kilometres away from you*? Ke mathata a re iphitlhelang re le mo go one. Jaanong ke dumalana le mogopolo o, ke o tlatsa ke tlhoafetse gore, a go dirwe *this social audit,* go bonwe gore, a mme *these developments are evenly distributed.*

Fa o tsaya dipatela, rona ga re itse sepatela. Sepatela kwa garona o bua ka *clinic* e o yang go fitlhela *two room* mo go matlho mabedinyana. Nako tse dingwe ga go tsenwe, ga gona ngaka, baoki le bone ga bayo. Fa gotwe *referral,* go tlaa letswa motshegare o otlhe. Tsaya Kweneng *for example,* bao bone ba tseelwa fela go rata le go bona. Go na le motse gatwe Kweneng o tseelwa letsatsi lotlhe, ba epetswe sediba, yo mongwe o epa ka fa, yo mongwe o epa ka fa, ba kgadisa sa morafe. Ga gona tsela e e yang teng, ga gona kwa ba ikuelang teng, ba a itlhoboga. Rre yo o kwa wa lepodise, le fa a tshwere serukutlhi ga gona kwa a se isang teng, a bo a patelesege gore a ye go robala le serukutlhi mo ntlong. A mme go ka supa gore re tlhwaafetse ka go tlhabolola batho, fa re dira dilo tsa mofuta o o ntseng jalo?

Fa o ya kwa o tserwe, o itse gore o ya go tlhalwa. Monna wa gago o ya go ya kwa gangwefela, a bo a ela ruri, *because of the road which is not there.* Ke mathata, jaanong re tshwanetse gore fa re bua ka tsone dilo tse, re bo re di bua re tlhwaafetse. Mma ke eme go le kalo Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF TRADE AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (MR MATHOOTHE): *Elucidation.* Mokaulengwe o e tshwere sentle thata, fa o bua ka gore go tsewa magala kwa kgaolong ya gago, go tshwana le kwa kgaolong ya Mmashoro, Paje le Mabeleapodi. *Since mine* wa Morupule Colliery o simologa, o tsaya metsi kwa metseng e meraro e ke e buang e. Fa re bua jaana, ga ba ise ba ko ba direlwe sepe. Palapye o tlhabologa jaana, mme *mine* ole o tsaya metsi kwa, go sena sepe se ba se bonang. Ke raya gore ke dumalana le wena thata. Ke ne ke re ke go tlatse gone foo. *Thank you.*

MR HIKUAMA (MAUN WEST): Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker.* Le nna ke eme nokeng Tshutiso ya ga *Honourable* Taolo Lucas, e bile e e baakantsweng gore e balege sesha jaaka e setse e beilwe e bile go tsenngwa le kgang ya *inter-ministerial committee,* gore e dirwe go sekaseka dikgang le dipharologanyo tse di teng mo lefatsheng la Botswana.

Ke simolole ka go supa gore ke boammaaruri, lefatshe la Botswana le tsamaile lebaka le le telele le na le dipharologanyo *which are institutionalised in its laws.* Go simolola ka Molaomotheo wa lefatshe la Botswana, *even the policy that they have adopted from the onset* ya *Assimilation Policy,* e ne ya dira gore e leke go atolosa dipharologanyo tse di leng teng fa. Dilo tse gongwe fa re ka nna le komiti kana lekoko le, le tlaa sedimosa le bo le tla le ditharabololo tse di tshwanetseng gore di dirwe, re tswe mo seemong se.

Statistics tsa lefatshe la Botswana di a supa gore, Botswana *has a high Gini coefficient.* Dipharologanyo fa gare ga bahumi le bahumanegi di kana ka tlou, mme di dirwa ke dintlha tse, sa ntlha ke thuto…

MADAM SPEAKER: Order! Order! Honourable Members, it is now 6 o'clock, I shall call upon the Leader of the House to move a Motion of adjournment.

MOTION

ADJOURNMENT

ACTING LEADER OF THE HOUSE (DR BUTALE): *Thank you Madam Speaker*. Ke ne ke re ka kgang e ya gore nako e tšhaile, e bile re setse re buile maikutlo a rona, a re ye go ikhutsa re tle re wetse dibete kamoso.

Question put and **agreed to.**

The Assembly accordingly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until Thursday 3rd April, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

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