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Tuesday 3rd March, 2026

THE ASSEMBLY met at 2:00 p.m.

(THE SPEAKER in the Chair)

PRAYERS

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MR SPEAKER (MR KEORAPETSE): Honourable Members, good afternoon. I hope you had a restful night. Honourable Members, let us start our business of today with questions.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

FRANCISTOWN BMC

MR J. J. FRENZEL (SHASHE WEST): asked the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to state:

- (i) plans in place for the long-abandoned Francistown Botswana Meat Commission (BMC) offices;
- (ii) if there are any plans to outsource BMC Francistown to the local market since Government is still facing challenges to operate;
- (iii) how much is currently being channelled to the remuneration of security personnel by the Government; and
- (iv) whether there are any other departments/sections/employees working at BMC Francistown.

ACTING MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE (DR DIKOLOTI):

- (i) Mr Speaker, the Botswana Meat Commission (BMC) Francistown Abattoir is not abandoned but currently under a care and maintenance programme (mothballed) at annual cost of less than P5 million as part of the broader transformation strategy of the BMC. The care and maintenance programme is premised on the following:
 - (a) That the facility or abattoir be kept in such a condition that it can resume production almost promptly when required.
 - (b) The cost of the maintenance programme is kept to a minimum to reduce the cost burden to BMC;
- (ii) Mr Speaker, the Francistown abattoir is maintained as a strategic, backup facility to ensure business continuity for the BMC, particularly when the Lobatse plant faces disruptions. While there have

been past discussions about outsourcing, the current approach involves keeping the facility under “care and maintenance” for future use, and as such, is not available for outsourcing.

Mr Speaker, plans are at an advanced stage to operationalise Francistown abattoir by December 2025, dedicated exclusively to Kosher slaughter to diversify our export channels.

- (iii) Mr Speaker, the annual cost of security services at the Francistown abattoir is P660, 000. It is important to highlight that this is an outsourced service and as such, the BMC does not incur any direct remuneration expenses for the guards as they are paid by the service provider.
- (iv) Mr Speaker, there are no additional departments, sections or employees operating at BMC Francistown other than seven BMC personnel assigned to the main plant, that is four responsible for care and maintenance and the laboratory three respectively. I thank you Mr Speaker.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: Supplementary.

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable Members, le ele tlhoko Standing Order 40.2 and 40.3 fa le ntse le botsa supplementary questions. Ke tlaa tswelela ke ntse ke le gakolola.*

MR FRENZEL: *Supplementary. Ke a leboga Honourable Speaker. Ke a leboga ka karabo eo le fa golo gongwe ke sa go utlwa sentle ka gore kgang e ke neng ke batla go e itse motlotlegi, ke ya madi. O ne o supa gore annually, go na le madi, figure ya teng ga ke a e utlwa sentle. Ke kopa o e tlhalose sentle, re tle re bone gore jaaka go setse go na le dingwaga, go ka tswa go dirisitswe bokae?*

Potso e nngwe e ke batlang go feta ka yone ke ya gore, o supa gore *December 2026, this year* jaana, matlhabelo ao a tlaabo a setse a le *ready* go ka dirisiwa. Ke itse gore gompieno a santse a sa dirisiwe, ka lebaka la phokotsego ya dikgomo tse di tsenang. Ka *December 2026* jaana go ya kwa pele, fa matlhabelo a ya go bulwa, a tlaabo a dirisiwa eng sentlentle? A dikgomo di tlaabo di le teng tse di ka yang go tsena mo matlhabelong ale? Go na le matlo mo matlhabelong ale a BMC ya Francistown, a dirisiwa eng ka gore ke tshela ke bona gore a a bereka? Ke a leboga.

DR DIKOLOTI: *Thank you Mr Speaker. Ke leboge motlotlegi. Ke ne ke rile annual cost of security services ke P660 000. Potso ya gago ya bobedi e ne e le gore a mme ka December 2026, re tlaabo re kgonne sengwe. Ke ne ka bua maloba jwale le maabane gore re leka to diversify mmaraka. Ke tsaya gore o itse thata ka mmaraka o o tlotlegileng thata wa Halal. Go na le mmaraka o mongwe wa Kosher o e leng gore we had to go through audit gone kwa Francistown and we passed it.*

Challenge ya Kosher fa gongwe dynamics di kgona go tla di thagoga gape jaaka motswapele a rile, “o mpotse tsa kwa ke tswang, tsa kwa ke yang ga ke di itse,” mme maikaelelo a tsepame gone foo. Gape mokaulengwe, sengwe se se nkgwetlhang thata to make sure gore Francistown, tota cold storage e tswela e nne yone e e dirisiwang, ke dikgang tse di amang motlotlegi wa Tati kwa go nang le Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) teng. Kwa go nang le FMD teng, re setse re simolotse go kenta teng. Sengwe se re tshwanetseng go se akanyetsa go ya pele ke gore, fa e le gore re resolve to FMD free with vaccination, those animals will need a market. There is no how they can go and slaughter kwa Maun.

We need to start thinking broader go bona gore go ya pele, re ya go nna le strategy sefe. Sengwe gape se ke nngang ke se bua kgapetsakgapetsa, Francistown geographically o positioned sentle for possible export, not just for beef, but for meat. Ke buile gore BMC is Botswana Meat Commission, not Botswana Beef Commission. Re simolotse go akanya thata, e tlaare fa ke araba Honourable Moalosi mo potsong ya gagwe, ke go atolosetse gape, go go kaela gore re akanya jang go feta. Re bone gore re tsaya advantage because we have got the cold rooms there and nothing stops us from getting into the other meats to make sure that we make full use of it. Batho ba Francistown le bone e a ba boela. I can assure you mokaulengwe, we are in control of that.

Ya matlo ke tlaa go tlholela gore gompieno a feletse a neetswe bo mang. Ke itse gore go kile ga nna le puisanyo nngwe bogologolonyana fale ba education ba a batla. Ke tlaa tlhola gore a agreement ya teng e ne ya felela e wetse, gore a neelwe ba education and then I will give you the answer kwa tlhakoreng. Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Omphemetse Kwapa, Member for Jwaneng-Mabutsane.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ke tlaa mo e tseela Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: O tlaa mo e tseela Honourable Frenzel.

TRANSPORT FOR TEACHERS ON OFFICIAL DUTIES

MR J. T. I. MODISE (K GALAGADI SOUTH): asked the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education to state when it will be possible to provide pre and primary schools with official vehicles, considering that the teachers use their own vehicles for official duties.

Later Date.

GOVERNMENT POOL HOUSES

MR G. KEKGONEGILE (MAUN EAST): asked the Minister of Water and Human Settlement to apprise this Honourable House on the Government pool houses purchasing scheme, with emphasis on:

- (i) who their main target is, the number of those eligible, the number of all pool houses and the number of those available;
- (ii) the process undertaken to purchase a house, the number of houses purchased so far and the number of applications that are being processed; and
- (iii) challenges experienced and solutions in place for the smooth implementation of the programme.

MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR RAMOGAPI):

Mr Speaker, matlo a a rekisiwang a a bidiwang gotwe ke pool houses, a diragadiwa jaana go latedisiwa molao wa Presidential Directive CAB 30/2023. E e neng e le gore Goromente o ne a laola gore batho ba ba nngang mo matlong, ba ba bidiwang gotwe ke sitting tenants ka Sekgoa, fa ba batla go reka matlo, ba letlelelwe go a reka. Le fa go ntse jalo, e bo e ntsha batho ba ba nngang mo matlong a gotweng ke a maphata, a ka Sekgoa a bidiwang institutional houses.

Fa go ntse go eme jalo Mr Speaker, go bo go boa go latela CAB 24/2025, e e neng e le gore e leka go baakanya kana go kgola disana mo CAB Memo wa ntlha. E ne ya simolola ka go tokafatsa, re tsenya kgang ya gore batho ba ba nang mo teng ba se ka ba kokonelwa, ba reka ka mo go bidiwang gotwe ke Tenant Purchase Scheme. Motho fa a ntse a le mo teng, a kgone go reka ka bonya ka bonya, a duela e le rent.

Sa bobedi, ra ntsha sesana se sengwe se se neng se re, batho ba ba nngang mo matlong a, a bo e le fela ba e leng gore ga a fete 1200 square meters.

Go tewa gotwe go ne go na le *plots* tse di totatona, mme *they can be subdivided*, motho a se ka a reka. Ra kgola sesana se sengwe gape se se neng se re, fa o reka ntlo ya Puso, e bo e le gore ga o na ntlo gope fela. Gotwe tota o letlelelwa go reka, fa o batla go reka. Maikaelelo a go kgola disana tse, kana go baakanya fa re tsena mo Pusong re le Puso e ntšha, e le go leka gore re atolose batho ba ba nang le kgatlhego ya go reka matlo.

Mo potsong e e reng *main target* ya *scheme* se ke eng; *Mr Speaker*, *scheme* se se itebagantse thata le Batswana ba e leng badirelapuso ba ba nnang mo matlong a Puso, ka fa molaong. Go na le ba ba nnang mo go one, e se ka fa molaong. *Mr Speaker*, mo dipalong tse di kopilweng, matlo otlheotlhe a 6 491, a a *available*. Mo palong e, Botswana Housing Corporation (BHC) e na le 2 888, Goromente o na le 2 810, mme a le 793 ke a a firisitsweng ke *private sector*:

Mo potsong ya gore a a *eligible for sale* a kafe; *Mr Speaker*, a 5 673. Ke tsaya gore ele ya ntlha e utlwetse sentle gore ke rile 6 491. Mo matlong a *Mr Speaker*, a ntsha dipalo tsa 23 *houses* tse di kwa Extension 9 le a mangwe gape a le 11. Matlo a re ka reng totatota a *available for sale* *Mr Speaker*, a 5 398. Mo go one, re tlaabo re ntsha 277 *houses*, a e leng gore *already* a setse a rekisitswe.

Process e e dirwang gore o reke matlo *Mr Speaker*, ke e e latelang; jaaka ke buile, ba ba nnang mo matlong a, ba ba bidiwang gotwe *sitting tenants*, ba supa kgatlhego mo maphateng a bone. E ka nna *district houses to the relevant District Commissioner*. Sa bobedi, ba *Department of Housing* kana ba *District Commissioner*, ba dira ditshekatsheko tse di tlaabong di tsenya mo teng, dikgang tse di tshwanang le gore ba bo ba tlhatlhoba kago eo, gore ke e e ntseng jang. Ba tlhatlhoba le gore kago e o leng mo go yone, ga o kolote (*rent reconciliation*). Go bo go tsena kgang ya *property value*, gore ntlo e o batlang go e reka, e ja bokae. Fa moikopedi a *qualify or meet* tse di tlhokafalang, o tlaabo a bolelelwa gore a supe *proof of funding*, a bo a ka neelwa mokwalo. Se se diragalang go tswa fa, go nna le *process* ya go kanoka gore ntlo e, e ja bokae ka kakaretso, dikgang tsa *insurance* le tsone di le mo teng le tuelo e e tlaabong e le teng. Fa re tswala *business* *Mr Speaker*, ka di 20th February, 2026 jaaka ke buile, matlo a le 277 a setse a rekisitswe, mme go na le *applications* tse 248.

Mo potsong ya boraro ya gore re bone dikgwetlho dife; *Mr Speaker*, dikgwetlho tse re kopaneng le tsone di akaretsa dikgang tsa gore *institutional houses* jaaka go

ne go simololwa lantlha, ga a kgone go rekisiwa jaaka ke buile. O tlaa fitlhela go le gantsi, batho ba batla go reka *institutional houses* tsa BHC.

Kgang ya *plot size restriction* e ne e le kgwetlho e tona, mme re e baakantse. *Ownership restriction* e ne e le gore *the sitting tenants* ba ba setseng ba na le lefatshe golo gongwe, ba se ka ba reka. E ne e le kgwetlho e tona, mme re e baakantse *Mr Speaker*.

Kwa bofelong *Mr Speaker*, ka gore re lemogile gore tota batho ba ba nnang mo *institutional houses* le bone ba na le kgwetlho ya go reka, re akantse gore ka fa tlase ga lenaneo la Bonno, ba kgone go a reka. Re ba neele mo gotweng ke *first priority*. Fa a tla a supa gore ke nna mo *institutional house*, a sekasekelwe fa a ka rekang teng, fa a ka tlhophang teng. Maikaelelo ke gore matlo a Bonno a nne lefatshe ka bophara. Ke leboga mmotsi wa potso *Mr Speaker*. Ke a go leboga.

MR SPEAKER: Pele fa re ya kwa *supplementary*, *Honourable Ministers*, go raya gore ke tlaa le kwalela *through the Clerk* gore ope yo o arabang potso e e tlang ka Sekgoa, a se ka a e ranolela mo Setswaneng a e bala. A tle a e ranoletse ruri, *so that we do not spend much time translating from English to Setswana because it takes all our time. I will make that letter tomorrow*, gore fa o araba ka Setswana, o tlhamalelele fela kwa Setswaneng o e bale e ntse jalo. Fa e le gore o kwa Sekgoeng, o ye kwa Sekgoeng.

MR KEKGONEGILE: *Supplementary*. Tanki *Mr Speaker*. Tanki *Honourable Ramogapi* o e arabile. Motho o ka botsa *as a follow-up* gore, ke utlwile fa o fetsa gore ba ba nnang mo *institutional houses* ba tlaa sekasekekwa kwa Bonno. Potso e bo e nna gore ke lenaneo la badirelapuso, mme go na le badirelapuso fela *in general*, ba ba sa fiwang boroko *totally* ke Goromente. Ba na le tshwanelo le keletso ya go reka matlo a. Fa e le gore go na la *alternative* ya Bonno, le bone ba akaretswe mo go yone. Bone le ba baya fa kae?

E e latelang ke ya gore ke utlwile o re, go na le bangwe ba ba nang mo matlong a ga Goromente e se ka fa molaong, e a gakgamatsa *Honourable Ramogapi*. Go diragala eng? Go tla jang gore go bo go ntse jalo? Ke seemo se se ntseng jang fela? Le tsaya kgato e e ntseng jang ka gone?

Ke utlwile o re go na le matlo a a hirisiwang ke *private sector* a ga Goromente, mme babereki ba ga Goromente ba lela ka boroko. Ke eng go ntse jalo? A ga se gore gongwe le beile ba ka fa mosing, go na le gore ba ka bo ba le foo?

Go na le kgwetlho ya matlo a a senang *house numbers*. Go lebega a beetswe ka fa thoko, mme a le *eligible* gore a ka rekwa.

Le dira eng ka gone, gore ba ba nnang mo go one, ba kgone go a reka kana ba ba nang le keletso ya gore a reka, ba a reke? Go na le batho *who have long applied* fa lenaneo le ntse le tswetsetse, mme *they are on the edge of retiring*. Le ba tswalela kwa ntle kana *applications* tsa bone di santse di bereka? Tanki *honourable*.

MR RAMOGAPI: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Mma ke simolole ka ya bofelo ka gore, ke ne ke sa fetsa go e kwala ya ba ba saleng ba ikopetse mme e le ba ba gologolo. Re ne ra leka bojotlhe gore batho ba ba gologolo jaaka re ne re tsena mo Pusong, re leke go ba akofela, re ba thusa, selo sa ntlha. Selo sa bobedi, ra leka gore re oketse dingwaga tsa bone. Sa boraro, ra kopa gore le fa e le gore bone go na le kwa ba ka bonang madi teng, *we should not treat them...* ka gore tota ba sale ba diilwe ke Puso. Re leke go ba thusa fela le fa e le gore ba dule mo tirong, mme ba ne ba ikopetse. Go lebelelwe gore o ka bona madi kae, o bo o tswelela.

Ke boela kwa kgannyeng ya gore babereki ba bangwe ba Puso ra reng ka bone *in relation to institutional houses*, babereki botlhe ba Puso le ba e seng ba Puso, tota keletso ya rona ke gore Motswana a nne le seriti, a nne le *roof* mo godimo ga tlhogo ya gagwe. Mathata a matona a re a lemogileng ke gore, Batswana ba rata gore fa ba bereka, selo sa ntlha se ba se tabogelang ke go reka koloi. Kwa morago fa ba setse ba godile, ke gone ba akanyang gore ke lebile *to retire*, ke ya kae. Keletso e tona ke gore, re rotloetse Batswana, le lona batlotlegi le ba rotloetse ka lenaneo le la Bonno gore, tota bonno ke jone konokono. Jaanong ba botlhe rra, ba tlaa akarediwa.

Mo kgannyeng ya *illegal tenants*, go a diragala, e le gore bothata ke gore motho o tlaabo a supa gore o nna mo ntlong, tota a nna mo teng. Fa a ikagetse ya gagwe a tshwanetse go tswa foo a busetsa ntlo kwa go Goromente, o bona gore ntlo mo Gaborone o e busa, nnyaa, *he or she will keep it*, a bo a tsenya batho mo teng ka sephiri, a ba hirisetse jaaka go diragala kwa bo Phikwe ka matlo a BCL, le kae le kae. Ke jone bothata jo re tshwaraneng le jone. Re leka go dira *inspections*, re bo re tshwara ba bangwe, re ba ntsha. Ba bangwe ba tlaa nna ba leka go relela, e re fa o mo tshwara a bo a re, ke nna le semangmang o ile tirong, mme tota e le *illegal tenant*. Ba *private sector* ba ba ka tswang ba hirisa matlo a, gongwe ga ke a ka ka utlwala sentle, BHC mo teng

gape provides matlo a a rekisiwang. Ke ne ke re, ba ba nnang mo teng mme e le *private sector*; ba BHC...

Ya matlo a a senang *house numbers*; go boammaaruri, go na le matlo a o tlaa fitlhelang e le sekidi fela se se tona, go bo go raya gore *it is not subdivided*. Go raya gore *plot* e e foo, e *one* fela. Matlo a fa gongwe o tlaa fitlhela e le gore *are not subdivided* gore ke *plot number* mang. Ke mangwe a matlo a re ka reng, a re fa *stress*, ka gore o tlaa fitlhela a sa kgone go rekisiwa. A mangwe jaaka o bua, o tlaa fitlhela a kgaogantswe, mme *plot* ya teng e le tona. Fa o re o ya go ikopela ka gore e nna 1200 *square meters*, e na le seelo sa gore o se ka wa feta fa. *Plot* ya teng o fitlhela e le gore e *double* mo e leng gore ga e ka ke ya rekisiwa. Puso e akanya gore nako nngwe, *we will subdivide* lefatshe le, re bo re aga ntlo *side* e nngwe.

Ke a go leboga motlotlegi, o boditse potso e e botlhokwa thata. *Mr Speaker*, re utlwile kgakololo ya gago. Ka boikokobetso, re ne re re Batswana ba utlwe. Ke one mathata a rona. Setswana se pala go balwa, ke mathata a mangwe a re nang le one.

MAUN GENERAL HOSPITAL

MR C. K. HIKUAMA (MAUN WEST): asked the Minister of Health to apprise this Honourable House on the ongoing refurbishment and maintenance of the Maun General Hospital and to further state:

- (i) what led to project delays and maintenance backlogs;
- (ii) the impact on healthcare delivery in the Ngamiland region;
- (iii) a definitive completion date for the refurbishment of the old Maun General Hospital, given that the project was originally scheduled for completion in 2018 but remains incomplete as of 2026; and
- (iv) the current maintenance budget for Maun General Hospital.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF HEALTH (MR OOKEDITSE): Thank you Mr Speaker. Our ministry is aware of the delay in the completion of the Maun General Hospital refurbishment project.

- (i) The project was delayed due to inadequate project management by the contractor which led to the failure to deliver the project as scheduled. Initially the project was scheduled to be done within a year

and that was from 2017 to 2018, but then it was taken forever for that reason. As a result of this, I am informed that this resulted in the termination of the contract in October 2023 by the implementing Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure (MTI).

- (ii) Mr Speaker, Maun General Hospital is centrally located in a densely populated area in Maun, thus easily accessible by the communities within the catchment area. The completion and opening of the hospital will greatly improve access to health services and help decongest Letsholathebe II Memorial Hospital (LIIMH). The delayed completion of the project has impacted negatively on access to healthcare services for the underserved communities of Ngamiland Region. However, Maun General Clinic which is located adjacent to the hospital continues to service the nearby communities as it operates on a 24-Hour basis. Additionally, Maun Community can also seek access to health care services at LIIMH which is about 10 kilometers (km) from Maun General Hospital.
- (iii) Mr Speaker, the refurbishment of Maun General Hospital Project commenced in July 2017 and was due to complete in July 2018. Regrettably the project stalled at 90 per cent completion and we are looking through the MTI to complete the remaining works in the 2026/27 financial year. The condition audits were carried out on the 12th to 15th January, 2026 to determine the scope for the remaining works. The MTI is currently working on the tender documents which are expected to be ready in March 2026 while award of the contract is anticipated by May 2026 and the works to commence on site by June 2026. Works are anticipated to complete by April 2027.
- (iv) The 2026/27 budget for the Maun General Hospital project is Twenty-Four Million Pula Only (P24, 000, 000). Funds are for completion of the remaining works. Because of the delays, we are incurring an extra, I think around P14 million to complete the works. Thank you Mr Speaker.

MR HIKUAMA: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga Honourable Speaker. Ke a leboga Honourable Minister. O ka tlhatswa e ya gore *it was due to inadequate project management.* A mme ga go na boitseanape mo maphateng a lona ba ba tlhodomelang gore go tswelsetse sentle? Ke gore fa le neetse kompone, le e tlogela fela go dira se e se ratang, lona le sena seabe sepe mo go yone, ke ya ntlha.

Ya bobedi le yone ke batla o e tlhatswa ka gore ga ke a go utlwa sentle. O buile ka 90 *per cent completion*, o bo o bua gape ka gore le na le lekoko le le yang *to determine the scope of work*, fa e le gore ke go utlwile sentle. 90 *per cent* le go ya *to determine scope of work* e e setseng, go raya eng? Le dirile 90 *per cent, already* ga a go neele *the scope of work* e e setseng? Ke sone se ke reng gongwe o ka e tlhatswa. Gape o buile ka Maun General Clinic e e thusang, le seemo sa yone fela e thusa *currently*, le dipula fa di na jaana batho ga ba kgone *to access service kwa clinic* ya teng, a seemo sa teng le a se itse? Ke a leboga.

MR OOKEDITSE: Thank you Mr Speaker. *Ke simolole fela ka ya bofelo, ke supe jalo gore* it would be quite an ideal project to have *ka gore fa o lebelela* like you are rightly pointing out, *go na le antenatal services tse e leng gore batho ba a di tlhoka*, but currently, *ba ya kgakala go di bona. Go na le services tse e leng gore* they are envisaged *mo go yone, tsa cytology, tse e leng gore* cancer screening and others would then be more accessible *kwa Maun, tse e leng gore* currently *ga diyo. Fa o lebelela, go na le orthodontic services tse e leng gore le tsona* they are earmarked for that facility. Indeed, I agree with you *gore go ne go tlaabo go le botlhokwa thata gore* this project *e fele, e kgone go neela* batho this thing. That is the third aspect of your supplementary.

90 per cent completion; at the time *e e leng gore* the project or the contract was terminated, we were at 90 per cent. *Fa e le gore o utlwile dinako sentle gore ke ntse ke tla ke go bolelela* timelines *tse di ntseng jang, ke project e e ka bong e fedile ka 2018.* The termination was done *ka 2023.* The time lag in between *e go raya e re* there is a lot of work that needs to be done in terms of assessing the proper extent *ya sengwe le sengwe.* We are looking at the scoping *e e neng e setse e dirilwe, e re e fitlhelang e le mo tafoleng.* You cannot just do it on the basis of what was there *ka nako yone ele.* That is why *ke re go tshwanetse gore gompiano go nne le* more scoping work *e e dirwang* to determine *sengwe le sengwe sentle.* The estimates and the projections that I have given you *di ntse ka fa di ntseng ka teng.*

You have asked a good question *gore naare ga le na batho ba ba lebelelang* projects *tse gore di tsamaya jang fa e le gore* reason *ya delay e ka nna gore* there was poor contract management. Well, I mean my good friends on the other side of the House, *Rre Mmusi le ba bangwe,* could help me better in terms of that. I can say to you that it is a weakness *e e leng gore* it was there and it should have been addressed. I know that if you look at

the documents *tse e leng gore ba ne ba di dirisa go leka* to address problem *yone eo, ba ne ba tla ka yone* the Development Manager (DM) Model e le a way *ya go leka* to manage some of the inefficiencies *ke* contractors, such that *fa go na le* inefficiency, *go tlaabo go raya gore* the contractor will then have to bear the cost *tse tsothetse go dira jalo, kana* the Project Manager *ke ene a tlaa dirang gore a ka dira jalo*. That is how they try to address it.

There are people within departments *ba ba dirang jalo, ke* Engineers, Facility Managers *ba ba tshwanetseng gore ba ka nna ba lebelela dilo tse go fokotsa* the inefficiencies *tse di leng teng*.

You could then ask me if these things are there why were the problems continuing. There are many reasons, and one of those is mismanagement, and sometimes it is corruption and other reasons *tse di leng teng*. Then the last one would be lack of consequences, because then someone could mismanage the contract or contract can be mismanaged under your watch, and then you continue to be on your job. I think there is a plethora of reasons for that. *Ke a leboga*.

BATSWANA OWNED BUSINESSES IN THE PARENT CHICKEN REARING INDUSTRY

MR M. MOALOSI (NKANGE): asked the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to state:

- (i) the number of Botswana owned businesses in the parent chicken rearing industry;
- (ii) the number of Botswana who applied for permits to import parent stock, stating the number of those who were approved, those who were denied; and the reasons for denial;
- (iii) why Botswana are not allowed to import fertile eggs from nearby countries to run their own hatcheries;
- (iv) if he is aware that every year there are a limited number of day-old chicks available for small and medium scale farmers from the beginning of September until the 15th of November as a ploy by the current suppliers to lock Botswana out of the lucrative Christmas period market; and
- (v) whether he will consider reporting the said suppliers to the Competition and Consumer Authority to be investigated for such anti competition practices as the suppliers are active in the whole chicken value chain, from parent stock to finished products including supplying feed and medicine.

ACTING MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (DR DIKOLOTI): *Tanki* Mr Speaker.

As a background, the poultry sub sector remains pivotal to the success of the Agriculture sector, serving as a key economic driver. The subsector has recorded significant growth with its value increasing from P1.7 billion in 2022 to P3.5 billion in 2025. Botswana has now achieved self-sufficiency in both chicken meat and table eggs, and it is transitioning towards an export led value addition focused industry which present substantial opportunities for job creation. The Botswana Livestock Commercialization Project (BOLCOP) will also play a critical role in further developing the poultry value chain and strengthening of commodity cluster and facilitating market access. The project will assist 50 000 households constituting of 200 000 people.

- (i) Mr Speaker, there are four parent stock chicken rearing business owned by Botswana, three of them are in partnership, and one is 100 per cent citizen owned. The two for broiler are Ross Breeders Botswana located in Notwane, Artesia and Francistown, Irvin's Botswana in Francistown, the Tuli Production Farmers, Treasureland in Letlhakane and Pick Pullets along Lobatse area. Currently, the broiler hatcheries have a total of 310 000 parent stock, 210 000 Ross Breeders and 110 000 Irvin's Botswana, while layer hatcheries have a total of 12 146 parents stock, that is 6 396 Pick Pullets and 5 750 for Treasure Land. The hatcheries for broilers and layers have a production capacity of 3 060 000-year-old chicks respectively.
- (ii) My ministry permits all Botswana to import parent stock. During the reporting period, a total of five applications were received. Of these, three permits were approved and sourced from Zambia, while the remaining two applications sourced from the Republic of South Africa and were declined due to the outbreak of Avian Influenza in South Africa. The last importation from South Africa Mr Speaker was done in 2019.
- (iii) All Botswana are allowed to import fertile eggs provided they meet requirement set for importation. All applicants are subjected to an assessment process which includes verification of ownership of an incubator and a production rearing site.

(iv) Mr Speaker, I am aware that there are supply constraints for day old chicks which hinder small and medium scale poultry farmers. To address this issue, my ministry established a multistakeholder committee called the Poultry Liason Committee in 2014 made up of all stakeholders including the Botswana Poultry Association, a recognized national body that represents the interest of small and medium scale farmers. The membership also extends to hatcheries, feed manufacturers, distributors, processors and poultry producers. Mr Speaker, this very important committee, the PLC convenes monthly to address supply chain issues and to advice my ministry on policy issues relating to the sector. From the period of January to December 2025, a total of 38 890 772-day old broiler chicks were produced, of which 65 per cent, which is 25 278 669 was distributed to medium to large scale producers, and 35 per cent which is 13 611 752 was distributed to small scale producers.

(v) Mr Speaker, my ministry will not hesitate reporting any case to Competition and Consumer Authority to be investigated of anti-competitive practices by any supplier. My ministry remains vigilant and available to facilitate anticompetition behaviours and practices.

Mr Speaker, *gone kgang e ka e le bothokwa, go na le booklet e nngwe e e leng gore ke report e e tswang kwa Business Botswana, ba e dira ngwaga le ngwaga, ba ntse ba nna ba e nneela. Ke tlaa ba kopa gore ba mphele Palamente booklet e ba tle ba kgone go bala, e tle e re fa ba ntse ba buisa kwa dikgaolong, ba kgone gore ba e dire. Ya 2025 is in progress, we are at quarter 3. They are finalizing ya the last quarter. Ke tsaya gore ke information e e bothokwa e e buang ka this sector e eleng gore e itsetsepe thata* Mr Speaker. I so submit.

MR MOALOSI: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga Honourable Minister ka karabo ya gago eo.

Gongwe fela gore Botswana ba tlhaloganye kwa lwapeng, *there is this notion* kwa ntle kwa gore go na le cartels tse di laolang *this chicken industry* ba e leng gore *they own the whole value chain from your day old chicks, to feeds, to cold line until the supermarket.* Nngwe ya dipotso tsame e ne e le gore, gongwe o tle o e arabe ba tle ba e utlwe sentle ka Setswana, gore fa go tsena *December kana November, the day old chicks* ga di kgone go bonala tse e leng gore Botswana ba a di

tlhoka gore ba di rue gore *six weeks December* fa a tsena ka *Christmas*, go bo go rekwa mo go bone. Ba re selo seo se dirwa ke gore ba e leng gore *they are supplying* tsone *day old chicks*, le bone gape *supply braai packs. They limit supply so that* ka *December* ba tle ba reke *braai packs* fela. Gongwe o e re tlhalosetse foo gore seemo seo ga le ise le utlwe ka sone, e bile *what has been the investigation.*

The other issue ke yone ya gore *importation of eggs from outside the country*, issue ke gore Botswana feel gore ba kganelwa gore ba ka ipulela *hatchery* tsa bone, ka gore *they are only few people who have licenses to import eggs*, bone ga ba letlelelwe to import eggs. Gore eo le yone o e araba jang gore Botswana ba e tlhaloganye sentle. Ke a leboga Mr Speaker.

DR DIKOLOTI: Ke a leboga Mr Speaker. Tota dipotso tse di maleba thata. Jaaka ke kopile, gone *I will share this report with them* gore ba ye go e tlhalosa go feta.

Mr Speaker, dikoko fa go tsena mariga *because of shorter day length* di fokotsa letsalo. Go raya gore ka nako e di tsholetsang ka yone *from September-October*, demand ya Botswana ka gore ba a bo ba ipaakanyetsa Keresemose, e a bo e le kwa godimo. O fitlhela e le gore go na le *that shortage there. Like I said, there is always a commitment. We have committed through Programmable Logic Controllers (PLC), whatever production that we have, 65 per cent will go to the commercial, 35 per cent will go to the Small Medium Enterprises (SMEs).* Mr Speaker, we have one of the latest additions in the space, bogolo jang *the broiler space* Irvines, ba e leng gore *they are more focused towards small scale producers.*

I have had conversation with Botswana Agricultural Marketing Board (BAMB) gore le bone ba leke go thusa to facilitate go atolosa gore dikokwana tse, di tle mo bathong. Ngogola fa go ne go na le tshokolo fale, o ya go fitlhela e le gore the small producers ba ne ba na le dikoloto *at the hatchery* because go ne go sena madi nako ya teng. Re ne re kolota batho ka *subsidy.* Go raya gore fa ba kolota *hatchery, it cannot release. They cannot tell the end consumer the truth.* Go na le dilo tse di ntsi tse e leng gore *they might have been at play, but this is a very important topic* Mr Speaker. *I feel* Botswana ba tshwanetse go itse gore ga go na ope yo o ka tswang ka lesa legolo.

Gompiano *we have a* Motswana yo o kwa Boteti wa layers, *very keen to start the broiler production. It is something that we encourage. That is why* ke go raya

ke re, *even as a Government through the Botswana Livestock Commercialisation Project, we have identified the poultry sector because e na le so much potential to add to it. Jaaka ke bua, there is a target in terms of number of households le gore e tlaa nna le outreach ya batho ba le kae. This is a very important sector, we want to make sure we do well in it, and we end up exporting. Fa o ka bona palo ya batho ba e ba hirileng, ke e e seng kana ka sepe. One thing that we should know Honourable Member ke gore, kwa o dirang sentle teng mo dikokong, o tshwanetse o bo o laola the whole value chain because you need to check against quality. Ke ntwala ya bone ya gore fa ke jesa dikoko tsa me, my breeders gore di kgone to produce sentle, they need to be fed with the right quality. There are always these checks to make sure that you protect your production.*

Se sengwe se se botlhokwa ke gore, go thuba dikokwanyana, ga go thubiwe fela o bo o di tsamaisa. Go na le *process* ya rona ya ba bongaka e di tshwanetseng go feta ka yone; go kentiwa jalojalo gore kwa bofelong yo o yang go di rua, di kgone go gola gore a rekise. E seng jalo, o tlaa tsaya dikokwanyana e nna maphoi fela. O di fa dijo o bona di fofa kwa godimo o ipotsa gore naare koko ya nama e kgona go fofa jaana. Kgantele ke wena o senyegelwang. Dilo tse tsothe *Mr Speaker*, re leka go di sireletsa. *I am very happy* gore nako nngwe re tle re nne fa fatshe, re bue thata *Mr Speaker*, ka dikgang tse gore batlotlegi ba kgone go reetsa. *I will share* le ene *report* e. Ke tlaa kopela batlotlegi botlhe gore ba nne le yone, e tle e re fa ba ya go buisa kwa dikgaolong, ba bo ba e tshwere *Mr Speaker. I so submit.*

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Pule.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Tanki *Mr Speaker*. Potso ke ya bosupa, ke tlaa e mo tseela.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Taolo Boipuso Lucas, Member for Bobirwa.

CANCELLATION OF THE MATHATHANE-PLATJAN ROAD TENDER

MR T. B. LUCAS (BOBIRWA): asked the Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship to apprise this Honourable House on the issues that led to the cancellation of the Mathathane-Platjan Road tender after he assured this Parliament that the tender was on course to be awarded to a qualifying company; and further:

- (i) assure this Honourable House on the proper observance of all legal, administrative and procurement protocols in the cancellation of the tender;

- (ii) explain how the money from European Union (EU) earmarked for the project will be utilised for the benefit of Bobirwa and the SPEDU Region;
- (iii) state if his ministry is still in charge of the project or it has been moved to a different ministry; if so,
- (iv) state the ministry that it has been moved to and how the project will be rolled out; and
- (v) state the quality assurance protocols that will ensure a high-quality finished product.

MR SPEAKER: How long is this answer?

MINISTER OF TRADE AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (MR NTSIMA): It is long, but I feel I should read it.

MR SPEAKER: You are saying it is long? Standing Order 38.4, *o tlaa mo neela karabo e e kwadilweng.*

A PROMISED UNIFIED SECONDARY SCHOOL

MR T. BOGATSU (LENTSWELETAU-LEPHEPHE): asked the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education if the unified secondary school that was promised to Lentsweletau village around the year 2000 is still part of the ministry's plans.

MINISTER OF CHILD WELFARE AND BASIC EDUCATION (MS KGAFELA-MOKOKA): *Ke a dumedisa* Mr Speaker. *Ke dumedise le Ntlo e e fa le baagi ba Kgatleng East.* Mr Speaker, it is Government's intention through education continuum that we retain learners within the mainstream up to Botswana General Certificate in Secondary Education (BGCSE). As a result, most schools including this one will be considered for expansion. This financial year our budget is very limited. However, they will be considered in the future. Thank you Mr Speaker.

MR BOGATSU: *Supplementary. Mr Speaker, ke leboga Tona ka karabo ya gagwe le fa e sa nkgotsofatse. Ke e botsa ka mabaka a gore kgaolo e ya Lentsweletau-Lephephe Tona, ke yone fela e e leng gore ka kwano ga e na a senior secondary school. In terms of population, fa o tsaya dipalo tsa dikole tse di kwa kwano, o tsaya Matsheng, o na le 900 students, the same as Motswakhumo. Botlhe bana ba bone ga go na kwa ba bonang senior secondary school teng. Pele e ne e le gore ba tlaa ya Molefi; Molefi can no longer take them. Kgari Sechele can no longer take them. Mogoditshane can no longer take them. A ga o bone go le botlhokwa, e bile go le urgent gore ministry wa gago mma o sekaseke gore go nne le a unified secondary school in this constituency?*

MS KGAFELA-MOKOKA: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke dumela gore karabo e ke e fileng la ntlha, e rarabolotse matshwenyego ao. Boammaaruri ke gore, ga go na madi bagaetsho. Fa le ka lebelela Botswana Economic Transformation Programme (BETP) le National Development Plan (NDP) 12, re itlama gore re tsile go dira *expansion* mo dikoleng tse di ntsi. Fa le ka lemoga, *I made a pronouncement which the ministry has been working relentlessly go leka to absorb* le bone bana ba D tota. Le ka bona gore *ministry* o na le maitlamo le maikaelelo a go dira jalo. *It calls for infrastructural expansion* e ke tlholang ke bega gore re mo lenaneong la gore re batle madi a a tlaa gorogang, le tlaa a thibela (*defend*), le a dumela kana le a gana gore ke nne le tshono ya go dira se a se kopang. Sekole seo, ke sengwe sa dikole tse di lebeleletseng gore fa nako ya gore re atolose e tla, re tlaa di tsenya mo teng. Ke a leboga *sir*.

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable Members*, nako ya lona ya dipotso e ile. Go raya gore re ye kwa *Committee of Supply*...

LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION (MR SALESHANDO): *On a point of procedure. Mr Speaker*, ke ne ke re *in addition to* go laela Matona gore ba arabe ka bofelo ka *the language* e ba ka kgonang go e dirisa ka bonako, a ga se gore gape go boloka nako, re dumalane gore fa gotwe o bitse potso, o bitse potso fela. Madume a dikgaolo le one ke bona a a ja nako. Matona e re gotwe o a simolola, go bo go nna gotwe o boditse potso e e siameng, o a reng, *get to the answer*. Ga ke itse gore ke ofe yo go ka tweng wena o boditse e e sa siamang mme ke a e araba. Go nne *clear* gore fa o bidiwa, *you call out the number, Minister* fa gotwe araba, *you do not start congratulating* yo o boditseng, *you just answer and you save time*.

MR SPEAKER: Ke kgakololo *Honourable LOO*. *You should watch the House of Commons Honourable Members*, gongwe le ka ithuta go le gontsi *on management of time. Efficiency is very important*. Fa o emelela, o ya fela *straight* kwa go se o se emelang *without touring the horizon*.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Further procedure *Mr Speaker*.

MR SPEAKER: E nngwe e ke ntseng ke e bua fa le *Clerks* ke gore, fa ba kwala lekwalo, *also for lengthy questions. Sometimes the question maybe lengthy but the answer can actually be summarised in a manner that*

it does not lose out salient parts of the question. In other words, o ka araba motho ka karabo e khutshwane mme e araba potso e telele e a e boditseng. Let us also try Ministers to summarise questions. You can read out the summarised version, and then give out the full details to the Honourable Member yo o tlaabong a botsa potso. *I think* fa re ka dira jalo, gongwe re ka ya golo gongwe.

MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE (MR SALAKAE): *Point of procedure. Thank you Mr Speaker*. E nngwe kgang ke ya gore Batlotlegi Mapalamente ba bo ba botsa dipotso, a itse gore ga a ka ke a nna teng. Wena o bo o emisa *meetings* tsa gago tsotlhe, o bo o fitlhela Rre Mabuse Pule a seyo. A ka bo a go tshwere fela ka mogala a go raya a re, ke tlaabo ke seyo mmotlana, go raya gore re e tlosolose. Ga ba dire jalo, o ya go tlhola fa. Ke kopa gore *next time*, tsaya mogala o leletse *Minister* o re, ga ke na go kgona go nna teng, a tswelele ka diphuthego tse dingwe. Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa *Minister*, ga a ka ke a tswelela ka diphuthego tse dingwe. Potso nngwe le nngwe e e bodiawang mo Palamenteng, *whether* Mopalamente o teng kana ga a yo, e a arabiwa. Ke sone se go nnang go ntse gotwe ke tlaa e mo tseela. *The only challenge* ke fa re nna le *time constraints* jaaka go ntse. Ga ke batle re tsena mo ditshekong tse di yang go re diela nako ya *Committee of Supply*. Re ya kwa *Committee of Supply*.

ASSEMBLY IN COMMITTEE

(CHAIRPERSON in the Chair)

APPROPRIATION (2026/2027) BILL, 2026 (NO. 1 OF 2026)

ORGANISATION 0600- MINISTRY OF CHILD WELFARE AND BASIC EDUCATION

MR CHAIRPERSON (MR KEORAPETSE): Order! Order! Honourable Members, we are now in Committee. Let us start with the Ministry of Child Welfare and Basic Education, Organisation 0600. Honourable Members, please note that two hours and 10 minutes has been allocated to this organisation and I shall call upon the Honourable Minister to reply to the debates at 1630 hours and the question will be put at 1700 hours. Honourable Minister, you may present.

MINISTER OF CHILD WELFARE AND BASIC EDUCATION (MS KGAFELA-MOKOKA): Thank you Mr Chairperson. Mr Chairperson, please allow me to present to this Honourable House, the 2026/2027 Recurrent and Development Budget requests for the Ministry of Child Welfare and Basic Education.

Mr Chairperson, let me indicate from the onset that our proposed budget for the financial year 2026/2027 is a strategic roadmap meticulously aligned with the NDP 12 and BETP. Our ministry remains steadfast in its commitment to driving a transformative vision, one that shifts the paradigm towards 21st century excellence and the cultivation of lifelong learning. In doing so, we directly advance our global commitment to Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 4, of ensuring inclusive, equitable, and quality education for all.

To achieve this, we are prioritising modernisation of our infrastructure to create environments conducive to innovation and digital literacy. However, we recognize that academic success is inseparable from student well-being. Therefore, this report also places a fundamental emphasis on promoting inclusive and shock responsive Child Welfare Services. By integrating robust social safeguards with high-standard educational delivery, we ensure that every Motswana learner is nurtured, protected, and fully equipped to thrive in a competitive global economy.

Mr Chairperson, I will start my presentation by sharing with this Honourable House progress made by my ministry during the financial year 2025/2026.

REVIEW OF THE 2025/2026 BUDGET

Mr Chairperson, the approved estimates for the Recurrent Budget for the financial year 2025/2026 was Eleven Billion, Six Hundred and Eighty-Four Million, Nine Hundred and Thirty-Two Thousand, Nine Hundred and Eighty Pula (P11,684,932,980).

As at 24th February 2026, an amount of Ten Billion, Four Hundred and Seventy-Six Million, Seven Hundred and Seventy-Four Thousand, Five Hundred and Eighty-Six Pula (P10,476,774,586) which is 90 per cent of the total budget had been utilised.

The major challenges that the ministry faced during execution of the 2025/2026 Recurrent Budget has been shortage of funds to pay temporary teachers' salaries, utilities (especially water bills), maintenance of education facilities, textbooks and stationery for

students. Furthermore, the Public Service Management Directive No.6 of October 2025 which enhanced housing and upkeep allowances effective 1st April 2025, consequently affected the ministerial budget.

Mr Chairperson, under the Development Budget, an amount of Eight Hundred and Twenty-Eight Million, Six Hundred and Thirty-One Thousand, Four Hundred and Seventy-One Pula (P828,631,471) was initially allocated for the 2025/2026 financial year. The budget was subsequently revised downwards to Five Hundred and Ninety-Seven Million, Four Hundred and Fifty-One Thousand, Three Hundred and Four Pula (P597,451,304). Thus, we appreciate is due to the overall economic challenges. As at 24th February, 2026, the ministry had expended Three Hundred and Eighty-One Million, Five and Fifty Thousand, Seven Hundred and Fifty-One Pula (P381,550,751), representing 64 per cent of the revised budget.

The Development Budget was predominantly used under Secondary Education Programme, with major expenditures directed towards infrastructure development, particularly the expansion and maintenance of schools, as well as construction of staff houses, in line with Government's commitment to improve access, quality, and learning conditions within the education sector.

ACCESS TO QUALITY EDUCATION

Early Childhood Development

Mr Chairperson, as we conclude the 2025/2026 financial year, I am pleased to report that 756 out of 779 primary schools have now rolled out the Reception Class Programme, an increase from 742 schools in 2024/2025 financial year. This expansion has seen our enrolments growing from 32,590 learners in 2024 to 35,512 children in 2025, representing a significant 9 per cent increase. While some schools continue to face infrastructure challenges due to lack of additional classrooms, we also recognise that access remains a challenge in high-density urban and semi-urban areas.

The ministry continues to support early development through a grant system for community day care centres. To this end, the ministry has disbursed Five Million, One Hundred and Eighty Thousand Pula only (P5,180,000) this financial year to fund these nursery operations.

Moving forward Mr Chairperson, our ministry is actively exploring additional options to expand programme access across the remaining 23 schools, with a specific focus on the Central Region where 13

schools have not yet implemented the rollout. Our proposed strategy includes the adoption of Public-Private Partnership (PPP) models and the establishment of satellite schools. Through these models, we will engage private sector entities, communities, Faith Based Organisations (FBOs), and Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) to partner with Government in creating much-needed space for Early Childhood Development (ECD) services. However, our ministry continues to face shortage of permanent posts for both teachers and teacher aides which threatens programme continuity, as many staff members remain on temporary contracts. It is therefore, critical that we prioritise the creation of permanent positions for this cadre to ensure stability and sustained quality of learning for our students. To increase access for children, as required by the BETP, the ministry requires additional resources to pay private sector day care centres to enroll more children especially the Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC).

STEAM-Driven Curriculum

Mr Chairperson, our ministry has adopted a globally competitive education system designed to transition our nation from a resource-based to a knowledge-based society, leveraging on a Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM)-driven pedagogical approach. The General Education Curriculum and Assessment Framework (GECAF) has been reconfigured to anchor this transformation. I am proud to announce that the functional curriculum for learners with Severe to Profound Intellectual and Multiple Disabilities (SPIMD) has been successfully aligned with STEAM standards. The STEAM-aligned ECD curriculum for children aged zero to six years will also be launched this month of March 2026.

Implementation of Botswana Language Policy

Mr Chairperson, parallel to our academic reforms, our ministry is advancing the second phase of the 2022 Local Languages Policy. As of 2025, orthographies for 12 phase-two languages have been finalised and most importantly, validated by their respective communities. These are Xhoo, Juhoansi, Glui-Glana Tsixa, Nanjwa, Cirecire, Shua, Sebirwa, Chegwapong, Sotho and Xhosa.

Restoration of Sports and Co-Curricular Activities in Schools

Mr Chairperson, following the suspension of co-curricular activities in 2020, our ministry in collaboration with the Ministry of Sport and Arts is pleased to

announce the formal re-introduction of sports and arts in schools. The return of these activities was launched on the 7th August, 2025 at the Lobatse Sports Complex and it is our hope that the restoration of these activities will enhance social development and talent discovery.

Enrolment in Schools

Mr Chairperson, our ministry has made a decision to increase Form 4 intake to provide more learners with the opportunity to complete a 12-year basic education, in alignment with United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO)'s aspirations. To manage imminent overcrowding in classrooms, hostels and shortage of learning materials, some schools will be required to implement double shift system.

Out-of-School Education and Training (OSET) Services

Mr Chairperson, the Out-of-School Education and Training (OSET) programme continues to play a pivotal role in delivering quality and accessible education to out-of-school children, youth and adults. To this end, a total of 1,823 children were enrolled in the pre-primary and will be assessed and registered this year for admission into public primary schools. Currently 5,655 out-of-school youth and adults have been enrolled in the programme. In total, 7,478 learners have been enrolled in Out-of-School Education and Training (OSET) for the 2026/2027 financial year.

Project Bula Buka

Mr Chairperson, in response to a significant number of learners who are unable to continue with their education due to limited school spaces and poor academic performance, the ministry launched the Project Bula Buka on the 16th December, 2025. This is an initiative aimed at empowering out-of-school youth through education, skills training and character building to provide alternative learning pathways, enhance employability and promote social inclusion among young people.

CHILD WELFARE

Policy and Legislative Framework for Child Welfare

Mr Chairperson, Botswana takes its obligations to the different international and regional child protection treaties, conventions and standards very seriously. This is in a quest to provide comprehensive protection of children in Botswana and in the diaspora, in the best interests of the child.

Mr Chairperson, children are faced with an array of challenges which renders them vulnerable to all forms of exploitation and abuse in different settings including the home. Thus, development of the National Policy on Vulnerable Children (NPVC), which is at an advanced stage, is envisaged to be progressive and transformative to further enhance child protection of all vulnerable children by ensuring better outcomes for children.

Orphans and Vulnerable Children Programme

Mr Chairperson, the OVC Programme continues Government's investment towards provision of basic necessities to children in different setting, including children of destitute persons, Remote Area Dwellers (RADs) and other children in need of protection and care. These Mr Chairperson, includes the recognition of Mental and Health Psycho-Social Support (MHPSS) in the country to address issues or experiences of loss and grief, trauma, neglect, exploitation by our children.

Mr Chairperson, to address violence against children, the ministry is in the process of developing a five-year Multifaceted National Plan of Action to Prevent and Respond to Violence Against Children with the support of United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Botswana Country Office.

Provision of Sanitary Pads

Mr Chairperson, during the 2025/2026 financial year, our ministry implemented the Free Sanitary Pads Programme, an initiative designed specifically to safeguard the dignity, to promote attendance, retention and improved learning outcomes.

Learner Support Policies

Mr Chairperson, we also have Learner Support Policies, which include Learner Profiling Framework (LPF) which was developed as part of the GECAF. We also have developed Guidance and Counselling Policy to guide the promotion of positive behaviour, protect children's rights and ensure consistent practices across schools.

Home Grown School Feeding Programme

We also have the homegrown feeding programme, we have just had a successful Africa Union school feeding conference, which helps promote home grown feeding system, which will also improve local procurement from smallholder farmers for economic empowerment.

Special Education

We have Mr Chairperson, institutionalised this aspect and we also have a facility in Maun for that.

DIGITILISATION

Mr Chairperson, this financial year, 2025/2026 the ministry has provided primary schools with 528 tablets and 22 laptops and has also provided tablets to teachers and has also in different forums and with different programmes actually trained teachers to do the thing.

BOTSWANA EXAMINATIONS COUNCIL (BEC)

We have the Botswana Examinations Council (BEC) that has actually withdrawn from the

Cambridge assessment body and is now issuing certificates without the logo of the Cambridge assessment institution and therefore, we are looking forward to engaging a local expert facility or institute to help us do due diligence in terms of assessment.

BOTSWANA TEACHING PROFESSIONALS COUNCIL (BOTEPCO)

We have Botswana Teaching Professionals Council (BOTEPCO) Mr Chairperson, that has launched the Teacher Registration and Licensing Programme (TRLP) which is ongoing, the registration is going on very well.

EDUCATION FACILITIES

Then we have education facilities which still need a lot of refurbishment.

BUDGET PROPOSALS FOR 2026/2027

Mr Chairperson, allow me to present the budget proposals under the ministry for the financial year 2026/2027. The proposed budget for the financial year 2026/2027 amounts to Twelve Billion, Nine Hundred and Twelve Million, Nine Hundred and Thirty-Nine Thousand, Nine

Hundred and Ninety-Five Pula (P12, 912, 939,995), out of which Eleven Billion, Eight Hundred and Thirty-Two Million, Seven Hundred and Eighty Thousand, Seven Hundred and Eighty Pula (P11,832,780,780) is for the Recurrent Budget while One Billion, and Eighty Million, One Hundred and Fifty-Nine Thousand, Two Hundred and Fifteen Pula (P1,080,159,215) is for the Development Budget.

RECURRENT BUDGET

Mr Chairperson, for the 2026/2027 financial year, I request Recurrent Budget of Eleven Billion, Eight Hundred and Thirty-Two Million, Seven Hundred and Eighty Thousand, Seven Hundred and Eighty Pula (P11,832,780,780), which is an increase of One Hundred and Forty-Seven Million, Eight Hundred and Forty-Seven Thousand, Eight Hundred Pula (P147,847,800) or 1.3 per cent from the ministry's 2025/2026 approved budget of Eleven Billion, Six-Hundred and Eighty-Four Million, Nine Hundred and thirty-Two Thousand, Nine-Hundred and Eighty Pula (P11,684,932,980).

Mr Chairperson, while we take the third largest share of the entire Government's budget, a total amount of Nine Billion, Four Hundred and Seventy-Two Million, Nine Hundred and Seventeen Thousand, Two Hundred and Eighty Pula (P9,472,917,280), which is 80 per cent, goes to Personnel Emoluments (PEs) of the current establishment. The remaining 20 per cent, though little, will cover the following major activities:

Secondary School Feeding Programme

For Secondary School Feeding Programme the budget proposal is Five Hundred and Sixty-One Million, Nine Hundred and Fifty-Three Thousand, Eight Hundred and Eighty Pula (P561,953,880).

Service Charges

Mr Chairperson, Four Hundred and Forty-Six Million, Three Hundred and Eighty-Nine Thousand and Five Hundred Pula (P446,389,500) which will cover service charges, the bulk of which will pay water bills in all secondary schools.

Parastatals and Civil Society Organisations

The fourth largest share of our budget is for subventions and grants to parastatals and CVOs, Three Hundred and Thirty-One Million, and Sixty-Four Thousand, and Forty Pula (P331,064,040). This is a decrease of Thirty-Three Million, Six Hundred Thousand, Four Hundred and Ninety Pula (P33,600,490) from last financial year. This is because allocations to BOTPECO and BEC have been reduced by 50 per cent and 5 per cent, respectively.

Temporary Teachers

Mr Chairperson, let me highlight that temporary teachers have a budget proposal of Two Hundred and Twelve Million, Three Hundred and Forty-Six

Thousand, One Hundred and Sixty Pula (P212,346,160) of the total budget. It is worth noting that the budget allocation for temporary teachers is insufficient, as on monthly basis we spend an average amount of Thirty-Seven Million Pula (P37,000,000). This means the ministry only has funds for five months to pay temporary teachers. I am aware that the Government's position is to create permanent positions for temporary teachers, however this stance needs collective efforts not only by our ministry, but by the entire Government.

Orphan Care Programme

This has been budgeted for Two Hundred Million, One Hundred Thousand Pula (P200 100 000).

CONCLUSION

Mr Chairperson, this concludes my presentation of the 2026/2027 budget estimates for the Ministry of Child Welfare and Basic Education. I therefore, request that the sum of Eleven Billion, Eight Hundred and Thirty-Two Million, Seven Hundred and Eighty Thousand, Seven

Hundred and Eighty Pula (P11,832,780,780) under the Recurrent Budget for Organisation 0600 be approved and stand part of the Schedule of the Appropriation (2026/2027) Bill, and that the sum of One Billion, and Eighty Million, One Hundred and Fifty-Nine Thousand, Two Hundred and Fifteen Pula (P1,080,159,215) under the Development Budget for Organisation 0600 be approved and stand part of the estimates for the financial year 2026/2027. I thank you Mr Chairperson.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ... (Applause!)

MR HIKUAMA (MAUN WEST): Ke a leboga *Honourable Chairperson*. Ke a leboga...

MR CHAIRPERSON: *Hang on. Freeze the clock, a ko o boele kwa 10 minutes. Ke na le list ya Chief Whips. Jaanong yo o ipelaetsang, a bone Chief Whip wa gagwe, ke ene a nang le dithata. Fa le ntse le ema jaana, ke a bo ke bona gore o kare le kgotlha nna jaanong.*

MR HIKUAMA: Ke a leboga *Honourable Chairperson*. Ke a leboga Tona gore o bo o re beile pele madi a lephata la gago le le bothlokwa. *Mr Chairperson*, pele ke ise ke tswelele ka go bua, ke go gakolole gore fa ke *respond to the speech of the Vice President (VP)*, e bile e le *Minister of Finance*, ke ne ka supa gore ga go na *commitment*, ke polelo fela e e sa neeleng ope *hope*, bogolo jang ke bua ka kgang ya *temporary teachers*.

O ne a bua gore o rotloetsa Lephata la Thuto gore le tle le akanyetse go hira batho ba sennelaruri. O a utlwa *Mr Chairperson*, gore le gompieno Tona se a se buang ke gore, *they have budgeted for temporary teachers*, ga ba na sepe le *to absorb them*. Batho kwa ntle ba na le *expectations* tsa gore *they are going to be absorbed*, mme se se buiwang fa, se supa gore go lekane go hira *temporary teachers for only five months*. Ga go buiwe *about absorbing them* go nna babereki ba sennelaruri.

Fa ke bua nako ele, ke ne ke bua ke lebile ka fa Tona le VP a sa tlhwaafalang ka teng. Gompieno *budget* e e supa gore ga e a tlhwaafala, e bile ga e na sepe se se neng se buiwa gotwe go tla nna le *absorption* ya barutabana. Ga se boammaaruri, *budget* ga e supe jalo, e bile ga e na maikaelelo a go supa jalo. Ke sone se ke neng ke re, re tle re se gatelele fa re simolola. Go se ka ga nna le morutabana ope yo o nang le tsholofelo ya gore go ya go nna le ope yo o tlaa hirwang. Ya *police* e ne e tlhamaletse. Ke dilo tse re tshwanetseng re di supe *Mr Chairperson*. O a bona fela gore P212, 346, 160 yo o buiwang, gatwe o lekana dikgwedi tse *five*-nyana fela, e bile go ba hira *on temporary basis Honourable Digwa*. Bona dilelo tse re nang le tsone *Honourable Bogatsu*, ke diemo tse. *Budget* e tota fa re tla mo thutong, ga e a ba tshwarela sepe, ga ba a tshwanela go solofela sepe.

A mme re ka se ke re tseye kwa *Con Court*, bogolo ra tlaletsa batho ba. Kwa *Con Court* ga ke bone go na le sepe se se ka senyegang. A re tseye madi ale, re okeletse *Ministry of Child Welfare and Basic Education*, *otherwise* re tlaabo re sa ye gope. *Mr Chairperson*, *investment* e tona ya tšhaba, ke *to invest* mo baneng ba yone. Ke *to invest* mo baneng ba sekole, mo bananeng. Ga re ka ke ra *invest* mo *Con Court*, re tlogela *foundation* ya tlhabololo ya motho kwa e leng teng, *we cannot do that*. *Mr Speaker*, re tle re thusane, re *vote* gore re ntshe madi kwa *Con Court*, kwa go Ramaotwana, ga a tlhokafale. Re a ise kwa *Education*, ke sone se ke bonang gore re ka se dira.

Mr Chairperson, re bua gape ka lenaneo la “Bula Buka.” Ke le rata mo go maswe fa le buega. Ke ne ke tsentse potso ke eleditse gore mo *speech* se, o tlaa atolosa a tlhalosa gore le ama jang ngwananyana yo o kwa Khorotsau, Xangoro le Lesenepole, o ya go nna le *access* jang? Wa kwa Motokwe, o ya go le akola jang? *I think* re ka tlhalosetsa batho ba gore ba kgobe kgets kana ba dire eng, se se ka ba dirang gore ba akole lenaneo le, ba se ka ba siiwa ke nako ya dikole, go ikoketsa le go ithuta. Ke ka itumela fa *Madam Minister* a *respond*, a

bo a tlhalosa ka boripana gore bana ba ba solofele eng? E bile ba dire eng fa re bua jaana? Yo o kwa morakeng, kwa Bodibeng, yo o kwa kae, a dire eng gompieno gore lenaneo le le se ka la mo sia?

Se ke ka se akgolang, fa ke jesitse *Mr Chairperson*, gale fa ke bua, ke a bo ke tsere kwa tlase gore go diragala eng, mme ga ke a kgona go dira jalo ka *sanitary pads*, gore a mme ke boammaaruri di a goroga kwa dikoleng. Ke palelwa ke go mo akgola, mme ke lenaneo le ke ka mo akgolang sentle, gore fa e le gore di a goroga, ka gore nna ke jesitse, ga ke a kgona go tsaya *research*-nyana kwa dikoleng tsa me gore a mme di a goroga sentle, mme fa di goroga, a re mo akgole. A re akgole le lephata la gagwe, gore le dira sentle. Fa e le gore o dirile gore ke akgole fela mme di sa goroga, ke tlaa tswa kwa ke shenne meno mo e leng gore ...*(Laughter!)*...

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

MR HIKUAMA: Nnyaa, ke tsogile sentle. Ke sone se o nkutlwang ke re...

MR CHAIRPERSON: You are addressing side remarks, address the Chairperson.

MR HIKUAMA: *Sorry. The principle is good*, ke selo se re se akgolang. Fa e le gore ga le a goroga, hei! Ke mathata, o ntirisa gore ke akgole mo e seng gone.

Feeding programme ya bana ba dikole; ga ke itse gore a re le Puso, re kgatliwa ke go bua *terms* tse, re sa itse gore di raya eng. ‘*Feeding*’ o raya go jesa ngwana kwa sekoleng. Fa re bua jaana, go kolekwa madi kwa dikoleng a go rekela bana dijo. Batsadi le *community* ba eme ka dinao, ga go na dijo kwa dikoleng. Kwa go tsa bo Rre Bogatsu, gongwe bone ba isetswa dijo, kwa go rona ga di yo.

Ga ke itse gore fa re bua dilo tse, mme di seyo kwa di tshwanetseng go ya teng, re bua gore go tle go reng fela? Fa re sa bue gore re na le *challenge*, re paletswa ke go isa dijo, mme re tlaa leka. O ka bo o bua jalo. Fa e le gore ga go na *budget*, o tlhalose gore ga e yo, re tle re bone gore a re ka se ke re tseye gone kwa *Constitutional Court*, re ise dijo kwa baneng. Gompieno ga go na dijo, madi ga a yo. Ga ke itse gore a madi ga a yo kana ke *centralisation* ya Government Purchasing Order (GPO). Se ke ka se tlhomamisang ke gore, dijo ga di yo.

MR MOALOSI: *On a point of clarification*. Ke a leboga *Honourable Hikuama*. *Just a quick one*, kgang ya *textbooks* kwa dikoleng; ga di yo kwa *primary* le *junior schools*. Ga ke itse gore a o utlwile *Minister* a bua sengwe ka tsone?

MR HIKUAMA: O kwadile sengwenyana, mme le yone re e gatelele gore e se ka ya felela mo mokwalong o. A dibuka di goroge kwa baneng. *It is not only* dibuka, *all teaching materials* di a tlhela kwa dikoleng, gongwe fa di ka goroga re ka utlwa.

Mma ke sianele kwa go ya bofelo mo motsotsong e mebedi e e setseng. *We are talking about theme-driven curriculum.* Golo mo *is a good thing*, e bile re a go eletsa. Re le lefatshe, re le tšhaba, ga re a tshwanela go nna le thuto *that is training for non-existing world. We should not train for non-existing world.* Fa o bona re na le dialogane tse di ntsi di aloga mo dikoleng, di sena kwa di berekang teng, di tlhoka ditiro, go raya gore *our education is wrong, the foundation is wrong. We need to train to the world that exists*, e seng *to train for* lefatshe le le seyong. Ga re itse gore *curriculum* ya gompieno e re leng mo go yone *it trains* bana gore ba tle ba reng *Honourable Motshegwa? This defeats the progressing policies* tsa lefatshe lepe fela le o ka le akanyang. *We should not have an education system that is marching to the west, while lefatshe le tsamaela kwa east.* Ga re ka ke ra nna le thuto e e ntseng jalo, *that is why it is very important* gore re itlhaganelele *curriculum reform*, e tle e dire se se maleba, e dire gore batho ba Botswana ba akole thuto. E bile *we should produce people who fit in the society* e re leng mo go yone. E seng dialogane tse di farologanang le lefatshe fa le tsamayang teng.

MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS (MR MOTSHEGWA): *On a point of elucidation.* Ke a leboga. Ke batla go go akgola. Ke dumalana le wena tota gore thuto ka fa e agiwang ka teng, e tshwanetse go tsamaelana le itsholelo le lefatshe. Tota ke ne ke emela go go leboga gore buka e ke go e reketseng ya ga Lenin, go supa gore o a e bala, o ntse o ya teng. Ke a leboga.

MR HIKUAMA: Ke a leboga fa e le gore o setse o bona gore re santse re dumalana, le fa le palelwa ke go diragatsa dilo tse re neng re di dumalana re le batho ba ba akanyetsang kwa pele (*progressives*). Jaanong lona, ka le setse le le mo motlhakanyong o ke sa itseng gore ke wa eng, ke one o le diang go akanya le go dira se se siameng. Le lona *the Botswana National Front (BNF) like I said last time, you should provide the valiantness*, le etelele *coalition*. Le se ka la etelele *coalition* e re sa itseng gore e ya kae, jaaka go lebega Puso ya gompieno ya Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC), e sa itse kwa e yang teng. E timetse motimelo o o seyong mo lefatsheng le. Ke a leboga *Mr Chairperson*.

MR BOGATSU (LENTSWELETAU-LEPHEPHE): Mma ke go leboge Modulasetilo. Le nna ke latlhele mo go tsa thuto. Re bua ka thuto e ke utlwileng Tona a bua ka yone, thuto ya diphetogo go ya ka dipaka tsa segompieno. E e rileng a bua ka yone ka utlwa gape a kgoma Millennium Development Goal (MDG) No. 4 e buang ka *equity and equitable distribution of resources*. Ke re, go a lebosega gore re bo re tsamaya jalo, kana ka fa e ntseng ka teng, e bua gore ngwana ope a se ka a tlogelwa kwa morago. *I will say*, re le lefatshe, *that is why we have failed dismally* fa e tla ka kwa *equity in terms of providing education or access to education*. Ke tsaya gore Puso e ntšha ya UDC, ka gore re a e bua, re se ka ra e bua ka dipounama fela, e re fa re tswa, re ye go e diragatsa gore go nne jaaka re eletsa.

Gape fa re bua ka *equity*; ke kile ka bala mokwalo, ga ke a o tshola, ga ke ka ke ka o nopola, wa ga Dr Pansiri fa a bua gore, *“our education system subjects’ children to a culture of social exclusion and indifference.”* A e lebile ka fa e ntseng ka teng thuto ya lefatshe ya rona, gore o kare ga e kgathale thata. Re itumelela *to provide the facility*, gore re agile sekole, mme *what happens inside that classroom or in the school*, e kare moo gone re tsaya gore *we have achieved*. A re lebeng gape le tse re di tsenyang mo sekoleng. A fa ngwana a ile sekoleng o a rutega? A kwa a tsenang teng, go na le fa a tselang teng. Ke tshwere *case study* ya dikole tsa Kopong; Kopong ke motse o motona *in the constituency in terms of numbers*, o lekana le wa Mmadinare. O feta Mmadinare ka batho ba le 800. Batho golo moo ga ba go itse. Mmadinare *is at* 13 100, Kopong *at* 13 800. Fa o lebelela dipalo tsa Letsholo Primary School, bana ba ba tsenang sekole koo ba 900. Mo baneng bao; *12 classes are taught in the open. Now, if you are going to have 12 classes taught in the open, that is a culture of indifference. Already* o tla ka *exclusion because* bao you are busy creating what we call *lost generation*, gakere ga tualo. Go raya gore *education* ga e ba sologele molemo, mme ra re, *education* ke yone *that trains manpower*. Ke feta ka yone, ke a e tlogela; *12 classes are taught in the open*.

O bo o tsena kwa Kopong Community Junior Secondary School (CJSS), 984 *students*; *12 classrooms*, tota *it is* 10 built le one mo gotweng *porta cabin*, *classes* 24. *Out of that, five taught out in the open, class roll* 48 Form 1, Form 2. Go nna botoka kwa go Form 3 *because that is where you get* 33.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR BOGATSU: Iketle pele o tlaa tla o *clarify*, metsotso e ga e a nkema sentle. Re bo re ya kwa *go the worst school* se se mo mathateng a a futsafatsang; Matsheng CJSS. *Their pass rate this year e nnile 18 per cent, Kopong 33 per cent. Why do they fail; they are taught in the open, there are no classrooms.* Ga o ka ke wa solofela gore ngwana yo o rutelwang kwa ntle, go sena fa a rutelwang teng, *where there are no facilities, Matsheng is a boarding school, go sena fa ngwana yo a robalang teng, o bo o re performance e ka nna botoka. What I am saying is that, expansion e Tona a buang ka yone, I think that is where it should start; those hard-hit schools tse go tlhokiwang gore ka boammaaruri di emelwe ka dinao.*

Mme *because of nako, double shift ga e a ntsha maduo a a eletsegileng. Ke e bone e simologa kwa Kgari Sechele, that sekole performed worse. It was rolled to other schools; their performance was worse. Kopong CJSS used to be a performing school, it is worse because of double shift. Double shift is two schools in one, under one school head and same teachers. You cannot expect these teachers to start working in the morning into the evening if re serious ka thuto. So, those are some of the factors that need to be considered.*

Madi a o neng o a ama Tona, ke kopa gore dikole tse ke buang ka tsone tse, *should benefit, go nne le expansion kwa go tsone e e tseneletseng. Still ke a leboga, because you are implementing the UDC Manifesto.*

I always believe that education should be for development and should make people productive in their own environment. Jaaka re re STEAM, bana ba ba tlaa bona tiro gone fa ba leng teng, curbing rural-urban migration. A re dire education to be suited to the environment fa batho ba nnang teng. There is nothing wrong with regionalising the curriculum to address the problems pertaining a particular area. A e re fa re dira curriculum ya rona, re e lebelele gore, is it going to address the problems tse re di fitlhelang gone fa?

Tona, re kopa *specialised schools in our constituency, sa people living with disability; one in Macheng area and one this side. Gompieno fa o lebelela, bana ba tsena mo Mogoditshane kwa Solomon Dihutso ba tswa Kopong and some other areas, ba tsoga ka bo 4:00 a.m., 5:00 a.m. Fa ba tsena kwa dikoleng tseo, ba lapile, ba a robala, they do not learn anything. Ba simolola to develop attitude towards school ka gore sekole se, ga se dire gore ba se je monate. Se dira gore bana ba simolole go tshaba sekole, ba se lebe ka tsela e e seng yone ya gore se a sotla.*

Jaaka o ne o bua ka *satellite schools, that will be a better development.* Ra re, a bana ba tsenngwe sekole gaufi le batsadi ba bone, segolo jang ba ba nnyennyane. Fa o le motsadi, o na le *equal access and same rights* le ngwana wa gago yo o tsenang to a particular school. Fa o tsaya ngwana wa kwa Mmakanke o bo o mo rwala o mo isa kwa Gakuto kana Gamodubu a ya go tlhola koo motshegare otlhe ka tlala, kana go raya gore bana ga ba tshele sentle. A ngwana yo o tlaa rata sekole? *Standard 1, 2, 3 ngwana yo develops attitude* gore sekole mme se a sotla. Ke kopa gore a kgang e ya *satellite schools, ministry* o e emele ka dinao.

Kwa Ramankhung bana ba teng ba tsamaya ka dikara tsa ditonki, mme ke bone mokwalo o ke o lebogetseng Tona, wa gore kgang ya dikara tsa ditonki *will be something of the past...*

MR BAGAISAMANG: *Elucidation.* Ke a leboga Rraetsho Bogatsu. Ke rata thata e ya bana ba ba tsenlang gaufi le batsadi, gore a o raya jaaka kwa kgaolong jaana, ke na le bana; *Honourable Chombo* o letse a ba bone maabane, ba kwa Letselente, *it is 162 kilometres (km)* go tswa kwa Mokgenene. Bana ba bannye ba ba dirang *Standard 1* ba nna koo mo *boarding school*, ga ba na *matron and caretaker*; mme gatwe ba mo *boarding*. A ke bone ba o buang ka bone gore ba tlhoka *satellite schools* mokaulengwe?

MR BOGATSU: Wa ga mma, ke bua ka bone bana bao. *If re batla thuto e nna le maduo, a ba nne fa, batsadi ba kgone to participate* mo thutong ya bana ba bone.

Kwa bofelong batsadi, ga go na jaaka o ka tsamaisa sekole se se senang *discipline.* *Honourable Hunyepa*, ke kile ka go latela ke go raya ke re, a re ye Shadishadi o ye go bona ka fa bana ba itsholang ka teng, *where they actually refuse to enter the classrooms*, ba nna kwa ntle, ba gana. Jaanong ka re dirisang letswele *to instil discipline*, thupa o bolaya mmantseane. Re fetile gone foo. *Here we are today*, nna le bongwanake kwa lelwapeng ba ne ba itse gore thupa e bolaya mmantseane. *There is nothing wrong, ...gatwe what? ... (interruption) ... is a parent substitute*, o tsaya ngwana yo o fela jaaka a ka tsaya ngwana wa gagwe kwa lelwapeng. Kgang e go tlaa re re e kopanele, *otherwise we will be failing as a nation.* Ke a go leboga Modulasetilo.

MR CHAIRPERSON: Lona ba *ruling party* ba le emang, ke le reile ka re, le re meemee le *Chief Whip*, ke tsaya gore le na le WhatsApp group.

MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES (MR RAMAOTWANA): Ke a leboga *Mr Chairperson*. Ke lemoge Mme Kgafela-Mokoka le lephata la gagwe. Ke lemoge le pampiri e ba e dirileng e ya *Committee of Supply*. Ke lemoge se ba se kwadileng mo *paragraph 2* ba bua ka *lifelong learning*. Mafatshe a a tlhabologileng bo Japan, ba ne ba dirisa *this concept of lifelong learning*, mo o rutelwang *to adapt in all situations*. O fiwa kitso e o tlaa nnelang ruri ka yone.

Pele ke tsena mo puong ya me, ke bue ka tsa kgaolo ya me, gore re na le mathata a dikole tse di tlhokang ditilo *and desks*. Ke na le *primary schools* tse *nine* mo kgaolong ya me tse di tlhokang didirisiwa tseo. Ke na le *junior secondary schools* tse pedi; Nanogang le Bokamoso, Nanogang le yone e sale jaaka e agiwa *before 1995*, ga e ise e nne le *cyclic maintenance; that will be 30 years* e ise e dirwe *that cyclic maintenance*. Jaanong kwa *kitchen* re kile ra ya go batla bagwebi ba re thusa, go le makgaphila, go sa nna sentle. *Classrooms* di thubegile, difensetere, mabati le tsone di pakogile. Jaaka ke bua gore *30 years, no cyclic maintenance*. Barutabana ba tlhorontshiwa ke morwalela, fa dipula di na, kwa go nnang barutabana teng, go raya gore go merwalela e e ba tsenelelang mo matlong. Re ne re kile ra ithaya ra re re tlaa ba thusa ka Constituency Community Projects (CCP), mme go lebega e pala go goroga. Re baakanye dilo tsa merwalela e e ba tsenelelang mo matlong mo e leng gore metsi a kgona go ba ema mo dinokeng, *furniture floating* mo ntlong.

Bokamoso *services Naledi*, *and Naledi* ke motse o o kitlaneng. O na le *population* ya *almost 20 000 plus*. Bana ba teng ba tsena mo Bokamoso, go bo go raya gore bana ba Bontleng, Extension 14, White City ba tsena mo Bokamoso. Bana botlhe ba bo Sekgwa fale ba ya kwa Bokamoso, o na le *population* e e fetang 1 200 wa baithuti. Ka jalo, go raya gore ba ne ba itikile barutabana le batsadi ba re ba aga *classrooms* gore ba tle ba kgone go tsenya bana mo teng. Di mo *roofing level*, jaanong ba ne ba kopa ka *donations* tsa ditena le *cement*, go raya gore di mo *roofing level*. Re ne re re re tlaa ba thusa ka CCP gape le yone e tsene ka lenga la seloko, gore ba feleletse *roofing*, re tle re fedise *afternoon shifts*. Re lemogile gore bana fa ba le mo *afternoon shifts*, ba bangwe ga ba ye sekoleng ka gore batsadi ba ya ditrong ba ba tlogela mo malwapeng. Fa ba tswa fa ba ya Main Mall kana Railpark ba sa ye dikoleng. Re bo re re re batla go fedisa *shifts* tseo gore ba kgone go ka thusiwa.

Ke bone mo *speech* sa gago gore o na le maikaelelo a *to maintain* dikole, *expanding them*, ke bone tse dingwe tse di kwadileng fa, mme ga ke a bona Bokamoso. Ke ikopela gore e tsene mo teng re ye go feleletsa matlo a a mo *roofing level* ale, gore bana ba kgone go nna mo *classrooms*.

Fa ke tsena mo go ya *maintenance* e e mo *paragraph 6, 8 and 38*, e bua gore go ka tokafadiwa jalo. Ke bone *receptions* le *day care centre; paragraph 9 and 10*, re lebogela sone seo gore di bo di ka simolodisiwa. Ke gone kwa bana ba ithutang teng go simolola go itse ka dipalo le thuto, gore ba se ka ba tshoga ka dilo tse di ntseng jalo.

Paragraph 14, Mother tongue Policy, ke tseela gore e tlaa thusa thata ka gore fa o tsaya bana ba *the Khoisan*, ba sotliwa tshotlego e ba iseng ba e bone mo lefatsheng.

Ngwana o tsewa fela a le *six years* gotwe o isiwa sekoleng, o ya *boarding some 300 kilometres (km) away* go tswa mo go mmaagwe. Ba bo ba ya go latlhelwa mo dilong tse di tshwanang le *warehouses* gotwe ke *hostels*. Go tswa foo, ba a ngwega ka gore ga ba a tlwaela *environment* e ba tsisiwang mo go yone. Ba fitlhela le motho yo o ba buisang *a strange language*, e ba sa e tlwaelang. Seo se dira gore ba ngwege bosigo, ba bangwe ba felela ba jewa ke ditau ka gore ba a timela, ba sa itse kwa ba yang teng. Ke seemo se se ngomolang pelo mo lefatsheng le gotweng le a ipusa dingwaga tse di kanakana le sotla bana ba Basarwa. Seemo se se neng se kopiwa ke Bogatsu a re, go agiwe dikole gaufi le batsadi ba bone. Bana ba ba *five or six years*, ba kgone go tswa ba nna le batsadi ba bone gore ba ba tlhokomele, ba itse gore go diragala eng.

Ke leletsa mogolokwane ya *Language Policy* ka gore ke nngwe e e kgonang go tentsha bana ba Basarwa le ba e seng Basarwa sekole ka gore o kgona go iteelwa gore o palelwa ke go bua Setswana kwa sekoleng. Ke iteilwe kwa sekoleng gotwe ke bue Setswana se mpalela, sa bo sa dira gore ke gane go dira Setswana ke dira *Form 2*, ke re ke batla Sekalaka se rutiwa mo sekoleng. Kgang ya *language barrier* e ne e dira gore re iteelwe gore o bue Setswana. *First day* fa o tsena, morutabana o go raya a re, bua Setswana, o bua *language* efe, a bo a go iteela fela gore o bua *your mother tongue*. *That was barbaric of the first order in a democracy*. Ke lebogela se o se dirang, se fedisa dilo tsa go nna jalo gore di se ka tsa nna teng.

Gape ke lebogele ya gore *sports* le sone se a boela. *Sports* fa se ka nna teng mo sekoleng, o kgona *to discover* bana. Malatsi a *sport* ga se go leleka phefo fela o taboga, ga se go raga letlalo la dikgomo tse di suleng, ke *employment opportunities*. O ipapatsa o le ngwana gore kamoso o bo o ka kgona go ja ka lenao la gago ka go taboga, go raga kgwele ya dinao kana go tshameka *sports* sengwe fela. Gape se dira gore bana ba nne *physically fit*, ba kgone *to absorb* le ditlhaka ka gore ba a bo ba itekanetse. Ke lebogela gore se tlaa boela mo dikoleng.

Gape ke bone fa o buang gore go tlaa nna le thulaganyo *that addresses violence against the children* mo *paragraph 22* ka gore go na le melao ya mafatshefatshe *that address* kgang ya *violence against the children*. Batho ba tlhoka kitso ya gore *there are so many ways* tse o ka tsenyang ngwana mo tseleng kwa sekoleng, ga se thupa fela. O kgona go raya ngwana o re o mo neela *punishment* gore a ye go epa lefuti kana a ye go tlhagola. E le *punishment* ya gore se a se dirileng, ke phoso. *There are so many ways* tse e leng gore *punishment* di ka dirwa ka teng, e seng ka thupa. Nna yo ke leng gone fa, fa ke le kwa Directorate of Public Prosecutions (DPP), ke sekisitse barutabana ba le babedi ka *assault* ya bana ba sekole. Ke bona gore motho o ya go ya kgolegelong, e bile a bo a latlhegelwe ke tiro, ka ba ka dira *mediation* ya *conciliation* gore golo fa o a tsamaya o ya kgolegelong. A re dire *reconciliation in terms of the Criminal Procedure and Evidence (CPE)* gore re boloke tiro ya gago, o se ka wa ya kgolegelong.

Fa ke le kwa Lobatse, ke sekisitse barutabana e le gore batsadi ba bana ba ngongoregela *assault* mo baneng ba bone. Ba ba iteile ka thupa e e sa lekaneng gape e le e e sa letlelelwang ke Mogokgo, bana ba phunyega matsogo ba tshologa madi. *That was assault for causing a bodily harm*. Go na le mefuta e gotweng *...(Inaudible)...* o dire *alternative way of punishing* bana. E teng gore e ka kgona *to achieve the same goal*. Re tlhokana le *workshop* go ka ruta batho *those other alternative* bo *...(Inaudible)...* *systems* tse o ka otlhayang bana ka tsone gore ba tsene mo tseleng. Le go sireletsa barutabana ba ba ka felelang ba ya go sekisiwa gotwe “*you assaulted my child*, ke yo o tlele a gobetse.” Dilo tseo re tshwanetse go di dira ka gore le batsadi *must play a role*. Ke ne ke itewa kwa lelwapeng, e ne e re fa ke bona batsadi ba tsena ke sentse sengwe, ke itse gore ke tsile go itewa. *Parents must also play a role* ka gore molao ga o thibele motsadi go itaya ngwana wa gagwe kwa lelwapeng. *Parents must also play a role* go itaya bana ba bone fa ba sa utlwe.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Elucidation.

MR CHAIRPERSON: O tshwanetse wa bo o setse ka 50 seconds. *Honourable Deputy Speaker, elucidation.*

MS MANYENENG: *Point of elucidation.* Tanki *Mr Chairperson*. A mme ga o bone gore ke nako ya gore Parent Teacher Associations (PTAs) di kopane, di bue ka fa bana ba ka tsenngwang mo tseleng sentle, e se ka ya nna ga barutabana fela? Ke gore makgotla a PTAs a kopane ba dumalane gore bana ba ka tsenngwa jang mo tseleng.

MR RAMAOTWANA: Ke dumalana le wena gore *all stakeholders, parents, teachers* le rona baemedi ba bone gore go nna le *a stakeholder's conference*, go tla ka ditsela tse di farologanyeng le go ba ruta ka *alternative way of punishing* gore bana ba ka tsenngwa mo tseleng ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Batsadi...

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

MR RAMAOTWANA: Ee, ke ne ke le morutabana. Ke ne ke ruta kwa Mater Spei. ... ba ka dira ka tsela e e ntseng jang.

Ya bofelo ya gore Setswana ga se sa tlhole se nna *compulsory*, go raya gore moo go tlaa re thusa ka gore bangwe ba ne ba ya kwa *High Court* gore bana ba bone ba nne *exempted* mo go kwaleng Setswana, ba sa se itse. Ke a leboga *Mr Chairperson*.

MR KEDIKILWE (SEROWE WEST): Mma ke go dumedise mo tshokologong Modulasetilo. Ke bo ke dumedise ba Serowe West.

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

MR KEDIKILWE: Ke a ba dumedisa ba Serowe West, ke bone ba ke ba emetseng gone fa, setilo se sa bone. Ke lebogela *budget* e re sa tswang go e bewa pele ke *Minister* wa *Education*, le fa e le gore ke na le se ke tlaa se tshwaelang mo go yone, se gongwe se sa intumediseng. *Budget* ke a e bona e godile *from P11 billion to P12 billion*. E godisiwa ke gore ditlhwatlhwa di a tsholetsega letsatsi le letsatsi, tse *Minister* le moreki mongwe le mongwe ba senang *control* mo go tsone. Fa re lebile *Pillar 4* e a neng a e dirisa ya *SDG*, e bua ka *inclusive, equitable and quality education for all*. Ke gone fa ke tshwenyegang teng gone foo ka gore fa re bua ka *quality for all*, re tsaya lone leo fela, *equitable* re bo re re *quality for all*. Re tla re belaela gore rona ba dikgaolo tse di kwa tengnyanateng, *this quality* e a re tlhela.

Ga re bone *quality education* e e tshwanang le e Motlotlegi Ramaotwana a di bonang jaaka tsa ditoropo. Kwa ga rona o tlaa fitlhela go tlhabela dilo tse di ntsintsi mo sekoleng. Ke gore le fa bana ba sa dira sentle, o palelwa ke go tshwaya morutabana phoso ka gore o tlaa go raya a re le *black board* jo gore ke kwale mo go jone, ga re ke kolobetse *chalk*, ke gone ke bo ke kwala. Ke jwa bogologolo bo a relela, ga bo kwalege. Golo fela mo go nnyennyanenyana go palelwa ke go dira, go bo go raya gore morutabana o tlaa ruta jang bana fa a sena gone ka gore ke gone mo a go tletseng.

Sa bobedi; o fitlhela fa bana ba nnang teng, ditafole go mapeka gotlhe. Le fa e le ene morutabana fa a emelela, setilo se a se kotameng se mo haka mosese kana borokgwe, e le gore gotlhe ga gona mo go *provided*.

Ke tshwenngwa ke kgang e ya *provision of tablets*. Ke ipotsa gore a *after this provision* ya *tablets*, a go tle go nne le *after service*. A bana fa ba tswetsetse ka tsone ka gore *the purpose* e ba neng ba e neelwa ke gore ba tswetelele ka tsone botshelo jotlhe jwa nako ya bone ya sekole, a mme di baakangwa ke Goromente *who provide them?* Kgang ya me ke gore, a mme go e tle go nne le *service Minister?* Fa e le gore ga e nne teng, dira gore mo tsamaong ya nako o bone gore go nna le *service...*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification honourable.

MR KEDIKILWE: Ke a mo e neela mo go *two minutes*.

MR MOROLONG: *Point of clarification.* Ke a leboga. O bua kgang ya botlhokwa. Ke re gone foo, a o a itse gore *tablets* tse, di boa tsotlhe morago ga bana ba fetsa sekole?

MR KEDIKILWE: *Thank you.* O a go utlwa Tona gore a mme fa le sena go di ba neela, ka gore ga re di baakangwe, kwa bofelong e felela e le *scraps* tse di sa berekeng sepe.

Kgang ya *temporary teachers* le yone e a tshwenya motlotlegi. Fa o utlwa ke re, *quality* fa gongwe e a re tlhabela, o tlaa fitlhela sekole se tshwana le sa *junior* ya Mmashoro, bontsi jwa barutabana ke *temporary teachers*, ba feta barutabana ba ba *permanent*. A bo o ipotsa gore a mme motho yo o *temporary*, a o na le *commitment* jaaka motho yo e leng gore *class* e ke ya gagwe, a e neetswe a le *fully employed?* Ba direlwa *renewal* ya *contracts* tsa bone *every term*. Fa e le gore o okelediwa *contract every term*, o nna le pelaelo ya gore a o tlaa okelediwa kana jang. *Concentration* ga e nne kalo ka gore ga a na bosupi jwa gore a o tlaabo a ntse a le teng gone fa.

Ke dumela gore fa e le gore re tlhwaafetse tota, ke gone kwa re tshwanetseng ra tsenya madi teng. Ra bona gore re hira *teachers* ba ba *permanent*, ba ba tlaa tswelelang ba ruta bana ba rona, re ba fetola jaaka re re, *not leaving anyone behind*. Re batla go bona *quality* eo. Le se ka la re neela *teachers* ba e leng gore botlhe ke ba ba *temporary*. Ke belaela gore *the reason why* o fitlhela bana ba rona o kare ba *fail* thata, ke gore ba re ba neetsweng, ga ba na *that commitment* e e tshwanang le motho yo o neetsweng *class* ya gagwe. A itse gore ke ya gagwe go fitlhelela a ya go fetsa ka yone, ka gore e go dirwang *term* le *term*, e ka nna ya re *third term* o bo o sa mo tseye.

Fa godimo ga moo, ke belaela gore madi a a neetsweng *School Feeding Programme* ga a *enough*. Fa ke e fa sekai; kwa go rona kwa Serowe fa *term* ya bofelo e ya go fela, go ne go dirisiwa madi a CCP. Fa e le gore *you budgeted this money* mo go a o neng o a ntshitse mo ngwageng o o fetileng, a ne a se *enough*. Go ne go dirisiwa madi a CCP go ya go feleletsa ngwaga, e le gore *otherwise* dikole di a tswalwa. Ke kile ka kopela ba Mmashoro kwa kgaolwaneng ya ga Bagaisamang e le gore dikole di a tswalwa. *Principal* o ne a nthaya a re, a ba reng letsatsi leo ka gore ga go na se a tlaa tsogang a se ba neela. *Mind you*, ba bangwe ke ba ba nnang kwa sekoleng, ga go na gore ba ka bona *another meal* kae kwa ntle ga gore ba je fela gone fa. Fa e le gore o ne o dirisitse yone eo, *budget* eo ga e *enough* ka gore go ne go dirisiwa madi a CCP gore re ye go fetsa ngwaga. Gompiano jaana ke dumela gore batsadi ba ntsha ma-P600. Ke ne ke tsaya gore ke rona kwa dikgaolong fela. Jaanong ka ngwana wa ngwanake o tsena gone fa Nanogang, le ene ke utlwile gotwe go ntshiwa P600 gore ba bone dijo. Madi ao ga a *enough*, oketsa.

Programme ya Bula Buka; ke kopa o mpeye *on the map* ka yone. Ba kgaolo ya me ba tle ba e akole ka gore ga ke e tlhaloganye sentle. Ga ke itse gore a e kile ya simolodisiwa mo Palamenteng kana e kwa go wena fela kwa lephateng le kwa Komiting ya *Education*. Ke kopa gore a ko o tle kwa go rona ka yone, gore le rona re e tlhaloganye jaaka o e tlhaloganya *Minister*. Re emetse dikgaolo tse di tshwanetseng tsa tlhaloganya fela sentle, tsa bo tsa *benefit* mo *programme* eo ka fa go tshwanetseng ka teng. Ke gone mo ke go kopang.

Re lebogela thulaganyo e ya *sanitary pads*. Fa e le gore e tswetsetse, a e tswetelele jalo. Re dumela gore e tlaabo e thusitse thata.

Fa o bua ka *service charges...*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR KEDIKILWE: Nako ya me e ntshiile. Go na le thulaganyo e gotweng *handyman*. Madi a go ne gotwe a neelwa dikole gore di itirele *maintenance* o o *minor*, jaanong ga a *change*, a nna a eme golo go le gongwefela fela mme *prices* di a tsholetsega. A fela ka *term* ya ntlha. Ngwaga o otlhe *for terms* tse tharo, go raya gore dikole di ne di sena madi a *handyman*. Ke sone se o tlaa fitlhelang *leakages* di le kalo, difensetere di thubegile, go sena gore go ka dirwa eng. A re a oketseng, a siilwe ke nako.

Ke utlwa botlhoko thata *Minister* fa ke ya kwa pheletsong ka gore o supa gore o na le *maintenance* o o yang go tsena kwa dikoleng le *expansion* e o yang go e dira. Ka metlha yotlhe ke tshela ke go bolelela... le maloba ke go boditse potso mme wa re o itse ka fa dikole tsa Serowe West di amegileng ka teng. Ga ke bone gope fa o supang gore o tlhophile se le sengwefela, segolo jang se se amegileng thata. O ne o bua maloba o re o lemoga ka fa Mmashoro Junior e ntseng ka teng. Fa ke bua jaana, ke ipotsa gore fa mariga a tsena, ke mang yo o tsogang a ya go nyaosetsa bana metsi? Bana bao o tlaa fitlhela ba tlhapela *alongside the fence*, mongwe le mongwe a ipeetse lentswenyana la gagwe fa a tlhapelang teng.

Mosimane kana mosetsana go tshwana fela. Fa o ya go tsena kwa *hostels* tsa bone, o ya go tlhomoga pelo. O ya go bona gore lesaka la dipudi le ka nna botoka. Fa ba sena go tlhapa, o tlaa fitlhela metsi a ntse *green*, a tletse gongwe le gongwe, a tlhoka kwa a elelelang teng. Ke utlwa botlhoko thata fa ke bona o sa supa sepe gore o tsentse Mmashoro golo gongwe gone fa. Maloba e rile ke bona mo nnetlung, ke bo ke dumela gore e tlaare fa o di nankola, o e tsenye mo teng ka o itse bokete jo bo kwa sekoleng sele. Ga se Mmashoro fela, ke bana ba Malatswai, Dimajwe le Majwanaadipitse. O a bona gore ke setšhaba se se kae? Ke sone se e tlaa reng kwa bofelelong, a bo ba tshwara le ba bangwe ba setse ba ngwega ka diterata ka gore ba bona gore golo fa ga se botshelo, e bile kwa gae go botoka. Ke sone se e tlaa reng kwa bofelelong, ba felele ba tlhaga diterata ba tswa ba sia, re ba tshwara mo diterateng.

Minister, le fa go ne go na le *programme* e, ke kopa gore o tsenye Mmashoro mo teng. Maloba ke ne ke le kwa Serowe mme batsadi ba tla kwa go nna kwa sekoleng sa Makolojwane ba nthaya ba re, ke ye go bona gore bana ba ithomela mo teng ga terata ya sekole. Maloba ke ne ke botsa potso ka bomo ke re, bana ba tshwanetse ba fapaanela *toilet* ba le kae kwa sekoleng, o bo o fapaana

le nna o re, ga o itse gore ke raya tsa lefuti kana tse di dirisang metsi. Ga o a mpoletlele e o e itseng. O tshwanetse a bo o itse nngwe, ya lefuti kana eng. O tlaa fitlhela bana ba sekole ba fapaanela *toilet* e le nngwefela ba le 800. Molao wa gore madirelo a tshwanetse a tswalwe fa a sa dire sentle, o tshwanetse wa bereka gongwe le gongwe. Dikole ka gore ke tsa ga Goromente, le fa di roba molao, ga go na yo o tlhokomelang.

MR CHAIRPERSON: E go tshwere.

MR KEDIKILWE: *Minister*, nako e ntshwere. Ke tladitse dikgang ka bolethane, ga ke itse gore ke tlaa di isa kae.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF TRADE AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (MR MATHOOTHE):

Thank you Modulasetilo. Mma ke simolole fela ka go akgola dikole tsa kwa Serowe North tse di dirileng sentle thata mo *examinations* tse ba neng ba le mo go tsone, bogolo jang sekole se tshwana le sa Motlaote Primary School. Ba dirile sentle thata jaana, barutabana e le gore ba berekela ka fa tlase ga diemo tse di thata. Ke leboge ba Semane Secondary School, le bone ba dirile bontle thata. E re ntswa diemo tsa thuto di le kwa tlase, re a bona gore ba a iteka gore ba tsamaele kwa pele ka gore selo se se tona thata ke go bona bana ba dira sentle.

Modulasetilo, fa ke lebelela mo dikgannyeng tse, tse di amang thuto, jaaka re bua jaana re le Mapalamente ka go farologana mo dikgaolong tsa rona, re a bo re tlhaloganya gore diemo tse re tlhalosang ka fa di ntseng ka teng mo seemong sa gompiano, ke tse di tswang kgakala di ntse ka fa di ntseng ka teng. Batswana ba solofetse jalo gore mo Pusong e ntšha, diemo tse re di tlhalosang kana tse re di bonang kwa dikgaolong tsa rona, ke gore e bo e tla ka lenaneo le gompiano le re le bayang fa pele, gore diemo le di bona ka tsela e e ntseng jang kwa *Education*, e bile le batla go di baakanya jang. E se ka ya re fa Mapalamente ba ntse ba tlhalosa ka fa diemo di ntseng ka teng, go bo go ka go kgoba marapo. Ba a bo ba tlhalosa dilo tse di diragetseng pele ga o bewa gone foo o le Tona. Ba tlhalosa jaana gore ba di beye mo lebaleng gore di tle di baakanngwe fa re ya kwa pele. Mo nakong ya gompiano fa o lebelela diemo ka fa di ntseng ka teng, o ka gopola mangwe mafoko a a kileng a dirisiwa ke Tautona wa pele Rre Masire, fa a ne a re, "lefatsho le, re le fitlhetse le le mo lefatlhakgofeng go le bothata." Ke one mafoko a e leng gore mo nakong ya gompiano, re ka a dirisa re lebelela diemo ka fa di ntseng ka teng.

Fa o ya kwa dikoleng, o fitlhela e le gore *classrooms* ga se tsona, ke mahuti fela mo go tsona. Fa o ya kwa matlong a boiteketo, ga go na sepe se se teng se se tsamayang sentle.

Gone mo go ka go supegetsa gore mo dinakong tsele tsa maloba, o lebelela *classrooms* tse di agiwang mo nakong ya gompiano le tse di neng tsa agiwa ka dinako tsele tsa bo Patrick van Rensburg fa *classrooms* kwa Swaneng di ne di dirwa ke bana ba sekole, o fitlhela di santse di le *intact*, di le botoka go na le tse di sha tse di neng tsa dirwa, tse di senyegileng go feta selekanyo. Fa re lebelela mo dikagong tse, go a itshupa sentle gore di agiwa di ntse jalo, mme ga bo sa nne le *a maintenance plan*.

Fa dikago di agilwe e le *classrooms* le *toilets*, go tshwanetse go nne le thulaganyo e e tsepameng ya gore mme fa di ntse di tsofala, re ya go di baakanya ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Re mo seemong se e leng gore di ne tsa leselediwa ka lebaka le le leele, jaanong go tlhokana le madi a mantsi gore di baakannngwe mme re bona itsholelo e le kwa tlase ka fa go ntseng ka teng.

Ke tsewedise fa Mopalamente Kedikilwe a neng a bua teng ka sekole sa Mmashoro. Ke sekole sa Mmashoro Secondary, Patikwane le Mothamo mo kgaolong ya ga Motlotlegi Rre Lesedi, diemo tsa teng ke tse di ngomolang pelo. Ke diemo tse e leng gore bana ba setse ba tshaba gore ba ye kwa sekoleng kana ba ba nnang koo, ba siela kwa malwapeng a bone. Ke diemo tse di thata tse re tshwanetseng ra di tsenya leitlho, ra di baakanya ka pela.

E bile le fa diemo tse di ntse jaana Tona, batho ba kgaolo ya Serowe Bokone, bogolo jang ba ba Paje, Mabeleapudi, Tshimoyapula le Majwanaadipitse, re setse re ba kgobokantse gore ba tlaa baya letsatsi lengwe kwa re yang go baakanya gone kwa bana ba nnang teng, kwa re tlaabong re baakanya malao a bana, dipati, re bo re penta, mme re thusiwa ke mokgatlho wa *mascout*. *Mascout* jaaka le itse gore *scout* mo bogologolong e ne e le sone se se neng se aga bana, mme jaanong le bone ba bone gore ba boele ba ya go re thusa.

Re ya go tsaya bangwe ba ba kwa *brigade* ba *class* ya *Metal Fabrication* gore ba tle ba re thuse mo *ministry* wa ga Rre Maele, gore diemo tse di ntseng jaana, le bone ba ka tsenya letsogo.

MR HIKUAMA: *Clarification.* Ke a leboga *Honourable* Mathoothe. Ke bona gore le tsile ka thulaganyo e e botoka. A mme ga o bone gore go ka nna botoka fa re ka leka go rulaganya sesha ka badiredi ba ba mo

dikoleng *already*, ba ba bidiwang *craftsmen* kana *crafts improvement* gore re ba kgobokanye mo *districts* ba *create a maintenance centre* ka bone? *They are already being paid by Government and are underutilised* ka go tlhoka ditsompelo mo dikoleng. A mme fa re ka ba direla *centre* mo *districts*, dilo tsa baakannngwa, sekole sa isa koo ba baakanya, ga go ka ke ga tokafatsa mo le go buang?

MR MATHOOTHE: Ee, ke sone se ke se buang gore gantsinyana o fitlhela fa gongwe re bua ka molomo fela, jaanong *we want to demonstrate to* Goromente gore dilo tse di kgona go di diragala. Ke gone mo ke buang jalo ke re, re kopile ba *brigade*, le batshameki ba bolo ya *Sunday* gore ba bo ba le teng ka letsatsi le le rileng. *Minister*, ke a go laletsa gore ka letsatsi le re tlaabong re le beile, o bo o le teng, e bile o le mo *overalls* gore dilo tse e re fa re ntse re kopa, le rona go bo go na le dingwe tse re di dirang.

Nngwe e ke batlang gore gape ke e gatelele thata ke ya gore fa gongwe thuto ya rona, *the curriculum*, jaaka le ntse le bua, e tsamaelane le lefatshe kwa le tsamaelang teng. Fa ke ka fa sekai; *during the time* e re neng re *discover* diteemane, boemong jwa gore thuto ya rona gone foo e ka bo e *shifted* ya lebelela gore diteemane di tlhokana le *to be polished and cut*, gongwe *that education* e ka bo e tsere *that direction*. Go se ka ga tla kwa morago ke gone re bo re itharabologelwa re setse re latlhegetswe kana ba mafatshe a sele ke bone ba tlang ba re ruta. Ke dingwe tse e leng gore fa re boela kwa morago, re ka di lebelela ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. *Rather* e ne ya re fa diteemane di bonwa, re ne ra rutiwa gore re tshwanetse re di tshabe. Fa teraka ya diteemane e tla jaana, o a sia wa re mapodise, go na le gore re ka bo re ne re rutilwe gore di tsamaya jang. Ke dumalana thata gore mo nakong ya gompiano fa re bua ka *Economic Transformation Programme*, thuto ya rona re tshwanetse re e lebelele e tsamaela gone kwa gompiano re beileng mohama wa *agriculture* gore ke one o ka tlang wa tokafatsa *economy*. Thuto ya rona e tshwanetse le yone e bo e ntse e bapisitse e tsamaela gone kwa re batlang gore re ye go goroga teng.

O ne o bua gape ka *free sanitary pads*, go a go thusa thata. Ga go ye go thusa fela kwa dikoleng, go thusitse thata gore le ba e leng gore gompiano jaana ba dira *manufacturing* kwa Selebi Phikwe, ba ba dirang *pads*, bone ba le ba neetseng gore ba ka *supply*, fa ke bua jaana, ba tsaya kwa baneng ba Batswana ba ba hirileng batho. Dilo tse re batla go bona di diragala ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. Fa go na le *services* kana sepe fela se se

tshwanetseng se rekiwe, se tshwanetse sa tsewa mo lefatsheng la Botswana pele fa re ka akanya go tsaya kwa ntle ga lefatshe. Gone mo ga go a thusa fela kwa dikoleng, go thusitse le ba ba tseneng mo kgwebong ya go nna jalo, ba dira e le banana ba kgona gore ba rekelwe, mme e bile ba bo ba hire bana ba bangwe.

O ne o bua ka *homegrown feeding system*, e le batlang gore batho ba tsene *into farming*. Jaaka re a tle re e bue, fa gongwe batho fa o bua ka *English breakfast*, ba a gakgamala. Rona fa re santse re le bannye, re ne re lebile bo mogoloarona ba tsena kwa Swaneng, re itse gore golo koo go jewa *yoghurt* le *cheese*, o ka bona gore e ne e le dingwaga dife ka nako ya bo Van Rensburg. O ne o bona gore ba ne ba itirela sengwe le sengwe fa ba leng teng, ba na le dikoko tsa mae, ba lema, ba bangwe ba dira bo *tannery*. Re ne re itse gore ka nako eo, lefatshe la Botswana le ne le kgona *to export* matlalo a dinoga tse ba neng ba kgona gore ba di kgobokanye di ye go dira dibeke, tse dingwe dibeke di dirwa mo lefatsheng la Botswana. O kgona go bona gore ke dingwe tse di neng di dirwa ka nako eo. Fa e le gore re tsamaela gone koo, re boele gone kwa, re kgone go bona gore re itirela dijo. Ke selo se se leng mosola thata, se se tlaa thusang.

Kgang ya Bula Buka re a e amogela thata. Go bothokwa thata gore e bo e le teng e ntse jalo.

Dingwe tsa bofelo tse ke welang ka tsone ke kang ya *school sports*. Ya *mascout* go boela kwa dikoleng, ke yone e tlaa tlang e kgona gore e bope bana. Fa o bona bana gompiano ba sa utlwe jaana ke gore, ga go na kwa ba itshidilang teng. Fa ba tswa mo sekoleng, ba ya go tlhomagana ba lwa. Fa *school sport* e boela, e tlaa ba *keep busy* gore re se ka ra bona *indiscipline* e e diragalang. *Thank you* Modulasetilo.

MR DIGWA (BOTETI WEST): Ke a leboga Modulasetilo gore ...

MR CHAIRPERSON: *Honourable* Ntlhaile, wena ga o mo *list* tota gotlhelele.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ... (Laughter!)

MR CHAIRPERSON Ga ke itse gore a o ema la bo *five* kana jang.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INNOVATION (MR NTLHAILE): *Procedure* *Mr Chairperson*. Ke a leboga. Ke a itse gore o na le dithata tsa *to protect minorities* mo Palamenteng fa go lebega o ka re ba a gobeletwa. Fa gongwe *lists* di dirwa

ka mowa o montle, mme di bo di baya Mapalamente a mangwe ka fa mosing. Ke kopa o *protect* ba ba iseng ba *contribute altogether* mo *Committee of Supply*.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa, ga ke batle *procedures*. Honourable, emelela o *debate*, o na le 10 *minutes*.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ... (Laughter!)

MR DIGWA: Ke ne ke re ke *respond* mo dikgannyeng tse...

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

MR DIGWA: Ke a leboga Modulasetilo go bo o mphile sebaka sa go akgela mo *sector* e e gaufi thata le pelo ya me ka gore re bua ka go aga motho. *Minister*, batho ba Boteti ba re o sale o tsena mo *Cabinet*, ga o ise o beye leoto kwa Boteti. Ba re ba kopa gore o gate kwa o ye go bona diemo ka fa di ntseng ka teng gore e re o dira *budget, plans*, o bo o itse gore kwa Boteti, seemo ke se se ntseng jang.

Re lebogela tshimolodiso ya *sports and arts*. Re lebogela Bula Buka, le fa ke sa e tlhologanye sentle gore e farologana kae le OSET, gongwe o tlaa tla o tlhalosa ka gore tsotlhe di *deal* le *out of school students*.

Bagaetsho, fa re bua ka thuto, re bua ka go betla le go aga bana ba rona gore re ba isa kae. *All these things* di simolola ka *curriculum*. Fa ke lebelela *curriculum* ya rona, e siilwe ke nako, ke ya bogologolo. E bile le fa ke re e kgologolo, ya ga Mma Mosadinyana e ne e le botoka mo go e e re nang le yone gompiano jaana. Ke tsene sekole ka nako ya ga Mma Mosadinyana, re ne re betla dikei, majoko, re suga dikgole, re na le *gardens* re lema, re ne re dumela mo *education for liberation not education for domestication*.

Ke sone se ke reng, gongwe re sekaseke gore *curriculum* ya rona e batla go isa lefatshe le kae? Ke sone selo sa ntlha se re tshwanetseng re se lebelele. Re se ka ra lebelela re diretswe *curriculum* re bo re e sala morago fela, mme re sa lebe lefatshe la rona gore letlhoko la lone le fa kae. Tota thuto ya rona malatsi a, e setse e gaeswa le ke ya Mazezuru tota. Bana ba Mazezuru ga ba ye sekoleng, mme fa go jewa dijo mo lelwapeng, ba a bo ba tsentse letsogo, ba rekisa, ba tlisitse dijo fa. Jaanong wa Motswana ene le fa a ka fetsa *Form 5*, o nna *helpless*.

This calls for a review of our curriculum, re tlogele curriculums tsa bogologolo. Curriculum ya rona does not provide any skill fa o e lebeletse gotlhelele. Ke gore fa o simolola kwa go Standard 1, o ya go fetsa kwa go Form 5, ga o tswa foo o nna useless mo society, because curriculum e ne e sa go berekele gore o kgone to function mo society e o tshelang mo go yone. Ke gore fa re dira curriculum, re tshwanetse go lebelela lefatshe gore le tlhoka eng, ke sone selo sa ntlha. Re lebelele bana ba rona ba ba feditseng dikole gore ba tshela jang? Did the curriculum benefit them kana jang? Go supafala gore se ba neng ba se rutwa, go ne go sa ba thuse ka sepe. We should be providing skills, knowledge and change of attitude gore bana ba kgone to fit sentle mo society. Fa o bona bana ba lwa kwa dikoleng, go nna le violence e ntsi, ke gore we did not work to change their attitude. So, a re lebeleleng selo se, re bone gore thuto e ya gompiano e re isa kwa kae.

The budget should equally distribute to every constituency. Boteti e saletse kwa morago. Nako ya Puso ele ya bogologolo ya bo Rre Mmusi, go ne gotwe go na le unified school kwa Rakops. Ga e yo mo projects gompiano, ke ipotsa gore gatwe go rileng. Jaanong e latlhetswe kae? E latlhilwe ke mang, ka mabaka afe? Ke dilo tse di tshwanetse di lebelelwe, gore a mme golo moo le direla Boteti sentle. Fa e ne e filwe project e kanakana ya unified school, e bo e tla e latlha ke Puso e ntshantsha e ke e ratang, ke bona le sa dire sentle gotlhelele. A re baakanyeng seemo se, re kgone go bona gore kwa bofelong, re thusa batho ba Boteti.

Bagaetsho, mma ke tseye sebaka se ke re, kwa sekoleng go na le mathata a mantsi. Go na le overstay ya 20 years ya morutabana kwa Kedia. O ipotse gore Kedia ke motse o o ntseng jang o tla go bewa 20 years teng. Mo botshelong o ya go akanya eng fela. Xhumu e na le morutabana who has overstayed ya 15 years, wa Toromoja o na le 16 years. La reng ka bana ba ba Modimo? Ga se gore when you are posted o a bo o golegwa. Go tshwanetse go lebelelwe seemo se, le wena o felela o sa tlhole o function sentle. Some of these schools ke tsone tse di sa direng sentle, because of overstay. Batho ba are not motivated, they are disgruntled. Nako le nako fela fa a le in class, ga a akanye sepe se se botoka.

Promotions; go na le dikole tse di nang le 15 years go sena le fa e le motho yo mongwefela yo o promoted mo teng. Promotions di a tla, ga di tla batho ba ya go tsaya promotion, three months ba a boa. The next time fa go nna le promotion gape, it is given to yo o tswang kwa sekoleng se sele. A re tsibogeleng seemo se, bana ba ke ba rona botlhe Modulasetilo. Ke seemo se se botlhoko thata.

Mma ke riane ke re ke leboga barutabana, le fa go ka bo go na le seemo se se ntseng jaana. Kwa kgaolong ya me go na le ba ba pasitseng, Kumaga e tsere 83.3 per cent. Se se botlhoko ke gore gompiano jaana Mogokgo wa teng o transferred, ga go na deputy, ga go na Mogokgo. O bo o ipotsa gore a sekole e kare se perform sentle, se bo se tselwa boeteledipele, se bo se nna up to now se sena boeteledipele, tsibogelang seemo se. Manthabakwe e dirile 81.1 per cent, mme fa o ka lebelela sekole sa teng gore re ntse jang, bommamanthwane ba tletse gongwe le gongwe. Sekole sa teng se kgautlhane. Maloba diphefo di ne tsa tsaya sengwe le sengwe, but they continue to excel. Ke selo se re tshwanetseng re se ba lebogele. Xere ke kgaolo e e kwa thokothoko, mme e tsere 70.1 per cent. Batho ba ba ntseng jaana, ba tshwanetse ba akgolwe, le Minister a kwale lekwalo fela a leboga boeteledipele jwa Xere.

Batho ba Xere ke ba re neng re ba tsaya kwa Central Kalahari Game Reserve (CKGR), ba tla go aga motse gone foo. Fa o bona performance e ntse jaana, ba tshwanetse ba lebogiwe. Tsienyane Primary School, 68.4 per cent le Nicodemus, mme fa o ka lebelela gore go ntse jang, ba tlhela ka classrooms, ke seemo fela se se botlhoko se re tshwanetseng re se emele ka dinao. Ke sone se ba reng Minister o ye kwa. In some classes ba re, le ka bo le ya go ntsha ceiling ga ba e tlhoke, ka gore e tletse bo mmamanthwane mo teng. Fa o tsena mo teng, you will hardly stay for three minutes because of monko o o kanakana wa bo mmamanthwane. Fa e le gore Chief Education Officers ga ba etele dikole, they would not know about this situation. Ke seemo se se botlhoko. Ke tsene mo teng fela ke ipateletsa, ke re ba tlaa re Mopalamente o ganelela kwa ntle. A diemo tse di baakannwe batho ba Modimo.

Hostels tsa bana ba sekole, a di okediweng. Ke bo two, two, two fela, go a tlhela. Hostel, room e tshwanetse go nna bana ba le eight, mme hostels tsotlhe tse ke di etetseng tsa kwa Boteti West, di nna bana ba le 20, 22 instead of eight. O bo o ipotsa gore seemo se, bana ba ba tshela jang? What I have realised ke gore, students who are not boarding, ba pasa go feta those in boarding. Ke ne ke raya ba Tsienyane Primary ke re, ke kopa le dire survey e e ka supang gore ke eng bana ba ba kwa ntle ba pasa go feta ba re solofelang gore ba a tlhokomelwa sentle, ba nna kwa go nang le motlakase. Fa ke tswa fa, ke tlaa batla report ke utlwa gore a ba kgonne go dira jalo. Ke seemo se se botlhoko thata gore bana ba se ka ba pasa ba le in boarding. Go supa gore go na le bothata in boarding.

Re na le *another challenge*, ga re na *Director* kwa Boteti. Rona re itse gore *Directors* di tshwanetse go nna kwa *districts*, go na le *Director* yo o nnang kwa Serowe, fa go nna le phatlha ya *A Scale*, ke ene yo o hirang kwa Serowe, a hirela Boteti. Gompiano jaana go isitswe motho kwa Makalamabedi Junior, a tswa kwa Serowe. Seemo se, se ntse jang tota? Go tsewa motho yo o sa tsweng mo Boteti, a isiwa kwa ka *A1 Scale*. Ke kopa le *correct this situation*. Ke a ipotsa gore *why* Serowe e tshwanetse go hirele Boteti? Serowe ke kwa go bo Mathoothe, ga se kwa Boteti. A seemo se se baakanngwe. Barutabana ga ba nne sentle, ga go na boroko jo bo lekaneng. *Drainage systems* tsa bone go tshologa fela. Fa go tshologa jaana, koloi nngwefela ...

MR CHAIRPERSON: Honourable Chief Whip.

MR DIGWA: ...e e tsayang matlakala a, a isiwa kwa Serowe fela. Serowe, Serowe, kante Serowe o re tshwaretse eng batho ba Modimo?

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ... (Laughter!)

MR DIGWA: A re baakanyeng seemo se.

MR CHAIRPERSON: Mma ke le gakololeng jaana, Standing Order 51.1, fa le bua le lebagane le nna, le se ka la lebagana le *Minister*. Se sengwe ke gore fa gongwe fa le leba kwa, le suta mo *microphone*, go bo go raya gore kwa *Recording* ga ba le tshware sentle. Le lebe nna kwano.

MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION (MR MAELE): *Procedure. Mr Chairperson*, golo fa go na le mathatanyana tota *to be honest*. Mathata a *list* a tlaa re tlhoboganya. Ke ne ke akanya gore *Mr Chairperson*, ga ke itse gore go ka dirwa jang, go ne go ka se ke bogolo re kgaole nako *from 10 minutes*, gongwe mongwe le mongwe a bue *five, five*, re bue re le bantsinyana *because it is a problem. Chief Whip* ene o mo mathateng, ka gore mongwe le mongwe ke yo o reng o nkitshitse, ke ne ke le *number* mang. *This thing is creating a problem, I do not know how we can be able at least to reduce the time to five minutes*, gore re bue re le bantsinyana. Ke a leboga *Mr Chairperson*.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Re a mo tlatsa, *five minutes will do. Otherwise Chief Whip* o tlile go nna le mathata, ba mo tsenya dingalo.

MR CHAIRPERSON: Honourable Members, *ke nna ke le gakolola gore fa le na le ngongorego le se ka la buela mo microphone*, except if I have recognised you because you interfere with the Hansard.

Debate e e a fela ka *half past*, so go raya gore fa e fela, *we cannot change midway*. Tota *it is at the tail end*, e e latelang gongwe le ka dumalana jalo.

DR DOW (KGATLENG WEST): Ke a leboga Modulasetilo. La ntlha ke re Tona, ke go ema nokeng ka *budget* ya gago e o re e beileng pele, e bile gape ke tsaya gore fa o reeditse bontsi jwa batho ba go ema nokeng. Tse di buiwang ke gone go supa gore madi a, ga a lekana. Ke simolola ka go ikamanya le mafoko a ga *Honourable* Hikuama yo a leng kwa pele ka kwano fa re bua ka tsa thuto. Gape ke simolole ka go leboga barutabana ba e leng gore ke bone ba re tlhokomelelang bana kwa dikoleng.

Ke tlaa leka ka nako e e leng teng go go fa dikakanyo tsa me, ke sa ganetsane le wena ka se o se re beileng pele. Lantlha ke re, fa re lebile dikago a re tseeng Goromente, e le Goromente a le mongwefela, *one Government*. O lebe dikago tse di mo diatleng tsa ga Goromente tse di sa dirisiweng ka botlalo kana di sa dirisiweng gotlhele. Ke ka a fa sekai gore, fa ke ne ke le wena ke ne ka re re le *one Government* a re lebeleleng kago e tshwana le Oodi College of Applied Arts and Technology (OCAAT) fa Oodi, ga se lantlha ke bua ke kgang e. O ipotse gore bana bale, ka gore ba tsena mo letsogong, a ba ka se ke ba fudusetswa kwa Gaborone Technical College (GTC) kana Francistown College, kago ele o bo o e dirisa sengwe mo *education* kana e diriswa sengwe fela mo Pusong e se *education*. Se ke se buang ke gore, fa go le thata jaaka go le thata jaana, re lebelele se re nang le sone. Re bo re ipotsa gore re ka se dirisa jang botoka kana re ka fetola jang.

Gape leba ditsamaiso (*policies*) tse gongwe di go bofang matsogo. Mma ke fe sekai; ke ne ke le kwa Dikgonnye maabane; Dikgonnye ga a kgakala le Kgomodiatshaba le Khurutshe. Kwa Kgomodiatshaba le Khurutshe go na le *boarding*, dikole tsa teng ga di a tlala, mme tsamaiso ya re o ka tsena teng fela fa ele gore o tswa *from Rural Area Development Programme*. Golo moo go go tshwara diatla. E bile ke gofe sekai, e kile ya re nako nngwe ke le Tona jaaka wena jaana, ka dira phoso ka rata go bolawa ke badirelapuso. Ya re go na le ngwana mongwe kwa Kanye yo o neng a le mo bofutsaneng jo bogolo ka laola gore a isiwe kwa Kgomodiatshaba ka gone go se na kwa a nnang teng. Ka rata go bolawa ke badirelapuso ba re tsamaiso eo ga se yone. Ga o ka ke wa tsaya ngwana kwa Kanye wa mo isa kwa Kgomodiatshaba, ka gore ga se le RADP. Ke re fa gongwe a re lebelele ditsamaiso gore a di a re berekela.

Ke re gape tsenya leitlho mo ditsamaisong tse dingwe tse gongwe di tlaa go bayang mo mosing. Gompiano go na le lenaneo la gore Ipelegeng o tlile go dirwa Ikageng. O ka tsaya gore ga se lephata la gago, mme se se tlileng go diragala ke gore, *you are shrinking that programme*. Kwa metseng e e tshwanang le Kgomodiatshaba tota le Bokaa, batsadi ba bantsi gompiano ba ikaegile ka Ipelegeng. Fa madi a ngotlega, bomabana ba gago ba e leng gore ke bone ba ba tlhokometseng bana ba ba tsenang mo dikoleng tsa gago, letseno la bone le tlaabo le ya kwa tlase. Go tlaabo go simolola e kete ga se lenaneo la gago, mme ke la gago ka gore le felela le go ama.

A re lebelele *maintenance* wa dikole gompiano jaana, kgang e o e tsenye leitlho. Gantsi fa tiro e nna tona e felela e nna le *corruption*. Fa o na le *a big project* kana go raya gore leitlho ga le tsene sentle. Fa o dira *maintenance* wa dikole di le di ntsintsi jaaka re itse gore go ntse jang kwa Bokaa, Rasesa, Artesia, *maintenance* o o tlhokafalang o montsi. Fa go nna tiro e tonatona jaana, fa o simolola Invitation to Tender (ITT) ya gago, o bo o simolola o tsenya leitlho gore tota mme *corruption* ke ka e reba jang, e se ka ya gola.

Gape fa re bua ka *maintenance*, mme ke bue gone foo gape ke re, a ba ba go agelang (*architects*) *should design* dikole tse di tlisang *maintenance* o o *limited*. Re ka bo gompiano re sa tlhole re bua ka bo mmamantshwane, ka re na le dingwaga re itse gore ba a re senyetsa. Motho *who designs* sekole, a a netefatse gore ga go na fa bo mmamantshwane ba tsalelang teng ka fa teng ga sekole. Fa re santse gompiano re palelwa ke kgang eo, tota fela o ba reye o re, ntireleng dikole tse e leng gore ga di dire gore *to maintain them*, go ye kwa godimo jalojalo.

MR MAPULANGA: *On a point of clarification*, ke a leboga Modulasetilo. Mma ke go leboge *Honourable Dow*. Jaaka o bua ka *designs* jaana, a ga se nako ya gore le dikago tsa rona fela, re di lebelele *holistically*, re emise mo re agang dikago tse di *flat*. Re simolole go dirisa *our aerial space at primary level* go ya kwa godimo fela kwa *tertiary*, *to safe space* se se ntsi ka gore...gape o kare di nna botoka *in terms of maintenance* than tse o fitlhelang di le *flat* tse.

DR DOW: Ke a leboga. Ke tsaya gore re a dumalana, tota fela *when we design*, re netefatse gore *we limit the use of lights* mo teng ga sekole, *to limit* motlakase le metsi a mantsi a a dirisiwang, le gore dilo tse dingwe di tlile go tsalela mo teng. Tota *we limit maintenance* go ya kwa pele. Ke dumalana le wena tota, moo ke kgang ya bone gore ba tlaa dira jang.

Mma ke bue ka madi le sekole; kgang e ke e buileng maloba ke kopa gore o tsenye leitlho gore, *Minister wa Finance* a se ka a dira sepe se se dirang gore *education* e ture le fa e le gore o batla letseno. Ke tlile go fa *example*; gompiano jaana fa e le gore re ka tsenya Value Added Tax (VAT) kwa *education*, go bo go sala e le gore *private education fees* di ya kwa godimo, ke mang yo o tlileng go sokola? Ke motsadi. Fa a sokola o isa ngwana kwa go wena, dikole tsa *public* di setse di tletse. Gape a re lemogeng gore motho yo o tsenyang ngwana sekole *in a private school* o a bo duela lekgetho *indirectly*, ka gore tota o na le *right* ya gore sekole o ka boa tsena kwa go wena. Jaanong fa o mmona a ntsha mo pateng a duela *private school*, go raya gore *it is an indirect* lekgetho. A re lekeng gore batho ba re nne re ba kgethise ka *school fees* ba le kwa thoko, re se ka ra ba okeletsa mathata. Gone foo gape ke re, dira melawana e e thusang mo gotweng *tutorial class centres*, melawana e e sa di kganeleng, mme e dira gore di nne *regulated*, di se ka tsa nna *unregulated* jaaka batho ba bangwe ba re di ntse ka teng, mme re itse gore di a tlhokafala. Kwa *education* re a itse *the bulk* e tlile go tswa mo Pusong, mme go tlile go nna le ba bangwe ba ba fa thoko ba ba re thusang ka *education*. A re direng gore go nne motlhofo gore le bone ba tsenye letsogo mo tironng e ya go ruta bana, mme re se ka ra dira gore go ba babalele mo ba felelang ba di tswala.

Kgang e nngwe, bana ba dire tiro ya diatla kwa dikoleng bathong. Ke tlile go go fa sekai gape, e kile ya re ke le *Minister* wa thuto, ke bo ke ya kwa Goodhope, ke bo ke re bana ba tlhagole lebala. Go bo gotwe kgang ya teng ke e e yang kwa Kgatleng, ka gore re isa bana ba rona go tla go tlhagola. Mogopolo o ke one o o re senyetsang bana. A bana ba tlhagole, ba pente dikole, ba baakanye tse di *basic*, ba dire tiro ya diatla, ba feele mo dikoleng, ka gore ga o ka ke wa tsena sekole fela o sa dire sepe sepe, o bo o ya kwa University of Botswana (UB), o sa dire sepe. E bo e re fa o le 22, o bo o tswa mo *classroom* o bo o re *you can do anything*, o ithutile kae go bereka.

MR HIKUAMA: *On a point of elucidation*. Ke gone go tsenya *the skill* mo baneng ba santse ba le banyne. Tota fa o sa dire ngwana gore a kgone go ka itirela le fa e le gone go tlhatswa dikotlele, go ka tlhagola jarata, go ka dira eng, go bo gotwe ke go kgokgontsha, golo moo ke go tshameka ka ditshwanelo tsa setho o sa itse gore ke eng. Go neela ngwana *skills at the tender age*, ke *to promote* ditshwanelo tsa gagwe.

DR DOW: Tota e bile, ngwana mongwe le mongwe ka *age* ya gagwe, o tshwanetse a dire sengwe. Fa a le *two* ga a ka ke a tlhagola, mme fa a le *four*, o kaya go tsaya kopi o mo raya o re, ngwanaka, tsamaya o ye go ntseela kopi, o mo roma. Fa a le *six*, o tshwanetse a ise *basin* ya gagwe *to the kitchen*. Fa a le 10, o tshwanetse go itse gore o ka tshuba *kettle* o le gone fa. Ngwana o ithuta *skill as they grow*. Gape golo mo go dira gore e se ka ya re kamoso bana ba ba bo tsaya gore go na le ditiro tse di kwa tlase. Ke sone se o bonang bana fa gongwe ba tsaya gore *agriculture* e kwa tlase. Ke sone se ke neng ke tlhola ke re, *the reason why I do not do house work at my house, it is not because house work is beneath me, it is because I do not have the time for that. It is not a good... (inaudible)... of my time but it is not something* se se kwa tlase. Ga go na tiro e e kwa tlase. Fa re ka ruta bana fela jalo gore, bothokwa gore ba ithute tiro ya diatla.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF CHILD WELFARE AND BASIC EDUCATION (MR HUNYEPA): *Elucidation.* Ke a leboga *Honourable* Dow. O e bua sentle *Honourable*, ke tseela gore o setse o lemogile gore re setse re simolotse *to introduce scouts*. Fa o ka lebelela, ba setse ba simolotse go tlhagola, go dira dilo tse di ntseeng jalo. Ke a leboga *honourable*.

DR DOW: Ke leboga tota, mekgatlho e e tshwanang le bone bo *scout* le e mengwe e e bopang bana, re tshwanetse go e tsosolosa, e ne e sule. Fa e le gore o dira jalo, ke go rolela hutshe, e bile ke go phaphathela diatla. Ke tsone tse re di tlhokang gompiano jaana.

Ke sone se ke reng ke ema *Minister* nokeng. Ke eletsa gore madi a a ka nna go feta fa a leng teng. Ke a leboga Modulasetilo.

MINISTER OF CHILD WELFARE AND BASIC EDUCATION (MS KGAFELA-MOKOKA): Ke a leboga Ntlo e e tlotlegang. Ke a leboga *Mr Chairperson*. Ke nne ke leke go araba dipotso tse. Pele ke di araba, ke simolole fela kwa tharing ya setšhaba, *the Mother of the House*, ke mo lebogela gone gore ene ga a mpotsa dipotso, o ntlese ditharabololo. Ke a go leboga *Honourable* Dow.

Ke simolole ka tsone tseo fela ka gore ga di kgopakgopetse go le kae fela, le one maitlamo le maikemisetso a Lephata la Tlamelo ya Bana le Thuto Go Tswa Kwa Moding. O re gakolotse gore mme go na le dikago dingwe ka gore re *One Government*, tse di sa dirisiweng. Ke tsaya gore *Accounting Officer* le

ba bangwe ba ba teng gone fa, ba reeditse. Ke yone kakanyo e re setseng re nnile le yone. Jaaka re buile, ke fela gore fa o setse o bala *speech* se sa *Committee of Supply*, kana batho *ministry* wa rona o motona, o na le *Child Welfare*, a *huge component* le *Basic Education*. *When I present*, go raya gore ke tshwara maphata a mabedi ao, a a kopaneng le le lengwe, o fitlhela o kare *Mr Chair*; *next time* fa Modimo a santse a mphile tshono ya go etelela lephata le kana a mphile botshelo, o lemoge seo, o bo o oketsa nako eo gongwe ka 10 *minutes*. O gakologelwe gore ke maphata a mabedi mo lephateng le le lengwefela.

MR CHAIRPERSON: Order! Order!

“EXCHANGE OF SPEAKERSHIP”

MADAM SPEAKER (MS MANYENENG): Good afternoon Honourable Members. Order! Order!

...Silence...

MADAM CHAIRPERSON (MS MANYENENG): Please continue Honourable Minister.

MS KGAFELA-MOKOKA: Ke a leboga *Madam Chair*. Ke re, kgang ya *infrastructure* re setse re simolotse go lebelela mafelo, e seng one fela a a mo *ministries* tse dingwe a a sa dirisiweng, le one a ba ba ikemetseng ka nosi. Re fitlhela e le gore go na le dikago tseo, mme go le ga ntsi re roma ba DTS mo go rona gore *to assess them* ba bone gore di ntse jang. Ke tsaya gore fa re ntse re gatela pele, kakanyo e ya gago e re setseng re simolotse ka yone, re a e lebogela tota gone go re gakolola gore *we are one Government*. Ke a leboga mmaetsho.

Ke bue ka kgang ya *policies* tse re ka reng di dirilwe ka *silo mentality*, tse e leng gore gompiano di iphetotse *what we call bottlenecks*. Mo gotweng fela ka gore *boarding school* ele e ne e agetswe bale, go raya gore fa go na le tlhalelo golo gongwe, ga go na gore e ka dirisiwa. Ke tsaya gore re tlaa e lebelela, ke a e amogela mmaetsho.

Ke ye kwa go ya Ikageng ke re le yone e boketenyana, gongwe ke tlaa e tlogelela ba lephata la teng, kana Rre Motshegwa o a bo a seyo gompiano ka mabaka a a mo tshwereng tota, mme tse dingwe tse o fitlhela o kare di mo lebagana thata. Ke tseye kgakololo ya gore jaana re tsena mo *maintenance* ka *we maintain* dikole tse di ntsi, gongwe jaanong go tlaa bulela *corruption* jaaka o setse o akgetse jalo, re re mme re eme sentle, re podi matseba.

Corruption tota fela jaaka *the Minister of Finance and His Honour the VP of this country* a buile gore *corruption* ga e letlelesege, *it is not tolerated*. Ke tsaya gore le kwa lephateng la rona re setse one moonoo oo fela morago. Re na le *team* e e nonofileng ya *procurement*, le ya *oversight*, fa go tsena mo *implementation plan* le *rollout of it*, re a bo re ntse re lebeletse ka manontlholitho.

Ke go leboge gape, ga ke itse gore ke tlile go tlola epe, mme e ke e boneng ke ya *tutorial centres*. Ke etle ke re gompiano lephata la rona le itshwaragantse thata le Business Botswana. *Private schools* ke setse ke etetse di le mmalwa, gore fa re bua le Business Botswana ka dikgang tse di amang dilo tse di ntsi thata, *tutorial centres* tse di fa kae, bo *home school and private school* di fa kae. Ke tlaabo ke tshwaragane le *Honourable Mokgware* re bua le ka phiro ya barutabana go itebaganya le gore mosola wa tsone ke ofe. Re ntse re tlhologanya gore *centres* tsa mofuta o, di a re thusa re le Goromente ka gore ga re kgone *to absorb* bana ba bantsi ba re nang le bone. Ga ba re thusa fela ka *to absorb* bana, ba duela le *teachers and support staff*, go a kgethiwa gone koo.

E bile mo godimo ga moo, fa o ka fitlhela *private schools* bogolo jang, *infrastructure* ya bone e kwa godimo tota, ke ya maemo a ntlha, e bile e baakanngwa sentle fela ka gore ke *business*. Re ba tswela pelo, mme re eletsa ka fa ba gatang ka teng. Le bone ba ritibale, ba se ka ba akanya gore go ka nna le matshosetsi ape go tswa kwa lephateng la rona.

Tse tsa *tutorial centres*, *I agree that we need them, but like you advise*, go raya gore tota go tsamaisiwe, *be registered* sentle fela *and be regulated*. Fa re ka se ka ra ba kwadisa go ya ka fa molaong sentle, re tlogela fela, kgantele fa ngwana yo re mo tlhokometseng go mo tlamela a diragalelwa ke sengwe gone kwa, go raya gore go nna le mathata. Batsadi ba ba isang bana kwa dikoleng tseo, ba bo ba ntse ba gakologelwa boikarabelo jwa bone. *We had instances where* bana ba tlaa ya kwa *centres* tseo kana *private schools* go bo go sa duelwe, kgantele go a retologwa gatwe *Minister* a reye sekole a re, tlogelang ngwana a dire jaana kana jaana, e e leng gore e kwa ntle ga rona. Ke a leboga rra, *team* e teng gone fa, re rata dikgakololo tse di ntle thata mmaetsho. Ke go ratela gone gore o a re gakolola.

Go araba ya gago ya *vocational skills*, mme wena o e tsere sentle wa e busetsa kwa baneng *within the school*. Le rona re tshwenyegile re le lephata, fa le ka gopola, re ne ra emeletsa *initiative* ya *count me in*, fa o ne o ka

ya kwa Molefi, go ne go le tlhaga e tona golo fale. Ya re ke tsena teng, ka tlhalosa gore *this is not a question of infrastructural dilapidation*, ke *question* ya gore *the school is filthy*. Jaaka o nkitse, ka baya malatsi a mararo gore fa ke goroga fa mo malatsing a mararo, ke fitlhele sekole se se lebega jaaka sekole. Ya re ke boela teng ka *Tuesday*, ka fitlhela se lebega jaaka sekole. Le fa re ntse re penta, re ne ra lemoga gore go na le bana ba ba kgonang go tsenya letsogo ka gore ga go na gore ngwana o ka gola fela bagaetsho a sa rutwe sepe. Le kwa lelwapeng, re a itse gore fa ngwana a goroga mo *age* e e kana, go a twe o tshwanetse wa bo o kgona go gadika leenyana.

Le kwa Japan go a dirwa. Re boele gone koo. Kgang ga e ka ke ya simolola fela kwa sekoleng, le fa re le kwa lelwapeng re le botsadi, a re simololeng go ruta bana ba rona dilo tse ba ka kgonang go di dira gore ba ithute ba itlhabolole, e se ka ya re kamoso o le motsadi o rapaletse fale o sa kgone go apaya tee o na le ngwana, a palelwe ke go go direla tee. O bua dikgang tse di monate thata *Mother of the House*. Ke a go leboga.

Mma ke tsene kwa go bo Rre Hikuama, ke fetole seemo ka gore ke goroga kwa go bone bao. *Honourable* Hikuama, ke a itumela rraetsho gore o bo o tsisitse dikgakololo tsa gago le fa o tsamaya o ntse o nkgotlhakgotha ka kgang ya gore ga re kgathele *temporary teachers* ka gore ra re matsananyana a re nang le one, gongwe a tlaa re fa bo *five months* fela. Ke rata o lemoga gore *budget* e ke e kopileng e e tlang fa, ke ne ke nnile le *a proposed*, e bo e simolola e ntse e sekamisiwa fale go leka go akanya gore go na le maphata a mangwe. Re a itse gore la re re se ka ra bua mme sepatšhe sa ga Goromente se maswenyana. Re bo re iphitlhela re wetse gone fa, le fa go ne go oketsile go le gonnyennyane, ga go a lekana gotlhelele jaaka ke buile gore *ministries* tse di pedi *in one*. Ke keletso ya rona, kana pele fa o ka diragatsa sengwe o tshwanetse o nne le toro, o bo o nne le keletso. Mo kgannyeng ya rona re tle re re *political will*, gore o batla go dira se. Ke keletso ya rona gore *temporary teachers* re feletse re ba tsaya. O tshwanetse o gakologelwe gore ga re ba tseye fela, re lebelela gore a go na le madi. *Number one*.

Number two ga re ba hire fela mo legoeleleng, go na le Directorate of Public Service Management (DPSM), re ka ya teng ra kopa gore mme o kare le ka re neela *vacancies* tse di kana jaaka ke buile. Ka maswabi ka ke *ministry* o motona, ga ke a kgona go bala *pages* tse dingwe tsa teng *that might have captured* gone mo.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Elucidation.

MS KGAFELA-MOKOKA: I yield.

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Elucidation Honourable Aaron.

MR AARON: *Point of elucidation.* O e tshwere sentle thata Tona. A o tlaa dumalana fa ke re *budget* fa e tsile mo Ntlong e ke *proposal*? Re tshwanetse ra bona gore re e sekaseka jang gore madi mangwe le fa a ka tswa a dule, re a tseye mo maphateng a mangwe re a tsise kwa lephateng le tshwana le la gago. E seng fela gore re nne re re a fetisa, re a fetisa. Ke a leboga.

MS KGAFELA-MOKOKA: Ke a leboga rraetsho. Go na le sengwe se ke tumileng ka sone, se ke e tleng ke akgole gore o kare go ka bo go na le *chocolates* ka di fiwa, gore ke Tona yo o seng *selfish*. Ke dumela mo gotweng bana ba motho ba kgaogana tlhogwana ya ntsi. *As much as I appreciate and agree* gore lephata la rona le le tona, ga ke ka ke ka nna magalamasuke ka re go ngathiwe kwa lephateng lepe ka gore ke tlhologanya gore maphata jaaka a ntse a matona, a direla setšhaba sa Botswana ka kakaretso, e seng dikole fela. Rraetsho, ke go solofetse gore ke dumalana le wena gore *budget* e nnyennyane, mme fela kgang ya gore ke ka tsaya kwa gongwe, eo yone e kgakala. Se ke se itseng ke gore, *we are looking into PPP. Madam Chairperson, bo honourable* ba a bo ba ntse ba mpolelela ka *budget* gore ke tseye teng, mme ke ne ke le fa ke bua la bo *seven* gore le mo *budget* ya me, ke gore fela ga ke a bala *page* ya teng, ke ne ke siilwe ke nako. Ke tshwaragane thata le *finance* gore World Bank e goroge re fetse sengwe se tle gone fa. Matsana a re tlaa a tsayang kwa World Bank, a tlile go re thusa *to augment this budget because you may be aware that under the fiscal constraints* tse re iphitlhelang re le mo go tsone, ga go na go nna le *supplementary budget* gone fa. Ke tlaabo ke ntse ke berekela mo bonnyennyane jo ke nang le jone. Ke bo ke baya mo *partners* tsa rona le babeetsi ba ba ka kgonang go tla fa, fa e le gore go a letla ka fa ditsamaisong tsa *finance*. Ke a leboga *sir*. Ke re ga re ka ke ra emisa *progress* ya *ministries* tse dingwe. Ke tsaya gore ke yone e e setseng e boditswe ke Honourable Aaron.

A re ye kwa Bula Buka; ke sa le ke bua ka kgang e, *we are mopping up the streets*. Re tshwengwa ke bana ba bannyennyane ba ba fetsang *Form 3*. Ba bannye tota, le *hustling* ba ka se ka ba go e dira, e bile ba ka se ka ba bereka gope mme ra re, a re ka se ka ra ba ntsha mo mekgatheng? Ke tlhalose gore fa re simolola re

bua ka kgang e, re ne re lebeletse bana ba ba kwa ntle *from 2019 to 2024*. Ba ne ba setse ba le mo palong e e kwa godimo e feta 40, 000 *in number*. Mo ngwageng o le mongwe o kgona go fitlhela ba le 7000, ba le 6000 mme *in an accumulated fashion*, o fitlhela ba le kwa godimodimo. Re bo re bona gore *programme* e, ga re ka ke ya re ka nako e le nngwefela, ra tsaya bana ba botlhe. *We will have to work* ka *phases* gore *at least* ka nako e e rileng, ka fa *budget* e re letlelelang ka teng, a re tseye bonnyennyane jo, mme e re fa re tsamaya fale re tseye jo bongwe. *That is why* mo nakong e e neng e feta e e seng kgakala, *we came up with another dream; education continual*, e e re tlelang sentle ka a *clear-cut precise framework and implementation plan*. E re kaela gore ra re bana ba bo D, re dira eng ka bone; *should we be throwing them out*, re bo re re ka ba thusiwa ke Bula Buka, re ntse re itse gore *we will be overburdening* Bula Buka? Se se botlhokwa ke gore, re lale re sa thulamela re batle ditsela tsa gore re ba busetse mo dikolong jang. Ba ba tshologelang kwa ntle ba ba bo 3, 000 gompiano fa re sena go dira maiteko ao, re bone gore *the established technical colleges* di ka re thusa jang gore ba ba rutuntshe ba nne le *vocational skills*. Ba nne ba sute *from one level to another, in a way* ya gore gongwe kgantele fa re kokota kwa go Rre Maele; ga ke ka ke ka bua sepe, ke santse ke ya go kokota gore *how do they transit to* Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET), mme ba bo ba setse ba na le *basic skills*. Ke Bula Buka eo.

Ke tlhalose gore e rile ke ntse ke tsamaya mo dikgaolong, ke ne ke bona makau le makgarebe, ba bangwe ba le mo *library*, ba bangwe ba le kwa Dikgotleng ba tlhalosa e le gore *they have been appointed* ke lephata gore ba tlhalose. Go na le *website*, Choppies, *filling stations* dingwe tse di romeletsweng gore go kwadisiwe teng. Lefatshe ka bophara go ntse jalo.

Ke tsaya gore ke kile ka ba romelela le yone *website* ya teng *in* Members of Parliament (MPs) *group*. Mapalamente, a ko le re thuseng. Se nneng fela le bo le re ke tiro ya *Minister*, fa ke rometse jalo, le na le diofisi tsa lona, le ka netefatsa gore *application form* e e mo *website, they access* mo dikgaolong tsa lona gore re kgone go thusanya. Kgetsi ya tsie e kgonwa ke go tshwaraganelwa. Ke ka go go bolelela gore *registration* e tswetse mme ka di 28, ke fa re simolola *to cap for the first phase* gore e re *March* kana *April* a simologa, re bo simolola go ruta *in earnest*.

Ke kopile ba lephata maloba gore ka o kare go na le ketsaetsegonyana, ba tle ba ntirele a *summary of* “go diragala eng, gotweng” e re tlaa kgonang go e amogana go fokotsa ketsaetsego. Ga go na sepe se e tleng e re se simolola se tlhoke *teething problems, but we will get there*.

A re bue ka *sanitary pads*. Bagaetsho, lenaneo la *sanitary pads* le tswetsetse. E bile *suppliers* di teng, go na le *manufacturing companies* tsa Batswana tse di leng *involved*. Tautona *is clear*, fa o tla o mo raya o re *project* e ke e kopang ke e, ya bo e tla e neelwa madi ke Rre Gaolathe, o go botsa gore fa o tsisa *project* e, *problem* e o reng e teng ke efe? O bo o e mo tlhalosetsa. Ditlamorago tsa *problem* ke eng le *the consequences*, re bo re mmolelela, re bolelela le *Cabinet* le bogogi. A bo a re mme fa *project* e tla, o mpolelele gore e ama matshelo le go fetola matshelo a Batswana jang, *in terms of local companies* le gore e hira bomang ba le kae. Ke selo se re semelelang go tsamaela kwa go sone ka nako le nako. Ke ka le solofetsa gore e tswetsetse, bana ba basetsana ba itumetse. E tshwerwe sentle mme re tlaa nna re e atolosa.

Se se botlhokwa bo *honourable* ke gore fa o bonang teng o le moemedi wa batho gore se re se tsharolotseng fa o kare se a tlhalela, *you are free* go tla go nkgakolola jalo. Ba bantsi ba ba nkwalang WhatsApp mme ke di *attend* ka ponyo ya leitho, ba bo ba bone gore go a diragala.

A re bue ka *feeding programme*; nako le nako pele ga dikole di bulwa, re dira mo gotweng *school readiness exercise to check* gore a dikole di eme sentle *in terms of stationery et cetera*. Re bo re tlhole le *regional officers* gore a madi a dijo a gorogile kwa dikoleng mme *as usual*, re tlaa utlwa gotwe a gorogile. Fa gongwe go diegwa ka *procurement* mme madi a le teng. Go bo go diegwa go reka dijo tseo. Fa gongwe fa a tlhaelang teng, go nne le tiego ya gore re bolelelwe ka nako gore go tlhaetse. Ke akgole Mapalamente, *teachers* le batsadi ba e leng gore e a re ba bona go santse go na le letlhoko leo, ba bo ba ititaya dipata ba thusa bana ba bone, ke mowa wa boipelego o re o rotloetsang.

A re yeng kwa STEAM; gongwe e tlaa *address* dipotso tsa batlotlegi ba bantsi. Ke netefaletse batlotlegi ba ba fa le Ntlo e e tlotlegang fa gore *the curriculum has already been overhauled*. E fedile, *done and dusted*. Se re se emetseng fela, ke selo se se nnyennyanenyana gore madi a goroge re e *roll out*. Tautona *has pronounced for January*. *Because* go na le ditselanyana tsa go batla

madi jalo go tswa kwa *Finance*, re emetse fela gore go thipoge sengwenyana fela *then we roll it out*. Ke ka le solofetsa gore ke yone *project that does deal* ka *critical thinking, exploration and so forth*. Ke tlhalositse ke eme fa maloba gore *vocational skills are going to be imbued* mo *the learning processing* ya bana. Ke buile ka *multiple certification*. Ga go na ngwana yo o tlaa fetsang *in the upper primary and upwards* a sa *attain skill*. Ga re batle ba *attain skills* tse fela, re batla *multiple pathways*.

From a tender age, re tlaabo re lebeletse gore ngwana yo tota o sekametse kae. Fa o mo *develop skill*, o tshwanetse o mo *certificate* gore go se ka ga ya fela jalo gore re tlaa bona mo *transcript*. A a neelwe *certificate* gore o kgona se, a nne a gole sone jaaka Rre Maele a tsamaya ka *10 points*.

MR HIKUAMA: Ke a leboga *Madam Chair*. Ke a leboga Tona. Tautona o ne a buile gore mo thulaganyong e, o eletsa gape gore fa bana ba fetsa, ba bo ba setse ba na le *driving licences*, a thulaganyo ya teng le e simolodisitse?

MS KGAFELA-MOKOKA: Rraetsho, fa re bua ka *multiple certification*...

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Order! Honourable Minister. Be mindful that the question will be put at 1659 hours. *Ke raya gore o ye kwa motsubong*.

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

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Ya gago ga e na go wela *because* re dumalane gore ke 1659 hours.

MS KGAFELA-MOKOKA: Ke di soboke jalo, go raya gore fa re dirisanya le ba *Transport*, dikgang tseo tsa bo *licences* re tlaa nne re di sekaseka.

School sports e teng, re tlaa leka gore re se dirise thata re tshwaragane le ba *Sport and Arts* gore *at the end of the day*, re tlhabolole maitsholo a bana, re fokotse nako e ba e nnang ba le *idle*.

Ya gore bana ba tsamaya *distances* tse di telele, ke setse ke buile ka *satellite schools* tse re tsileng go di tlhoma mo dikoleng tse bana ba tsamayang mesepele e melelele. *We want to make sure that* bana ba ba fa gare ga *pre, primary up to Standard 4* ba atumetse magae a bone le batsadi ba bone gore rona le batsadi re thusanye go godisa bana.

A re bueng ka ya *refurbishment*; bagaetsho, ke setse ke *buile* gore *it is one of our top three priorities*. Jaaka re riana, fa re simolola, re tlaabo re tsena ka mashetla. *Unfortunately*, dikole ka bontsi *are in red*. Re na le *report* ya *survey* eo, re itse sentle gore dikole di maswemaswe kae. Le ka solofela gore tota ke mosepele o re tsileng go o tsaya le fa re ka se ka ra o fetsa *in one day*.

Alternatives tsa *corporal punishment*, ke e ratile e e leng gore ga go tlhokafale gore re iteye bana. *Section* ya rona e ikemiseditse thata gore ba simolole ba tle ka methale e e farologanyeng, e ba ka kgonang gore ba akanye methale e e botoka go na le thupa.

Madam Chairperson, go lebega ke lebetse pampiri nngwe ya me, a ke ka boela kwa setilong?

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Yes.

MS KGAFELA-MOKOKA: Thank you.

...Silence...

MS KGAFELA-MOKOKA: *Fa ke sena go bua jalo Chair, ke tsaya gore ke arabile dipotso tse di ntsi tota ke di soboka*. Madam Chair, I therefore request that the sum of Eleven Billion, Eight Hundred and Thirty-Two Million, Seven Hundred and Eighty Thousand, Seven Hundred and Eighty Pula (P11,832,780,780) under the Recurrent Budget for Organisation 0600 be approved and stand part of the Schedule of the Appropriation (2026/2027) Bill and that the sum of One Billion, and Eighty Million, One Hundred and Fifty-Nine Thousand, Two Hundred and Fifteen Pula (P1,080,159,215) under the Development Budget for Organisation 0600 be approved and stand part of the estimates for the financial year 2026/2027. I move accordingly.

Question put and agreed to.

ORGANISATION 0700- MINISTRY OF TRADE AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Order! Honourable Members. We are moving to Organisation 0700. Honourable Members, please note that 2 hours 10 minutes have been allocated to this Organisation and I shall call upon the Honourable Minister to reply to the debate at 1555 hours tomorrow and the question will be put at 1625 hours. *Le reetse* Honourable Members because *fa go setse go tsena fa, o fitlhela o kare ga le itse gore go diragala eng*.

MR MAELE: *Procedure Madam Chairperson*. E ne e kile ya re *maybe before* le fetola fale, ra bua ka kgang ele ya gore *in the next chapter*, go bo go buiwa bo *five minutes*, ga ke itse gore e tsamaile jang kana le e fetotse?

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

MR KEKGONEGILE: *Procedure Madam Chairperson*. Tanki *Madam Chairperson*. *Madam Chairperson*, go na le kwa re dumalanang dinako teng, ga se fa. Re setse re dumalane dinako, *so* fa e le gore ka kwa ba eletsa gore dinako di ka fetoga, gakere ba a itse gore go iwa kae, a go iwe teng ba ye *to suggest* dinako *and then* re tlaa di buisana mo General Assembly e e tlang ra di dumalana, *but* tsa gompiono re di dumalane. A re tswelele *Madam Chairperson*.

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Tswelela *honourable*. *I think Honourable Maele* o e tlhalogantse?

MR MAELE: ... (Inaudible)...

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Nnyaa, ke ne ke re tota fela ga re ka ke ra fetola dinako mo Ntlong. A re emele gore le ye go di fetola kwa re tshwanetseng go di fetola teng, re bo re tla ka kwano. Tanki.

MR MAELE: Thank you.

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: *Tanki*. Honourable Minister, continue.

MINISTER OF TRADE AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (MR NTSIMA): Madam Chairperson, let me take this opportunity to present the budget proposals for organisation 0700, Ministry of Trade and Entrepreneurship for the 2026/2027 financial year. I will also present budget performance for the current financial year 2025/2026. The ministry continues to drive its expanded mandate following the integration of the Ministry from Trade and Industry and Entrepreneurship, positioning the ministry to better serve the nation's economic transformation agenda.

Madam Chairperson, the ministry has made strides in advancing Botswana's economic transformation through strategic reforms and institutional modernisation. Key achievements include enhancement of the Online Business Registration System by Companies and Intellectual Property Authority (CIPA) improving turnaround times and data integrity and continued development of national standards by Botswana Bureau of Standards (BOBS) aligned to priority sectors. These efforts, alongside transformational investments by

Botswana Development Corporation (BDC) and Citizen Entrepreneurial Development Agency (CEDA) in food security, manufacturing and healthcare infrastructure, strengthen Botswana's regulatory and quality framework, enhance private sector development, attract investment, and support sustainable economic growth.

Madam Chairperson, the World Bank's 2025 Business Ready Report provides critical insights into Botswana's business environment. While acknowledging our strong legal frameworks and digital front door through CIPA, it highlights urgent areas requiring attention, including business insolvency procedures, tax compliance systems, dispute resolution mechanisms and market competition frameworks. The report underscores that Botswana has excellent laws but suffers from a 'hollow middle' where inadequate public service and archaic system prevent businesses from scaling efficiently. This assessment reinforces the ministry's commitment to fast-track digitalisation and improve online visibility of Government services in 2026/2027.

Madam Chairperson, Botswana One Stop Service Centre (BOSSC) continues to excel in facilitating business operations. During April to September 2025/2026, 1,696 Government authorisations were processed, with a 91 per cent approval rate. Land allocation efforts have been particularly successful, with five companies receiving allocations representing a projected investment of P72.2 million and creating 349 job opportunities.

Madam Chairperson, Investment and Trade Centre (BITC) continues to play a pivotal role in driving Botswana economic transformation. During the 2025/2026 financial year, April to September 2025, P3.387 billion worth of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) was recorded, against a target of P2.5 billion. Domestic Investment and Expansions reached P3.195 billion, while BITC-assisted companies created 3,495 jobs through FDI, Domestic Investment and Investment Expansions, with the mining and energy sector leading job creation.

Market Access for Locally Produced Goods and Services

Madam Chairperson, the PushaBW campaign continues to be a success in driving national awareness and support for locally produced goods.

Madam Chairperson, the store launched in May 2024, at the Sir Seretse Khama International Airport continues to record steady growth.

Enterprise Financing

Madam Chairperson, BDC has embarked on transformational projects including the Milk Valley Farm optimisation with procurement of 600 Girolando dairy cattle from Brazil, first 300 arriving in April 2026, Lobatse Clay Works transformation into one-stop building supplies manufacturing company, development of a 150-room Radisson branded hotel and establishment of the Unity Health Care Fund for medical supplies and infrastructure. The corporation has a robust investment pipeline valued at P741 million for closure in June 2026 and P1 billion to be completed in June 2027, focusing on mineral beneficiation, Information and Communications Technology (ICT), electronics, automotive, renewable energy, financial services and infrastructure development.

Madam Chairperson, CEDA has funded 586 Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) with a total investment of P230 million, creating 744 new jobs and sustaining 835 existing jobs. Sectoral allocation concentrated in agribusiness at 47 per cent and services 43 per cent. Collections exceeding the annual target, reaching P337 million against the P264 million target, representing 28 per cent overachievement reflecting strengthened credit management. For 2026/2027, CEDA projects P950 million in new approvals including new product offerings such as poultry production, hemp production, green finance and creative arts. Further, the Wealth Creation Programme has funded 100 new enterprises comprising 108 beneficiaries during 2025/2026, bringing the total to 41,869 funded enterprises since inception in 2011, with 73 per cent remaining operational and creating employment for 34,731 individuals.

Entrepreneurial Development

Madam Chairperson, Local Enterprise Authority (LEA) import substitution initiatives have reduced the national import bill by P452 million. Further, the Department for Co-operative Development trained approximately 537 people on governance and financial literacy, registered 13 new co-operatives with 269 members, and mobilised P3 million from strategic partners. The financial cooperative sector has evolved with new investments of P64.6 million, savings of P2 billion and membership of 75,948 people.

Competition and Productive Economy

Madam Chairperson, the ministry continues with efforts to improve competitiveness of locally produced goods and services.

To this end, BOBS developed and approved 64 standards across various sectors including agriculture, agro-processing, indigenous products, tourism, solar energy, information security and medical devices. Testing services were provided to 154 customers with 1 701 samples handled generating 1 096 test reports. Standards Import Inspection Regulations processed over 8 000 applications, inspecting more than 13 000 consignments with 97 per cent compliance levels. These services support 35 products exported to Angola, Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and Zambia, thereby enhancing regional trade and industrial competitiveness.

Madam Chairperson, a key achievement was Botswana's Anti-Money Laundering and Combating the Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT) rating outcome in September 2025, where Recommendation of 24 under CIPA's responsibility was upgraded to "Largely Compliant" from Partially Compliant. This progress reflects Government's commitment to improving beneficial ownership transparency and strengthening corporate registries. The enhanced Online Business Registration System launched in March 2025 has improved turnaround times to business registration and strengthened data integrity, laying the foundation for future integration with other Government services.

Diversified Industries

Madam Chairperson, the "Motshameko-o-Phepha" public education campaign has visited 173 sites across the country reaching over 22 000 citizens, conveying responsible gambling messaging. The National Lottery also is in progress.

Madam Chairperson, SPEDU has rolled out its strategic plan for the 2026/27 planning period in alignment with NDP 12 and BETP as well as Vision 2036. The strategic plan is accompanied by an ambitious investment strategy of 14 programmes to the value of more than P6 billion aimed at creating key service delivery in the economy and will see companies investing in blending of flocculants, rolling out of the milling plant to unlock the value chains in metallurgical sector. Among the new industries setting up will be solar panel manufacturing,

fertilisers and agro chemicals manufacturing, food processing and increased participation in the tourism space. In this regard, the SPEDU region has been classified as the metallurgical hub for Botswana and the region and the e-mobility Programme has since moved to the SPEDU region.

Export Led Growth

Madam Chairperson, in contribution to achievement of the national vision of an export led economy, the ministry facilitates enterprises which recorded export revenue of P3.582 billion against a target of P3.250 billion in 2025, representing 12.9 per cent growth compared to 2024, driven by priority value chains including meat and livestock products, automotive components, salt and soda ash, citrus and industrial batteries.

Madam Chairperson, Special Economic Zones Authority (SEZA) has increased its licensed companies from 17 to 24, with infrastructure development at Sir Seretse Khama International Airport (SSKIA) Special Economic Zone (SEZ) and Pandamatenga SEZ positioning these zones for accelerated investor uptake.

CHALLENGES AND LESSONS LEARNED

Madam Chairperson, the year 2025 witnessed significant shifts in global trade patterns due to United States (US) tariff wars and geopolitical tensions. The US imposed tariffs on diamonds from Botswana which previously had duty-free access under African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA), and the non-renewal of AGOA which expired on 30th September, 2025 and its extension by an unprecedented one year running up to 31st December, 2026 and with indications of AGOA being reworked to benefit the US leaves our trade prospects duped in uncertainty. These developments, coupled with the downturn in global diamond markets which remain the main driver of the Botswana economy, have resulted in low economic growth and budgetary constraints affecting our efforts to grow and sustain local industries and revive the economy.

Madam Chairperson, implementation challenges included funding constraints limiting stakeholder outreach and public education on amended company laws and OBRS enhancements, absence of a dedicated AML/CFT office within CIPA place pressure on existing officers, limited capacity development and staff training, and delays in operationalization of the OPMS due to Government support systems experiencing challenges. Additionally, implementation of Infant

Industry Protection for thermal paper, shade nets and surgical masks was delayed by protracted consultations with Southern African Customs Union (SACU) Member States, exposing these industries to continued existential threats. Madam Chairperson, I am pleased to inform you that the Government has introduced infant industry protection measures to safeguard these industries against established competitors while they grow and mature.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES FOR 2026/2027

Policy and Legislative Reforms

Madam Chairperson, in 2026/27 the ministry will introduce the Regulatory Guillotine to systematically review regulations for efficiency and relevance. With rollout across Government, this will visibly reduce costs and risks of doing business in Botswana, improving competitiveness, investment and facilitating job creation.

The ministry has initiated review of critical legislation including the Trade Act, Liquor Act, Gambling Act and regulations, and the Cooperative Societies Act to address AML/CFT concerns and align with international best practices. Bills for the Trade and Liquor Acts are envisaged to be tabled during the July 2026 Parliamentary Session.

Madam Chairperson, the ministry has made significant progress in finalizing a new investment incentives framework. The proposed incentives represent a departure from profit-based to cost-based incentives, targeting renewable energy, manufacturing, and services sectors while placing ease of doing business at the core of an effective incentives regime. Additionally, the ministry is advancing development of an Investment Law which will guarantee legal protections for investors and their investments as well as a revised National Investment Strategy that seeks to provide a blueprint for the country in driving increased investment flows into Botswana. The Industrial Country Diagnostics Study to be undertaken in 2026/27, will unlock the full potential of our manufacturing sector, which has been positioned as the cornerstone for Botswana's economic transformation under NDP 12.

Digital Transformation and Corporate Regulation.

Madam Chairperson, in the 2026/27 financial year, Ministry of Trade and Entrepreneurship (MTE) through CIPA will establish a dedicated AML/CFT Office to strengthen supervisory capacity and support

preparations for the 2027 Mutual Evaluation, further to enhance and localize the OBRS including enabling licensing and regulation of company secretarial services, undertake a Sectoral Risk Assessment for legal persons and legal arrangements, advance the Digital One-Stop Shop initiative, positioning CIPA as a core implementation anchor for integrated business registration and licensing, implement and manage the National Collateral Registry to enhance SME access to credit through a secure digital platform. Government has committed P40 million towards development of a home-grown Company Registration System to support citizen-owned ICT companies, stimulate skills transfer and reduce current annual system support costs of approximately P8 million.

RECURRENT EXPENDITURE BUDGET FOR 2026/2027

Madam Chairperson, the proposed 2026/2027 Recurrent Budget estimate for the ministry is One Billion, Two Hundred and Three Million, One Hundred and Ninety Thousand, Four Hundred and Ten Pula (P1, 203, 190, 410), representing an increase of Thirty Million, Three Hundred and Fifty-Two Thousand and Fifty Pula (P30, 352, 050) or 3 per cent over the current year's budget of One Billion, One Hundred and Seventy-Two Million, Eight Hundred and Thirty-Eight Thousand, Three Hundred and Seventy Pula (P1, 172, 838, 370).

Madam Chairperson, out of this amount Eight Hundred and Seventy-Two Million, Six Hundred and Thirty-Three Thousand, Three Hundred and Eighty Pula or 74 per cent is allocated to the ministry's 11 State Owned Enterprises (SOEs) leaving only Three Hundred and Eight Million and Eighty-Eight Thousand, Six Hundred and Ninety Pula (P308, 088, 690) to be shared among the ministry departments.

Madam Chairperson, my ministry's 11 SOEs namely; CEDA, LEA, BOBS, BITC, BOTC, CIPA, Competition and Consumer Authority, Competition and Consumer Tribunal, Gambling Authority, SEZA and SPEDU have been allocated 74 per cent of the Recurrent Budget amounting to Eight Hundred and Ninety-Five Million, One Hundred and One Thousand, Seven Hundred and Twenty Pula (P895, 101, 720). Out of this amount, the largest share of Two Hundred and Ninety-Four Million, Four Hundred and Eighty-Six Thousand, Six Hundred and Twenty Pula (P294, 486, 620) which is 33 per cent is allocated to CEDA.

Conclusion

Madam Chairperson, the Ministry of Trade and Entrepreneurship stands at a pivotal moment in Botswana's economic transformation journey. The proposed budget of One Billion, Two Hundred and Three Million, One Hundred and Ninety Thousand, Four Hundred and Ten Pula (P1, 203, 190, 410) for Recurrent expenditure and Three Hundred and Thirty-One Million, Three Hundred and Thirty-Two Thousand, Five Hundred and Twenty Pula (P331, 332, 520) for development expenditure reflects our unwavering commitment to creating an enabling environment for business growth, fostering innovation and ensuring sustainable economic development. Through strategic initiatives including the Regulatory Guillotine, digital transformation of business services, enhancement of our quality infrastructure and continued support for SMMEs through CEDA and the Wealth Creation Programme, we are positioned to overcome the challenges posed by global economic headwinds and regional trade dynamics. The ministry remains steadfast in its mandate to diversify the economy, create employment opportunities and improve the livelihoods of all Batswana. I therefore humbly request this August House to approve the Budget proposals as presented, and I wish to express my sincere gratitude to the Honourable Members, our stakeholders, development partners and the dedicated staff of the ministry and our State-Owned Enterprises for their continued support and commitment to national development. I move accordingly Madam Chairperson.

MR KAIZER (SELEBI PHIKWE WEST): Ke a leboga Madam Chairperson. Ke ema fa le nna go akgela mo puong ya ga Tona e a neng a re e baya pele. Ministry o a o eteletseng o, ke o o eteletseng pele tsa kgwebo. Ke ene a tshwanetseng go re tshubela lebone go supa gore re ya kae. Fa ke reetsa mo puong ya gagwe, ke gogetswe ke *part three* ya *speech* sa gagwe e a buang ka *the report* e e tswang kwa *the World Bank* ya 2025 *Business Ready Report*. *This report states* gore, Botswana has got excellent laws that supports business. Ga ke itse gore batho ba ba World Bank *information* e, ba e tsere kae. Ga ke itse gore a ba kile ba goroga kwa toropong ya Selebi Phikwe? A ba kile ba goroga gone mo Gaborone ba kopana le bagwebi ba ba gwebang mo Botswana, ba tsaya *information from the horse's mouth*. Ka gore *report* e ga e tsamaisane le sepe se se diragalang Modulasetilo le ka fa dikgwebo tsa Batswana di tsamayang ka teng mo lefatsheng la Botswana. Bagwebi ba ba botlana ba ba rekisang mo mekgwatlheng, ba a lela ka melao e e ba tsamaisang. Jaanong ga ke itse gore e *report* e bua ka bafe Batswana ba re sa ba itseng Modulasetilo.

Fa ke feta ke tsena mo go e nngwe ya SPEDU, ke sebetse se molangwana *Minister through you Madam Chairperson*. Re na le SPEDU, SEZA le BITC kwa toropong ya Selebi Phikwe mme o fitlhela e kete makalana a a gotlhagotlhana. BITC e eme fale ka *citrus*, SPEDU le yone ene fale ka legopelo la yone, SEZA le yone e eme fale ka *airport*. Golo mo go dira gore ditirelo dingwe di gotlhagotlhane. A ga se gore *region* e e tshwananang le ya Selebi Phikwe, Bobonong le mafelo a a mabapi, SPEDU e nne yone e e itebaganyang le ditlhabololo tsa toropo e? Ka gore fa go nna jaana jaanong go a gotlhagotlhana. *As we speak* gompiono, *products* tse di tswang kwa *the citrus project*; 90 per cent ya tsone e a tsamaya e ya kwa mebarakeng e sele e tswa mo lefatsheng la Botswana. Ka fa SPEDU e a lela ya re e batla gore *at least a significant portion of the products* tse di tswang mole di kgone go sala *on the local market*, di kgone go direla Batswana ditiro. *Currently the 10 per cent* yo o salang gone fa le SPEDU ga a kgone *to achieve mandate* wa bone wa gore *this product* di sale mo mmaketeng, di direle Batswana ditiro. Ga ke itse gore kgang e o ka e lebelela ka tsela e e ntseng jang.

We have land in Phikwe I believe, I think ke la SEZA e gompiono e santseng e saletse kwa morago ka ditlhabololo. SPEDU e emetse gore ditlhabololo tseo di nne teng, *so that those industries* di kgone go ya go agiwa. *Because of overlapping mandates*, gone mo o kare go dia *the processes* tse dintsi *Minister*.

Fa ke feta ka eo, mo puong ya gago gona le fa o buang ka *the projected revenue drop* ya 15 per cent, *I think for the financial year 2026/2027*. Mathata a a tswa fa; *number one, registration* ya *businesses* dipalo tsa teng di ya kwa tlase.

Number two; tshwetso e e tserweng ke Puso ya gore *you are absorbing businesses* tsa *security, gardening, le cleaning*. Mathata a tswa gone fa ka gore, *these companies* ga ba sa tlhole ba tla go duela *annual returns*, *they need to wind up all these companies* tse ba neng ba di kwadisitse. Go raya gore ga o tle go bona *annual returns* tse ba nnang ba di duela ngwaga le ngwaga. Gone fa gape fa, *we are going to experience a lot of loss of jobs*, ka gore, akere jaanong go na le ba bangwe ba e leng gore *you are not going to absorb them*, go raya gore le *tax* ga ba sa tlhola ba duela.

They do not pay PAYE, ga ba duele le *taxes* tse dingwe fela jalo ka go farologana. Jaanong 15 per cent o, o itse gore o tswa gone foo mo tshwetso e e tsereng le le Goromente mo nakong ya gompiono.

Talk about even the P2, 500 wa re-registration ya dikompone, le ya go tlhola le mmona kae? The P1, 500 wa failure to meet the deadlines tse e leng gore gongwe o ne a tlaabo a batla to restore the company into the system, a kgonne to miss date ya teng, ga le sa tlhole le mmona. This is why you are going to experience this shortfall e o buang ka yone.

Fa re fetela kwa go e nngwe Minister, wealth creation programmes, o tlhalosa gore up to date o na le 41 869 enterprises that have been funded. Ke dumela gore that is since inception, but potso e fa gore mo dikomponeng tse o di thusitseng ka madi, mo nakong ya gompiano, which ones have transitioned into medium enterprises, tse di itshwareletseng ka nako ya gompiano?

Se sengwe gape se o tshwanetseng go se itse ke gore, study se supa gore, ke gore within five years kompone e tlaabo e setse e na le mathata a go itshetlela mo lefatsheng la Botswana. Gore o na le eng se gompiano fa dikompone tse disha unto five years, le dira ka tsela e e ntseng jang go netefatsa gore di a kgona go itshetlela, go itshwarelela gore di kgone go tshela beyond five years, gore re kgone go bona dipalo tse tsa gago tsa 41, 000, even up to 90 per cent ya tsone e kgone to transition into medium enterprises?

Fa ke tsamaela kwa go digeleng puo ya me ke gore, go na le the informal sector e o ka reng re e lebetse. Kwa toropong e ke tswang kwa go yone kwa Selebi Phikwe, since 2016 toropo ya Selebi Phikwe e ntse e tshela fela sentle ka this informal sector. Re le lephata, re dira eng go netefatsa gore the informal sector e nna yone e e yang to drive economy ya lefatsheng la Botswana? Currently we know, I think it is 5 per cent e e leng GDP contribution ya the informal sector mo lefatsheng la Botswana. Kana mme gone fa, re fitlhela go na le dikompone tsa banana that constitute to almost 65 per cent ya population ya lefatsheng la Botswana. Go go raya gore gone mo informal sector ke gone fa re tshwanetseng go itebaganya thata le gone gore re netefatse gore re ntsha banana mo mekgwatheng ka tsela e e ntseng fela jalo.

Se sengwe ke gore, mme gone re dira eng to formalise the informal sector. Number one, we need to grant legal recognition gore jaanong mme dikompone tse di tsamaisiwe ke ditshetlana dingwe tse di tsepameng, tse di tlaa netefatsang gore dikompone tse di a tshela, e bile di tlaa tshela lebaka le le leele to contribute towards the GDP ya lefatsheng la Botswana. It will also link these small enterprises to the markets, even to financing organisations tse di leng teng, and to enable growth beyond sustainable survival. Ke a leboga Madam Chairperson.

MINISTER OF SPORT AND ARTS (MR KELEBENG): Thank you Madam Chair. Tlaa ke tseye sebaka se le nna ke tswe mo complaints tse di ntsi tsa ga Rre Aaron, ke tsene mo dikgannyeng tse re di tletseng fano. Honourable Minister Ntsima, mo pegong ya gago ke go ema nokeng, mme ke na le dingwe tse ke di lebileng. Ke lebile jaaka o tlhalositse gore the online business registration e dira bontle, e bile go na le improvement in turnaround time and standards.

Le fa go ntse jalo, ke tshwaele gore, mangwe a matshwenyego a re a lemogang ke one a increased fees, kana fees tse di ntsi tse e leng gore Honourable Minister, ke eme fa ke go meme gore o di lebe. Fa o ka lebelela kwa CIPA, go na le introduced Constitution, e lopa madi mo bagwebing babotlana. Go na le gore fa o dira annual return gompiano, fa e le gore kompone ya gago e ne e ntshitswe ka gore o paletswe ke go duela annual return, re lemoga gore go na le extra charges. Fa e le gore kompone ya gago e dule dingwaga tse tlhano tse di fetileng, le tlaabo le boa le tsenya charges tse dingwe tsa dingwaga tseo, mme go ne go ntse go sa diragale jalo. Ke tsaya ke re, golo moo re le Puso Honourable Minister, a re lebe, re bone gore Batswana re se ka ra ba paledisa go gweba kana ba iteke mo dikgwebong. Jaaka re bona gore itsholelo fa e le makgwakgwa jaana, e makgwakgwa mo go rona rotlhe. Re le Batswana, re tlhoka gore re le Puso fa go nna jaana, re ba eme nokeng gore ba kgone.

Ke lemoga kgang e o e buang ya conducive environment, e e thusang thata ka investment, e bile e thusa ka dikgwebo. BOSSC re a e amogela, re a e itumelela gore e bo e dira bontle. O supa 90 per cent ya approval rate. Go supa gore go tlaa tlisa ditiro, ke golo mo re go batlang Honourable Minister: Ke rotloetsa gape gore a re batle tsela nngwe Honourable Minister ya gore that One Stop Service Centre, re ka dira jang gore e golagane le local company secretaries, association consultants, go bona gore fa e le gore re tlisa bagwebi le bone ba ba itekang ka go thusa bagwebi, re ka dira jang go na le that strategic partnership fa gare ga BITC le bone. Re tle re kgone go fetlha ditiro tse di ntsi ka gore re tlaabo re tsentse Batswana mo teng. Ke a bona gore fa re ka dira jalo, re ntsha red tapes tse e leng gore re bone BETP e supa gore e ya go re thusa go di fokotsa, re ya go kgona to attend dilo ka bontsi, re di baakanya ka nako. Fa re ka dira jalo, re godisa, re dira conducive environment, go tlaa re thusa gore re baakanye Honourable Minister.

Ke rata kgang e ya *market access*, jaaka o bua gore PushaBW *campaign* e a leka, e thusa thata bogolo jang ka *capacity building*. E thusa thata bogolo jang bone ba ba itekang ka go dira le *the manufacturers* gore ba tle ba kgone go dira bontle. Ke kopa re nne *intentional Honourable Minister, and accommodate rural areas*. Ke gore golo mo gotweng *rural development*, fa re bua ka bone, re tshwanetse go batla tsela ya gore re ba *accommodate* jang. Jaaka ke itumela gore re setse re na le *shop* kwa SSKIA e e dirang bontle. Fa re ka bona mo maitekong a rona a re dirang *market access*, e bile re lebile ka fa re *fund* ka teng, re lebelela *indigenous companies, indigenous products*. Re leka thata gore e nne tsone tse re di rotloetsang. Jaaka CEDA e *fund*, re solofetse thata gore go na le dikgwebo tse di dirwang ke Batswana, jaaka o kgona go utlwa gore Motswana mongwe o dira ditloo kwa Germany. Re tshwanetse ra go bona le mo Botswana re kgona *to export* kwa mafatsheng a mangwe. Fa re ka leka gore CEDA a bo e itebagantse thata le gore dikgwebo tse di amang Batswana totatota ka dilo tsa ditso tsa rona *that preserve* le yone *culture*, re leke go isa matlho a rona kwa go tsone thata.

Fa re bua ka dilo tse di tshwanang le *agri-business*, re tshwanetse re leke thata gore dikgaolo di tshwana le tsa Takatokwane, Kgalagadi, Ghanzi, tse re itseng gore 95 *per cent* ya dikgomo tsa BMC e tswa teng, go nne *intentional* gore re ba nonotshe, re ba thuse. Fa gotwe CEDA *is funding*, re bo re itse gore mo dikgaolong tseo, e *fund* e tlhwaafetse ka gore ke gone kwa re ntshang dijo teng.

Fela jaaka re bona kwa bo Pandamatenga le SPEDU ba kgona gore go nne le *special programmes*, re a di batla mo dikgaolong tse e leng gore fa re bua ka kgomo kana BMC, ke yone *contribution* e ntsi e e tswang mo go tsone. Re tshwanetse ra nna *intentional* thata mo dikgannyeng tse *Honourable Minister*.

Wealth Creation Programme a re e bone sentle e tsena thata, ka gore tota ke lebile *rural economy*. Fa re bua ka *funding models*, re tshwanetse re lebelele gore *when we fund*, a ba e leng gore ke ba *creative arts and sports*; kana go na le mo gotweng *sports business* le *creative arts business*, mme kana *they are not funded the same*. Ga o ka ke wa di tsaya go tshwana le tse dingwe, a go nne jaaka re dumela gore *national funds of funds* e ya go itebaganya le tsone. Dira gore re fefose go netefatsa gore batho bao, re na le ka fa re ba thusang ka teng go lebagane, go siame gore ba tle ba kgone *to access funds* tseo.

Re ne re bua ka gore *funds* di tshwana le *equity funding* le tse dingwe di tshwanetse go lebelelwa ka ditsela tse di farologanyeng. Re se ka ra iphitlhela re ntsha madi mme re bolaisa Batswana dikoloto, ga re dire gore ba gole gore ba tle ba kgone go fetlha ditiro.

Ke amogela thata *Entrepreneurial Development* e re lelang go fokotsa *the import bill*. Go a itumedisa tota. Ke itumelela gore le supa gore le ya go nna le *cooperative development*, e mo go yone ke lebileng *the rural economy* gore fa re bua ka dikoporase, re godile e le tsone fa re bua ka *market access*, di ne di tsaya dikgomo di di isa kwa BMC, di tsaya dijwalo di di isa kwa BAMB. Re batla go bona golo moo go boela, e le gore fa re bua ka *market* ga re bue gore re le neela madi go lema le go rua, a bo e le gore ga go na kwa re rekisang teng, *millers* ba itirelela ka matshelo a batho ba rona mme re kgona go dira dilo tse. *Honourable Minister*, a re lebe dilo tseo. *The rural economy* e tshwanetse gore fa re bua ka kgaolo ya Takatokwane, ka gore ga go na *industrialisation* e ntsi teng, re a itse gore fa re ka itebaganya le se ba se kgonang ba na le sone, re ka kgona go ntsha ditiro tse di seng kana ka sepe.

Ke amogetse *diversified industries* jaaka o setse o tlhalositse gore motshameko o o phepa le tswetsetse le leka go dira *campaign* eo. E bile ke itumelela gore *through BDC*, le ya go nna le *a special purpose vehicle* e e yang go dira *the national lottery*. Bo Goromente kwa mafatsheng a bo Canada le Norway, ba dira jalo gore a kgone go dira letseno ka *lottery* gore a fetlhe ditiro le go isa ditirelo kwa bathong. Maloba fa re sena go bua ka *issue* ya *incentives* le gore re ka dira jang go oketsa gore re thuse mo *sports*, ke ne ka lemoga gore ba Gambling Authority, go na le sengwe se se kwadilweng gore mo go se ba se dirang, *in their levy* go na le seabe se se tshwanetseng go tsisiwa kwa *sports and arts*. Go na le se se tlang kwa *arts* le kwa *sports*.

Se se tlaa diragalang *Honourable Minister*, re tlaa leka thata gore mo nakong e e sa fediseng pelo, re nne fa fatshe le lona ka gore re batla go bona *Arts Council* ya rona e nonofile, e kgona go ntsha ditirelo e di neele badiragatsi. Re batla go bona bone ba Sports Commission ba kgona go isa ditirelo kwa bathong. Ke rata *the export-led growth* e o e supang gore e oketsegile ka 12.0 *per cent*. Golo moo re a go amogela. Go raya gore fa re bua ka *livestock products* tse re di ntshang, re bua ka tse di tswang mo dikomponeng tsa dikoloi le tse dingwe...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR KELEBENG: Nako e ntshiile mokaulengwe, ke tlaa go bona.

Ke ganelela thata ke re a re lekeng go itebaganya thata le *the rural economy*, re se ka ra lebelela Gaborone fela, bo SEZA ba bua ka bo Gaborone. Re nne le tse dingwe tse le buang ka tsone di itebagantse le mafelo a a mo ditoropong. A re boneng gore dilo tse re ka di ntsha, ra kgonatse go export go le gontsi jaaka re bua ka *livestock*. Re bo re itse gore mme re itebagantse le dikgaolo jaaka kgaolo e tshwana le ya Takatokwane e e ikaegileng ka temothuo. Golo mo go ka re thusa thata. Ke ema fa ke go ema nokeng *Honourable Minister*. Ke a leboga.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES (MR NYATANGA):

Good afternoon Madam Chairperson. Le nna ke batla go ema fa ke ema nokeng kopo e e teng fa. Gompiano ke batla go ya go itebaganya fela le dikgaolo, ba ba tlaa bueleng ditoropo, ke tsaya gore ba tlaa tla. Ke batla go bulela dikgaolo, setlhogo sa me se se tonatona e le mo gotweng, *'Equitable distribution of resources.'* Ke lebeletse kopo ya gago *Honourable Minister*, gore Botswana ka fa ba ntseng ka teng, re na le *opportunity* ka gore rona ke gone re tsenang. Re na le *opportunity* ya gore re leke go dira dilo ka tsela e e faphegileng.

Gompiano ke ne ke lebelela *an analysis of most of these projects* tse e leng gore *they have been funded*. Bontsi jwa tsone o fitlhela e le gore di mo ditoropong. Ke batla gore re tseye *a very intentional commitment* re lebelele dikgaolo tsa rona. Fa o lebelela kwa bo Gudigwa, o bo o lebelela kwa Bokalaka; maloba ke ne ke le kwa Bokalaka. O bona *these areas* fa o tsamaya teng, o kare ga o mo Botswana *because* fa o le mo Gaborone *Minister*, o fitlhela ditlhabololo ka bontsi tse o kgonang go di amanya le bo CEDA, o di bona *along the railway line*. *What is also disheartening on my part* ke gore fa o utlwa ke bua ka *equitable distribution of resources*, o bo o tsaya mafelo a mangwe a a tshwanang le Mahalapye. Mahalapye fa o ka lebelela *historically*, ditoropo tse dingwe tse di tlang di fitlhela a ne a ntse a le teng. Fa o re o lebelela *in terms of these industries* gore go na le eng, ga o kgone go bona. *I think it is our strategy* se re se dirisang.

MR LEKAU: *Point of elucidation.* Ke ne ke re o e bua sentle jaaka fa o ka tsaya kgaolo e tshwana le ya ga *Honourable Kelebeng*, o lebelela motse o tshwana le wa Sorilatholo. Ba na le sengaparile, *but for the past years*, ga go ise go bo go nne le *funding* epe e e lebeletseng motse go ka ntsha *that product*.

MR NYATANGA: *Thank you very much.* Ke gone foo. Ke lebeletse *entrepreneurial development Minister* gore fa o lebelela lefatshe la rona, *it is high time* gore re fetole lewa. Kgaolo ya me ya Mahalapye, *we have very productive land*. *I think* fa re dira *cooperative developments*, re tshwanetswe *to promote these cooperative societies* tse e leng gore *they are going to focus on things like* moringa, sunflower *because that is going to create employment* for batho ba le bantsintsi. Fa o lebelela Taupye, Shakwe, Mookane area, *even agriculturally, their soils are so tested* mo ba go boeleng gore di siametse dilo tse.

Ke belaela gore fa o ka dira jalo re ka ya teng. *This is in line with our manifesto*. *I always try to talk* ke lebeletse gore *manifesto* wa rona wa reng. Re reile batho re ba raya re re re ya go dira *some of these things*. Ke itumelela *One Stop Shop*, ke tsaya gore ba dirile sentle. *Businesses* kwa CIPA, banana ba a lela gore re a tura. *Constitutions* tse bontsi jwa bone ga ba bereke ba batla *to hustle*. Madi a *Constitutions* tse di duelwang, *it becomes very difficult* mo go bone. *I know* gore *we want to raise funds, but let us review the prices*, re bone gore gatwe re ka thusa fa kae.

Ke batla go bua ka *our productive economy* e e leng gore fa ke bua ka yone, ke lebeletse gore *how do we support* Botswana ba ba itekang gore ba kgone go dira dijo tse di yang kwa ntle. Le yone e tsamaelana le *manifesto* wa rona. *Manifesto* wa rona re ne re rile re tlele go thusa *Minister* wa Trade, mme ga ke utlwe re bua go le gontsi gore re ne re re ba ba dirang *agriculture, storage facilities* tse re neng re re *we are going to facilitate them* go batla *market outside* di kae?

What we have done gompiano jaana, *we have raised hopes* tsa batho ba le bantsi ba e leng gore *they get into agriculture with the hope* ya gore *they will be facilitated* gore ba rekise kwa ntle. *The market is so constrained*, ke bo Phikwe le Gaborone *and* le gone mo Gaborone, ga se mang le mang yo o rekang dilo tse. *We need to make sure that gone foo, we do a lot of work* go thusa Botswana.

E nngwe e ke neng ke batla gore ke dumalane le wena e bile ke re o e gatelele ke ya *standards* tse o reng di dirilwe tsa BOBS. *Let us be very simplistic*, re *simplify some of these things* *because on paper* ra re, *these things are simplified* but o fitlhela e le gore *when it comes to actual implementation, it becomes very difficult*. Ke kopa fela gore *let us simplify*.

Batho ba ba ka re thusang gore re itse gore *how simple this is*, ga se babereki, ke ba e leng gore *they are on the ground*. Fa ba ka se ka ba *check* batho ba ba *on the ground*, re ya go bua re re *we have simplified* but a bo o fitlhela e le gore ga re a kgona go *simplify* ka ntateng ya yone kgang e.

E nngwe e ke neng ke batla go e bua e le ya bofelo ke ya *the SEZs*. *Honourable Minister*, a ko o lebelele *the area* e e fa Tropic of Capricorn.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Choppies of Capricorn.

MR NYATANGA: O a bo o bua dilo di sele. Tropic of Capricorn. Ke batla a ko o e lebelele, re se ka ra ya go e lebelele *after bo five to 10 years, there is an opportunity*. Gompieno gone fale, *there is an off branching* seknotere se se yang go tsena mo moepong ole wa Mmamabula wa Jindal. *There is an opportunity* ya gore o dire SEZ e bo e le gore *we diversify*, re nna le *mining workshops*.

Electronic mobility o o neng o bua ka one; re batla go bona dikoloi tsa motlakase di dirwa gone mo laeneng e gore *this area* e nne *productive because all things are in Gaborone*. *We need to help* Gaborone gore *some of these economic activities* di nne *outside*.

Ya bofelo ke bue ka *our informal sector* ka gore le mo *manifesto* wa rona, re rile re ya go e thusa. Fa o re o lebelele gore *what is it that we are doing, I think we are very silent*. A re tlhaloseng gore re ya go dira eng ka *informal sector*, re *target those that are on the ground*. Ke batla gore gongwe fa o tsena kwa kgaolong e tshwana le ya Mahalapye jaana, o *check* bo “nka go thusa” kwa renkeng o bone gore *how can you assist them* gore ba ye go dira *viable programmes* tse di tlaa ba ntshang koo. Go na le batho ba e leng gore *they have got a lot of passion and talent* mo *business* mme ba tlhoka gore e nne a *targeted approach*. Ke raya gore le fa re re LEA e a thusa, ga le bue gore e thusa bo mang *because these statistics* ga di mpolelele gore *these are people* ba e leng gore *they are from the informal sector*. *The informal sector can help us*.

MR MOROLONG: *Clarification*. Thank you *Madam Chairperson*. Ke ne ke re o e tshwere sentle motlotlegi. O ne o bua gore go sekasekiwe dilo jaaka o ne o bua ka *Constitution*, le nna ke dumalana le wena, a ga o bone go le botlhokwa gore go sekasekwe gape le ditlhwatlhwa tsa *licences*? Fa o batla *licence* e tshwana gongwe le ya *insurance*, you are required bo P25,000. Ke bua

boammaaruri. Gompieno *agents* tsa bo MyZaka ba dira madi go feta yo o rekisang kwa seterateng. *Agents* tse a di tswe go fiwe *an ordinary* Motswana.

MR BARONGWANG: *Clarification*. Tota ke ne ke batla gore ke bapise *informal* le *level of unemployment*...

MR FRENZEL (SHASHE WEST): Ke a leboga *Madam Chairperson*. Mma ke tseye sebaka se ke leboge *presentation* e re neng re e neelwa ke *Minister*, re a e utlwa. Motlotlegi yo o neng a tswa ke *shadow Minister* wa *ministry* one o. Go raya gore nna ke yo ke pholethang fela. Go raya gore ke *assistant* ya ga *Honourable* Kaizer, ke tsena kwa morago ga gagwe. Fa go ntse jalo, ke tlaa itebaganya le dikgang tsa *informal sector*; ke tsone tse ke batlang go lebagana le tsone. Ke bona o kare re ba itlhokomolositse thata. Ga ke itse gore a re ba itlhokomolositse kana ga re na sepe le bone. Ke ne ke le kwa motseng o mongwe ka *Sunday*, ke ne ka utlwa botlhoko mo go maswe ke bona *businesses* di tswetswe e le ka kgang ya *licences*. *Council* ya Boteti e rontsha Batswana *to operate businesses* tsa bone. A bo o ipotsa gore batho ba ba senyegetsweng ke ditiro ba kae?

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR FRENZEL: O tsile go fitlhela *business* e tswalwa ka selo se e leng gore gongwe se ne se ka baakanngwa mme ya tswelala pele. O bo o fitlhela e le gore *council* e rontsha Motswana yo o reng o leka go iteka.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR FRENZEL: O se ka wa nna moleele.

MR KWAPA: *Clarification*. Ke a leboga Modulasetilo. Motlotlegi o e tshwere sentle, *especially* fa re lebile kgang ya gore *councils* are supposed to facilitate *businesses* rraetsho, e seng *to frustrate them*. Ke dumalana le wena motlotlegi gore kgang e ya *informal sector*, re tshwanetse re e lebelele tota ka tlhwaafalo e e tseneletseng *to see to it* gore Batswana ba *benefit* mo go yone. *Thank you so much*.

MR FRENZEL: Kana tota ga re a tshwanela gore re nne Puso e e gobelelang batho, ke tlaa dirisa lefoko la go tshwana le lone leo. Re tshwanetse ra nna Puso e e le kang *to boost* ba ba itekang, segolobogolo *councils* tsa rona. Jaanong fa e le gore *councils* tsa rona ke tsone tse e leng gore di ya *to frustrate* Batswana, re ya go nna le bothata. Ke a kopa ka tswetswe *Honourable Minister*; gore o ye kwa dikhanseleng tse o utlwanng ke bua ka tsone ke supa gore *businesses* di tswetse. Ke batla

potso e e botsang ka *businesses* tse di tswadisitsweng ke *councils* le batho ba ba senyegetsweng ke ditiro, ba e leng gore gongwe ba ka bo nako ya gompiano ba theogela, a bo o tla o bona gore ke dipalo tse di kae mo *councils* tse dingwe.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS (MR MOSWAANE): *Clarification. Thank you Madam Chairperson. Mma ke go tlhomamisetse Honourable Frenzel from the Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Affairs ba re okametseng councils. Re ntshitse ditaello tse di gagametseng thata gore the informal sector ba tshwanetse go thusiwa. Le gone jaana mo ministry wa rona, re ba direla melawana e mesha that would guide councils gore ba tlaa bereka jang le bone. Tsamaiso ke gore, ope yo o gwebang a le mo tseleng, a se ka a bo a tshwenngwa ke ope ka gore ga a dire sepe se se phoso. Re ganana le ba ba tshotseng melelo e e mo bus ranks. Ra re a ba tle ka dilo tse di thuthafatsang dijo tsa bone, otherwise ba tshwanetse gore ba operate freely ka tsamaiso e re nang le yone mo nakong ya gompiano. Thank you.*

MR FRENZEL: E ka nna kgang e e botlhokwa thata, batho bao gare re ba sireletse. Fa ba dira jalo, ba operate *businesses* tse di kwa tlase, o tlaa fitlhela e le gore ga ba ithuse ba le nosi. Motho o a bo a itse gore ba lelwapa o ba tlogetse kwa morago, o a bo a diretse yo o a bong a dira le ene *employment*. Ba botlhokwa thata le go gaisa mme fa go ntse jalo, go ka nna molemo thata. Ke a kopa ka tsweetswee gore a re boneng gore re sala dikgang tsa go nna jalo morago.

Fa o feta kwa motseng wa me wa Jamataka, o ya go fitlhela batho ba rekisa mmilo mo ditseleng, ke selo se re tshwanetseng re se rotloetse. Re letle dilo tsa go tshwana le tsone tse gore di nne teng.

Jaanong ke a kopa ka tsweetswee gore Puso ya rona, a re boneng gore re sireletsa bagwebi ba rona ba ba botlana, go na le gore re ba gatelele ka go tla ka melao e mentsi, *though* re ise re e baakanye jaaka re itse. A re boneng gore re a neneketsa gore batho ba re tle re bone gore ba a tswelela, ba itirela ka moo mo e leng gore gongwe ba a bo ba le mo go gone.

Ke rata ke tsene mo kgannyeng e o neng o supa *Honourable Minister* o re *the largest share* ya *ministry* wa gago e ile kwa CEDA. A re boneng kwa CEDA gore *we fund projects* tse di ntseng jang. O ya go fitlhela e le gore gongwe re tsaya bontsi jwa madi re neela batho

ba *farming*, ba ba yang kwa dipolaseng ba ya go dira selo se se tshwanang, se e leng gore ga se ye *to create employment* epe e e kalokalo. O bo o fitlhela e le gore mo dikgaolong tse dingwe, go tlaabo go neelwa madi batho ba ba ba ba dirang matlo a nna mantsi go tsweng foo kamoso matlo a sala a tletse a bo a tlhoka batho ba ba nnang mo go one. Jaanong e re re *fund projects* tse re a bong re di kgethile, re lebelele gore di farologanye gore ba le ba ntsi ba tle ba *benefit* mo go tsone.

Sengwe sa dilo tse ke eletsang gore re di lebelele segolobogolo, ke dikgang tsa go tura ga CIPA. O tlhaloganya dikgang tse thatathata *Honourable Minister*. Kana go tura ga teng go felela go dira gore gongwe motho a ne a dirile *business*, fa madi a teng a tloisitse ngwaga kana dingwaga tse pedi, a bo a *resort* go batla *company* e nngwe, ele a bo a e latlhela kgakala. Jaanong dilo tsa go tshwana le tsone tseo, a re boneng gore re di baakanya ka tsela e e ntseng jang gore motho a tswelile ka *company* eo, a se ka a kokonelwa ke *prices* tse di a bong di tla di mo setse morago. Go dira jalo, go raya gore *businesses* di ya go nna di simolodisiwa *almost every day*. Motho a bona *costs* di le dintsi, o ya go simolola sesha.

Minister, re a leboga gore maloba o bo o butse dibara ka dinako tse di telelenyana. Maloba o ne o dirile maitiso a mantle. Ke bone ka *Saturday* ke ne ke go etetse fale, ka fa go neng go ntse ka teng... (*Interruptions*)... Ke selo se se molemo thata. Fa go ntse jalo, a dinako tsa *24 hours* tseo fa e le gore gongwe a bo mogopolo o le teng, e se ka ya nna ka moso batho ba re *Minister* o itiretse. Maabane e rile fa re sena go tswala Palamente, re bona *notice* e e supang gore go tlaabo dibara di *operate 24 hours*. Jaanong dilo tse a re bone gore re di dira nako e le teng, gore re se ka ra re kamoso ra lebiwa ka tsela nngwe e e seng yone. Melao e fa re e dira, re bone gore kwa *night clubs* ga go ye go wa go sala go sena sepe.

Dikgang tse ke batlang gore re di lebelele ke bojalwa jwa Chibuku Powder, ke santse ke tlaa bua ka jone. Kana bojalwa jwa Chibuku Powder bo a rekisiwa mo madirelong, fa o re o ya kwa Choppies o a bo fitlhela, o ya kwa dishopong tsa bo Trans le tse dingwe ka go farologana. Motswana fa a leka gore a bo apee mo lelwapeng gatwe o molato, ba *by-law* fa ba tla ba tsaya bojalwa joo ba tshololela kgakala. Ke tsaya gore *it is high time* gore bojalwa joo re bone gore re a bo bulela fela jaaka majalwa a mangwe.

Bojalwa jwa morula go na le *period* e bo felang, jwa magapu, bo eng, mme yone e nna e ntse e le teng fela. A re e lebelele gore re dira ka tsela e e ntse jang gore re tle le jone e re re bo letlelela, Batswana ba tle ba kgone gore e re fa ba bo dira, ba se ka ba tla ba bo tseelwa, ba bo tshololelwa. Kana fa o tshololela motho yo o le kang go iteka, go raya gore jaanong o a mo feleletsa. Ke a kopa ka tsweetswee gore Puso ya rona e ntle e, e leke go lebelele dikgang tsa go tshwana le tse gore e se ka ya lomeletsa Batswana.

MR BAGAISAMANG: *Clarification.* Ke a leboga *Honourable Frenzel. Thank you Madam Chairperson.* Mokaulengwe, o raya jaaka e le gore bojalwa jo o buang ka jone jo, kgang ke gore bo a rekisiwa kwa *wholesale* akere. A mme o raya gore jaaka e le gore kwa gatwe bo siame, bo a letlelelwa gore bo ka rekisiwa, mme go bo gotwe batho ba se ka ba rekisa...

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: E go tshwere *Honourable Bagaisamang.*

MR FRENZEL: Kana ke yone kgang e ke le kang go e tlhalosa eo.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR MOTSAMAI): Ke a leboga *Madam Chairperson.* Mma fela ke simolole ka yo a ntse a wela ka yone, le nna tota ke e *support.* Batho ba kgaolo ya me ba a humanega, ba itshetsa ka go reka Chibuku Powder kwa *wholesales*, ba ya go e fuduwa, ba kgone gore ba dire madi a ba tsenyang bana dikole ka one, le go rekela bana phaletšhe. Ka tsela e e ntse jalo, Tona a e re o emelela fela fa o bo o *announce* gore ga go sa tlhole go tshololwa majalwa. Ga re ka ke ra tla go dira molao wa bojalwana fela jo bo nnyennyane jwa Chibuku, ra bo re tlhola re gana ka Chibuku, ga re a tshwanela go gana ka Chibuku.

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

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

MR MOTSAMAI: A re letlelele batho ba rekise ba itshetse. Ka bokhutshwane jo bo kalo, o tshwanetse o lebelele Tona, fa o emelela fela fa o bo o bolelela maphata a gago a a ka fa tlase ga *ministry* wa gago gore a Charles Hill go batliwe diofisi tse di sa berekeleng le ise CEDA le CIPA teng. Batho ba emelela *all the way from* bo Metsimantsho ba feta ke bale ba tla go feta Charles Hill, ba ya Gantsi, ba tsamaya 290 km kana 258 km. Dikgang tse di tshwanetse di sekasekwe, go bonwe gore a batho ba mme gone a go ba siametse. Tota ga se 200 e bile ke *almost* 300.

Madam Chairperson, ke dikgang tse di tshwenyang, batho ba emelela fela ba ya go tsena kwa diofising tsa CEDA, ba ya go fitlhela gotwe yo o go thusang ga a yo kana o mo *leave*, tla ka labokana. E bile bone ba sena metse le masika mo Gantsi. A go bonwe gore diofisi tse di a isiwa kana bogolo le re isetse le fa e le *caravan* ya maemo a ntlha e e kileng ya bulwa kwa Gantsi e le ya CEDA e thusa batho. Ke kgang e e leng gore batho ba kgaolo ya Charles Hill, Ncojane, Kalkfontein, New Xanagas, Makunda, ba ka itumela fela thata kwa Karakubis le Kgosi ya Kole, Rre Ramoswaane, o ka itumela fa a ka bona e le gore le dirile jalo.

Mma ke riana ke fete ka bonako, ke supe gore kgang e nngwe ke yone e e neng e buiwa ka gore go na le melao e e bayang Batswana ka fa mosing. Fa go na le ka fa rraetsho o ka buisanang ka teng le dikhansele, le molekane wa gago, Rre Motshegwa. Dikhansele tse dingwe ga di letlelele gore motho o ka besa mmidi mo tseleng. Ga ba letlelele gore motho, e ka re Rre Kapinga fa a etela kwa Okavango, ba mmesetsa nama fela mo *braai stand* mo tseleng kana gautshwane le bara. Ba re, motho yo o besang nama, o tshwanetse a bo a na le *fresh produce.* *Fresh produce* e e leng gore go dingalo ka gore le a itse gore, gore o nne le *wholesale* kana *shop*, o simolola pele ka semausu. Semausu sa batho ba ba besang mmidi, nama, le tshwanetse gore le itse gore ke tsone dimausu tsa bone gore ba tle ba palamele kwa pele ba ye go nna le *fresh produces* tse le di buang.

MR LEKAU: *Elucidation.* Ee rra, jaaka o bua ka dikhansele, o supe gape gore gone kwa khanseleng ya Charles Hill, o fitlhela *officer* yo o beilweng e le wa *Trade*, wa *commercial*, ke wa *scale* se se kwa tlase, a tsenelela *meetings* le Head of Departments (HODs), mo go rayang gore le ene fela go fa *licences* ke kgwetlho mo Charles Hill.

MR MOTSAMAI: Ee, o e tshwere sentle, ke tsaya ke re o mo mafokong. Kgang e nngwe *Madam Chairperson* ke gore, re tshwanetse ra supa gore ga re Goromente wa maloba yo o neng a le fa, yo o ikgatlheng ka batho gore kwa go lehuma, kwa go lehuma, kwa e bile go lehuma la nta ya tlhogo. Re tshwanetse ra rarabolola mahuma ao, re nne Goromente wa ditharabololo.

Ke bua jaana go raya gore fa go kgonagala, a BMC e tlhabe dikgomo, e re e sena go di tlhaba, madi a romelwe kwa Kalkfontein, Karakubis le New Xanagas, go ye go dirwa *factories* tsa *polishes* tsa ditlhako ka madi a kgomo. Matlalo a romelwe kwa Ncojane, Charles Hill le Makunda. Go bulwe madirelo a matona. Go rotloetswe

dilo tseo gore bana ba ba tswang mo dikgaolong ba re ba ya kwa ditoropong, ba bone mafelo a bone ka ponyo ya leitlho a tshokane e nnile ditoropo go kganela motsamao o montsintsi, o o ntseng jalo. Go tllabolola magae a khumo eo e tswang mo go one, batho ba dikgaolo tse ke buang ka tsone tse, ke bone ba ba re jesang, nama ya bone ke yone e e rekwang thata kwa Europe. Ke bone ba e leng te mane ya lefatshe la Botswana *Madam Chairperson*.

A dilo tse di dirwe. Go ye go dirwa ditlhako kwa bo Kalkfontein, go ye go dirwa mabante ka matlalo a dikgomo kwa Karakubis, jalojalo. Go bulwe madirelo a *polish* a ba bangwe ba ka hirwang ba nna ba ba tempang, ba bangwe ya nna ba ba balang, ba bangwe ya nna ba ba tshelang *in cans* tse di *labelled*. Le fa *can* ya teng o ka e bitsa “Gobotswang”, go tlaabo go ntse go siame fela. Ngwana a bo a le foo, a ntse a tempa “Gobotswang.” E le madirelo fela a a bonalang a dikgaolo tseo *Madam Chairperson*, ke a rialo ka gore ke tšhomi ya me *Madam Chairperson*.

Kgang e nngwe *Madam Speaker* e re tshwanetseng go e lebelela thata, e ya matlalo e, ga e ka ke ya itira fela. Seporo sa terena ke sone se se ka thusang . A go dirwe ka bonako gore seporo se sa terena sa Trans-Kalahari Railway, se ralale, se fete se kgone gore matlalo ao le madi, menyetsane le dinaka tsa dikgomo, go bo go pegwa mo tereneng e isa kwa madirelong a a foo. Dilo tseo gape di kgona gore tlole di ye kwa mafatsheng a sele, di fete ka lewatle la Walvis Bay kwa re nang le *dry port* teng *Madam Chairperson*. Lefatshe la Botswana la ema ka dinao, go bona gore banana ba bantsintsi ba ba sa berekeng *Madam Chairperson*, ba kgona gore le bone ba itirele isago, e seng gore dinako tsotlhe e bo e le gore ke ba ba opelelang mapolotiki fela mo dikhwaereng, ke ba ba dirang *house to house* mme re sa ba neele sepe. Re tshwanetse ra ba tllhanela meberekho.

Kgang ya dikoporase ke kgang e e nitlameng, re tshwanetse ra rotloetsa dikoporase gore di nne teng. Dikoporase di ikopanye, *Farmer's Association* ba ikopanye ba dire dikoporase. Ba kgone gore moonoo wa bone o nne mongwefela. Fa e le gore ba batla go ya go rekisa dikgomo *for* madinyana a a botoka, go bo go raya gore diteraka di a emelela tsa koporase eo, di isa dikgomo golo gongwe fa gare fela kwa bo Lokalane, e seng kgakalakgakala kwa Lobatse. Dikoporase tseo go bo go raya gore ba ka lebagana le Goromente, ba tsaya mananeo kwa CEDA. Fa ba batla go dira *private clinics* tse di tlaabong di thusa *farmers* mo mafelong a

re reng ke *service centres*, ba dire jalo ba letlelesege, ba hire dingaka tse di alafang batho. Gore le bone e nne bontlha bongwe jwa Goromente, ba tsenya itsholelo mo dikgaolong tsa bone *Madam Chairperson*.

Gompiano jaana batho ba dikgaolo tsa Kgalagadi le Ghanzi, ga ba boelwe mo dikgomong tsa bone, ka gore ba matoditodi, lentswe la bone ga le lengwefela. Fa ba ka ikgobokanya ka dikoporase, dinawa tse ba di lemang jaaka ke itse gore di rata kgaolo ele, bo morama, manoko jalojalo, ba ka dira jalo ga ba ga bulwa *factories* tse dingwe. Gakere o a bona gore kgaolo ele e ka bula *factories* tse di ntsi, ra dira *peanut butter*; ga tshasiwa mo marothong. Baeng ba rona e re ba goroga bo Rre Saleshando, ra ba tshasetsa marotho ao, ga nna monate kwa kgaolong ya rona *Madam Chairperson*.

Dilo tse ga re bue ditoro, re na le ditswammung tse dingwe tse e leng dijo tsa Bakgalagadi, a o bua ka mahupu, sengaparile, kole le thokwe, ke dilo tse di tswang mo kgaolong ya Kgalagadi. Tse dingwe di a alafa mo teng, tse dingwe di thusa go nonotsha mmele *Madam Chairperson*, e bile tseo di na le sekale se se rileng, ga di tshwane mo gongwe o eme mo nageng o neelwa lebotlele fela o sa itse gore go kadilwe jang, le bo le ya go go golafatsa. Ke tsone dilo tse re tshwanetseng ra rotloetsa batho ba dikgaolo tsa rona, gore dikgwebotse ba tsene mo go tsone ka dikoporase tseo *Madam Chairperson*. Ra ba batlela dimmaraka, gore dithoto tsa bone di bone kwa di ka rekwang teng. Ke a leboga.

MR PHOLOGOLO (KANYE WEST): Thank you *Madam Chairperson*. *Ke tlaa leka go tsaya* five minutes and give Honourable Kwapa. Minister, *mme ke go lebogele* the support that you give to the Small, Medium, and Micro-sized Enterprises. (SMMEs), MSMEs, *ke tswa go ithuta gore di bitswa jalo, e seng SMMEs*. From your report, *go a supafala gore* if we are to increase the funding, we will ensure *gore* food security is guaranteed. If we are to increase the funding, we will ensure *gore* there is employment creation just by focusing on this section of the population.

Ke kopa gore re se ka ra ba fund fela, let us go further and cluster them. When they are clustered, *e bo e nna boikarabelo jwa rona re le Puso gore* now we seek market, especially internationally for them to trade. *Re nne le madi a a tsenang ka bokete, gona le a re a ntshang re tllisa dilo tse dingwe*. That will also ensure the value chain, *re na le* product we can now manufacture, *re lese go reka* cornflakes *kwa mafatsheng a sele*.

I have also from your report realised *gore*, you are coming up with reforms. Intensify the speed at which you are bringing these, please also try and align your efforts *gore di bue se manifesto wa UDC o se buang*. You should be intentional in doing that, talk about the deep economy *e UDC e buang ka yone*. Deep economy to me would also be what you did in December last year, *fa o ne o tla ka the 24-hour economy*. This is where we should be going, *fa e le gore* that was a trial run, I bet you have seen how successful it was and therefore you should run with the programme.

E nngwe is something that we have done in the past and it proved to be working for this country, *bakaulengwe ba ntse ba e bua ya dikoporase*. Let us go back to it with a twist, *jaaka o bua gore* you intend to train people on how these things work. *A re ba tseye ka letsogo* to make sure they get established. *A re ba tseye tshipidi tonto, re se ka ra fetsa fela ka go ba train*, let us make sure *gore ba a tshwara, e bile ba a diragatsa* as communities. This will ensure *gore* the local economy is very vibrant and we do not have people having to leave *dikgaolo ba siela kwa ditoropong*. *Dilo tsa go nna jalo mongwame, ke dumela gore di tlaa re thusa*.

There is a little challenge that I see *mo dikgwebong*. We issue licences to would be operators, *ba bangwe* they sit on those licences and then in the process *ba block ba gongwe ba ka bong ba dira*.

Then others will take the licence as if they are going to operate only for them to sublease. Fa a mo adima, a mo hirisetsa, go raya *gore dipoelo tse di ka bong* motho yo a di dira a bo a atolosa *their business*, o a ne a tsaya mo gongwe, o palelwa ke go atolosa *operation because* e duela motho yo e leng *gore the only claim they have to this business* ke *gore licence* e filwe ene. *Let us ensure that we give licences to people who will operate and we should not fear* *gore re boele kwa mothong* fa e le *gore ga a operate*, re *revoke the licence and give it to somebody* yo e leng *gore o ready to operate*. *I will give you an example*; *gompieno go na le tsela e e makgwakgwa ya Lerolwane-Gasita, you will be shocked to learn* *gore so many people have licences tsa to operate buses* mo go yone. Mme go na le Motswana a le mongwefela fela yo o ithobogetseng mo go reng a thuse batho. Ba bangwe ba ba emetse fela *gore opportunity should come, whereby* tsela e a tshelwa ba bo jaanong ba tla, mme *they blocked* ba ba ka bong ba dirile tiro ya go nna jalo.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR PHOLOGOLO: *Mma ke mofe a clarify* in the last five minutes. Thank you.

MR KWAPA: *On a point of clarification*. Mma ke go leboge Modulasetilo, ke go leboge thata Motlotlegi Phologolo. Ke dumela tota sentle ka botlalo *gore* *kgang* e o e tshwere sentle bogolosegolo fa re lebile bagwebi ba ba botlana. Tona ke batla *gore* *kgang* e o e ele tlhoko thata ka lebaka la *gore melao* e e tswang kwa lephateng la gago, e na le ditsetlana tse di kgoreletsang dikgwebo tsa bagwebi ba ba botlana ka lebaka la *gore* e bokete thata Tona mo e leng *gore* ga ba e kgone gotlhelele. Ipotse fela *gore* mmatafole kana fela motho yo o beolang meriri ale mo mekgwatheng, o bo o mmatla *gore* go be go na le *structure* se se rileng, ke ipotsa *gore* ba ka kgona ka tsela e e ntseng jang.

Ke boa ke gatelela le *kgang ya powder* e e bidiwang gotwe Chibuku e e rekisiwang kwa madirelong. Gantsinyana molao *recognises* *gore* bojalwa ke selo se e leng *gore is in liquid form*, mme fa o lebelela batsadi kwa magaeng a rona ba ba itshetsang ka bojalwa jo, o fitlhela e le *gore* ba *bylaw* gammogo le ba *police* ba nna maoto a bonako *gore* ba ye go tsholola majalwa. *When you report* bothata jwa borukutlhi, ba tlaa go bolelela *gore* koloi ga e yo. Ke bo ke ipotsa *gore* koloi e nna jang fa go ya go tshololwa bojalwa? Tona, fokotsa melao ya gago, go nne le *ease of doing business*. Fa ke e fa sekai gape se sengwe se se motlhofo, lebelela bagwebi ba ba botlana ba e leng *gore* ke ba *day-care centres* ba ba gwebang fela ka banana ba ba nnyennyane, ba thusa botsadi jo bo berekang ka go ba tsenyetsa bana dikole. Ga ba tlhokane le *gore* ba bo bo agile dikole tse di tonatona, ba dirisa matlo a boroko *to turn them into business* e ba a bong ba thusa go belegela batsadi, mme gape *adding value to education*. Ke sone se ke reng, Tona, fokotsa melao ya go tshwana le *gore* fa o ba ba batla *parkings, clients* tsa bone ke bananyana ba ba dikole, a ba tla ka dikoloi kana jang. Kana go tshwanetse go nne le *pick and drop* fela. E se *gore* go nne le *kgang ya* *gore* bontsi jwa nako re batla *gore* go be go na le *parking*, le *gore* dikago di bo di ntse ka tsela e e ntseng jang.

Tona, batho ba ba *day-care centres* ba leka *gore* ba itshetse, gape *they add value to education* ka lebaka la *gore* ba tlhokomela bana. Ke sone se ke reng fokotsa melao e e leng *gore* gangwe le gape re lelekana thata le batho ba re a bong re ba kgotlhakgotlha, mme re itse *gore* ke bone ba ba tlising letseno mo malwapeng. Ke sone se ke reng, bua le ba ga lona, ba sepodise le bo Tona ba bangwe ba ba maleba ba ba amanang le lephata le. Ba kgone go tlhaloganya *gore* ga gona dikompone, ga gona madirelo jaaka gone mo Jwaneng-Mabutsane. Ga se *gore* *kgang* e e ama Jwaneng-Mabutsane fela...

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

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: *Honourable Members*, mo reetseng le mo itaya tsebe.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification Honourable Phologolo.

MR KWAPA: Ke santse ke le mo *clarification* Modulasetilo e o santseng o mphileng sebaka. Gape fa ke bua ka kgaolo e, ba tshwanetse ba reetse. Ke bua ka kgaolo e tona ya Jwaneng-Mabutsane. Ga e ise e re ba bua ka dikgaolo tsa bone, ke bo ke tsena mo go tsone. Ke ne ke santse ke bua gore, o tlile ka melao e e ba paledisang go ka tsenya dikole. Bangwe gone fa ba ...

MR NKAWANA: *On a point of procedure.* Ke a leboga *Madam Chairperson*. O tlaa nthusa le gale; ke tlhaloganye gore a go na le *clarification* ya *five minutes*?

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Ka fa ke utlwileng *Honourable Phologolo* ka teng, o ne a re o tsaya *five minutes* and he will share *five minutes* yo mongwe le ene.

MR NKAWANA: Potso ya me ke gore, a ke tsamaiso? O tlaa intshwara.

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Ga se *clarification*, nna ke utlwile a mo neela gore *he can debate*. O fetile ka *debate* jaaka a riana, ga a ka ke a tlhola a tsena gape.

DR DOW: *On a point of procedure. Ke a leboga. A re dumalaneng* gore *clarification kana o a bo o file motho nako ya gago*, so you can yield for them for five minutes *kana three*. I see nothing wrong with the procedure *Madam Chairperson*, just may be for the future.

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Thank you *Mother of the House*.

MR KWAPA: Ke a leboga *Mother of the House*. Ka boammaaruri o tshwere thipa ka fa bogaleng, mme o a rialo. Ba bangwe ba fa ba utlwa ke bua ka kgaolo e e tlhokanang le ditlamelo, ba tlaabo ba simolola ba bua. Ba tshwanetse gore ba reetse segolobogolo fa ke bua ka kgaolo e e tletseng matshwenyego. E bile le bone ba tshwanetse go didimala fa re bua ka dilo tse ka gore di re ama ba rotlhe lefatshe ka bophara. Ke sone se ke reng, se se diragalang kwa kgaolong ya Jwaneng-Mabutsane se a diragala kwa Chukumuchu. Ke re gongwe ke eme ka *clarification* e e ntseng jalo *Madam Chairperson*.

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

MR PHOLOGOLO: Thank you *Madam Chairperson*, with that said, I support the budget. I thank you.

MR MABEO (GAMALETE): Mma ke go leboge *Madam Chairperson*. Tona ke na le *three minutes* yo ke tlaabong ke bua, ke tlaa feleletsa kamoso.

A re simolole fa; o na le *parastatals* kana SOEs di le 11 fa ke sa fose, tse di tsayang *74 per cent of your ministry's Recurrent Budget*. Rra, ga ke a utlwa *demonstrating* gore *is there value for money?* A mme madi a o a tsenyang a le mantsi jaana mo *parastatals* tse tsa gago a o a a kgotsofalela? A o dira madi? A go a bonala? Ke tshwenngwa ke gore *the Minister of Finance* o supile gore *parastatals are a threat to the stability of the fiscus*. Go reela gore *parastatals* tsa gago di gomagometsa go ja madi a lefatshe mme di sa dire sepe rra. Ke ka fa ke tlhaloganyang ka teng, ke wena o tla tlhalosang sentle...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Elucidation.

MR MABEO: *You will elucidate* kamoso morrwarre. *We need to see value for money* mo *parastatals* tsa gago. Gape tse tsa bo SEZA, SPEDU, BITC golo fa o kare di dira selo se se tshwanang. Ga se gore o *rationalise* kana o bolaye e nngwe, o di kopanye. Ke bona o kare go na le *duplication*. *Parastatals* tsa gago rra, o a gopola, o a itse gore re ne re bua eng kwa dipepereng, bo CEDA, le se ka la ba la e dirisa go gopela madi a ga Goromente tlhe! O a itse kgang e e tlhotse e buega le motshegare otlhe ya gore, ba ba bapileng le bagolo, ditsala tsa bo Tautona ba neetswe bo maP9 *million* kwa CEDA, *come on! It is too early*, ke eng le tswa pelo ka bonako jaana. Tona, tsaya taolo gore golo mo go se ka ga direga ka o a itse gore re ne re bua gore Domkrag e ne e dira jalo, o a itse! A ko o baakanye kgang e. Le se ka la ba la feta la abelana le Madibelatlhopho, ditsala tsa bo Tautona le tsa gago, ga ke go supe ka monwana rra ... (Interruptions!)... *very important for you to ... (inaudible) ... I thank you*.

MR LEKAU: *On a point of order.* O ne a bua sentle, ga ke itse gore jaanong o tswela eng mo tseleng...

MADAM SPEAKER: Order! Honourable Members, it is now 6:30 p.m. I will now call upon Honourable Tshere to move a Motion of adjournment.

MOTION

ADJOURNMENT

MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INNOVATION (MR TSHERE): Thank you *Madam Speaker*. As it is now 6:30 p.m. I move that this House do now adjourn. Thank you.

Question put and **agreed to**.

The Assembly accordingly adjourned at 6:30 p.m. until Wednesday 4th March, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.



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