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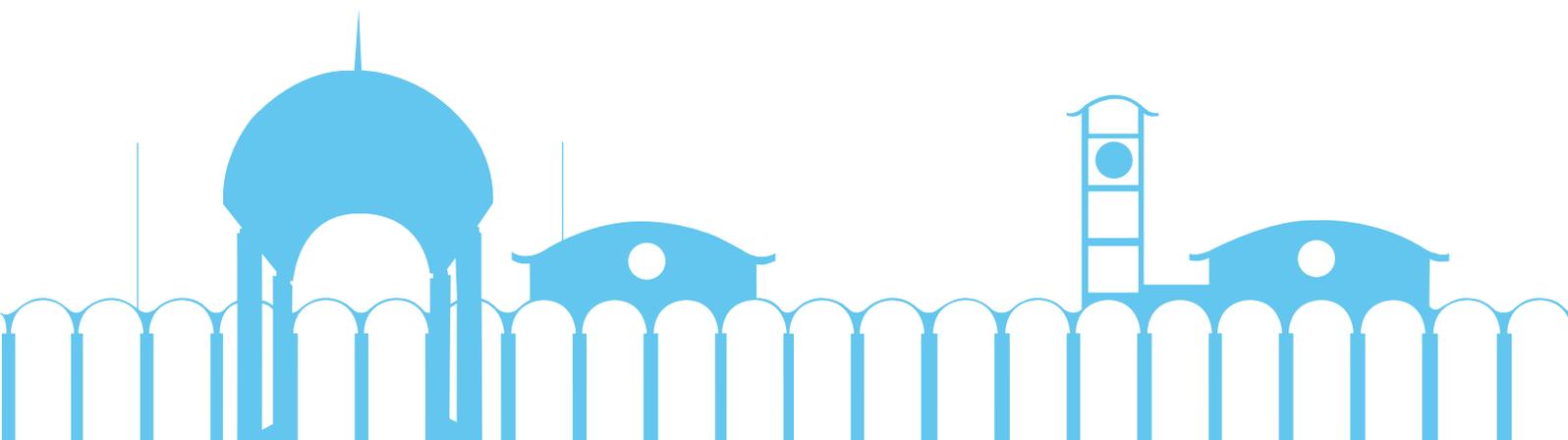
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Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2025

THE ASSEMBLY met at 2:00 p.m.

(THE SPEAKER in the Chair)

**P R A Y E R S**

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**MADAM SPEAKER (MS MANYENENG):** Order! Order! Honourable Members. Good afternoon Honourable Members. Let us start business of today with Leader of the House question.

**LEADER OF THE HOUSE'S QUESTION  
TIME**

**THEME: URGENT CORDON FENCE FAILURES  
AND UNCONTROLLABLE CATTLE  
MOVEMENT**

Asked the Leader of the House to inform this Honourable House of the specific and urgent measures his Government is taking to avert the persistent and worsening issue of collapsed and porous cordon fences, given the Minister of Lands and Agriculture's acknowledgements in this Honourable House in February 2025, of the unstable Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) situation, in the Okavango and Ngamiland, due to the inadequate maintenance and frequent destruction of cordon fences separating Ghanzi, Central (Boteti), and Ngamiland Districts.

**MR C. K. HIKUAMA (MAUN WEST):** *Ke a leboga Madam Speaker. Mma ke tseye sebaka se, ke go dumedise. Ke dumedise batlotlegi le bareetsi ka kakaretso. Madam Speaker, re dumalane le Tona, le lephata le le maleba gore re e later date.*

**Later Date.**

**STATEMENT**

**AMENDMENT OF THE  
ACCREDITATION AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN BEC AND CUPA FOR  
BGCSE EXAMINATIONS**

**MINISTER OF CHILD WELFARE AND BASIC EDUCATION (MS KGAFELA-MOKOKA):** *Ke a leboga Madam Speaker. Ke dumedise Ntlo e e tlotlegang mo letsatsing la gompieno.* The ministerial statement to Parliament on the amendment of the accreditation agreement between Botswana Examinations Council

(BEC) and Cambridge University Press and Assessment (CUPA) for Botswana General Certificate of Secondary Education Examination (BGCSE).

Madam Speaker, the purpose of this Parliamentary statement is to brief Parliament on the amendment of the original accreditation agreement between BEC and CUPA for the BGCSE examinations.

Madam Speaker, as a background, the BEC is one of the two parastatals under the Ministry of Child Welfare and Basic Education. It is mandated to manage and conduct examinations and assessments in general education, technical vocational education and training and to award certificates in respect of the said examinations and assessments (Botswana Examinations Council Amendment Act, 2019).

Madam Speaker, in carrying out its mandate, the BEC has embedded in its assessment processes quality assurance structures to ensure quality in the delivery of examinations. Further to that, the quality assurance is enhanced by engaging independent entities to provide an additional layer of assurance. The BEC has for that reason, maintained for a long time a quality assurance partnership with CUPA for its high stakes' examination, the BGCSE. In the current form, the partnership is profiled as Accreditation with Certification.

Madam Speaker, the BEC and CUPA partnership dates as far back to the years when BEC was still a division of the then ministry responsible for general education. The Division was known as Examinations, Research and Testing Division (ERTD). The primary reason and main thrust behind the partnership was for CUPA to assist the Botswana Government to replace the then Cambridge Overseas School Certificate (COSC), by developing a localised qualification that would be recognised internationally and also equivalent to International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) as was recommended in the Revised National Policy on Education (RNPE) of 1994. This led to the establishment of the BGCSE.

Further to developing BGCSE, CUPA was to monitor the application of assessment standards across all examination processes on yearly basis to ensure that the BGCSE qualification maintains international recognition and global competitiveness.

Madam Speaker, from 1999 to 2011 the ERTD, and later BEC, worked in collaboration with CUPA across all examination processes. As from 2012 through to 2025 the relationship between BEC and CUPA developed into

three-year and lately two-year contract cycles that were downscaled in scope. This was because the relationship was deemed to have matured from a collaboration to an accreditation arrangement. In terms of the accreditation agreement, CUPA's main obligation was to test BEC's compliance with the accreditation requirements (best practice) and if satisfied issue an accreditation. The effect of the accreditation is that CUPA would jointly with BEC issue certificates that are branded with BEC and CUPA logo as well as confirm that BGCSE was equivalent to international standards as represented by IGCSE, and further provide an equivalency statement on each of the candidate's certificate.

Madam Speaker, since inception of the relationship, the BEC pays an annual fee that is currently around £1,400 000, an equivalence of P27 million, subject to exchange rate at the point of payment. The main cost driver in this agreement is certifying at individual candidate level. The cost has escalated to a level that is unsustainable for the BEC. Further to that, BEC has matured overtime and has now the capacity to conduct some of the examination processes without support from CUPA. It is on the basis of the forgoing that the council found it prudent to scale down further and gradually withdraw from the accreditation agreement.

Madam Speaker, at the BEC Board sitting of August 2024, the board made a resolution to approve a strategy that BEC would use to gradually withdraw from the CUPA's accreditation with certification contract after the end of the 2024 examination cycle which was on the 30th of April, 2025. The strategy was subsequently approved by Cabinet in October 2025.

Madam Speaker, in the meantime, and as part of the strategy, BEC entered a three-year accreditation without certification contract. This was done to ensure that BEC continues to receive independent quality assurance of the assessment operations for the delivery of credible qualifications. Accreditation without certification is a scaled down contract which will cost about 562 000 British Pounds, which is equivalent of about P10 million annually compared to the previous contract (Accreditation with Certification) which cost P27 million annual. The Accreditation without Certification contract will run until the 2027 examination cycle.

Madam Speaker, the amendment of the original contract to Accreditation without Certification means that Cambridge and BEC will no longer, as from the 2025 examination series, issue a joint certificate to BGCSE

candidates. This implies that the BEC will independently design and issue a new certificate under the authority of BEC. The BEC Board at its sitting of August 2025 approved the new design of the 2025 BGCSE certificate.

Madam Speaker, while the down scaled quality assurance contract is running, the BEC has begun the process of identifying a local partner with capacity to assume the role of external quality assurance to the BEC qualifications starting 2028 examination cycle. External quality assurance of assessment processes is critical. It ensures that standards for both the assessment and its associated curriculum do not drift overtime. The external quality assurance process will also instil confidence in the stakeholders with respect to the qualifications awarded.

It is worth noting that over and above the local external quality assurance body, the BEC will participate in the regional quality assurance processes of the Southern Africa Association for Educational Assessment (SAAEA) which is a network of Southern Africa examination bodies, and it is in the process of establishing a quality assurance function to cater for regional examination bodies.

Madam Speaker, it is important to note that the decision to withdraw from CUPA Accreditation with Certification signifies a major shift from the usual outlook of certification and its associated processes as pertains to the BGCSE qualifications. The shift therefore, warrants a comprehensive communication strategy to effectively communicate the change to stakeholders and other interested parties during the gradual withdrawal from CUPA accreditation process. Communication in this case is intended to allay the fears (perceived or real) that the stakeholders may have. Stakeholders include, but are not limited to political leadership, Education and Training Providers (ETPs), learners, parents, suppliers, and entities with interest in BGCSE outcomes.

Madam Speaker, the Ministry of Child Welfare and Basic Education has therefore in conjunction with BEC will embark on a stakeholder engagement exercise. The stakeholder engagement is expected to facilitate change management process as the BEC withdraws from CUPA accreditation. After briefing this Honourable House, Parliamentary Committee on Education will be the next to be briefed and followed by all other stakeholders.

Madam Speaker, let me assure this Honourable House that even with reduced support from CUPA, the BEC has the capacity to continue to ensure quality and credible

qualifications that are internationally recognized and competitive through robust internal and external quality assurance processes. I thank you Madam Speaker.

**DR GOBOTSWANG:** *On a point of procedure.* Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker*; ke ne ke kopa a santse a eme foo gore a mme o ne a ka se ke a soboke fela ka Setswana gore botsadi le jone bo tshwaretshware gore o ne a reng. Ke a leboga.

**MS KGAFELA-MOKOKA:** Ke a leboga *Honourable Gobotswang.* Ke ne ke re gompiano ke ntsha molaetsa o o supang gore jaanong kgolaganyo ya BEC le CUPA e tlele go fetoga go simologa mo ditlankaneng tsa 2025 *especially* mo BGCSE, tsone ditlathlho tse di kgolwane tse re di bitsang tsa maForm 5.

Tshoboko fela ke gore, e rile jaaka go tlhomiwa lekgotla la BEC gore go tle go nne le ditlathlho le sone *certificate* se e leng gore se itebagantse le boleng jwa rona re le mo Botswana sa mo gae, CUPA e ne ya nna ya tseelediwa gore e tswelile e nne e re totobise. E le gore e tle e re maduo a bana ba rona fa a bonwa, a bo a bonwa a santse a na le boleng jwa go itepatepanya le maduo mangwe le mangwe a seemo sa lefatshe ka bophara, gore e se ka ya re bana ba rona ba tswela kwa ntle, ba a bo ba fitlhelwa o kare jaanong seemo sa maduo a bone se kwa tlase. Jaanong kana kgang e e raya gore, bone ba CUPA, ke bone ba e leng gore ba a lebelela gore tlhwatlhwa kana boleng jwa ditlathlho tsa rona ke eng.

Go sa felele fela gone mo go kanokeng moo, e bo e re le mo setlankaneng sa bana, o bo o fitlhela go na le letshwao lone la CUPA le patagantswe, le bapisitswe le lone la rona la BEC. Jaanong BEC ya re e godile gompiano, e ne ya bolelela le yone *Cabinet* jalo gore e godile, mme golo mo ga dumalanwa gore jaanong ba tlaa ntsha gore mo ditlankaneng tsa bana gompiano, letshwao la CUPA le bo le ntshitswe go sale la BEC fela. Ke gone kwa re yang teng.

Fa go ntse jalo, re a itse gore gongwe go ka tloga ga tsala ketsaetsego, ke sone se re seng jaanong re setse e bile re simolotse go tla ka motlhala wa gore re bolelela jang banaleseabe mo dikgannyeng tse ba e leng gore ke baeteledipele ba sepolotiki, barutabana, bana, batsadi le botlhe fela ba ba amegang mo go nneng le seabe sa go kanoka jone boleng jwa setlankana se. Re a itse gore e tlaa re ba sena go nna ba kwala re ntsha setlankana, boleng jwa setlankana se bo tshwanetse gore bo bo tlhomame gore bana fa ba ya kwa dikoleng tse di kgolwane bo Technical Vocational and Education Training (TVET) kana ba tswela le kwa ntle ga lefatshe, go se ka ga nna le pelaelo epe.

Le ka lemoga gore re tsamaya jaana re sa kgaogana le yone CUPA e ntse e re totobisa, pharologanyo fela e le gore letshwao la bone le tlaabo le simolola go sa nneng teng mo setlankaneng.

Sengwe se se neng se gwetlhile BEC gore e fetole, ke gone gore go nna le CUPA e le yone e kanokang boleng kwa *examination* e bo e ntsha le letshwao la yone, go ne go re turela ka gore ka ngwaga go ne go duelwa selekanyo sa P27 *million*. Jaanong fa re ntsha letshwao le la CUPA mme ba ntse ba re totobisa go fitlhelela bo 2027 gore re nne re sutelela re bonwe re thusege ka boleng, kana re a totobatotoba go fitlhelela re kgaogana, go raya jaanong re tlaabo re fokoditse one madi ao a ngwaga, a ka boela kwa tlase go tswa kwa go P27 *million* a goroga fela kwa go P10 *million* ka ngwaga.

Ke tlhomamisetse Ntlo e e tlotlegang e, Batswana ka kakaretso, baithuti, barutabana, ba ba amegang mo thutong, le ba ba tlaa tsayang bana ba rona ba fetsa BGCSE, gore ga go ame boleng jwa thuto, ditlathlho le boleng jwa setlankana seo. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Order! Order! Honourable Members, in accordance with Standing Order 41.3, I will allow short questions for elucidation.

**MR PULE:** Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke batla go ema ka go akgola *this move* e e dirilweng. Tota se ke se lebogang thata ke gore, Tona a bo a bua gore o ipaakanyeditse go tla *to brief Parliamentary Committee on Education*, ka ke selo se se bothlokwa thata gore re le Mapalamente re tlhologanye. Tota ga ke emele sepe se se kalokalo Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke re, kana le fa re ka re re ntsha CUPA mo teng ka gore gatwe ke yone *that monitors standards, mme certificates* tsa rona di bo di sala di le *internationally recognised, we would be very happy*. Ke selo se se bothlokwa fela thata. Mathata ke fa e re re sena go dira jalo e bo e re fa re ya kwa mafatsheng a mangwe ba bo ba sa tlhologanye gore gatwe re dira eng. Fela ke akgola thata tota, ke utlwile ke tshesega gore ke akgole *Honourable Kgafela-Mokoka* gore a bo a buile gore o tlaa tla a kopana le komiti ka gore ke yone potso e ke neng ke e beile gore, a mme *Parliamentary Committee on Education will be briefed*. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

**DR GOBOTSWANG:** Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker.* Le nna ke batla go supa gore kgolagano ya rona le ba Cambridge gore re bo re leka go e fedisa, nako e

gorogile, re diegile, re ka bo re sale. Fela se ke ka se botsang ke gore, mo dikgannyeng tsa *qualifications and accreditation, peer review* e bothlokwa thata. Jaanong ke a utlwa gore le santse le buisana, kgang e ke itse gore e tswa kgakala gore mo Southern Africa re bo re nna le dithuto le *standards* tse di tsamaelalang. Mo dingwageng re ntse re bua ka kgang e ne e kare e santse e ise e wele. Potso ya me ke gore, a mme ga go tle go nna le *vacuum* fa e le gore re tlaabo re tswa mo Cambridge mme go sena lekgotla le lengwe le le tlaa re thusang gore dinako tsotlhe re bo re ntsha *examinations* tse di nang le boleng ka gore *peer review* ke selo se se bothlokwa thata mo dikgannyeng tsa thuto? Ke a leboga.

**MR HIKUAMA:** Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*, ke a leboga Tona ka tekodiso eo. Ke dumela gore e tlaabo e dira gore le rona re leke go ikaga, *we have our own home grown programmes and packages* go tlhabolola thuto ya rona go ya ka fa re e bonang ka teng. Ka o buile gore le santse le tlaa tsaya matsapa a go lekodisa banalesabe botlhe ba ba amegang, ga ke a utlwa sentle gone foo. Ke utlwile o umaka le *parties* tsa sepolotiki jalojalo, dikomiti tse di maleba, le ne le ikaelela go bitsa *parties* tsa sepolotiki ka tsela e e ntseng jang? Gongwe ke sone se motho a neng a ka batla go se itse gore, fa le ba lekodisa, le dira ka tsela e e ntseng jang, le kopana le bone ka tsela e e ntseng jang? E tle e tlhatswege le rona re ipaakanyetse ruri gore *when we engage* re bo re itse gore ke tsela ya mofuta ofe. E nngwe ke e e boditsweng ke *Honourable* Mabuse Pule, go na le komiti ya thuto e ke leng modulasetilo wa yone, le ne le ikaelela *to brief* le go kopana le yone jang, leng? Ka go bothlokwa gore fa dilo tse di diragala maloko a komiti e a bo a sa fopholetse ka ditshwetso tse di tserweng ke lefatshe. Ba kgone go di tlhalosa le go di emela ka dinao sentle. Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*.

**MR BOGATSU:** Tanki Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Le nna ke emela fela go bua gore, tota ke nako ya gore re ka bo re itirela dilo mo ga rona. Kgato e e tserweng e ke e leboga fela thata. Go na le lefoko le lengwe la *quality assurance*, e ke santse ke batla go itse gore mme yone re ya *to achieve it* ka tsela e e ntseng jang? Ke batla go utlwa gore Tona a re *so far* fa ba ne ba dumalana le BEC gore re ye go ikemela ka bonosi, yone re ya go e dira ka tsela e e ntseng jang? Ke utlwile gape a bua le ka bo *change management*, gore BEC e rile fa e kopana le bone ya re foo gone e ya go ikaelela go tsamaya ka tsela e e ntseng jang? Ke botsa ka gore gantsi fa nako ya *examinations* e tsena go a gogagoganwa, mo o fitlhelang re belaela gore le maduo

a a tswang, *does it reflect* se e leng sone ka thuto ya rona. Gape o tlaa lemoga *Madam Speaker* gore *ever since* e e dirwang mo ga rona ya BEC, ga re ise re pase fela sentle mo go kgotsofatsang. O fitlhela dikole di pasitse ka bo *32 per cent, 16 per cent*, ke raya gore gone mo e re fa Tona a neta...kana ke gone go tlhoka *quality assurance* le *involvement* ya *stakeholders*. *Stakeholder* sa ntlha ke barutabana, ba baakantswe go le kae, mme kana re ntse re itse gore BEC ke *parastatal*, gantsi o fitlhela e gogagogana le barutabana fa go tla gone foo, gore a e na le *staff* se e leng sa yone jaanong go ya go dira tiro ya bone ba sa itsheega ka barutabana? Mma ke eme go le kalo.

**MR MONAGENG:** Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ke ne ke re potso fela e nyennyane ya gore, jaaka re tswa jaana, mme e bile go lebilwe gore lefatshe le makgwakgwa madi ga a yo, fa re tswa mo BGCSE re tswa kwa go mmamosadinyana, a go ya go diragala gore *examination fee* e bana ba ntseng ba e duela e e fa godimonyana eo, ka gore jaanong re ya go e fokotsa ka *almost half*, bana ba ya go duela *examination fee* e e kwa tlase? *Thank you*.

**MR MOSANANA:** Ke a go leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ke re *Minister*, re a utlwa mmaetsho ka kgatelopele e e ntseng jalo, go bothlokwa gore le bo le tsero ditshwetso tse di ntseng jalo. Letshwenyego le ke nang le lone *Minister* ke gore, bogogi jwa BEC go lebega bo sa dirisane sentle le barutabana ba ba dirang *moderations* tsa BGCSE. Maloba ke boditse *Minister* Hunyepa potso e, ke santse ke emetse karabo kwa go ene, ke dumela gore o ntlela ka sengwe mo letsatsing la gompiano. Potso e ne e le gore, ba re ba duelwa leng ka gore fa go tla go nna le dikgang tse di ntseng jaana tsa go tlhoka dituelo, kamoso *they will boycott* go tsena mo tirong e e ntseng jaana. Fela ka bogone, go bothloko gore e re batho ba berekile ba bo ba sa kgone go bona dikatso tsa bone, e bile jaanong ba bolela gore le gone kwa BEC ga ba sa tlhole ba arabiwa, le *numbers* tsa *cellphones* tse ba neng ba di neetswe gore ba bue le bomang *are blocked*, ga di sa tlhole di tsena. Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*.

**MS KGAFELA-MOKOKA:** Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Gongwe ke simolole ka ya bofelo ka e gaufi, *Honourable* Mosanana, ke a leboga gore o bo o re akgoletse kgato e ntle thata e e supang go gola ya go kgaogana le CUPA. Letshwenyego la gago ke gore wa re BEC ga e berekisane sentle le barutabana ba ba tshwayang *and who are moderating* bogolo jang gone mo BGCSE. Kana re le lephata dikgang tse di kile tsa tla kwa go rona, mme ra buisana le BEC. BEC ba simolotse

*system* ya gore ba duela batho ka *batches*, mo gongwe go diiwa ke gore ba tshwanetse gore le bone ba rurifatse gore ke mang yo o dirileng eng, jang, *from different centres* kana kwa dikoleng fa e le *course work*.

Jaanong fa gongwe ba bo ba nna le matshwenyego a gore, o kare *information* e..., ka fa ba re boleletseng ka teng, *information* e e kgona go diega go tswa kwa e tshwanetseng gore e tswa teng, ba bo ba diega go duela. Re kgothatitse BEC gore, a sengwe le sengwe se dirwe ka nako, barutabana ba duelwe ka nako. Le Baebele e a tlhalosa fela gore letsatsi le se ka la phirima, o sa duela motho yo o go thusitseng ka sepe. Ke tsaya gore ke dikgato tse re tsamaelang kwa go tsone tseo.

Jaanong ke tšile go itebaganya le kakgelo ya ga *Honourable* Monageng, e le potso e a reng a mme fa re tlogela CUPA ditlhwatlhwa tsa *examination* a di tlaa ya kwa tlase. Rraetsho, gompieno ga ke ka ke ka e araba sentle ka gore ke ne ke e neelwa ke BEC, mme ke raya gore *it would follow* fa re sekaseka gore fa e le gore ditlhwatlhwa di ya kwa tlase, gongwe le rona re ka feletsa re sekaseka sengwe. Ke se ka ka e solofetsa thata ka nako e, go fitlhelela ke boela kwa BEC e kgona go nneela karabo e e tlhomameng. Ga go ka ke ga nna kgakala ke kopana le bone, *very soon next week, I think by the 10<sup>th</sup>* ke tlaabo ke setse ke kopane le BEC.

*Honourable* Bogatsu le ene o a re akgola, mme o tshwenyega thata ka *quality assurance*. Ke ka e pataganya le ya ga Rre Pule, o ne a bua ka *peer review*, gore *how do we ensure quality assurance* re dule kwa CUPA. E rile fa ke ntse ke ngunanguna le BEC *at some point*, ba ntshebetsa. Kana dilo tse dingwe ke gore ga di buiwe di ise di felele, gore ba ne ba atamela University of Botswana (UB) *that has been accredited*, e e nang le lephata fela la *assessment* le le nonofileng gore ba simolole go leka go betla tsela ya *quality assurance* le bone. Go ne go buiwa ka *peer review*, gape o kare ke boletse gore re tshwanetse go ikatumetsa *the Southern African Association for Educational Assessment, for quality assurance*. Ke tsaya gore fa re dirisana le UB le e, tota re tlaabo re suteletse. Jaaka go ne go agkelwa fa gore, ke nako ya gore *African countries* ba atamelane, le rona jaaka Europe jaana re nne le *standards* tse re itseng gore baihuti ba rona ba kanokiwa kana ba tlhatlhabiwa ka tsone.

Ke bo ke sutelela kwa morago kwa go *Honourable* Hikuama, monna wa *education*. Ke a leboga rraetsho, o nkakgoletse gore jaanong re gatetse pele. Ke ratile gore

o bo o dirisa lefoko la "*home grown*" ke ntse ke le dirisa kwa *feeding* fela, jaanong ke tlaa simolola go le dirisa ke re "*home grown*" *packages in examination*. Ke lebogela kgakololo e ntšha eo, o ne o bua ka kgang ya go lekodisa batsayakarolo. BEC e na le *strategy*, go monate ka gore malatsi a BEC e tshwaragane le lephata le Botswana Teaching Professionals Council (BOTPECO), re selo se le sengwe fela re thusana go tsamaisa, gore tota re isa dikgang jang kwa bathong.

Jaanong fa ke araba Rre Bogatsu, o ne o bua ka barutabana. Ke buile gore fa re re *educators*, re balela barutabana mo teng. Ba botlhe ba ba tlileng go bolelwa, go na le methale e mentsi, *radio* le *television*, ba tlaa boa ba di nankolela. *Strategy* sa teng ba tlaa se ntsha sentle, e tlaa re fa re ntse re tsamaya re se nankolola, ke solofetsa gore go tšile go gorogwa kwa go mongwe le mongwe yo o nang le karolo mo go tsa *examinations* le thuto. Jaanong *Parliamentary Committee*; ke buile batlotlegi gore fela jaaka ke tswa fa, ke sena go fa pego e, go raya gore BEC e tlaabo e taboga, Palamente e ise e tswalwe, ba teng ba a nkutlwa e bile *they are nodding*, go ikamanya le wena rra ka gore o moeteledipele ka koo. Le ba fe sebaka sa gore ba le rutuntshe, e re fa le ya kwa *holidays* jaana le lona le bo le tshwere mohago o o nonofileng.

Mma ke ye kwa go *Honourable* Gobotswang; o nkakgotse thata mongwame, ke a go leboga gore nako ke yone e, e fitlhile. Ke wena o neng o tshwere *peer review*, ke re ka gore ke setse ke ntse ke e arabile, le ya *vacuum* ka UB *has already been approached* le Southern African Association for Education Assessment. Ke tsaya gore eo e setse e arabilwe.

Ke tabogele ka pele kwa go *Honourable* Pule, o ne a bua ka *Parliamentary Committee on Education*, a re akgolela gone moo. Le ene a ne a na le letshwenyego le le tshwanang le la ga Rre Gobotswang gore, a ga gona go nna le phatlha fa gare ga go tswa kwa CUPA le go boela kwa re ikemelang re le nosi teng. Ke tsaya gore ke e arabile ka UB le Southern African Association for Educational Assessment. Ke tsaya gore di a tshwana, ga ke itse gore a go na le se ke ka tswang ke se tlogetse kwa ntle. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you Honourable Minister. We are proceeding to the next item.

**BILL**  
**MEDICINES AND RELATED**  
**SUBSTANCES BILL, 2025 (NO. 29 OF**  
**2025)**

**Second Reading**

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Order! Order! Honourable Members. The question is that the Medicines and Related Substances Bill, 2025 (No. 29 of 2025) be read a second time. Honourable Minister, you can come to present your Bill.

**ASSISTANT MINISTER OF HEALTH (MR OOKEDITSE):** Thank you Madam Speaker. I present before you the Medicines and Related Substances Bill, 2025 (No. 29 of 2025). Which a draft of the above Bill, which is intended to be presented to the National Assembly and set out as below;

The object of this Bill is to repeal and reenact with amendments for medicines and related substances Act to adequately address shortfalls identified in the existing Act, and achieve the World Health Organisation (WHO) maturity level three; regulatory standards and to align with the African Union (AU) Model Law on medical products regulation, and address local regulatory environment challenges. The Bill represents a comprehensive modernisation of Botswana's Pharmaceutical Regulatory Framework. It is anchored on some technical rationales and strategic benefits which would underpin Botswana's key public health priorities, economic development goals, and regional integration aspirations with full alignment to the AU Model Law on medical products regulation. The foundational rationale for reform is as below;

**Primary Drivers for Legislative Change**

The Bill represents a comprehensive modernisation of Botswana's pharmaceutical regulatory framework driven by three critical imperatives. These would be; the current Act lacks the legal framework required for WHO, Global Benchmarking Tool (GBT) cross cutting quality and risk management systems. It is also insufficient in terms of legal provisions for Risk Based Regulatory Approaches across all regulatory functions. There is also an absence of mandatory quality management systems, provisions for the National Regulatory Authority. There is also limited Legal Authority for comprehensive post market surveillance and vigilance systems. Now we are looking at an alignment with the AU Model Law, these

would mean this; integration of harmonised regulatory standards to facilitate regional trade, implementation of mutual recognition frameworks for pharmaceutical products, establishment of risk-based pharmaceuticals systems consistent with AU standards. Legal provisions enabling participation in continental regulatory initiatives.

Local Environment Adaptation:

- The Bill will look to address Botswana's unique market characteristics and public health priorities.
- Strengthen local pharmaceutical manufacturing capabilities.
- Enhance regulatory capacity for emerging product categories including cannabis-derived products and biologics.

We are also looking Madam Speaker, at addressing systematic gaps in the current legislation. We note that the current Medicines and Related Substances Act exhibits critical limitations that hinder effective regulation in the following manner:

- Regulatory fragmentation; the law treats medicines, medical devices and cosmetics as separate domains, creating enforcement challenges. The unified approach in the Bill brings about what the World Health Organisation (WHO) recommends.
- Limited enforcement powers: Currently the authority lacks explicit authority to mandate recalls or impose graduated penalties which is a deficiency which will be addressed through Clause 6's in terms of the expanded powers and Part XIII for the Bill.
- There are currently outdated technical standards where we find out that current quality control provisions do not reflect modern WHO standards, International Organization for Standardization (ISO) standards locally adopted through ISO 9001, ISO 14001, ISO 45001, and ISO 27001 and other International Council for Harmonisation of Technical Requirements for Pharmaceuticals for Human Use (ICH) standards, creating barriers to regional trade.

This also reforms in this Bill will directly support our Vision 2036 goals for health system strengthening, economic diversification through pharmaceutical sector development and African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) implementation by meeting regional harmonisation requirements.

We also Madam Speaker, note in here that there are strategic benefits that will accrue to the country from this Bill.

Under Clause 6, the clear and clarity of mandate enable this decisive action against substandard medicines and currently we note that there is an estimated 13 per cent prevalence of such in the Southern African Development Community (SADC) region. Under Clause 3 we are also stating a binding provision which ensures that there shall be uniform compliance across public and private sectors. The sanctions framework creates deterrence against pharmaceutical crimes in the country.

We note in here that at 4.4 we shall have a National Quality Control Laboratory which will ensure that reliance on foreign laboratories is a thing of the past.

We also note that, through ISO 17025 we will ensure alignment and international recognition of test results from our labs in Botswana, and we will also be able to expand the testing scope which shall include medicines, small molecules and biologics, medical device performance, and cosmetic safety parameters, and through this we will be able to save cost after P12 million annually as we will reduce the need for overseas testing.

Madam Speaker, we are also noting that we are bringing about cosmetics regulation because currently in our environment cosmetic market poses public health risks, with studies showing 22 per cent of sampled products contain prohibited substances and this happen because of the current inadequate regulatory framework.

The Bill also brings about some innovative approaches and these include:

- Risk-based classification; that is general versus special use which optimises regulatory resources.
- It also includes mandatory adverse event reporting which will help create an early warning system.

We also note Madam Speaker that we are moving towards regional harmonisation as envisioned under Part XXI of the Bill. The reason for this is that we currently have Disjointed regulations which cost Botswana pharmaceutical importers an estimated P85 million annually in duplicate testing and delays.

At having said this you will note that there will be economic benefits that will accrue to our country and these economic benefits are listed as below:

- There will be mutual recognition clauses which can reduce medicine registration time from 18 to 6 months which will therefore will also help when local producers are listing their products for registration.
- We note also inhere that the American Medicines Agency alignment that is being facilitated by this Bill will facilitate access to pooled procurement mechanisms.
- In terms of the SADC harmonisation boosts export opportunities for local manufacturers as you will appreciate Honourable Members that we currently are a small population, and any economic production of medical products in our country will need to access the reasonable markets.

The Bill therefore, represents a strategic transformation of Botswana Pharmaceutical Regulatory System and it is specifically designed to achieve the WHO GBT ML3 standards while aligning with AU Model Law requirements and addressing local regulatory environment needs. When we speak about reaching Maturity Level 3 (ML3) we are basically saying to you that our regulatory authority should be in a position where whatever test and satisfaction it provides it has to be trusted by other countries as a country or as an authority with a certain level of a maturity to designate products as of a certain quality in level.

To summarise;

Part I addresses preliminary matters as you will read for yourself.

Part II of the Bill set out the continuation of the authority as the entity responsible for regulation of sale, distribution, importation, exportation, manufacture and dispensing of medicines and related substances in Botswana. Clause 6 sets out powers of the authority empowering it to formulate guidelines, regulate the performance of clinical trials and where necessary to recall unfit products from market. Clause 7 sets out the functions of the authority which include performing testing and analysis of medicines, conducting market surveillance as well as collaborating with other entities in and outside Botswana that are responsible for regulating regulated products and related substances, among other things.

Part III provides for the constitution of the Board of the Authority, the powers and the functions of the board and the tenure of office of members of the board.

Part IV meanwhile, provides for the meetings and proceedings of the Board of the Authority and the election of the Vice-Chairperson of the Board. In terms of Clause 17, members shall elect from amongst themselves a Vice-Chairperson and the provisions for tenure and filling of vacancies are set out thereunder. This Part also provides for meetings, quorum, Secretary of the Board as well as anti-corruption provisions on disclosure of interest and confidentiality under Clauses 22 and 23.

Part V makes provision for the appointment of the Chief Executive Officer who shall be charged with the day to day management of the affairs of the Authority.

Clause 24, the Bill substitutes for Section 5 of the Act to give more detail to the duties of the Chief Executive Officer and match it with similar improved provisions in the statute book. Part VI of the Bill contains the financial provisions, such as the financial year of the Authority and the submission of annual report.

Part VII makes provision for the establishment of the National Quality Control Laboratory which shall be responsible for performing functions relating to the quality of products regulated in terms of the Act.

Part VIII of the Bill provides for the control of registration, importation, exportation, manufacture, distribution, sale and dispensing of regulated products. Under it, Clause 37 prohibits the import, export, manufacture etc of regulated products that have not been registered by the Authority. Clause 37(8) requires peculiarity for a coordinated assessment of cannabis products intended to be registered as regulated products in our country. Under this Part, it is also required that an applicant must have a local presence. This is an important requirement to ensure local accountability and ensure jurisdiction of the Botswana courts. Clause 44 provides maintenance of register. While Clause 48 seeks to set out parameters for registering orphan medical products to address among other things chronic or debilitating conditions as well as incentivising industry to produce such lifesaving medical medicines.

Part IX of the Bill prohibits clinical trials on humans or animals without prior authorisation of the Authority or the Director responsible for Veterinary Services. It emphasises an ethical approach to conducting clinical trials. Study participants of clinical trials must be protected and it is the duty of the Authority to monitor and audit clinical trials in Botswana throughout the authorised period.

Part X prescribes that premises used for dealing in medicines and medical products be duly licenced and require for notification of the Authority where there are any changes in ownership. It also regulates for procedures to be followed where medicines are marketed online.

Part XI regulates the international trade of medicines and medical products so that the Authority at any point is made aware and can provide necessary controls on such transactions as it does on local dealers.

Parts XII, XIII, XIV and XVI meanwhile deal with vigilance and post-market surveillance, recalling and disposals of unfit products, inspections and controls around advertising and promotion of medicines and medical products.

Parts XV and XVIII provide for classification of medicines and cosmetics respectively.

Part IX and XX of the Bill provide for the establishment of the National Medicines and Therapeutics Board and an Ethics Committee to ensure oversight of ethical conduct by those regulated by the Act. Part XXII provides for the procedure for appeals made against the decisions of the Authority, and such appeals are to be made to an Appeals Committee.

Part XXIII of the Bill contains miscellaneous provisions under this Bill.

We are in a position or point where we are catapulting the country in terms of the way it regulates medicines and medical related substances into the future. I so submit, thank you.

**DR GOBOTSWANG (TSWAPONG SOUTH):** Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Selo sa ntlha ke leboge le therisanyo e e letseng e dirilwe kwa *General Assembly* ke ba ba lebanyeng. Go ne ga re thusa thata ba re neng re le teng. O tlhokomele malofa *Madam Speaker*, ba tlile go tla ba tswa ba leba go sele ba sa utlwe le gore go buiwa ka ga eng. Le go ba supa gongwe o ipotse gore a o ba supe kana jang. Legale thuto e re e amogetseng e botlhokwa thata. Ke ne ke kopa gore mo nakong e e tlang go nne go fetwa ka komiti ya ga *Honourable Aaron*. Gone koo le gone go a tlhokafala gore le tsene teng le nne le ba lekodise.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** E fetile kwa go *honourable*.

**DR GOBOTSWANG:** E fetile?

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Yes.

**DR GOBOTSWANG:** Aa, *very good*. E tsamaile sentle thata ...*(Laughter!)*... Nnyaa mme ba tshwara *upon-upon* jaanong.

Bagaetsho, ke batla gore ke lebogele thata gore e bo e le gore Palamente e e tlaa lemoga ka molao o botlhokwa jwa Pan-African Parliament (PAP). Go buiwa ka a *Model Law*, o remeletse mo go reng o ikaegile e bile o tlhotlhelediwa ke *the Model Laws* tse re di dirang kwa PAP. Ke yone tiro e tona e re e dirang gone koo. Ke lebogela ba Botsogo gore bone ba bo ba gatetse pele. Go na le *Model Laws* tse di ntsi tse di amang maphata a a farologaneng tse e leng gore o fitlhela go sena tema mo go reng bone ba tsamaya fa kae.

Ke batla go lebogela a *very progressive move* gore e bo e le la ntlha mo ditsong tsa Botswana re papametse, re batla go gatela pele mo dikgannyeng tsa bongaka jwa rona jwa setso. Ga le yo lefatshe le le senang bongaka jwa setso. Mafatshe ka bontsi a ikaegile ka bongaka jwa setso. Gompieno re bua ka *the Chinese*, o fitlhela go ntse gotwe re ya kwa *the Chinese* ba re tlhaba ka dimao tse di farologaneng, e le bone bongaka jwa bone jwa setso. Rona mathata a rona ke gore e rile fa re tloga re bo re kopanya boloi le bongaka, dilo tse pedi tse di farologaneng.

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

**DR GOBOTSWANG:** Nnyaa, o se ka wa bua dikgang tse di fapaanyeng. Ke tloga ke go bitsa ka leina le lengwe jaana le o sa le batleng.

Gone moo ga gore e bo e le gore re diegile thata, golo mo go ne ga re dia thata e bile ga re busetsa kwa morago fela mo go gakgamatsang. Ke lebogela gore gompieno re bo re lemoga gore re tshwanetse gore re gatele pele.

Bongaka jwa Setswana; *we must build trust*, re ba atumele, ba re tshepe. Ka one mabaka a ka gore go ne go kopantswe boloi le bongaka jwa Setswana, ga felela e le gore go na le kgotlhang fa gare ga bongaka jo bo neng bo tla bo tswa kwa mafatsheng a sele le bongaka jwa rona. Bongaka jwa rona jwa felela bo latlhegetswe ke tshepho mo go reng bo ka dirisana le bongaka jwa Sekgoa. Jaanong go botlhokwa thata gore re berekele mo go reng go nne le tshepho yone e ka gore fa go ka se ke go nne le tshepho yone eo, ga go ka ke ga tla mo go reng ba supe gore ba bo ba ka dirisana le ditsamaiso tse re batlang go di dira tsa gore go bonwe labofelo gore mme melemo e ya bo menepenepe yone sentlentle e na

le eng, e ka bereka ka tsela e e ntseng jang, e tshwanetse gore e nowe ka selekanyo se se ntseng jang. Ke dikgang tse di batlang gore jaanong ba *medical school* le dingaka tsa Setswana ba *build trust* ka gore fa go sena *trust* ga ba ka ke ba lala ba le supegeditse botsipa jwa bone ka gore ba utsweditswe melemo ya bone ke batho ba mafatshe a sele. Gompieno *hoodia* e utswilwe, sengaparile se utswilwe, *I am sure* menepenepe le yone gongwe e tsamaile. Ke dilo tse e leng gore di botlhokwa thata.

Ke ratile thata kgang ya gore jaanong re leka gore re tseye kgang e ya *clinical trials* gore di nne mo molaong fela o o nonneng. Kana gompieno dipatlisiso tsa rona go gasagasame fela, o ka se ke wa itse gore tota ke mang yo o fang batho *permits*. Fa gongwe go tlaabo gotwe *Labour and Home Affairs*, tse dingwe di kwa Office of the President (OP) kana *Health*.

*So*, kwa bofelong, ke akanya gore *we need to harmonise*. *By now* re ne re tshwanetse gore re ka bo re na le lekgotla fela le le lengwefela le le itebaganyang le dikgang tsa dipatlisiso, a *national scientific research authority*, e e leng gore le madi re a tsenya gone koo gore yo e leng gore o batla go batlisisa ka tsela nngwe e bo e le gore o ka kopa madi kwa lekgotleng le, lekgotla le la mo fa madi mme la ba la mo fa le *permit* e a ka dirang *research* gore e bo e tsamaelana le tsotlhe tse di tlhokafalang, *especially* fa re tla mo goreng re dirisa batho ka gore ditekeletso o tlaa simolola o lekeletsa ka dibepa le dikatse, mme la bofelo o tshwanetse go lekeletsa ka batho. Jaanong kwa bathong ga o a tshwanela go dira phoso, e tshwanetse e bo e le mo seemong se e leng gore *risks* tsotlhe *are eliminated* gore borai e ka nna eng, e bo e le gore go builwe ka tsone.

Ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, ke tsaya gore re tlaabo re ntse re tsweletse pele ka gore go ntse go na le *studies* tse di tswelletseng tse re di itseng, tse o neng o ipotsa gore a mme di dirisanya le batho, di lekeletsa mo go bone, a mme gone tsamaiso e kwenne, a e tsepame.

Go na le kgang e gompieno re iphitlhelang re le mo seemong se re nang le mathata a melemo mo Botswana, jaanong re tsene mo goreng re a kopa. Re mo diphatseng tsa gore fa re kopa jaaka go ne go tlhalosega, kana go raya gore re mo mathateng a e leng gore fa e tla melemo e, ga e tsene mo tsamaisong ya gore e bo e le gore e ka tlhatlhabiwa sentle ya ba ya letlelelwa ka fa tshwanelong, go nna le *exemptions*. Jaanong *exemptions* tse di re direla mathata, o kgona go di tlhalosa fa go tlhalosiwa, o a bona gore fa o le mo diphatseng tsa gore ga o na eng, ke gore la bofelo le fa gotwe boloko jwa

kgomo ke jo bo ka go alafa, o ka nna wa fitlhela o bo lekeleditse. Jaanong ke seemo se re iphithletseng re le mo go sone, mme re solofela gore e tlaa re seemo se ntse se tokafala, *exemptions* di tlaa felela di le kwa tlase e bile di fedile.

**ASSISTANT MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR MOTSAMAI):**

*Elucidation.* Ke ne ke re gompiano ke dumalane le ene thata, ke mo tlatshe le fa a re a ke ne ke le teng; ke ne ke le teng. *Madam Speaker*, ke ne ke re ke e gatelela jaana ka gore kana gompiano dipatela tsa rona di mo mathateng a letlhoko la dipilisi le melemo, mme kana go na le batho ba ba dirisang setso go dira dilo tse di tshwanang le bo thobega. Batho gore ba ye *operations* go tsaya lebaka ka gore Goromente o santse a sena madi mme nako e tsile ya gore batho ba re ba latedise, re ba lemoge, re bone gore ba ka thusa setšhaba jang. Motho yo o ka re supelang thata sentle ke Rre Hikuama mo dikgannyeng tseo. Ke a leboga.

**DR GOBOTSWANG:** Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. *Honourable* Motsamai, go ka nna botlhoko le bohutsana thobega e tla ka ngaka e e tswang kwa moseja, a tsile go e ruta mo *medical school* wa rona wa Botswana. Golo mo go ka nna ga diragala, mme tota re tlaabo re na le mathata a e leng gore bana ba rona le bana ba bana ba rona ba tlile go ipotsa gore tota gatwe re ne re tsenwe ke eng fela re lesa dilo tse re bonang gore di a bereka mo *researches* gotwe go na le *hypothesis*, o bona gore golo mo go a bereka mme go setse fela go bona gore mme go bereka jang.

Kana le gone mo o fitlhelang gotwe baloi ba palama dikobo, go rileng, fa e le gore golo moo go teng, kana gompiano re ka bo re rwa batho ka *jets* tsa rona go sena le fa e le peterolo, go sena le fa e le sepe. Jaanong re diile nako tota *Madam Speaker*, gore re bo re santse re le fa re leng teng.

Ke ne ke batla go gatelela kgang ya *resource*. Lekgotla la rona la Botswana Medicines Regulatory Authority (BoMRA), kana le ya go nna le boikarabelo jo bo seng kana ka sepe. Go batla gore *this organisation must be well resourced* ka gore fa re ka e neela boikarabelo jo bo kanakana re bo re e tima ditsompelo, kamoso re tsoga re ba omanyana fela mme re sa itse gore re ba omanyetsa eng. Jaanong go botlhokwa thata gore ditsompelo tse ba di tlhokang re nne le tsone.

Re gakolole ba *salons* le ba bangwe gore kana kgang e simologile ya gore re okomele tsofthe tse ba di dirisang, tse di tshasiwang bomme mo dinaleng le tse dingwe.

Bagarona kwa Tswapong, letsoku kana go raya gore jaanong le tlaabo le ntse le tlhodumetswe, la bofelo re bone gore mme le dirisiwa ka tsela efe. Ga go tewe gore le ya go kganelwa, go tewa gotwe a re atumalaneng, re eleng tlhoko gore re dira dilo tse di siameng. *Public education* e tshwanetse go nna teng mo e leng gore ke ba *beauty salons*, *hair salons* kwa magaeng le mo ditoropong go tlhaloganya gore mme go tshwanetse gore go berekwe ka tsela e e ntseng jang ka gore o tlaa utlwa gotwe letsatsi leno motho o ne a tuka moriri ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*.

**MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR RAMOGAPI):**

Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Mme ke tseye nako e ke eme nokeng *Bill* ya botlhokwatlhokwa e e tlang ka Motlotlegi Modise, *Minister* wa tsa Botsogo.

*Madam Speaker*, ke leboga fela thata gore mo dinakong tsa gompiano re tlhokana le melao e e tshwanang le e, e e ka re isang golo gongwe re le lefatshe la Botswana. Golo mo go botlhokwa gore e bo e le gore re na le *Bill* ya mofuta o fa pele ga rona.

*Madam Speaker*, kgang e ke e ratang thata e ke batlang go simolola ka yone ke e e buang ka gore mo *Bill* ya rona, selo sa ntlha re tlaabo re na le lekalana le le tlaabong le okametse tiro e. Gore re bo re na le lekalana le le okametseng tiro e *Madam Speaker*, golo mo go raya dilo di le dintsi. Selo sa ntlha fela fa gotwe batho ba tlaa hirwa, ke gore go sa kgathalesege gore ba babedi, ba bararo, ba *four*, re tshwanetse go itumela. Fela fa gotwe go na le lekalana le, re tshwanetse go itse gore go tlaabo go na le yo e leng gore ke tlhogo; *executive officer*. Fa go tswa mo Chief Executive Officer (CEO), ba Human Resource (HR), ba ba tshwarang madi, ba ba lebeleletseng tsa *quality*, ditiro tse dingwe *Madam Speaker*, tsa sennelaruri di tlaa tswa gone fa. Ke golo mo re tshwanetse go gore re go opele legofi thata ka gore re ntse re a ketlolaketlola mo *manifesto* wa rona jaaka re bua gore re tlaa dira ditiro. Go dira ditiro bagaetsho go tla ka gore o dire le melao; melao e mengwe ke gore o dire ditiro. Ke golo mo go botlhokwa fela thata gore re go itse, le Botswana ba bo ba go itse gore tsela e re e betlang e re reng *step by step* re raya re dira jang.

Fa ke re lekgotla le le tlaabo le ntse le leka le dira ditiro *Madam Speaker*, go na le kgang ya gore go tlaabo go na le ba ba tlhatlhobang; *testing and analysis of medicine*. Jaanong bone bao fa ba tla ba hirwa ba *test and analyse, step by step* re tlaabo re ntse re dira ditiro *Madam Speaker*; re dira tiro e e botlhokwatlhokwa

thata. Re tshwanetse ra itse gore mo nakong e e fetileng dikgang tse tsa *testing* di ne di tsewa loleanyana fela, mme jaanong fa re na le baitseanape ba ba tlaabong ba le *dedicated* go dira tiro e *Madam Speaker*, go tlaabo go le botlhokwa thata ka gore melemo e mengwe e kgona go felela e tikelwa mo go rona e le gore ke *fake* kana e sena boleng jo bo kalo, e bo e ka kgona go golafatsa batho.

*Madam Speaker*, fa re bua ka gore mo molaong wa rona re ya go nna le lekalana le gotweng ke *quality control*, le le tlaabong le lebelela gore a mme fa re re molemo o o siame, ba *quality control* ba tlaabo ba *test* go tswa fa kae go ya kae. Ga se kgang ya ditiro fela, ke ya go tsaya botshelo jwa Motswana tsia gape gore o tshwanelwa ke gore fa a nwa pilisi, re bo re itse gore ditlamorago tsa yone di ka felela di ntse jang. Ke selo se ke reng ke a se itumelela *Madam Speaker*, ke se lebogela fela thata.

Go na le mo e leng gore fa re ntse re tswetse mo thulaganyong e go tlaabo go na le ba ba dirang mo gotweng ke *control and regulation*, ba laola go bona gore a mme dilo di tsamaya jaaka ba rulagantse go yeng ka melao, *policies and standards*. Golo mo go botlhokwa thata *Madam Speaker*, gore le gone re go bue. Kana makalananyana a otlhe a ke a buang a batho betsho a dira ditiro; ditiro tse re di buileng re re ya go di dira, ga o tsoge fela o bo o re jaanong ditiro ke tseo o sa itse gore batho ba dira eng. Le ka bala la bona gore golo fa fa ke ntse ke balolola jaana, ke ditiro tse di kana ka eng.

*Madam Speaker*, go na le molao o re o sutisitseng mo Palamenteng o o buang ka *cannabis*. *Cannabis* e kana *hemp*, Batswana ba rata lefoko la '*hemp*' thata ka gore ga le thata, le la *cannabis* o kare le tlaa ba tsenya dingalo. *Cannabis* e go buiwang ka yone e, e tsamaelana le *hemp*.

**MR AARON:** *On a point of procedure. Madam Speaker*, re tshwanetse ra tlhatswa kgang e, re latlha Batswana. *Hemp is the product*, ga go na *plant* e e bidiwang *hemp*. Thank you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** *Honourable Ramogapi*, baakanya mafoko sentle, batho ba tle ba go tlhaloganye.

**MR RAMOGAPI:** Ra re *cannabis product*, ga ke itse gore a reng. A ke *product*, a ke eng, gongwe o ka bo o rile *correction*. Kgang fela e e botlhokwa ke gore, re tlaa kgona go nna le *coordinators* ba *cannabis* go bona gore dilo tse *are coordinated* sentle. E se ka ya re kamoso, re bo re fitlhela e le gore *products* tsa rona, ga di sa tlhole

di dira gone mo e neng tota e le maikaelelomagolo a tsone. Fa re bua ka *coordination*, go tlaabo go hirilwe motho foo gore a lebelele gore a e teng. Kgang ya me e tona ke gore, re ntse re betla ditiro *step by step*.

Go na le kgang e nngwe e ke e ratang ya *clinical trials*, go bona gore melemo e e tlang e, ga e tle fela e bo e neelwa batho kana ba ba neelang batho ba re, ba a tlhatlhoba ba di lekeletsa mo bathong. Golo mo bagaetsho, go bakile ditlamorago tse di gagamatsang. Kwa kgaolong ya me, ke setse ke kile ka oka bana. Fa ke ba botsa gore go rileng; ba re, go ne go na le lekgotla lengwe, ga ke itse gore a ba ne ba re Humana kana eng. Lekgotla le, le tsere bana le bo le ba raya le re, re lekeletsa melemo mo go lona, bana ba bo ba lwala. O sa itse gore go *approve* mang.

Bagaetsho, dilo tse di teng mo Botswana. Rona ba re nang le *experience* ya Bokhanselara le ya Bopalamente, re kile ra di iponela, e le gore batho ba lekeleditse melemo e e seng yone mo bathong. Jaaka le itse gore gatwe ba bangwe ba a tle ba lekeletse mo ditshweneng, ba bangwe ba bona gore ba tseye motho ba lekeletse mo go ene. E bo e le gore o nyeletsa lesika lotlhe la Sebirwa kana la gaMmangwato fela ka gore ba lekeletsa mo go bone. Ke dumela gore go lekeletsa mo, ga go ka ke ga ema fela kwa go ba ba tlang ba re re lekeleditse. Re tshwanetse re bone, re bo re tlhodumele.

Bagaetsho, banna ba a lela ba re, ka nako ya COVID, ba ne ba kentiwa ka mokento wa COVID, mme ditlamorago tsa teng fa re le mo Kgotleng re tsere dikgang, o tlaa utlwa yo mongwe a re, "motho wa Modimo, fa e sale ke kentiwa, ke baya lebogo fela." Ba bua kgang e re le mo Kgotleng. Yo mongwe a re, "fa e sale ke kentiwa..."

**MR PULE:** *On a point of clarification.* O e tshwere sentle mokaulengwe. O ne o ka tlhalosa gore go baya lebogo o raya eng gore Batswana ba go utlwe sentle?

**MR RAMOGAPI:** Setswana se humile *Madam Speaker*. Batswana ba a tlhaloganya. Bomme ba a ngongorega, ba itse seemo se re tsamayang mo go sone gore ditlamorago tsa teng di ile tsa nna eng.

*Madam Speaker*, *trial* ya COVID e ne e direlwa mo lepotlapotleng, mo e leng gore tse dingwe go raya gore di ne di feta fela. E kare le tsone tse fa di tsena kwano gatwe a dilo tse di tlhatlhobilwe sentle. Ditlamorago tsa teng di se ka tsa tshwana tse re kileng ra bona *Chief Executive* wa kwa America a botsolotswa a re, tota o ne a sa dire mo go kalokalo, o ne a ipatlela madi fela. *Bill*

e batho betsho, e tsile ka nako e e siameng go bona gore Puso e ya Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC), e tsaya lesika loo ra motho tsia. Re tshwanetse ra amogela, ra ba ra e iteela legofi.

Ke rata gore ke leboge Rre Gobotswang gore a bo a eme *Bill* e nokeng. Bagaetsho, *Bill* e, ga se ya sepolotiki, ke e re buang ka lesika loo motho gore le se ka la nyelela. Le bone *quality life and quality medication*, mme go go na le *control* le dilo tse tsotlhe. *Bill* e, e bua ka dikgang tseo. Ke e amogela fela thata Motlotlegi Ookeditse. Re e eme nokeng ka sengwe le sengwe. Modimo a le segofatse batho betsho. Ke a leboga.

**MR HIKUAMA (MAUN WEST):** Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Le nna mma ke supe kemonokeng mo Molao-kakanyetsong o re o beilweng pele. Batho ba ba logileng Molao-kakanyetso o, ba supile botho jo bo seng kana ka sepe. Go a lebega gore ba tsere dikgato tse di maleba go kopana le dikomiti tse di maleba ba di lekodisa, ba re bitsa mo *General Assembly*, ba tla ba tlhalosa ka bophara. Go dirwa jalo, le thulane le tsamaiso e e utlwalang tota. Fa botlhe ba ka tswelera ka tsela e, re ka direla lefatshe le bomolemo.

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

**MR HIKUAMA:** Ke a ba akgola jaaka ke eme jaana. Ke ba akgola fela mo go menaganeng. Ba thulane le tsamaiso e e phepa. Le rute le ba bangwe le ba sebetse. Le bone ba ba tona, *President*, le ba sebetse gore go dirwa jalo, ga go robelelwe dilo mo bathong. Fa le ka dira jalo, re tlaa tswelera re dira sentle mo lefatsheng la rona.

*Madam Speaker*, selo se se re ntshitseng mo seporong, se latlha dikitso le melemo ya rona ya seAfrica le ditumelo ke bo *colony*. Re ne ra tsenngwa mowa wa go inyatsa le go ikila. Le fa letlalo la gago le le lentsho jaana, o a ikila wa re ke gore o selo se se maswe fela, o tshwanetse o swe. *That is why* le ngwana fa a le montle, wa re ke lekgoanyana. O bona gore mewanyana ya go senngwa tlhaloganyo, re bo re simolola go bona gore *anything black is evil*. Melemo le dikitso tsa rona tsa go alafa *are associated with* boloi le dilo tse di maswe tse di ka bolayang batho. Ke akgola gore le tla mo seemong sa *to try to decriminalise African medicine*. Ke kgang e ke e ratileng fela thata.

Tumelo le dikakanyo tsa me, di tsamaelana le mewa ya gore *anything* se re se tsayang kwa mafatsheng a sele, e ka tswa e le tsamaiso le tumelo ya sepolotiki, *has to be contextualised into our systems, values, knowledge and*

*culture*. Ga e a tshwanela go manegwa fela mo bathong gotwe ke *social democracy*. Se na le *some connotations* tsa batho ba ba tswang go sele, ba ba itseng le gore re tshela jang. Ke dumela gore fa re ka dira jalo, re tlaa aga lefatshe le sentle, *maintaining our core values as an African society*.

Bona *Madam Speaker*, go ne go lelwa fa gotwe Acquired Immuno Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) e bolaya batho. Go bo gotwe Makgoa mangwe kana batho bangwe ba ba tlotliwang, ba ntsha kepele mo banneng (*circumcision*). *Circumcision* e bo e dirwa gotwe ke ya Sekgoa e rileng. Re le maAfrica bogolo jang, rona ba morafe wa Ovambanderu le bangwe ba ba santseng ba *practise this culture*, re dirwa fela fa o tsholwa. Fa o santse o le mo botsetsing, ba ntsha golo moo ba bo ba go latlhela kwa, o bo o gola sentle fela o sena leswe lepe fela mo mmeleng wa gago. Dilo tse re ne re di dira e le gore ke dilo tse di sa siamang, le tshoma Sekgoa bo Lawrence ba le ratang go tshoma Sekgoa, *“barbaric what, what,” kind of language, these big words, le leka to demonise our knowledge and skill*.

**MR MOROLONG:** *Clarification*. Ke a leboga *honourable*. Ga se gore ga ke go utlwe, ke a go tlhaloganya, mme ke ne ke re o tlhalose sentle, a wa re ka fa Modimo o re tlhodileng ka teng, re leswe? Ke batla gore o tlhatswe kgang ya leswe ntswa o e tshwere sentle, jaanong fa o rialo, o bo o njabetsa.

**MR HIKUAMA:** Bona gore o dirile jang gone foo, o beotse moriri wa gago, o apere disutu tsa gago gore o bonale sentle, mme Modimo ga a go dira jalo. Ke gore tlhaloganyo ya motho o dira gore o ipaakanye, se o bonang se kgoreletsa go tshela ga gago, o se baakanye. Se se go dirang leswe jaaka meriri, jaaka dilo tseo, o di ntsho, go siame, o ipaakanye. Ke yone kitso e o e filweng ke Modimo o le motho...

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

**MR HIKUAMA:** *Yes*, ke sone se se buiwang ke Dr Gobotswang gore a o itse Modimo le wena. Ke gore ene o tsaya gore motho yo o itseng Modimo ke yo o dumelang mo Sekereseteng. O bona *this concept*, ke dingwe tsa dilo tse di senyang go tlhaloganya dilo tsa rona. *We believe in God in different ways*. Ke dumela mo Modimong, ke sone se Ramogapi a tshositsweng ke ka fa ke neng ke dira ka teng *when I was launched* ke ya ditlhophong, *launched* ka semoya le sengwe le sengwe, ke tsaya masego le matlhogonolo. Ene o tsaya gore ke ne ke dira boloi, ke ka fa a rutilweng ka teng, ke ka fa a dirilweng gore a dumele ka teng, a nyenye le dilo tse di molemo tse re di dirang. *I was being cleansed*.

Se ke lehang go se gatelela *Madam Speaker* ke gore, ke Molao-kakanyetso o re tshwanetseng go o atla e bile re sa bonye ka gore o leka go busetsa batho mo tseleng e e siameng. Gompiano fa o ka lebelela *market* wa Botswana, Chinese *shops* tsotlhe di tletse ka *traditional medicines*. Ke tsone tse re di rekang. Ditee, *coffees and herbs* tse re di nwang, *have been processed and tested in another country* e le *their traditional knowledge, indigenous herbs* tse di melang gone koo. Mo Botswana re na le meretologa, le dilo tse di ntsi tse re neng re di dirisa go alafa, fa re ka tlhabolola dikitso tsa rona, re tlaa godisa le *market*, re bo re godisa le dikgwebo tsa Batswana ba ba nang le dikitso, ba simolola go tla mo pontsheng re bo re ba thusa.

Maabane go ne go buiwa kgang ya gore go na le bangwe ba ba itshupileng ba Batswana, ba ba reng bone ba kgona go alafa AIDS, le a gana, e bile o a emelela o le Tona wa re ga go na dilo tseo. *You have to be very careful*. Go na le se re ka se buang gore re se ka ra dumela, mme a re dire jalo. Kopo ke gore ke eng le sa dire gore wena yo o bonweng o na le mogare o ile kwa mothong yo o alafang, re tle go go *test* gape, jaanong le tlathloba ka tsone dikitso tsa segompiano gore a mme motho yo o neng a re o tswa go alafiwa, a mme go alafesegile, AIDS e setse e tsamaile, *so that we prove*. E seng go le bana e kete jaanong re a lwa, re batla go lwantsha mongwe le mongwe ka gore re *affect market* wa kwa America, wa kae, fa re rialo go raya gore bagolwane ba rona ba ba re laolang, *world policemen*, ba tlaabo ba re kganelang motho yoo a se ka a re o bone molemo wa AIDS, *so that we support their pharmaceutical industries* kwa mafatsheng a bone. Ga go a tshwanela gore go nne jalo, re tshwanetse go bulega, re itse gore fa bangwe ba re ba na le dikitso, re ikatametse gaufi le bone, re tlhole gore a mme ke boammaaruri.

**MR BARONGWANG:** *Elucidation*. Ke a go leboga, o e tshwere sentle e bile ke la ntlha ke utlwa o dumalana le Puso e ya gompiano, o dumela gore ka boammaaruri Puso e e gata sentle.

Tota ke batla go gakolola ka gore gongwe batho ba tlaa tloga ba dumela gore go bonwe molemo wa AIDS golo gongwe. Tlaa ke sedimose fela gore gakere mme o santse o dumela gore fa re leng teng, ga go ise go nne le molemo wa HIV/AIDS? E bile gongwe o rotloetse batho gore ba dirise dikausu. Ke a leboga.

**MR HIKUAMA:** Se ke se buang *Honourable Member*, ga ke ise ke re ke tlhomamisa gore go na le molemo, ka re fa o bua gore o ka alafa e bile batho ba tla kwa go

wena, ke eng ba bongaka jo bo *scientific* ba sa *prove* ka tsa bone gore ba fedise *passion between these people who are claiming to have... (interruption) ...that is what I am simply saying because nna ga ke itse*. Ga ke ise ke re ke alafa AIDS. Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*.

**MR PULE (KGATLENG EAST):** Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke batla go bua mafoko a a simolotsweng ke Dr Gobotswang, Rre Hikuama le Rre Ramogapi, ke a baya monwana. Tota *this is not a political matter*, ga se kgang ya gore re bo re simolola re re phathi ya gore, ya gore. Ke gore tota re tshwanetse go supa re le Palamente ya lefatshe la Botswana gore fa go na le dilo tse di ntle tse di dirilweng, re di amogele. Ke emela fela go amogela Tshutiso e. Selo se se diragetseng gompiano, ke sengwe sa dilo tse ke sa bolong go di lora. Le maloba re ne re bua le Rre Hikuama re le kwa China, ba re bolelela gore *they have promoted their traditional medicine*. Ke gore China e yotlhe *traditional medicine is regulated*, e bile go a itsiwe gore fa o dirisa selo sa gore, o se dirisa mo go eng, le *manufacturing, they do and export*. Jaaka motho a ne a bua gore *shops* tsa rona fa gongwe di nna le melemo ya go nna jaana.

Kgang e ke neng ke batla go e gatelela thata ke ya *research*, e ke utlwang go buiwa ka yone. Sa bobedi, re tsene mo kgang ya gore *prevention is better than cure*, mo go rayang gore tota fela go bua nnete, re tshwanetse gore fa re bua ka *regulation especially traditional medicine*, re itse gore re tshwanetse go ikgatelela thata mo *herbs* tse di nwelwang go itsa malwetse mangwe jaaka bo *high blood pressure, hepatitis, diabetes multitas* le a mangwe malwetse a a sa tshelanweng. Tota re tshwanetse gongwe re bo re *promote researchers* ba ba tlang *to research* mo *areas* tse di ntseng jalo.

Ke utlwile go buiwa ka *related substances*, ke gone mo go nkgatlhileng ka gore molao o ka fa o beilweng ka teng, tota o supa gore ga re a lebelela fela gore *medicines*, re bua ka *medicines and related substances*. Kwa Kgatleng ke a tle ke utlwe bagolo ba rona ba ba tlileng pele ga rona ba bua gore motokwane ke mengwe ya melemo e e nowang. O ka o apaya e seng go o peipa, o o nwa mme e bile o itse bolwetse. Tota re elets a kete o kare fa re dira *research* ya go nna jaana, *we should focus first* kana *allow* ba ba tlang *to research* ka dilo tse re setseng re utlwetse ka tsone gore di a thusa jaaka bo metokwane. Ba fiwe *licenses* gore a mme one motokwane ka fa o ntseng ka teng, ke molemo fela o o peipiwang jaaka gongwe re batla go itlhaloganya re nna *high* ka one, kana re ka *focus* mo go reng re o *promote* go alafa.

Se sengwe se ke batlang go bua ka sone Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente le Tona, ke batla re *promote* thata *recognition of local herbalists*. *There are two types of herbalists* mo lefatsheng la Botswana ba e leng gore rona ba bangwe ke a ba bona ba setse ba phuthetse *herbs* tsa bone *in a modern manner*. O bona gore motho yo *studied herbalism*.

Go na le ba bangwe ba rona ba re ba itseng, le a ba itse ba ba kwa *station*, ba bangwe ba mo tseleng. Ke tswa Palapye fa ke riana phakela. Fa o ka tsamaya fa o lebile gongwe Dibete o tla fela go feta ka *Artesia*, ke melemolemo mo thoko ga tsela. Melemo ya teng e lebege e le meshibidu fela yotlhe. Gongwe re ipotse gore naare ke eng melemo ya bone e le meshibidu fela, gongwe *those guys* ke bangwe ba ba tlaa batlang gore...

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

**MR PULE:** Gatwe melemo ya bone... fa o utlwa ke ne ke botsa *seware* sa me gore go baya letsogo go tewa eng? Ba bangwe ba re melemo ya teng e thusa gone go fokotsa go baya letsogo. Le fa a ganne go mpolelela gore go baya letsogo go tewa eng. Tota fela ke na le tumelo e e tletseng. O bona e ya thobega, kwa Kgatleng... ke kile ka alafiwa ka thobega. Go padile nako ya rona, ka nako ya rona fa re gola re le basimane, *I was about 17 years old* ke robegile kgetlana, go sena gore *it can be cemented*, kana ke mo magetleng, mme ke ne ka ya kwa thobegeng. E rile ke sena go nna ke thobegiwa, *about three days later* ke fa ke ya go tshameka *football*. Ga ke bue maaka, ke bua boammaaruri. Mo go rayang gore tota fela go bua nnete batho ba ba ntseng jalo *in our society are very important*.

*Very recently about two months ago*, ntšanyana ya me *at the farm* e ne ya gatiwa ke motho ka koloi mo seropeng. Ra e isa thobegeng, e fodile jaaka ke bua le wena jaana. So tota o kgona go bona gore thobega *is a special area*, e batla gore go dirwe dipatlisiso ka yone thata. Gongwe e re fa re ya teng e bo e na le *standards* tse di rileng, ka gore ba bangwe ba tlaabo ba re, fa o alafiwa thobega o tshasiwa molemo, yo mongwe a re molemo o bewa fa fatshe o bo o gata mo go one. *So, which means the Ministry of Health will have to help support these people* go dira *research more about* malwetse a a tshwanang le a bo thobega. *Minister* le Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, *I am sure* le lemogile gore re na le batho ba bantsi ba ba tswang kwa mafatsheng a sele ba tla go alafiwa mo lefatsheng la Botswana. Batho ba ba ntsho le makgoa. *There is one lady I know* ke lebetse leina la gagwe, *she is trending* mo Facebook, a re o ne a alafiwa

ke batho ba letso la Sesarwa. Jaanong go mo alafa ka *traditional* Sesarwa fa o alafiwa ba tsamaya le wena, fa ba epa ditlhare tse ba tsamaya le wena. Jaanong mosadi yo ka o ne a rutegile, e bile e le *medical doctor*, e bile a tlhobogilwe, o ne a alafelwa *cancer*. O feletse a ithuta ditlhare tsa Sesarwa, tse dingwe a felela a di tsaya a ya go dirisa kwa ga bone. *Now she is selling some of these herbs* le *medicines*, mo e leng gore o humile. Ke dingwe tsa dilo tse re batlang gore molao o o eme ka dinao o leke *to manage them*, gore batho ba go nna jalo...kana go raya gore o tsamaile ka *intellectual property* ya Basarwa ba ba neng ba mo thusa ka melemo ya go nna jalo. Ke ne ke utlwa Rre Hikuama a bua ka bokono. Nna ke berekile le morafe wa Ovambanderu, ba na le *some powders*, *some perfumes* tse ba di dirisang e le *powders*. *Well recognised*, ga ba dirise tsa sekgoa, le *ponds* tsa bone ba dira dilo tsa Ovambanderu. Ke tsaya gore jaaka a riana rraetsho o a rumaruma. Jaanong ba ya go batlisisa, e bo e le gore go tsewa *products* tse di sa felele fela mo Ovambanderung, le kwa Kgatleng di tla, *because* ke *ponds* fela tse di nkgang monate.

Jaanong ke tla bua ka *manufacturing*, *it is very important*. Tota go bua nnete, mo lefatsheng la Botswana re na le ditswammung tse dintshintsi. Kwa ga rona re na le mo gotweng tshuge, dirowa, megabala, re na le *all the veld fruits and vegetables that you can think of*, di teng. Mathata a matona ke gore, gompiono re di tlogetse, rona re a di itse ka gore ke goletse mo go tsone. Ke ne ke ka se ke ka ya kwa sekgweng ka ya go disa ka boela kwa lelwapeng ke re ke tshwerwe ke lenyora. Ke ne ke itse gore ke tshwanetse gore ke nwe eng, ke je eng fa ke le mo sekgweng se se ka emisang lenyora. Ke ne ke ka se ka ka boela kwa lelwapeng ke re ke ya go ja, ke ne ke itse gore fa ke disitse ke ka a ja eng mo sekgweng *that can sustain me*. Gongwe se sa dire gore ke tshwarwe ke lenyora, mme ke kgona gore ke nne le *energy* fela e e ka ntshwarang go fitlhela ke ya go tlhatlhela ka bo *five* maitseboa. Ke dingwe tse ke neng ke gola nna ke di itse, *but it looks like those things* di tsamaile. Ke re a molao o nne le mo gotweng ke *civil education*, gore batho ba itse ka one gore o teng. Dilo tsa go nna jalo jaanong tse e neng e ntse e kete ka gore ba a di lebala, ba simolole go di gakologelwa, re batlisisa ka tsone, di tswela kwa ntle.

Selo se ke welang ka sone Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente ke *pricing*; *Minister*, ke tsaya gore o a itse wena ka e bile o monana, ke sa go nyatse mongwame, gore *in our pharmaceuticals* go tletse *herbs* go tletse di Vitamin C, dilo mang, di a tura. Kana o fitlhela di tura go gaisa dipilisi tsa sekgoa *herbs* tseo. O fitlhela *box* e

kananyana ya dipilisi gotwe ke P400 dile 60 mo teng gongwe e le tsa Vitamin C. *I think* molao o le one o tshwanetse o itebaganye le dilo tsa go nna jalo gore re leke *to regulate pricing* le fa tota re le *a capitalist state*, mme fela *we need to regulate pricing*.

Tota e bile nako e tlile ya gore fa re sena go nna re itirela ga rona, jaanong *we have to set standards* tse di tlaa thibelang tse di tswang kwa ntle ka mabaka a gore *what we have in the country is better than what we want to import*. Ke dingwe tsa dilo tse e leng gore, tota go bua nnete Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, *I am very happy about this law. Very happy and I can see* jaaka mongwe a ne a bua le Dr Gobotswang gore jaanong re le lefatshe la Botswana, ke gone re bonang gore seAferika ke selo se se botlhokwa. Re tlogele go tlhola re ntse re re fa Mabuse a itsholetse toisi ya gagwe e a tswang go e e itirela kwa a e itiretseng teng go bo gotwe ke moloi, mme toisi e e mmerekela. Ke dingwe tsa dilo tse re tshwanetseng go di rotloetsa...

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

**MR PULE:** Ee, e a berekelwa, le kwa ditlhophong di a bereka ditoisi kana.

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

**MR PULE:** Re a itse le lona ke gore ga go nke go buiwa, mme re a itse gore ba botlhe go na le fa re tabogelang teng, re fiwa ditoisi, o tewa gotwe toisi e ya gago rra e re fa o tsamaya o e kgotla, kgotla o itshasa fa bolebelebe, gore fa batho ba go bona ba bone o le montle. Ga go a nna jalo Rre Ramogapi? Go ntse jalo rraetsho, o a itse *seware* sa me. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

**MR MOROLONG (KGATLENG CENTRAL):** Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Mma ke simolole fela le nna ka go supa gore *I support* Molao-kakanyetso o o fa pele ga rona o motlotlegi. Ke leboge ba Lephata le le maleba la *Health* gore ba bo ba bone botlhokwa jwa go akaretsa botlhe. Kana re le Goramente wa UDC re itlamile go leka go akaretsa botlhe mo itsholelong ya rona. Kgato ya ntlha e re e dirileng mo mohameng wa botsogo ke tsaya gore ke yone e. E bile re sa nyenye batho gore ke baloi, jaaka *Honourable* Dr Gobotswang a ne a bua, re tshwanetse gore re farologanye baloi le bongaka. Gape le fa e le baloi ba na le sengwe se se re siametseng le bone re tshwanetse gore re ba ikatametse ba re thuse ka fa ba ka kgonang ka teng ka re Goramente o o buang ka go akaretsa botlhe.

E re le fa ke amogela *Bill* e ke kopa gore, mme a go nne motlhofo gore batho ba fiwe ditiesetso go sena madiadia, go sena matswakabele ape a a ba itsang go ka bona ditiesetso tsa go supa *talent* e ba nang le yone. Ke dumela ka botlalo gore go ya go dira gore motho a kgone gore a beye borothonyana mo tafoleng. Batho ba ya go simolola go itshupa, e bo *talent* e ba nang le yone ba e godisa, e bo e gola mo le ene a felelang a tshela sentle, a tshela fela jaaka ngaka wa sekgoa wa diaparo tse di tshweu. Ke dumela ka botlalo. Ke tlile go itebaganya thata le kgang e ya gago *Minister*, mo letlhakoreng la go tsaya tsia melemo ya rona ya setso. Ka jalo go botlhokwa gore batho ba se ka ba potisiwa thata ka fa le ka fa fa ba batla ditiesetso, ka gore bone ba ya go itshupa. Batswana ba na le *talent* e e seng kana ka sepe fa re tla mo go one mohama o. Bangwe le fa e se melemo *Minister*, ba teng, re tlhola re bona batho ba ba dirisa, ba itshupa mo maranyaneng, ba kgona go dupa metsi. Ba dirisa dithobane fela jaana a dupa metsi fa, gore metsi a a fa ga a kana ka sepe. Ke *talent* e e leng gore motho le fa a na le yone fa gongwe e le letlhaela thuto jaaka maloba ke ne ke bua gore batho ba bangwe ba ba sa tsenang sekole ba, o se ka wa ba nyatsa. Dingaka tsa Setswana re se ka ra di nyatsa, baloi re se ka ra ba nyatsa. Borakonteraka re se ka ra ba nyatsa, matlhaela thuto re se ka ra ba nyatsa. O ka bona gore *skill* se ba nang le sone se ga re na sone. Jaanong batho ba ba na le go le gontsi, ke itumelela gore Goramente a bo a ba tsaya tsia.

Se ke se itumelelang thata ke gore, kgang e ya melemo re bo re e tsere re e kopantse le melemo ya leruo, ka gore go a tsamaelana. Dingaka tse di kgona go alafa le lone leruo, jaaka *Honourable* Pule a ntse a a fa sekai ka thobega e ba botlhe re itseng gore tota thobega e a bereka bagaetsho, le fa re ka itibisa go sele. E bereketse barui thata le batho. Ka jalo ke itumelela gore molao wa gago o bo o tsenya le leruo mo teng, le fa ke etla ke tshoga, ke utlwa gore golo gongwe monna mongwe e kile a re a ile go reka molemo wa poo, a ile ngakeng gore e mo thuse poo ya gagwe e kgone e palame dikgomo, fa a fetsa foo, le ene a bo a itekodisa bolwetse jwa gagwe bo sele fela. Mathata ke gore e rile fa a tsena kwa lwapeng a bo a fapaanya melemo ka phoso...

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

**MR MOROLONG:** Jaanong gore go ne ga reng foo, ga ke ka ke ka fetela koo. Ke leka go supa gore, melemo e tota e a bereka bagaetsho, e bereka fela sentle.

Ke itumelela gape gore bosheng jaana, re ne re le fa re dira molao wa tshireletso ya ditswa tlhagong, dikgwa, dimela tsa tlhologo jalojalo. Ke dumela ka botlalo gore moo, re ne re babalela letlotlo le gore jaanong re tle re kgone re le dirise sentle. Dingaka di dirisa thata melemo e ya ditswa tlhologong tsa dikungwa tsa lefatshe. Fa re babaletse seo re a bo re babaletse botshelo jwa rona le leruo la rona ka tsela e e ntseng jalo.

Go na le kgang e e itumedisang thata e e kगतलhisang ya gore maloba fa re tlhasetswe ke segajaja sa COVID-19, gatwe ga gona Mosarwa ope yo o neng a bolawa ke bolwetse jwa COVID-19, kwa ntleng fela fa gongwe yo o *diluted* a nna mo ditoropong. Kwa bone ba nnang teng ba santse ba tshela botshelo jo, ga gona le fa e le Mosarwa a le *one* yo o kileng a amega. E seng fela jalo, Mosarwa go utlwala gore fa a lwala bolwetse bongwe, o a bo a kopane le bo Mpho Morolong kwa seterateng koo. Bone ba na le ka fa ba ikalafang ka teng, ka tsamaiso e Tona o e re bayang pele, ya gore melemo ya tlhologo nako e tsile ya gore re e diragatse re tle re kgone re tshele.

Mo nakong e e fetileng bongaka jwa setso le melemo ya teng, go ntse go itsiwe gore ke dilo tse gotweng *they are primitive practices*, nako e tsile ya gore re tseye bomolemo jwa seo bagaetsho re tswe mo go reng dilo tse ke dilo tsa bogologolo ga di na mosola, re tseye bo molemo jwa seo. Se se botlhokwa ke gore, fa ba rona jaaka ba tlaabo ba tsena mo temaneng e *Minister*, go botlhokwa gore ba *brand* dilo tsa bone, e bile ba supe le mo *brand* jwa bone gore metswako e e mo ke e eng, ya selekanyo se se kae. Ba thusiwe gore ba fitlhelele foo bagaetsho, ka gore ga ba na *skill* sa go dira dilo tse. A ba thusiwe gore ba fitlhelele se ba batlang go se fitlhelela.

*Hygiene* e botlhokwa bagaetsho, ke a itse gore gone fa, ke gone fa go yang go tsenya ba bangwe ba *health* gore ba *inspect*, mme ke dumela gore go botlhokwa ka gore ke melemo e e nowang ke setšhaba le leruo. Batho ba ba na le talente re se ka ra nyatsa sepe, ba na le talente ya bo go upa, ga se melemo mme go na le ka fa ba itseng ka teng gore thaga e ka tswa jang mo tshimong, diji di ka tswa jang mo tshimong, o sa dirise *a helicopter that sprays*, ba na le talente batho ba ba rona. Ke talente e e tswang kgakala, e bile e ne e setse e tlaa nyelela. Ke tsaya gore fa ba utlwa gore re le Goromente re ba akareditse, ba tlaa itumela thata ba tlaa supa talente e ya bone. Dijji tse di tshwanang le bo phokoje ba ba jang dipodi, go na le ba ba nang le talente ya gore dipodi tsa gago fa o sa batle di jewa ke phokoje o ka mpona ka go thusa,

ba teng le kwa Mochudi batsadi ba ba ntseng jalo. O ka bona gore tota fela re ntse re robotse mo teemaneng, e e ka re thusang gore re se ka ra nna le ditshenyegelo tse dikalokalo re le Puso go reka melemo ka boturu. Fa e le sengwe Goromente o ka dirisa madi a gagwe go reka dikoloi le *equipment* e e rileng ya tsa botsogo e seng melemo. Batsadi ba rona ba na le melemo e Makgoa ba ka e kगतलhegelang thata, e a bereka re e bone bagaetsho. Ke ne ke re ke tshwaele fela go le kalo, ke amogela Molao-kakanyetso o o fa pele ga me.

**MR AARON (NGAMI):** Ke a leboga mongwashadiame. Le nna tlaa ke tseye sebaka se, ke akgele mo Molao-kakanyetsong o re o beilweng pele ke ba botsogo. Le nna fela jaaka bakaulengwe ba sa tswa go bua, ke akgole babusi gore gompiano ba bo ba bone go tshwanela gore ba tseye ditsela tse di maleba. Go rerisa Ntlo e pele ka Molao-kakanyetso o, pele ga o ka tla wa bewa mo tafoleng gore re o bue. Ke tsaya gore e ke nngwe ya dilo tse re eletsang gore di nne jalo, ka gore di fokotsa *unnecessary arguments and debate amongst us*. Ke bolelele setšhaba gore, tota gompiano re lebogela ka fa..., mme gongwe ke kope gore o kare nako ya me ga se yone.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Ga gona ope yo o boleletseng *Whip* sepe.

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

**MR AARON:** Ke itse gore go na le gore kwa ntlheng ya rona..., go simolotse go farologana leng.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Re fe nakonyana.

...Silence...

**MADAM SPEAKER:** *Continue*, ba santse ba dira.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Le santse le emetse yo e leng *lead*, gakere 10 *minutes* o siame.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Continue Honourable Aaron.

**MR AARON:** Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ke simolotse ka go leboga Ntlo e le babusi ka kakaretso, ke supe gore ke ema fa *supporting Bill* e e beilweng fa pele ga rona. *Before you Minister and the Assistant Minister, I would like you to take care of Section 3 which shows that this Bill which is intended to be an Act, will be binding to the State*. E reela gore le lona bogolo jang, le itse gore sengwe le sengwe se re tlaabong re se dumalana fa, se tlaabo se le ama e bile ga le a tshwanela gore le ka tlola sepe kana la tsaya *shortcuts*, *Section 3* ya rialo.

Ke supe gore *Bill* e, ke e bona e le molemo fela thata e bile e tsile ka nako e re ntseng re na le tlhobaelo le ketsaetsego ya gore go diragala eng mo lefatshe la rona, bogolo jang fa go tla mo diemong tse di amang melemo. Lefatshe le ntse le tlhobaelo go na le ketsaetsego, bogolo jang ka molemo o o neng e le wa Tuberculosis (TB) o o neng wa supa gore o emisitswe.

Re dumela gore *Bill* e e tlaa dira gore dilo tse di tshwanang le tse di tlang di le *fake* re bo re tla re lemoga *very late* gore *we have been supplied with fake medication*, fa e ne e le teng go raya gore dilo tse di tshwanang le tse di ka ne di sa diragala. Jaanong ka jalo ke sone ke reng ke e ema nokeng fela thata. E bile ke dumela gore mo *Bill* e *Section 36* e supa gore mo sepe se se tshwanang le melemo e e *fake* e e tshwanang le yone e e diragetseng mo Botswana, *now* re tlaa nna le mongwe yo e leng gore *will be regarded as the local presence or the representative of that particular pharmaceutical company in Botswana* e e tlang go fa Botswana kana Goromente thata ya gore jaanong *they can sue* Goromente kana *company* eo, *whether* e le kwa America kana India, ka motho yo re tlaabo re itse gore ke *representative* wa bone. Jaanong ke sone ke reng ke ema nokeng thata *Bill* e ka gore e tlaa re sireletsa re le Botswana, mme e bile gape e sireletsa Botswana ka ditsela tse di farologaneng fa re lebile *substances* tse gongwe di ka tswang di dirisiwa e seng fela mo dipatela *but* ka ditsela tse di farologaneng tse di rekisediwang Botswana mme e se tsa boleng jo bo siameng, kana tse di ka felelang di baka borai mo matshelong a bone. Jaanong re na le molao o o sireletsang Botswana ka ditsela tse di tshwanang le tseo.

*Bill* e e botlhokwa thata ka gore fa re e lebile gore re lefatshe le gompiano re nang le sekole se se alosang dingaka tsa rona, mme re ntse re sena ba ba ka dirang melemo. *We have* School of Medicine e e itebagantseng le *doctors*, *but Bill* e e supa gore jaanong le rona ka bokgoni jo re tlaabong re na le jone kana jwa go laletsa ba ba nang le bokgoni, re ka nna le melemo e e tlaabong e le ya selekanyo sa gore re ka e rekisetsa kwa mafatsheng a sele. Jaaka maabane re ne re rutiwa gore BoMRA ga e ise e tle mo selekanyong sa *Maturity Level Three*, mme fa re ka tla mo *Level Three* go raya gore le *our* Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) *vaccines* tse re nang le tsone, ke e fa sekai, a kere re di dira mo Botswana, mme ga di mo *standard* sa gore gongwe re ka rekisa melemo ya rona kwa mafatsheng a sele. *Bill* e e tlaabo e re fa *right* ya gore jaanong le BoMRA re e beele fa godingwana gore ba tle mo *Level Three* gore sepe se

re tlaabong re se dira mafatshe ka go farologana ba itse gore re mo *international standard*. Jaanong ke lebogela gore re bo re bone go tshwanela gore re ka dira molao o o tsamaelanang le o, mme e bile o ka thusa Botswana mo go kalo.

Mo *Bill* e gape re tla re lemoga gore ga se melemo fela, le baitseanape ba *equipment* e e ka dirisiwang mo matshelong a batho le yone re mo sekaleng sa gore jaanong bo Rre Tshere ba lebe gore a mme *equipment*, le fa e ka tswa e se lephata la gago, ke tsaya gore ba ba tshwanang le bone bao, le bone ba tlaa akarediwa mo teng gore ba bone gore re nna le *equipment* ya *standard* se e ka reng re se leba ra bona gore se siametse gore e ka dirisiwa mo go tsa botsogo. Ee, kana le a itse gore *equipment* e nngwe e dirisiwa o e bewa, mme e bile e nngwe o kgona gore o e tsennngwe le mo mmeleng. Jaanong ka jalo go botlhokwa thata gore re bo re ka nna le *Bill* e e ka sekasekang dilo tse, melemo le tseo tsotlhe tse di tsamaelanang le melemo gore sengwe le sengwe go tsholwe gore a *standard* sa teng ke se e leng sone. Bakaulengwe ka bontsi ba buile ka *Section 43* e e leng gore jaanong e supa gore mo ditsong tsa rona *traditional medicines*...

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** 45.

**MR AARON:** *Ooh, Section 45, thank you for correction. Section 45* e e supang gore jaanong la ntlha mo ditsong tsa rona Botswana e lemoga gore melemo ya setso *or traditional medicines* le yone e ka nna bontlha bongwe jwa kalafi e e ka lemogiwang e bile ya tsewa tsia ke Puso.

E bile ke supe le nna gore ke ema nokeng mogopolo o ka gore re le Botswana ga go na ope yo a ka latolang gore *herbs* di teng mo Botswana. Ka jalo ke supe gore gongwe *Bill* e o kare ke tlaa farologana le bakaulengwe bangwe ba me fa re tlhalosa *traditional medicine*. *Traditional medicine* o kare fa ke e lebile mo *Bill* e e tlaabo e bua ka tse e leng gore tota ke *herbs not spiritual healing*. E bua thata ka dilo tse di *tangible*, tse o ka di tthatlhobang. Kana *traditional medicine* e gabedi; re na le *herbalists*, mme e bile go na le ba gotweng ba dirisa sedimo, jaanong ke supe gore ga e bua ka sedimo. Fa e le gore o na le melemo e o itseng gore fa o tsaya sengaparile kana wa tsaya moretologa wa kgomo kana wa reng o ka go thusa se le se, e le mo go ntseng jalo go a letlelesega. Jaanong ke sengwe se se botlhokwa thata.

Ke gakologelwa mongwe a ne a supa gore ene ga a kentele dikgomo tsa gagwe *pasteurella*. Ke bua ka fa *pasteurella* e tshwenyang ka teng, mme mongwe a supa

gore kana *pasteurella* ke na le dingwaga ke sa e kentele *because* mongwe o ne a kile a nthusa a nthaya a re fa o ka tsaya lekwati la eng le la eng wa le setla wa le tshela gone mo dikgomo di nwang mo teng o feditse ka *pasteurella*.

**MR HIKUAMA:** *Clarification.* Ke a leboga *Honourable* Phillimon Aaron. A ko o mphitise fa, o bua ka dikgang tsa bo *herbalist* le sedimo, golo mo thobega go tsena fa kae, ke *herbal thing* kana ke eng? Thobega ele e go buiwang ka yone thata e, gongwe fa o ka mphitisa foo ke ka...

**MR AARON:** Ke a leboga *Honourable* Hikuama. Gongwe ke supe gore ga ke na kitso e e tseneletseng, mme ke tsaya gore ba ba itseng e ka re ba sekaseka ke bone ba ka bonang gore e wela fa kae. Se ke neng ke leka go se bua fela ke gore fa ke lebelela *Bill* e ke ne ke bona gore e bua ka dilo tse di *tangible* tse di ka tlhatlhoiwang, tse go ka supiwang. Gongwe ke e fa sekai jaaka re ne re sa tswa go bua, fa e le gore go na le mongwe yo o nang le bokgoni jwa go alafa bolwetse bongwe, mme a dirisa *herbs* fela tse o ka di supang gore tsa me ke tse di alafa se le se, le nna ke kगतलhanong le gore Goromente kana ba ba tlhokometseng melemo ba ka ya go kganela batho bao gore ga ba a tshwanela gore ba ka riana. Ke dumalana le ba ba reng a re tlhatlhoibe gore a mme o na le bokgoni ka ba ba alafileng gore re bone gore a mme go boammaaruri go ntse jalo. E bile fa go na le mongwe yo o kileng a tshosediswa ke bape ka gore a re o kgona go alafa bolwetse bongwe, ke kopa gore mo bogompionong a ikopele go bona *Minister*. A ikopele go bona *Minister* fa *Bill* e e sena go nna teng ka gore ke dumela gore o santse a ka lebiwa ka tsela nngwe e e pharologanyo. E bile fa e le gore ga a bone thuso a se ka a tshaba go tla Palamenteng ka gore re dumela gore go na le bangwe ba ba dumelang gore melemo ya Sekgoa ke yone e tshwanetseng *to be promoted* fela ka gore ba ba re fang melemo e ba re fa ka *conditions* dingwe. Ke dumela gore jaanong mo go tlaa re ntsha bobi matlhong gore re bone gore fa e le gore thobega e alafiwa ka *herbs* a le yone e sekasekwe go nne jalo le tse dingwe.

Ke reela gore ke ne ke leka go supa gore ga ke kगतलhanong le sepe se ke se bonang mo *Bill* e *Honourable Minister*, mme e bile re tlaa go ema nokeng ka ditsela tsotlhe ka gore o dirile se se tshwanelang le se se tlhomameng gore a bo o ka tlisa *Bill* eo fa pele ga rona.

*Madam Speaker*, go na le *Section 44* e e buang ka *orphan medical products*. Ke supe gore ke a e lemoga gore e bua ka melemo e e leng gore gongwe ga e tlhokege kana lefatshe ka bontsi le e tlhoka, mme gongwe rona re e

tlhoka, bogolo jang nna yo ke buang, kwa ke tswang teng. Re santse re na le bolwetse jwa Baebele jwa lepero, ga ke itse gore a le a bo itse. *Leprosy* ke lengwe la malwetse a e leng gore gongwe melemo ya teng e ka se nne *readily available*. Mafatshe a mangwe ba bo nyeleditse mme mo Botswana re santse re palelwa ke go bo nyeletsa.

Gongwe e bile ke tle fa go wena *Minister* ke re re na le dilelo tse di teng tsa bolwetse jwa lepero, jo e leng gore bo a tshelanwa mme e bile bo a tshabega. Bolwetse jo bo ka tswa bo nyeleditswe mo borwa jwa Botswana. Kwa “Bechuanaland” kwa ke tswang teng kwa Okavango bo santse bo le teng. Ke ka bua ke re *ministry* wa gago ka bodiredi jwa one, ba bonya go tsaya kgato. Ga ke itse gore a ke tsone *orphan medical products* tse di sa bonaleng motlhofo. A re na le melemo yone e mo Botswana? Ke ne ke re ke supe se mme e bile ke supe go go ema nokeng. Re tlaa go ema nokeng mme e bile re tlaa ema nokeng *ministry* mongwe le mongwe o o tlaa tlang ka tsela yone e. Ga re dumalane le sepe se e leng gore se tlaa dirwa gotwe ke *as a matter of urgency*. Ga re dumalane le *urgency*. Ke a leboga.

**ASSISTANT MINISTER OF TRADE AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (MR MATHOOTHE):**

*Thank you, Madam Speaker.* Mma ke lebogele *Bill* e e fa pele ga rona mme e bile gape ke boe ke dumalane le yone. E bile gape ke boe ke supe jaana gore go supa gore Goromente wa letsatsi o lebagane le dikgwetlho tse di lebaganeng le Botswana. Fa ke re dikgwetlho tse di lebaganeng le Botswana, ke raya jaaka e le gore jaanong go itebagantswe le melemo e re e dirisang le gore e tlhatlhoiwa ka tsela e e ntseng jang le gore Botswana ba babalelwa jang. Gape ke bo ke supe jaana gore bagarona le bone ba bo ba supile jalo gore *Bill* e e tlile sentle ka tsela e e siameng, mme e bile ke bo ke tlhomamise gore go ya kwa pele, re tlaabo re tsamaya fela jalo.

Ke boe ke supe gape gore ke thuto mo go ba ba neng ba tswa mo Pusong jaaka bo Rre Mabuse Pule. Ke thuto mo go bone. Ke gakologelwa gore mo Palamenteng e e fetileng...

**MR PULE:** *Procedure.* Ke ne ke re motlotlegi jaanong o a bo a tswa mo tseleng, nna ga ke a tswa mo Pusong. Ke ntse ke mo Palamenteng ke fano. Ke raya gore a se ka a tloga a raya batlhophi ba me a ba raya a re ke dule mo Pusong. Ke busa le UDC. Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Continue Honourable Mathoothe.

**MR MATHOOTHE:** Nnyaa mme fa e le gore o a itlhalosa gore o busa le UDC, kana ke gagametse maloba mme jaanong a ile go nna kwa *stands* boemong jwa gore o ka bo a ntse fa. Ke gore se ke neng ke se bua ke gore ke thuto mo Pusong ele e ba neng ba le mo go yone e e duleng. Ke gakologelwa sentle ka Palamente e e fetileng gore e rile fela letsatsi le re neng re simolola ka 2019, boemong jwa gore go tle *Bills* tse di ntseng jaana tsa batho, ba bo ba tlisa *Bill* e nngwe e go neng gotwe *floor-crossing* e o neng o sa itse gore e thusa Batswana ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Jaanong ke gone mo ke reng ke thuto ya gore *Bills* tsone tse, ke tse di kabong di sale di tsile nako e sale teng.

*Madam Speaker*, fa ke supa gore *Bills* tse di ka bo di sale di tsile nako e sale teng, fa o lebelela maikaelelo a *Bill* e, e tlhalosa jalo gore e batla to *align standards* gore di tsamaelane le World Health Organisation (WHO). Go lebaka le lentsi thata e le gore ga re ise re *adjust standards* tsa rona mo lefatsheng la Botswana go tsamaelana le tsone tseo gore Batswana ba tle ba sireletsege.

Dingwe tsa *objectives* ke gore e *harmonise the regulatory standards to facilitate regional trade*. Kana fa re bua ka *regional trade*, re a bo re raya gore jaanong kana gompiano mo African Union (AU), re ikgakologetswere le maAferika gore sepe se re tlaabong re se dira, a ke *manufacturing* ya melemo le sepe fela e le *manufacturing* ya tse dingwe, re tshwanetse ra akanya pele ka *market* wa Aferika. Jaaka gompiano e le gore re dira molemo jalo wa Tlhako le Molomo, re tshwanetse ra akanya ka pele gore re tshwanetse re rekisetse mafatshe a Aferika. Ke gone mo o bonang *Bill* e e tla fa gore re kgone to *align the regulatory framework* gore e tle e tsamaelane le gore jaanong re ka kgona to *trade* sentle. Ke dingwe tse e leng gore *Bill* e e di lebile jaana. Ke dilo tse di kabong di ne di sa bolo go diragala pele.

E itebagantse gape le *the local environment, the adaptation*, go lebelela gore rona mo lefatsheng la Botswana re lebelela jang ka melemo, re lebelela jang ka to *manufacture* jaaka gompiano re bua ka *cannabis* gore re simolola go e lema, re boa re dira le *products* tsa yone. Golo mo go supa kgatelopele e e kwa godimo thata.

Fa o ka lebelela, *Bill* e e ka bo e ne e sa bolo go dirwa bogologolo ka gore re ka bua gompiano jaana gore Batswana ba ba neng ba na le dikitso tseo, di setse di

tsamaile. Gongwe fa e ne e sale e baakantswe ka nako eo, dingwe re ka bo re di sireleditse. Ke gakologelwa ka kwa kgaolong ya me kwa motseng ole wa Topisi, go ne go na le mosadimogolo yo mongwe yo go neng go itsiwe fela gore fa o lomilwe ke noga kwa sekgweng, ka sepiti fa o isiwa kwa go ene o ya go kgona gore o alafiwe ka yone nako yone eo. Fa o lebelela, ke batho ba e leng gore gompiano ba hulere. Gompiano mathata a re nang le one ke gore fa melemo e ntse e tlhela jaana, ditso tsele tsa rona fa re ne re ka bo re di sireleditse, re ka bo re itse gore nnyaa fa motseng ole fa o lomilwe ke noga nnyaa, o tsena teng fela o bo o kgona gore seemo se tokafale.

**MR MONAGENG:** *Elucidation*. Tanki *Madam Speaker*. Nnyaa mme o e tshwere sentle thata *Honourable Minister*. Ke ne ke re kana fa o bua ka melemo ya Setswana, go thusa batho jalo, bo go lomiwa ke noga, a kere o reela jaaka mo Setswaneng re na le thobega? Nna maloba ke gatile ntša ya me ka phoso e le ntšanyana e na le keetane, ke bo ke gata keetane e, e bo e robega leoto. Jaaka *Honourable Khan* a bua, moagisanyi a bo a dira thobega. Ke ne ke sa dumele gore a e tlaa fola. Gompiano jaana nnyaa e a tabogataboga fela ka thobega fela. A o reela jalo *Honourable Minister*?

**MR MATHOOTHE:** Ee, go ntse jalo *honourable*. Ke bua ka dikgang tsa gore go na le ba ba neng ba na le dikitso tsone tseo, bangwe ba robetse ka tsone. Fa re ka bo re ne re sale re di sireleditse nako eo, re ka bo re itse gore le gompiano re na le tsone. Fa o bua ka bo thobega, e a bereka thata. Gompiano go na le ba ba dupang metsi, ke dingwe tse e leng gore di teng.

Nako nngwe ke kile ka etela ka kwa Botswana University of Agriculture and Natural Resources (BUAN) mme ka fitlhela ba ne ba dira *research* mo setlhareng se sengwe se bidiwa boletswa. *It is a parasite tree*. Gantsi o e bona e le mo setlhareng sa mosu kana mo mokhing, jalojalo. Ke dingwe tsa ditlhare tse e leng gore ba lemogile jalo gore ke *feed* ka boyone, e bile gape ke setlhare se e leng gore se kgona go ntsha dibokwana mo diphologolong. Ke dingwe tse o bonang gore fa *research* e tswetsetse mme e bile *Bill* e rotloetsa thata gore go nna le *research*, tsa Setswana tse re nang le tsone re tshwanetse ra tswelera ra di sireletsa ka tsela e e ntseng jalo.

Fa o tsaya mo National Development Plan (NDP) 12 ya rona, go na le fa e rotloetsang thata gore *clusters* ba simolole go lema bo moringa jaaka re itse gore o dira dipilisi ka go farologana. Go supa gore tota re gatetse pele, re tlisa melao kana dipaakanyo tse di tshwanetseng

tša sireletša lefatshe la Botswana ka ditsatlholego tše ba nang le tsone. Re se ka ra fitlhela batho ba dule kwa mafatsheng ba tsile kwano ba tlile go tsaya dilo tše jaaka bo sengaparile le tše dingwe.

Ke nako ya gore jaanong re se ka ra tlotlomatsa *herbs* tša maChina fela, re na le bo mosukujane le mahura a naga tše gantsinyana ba di dirisang thata fa e le gore motho o tshwerwe ke kgotlholo e tona. Jaanong *Bill* e e ntseng jaana e dira gore re sireletše ditsarona, re bo re sireletše Batswana mo melemong e e tswang kwa ntle e sa siama. E bile e bo e rotloetše le gore ba ba simololang gore ba ka dira melemo, go nne teng mo lefatsheng la Botswana. Ke gone mo ke reng *Madam Speaker*; ke dumalana thata le *Bill* e e leng fa pele ga rona, bo Mabuse Pule ba tlaa kgona gore ba ithute thata mo Pusong e ntšha e.

**MR BOGATSU (LENTSWELETAU-LEPHEPHE):**

Tanki Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tša Palamente. Ke tlaa bua ka bokhutshwane. La ntlha fela ke re ke amogela Molao-kakanyetso o o tšeneng o, segolo jang ka gore jaanong o lemoga fa le rona go tswa kwa ngwaong re na le tša rona tše di ka re tshetsang botoka. Pele ga go tla ga bo Mmamosadinyana mo lefatsheng la rona go ne go ntse go na le ka fa re tshelang ka teng, ka fa re neng re alafana ka teng. E rile fa re tla go kopana le Makgoa, re bo re latlha ditsarona ka gore di ne di tshwantshangwa le boloi.

Kana fa o ka itše tatlhego e ya kalafi ya Setswana, e ne e kgalwa bobē ka gore e ne e dia batho go tlolela ka kwa tumelong ya Sekeresete e e neng e goroga. E le gore Makgoa ga ba e tlhaloganye, ba ne ba bona e kete ke dilo tše di gagamatsang gore motho o ka bewa phogwana mme a fola. Ba re godileng malobanyana, bongaka jo re bo fitlhetše jaaka jo go ntseng go buiwa ka jone jwa thobega. Ke itumelela gore Tona wa Thuto e Kgolwane o buile ka thobega gore jaanong *they are going to research on it* mme e bile ba ya go e ruta le kwa dikoleng. Fa a ne a le fa e ne e tlaa re a akgela, gongwe a bue gore ba ya go e simolola leng ka e rile fa a ntsha pego ya lephata la gagwe, e nnile e a buileng ka yone la ntlha.

Re godile re fitlhela bana ba bewa diphogwana, e ne e re fa ngwana a ponketše, a bo a sa isiwe kokelwaneng. Go ne go na le basadibagolo ba ba neng ba itše kalafi e ya go baya phogwana. Le rona re ne re rongwa re ya go epa dikgabana, gompiano ga ke sa tlhole ke itše gore kgabana e ntse jang. O ne o emelela gotwe e re fa o tla maitseboa o ntlele kgabana, go bo go tla go kgaolwa mmaagwe ngwana dinala, go tšenngwa mo lebeaneng

go kopanngwa le melemo e o tllileng ka yone, ngwana a bo a tshasiwa mo tlhogong e le sefapaano, kamoso o a tshameka. Ke dilo tše re di tlogetseng, ga re itše gore re ya go di bona kae. Ke ipotsa gore a ba ba neng ba itše phogwana a ba santše ba le teng, a ba tlaa bonwa mme fa ba ka bonwa a go tabogiwe.

Kwa Kopong kwa garona re ne re na le ba ba neng ba baya thobega le o seyo. Go isiwa selwana sa gago, ba bo ba feta ba dira, o bo o fola o ntse o le koo. Gongwe Tona fa le ka taboga la ya go ba senka le tlaa ba fitlhela, ba tlaa le ba kaela ka gore monnamogolo e rile fa a tloga a bo a neela bana. Bana gompiano ba ntše ba tshwara thulaganyo e ya thobega ba fodisa batho. Ga se golo mo o tšenngwang bo *sling* o gogwa leoto, ke ga malatsi a mabedi marapo a bo a kitlane, o bo o taboga o raga bolo. Gape jaaka o utlwa Mabuse Pule a re go ne ga mo tsaya *two days* fela e bile a boa a pekwa le fa e ne e le majesa kwa lebaleng, mme gone o ne a e raga.

Bagaetsho, go na le bolwetše jo bo santseng bo le teng jo bo tlhorontshang batho jwa leebana, jo e leng gore le gompiano dingaka tša jone di teng. Jaanong ka gore re tabogile le bongaka jwa Sekgoa re tlhokomologile kalafi e ya leebana, go lemosegile gore ka kwa Sekgoeng o kare go a idibala ka ke dipilisi, fa di seyo go a tsoga mme go na le ba ba alafang motho a folele ruri. Ba santše ba le teng, ba ka batlwa ba ka bonwa, ba ka fodisa bolwetše jo.

Go ne go na le kalafi ya Setswana e e neng e alafa malwetše a a bogale jaaka bo rasephipi le thosola. Ke ipotsa gore a dingaka tseo di santše di le teng tše di ka thusang mo malwetseng a mofuta oo, a o neng o sa tlhoke gore o ye go nwa dipilisi. E ne e re fa mosimane a sa ikutlwe sentle, borragwemogolo ba bo ba mo epela, ngwana a hupa a bo a fola, e bo e boa e nna lekau fela sentle a tsena mo gare ga batho.

Go na le bolwetše jo bongwe gape bo ntše bo teng bo bidiwa gotwe ngope. Ngope ke bolwetše jwa madi a matona, jo e leng gore le jone bo ne bo alafiwa Setswana. Fa madi a tswa *continuously* a sa eme, go ne go na le ka fa go neng go alafiwa ka teng gore a eme. Fa o isiwa kwa sepatela, fa o tsena kwa ba a go kanamisa ba re ba emisa madi, kgantele ga a tswe mo mothong, a bo a tlhofakala. Ka kalafi ya rona ya Setswana go ne go sena motho yo o tlhokafalang a bolawa ke ngope. Tota re latlhegetswe mme ke tsaya gore fa go ka tabogiwa go santše go ka bonwa sengwe. Di dintsi tše go builweng ka tsone; ba buile ka bo sengaparile, ke aga ke bua ka sone ka gore se sentsintsi kwa dikgaolong tše tša Macheng, ga se kana ka sepe.

Go raya gore Tona ka le lemoga boleng jwa melemo ya Setswana, a ko le *facilitate* batho bale le ba thuse, le bone gore le ka ya go dira jang go na le gore ba jewa ntsoma ke batho, motho a tla a rwala melemo ya bone ba tswa ba tsamaya, bone ba sala ba ntse ba le mo lehumeng. A go ne go se botoka gore bogolo go nne le fa go nngang le madirelonyana bogolo *for primary manufacturing or processing* gore e re yo o se rekang, a se tseye kwa tlhwatlhwa e e botoka mo go bone? Maloba kwa Boatlaname e bile ba ne ba bua gore golo foo go ye go agelelwa, fa go nang le molemo mongwe o e leng gore jaanong ba South Africa ba a tla ba a o rwala ba tsamaya ka one, batho ga ba boelwe ke sepe. O ye kwa o ye go bona Rre Modukanele kana o bone Kgosi ba ye go go kaela kwa molemo oo o tletseng teng, batho ba a o rwala. Kana o itse gore fa ba o epa jaana ba epa medi, *and* go ka nna ga fela kwa morago jaanong se nna *extinct*.

**MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR RAMOGAPI):** *On a point of elucidation.* O e tshwere sentle mokaulengwe ka dilo tse di tsewang ke batho ba mafatshe a sele. Go na le magatwe a mangwe a a *serious* a gore fa o bona bogodu jwa ditonki bo le kwa godimo jaana, ba boitseanape ba lemogile sengwe se se botlhokwa mo go tsone. Bangwe ba re matlalo, bangwe ba re santlhoko wa tonki go ya go dirwa melemo ka one. Jaanong ditonki di fedile di utswiwa ka *rate* e e kwa godimo thata. O e tshwere sentle mabapi le dilo tse di utswiwang di ya go dirisiwa kwa mafatsheng a sele.

**MR BOGATSU:** Ee rra. Ke kile ka utlwalela kgang ya teng gore letlalo la tonki segolo jang morafe o wa maChina, ba reka ditonki ba a di ganyaola ba tsaya matlalo ba tlogela nama go sala go phephetha foo ka gore ba lemogile gore letlalo la teng go na le ka fa ba ka dirisang ka teng mo go direng melemo. Go ntse jalo, le rona re tle re bone gore tonki e re se ka ra e bitsa seelane fela, o itse gore gape o palame molemo. Le fa o e betola jalo, o itse gore o betola molemo.

Betsho, se se ntshwenyang ke gore melelwane ya lefatshe la rona *are so porous* mo e leng gore batho ba itsenela gongwe le gongwe ka fa ba tsenang ka teng ka melemo e mengwe e e gakgamatsang. Fa ba tsena fano ba e boka re felela re itshela mo go yone ntebokwane re itshela moko wa talane.

Kgang e, ga se ya botsogo fela, le ba itshireletso a ba ye go tlhwaafala go bona gore ba tswala *borders*. Batho ba se ka ba tsena gongwe le gongwe. Re itse gore ba tsena ba tshotse eng, kana ba ntsha eng mo lefatsheng la rona.

E nngwe e ke utlwileng e buiwa, e ke neng ka e rata, ke e o neng o bua ka *harmonised regulatory standards to facilitate regional trade*. Boammaaruri ke gore, mafatshe a Africa ga ba a itlwaetsa go bereka mmogo, go rekisana mmogo. *We are always thinking of the worst but* fa o tsaya Aferika Borwa *for example, when it comes to traditional medicine*, ba re siile ka tema. Kwa Aferika Borwa ngaka ya bone ya seZulu e kgona go go kwalela *permit*, e go fa *leave* gore ka o santse o tontela melemo e ya me e e nowang ka kopi, ba tlaa nama ba go itshwaretse kwa tirong malatsi a le kaenyana a santse a go lebile. Rona re tshwanetse go khukhutha masigo go robetswe, e bile ope ga a tshwanela go itse gore o tsamaya koo. Jaanong ke itumela ka fa molao o o ntseng ka teng, re tlaa simolola go itirela melemo ya rona re sa tlhabiwe ke ditlhong. Re direla mo mpaananeng gore batho ba itse gore fale go na le matwetwe mme o thusa jaana, ga se moloi ke ngaka. Ga go na ngaka ya moloi, moloi ke moloi, ngaka ke ngaka, yo ene a bong a alafa. Ke ne ke re ka ba setse ba di tsere di le di ntsinyana *Madam Speaker*, mma ke eme go le kalo.

**ASSISTANT MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR MOTSAMAI):** Ke a go leboga *Madam Speaker*. Tona, ke le akgole thata gore kgang e e buegang e ya melao e gompiano re e dirang re e fetisa mo Palamenteng, go a supa tota gore Puso e ya UDC, ga e a tswa mo seporong, mo maikaelelong a yone. E bile le dikgang tse di kgologolo, e a di tsiapolola. Fa ke gakologelwa ka bo 1989, 1984, 1987, Rre Hikuama a le kwa Gantsi ka 1991, 1992, go tsweletswe ka dipolotiki tsa Botswana National Front (BNF). Go ne go na le buka ya Katakasima e e dirileng gore a rate thata lekgotla la BNF. E bua thata ka fa dilo di tshwanetseng go dirwa ka teng. Go na le fa go neng go kwadilwe teng gore re tshwanetse re le maAfrica, re ikemele ka dinao. Re se ka ra ntshiwa mo tseleng ke Sekgoa. Batswana ba dingaka tsa setso, ba tlhalosiwa ka tsela e e tshosang. Go buiwa gore ke dingaka tsa baloi, e bile ba tshwantshiwa ka tsela e o neng o shema, e bile o sa batle go ikamanya le bone. Ke tshwanetse go supa gore Katakasima e gompiano re e buang, ke dilo tse di re thusitseng, tse re tswang kgakala le tsone. Ke maswabi fela gore e rile mo tseleng, gongwe leeto la ga Rre Hikuama la se ka la atlega sentle mme ke tshepha gore go tlaa siama.

*Madam Speaker*, mo dikgaolong tsa me, fa o tsena kwa Ncojane le Karakubis, ke go itsise gore e re ntswa molawana o o tla ka one rraetsho, ke ne ke setse ke le *a step ahead*, e ne e le kgang fela ya go itlhoka.

Ke bua jaana e le gore ke kile ka ntsha *certificates of appreciation* ke di neela batho mo metseng ba ditiro tse di farologanyeng. Ba bangwe ba ne ba akanya gore a ke akanya sentle. Ke ne ke sobokile bomme bogolo jang mo setšhabeng ba ba nnileng le karolo. Ke bo ke ya go tsenya le ba ba alafang diphogwana mo teng, ba ba sidilang dikgetlana, ba ba alafang bana le ba ba alafang thobega. Ke ba kopanya le *teachers* le bo *nurse* ba bogologolo, le bomme ba ba tshelang ka go itemela ba borre ba bone ba setseng ba ile moribe. Dilo tse fa o utlwa ke re ke *step ahead*, fa o batla go bona batho ba bang nang le kitso e e ntseng jalo kwa Karakubis, ke go tsaya fela ke go isa kwa go ene. Mme yo ke ne ka mo lebogela gore o itse tiro ya go alafa bana. Kwa Ncojane, mme yo ke ne ka mo lebogela tiro eo, *certificate* sa gagwe ke se, bosupi ka 2019. Ga ke reye dilo tse ke senang bosupi ka tsone *Madam Speaker*.

Ke tshwanetse gape ke gatelele jaaka bangwe ba bua, go tlaa nna botlhoko gore batho ba bo ba goroga go tswa mafatsheng ba tla go tsaya melemo eo. Re bo re sala ka melao fela e e leng gore ra re re dira *boards* tse di yang go laola, re dira se, re dira se, mme go laola ga teng e se mo go tseeneletseng. Re tshwanetse go bona gore le bone batho ba ba mo dikgaolong, re se ka ra ba kanela thata Mothusa Tona. Fa re tlhophi *board*, re se ka ra leba dithutego tse di fetang selekanyo. Re lebe le dithutego tsa batho ba tota *practically* ba ntseng ba le foo ba alafa bana, ba ba baya diphogwana, ba baya dithobega. Re se ka ra bo ra ba batla *Masters* jaaka Rre Lucas a e tle a bue gore puo e e buiwang mo Palamenteng ya boipelelo, gore o kare ke e e mphetileng. Ke bo ke tlhoboga boipelelo jwa teng nako nngwe ka gore gantsi boipelelo ke selo se se utlwehang batho botlhoko, ga se go ba shaota.

Ke tsewelele *Madam Speaker*, gore re thuse batho bao go fitlhelela diphithelolelo tse di rileng. Fa go kgonagala, go na le mafatshe a ba ka tsayang ditsompelo tsa *to enhance* le go oketsa boleng jwa bone jwa go dira tiro eo ka bokgabane, a re dire jalo. Fa e le gore ke kwa Korea, a re tseye basadibagolo, bannabagolo, Basarwa ba ba itseng go alafa malwetse a, re ba ise teng ba ye *to train* fa ba ka *train* teng. Re bitse maKorea, re bule madirelo mo dikgaolong tse di farologanyeng kwa Ngami, ba *train* le bone ba nne le sa bone *Madam Speaker*.

**MR HIKUAMA:** *Clarification.* Ke a leboga *Honourable* Motsamai. Ke utlwa o re, go tsewe Basarwa, ke botsa gore a mme kwa dikgaolong tsa lona kwa o leng teng, ga o ise o utlwe ba le ba bitsang jalo gore ga ba sa tlhole ba eletsang go ka bidiwa jalo? A kgang e, e santse e ise e goroge mo go wena gore ba na le maina

a ba eletsang go bitswa ka one, a bone a a ba tlotlang?

**MR MOTSAMAI:** Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. O senya fela ka gore e re a wela, a bo a sa itse maina a teng. Go ne go batla e re a wela fela, le ene a papamala gore a re, ke ba bitse ke reng. Nna ke ngwana wa bone, ga ke ba bitse ka tshotlo, e bile ga ke ba bitse ka tsela epe. Ke ngwana wa bone yo e leng gore e ne ya re fa ba tsene mo mathateng gotwe ba fuduge kwa Central Kalahari Game Reserve (CKGR), ka tswela mo patlelong e le gore ba a lwantshiwa. Ba kopana le bone ka lwa ntwa ya bone kwa Ghanzi District Council. Ba bangwe ba ne ba le ka fa tlase ga ditilo le ditafole gotwe Goromente o tlaa go bolaya fa e le gore o ka lebagana le Domkrag ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. Ke ne ke lwa ke papametse ke lebagana le maSpecial Support Group (SSG), le Avtomat Kalashnikova (AK-47). Wa re ba bidiwe ba reng Rre Hikuama? Ga a itse tsala ya me, o santse a tshagatshega fela. Mma ke tswa mo go ene *Madam Speaker*, ke tsene mo dikgannyeng.

Ke bua jaana *Madam Speaker* ke re, *board* e e yang go tlhophiwa go dira ditsamaiso go bona gore dilo di tsamaya ka tsela e e papametseng, a go se ka ga dirwa dilo ka letlhakore bagaetsho. Dikgaolo tse di anameng le lefatshe le la Botswana, bo Okavango, Kgalagadi, Ghanzi, Charles Hill, batho ba koo. *Boards* a di tlhophiwe le phatlalatse boemedi jwa *boards* gore mafatshe a emelwe, ba tswe le ka boranyane jwa bone. Ba tswe le ka bokgabane jwa go dira tiro ya bone *Madam Speaker*.

Ke batla ke supe gore go ne go buiwa ka COVID-19. Ka nako ya COVID-19 kwa kgaolong e e tshwanang le bo Ncojane, Kole, Karakubis, bo Kalkfontein, go na le setlhare se sengwe se re se bitsang lorwana. Mo ditlhareng tseo tse di tlhogang mo molapong, ka fa tlase ga tsone go tswa ditlhatshananyana tse di nkgang monate. Sengwe sa tsone ditlhare tse, ke se e leng gore fa monang o tlhasetse, le fa o ka se tsaya fela wa se baya mo tlhogong ya gago o le motho Sekgalagadi, o le motho Sesarwa, ga go na monang o o ka go tlhaselang. Dilo tse ke tsone tse re tshwanetseng ra di lebelela.

Sone setlhare se gape se re se bitsang longana, ke setlhare se e leng gore nako ya COVID-19 fa e tlhasetse, go ne go raya gore o apaya metsi fela o tsenya mo teng, e le *mint*, se bula mafatlha, bolwetse jo jwa COVID-19 jo bo sa go bolaye. Tsone dikgang tse, fa o utlwa re bua ka ditlhare kwa, ditlhare kwa, kwa dikgaolong tsa Kgalagadi, re batla madirelo a a simolodisang dilo tse

Rre Ookeditse. Re batla dipilisi, melemo le *herbs* kwa Kgalagadi. Mabotlolo a teng *be labelled 'made in Kole,'* molemo o o dirilwe mo Kole, Karakubis, Charles Hill, Ncojane, Metsimantsho, East-West Hanahai, kwa New Xanagas, o dirilwe le kwa Tsootsha. Selo se se ka godisa le boleng jwa metse ya rona gore le yone e itsege. Ga re ka ke ra kgona gore nako le nako re bo re e nwa dilo tse di tswang mo mafatsheng a rona fa gongwe go kwadilwe *made in Korea*, mme e le gore ditlhare tse di tserwe mo lefatsheng la Botswana di bo di ya go felelediwa kwa.

Ntlha e e tlhoka gape le gone gore re ropame thata mo *creation of employment*, re hire batho ba kgone gore ba bereke. Re gatile ditiro, dikakanyo tsa rona le go diragatsa, ke gone mathata. Mathata ga a yo, ke dikakanyo tsa rona ke tsone tse e leng mathata. Ke a leboga.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** *Honourable Members*, ke batla go bona gore ke bafe ba ba santseng ba batla go bua, o kare re a dumalana. Ga ke itse gore le e akanya jang?

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

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Ee, ke raya gore jaanong fa e le gore...

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

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Ke ne ke re re dumalane, golo fa o kare re a dumalana, jaanong...

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

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Ee, go tlaa re re dumalane, kana re saletswe ke kgakgathi kwa tlase kwa.

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

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Ee, nna ka fa ke bonang ka teng re a dumalana bakaulengwe. Ke tsaya *Honourable* Kedikilwe ke bo ke tswala.

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

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Ee, le a e bona gore e tsamaya fa kae, a re dumalaneng, kana fa ke le supa, e tlaabo e nna 30 *minutes; 10 minutes each*, le bona gore nako e tsamaya fa kae, ga re ise re tsene kwa *Constitutional Amendment*. Ke gore kgang e ya melemo yone le a e rata, le a utlwana, ke tsaya gore ga go na ope yo o ganetsang sepe. Melemo e ya Setswana e ke a itse gore le e rata thata, nte re e tswale ka *Honourable* Kedikilwe.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Procedure.

**MR BARONGWANG:** *Point of procedure*. Ga ke gane re a dumalana, mme ga ke itse, ke buelela nna ke le nosi. Ya me o kare e pharologanyonyana mo ke neng ke eletsa gore gongwe ke fetise kgang ya teng. Jaanong ka a le kalo, ke ne ke kopa gone gore o ntsenye mo dibuing tsa bofelo.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nnyaa, le a bo le batla go e senya jaanong, a re dumalane gore *Honourable* Kedikilwe a tswale re tsene mo kgakgathing ya *Constitutional Amendment*. Kedikilwe.

**MR KEDIKILWE (SEROWE WEST):** *Thank you very much Madam Speaker*. Pele fela ke leboge Lephata le la Botsogo go bo le tlile ka *Bill* yone e. E bile ke etse ba bangwe bagaetsho gore le tlile ka tsela e e siameng. Ke mo komiting yone e ya botsogo, mme le ne la simolola fela ka komiti la re lekodisa ka boleele molao o jaaka o tla o ntse, mme ke tsaya gore bontsi jwa rona gongwe re a tlhaloganya botoka re le kwa komiting. Ke sone se e rileng maabane le fa le ntse le botsa dipotso, re ne re didimetse fela ka gore rona re ne re tsaya gore re tlhaloseditswe ka botlalo, mme e bile re tlhalogantse ka botlalo.

Gongwe fa ke feta foo, se ke se ratileng thata mo go yone *Bill* e ya gompiano ke gore, e bua ka lephata lone la BoMRA le e leng gore gongwe motho a simolole ka lone pele, gore gongwe ba botsogo ba bone gore le nonofile thata. Kana fa le nonofile sentle, tsotlhe tse re di beileng fa *in this Bill*, di ka diragala botoka thata fa e le gore ga le *understaffed, staffing, infrastructure* le didirisiwa tota, lephata le le nonotshitswe, le ka dira botoka. Sepe se e tlaabong e le gore se a tlhokafala gore ka ke lone matlho a setshaba, ke bone ba ba bonang tse e leng gore di ka nna diphatsa mo setshabeng, jaaka melemo e e tsenang, o tlaa fitlhela fa gongwe o bona gotwe molemo ke o, fa o o nwa, o a re, o a re, fa o re o batla *instructions* tsa one, le tsone o utlwa di ikela go sele. O ipotsa gore one o batlisisitswe kwa kae gore ke boammaaruri yo o rekisang a tlaa a utlwa gotwe o a re, go bo gotwe e le gore ga se *product* ya mongwe, o ne a bolelelwa ke yo o neng a mmolelela kwa a neng a mmolelela teng, yo a o dirileng kwa ntle ga lefatsho. Re ka se ke re o tseye re ye fa *laboratory* re utlwe gore a mme le ba rona batlhatlho, ba ka dumela gore molemo o o ka dira sone se gotweng o a se dira.

Jaanong ke rata thata kgang e ya *quality control* ya *laboratory (lab)*, gore fa e le gore re tlaabo re na le *lab* e e nonofileng sentle, le batho ba ba nonofileng sentle fa o utlwa ke bua ka *staffing*, e le bomaitseanape le

bone, ba go tlhatlhoba. Kana ke sone se o utlwang fa gongwe o kare ra re *products* tsa rona kana melemo ya Setswana gongwe o kare batho ga ba e tseye tsia. Ga ba e tseye tsia jaana ka gore *nothing has been documented* ka yone. Ga go na yo o nang le kitso ya yone, go itse yo o tlang a epile setlhare sa teng a re se ke sone sennane, ke makgonatsotlhe.

Jaanong fa o re o batla *information* morago ga foo, ga o e bone. Jaanong fa le nonotshitse lephata le, ke sone se ke nang le tumelo ya gore le tlaa dira gore le yone melemo ya Setswana e atlege. E tlaa atlega jalo ka gore *information* e ya kwa bathong, go a kwalwa. Kana melemo ya Setswana gompieno jaana jaaka o utlwa motho a re fa o tontela molemo, go tewa o o nwa fela go sena le fa e le *label*, o sa supe gore mme o kalwa selekanyo se se kae. Ke gore fa o nole maphakela kana motshegare, selekanyo se se kana maitseboa, ga go na fa go ka hopholediwang teng.

Le ene yo o go o neelang yoo, ga a itse tota ka gore ga a na *that knowledge* ya gore ke boamaaruri o dirile dipatlisiso ka molemo wa teng. Jaanong ke rata thata fa go supang gore re tlaa nna le *quality control laboratory* e e tlaa lebelelang dilo tse, *analyzing, and then regulate*, e tlhatlhoba dilo tse gore a ke boammaaruri di ntse jalo. Kgang e ke e ratile thata, *it conducts researches*, go batlisisa gore a ke boammaaruri go ntse jalo. Ke gore o se ka wa tla ka *information* o bo o e tsaya kwa o bo o tla o e pharega mo bathong o re ke yone. Le wena o sena bosupi ka yone. Jaanong fa go dirilwe dipatlisiso ke lephata le le mo gae, batho ba tlaa nna le tshepho.

Le fa e le gompieno jaana, go na le pilisi e nngwe e ke sa e rateng jaana. Ke etle ke tlhoke kwa ke ka batlisisang teng gore a ke boammaaruri. Batho ba re e ja motho moko, ba bangwe ba ba itseng ba re pilisi e fa o e fiwa, e diphatsa, e ya go go ja moko. Jaanong fa ke akanya go nwa pilisi e e *easy to replace*, jaanong moko wa me fa o ka jewa, ke tlaa o emisetsa ka eng? O tlaa fitlhela ke na le pitlagano le fa ke filwe pilisi ya teng ka gore ke bona gore go botoka ke tshabe go nwa pilisi ka gore ga ke na tumelo ya gore se se buiwang ka yone ke boammaaruri kana ga se boammaaruri. Fa go ne go na le *lab, I could have taken that pill to the lab* ke re a ko o ntlhatlhoobe pilisi e monna ke utlwe gore a ke boammaaruri e ja motho moko.

Ke rata thata gore gatwe motho ga re ka ke ra mmona a setse a rekisa a *product* e e leng gore ga e a kwadisiwa. Ga e ka ke ya laolwa ka gore ga e a kwadisiwa. Ga re ka ke ra bona motho a tsamaya a tsere melemo ka

malekana, ka diemeranyana a ntse a re o a rekisa. Jaanong ke rata thata gone foo gore nnyaa go tlaa thusa Batswana gore sepe se se tlaabong se rekisiwa, e bo e le se e leng gore BoMRA e se letleletse. Ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, go raya gore le fa e le gore ke bone mo *Clause* ya teng e supa gore *to be published in the gazette*. Jaanong ke tshwenngwa ke gore ka gore bone ga ba itse *the regulations*, bontsi jwa bone ga ba itse go bala, ba tlaa bala jang?

Jaanong ga re gongwe re le lephata re nne le tsela ya gore dingaka tse tsa rona tsa Setswana re dinonotsha jang gore le tsone di kgone go ipalela, di kgone go tlhaloganya se se tlaabong se kwadilwe *on gazettes*. *Clinical trials* kana go tewa e le gore go ya go lekeletswa...

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Elucidation.

**MR KEDIKILWE:** Tse e leng gore fa gongwe fa go lekeletswa ka wena go nna le ditlamorago. Mma ke mo fe *elucidation*, o pelo e bothoko le go bua, gongwe o rotlhetsa sengwenyana.

**MR BARONGWANG:** ...*(Laughter!)*... Mo go e o neng o e bua ya go nonotsha dingaka tsa Setswana, ke yone e ke neng ke batla go go okeletsa mo go yone, e bile gongwe ke batla go tsena ka yone gore, molawana o o kwadilweng wa Section 45 o siame, mme ga o a tlaelela, ka ga o supe gone gore re ya go ba thusa jang, *especially* mo *industry* e e leng gore *they are going to be competing against the multinational pharmaceutical industries*. Gongwe fa go ne go na le *Clause*-nyana e e buang ka gore gongwe go nne le *levy* kana *tax* e e ka yang kwa *these traditional medicines to support them* kana go ba direla sepe se se ka ba fang itshidiso, kana se ka emelana le *this multi well established pharmaceutical industries*. Ke a leboga.

**MR KEDIKILWE:** Gongwe eo fa ba setse ba dira *regulations*, ke tsaya gore ba tshwanetse *to include it* kwa *regulations* gore e tle e supagale jalo. Ke ne ke re fa gotwe *clinical trials* go tewa tse e leng gore fa gongwe go nna le ditlamorago fa melemo e sena go lekeletswa. Jaanong ke dumela gore go tle go supagale ka botlalo gore fa di diragala jalo, fa go nna le ditlamorago, ene yo di mo tletseng ditlamorago tseo, *how are they going to be compensated*, ka selekanyo se se kae fa re setse re tsenela kwa *regulations*. Kgang e ya gore go bo go tsentswe le *cosmetics*, ditlolo, mo teng, gantsi o tlaa fitlhela batho ba bangwe o sa itse gore a motho yo o mosweu ka fa a tsetsweng ka teng kana ke gore o tlola ditlolo dingwe. Ditlolo tse ba bangwe ba lemogile gore go tswa fa di dira *damage* mo letlalong e e *permanent*,

e kwa bofelong fa a setse a ntse a tsofala o nna le diphisetso tse dintsho jaana tse di ganang *to get removed*. Ka gore ene o tsaya *information* jaaka ke ne ke bua ya kwa di tswang teng, ga gona gore rona re ka iphemela jang gore a ke boammaaruri dilo tse di ntse jalo. Kgang ya *licensing* le yone e botlhokwa thata gore ope a se ka ra mmona a rekisa dilo tse, *without a licence*. Ka tsela e ntseng jalo go supa gore fa molao o o ka salwa morago re tlaa fokotsa melemo e re tlholang re e bona mo seterateg batho ba e tsere ka malekanenyana le dimmankinyana. Go na le o mongwe o o teng gompieno kana gatwe *something four*, gatwe ke *number one*, fa ke re ke a o nwa, ba bangwe ba re o bolaya sebete, ga o ka ke wa itse boammaaruri jwa teng. Jaanong o ka se ke wa itse gore ke dilo tse gotweng mang tseo. Jaanong fa go ka diragala jalo batlotlegi ke dumela gore le ya rona ya Setswana, kana ya Setswana jaaka o ne o utlwa re bua, maloba re ne re le kwa China, re isitswe kwa China Medical School, re fitlhetse e le gore re ile kwa *garden* ya bone, kwa ba lemang *herbs* tsa bone teng. Ditlhare tse dingwe ke ntse ke di bona mo nageng ke sa itse gore ke melemo. Ke tswa go di bona kwa China maloba gore, ga re mo go teng le kwa tshimomg ya me. Mme ba le teng ba a di ntsifatsa, ba a di lema. Jaanong go raya gore re itlhokomolositse kitso e Modimo a re e neetseng. Modimo ga o lefufa, le rona o re neetse tsa rona mo nageng ya rona, ke gore fela ke rona re sa itseng gore re tshwere eng, ga re a tshwara eng, ka gore ga re ise re nne le nako ya go dira dipatlisiso.

Motho yo mongwe o ne a bua ka gore ngaka ya Setswana e itse go alafa noka. Go ne go na le monnamogolo o mongwe jaana, o sule jaaka o utlwa gotwe kitso ya batho ba e a tsamaya, ene ga o tle kwa go ene ka molwetse, ke gore fa Lucas a lomilwe ke noga, ga go tlhokafale gore ke tsamae ka Lucas, ke tsamaya ke ya to *report*...

**MR LUCAS:** Ke eng o tlhopha nna ka noga?

**MR KEDIKILWE:** Le fa e le Furniture...

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

**MR KEDIKILWE:** Fa ke tsena kwa, sa me *I just report* fela, a bo a dira se a se dirang mo go nna, fa a se dira se se diragalang mo go nna se diragalela Furniture kana o kwa Mmadinare kana o kae, re ntse re le gone mo Gaborone se a diragala. Jaanong ke kitso e e leng gore ke ya Setswana, o sule ka yone ka gore le bone o fitlhela ba e ngamela. Ke gone gore fa gongwe fa a go bolelela o ya go e dirisa ka tsela nngwe, jaanong ke sone se o bonang ba a swa ka yone.

Maloba e kile ya re *last year*, mme yo mongwe o ne a le teng gone fa a rekisa kofi ya motlopi. O a bona gore ke kitso, o ne a tswa kwa *side* ya Kgalagadi. Ke *herb* ya rona ya Setswana, mme fa a ne a go e bolelela gore e ka thusa mmele wa motho jang, o a bona gore golo mo go ka thusa mmele wa motho, *but* ka gore ga gona patlisiso, batlotlegi ba ne ba e feta fela gone fale ka ga ba itse kofi ya motlopi ba re mo ke dilo mang. Ke ne ka e reka ka ke itse gore kofi ya motlopi e dirwa jang, e ntse jang, fa o tshetse mashi a dipodi e monate go le kae. Ka a le kalo ke dumalana le *Bill* e, 100 *per cent*, ka gore tota ke sale ke dumalana nayo go tswa kwa komiting ya me.

...Silence...

**MADAM SPEAKER:** *Hang on Members*, re santse re bua sengwe le Parliamentary Counsel.

...Silence...

**MADAM SPEAKER:** I wish to invoke Standing Order 56.1 *gore re emise* the debate and call upon the Minister to respond.

**ASSISTANT MINISTER OF HEALTH (MR OOKEDITSE):** *Thank you Madam Speaker*. Gongwe e re jaaka ke *respond* ke *notice* gore tsala ya me Jeremiah Jerry Frenzel o buile go tswa China. Mme kwa kerekeng ya rona rraetsho ntse ba re o kobilwe, ga re a go koba. O santse o le Mopalamente wa rona.

Ke tle ke lemoge jalo dikakgelo tsa lona batlotlegi. Ke bo ke supa gore re itumelela thata ka fa le neng le ntsha dikakgololo. Ke leboge segolobogolo botlhe ba *team* ya *Ministry of Health*, ba ba tswang kwa BOMRA, Tona Modise, *the whole team for a very good job*, ka gore go bo e le gore *this Bill* e pasa jaana le lemoga botswerere jo bo diragetseng, ga se jwa me yo ke emeng fa, ke jwa *team* e *as a whole for the job that they have done*. Ke tle ke supe jalo gore, kakgelo e tona, e lotlhe e keteng le na le yone, ke e le buang ka go lemoga le go dirisa bongaka le melemo le boitseanape jwa Setswana. Jaaka *Bill* e supa ke dilo tse re di tsayang tsia. E bile re supa jalo gore *we are turning the page*, re batla go bona e le gore boitseanape jo bo tsewa tsia fela thata. Ke ne ke batla go le rotloetsa le le batlotlegi gore, le bo le bona re dirile molao jaana go raya gore jaanong re dirile gone mo le neng le go tlhoka gore le ka kgona go rotloetsa le lona kwa le leng teng gore dikitso le boitseanape jo bo ka kgona gore bo ka tswela mo mpaananeng jwa dirisiwa. E se ka ya nna gore re tlaa emela ba Lephata la Botsogo gore jaanong e nne bone ba yang go epa digwere tseo

ba bo ba dira tse di tshwanetseng. Le le Mapalamente a segompieno re tshwanetse gore le rona re e tle re ntse re lebeleba. Fa o le mo kgaolong e o itseng gore go na le dikitso dingwe tse e kareng ga di lemogiwe, ka bo wena le ba ba nang le dikitso tsa teng le makalana a a farologaneng, o nne o leke go kokota teng gore dikitso tse di kwa kgaolong ya gago di tle di kgone go bonala le go ka lemogiwa. Re le ba botsogo e tlaa re fa o tlhokang thuso teng o bo o ka tla kwa go rona. Se ke le kang go se rotloetsa ke gore, bagolo bo Tona, re direng gore ka dinako tsotlhe re leke go thusana. Mme fa re ka thusana jalo re ka bona Setswana sa rona se ntseng le se bua se dirisiwa sentle.

Go na le e le buang thata ka go utswiwa ga dimela tse re nang le tsone, batho ba tla ba epa tse ba di epang ba tsamaya. Tse dingwe jaaka le ne le supa e le gore di tlaabo di tsewa le ka medi. Ke ne ke batla gore re nne re ntse re lemotsane gape, ka gore go na le molao o le o pasisitseng ke sa itse gore ke Palamente e, kana ke tse di fetileng, o gotweng ke Plants Protection Act ya Botswana. Under the Plant Protection Act, fa motho a tla a tswa kwa a tswang teng, molao oo *regulates export le import ya all these plants*.

Re tshwanetse re lemotshe le bone ba kwa re tswang teng gore, go na le molao *which regulates* ka fa motho o ka tswang lefatsheng le sele a tlaa epa tse di leng teng mo Botswana, a ba a di isa kwa a di isang teng. *So, let us use the different pieces of legislation tse di leng teng, to protect tse re nang le tsone.*

Jaanong Dr Gobotswang o ne a supa jalo kana o ne a bua thata ka *exemptions*, gore *they facilitate* gore fa gongwe re nne le *fake drugs* di tsena mo lefatsheng, seo ke nnete. Se ke utlwileng se tlhabela mo Mapalamenteng ke go akgola ba BoMRA, gore le ntswa ditsompelo di sa lekana *they are able to pick these things*. Le yone ya mathata a melemo a TB le a mangwe, *usually fa the authority* e kgona go lemoga gore go na le sengwe se se *wrong*, ke a itse gore e tlaabo e tshosa setšhaba kana le tshoga, mme ke etla ke dumela gore fa re kgona go itemogela dilo tse, bagolwane ba tshwanetse ba simolole go itumelela gore go raya gore re sireletsegile, ka gore bone ba e leng gore ba filwe tiro ya go dira jalo *they are actually able to pick* gore go na le melemo e e *fake*, jaaka le ne le utlwa o supa jalo gore melemo e mengwe e mo *warehouses*, mme go supagala e le gore ga se e e ntseng sentle. Fela gore *they are able to pick it should be something* se re le Mapalamente *we appreciate, because it says we at least have a system that works* e e kgonang go ka lemoga tse dingwe tse.

Le supile ka bongwefela jwa pelo gore, lekgotla la BoMRA le tshwanetse gore le nonotshiwe *in terms of* bodiredi le *infrastructure* jaaka Rre kedikilwe a ne a bua. Se jaanong se nthaya se re, e tlaa re fa re tla go kopa madi mo ngwageng ya madi e e tlang e re batla go diragatsa jaana le bo le ema ka bongwefela jwa pelo jaaka le dirile gompiano, le bo le re *support* gore re kgone go bona *the necessary resources* gore re kgone go dira bontle jo le ntseng le fa *approval* gore bo tshwanetse bo diragale.

Le buile thata ka tse di farologaneng tsa Setswana, ke a dumalana. Le nna kana fa gongwe fa le nteba le kgona go nkala le nnyatsa, le tsaya gore ke le *cat* fela la Gaborone, nnyaa. Mme le ene ke mongwe wa batho ba ba itseng thata dilo tse tsa Setswana tse. Fa o ka etla o ntse..., o kae Furniture, o ntseela *chances* o itse gore ke *protected*...(Laughter!)

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

**MR OOKEDITSE:** ...(Laughter!)... Nnyaa le se ka la rumola Majaga. Fela ke raya gore ke dilo tse di bothokwa thata. Le ntswa di le bothokwa jaana, e bile ke supa gore le mme ke dilo tse a di itseng thata. Ke batla gore ke rotloetse gore bagolwane ba lemoge gore dilo tse fa gongwe ga se gore di a kganelwa, go bothokwa gore fa go buiwa ka *testing* ya tse re nang le tsone re se ka ra e bona e kete *it is a witch-hunt against* dikitso tsa setso. Mmele wa motho o tshwanetse gore o tsene dilo tse di tlhatlhobilweng, ka gore go kgona go bo e le gore se o se neelwang se o bo o se nwa, se na le mo Makgoa ba reng ke *active pharmaceutical ingredient*, gone golo mo go fodisang mole, gakere. Fa o go nwa jalo go na le mo go fodisang, e bo go nna le tse dingwe tse di tsenang mo mmeleng wa gago, mme di sa tshwanela go ka tsena mo mmeleng. Ke sone se go tshwanetseng gore molemo kwa o tswang teng go tlhotlihiwe, go bo go ntshiwa tsina kana ke eng, e e nang le kalafi. Fa gongwe ga se kgang ya gore ga go batliwe gore go ka dirisiwa tsa Setswana, ke kgang ya gore re tlhotlhe re bo re dira re tsaya mo go siametseng motho, mo go sa siamang re go latlhele kwa. Re tshwanetse re tlhologanye bomosola jwa gore re ka dira ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. Le supile jalo ka bo thobega gore e se ka ya ba ya latlhega, ya tsewa ke ba ba tswang kwa ba tswang teng. Ke rotloetsa thata gore re direng gore re ikatumetse ba ba itseng dikitso tse, le lona le ba atumetse ba kgone gore ba ka thusiwa fa ba thusiawang teng.

Go na le kgang e gotweng ke ya HIV/AIDS, and fa le e bua go neelwa sekai sa kwa Palapye, ga re e gane. Ntlhakgolo ke gore, re tshwanetse gore re se ka ra

tloga gongwe ra bonala e kete ra re go na le molemo kwa Palapye, go bo go raya gore batho jaanong ga ba ipabalele ba re kana gatwe molemo o teng kwa Palapye, mme ka nako eo go ise go nne le *proper qualification* ya molemo oo. Ga go tewe gore fa o bonwe mo Botswana ke motho yo montsho e le Motswana, ga o ka ke wa bereka kana ga o a tshwanela gore o ka dirisiwa. Go tewa gore re le Ntlokgolo e e nang le *a lot of influence* mo setšhabeng, re bope mafoko a teng sentle ba bangwe ba se ka ba tsoga ba nna mo diphatseng ba dumela gore molemo o teng. Kgakololo e utlwetse ya gore, ba ba ka tswang ba na le boitseanape, re ba ikatumetse re tle re bone gore a re ka se ke re thusege. Tota fela nako e tšhaile ya gore re bo re ka lebelela jalo gore tse re ka kgonang go di itirela, re di itirele.

Ke le supegetse bagolwane gore ee, ke dumalana le lona fa le bua ka gore *a lot of these pharmaceutical products* re di itirele mo gae. Re ne re le kwa lefatsheng la Algeria, ba supa jalo gore ba itirela 82 per cent ya melemo yotlhe e ba e dirisang mo lefatsheng. Ke lefatshe le le tsereng boipuso mo dinakong tse di tshwanang le tsa rona, *and* ba simolotse *programme* ya bone *in the 2000s, they are now at 82 per cent* ya *production* e re senang yone. Mo go rayang gore *with the right policies and pieces of legislation* jaaka e, *it is possible to achieve these things*, mme go se motlhofo ka gore *the pharmaceutical industry* e turu *in terms of research and development* go goroga *to the product*. Fa lona mo Ntlong e le na le keletso jaaka le supile ya *to invest* mo *research and development, it must also show in terms of the way in which you appropriate budgets* fa le setse le neela madi, gore le batla gore go nne le gore melemo e e ka tlhotlhiwa ya ba ya dirwa mo lefatsheng la rona la Botswana.

Ke itumelele gore mo letsatsing la gompiano Caterpillar Hikuama, o supile fa a itumeletse sengwe. Fa ke sale ke tla mo Palamenteng, ga ke ise ke mo utlwe a kile a itumelela sepe fela, mme gompiano o itumeletse sengwe. *It is a very good day*. Ke lemogile gore le Lucas o utlwile, tsala ya me e tona gore...

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

**MR OOKEDITSE:** Nnyaa, gakere Motsamai o ne a bua gore o na le go mo utlwisa botlhoko thata. Ke dumela gore o utlwile, o se ka wa mo utlwisa botlhoko ka gore o tlaa mo tsenya *high blood pressure* le tse dingwe, re ntse re tlhoka melemo jaana. A ko o mo tseye sentle, a se ka a nna a ntse a utlwa botlhoko, ka ke ne ke utlwa selelo sa gagwe.

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

**MR OOKEDITSE:** Ee, o mo fe lerato tsala e ya gago eo. Bagaetsho, ke supe gape gore ke itumeletse ka fa e leng gore *as a House* re supile gore *this Bill* re e tsaya *in a very bipartisan way, and* ba rotlhe *we support it*.

Ke etla ke ntse ke sa tsene mo go lona ka bongwe ka bongwe, ka gore fa ke reetsa dikakgelo tsa lona tota fela *they are following one strand*, di supa jalo gore *you are very supportive*. Jaanong o ne o bua tsala ya me Morolong, ke le Mopalamente yo ke tswang kwa kgaolong e go nang le ba letso la Sesarwa ba le bantsi le *dialects* tsa teng, gore gongwe bone ga ba tsenwe ke COVID-19 kana e ne e sa ba tsene. Ke supe jalo gore, mme dipatlisiso di ne di ise di supe gore go na le morafe o COVID-19 e sa o tseneng. Se ke se ratang ke gore, o ne o supa jalo gore go na le tse re ka di ithutang mo bangweng ka rona, gore go ka tswa go na le dikitso tse di neng di ba thusa gore gongwe mangwe malwetse a se ka a ba tsena go gaisa kana phetelela, jaaka ba bangwe. Seo se sa reye gore go na le *immunity* e e *proven*, e re ka reng e tsamaya ka letso kana mmala. Ntlhakgolo ya gago ke e ratile thata ya gore, re tshwanetse re ye go ithuta gore go na le eng se re ka se ithutang mo go ba bangwe. *It may not necessarily be* melemo, e ka nna gongwe *the social dispensing* e e leng gore *it is inherent in the settlement* le tse dingwe jalojalo, mme fela ke rata gore o tlotlile thata dikitso tse ba nang le tsone.

Le buile thata ka tse di dirisiwang go rethefatsa matlalo le go dira gore batho ba nne bantle le gore di ka tlhodumelwa jalojalo. Ke kope gore le ye go isa molaetsa kwa dikgaolong tsa lona, le itsise bagarona gore fa re ntse re tlhotlha, re tlhatlhoba dilo tse jaana, le wena *Honourable* Bagaisamang ka dikupu tse di nang le dilo tse dintle thata, tse gotweng gatwe di kgona go fedisa gore motho a beye lebogo fela, le dire gore le ye go buisana le bone. Ba itse gore fa re di tlhotlha re tla go tlhodumela, ga se kgang ya go leka go ba kganela, ke go bona gore a mme dilo tse di ba siametse, di bo di siamela ba bangwe, mme e bile ga di sa siamela ba bangwe, ba ka kgona gore ba ka tsenya letseno kana ledi le le botoka, go lebeletswe gore ke dilo tse di supilweng fa di bereka ka tsela e e siameng.

Ke utlwile ntlhakgolo ya tsala ya me *Honourable* Barongwang. Le fa a sa kgona go bona sebaka sa go bua, mme legale o kgonne go itshukunyetsa. *Honourable* Onalepelo Kedikilwe o na le pelo, o kgonne go go neela sebaka sa gore o itshukunyetsa. Ke bo ke supa gore ke mogopolo o montle wa gore gongwe re simolole go dira

gore, ka gore dilo tse di turu, re tsenye lekgethonyana mo go tse di tswang kwa ntle, gore re tle re dirise gore re tlhabolole tse re nang le tsona, kana dikitso tsa Setswana. *I think it is a very good idea to look into and go tlaare re ye go lebelela gore mme go ka raya eng on our industries as a whole* jalojalo.

Ke bo ke tswelela bagaetsho, ke supe gore ke itumeletse *Honourable* Aaron ka fa a buileng ka teng, mme ntlhakgolo e ke e tsereng mo go ene ke gore o supa gore go santse go na le kwa Bechuanaland le Botswana, mme ke ntlhakgolo e re e utlwang, e ke dumelang gore o tlaa dumalana le nna gore tse re lekang go di dira fa, ke go rurifatsa gore re dira botoka. Fa e le gore go na le *preponderance* jaaka a ne a supa ya bolwetse jwa *leprosy*, re tlaa e lebaganya le ba ba maleba, *it does not necessarily have to be under this Bill*, gore go tlhodumelwe gore a mme sengwe le sengwe se ntse sentle kwa dikgaolong tsa rona jaaka a ne a ntse a di supa.

Ke bo ke itumelele dikakgelo tsa ga *Honourable* Mathoothe *in terms of* go gakologelwa African Heritage jalojalo, go ka rekisa boitseanape jwa rona. O ne o supa thata ka *research* ya kwa BUAN, e e ka thusang *in different ways*.

Bagaetsho, dilo tse tsotlhe tse, ke wela ke re, ke kopa gore lona *Honourable* Bogatsu, o ne o bala malwetse a Setswana ka go farologana le ka fa bannabagolo le basadibagolo ba neng ba a alafa ka teng. A re direng gore dikitso tse re di iseng kwa pele ka go dira gore re se ka ra emela ba Lephata la Botsogo, ka gore bone jaaka le itse, fa gongwe o fitlhela matsogo a bone a tletse ka gore go na le *a lot of crisis every day*. Jaanong *I implore you as Members of Parliament (MPs) to go back to your constituencies and identify these things and when you have identified them*, e bo e le gore le ka di tlisa, *not only* kwa *Health*. Rre Tshere ga ke itse gore a o setse a tile kana o santse a tlaa tla ka *Bills* tse e leng gore o bua ka *research and development* mo lefatsheng la Botswana. Ga se gore ene o khenekeha *computers* fela, e tlaa nna motho yo o tlaa dirang go le gontsinyana, mme ke batla gore ke se ka ka mo sukunyetsa, ke mo ngathele a tle a le riane mo nakonyaneng e e setseng. Ke a leboga.

**MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INNOVATION (MR TSHERE):** *Elucidation*. Tanki *Honourable* Ookeditse o le Mothusa Tona wa Botsogo. Kgang e o e buang e botlhokwatlhokwa ya *indigenous knowledge*, mo e leng gore re *develop* Indigenous Knowledge Policy kwa *Ministry* wa *Communications*

*and Innovation*, e e tlaa tlang gone mo Ntlong e, re tle re e dumalane gore re ya go dira jang ka *our own indigenous knowledge*, jaaka ke ntse ke utlwa letsatsi leno go buiwa ka bo thobega, kgengwe, bo eng, melemo e yotlhe ya Setswana. *So, we are going to develop a policy* gore jaanong re bo re kgona *to promote research* mo go yone. Ke one mafoko a o neng o a bua, *but* ke ne ke batla *to assure* Palamente gore *the Indigenous Policy is coming*. Thank you.

**MR OOKEDITSE:** *Thank you so much*. Ke itumela thata *and* ke dumela gore jaanong re gatsetse pele fa re dira jalo. *Madam Speaker*, mma ke wele fela ka go go leboga. Ke le leboga ba lotlhe, ke bo ke leboga ba ba ntseng *in the Gallery*, Dr Dijeng *and his team* for a very good job *in terms of preparing this Bill*, le botlhe ba ba *involved*, le lona *as stakeholders* jalojalo. *Thank you so much*.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Go tlaela bangwe bagaetsho. Kana fa re tlaabong re tsena teng jaanong ga go batle...

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

Question put and agreed to.

Committee Stage-Later Date.

ASSEMBLY IN COMMITTEE

(CHAIRPERSON in the Chair)

CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) BILL,  
2025 (NO. 14 OF 2025)

**MADAM CHAIRPERSON (MS MANYENENG):** Order! Order! Honourable Members, please note that the Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (No. 14 of 2025) has 20 Clauses. Some amendments have been noticed, I shall therefore call the Clauses consecutively.

Clause 1 agreed to.

**MADAM CHAIRPERSON:** There is a proposed amendment at Clause 2 by Honourable Kapinga. You are given 5 minutes.

Clause 2

**MR KAPINGA (OKAVANGO WEST):** Thank you Madam Chairperson. I am going to save you time, I wish to withdraw this amendment and all the amendments that I had proposed. All the five proposed amendments that I have made, I am withdrawing them Madam Chairperson.

**MADAM CHAIRPERSON:** But Honourable Kapinga, it means *fa ke ntse ke di bitsa*, that is when you will be withdrawing, one by one.

**MR KAPINGA:** No problem.

Amendment **withdrawn**.

Clause 2 **agreed to**.

**MADAM CHAIRPERSON:** There a proposed amendment at Clause 3.

### Clause 3

**MR KAPINGA (OKAVANGO WEST):** Thank you Madam Chairperson. As indicated, this proposed amendment is withdrawn.

Amendment **withdrawn**.

Clause 3 **agreed to**.

Clauses 4 - 5 **agreed to**.

**MADAM CHAIRPERSON:** There is a proposed amendment at Clause 6.

### Clause 6

**MR KAPINGA (OKAVANGO WEST):** Thank you Madam Chairperson. The proposed amendment to Clause 6 is hereby withdrawn.

Amendment **withdrawn**.

**MADAM CHAIRPERSON:** There is a proposed amendment at Clause 6. I shall call upon the Minister to move the amendment.

**ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT (MS MOPHUTING):** Ke a leboga Modulasetilo. Mma ke tseye sebaka se go le dumedisa batlotlegi le tsala ya me e tona e ke e ratang *Honourable* Furniture. Hei, kana Modulasetilo ke a oka fa ke leng teng, go lebege *Honourable* Wena Beula Dikoloti a thubile dipelo tse dintsi...

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

**MS MOPHUTING:** Le mo itshwareleng batho, ke tsala ya me, ke a oka. Ke ne ke feta ka yone mme ke gakolola le borre koo gore le se ka le diega batlotlegi, bonya.

*Madam Chairperson, the Bill is amended at Clause 6 appearing at Page B.466 by substituting at 94C, for the word "Chief Justic", which was misspelt. It is now the word "Chief Justice."*

Amendment **agreed to**.

Clause 6 as amended **agreed to**.

**MADAM CHAIRPERSON:** Order! Honourable Members. There is a proposed amendment at Clause 7. Honourable Minister, please move your amendment.

### Clause 7

**ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT (MS MOPHUTING):** Madam Chairperson, the Bill is amended at Clause 7 appearing on Page B.466 by inserting a new paragraph immediately after paragraph (a) –

“(ab) by substituting for subsection (2) the following new subsection –

“(2) The Judges of the High Court shall be such number of judges of the Court as may be prescribed by Parliament: Provided that the office of the Judge of the High Court shall not be abolished while there is a substantive holder thereof”.

**MADAM CHAIRPERSON:** The floor is open.

...Silence...

**MADAM CHAIRPERSON:** Honourable Members, since you do not wish to debate, I will put the question.

Amendment **agreed to**.

**MR KAPINGA (OKAVANGO WEST):** Thank you Madam Chairperson. This proposed amendment is withdrawn.

Amendment **withdrawn**.

Clause 7 as amended **agreed to**.

Clauses 8 - 10 **agreed to**.

**MADAM CHAIRPERSON:** Order! Honourable Members. There is a proposed amendment at Clause 11. Honourable Minister.

### Clause 11

**ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT (MS MOPHUTING):** *Ke a leboga* Madam Chairperson. The Bill is amended at Clause 11 appearing at Page B.468 as follows – (a) at Clause 102B(3)(h), by substituting for the word “making,” the word “make;” (b) in Clause 102B(3);

- (i) by adding immediately after paragraph (d), the following new paragraph – “(e) have power to issue directions, orders or writs, whichever may be appropriate in any matter involving the enforcement or securing the enforcement of fundamental rights as contained in Sections 3 to 16 of this Constitution or in any other law.
- (ii) by renumbering the succeeding paragraphs (e) to (i) accordingly;
- (iii) by adding immediately after paragraph (i), the following new paragraphs – “(k) have power to issue any writ as may be necessary or appropriate in the exercise of its jurisdiction. (l) have power to supervise all lower courts.”

(c) in Clause 102B, by substituting for sub-section (4), the following new sub-section – 3 “(4) An Act of Parliament may prescribe for the exercise of jurisdiction by the Constitutional Court...

**MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR RAMOGAPI):** *Procedure.*

Hikuama ke yo o a bo a se mo setilong sa gagwe, a ko o mmuse, ga go letlelelwe. O re file ditilo *Madam Chairperson, Honourable* Hikuama ga a tshwanela go nna fa. A ko o ye kwa setilong sa gago. Molao ga o letle *as per* Standing Order.

**MADAM CHAIRPERSON:** *Honourable* Hikuama, gatwe le ile kwa ga batho, a ko le boele kwa malwapeng a lona.

**MR HIKUAMA:** *Procedure. Madam Chairperson,* kana jaaka ke le *Whip* go a letlelesega gore ke tsamaye ke *caucus* le Mapalamente go ntse go tswetsetse, *as long as I do not disturb* re bua. Go na le *Clauses* tse re di sutisang, *so we have to talk*, re bo re bua gore ra reng. *That is how I should do it.*

**MADAM CHAIRPERSON:** Ee, mme go batla o dira re sa go utlwe ka kwano, o se ka wa re itaya tsebe, ke bo ke utlwa hee! Ga o itse go seba wena kana.

**MS MOPHUTING:** *Ke a leboga* Madam Chairperson. *Mma ke e boelele gape;* “(4) An Act of Parliament may prescribe for the exercise of jurisdiction by the Constitutional Court and without prejudice to the powers conferred on the Constitutional Court by sub-section (3)(k), Parliament may through that Act empower the Constitutional Court to review, revise, reverse, modify or affirm by a writ of certiorari as the law or the rules of court may provide, judgments and orders of lower courts in –

(a) which the constitutionality or validity of any matter is in question;

(b) all matters involving the legality of any award or penalty imposed in relation to that matter;

(c) all matters in which the jurisdiction of any lower court is in issue; or

(d) all matters in which only an error or question of law is involved.”

The Bill is further amended at Clause 11 appearing on Page B.469 by substituting at 102 (c) for sub-section 2 the following new sub-section; (2) A person shall not be qualified to be appointed as a Judge of the court unless;

(a) He or she holds or has held office as a Judge of the High Court of the Court of Appeal (CoA) in Botswana,

(b) He or she is qualified to practice as an Advocate or any Attorney in such a court in Botswana and has been so qualified for no less than 15 years to practice as an Advocate or Attorney in such a court, or

(c) He or she holds or has held office as a Judge of a court having unlimited jurisdiction in a commonwealth country or in any country outside the commonwealth that may be prescribed by Parliament or a court having jurisdiction and appeals from such a court.

**MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INNOVATION (MR TSHERE):** Ke a leboga *Madam Chairperson.*

E ke a e *support* ka gore ke ya maloba ke botsa Tautona gore o ikutlwa jang fa gotwe ke Batswana fela ba ba ka nngang mo *court*. Jaanong ke itumela thata gore Tona a bo a tlisitse *amendment* e e supang gore re tlaa akaretse le batswakwa go anywa mo botsipeng jwa bone mo dikgannyeng tsa molao. Gammogo le yone ya *certiorari*, e e leng gore *the court will exercise supervisory powers and also have powers* gore e ka tsaya tsheko fela o sa *appeal* e e sekaseka, e bo e kgona *to review* ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. Ke *support* tse tsothle. Ke a leboga.

**MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR RAMOGAPI):** *Madam Chairperson,*

ke ema fa ke supa *support* mo paakanyong e ka gore kgotla ya Botswana fa o ka ela tlhoko fa go buiwa *cases* tsele tsa bo Unity Dow *versus Attorney General*, gore *judgement* ya teng e ile ya tswa e nonne jaana, kgang e tona ke gore go ne go na le *Judges* tse di neng di tswa kwa ntle. Ka jalo go botlhokwa go nonotsha

Baathodi ba rona ba makgotla a ditsheko, bogolo jang yone ya *Constitutional Court* ka *Judges* dingwe tse di tlaabong di tswa kwa ntle tsa bo mmantswitswidi ba molao wa go nna jaana.

Fela jaaka maloba e rile re ntse re bua le rona ra sekaseka ra bona go tseneletse kwa teng, re bona gore golo fa go botlhokwa fela thata, kgang e ya gore *Constitutional Court* e dire *supervisory role* e botlhokwa thata bagaetsho.

Go na le fa gongwe fa o kgonang go bona gore ngwana wa Modimo le fa gotwe o a seka, o tsiediwa fela ka gore ga a na agente, mme a bua ka ditshwanelo tsa gagwe. Ke akanya Mosarwa mongwe yo o neng a tshwanetse go seka, a bo a atlholelwa leso, mme e le gore ga go buiwe ka puo ya ga bone ya Sesarwa. Nako eo a gololwa ke *High Court*, e le gore *Court of Appeal* e mmone molato. Mosarwa yo, o ne a emetswe ke Rre Kgafela le *Advocate* mongwe o ne a tswa kwa South Africa, ke lebetse leina la gagwe.

Ga felela gotwe nnyaa, golo fale ga le a ka la tsamaisa tsheko sentle. Se se supa gore dikgang tsa *Constitutional Court* tsa *supervisory*, di botlhokwa fela thata. Re se ka ra e tsaya lolea fela gore a motho fa a tsamaya, a tsamaye. E tshwana le kgang ya ga Rraetsho Carter Morupisi, yo e kileng ya re fa a le kwa *Court of Appeal*, fa a ikuetse kwa *High Court*, e bo e supa gore motho yo bagaetsho, ga a molato, re a mo golola. Fa go santse gotwe o golotswe, yo o kwa pele yole a re, e bile ra re a a boele ka sepiti mo kgolegelong, rona re mmona molato.

Bagaetsho, dikgang tse di botlhokwa gore go nne le bangwe ba ba bantsi ka ba ka se ke ba lebe ka go tshwana. Ba ka tshwara *nine*, dipalo tsa *Constitutional Court* tse di ka nnang teng. Ba re, nnyaa rona re bona kgang e jaana. Motswana a re, “ditsebe di pedi, ga di reeletse gongwe. Matlho a mabedi, ga a bonele gongwe, mme fa a le mantsi, go tlaa nna botoka.” *I therefore propose* gore *amendment* e, re e dumele.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Elucidation.

**MR RAMOGAPI:** Ke a go e neela mokaulengwe.

**MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INNOVATION (MR TSHERE):** *Point of elucidation. Thank you Honourable Ramogapi.* O nkgakolola kgang e nngwe e e kileng ya diragala kwa *Court of Appeal*, e e amang mongwe mogwebi, go bo gotwe *on the criminal part*, ga a bonwe molato. Go bo gotwe dithoto tsa gagwe tsone di a gapiwa ka gore *they are proceeds of crime*. O

bo o ipotsa gore *which crime now* e e neng e sa dirwa? Motho yoo o felela fela foo. *Court of Appeal* e rialo, go bo go raya gore go felela foo. Fa e le gore go na le *this certiorari principle*, go raya gore ba kgona go e tsaya fela, jaanong ba ba e lebelelang motho a bo a bona thuso e e lebaneng. Ke a leboga.

**MR RAMOGAPI:** Monate wa yone ke gore motho o tlaabo a sa duele ditshenyegelo, a tewa gotwe kgang ele ke ya rona, a e tle kwa go rona. O gakologelwe gore *when appealing*, o duela madi a gotweng ke *appeal*, Motswana a sena madi. Go bo gotwe o duela *deposit tsa appeal*. Go bo gotwe o duela madi a gore fa a ka latlhegelwa ke tsheko. Ke gore dikgang tse e leng gore tota o a bona gore *Constitutional Court* e nne teng, *certiorari* rra e nne teng, di monate fela thata fa re di tshwere jalo. Re di tshwere ka tlhamalalo. Ke a leboga. *I therefore support Madam Chairperson.*

Amendment **agreed to.**

Clause 11 as amended **agreed to.**

**MADAM CHAIRPERSON:** There is a proposed amendment at Clause 12. Honourable Minister to move.

**Clause 12**

**ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT (MS MOPHUTING):** *Ke a leboga Madam Chairperson.* The Bill is amended at Clause 12 appearing at page B.470, as follows – (a) by deleting paragraph (a) from Clause 103(1); and (b) by adding the words “who shall be Chairman” immediately after the words “Chief Justice” appearing at Clause 103(1)(b).

**MADAM CHAIRPERSON:** The question is that the amendment be agreed to. The floor is open.

...Silence...

**MADAM CHAIRPERSON:** In the absence of the debaters.

Amendment **agreed to.**

Clause 12 as amended **agreed to.**

Clauses 13-14 **agreed to.**

**MADAM CHAIRPERSON:** There is a proposed amendment at Clause 15. Honourable Kapinga to move.

**Clause 15**

**MR KAPINGA (OKAVANGO WEST):** Thank you Madam Chairperson. This proposed amendment is also withdrawn.

Amendment **withdrawn**.

Clause 15 **agreed to**.

Clauses 16-20 **agreed to**.

...**Silence**...

**CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2025  
(NO. 14 OF 2025)**

Bill reported from Committee **with amendments**.

Third Reading- **Later Date**.

**MADAM SPEAKER (MS MANYENENG):** We have come to the end of our today's business. We shall now call upon the Acting Leader of the House to move a Motion of adjournment.

**MOTION**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR RAMOGAPI):** *Madam Speaker*, ke sutisa gore batlotlegi ba berekile, ba dirile tiro e tona fela thata, ba sutisitse *Bills* tse pedi, ba ye go ikhutsa, ba berekile fela thata. Ke a leboga.

Question put and **agreed to**.

The Assembly accordingly adjourned at 5:54 p.m. until Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

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