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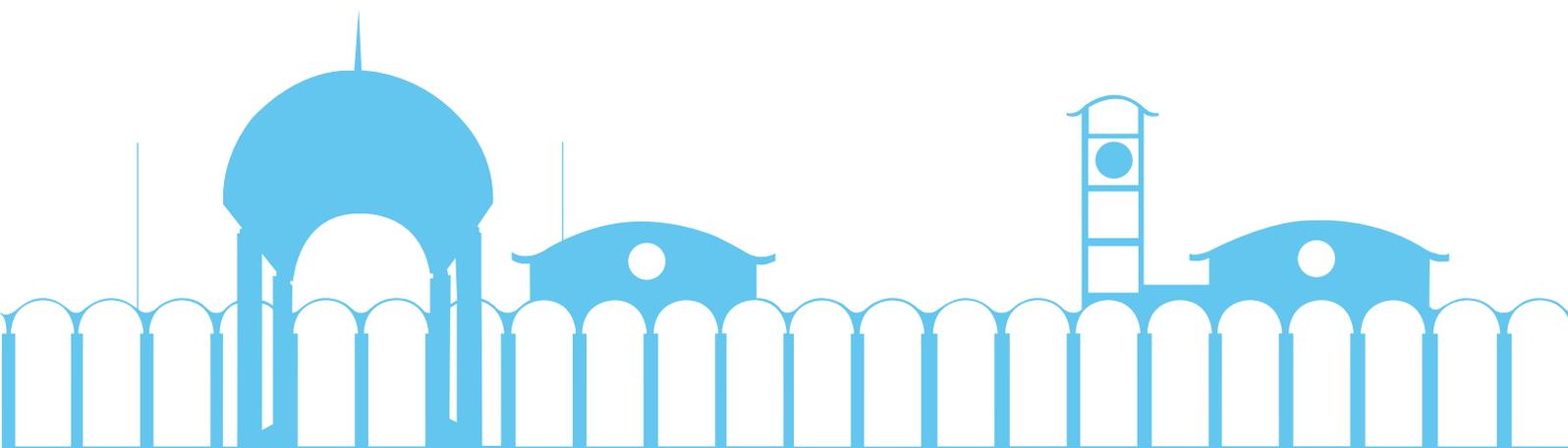
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Friday 5th December, 2025

THE ASSEMBLY met at 9:00 a.m.

(THE SPEAKER in the Chair)

P R A Y E R S

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MADAM SPEAKER (MS MANYENENG): Good morning Honourable Members. Let us start the business of today with Ministers' Question.

MINISTERS' QUESTION TIME

MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE

THEME: UPDATE ON THE STATE OF CORDON FENCES AROUND THE COUNTRY

Asked the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to update this Honourable House on the state of cordon fences around the country and the Government response to the situation.

(Mr T. B. Lucas, MP - Bobirwa)

MR KAPINGA: Good morning Madam Speaker. Honourable Lucas has asked that the question be later dated.

Later Date.

GOVERNMENT TO ABANDON PLANS TO CONSTRUCT A PRESIDENT LODGE IN THE OKAVANGO DELTA

Motion

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Saleshando is not around. *Gakere Motion ga o adimanwe, ga o romeletswe*, so I think what we should do, *re kopa gore* we keep the slots since they are away on official duties. We should not remove them *ka gore ga a yo, e nne e le teng*.

Motion-Deferred.

MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT TENURE

Motion

MADAM SPEAKER: The same thing applies to Honourable Kekgonegile, he is not around, so we should continue keeping their slots. *Gakere* Honourable Members?

Motion-Deferred.

ESTABLISHMENT OF A TASK FORCE TO INVESTIGATE THE EXTENT OF FOREIGN WORK PERMIT ABUSE AND NON-COMPLIANCE WITH CITIZEN SUBCONTRACTING MANDATES IN GOVERNMENT PROJECTS

Motion

MR MOALOSI (NKANGE): Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*. *Minister* ga ke mo mmone, ga ke itse gore a o laetse mongwe gore a mo reeletse.

MADAM SPEAKER: Ke utlwa gore *Honourable Mokgware* o ne a laetse *Honourable Mmolotsi* gore a tseye potso, mme go lebega o ne o kopilwe *to later date*. Ga ke itse gore a o amogotse molaetsa?

MR MOALOSI: Nnyaa, ga ke a amogela molaetsa *Madam Speaker*. Fa o bona ke tla ke kgabile jaana, e ne e le gore ke batla go thuthuntsha. Ke apare sutu yame e ntšha, tota ke gone ke e aparang letsatsi leno, le *hair cut* o a e bona. Ga ba a mpolelela, *what can we do?*

MADAM SPEAKER: *Honourable* Moalosi, a ko o atumele kwano.

...Silence...

MR HIKUAMA: *On a point of procedure*. Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Go ne go na le *Motion* wa ga Rre Moalosi, o ne wa mmitsa le ngunanguna foo, mme ga go a tsena *on record* gore go diragala eng ka one. *Maybe if you can shed light and then be recorded* gore go diragetse eng ka one, re tle re tlhologanye.

MADAM SPEAKER: *Thank you*. I think go nnille le *miscommunication from the Ministers and him*. So, after talking to the Clerks, fa ba bua le ene, ba ithaya ba re o setse a buisantse le *Minister*, only to find that ga go ise go ke go nne jalo. So, he agreed to later date it, and then we agreed to keep the slot so that o nne fa o leng teng for next week Friday. *Thank you*.

Motion-Deferred.

INTRODUCTION OF A LAW SETTING A MANDATORY CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Motion



DR GOBOTSWANG (TSWAPONG SOUTH): *Thank you Madam Speaker. O o bokete, o batla ke ya kwa podium.*

Madam Speaker, ke tsaya gore Tona yo o tshwanetseng o teng, ke bona Honourable Ntlhaile, ke ene yo ke itseng gore o atle a tshwarelele Minister of Finance, unless otherwise. I am ready to proceed Madam Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: Proceed sir. We have not received anything.

DR GOBOTSWANG: Bagaetsho, ke emela fa go rola mogopolo wa gore...

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Ntlhaile, do you have something to say? *O tshubile microphone fela but ga o bue.*

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INNOVATION (MR NTLHAILE): *Procedure.*

Ke ne ke re ke gakolola Mopalamente fela gore I am not acting. Ke ne ke utlwa o re I am acting, ke re I am not.

MADAM SPEAKER: *Nnyaa, I think he was trying to say, Motion o ke wa lephata la lona, you might be there to respond kana eng, ga ke bone gore he was talking like acting, acting. O ne a raya fela gore fa a sa bone the Minister, you are there.*

MR HIKUAMA: On a point of procedure. *Ke a leboga Madam Speaker. Go supafala gore re tshwanetse go tsaya the rightful status sa Minister before he can proceed, gore a mme the Assistant Minister will be standing in for the substantive Minister or not, or for His Honour the Vice President. Fa e le gore ga go a nna jalo, re itse gore ga go na yo o arabang, ke gore go nne clear, go se ka ga nna ketsaetsego.*

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Gobotswang, please go back to your seat, let us talk about this issue *ya gore ba reng.*

...Silence...

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Members, *a re reetsaneng fa, the advice I am getting from Clerk ke gore, kana Motion o was there on Friday and was routed to the right ministry, which is Trade. I think Honourable Gobotswang fa a ne a leba, o ne a tsaya gore go laetswe mongwe, but motho wa trade kana ke Honourable Mathoothe le Honourable Ntsima, jaanong ga go na yo o laetsweng ke the two Ministers.*

DR GOBOTSWANG: *Procedure. Madam Speaker, kutlwisiso ya me e ne e le gore Motion o sa ntlha ke ne ke tsaya gore o lebagane le Honourable Ntsima. Fa ke bua le Honourable Ntsima a bo a re, o o bua ka makgetho, go raya gore ke wa ga His Honour the Vice President. Fa re tsena ke tshwanetse go o rola re itse gore ke wa ga His Honour the Vice President, Honourable Ntlhaile was acting for His Honour the Vice President mo ministry, e seng bo Vice President. Go bo go raya gore o ne a sa ipaakanya, a lebile motsaletsele wa Motions, a bo a tsaya gore gongwe ga o ka ke wa tsena. Ke tsaya gore o ne a utlwisisa gore ke wa bone, ke raya gore Honourable Ntsima o ithlotlhorile Madam Speaker. Ga ke itse gore ya gore ke wa gagwe, o ne wa isiwa kwa go ene go tewa leng? Ke a leboga.*

MADAM SPEAKER: Thank you, let me further consult.

...Silence...

MR PULE: *Procedure. Ke a leboga motlotlegi, ke go dumedise mongwame, ke go tlotlile thata jaaka gale, mme fela ke a tshwenyega Madam Speaker. Tota ga se la ntlha o kgalema gore Palamente e tshwanetse to be attended. Mme fa ke re ke a lebelela, go na le Ministers fela ba ba babedi, le Assistant Ministers ba le seven mo Palamenteng, mme business ya gompiano tota e botlhokwa, ya rona ba re botsang dipotso, re tsenya Motions. Ke ne ke go kopa Madam Speaker gore fa lentswe la gago le ka bo le tswa, le wele mo go bo Ministers. Ministers must prepare for Parliament all the time, gape fa e le gore ga ba a kgona go dira jalo, they should inform your office well on time. Re se ka ya re re tsena e bo e le gore jaanong ga o ba bitse jaaka o ba hesa jaaka o ba bitsa jaana. Ke raya gore ke dilo tse di tlhabisang ditlhong Madam Speaker. Le gompiano ke ipotsa gore Palamente e tswelletseng ka gore re ka bo re ntse re phatlaletse, ka gore go lebega letsatsi la gompiano go sena business. Ke a leboga Madam Speaker.*

MADAM SPEAKER: *Ke ne ke biditse Honourable Tshere as the Leader of the House gore re thusane issue e. We have excuses tsa bo Minister, they went to different issues, they are engaged koo, about four or five. Dilo tsa bone di teng, they reported officially gore ba tlaabo ba seyo. Fa ke biditse the acting Leader of the House ke ne ke batla gore re thusane kgang e ya gore way forward ke eng ka business ya today, including ya ga Rre Gobotswang. Ke kopa gore re mo reetse a e arabe.*

ACTING LEADER OF THE HOUSE (MR TSHERE): *Thank you very much Madam Speaker. Ke boammaaruri go na le ba bangwe ba ba tshwerweng ke ditiro tse di farologanyeng tsa Puso. Mme kana Madam Speaker, thulaganyo ya collective responsibility e tlama gore jaaka re eme fa re le Ministers re reetse, re ka reeletsa le ba ba seyong fa ka gore re bereka mmogo. Ke sone se e leng gore mo go e ya Motion wa social responsibility... kana ga se la ntlha o tla mo Palamenteng, re a o itse. Jaanong se se ka diragalang ke gore, re ka tswela, re teng, re emetse bo Minister, re tlaa ba tseela notes, le fa e le gore ga ba respond today, kana re utlwe le megopolo ya ba ba leng teng fa. I do not think we should stop fela because there is no Minister to answer on a Motion o o beilweng fa tafoleng. Re emetse bo Minister, re tlaa ba tseela notes, re bo re reetsa, and we will respond whenever we are required to respond. I therefore, propose that we proceed. Thank you.*

MADAM SPEAKER: *Le nna according to ka fa ke e tshwarang ka teng, we can continue debating in the House, re bo re itse gore the right Minister o tshwanetse go tla to respond. We should keep the slot, re se ka ra se ntsha, but today re e bue fela jaaka a ka bo a le teng and debate it. Ke ne ke akanya gore ke utlwe Honourable Gobotswang's take on that.*

MR HIKUAMA: *Procedure. Ke a leboga Madam Speaker. Kana the essence of the Minister responding is to give the position of the Government on the matter. It is not just a question of just responding, it is to give the position and the stand of the Government as far as that issue is concerned. Fa debate e tswela re bo re itse gore what is the Government's position on the matter, you cannot just debate an issue o sa itse gore Puso e eme jang ka yone, ya reng, you will be debating o reng? So, question ya go tseela notes, o tseelwa fa e le gore he or she has responded, jaanong ene ga a yo, then a bo a utlwa, re utlwile position ya Puso, ga se maikutlo a gagwe. When the Minister responds, o respond ka position ya Puso, I think that is what I wanted to clarify. Fa e le gore yo mongwe o laetswe, o a itse gore position ya Puso mo go one ke e, then that person can respond on behalf of that Minister, then re bo re tswela ka debate. E seng mo gotweng re tlaabo re atologa fela, re ja dikgang fela, re sa itse gore Puso e eme fa kae on the matter.*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure Madam Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: *Ke batla go araba ya ga Honourable Hikuama gore, this means re ka kopa Rre Gobotswang to later date with the right Minister, then we will keep the slot, if that is the case. Ke raya gore ka fa ke e utlwang ka teng ga le batle e tswela.*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure.

MADAM SPEAKER: Procedure Honourable Acting Leader of the House.

ACTING LEADER OF THE HOUSE (MR TSHERE): *Point of procedure. Madam Speaker, kana ke ne ke bua ka collective responsibility ya ga Goromente. Jaanong fa re le teng fa re emetse Goromente, fa e le gore go na le se re tlaa se buang mo Motion o, re tlaa se bua, gakere rona re a buisana kwano. Jaanong ga se sepe se Honourable Member a ka reng ga go na ope, e bile ga re itse position ya ga Goromente. Then we would be abdicating our responsibility as well as the Ministers present here, because we represent the Government. Jaanong ga go na le fa e le mathata, we can proceed, then fa go tlhoka a position of Government, we will issue the position of Government. That is what I am saying. Thank you very much.*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Further procedure.

MADAM SPEAKER: *Ke tsaya gore re utlwane gore we can continue bagaetsho.*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: *Madam Speaker, mma ke riana...*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: *Iketle pele Carter le rona re tsene.*

MADAM SPEAKER: *Ga ke a go supa, nna fa fatshe. Honourable Mabuse Pule.*

MR PULE: *Point of procedure. Ke ne ke riana motsadi wa me yo ke mo ratang thata, ke eme ka procedure, ga o a nkgwa dikgaba. Ke ne ke solofetse gore mafoko a ke neng ke a bua, ke mafoko a a botlhokwa, a a tshwanetseng gore jaaka o le mmaarona, o nkgwe dikgaba.*

MADAM SPEAKER: *Go raya gore ga ke a a bua jaaka o ne o a batla, mme ke go arabile. Ke go raya ke re, re na le correspondences tse di supang gore Ministers ga ba yo, di teng ke di amogetse. Ke bo ke re ene a eme a tlhalose gore fa jaanong go diragala eng, ke e arabile. Se ke batlang gore ke se bue gompiano, fa e le gore you feel gore ga le batle gore Motion o o tsene...*

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

MADAM SPEAKER: Nnyaa, *issue* ke gore *the suggestion from Leader of the House* a re re e tsenye. Wena *Honourable* Hikuama o ne o buile gore ga go na molato gakere, fa e le gore a rialo, *but* wena wa rialo. Ke bona *Honourable* Kapinga o tshikinya tlhogo, gongwe re mo tseye. Ke ene wa bofelo, ke tlaabo ke e tswala re tswela.

MR KAPINGA: *Procedure.* Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*, le fa o nkgadimotse gore ke nne fa fatshe ke le monna yo o kanakana...

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

MR KAPINGA: ...*ke tsaya gore e ne e le phoso.* What I wanted to say *Madam Speaker* *ke gore*, how we conduct business in this House depends on the practices of the House, deriving from the Standing Orders. *Motion o arabiwa ke* Minister responsible for the portfolio, *fa a seyo*, there must be proof *ya gore o laetse mongwe gore a sale a mo arabela.* It does not depend on whether *Honourable Tshere* feels confident and bold *gore* he is part of the Government, *o ka arabela sengwe le sengwe.* The procedure is that it must be a Minister who has been delegated to do that, on behalf of his colleague who is absent. It is a matter of portfolio responsibility *Madam Speaker.* *Fa e le gore o laetswe ga re na mathata, mme fa e le gore o iphesa fela, ga re ka ke ra dumalana le seemo se se ntseng jalo.*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure *Madam Speaker.*

MADAM SPEAKER: *Honourable Members*, ke kopa gore ke kope *Honourable* Gobotswang, ke batla go utlwa gore ene o akanya jang.

DR GOBOTSWANG: *Madam Speaker, I would opt for a later date, because (i) Motion* o ga o lebege go le *clear* gore a ke wa ga *Honourable* Ntsima, kana ke wa ga *His Honour the Vice President*; eo fela e tsosa mathata.

Sa bobedi, *Motion* o ke wa botlhokwa *Madam Speaker*, ga se o o ka shankodisiwang fela jaaka o utlwa *Honourable* Tshere a batla go dira. Ke batla gore e re o tsena, re bo re utlwa sentle gore *the substantive Minister responsible* o re tsenya mo tseleng. Fa re ka nganga fa a bo a tla kamoso a re tsenya mo tseleng, re lebile *east* a bo a re isa *west*, ke gore re diile nako e bile senyeditse Batswana nako. Ke a leboga.

Motion-Deferred.

MINISTER FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

(DR BUTALE): *Point of procedure.* Ke a go leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke ne ke reeditse *Honourable* Pule fale a bua gore gongwe o kgaleme Matona, ka o kare ga ba tseye tiro ya Palamente ka tlhwaafalo. Re ntse re tla re feta *Motions* le dipotso tsa Batlotlegi Mapalamente ba ba mo tirong, mme ba seyo mo letsatsing la gompieno. Re se ka ra feta kgang e, e lebega o kare Matona fa ba seyo mo Ntlong e, ba a bo ba seyo ba ile go tshameka kana go sena lebaka. O gatelele kgang e o neng o bua gore, *you have information* ya gore Matona a kae, jaaka Tona ya tsa pereko a emetse lefatshe kwa Southern African Customs Union (SACU). Jaanong fa gongwe ba bua ba gasa mafoko jaana gore Matona ga ba yo, ba a tshameka, ga ba tseye tiro ka tlhwaafalo, mme fa go feta Mopalamente re feta fela ka tshisibalo, tumelo le kitso ya gore Mopalamente o kwa China, jaaka Moalosi a goroga a tswa kwa China. Ke a leboga.

MADAM SPEAKER: Ke tsaya gore ke e buile bagaetsho, *unless* le batla gore ke ye go tsaya *correspondences* ke tle go di bala kwano. *I have received correspondences* tse di supang gore *Ministers* ba ile kae ba seyo kwano, di teng di kwa ofising. *So* ke ne ke tsaya gore ke e tlhalositse gore batho ga ba yo, mme ba mo *official duties.*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MADAM SPEAKER: Clarification *Honourable* Monageng.

MR MONAGENG: *Point of clarification.* O a utlwala *Madam Speaker*, mme kana ke etle ke gagamale *because* re le *colleagues* re le mmogo. Ke gore go tshwana le fa re le kwa komponeng ya ga *Honourable* Butale kana kwa Monageng Valuers.

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

MR MONAGENG: Go tshwana fela re le kwa komponeng nngwe fela *Madam Speaker.* *For example, quite a number of Members went to China*, ke eng fa gongwe go sa bolelwe fela gore le se ka la gagamala Monageng, *Honourable* Butale le *Honourable* Mokgwathi ba ile America *for two weeks?* Ke gore re nna re gagametse gore mang o kae, go diragala eng. Ke kopo fela.

MADAM SPEAKER: *Honourable* Monageng, you are out of order. *Ga ke utlwe gore wa reng.* To report...

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

MADAM SPEAKER: Nnyaa, *sit down. Every time fa batho ba tsamaile, it is reported* gore le se ka la gakgamala ditilo di ntse jaana, batlotlegi ga ba yo ba ile kwa le kwa. *Issue ya ga Honourable Pule ga e tshwane le eo, Ministers ga go nke go buiwa jaaka go buiwa ka lona, mme kwa Speakership re amogela correspondences tsa go bua gore batho ba ile kae. Di teng di mo tafoleng ya me, ke na le tsone. That is why ke sa raya Honourable Pule ke re, le nna ga ke itse kwa ba teng. We know, gongwe le gongwe fela fa bo Minister le Mapalamente ba tsamaya, we know* gore ga ba yo ba ile kae. *That is why* ke re, re a bua fela jaaka ke ntse ke bua gore ga ba yo, *they are on official duties*, re na le *correspondences* tsa bone. Ya Mapalamente ga ke itse gore jaanong e tsena fa kae *Honourable* Monageng-Tanki.

MR TSHERE: *Point of procedure. Madam Speaker, ke batla gore dilo tse re di tlhologanye sentle, ka gore according to our Standing Orders, ga go ise go patike gore e re fa Motion o tla mo tafoleng, e bo Minister a le teng foo o a arabela. Ga go patike jalo, jaanong se se diragalang ka Motion o, re ka bopa mogopolo fa, ra bona gore a re a dumalana. Fa re dumalana ee, re kgona to pursue Goromente jalo. Ga o reye gore everytime fa Honourable Hikuama a emelela, e bo Minister a emelana le ene. Minister fa gongwe le ene o batla go reetsa ba bangwe, gore ba ka tswa ba akanya jang. Jaanong fa re beela Motions kwa thoko, we deprive ba bangwe gore ba ka bo ba gakolola mo kgannyeng e. Kana Tona o kgona go dumalana, jaanong ga ke itse gore le Motions tse re ka nna re di fetisa fela e nna o kare go raya gore ga go na bape mo Ntlong, ba ba ka reetsang dilo tseo, ntswa Standing Order se sa re it is compulsory gore fela o emelela fa ka Motion, Tona a bo a le fa a o araba. Nnyaa, ga go a nna jalo.*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure Madam Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: Mma ke fetole ya ga *Honourable Tshere. It is true, because ke ne ke batla Parliamentary Counsel (PC) to quote for me* gore fa kae. Ga go na fa gotweng *Minister o tshwanetse gore a bo a le teng, gore go ka buiwa ka gone. It is a tradition e re tshwanetseng gore re e buisane mo Ntlong, gakere. At the same time fa e re buisana e bo e le gore the mover is not fine, I think ga re a tshwanela go mo pateletsa le rona, a re dumalane gore o rile later date.*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure Madam Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: I have ruled. *Le ya kae ne?*

COMMISSION OF ENQUIRY ON COMMUNITY BASED ORGANISATIONS OR TRUSTS

Motion

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure Madam Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: Order! Order! Honourable Members. Can we please have Honourable Mapulanga to motivate his Motion.

MR MAPULANGA (CHOBE): Ke leboga *Madam Speaker. Pele ke tsena, ke wele mo mafokong a ntseng re tswa mo go wena. The Minister is not in* ga ke mmone, mme kana jaanong fa re tsaya *stand se, re ya go palelwa ke gore re ka tswelela ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Kamoso re tlaabo kwano re debate jaaka gongwe Honourable Hikuama a ne a tlhalosa. Re tsamaya re hopoletsa, re sa itse gore kwa bowelong jwa se re neng re se bua, a re ya go dumalana kana go ya to change stand sa Puso. Ka gore ke ne ke dumela gore position e e neng a e present, Honourable Hikuama was making a lot of sense* gore jaanong fa e le gore re ya *to debate Motion, yo o tshwanetseng to respond a seyo jaaka ke bona Honourable Wynter Mmolotsi a seyo a bo gotwe ke present, mme fa re sena go welelana kana re ganana kana re dumalana, ene a bo a feta a change position ka gore o a o amogela kana ga a o amogele. Re ya go simolola go o debate gape re reverse kana jang? I seek your indulgence before I can continue* gore *is the Minister at large going to be responding to my position after presentation?* Ke kope jalo *Madam Speaker.*

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Tshere, do you know anything about the responsible Minister?

MR TSHERE: *Thank you Madam Speaker. No, I do not, I think last time e ne e le gore o kwa Kasane, go na le workshop ya batho ba ba buang ka ditlou le go reka ditlou. So, he has been held up. Thank you.*

MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION (MR MAELE): Procedure. Nnyaa, ke ntse ke utlwa ka fa go ntseng go buiwa ka teng *Madam Speaker. Ke ne ke batla go bua with respect to this Motion so that ga re diye nako e ntsi thata. To be honest Madam Speaker, even yesterday when I was looking at this Motion, kana*

this Motion is not talking about a particular Trust or a particular Community Based Organisation (CBO), it is too general. A Motion cannot be brought in Parliament o ntse jaana o bo o re dirang Commission of Enquiry on Community Based Organisations. How many are they? Which one? So, ke ne ke akanya gore...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure Madam Speaker.

MR MAELE: Ke eme ka *procedure*. Ga o ka ke ya re ke eme ka *procedure* o bo o re *procedure*. Ke ne ke akanya gore tota *Madam Speaker*; o boele kwa morago *rather* gore a bo re tsena mo *discussion* e re batlang go tsena mo go yone. O boele kwa morago o ye go baakanngwa sentle, a re bolelele gore tota *what* Community Based Organisation (CBO) kana *trust is he talking about* *rather* gore a bo re tsena mo go one o ntse jaaka o ntse jaana. Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*.

MADAM SPEAKER: O utlwetse *Honourable* Maele. *Honourable* Mapulanga, *you were talking before* ke mmita.

MR MAPULANGA: Kana fa o utlwa ke ne ke bitsa *for procedure*, ke utlwa a *respond Motion* o o *not presented*.

MADAM SPEAKER: Nnyaa, e seng moo. *Before* ke bitsa *Honourable* Maele fela a ise a bue sepe. Ke ne ke utlwa o bua gore o batla *to later date*, ke batla o tlhalose kgang ya teng.

MR MAPULANGA: Ke dumela gore *I will be uncomfortable to present a Motion that the substantive Minister more or so...* Ke batla e nna ene. Re tswa mo *Bills* tse pedi tse re neng re di tsenya gone fa, tse e neng e le gore di amana le dikgang tsa CBOs, *so, I will prefer to later it* gore fa a tsile a bo a o arabela *directly Madam Speaker*.

MADAM SPEAKER: Ke ne ke batla gore le itse gore *even if the Minister was here* a bo a araba kana a bua le wena, *if the House* ga e dumele ba ya go gana. Ke ne ke ipotsa gore ka gore ke *tradition*, ke eng le ne le sa lese gore go buiwe *not* gore le a pateletsa gore o fete, *but at the same time as you are saying*, re tlaa *later date*.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure Madam Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: Go na le sengwe se ke sa se tlhaloganyeng. Re *later date Motion* wa mong wa one, ga ke itse gore lona le tlaabo le bua ka eng ka gore ene o tswetse gore o batla *later date*, *unless* le le mo go e sele. *I have ruled* gore ke dumela *later date*. Ope a se ka a bula kgang ya teng gape.

MR NKAWANA: *Procedure*. Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ke tshwengwa ke gore *Minister* Maele, o leka *to amend Motion before being presented*, o re tsenye mo tseleng gone foo, le ene o mmakanyetse gore ga a ka ke ya re *Motion* o le fa o tshwanetse *to be presented*, a bo a setse a re a o boe go ye go baakanngwa sele le sele. Ke a leboga.

MADAM SPEAKER: Ga ke a araba ya ga Maele. Mong wa *Motion* o rile *later date*. Ke e tswetse eo. *Later date* ya ga Mapulanga e tlaa buisanwa gore a go na le *some amendments*, kana gompieno ga re mo go eo.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: *Procedure Madam Speaker*. Ke batla go mo ruta sengwe ga a itse. Ke kopa go mo ruta.

MADAM SPEAKER: Nnyaa, *Honourable* Maele, ga ke batle re e bula ka gore ke utlwile gore *concern* ya gago e fa kae. Ga ke batle jaanong re e bulela gore wena le *Honourable* Nkawana o ne a go fetola le wena o a mo fetola. Ke kopa gore re tsweleleng.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR MOTSAMAI): *Procedure. Madam Speaker*, ke tsaya gore megopolo ya bo Motlotlegi Mapulanga ga e na molato e siame. Mathata a ke batlang ke a sedimose ke gore ke kopa gore kwa ofising ya gago go nne le *a selection board* e e leng gore *Motion* o, a o ka fitlha kwa Palamenteng kana o ka se fete. Jaanong fa o tla fa e nna o kare re kgobotla batlise ba one. Ke ne ke kopa fela jalo gore *before Motions* di tla ka kwano *be screened* go bonwe gore totatota di ya go fitlhelela. Bo Rre Motaosane ba a itse kwa khanseleng gore go ne go dirwa jalo go na le *Council Secretary, Chairman* jalojalo le mong wa *Motion, before* o feta o tla fa pele ga Makhanselara. Ke ne ke kopa gore golo moo go diragale *Madam Speaker*.

MADAM SPEAKER: Mma ke e tlhalose jaana, fa ke ntse ke ngunanguna fa le *Clerk* ka wa ga Rre Gobotswang, go lebe ga gore fa le sena go isa *Motion* kwa ofising ya bo *Clerk*, fa le o *re-route* le a buisana ka megala, ga le ye kwa go bone. Jaanong *sometimes* le rona a re itebeng gore a mme ga se rona re ntshang ofisi mo tseleng. Fa e le gore go na le gore *Minister* o o neng a tshwanetse *to answer*, o itse gore ga se wa gagwe o neetswe yo mongwe, mme *clerkship* e sa itse, go nna jalo *because* bone ba tla fa ba itse gore ke wa ga *Honourable* Motsamai, kante Motsamai o rile ga se wa me, ke wa ga semangmang, a bo e sa tle *officially* kwa *clerkship*. Ke raya gore ke a utlwa, mme le rona batlotlegi le tla le tsenya *confusion*.

Motion-Deferred.

INTRODUCTION OF SIGN LANGUAGE AS AN
OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

Motion

MADAM SPEAKER: Order! Honourable Members. Honourable Morolong to motivate.

ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT (MS MOPHUTING): Good morning Madam Speaker. Honourable Morolong *ga a yo, re kopa* later date.

Motion-Deferred.

...Silence...

MADAM SPEAKER: Ke ne ke gakololwa sentle gore a *Honourable* Morolong o boletse gore ga a yo *officially*. Jaanong ke batla ba *check. Like I said*, go na le *correspondences* tse ke di amogetseng, di dintsinyana, ke batla ba *check* kwa ofising gore *is it one of them* gore a o laetse *officially* gore o tlaabo a seyo, *so that* re tle re kgone *to maintain space* se sa gagwe. Fa a sa laela, go raya gore re o busetsa kwa moragorago, o ya go simolola *line* kwa morago. Ke raya gore *that is what we were talking about*.

MR MONAGENG: *Procedure. Madam Speaker, Honourable* Morolong o ntse a le fa jaaka e le *my neighbour*, o emeletse fa ka diamaramara, o na le *emergency*. O ntse a le fela fa gone gompiano jaana. Diamaramara ke raya gore ka *speed* sa ga Mochonkono.

MADAM SPEAKER: Diamaramara di a letlelesega, gakere mme se ke neng ke se bua ke gore nna ga ke itse gore go diragetse eng. Ke tshwanetse ke bolelele Ntlo gore *do I know or not*. Tanki.

AMENDMENT OF SECTION 201 (A) OF THE
PENAL CODE OF 2018

Motion

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Jacobs to motivate his Motion.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR MOTSAMAI): O santse a seyo *Madam Speaker*.

MADAM SPEAKER: O kae?

MR MOTSAMAI: Ke raya gore ga a yo mo Palamenteng, o supile gore o tlaa tla moragonyana.

MADAM SPEAKER: O go laetse gore o rialo?

MR MOTSAMAI: Mma?

MADAM SPEAKER: O go laetse gore o bue jalo?

MR MOTSAMAI: Ee, o mpoleletse gore o tlaa tla moragonyana.

MADAM SPEAKER: Nna fa fatshe *Honourable* Motsamai.

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

MR MOTSAMAI: Wena o lelela go laelwa, go laetswe nna.

MADAM SPEAKER: *Honourable Members*, a re reetsaneng, le lebile ka fa le dirang dilo ka teng? Fela jaaka *Speaker* a tlhola a bua, ga o ka ke wa tswa mo Palamenteng o sa laela, *unless* fela ka *issue* ya *emergency* jaaka e diragetse gompiano. *But if* a ne a itse gore ga a yo a ba a roma wena, o ka bo o tsile wa re latolela gore ga a yo, ra tla ra bona gore re dira jang, jaanong rona ga re itse gore o kae. *Motion* o re a go o busetsa kwa morago ka gore fa a ne a laetse, re ka bo re *maintain* fa a leng teng. Go raya gore o ya go ya kwa morago ka gore tota ga re itse gore o kae.

MR MOTSAMAI: *Procedure. Madam Speaker*, kana motho fa a re ke tlaa tla morago, ga o ka ke wa re ga a yo. O a bo o itse gore mme e ka nna ya re go ntse go tswelletswe jaana, a goroga. *Therefore*, ke ne ke ka se ke ke re ga a yo gotlhelele *because* nako nngwe le nngwe re mo solofetse gore o ka nna a bonala.

MADAM SPEAKER: *Honourable* Motsamai, se ke lelang go se bua ke gore kwa ofising ya rona ga re itse. Jaanong wena o go laetse le tlotla koo, *officially* ga re itse. Motho o a bua, a bue le ka ofisi gore ke tshwerwe ke se ke tlaa tla *later*, ga se la ntlha go diragala. Se ke lelang go se supa ke gore ga le tsamaisa dilo sentle. Jaanong fa ke le fa e nna o kare ga ke itse, o kare ga ke itlhaloganye. Se ke se buang ke gore a re lelang gore re bue gore re tshwaregile mme re e tla. Fa le bua koo go bo go tla go bua wena mme mong wa teng ene a sa bua, ga ke itse gore a ke nnete e bile ga ke itse gore a mme ke gone. Mong wa teng ene a itse mogala, a itse le ofisi mme a sa bua sepe. A re direng dilo sentle fela, ga go molato gore o bo o tshwaregile o tla *later*, *but* a re laeleng sentle, ka rialo.

...Silence...



MADAM SPEAKER: *Honourable Members*, go tlhabela *two Members* gore re tswelele. Jaanong o diga *quorum*, go tlhabela yone *two* e. E tsene.

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

MADAM SPEAKER: Ee, ba tsile nna fa fatshe nnaka, ba teng.

ESTABLISHMENT OF A DEDICATED ARM OR UNIT OF THE POLICE SERVICE FOR THE PROTECTION OF JUDICIAL OFFICERS

Motion

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Dr Dow to motivate.

MR HIKUAMA: *Procedure. Madam Speaker, hey!* ke jele tiro. O nkwaletse *note* phakela *but I forgot to forward it to you*. O rile o a lwala, o tlhasetswe ke bolwetsenyana. Ke tlaa go e romelela. Tota ga ke a dira sentle, ke kopa maitshwarelo.

MADAM SPEAKER: Thank you sir.

Motion-Deferred.

MR MOTAOSANE: *Procedure. Thank you, Madam Speaker.* O itse gore ke ratile fa o neng o tlhalosa sentle gore batho ba tshwanetse gore tota fa go na le sepe fela se e leng gore Mopalamente ka tsela nngwe ga a na go kgona go bonala ka nako, di fete *through your office*. Se se ntshwenyang ke gore kana fa o le Mopalamente, *Motion* wa gago o lebelega o le *number 7* kana *number 8*, go na le *Motions* tse dingwe fa pele ga one, tsholofelo ya gago ke gore *Motion* o o ka nna wa se ka wa bona phatlha gotlhelele *for the next two weeks or so*. Go a tshwenya ka gore *Motions* tse dintsi tse di ne di le fa mme Matona a tsone a seyo. Fa go tla go nna jaana, beng ba *Motions* o fitlhela fa gongwe ba ne ba sa dumele gore o ne o ka tsena ka gore ba ne ba lebile *the list of Motions*. So, ga ke itse gore eo re e bereka jang? Ke e tlogela le wena fela gore gongwe le bone gore mme Matona le bone go itsege gore go diragala eng. *Like Motion* wa ga *Honourable Jacobs* gone jaana, ga ke itse gore a ka fa tsamaisong a le o isa kwa pele kana o sule ka gore mong wa one *was not there to answer for the Motion altogether and you do not know his whereabouts*. Ke raya gore gongwe le ko le e sekaseke ka gore jaanong *it disadvantages* Mapalamente gore fa a ipoleletse gore *Motion* wa me o tlaa tsena leng, e bo e le gore o *end-up*

o tsena ka nako eo ka gore *most Motions*, bo *Minister* ba teng ga ba yo, jaanong di a tsena, di nna di tlolela fela jalo, go bo go tla wa gago o se *prepared for it*. *Thank you, Madam Speaker.*

MADAM SPEAKER: Ya ntlha ke gore Mopalamente mongwe le mongwe fela fa Palamente e tsena ka 9:00 a.m. o tshwanetse gore a ba a le fa, ga o tsenele gore wa gago o tlaa tsena ka 12:00 p.m. kana 11:00 a.m. O tshwanetse go tla go reetsa dikgang tsa Palamente, o nne gone fa, *unless* fela jaaka re ne re e bua gore fa o sa kgona kana o tshwaregile o bue, mme fela ya gore o re *Motion* wa me ke *number 20* gongwe ga o na go tsena ga ke tle, eo ga ke dumalane.

Ya bobedi ke gore kana Order Paper e nna fela e tswa, re a e bona gore *Motion* wa me o teng mme ke ye Palamenteng ka gore ga o itse gore tse di fa godimo go diragala eng. *As long as* o le mo Order Paper, *come to Parliament* o tle go bona, kana se se go tshwereng bogolo laela gore *Motion* wa me ke oo, mme ke tshwerwe ke se le se gore re kgone go araba sentle gore mong wa kgang ga a kgona jaana le jaana.

Le bone bo *Ministers, I think* go tlaa re jaanong re tle re e bue sentle gore totatota ka gore go na le *collective responsibility*, ke eng go se ke go laelwa sentle gore ga ke yo ke le *Minister* mme ntshwarelela, *or* fa o batla go tla *to defend ministry* wa gago, bua le *the mover* gore ga ke yo. Go dumalanwe, go nne phepa, go se ka ga nna leswe fela go nna go ntse gotwe ga ke itse, a go laetswe, ga go a siama. A re dumalaneng sentle gore bolelelang *Clerkship* gore ga re tsene, o ke o o yang kwa re tlaabo re seyo, re dumalane *later date*. Go nna monate. Jaanong bagaetsho, a re lekeng gore Palamente nako e e tsenang, re tshwanetse gore re bo re le fa re tle go reetsa dikgang tsa Batswana. Kana ga o reetse *Motion* kana potso ya gago fela, a re tleng fela.

Jaanong ba ba seyong jaaka o ne o bua, re emetse go itse gore a mme ba tlaa tla, kana ba itsamaetse fela. Wa *emergency* ke tlaa mo fa tsebe ka gore *emergency* ke *emergency*. Yo ke sa tlhaloganyang sentle *Honourable Jacobs* gore a o tlaa goroga, ke gone re ka *maintain status* sa gore o tle o boele ka *Friday* re sa o ntshe.

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUNS' PERMIT QUOTA

Motion-Deferred.

ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATIONAL SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT HUB AT THE UNIVERSITY OF BOTSWANA TO DEVELOP GOVERNMENT-WIDE OPEN-SOURCE ERP SYSTEMS

Motion

MR MOALOSI (NKANGE): Thank you Honourable Speaker. *Ke go dumedise, ke dumedise Ntlo e ke re tota letsatsi leno ke ne ke tletse to debate Motion. Ke ne ke tswa go epa, fa o bona tse dingwe di ne di ntse di tswa mo tseleng jaana, ke gore* I was supposed to come and present a Motion.

Honourable Speaker, I am here to present a Motion *o o neng o o bala, o o reng*, “Establishment of a National Software Development Hub at the University of Botswana (UB) to Develop Government-Wide Open-Source Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Systems.” Madam Speaker, in this country we face a paradox, every year we export millions of Pula to Silicon Valley, South Africa, India, Europe to pay for software licenses. Simultaneously, we have thousands of brilliant young Botswana graduates from UB and other local institutions who are unemployed or underemployed. This Motion is not just about software, it is about the belief in our own people. It is about stopping capital flight of license fees and turning that money into salaries for our sons and daughters. We are asking the Government for the establishment of a National Software Development Hub at UB to build our own Government ERP Systems. We have the talent, we have the need, it is time now that we had the political will.

Madam Speaker, there is a myth that we are incompetent, we are not talented, we are not capable, that is why we import almost all of our software, including ERP systems. If you could ask Government departments or *bone bo UB gore* how much are they paying per year for license fees to Oracle or other ERP software developers, you will be surprised. We are paying over a P100 million per year in this country for softwares that we can develop in this country.

We have untapped reservoir of talents in this country. I am a graduate of UB, I graduated in 2004 and before I graduated, there were others who graduated before me and all of these people were brilliant young minds. I got First Class *kwa* UB; Computer Science but I never got to use my expertise in my field because *mo* Botswana what we do is we just support in Information

and Technology (IT). Software is bought from overseas to become a support engineer. So what I am saying is that, UB has been churning out Computer Science, Information Systems and Data Science graduates for decades. These students are winning Hackathons and Coding competitions. Currently we train them and then we tell them they are not good enough to build our own systems, and we hire expensive foreign consultants instead.

In any aeroplane that comes to Botswana, there is an IT expert, some younger than me coming from India to go may be to Botswana Unified Revenue Service (BURS) or coming from South Africa to go to any other organisation in Botswana to help them with a system that was procured from that country. The Hub Model, by centralising this talent at UB, we want to create a centre of excellence. We are not asking a random department to build this, we are asking to assemble an elite team of our best local developers overseen by senior academic and industry experts. Those who went with me to China will tell you that we were at a university called Jiaotong Beijing University. That university is a centre of excellence for railways and trains. They teach all courses to do with building bridges, tunnelling; everything that has to do with railways. So we want something like that at UB.

The other one is contextual intelligence; a developer in California does not understand Botswana’s Public Procurement Act or our specific tax laws. A Botswana developer does. So local talent builds better software for us because they live in our reality. If you look at the problems that we are suffering in most of the systems that we have, it is because when they were developed, especially proprietary systems, you just buy them off the shelves, they are not really developed for your needs. You find that *fa le ntse le dirisa* system, *kgantele dilo tse dingwe ga di kgone go diragala sentle* because they were not done by people who understood what you were talking about.

The biggest thing that we are looking at, this time when the country does not have money is to look at the economic case. We want to eliminate license fees because they are not cheap. The reason why all these companies, *bo* Microsoft, Oracle are huge companies with a lot of money, it is because of license fees. When they sell you their ERP, every year you have to pay a

license. So that is what we want. These companies charge exorbitant annual license fees. Even if the software is idle, you pay. So we want to develop open-source software that is free, we pay only for the talent to customise it and maintain it.

We also want wealth circulation. When we pay a foreign vendor P50 million to use the ERP, that money leaves Botswana forever, you will never see it. When you pay a Motswana P50 million, or you pay the national Software Development Hub P50 million, that money goes into salaries for Batswana developers who spent it in local rent, food, services and it circulates in our economy.

I normally give people examples when I am in my constituency *gore* economy *e bereka jang*. Fa Honourable Kapinga a *nkolota* P100, *nna ke kolota* Honourable Monageng *gongwe ke tsere dibiri ke bo ke sa duele kwa* Millennium, Honourable Monageng a *kolota* honourable *yo mongwe, fa ke duela* Honourable Kapinga, Honourable Kapinga *o duela* Honourable Monageng. Honourable Monageng a *bo a duela* Honourable Lekau. Honourable Lekau a *bo a ntuela*. Go *raya gore* the P100 that I paid Honourable Kapinga, has paid all the debts that are around and came back to me. Go *raya gore* P100 *yole* has cleared *dikoloto tsothle*. *Jaanong fa ke duela mo* Zimbabwe *kana mo* South Africa P100 a *bo a ya ka madi kwa* South Africa, go *raya gore re sala re ntse re kolotana*. We want to develop software in Botswana and pay companies in Botswana. We will pay experts in Botswana and they would maintain the money in the country. Fa Motswana a *huma bagaetsho*, *o simolola a nna le polase jaaka* Honourable Motsamai a *na le dipolase tse pedi jaana*. O reka Cruiser, o bula bara, o aga lodge, so, the money is invested locally. One of the reasons why our country did not develop *mme* every year Development Budget *ya rona e le mo* billions *ke gore*, most of the money goes outside the country.

Honourable Members, I am coming to you with this Motion, our kids are there, they are talented, very brilliant, top students. Some went to the best universities in the world. A lot of students went to *bo* Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Fa a *tswa kwa o bereka kwa* Department of Information Technology (DIT), *e le motho fela yo o tlaabong a leletswa gotwe* mouse *ga o bereke*. Fa a *tsena kwa, o filhela e le gore* mouse *o somotswe go tsentswe* memory stick, *mme a na le dithuto tse di kalokalo*. We want those people now to do the work that they were trained for, and this is all we ask.

One might ask why UB? UB has existing infrastructure. It already possesses high performance computer facility servers, infrastructure and laboratories. We do not need to build a building, we just need to find a team. *Lantlha tota fa ke bua mo Palamenteng, ke ne ka bua* Honourable Tshere *gore* go and see Dr Masizana *kwa* UB. She has a proposal for this Software Development Hub but she put it on her desk. She has tried to reach out to the former Government, through the office of the Vice Chancellor, *mme e ne ya lathelelwa fela ba sa bone mosola wa teng*.

MR LEKAU: *On a point of clarification. Thank you very much. Ke go botse gore fa o e lebeletse, a o raya gore e nne maikarabelo a Puso kana go gwetlhe gore le dikompone tse di ikemetseng, di invest thata mo go beeng maranyane a mo dikoleng le fa e se university fela? Di kgone to sponsor bana ba ba dirang such software. Thank you.*

MR MOALOSI: *Ke leboga Honourable Lekau. I hear and understand you, but for this Motion, ke batla re nne le fa re simololang teng. Gakere fa go na le hub e e ntseng jaana kwa UB, ba tlaabo ba dirisa bana ba sekole le the lecturers. Bana bao gain experience when they are there to develop these systems. When they graduate, they can go and start their own systems, or they can go and work in companies tse di dirang maranyane. We will be nurturing talent.*

Mo gongwe ke ne ke re, if we use UB, we create a pipeline from the classroom to the workforce. Students can in turn at the hub, gain real Government work experience before they even graduate. If the students *ba bereka ka matsogo, ba dira systems tse di berekang mo* industry, they are actually learning. Instead of *ba bo ba bontshiwa slide fela gotwe fa o bua ka* blockchain technology, this is what we are talking about, they will actually be doing the works.

Sustainability; universities are institutions of longevity. Placing the hub here ensures it is not subject to the volatility of private sector start-ups. *Bontsi jwa mafatshe a a tlabologileng, ba tlabolola* around universities. If you take MIT for example, a lot of these brilliant young chaps *kwa mafatsheng ba ba feletseng ba dira system tse di tonatona*, they are from universities.

MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION (MR MAELE): *On a point of clarification. Ga ke batle go go senyetsa floor sir. Dipotso tse ke neng ke di ipotsa because university ke ya me, but system e o buang ka*

yone ke ya ga Rre Tshere, kgang ya me e tona *was to find out* gore *why* UB, *but you have answered that one*. Then the second one e ke batlang o e nkarabe ke ya the costs. Ke batla o tsamaele mo go reng *in order for us to do this* ka gore o moitsaanape wa dikgang tse, *the cost estimate could be this*. Ke yone e ke nang le *interest* thata gore e re fa o ntse o tsamaya, o e arabe. Fa e le gore e kwa pele ga o ise o e arabe, ke kopa le yone o e nkarabele. *I am following very, very eagerly. Thank you, sir*.

MR MOALOSI: *Re tlaa bua ka cost fa nako e ntse e tsamaya* but we do not need a billion Pula upfront. Like I said, we have the team *kwa* UB, *ba teng* bo Dr Masizana, *ba bantsi*, even Professors are there. They have actually developed the system. If you go to Botswana Communications Regulatory Authority (BOCRA), *go na le* software system *e e leng* gore it was developed by the Computer Science *ya* UB. We should not fear *gore dilo tse di a tura*, already we are spending money. We just want to divert the money that we are spending outside the country *gore re a dirise kwano*.

Ke ne ke bua ka sustainability; universities are institutions of longevity. Placing the hub here ensures it is not subject to the volatility of private sector start-ups. *Ke bua gore kwa* university *e re neng re le kwa go yone kwa* China, all those Professors supervise graduates' students and they have the actual project that they do. *Fa go agiwa seporo, fa go na le* problem *gongwe ba ba batlang go tlhaloganya matlapa, ba ya kwa* university. We should be able to do that. *Fa e le* *gore gompieno jaana* there are new technologies that are coming in and we want to implement them, we go to university and give a Research Fund to the university *gore re kopa le re direle* research *ya kgang ya go nna jaana*.

The other one is digital sovereignty and security (owning the code). The ERP systems that we use, *wena o reka* system *o tsenya* your data, *bone* they remain with the code. It does not matter *gore o tlodile* 100 million of 20 million, the code *ke ya* the proprietary company. When we use closed source proprietary software, we are putting Government data into a black box, we cannot see inside. We rely on the vendor to fix bugs or security holes. With an open software system developed locally, we own the source code. We can audit it for security and we can fix it immediately without waiting for support ticket to be answered in Europe. *Fa e le* your own software code, *o itse sengwe le sengwe se se mo teng*.

One of the reasons that we gave *nako e go neng go buiwa* ka Electronic Voting Machine (EVM), *re e gana ke gore, ga re itse se se mo teng ga* software. *Ga re itse gore a go na le* a small code *e e tlaa dirang* *gore fa* seven *a tshaya*, then you run code *eo, o fetola maduo a ditlhopho*. *Fa e le* software that we have developed ourselves, we know what is in the code.

The other one is agility; if Government changes a policy next week, we can update our local software immediately. But with proprietary system, such changes often require expensive change request and that takes months. If you have worked in the IT industry or on the software developing industry, *o a itse* *gore fa o batla* software, even if it is not proprietary software, *e le* software that is developed for you, *go na le mo gotweng* the software development cycle. You come and do requirements analysis, then you agree with the developer *gore* this is what I want. *Ke batla* system *ya lekgetho le ya matimela, ba bo ba e* develop. Later *fa o ka lemoga* *gore go na le dingwe tse di saletseng kwa morago*, you put in a change request and you get charged for that. So, most companies are caught in that loop.

I used to work for a company called TCI that provides a spectrum monitoring system *kwa* BOCRA, I know what I am talking about. *Ke itse* *gore e ne e re fa re setse re feditse jaanong fa ba ntse ba dirisa* a Short Message Service (SMS), *ba bona* *gore go na le mathata fale, ba kwala* electronic mail. *Go bo gotwe* no, this is new, this is not a bug, it is a new requirement. Then you have to fill in the form *ya gore ke* new requirement, then they bill you for the hours they have put it. All we want Honourable Minister is that let us source our systems locally.

Fa re fetsa mo go ya ERP, now let us look at all the system that we are using as Government, how much money are we using as a Government to buy a software? I know budget *ya* digitisation was P2 billion Honourable Tshere, how much of that P2 billion is going to be spent locally? *Ke sa bale* *ya* hotels *e e leng* *gore motho o tlaabo a tswa* China *kana* India *a robala mo* hotel, *o tlaa duela madi ee*, but how much of the talents *tsa* Batswana are we going to pay for using the money *e e leng* *gore ra re* P2 billion? *Kana* software Honourable Members, *ga go tshwane le* to design *tanka ya masole, ke* *gore* you are paying for talent, for the mind, so it is not supposed to be very expensive. I do not understand why we would pay P200 million for software when we can get young people *ba le* five *re bo re re* develop a company, *re le baya fa*, we will pay you a stipend, rent, we will give

you internet, an office, develop us a software. *Fa re fetsa, fa e le gore software ya teng e a re berekela*, we are going to pay you something and pay you license fees, you are going to get excellent systems. *Gompieno jaana re na le mathata kwa transport, kwa e leng gore system e nna e le down fela*, but if you take five students from BIUST, UB or from any other institutions *tse di dirang* technology, and you give them five years or even six months, because right now with the advent of AI, six months is enough for you to develop code *e e berekang*. What would we do, we...

MR LEKUTLANE: *Clarification.* Mma ke go leboge MP, ke re tota ke na le wena mo kgannyeng eo, se o ntseng o se bua gore re felela *entangling ourselves* mo *softwares* tse di tswang kwa ntle, e tlaa wela mo kgannyeng ya CTO mo *project* e nngwe ya *automation of petrols*. Gompieno jaana ga go na gore ba ka tswa mo teng ga tsamaiso ya *company* ya India, mo e leng gore se o se buang wa re fa e dirilwe mo Botswana, e tlaabo e le mo Botswana, madi a felela mo Botswana, go dira bana ba Batswana. *Thank you, sir.*

MR MOALOSI: Thank you Honourable MP. That is very true. We spend our money outside the country, and we do not own the things that we buy. Software *ga e tshwane le kgomo, o re ke rekile kgomo ke e jaanong ke e tsenya tshipi ke ya me*, software *yo o neng a e develop*, owns the software. *E bile ba kgona go go raya ba re copyright e le ya bone, wena o ntse o duetse.* Just go to any website in the country *o tlaa bona gotwe copyright ... (Inaudible) ... mme e le website ya any other organisation because the software code belongs to that company...*

MR MONAGENG: *Clarification.* Re a leboga *Madam Speaker*, re a leboga *honourable*. O tla le yone sentle fela thata. Gakere mme o raya gore fa e dirilwe mo Botswana, e ka kgona gore le mafatshe a mangwe ba kgone go e reka, e sa nne fela mo Botswana? E bile ka fa ke go utlwanng ka teng, o mo motlhaleng wa gore *buy* Botswana, o mo motlhaleng wa gore le rona re le Batswana, go nne le sengwe se gotweng se dirilwe mo Botswana, ga se tswe kwa ntle. E bile o raya gore jaaka bo Bill Gates jaana, le bone ba simolotse fela, e bile ga se batho ba ba rutegileng ba na le bo PhD jang, jang. Gakere o raya jalo *honourable*?

MR MOALOSI: Ke a leboga *honourable*, ke raya fela jalo nkgonne.

Software fa e dirilwe mo Botswana, re ka e rekisetsa kwa ntle. *If we develop our own ERP systems, look at how big Oracle is, it is a 500-billion-dollar company.* E mo dikomponeng tse di bidiwang gotwe Fortune 500, *it is listed in all the major stock exchanges*, mme ba ne ba dira *software* fela, gongwe e bile e dirwa ke *team* ya batho fela ba se kae.

Ke dumalana le wena *sir* gore fa re ka nna le *hub* e ke buang ka yone kwa UB, *we are going to have brilliant minds* ba rutiwa sentle, ba kgona *to develop software*, fa ba tswa, ba ya go ipereka, ba kgona go dira *software* e nngwe e e yang go feletsa e tsewa ke lefatshe lotlhe. *Look at TikTok, it was not there five years ago, but right now* ke kompone e tona mme e dirilwe fela ke bana. Fa ba sena go e dira, *what do we do, if we have this software, we now look for investors, we look for people who can say, this software, I see potential in it and I will fund it, then* go bo go nna fela jaaka go ntse.

Ke ne ke bua fela ke re, *software development* ke tiro e e sa tlhokeng *youth start-ups, challenge* e re nang le yone ke gore motho o tshwanetse go ja kgwedi le kgwedi, jaanong fa o nna ngwaga otlhe o re ke *develop system*, mme go sena se se tsenang mo pateng ya gago, go raya gore o ya go feletsa o tlogela. *I have met a lot of young people who started projects, me included, but we gave it up along the way because we did not sustain ourselves without any income coming in. That is why* ke re fa e le *hub*, o bo o itse gore ke babereki ba UB, *they are being paid by UB, so you are going to pay for the software* fa e fedile.

Let us go and look at their proposal Honourable Maele, go and see Dr Masizana kwa *Computer Science* o mo reye o re ke kopa *proposal* e Honourable Moalosi a neng a bua ka yone, o bo o ipalela. Mo *proposal* eo o kwadile gore *how can you fund this, how much money do you need, what resources do they need. Like I said, tse dingwe ba setse ba na le tsone, there is a high-performance server* kwa UB, *some things are there, the students are there who can go through this. All they need is to be given* gore re batla ERP. *The reason why they did that proposal Honourable MPs* ke gore, UB e ne e kolota Oracle P50 million, *they had to pay 50 for software* ya teng. *If you can look at that software, it is not even a beautiful software, ke software* fa o e lebile ka matlho. ERP gongwe ke tlhalose gore ke *system* e dituelo tsa babereki di leng mo teng, fa go dirwa *budget* sengwe le sengwe se mo teng, *that is why gotwe it is an ERP software.*

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

MR MOALOSI: *Ke gore* everything that you do in that organisation is run through that system. Like I said, we are capable, we have talent, we have students who went to the best universities in the country. I know a young man *yo o neng a tse na kwa* La Trobe University, he graduated with an award *ya* Australian Computer Society *ka* 2008, he is here, *ke* manager *gompieno*. He is not doing the real money, *kana ke raya motho yo o neng a tsere* merit *kwa* junior school, 48 points *kwa* senior, he is here already. When he came, he worked for Debswana, he was supporting softwares *tse di tswang kwa mafatsheng a mangwe*. You want to tell me that if you have given this young man an office and the laptop and a scope *gore* we want a system like this, he cannot manage? You go to Debswana and ask them *gore* software *ya* permits *fela gore ke etetse semangmang kwa* Orapa *ba e rekile kae*, they did not buy it locally, they bought it from a company in South African, and every year they are paying for a retainer, if there are any bugs because *after lebaka le le rileng*, defect liability period, *fa go na le defect e re neng re sa e bona*, we have to pay for it.

What I am asking you Honourable Members *ke gore*, let us believe in ourselves, let us believe that we can do it. This should not only be software, let us now look at any organisation that you are running, *o le lesole* for example, how much budget are you given, why is BDF not producing guns? When we went to China, China Railway Company *la ntlha e ne e le sesole, ba ne ba aga diporo* for war, but now they are a multibillion-dollar company. *Jaanong rona re reka fela, ke gore* for 50 years, 40, years BDF *e le teng, go ne go ntse go rekwa fela. Le lerumo fela le o ka nngang fa fatshe wa tsaya wa dira* research, *wa bona gore le dirwa ka eng, wa le itirela*. Let us try to look in our country. We go to universities *re ba raya re re* as civil engineers *re batla cement se se dirilweng mo* Botswana *gore se kgone go bereka mo* industry *ya* Botswana. Go there, talk to them, give them the money, they will come up with the product for you.

Right now, as we speak, BITRI has more than five systems that are ready for market which they have researched, they just need a political will *gore go bonwe gore* products *tse di ka ya jang kwa* market. We cannot build this country *fa e le gore re tlaa ipolelela gore dilo tsa rona re di reka kwa ntle fela re sa itirele mo* Botswana. We will never go anywhere. If you go

to China for example, there is a company *e re neng re ile kwa go yone* called Norinco or something like that. It is an international company. *Ke gore kwa* China *ke* head office *fela*, business *ya bone yotlhe* is outside the country. So, why can we not as Botswana *le rona re bo re lebelela dikompone tsa rona tse di mo* Botswana *re bo re re*, I see that you are doing very well in this industry, I want you to go outside the country, I want to fund you *gore o ye* to invest *kwa lefatsheng le lengwe*.

Let me go back to software hub *ke re, to conclude this Motion, I declare with confidence that we have developed stars of world class in this country. We have young people who are brilliant in this country. Just go and look at a list ya bana ba ba alogang, go na le ngwana yo o alogileng ka first class kwa* University of Botswana, *gompieno jaana o mo seterateng ga a bereke. First class kana go tewa* Grade Point Average (GPA) *ya* 4.4 *and above, e e bonwang ke bo rona fela le ba bangwe ba ba tshwanang le bo Honourable Boko, ga ke itse gore kana le ene o gone foo. We choose...let us have confidence in our economy, let us choose to invest salaries not licenses, let us invest in salaries, a re diriseng madi a rona. Let us have confidence in our future, let us choose to own our digital infrastructure. Fa re ipoka re re we are digitising, let* Botswana *do digitisation, re se ka ra re we are digitising ka software tse di tswang kwa mafatsheng a mangwe. Because fa re lwa le bone batho ba, American Government can decide* *gore ga ba sa tlhole ba batla go gweba le* Botswana, *and then they tell American companies that re kgaosetsa dipapadisanyo le* Botswana, *and what happens, then your software ya Oracle e e tsereng salaries tsoitlhe tsa badirelapuso mo teng, they do not renew the license, then what do you do? Le a bona gakere bagaetsho gore, as a sovereign country we should protect our data. Data is very important, that is why we are opening a data centre mo* Botswana. *Le fa nna ke ne ke go raya ke re no, for now let us invest, but you had a dream Honourable Tshere gore, nnyaa let our data be in the country, gore fa e le gore go na le mathata ape a re nang le one le* South Africa, *ba se ka ba tswala molelwane, ba bo ba tswala le internet ya rona go tswa kwa* South Africa, *go bo go raya gore dilo tsa gago tse di kwa* South Africa *ga o kgone to access them. We can do this bagaetsho by starting with this software development hub, then when it works we take it now and replicate it across the economy, re nne le hub ya sengwe kwa* Botswana *University of Agriculture and Natural Resources (BUAN), re lebeletse gore re ba ruta eng. Kwa* Botswana *International University of Science and Technology (BIUST) re nne le hub ya sengwe re bone*

gore re ba ruta eng. *Eventually we would produce almost everything that we are consuming in this country. Great countries have been built by their own people, mafatshe a matona a agilwe ke beng ba one. Ga go na lefatshe le o ka le mpontshang gore lefatshe le le successful ka gore ba ne ba reka dilo kwa ntle. If you look at Japan, our Samsungs, Toyotas started there. Ga ba ise ba re nnyaa, Japan population ya rona... ba ne ba dira e le gore they are looking at the market. So, le rona if you develop a good software hub, bagaetsho we are going to see this country grow and it can only grow like I said if our budget is spent locally, and we can do it. I can do it, you can do it Honourable Tshere, you can do it Honourable Jacobs, in any sphere because gakere you are multi-talented here. Mongwe le mongwe fa o ka mo neela ditsompelo fa a leng teng o tlaa tswa ka sengwe. So, let us give our talent the platform they deserve. I beg to move Madam Speaker.*

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Applause!)

MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INNOVATION (MR TSHERE): *Thank you very much. Madam Speaker, mma ke simolole fela ka go leboga Honourable Moalosi, MP for Nkange ka Motion wa gagwe. Santlha ke supe gore, fela kwa tshimologong, on the surface, we agree gore re tshwanetse to develop the software development capacity within the country. That is a requirement e re tshwanetseng re e dire. I agree as well gape gore, we spend madi a mantsi on softwares that we acquire kwa ntle ga lefatshe la Botswana. Jaanong fa ke tsena kwa lephateng, go na le developers ba ba dirang the softwares all the time. Some of them have been engaged at the Ministry of Communications and Innovation.*

Ke batla gore fa ke tlhalosa jaana...ka gore *this topic speaks to the innovation aspect of my ministry, and ke batla gore ke supe jaanong ke e tlhalose ka bophara. Bothata jo bo tona jo re nang le jone, kana software developments Madam Speaker, re ne re bua ka dipilisi gore, fa e le gore you are developing a pill, go raya gore o tshwanetse gore at some point, o dire trials go bona gore a e a bereka. Fa o sena go nna o bona trials, e tshwanetse to be certified somewhere gore golo moo go a bereka. In case of dipilisi, go raya gore o tshwanetse o ye kwa Food and Drug Administration (FDA), World Health Organisation to be adopted. Fa e sena go nna e dirwa jalo, it will go through the resilience tests tse e leng gore jaanong we will be rolling it out e le pilisi e re ka e nwang. O a bona gore e tsamaile ka ditsela*

tse di ntseng jang. *Software development e tshwanetse e tsamaye jalo, ka gore ga ke ka ke ka dira software jaaka Honourable Moalosi a bua, a bo a ntirela software, e le Honourable Moalosi, fa a sena go nna a e dira a bo a e nneela a re ke e tsenye kwa transport. Remember, we do not serve a small community, we do not serve chain shops, we are serving a huge organisation being Government. So, re tshwanetse e re when deploying any system e e buang ka Goromente, re bo re le sure ka its resilience. Re bo re le sure gore a e a bereka tota, e bile le go bereka ga teng, e tlaa bereka le kamoso. Se ke se lemogileng mo nakong e e fetileng ke gore, jaaka a dira software e le software developer jaana, he will be developing, go bo go raya gore o itse source code gakere, ke yone the source ya madi a gagwe, o a e fitlha gakere. Fa a tswa fa unfortunately o kubugelwa ke bolwetse, gongwe a bo a re tlogela. Go bo go raya gore system ele jaanong ga go na le fa e le ope yo o e itseng, go raya gore jaanong ke stuck, and such has happened in the past, where systems were deployed o di tsaya fela mo mothong a re, ke go diretse software, e dirise. Fa o sena go nna o e dirisa, fa o e dirisa le ene, because it did not go through the processes tsa market resilience and tests, tse di supang quality assurance le gore e bile boseyong jwa gagwe system e e tlaa kgona to be attended by mang le mang ba ba trained on that system. O fitlhela e le gore we are lacking that, that is why companies like Oracle jaaka a bua ka yone, e e dirang most of the softwares or Microsoft or any of these, ba na le that system of developing system, ba bo ba e tsamaisa through those rigorous tests and make sure gore people are trained globally gore ba bereke mo system e...*

MR MOALOSI: *Point of clarification. Ke batla go botsa Minister gore, a o lemoga gore in this Motion, ke ne ke re go dirwe a hub kwa UB. Hub eo e tlaabo e se ya motho a le mongwe fela, e tlaabo e le Department of Computer Science with all the staff ba ba tlaabong ba tlhophilwe go tsamaisa hub e. Even the graduate students and under graduate students. Ya bobedi e bo e le gore bo Oracle kana they started somewhere, ga e a simolola e na le batho bale 1,000, go simolotse gongwe e le motho a le mongwe fela a dira, a bo a batla investor, and then developed. Do you not think that if you have that kind of argument, we are going to make sure gore Batswana ga ba simolole sepe, because kana ga a ka ke a simolola software e bo e ya to run kwa Transport? Those rigorous systems can be there, gore di dirwe. Ke gore ga ke batle gore e nne e kete Minister ga a batle gore Motswana a dire sepe. Ke a leboga.*

MR TSHERE: *Ke rile ke dumalana le wena, jaanong ke go bontsha ditsela tse dingwe. Policy ya Ministry of Communications and Innovation ke gore, re tshwanetse to develop a software development capacity within the country, and we are already doing that, I will get to that. Ke rata ya university ka gore not necessarily UB, ka gore re na le bo BIUST and Botho University who are pretty much advanced in software development. Se se bothokwa ke gore in any innovation and research, fresh mind is required. That is why gongwe o gogela kwa UB, ka gore re tlaa nna le bana ba ba tsenang ngwaga le ngwaga e bo ba thusa the development. Mo ke gone mo go thusang research, and that is why ke dumalana le wena.*

Let me tell you what we are doing at the ministry *ka kgang e*. The ministry has two departments, *di bidiwa* Botswana Digital and Innovation Hub (BDIH) and Botswana Institute for Technology Research and Innovation (BITRI) *e o neng o bua ka yone*. What is the role of these two departments within the Ministry of Communications and Innovation, *ke gore re tshwanetse to identify talente jaaka o e bua jaana...*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR TSHERE: *...kwa University of Botswana. Mma ke wele ka point e gore e tle e utlwale sentle. Time and again re ntsha calls kwa BDIH approaching the universities and other industries gore tlang le re thuseng to develop this. It is not only development, the way ka fa Ministry of Communications and Innovation runs in terms of research and innovation is such that, go tshwanetse go nne le research. Research e tshwanetse e eme ka research output, e e leng gore re le lefatshe re tshwanetse re lebelele the research output and make sure that it has been patented, e setse e na le intellectual property. Fa e le foo jaanong, rona re tlaabo re lebelela gore according to the country's priority, which one of this research output can we now take for incubation. That is what we do at BDIH, we incubate those ideas. After incubating them, we then prepare them for market and commercialization. Sometimes this exercise can take 1 to 2 years gore re dire jalo, we have done that with UB students, graduates tsa BIUST, BUAN and all of them, that is what they are doing at BDIH le kwa BITRI.*

Gompieno jaana fa ke go bolelela boammaaruri, ga re na molao wa *open-source as a policy, as the country, we are still developing it. What we have done* ka melao ya rona ke gore, yotlhe e o bonang ke ntse ke e tlisa fa,

we have made it technologically neutral, which means we do not specify mo molaong wa rona gore dira selo se ka open-source, blockchain kana ka eng. Re batla gore re letlelele industry gore e phuthologe, so you can still use open-source. We are going there, we have realised gore open-source e ka nna tshono ya gore re fokotse ditlhwatlhwa tse di kana. What I am saying ke gore, it is not only just doing software kwa lwapeng, ke gore jaanong e tsamaye through rigorous tests, that is what these companies are doing even kwa China kwa o tswang teng, gore ba di tlhophe, ba di tsamaisa ka tsela e kwa bofelelong di tlaabo di le market ready and very resilient, tse re ka di dirisang, le ba Africa ba ka tla ba di dirisa...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR MONAGENG: *Clarification. Thank you Madam Speaker. Re a go utlwa Honourable Minister, gakere tota mo Botswana jaaka re na le BIUST, UB, Botswana Vaccine Institute (BVI), National Agricultural Research and Development Institute (NARDI), BDIH, BITRI le tse tsotlhe, a di ka se ke di tshwaragane di tsamaelane le mogopolo o Honourable Member a tlang ka one? A di ka se ke di dirwe jalo, ka gore tota fela ke le nosi ke mo utlwile.*

MR TSHERE: *A di ka se ke di tshwaragane, no! The role of the Ministry of Communications and Innovation ke go di tshwaraganya, ka gore gompieno we are developing the Research and Innovation Council, molao wa teng o tlaa tla mo Palamenteng, re santse re o develop. What is going to happen is that, we are going to have the apex body, e le council e e tlaabong e lebeletse Research and Innovation. Ke yone e e tlaabong e kaela (guide), e supa gore lefatshe la Botswana re batla go tsamaela kae in the next 10, 15 years and do research and innovation along those lines, re setse re na le melao eo. Fa tlase go ya go nna le Research and Innovation Fund. Dilo tse re setse re di dira, jaanong ke sone se ke reng re tshwanetse re le lefatshe...*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR LEKAU: *Clarification. Minister, le nna ka e kare e tsena mo sekgweng, o mphatlolole. What will be the train smash mo go direng this hub, ka gore fa o lebelela mafatshe a mangwe gore le kgakala go le kana ka eng, do you not think this hub e late tota, e ka bo e simologile? Fa re tsamayang teng, re ka bo gongwe bana ba re reng ba tlaa ya kwa university next year e le first years, e bo e le bone ba re simololelang mo go*

bone. E re fa re ntse re baakanya melao re fetlha, mme go bo go na le matlhasedi a gore *direction* re batla go ya kwa kae. Ke a leboga.

MR TSHERE: Se ke ntseng ke se tlhalosa ke gore, *we have a hub already*, BDIH *which is doing exactly what he is saying to the tee*. Ke dumalana le ene, *even the hub itself relies on students and graduates, that is what we are doing at the BDIH*. Re batla *ideas* tseo.

Jaanong fa e le gore re tsaya *position* eo, *of which* re setse re e tsere e bile re batla *to develop that*. Kgang e bo e nna *funding* jaaka *Honourable* Maele a ne a bua, *obviously* ga go na *fund* e re ka e tsayang, ga a na *vote* ya gore a re yeng *to develop* kwa UB. Madi a re ka a dirisang le a re ka a kopang kwa bathong ba ba re rotloetsang kwa ntle *for research purposes*, a kwa BDIH, ke gone kwa go dirwang dilo tse teng. *The funding model* wa teng o ntse jalo, *whereby developers like yourself honourable*, ba tlaabo ba kopa gore *I have developed* sengwe ke se, *let us incubate it and make it market ready*. *The hub is already there*. *What I can agree with you* ke gore, *maybe as the ministry* re e emele ka dinao *and expedite the capacity* ya *software development* mo Botswana.

I will tell you again that you are a professional, remember I am a health professional and as a health professional we register, you have to have a practicing license for you *gore a bo gotwe* you are a Bio-Medical Engineer. One thing about Information and Communications Technology (ICT) industry, it is unregulated and this I have said before. As I sit here as a Minister, *mongwe le mongwe* comes to my office and claims to be an expert in ICT. I think *gongwe e bile wena* as a professional in this area, you should stand up and advocate *gore go nne* le registration. So that we can now engage at a level *e e leng gore ga se mongwe le mongwe fela*, ke batho who are professionals and they can offer professional advice.

DR GOBOTSWANG: *Clarification*. Ke a leboga, ke botse Tona potso e le nngwefela gore *when was BDIH established?* I thank you.

MR MOALOSI: *Clarification*. Ke a leboga Honourable Minister. *Ke re gongwe o tlhaloganye fa gore kana* this Motion *o batla* development of a particular product, that is ERP. Does BDIH has someone who is developing ERP? The reason why we picked ERP is because, it is one of the most expensive softwares in hundreds of millions of Pulas. *Ke yone kang e ke batlang gore o e tlhalose* honourable.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR MOTSAMAI): *Clarification*. Ke batla gore ke botse fa *Madam Speaker* ka mowa fela o o edileng jaaka gale, a mme dikarabo tse Motlotlegi Tshere a di fang Mopalamamente gompiano jaana, a ke dikarabo tse di padileng kwa *screen board* kana ke tse di padileng fa ba le babedi fela ba lebagane a mo raya a re nnyaa, o se ka wa ya go tsenya mogopolo o ka gore go na le seemo se se ntseng jaana re tswelitse re a dira? Ke batla go itse fela gone foo. Ke a leboga.

MR TSHERE: *Thank you very much*. Gone re kile ra o *discuss* le *Honourable* Moalosi, jaanong gakere o a ne a batla gore batho ba bone gore o theogetse.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ... (Laughter!)

MR TSHERE: Jaanong ga go re sepe, ke sone se e leng gore re a buisana thata, ke motho yo o *very helpful*, ke *shadow Minister* wa me.

Jaanong BDIH gore e simolotse leng, ga ke itse gore a o raya gore go simolotse leng go dira se re se dirang sone se, kana o raya nnetlane, *it has been a while*. Kana gakere e tswa kwa *the old administration*. *What we have done, and maybe I can explain within the short time*, BDIH *and BITRI* pele e ne e le gore, ke yone Botswana Innovation Hub (BIH) ya bogologolo ya bo Innovation Hub, *it has just changed because of digitalisation* e bidiwa Botswana Digital and Innovation Hub, *but* yone ke Botswana Innovation Hub fela ya bogologolo ele. Jaanong se se neng sa diragala *in the previous Government* e ne e le gore bone ba akanya gore BDIH le BITRI di kopane *in a way trying to say, we should start from research all the way to commercialisation*. *So, the new thinking in the Government* ke gore *no*, fa o dira jalo *research is going to suffer because research ga e na madi in most cases*. *So let us limit researchers to research, and then fa ba sena go nna ba produce the research output, which is patent, then* ke gone re bo re *pick* mo go tsone, tse e leng gore *they align with* tebelopele ya ga Goromente, *then* re bo re kgona gore re di *push into the innovation circle* jaanong di kgone *to be developed and incubated* e bile di batlelwe *bankable feasibility study, and eventually* jaanong di dirwe, a bo Batswana ba *benefit* mo go tsone. *What I am saying* ke gore ke a mo utlwa, se a le kang go se bua ke gore *let us strengthen what we are doing so that we engage more* Batswana.

ERP *as softwares*, le tsone tse dingwe tse o buang ka tsone, ke boammaaruri, re tshwanetse re itebaganye le tsone. Jaanong se ke le kang go se bua ke gore kwa UB, *the Professor* you have been referring to here, o kgona

go tla kwa BDIH a kwadile *proposal*, and I recommend that she drops that proposal to BDIH, gore ke batla go dira *this programme* ka gore ke wena o re fang *motivation*. Rona as *Government* re eletsa to *develop and create capacity of software development in the country and deployment* ya yone, but we want to *deploy it* e le *mature to a level that* ga se gore ke tlaa tsaya *system* mo go wena and then *replace* ya *transport for example*, fa ke sena go nna ke e *replace* jaanong *it gives me more headache, next week* e sule ka gore ga e ise e ko e nne *tested to an acceptable level*. I know gore go tshwanetse go bo go na le *some standards that we need to follow*, go tle go kgone go dirwa. That is why I am putting it to you as the *shadow Minister* wa ICT gore let us *advocate for registration of professionals*. Let us *professionalise ICT first because all these briefcase guys are claiming to be experts and are not registered*. Fa ba se *registered, who do I believe? Who do I get guidance from?* Jaanong you are not even registered as an *ICT professional*, o a bona gore *this is a problem, this is the serious challenge* e e leng gore fa re ka e simolola...

MR HIKUAMA: Clarification. Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ke a leboga Tona. You are raising an *important question* ya *sustainability*. Potso ya me ke gore *what the Honourable Member is advocating for to establish a hub*, o belaela gore e tlaa dira gore go se ka ga nna le *sustainability, that it will engage fly-by-night programmers or what?* Ga ke kgone to *pick exactly* gore *what is the problem with agreeing to the creation of a hub* e e tlaabong e tlhokomela dilo tse, re bo re *develop* tsotlhe tse di tlhokafalang gore e pase *the testing of the phases* tse o buang ka tsone. Go pala eng wena fa o lebile moo? Go tlaa pala eng gore re e *develop* re bo re e *subject to all the processes and stages that are required?*

MR TSHERE: Ee, mme kana ke ntse ke e tlhalosa gore *we are already doing it* kwa BDIH. Jaanong ka re *information* e a nang le yone and the *Professor* wa kwa UB, *there is no need to form a hub* kwa UB, *what we need to do is to tap on the expertise at UB*. How do we do it? We do that through *submission of proposals* through BDIH gore ke na le se, then we take it through *that process, and that is software development process, that I agree with him* gore re tshwanetse re e *strengthen*. Ke sone se ke reng se setse se diragala. Re lomagana le *various universities*. We have had *university student graduates* kwa BDIH mo go yone *this programme*, so ke gone mo ke le kang go go tlhalosa gore go setse go diragala eng. Ke dumalana le ene gore re tshwanetse re goge *our socks* mo kgannyeng ya *to develop in the country capabilities*. Thank you very much.

MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION (MR MAELE): Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ke ne ke re ke supe gore ke bua jaana e le gore ke nna mong wa UB. Jaanong ke tle ke kgone gore ke thuse *the House* gore re tle re bone gore gongwe *Motion* o re ka tsamaya ka one ka tsela e e ntseng jang. *Madam Speaker, Motion* o o tlisitsweng ke Rre Moalosi o molemo. E bile ke batla go supa gore rona kwa UB, re dumalana le *Motion* wa teng. Jaanong ga ke itse gore re tlile go e dira jang ka gore kana go raya gore tota kwa bofelong jwa letsatsi, rona tse re di dirang kwa UB, *particularly* tse di tshwanang le tsone tse di kopiwang ke Rre Moalosi, gantsi re nna e re fa re sena go bona kakanyo, re bo re tsamaela kwa go bo Rre Tshere gore ba re thuse.

Ke batla go supa se *Madam Speaker*, gore ke na le pelaelo ya gore Rre Moalosi o a itse gore *a proposal* ya *to develop or to do a software development hub* kwa UB ke belaela gore o a itse gore *it was done in the past*. Fa e le gore ga a itse, ke rurifatse gore *the proposal was done in the past, and* fa e sena go dirwa, e ne ya isiwa kwa go Goromente yo o fetileng, *unfortunately* ga se ka ga nna le sepe se se dirilweng. *The fact of the matter is that* ba kile ba tla kwa go nna ba mpoletela ka kgang e, and you will understand that ga ke motho yo o itseng thata ka dilo tsa IT. Then *what is happening at this point in time is that we have two IT partners, local*, ba re dirang *the hub* le bone. Jaanong kgang e tona ke gore fela jaaka o ne o bua, re ne re lemoga gore *license fees* ke mathata fela a a gaggamatsang *in terms of payments* tse e leng gore di nna teng. So that is why ke go raya ke re, tota *Motion* o re dumalana le wena, mme e bile gape *what you are asking for* se setse se dirwa, e bile re setse re na le *partners* tse pedi ba IT *local companies* tse re batlang go dira golo mo le bone. I do not know gore at this point in time, re ka dira jang, because tota to be honest, I would really want to tap on the *knowledge* ya *this first-class material* o o bidiwang gotwe Rre Moalosi gore a tle a kgone go re thusa fa re ntse re tswelutse ka golo mo. I want to confirm to Rre Moalosi gore batho ba ba dirang *this hub, they meet with the partners* tsa rona on *fortnightly basis, and I am here offering myself* gore fa e le gore gongwe Rre Moalosi o ka batla go nna *closer to us*, kana go bona gore re dira eng gore a re thuse, I will gladly invite him gore le ene re tle re bone gore re ka dira ka tsela e e ntseng jang, a tle a bone gore a re mo tseleng. Kakanyo e a neng a e bua a ntse a re re ka rekisetsa kana re ka isa kwa mafatsheng a sele, ke boammaaruri. Ba ba e dirang fa ba ntekodisa ba ne ba re tota e bile *they want to market these software solutions to the entire* Southern African Development

Community (SADC) region gore ba tle ba bone gore e tlaa re go tswa foo, a bo e le gore go ka bereka eng mo lefatsheng le. *In short Madam Speaker, se Rre Moalosi a se buang kana Motion wa ga Motlotlegi Moalosi ka fa a o beileng ka teng, re dumalana le one, there is a proposal, right now they are developing a business case for the hub, because gakere in the previous Government e ne ya se ke ya tsamaya sentle. Jaanong ba bo ba re okay, let us develop a business case Minister; re tle re go e neele, o tle o lebelele gore a o ka se ke o re thuse gore re tle re tswelele kwa pele.*

Jaanong kana golo mo go tlaabo go raya gore ke tshwanetse gore e tle e re fa ba sena go nna ba dira jaana, ka gore ke ne ke ise ke begele Rre Tshere, ba *Communications and Innovation, because gakere e ne e santse e le mogopolo o ba neng ba leka go o dira, e le proposal. So, ke tsaya gore maybe that is why a bua ka Innovation Hub, rona ka kwa re bua ka se wena o se batlang, e bile o re it should be housed kwa UB.*

I can tell you Madam Speaker, capacity ya gore re ka host this thing gore the hub e ka nna kwa university, e teng, re na le yone because re na le batho ba ba ka dirang golo mo. Le gone gape gongwe ba setse ba kile ba leka ditekeletsonyana di se kaenyana fela tsa go bona gore a golo mo go ka bereka. Ba dumela gore this thing e ka bereka. The only problem e ke batlang gore ke e bolelele Honourable Moalosi, e e leng gore ba e ntlhaloseditse ke gore mathata a matonatonna ke the cost associated. Ke tsaya gore le ene has acknowledged gore this thing is a multi-million Pula project e e leng gore fa e ka dirwa, e batla madi a mantsi. That is the only problem. In principle fa ba mpegela this thing, ke ne ke dumalana le bone e bile ke bona gore go ka re thusa.

Jaanong kana Motion wa re *in the next financial year, that I can confirm gore tota in the next financial year, looking at what we have already given to UB, what we have already given to the Ministry of Higher Education ka budget ya maloba, it would not be possible, that one I want to just inform you upfront, ka gore mo Motion wa gago o rile this should be done within the next fiscal year. Mme ka fa ke bonang madi a teng a ntse ka teng, ka fa ba mpoletseng gore costs tsa teng di tllile go nna ka teng, fela jaaka le wena o itse motho wa gaetsho, ke dumela gore it is a good idea, it is something that is worth pursuing. We have local IT partners in Botswana, and I think maybe what we should be doing ke gore gongwe batho ba ba tshwanang le wena jaana, ba re gakolole gore mme re ka bona kae gongwe even international partners, ba e leng gore re ka leka gore re tle re kgone to implement this project.*

Madam Speaker, fela ka bokhutshwane, this Motion is innocuous, o molemo, it is the direction that we should take, re dumalana le ene. Mathata a re nang le one fela ke costs. Ke gone fela fa e leng gore go tlaa re borikhisa gore re tlaa dira jang. Like I said before, I am still inviting him to engage with me and I can actually even make sure that he engages with the team and our partners, so that we can discuss this project le ene, because it is really about the nation, ke golo ga setšhaba, ke golo mo e leng gore go tlaabo go thusa lefatshe la Botswana. So, I am not going to say because he is on the other side, ga ke ka ke ka mo tliša closer. I am willing to bring him closer, even to our team or partners, so that o ka okomela le ene ka leitlho la gagwe la kitso ya this thing go bona gore a mme re mo tseleng e e leng gore gongwe...

MR KAPINGA: *Elucidation.* Ke lebogela maikutlo a gago a gore o ka laletsa Honourable Moalosi to interact le team e o buang ka yone. A mme go ka se ka ga nna molemo go feta fa o ka laletsa komiti ya Palamente e e lebaganeng le dikgang tse gore e ye go tlhaloganya gore go diragala eng mo kgannyeng e?

MR MAELE: *Madam Speaker, like I said, our partners le project team ya rona, ba kopana every fortnight. Ba na le meeting next week as I am speaking to you, I am more than willing. Ke tsaya gore Honourable Kapinga o a itse, le Shadow Minister wa Education o a itse, every time he wants a meeting with me kana komiti ya gagwe, I always go there. I am more than willing gore re ka le baakanyetsa a brief re bo re le invite as the Committee ya IT, le bo le ya go nna le rona fa fatshe, re bo re le supegetsa gore re tsamaya fa kae. Fa e le gore le ka re gakolola, le ka re gakolola ka fa le ka re gakololang ka teng, but I am more than willing to invite the IT Committee to make sure that ba ka nna le kitso ya gore re tsamaya fa kae le gone gore ba ka re gakolola.*

Madam Speaker, ka bokhutshwane, that is why le ne le utlwa ke re ga ke itse gore e tlaa re fa ke sena go bua, go ya go dira eng to the Motion, because re dumalana le one, mme e bile ga re dumalana le one jaana, exactly what Rre Moalosi is saying, ke selo se e leng gore re a se dira. Mark my words fa ke re this thing is not new. E kile ya buiwa at some stage, e bile e kile ya isiwa to the Minister wa Skills and Development at that time, but unfortunately go raya gore there was no action. Jaanong fa ba tla kwa go nna ba e resuscitate, ke gone ke bo ke simolola ke batla dilo tse dintsinzana, costs, this, that, implementation plan and so forth and so forth.

So, unfortunately e tsile jaaka ke ne ke bua, re ise re bue le *ministry* wa ga Rre Tshere. Gape ke ne ke ntse ke itse gore o ile kwa makgoeng, *I would have actually engaged you* gore o tle o bone gore re tsamaya fa kae, e tle e re fa o o tliša, gongwe o bo o kgona go tlhalosa gore nnyaa, mme ke buile le ba UB, ba re ba tsamaya fa le fa le fa. So, in short *Madam Speaker, I support Motion* wa ga Rre Moalosi le fa ke sa itse gore *to continue debating it*, go tlaabo go raya eng. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MR HIKUAMA (MAUN WEST): Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ke a leboga *Honourable Moalosi*. La ntlha mme ke simolole ka go leboga *Honourable Moalosi*. Ke mo leboegele dilo tse pedi; *the right mindset, that is the first thing I should recognise and appreciate*. Sa bobedi, *to be ready* ka *Motion* wa gagwe. Bona gore go na le *Motions* tse kae tse di oleng fa godimo ga wa gagwe, mme ga a ise a re o kwa bofelong ke *Number 20*, ga a *prepared*. Golo moo go re raya gore fa re le Mapalamente, fa o bona *Motion* o setse o *appear* mo pampiring yone e, *get ready at any time*. O se ka wa re o kwa morago ke *Number 10* o bo o tla ka *excuses* tsa gore nnyaa, *Minister* o ne a seyo. O a bona gore go re diela nako. *I recognise and appreciate that, to be ever-ready*. Ke go supa gore o tsaya tiro ya gago ka tlhwaafalo.

Sa boraro *Madam Speaker* fa ke tsena mo kgannyeng e re e beilweng pele, mma ke supe gore o bua nnete *Honourable Moalosi*. Tota tiro ya *universities* ga se go tsenya kitso fela mo bathong, ke go tla ka ditharabololo tsa mathata a lefatshe le lebaganeng le one, *to do research*, ba bo ba tla ka *programmes* tse di ka itebaganyang le dikgwetlho tse re nang le tsone. *That is another role of the university. It is not only to teach, it is also to come up with home-grown solutions and programmes, systems*, tse di ka isang lefatshe le kwa mankalenkaleng. Ke tiro e nngwe e e dirwang ke *universities* lefatshe ka bophara ka *to train qualified human resources*, ba e leng gore *they will be conducting research* tse di tseneletseng mo mabakeng a re nang le one. *To solve national problems, fostering innovation* e re e tlhokang. Fa o e akanya o bo o e gokaganya le dikole tse di tona tsa *universities*, o dira se se tshwanetseng se dirwe ke tsone *universities* le dikole tsa rona tse dikgolwane.

Madam Speaker, Rre Moalosi o adile kgang ya gagwe. O e adile fela mo e leng gore mongwe le mongwe o a utlwa gore go diragala eng. Le rona ba re senang dikitso tsa *technology*, se a se buang re a se utlwa gore a reng. Le Matona ba supile gore se se buiwang se a utlwala fa ba *respond*. Ke ba leboege le bone. Matona ka bobedi, wa

Thuto e Kgolwane le wa Dikitso le Ditlhaeletsano, ba supile gore se se buiwang se a utlwala. Jaanong ga ke a tlhologanya *Honourable Tshere*. *Honourable Maele* ene o utlwetse fela o *clear*. *Honourable Tshere* e kete o batla go tsamaya a ntse a ikgata motlhala, a itsoketsa, a bua dilonyana, a tla ka mo go bidiwang *mechanisms*, ga go na mabaka a a papametseng. *I do not think we can reject a Motion on account of cost of the programme. I do not think we can do that, otherwise, re tlaabo re sa dire tiro ya rona re le Palamente*.

MR TSHERE: On a point of procedure. *Ga a nkutlwa sentle gotlhelele, e bile ga ke a bua ka to reject*, I have never used the word reject actually. *Se ke lehang go se tlhalosa ke gore* we are doing it. *Jaanong fa e le gore o batla re strengthen* with UB, and not only UB like I said, *go na le ba bangwe, ke a leboga. Eo ke a e rata ka gore jaaka ke bua*, university aids research and innovation by the new minds that come every year, they add to the resources ya knowledge mo university. So, it is a good thing but I am directing it *gore kana re setse re na le hub*, Botswana Digital and Innovation Hub which is doing that. It is tasked with that. It is tasked with not only at UB but all other universities to receive such kind of proposals. Thank you.

MR HIKUAMA: *Thank you very much*. Ke ne ke raga gore o tle o tswe sentle, ke utlwe gore wa reng. *That is very good*, ke leboga thata gore ga o gane sepe, o amogela *Motion* jaaka o ntse. Ga ke itse gore yo mongwe yo o neng a ngunanguna kwa, ene o batla go *reject* ka fa ke bonang molomo wa gagwe ka teng. O mo tlhaloseditse, ga go na se se ka ganwang fa, ke sone se se tlhalosegileng se se leng *clear to everybody in this House*. *There is nothing to reject here*. Go raya gore *to strengthen what the Government is already doing, the logical thing to do is to adopt this Motion, to give weight to what is already being done in the country*. Ke sone se re ka se dirang. Gape le go neela Palamente *ownership of what is happening in the country* gore le yone e eme nokeng, e itse gore go diragala eng gore le yone e kile ya nna le lentswe la go ema nokeng se se dirwang ke *ministries* tse di maleba.

We do support your efforts, we also augment that by supporting and embracing the Motion o o tlang ka *Honourable Moalosi*. Tota ke itumelela gore *debate* e e tlaa wela sentle, re dumalana ka gore re bua ka go tlhabolola dikitso, *to develop the systems* le go nna le *home-grown programmes*. *That is why I like this Motion*. Ga re ka ke ra gola, ga re ka ke ra phadisana le mafatshe a mangwe re sena *home-grown programmes* and

solutions for our problems. Fa re ka nna le dikitso tsa go betla ditsamaiso tsa maranyane tse di re kgontshang go dira dilo mo lefatsheng la rona, re ka tswelera ra gola re le lefatsho. *We cannot rely on external models,* re tshwanetse ra nna le *the innovations that are tailored to our context.*

Ke a tle ke bolelele *Honourable* Lucas gore ga go na jaaka o ka tsaya *system* kwa o e manolola fela *without contextualising it,* o sa e lebaganye le mathata o bo o re *it can solve* mathata a gago ka fa o ka kgotsofalang ka teng. *The thing is to contextualise and that is what the Motion is advocating for.* Le lona ka fa ke le utlwang ka teng, ke yone tsela e le eletsang gore re goroge kwa go yone. *I was in China some few weeks ago, they have developed their own system.* Ke e rata thata, *the model of development* wa yone le ka fa ba dirang dilo ka teng, *they do not rely on other countries on foreign systems. They rely on their own systems that they develop themselves to feed their taste, to control them, to develop their industries and capacity.*

Ke ratile *that intervention* e e dirilweng ke *Honourable* Maele a bua gore bone *as the university,* go na le se ba se dirang. Ke bo ke utlwa gape Tshere a bua se a se buang. Ke mmusetse kwa *argument* e re neng re na le yone maloba ke mmolelela gore *if you want* Technical Vocational and Education Training (TVET) *Programme* gore e tswelere, *the industry; related stakeholders and institutions* di tshwanetse go nna golo go le gongwefela. Di nne le *an operation programme* e e di gokaganyang *to develop a product* e mongwe le mongwe o tlaabong a na le seabe e bile go le *defined* sentle gore seabe sa me e tlaabo e le se, se tswa fa se ema fa. Ga se pale, *we should not bring it as a problem, we should now find a way to bring all those stakeholders* gore mogopolo o o none e bile re atlege mo go se re se batlang. *We have to bring them together; how are we going to collaborate, how are we going to network as institutions, university as the industry and as the Ministry* wa *Innovation?* Ke tsone ditsela tse re tshwanetseng go di batla tseo, e seng go di tliša e le dikgoreletsi. Ga se dikgoreletsi, ke tsone tse di ka re thusang go atlega mo go se re se batlang.

Madam Speaker, Motion o ga o na *any window* ya gore go na le mongwe yo o ka ganang le one, *it is watertight.* O tshwanetse gore o amogelwe jaaka o beilwe, o tle o re thuse go neela *support* mo go se se dirwang le se se tshwanetseng gore se diragale, se nne teng mo lefatsheng la rona. *Honourable* Moalosi o o beile ka botswerere le kitso e e tseneletseng ya boitsaanape. Rona jaanong

ke gore re o neele *support,* baitsaanape ba dire se ba tshwanetseng go se dira, re tle re bone le *home-grown systems that are not hacked* motlhofo, le go swa re sa ka ke ra kgona go itse beng ba yone gore ba kwa kae. Di tlaabo di laolwa mo lefatsheng la Botswana go bo go nna monate, re di shafatsa ka fa re ka di shafatsang ka teng le dikitso tsa bana ba rona, le go oketsa le yone *entrepreneurship* ya lefatsho la Botswana. Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker. I support Motion o.*

MR MAPULANGA (CHOBE): Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker.* Tla ke go leboge *Honourable* Moalosi, o goroga fela ka *suit* e ntšha ke a bona. *Madam Speaker,* ke batla go ema fa ke supe gore ke ema Tshutiso e nokeng. E se gore ke e ema ka gore ke bapa le ene mo tafoleng, ke e ema nokeng ka mabaka a a a beileng, a ke a utlwieng. *Madam Speaker,* Setswana se a tle se re, ‘mphampha o a lapisa, motho o kgona ke sa gagwe.’ *Motion* o fa o o reeditse fela, re bua ka *localisation* ya ditirelo tsa rona. *Honourable* Tshere maloba o ne a re baya pele Digital Services Bill, e re e dumelang mme kana fa re dira jalo, re raya *a political will,* re raya *the right attitude towards growing* Botswana gore jaanong kana re fa ga re batle go ya go fitlhela *softwares* tse di rekwang (*ordered*) *that cost us* *Madam Speaker.*

Gompieno jaana *Honourable* Moalosi *system* e e dirisiwang kwa *health,* dipilisi di kgona *to expire* mo kokelwaneng e nngwe mme di tliša kwa go e nngwe ka gore *system* e re e dirisang ya Central Medical Stores (CMS), ga e kgone go re bontsha gore o ka *search* gore fa ke sena *drug* e, e teng kwa kae. E ema fela mo CMS, ga e go bontshe melemo e e mo dipateleng tse dingwe. Jaanong le a bona gore *cost* ya go tliša *systems* le maranyane a a siameng, *that are developed* ke rona e kae. *We are losing money* ka ditirelo tse re di rekwang kwa ntle tse di sa tsamaelaneng le se re se batlang.

Re bua ka *digital services* e ke dumelang gore *these developers from the hub,* sa ntlha se o tlaa se lemogang gompieno jaana, batho ka bontsi ba ba sa boneng ditiro mo lefatsheng la Botswana *Madam Speaker,* ke bone ba *software engineering and computer engineers,* mme re na le bone, re ba *train. Opportunity* ke yone e *Honourable Minister,* gore re ba tsenye mo ditirong. Ditiro tse re di batlang tse 500, 000, dingwe tsa tsone di mo *Motion* o wa ga *Honourable* Moalosi. Ke ne ke utlwa kgang e go neng gotwe *cost* e ya go dirwa jang, ke tliša jaana *Madam Speaker, once the hub is operating,* ke le *company,* ke kgona go kopa go direlwa *software* e ke e batlang. *Charges* tse di kwa bankeng, *costs* ke ya *softwares...*

MR MAELE: *Clarification.* Ke a leboga Madam Speaker. Ke a leboga motlotlegi. Ke kopa gore tlhe rra o se ka wa senyetsa Rre Moalosi, Motion o, o bothlokwa. *We are not saying* go na le mathata a gore Motion o, o tswelele. Ra re, mathata ke *the cost to establish the hub, this is what we are saying.* Jaanong fa o re *companies* di tlaa reka kwa hub, nnyaa, go raya gore ga o a e tshwara sentle. *We are saying at this point in time* re le UB, re na le *proposal* ya go dira *that particular thing, and we partnered with IT partners but the only problem* ke the cost. Jaanong fa o ne o bua gone foo o bo o re rona re le Palamente, wena *Minister wa Higher Education, we are going to give you money, I will tell you that we will do this thing tomorrow.* Ke a leboga Madam Speaker.

MR MAPULANGA: Ke tsaya floor Madam Speaker. *Honourable*, re bua ka go atolosa ditirelo. Fa e le gore re *develop these softwares* mo lefatsheng la Botswana *from that hub, anyone here even Government departments* tse di dirisang *ordered softwares*, ga ba na go tlhola ba ya koo. Ba tsaya madi a bone ba a *channel* gone kwa ba tshwanetseng go ya go direlwa *the software* teng. Ke sone se ke reng, *even the private sector* e e mo lefatsheng la Botswana, ga e ye go tlhola e *operate* ka *to order* dilo kwa ntle. *That is why* ke ne ke neela sekai sa dibanka, *retail environment* kana *shops* tse di leng teng gone fa. *Stock* sa *shops* tse re di tlwaetseng, gongwe ke neele sekai tsa bo Choppies, Spar, tsa eng, di na le *softwares* tse di dirisiwang *for stock counts* tsa bone. Madi a ba a dirisang go ya go reka kwa ntle a boela mo lefatsheng la Botswana ka gore re setse re *develop that thing.*

MR HIKUAMA: *Elucidation.* O e tshwere sentle thata. Se o se buang ke gore, fa re ka fetisa Motion o le *costs* tse go buiwang ka tsone re le Palamente, re tlaabo re na le kitso e e tseletseng. Fa re *debate* le *budget*, re itse gore re na le lethoko le re tshwanetseng go isa kwa *software*. Re tlaabo re na le kitso ya gore re batla go dirwe eng. Ke eng re tshwanetse go kopa *budget* gore e nne ntsi, go ya go thusa *the establishment of this hub.* Ke a leboga.

MR MAPULANGA: O e tshwere sentle mokaulengwe. Ke tsamaele fa pele Madam Speaker, *there is security* se re buang ka sone fa e le gore ga re itirele *software* tsa rona, *are we safe?* Le fa e le gone kwa sesoleng, *are we safe*, kana kwa sepodiseng, Directorate of Intelligence and Security (DIS) kana mo *networks* tsa rona *as we communicate?* Ke dumalana le ene jaaka le dumalana le ene gore a Motion o fete, re bone gore *we tighten* jang *our securities.* Charges tse *Minister* a neng a re di tlaa drop tsa *telecommunications, this is where they are,*

once we start developing our own software, cost ga e tshwane le fa re *order* kwa ntle. Bo Mascom ba tsaya ya rona ba e dirisa e bereka, *so, the cost* ga e tshwane. *This is why* ke dumela gore Motion o, o tsamaya sentle, e bile re bua gore re ya *to create* ditiro *Honourable Minister.* Ditiro tsoatlhe di gone fa tse di kwa maphateng otlhe a a leng teng. Ke sone se *Madam Speaker*; ke dumelang gore *any sovereignty* e re e batlang mo tsamaisong ya maranyane, kana *independence*, re tlaabo re itse gore *once* re itirela *softwares* tsa rona, re fokoditse *influx* ya gore bana ba lefatshe la Botswana ba felela ba bereka *to order* sengwe le sengwe kwa ntle. Re tlaabo re ba nonotshitse gore le bone kamoso, re ba bone ba tsewa ba ya go dira kwa mafatsheng ao ka gore *programmes* tse ba di dirileng *are working internationally.* Fa o ya le *the regulation*, e tlaabo e le *to make sure* fela gore tse o di batlang tsa *quality assurance* o di baya mo *line*, gore go sena ope yo o tlaa dirang *shortcut.*

MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INNOVATION (MR TSHERE): *Clarification.* Thank you very much Madam Speaker and Honourable Mapulanga. Ke a go utlwa, tota re a dumalana jaaka ke bua. Ke ne ke bua gore re setse re na le hub, potso e ke batlang *illustration* mo go wena ke gore, a o raya gore re set hub kwa UB, Botho University, BIUST, jalojalo? A re tsamaye re dira *these hubs all over* re na le hub which is meant to unify all of them jaaka ke ntse ke tlhalosa? Thank you.

MR MAPULANGA: Thank you very much. The answer is directly clear, it is ee, we need to have multiple hubs so that di bereke di tswelele, re godise lefatshe. Ga re ka ke ra rely in one centre. Re tshwanetse to rely mo go tsone tsoatlhe, *more so* UB is a centre ya rona in terms of everything. E bile e atologile, ke ya Batswana botlhe. E tlaabo e direla mongwe le mongwe, le yone e rutuntsha bana ba yone ba ba yang go nna le dikompone tse di tlaabong di *compete in the market to develop softwares* tse. Ke dumela gore e tlhamaletse e ntse jalo. Ka gore nako ya rona e tsamaile Madam Speaker, ke batla go supa gore a Motion o re o dumalane jaaka re o dumalana, e bile o tlaabo o re thusitse thata.

Jaaka re lwa ka *monetisation* ya arts, o ya go tsena gone koo ba dirisa maranyane a re a dirileng mo lefatsheng la Botswana. Thuto e re e buang ya maranyane, re tlaabo re develop maranyane a rona Madam Speaker. Investments tsa rona, re di direla maranyane a rona. Our sports, re tlaabo re develop maranyane e ntse e le a rona. Ka mafoko a a kalo Madam Speaker; ke ema nokeng mokaulengwe mo Tshutisong ya gagwe. Ke a leboga.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF TRADE AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (MR MATHOOTHE):

Thank you Madam Speaker. Ke lebogele mmei wa *Motion*, e bile ke supe ka fa *Ministers* ba neng ba araba ka teng. Pele ke tlaa itebaganya thata le e e tlhalosiwang ke *Minister* Tshere fa a bua ka BDIH. *It is a hub* e e sa ikaegang ka *one sector*. Fa ke utlwa mmei wa *Motion*, o bua ka *sector* ya *software development* e a batlang go nna le *hub* kwa UB. Tona fa a tlhalosa o ne a bua ka *the innovation hub* e e sa itebaganyang fela ka *software development*. E itebagantse ka *sectors* tse di ntsi tse di farologanyeng, tse re dumelang gore re tshwanetse sengwe le sengwe sa dirwa mo lefatsheng la Botswana. Re tshwanetse go bona bana ba rona ba ba ithutetseng dilo ka go farologana, di dirwa mo lefatsheng la Botswana. Ke gone mo o bonang re na le *the BDIH*. Fa ba e tlhalosa ba re, *it is a Science and Technology Park (STP)*, kwa e leng gore bape ba ba dirang ka maranyane, *science* jalo, ba ka kgona *to develop* le go dira dilo tse di lebagang le lefatsheng la Botswana. O ka lebelela *services they offer*, ba simolola fela ka *the business support services*. Ba dira ka *the Intellectual Property (IP), advisory services, technology, entrepreneurship, development*. Ba na le ya *sector* e re buang ka yone gompiano ya ICT. Ke yone e re buang ka yone. Ke tsaya gore Tona o ne a leka go di tlhalosa jalo.

Fa o tswelala, go na le fa e buang teng ka *clean technology and the mining technologies*, ka gore ba ne ba e dira jalo ba lebeletse gone gore fa o tsaya *universities* tsa rona ka go farologana, di dira ka dithuto tse di farologaneng. Go itsewe gore ba BIUST fa e leng gore gongwe ke ba batlang go dira ka *the nuclear power station*, ba bo ba itse gore...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR MATHOOTHE: Mma ke wele pele, ke tlaa tla ke go neela. Ba bo ba itse gore nnyaa, fa o ya kwa Botswana Innovation Hub, go na le lephata le le lebagang le bone gore le bone ba ka batlisisa mo dikgannyeng tsa go nna jaana gore ba tle ba thuse lefatsheng la Botswana. Mma ke go neele.

MR MOALOSI: *Point of clarification.* Ee mma. Ke a leboga *Honourable Mathoothe*. Ke batla go itse gore *will you share with this House, the services* tse e leng gore yone BDIH e di neela *a particular investor* kana gongwe UB fa e le gore ba batla go dira yone *software development hub*, mme ba batla go e direla gone kwa BDIH. *What services are they going to get?*

MR MATHOOTHE: *Thank you Madam Speaker,* mma ke tswelale. Ke gone mo ke neng ke bua ke re fa o ya kwa Botswana Digital and Innovation Hub, go na le *that sector* e e dirang ka tsone tsa ICT, e e leng gore *services* tsa teng di a itlhalosa gone fa, di teng gone fa, mo e leng gore ope yo e leng gore o batla go tsena mo maranyaneng one a go nna jalo, ba kgona *to offer those services to develop softwares* tsa go nna jalo.

Jaanong ke batla go tsamaela kwa go e tota *Motion* o buang ka yone, ka gore wena o batla gore go ye go dirwa *hub* kwa University of Botswana. Ke tsaya gore *Minister* Maele o e tlhalositse fela sentle gore ke kgang e nngwe e e leng gore ba e tshwere, e bile ba a e dira. Ke gone mo ba dumalanang le wena. Ke gore mo nakong ya gompiano, fa e le gore go ne go ka ganwa *Motion*, kana go supa gore dilo tse di ntse di tswelletse di a dirwa. Le fa go ka dumalanwa le *Motion*, ke dilo tse di tswelletseng, di ntse di a dirwa.

Gongwe *point* fela e e leng gore gongwe ke ka e tsaya mo kgannyeng yone ya *Motion*, ke e e neng e buiwa ke *Honourable Hikuama* fa a ne a re, *Motion* o fa o feta, Palamente jaanong le yone e tlaabo e na le *ownership* ka dikgang tse di ntse di diragala kwa Botswana Digital and Innovation Hub le kwa *university*. Palamente le yone ke gone fa e leng gore gongwe go re golaganya teng gone foo, gore jaanong *Motion* fa o ntse jaana o dumelwa ke Palamente, o dira gone gore le dikomiti tsa Palamente tse di leng teng, ba bo ba itse gore ba na le *ownership* ya *Motion*. Ke gone mo o bonang e re baya mo sebakeng sa gore nnyaa, ga re ganane le one, ka mabaka a gore ke thulaganyo e e leng teng, e ntse e tswelletse, mme Palamente le yone jaanong e tlaa nna le seabe. E re golaganya teng gone foo ka gore ke ditiro tse di ntse di le teng di tswelletse.

E bile gongwe jaaka *Minister* a bua, fa a ne a bua ka *the budget*, go tlaa thusa le Palamente thata gore le *budget* e e tlang, ba bo ba ka itse gore jaanong re na le *Motion* ke o, *that we own*, gongwe jaanong *budget* e a le ka se ke le mo rebolele go le go tona gore jaanong kgang yone e e ntse e le teng, e mo dira jalo gore a se ka a tswelala ka yone ka mabaka a *budget*, e bo e le gore Palamente le yone e nna le *ownership*. Ke gone mo ke dumalanang thata gone foo le *Motion* gore jaanong o golagana thata le Palamente. *Thank you, Madam Speaker.*

DR GOBOTSWANG (TSWAPONG SOUTH):

Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Le nna ke emela go ema mogopolo o nokeng. Santlha ka gore o tla ka mmantswitswidi wa dikgang tse tsa maranyane a

computers. Mongwe wa ba ba kwa godimo thata mo Botswana. Gape ke mo ratela gore ga a ipoke, a tsamaya gongwe a re sotla ba bangwe ba re sa itseng thata ka *computers*, jaaka *Comrade Honourable* Motsamai, re tshwana fela nna le ene. O re tsaya fela gore re na le ditlhaloganyo tse e leng gore re ka buisa mogopolo o, ra o dumalana kana ra se ka ra o dumalana.

Bagaetsho, ke tsaya gore re setse re itemogetse gore re na le mathata mo *softwares* tsone tse di thusang. Re lapile ka bo *system is down*. Gompiano mo *transport* go setse e bile gotwe re ya go tsamaya fela re sena *road license* ka gore ga ba kgone go dira. Ga re ka ke ra tswelala ka tsela e e ntseng jaana. Ke rata kgang ya *digital sovereignty*. Bagaetsho, go a lebege gore ntwana e tona ya lefatshe kwa re yang teng, ga se gore Botswana Defence Force (BDF) e ka dira sepe. Re ya go kgautlhanngwa fela ke maranyane fela a le nosi, sengwe le sengwe se bo se phuthlhamo bankeng, batho ba bo ba tsena mo diseterateng, Goromente a bo a tswa a sia. Ke gone kwa re yang teng bagaetsho. Jaanong dikgang tse re tshwanetse re di tlhoafalele. Ga re ka ke ra jaka boranyane go tswelala go ya pele. Nako ke yone e ya gore re ikemele.

Bagaetsho, Batswana ba rutegile mo go tsitsibanyang mmele *Honourable Minister*, mme ga re na maduo. Maduo ga re ka ke ra a supa a dithutego tse di kanakana. Ke sone se ke dumalanang le mogopolo wa ga *Honourable* Moalosi gore a re *niningeleng* golo gongwe re bone maduo. Botswana Digital and Innovation Hub, *honourable* o re boleletse gore e sa le ka e tlhamilwe, maduo a yone a kae? Maduo ga a yo, ga a ka ke a nna teng ka gore dipatlisiso le go tla ka ditharabololo tsa mathata a maranyane, ga di ka ke tsa dirwa ke lephata la ga Goromente *Honourable Speaker*. Di tshwanetse di dirwe kwa *universities*. Botswana Digital and Innovation Hub e tshwanetse *to facilitate*, ga e ka ke ya dira sepe ga nna le maduo. E tshwanetse *to coordinate, and to facilitate*. Ke sone se *Motion* o o se buang.

Funding yes, ke dumalana le ba ba reng gongwe *funding* e ka nna mathata, *but let us agree in principle* gore re ya gone koo. Re dumalane le mogopolo o, re se ka ra tsaya gore itsholele e e tlaa wa go ya go ileng, itsholele e e tsile go tsoga, e bile e tlaa tshwanelwa ke gore e tsoge, e re ka *Mid-Term Review* re bo re tswelala. Fa e le sengwe, re e dire *on a phase-out approach*. Re se ka ra tsaya gore re ya gorometsa P100 million gone foo, re tseye fela gore re tshwanetse go nne le tshimologo, fa re simololelang teng.

Kgang ya *open-source* e botlhokwa thata, ka gore ba rialo ba maranyane ba re *you can download it, it is free, it is friendly to use*. Jaanong gape go na le dikgang tsa bo *source code* tse o fitlhelang di le tsentse fa le fa. Jaanong mme tsamaiso e Rre Moalosi a tlang ka yone, a re ke ya *accessible source code*. Ke yone e re buang ka yone gompiano e e tshwanetseng gore re dumalaneng ka yone. Gape monate wa thulaganyo yone e, ba maranyane ba supa gore e ka simolola e le *company* e nnyennyane, mme e bo e ka atolosiwa, e ka fetolwa, ke gore ga go a lotlelwa mo e leng gore ga o ka ke wa kgona go fetola sepe. Gape jaaka a ne a bua, mo gongwe o sa itse gore go na le eng mo teng. Se se mo teng se dirilwe gore ga o ka ke wa kgona go se fetola ka tsela epe. Thulaganyo e a tlang ka yone ke e a reng bagaetsho, a re e sekasekeng ka gore e ka re letlelela gore re itse gore go na le eng mo teng, re kgone go e fetola jaaka re batla, e bo e le gore re ka boloka madi.

Bagaetsho, le fa re re *system* e e turu jaana, re tshwanetse re lemoge gore, jaaka *Honourable* Moalosi a ne a bua, re duela madi a mantsi, go duela *licenses* tsa maranyane a re buang ka one. Jaanong ra re fa a dirilwe ke bana ba Botswana, mo Botswana, re tlaabo re itse gore *we have saved money* a se kana ka sepe. Fa godimo ga moo, re tlaabo re itse gore *systems* tsa rona di *safe*, di sireletsegile. Ga re ka ke ra tswelala ka go jaka, gatwe, “legodu le le kopiwang ga le laele,” sone Setswana seo, “la makotjwa ga le na kgodu,” le le kopiwang, ga re ka ke ra tswelala ka go kopa. Selo sa ntlha e bo e le gore re rutile Batswana, ba na le dithutego tse di tlhokafalang, ga ba na ditiro, mme ditiro tse ba tshwanetse go di dira re reka boranyane jwa teng kwa mafatsheng a sele, ka tsela e nngwe re direla mafatshe a mangwe ditiro. Ke sone se Botswana Congress Party (BCP) re buang thata re ntse re re, “*bring back our jobs*.” Thulaganyo e e tlang ka *Honourable* Moalosi e tsamaelana le tumelo e re tswang kgakala re dumela mo go yone gore, re ka dira ditiro mo Botswana ka go itirela tsa rona, ka dilo tse e leng gore ke tsa Botswana le dikitso tsa Batswana. Ke ratile thata gore Tona yo e leng gore ke ene yo o okametseng UB, e re batlang go remelela mo go yone ka gore e setse e supile e na le *infrastructure*, e bile ba setse ba na le maiteko a ba a dirang gore ba re tsenye mo thulaganyong e, e bo e le gore o amogela *Motion* o wa ga *Honourable* Moalosi. Ke belaela gore *Honourable* Motsamai o a nkonopa, mma ke eme gone fa *Honourable Speaker*. Ke a lebege.

MR AARON (NGAMI): Dumelang, tla ke go leboge *mongwashadiame* gore a bo o mphile sebaka le nna ke akgele mo mogopolong o montle o re sa tswang go o bewa pele ke *Honourable* Moalosi. Le nna ke supe gore, ke bona *Motion* o o le maleba, bogolo jang ka gore fa re lebile letlhoko le re nang le lone mo lefatsheng la rona, re bona e le gore sengwe le sengwe malatsing a se tsamaisiwa ka maranyane. E bile ke maitlamo a Puso ya Botswana gore re bone gore le rona re gatela pele mo go bidiwang Fourth Industrial Revolution.

Mo bogompionong ke le kope bagaetsho, bogolo jang lona ma-*backbencher* ba le ka koo, ke le kope fela thata ke re, kana megopolo yotlhe e e fetang mo Palamenteng bogolo jang e feta ka lona, ke lona bo tshoso-e-rweleng, mme ke le gakolole sengwe, gore gompiono re bua ka Botswana Digital Innovation Hub, e re itseng sentlentle gore ke yone Botswana Innovation Hub, re tsentsa lefoko *digitalisation* fela. Ke le gakolole gape lona ba le leng gone koo, jaaka ke santse ke gatelela gore bogolo jang lona ma-*backbencher* gore le a itse gore le tswa mo tlhologong e e leng gore mogopolo ope o le neng le o tliša mo Ntlong eno, le ne le nna le bolelelwa gore, re le Goromente o o mo Pusong, re gatetse pele ka mogopolo o. Ka jalo, go raya gore mogopolo wa gago o ka se fete ka gore ke selo se re nang le sone. Mo e bileng e seng mo bokgakaleng, mongwe o kile a tla a ema fa a supa gore e ne e le leano la rona la gore a bo e re fa re tla re batla gore mogopolo wa lona o se ka wa feta, a bo riana. A re tsweng mo *tradition* e re lemogileng gore ga e re ise gope. Banana ba Botswana ba ntse ba reeditse *Honourable* Moalosi jaaka a ala mogopolo o o ka ba tlhamelang ditiro, e bile wa tlhabolola Botswana. Mme e ka nna phutso gore a bo le ka ba kgapela kwa morago le gana tse di ka ba direlang ditiro. A re dumalaneng ba rotlhe gore mo bogompionong e ke tsela e re tlileng go e tsaya go bona gore mme a Botswana wa rona o gatela pele. Betsho...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR AARON: Ke tlaa go e neela. Tla ke supe gore ga go pale sepe gore fa Goromente a na le mogopolo o tsamaelana le o, a letle gore *institutions* tse di tshwanang jaaka *university*, di tswela ka megopolo e e tsamaelanang le eo. Fa fela kwa phelelong go ka supega gore se se tlhokafalang ke gore, a se Goromente kana Botswana Digital and Innovation Hub gongwe yone *it made sure* gore, e mo *quality assurance* ya ba ba tlaabong ba dira dilo tse di tsamaelanang le tsa bone mme di le kwa ntle. Ke gore ke reela gore le *laboratories*, go ka se

nne gotwe go ka nna le *laboratory* e le *one* fela, mme go ka nna le tsamaiso ya gore *laboratories* tse tsotlhe di ka nna teng, mme a tse tsotlhe sepe se di se dirang, *let us make sure* gore mme di tsamaelana le se re eletsang go se dira. Ke tsaya gore ke gone mo nne *Honourable* Tshere a nna a go dirisa *to make sure* gore *this thing goes through rigorous steps before* e ka letlelelwa gore e nne teng. A re amogeleng gore Botswana yo o ka tlhabologa fa re ka letlelela gore dikitso di aname, mme Goromente *should make sure* gore *quality assurance* e sala e le mo go ene, ke gore mo re go bitsang re re *regulatory bodies*. Ke tsaya gore fa le ka gakologelwa...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR AARON: Ee, ke tla go neela. Ke dikgato di le dintsi tse e leng gore Goromente gompiono le mo *ministries* tse dingwe, ba setse ba ithola dilo dingwe ba supa gore, re tlaa sala jaanong re lebelela gore re ba re elang tlhoko go bona gore a mme dilo di tsamaisiwa jaaka re eletsa, mme tse dingwe tse re tlaa di neela ba bangwe gore ba tswela ba di dire. *One second*.

MR HIKUAMA: Clarification. Ke a leboga. Kana *universities* mo mafatsheng ka bophara, di godisiwa le go tsholetsega dirodumo ka go dira tsone dilo tse, di direla mafatshe a bone dipatlisiso le go loga *programmes and systems*. A ga o bone gore ke yone tshono ya gore le rona fa re batla go godisa boleng jwa *universities* tsa rona, re ba neele *and support* le mo go tse ba batlang go di dira, re tshela le madi a dipatlisiso kwa go bone gore le tsone di ngoke dialogane tse di tswang kwa mafatsheng a sele, re tsholetsa le serodumo sa tsone?

MR AARON: Ke a go leboga, mme e bile ke leboge *Honourable* Maele jaaka a setse a supile gore ke keletso ya bone gore ba ne ba ka tswela ka mogopolo o o tshwanang le o, mme e bile a supa gore o ema nokeng fela thata mogopolo o Rre Moalosi a tlang ka one. Betsho, a re amogeleng gore tlhabolola ya go ya pele mo lefatsheng lotlhe ka kakaretso ke *digitalisation*, mme e bile le tlhobolo epe fela kana *the biggest weapon* gape e tile go nna *industrialisation*. Gakologelwa maloba fa re bua ka dikoloi tsa manobonobo tse di rekilweng, re botsa gore, ke eng re ne re ka se *cancel this order* fa e le gore ra re ke nnete e tswa kgakala, ga supega gore kana *already* go na le *software* nngwe ya *security*. Le a bona gore re ntse re bua ka *digitalisation*. Go na le *software* nngwe ya *security* e e diretsweng rona, mme e bile ga go na gore re ka e fetsetsa kwa bathong bangwe. Betsho, go raya gore fa re tswela re nna re re fa megopolo e tshwana le e re e beela kwa thoko, re baya lefatshe

la rona mo diphatseng ka gore, le *security* sa rona, le sa ga Tautona wa rona, re santse re dumela gore go na le lefatshe lengwe le e leng gore ke lone le ka beelang Tautona wa rona *security*, fa maAmerica bone *security* sa Tautona wa bone, *all digital securities making sure* gore ga di tswa Russia le China. Jaanong mogopolo o ke tseela gore ba rotlhe e tlaa re re o sekaseka, re tlaa o sekaseka ka leitlho le le ntseng jaana *to make sure* *gore we bring back the sovereignty of the security of our country. Now that we realise that, digitalisation is not only about simple technology, but as complicated as it can be used as a weapon as well.*

Jaanong betsho, ke ema fa go tlatsa mogopolo o le go o ema nokeng. Le go kopa lona ba le ka tswang le na le dipelaelo, *let us throw back the old tradition... Madam Speaker*, fa o ka lebelela kwa, go na le *caucus* e e tseneng. Re santse re gatelela gore... *Honourable Maele*, o se ka wa tlhabisa ditlhong batho ba kgaolo ya gago le banana ba gago ba Botswana, bogolo jang ka gore wena ba beile mo go wena. Jaanong go tlhabisa ditlhong gore e bo e le wena o buang mafoko a a tshwanang le ao. Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*.

MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION (MR MAELE): *Point of order.* Ke batla go baakanya *record*, ga go na sepe se ke se buileng se *Honourable Aaron* a re ke se buile. Ga ke ise ke ko ke tshube *microphone*, ga ke itse gore a re go rileng. Ke dumalana le *Motion* o, e bile o batla go senyetsa Rre Moalosi *Motion*, ga ke itse gore a re go rileng. *Madam Speaker*, a ko o kgalemele *Honourable Aaron*, ga go na sepe se ke kileng ka se bua se se... ga ke itse gore o nkutlwa eng. Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*.

MADAM SPEAKER: *Honourable Aaron*, lesa go rumola *Honourable Maele*, ga a ise a bue sepe.

MR AARON: *...(Inaudible)...* ikgalemetse *Madam Speaker*. Ke a leboga, o ikgalemetse.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR MOTSAMAI): *Madam Speaker*, mma ke tsewelele fa ke akgele jaaka bakaulengwe ba ntse ba tswetse ka go akgela. Ke supe gore mogopolo o ke mogopolo o o siameng, ka gore o a kgotletsa. Ke motho a kgotletsa a fitlhela o apeile, a ba a kgotletsa gore pitsa e butswa. Jaaka mongwe le mongwe a itse, *it is public knowledge* gore Goromente wa Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC) o bua gore jaanong boranyane re bo tselele kwa godimo thatathata, e bile le Tona wa tsa boranyane o supile jalo gore go mo

tseleng. Nako le nako *he addresses us* re le Palamente, go re itsise gore totatota bokgoni jwa rona re le lefatshe ka boranyane, bo tsamaya fa kae. A o ka tswa o bua ka *passports, licenses* le sengwe le sengwe fela ka fa Batswana ba bogang ka teng ba le *in queues*, ba tsaya lebaka le le leele, fela ka ntata ya gore boranyane bo a tlhela jaaka Rre Gobotswang a ne a thulana le kgang ya teng fa a ntse a tswetse a bua fa. O ne a thulana le yone, mme ka bona gore tota o bua boammaaruri.

Goromente wa UDC maikaelelo a gagwe a matonatona ke go bona Batswana ba sa sokole. Le Tautona maloba fa a ntse a bua le rona, o re boleletse gore kana bagaetsho le lebelele, le dintwa tse di ka tsogang mo mafatsheng mo dingwageng tse di tlang, go tlaabo go sa lowe ka gore o na le dikampa tsa masole di le kae, o na le masole ba ba bontsi bo kae, go tlaabo e le gore a o na le boranyane jwa go lwa ntwa, a o itsetsepitse sentle mo boranyaneng. Go tlaabo go lowa ka *robots, drones* le tse di ganang go fela, go raya gore ke go inamola mo go se se tlaabong se go tlhasetse ka nako eo. Fa ke re ke dumalana le mogopolo o *Madam Speaker* ke gore, gantsi fa le omanya batho le re ga ba tle ka megopolo e e ka tlhabololang lefatshe, sa bone ke go tla fela ba tla go ganetsa. Fa ba thulane le kgang ya gore, a tlhe gompiano re se ka ra ganetsa, re tswe ka lebakanyana lengwe le le botoka le fa batho ba ba tswetse ba dira, le tshwanetse gore le dumalane le seo. Maloba re omane thata ke le mongwe wa batho ba ba neng ba omana gore, ba BCP sa bone ke go tla fela ba tla go ganetsa, ba tsosa modumo, ba palama ba ya kwa godimo ba re lebelela ba le kwa godimo ga Palamente, rona re le kwa tlase ga Palamente. Fa go na le nako e e tserweng ke Rre Moalosi a bona go tlhokafala gore ga re ngale re tswa ka megopolo, ga re palame re ya kwa godimo, ke selo se re tshwanetseng gore re se ba akgolele.

MR HIKUAMA: *Clarification.* Ke a leboga *Honourable Motsamai*. Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Gakere o a itse gore ga o bue boammaaruri, gore ke lantlha go tla megopolo mo Palamenteng? O a itse gore o mo dilong tsa gago tsa sepolotiki, o leka go nyenyafatsa se se dirwang ke ba BCP, mme o itse fela mo pelong gore ga o bue boammaaruri?

MADAM SPEAKER: Nnyaa, mme ga se *clarification*, ga o dumalane le ene.

MR MOTSAMAI: *Madam Speaker*, kana nako e nngwe le fa motho a senke a ipega mo bathong gore tsala ya gagwe ke motho wa mofuta mang, botsala nako e nngwe, dilo dingwe o tlogela fela, jaaka ke tlaa tlogela fela jaana. Ke re tota botshelo jwa me, ke bona one ao. Ga se gore ke ya koo *Madam Speaker*.

Kgangkgolo e Rre Moalosi a tlang ka yone e ka boloka matshele a batho, e ka boloka matshele a Batswana. E ka boloka matshele a Batswana ka gore, gongwe fela a nonotshe mogopolo wa gagwe *Madam Speaker*. O ntse a bua gore fa le mpona ke goroga jaana ke tswa China, e bile ke tla ke eme sentle ke emetse dikgang tse, go ka boloka matshele a batho fela fa e le gore madi a bonetse. Ga go tsamaelane le dipaka tse di telele tse gongwe go buiwang ka tsone, tse *Ministers* ba ntseng ba latola gore kana ga re na madi. O ka ba a ne a lokile ka gore, fa le utlwa ke bua le lona jaana, ke mo tseleng ke bua le *investors to fund* sengwe sa dilo tse di ntseng jaana. Gore maiteko a gagwe a kgonagale, fa e le gore totatota le ene o tlhwaafetse o batla go diragala.

Ke tshwanetse gore ke mo rurifaletse gore, go na le bangwe rraetsho ba na le sebaka sa beke go ya kwa go tse pedi, ba mo lefatsheng la Botswana, ba e leng babeetsi le bagwebi jalojalo. Ba supa ba na le madi a se kana ka sepe, mme dilo tsa boranyane ba supa gore *they can sponsor them*. Fa e le gore o ka se ke o dumele se ke se buang, o ka bapa le Rre Tshere wa mmotsa gore a mme ga go na bangwe ba ba tsileng ba supa gore ba ka aga *hubs* tse, Batswana ba nne le tshiamelo *Madam Speaker*.

Mo kgannyeng e ke tswelletseng ka yone e, ke supe gore totatota maikaelelo le maikemisetso a rona re le UDC, ga se go gana dikgang. Lebaka la me le le tona fela jaaka ke sale ke simolola ke gakolola phakela ke gore, fa mogopolo go na le tharabololo e e tswelletseng e le teng, ga re a tshwanela go dia nako ya Palamente, ka go tlisa megopolo ya se se tswelletseng. Fa re ka dira jalo *Madam Speaker*, re ya go felela re ntsha megopolo e mentsi ya dilo tse di mo *plan*. Batho ba ba tsileng pele ga rona mo Palamenteng e bo Rre Maele, ba a itse gore dilo tse di mo National Development Plan (NDP) ga di ntshediwe megopolo, a re ye gore, a re ye gore. Jaanong *...(Interruptions)...* re tswapola *existence* ya *plan* *Madam Speaker*.

MR MOALOSI: *Clarification*. Ke a go leboga *Honourable* Member of Parliament (MP). Ga ke itse gore a o ne o reeditse *Honourable* Maele a bua gore ba na le *two weeks* ba simolotse, ga ba ise ba goroge kwa go *Honourable* Tshere go ba bolelela gore re na le *project* e re e dirang e e leng gore *you can be interested in*. Jaanong fa o bona *Minister* a sa itse gore go na le sengwe se se diragalang kwa UB, ke tlaa itse jang ke le bokgakala bo kana? Dinako tse dingwe ke gore o a bo o rata fela go bontsha batho gore o apere sutu e ntle, mme e ntle thata.

MR MOTSAMAI: Kana o botsa gore o tlaa itse jang. Ba bangwe ba ba neng ba le teng mo lefatsheng ba a itse jaaka bangwe ba bua. Wena ke gone o gorogang, o supile gore o tswa kwa China. Ka bomadimabe ga re a ka ra go romelela molaetsa, mme gape o tshwanetse wa itse ka gore ke a go bolelela gore go diragala eng.

MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION (MR MAELE): Nnyaa, ke ne ke re ke baakanyetse Rre Motsamai. Ga re na *two weeks* jaaka go ntse go buega gore re na le *two weeks* re ntse re dira *this thing*. Ra re, *the working team* e kopana *every fortnight*, mme golo mo ke tlhalositse gore le mo Pusong e e fetileng, UB e kile ya tlisa *proposal to do exactly what he is saying*. Ke ne ke raya gore ke go baakanyetse o tle o e tshware sentle, a se ka a tloga a go latlhela mafoko mo ganong.

MR MOTSAMAI: Ee, mme Rre Moalosi, ke tshwanetse ke bue jalo motlotlegi ke re, madi a teng mo *investors*. Sianela kwa go Rre Tshere, baakanya megopolo, o bone gore madi a ka bonala ka tsela e e ntseng jang gore mogopolo o e nne one, gore o diragale. O se ka wa *rely* mo *plan*. Ke ne ke na le lebaka le *Madam Speaker* fa ke re, a thatathata re se ka ra ikaega ka go ntsha megopolo ya dilo tse di mo *plan*, ka go ntsha megopolo...

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

MR MOTSAMAI: Ee, mme ka mabaka a a ntseng jalo *Madam Speaker*, e ne e le one a ke a bayang Ntlo pele, ke tsaya gore tsala ya me Aaron, gongwe o ne a na le sengwe se se saletseng kwa morago, jaanong o ne a batla go se tsenya, mme ga a supe *procedure* ya Ntlo gore o batla go akgela a reng fa ke bua. O tsenatsena ganong fela, ga ke itse gore...

...Silence...

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Atamelang!

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE (MR ATAMELANG): Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. *Good morning to the Honourable House*, ke dumedisana batho ba kwa Boteti East le Boteti West. Ke ntse ke reeditse bakaulengwe ba a fa *their submission*. Ke tseye *opportunity* e le nna ke leboge e bile ke lemoge Rre Moalosi *for bringing such...*

MADAM SPEAKER: *Honourable Member*, watch out, nako ya gago ga se e e ntseng e neelwa batho, e tshaile, 10 *past* he has to respond.

MR ATAMELANG: *Ee mma. Ke a leboga Madam Speaker. Ke ne ke re fela ke leboge Rre Moalosi for his informative submission. Kentse ke reeditse bakaulengwe ba tsisa deliberations tsa bone. Go lebega gore we are in the right direction. Jaanong ke ne ke re ke eme fela ka the relevant Standing Order ke move amendment. Ke ne ke reeditse both arguments from the House. So, amendment e tsamaya jaana Madam Speaker, "that this Honourable House requests Government to strengthen National Software Development at BDIH within the next fiscal year, with explicit mandate to develop, implement and maintain open-source Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) systems for Government-wide use, thereby eliminating reliance on costly proprietary software licenses and fostering local technological capability."* I so submit.

MADAM SPEAKER: Hang on Honourable Member. *A le setse le kgonne go kwala? Can you read it slowly so that bo Clerk ba kwale.*

MR ATAMELANG: Okay. It reads; "that this Honourable House requests Government to strengthen National Software Development at BDIH within the next fiscal year, with explicit mandate to develop, implement and maintain open-source Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) systems for Government-wide use, thereby eliminating reliance on costly proprietary software licenses and fostering local technological capability."

MADAM SPEAKER: Thank you. Order! Honourable Members. The amendment read thus; "that this Honourable House requests Government to strengthen National Software Development at BDIH within the next fiscal year, with explicit mandate to develop, implement and maintain open-source Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) systems for Government-wide use, thereby eliminating reliance on costly proprietary software licenses and fostering local technological capability." So, Honourable Members, I am going to give one member from each side two minutes *gore le akgele* on the amendment.

MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INNOVATION (MR TSHERE): Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ke dumalana le mogopolo o jaaka o baakantswe jaana. Kana ke ne ke ntse ke tshalosa gore tota re setse re na le BDIH, e e leng gore tiro ya yone ke go tsaya megopolo mo go bone ba *universities, researchers* jalojalo gore re o *develop*. Jaanong ke dumela gore jaaka *Honourable* Maele a ne a bua gore kana kwa UB, *there is Innovation Hub*, bone ba a e itirela koo.

Jaanong kana megopolo fa e sena go nna e dirwa gone kwa *university* kana *any other institution*, fa e ya kwa BDIH, e tsamaya *through incubation*. *There are processes* tse re tshwanetseng re di sale morago kwa *innovation*, kwa ke tsayang gore go ka *strengthen* mogopolo wa ga *Honourable* Moalosi. Jaanong ke *support amendment* e gore re dumalane gore re tshwanetse re nonotshe BDIH fa re tla mo lekalaneng la *software development*. Re e nonotsha jang, ka gone go ya go tsaya megopolo kwa go ba dikole ba ba farologaneng gore jaanong re tle go e tlhotlha *and incubate*. Ke a dumalana gore jaanong ke se e leng gore *we will strengthen* jalo kwa lephateng. Ke a leboga.

MR MOALOSI: Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*. Ga ke dumalane le Tshutiso e, ka gore selo sa ntlha e tlaabo e tswa mo boleng jwa kgang e ke neng ke tla ka yone ya gore *let us foster innovation at the university*. *Let us have our researchers* kwa *university*, ba dire ditiro tse e leng gore *they can go there and make an impact in the country*. *I want our students* kwa UB, gore fa a tswa mo *class*, a bo a feta fa *laboratory* fale, a *push code*, a bo a ya kwa *room*.

Sa bobedi, *what is the mandate of BDIH?* Ke ne ka botsa *Honourable* Mathoothe fa a le mo *floor* gore *services* tsa BDIH ke eng? *The mandate of the Innovation Hub, if you look at their website, BDIH at a glance, if you allow me to read Madam Speaker, "Botswana Digital and Innovation Hub is an ideal location for technology-driven and knowledge-intensive businesses to establish themselves."* BDIH, se e se dirang gompiano ke gore *it provides a small office space, a small laboratory, all the things that you need* gore o kgone go dira tiro e o e batlang o tla ka *idea* ya gago, ga se bone ba dirang tiro. Jaanong fa re fetola *Motion* re re ba dire ERP, ba ya go simolola fa kae? *IT staff* sa bone se se leng teng se ka tswa se le...

MR TSHERE: On a point of procedure. Honourable Member o *ntsha Ntlo mo tseleng* ka gore BDIH e *tshametswe* to incubate. *Ke ntse ke bua* ka to incubate *le gore jaanong e bo e dira* product market-ready. *Go na le* the processes that you have to follow *kwa* BDIH. *Gongwe ga o a fetsa go bala mo website, o badile fela kwa ntlheng*. We develop incubation *e tswa kae?* That is the question. *Wena o bua* ka UB, *nna ke bua* ka other institutions; *bo* Botho, BIUST, *bo eng, re tsaya megopolo gone* kwa graduates *tseo go tswa fa re bo re e develop, re e tlhotlha re reng* ka our processes that will eventually commercialise. At UB they are probably

doing what you are saying right now, now where is the process of incubation and market readiness, which is now the mandate of BDIH? That is what I am saying. So, let us strengthen BDIH now to focus on that one. That is where I agree with you. Thank you.

MR MOALOSI: *Ke a leboga Honourable Speaker. O kgona go bua sengwe mme o sa bua sepe. The services tsa BDIH, go na le technological entrepreneurship development where they do incubation, business acceleration and innovation capacity building. They do not develop themselves, they do not code. So, rona re batla go thusa UB gore ba code, that is that we want. But anyway, ga ke dumalane le Tshutiso eo. Fa e le gore le a e dumalana, e tlaabo e le Motion wa lona jaanong, ke tlaabo ke tswa mo go one.*

MADAM SPEAKER: A re dumalane gore Motion ke wa House, ke wa rona rotlhe, re o kopanetse. *Let us not own it, re o neelane rotlhe, a re dumalaneng.*

Question put and Division called for.

...Silence...

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Members, I am activating. Honourable Members, *ke gakolole gore when you press 2 is 'Aye,' 3 ke 'No,' 4 ke 'Abstain.'*

Results; we are 24 in the House. 'Ayes,' 17, 'Noes,' 6 and 'Abstain,' 1. I think the Ayes have it.

Amendment agreed to.

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Moalosi, respond to the Motion.

MR MOALOSI (NKANGE): *Ke a leboga Honourable Speaker. Motion o Madam Speaker, selo santlha fela re ne re leka gore re thuse UB to build capacity, to become the world-class institution that they want to be. Kwa UB go na le programme gatwe High Performance System because they want to be able to make an impact in this country. Jaanong ka fa Motion o o fetotsweng ka teng Honourable Speaker, it has lost essence. Selo sa ntlha BDIH like I said, it is not a developing company, it is a centre to house different entrepreneurs ba e leng gore ba tla ka technologies tse ba tlang ka tsone.*

MR HIKUAMA: On a point of procedure. It is unfortunate that *gongwe fa amendment e dirwa, ke ne santse ke tswetswe kwa ntle. You cannot make an amendment that distort the whole Motion, e e ntshang Motion mo go se o se batlang, e bo e o dira se sele. That*

cannot happen. The amendment *e ne e ntsha Motion mo maikaelelong a one e o isa go sele* and such kind of an amendments cannot be allowed in Parliament.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: O ne o seyo.

MR HIKUAMA: *Nnyaa, ga go ka ke ga rubelelwa go bo gotwe motho o ne a seyo. Le the Speakership should know gore this Motion has lost its essence le se o neng o batla gore o nne sone. Ga o ka ke wa amend Motion ka tsela e e ntsheng jalo Madam Speaker. That is what I am raising gore the Motion has lost its initial intention. This is not an amendment that can be allowed to the Motion. Mistake fa o dirilwe has to be corrected.*

MADAM SPEAKER: *Hang on Honourable Hikuama. Honourable Members, Honourable Hikuama, fa o ipelaetsang teng like you said you were outside, amendment e tsentswe by the relevant Standing Order ya balwa, your counterparts were listening, ga go na ope yo o kileng a ganana le gore ga a batle amendment e nna jalo. Usually if go na le gore amendment e baakangwa, yo mongwe a bo a akanya gore ga e a baakangwa accordingly, o tshwanetse go supa gore e ka bo e ne ya nna jaana, not like that. E tsene, re tsamaile ra ya go vote, e fetilwe ke events ka gore o ne o seyo but bagalona ba ne ba le teng ba e reeditse. E tsene sentle fela ka Standing Order sa teng, so ke tsaya gore fa e tsamayang teng jaanong re fetile.*

MR HIKUAMA: Procedure. It is not a question *ya gore Hikuama a reng, it is the question of the House. Even the Speakership fa a lemoga gore Motion o latlhegelwa ke boleng jwa yone, o a advise gore mme kana fa le e baya jalo, it loses the original intention of the Motion, and you cannot allow such kind of an amendment. Ga ke ise ke re ga e a tsenngwa sentle, but the amendment. Even the Legal Counsel can tell you gore fa amendment e dira Motion to lose its initial intention, ga e letlelelwe. It is not a question ya gore mang raised an objection or what, it is a question of procedure and how the House would be run and debate Motions. Ga o ka ke wa letlelela amendment e e dirang gore Motion o lose its original intention. It cannot happen, e tlaabo e le go robelela tsamaiso.*

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Hikuama, *ke tsaya Dr Tshere but I ruled that this thing has been overtaken by events.*

MR TSHERE: *Procedure. Thank you very much Madam Speaker. Mma ke go correct pele; I am not Dr Tshere, Mr Tshere because fa gongwe ke tlaa tloga ke ikokometsa dilo, I am not a medical doctor but a medical engineer.*

Jaanong se ke le kang go se tlhalosa di pedi *Madam Speaker*; sa ntlha ke gore ke ne ke reeditse thata *Honourable Hikuama* fa a ntse a bua. O buile thata gore *Motion was distorted*, ga o sa tlhola o tshwana mme ga a ise a bue go le gongwefela gore o fetogile jang.

Sa bobedi; kana o ne o dirile *a ruling* mme ka fa tsamaisong fa *Honourable Hikuama as a senior member of this House* a ngongorega, o a itse gore tsamaiso ke eng. O tshwanetse *to refer this matter to the Business Advisory Committee* ka gore *it is a ruling that has been made*. O ka ya go ngongorega koo, e bo e re fa go sena go dumalanwa kwa *Business Advisory Committee*, *that matter can be brought back to Parliament and be amended as he wishes*. Gompiano jaana e tsamaile o a itse, jaanong o ntsha Ntlo mo tseleng fela ka bomo. Ke a le boga.

MR MOALOSI: Ke a le boga *Honourable Speaker. Amendment e e dirilweng...*

MR HIKUAMA: *Point of order. Madam Speaker, go na le rulings tse di tshwanetseng go dirwa jaaka Honourable Tshere a bua, gore ke boammaaruri gore fa gongwe ruling e dirilwe re sa e kgotsofalele, e ka ya kwa Business Advisory Committee for review. I agree but se ke se buang gompiano ga se gore I am against the ruling, ke gore fa go diragetse phoso, le wena o e bona, ga go tlhokafale gore go iwe koo. Unless e le gore ga o...*

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

MR HIKUAMA: Le a tlhodia, le itlotle, le a tlhodia, ga se gore go nna Tona ke gore o goe fela gone foo. O itlotle.

The point of order that I am trying to make ke gore the House will be out of order if we continue debating on a Motion that has been distorted. I think se re ka se dirang is to adjourn Parliament, re bo re simolola re ya go leka go baakanya ka gore go diragetse phoso e e ka sekeng ya letlelesega. Le gone fela re tlaabo re ja error e e seng kana ka sepe, re tlaabo re senya le tsamaiso ya Ntlo e le ya lefatshe ka bophara. Ga re ka ke ra robelela ditsamaiso ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, re bo re re the House is in order; otherwise ga go na go nna le order mo

Palamenteng. Tsone Standing Orders tse di buang gore *you cannot remove the essence and the intention of the Motion* o bo o re ke *ruling*, nnyaa, *it cannot happen that way.*

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Members, I have ruled. Honourable Moalosi, can you respond.

MR MOALOSI: *Ke a le boga. Ke ne ke kopa gore Ntlo e e bale Standing Order 47.2, se se reng no amendment to a Motion shall be permitted if it introduces a new matter or seeks to achieve a different objective than the original Motion. Potso e e ka nngang teng ke gore who is supposed to do that approval? I believe gore the Speaker has noticed gore there is a change, that amendment changes the whole Motion and not allow that amendment. Ka gore you gave only one person to respond, maybe somebody picked it, he could not respond. That was supposed to be done by the Speaker, not by me as a mover. Standing Order ke bible ya gago Madam Speaker, so you are supposed to...*

MINISTER FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (DR BUTALE): *Point of order. Madam Speaker, ke tsaya gore batlotlegi jaanong ba ntsha Ntlo e mo tseleng, you have made a ruling. Also, fa e le gore re tlaa dira gore fa ke sa dumalane le ruling ya gago ke emelela ga 10, I do not understand gore re ya go tsamaisa Ntlo ka tsela e e ntseng jang. E bile gape kgang e ya gore go bo gotwe Motion o ntshitswe from the essence, it is a view they hold, a view we do not agree with. In our reading of the amendment is that it is in line, it actually enhances the thinking. Tota fela ke akanya gore bakaulengwe jaaka Honourable Tshere a ne a bua, fa go na le ngongorego ya gore Ntlo e ne ya tswa mo tseleng, there is an established way ya go ngongorega kwa go tshwanetseng teng. Ke a le boga.*

MADAM SPEAKER: Order! Honourable Members, it is now 1230, I am now calling the Leader of the House to move a Motion of adjournment.

MOTION

ADJOURNMENT

ACTING LEADER OF THE HOUSE (MR TSHERE): Thank you Honourable Speaker. As it is now 1232, I now move that this House do now adjourn. Thank you.

Question put and agreed to.

The Assembly accordingly adjourned at 12:32 p.m. until Monday 8th December, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

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