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Monday 9th March, 2026

THE ASSEMBLY met at 2:00 p.m.

(THE SPEAKER in the Chair)

P R A Y E R S

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MR SPEAKER (MR KEORAPETSE): Pray be seated. You had a restful weekend? Honourable Members, let us start the business of today with questions. Honourable Dr Kesitegile Gobotswang, Member for Tswapong South.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

STATE OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

DR K. GOBOTSWANG (TSWAPONG SOUTH): asked the Minister of Health to apprise this Honourable House on the State of Public Health Emergency that was declared by the President in August 2025; and further state:

- (i) the baseline levels of essential and non-essential drugs, as well as Antiretroviral Drugs (ARVs) at the time the State of Public Health Emergency was declared and the levels of the same supplies at the time the State of Public Health Emergency ended;
- (ii) systemic operational failures that were documented during the State of Public Health Emergency; and
- (iii) corrective measures that were put in place and resultant improvements observed.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF HEALTH (MR OOKEDITSE): Thank you Mr Speaker. We note Mr Speaker, that on the 25th of August, 2025, the President officially declared a nationwide State of Public Health Emergency following a catastrophic disruption of the national medical supply chain. This decisive action was taken upon noticing the warning signs in August as clinics and hospitals across the country were experiencing critical shortages of life saving medicines and essential healthcare commodities. At the onset of this emergency, availability of highly critical message are medicines, particularly those required for resuscitation and post strategic management had fallen to alarmingly low levels, as low as 17 per cent. Through intensified emergency procurements, coordinated distribution and strengthened monitoring, the availability improved to about 32 per cent by the end of the State of Emergency

(SoE) period. However, the major improvement in availability were only realised in the post phase of the emergency period when the procured goods were delivered, resulting in a further recovery of medicines availability which now stands at about 64 per cent at our facilities.

- (i) With respect to ARVs Mr Speaker, the ministry prioritise uninterrupted access to ARV treatment as a matter of national importance and 12 months supply of all ARV regiments have been secured through international supplies and multilateral partners. At the beginning of the SoE period, the average availability for ARVs was 71 per cent. Due to the emergency procurement since undertaken, we are now at 73 per cent at the end of February 2026. Furthermore, Mr Speaker, supply secured through the United Arab Emirates (UAE) comprising of 338 different products for a coverage of over 7.4 months have been arriving into the country since the third week of February. These medicines include hypertension, diabetes, epilepsy, infectious diseases and other chronic and acute condition medicines, and they will provide much needed relief in the healthcare system of our country.
- (ii) Mr Speaker, the medicine stock out crisis did expose quite some systemic operational vulnerabilities within the healthcare sector. We experience supply disruptions which resulted in delays for some elective and urgent surgical procedures, as well as interruptions in treatments. The strain extended beyond the normal functions such as forecasting procurement logistics and distribution underscoring the need for structural reforms for the supply chain management system.
- (iii) The Government has therefore implemented a comprehensive package of corrective measures to restore availability and strengthen resilience within the supply chain. The first one is, there is now improved inter-ministerial collaboration within our healthcare system which will include the Botswana Defence Force (BDF), providing a greater logistical support. There is now a National Logistics Taskforce that was established to help coordinate these efforts. We now have a situation where there is a supply chain recovery and long-term financing strategy in place. We have international orders having been secured which have significantly improved the stock levels and help us walk out of the crisis.

I note also Mr Speaker, that regional bilateral support has also been quite important as a measure through which we can strengthen our own systems and replenish our stocks. We have been able through this period to secure chronic and priority medicines such as the supply of ARV's and others. Mr Speaker, while the crisis presented significant challenges, the decisive declaration combined with coordinated national support did place our country firmly on a path towards recovery. The focus is geared towards consolidating these gains, institutionalising the structural reforms that we are making and building a resilient transparent and accountable medical supply chain that will put us in good state for the future. In short Mr Speaker, we have not quite fully exited the challenges that we had. We are still on our path to recovery and with time, given the measures we have in place and the significant orders that are coming in, we should be in a position where we can reasonably say our people will access the medicines or other commodities that they actually need and deserve. I thank you.

DR GOBOTSWANG: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga Mr Speaker. Honourable Minister, o re tlhalosetse le setšhaba gore kana fa Tautona a tsaya tshwetso declaring SoE, go a bo go na le lebaka lengwe kana go na le sengwe se a ka batlang gore a se dire, se a ka se keng a se dire fa e le gore ga re mo SoE. Sentlentle ke eng se se dirilweng ka SoE se gongwe le ka se keng le se dire fa e ne e seyo? Molao o ne o ka bo o kgoreletsa gore le dire tse le neng le batla go di dira, ke eng fela se setonatonona se se dirileng gore re bo re tsaya kgato eo ka gore ga se e e bonolo go tsewa?

Sa bobedi; dipotso tsa me *line* ya tsone ga e a arabesega ka fa ke neng ke solofetse ka teng.

I was very specific, ke buile ka essential drugs and non-essential drugs. Jaanong you introduced another terminology ya highly critical drugs. Ke ne ke eletsa gore re tsepame mo goreng essential drugs baseline fa re simolola emergency, levels di ne di tsamaya fa kae fa re fetsa emergency? Non-essential drugs di ne di tsamaya fa kae fa re le mo emergency, fa re le kwa bofelong di tlaabo di tsamaya fa kae? Fa o ne o ka araba eo, gongwe re ka simolola go tlhologanya gore a go nnile le impact kana jang. Fa o bua gore le ne la siamisa at 32 per cent levels, targets tseo when you declared SoE, e ne e le eng sa gore le ikaelela gore fa le re se nnile successful se bo se dirile 1,2,3,4? What were the targets Honourable Minister?

MR OOKEDITSE: *Thank you Mr Speaker.* Gongwe ke simolole ka ya bofelo ke supe jalo gore *you did use terminology* e o reng "*essential.*" Fa ke re *highly critical*, ke ne ke tsentse tsone tse o reng ke *essentials* mo go tsone. Ke ne ke supile gore *for a lot of those essential drugs* tse re di tlhokang, re ne re le kwa go 17 per cent. Ke bo ke nopola ARVs ke di go neela di le nosi, ke supa gore di ne di le mo go 71 per cent mme re tswa go fetsa di le mo go 73 per cent. Ke bo ke supa jalo gore tse dingwe di ne di le kwa go 17, *but* fa re fetsa di ne di le kwa go 32 per cent. Ke bo ke tla ke supa gape gore go tswa ka go 32 per cent o re kileng ra bo re le kwa go ene kwa bofelelong jwa ga *February*, re itemogetse gore re kwa go 64 per cent in terms of availability ya all commodities. *I do think* gore as much as you have requested information o rile *essential*, ke tshwanetse ke supe jalo ka tse di *critical*, tse di *essential* ke bo ke supa the overall state sa availability as it is at the moment. Se se bothokwa se e leng gore *I hope* o tlaabo o se tsere mo karabong ya me ke gore ke supa jalo gore tota fela re santse re le mo *recovery*, ga re ise re tswe mo mathateng. Re tshwanetse rotlhe re itse gore *we are still very much in a stage where we are recovering* mme re tlaa goroga.

Ke ya kwa go ya bobedi e e reng maikaelelo e ne e le eng fa go tsewa tshwetso e e ntseng jaana? Ke supile jalo gore *the system was literally collapsing*. Tota e bile motho o kare e ne e phutlhame. Ka nako yone eo, go ne go tshwanetse gore go bo go ka nna le gore go ka tsewa tshwetso e e leng gore e ka dira gore go itsiwe;

- (i) Mo Botswana ke Batswana.
- (ii) Mo *region*, le ke *partners* tsa rona tse tsotlhe gore kwa Botswana re na le seemo sa tshoganelo se se tlhokang gore se ka potlakelwa.

One of the key things that we achieved by declaring that State of Emergency ke gore *your bilateral and multilateral partners* ba tlaa kgona go tsiboga, *then they will give you attention and assist*. Re ne ra bona e le gore *we were able to raise quite significant resources* tse di neng tsa *contribute* gore gompiano ke bo ke supa ke go raya ke re *we were able* gore *by the end of the State of Emergency, availability* e bo e le 32 per cent e tswa kwa go 17 per cent. Ke bo ke supa jalo gore *as part of those concerted efforts, as at February*, re kgonne go bona *availability* jaanong e le kwa go 64 per cent. *So, incrementally and with time* o a kgona go bona gore go nna botoka.

In a way, it is not going to be helpful to you or to the nation gore e bo e le gore re *isolate the State of Emergency*

from the healthcare system of the country as a whole. The State of Emergency was aiding the recovery e e leng gore re ne re tlaabo re ntse re le mo go yone.

In terms of procurements because I hear you are saying go ne go na le melao efe e e neng e ka re kganela fa go ne go sena the State of Emergency, dilo tse dingwe ga o ka ke wa tla wa di bua ka fa e leng gore o ka di bua ka teng but I can say to you for instance gore they would have been setting contracts tse e leng gore they may have been binding us to actually procure through certain ways tse e leng gore if we have followed those ways, the recovery would have taken much longer. Gongwe jaaka re bua jaana re ntse re le mo mathateng. In order that we be in a position e e leng gore we can with all options on the table, re kgone gore re ka reka ka ditsela tse di farologaneng le tse e leng gore ga se tse di tlwaelesegileng gongwe, go ne go raya gore jaanong re declare a State of Public Health Emergency mme re bone gore se thusitse. There is no measure o e leng gore ke silver bullets e e leng gore e tlaa solve mathata otlhe. It is about having a strategy se e leng gore its components e tlaa contribute to eventual recovery of the nation in this regard. We are thinking and we see evidence on the ground ya gore better days lie ahead and things will get better. Thank you Mr Speaker.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Further supplementary.

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa, re na le 12 minutes mo potsong e.

BONNO PROJECT IN CHOBE

MR S. O. MAPULANGA (CHOBE): asked the Minister of Water and Human Settlement to state:

- (i) the size of land in hectares his Ministry has secured in Chobe for the Bonno Project;
- (ii) number of houses earmarked to be built in the same space; and
- (iii) the names of villages where the land has been secured.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR MOTSAMAI): Ke a go leboga Mr Speaker. Mma ke go dumedise ke bo ke dumedise le mmotsi wa potso. Ke na le bokoanyana jwa flu mme ke tlaa leka gore ke arabe potso e Mr Speaker.

Motlotlegi Rre Mapulanga o botsa ka thulaganyo ya kabo ya lefatshe le le neetsweng ba lephata la rona

la Bonno. Ke tshwanetse ka supa gore maikaelelo a bosetšhaba e ne e le gore lefatshe le le abiwe lefatshe ka bophara gore go tswaledisiwe go agela Batswana matlo mo lefatsheng ka bophara.

Ke tshwanetse ka supa gore mo kgaolong ya Chobe go lebega go segilwe diekere di le 139.

Ke bo ke ya ka dikgaolo tse di agang motse wa gagwe ka go farolagana. Kazungula ke 55.2958 hectares. Maikaelelo ke go ntsha matlo a le 712. Kachikau ke 48.1942 hectares. Go ya go tswa matlo a le 355. Kavimba ke 2.68131 hectares e e yang go ntsha 255 houses. Satau ke 8.7618 hectares e e yang go ntsha 105 ya matlo. Palo yotlhe ya diekere fa re e kopanya ke 139 e ke neng ke feta ka yone.

Mr Speaker, ke tshwanetse ka supa gore dipalo tse le fa ke ntse ke di balolola jaana, go na le tswelolepele mo mafelong a mangwe. Mafelo a mangwe ga a tswelole lebaka e le gore ba e leng gore re ba neela tshono ya gore ba ka ya go gweba koo ba felela ba boela morago ka mabaka a a farologaneng. Mabaka a bone a matona e le go lebelela gore fa go ka tswang go le gautshwane le kwa ba ka bonang teng ditlamelo ka bonako e ka nna kae. Ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, ba felele ba boela morago mme ba bangwe Mr Speaker, re felele re ntse re mekamekana le bone.

Ke tshwanetse ka supa fa gore mo metseng ya Kazungula, Kachikau, Kavimba le Satau, ke kwa e leng gore lephata le kgonne gore le abe koo gore le bo le ntsho lefatshe koo gore baikopedi ba ikopele. Ke tsela nngwe ya dikgang tsa gore re rurifatse maiteko le maikemisetsa le phata. Ke a leboga.

MR MAPULANGA: Supplementary. Ke a leboga Tona ka karabo. Ke ne ke batla go latedisa kgang e gore lefatshe lone le o le kopileng le, ditlhotlhomiso tsa lona in terms of economic value kana itsholelo ya dikgaolo tseo le employment data ya teng, a le ne le bona go le viable go ya go tsaya plots tseo re lebile kgang ya gore fa e le gore mo kgaolong yone e, over 90 or 95 per cent is unemployed, go beilwe mo temong e e sa tsweleng? A mme fa le tsero lefatshe le le ya go le neela motho yo ka business viability fela, a go ne go tsamaelana?

Ya bobedi e bo e nna kgang ya lefatshe le le kopileng, dikompone di abelwa directly or e le open bidding mo lefatsheng le?

Sa boraro, a kompone e ke ya mo gae kana ke ya batho ba ba tswang kwa ntle? Fa e le gore ke ya batho ba ba

tswang kwa ntle, se se neng se *influence* ke eng gore ba tle ba neelwe lefatshe le le kanakana ka tsela eo? Tanki.

MR MOTSAMAI: Ke a go leboga *Mr Speaker*. Motlotlegi Mopalamente o supa gore go neetswe batho lefatshe mme o batla go itse gore go ya ka rona, go neela dikompone lefatshe le le kwa Chobe mme e bile e le lefatshe le le itsegegeng ka temo, a re bona re ne re dirile ditlhotlhomiso tse di tseeneletseng kana nnyaa? Karabo fela e ka nna gore re di dirile motlotlegi re thusiwa le ke ba bo *land board* le ba Ofisi ya ga Molaodi ba e leng gore ke ba bo District Land Use Planning Unit (DLUPU). Ke batho ba ba ba supang gore go na le letlhoko la eng le la eng mo kgaolong.

Ke tshwanetse gore ke tsepame ke go bolelele gore gongwe batho ba ba neetse Bonno lefatshe ka gore ba lebile itsholelo ya batho ba kgaolo eo gore ga ba bereke, mme fa ba sa bereke jaana, matlo fa a gorogile le bone ba ka kgona go tshwaratshwara mo dikomponeng tseo gore le bone ba gotse molelo.

E nngwe ba lebile gore batho ba kgaolo eo ba batla go tokafatsa seemo sa bone fa ba nnang teng, ba ka reka matlo ao ba lebile gore a na le boleng gongwe jo bo fetang jwa matlo a mangwe a ba nang le one *Mr Speaker*.

O boditse gore a dikompone tse ke tsa Batswana kana batswakwa. Tota re ne re e fa batho ba e leng gore re dirile mo gotweng re bulele batho ba supe kगतlhego ya gore ke ka ya go aga matlo kwa Satau, Kazungula jalojalo jaaka ke ne ke balolola. Batho ba re ne re sa tlhaole, re ne re lebile gore *who met requirements* tse re neng re di beile, mme e bile a supa a na le letseno le le ka re thusetsang batho ba rona gone kwa kgaolong eo *to create employment* le go agela batho ba dikgaolo tsa rona gore le bone totatota ka ba saletse morago ka ditlhabololo, ba kgone gore ba tswe kwa morago, ba balelwe mo palong ya batho ba e leng gore matshelo a bone a tokafetse. Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Frenzel.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ke tlaa mo e tseela *Mr Speaker*.

CHANGE OF LAND USE

MR O. KWAPA (JWANENG-MABUTSANE): asked the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to explain why it is too difficult or complicated and expensive to change land use.

ACTING MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE (DR DIKOLOTI): *Nte ke go leboga Mr Speaker.*

Mr Speaker, the definition of development, as provided for under Section 5(2) of the Town and Country Planning Act, includes “the making of any material change in the use of any building or land.” Therefore, applications for change of land use essentially constitute amendments to approved development plans. These development plans are statutory instruments prepared by Planning Authorities and approved by the Minister responsible for planning. As such, a change of land use amounts to an alteration of these statutory instruments and legal procedures must therefore be followed to amend plans that have been prepared by professionals and approved in accordance with the law.

Mr Speaker, the whole of Botswana was declared and gazetted as a planning area in August 2023 in line with the provisions of the Town and Country Planning Act. As a result, the provisions of the act now apply across the entire country. Accordingly, the General Development Order (GDO), which is made under the act, prescribes the procedures for changes of land use. These procedures include the publication of the intended change of land use in the Government Gazette and in a newspaper circulating within the concerned area for a period of 14 days. This process allows members of the public to make representations regarding the proposed changes to the development plan. The need for neighbours and members of the public to comment on the changes of land as much as they did during the preparation of the plan. This is important as changes of land use can either have positive or negative effects on the property values.

Mr Speaker, Furthermore, due to the restrictive covenants associated with the different land tenure systems, a change of land use on tribal land or leased land requires the consent of either the land board or the lessor. In the case of tribal land, rights holders are granted user rights; hence consent must be obtained for a proposed change in the land use. In the case of state land, rights holders are granted leasehold ownership for a fixed period and may therefore deal with the land within the parameters of the conditions in the Deed of Fixed Period State Grant without seeking consent from the land authority.

Mr Speaker, in terms of the provisions of the Immovable Property Act once a change of land use has been approved, the holder for a property whose title deed

is registered at the Deeds Registry must apply to the Registrar of Deeds to alter or remove conditions in the title so that they align with the approved land use.

Mr Speaker, these processes are intended to promote transparency and public participation in planning decisions while also providing certainty and order in the real estate sector. In order to expedite the process, applicants are advised to undertake the publication process and the application for consent simultaneously so as to reduce the overall processing time.

Mr Speaker, the review of the Town and Country Planning Act of 2013 is currently underway, and matters relating to applications for planning permission, including the process of changing land use, will be re-engineered to improve service delivery. In addition, my ministry has reviewed the former Development Control Code of 2013 and introduced the Spatial Development Code of 2025, which was approved in October 2025. The new code is more flexible and promotes the efficient use of land based on the unique characteristics of different settlements across the country.

Firstly, the Code introduces five Development Intensity Zones, the Urban High, Urban Medium, Urban Low, Rural Medium and Rural Low Intensity. These zones recognise the diverse settlement patterns across the country and allow development standards to be applied more flexibly and appropriately in different areas.

Secondly, the code introduces Mixed Use Agriculture, allowing up to 50 per cent of a farm or plot to accommodate complementary activities while maintaining the remaining 50 per cent for agricultural production. It also provides guidelines for subdivision of land without requiring a change of land use, thereby facilitating greater productivity and efficient land utilisation.

Third Mr Speaker, the Code supports the live-work-play developments by permitting compatible small-scale commercial activities within residential areas. These include cottage industries and services such as professional consultancy, food packaging, hairdressing, and tuck-shops, thereby supporting household enterprises and local economic growth.

Furthermore, the Code formally recognizes and creates operating space for the informal sector across several land use zones, particularly in areas with high pedestrian activity. Provision has also been made for temporary

permits for uses that are short-term and have minimal impact on surrounding properties.

The code also promotes inclusive development by integrating disability guidelines that advance a barrier-free environment through universal design principles, ensuring improved accessibility for persons living with disabilities.

In addition, it encourages more efficient use of land by reducing parking requirements across various land uses while allowing on-street parking to supplement on-site parking.

Mr Speaker, finally, the introduction of a Performance Matrix ensures that planning applications are assessed according to the scale and context of each settlement. This means that large urban centres such as Gaborone will be assessed differently from smallholder settlements such as Makhomba, Keng and Mahotshwane.

Rollout of the code to Mabutsane District Council and Jwaneng Town Council was done on the 20th November 2025 while implementation of the new code in Mabutsane District and Jwaneng started in November and December 2025 respectively.

Mr Speaker, these reforms collectively provide a modern, flexible, and inclusive planning system that supports economic activity, accommodates emerging development trends and responds to the diverse settlement patterns of our country.

Mr Speaker, I wish to reiterate that the change of land use process is not intended to be prohibitive or excessively expensive. Rather, it is structured to safeguard orderly spatial development, ensure transparency and public participation, protect community interests and maintain legal and administrative accountability within the real estate sector. I thank you Mr Speaker.

MR KWAPA: *Supplementary.* Ke a go leboga Mr Speaker. Ke a go leboga Tona. Ke utlwa mabaka a gago gore go na le se se dirilweng ka November 2025.

Potso fela ka bokhutshwane e ne e ka nna gore a Tona o a lemoga gore melawana e a ntseng a e balolola fela e yotlhe le ditsamaiso tsotlhe *are becoming an impediment to* batho ba ba batlang gore ba iteke mo dikgwebong, *more so that* fa o lebile requirements tse di batliwang gongwe ke bo *Development Code* jalo? O fitlhela e le gore, fa ke e fa sekai fela gongwe ka motho a batla go dira madirelo a bojalwa golo gongwe mo

motseng o tshwana le Lefoko, a bo a tla a ba a re *one of the requirements* tse di teng mo *the Liquor Act* ke gore go bo go na le sekgala se se rileng gore madirelo a se ka a bo a le gaufi le tsela e kgolwane e e dirisiwang. A Tona ga a bone go le kaone gore o ka bo a leka gore a nne fa fatshe gongwe le ba ba maleba ba ba dirang dikgwebo, ke raya ba *Ministry of Trade*, gammogo le khansela, go bona gore re se ka ra *frustrate* Batswana go ka dira dikgwebo kana go ka itshetsa re lebeletse manokonoko a re mo go one a itsholelo?

Ke boa ke fa sekai se se tshwanang le se ke neng ke se bua maloba mo Palamenteng *Mr Speaker* ke re, fa re bua ka *conditions tsa development code* jaaka a ntse a nopola Town and Planning Act e a tshalosang gore kana lefatshe le lotlhe *has been declared a planning area*. Ke re kana *conditions* tse gongwe di leng teng tse di *applicable* mo ditropong tse di tona tse tshwana le Gaborone, *they cannot be applicable to* ditropo di tshwana le Jwaneng. Ke bua se ka lebaka la gore ditsha kwa di dinnyennyane, ke sone se ke reng a ga a bone go le kaone gore ba nne fa fatshe, ba leke go bona ba dira mo re ka bong re re *they are making ease of business... (Interruptions)...*

MR SPEAKER: Standing Order 40.3, o agente gakere o itse molao.

DR DIKOLOTI: Ke a go leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke tsaya gore o ne a latlhela tlhware legonyana fela, bontsi jwa dikgang tse ke di buile mo karabong, mme megopolo re tlaa nna re ntse re tswela re e amogela fela *Mr Speaker*. Jaaka ke buile gore *we are also reviewing this Act*. Ke amogela mogopolo wa gore, re nne re buisane le bangwe ka rona go netefatsa gore tiriso ya *this special development code* r dirisiwa sentle e bile Batswana benefit. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

ELECTRICITY AT TWO RIVERS

MR J. T. I. MODISE (KGALAGADI SOUTH): asked the Minister of Minerals and Energy when it will be possible to provide electricity at Two Rivers as other services are failing to be done due to insufficient/inadequate supply of electricity in the area.

ACTING MINISTER OF MINERALS AND ENERGY (MR TSHERE): Thank you very much Mr Speaker, good afternoon and good afternoon to the House.

Mr Speaker, I wish to update this Honourable House on the electricity connection for the Two Rivers area. First of all, Two Rivers falls within the Transfrontier

Conservation Area and is under the custodianship of the Department of Wildlife and National Parks. As a proclaimed park area, it does not fall under the Rural Electrification Programme, unlike gazetted villages across Botswana.

Consequently, electrification in this area is treated as a customer-specific connection rather than a village electrification project. Any electricity infrastructure development therefore requires engagement with the department to ensure that environmental, conservation, and land management considerations are fully addressed.

The department initially sought to connect from Eskom's Two Rivers side in South Africa, however this arrangement did not materialise due to technical complexities. A revised quotation was issued for a direct connection from Struizendam in Kgalagadi South, which is approximately 23 kilometres from the requested point.

I am pleased to report that the customer has already paid approximately P3.2 million, representing nearly half of the total required as a capital contribution of P6.6 million for this connection to go ahead and has undertaken to settle the outstanding balance before the end of March 2026. In anticipation of full payment, preparatory works for the construction have already commenced to ensure that implementation proceeds without unnecessary delay upon full payment.

The Kgalagadi South Land Board was engaged regarding the proposed route, and a joint inspection with Botswana Power Corporation (BPC) was conducted on 4th February 2026. Four farms are likely to be affected by the line and identification of the owners is ongoing with support from the Department of Wildlife and the land board. Engagement with the affected owners is scheduled for the third week of March 2026, to ensure proper consultation and smooth project execution.

Subject to completion of payments, consultations and approvals, it is anticipated that electricity supply to Two Rivers will be available by the second quarter of 2026. This will allow essential services in the area to function effectively. I thank you Mr Speaker.

SHORTAGE OF MIDWIVES

MR S. O. DIGWA (BOTETI WEST): asked the Minister of Health if he:

- (i) is aware of the serious shortage of midwives in the medical facilities in the Boteti West Constituency especially at Rakops Primary Hospital; and

- (ii) will consider upgrading midwives to attract more general nurses to enrol in midwifery.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF HEALTH (MR OOKEDITSE): *Thank you Mr Speaker.* Tlhaelo e e leng gore Motlotlegi Digwa o a e bua ya babelegisi kwa Boteti West, ke tlhaelo e re e bonang mo lefatsheng lotlhe la Botswana ka bophara. Kwa Boteti West go na le babelegisi ba le 19, mo *population* ya batho ba le 37 000 ba le *spread across 12 villages and serviced by* dipatela le *clinics* di le 13. *Distribution ya these midwives* kwa Boteti West e ntse jaana:

- Rakops Primary Hospital e e leng 24-hour services ba nine
- Mopipi Clinic e e leng 24-hour service ba seven.
- Motopi Clinic e e leng gore e tswala ka 4:30 p.m. ba two, e bo go ka letswa fa go na le seemo sa tshoganetso morago ga 4:30 p.m.
- Xhumo Clinic o mongwefela, e tswalwa ka four, le gone go ka letswa fa go na le seemo sa tshoganetso.
- Kwa Xere Health Post ke gone kwa e leng gore ga gona mmelegisi.
- Kwa Mmadikola Health Post le gone ga gona.
- Kwa Khumaga Health Post le gone ga gona.
- Rakops Health Post le gone ga gona, di tsamaya jalojalo,

Ministry wa rona o tswetse o bereka le ba *Ministry* wa *Local Government and Traditional Affairs* wa ga Rre Motshegwa, go dira gore re tle re kgone gore re ka oketsa dipalo tsa babelegisi. Se se diragalang gompiano ke gore, babelegisi ba kgona go dira *outreach services* gore ba atumele *some of the communities* tse di senang ditsompelo tsa mofuta o mo kgaolong jalojalo.

Re le ba *Ministry of Health* re bereka le ba *Local Government and Traditional Affairs*, re mo go reng jaanong re dire gore ba gotweng ke *general nurses* ba ka isiwa *for training* simolola ka July 2026. Go tlaa nna le *intake* e e tlaa dirwang gore re kgone go oketsa dipalo tse di neng di ole fela thata, re sa tlhaloganye gore ke eng gore go ntse go sa rutuntshiwe mo go lekaneng.

Go supega gape gore re na le babelegisi ba le 47 ba ba mo *training* jaaka re bua jaana, mme e tlaa re ka May

ba bo ka boa ba tswa sekoleng, re bo re ka ba isa kwa dikgaolong tse di farologanyeng, go tswa mo letlhokong la dikgaolo tseo.

Sa bofelo gone foo ke gore, re tlaa dira gore re tswedise re leke gore babelegisi ba ba kileng ba bo ba bereka, re tlaa nna re ntse re ba tsaya ba tla ba nna ba thusathusa ka *contracts* jalo. Ba lephata ka Institute of Health Sciences (IHS) le bone ba dumalane le ba *Ministry of Tertiary Education* gore go tlaa simolodisiwa gore jaanong go rutuntshiwe *midwives*, e le gore jaanong ba tlaabo ba tsena *entry into a Degree programme*. Ke bua ka *programme* e e setseng e le *approved* ke ba Botswana Qualifications Authority (BQA). Moo go tlaa re kgontsha gore mo nakong e e sa fediseng pelo, re bo re setse re kgona go bona dipalo tsa babelegisi di ya kwa godimo. Tota fela ga re itse gore ke eng di ne di ole mo go kalokalo, ke gone fa re teng.

Babelegisi bone *at the moment* mo dikatsong tsa bone, ba fiwa 10 *per cent basic allowance* e e leng go leka gore go nne le lentswenyana mo go se ba a se amogelang. Jaaka le itse ga go a lekana le mo go bone ga go a lekana. Ke a leboga.

MR DIGWA: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga Tona, ka go araba potso e ka fa ke neng ke eletsa ka teng, o e araba ka Setswana. O ipeile mo seemong sa batho ba ba go reeditseng, gore ba kgone go go tlhaloganya.

Jaaka o tlhalosa jaana gore ba ba bangwe ba fiwa lentswenyana, a o lemoga gore batho ba ba dirileng *General Nursing, scale* sa bone se sengwefela le ba ba dirileng *Midwifery*. A o bona go siame gore motho a tswe mo *general nursing*, a bo a ya sekoleng *for almost* ngwaga go tswa fa a bo a tla a amogela *the same salary*. Lephata la gago le ya go tsaya ditshwetso dife go bona gore le bone ba nna le *scale* se sele, e seng go fiwa *allowance* jaaka go ntse. A o lemoga gore batho ba ba dirileng *General Nursing*, ga ba na keletso ya go dira *midwifery because* ga go ba *promote*, ga go ba fe *scale* sepe se sesha? Ke bua ka seemo se ke neng ke utlwa ba bangwe ba se bua, ba ntse lebaka e le *general nurses* ba gana go ya sekoleng *for midwifery*. So, le ya go dira jang *to motivate them* gore ba nne le keletso e e ntseng jalo?

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

MR DIGWA: Ke a utlwa gore le a sebaseba le *Minister of Local Government*, ga ke itse gore le seba eng?

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

MR SPEAKER: Tswelela, tswa mo go bone.

MR DIGWA: Nnyaa, ke a ba kgalemela *Mr Speaker*, kana ke Chief Whip.

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

MR DIGWA: Ke ne ke re, kana *clinics* tse dingwe tse re buang ka tsone di kgakala le kwa go ba ba dirileng *midwifery*, jaaka fa o tsaya motho a tla mo motseng wa Kedia, o a bo a tswa kwa dipolaseng a tsera *more than two hours* go goroga. Fa a tsena mo Kedia ga gona le fa e le motho yo a ka mo thusang go mmelegisa, ba tsaya tsela gape, *travelling* mo ditseleng tse di maswe ba ya kwa Mopipi. Ke re gongwe ke go kope fela ka bokhutshwane gore o mpuele le *Minister* wa *Infrastructure*, o mmolelele botlhokwa jwa go dira tsela ya Kedia/Mokoboxane, kana Kedia/Mopipi...

MR SPEAKER: Chief Whip, Order 40.3.

MR DIGWA: Nnyaa, ga ke a fetsa.

MR SPEAKER: O feditse, ke go tsetse *floor*; nna fa fatshe. Araba.

MR OOKEDITSE: *Thank you so much Mr Speaker.* Ke itumelela gore motlotlegi o lemoga botlhokwa jwa bo *nurse* le babelegisi. Ke supe jalo gore, *yes, allowance* e a bo e le go lekanyana fela, *but* re tsera *feedback*, re utlwile gore wa re go ka nna botoka gore gongwe ba nne le *scale* sa bone se se pharologanyo. Ke sone se o utlwang ke re, re buisana le *other stakeholders* gore motho a kgone go dira *direct entry* a ye go ithutela bo *midwifery*, go leka go tla seemo se o a bong o simolotse o ya sekoleng pele sa *general nursing*, e bo e re fa o tswa foo o bo o ya sekoleng gape go ya go dira *midwifery*. Jaanong go tlaabo go raya gore gongwe e ka re thusa go ya kwa tharabololong e o e batlang.

Feedback re e tsera, re e utlwile. *Minister* Motshegwa ke sebaseba le ene ka gore bo *nurse* ba *we share them*. Ke tshwanetse gore fa o ntse o botsa le ene ke utlwe gore o akanya eng.

Ya Kedia gore ba ba itsholofetseng ba a bo ba tswa kgakala ba tla ba fitlhela go sena thuso, e utlwetse. Ke dumela gore ke seemo se re tlaa nnang re ntse re se beile leitlho go bona gore re thusana ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Ke a leboga.

DEVELOPMENT MANAGER MODEL PROJECTS

MR T. B. LUCAS (BOBIRWA): asked the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to apprise this Honourable House on:

- (i) the total number of Development Manager Model (DM) projects that have been cancelled, considered for cancellation or are still being negotiated;
- (ii) whether or not cancelled projects/contracts attracted penalties or costs to Government and if so, how much money has Government lost to cancelled projects or owe contractors of cancelled projects;
- (iii) the total number and titles of DM projects that have been allowed to continue and the criteria employed in making such a decision;
- (iv) the total cost of the projects that have been allowed to continue and the conditions for such continuation; and
- (v) whether or not Government will consider using DM model in future.

MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE (MR SALAKAE): Thank you Mr Speaker.

- (i) The Government had initially planned to implement 148 projects under the Development Manager (DM) procurement model, but only 16 as we speak remain on site, 132 have been suspended, not cancelled.
- (ii) Mr Speaker, the precise financial implications for the suspended 132 projects will be determined through the ongoing negotiations with the respective Development Managers, and this Honourable House will be duly informed upon conclusion of the engagements which are expected to end in May 2026.
- (iii) Mr Speaker, 16 ongoing Development Manager projects relating to roads and schools' infrastructure were allowed to proceed as they had reached advanced stages of implementation, including construction. The decision to allow these to proceed was informed by the following: -
 - potential job losses for workers and subcontractors should the projects be terminated;
 - demobilisation costs and contractor claims associated with terminating projects already under construction;
 - risks relating to deterioration of partially completed works and site security; and

- the likelihood of increased project costs should the projects be re-tendered in future due to inflationary pressures
- (iv) Mr Speaker, the estimated cost required to complete the 16 projects currently at the construction stage is BWP 11,470,654,576.59, (BWP 11.47 billion) which will be spread across Budgets up to 2027/2028.
- (v) Government has revoked the Presidential Directives that authorised the use of the Development Manager procurement model in Botswana. Therefore, we will not be using the Development Manager model in the future.

However, the Government remains committed to ensuring that public infrastructure projects are delivered efficiently and sustainably in the best interest of the citizens of Botswana. Thank you Mr Speaker.

MR LUCAS: *Supplementary.* Potso ya ntlha ke gore, ke eng e re fa dipotso tsa ga Mr Lucas di tsena, Mr Speaker a bo a botsa gore dikarabo di bolelele bo kae?

Ya bobedi ke gore...raetsho, kana golo fa re ne re utlwa sentle gore *projects* tsa DM bontsi jwa tsone *were charging* mo go golwanyane go feta jaaka go tlwaelesegile. Jaanong potso ya me ke gore, a mme P11 billion wa *projects* tse di neng tsa fetisiwa, ga go reye gore mo teng go ne go na le *those that charged* go feta jaaka le ne le solofetse? Fa e le gore di teng, a mme le kile la tsena mo puisanong ya gore, ka le ne le lemoga gore *they charged* go feta, gore gongwe ba fokotse ditlhwatlhwa tse ba di lopileng? A le kile la tsena mo puisanong eo, fa e le gore ga le ise le tsene mo go yone ke eng le sa tsene mo go yone?

Ya bobedi ke gore, o ne o mpaakanyetsa sentle fa *Honourable Minister* o re, 132 *projects have been suspended*. Gone fa ke ne ke re, kana *projects can be suspended* mme tse dingwe *can be canceled*, a mme tse go neng go ise go simololwe gotlhelele, le *design* e ise e dirwe le sepe fela, go padisa eng *to cancel* tseo fela ka bofeho go na le go tsena mo dipuisanong tse di leele, ka gore tseo go raya gore di ne di ise di simolole? Go padisa eng motho wetsho gore tseo *you should cancel them*, ka gore *suspension* e ke e utlwang e o kare e tlile go tsaya lebaka le le leele, wa re o solofela gore le tlaabo le feditse ka *May*? Ke emele karabo, *thank you very much*.

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable Minister*, ya ntlha ga ke

itse gore a o ne a botsa wena kana jang, mme go raya gore ga e tsamaelane le Order 38.1 le 40.2. O ka araba.

MR SALAKAE: *Thank you Mr Speaker.* Ga ke tlhaloganye thata *Mr Speaker*, mme tla ke tsene mo dipotsong tsa ga motlotlegi. Letshwenyego la gago ke a le utlwa motlotlegi. Tla ke supe gore re mo puisanong le Development Managers, jaaka o itse ke kile ka supa mo Palamenteng e gore, *we will set up a taskforce* e e yang go re thusa go tlhodumela dikgang tsa go itse gore a Development Managers *prices* tse ba neng ba di neetse Goromente di kwa godimo kana di kwa tlase. Ke kgang e ke santseng ke tlile go boela mo Palamenteng e ba sena go mpha *outcomes* kana *findings* tsa bone. Mo go rayang gore fa ke leng teng fa, *I am not in a position to answer* gore, ba ba kwa godimo kana kwa tlase re ya go dira eng ka bone. Ke santse ke emetse *the report from the taskforce*.

Potso e nngwe e ne e le gore, ka gore ba bangwe ba ne ba ise ba tsene mo *design stage*, ke eng re sa kgaogana fela le bone; Ke dumela gore *report* e, ke solofela gore dintlha tsa yone tsa ntlha ke ya go di utlwa *around end of March*, gongwe e ya go tla ka mogopolo o montle o Rre Taolo Lucas o o lekang *to propose by way of a question*. Tota kgang e tona e e dirileng gore re *suspend* ba ba seng kwa ditseleng, ke gore ba ne ba setse ba simolotse *designing of the roads*. Ba ba iseng ba dire sepesepe fela, ke dumela gore ba ba emetseng go re gakolola ba ya *to propose* gone jalo gore, mme ba tota ga re na le fa e le *risk* fa re ka kgaogana le bone. Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: *Order! Honourable Members*, nako ya lona ya dipotso e wetse. A re yeng kwa *Committee of Supply*.

MR FURNITURE: *Procedure Mr Speaker.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Kana ke na le dipotso tse pedi tse di saleng di dirwa *later date*. E nngwe ke ya lephata la ga *Honourable* Hunyepa le ya lephata la ga *Honourable* Lawrence Ookeditse. Jaanong di lebege di nyeletse, ga ke itse gore a di tlaa boa kana jaanong ba di loile.

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa, mme o wele dibete motlotlegi, di tlaa tla. Dipotso tsotlhe fela tse di tlang, di a arabiwa.

ASSEMBLY IN COMMITTEE

(CHAIRPERSON in the Chair)

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

ORGANISATION 1100: MINISTRY OF HEALTH

(Resumed Debate)



MR CHAIRPERSON (MR KEORAPETSE): Order! Honourable Members, the debate on the Committee of Supply for Organisation 1100 is resuming. Please note that I shall call upon the Honourable Minister of Health to reply to the debate at 15:10 p.m. and the question will be put at 15:40 p.m. Honourable Members, when the House adjourned on Thursday 5th March 2026, Honourable Prince Mogorosi Mosanana was on the floor and he is left with 2 minutes and 46 seconds.

MR MOSANANA (KANYE EAST): Ke a go leboga *Mr Chairperson*. Fa ke tswaledisa, ke bolele ka seemo se re nang le sone kwa dikokolwaneng, gore re le kwa Kanye, re na le mathata. Re na le *clinic* e le nosi mo motseng o o kana ka Kanye, o e leng gore *it is the biggest village in Botswana*. *Clinic* ya rona ya Kgwatlheng e bereka 24 hours. Seemo se se ntseng jaana tota fela go bua boammaaruri, ga se re beye sentle ka gore balwetse gore ba ye kwa sepateleng se setona sa Sabata, ke gore ba bo ba le *referred* go tswa gone kwa dikokolwaneng. Jaanong fa go butswa e le nngwefela, dingaka le baoki ba tlhela, o fitlhela e le seemo fela se se bokete tota mo kgaolong. Le yone *pharmacy* e sa bereke mo nakong eo, e tswetswe. O fitlhela e le gore le yone *pharmacist* ga e yo, motho yo o abang melemo ke mooki, *ambulances* di seyo. Ke mathata fela a e leng gore tota a kwa ntle ga taolo ya ngwana wa motho.

Ke sone se e a reng fa re bua ka sepatela sa Kanye, re bo re sa kgale mathe mo ganong ka gore se ne se ka thusa *and also relieve* le bo Jwaneng. Kana mo malatsi a gompiano tota fela re thusiwa ke sone sepatela sa moepo sa Jwaneng fale le fale, ka gore sa Sabata mo gongwe ba a bo ba le mo malatsing a bone a kereke.

Gape *on top of that* se se bothoko go feta, e bo e nna gape gone gore fa ba tshwanetse gore ba bone madi a go duela bone babereki, go nna mathata, ba a bona *very late*. Legale mo nakong ya gompiano ba thusegile *after struggle* se se kalo. Ke raya gore ke dikgang fela tse di ngomolang pelo. Ke a leboga gore *Minister of Finance* a bo a le fa, dilo tse a di utlwa gore sepatela sa Kanye tota se tlhokafala *like yesterday*.

Mr Chairperson, *clinic* e nngwe e ntšha e re dumelang gore le yone e tlaa nna 24 hours, e santse e agiwa, ga e ise e fele, re e thusitswe ke bangwe ba ba neng ba direla kwa Kanye, ba ithaopa fela gore ba ka re thusa ka e bile e le Bangwaketse.

MR CHAIRPERSON: E go tshwere *Honourable*.

MR GARE (MOSHUPA-MANYANA): Ke a leboga Modulasetilo. Ke go leboge sebaka se o se mphileng gore ke akgele mo *chapter* e Modulasetilo. Ke simolole fela ka gore ke re, dikgang tsa botsogo tota fa re lebelela re le lefatshe re re re batla go ya golo gongwe *in terms of economic diversification* kana go tokafatsa matshele a batho, re tshwanetse gore sa ntlha fela re bo re netefaditse gore tse di ka ba ntshang mo ditlhabing re na le tsone nako le nako. Ke sone se ke batlang go simolola ka go supa gore ke ema nokeng Tshutiso e.

Ke supe fela gore ke mhama o e leng gore o babaletswe thata ka gore re bua jaana e le gore *targets* tsa go ka a fa batho melemo kwa dikgaolong tsotlhe fela, di sa lekana. Mo kgaolong ya Moshupa-Manyana Modulasetilo; fa o ne o ka kopa *Honourable* Modukanele a se ka a tlhodia...

MR CHAIRPERSON: *Honourable Members*, a ko le reetseng.

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

MR GARE: Kedikilwe, ga go na pharologanyo.

Ke ne ke supa jalo gore kgaolo e tshwana le ya Moshupa-Manyana Modulasetilo, ke nngwe ya dikgaolo tse e leng gore di na le dikgwetlho, tse e leng gore di dira gore tsa botsogo di nne thata gore batho ba di fitlhelele. Selo sa ntlha fela fa o lebelela *the infrastructure network* e e leng teng koo, e e leng yone e tshwanetseng *to enable* gore batho ba kgone gore ba bone tsa botsogo ka bonako, ga e yo. Re lebelela go tswa kwa Kgomokasitwa go tla go tsena Magotlhwane, ga go na tsela, go tswa kwa Pitseng-Machana-Ralekgetho-Tshwaane ga go na tsela e e leng gore fa mongwe a ka nna le botsogo jo bo kwa tlase a bo a tlhokana le go emeletswa ka bonako, ga a ka ke a kgona go bona thuso e ka gore ga go na tsone ditsompelo tsa go nna jalo. Fa o lebelela kgaolo e tshwana le Sesung-Seherelela, ke dikgang tse e leng gore ga go na ditsela.

Mo godimo ga moo, *the basic necessities* tse di tlhokafalang gore di kgone go thusa batho ka tsa botsogo, bogolo jang *ambulances*, ga di yo gotlhelele. Maloba re na le seemo kwa Seherelela e le gore ngwana wa sekole o ne a tlhokile go tsoga, a tsewa ka koloi ya *double cab* e e leng gore e ne e sena tsotlhe tse di tlhokafalang gore a ka kgona gore a thusiwe ka tsone. Ke dumela gore pele ga re ka akanya *to diversify* lefatshe, ra fitlhelela golo gongwe re le lefatshe, re tshwanetse ra netefatsa gore dilo tsa go nna jaana mo dikgaolong tsa rona di teng. Fa o lebelela kwa Moshupa, re na le sepatela, ke ne ke kopa gore Tona a se lebelele ka leitlho la gore e se ka ya nna

clinic e tona, e nne sepatela sa gore makoa a mangwe a re itseng gore a babalela lelwapa lengwe le lengwe ke lebeletse makoa a a tshwanang le kankere le diphilo, a gongwe le gongwe malatsi a gompiano. A netefatse gore sepatela se fa a tla go se bula, se na le kalafi ya dikankere le diphilo.

Jaaka ke ne ke bua maloba, fa motho a tla *treatment* ya *chemotherapy* (*chemo*) mo Gaborone, ka boyone fa o e alafelwa e go tsenya bolwetse. O bo o boa o palama base o ya Moshupa, o kare o tsamaile dikgato tse pedi go ya kwa pele, o bo o tsamaya tse tharo go ya kwa morago. Ke ne ke eletsa gore sepatela se a se lebeletse ka mokgwa o o ntseng jalo.

Gape sepatela se se ka *relief* le ditlamelo tse dingwe tse di mo tikologong, go itsa gore ba tle go kgobokana mo Marina. Go ka dira gore sepatela se tshwana le sa Moshupa se se agilweng bontle thata, ba kgona go dira ditlamelo tsa go nna jalo gore batho ba kgone go thusiwa. Mma ke go fe *Honourable* Mosanana.

MR CHAIRPERSON: Clarification Honourable Mosanana.

MR MOSANANA: *Point of clarification.* Ke a go leboga *Mr Chairperson*, ke go leboge *Honourable* Gare. Mokaulengwe, ke botse gore a ga o bone fa tota go sa tsamaya sentle gore sepatela se se bo se tswa go agiwa kwa Moshupa ke lebeletse *population* ya teng *as compared to* ya Kanye? *I thank you.*

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Laughter!)

MR CHAIRPERSON: Honourable Gare.

MR GARE: Ga ke itse gore o solofetse eng tota mo go nna *Honourable* Mosanana. Akere dilo tse kana ga gona sepe se se agiwang ka maikutlo *Honourable* Mosanana. Sepatela sa Moshupa se sa le se nna mo *development plan for the past 20 or 25 years* go lebeletse mabaka a a neng a lebeletse. Go ne go lebeletse gore wena o na le sa Sabata, rona go ne go sena sepe gotlhelele. Ga ke batle go dumalana le wena gore a ke ne ke bona go sa siama kana jang.

Ke ne ke batla go gatelela kgang ya gore *facilities* tsa rona di na le diemo tse di ntseng jalo. Tse dingwe *they are just buildings* le badiredi ba e leng gore ga ba kgone go diragatsa kana go fa batho ditlamelo tsa botsogo ka fa go tshwanetseng ka teng.

Sengwe se ke neng ke batla *Honourable Minister* a se lebelela ke gore *even those with medical aid*, go na le

melemo e mengwe e e leng gore *medical aid* ga o kgone go e duela (*cover*). O tlaa fitlhela e le gore Goromente o na le thulaganyo ya gore a kgone go duelela batho melemo e e ntseng jalo. Re fitlhela seemo se e leng gore gompiano ga ba kgone go thusega. Ke dumela gore ke kgang e *Honourable Minister* o tlaa e gakologelwang, ke kile ka e bua le ene ka gore e teng kwa kgaolong. Go na le batho ba ba tshelang ka dipilisi tsa teng, *they cannot afford them in the pharmacies, in fact* ga di yo tse dingwe. Go mo go Goromente gore a di reke kwa mafatsheng. Ke ne ke re kgang e le yone a e lebelele ka gore jaaka ke ne ke bua, ga go thuse thata gore re bo re akanya gore re ka tlhabolola lefatshe, tsa botsogo di saletse kwa morago.

Se sengwe se ke neng ke batla go se bua Modulasetilo, ke gore kana mo go tsa botsogo re na le seemo se e leng gore melemo ga e yo sentle mo dipateleng. Maloba ke ne ke bua fa le fa bangwe ba ne ba sa nkutlwa sentle ke batla gore ke e tlhalose, ke bua gore kgang ya gore... (*Inaudible*)... *must have been deferred*, ke ise ke re go molato. Ke ne ke batla go supa gore go botlhokwa gore o netefatse gore dilo tse di tshwanang le tsa bo melemo le tse dingwe tsa kalafi di teng, go na le gore o neele batho madi ka fa, ka fa go sena molemo. Ke dikgang tse ke neng ke batla gore re di rarabolole ka gore le fa o ka nna le madi, fa o sa bone tsa botsogo tse e leng gore di turu, jaaka ke bua ke re dikgaolo tsa me di phatlaletse, ga gona gore batho ba ka kgona go thusega ka bonako jo bo rileng. Fa o tsaya Ranaka, Magotlhwane le Kgomokasitwa *for example*, ba sa le ba tselwa *ambulances* bo 10 years ago, ba santse ba tsamaya ka dikoloi tse di *private* gore ba kgone go bona tsa botsogo. Ke ne ke batla gore kgang e o e ele tlhoko Tona gore mo go kgaoganyeng ga gago ga madi, netefatsa gore *clinics* di na le *the basic necessities* gore ba kgone go nna *efficient* fa ba thusa batho. Ke bona gore *budget* ya teng ga e a lekana mme leka *to prioritise*. Jaaka ke ne ke bua, *some of the hospitals* tse di tshwanang le bo Marina, di ka thusiwa *by equipping* dipatela tse di mo tikologong, e ka nna Thamaga Primary Hospital le bo Moshupa jalojalo, *to avoid* gore batho ba tsamaye mesepele e melelele ba tla go kopa tsa botsogo ka kwano. Ke ne ke re ke go bolokele metsotso e mebedi e...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR GARE: Ee *Honourable* Lesedi.

MR LESEDI: *Point of clarification.* Mma ke go leboge *Chairperson*, mma ke go leboge motlotlegi. Ke ne ke re gongwe o ntlhalosetse fa; kana kwa sepateleng se

tshwana le sa Sekgoma, mme le tse dingwe fela tse ke sa di buang ke leka go babalela nako, a go na le mola o moleele rra kwa sepateleng sa Moshupa? Re bona kwa Sepateleng sa Sekgoma e le gore motho fa a tshwanetse go dirwa *operation*, o beelwa 2028 re le mo go 2026. *Thank you.*

MR GARE: Ke a leboga *Chairperson*. Go boammaaruri *Honourable Lesedi*. Jaaka ke ne ke bua ke re ga re ka ke ra bua ka go tlhabolola lefatshe re ise re fitlhelele mo dilong tsa go tshwana le tse. Fa re santse re kgona go iphitlhela motho a fiwa *appointment* ya for dingwaga tse tharo tse di tlang, go raya gore kgang ya rona ya go tlhabologa re le lefatshe ke golo mo re ka nnang ra felela re sa go fitlhelela. *We need* batho bao gore ba tlhabolole lefatshe, o ba tlhoka ba le mo botsogong jo bo rileng gore ba kgone go thusa, ba nne le seabe mo go tlhabololeng lefatshe. Ba bangwe ba ka tswa ba sa bereke jaaka rona, kana ba sa bereke ditiro tse di rileng, *but* mo dilong tsa bo *food security* ke balemi, ke barui. Re lebeletse bone go re thusa mo dikgannyeng tsa bo *food security*. Jaanong fa e le gore ga re kgone go ba tlamela ka bonako jo bo tshwanetseng, go raya gore go le gontsi go ya go babalelwa. Ke dumalana le wena gore go tshwanetse ga nna jalo. Ke bothata jo e leng gore ga bo kwa Sekgoma fela, le kwa Moshupa-Manyana batho ba nna lebaka le lelele ba beetswe nako e e kgakala ya go tla go dira maaro le tse dingwe tse di bothokwa go ka tokafatsa matshelo a bone. Modulasetilo, ke ne ke re ke eme fa, ke eme Tshutiso e nokeng. Ke a leboga.

MR CHAIRPERSON: Go na le yo o ka tswerefalang mo metsotsong e mebedi? *Honourable Opposition Whip.*

MR HIKUAMA (MAUN WEST): Ke a leboga *Honourable Chairperson*. Mo metsotsong e mebedi e e setseng e mo Lephatheng la *Health*, ke batla go bua ka kgang e le nngwefela ya tlhalelo ya *ambulances*. Kana rona ba re emetseng dikgaolo tse di kgakala le ditlamelo, batho ba rona ba tshela thata ka *mobile clinics* mme di ka nna *effective* fa e le gore dikoloi di *available*. Seemo se re se bonang *Honourable Minister* sa dikoloi tse di setseng di pegilwe fa godimo ga matlapa mo dikolelwaneng le dithaere tse di seyong, ga se dire gore *mobile clinics* tsa rona di diragadiwe.

Ya bobedi ka gore e ke setse ke e gatile, gongwe ke sutele kwa go ya melemo, le fa *Honourable Salakae* a re ke se ka ka bua ka yone. Gongwe kwa Ghanzi gone go botoka e teng, kwa dikokelong tsa rona go thata, go santse go na le tlhalelo ya melemo e se kana ka sepe. Fa

re ka netefatsa gore melemo e nna teng mo dikgaolong tsa rona mo dikokelwaneng le dipatela...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Point of order.

MR CHAIRPERSON: There is a point of order, freeze the clock.

MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE (MR SALAKAE): *Point of order. Mr Chairperson*, ke a dumedisa. Dikgang tse re di buang mo Palamenteng di gatsiwa mo bukaneng ya Hansard. *Comrade* fa o tswa mo tseleng a re ke rile a se ka a bua ka melemo, ke ise ke rialo ke dikgang tse di tlaa gatsiwang. *I think he is out of order*. A bo a bua gore batho ba Ghanzi *this*, ga ke ise ke bue le ene sepe. A ntshenye fela kwa Sehithwa e seng mo Palamenteng.

MR CHAIRPERSON: O ne a go rumola o se ka...

MR HIKUAMA: Ke a leboga, ke ne ke sa bone gore o a seba. *Sorry comrade*. Mma ke kope maitshwarelo gore o ne o sa ikaelela gore a utlwale kwa ntle.

Honourable Speaker...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Point of order.

MR CHAIRPERSON: *Withdraw* fela o bo o...

MR HIKUAMA: *I withdraw*, o emise go seba.

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

MR HIKUAMA: *I withdraw*. Se ke neng ke se bua ke yone ya melemo gore se se ka re tswelang mosola ke gore melemo e nne teng...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Point of order.

MR SALAKAE: *Point of order*. Ga ke itse *Mr Chairperson*, *the way* ke bonang *honourable* a e tsaya *casual* ka teng, ke belaela le mo Hansard e ka se ke ya ntshiwa. Go tshwanetse go nne *clear* gore *I never said that*. E bile fa a ntse a tswelela a re ke ne ke seba, kana *he is imputing improper motives* ka se a se buang. *He is withdrawing* fela ka lebaka la gago, mme ke buile jalo. Ga ke motho yo ke sebang, o a nkitse rra. Ke ka seba le Kainangura e le gore mathata a me ke eng? Ke kopa gore a tlhwaafale go ntshiwe mo Hansard. *I never said that*.

MR CHAIRPERSON: *He withdrew* gantsinyana. Digela *debate* ya gago, 13 seconds.

MR HIKUAMA: Se ke neng ke re ke se gatelele, ke sone seo. Ke dumela gore ke gateletse dintlha tse gore a

kgang e ya melemo le dipilisi e se ka ya tsewa e le *casual*. E se ka ya tsewa fela gore melemo e teng, re a e gorosa. Golo moo ga go gorosa melemo, e tshwanetse gore e bonwe kwa dikokolwaneng e fiwa ba ba e tlhokang. Ke sone se re ka bonang gore melemo e teng.

MR CHAIRPERSON: E go tshwere.

MR HIKUAMA: Fa e setse e buiwa mo Palamenteng gore re a e isa, e teng mme e sa goroge kwa bathong, go nna bothata. Ke a leboga *Honourable Chairperson*.

MR CHAIRPERSON: Honourable Members, I now call upon the Honourable Minister of Health to reply to the debates.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF HEALTH (MR OOKEDITSE): *Let me thank you the Right Honourable Speaker for having given us the opportunity* gore batlotlegi ba ka buisana le rona ba akgela mo go tse e leng gore re di tshotse. Ke leboge batlotlegi le bone go bo e le gore ba kgonne go ka tsaya dikgang tse ka tlhwaafalo e e tseneletseng.

Mma ke simolole fela ka go supa jalo gore fa re leng teng, fa o tsaya dikakgelo tsothle tse di mo Ntlong, di go raya di re *we are not happy with the state* sa botsogo mo lefatsheng la Botswana. Fa e le gore re fa re leng teng jalo, tiro ya rona kwa Lephatseng la Botsogo le lona le le Mapalamente ke gore re age *a healthcare system* e e leng gore ba rotlhe re ka e itumelela. Gongwe se e leng gore ke ne ke se eleditse thata mme legale ka go *debate* lona le *debate* tse le di batlang, e ne e le go utlwa e le gore batlotlegi ka bontsi ba bua thata ka thibelo ya bolwetse *as opposed to curative approaches to healthcare*. E le gore Mapalamente ba nthaya ba re rona kwa re yang teng jaanong ke gore *we will start sanctioning budgets* fa e le gore *you are spending more on prevention of diseases as opposed to curing them because it is actually cheaper to prevent disease than to cure which is where for a country of our size, we probably have not done as much as we should have done. So, that is the direction* e e leng gore *I am hoping Members of Parliament will push us towards as we go forward*.

Ke simolole ka *Honourable Aaron*. Motlotlegi fa gongwe le fa o ka tswa gotwe o moriti wa Tona wa Botsogo, *it is very important* gore fa re *debate* kana re *present* re reetsane re kgone go utlwana sentle ka gore go ne go supagala gore gongwe o ne o sa bala sentle kana o sa re utlwa. Re ne re sa re Gumare Hospital e tlaa nna fela gore go dirwe *refurbishment*. Re supile jalo

gore Letlhakeng le Gumare di tlaa direlwa dipatela tse dintšha. Ke lekile maloba gore ke re ke a tseba gore ke tle ke e tlhalose sentle mme ga o a ka wa mpha sebaka mme ke sone se se neng se buega.

Se sengwe gape ke gore re ntse re bala mathata a botsogo mo lefatsheng la Botswana. *One of the big solutions* tse e leng gore *you can have* ke National Health Insurance (NHI). Fa gongwe go nkutlwa botlhoko *especially* fa go bua Mapalamente ba dikgaolwana tse di tshwanang le tsa me kwa e leng gore *your people are poor and they cannot quite afford private medical care* jaaka rona le ba me. Fa bo Mma Lawrence kwa ga rona e le gore *they need improved services but* o tlhobosa NHI o re *you cannot do any NHI* o sena melemo...

BRIG. MOKGWATHI: *Clarification.* Tanki Modulasetilo. Ke re Tona a tlhomamisa a nitamisa gore o ne a re Letlhakeng e seng sepe gape, e leng Letlhakeng?

MR OOKEDITSE: Ke ne ke bua jalo ke re Letlhakeng kwa gaabo Brigadier Domcaza Mokgwathi.

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

MR OOKEDITSE: O se ka wa iphatlakanya ka gore jaanong ke bua dilo tse di go tshwanetseng jaaka o ntse bulela bagaeno. Ke ne ke supa jalo gore *the NHI is something* se e leng gore *you should be all looking forward to with a lot of anticipation. The policy and the Bill* tsa NHI di setse e kete di baakantswe, di nna *ready*. Le tshwanetse le le batlotlegi le itse gore ke nngwe ya *solutions* tse di tlaa le thusang thata. Tlhaelo e le ntseng le e bua lotlhe gore go lebeba kwa Sekgoma line e le telele motho *being booked until 2028, one of the solutions* tse di tlaa dirang gore o kgone go bona e le gore fa motho a le *booked for* bongaka o kgona go thusiwa ka nako e e botokanyana ke yone NHI ka gore e tlaabo e raya gore e ya go bulela gore batsadi ba rona ba e leng gore ba ntse ba sena *medical aid* ba sa *afford* go ya kwa *private facilities, through the NHI* go tlaabo go raya gore ba kgona gore ba ka bulelwa dipatela tse e leng gore ke tsa di *private*, ba ka kgona go ya kwa go tsone jaaka mongwe le mongwe. *This is one of the biggest equalizers we have in the healthcare system of our country.*

Fa o le a *rural Member of Parliament (MP)* like me, *it should be something you are excited about. I am hoping that the shadow Minister will get to appreciate the NHI for what it is* ka gore ke mongwe wa ba e leng gore ba e tlhoka thata jaaka rona.

O ne o supile jalo rra ka malaria gore go na le mathata a mantsi a re a itemogelang ka go tsa ditsompelo le ditlamelo. Ke supile jalo gore ba dikgaolo tsa rona tsa kwa bo Okavango, ke bangwe ba e leng gore ba nnile lesego go gaisa ka gore e bile ba simolotse go neelwa *mosquito nets* tse di nang le molemonyana o o tlaa nnang sebaka se se telele mme o kgone go thusa go kganela jalo malaria gore a ka anamisiwa go le motlhofo.

Tse dingwe ke gore fa re le mo Palamenteng, *my expectation is always that we will be honest* fa re bua le Batswana. Kgang e ya gore gatwe re *privatise clinics* le dipatela, *it is not true*. Ga ise re nne le *a decision* ya to *privatise clinics*. Ga ke itse gore yo o reng *they are being privatised for NHI* o ne a tsaya kae kgang eo. Ga ise gotwe *clinics and hospitals are going to be privatised for NHI*, go tilwe *they are each going to be accredited as facilities*. Go tewa gotwe *facility* nngwe le nngwe e tshwanetse gore e tle e nne le sekale se e leng gore e kgona go ka se fitlhelela *in order for it to continue operating* e bile e bo e kgona *to benefit under the NHI*. Fa e le gore bangwe ba tla ba kopa gore ba ka tsamaisa *clinics* e le *private people*, ga go reye gore jaanong re tle re re gatwe go dirilwe *privatisation*. *No, we have not privatised a clinic and we have not come to this House* re bo re re re *privatise clinics for NHI*. Go ne go le botlhokwa gore dikgang tseo di tswa sentle gore Batswana ba se ka ba tloga ba tsietsega.

Honourable Digwa, o ne o supa jalo gore o itumelela gore seemo sa melemo se tokafetse jaaka re supa jalo gore *we are getting to 64 per cent in terms of availability* but ke tle ke tlhalose sengwe.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR OOKEDITSE: *Well, o ntimile clarification maloba, so it is quite funny that today you want it. Legale ka ke motho yo o nang le botho, I will allow you to clarify.*

MR AARON: *Clarification.* Ke a go leboga le fa o shaba ka nna. Mma ke go leboga Tona gore a bo o supile maikaelelo a sepatela sa Gumare. A mme o a itse gore se o se buang, ga o bue tlholo ntšha, *for 10 years* sepatela sa Gumare go ntse gotwe *it is being re-designed*. Mo bogompionong go supega gore se ya go *drop from 72 beds to 50 something*. Ao ka *clarify* gore le se *re-design* to a *district hospital, not to below primary hospital?* Ke a leboga.

MR OOKEDITSE: *Thank you. Honourable Aaron, one of the things that I appreciate the most* ke gore re

nne *very candid*. Nna le wena *we had a conversation outside* ke go bolelela gore *the key thing* mo sepatela se o se batlang ke *specialties*. Ke gore se tlaabo se fa (*offer*) *services* dife to *our people*. *That is what you and I should focus much more on* gore a mme sepatela se, se tlaabo se neela batho ba kgaolo ya rona tse e leng gore ba a di tlhoka. Ke a tlhaloganya gore ba tshwanetse ba bone gore o a ba buelela mme fela *it is a conversation we have had and your advice is being taken and I hope* gore le wena *you will take our advice*.

Ya gore ga se tlholo ntšha, *I have been here for a year and three months and the best we can do* ke gore o nne le *a bit of faith* mo go rona *so that then later on* fa e le gore re tlaabo re paletswe kana re sa dira, o ka tla wa re raya wa re *you had said you will do it but you have not done it. We cannot be culpable for the criminal, not so criminal, for the failures* tsa bo Rre Mabuse Pule mo e leng gore jaanong *you would want to dismiss us on the basis of that*. Ke kopa fela gore re e dumalane gore dilo di tlaa tswelela ka tsela e e siameng.

Ke supe gore a utlwetse Honourable Digwa gore ditsela tse e leng gore ga di a nna sentle go tswa kwa bo Kedia fela jaaka re ne re ntse re bua, fa re araba dipotso le tse dingwe jalojalo, di dira gore *services* di se ka tsa goroga ka nako kwa bathong ba rona. Ke dumela gore bo Tona ba bangwe ba e leng gore *we depend* mo go bone *to deliver services* le bone ba reeditse ba a utlwa gore *service delivery* e amiwa (*affected*) jang ke tlhalelo ya ditsela le tse dingwe.

Ya *midwives*, ka o ne o bua ka yone, ke tsaya gore ke e arabile *earlier on* jaaka re ne re buisana mo Palamenteng letsatsi leno. Go bo go nna le gore wa re go ne go na le *airstrip* ka 1966 kwa Boteti, ke tsaya gore ba reeditse bo Tona ba ditlamelo tseo.

Jaanong o buile thata ka *challenges* tse di leng teng, ka *drugs* tse e leng gore di tla fa gongwe gotwe go na le *a lot of expiries, and we understand* gore *sometimes we have these drugs* tse go tlaabong go tla gotwe go na le *expiries*. Fa o ka ela tlhoko nngwe ya dilo tse e leng gore re di buile thata ke gore *we are modernising our value chains* tsa to *procure* le to *distribute* ditlamelo tse ka go farologana.

Ke bo ke *appreciate* thata Honourable Brigadier Domcaza Mokgwathi jaaka o supile le wena gore o re eme nokeng ka tiro e re tshwanetseng re e dire, mme wa supa thata ka 58,000 *people* ba kwa Letlhakeng. Ke tsaya gore ke go arabile, ka gore sepatela seo *is one of*

those tse e leng gore they will be under design mo this financial year.

Ya *traditional medicine*, re tlisitse *Bill* fano, ke tsaya gore le ne la e *support* ka bongwefela jwa pelo, jaanong re tlaa nna re ntse re tswelera re leka go tlhabolola gore tse e leng gore ke dikitso tsa Setswana di ka dirisiwa botoka, mme di tlhotlilwe ka tsela e e leng gore gongwe ga di ka ke tsa tloga tsa se ka tsa tsaya batho ba rona sentle.

Honourable Mathoothe wa kwa Serowe North, o ne a bua thata ka fa a itumeletseng gore re supa fa re tlaabo re dira theko e e botoka e e tlhabologileng. Re itumelela seo thata motlotlegi. Ka o buile ka *insources* ya *critical services*, le tsone ke dingwe tse re tlaabong re di lebile gore re kgone gore batho ba rona *can actually afford* gore ba ka fiwa tse di lekaneng le tse di ba tshwanetseng.

Jaanong se sengwe se o neng o se bua, le fa o ne o mpeela *penalty*, ke sa itse gore a mme ke tlaa e nosa, o ne o bua ka *dialysis* kwa Sekgoma. Ke dumela gore ke nngwe ya tse e leng gore re tlaa di lebelela re tle re bone gore *service* eo re ka e neela batho ka tsela e e ntseng jang. *You will realise* gore *clinics* tse di dirang *nephrology* le tse dingwe jalo, ke tse re buang ka tsone gore maikaelelo a rona ke go di dira gore gongwe fa e le gore go thata, *instead of like* go nna e ntse e le gore *we refer people outside*, re ka dira gore re dire *partnerships* le *those who provide*, then they can provide them from there. *It is one of the things* tse re tlaa di lebelelang re bone gore re ka dira ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Ke bo ke itumelela gore *you appreciated the utility* ya *austerity measures* tse di neng tsa dirisiwa go leka go kganela *the haemorrhage* e re neng re e *experience* ka ditsompelo le madi.

Jaanong *Honourable Jeremiah Frenzel* le ene o ne a bua thata ka *clinics*. Batlotlegi gongwe ke supe gore le nne le ntse e re fa le bua ka *clinics*, le ntswa ke itumelela gore le kgathala ka botsogo, le bo le itse gore gongwe ba Lephata la *Local Government* ke bone ba tshotseng *clinics* thata, mme ka jalo dikgang tse e leng gore *they have got to do with clinics* le *health posts* le tshwanetse go ka bo le ne le di lebisitse Tona wa *Local Government*. Se se botlhokwa ke gore *there are important issues and they have been raised here*, re tlaa nna re ntse re di arogana (*share*) le ba rona ba kwa *Local Government*.

MR MAPULANGA: *Clarification.* Ke a leboga *Mr Chairperson*. Tlaa ke go leboge Tona. O ise o tsamaele kgakala, re bue ka dikgang tsa go tlhatswa diphilo kana

dialysis tse re nang le tsone. *Strategy* ke eng gompieno go leka go bona gore *probably by district or by zone* to avoid kgang e o fitlhelang e le gore motho o tshwanetse a ye go emelela kwa Kasane a ye go nna *two or three months*, e bile ba bangwe *it is permanent*, ba nna gone kwa e leng gore go gaufi le ditirelo tseo? Go ya pele le lebile eng go bona gore gongwe *machines* tse di sutelele gaufi mo dipateleng tse di tshwanang le tsa bo Kasane gore ba tle ba thusiwe ka nako to avoid gore ba fuduge mo malwapeng?

MR OOKEDITSE: *Thank you Mr Chairperson and thank you Honourable Mapulanga.* Ke tsaya gore *if you have been paying attention to the pronouncements we have been making*, re ntse re bua jalo gore *the referral system* e re ntseng re e dirisa *to private entities has been very expensive*, ka jalo *we are considering partnerships* tse e leng gore *we can have* bone ba e leng gore *they offer these services* ba le *stationed* kwa re leng teng, *and then we can pay per use for some of these services.* Re na le a *plan* ya go ka dira jalo. *Touch base with me outside so that I can tell you more about what we are doing and then* le wena o ka kgona go re gakolola. Ke tsaya gore *Honourable Reason Lekutlane* le ene o ne a bua thata ka kgang eo le fa a ne a bua gore re nne le *clinic* ya mofuta oo kwa Kang. Ke dilo tse di botlhokwa.

Batlotlegi ke santse ke gatelela gore *I would like to hear MPs speak more about preventing these elements.* Fa o tsaya *all these kidney complications, a lot of them are preventable*, so ke dilo tse le tshwanetseng kana re tshwanetse go lebelela gore re di thibela jang, re se ka ra *normalise* go batla go di *treat*, e nne *more like how can we stop these from occurring in the first place?*

Ke bo ke tswelera ke supa gore kgang ya melemo, e e leng gore ke le araba lotlhe, *we have been very honest, when we were declaring the State of Emergency availability* ya melemo e ne e le *17 per cent*, re ne re na le a *big problem.* *At the end of that period*, re ne re le kwa go *32 per cent*, mme *as at February 2026, we have now risen to around 64 per cent.* *The key intervention* e e nnileng teng ke gore re kgonne go kopa *an arrangement with the United Arab Emirates* gore re kgone go tsenya *significant stocks or supplies, that is around 338 lines* tsa *products* tse re di tlhokang tse e leng gore *they will cover us for about 7.5 months.* So, go tlaa nna go ntse go na le tlhalelo fale le fale ka gore *we are recovering, but where we are things are improving.* Kopo ya me mo go lona ke gore le itse gore *we need you to actually support and encourage the recovery and not to try to*

punch holes mo go yone. We have heard, and all you could do and say you have said, so what we need now is to say how do we save our people, and put measures into place and we are getting somewhere. Ke kopa gore lona le le batlotlegi dirang gore le thusse to build confidence instead of making people lose confidence in the system when we are improving, ke gone fa re leng teng.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR OOKEDITSE: Nnyaa, mme gongwe ka gore nako e a tsamaya, ke tlaa tla ke go tsaya motlotlegi, *if you just give me a moment.*

Ke bo ke tla ke supa gore *Honourable* Kedikilwe o buile thata le ene ka Serowe Distribution Hub gore go lebege e le gore gongwe level ya stock ga e ise e nne yone, *even though* ke itumeletse thata gore o supile gore e kwa go 62 per cent, le bone ba go raya ba re *it is improving. This is the feedback we need and this is what we should be doing*, re bereke le ba ba kwa dikgaolong tsa rona go bona gore go diragala eng, e seng *to take documents so that we can leak them and embarrass someone, but to go and do what you are doing so that* re kgone go thusana go aga because that is what we should be doing. Ke sone se re se itumelelang, *I appreciate* tiro ya gago in that regard *Honourable* Kedikilwe. Ke bo ke itumelela gore o tlhalogantse NHI, mme e bile e tle e re fa o le fa teeng fale, o dire digongwanagongwana o rutuntshe batlotlegi gore NHI ke eng, ka gore kutlwisiso ya gago ka yone ke yone e re tshwanetseng re nne le yone. Fa re ka nna le yone bontsi jwa rona re tlaa e tlhaloganya e bile re tlaa e support jaaka o supile.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR OOKEDITSE: *Expiries* le *short-terms*, *Honourable* Nkawana e tloga e tshaya. *Expiries* tse o neng o di supa le tsone *we have taken feedback*, Rre Kedikilwe ka tsone. Tse dingwe o fitlhela e le gore e a bo e le phosego ya gore go na le *communication between* dikokelwana le Central Medical Stores (CMS), e bile o fitlhela e le gore le melemo fa e tswa jalo, e a bo e tswa ba ba e rekileng ba e reka ba lebeletse *estimate* ya gore ba ntse ba dirisa go le kana ka eng. Legale *the big thing* ke gore re tshwanetse ra baakanya *the procurement value chain* le *distribution* ya rona. Fa le ne le nkutlwa sentle mo *speech* sa rona, re supile gore *we are now putting into place an electronic system* e e tlaa kgonang go re thusa go ka dira dilo tse ka tsela e e botoka.

Ke bo ke ya kwa go *Honourable* Mosanana; ke tsaya ke re ka o ne wa ntlelelela maloba ga o a ka wa dira

jaaka tsala ya me Aaron, ke ne ka supa gore re setse re simolotse go leka go thusa ba Seventh-Day Adventist (SDA) gore ba kgone go ka duela babereki kana bodiredi jaaka o ne o supa fa go na le mathata.

Honourable Motsamai, *we appreciate the feedback* e o re e fileng ya gore go tshwanetse gore dilo di nne botoka. O bo o bua gape gore go tshwanetse go nne le *accommodation for* batho ba ba tswang kgakala ba tla go bona bongaka ka kwano. Tse dingwe ka lebaka la gore ga re na ditsompelo tse di lekaneng *in terms of money*, *we may not be able to cover them quickly*. Tse dingwe *is for the private sector to pick a business opportunity*, ba bo ba ka dira gore go nne le *facilities* tse e leng gore fa batho ba tlile, ba ka kgona go bona boroko *at a price* e e *affordable*. Re tswelela *supporting each other* jaaka le supile.

Ya Charles Hill Primary Hospital re e utlwile...

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS

(MR MOSWAANE): *On a point of elucidation. Thank you very much for giving me the opportunity.* Ke bona le tshwere sentle thata Motlotlegi Mothusa Tona, mme ke bona o kare ntlha e ya gore kwa dipateleng batho ba bo ba sa fiwe *counselling* gantsi thata fa go na le molwetse yo o gateletsweng thata yo o mo makgathing a go tlhokafala, e feletsa e kete kwa bofelong jwa letsatsi e kare motho ga a bona thuso ya melemo, mme e le gore motho o ne a le mo makgathing a go swa. Ke sone ke re golo mo go tlhoka gore motho fa a gateletswe, a re lekeng ka bojotlhe gore motho a fiwe *counselling*. Ba itse gore go ka nna ga diragala sengwe le sengwe, ka gore motho o fiwa botshelo ke Modimo. *Thank you.*

MR OOKEDITSE: *Thank you.* Ke tsaya gore o gakolola ka *service delivery* gore re ka dira botoka jang, mme le rona re tlaa rotloetsa ba re dirang le bone gore ba kgone gore ba ka buisana le batho. Le fa gongwe motho a sa bona thuso e a kwa tswang a e ratile, mme fela a tlhalosedibe gore seemo ke eng, e bile go tlaa diragala eng gore a tle a kgone go bona thuso e e mo tshwanetseng.

Honourable Sedombo e utlwetse; o buile thata ka *ambulances* jaaka batlotlegi ba ne ba supa. Bagaetsho *the reality we must face* ke gore, *we are an upper-middle income country they say, we are a third world country, but where we are go santse go re bontsha* gore *we have a lot of gaps. So, we still have a long way to go.* Ka jalo *we need to manage our expectations* tsa gore re kgona

to afford eng ga re kgone eng. Se se leng teng ke gore with part of the maintenance budget e e tlaabong e le teng, ke dumela gore ba lephata la ga Rre Motshegwa ba tlaa lebelela ambulances gore ba kgone go thusa. Re itumelela kgakololo ya gore o itumeletse gore Old Sekgoma jaanong rehabilitation e a fela, batho ba tlaa kgona go thusiwa.

Honourable Phologolo le ene o ne a supa seemo se ba nang le sone kwa Kanye le metse e e mabapi, e le gore go supafala gore tota fela batho ba a sokola. Tona especially ba Local Government, ke tsaya ke re le bone ba utlwile ka clinics.

Ke bo ke tsena mo go Madam Speaker, o kile a ngunanguna le nna ka se se tshwanetseng gore se diragale especially kwa Matlhaku Lekganyane Clinic. E go nang le a lot of le space se ba akanyang gore re tshwanetse re dire a diabetic clinic. A utlwetse, re tlaa sekaseka gore re ka dira jang gore batho ba bone services tse di tlhabologileng, e bile di le gaufi le bone.

Then ba sepatela sa SDA gore ga se gore jaanong re duele bodiredi directly, re se ka ra ba neela madi Rre Mosanana. It is a third party, ba re nang le a contract le bone. Ke tse di tlhokang gore go ka nna le dipuisano tsa go ka dira dilo botoka, ka jalo ga ke batle gore gongwe ke ka pronounce gore re tlaa riana, ga re ka ke ra diana.

MR KEKGONEGILE: On a point of clarification. Tanki Tona, just a minute. Fa motho a bala your Committee of Supply Speech, ga re utlwe sepe se bua ka north west thatathata Sepatela sa Letsholathebe. Se re solofelang gore fa Marina a le fa, Nyangabgwe a le 500 kilometres (kms), Letsholathebe is 500 kms covering Ghanzi, Shakawe le Chobe, mme ga gona le fa e le sepe se se utlwalang. Re ne re dumela gore specialised services di ka ya teng, golo kwa re na le crisis, ga gona sepe. Re ne re dumela gore crisis e Marina e neng le yone go bo go thusiwa ka Sir Ketumile, you should be mentioning that ka Letsholathebe gore how are you upgrading Letsholathebe to alleviate mathata a north west.

MR OOKEDITSE: Thank you Mr Chairperson. Mafoko a utlwetse, ke dumela gore it is good advice and e tlaa re fa re lebelela expanding specialties le staffing ya rona, we will look into how we can help with that. Re tlaa ya go e buisana and then we can always have a conversation on the side ka sone jaaka o se supile.

Honourable Kenewendo le ene o ne a supile letlhoko le le teng especially kwa Boteti ka clinics. A bo a supa

the possibilities tsa partnerships le ba Debswana ka fa ba thusitseng ka teng. That is what should then be the norm, in terms of se re se dirang across the country. Ba e leng bodiredi jo bo ikemetseng ka nosi, bo nne bo thuse. Le lona batlotlegi le nne le approach dikompone le ba bangwe, le buisane le bone gore a mme ba ka se ka ba thusa ka tse dingwe. Le lona ka Constituency Community Programme (CCP) fa le kgonang go ka thusa teng, le kgone to invest it mo botsogong gore re kgone go emana nokeng.

Tota fela bagaetsho dikgakololo tsa rona di a utlwala, e bile di utlwetse. Ke ne ke reeditse Honourable Gare le ene a bua ka tse di farologanyeng tse di botlhokwa. O ne a bua thata ka a cancer clinic ya kwa Moshupa le kwa go tse dingwe jalojalo. These are all noted, mme re se yang go se dira ke gore we want to expand service ya rona. E tlaa re fa re e expand, re bo re dira gore a key guiding principle ya rona going forward e nne equity. Ke gore e nne gore Botswana o mongwefela, Batswana ke masika botlhe, ga gona kwa ba tlaa sokelwang dirope ka lebaka le re sa le tlhologanyeng. It should not be a case ya gore mang o tswa kae, kwa go tswa ba ba ntseng jang. Re tlaa leka gore re dire botoka thata.

Fa ke ya kwa bokhutlong, Honourable Hikuama o buile ka shortage ya ambulances, ke tsaya ke re I have addressed it le gore ba ba maleba ba tlaa e lebelela. Ya melemo le yone, I have addressed the issue ya shortage.

Ke wele Mr Chairperson ka gore, bagaetsho fa re leng teng re tshwanetse to approach seemo sa lefatshe la rona from a spirit of cooperation and helping each other build, ka gore we are in trouble as a country in terms of certain services. As such times no one is immune, certainly I think the beginning of this years showed me, ba re ke stallion, but I saw gore I am not invincible. My big brother last year le ene went through a healthcare scare and we are not the only ones in the House, ke ka le bala le le bantsi. The state of healthcare in the country e tlhoka all of us to demonstrate the leadership that I know we are all capable of demonstrating. It needs us to move away from demonstrating gore semangmang o a palelwa.

Ka gore nako e setse e tshaile, e bile e tloga e ntswalela go raya gore jaanong ke sutise Mr Chairperson. Therefore, this concludes my presentation of the 2026/27 Recurrent and Development Budget requests for our ministry. I therefore move that the sum of Seven Billion, Five Hundred and Eight Million, Eight Hundred and Seventy-Two Thousand, Five Hundred and

Ninety Pula (P7, 508, 872, 590) under the Recurrent Budget and Six Hundred and Fifty-Three Million, Nine Hundred and Fifty-Eight Thousand, Nine Hundred and Sixty-One Pula (P653, 958, 961) under the Development Budget be approved and stand part of the Schedule of the 2026/27 Appropriation Bill for Organisation 1100 in the Development Fund Estimates. I thank you Mr Chairperson.

Question put and **agreed to.**

LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION (MR SALESHANDO): Procedure. Mr Speaker, *go na le bothata*, I see the Minister of Tourism is not in the House. I alerted him earlier *gore kana* we have not received his submission but it is on the Order Paper for today. If he is not going to be available, you may want to... (inaudible)... consider how we schedule the rest of the business for the day, because *ga ke itse gore a re tlaabo re e neelwa* and debate it *gone foo*.

...Silence...

MR SPEAKER (MR KEORAPETSE): Order! Order! We are back in the Assembly.

...Silence...

MR SPEAKER: Ke a utlwa ka e ya *Ministry of Environment and Tourism* *gore presentation* ya yone ga e yo. *I was just conferring with the Clerks*, go lebega le bone ba sena yone. *So mma ke utlwe Tona* *gore go ka tswa go diragetse eng.*

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM (MR MMOLOTSI): *Mr Speaker*, nna ke itse *gore e rometswe ka Sunday*, maabane, gakere go a twe letsatsi *before*. Go raya *gore tla ke emele fa ntle ba e romele*, fa e le *gore ga ba a e romela*...

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

MR MMOLOTSI: *It is not too late*, o a tle o bale wena.

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa, se rumolaneng. *Order! Honourable Members, remember*, kana re ne re kopile *gore di romelwe nako e santse e le teng* *gore ba nne le nako ya go e bala. I know that in terms of the rules, what the rules say, but we had asked* *gore di romelwe nako e le teng. Jaanong ga ke itse* *gore go ka tswa go diragetse eng* *gore e bo e sa goroga ka nako e. Fa e le* *gore go ntse jalo, ga ke itse* *jaanong* *gore how are we going to proceed regarding that. The alternative could be, the Minister could present, then the debate* e bo e tswelala

the following day, to allow Honourable Members time to go through it.

DR GOBOTSWANG: *Procedure.* Ke ne ke re, kana go na le e nngwe gape e e gorogileng *late, Administration of Justice* ke gone e romelwang gone jaana re ntse gone fa. Le yone e na le *problem*, ga re itse *gore gatwe bothata* ke eng. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker.*

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable Minister* Ramaotwana, *gatwe ke gone le e romelang fela re ntse re le gone fa.*

MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES (MR RAMAOTWANA): On Friday they sent Attorney General's report twice, hoping that they were sending Attorney General and AoJ. We discovered when the Deputy Speaker said we cannot see your report, we said, we sent it on Friday, when we checked we realised that they sent the same document twice, instead of sending different documents.

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable Members*, go raya *gore what we will do to try and aid the process*, ke *gore from our end* fa go setse malatsi, ga ke itse *gore we will determine how many days*, re nne *in touch le chapters tse di tsenang. Just so that we remind them* *gore, kana we are waiting for the...* Ke dumela *gore at that time* ba ka bo ba kgonne *to pick* *gore go rometswe tse pedi tse di tshwanang instead of tse pedi tse di farologanyeng.* Ke tsaya *gore we will improve as we go*, re ne re ntse re tsamaya sentle *Honourable Members*, ke dumela *gore this cliché* e tlaa baakanyega.

MR MMOLOTSI: Thank you very much Mr Speaker. *Tota ke leka to investigate, mme* I am informed *gore e rometswe ka Friday kwa go Rre Nfila, e romelwa ke Kesiamé*, then it was also copied to *bo* Deputy Permanent Secretary (DPS). So, they can confirm *gore* it was sent on Friday *kwa go Rre Nfila.*

MR SPEAKER: We will check, as I have indicated, *fa e le* *gore tota Mapalamente ke gone ba e bonang*, we may have to let the Honourable Minister to present, and then debate *e bo e ya* the following day. We will check, I have since sent Parliamentary Counsel (PC) to go and verify. Order! Order!

ORGANISATION 1200 - ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

MR CHAIRPERSON (MR KEORAPETSE): Order! Honourable Members, let us go to Administration of Justice, Organisation 1200. Please note that 1 hour 50

minutes has been allocated to this organisation and I shall call upon the Honourable Minister to reply to the debate..., the times will be adjusted accordingly, but Honourable Minister has 20 minutes to present and then at the conclusion the floor would be open.

MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES (MR RAMAOTWANA): Ke a leboga *Mr Chairperson*. Ke leboge batlotlegi ba Ntlo e e fano, e e faphegileng.

Ke simolole ka gore ke itumelela gore ke bo ke baya pele Ntlo e lenaneo la Administration of Justice (AoJ) *financial year 2026-2027*. Tiro ya AoJ e tona ke go reetsa dikgang tsa *civil cases and criminal proceedings*, le go netefatsa gore dilo di dirwa ka tshiamo, go na le kagiso go ritibatsa seemo, le go supa gore go na le Puso e e siameng ya batho ka batho le gone go diragatsa molao.

Mr Chairperson, ntetla gore ke simolole go bolelela Ntlo e e fano *budget proposal* ya 2026-2027. *Presentation* ya me e tlaa etelelwa pele ke *policies, strategies* le *projects*, gammogo le *challenges* tsa 2025-2026 *financial year, land policies programmes and critical initiatives and projects to be implemented* mo ngwageng one o wa *financial year* ya 2026-2027. Re itebagantse thata segolobogolo jang le go diragatsa dikgwetlho tse di tthagogang re ya kwa pele *addressing* tsa maloba. Ka jalo, go raya gore maikaelelo a rona a matona ke gone go baakanya molao, go tlhoma *courts* tse di faphegileng, le gone go netefatsa gore go na le maranyane a segompieno gore yone *Judiciary* e nne ya seemo sa maratagolejwa lefatshe ka bophara.

Fa ke tsena mo go e nngwe ya gore ngwaga o o neng o feta wa 2025-2026 *financial year*, re kgonne eng. *Mr Chairperson, Annual Performance Judicial Report* ya 2025 *that covers* Dikgotlatshekelo go tswa ngwaga o o fetileng, e tlaa supa ka botlalo gore re ne re dira eng mo *Judiciary* e e ntshitsweng ka *February* 2026. *Report* e e supa gore *cases* re di tsamaisa jang, re di fetsa jang, e supa bokete jwa go fetsa *cases* le tse di salang; *backlog*. E supa gore fa re tsena mo go tsa borukutlhi, *High Court disposal rate* ya yone *January 2025 to December 2025* was 40 *per cent* fa Mmakaseterata e le 54 *per cent*. Fa re ya kwa *civil cases, High Court disposal rate* 50 *per cent*, fa Mmakaseterata e le 77.3 *per cent* mo *period* ya *January 2025 to 31st December 2025* ngwaga o re tswang mo go one. *Mr Chairperson*, se se supa gore go na le *improvement* fela e e fetang ya ngwaga o o fetileng fa o lebelela *disposal case rates* kwa go Mmakaseterata le kwa *High Court*.

Court of Appeal disposal rate ya yone mo *appeals* tse di tseneletseng, *substantive appeals* e ne e le 87 *per cent*, fa *applications same period* e le 93 *per cent*. Seo se supa gore go na le tlhwaafalo, go a berekwa, e bile go na le tswelolepele.

Mr Chairperson, re tswelletse mo letsholong la go bona gore re tokafatsa gore Motswana mongwe le mongwe a ipone a na le seabe sa go akola tshiamo mo lefatsheng la gagwe, le gore go nne le gone gore setšhaba se nne le *confidence* mo *Judiciary* ya rona. Fa re lebeletse gore ka 4th *November, 2025* re kgonne go bula lephata le lengwe la *High Court* kwa Mahalapye, le simolola go dira, mme ba ntse ba kopa boroko kwa *Magistrate Court* kwa Mahalapye. Ka jalo, e na le *Judge* a le mongwefela yo e leng *Judge President*, ke ene yo o eteletseng pele *division* ya Mahalapye. *Before* re simolola go bula *division* ya Mahalapye, go ile ga tlhlongwa gape *Criminal Court* *which is a specialised court* e e neng e le *branch* jwa *High Court* ka 4th *September 2025*, go lebagana kana go samagana le dikgang tsa borukutlhi. *Divisions* tse tsa *Criminal Court* di pedi, e nngwe e kwa Francistown *High Court* kwa north, e nngwe e mo Gaborone kwa Broadhurst mo south. Jaanong go na le letlhoko le letona le le supang gore *special courts* di a thusa gore re kgone go lwantsha *backlog* e e teng ya *to dispose those criminal cases*. Fa re lebelela, re kala, re tshwantshanya, go supa gore ka ngwaga wa 2024 *disposal rate stood at* 32 *per cent*, mme e rile re sena go tlhoma, ra bona go na le tokafalo, *disposal rate* ya nna 40 *per cent* ka ngwaga wa 2025. Sone seo se re fa tsholofelo le go tia moko gore ngwaga o o tlang o kana o re mo go one, re tlaa bona maduo a a botoka thata, a mantle thata.

Fa re lebeletse *the year under review* *Mr Chairperson*, ba Lephata la Boatlhodi ba ile ba nna le *conferences* tse pedi tse di faphegileng, e leng *Judicial Conference* e e neng e le kwa Palapye, e le gore batlotlegi botlhe, *Judges*, le batsayakarolo botlhe le *partners* tsa rona, ba ne ba le teng go sekaseka Lephata la Boatlhodi, le gore go ka baakanngwa fa kae, ga tokafatswa fa kae.

Ra nna gape le *conference* e nngwe e e neng e le Tona gape, bo *Chief Justice* ba mafatshefatshe kana Southern African Development Community (SADC) and Africa ba le 15, ga nna ga nna le yone *Southern and Eastern African Chief Justices Forum* e e neng e tshwaretse mo Botswana, e e leng gore Namibia le Botswana tsa ba tsa felela di saena Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). Tsotlhe ka bobedi Motlotlegi Tautona Advocate Duma Boko e ne e le ene molalediwa wa tlotla yo a neng a di tsamaisa, a di bula.

Mr Chairperson, re ntse re samagane le maphata a mangwe kana *ministries* tse dingwe tse di tshwanang *Ministry of Finance*, ra tshwaragana le *independent agencies like* Financial Intelligence Agency (FIA), Institute for Combating Illicit Financial Flows (ICIFL) *which was hosted* mono mo Botswana mo Gaborone e bua ka *Colloquium for Justices*, e e leng gore Baatlhodibagolo ba *Court of Appeal* ba ne ba le teng mo phuthegong yone eo go bua ka go lwantsha bosinyi. *Colloquium* e ya tlisa *Judges* tsa mono tsa *Court of Appeal* le tse di neng di tlogetse tiro mo *region*, gammogo le baitseanape mo *Anti Money Laundering*, le batlhatlheleladithuto ba batona kana baitseanape ba batona mo go tsa merero e e ntseng jalo. Tautona gape a nna a ntse a tsaya karalo ka go bula phuthego yone eo.

Mr Chairperson, ka *January 2025* re ile ra baakanya molao wa *Trust Property Control Act* go e samagana le ditsamaiso tsa gompiano tse di batliwang ke ba Financial Action Task Force (FATF) le ditsamaiso tsa bone. *Recommendation* ya bone e bua ka *Non-Profit Organisation for Terrorism Financing Sectorial Risk Assessment*, e bua ka gore re netefatse gore ditsamaiso tsa rona di siame go lwantsha borukutlhi jwa mafatshefatshe (*terrorism*) le go bona gore dilo tsotlhe di tsamaya ka thelelo. Ke eme fano ke re ka *September 2025*, bone ba Eastern and Southern African Anti Money Laundering Group (ESAAMLG) ba ile ba re ntsha mo *non-compliant rating* ra tsena mo *largely compliant rating* mo *Recommendation 8*, e e lwantshanang le *non-profit organisations* gore di se ka tsa dirisiwa *to finance* kana go neela dirukutlhi madi.

Mr Chairperson, the Master of the High Court through Trust Property Unit ba na le gone gore ba nne ba tsaya karolo mo *National Risk Assessment Exercise* e ba neng ba e tsamaisa le bangwe ba *Working Group Responsible for Assessing Money Laundering Risk*. Sone seo se raya gore ga ba ga nna le *Draft of National Risk Assessment* e e ileng ya fela ka *December 2025*.

Mr Chairperson, Court of Appeal e rile ka 18th *November, 2025* ya ntsha taelo, mo gotweng *Practice Directive* mabapi le *applications* tse di yang kwa *Court of Appeal* gammogo le *leaves*, gore tsela e e leng gore o tla ka yone ke efe mabapi le dikgang tsa *tenders* le go tsenya *submissions; heads of argument. Practice Directive* ya re jaanong go tswa gompiano fa o ya teng kwa ba tseela gore *tender* ka gore ke selo se se amang *service delivery*, le gore go nne le *projects*, matshelo

a Botswana ka gore a a bo a eme, go raya gore di reediwe ka bofefo, e se ka ya tla fela *in the ordinary course*, ka gore ke dikgang tse di amang *public interest, service delivery*, tse di amang matshelo a Botswana *to implement projects* tsa ga Goromente. Ka jalo, go raya gore e sala morago *Practice Directive of High Court* e e neng e re *they should be heard as urgent applications to avoid cost overruns* tse di ka nnang teng fa e le gore di reediwa fela jaaka kgang nngwe le nngwe. Ke sone se se le kang go tokafatsa gore dilo di tsamaye ka bofefo.

Tse re nang le tsone e le *challenges Mr Chairperson*, go tlhabela bodiredi ke kgwetlho mo go rona ka gore Goromente o sa tswa go tsaya tshwetso ya gore go emisiwe go tlhama *positions* tse disha. Mo go raya gore mathata mo Lephateng la Boatlhodi ka gore re ne re tshwanetse go simolola melawana e gotweng Court Annexed Mediation (CAM). Go na le gore re ye go lwa kwa go *Judge*, basekisi (*litigants*) ba kgone go ya kwa go yo o tlaa ba reetsang, ba bo ba rarabolola kgang ya bone *and settle*, e bo e fela go sena ditshenyegelo tse di kalo.

Re na le *transformation office, ministerial technical unit and procurement unit oversight* tse di neng di batla gore re di hirele batho. Ka ga go letlelelwe gore re dire *new positions* ka seemo se re se itseng rotlhe batlotlegi, ke kgwetlho. Re ntse re a kopa gore ka ditsompelo tse re nang le tsone gore re bone gore re ka tsutlaganya jang, re samagane le seemo se re nang le sone. E nngwe e re batlang go e dira *Mr Chairperson, is to restructure* kgang ya *Magistracy* le *Registrarship, delinking Master's office from the Registrarship* gore *Master* a ikemele, *Registrar* a nne fale. Re ka nna le bathusi ba ga *Master* mo Dikgotleng tsa bo Mmakaseterata go samagana le dikgang tsa boswa gore di tsamaye ka bofefo. Ke sone se re le kang go se dira. Tsotlhe tse di tlhoka ditsompelo tsa babereki le madi a go tsamaisa dilo tse. Ke dilo tse re setseng re simolotse tiro ya go samagana go leba gore *how can we delink them*.

E nngwe phakela ke ne ke ba botsa gore; ka ke itse gore go na le Court of Appeal (CoA) *decision* e e kileng ya re Dikgosi le tsone di ka samagana le go aba boswa, fa e le gore ke boswa jo bo amang ngwao ya Setswana, Kgosi o ka kgaoganya. Kwa ntleng ga *creditor* e le ene a yang kwa go *Master* a kwadisa *estate* ka gore o a kolotiwa, ba bo ba re go ntse jalo. Go ne go na le kutlwisiso e e seng yone ya gore o ka se ke o ye kwa go Kgosi fa e le gore boswa joo ke jwa Setswana. E ntse e le kutlwisiso e e fosagetseng.

PLANNED POLICIES AND STRATEGIES FOR 2026/2027

Fa re tsena mo *planned policy strategies for 2026/2027* Mr Chairperson, jaaka ke ne ke buile gore fa re sena go fetsa *National Risk Assessment ka December 2025*, *Trust Property Unit* ra ba ra simolola to *cascade the findings tsa teng to the Trust Sector developing supervision framework in line with the identified risk*. Tse di thusa *Trust Property Unit to develop supervision strategy, conduct inspections on risk-based approach* le tse di tlhokafalang tsotlhe go dira *outreaches* tse re tshwanetseng go isa kgang kwa bathong. Mr Chairperson, tse re di thusiwa ke ba lekalana la SecFin Africa *digital tools* tse re tshwanetseng to *develop* go netefatsa gore seo se a diragala mo go tse di tlhokafalang.

Fa ke tsena mo go baakanyeng makgotlatshekelo a rona (*maintenance of court facilities*), e tlaa simologa ka 2026/2027 go leka go baakanya seemo sa *major maintenance* tse re ntseng re lela ka tsone gore *courts* tsa rona di makgasanyana. Re tlaabo re itebaganya le *structural repairs, air conditioning repairs* at Francistown High Court, *air conditioning* at both Gaborone High Court and Broadhurst Magistrate Court. Se se tlaa tsisa gore ba kgone go dira tiro ka bonatla le ka botlhaga ka gore fa go fisa kana go le selemo, ba tshaisa *early courts* di le mogote, ba sa kgone go theogela sentle.

Mr Chairperson, ke maikaelelo a rona go dira le go baakanya gore re nne le *an electronic court records system* re emise e e saleng e phutlhama bo *three years ago*. Go raya gore *court records systems* di a phutlhama. *We are at an advanced stage* gore re bo re ka dira gore re nne le e ntšha gore go nne bofefo go neela *customers* tsa rona ditsompelo le ditlamelo gore dikgang tsa bone di reediwe ka bofefo. Seo se tlaa diragala mo *financial year* ya 2026/2027 to *develop* le go fetsa *electronic court records system* e ntšha.

Commercial Courts gape re na le maikaelelo a gore ka *February* jaaka Chief Justice (CJ) a ne a bua mo *speech* sa gagwe, re tlaa tlhoma *commercial courts* go lebagana le dikgang tsa *commercial transactions*. Re bone gore sengwe le sengwe se dirwa ka bofefo, se lebagana le ba CAM e le yone *commercial court*. Le yone mo ngwageng o o simologang wa madi, re na le maikaelelo a go e diragatsa.

BUDGET UTILISATION FOR 2025/2026 FINANCIAL YEAR

Mr Chairperson, the Recurrent Budget provision in 2025/2026 was Four Hundred and Twenty-Eight

Million, Eight Hundred and Twenty-Two Thousand, Two Hundred and Ten Pula (P428, 822, 210). As at 26th February 2026, an amount of Three Hundred and Fifty-Five Million, Three Hundred and Fifty-Six Thousand, Eight Hundred and Ten Pula and Fifteen Thebe (P355, 356, 810.15) or 82 per cent has been utilised. It is anticipated that by the end of the financial year, more than 95 per cent of the remaining budget will have been spent as most of the services are expected to be paid mid-March and the last week of March 2026. The Development Budget on the other hand had a budget provision of Sixteen Million, Six Hundred and Sixty Thousand Pula (P16, 660,000) for the 2025/2026 financial year. The Development Budget has been underspent with less than 25 per cent of the budget utilised. The under expenditure was due to the delays in commencement of the procurement processes which tend to take time, especially crafting of the Invitation to Tender (ITT) and their approvals thereof.

Budget Proposals For 2026/2027 Financial Year

Mr Chairperson, allow me now to present the 2026/2027 Recurrent and Development Budget requests.

Recurrent Budget

Mr Chairperson, I request an amount of Four Hundred and Thirty-Four Million, Nine Hundred and Fifty-Eight Thousand, Four Hundred and Ninety Pula (P434,958,490) for the Recurrent Budget. This represents an increase of 1.4 per cent over the 2025/2026 approved budget of Four Hundred and Twenty-Eight Million, Eight Hundred and Twenty-Two Thousand, Two Hundred and Ten Pula (P428, 822, 210). The additional 1.4 per cent covers payments for witnesses, payment for pro deo counsel fees and basic salaries and allowances.

Development Budget

Mr Chairperson, for the Development Budget, I request a total amount of Twenty-Four Million, Two Hundred and Eighty-Six Thousand, Four Hundred and Twelve Pula (P24,286,412) for the 2026/2027 financial year. The budget covers infrastructure projects; maintenance of court facilities, maintenance of Judges' houses, improvements to Magistrates' houses. Other projects to be executed include court security enhancements, computerisation projects such as e-filing and procurement of Judges' vehicles.

Conclusion

Mr Chairperson, this concludes my presentation of the 2026/2027 budget proposal for the Administration of Justice (AoJ). I therefore move that the sum of Four Hundred and Thirty-Four Million, Nine Hundred and Fifty Eight Thousand, Four Hundred and Ninety Pula (P434,958,490) under the Recurrent Budget for Organisation 1200 be approved and stand part of the Schedule of the Appropriation (2026/2027) Bill, 2026 (No. 1 of 2026), and that the sum of Twenty-Four Million, Two Hundred and Eighty-Six Thousand, Four Hundred and Twelve Pula (P24,286,412) under the Development Budget for Organisation 1200 be approved and stand part of the Estimates for the financial year 2026/27. I move accordingly. I thank you Mr Chairperson.

MR CHAIRPERSON: Thank you Honourable Minister. Honourable Members, the floor is open.

MR KAPINGA (OKAVANGO WEST): *Thank you very much Mr Chairperson.* Ke ne ke re ke latlhele mo Lephatang la Boatlhodi. Sa ntlha fela ke gakolole *Minister...*

MR CHAIRPERSON: Sorry, to disturb your flow. Note Honourable Members that the mover of...(Inaudible)... to reply to the debate at 1710 hours and the question will be put at 1740 hours. *Tswelela* Honourable Kapinga.

MR KAPINGA: *Just to remind the Honourable Minister that time is ticking,* re lebeletse go bona gore fa o sale o tlhomiwa go nna Tona ya Boatlhodi o tsile ka megopolo e mesha e e reng, e o ka buang gore e ke megopolo e ke tsileng ka yone ke le *Honourable Minister* Ramaotwana. Ya ntlha ke ya *restructuring of the Magistrates*, kgang e re e selasela fela kwa re e selang teng le mo *report* ya gago ya gompieno. *We have no idea* gore maikaelelo a gago a *to restructure the Magistrates* ke eng. Ke ne ke re ke go gakolole gore fa o bona *every profession* e na le selo se gotweng *scheme of service*, go a bo go tewa gotwe motho a kgone go itshupa bokgoni *at different levels* go fitlhelela a ya go goroga kwa mankalenkaleng a *profession* eo. Fa motho a gorogile kwa go *Chief Magistrate*, re a bo re kgotsofetse tota gore motho yo ke Mmakaseterata yo o nang le *experience* le bokgoni jo bo tseneletseng, yo o emetseng fela gore go bulege phatlha golo gongwe ya bo *Judge* a bo a ka tsenngwa mo bo *Judge*, a dira tiro *without the necessity of any further training*. Ga re itse gore *restructuring* e o batlang go tla ka yone rraetsho, maikaelelo a yone o batla go baakanya eng, fa kae.

E nngwe kgang e ke batlang go bua ka yone ke *distance between courts and remand centers*. Kgang e, ke kile

ka e bua le wena rra, ke bua *specifically* ka *court* e e kwa Shakawe le *prison* e kwa Maun, 376 kilometers (km) *away* e e leng gore letsatsi le letsatsi, maphakela le maphakela, go tshwanetswe gore go tsewe *remand prisoners* kwa Maun ba isiwa kwa *court* kwa Shakawe ba bo ba boa *the same day*. Jaanong o lebelele *distance* le *condition* ya ditsela tsa rona tse re tlholang re bua ka tsone letsatsi le letsatsi. Ka go kopa gore o lebelele seemo seo o baakanye, mme ga ke ise ke utlwe sepe se se ka itumedisang go tswa kwa *side* ya gago. Rraetsho, kana *issue* e *affects the efficient delivery of justice even the productivity*. Fa o utlwa o bua gore *disposal rate* ya *criminal* is at 40 per cent which is even below madoda score. Ke dilo tse di tshwanang le tse, *which impact* mo *productivity* ya *courts* tsa rona tse e leng gore *accused* o tsewa kwa Maun phakela, o tsena kwa Shakawe ka bo *past* 9, bo 10, ka 3 o tshwanetse gore a busediwe kwa Maun *so that* a ye go robala kwa toronkong. O ka tsaya ditshwetso o le Tona wa Boatlhodi gore seemo se se baakanngwe, go motlhofo mo go nna gore go diragale jalo rraetsho.

Ga ke kgotsofalele *the supervision or the interaction*, mma ke e beye ke re *interaction* gongwe fa ke ka re *supervision* mongwe o ka nna a e *resist* gore *Judge* jaaka *Judge President* wa Maun a le mo Maun jaana, *interaction* ya gagwe le bo Mmakaseterata ba ba fa tlase ga gagwe go lebagana kgotsa go leba mmogo dikgang *which affect efficient delivery of justice*, a mme e teng kana ba kopana fela kwa *annual conference* ya *Judiciary* e bo e le gone ba yang go tlhakanela dikgang tse di amang *delivery of justice in their region*.

Ke dumela gore *Judge President* yo o kwa Maun go tshwanetse gore a bo go na le *policy already in place* ya gore a ka bitsa bo Mmakaseterata ba gagwe ba tla go kopana mo Maun *at regular intervals to discuss* dikgoreletsi tse di kgoreletsang *delivery of justice* mo kgaolong ya bone. E re jaanong ba ya kwa *the annual conference*, ba bo ba tshotse *their consolidated regional perspective*.

E e latelang rraetsho ke ya *the judicial function of Customary Courts*. Kana selo se sa bo *Magistrates Court* le *High Court* di tsile ka makgoa, *before then we had our own justice system which delivered justice much more speedily, much more efficiently than the Magistrates and the Judges*. Jaanong makgoa ba ba neng ba tsile ka *Magistrate Courts* le *High Courts*, *have an attitude towards* Dikgotla tsa Setswana. Ba ne ba di leba e le Dikgotla *for the natives*, kana lefoko leo *natives is very loaded*, ba ne ba di leba e le Dikgotla fela

tsa the natives for the black people, they had nothing to do with them e bile ba di leba e le a justice system e e leng gore it is uncivilized, ga se e e ka lemogiwang as a justice system. Ke kope Honourable Ramaotwana gore a recognise gore Customary Courts are a very important judicial service in this country. Find a way of exploiting their availability and accessibility throughout the country, even more accessible than Magistrate Courts and High Courts. Find a way of making sure that we use this resource e re nang le yone e mafatshe ka bontsi a senang yone. We use this resource to make justice more accessible to our people. Re se ka ra tswelera le re nyatsa jaaka makgoa ba ne ba e nyatsa. Kana kwa Zimbabwe gompieno jaana, ga go na Kgosi yo o sekang case epe fela e e criminal, all cases in Zimbabwe di sekiwa kwa Magistrate Court, le rona fa re sa itlhokomele re ya go iphitlhela re ile koo ka gore more and more accused persons fa ba isiswa fa pele ga ga Kgosi, ba re ga ba batle go seka fa pele ga ga Kgosi, especially ba magodu a dikgomo, ba batla kwa ga Mmakaseterata. That thing should be curtailed Honourable Minister to ensure gore magodu a dikgomo a, ba seka gone fa pele ga Dikgosi ba atholwa ka nako e khutshwane.

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

Ke a leboga Mr Chairperson. Motlotlegi o bua kgang e e botlhokwa. Ke ne ke kopa gore gongwe o ka re thusa, a thusa setšhaba, segolobogolo jang mo kgannyeng ya gore magodu a dikgomo ba gana go seka mo Dikgotleng gore gone foo re ka dira jang ka gore fa ba tloga ba re Molaomtheo ke one o ba letlelelang? Ke a leboga.

MR KAPINGA: Ke goletse kwa Mahalapye monna wa gaetsho, kwa Kgotleng ya Mahalapye e ne e re go sekiwa go bo go na le ba ba buelelang mosekisiwa, re ne re na le banna ba le babedi yo mongwe a bidiwa Marks, yo mongwe a bidiwa OB, re ne re itse e le bone lawyers tsa bo accused kwa Kgotleng. *We can come up with an innovative out of the box arrangement* kwa mosekisiwa yo o sekang kwa Kgosing le ene a ka kopang mongwe gore a re ye rra o ye go nthusa tshoko ya me. *That is another form of legal representation that we can create for our own advantage.*

E nngwe e ke batlang go bua ka yone ke ya deputy sheriffs, e ke eletsang gore re e lebelele ka leitlho le le ntšhotšho Honourable Minister. Malatsi a rraetsho batho ba a seka, ba tsaya judgements, fa a fenyha case o fiwa a writ of execution, that writ of execution remains a useless paper in their hands because judgements are

not being enforced, judgement creditors have found a way ya to dodge attachments in execution, ga ke itse gore bothhale jo ba bo tsaya kae. One of the things that we suspect ke gore judgement debtors ba duela deputy sheriffs gore tsamaya o ye go kwala o re ga o a mpona, tsamaya o re nulla bona, ga o a bona sepe. Motho a rwele matlo a a kwadisitseng ka maina a bana ba gagwe, a na le dikoloi le meraka, go bo gotwe nulla bona. Wena yo o tsereng matsapa o senyegelwa o duela lawyers gore di ye go go seka, o sala o tshwere pampiri fela jaana motho e ne a tswelitse ka matshele a gagwe. That is why ke sa dumalane le kgang e nngwe e e buiwang e gotweng civil imprisonment is inhumane Mr Chairperson, that measure is necessary because go na le batho ba ba bodipa mo lefatsheng le. Go na le batho ba ba bodipa ba e leng gore le fa a athlotswe ke court fela gore duela motho a bo a sa go duele fela ka bodipa, the means to pay e le teng a sa dire any effort at all go leka go go duela. Motho yoo, gore o mo kgone ke gore o mo tlhatlhele 90 days kwa toronkong a tle a go duele. It is inhumane, go a tlhokafala.

Se sengwe Honourable Minister se ke neng ke re o se lebelele rra, ke budget ya AoJ. Ngwaga o it affected a number of services, ba Ofisi ya ga Master ba ne ba sa kgone go tswa kwa Francistown ba ya kwa Maun to go and deal with outstanding cases. Batho ba sa bolo go solofetswa gore ba tlile go kgaoganyetswa estate ya ga deceased, batho ba sa goroge ka gore ga gona madi a to travel, a imprest. Bo Mmakaseterata ba ba transferred ba sa kgone go ya to their former stations, because there is no money for travel, Pro deo fees di sa duelwe Honourable Minister, because gatwe they have been exhausted. Jaanong ke tsone dilo tse ke eletsang gore o di lebelele as the new Minister, re bone megopolo ya gago e mešha e o tlang ka yone. Ke a leboga Mr Chairperson.

MS MANYENENG (MMOPANE-METSIMOTLHABE):

Ke a leboga Mr Chairperson. Ke simolole ka ya Dikgotla tsa rona, Customary Courts. Ke tlaleletse mo go se Honourable Kapinga a se buang gore, tota re tshwanetse to upgrade Dikgotla tsa rona, re di lebetse kwa tlase. Jaanong go imetsa Magistrate Court ka cases tse di ka bong di sekwa kwa Makgotleng. Fa o re o leba dikoloto tse di sekwang kwa Customary Court, I think di felela ka 8,000 if not 10,000, ga di fete foo. Mo e leng gore jaanong sengwe le sengwe fela from 11,000 se isiswa kwa go Mmakaseterata, mme re ntse re itse gore Mmakaseterata has many cases, e bile batho ba a tlhabela. Ke a go tlatsa rra gore Honourable Minister,

dira gore le atolose Dikgotla tsa rona, kana gape ke ntse ke tsela ya gore le nne le oketse le bodiredi le ntshe bana mo mekgwathheng ba ba tshwanetseng gore ba bereke mo *Customary Courts* tsa rona. Di nne le seriti, go itsiwe gore fa o ya kwa Kgotleng kwa go Kgosi, Kgosi a tlotlwe fela jaaka pele a ne a tlotliwa, go fiwe *cases* tse re itseng gore di ka mo lekana kana di ba lekane ene le bathusi ba gagwe.

Ya *maintenance cases*, golo mo ga gore go nna le madi a itshetso ya bana ke tsaya gore e ama mme le rre *equally*. O tlaa fitlhela e le gore gantsinyana, ngwana o sala le mme, *wherever* kwa mme a leng teng, fa mme a nna golo gongwenyana, o a ba a ntse a tshwere ngwana. E bo e le gore rre fa a tshwanetse gore a thuse mme, a re ga a na madi. Go nna le madi mo, ke bona e kare ga go a tsenelelwa go sekwasekwa gore fa a re ga a na madi o raya jang. Ke a itse gore go na le gore go tsiwiwe *advice slip*, mme kana *advice slip* o a ba a supa se a se amogelang *in a formal employment*. O tlaa fitlhela go na le *side hustles* tse a di dirang ka fa thoko, tse ke akanyang gore *Minister it is high time* go tlhotlhomisiwa. Rre yo le fa e le gore *advice slip* ya gagwe go supa a amogela P200, mme ka kwa thoko o tlaa fitlhela a tsenya madi a a tshwanetseng gore le one a tsennngwe fa, go ngathogannngwe a godise bana kana ngwana wa gagwe. Ke a itse gore go na le gore go ka buisanwa gore nnyaa mme ke ka ntsha bokana, *there are very few* ba ba nang le nnete ya gore re ka godisa bana a nne *honest, but* ba bangwe ba a siasia fela, e bo o fitlhela gore o na le madi ga a batle go dira.

Ke tlatsa mo go e gape ya *civil imprisonment, cases* ga di tshwane, go na le batho ba *civil imprisonment* ba e leng gore jaaka *honourable* a bua o kgona go dipa fela. A ithaya a re o a go bakisa, a na le go kgona ga gore o ka go duela a ba a ipolelela gore o a go bakisa o tlaa nna a go neela P200. Batho ba nna ke ne ke tsaya gore ba lebiwe *case by case*, go na le ba e leng gore tota o a ba a tlhoka a sa kgone gore o ka go neela. Go lebiwe gore, gona le gore a ye go tlhatlhelwa *90 days*, ga se gore go nne le katlholo nngwe ya gore nnyaa mme re ka go tsenyetsa *interest* e e kana o santse o bereka. Ke gore a patikiwe gore a bereke, *because* fa a ka nna a tsamaya a ya go kopa go tlhagola, go lema kana go disa o ka dira sengwe, gona le gore jaanong e re a sa kgone sepe a ba a ya go tlhatlhelwa a ba a nna *90 days*, fa a boa kwa gape go nna go ntse gotwe sekoloto seo se teng. Ke re re di lebe re di farologanya, re se ka ra tsaya fela gotlthe re bo re re *they be punished 90 days*, ba bangwe ba sa kgone.

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND HOME AFFAIRS (MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE): *Elucidation. Thank you very much Mr Chairperson.* Ke ne ke re gongwe e re ba le kwa toronkong, ka ba bodipa ba gana go duela, ga se gore re tsenye thupa? Bogolo beke le beke ba nne ba kgwatha jalojalo fela, gongwe ke gone ba ka itseng gore molao o a tlotlwa, Makgotla a a tlotlwa. Ga o a tshwanela go tsaya selo sa motho, o bo o gana go mo duela. Ke a leboga.

MS MANYENENG: Ee, gongwe e ka lebiwa gape e le nngwe ya go fokotsa gore ba tle ba se ka ba dira jalo.

Ke na le e nngwe gape e ke neng ke eletsa go e fetisa ya *restraining orders Honourable Minister*, golo mo go lebega e le pampiri fela. Go lebega e le gore di a ntshiwa di a kwalwa, *restraining order* gore motho a se ka a atumela jarata e ka *how many metres*. Batho ba a tsena fela ba bo ba ya go betsa kana a bolaya motho, e ntse e dule *restraining order*. A ga gona ka fa le ka e gagamatsang ka teng, ya nna le boleng, ya se ka ya nna pampiri fela. Ba a itse gore *restraining order* ga e mpone, ke a tsamaya ke ya gore.

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM (MR MMOLOTSI): *Elucidation. Thank you very much.* Ke ne ke rile gongwe fa a santse a bua ka go gana go duela, mo o ka reng go dirwa ka bomo, o lebelele mo kgannyeng e motlotlegi gore kana fa godimo ga gone moo, gompiano go na le *pattern* fela ya batho ba ba hirisanng matlo a batho go tswa foo ga ba duele matlo ao. Go tswa foo ba gana go tswa mo teng, gatwe ba sireleditswe ke molao, ga ke itse gore ke ofe molao wa teng. Ke re le eo gongwe re bue ka yone thata, ka gore fa batho ba *tlogela tiro ka bogodi (retire)* ba agile ma0tlo ba re a tlaa ba jesa, jaanong batho ba ganelela mo go one, mme ga ba ba duele.

MS MANYENENG: Ke a leboga. Ke solofela gore ke nngwe ya tsone tse, *Minister* a di reetse ka gore tota jaanong borukutlhi bo tsogile fela bo bontsi. Batho ba dira bodipa fela ka bomo, ba itse gore molao ga o na gope fa o ba tsenyang teng.

Ke wele ka gore *Master* rra, *guardian fund*. Bana ba a sotlega, ba setse ba le makgasa, ba setse e bile ba kopakopa fela, madi a bone a batsadi ba bone a robetse golo gongwe fela, *Master is not doing her or his job*. O tlaa fitlhela e le gore bana ba tewa gotwe, romela *quotation* ya gore o batla eng, bana ba a romela. Fa a tsena kwa a a kgaolwa gatwe nnyaa, ga re ka ke ra go neela P3,000 o o ka felela fa go P2,000. Go sena le fa

e le sepe se ba kileng ba se buisana le bana, kana ba ya go bona gore bana ba na le botlhoki jo bo kae. Golo mo dikgaolong mo *Honourable Chairperson* re tshwere bothata, madi a batsadi a golo gongwe ga re itse gore a mo go eng, bana ba a sokola ba a sotlega, e bile ba felela jaanong ba itirela ditiro tse di maswe tsa gore ba itsenyetse madi mo lwapeng.

Kgang e ya boswa ya kwa ga *Master*, re tshwanetse gore re e lebe thata. *Lawyers* ba tsaya nako, ga ba ntshe, ga ba *execute* boswa jwa bana. Motho o sale a tlhokafetse ka 2021, *up to now* ga go ise go phatlaladiwe boswa. O a ipotsa gore a *lawyers* tse a ba teng kana ba tlhokafetse le bone, ga go itsiwe. Ke gore ke sengwe fela se e leng gore..., mme re a se itse gore se tswa kgakala *Mr Chairperson* gore batho ba ba *lawyers* golo gongwenyana ga ba tsamaisa dilo sentle, e bile o tlaa fitlhela ba belatsa gore a mme tota dithoto tse, *especially bank statements* ga di ke di tswa. Bana le fa ba ka re ba a kopa gore papa kana mama fa ba tlhokafala go ne go na le madi, re kopa go itse, ga o ka ke wa bona sepe. Re tsenye leitlho mo go yone e rra, re bone gore bana ba thusiwa jang. Kante gape, o kgona go nna *Master wa Court* o bo o boa gape o nna *lawyer* kwa *law firm* ya gago? Fa e le gore o ka fa gape, fa gotwe motho a re o a go ikuela kwa go fitlhelwa e le wena. A ke nnete kana ke fela gore ga re itse molao, re a ne re fitlhela motho a kwadile a re ene gape o ka fa kana ga a ka fa? Ke a leboga.

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND HOME AFFAIRS (MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE): *Thank you very much* Modulasetilo. Le nna mma ke akgele mo kgannyeng e ya botlhokwa e ke bonang gore e ka re e a re ama ba rotlhe. Dikgang tse di builweng ke batlotlegi fa ke *Madam Speaker* le Rre Kapinga, ke tse tota di amang Batswana malatsi otlhe.

Ke batla go raya *Minister* ke re, ke go ema nokeng mongwame, mme ke kopa gore o leke go oketsa *productivity*. Gatwe *justice delayed is justice denied*, jaaka re bona motho a ema ka gore *cases* di tsaya nako e telele. Fa e le magodu a dikgomo bone ba a itumela, kana bone ke gore o kgona *to appear for cases* tse *four* letsatsi le le lengwe fela jaana, mme fela fa a fetsa gone foo o a tsamaya o ya go dira molato o mongwe. Ke dumalana le bone gore a re nonotseng Makgotla a rona a Setswana, gore a tle a kgone go tseela batho ba dikgato tota. Bogodu jwa dikgomo bo sekiwe mo Kgotleng ya Setswana, bo tlhamaletse e bile bo sena mathata. Motho a kgona go tlhalosa kgomo, gore fa ke re e tshwailwe ka

letshwao ke raya ka gore kwa ga rona re bina sennanne, re tshwaya jaana. Fa o e isa kwa Kgotleng ya Sekgoa, go buiwa fela ka Botswana Animal Identification and Traceability System (BAITS), *descriptions* tse dingwe tse di kgonang go go supegetsa gore fa o re kgomo ke ya gago go tewa jang, nnyaa ga gona sepe.

Ke ne ke kopa tota gore eo re e emele ka dinao, *cases* di tswe. Go tshwana le batho ba ba bolaileng batho ba, ba santse ba ntse ba le teng kwa dikgotlatshekelo, bangwe ga ba ise ba seke. Re ntse re ba otlafela. Go ya go tsaya nako e kae gore batho bao go bonwe gore ba a seka, ba atholwa ka pela.

Ke batla gore ke re go nne le lekgotla le le sekang *rape* fela, mo Botswana o kare gompiano *rape is the norm*. Go nne le *specialised courts* tse di ka sekang *stock theft*, *drugs* le *rape*, ka gore fa o lebelela *cases* tsa *rape* di tletsetletse gongwe le gongwe.

Le batho ba gotweng ga ba duele *maintenance*; go nne le lekgotlatshekelo le le ka itebaganyang le *maintenance*. E re motho fela a gana go duela *maintenance* a bo a tseelwa kgato.

Re itumelela Small Claims Court, e siame. Mme ke bona gore batho ba setse ba tlwaela makgotla a rona, ga ba a tseye tsia, fela jaaka Rre Mmolotsi a ne a bua gore, batho ba nna mo matlong a batho ga ba duele, ba dipa fela ka bomo. Yo mongwe o hirile babereki, o a atholwa gore duela batho, a ntse a itse gore o a ba kolota, a bo a gana, a dipa fela, a ba raya a re le ka nkisa le kwa *Industrial Court*, ke tlaa tla ke nna ke kgaola le le duela ma P400 kgwedi le kgwedi. Ke batla gore golo moo go tseelwe kgato. Motho yo o sa dueleng babereki *Minister* re mo emele ka dinao, e bile tshoko ya teng e se ka ya ba ya tsaya nako e telele. Ke batla jaaka go tsentswe mole mo e leng gore o ka ya kgolegelong *for 12 months*, a re dire jalo. Re simolole fela ka mong wa sekole yo o ganang go duela batho. Go nne le lekgotla fela le le lebaganeng le batho ba. Ke tseela gore go ka nna le *order* mo ga rona. Ke kopa gore re se ka ra diega thata mo ditshekong, di atholwe ka pela.

MR MONAGENG: *On a point of elucidation*. Re a leboga Modulasetilo, re boile kwa o neng o re romile teng rraetsho. Ke re ka bofefo, a o reela jaaka gompiano jaana batho ba ba berekang mo *security* ba sa duelwe, e bile Goromente a akanya gore jaanong a tseye *security*?

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: *Thank you very much Chairperson*. Go ntse jalo motlotlegi, ke jaaka o bona

Puso e setse e bona gore bogolo jaanong e iphirele masecurity le baphepafatsi. Kana go na le ba ba santseng ba kolota batho, ka re a ba sekisiwe, ba bone gore ba duela batho.

Justice mo Botswana *is very expensive Chair*, gore o itsheke o tsieditswe ke motho go a tura. A ko o leke go dira gore golo moo go nne botoka *Minister. Look at all these things* o bone gore di nna botoka. E bile gape re na le *lawyers* tse di tseelang batho madi, di ba jela madi di re di a ba emela, fa ba tswa foo ba nyelela ka madi a bone ga ba emele batho. Kante mo Botswana *lawyers* tse e leng gore ga di sale maikano a tsone morago di tlaa seka leng? Re na le *lawyers* tse dingwe tse di re feleditseng lefatshe ka kwa Gabane. Le fa o re o ya kwa Law Society, Law Society le yone e tlhola e bua fela, mme e palelwa ke...*(inaudible)*...*lawyers* tsa bone tse di tsietsang Botswana.

BRIG. MOKGWATHI: *On a point of clarification.* Betsho mma ke le dumedise mo phirimaneng eno ke re, bagaetsho tshiamelo e tshwanetse e nne ya mongwe le mongwe. Re tshwanetse re itse gore ga e ame fela motho yo o sekisang; e ama le yo o sekisiwang, yo o lebeletseng gore go a sekisiwa, lesika le yo o lebeletseng fela a bona gore go diragala eng. Jaanong ka re itse gore ra re, *justice should not only be done, but should manifestly and undoubtedly be seen to be done.* Re tshwanetse mo lefatsheng le betsho re amane le Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) *Number 16* e e buang ka gore, re tshwanetse ra nna le tshiamelo rotlhe ka lefatshe, le mo mothong mongwe le mongwe. Re dire gore mongwe le mongwe yo o kgokgontshiwang a emelwe ka boammaaruri, Motswana mongwe le mongwe a nne le ponatshegelo e e siameng.

Betsho, re ne re bua ka batho ba ba utswang dikgomo mme fa gongwe gotwe o a rubelela. Fa re bona gore poo e a senya mo sakeng bagaetsho, re tshwanetse go e tsenya *burdizzo* gore e nne pholo. Fa motho a tswelsetse a na le kgokgontsho ya bong, re tshwanetse go bona gore re dira jang ka ene.

Fa motho a gweba ka batho (*human trafficking*), re tshwanetse re bone gore re dira jang ka ene, ka gore gompiano jaana gatwe batho bangwe ba ne ba le kwa Russia ba lwa mme ba boile. Re tshwanetse re bone gore batho ba teng ba tselwa dikgato tse di rileng ka gore se se ka diragala mo Botswana.

Bagaetsho, re ne re bua ka Dikgosi tsa rona tsa Setswana, ba o kareng re ba tlogetse kwa morago thata.

Fa ke ne ke bua ka batho ba ba sekisang ke bua ka batho ba ba ntseng jalo gore, le bone ba tshwanetse gore ba tlhokomelwe gore e re fa ba dira tshiamelo ya batho ba ba ba sekisang, ba bo ba dira ba na le mowa o o edileng.

Re tshwanetse re bone gore batho ba re itseng gore ba a senya mo Botswana, *corrupt persons*, re ba tseela dikgato ka nako. Re se ka ra tlogela motho a tswelela a ntse a senya fela re ntse re re re tlaa tla re mmona morago.

Fa re na le batho, re tshwanetse re itse gore *justice is the great interest of man on earth. It is the ligament with which civilized beings and civilized nations demand.* Re tshwanetse re le Botswana re itse gore, fa re sa dire tshiamelo ya lefatshe re ka iphitlhela re tsene mo *grey list*, ka batho ba tlaa tsaya gore fa go sena kagiso kana tshiamelo mo Botswana go tlaa nna thata gore batho ba tle go dira dikgwebo mo lefatsheng le.

Ke batla go bua ke re, pelo tshweu boela mannong, mmatla sa gagwe o se bone. Ke sa re go lekane, ke lebogile thata ke utlwa gore go tlaa nna le sepatela kwa Letlhakeng. Ke tsaya gore ke *justice* e re e batlang, gore kamoso le rona re kgone go bona ditlamelo tsa bongaka. Ke tshiamelo e e re tshwanetseng. Ke a leboga.

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: *Thank you very much* motlotlegi. Ke ka gatelela fela jaaka motlotlegi a ntse a bua rraetsho, re kopa go bona *lawyers* tse di tsietsang Botswana, ba ba jela madi ba tselwa dikgato *seriously*. Ga re ka ke ra nna fela le *lawyers* tse e leng gore gona le gore ba re thuse o ile go ikuela kwa go bone ke bone gape ba boang ba tsaya madi a gago, ba bo ba sa ye go go duela. *Bills* tsa bone di kwa godimo, ga ke itse gore o ka dira jang gore *bills that they charge be regulated, one way or the other.* Le fa o re o isa kwa go bone kwa gotwe go ya go dirwa gone mo go e tleng go dirwe mo, o fitlhela *bills* tsa teng di ntse kwa godimo. *To photocopy* pampiri fela a bo a go raya a re *P40 per page.* Fa *pages* di le 40, *it is 40 times P40, we cannot afford it. Call* fela fa a leletsa motho *enquiring* sengwe fela e tura mo go maswe. Ke re eo tota a ko o e sale morago *Minister.* Gone mme *I support you.* Tanki.

“EXCHANGE OF SPEAKERSHIP”

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

DR GOBOTSWANG (TSWAPONG SOUTH): Ke a leboga *Madam Chairperson.* Ke ne ke re golo fa kana re bua ka Lephata la Tiragatso ya Molao le Boatlhodi,

mme lephata le le na le mathata a mantsinyana, go tlaa re gongwe re bone gore re ka le thusa jang. Ke gore fa go ne go ka twe ke le fe matshwao *on a scale of 1 to 10*, ke ne ke ka le neela 4, ka gore ga ke neele matshwao motlhofo. Go sa reye gore Baatlhodi ba a palelwa, e le fela gore *this department is extremely underfunded*. Go raya gore ga le neelwe ditlamelo, bodiredi jo bo tshwanetseng go dira tiro ya jone, go raya gore go felela go pala gore ba dire tiro ka fa ba tshwanetseng ka teng.

A re bueng ka *access to justice Madam Chairperson*, gore a mme Batswana ba kgona go akola ditlamelo tsa Dikgotla go ya go itsheka. Karabo ke nnyaa, *justice* mo Botswana fela re ka nna ra e bitsa ya bomakgorwane fa re ne re santse re le ka kwa matlotleng a mangwe a re neng re le teng. Ga se ya mongwe le mongwe, ga se ba bantsi ba ba kgonang go fitlha kwa Dikgotleng tsa bo Mmakaseterata, *High Court*, tsa bo *appeal*. *Access to justice* mo Botswana ke mathata fela a a tlhatlhaganyeng. Go nnile le Legal Aid Botswana e e lekang *to address* dikgang tsa gore ba ba sa kgoneng, ba kgone go thusiwa, le yone fela jaaka *the whole department, it is staffed* ka bodiredi, ka eng, mo e leng gore ga ba kgone go tsaya dipalo tse di rileng. *In any case*, ke mmila o mosesane o e leng gore ga o ka ke wa tsena motlhofo. Go tsena palonyana fela e e tsenang mo letsogong o bo o felela o tlogetse batho kwa ntle. Ke dumela fa o ka tla o le *driver* ya ga Goromente o bo o re o kopa thuso kwa Legal Aid, ba tlaa go bolelela gore o a bereka. Gongwe o kolomaka mo diofising tsa ga Goromente o re o ya go kopa Legal Aid, ba ka nna ba re ga re ka ke ra go thusa. O kgona go bona gore e tlogetse batho ba bantsi fela thata kwa ntle.

Justice delayed jaaka bakaulengwe ba bua, ba ba kgonang go ya go itsheka, go tsaya lebaka le le leele. Akanya fela motho gongwe a dirisitse ngwana botlhaswa ka tsa tlhakanelo dikobo, kana a bolaile motho, kana a utswile dikgomo tsa motho, nnyaa, o a tsamaya fela kamoso e bile o gone fa, go tsaya dingwaga e le gore ditsheko ga di sekwe. Golo mo go ntseng jaana, ga go a siama. Ke dumalana le gore *specialised courts* tsa gore go nne le *Commercial Court*, ke tsaya gore re tlaa felela re na le bo *corruption, stock theft*. Le tsone fa re ka di dira Modulasetilo, re bo re sa di neele ditsompelo, re sa duele bodiredi, re tlile go nna re bua fela gore re di dirile, mme go sena tswelelopele e e kalo mo go tsone. Ke kgang fela e e bokete.

Go na le kgang ya *decentralisation*, gore a mme ba dikgaolo tse di kgakala re tlaa lala re bone diofisi di tlile fela gotwe tse ke tsa ga Mmakaseterata. Ke utlwile gore

o kare o na le maikaelelo a gore Tswapong e sekasekelwe gore e ka nna le diofisi tsa ga Mmakaseterata, re ka leboga thata. Ke itse gore re kile ra di solofetswa fa Machaneng, tsa tsena mo *plan*, tsa tloga tsa nyelela.

Go na le kgang ya gore mme re ka dira jang go fefosa. Ke eng re sa hire *temporary Judges*? Go na le diagente fela tse di nonofileng, bo *Honourable Dow* ba teng, *Honourable Kapinga*. Ke eng e ka se ke e re nako nngwe fela ba bo ba tsena fela ba ya go kgarametsa *cases* tse di ntsi? Bo Advocate Ramogapi le bone ba teng ba ka kgaratlha fa e le gore go thata, ba leke go ya go kgarametsa dikgang tse. Ke sone se ke se rotloetsang.

A go nne le kgang ya *mediation and arbitration within our system*, go nne le go agisanya fela gotwe go a agisannngwa, gore kgang nngwe le nngwe e se ka ya ya kwa *court* go ya go sekiwa. Ke itse gore mo go yone e, fa go tla mo Dikgotleng tsa Setswana, ke tsone tse di ka e dirang ka botswerere jo bo gakgamatsang.

Paperless justice system, re dira eng ka dipampiri bagaetsho? *This is archaic*. Modulasetilo, ke rata ka fa le dirang ka teng mo Palamenteng, ga go na *Order Papers* ba re ba bonang fa, re senya ditlhare re tsamaisa dipampiri. Re dira eng ka dipampiri Modulasetilo? *Digitalisation* e re e bua fela mme ga e diragale *Honourable Tshere*. A re tsweng mo dipampiring, thusang maphata, re *press button* fela, *judges* di nne *allocated* go tobediwa *button* fela *cases* di tsamae ka bonako.

Ke batla go bua ka kgang ya *Customary Court*. *Honourable Kapinga* o ne a e tshwere sentle ka botswerere. Bagaetsho, re tshwanetse go amogela gore dikgang ka bontsi di kwa Dikgotleng tsa rona tsa Setswana. A re direng jalo, fa godimo ga moo, a re tseyeng dikgang tsa dikgomo le diphologolo di ye kwa Dikgotleng tsa Setswana ka gore di na le ngwao mo teng. Di tshwanetse go tsena mo molaong wa rona wa *customary*. Akanya fela mo Sekgoeng, ke gore motho o tlaabo a go utsweditse dikgomo di kgaogane le marole, fa o mo raya o re kana namane e fa ke ka e tlisa fa, e tlaa supa gore mmaayone ke ene yo, e bo e ya kwa go yone e amusa go supa gore kgomo e ke ya me, nnyaa Mmakaseterata o go raya a re kgomo eo e pelotlhomogi. Akanya dilo tse di ntseng jaana! Ke kgomo fela e e pelotlhomogi, e ratile namane eo, ntsha bosupi jo bo tletseng. *The burden of proof* mo dikgannyeng tsa dikgomo, a e ye kwa go yo o utswileng kana mmelaelwa, ke ene a tshwanetseng go ntsha bosupi jwa gore a kgomo e ke ya gagwe, fela jaaka re dira kwa *wildlife*, e seng gore go bo gotwe lepodise ntsha bosupi...

MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INNOVATION (MR TSHERE): *Clarification.* Ke a leboga Modulasetilo. Ke ne ke re gongwe ke go gakolole se re kileng ra se bua *Honourable* Dr Gobotswang, re bua ka yone kgang e mo Palamenteng e e fetileng. Ke a dumela gore gongwe go tshwanetse gore dikgang di dirwe kwa lekgotleng la Setswana. Re ne re dumalana le *Honourable* Kapinga gore fa e le gore re ya go tsaya dikatholo tsa go utswa kgomo re di isa kwa bo 15 years, then go botlhokwa gore motho yo o sekisiwang, o tshwanetse a nne le kemedi e e nonofileng. Re ne re dumalana jalo, jaanong ke a ipotsa gore o farologana fa kae letsatsi leno.

DR GOBOTSWANG: Modulasetilo, ke ne ke re yone eo *Honourable* Kapinga o e arabile ka botswerere, ga ke itse gore a o ne o reeditse. A re go tshwanetse gore fa o ya kwa court, re itirele, *we must be innovative, and structure* melao ya rona, *the core* e nne ngwao ya rona. Re se ka ra bua ka se Roma, seLatin, dilo tse e leng gore tota ke tsa bogologolo. O tshwanetse gore o bo o ka tla le mongwe a go thusa go go reedisa, yo o nonofileng mo ditsamaisong tsa lekgotla la Setswana.

MR NKAWANA: *Clarification.* Ke a go leboga *Madam Chair.* Ke ne ke re ke go tlase jaana *Honourable* Gobotswang, re kope *Minister* gore tota fela ditsheko tse tsothle di ye kwa makgotleng a Setswana jaaka ba bangwe ba setse ba boletse. E bile gape se sengwe se se ntshwenyang ke gore, re tsaya gore agente mongwe le mongwe o itse kgomo, re tsaya gore jaaka go buiwa, agente wa Sekgoa a tswa kwa Maruapula a ise a ye morakeng, a re ka se ke re dire gore re ba kgaoganye, gore ba *specialise* mo dikgomong fela, mo leruong, ra nna le ba e leng gore ke ba madi le dilo tse dingwe le magotswana le ba dithipa jalojalo? Ke a leboga.

DR GOBOTSWANG: Ke a leboga *Madam Chair.* Ke ne ke re go na le *poor implementation of judgement*, mme *the biggest culprits* ke lona Goromente, bogolo jang thata badirelapuso. Gompiono re solofetse diphetogo kana le solofeditse gore a go se ka ga nna go isiwa dikgang tse di tlhamaletseng gore ga di na boleng kwa court, badirelapuso ba bo ba fenywa, le bo le gana go diragatsa ditshwetso tsa court. Goromente yo le ene o tswaledisa fa yole a neng a eme teng. Ke gore le raya gore batho la bofelo ba tlaa latlhegelwa ke tshepho mo bosekiseng le tiragatso ya molao le boatlhodi. Fa e le gore go tlaa atholwa Goromente a bo a dipa fela a dirisa dikgoka, mo gongwe batho ba tshwanetse go duelwa mme go sena *consequences. There should*

be consequences, fa e le gore Directorate of Public Service Management (DPSM) ba isa batho kwa court ba itse gore ga ba na kgang, fa e fengwa, Goromente a latlhegetswe ke madi, DPSM and Directorate of Public Prosecutions (DPP) *directors* a ba duele ka gore golo fa o kare go dirisiwa e le *delaying tactics*, go isiwa kwa court sengwe le sengwe se e leng gore ga se a tshwanela go ya teng.

Ya *Master* re e buile bagaetsho, a ko a ye kwa dikgaolong *Honourable* Lucas...

MR LEKUTLANE (KGALAGADI NORTH): Ke go leboge Modulasetilo. Le nna ke tsibogele kgang e e sa tswang go bewa pele ke Tona wa *Justice.* Ke simolole ke goge fa *Honourable* Gobotswang a sa tswang go digela teng ka kgang ya *delayed judgement* le go tsena ga ditsheko. Fa go na le dikgang tse di amang mohiri le modiri, batho ba bangwe ba ba sekisang Goromente le *former workers* ba ga Goromente, *Honourable Minister* le nna ke tsibogele kgang e ke re a ko dikgang tseo di direlwe *special dispensation* ka gore batho ba ba isa tseng Goromente kwa makgotlatshekelong ba a itlhoboga. Ba bangwe ba swa mo tseleng e le dikgang tsa gore ga ba na madi mme e le *pure delay tactics* tse di dirwang ke Attorney Generals Chambers le *prosecutors* ka gore *corner* le *corner* fa a tsena koo, o tlaabo a fetola kgang gotwe ga a yo o kwa court go sele. Yo mongwe fa a tsena foo o mo fitlhela gone foo e le wa AG's Chambers, a re nna ke mo emetse mme ga ke ka ke ka tsenelela kgang eo. Fa e le gore ke modiredi ka gore e a bo e le wa AG's Chambers, a eme foo a seke, e seng jalo fa a sa tle, kgang ya motho yo e beelwe lebakanyana gore *in a short period*, go bo go setse go sekasekilwe. Golo moo go baya Batswana ka fa mosing *Madam Chairperson*, ga go re direle sentle. Se ke se lemogileng *through my experience* ke ntse ke direla Goromente, *it has lost almost 90 per cent* ya cases tse di ntseng jalo. Ba ba neng ba tseela batho dikgato, *dismissing them unnecessarily* o fitlhela ba le teng fela ba iketlile, kamoso o koba yo mongwe gape a itse gore ga gona sepe se se tsewang mo go ene. Ke ipotsa gore tota dikgang tseo di felela di ntse jang. Tsaya dikgato *Honourable Minister*, fa makgotla a ditsheko a lemogile gore go ne go direlwa motho segwenegwene, a a tseelwe kgato le ene. A kgone go utlwa gore go botlhoko jang go nna kwa ga gago bo *three to four years* o sa bereke, madi ao a kgaolwe mo go ene. Ke kgang e ke neng ke re ke fete ka yone.

Ke ne ke utlwa o bua *Honourable Minister* ka makgotla a ditsheko. A e re *in the next budget* ya gago kana *whatever comes in* fa go nna botoka, re kopa *High*

Court e nngwe kwa Kgalagadi North. Re lapisitswe *Honourable Minister* ke gore sengwe le sengwe se bo se le *along the railway line*. Re ne re solofetse gore go na le Trans Kalahari *lane* e e tlaa yang go feta kwa Kgalagadi North, gompiano re utlwaletse e feta kwa godimo ga Maun. Go supafala gore dilo di tlaabo di feta koo ka gore ditlhabololo di ganeletse ka kwano fela. Le rona bogolo fela nngwe ya *courts* a ko e isiwe kwa Kgalagadi, re tle re kgone go bona gore re ka tshela jang sentle.

Fa go ntse jalo...

MR KWAPA: *Clarification*. Ke go leboge Modulasetilo. Ke go leboge motlotlegi gore o bo o mphile sebaka sa gore ke kgone *to clarify* mo dikgannyeng tsa *Justice and Correctional Services* tse re neng re di bewa pele ke Tona. O e tshwere sentle motlotlegi, segolobogolo kana fa o bua ka dikgang tsa *decentralisation*, e tsamaisana sentle bobele le kgang ya go isa ditlamelo kwa bathong. Re bua kgang e gangwe le gape ya gore a ditlamelo di ye kwa bathong, batho ba lese go ya go nna ba batla ditlamelo kgakala. Selo se se re beile thata mo mosing Modulasetilo, segolobogolo fa re lebile Kgaolo ya Mabutsane gore ga gona le fa e le *court* e nngwefela ka gore bontsi jwa dikgang di ya kwa Jwaneng, kwa ga Mmakaserata.

E bile ke dumalana thatathata le mogopolo wa gore kana fa go nna le *specialised courts; Commercial Courts* le *Industrial Courts*, di siame sentle di ka tla kwa kgaolong e ya Jwaneng-Mabutsane ka lebaka la gore bontsi jwa batho ba ba ntseng ba jewa ntsoma thata mo go tsa pereko, ba bonwa thata mo kgaolong e. Go itsiwe gore ke batho ba e leng gore ga ba ineye sepe, ga ba bereke sepe. Go itsiwe gore go tlaa rekiwa diagente, e bo e le gore ga ba duelwe. Kgang e e re busetsa kwa morago, e re beile thata ka fa mosing. Ke sone se ke reng ke kopa Tona gore a lebe ntlha e thata ka gore fa re isa ditlamelo tsa go tshwana le makgotla kwa bathong, go ya go nna botoka thata. Go ya go nonofalela batho gore ba kgone go bona ditirelo segautshwane, go na le jaaka seemo se ntse gompiano. Fa o lebile motho a kolotiwa ke e fa sekai a le kwa Thankane, o ya go lala a goroga leng kwa *High Court*? Re tlhokana le *High Court, specialised courts, Commercial Courts* mo kgaolong e ka gore Jwaneng re a itse gore go na le moepo le batho ba ba nang le madi. E bile fa go tla go buiwa ka dikgang tse o fitlhela e le gore fa ba sa batle go duela batho, motho wa Modimo o felela e bile a itlhuboga, a sa itse gore o tlaa tlhola a bona thuso kwa kae.

Fa ke tla go akgela mo kgannyeng ya bogodu jwa leruo go lebeba e kare dikatlholo tse di ntseng di tseelwa ba ba bonweng molato, e kete ga di a lekana Modulasetilo, ka lebaka la gore ba a tsamaya, ba bo ba boa gape. Se se leng botlhoko ke gore fa gongwe ba kgaola dikgomo mesifa, ba itse gore maitseboa ba tlaa di bona. Ba kgona go ntsha le yone namane mo kgomong, ba emisa letsalo la dikgomo. Katlholo ya batho ba ba bonweng molato e tshwanetse go gagamadiwa go feta selekanyo, go letla gore bogolo dikgomo di kgone go tsala.

Ba ba kolotang batho e le boradikompone re itse gore ba na le *property*, ke akanya gore go na le gore ba ye go nna *90 days*, go batla a na le *hard labour* mo teng. Ke gore rakonteraka yo o ntseng a gana go duela batho, a bo batho ba kgona go mmona a bereka, go bo go itsiwe gore motho yo ke ene a ntseng a gana go duela batho. Ke gore fa e le sengwe ka gore sekoloto sa teng o tlaabo a sa ikaelela go se duela, a nako le nako ka gore o tlaabo a fitlhile *property*, o tlaa bonwa mo mebileng a dira *extra mural*. Go ka mo tlhabisa ditlhong. Go ya kwa toronkong o bo o nna *90 days* ga ba sa tlhole ba go tsaya e le sepe, ba itse gore ba ya kwa *feedlot*. Fa *90 days* a ne a ka patwa ke sengwe se se ka supang gore ba tshwanetse go dira sengwe, go ne go ka nna botoka. Le ene yo o kolotiwang o a nametsega o bona gore le fa a ntse a nkolota, gangwe le gape o nna a ntse a mo gakolola gore kana fa o sa ntuele go raya gore ke ya go nna ke go busetsa kwa, o bo o tswelela o bereka Puso.

Ke leboga Motlotlegi Lekutlane gore o bo o di tshwere jalo gore dikgaolo tsotlhe fela go simolola fa Jwaneng-Mabutsane go ya go tsena kwa bo Tsabong, Kgalagadi, Ghanzi re tlhokana le *specialised courts* ka gore re ka kgona go bona ditlamelo. Modulasetilo, ke tlaa ema gone fa ke busetse kwa go Motlotlegi Lekutlane.

MR LEKUTLANE: Ke go leboge *Honourable MP*, o e tshwere sentle. Kana gatwe matlo go sha mabapi.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Elucidation.

MR LEKUTLANE: Ke kopa gore o ntshireletse ka bo *elucidation Madam Chairperson*, kana ba nkitaya tsebe. Ke ne ke sa di baya mo tlhogong, go ne go le mo go nna fela, jaanong fa ba riana ke tla ke tswa mo tseleng.

Madam Chairperson, dikgang tse fa o bona re bua ka tsone jaana di utlwisa botlhoko *because* fa re tsena mo dikgannyeng tsa ditsheko tsa dikgomo jaaka bakaulengwe ba sa tswa go bua, a re nne le *special court* e e lebaganeng le tsone. Dikgang tsa dikgomo *Madam*

Chairperson, go na le *situation whereby* batho ba senya bosupi jwa dikgomo, ba kgona go ya kwa *police station* ba ya go di utswa teng. E bile gape fa di le kwa *police station*, ga di tlhokomelesege sentle ka gore mapodise tiro ya bone ga se go disa dikgomo, ke go leka *to police batho*. Dikgang tsa magodu a dikgomo, go nne le *a special court* gore di leke go fefosiwa ka gore fa kgomo e utswilwe, legodu le tla le ntshiwa, le boa gape le ya go utswa kgomo go sele. Kgantele o utlwa gotwe go beilwe ditshipi tsa dikgomo tsa batho ba bangwe. E kare magotswana a a dikgomo a ka se ke a fiwe *bail*, ba tshwane fela le dithubetsi. Di nne di ntse di letela fela koo, re tlaa nna re ntse re ba bona *until judgement*.

Jaanong *Minister* ke tlaabo ke go beile leitlho gore a mme ya *Commercial Court* ga o na go e isa kwa Kgalagadi North fela bogolo wa *break record* mo go ba bangwe jaaka e ntse o kare ba mpaya ka fa mosing thata. Mma ke boele kwa morago. Tanki *Madam Chairperson*.

MR KHAN (MOLEPOLOLE NORTH): Tanki *Madam Chairperson* gore o bo mphile sebaka se gore ke tle ke akgele mo dikgannyeng tse. Ke tlaa simolola ka kgang ya kwa Molepolole ya ga Mmakaseterata. Re na le seemo kwa ga Mmakaseterata, e bulwa ka 7:30 a.m. e bo e tswalwa ka 12:30 p.m. letsatsi le letsatsi. Go raya gore e tle e re fa o ntsha madi o ye go re thusa ka gore ga go na metsi. Fa le ka bona gore le ka ya go dira jang gore go kgone go nna le metsi mo *courts* tseo gore ba tle ba theogeletse letsatsi lotlhe. Se se dirile gore ditsheko di salele kwa morago thata kwa Molepolole. Ke yone kgang e re kopang thuso mo go yone thata eo, le ya *tax master*...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR KHAN: ...ga go na le fa e le *tax master* kwa *Magistrate Court* ya Molepolole. Kana go raya gore se se paledisa gore go nne le yo o dirang *filing*, go bo go tsena le ba ba kwadisang *summons*. Re kopa thuso e ka potlako thata ya bodiredi gore le re thuso le fa re na le *court* jaana bodiredi bo kwa tlase. *Maintenance* wa teng o saletse kwa morago thata. Fa o ka re thusa ka tseo...

MR BARONGWANG: *Elucidation*. Ke a go leboga. Ke emelelela fela gore ke go gakolole Tona ka se o kileng wa se ntsholofetsa kwa Mogoditshane, go isa Mmakaseterata kana go aga Mmakaseterata kwa Mogoditshane. Ke boe ke tsene mo go ya bobedi; ga se sepe se ke utlwang le bua ka sone. Jaaka re bua jaana, re bua gantsi ka basekisi, *Judges* le ba ba sekang. Ga re bue ka ba ba setseng ba bonwe molato ba ile kwa toronkong,

gore mme gone tota ditshwanelo tsa bone di kae. O kare jaanong bone re a ba itebatsa *when it comes to that because* ke buisiwa se ke *the cell conditions* le ditoronko tsa rona. *They are totally inhuman*, ga se tsa setho, mme tota gakologelwang gore re Puso ya ditshwanelo. Ke dumela ke re fela jaaka yo o sekang le yo o sekisang le yo o sekisitsweng, le bone ba na le ditshwanelo. A re netefatseng gore re *avoid overcrowding* e e leng ntsi kwa ditoronkong. Ga ke itse gore a o a e itse Rre Kekgonegile, mme *very soon* gongwe o tlaa tloga o itse...

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Laughter!)

MR BARONGWANG: *Poor sanitation* kwa dikgolegelong le *limited rehabilitation programmes*, ga ke bone re na le maduo mo bathong ba ba tswang kwa ditoronkong. E nna o kare jaanong go ne go ilwe...

DR GOBOTSWANG: *Point of procedure*. Modulasetilo, *honourable* fale, kana golo fa re bua ka AoJ jaanong o ile kwa *Correctional Services*. Gantsi ke itse gore e tla ka *Honourable Nyatanga*. Tota fela o kare ga a tlhaloganye se se buiwang. Ke ne ke re o mo gakolole, gape tota ga ke itse gore a mme gone ke tshwanetse gore ke bue le ene kana ke bue le ofe, *he is not on the floor*. Modulasetilo, tota dikgang tse tsa bo seneifi kana gatweng, di re tsenya mo mathateng.

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Honourable Barongwang, Honourable Gobotswang is right, *o setse o dule mo AoJ jaanong o kwa go e sele*.

MR BARONGWANG: O nkgakolotse sentle, mme fela sa me e ne e le go gatelela kgang ya ditshwanelo. Nte ke e go busetse, o se ka wa lebala go neela mogoloo ka fa.

MR KHAN: O ne o e tshwere sentle thata. Tona, Bakwena le batho ba Molepolole ba re re emise go neela magodu a dikgomo *bail*. Ba lela thata ka dikgang tsa *bail* gore dikgomo tsa bone di a utswiwa, kamoso ba tlaabo ba bona motho wa teng a ntshitswe. A re sekasekeng thata mo go neeleng batho ba ba utswang leruo la batho ba Molepolole *bail*.

MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR RAMOGAPI): *Elucidation*. Ke a leboga *Madam Chairperson*. Ke a leboga *honourable* tsala ya me e tona Rre Khan. Metsi a a goroga kwa Molepolole jaaka o itse gore ke go solofeditse, ga e na potso, ke ikana ke bo ke ikana, batho ba Molepolole ba tshwanelwa ke gore ba bone metsi jaaka o ne o bua o re

courts ga di na metsi. Ke ne ke re ke e tseye fela gone foo, gore o bolelela ruri rraetsho.

Tota boammaaruri fela ke gore mo *courts* tsa rona, re na le bothata jo botona jo re tshwanelwang ke go bo rarabolola. *Courts* tsa rona di nne *accessible* mo e leng gore motho mongwe le mongwe o kgona go tla fela a bo a ikemela go sa twe dipampiri tsa gago di kae, mo go kae. Re tlhologanye gore re na le bahumanegi ba ba batlang go itsheka, mme mo re go fitlhetseng go dirilwe ke Puso e e fetileng, ga gore re eme fela mo go gone, re sa fetole. Ba dirile fa ba dirileng teng, ba lekile batho ba Modimo. Fa o bua gore a re fetoleng re dire *restructuring*, a *restructuring* e tsenye gore Batswana ba kgone go ikemela. Go na le kgang e e botlhoko e e leng gore Batswana fa gongwe ba ikemela ba fenyang kang fela sentle kwa *Industrial Court*, go bo gotwe jaanong *I am appealing*, mohiri a itse gore *appealing* kwa *Industrial Court*, fa a tsena kwa pele motho yole o latlhegelwa ke kgang ele ya gore o ka ikemela ka bonosi. Jaanong fa a tsena kwa bo *High Court* kana *Court of Appeal* koo o itse gore ke ya go tla ka diagente tse di nonofileng tse di bogale. Motho wa Modimo jaanong go bo go raya gore o tsiediwa ke bone bo *procedure* bao. Ka bokhutshwanyane fela tota kang ya me ke ne ke batla gore ke e gatelele gone foo.

Jaanong kang e nngwe e e leng gore tota *courts* tsa rona di a palelwa, e batla gore o ele tlhoko Rraetsho Ramaotwana, ke kang ya *cybercrime*. Kang ya *cybercrime* go lebege e le gore ba DPP le bo *Judge* e a ba palela. Ga re itse gore gatwe totatota sentle kang ya *cybercrime*, *courts* di e tsaya e ntse jang ka gore molao o teng. Fa go pala ke eng ba sa e busetse kwa go rona gore Mapalamente, go na le *loopholes* fa, re thuseng. Ke molao fela o foo...

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Order! Order! Honourable Ramogapi, 5:10 p.m.; I should be calling the Minister to reply. Honourable Minister Ramaotwana, it is your time to reply.

MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES (MR RAMAOTWANA): Ke a leboga *Madam Chairperson*. Ke leboge batlotlegi ba ba ntseng ba akgela ka bokgabane jo bo kalokalo. *Honourable* Kapinga o buile ka dikgang tse dintsi thata, tse e leng gore mo go tsona bontsi jwa teng re dumalana le tsona e bile re a di sekaseka le go di baakanya. O ne a bua thata ka dikgang tsa gore jaaka re bua ka *restructuring* bo Mmakaseterata jaana, megopolo e mesha ke efe. Megopolo e mesha ke gore re batla go tokafatsa

efficiency ya go reetsa dikgang le go ntsha dikatlholo, *turnaround time*, le gone go netefatsa gore bone ba ba dirwang jalo go a diragadiwa gore go nne jalo. Sekai; re lemogile gore dikgang di tsaya bo *four or five years* kwa go Mmakaseterata lebaka e le kgang ya *limited jurisdiction*, mme bo Mmakaseterata ba le teng mo *courts* e le gore *because of jurisdiction* ya bone ya gore re na le *grade* kana di ka nna *seven*; re na le *Grade 3, Grade 2, Grade 1, Senior Magistrate* le *Principal Chief Regional*.

Gone mo go raya gore, o fitlhela e le gore *jurisdiction* ya bone ya re wena wa *Grade 3* ga o ka ke wa reetsa dikgang tse, wena wa *Grade 2* ga o ka ke wa reetsa. Go bo go raya gore mo go tsala gore bo Mmakaseterata ba bo ba nna teng gongwe ba le bararo, mme botlhe go sena gongwe *Principal or Chief*, a bo go raya gore go na le melato e ba ka se keng ba e reetsa, ka gore e batla Mmakaseterata wa *grade* kana *rank* e e rileng, jaanong ke gone mo go diang.

Jaanong re ya go tlhantlamolola golo moo, re bo re dira gore re fokotse gore go nne gongwe *Regional Chief* gongwe le Mmakaseterata fela kana jalojalo. Go bo go raya gore jaanong Mmakaseterata a bo a ka reetsa kang nngwe le nngwe e e *criminal*, go raya gore go tlaabo go sa tlhole go na le mo gotweng re emetse gore ba ne ba tlaa re adima mongwe wa *Principal* kana *Chief* go tla go reetsa *case* e. E bo jaanong *case* e nna bo 3 *years* go ntse gotwe go emetswe mongwe gongwe o tlaa tla go tla go reetsa *case* eo, wa maemo a rileng. Ke nngwe e re yang go ntsha dilo tsa go nna jalo.

Scheme of service ke tsaya gore go teng ga Job Effectiveness Description (JED), mo e leng gore *job description* e a dirwa, gore go diragala jang, *competency* gore go batlega eng. Ke tsaya gore re a utlwa, re dumalana ka seo.

Ya *distance* re e buile, gore go tlhokafala *prison*. Mo lenaneong la rona *Correctional Services*, re na le gore fa e ka bo e se ditsompelo re ka bo re dirile toronko kwa Sepopa, go leka gone *to avoid* seemo sa go tsamaya *almost* 400 kms phakela le maitseboa. Toronko le yone e na le gore e tshwanetse gore ka 3:30 p.m, re bo re tswala dipati. Go felela go ba baya ka fa mosing. Re a dumalana ka kang ya teng gore ga se yone. *Conditions* tsa tsela le babereki ba ba theogelang gammogo le magolegwa, ga go ba beye mo tshiamelong. Go diphologolo golo koo, gore ba bo ba tsamaya masigo kana ba kubuga masigo ba tswa mo Maun ba ya kwa. Matshele a bone ga a babalesega sentle ka seemo seo, re a dumalana ka kang ya teng.

Ya *disposal rate*, 40 per cent e bakwa ke mo ke reng bo Mmakaseterata ba a bo ba le teng ba le babedi, mme e le gore ba na le *limited jurisdiction* ya gore ba ka reetsa dikgang tse di rileng. Ke sone se ke reng fa re ka baakanya molao, ra ntsha dikgang tsa *gradings* go ka tokafatsa thata ka bofelo gore dikgang di fele go se ka ga diragala jalo.

Ya *stock theft* ke a dumalana, ka gore go na le *specialised Stock Theft Courts* tse go nang le bo Mmakaseterata. *You will find that they will be seating at a Stock Theft Court, kgantele they seat as a general court, o tlaa fitlhela e le gore it is overwhelming to that person to seat at a Stock Theft Court and at another court, gongwe e le Children's Court.* O fitlhela e le gore jaanong go raya gore *they juggle* ka fa le ka fa, go raya gore go tlhokafala le gore re lebelele diemo tsa go nna jalo.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Point of clarity.

MR RAMAOTWANA: *We noted interaction ya Judge le bo Mmakaseterata gore ba kgone to share di...*

MR LESEDI: *Clarification.* Mma ke go leboge *Madam Chairperson.* Mma ke go leboge *Minister. Minister,* fa o santse o le mo kgannyeng ya tiego ya *cases* kwa *court,* ke gakolole gore kana re ne re ka se ka ra bua rotlhe. Ke supe matshwenyego a gore e re fa o setse o ntse o etse tlhoko, o tsibogele dikgang di tshwana tiego ya *cases* bogolo jang tse di kwa DPP Division. O fitlhela fa gongwe go na le *cases* tsa bo 2021, e le *case ya defilement* e le gone jaana e santseng e le kwa DPP. Naare tota se se tonatona se se a bong se tshwere *case* ka lebaka le le kalokalo, ke eng.

Sa bofelo ke supe gore, go na le *courts* bogolo jang kwa Serowe rraetsho, mo malatsing a mangwe ga di kgone go thusa ka one, mme o kare malatsi a a fitlhegile. Ga ke itse gore a ke tsamaiso e o e itseng kana ke tsamaiso e leng gore *admins* ka bongwe ka bongwe di kgona go e itirela. Motho o kgona go tla a tswa bokgakala bo tshwana Malatswai, e bo e re a tsena go bo gotwe letsatsi leno ga re thusa. Le fa e le go ntsha *form* fela, e bo e le gore ga e tswe. Ke re dilo tse o di ele tlhoko. Ke a go leboga.

MR RAMAOTWANA: Re a utlwa motlotlegi, gore gongwe ba tokafatse *to announce* kana go rutuntsha setšhaba. Ke a itse gore le nna ke ne ke a tle ke fitlhele gotwe letsatsi leno ga se le re amogelang *summons,* ke letsatsi la gore. Fa re ka rutuntsha setšhaba ga nna mo diromamoweng, ga itsiwe *publicly* gore letsatsi la gore

ga re tseye ditsompelo tsa gore, gore motho a se ka a emelela bokgakala, go bo go tla gongwe gotwe re di tsaya ka *Tuesday* kana ka *Thursday* fela. Ke tlhaloganya seo, re tlaa se tokafatsa, re tlaa se baakanya.

Go ne go na le e ke neng ke ntse ke e bua ke re, re amogela gore fa *in an area* go na le *Judge* le Mmakaseterata, ba nne ba *interact* kana ba kopana *to share* maele le gore dikgwetlho ke eng, ba ka di rarabolola jang. Seo re a se amogela, ke mogopolo o o siameng.

Malatsi a go na le mo gotweng *video conferencing,* e batho ba kgonang go reetsa o le kwa Francistown, o bo o kgona gore o tsene fa *court* fale go dirwe *video conferencing,* o reediwe. Re na le ditsompelo tsa go nna jalo, re tlaa nna re di tokafatsa gore golo ga teng go fokotse metsamao.

MR TSHERE: *Clarification.* *Thank you very much, Madam Chairperson. Thank you very much Honourable Minister.* Ke ne ke re kana *Honourable* Kapinga o ne a bua mafoko mangwe fa re bua kgantele gore, *if you are going to send a man 15 years in jail,* o tshwanetse gore golo gongwe a bo a na le mmueledi jalojalo. Ene a bo a re o ka tla ka mongwe fela yo a ka tlang a mo reedisa tsheko fela go siame. A o bona golo moo go tlaabo go siametse mosekisiwa? A ditshwanelo tsa gagwe di tlaabo di sa gatakiwa ka tsela e e ntseng jalo?

MR RAMAOTWANA: Ke itse gore *currently in terms of Section 10* ya *legal representation,* mongwe le mongwe o na le go ka ipatlela *an attorney of his/her choice.* Fa a bua ka bo Mmakaseterata o ne a re kana gantsi, *the accused* fa a tsena kwa a re ga a batle go seka mo Kgotleng ya Setswana ke batla go ya kwa Mmakaseterata gore ke emelwe ke *lawyer.* Ke ne ke tsaya gore a re, gongwe re ka bona gore re dira jang *to harmonise these two positions* ya *Constitution* le *legal representation.* Le gore kana le kwa Dikgotleng tsa Setswana, bo Kgosi bontsi jwa bone ga ba a rutelwa molao, gore gongwe re ka dira mo gotweng *assessors.* Ke ne ke tsaya gore gongwe o raya jalo gore, *you can have assessors to improvise* gore Kgosi a bo a nna fa, a na le *lawyer* e le *assessor,* e e ka reng fa *accused* a tla ka *lawyer,* Kgosi le ene a bo a na le *assessor* ya *lawyer,* yo go tsweng foo a ka gakololang mo go tsa molao gore mo go e jaana le jaana. Jaaka kwa *Industrial Court, Judge* o tsena le *assessor* tsa *unions* le wa *business,* ba tla ba tlisa *facts, Judge* e bo a salelwa ke gore a dire molao. Fa go tla *determination of the law* ke *Judge,* mme *those assessors* ba mo thusa *in matters of facts.*

In this case e tlaabo e le gore jaanong ka Kgosi ga se agente, gongwe go tlaabo go na le agente e e mo thusang ka tsa molao gore fa a *accused* a tla ka agente go nne bofefo. Ke ne ke tsaya gore o ne a rialo, gore lebalebang gore go ka se ke ga nna le *improvising* ka tsela e e ntseng jang *to harmonise the two positions*. Ke kgang e re tlaa e le balebang, re bone gore re ka dira jang gore go nne motlhofo gore bo *accused* ba se ka ba tla ba re ga ke seke mo Lekgotleng la Setswana o batla go ya kwa gs Mmakaseterata. Re bo re re, mme le gone fa o ka tla ka *lawyer* ya gago ya go emela, Kgosi le ene a bo a tla ka *lawyer* e e ka mo gakololang mo tsa molao fa di ntse di buega jalo. Ke tseela gore ke dilo tse re ka di lebelelang gore *how possible are they, how feasible are they* re bo re ka bona gore *we can explore them* go ya kwa pele.

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

MR RAMAOTWANA: Ba ba utswang dikgomo; ke tsaya gore ke setse ke e arabile gore ba sekele kwa *Customary Court*. Bontsi jwa *cases* di sekwa gone koo, di bofefo re a dumela. Le gompiano *criminal cases* di a sekwa kwa Makgotleng a Setswana, ntleng ga motho fela ene a bo a re ga a batle go seka fa, o batla go seka kwa *Magistrate*. Le one molao wa re, fa a re ga ke batle go seka gone foo, o tshwanetse go ntsha mabaka go bo go raya gore ba a sekaseka, ba bo ba ka dumalana le ene kana ba ganana. Fa ba ganana go raya gore o tlaabo a tsaya *appeal*, go bo go nna go leele. Ke sone se ke reng gongwe re bone gore re e tokafatsa jang, gore e re a re o batla fa a ka emelwang ke *lawyer*; re bo re itse gore re dirile *platform* ya gore e teng gore *lawyer* ya gagwe *can appear* le Kgosi le ene a bo a na le *lawyer* e e ka mo thusang. Re tlaa bona gore a dilo tse, *are they feasible going forward*.

Ya *Deputy Sheriffs*, gore *judgements are implemented* kana *they collude* le *the debtors* ba tsaya madi, go tswa foo ba ntse ba re motho yoo ga ke mmone, kana ba dira bo, mme le a bona gore gore ga a na le fa e le se a nang le sone. Go bo go raya gore gone moo ba a tšhikatšhika. Ke gore kgang ya *civil imprisonment* e ntse jaana, molao wa re *both High Court rules, the Magistrate Court rules*, tsa re yo o senang *the means* o tshwanetse go fiwa sebaka sa go tla go iphemela gore ga a na *the means*, yo o ntseng jalo ga a tshwanela go ya kwa *court*. Mme yo o dipang a na le tsone o tshwanetse go isiwa toronkong, gore toronko e mo gamole a ntshe madi, ka gore o na le one o a gana ka bodipa, yoo go raya gore ke bone ba ba tshwanelwang ke *civil imprisonment*. E bile re tla re tlhalosa gore re mo tseleng ya go baakanya

gore, re lemogile gore bahumanegi...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ke kopa tlhaloso *Minister* gone fa o buang teng foo.

MR RAMAOTWANA: Ra re *the rules of the High Court and the Magistrate Court*...

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

MR RAMAOTWANA: ...ke tlhalosa gore, tsa re, fa o tliša kgang ya *civil imprisonment* kwa go *Judge* kana Mmakaseterata, o tshwanetse gore yo o tshwanetseng gore a isiwe kwa toronkong a fiwe sebaka sa gore a ikarabele gore ke eng a ka se ke a isiwe kwa toronkong. A bo a supa gore, ga ke na se ke nang naso mme ke na le keletso ya go duela. Go bo go nna le ba ba nang le ditsompelo, *means* tse e leng gore ba ka duela *that debt* mme a gana fela ka bodipa. Yo o ntseng jalo go raya gore go papametse gore o na le ditsompelo, kana o na le madi, dikgomo, dipolase kana eng, mme a gana fela ka bodipa, yoo ke ene yo o tshwanelwang ke go isiwa toronkong. Ke gore molao wa rialo wa re, yoo o ya toronkong, ka gore e diretswe ene *civil imprisonment, to force you* go duela ka gore o na le *the means to pay* mme o a gana ka bodipa fela. *So*, go raya gore o a y...

MR MOROLONG: *Clarification Honourable Minister*. Ke a go utlwa *Minister*. Ke gore ke batla o tlhalose kgang eo sentle jaaka o e bua, wa re re mo tsaya re mo isa kwa toronkong ka bodipa joo jwa gagwe, toronko e ya go mo gamola. Jaanong ke re o ntlhalosetse gore, naare toronko a e diretswe go gamola kgotsa go aga motho? Ke batla o mparologanyetsa dikgang tseo?

MR RAMAOTWANA: E diretswe go gamola le go aga.

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

MR RAMAOTWANA: Fa e le gore ke Setswana se se siameng, ke raya gore *it is to correct, to rehabilitate and then integrate that person* mo *society*. Mme ya *civil imprisonment* thatathata e diretswe go gamola ka gore o a bo o gana, o dipa o na le madi, re go isa koo gore re ye go go gamola gore o duele. *So* ke yone e e leng gore fa o na le madi o dipa. Jaanong ba e leng gore gongwe ke ba ba athloletsweng dikgang tsa gore *you have raped*, o utswile kana o dirile eng tsa borukutlhi jalo, tseo o a bo o isiwa koo go ya go agiwa, gore mowa o o maswe ole o tswe mo go wena. *So*, re a bo re go aga ka go isa kwa toronkong ka katlholo eo. Yo o gamolwang ke yo o ganang a na le ditsompelo, a le bodipa a dipa fela

gore ga ke go duele monna o tlaa bona madi kwa o a ithutileng teng. Yoo ke ene yo o isiwang kwa toronkong, *civil imprisonment*, gore a gamoge a tle a kgone go duela.

MR TSHERE: *Further clarification honourable. Thank you very much.* O tthalosa dilo tse sentle thata *Honourable Minister*, e bile di a re fatlholola. Jaanong ke botsa gore, kana go na le bone ba e leng gore jaaka o bua a sena ditlamelo dipe tsa go ka duela mme a kolota, a nako ga e a tla ya gore fa e le gore o mo isa toronkong *you are cancelling* molato? Ke a leboga.

MR RAMAOTWANA: Nnyaa, go ya toronkong *does not cancel* molato, molato ga o bole, o nna o ntse o le teng. Ke gore re a bo re go isa toronkong gore re go rokotse o tle o bone gore jaanong o a duela, o se ka wa boela gone kwa. Molato o ntse o tswelala o le teng, ga o duelwe ka go ya go nna kwa toronkong. Re a bo re raya gore 30 days re go rokotse gore o kgone go duela o bone gore hei! ga ke batle go boela kwa, ga go a siama. Kana jaanong ke nnile mo ntlong-lefitshwana dilo tsa me di a senyega, dikgwebo tsa me ga di tsamae sentle ke le gone kwa, gore o tle o kgone go duela.

Ya *pro deo fees* gore di fela ka bofefo, go ntse jalo re itemogetse gore madi a re a kopang ka seemo sa madi a nna e le gore a a kgaolwa ka seemo sa gore go a a tsutlagannwa, a ba a felela gongwe a sa kgone go fetsa *financial year*, a bo a ka kgona gore le one a nne le seabe sa go kgoreletsa tsamaiso ya ditsheko. Madi a *pro deo fees* basupi ba sa kgone *to travel, lawyers* di sa kgone go ya go emela bone ba ba tshwanetseng go ba emela, gore ga re a duela le rona ga re ye go ba emela. *So*, e kile ya bo e le seemo se se tshwenyang. Re mo go gone gore re bone gore re ka dira jang go go fefosa. Sone seo go raya gore re dira gore go nne gone.

Honourable Manyeneng, Madam Speaker, gore gongwe re lebelele *jurisdiction* ya *Customary Court* gore e felela fela ka P10,000. Ke tseela gore eo ke ya ba *Local Government*, mme go na le maakanya a gore re bone gore fa go tlaabo go tla kwa *Judiciary* gongwe go tshwane jaaka bo molaodi gore fa go dirwa ka dilo tse e leng gore ke tsa *quash judiciary* ba tshwanela ke gore *Chief Justice* a ba saenele, a ba fe *permission*, gore gongwe jaanong go na le maakanya a gore le bone bo Kgosi fa ba tla mo go sekiseng tse e leng gore ke ditsheko gongwe di tle ka fa tlase ga *Chief Justice* gore re kgone go bona gore dilo tse re ka ba thusa jang. Mme ke yone kgang, re tlaa e pataganela le ba *Local Government*, go lebelela gore bo Kgosi golo mo *it limits* ga P10 000, gore ba ka

seka ditsheko fela tsa P10,000, fa gotwe P11,000 o ye kwa go Mmakaseterata, *we have noted it*.

Dikgang tsa ba *maintenance cases*; bana gore ba a sotlega, borraabone ba tlaabo ba tliša *slips* tse e leng gore gongwe di supa gore o sala ka *balance* ya P10 a bo a re, ga ke ka ke ka kgona go duela ngwana, le a bona gore fa ke sena go duela *loan* ya gore go sala P10, gore go lebelelwe le di *hustle*. Gantsi go ntse jalo, bo Mmakaseterata ba kgona *to enquire further* go bona gore a mme motho yo ene ga go na sepe se a ka kgonang gore le fa a ntse a sa bereke ba bo ba re, mme kana o a tle o tshware *piece jobs*, o tshwanetse gore fa o tshwara *piece job* o bo o kgona go ntshetsa ngwana P200. Ga o ka ke wa re wena ga o bereke o tshwara *piece jobs* o bo o re mme ga o ka ke wa thusa, o tshwanetse gore a thuse. Gone ba a tle ba nne *innovative* gore ba bone gore a ga go na ditsela tse dingwe tse e leng gore motho yo o bona madi ka teng. Gongwe mmaagwe ngwana a re, nnyaa rre yo o na le madi fela o kgona gore ka *weekends* a dire *piece jobs* o baakanya (khenekha) dikoloi, o a reng. Gone moo go ka kgona gore le gone go tle e le nngwe ya gore Mmakaseterata a re, nnyaa ke go fa gore o ntshe P200 e seng gore o re ga o ka ke wa ntsha sepe ka gore o sala ka P10. Ke tsone tse ke reng ke...

MR MMOLOTSI: *Clarification.* Ke a leboga *Minister*. Ke se ka ka go tseela nako, ke ne ke re e ya tshokolo ya bana ka lebaka la borraabone tota, gongwe re se ka ra e bua e le nosi, re e bue gape le gone gore, kana go na le tshokolo e nngwe ya bana le *spouses* tse di a bong di setse fa *spouse* se sengwe se tlhokafala. E le gore jaanong go tsaya dingwaga tse dintsi gore go bo go ka kgonwa gore go tsewe madi a a ka thusang le *spouse*, fa gongwe yo mongwe a tlogetse e le gore le meraka e teng foo. Ke gore madi ga a ka ke a tsewa kwa bankeng, ga a ka ke a rekisa le dikgomo tse pedi gore a rekele dikgomo tse dijo. Ke gore ke morwalo fela o mongwe o o gakgamatsang. Ga ke itse gore molao o *Minister* o fa kae, mme re ka thusa ka tsela e e ntseng jang gore setšhaba se se sokodisiwang ke thulaganyo e re se ntshe mo mathateng a. Ba bangwe ba na le bo *five years* bannabagolo kana basadibagolo ba tlhokafetse mme *they cannot access* madi a bone. Mme *you can imagine* fa o na le *spouse*, kana go raya gore madi ao le dikgomo tseo ke tsa lona mmogo, mme jaanong go tswa foo fa yo mongwe a tlhokafala yo mongwe o a go sokola ka tsela e nngwe e e gakgamatsang.

MR RAMAOTWANA: Ke a go utlwa *Honourable Minister*. Ke yone e e leng gore *Madam Deputy Speaker* o ne a bua ka yone ya gore, go tsaya dingwaga go sa

ntshiwe madi bana ba sokola madi a le teng. Ga go a tshwanela go nna jaana ka gore, go tshwanetse gore *Master*; fa e le gore go na le motho *who is appointed as an executor* o tshwanetse gore motho yoo ba dumalane gore ngwana yo kgwedi le kgwedi go ntshiwa madi a dijo, *transport* le a mepako jalojalo, gore a se ka a sotlega, ka *it is meant* gore... *that is why* go bulwa letlole le e leng gore, *estate account* e go tsenngwang madi mo teng gore ka nako epe fela e e rileng bana ba bo ba tlamelwa. Ke a itse gore go a tle go nne, go na le ditiego tse dingwe tse di diragalang gore go se ka ga nna jalo. *We will attend to it* gore go bonwe gore go nna bofefo.

Gongwe ke le foo ke bo ke araba le *Madam Speaker*, o ne a bua gore, mo gongwe a mme *lawyer* e ka nna *Master* gape; o re o mmatlala o bo o fitlhela e le gore o kwa *law firm* ya gagwe a re, nnyaa, ke ene yo a neng a emetse motho. Nnyaa, se se diragalang ke gore, go na le mo gotweng nako e e rileng gongwe *court* e kgona gore e bona *cases* gore di dintsi e bo e hira *lawyers* tse di nang le *law firms* tsa bone ba tla go nna *temporary Masters* go leka *to push backlog* ya dikgang tseo tsa *estates*. Go bo go raya gore mo nakong e khutshwanyane eo o a bo a tla e le gore o tla a hirilwe *temporarily* fela *to push*, mme a ntse a na le *law firm* ya gagwe.

Jaanong fa go tla *case* e e leng gore o e tshwere kwa *law firm* ya gagwe, e ama *distribution*, ga a tshwanela gore a bo a le *Master* mo go yone gape, ka gore o emetse thata *client* ka fa. Ga o kae wa emela *client* fa o bo o tla o nna *Master* mo *case* e e leng gore o a e dira kwa *law firm* ya gago ka gore ke *conflict of interest*.

MR HIKUAMA: *On a point of clarification.* Ke a leboga Modulasetilo, ke a leboga Tona. O di tlhalosa sentle gompiano mo e leng gore re batla go tlhaloganya go feta. Go na le diemo tse di diragalang kwa Maun mabapi le *Masters* tse. O fitlhela batho ba ya gone kwa gotweng go ikuelwa teng, ba bo ba bolelelwa gore go santse go leletswa kwa Francistown, ba tlhola foo gotwe ba Francistown ga ba arabe megala. A ko o tlhalose gore megala e e arabiwang ke ba Francistown go thusa batho ba ba ikuelang kwa Maun, ke ya eng? Ke eng bone bao ba sa bulelwe *offices* gone kwa Maun gore ba kgone go bonwa *directly*, e seng gotwe jaanong go leletswa ba Francistown mme ba sa arabe megala? Tiragalo ya teng e diragala mo gontsintsi, go dirwa ke eng? Ke eng o sa ise batho bao kwa Maun ba ya *to attend* dikgang?

MR LUCAS: *On a point of clarification.* Ke a leboga Tona, kgang e e gaufi le pelo ya me. Kana o buile sengwe

foo, mme ga se a wela, se se neng se supa gore le leka gore le farologanye *Registrar* le *Master*; le bo le dira gore *Master* a nne le baemedi kwa *Magistrate Court*. Ke utlwa e kete go ka thusa mabapi le go atumetsa batho *services*. Ke batla go itse gore maikaelelo one ao, le batla go a simolola leng, le batla go a simolola ka *April* jaana kgotsa e santse e le maikaelelo fela a a kgakala, re a solofele mo dingwageng tse di latelang?

Ya bobedi e le khutshwane, ke nngwe ya tse o di itseng, tse e leng gore *lawyers* ke tsone *who complicate* kgang ya boswa, e le gore *lawyer* yo o *responsible* kgantele jaanong *is not cooperating*. Le fa o mo isa kwa Law Society, ga go lebege go tsewa *action* epe. Le fa bangwe ba batho ba teng ba tlile kwa go wena, le wena wa re ke ya Law Society mme ga go na fa le tsenang teng. Ke re golo mo a ko o go tlhalose rraetsho.

MR RAMAOTWANA: Ke a leboga batlotlegi. Tautona o setse a kopile *Ministers* botlhe gore ba tlise *challenges* tsa *ministries* tsa bone tse 10 le *urgencies* tsa bone tse 10. Re setse re isitse dikgang tse re di bonang. Maikaelelo a rona ke gore ka *September 2026* e bo e le gore gongwe go tsamaya ka fa re ipeetseng *timeline* ka teng. Kgang e ya *delinking and restructuring* ya *Master's Office*, re bo re setse re isitse *Cabinet Memo and drafted Bill* gore re baakanye yone *Administration of Estate Act*. *At least Magistrate Courts* di teng; fa o ya kwa Maun, Shakawe, Gantsi, Tsabong, Bobonong di teng. Di ka thusa gore re nne le *Assistant Masters in Magistrate Courts* fa re santse re atolosa gore le *Customary Courts* le bone re bone gore ba ka thusa ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Ke sone se re akanyang gore e tlaa re ka *September 2026*, e bo e le gore gongwe jaanong re mo go baakanyeng kgang ya *restructuring*.

Go bo go nna le ya ga *Honourable* Hikuama ya gore ke eng go leletswa Francistown. Ke ka gore *initially* ka gore Maun e ne e le *a new court, it was domiciled* kwa Francistown *High Court*. *We are in the process of transitioning* gore e ye teng kwa Maun. Tota *they receive files* fela gore ba *receive* gautshwanyane, di bo di ya kwa *account that deals with estates* tse di kwa Francistown. *We are actually trying to transition* gore *High Court* ya Maun e bo e na le gore le yone e ka itirela, e na le motho. Re tlaa netefatsa gore go a diragala *this financial year*. Ke jaaka o utlwa re re re batla gore ka *September 2026* re bo re baakantse AoJ gore le bo Mmakaseterata ba bo ba dira jaanong kwa Shakawe, Gantsi le Masunga kwa go nang le bo Mmakaseterata teng. Ke selo se e leng gore re mo go sone. *Honourable* Lucas ke ne ke sa tshwara sentle ya bobedi e o neng o e bua.

MR LUCAS: Se se diragalang, ke tsaya gore nngwe ya tsone e kwa go wena, ba kile ba tla kwa go wena, kwa e leng gore jaanong *lawyer* e e leng gore fa gongwe o a bo a emetse *a family*, ke ene yo o diegang ka ditsompelo, mme e le gore go diega mo go lebega e kete le boferefetshana bo mo teng kgotsa gongwe o ikadimile sengwe. Jaanong kgang e bo e ya kwa Law Society; kwa Law Society motho ga a bone *attention*. Le fa a tla kwa go ope fela, o mo romela gone kwa a sa boneng thuso teng kwa Law Society. Ke re yone e ga ke itse gore gatwe e a bo e ka tweng, e ka rarabololwa ke motho fela wa maemo a gago ke a dumela le fa o fitlhela o di tshaba jaana.

MR RAMAOTWANA: Ee, o fitlhela e le gore *lawyer* fa a emetse batho, go nna le ditumalano tsa gore ke tlaabo ke le *charge* bokana le ntuela jaana. Dituelo tsa teng, kana fa go sena go dirwa *distribution*, fa go tsamaya sentle, *lawyer* o tshwanetse gore a duelwe ke yone *estate* gore a se ka a tloga jaanong a ya go tseela bale bonnyennyane jo ba bo filweng. E nna *part of the distribution* e e dirwang. Gongwe nako tse dingwe motho a bo a re mme ga ke na *account number*, namang le a tsentse mo *trust* ya *lawyer* ya me, o tshwanetse gore a a fitisetse kwa go mong wa madi. Ke tseela gore fa go ntse jalo, e a bo e le *misconduct that can be handled by Law Society and strike it out*, go bonwe gore ba ka tsenya *law firm* mo matsogong a mongwe gore ba kgone go tla go rekisa, ba kgone *to recoup costs* ba neele batho madi a bone.

Restraining order; ke utlwile gore *Madam Chair* o ne a bua gore batho ba a e tsoulola fela *with impunity*, *it is violated*, ga go na se se dirwang. Tse dingwe ke di utlwile tsa bo *Honourable Khan*, *Honourable Lekutlane*. *Honourable Gobotswang*, 40 *per cent* ke e utlwile...

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: *Honourable Minister*, go tlaa re o itlhaganelele *to move*.

MR RAMAOTWANA: Ee *I will move*, go santse go le kgakala, ke *paragraph* e nosi fela.

Issues tsa *bail* le tsone re di utlwile ka gore *Bail Act* e baakantswe gore jaanong go ganwe ka *bail* fa e le gore motho o tla ka *case* ya bobedi, ya boraro kana ya bone. Ba tshwanetse gore le bone ba supe gore motho yo o na le melato e mengwe Mmakaseterata a bo a sa tshwanela gore a mo neele *bail*. Gongwe o a bo setse a nnile ngwaga tshoko e sa sekwe ka one mathata a ke neng ke a bua a *jurisdiction*, a bo a tloga a ya kwa *High Court* a re kana ke sale ke nna 12 *months* mo kgolegolong ke sa

seke, jaanong ke kopa *bail*. *Those things we are looking into them* gore *how can we move quickly*.

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

MR RAMAOTWANA: *Madam Chairperson ka a le kalo*, I therefore, move that the sum of Four Hundred and Thirty-Four Million, Nine Hundred and Fifty-Eight Thousand, Four Hundred and Ninety Pula (P434,958,490.00) under the Recurrent Budget for Organisation 1200 be approved and stand part of the Schedule of the Appropriation (2026/2027) Bill, 2026 (No. 1 of 2026), and that the sum of Twenty-Four Million, Two Hundred and Eighty-Six Thousand, Four Hundred and Twelve Pula (P24,286,412.00) under the Development Budget for Organisation 1200 be approved and stand part of the Estimates for the financial year 2026/27. I move accordingly. Thank you.

Question put and agreed to.

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Honourable Members, let me pass a message. Remember, *re ne re ipelaetsa ka gore* speech sa Environment and Tourism *ga se a bonala*, it was sent on Friday 6th March at 4:21 p.m. to Honourable Members' Electronic Mails (email). *Go raya gore ga re a tlhola* emails *ke tsone di tshotseng* statement. We are going to continue with the debate.

Honourable Members, be advised that this Organisation has been allocated two hours, 10 minutes and the response time would be 1535 hours tomorrow, and the question would be put at 1605 hours.

MR SALESHANDO: *Procedure*. Ke a go leboga *Madam Chairperson*. Kana rona re bone *presentation only today*, jaanong fa e le gore go na le phoso e e dirilweng, *Speaker* o ne a setse a ntshitse tshwetso ya gore *they will present today*, *debate* e bo e nna kamoso. *Is this to say that this decision has been reversed?*

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Ee rra, *it has been reversed because* fa re le fa, *I got this message from office* ya gagwe gore ke le bolelele jalo. *The issue was*, re ne re se *sure* gore *statement* se tsamaile leng, *so it was clarified* gore se rometswe ka *past 4 ka Friday* to your e-mails.

MR SALESHANDO: *Further procedure*. *Madam Chairperson*, le tlaabo le re direla bothata, ga re a amogela e-mails tseo. Gape *the standard has been that* go romelwa *to the WhatsApp group* ya Mapalamente. *That has become the norm* e e leng gore mongwe le

mongwe wa rona o ntse a amogela ka yone. Fa e le gore le *reverse* tshwetso e e neng e tserwe *earlier on*, le re baya ka fa mosing in *terms of the quality of the debate*. Go raya gore re tlaabo re reeditse gone jaana a ntse a bua le gore re ya go akgela re reng. Ga e ka ke ya re e rometswe mo Palamenteng *this afternoon* ka gore bontsi jwa rona re e bone gone jaana, o ka se ka wa re re ka bo re e badile re ntse re le gone fa ka gore *we were busy following other presentations that were being made today*. Thank you.

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Tlang re riana; ke eng a sa *present*, ba e leng gore ba *ready can debate*, *otherwise* e tlaa tsamaela kamoso? Ke raya gore go na le gore re phatlalale gone jaana, *let him debate*. Fa e le gore go na le *anyone to debate* a tsamaye, fa go sa nna jalo go raya gore ke gone re tlaa tsayang tshwetso teng. Gakere?

MR DIGWA: *Procedure*. Kgang e tlhamaletse, ga go supafale go na le Mopalamente yo e boneng maloba, ba e bone *today*. Fa motho a bua ka *quality of debate*, ke tsaya gore o bua selo se se utlwalang, se re tshwanetseng go itirela sentle re le Ntlo e e fano. Gongwe re kope gore a *present*, then you give us time gore re bale, re tlaa tla re *respond* kamoso.

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Nnyaa, mme ga gona mathata. Ke ne ke e baya jalo gore fa a fetsa to *present*, if there is anyone to debate, fa a seyo, le gone go raya gore re tlaa tsaya tshwetso. Mo leseng a *present*.

ORGANISATION 2000-MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM

(MR MMOLOTSI): Thank you very much Madam Chairperson, thank you very much Honourable Members of Parliament. Madam Chairperson, I have the honour of laying before this Honourable House the Recurrent and Development Budget for the Ministry of Environment and Tourism for the 2026/2027 financial year. Over the past year, the ministry has continued to advance Botswana's vision of sustainable development by strengthening environmental stewardship and enhancing the competitiveness of our tourism sector. Our efforts have focused on protecting ecosystems, promoting responsible resource use and positioning tourism as a driver of inclusive growth and employment creation. These initiatives are carried out through a coordinated framework that is delivered through the ministry departments, partners and our parastatal Botswana Tourism Organisation (BTO).

2025/2026 BUDGET PERFORMANCE

Madam Chairperson, the ministry's Recurrent Budget for the 2025/2026 financial year was approved at Nine Hundred and Fifty-Six Million, Six Hundred and Ninety-One Thousand, Seven Hundred and Forty Pula (P 956,691,740), while the Development Budget stood at Three Hundred and Fifty-One Million, Six Hundred and Sixty-Eight Thousand, Two Hundred and Eighty Pula (P 351,668,280), earmarked for the implementation of 24 projects.

Madam Chairperson, the total revenue collected as at the end of February 2026 amounted to One Hundred and Sixty-One Million, Five Hundred and Ninety-Nine Thousand, Three Hundred and Seventy-Six Pula (P161 599 376), or 99 per cent of the estimated collection. Other revenue collected under the three special funds amount to Four Hundred and Eight Million, Two Hundred Thousand, Three Hundred and Fifty-Five Pula (P408 200 355). This was collected from the Plastic Levy, royalties from concessions, special elephant hunting quotas, export of wildlife trophies and levies collected by the tourism industry.

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND PROTECTION

Madam Chairperson, agroforestry remains a cornerstone of our afforestation and reforestation efforts, strengthening food security and community livelihoods. Through the agroforestry strategy, agroforestry projects have been established in Kisa, Kuke, Mmathubudukwane, Matsiloje, Mabule and Mogobane, including initiatives tailored for persons with disabilities. Agroforestry projects were also established around Gaborone City, with 110 fruit trees planted across Block 8, Block 10, Notwane, Government premises and Village wards.

Through the Wealth Creation Programme, the ministry continues to support income-generating activities such as backyard nurseries, landscaping, fire-beater manufacturing, phane harvesting and thatching grass collection. In 2024/2025, these projects generated Five Hundred and Seventy-Two Thousand, Two Hundred and Twenty-Three Pula (P 572,233), while in 2025/2026, revenue stands at Five Hundred and Twenty-Seven Thousand, Five Hundred and Eighteen Pula (P 527,518). Notably, self-funded backyard nurseries exceeded their target, generating One Million, Two Hundred and Ninety-Seven Thousand, One Hundred and Fifty-Two Pula (P 1,297,152) in 2024/2025. In the

current financial year, revenue stands at Six Hundred and Sixty-Six Thousand, Five Hundred and Thirty Pula (P 666,530). These figures demonstrate the viability of tree-based livelihoods, despite challenges posed by market fluctuations and restrictions on travel which limited extension services.

National Tree Planting Programme

The National Tree Planting Programme Madam Chairperson, seeks to reverse indiscriminate tree cutting and mitigate against the effects of climate change. As at January 2026, 91,133 trees were planted in 2025/2026 against a target of 124,500. The ministry will continuously forge partnerships to upscale the programme with the aim to curb the effects of climate change in the country.

Madam Chairperson, protection of forest and rangeland resources from wildland fires remains a priority in the ministry. Challenges in the sustainable utilisation of forest resources in Botswana still persist, these include illegal harvesting, influx of foreigners at sites, competing land uses as harvesters usually camp in pastoral areas, and increased exportation of raw forest resources like phane to other countries.

Madam Chairperson, the ministry conducts patrols and spot checks in collaboration with law enforcement agencies to try and ensure that there is compliance.

Environmental Monitoring

Madam Chairperson, to safeguard clean and safe environments, the ministry has strengthened monitoring systems. Automated water quality stations in the Limpopo River Basin provide real-time data, while upcoming maintenance of stations in the Okavango and Chobe Rivers scheduled for the beginning of the financial year will ensure monitoring continuity and to inform decision making.

The Air Quality Monitoring Network Communication System was successfully installed in May 2025 in Gaborone at the Department of Environmental Protection headquarters. I am pleased to assure the House that these installations will be undertaken in the forthcoming financial year, extending coverage in Gaborone, Lobatse, Tlokweng Francistown, Kasane and Selebi Phikwe.

Despite these temporary setbacks, I am encouraged to report that Botswana's air quality remains generally

good-an outcome that reflects both the resilience of our current monitoring infrastructure and the effectiveness of our environmental safeguards.

Madam Chairperson, the ministry is in the processes of mobilising funding to the tune of Four Million, Five Hundred and Forty-Three Thousand, Eight Hundred and Forty-Eight US Dollars (USD 4,543,848.00) from the Global Environment Facility under GEF-8 to undertake a project intended to restore the ecosystem integrity in the Bobirwa-Tswapong region to sustain livelihoods and effectively respond to climate change, human-wildlife conflict and biodiversity management requirements.

From the 2nd-5th of November 2025, Botswana in conjunction with the African Union Commission hosted the First Africa Biodiversity Summit which brought together 1,194 delegates consisting of African political leadership, international cooperating partners, philanthropists, communities, civil society, academia and the media to deliberate on a united and sustained response to the challenge of biodiversity loss. The main outcome of the summit was the establishment of a dedicated financial mechanism for Africa's biodiversity which is aimed at bridging the gap between conservation and economic development.

Weather and Climate

Madam Chairperson, collaboration with regional and international partners continues to strengthen our technical capacity. Through the Southern African Science Service Centre for Climate Change and Adaptive Land Management (SASSCAL), the meteorological observational network was upgraded in April 2025, significantly improving the accuracy and reliability of weather and climate information.

Madam Chairperson, the World Bank is supporting the ministry with an amount of USD 250,000.00 for developing a National Carbon Market Framework to be completed in June 2026.

Wildlife Resource Management

Madam Chairperson, Botswana continues to stand as a global leader in wildlife conservation, anchored by strong Government commitment, sound policies, active community involvement and strategic partnerships. In 2025, hunting quotas generated Sixty-Seven Million, Two Hundred and Seventy-Nine Thousand, Six Hundred and Sixty-Six Pula (BWP 67,279,666.00) for local communities, representing a 57 per cent increase

from 2024 which stood at Forty-Two Million, Eight Hundred and Sixty-Three Thousand, Four Hundred and Twenty-Three Pula (BWP 42, 863,423.00).

Madam Chairperson, human-wildlife conflict continues to challenge livelihoods, though cases have declined from 6,325 in 2024 to 6,155 in 2025. Compensation payments rose from Twenty-Three Million, Eight Hundred and Ninety-Two Thousand, One Hundred and Fifteen Pula (BWP23,892,115.00) in 2024 to Twenty-Eight Million, Six Hundred and Sixty-Five Thousand Pula (BWP 28,665,000.00) in 2025, partly due to backlogs of unpaid cases in 2024, *jaaka re kolota* Honourable Hikuama. To mitigate these conflicts and safeguard communities, the ministry has advanced key several measures such as the completion of a 140 kilometre (km) non-lethal electric fence along the southern boundary of the Makgadikgadi/Nxai Pan National Park; the ongoing preventative maintenance of game-proof fences nationwide; and the implementation of the National Human-Wildlife Conflict Strategy and Action Plan (2025-2030).

Madam Chairperson, to modernise visitor services and improve operational efficiency across our Protected Areas, with the support of the UNDP-BIOFIN Project, worth USD 200,000.00, the ministry is developing an online booking, payment and revenue collection system which is currently at prototype stage. Once fully operational, this system will deliver a seamless and transparent experience for visitors, significantly reducing revenue leakages and minimising cash handling, thereby reinforcing both accountability and sustainability in the management of our protected areas.

Madam Chairperson, in an effort to improve the welfare of wildlife officers, the ministry has prioritised the refurbishment and maintenance of facilities in protected areas at an estimated budget of Twenty-Six Million Pula (BWP26,000,000). The process which involves renovating both residential and workspaces, providing solar systems and internet services is ongoing to cover completion of works in Old Xade, Matswere and Khutse Gates.

Madam Chairperson, the process of re-arming of the Anti-poaching Unit has stalled due to budgetary constraints. As indicated in my 2025 Committee of Supply submission, strengthening and rearming of the unit would require substantial resources. The project has therefore been prioritised to commence in the 2026/2027 financial year. The envisaged impact is to capacitate anti-poaching personnel to effectively protect wildlife resources against poachers.

TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

Madam Chairperson, tourism remains one of Botswana's most strategic sectors central to our diversification agenda and a vital pillar of inclusive growth. It is a sector that not only showcases our pristine wilderness and cultural heritage to the world, but also creates jobs, generates foreign exchange and uplifts communities.

The ministry continues to implement the National Tourism Strategy and its 10-year Master Plan for 2023 to 2033. The strategy approach is built on a spatial planning framework of eight Tourism Development Areas (TDAs) and is based on four pillars being; Improving the Enabling Environment; Strengthening Destination Marketing and Branding; Investment in Product Development and Diversification, and; Strengthening Infrastructure and Support Services. The ministry in partnership with all stakeholders will intensify the roll out of the NTSMP with the aim to grow the tourism sector.

Product Diversification and Citizen Participation

Madam Chairperson, as part of diversifying Botswana's tourism product and reducing its reliance on the luxury wildlife market, the City Tourism Initiative was launched in Gaborone on the 4th September 2025 and in Francistown on the 24th January 2026. Through this initiative the economic potential of our cities will be unleashed as our cities have a story to tell, showcase our culture to be experienced by both domestic and international tourists. The initiative is further expected to increase tourist visits to our heritage, monuments and attractions that offer lifestyle and urban experience.

Madam Chairperson, the ministry continues to strive to make tourism investment land available in Chobe, Gaborone and Okavango Districts. In Chobe, the development of land parcels under the Kasane/Kazungula Redevelopment Project (KKRP) will introduce new hotels and recreational facilities, expand room and space capacity while stimulating the local economy of Kasane and enhancing the Chobe tourism offering.

In the Okavango District, the ministry has completed the Mohembo Bridge Infill Tourism Layout. In the current financial year, the ministry completed an investment feasibility study for the six priority tourism sites which confirmed that the sites could be financially viable, releasing 130 hectares of land for investment. In addition to the feasibility study, the ministry in conjunction

with Tawana Land Board, is currently assessing 15 remaining properties affected by Mohembo Bridge Tourism Layout.

Monuments and Heritage

Madam Chairperson, the completion of permanent exhibitions at the Botswana National Museum in Gaborone and the Kgosi Sechele I Museum in Molepolole are scheduled for completion and opening by second quarter of 2026. These exhibitions will significantly enrich our cultural tourism product, offering visitors authentic experiences that celebrate Botswana's heritage while strengthening our diversification agenda and enhancing revenue generation.

Furthermore, Botswana is advancing the listing of the Gwihaba Caves as our third World Heritage Site with United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), after Tsodilo Hills and the Okavango Delta. Preliminary assessments by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) confirm the site's potential Outstanding Universal Value. This listing will elevate Botswana's global recognition and attract more visitors.

Marketing and Promotion

Madam Chairperson, marketing is the cornerstone of tourism, the force that ensures our products reach the world and our sector continues to thrive. The ministry will continue to leverage travel fairs, new airline routes, local events, and international conferences to strengthen Botswana's visibility and reaffirm our commitment to global partners. Restructured visa regimes will further ease access and enhance competitiveness.

The ministry attended the JAGD and HUND hunting show in Germany and the Dallas Safari Club hunting show in the USA during the months of January and February 2026.

On the basis of that experience, Botswana Tourism Organisation (BTO) will now start participating at major international hunting fairs, to market consumptive component of tourism with the aim to promote and grow this sector.

Tourism Pitso

Madam Chairperson, I am pleased to report that after more than a decade, the ministry successfully convened the Tourism Pitso from the 22nd to 23rd January 2026 in under the theme: "Tourism as a Catalyst for Economic

Transformation and Sustainable Growth through Partnerships". The forum was attended by 1,360 participants.

Sector Performance, Investment, and Employment Creation

Madam Chairperson, licensing activities have continued to grow, with 223 new enterprises registered in 2025/2026 compared to 206 in 2024/2025, of which 198 were citizen-owned. This reflects strong local participation in the tourism sector. However, capital investment declined from Five Hundred and Forty-Six Million Pula (P546,000,000) to One Hundred and Seventy-Three Million Pula (P173,000,000), largely due to fewer high-end lodge projects.

While citizens dominate overall ownership, their penetration into premium tourism remains limited, underscoring the need for targeted empowerment initiatives to strengthen their role in high-value segments. Employment creation remains central to our agenda, in 2025/2026 416 jobs were created against a target of 1,000 jobs. Looking ahead, the sector aims to generate 5,000 additional jobs by 2030 through the implementation of the National Tourism Strategy and Master Plan, ensuring that tourism continues to deliver sustained livelihoods, dignity, and empowerment for our people.

Madam Chairperson, the ministry is facilitating joint ventures between Community Trusts and investors to advance cultural and geographical tourism diversification in the Kgalagadi Region. The ministry has successfully facilitated partnerships between citizen investors and communities for lodge developments under the Okavango Jakotsha Community Trust (representing Etsha 1 to 13, Jao and Ikoga) and the Khwai Development Trust. These initiatives demonstrate tangible progress in citizen economic empowerment, generating jobs, resource-use fees, taxable earnings and catalysing skills transfer in hospitality, conservation and digital marketing.

Madam Chairperson, the ministry has also commenced the review of the Tourism Act of 2009. This review is necessary to streamline processes, reduce bureaucratic delays and modernise the regulatory framework, so that our tourism industry remains competitive in an ever-evolving global market.

Madam Chairperson, it is with great pride that I inform you that the ministry through the Department of

Meteorological Services has, for the third consecutive time, been re-certified to BOS ISO 9001:2015, meeting the mandatory requirements of International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) and Civil Aviation Authority of Botswana (CAAB). This achievement underscores our commitment to delivering accurate, high-quality meteorological services that support aviation safety and efficiency.

Budget Proposals for the 2026/27 Financial Year

Madam Chairperson, the ministry proposes a total budget allocation of One Billion, Ninety-Six Million, Eighty-Three Thousand, Three Hundred and Sixty-Three Pula (P1,096,083,363) to finance both the Recurrent and Development Budget. This amount indicates a 16 per cent decrease from the 2025/2026 budget allocation. The recurrent budget allocation has a majority share of 84 per cent, totalling Nine Hundred and Seventeen Million, Four Hundred and Twenty Thousand, Nine Hundred and Thirty Pula (P 917,420, 930), while the Development Budget accounts for 16 per cent equivalent to One Hundred and Seventy-Eight Million, Six Hundred and Sixty-Two Thousand, Four Hundred and Thirty-Three Pula (P178,662,433), which is earmarked mainly for ongoing projects.

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Honourable Minister, *ya kwa* paragraph 66.

Conclusion

MR MMOLOTSI: Madam Chairperson, this concludes my presentation. I therefore, move that the sum of One Billion, Ninety-Six Million, Eighty-Three Thousand, Three Hundred and Sixty-Three Pula (P1,096,083,363) for Organisation 2000 made up of Nine Hundred and Seventeen Million, Four Hundred and Twenty Thousand, Nine Hundred and Thirty Pula, (P 917,420, 930) under the Recurrent Budget and One Hundred and Seventy-Eight Million, Six Hundred and Sixty Two Thousand, Four Hundred and Thirty-Three Pula (P178,662,433) under the Development Budget, be approved and stand part of the Estimates for the financial year 2026/2027. I thank you Madam Chairperson.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Applause!)

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Honourable Members, the question is that P917, 420, 930...

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

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: *Ga se gore ke le neele le bale jaanong.* Honourable Members, the question is that the sum of Nine Hundred and Seventeen Million, Four Hundred and Twenty Thousand, Nine Hundred and Thirty Pula (P917, 420, 930) for Organisation No. 2000 in the schedule stand part of the schedule and the revised total estimated costs for the sub organisation in the Organisation No. 2000 in the development fund estimates stand part of those estimates.

MR MOROLONG (KGATLENG CENTRAL): Ke a leboga *Madam Chairperson.* Ke supe gore re go utlwile Tona ka pego ya gago, re a itse gore ke pego ya motho a sokodisiwa ke *budget*, ga gona re ka reng ke go amogela ka gore ba rotlhe re a tlhaloganya.

Ke simolole kgang ya me fa ke go reeditse e bile ke bala puo ya gago, go na le fa o buang gore *ministry* wa gago keletso ya one e tona ke gore, o tlhamele batho ditiro. Mongwame sengwe sa dilo tse ditona tse o ka tlhamelang batho ditiro ka tsone ke *museum*, o tshwana le wa Phuthadikobo kwa ke tswang teng rraetsho. Ke tlile go go kopa gore o etele *museum* wa me, o ye go o bona o o itse. O se ka wa o itse bontle fela, o o itse le dikgwetlho tsa one *Minister* ke a go kopa. Ke bua ka *museum* o o kileng wa bo o rwele bajanala fa ba tlile mo Botswana, ba sa ye kwa diphologolong kwa godimo kwa ba tsile ka kwano, ba ne ba ka se ka ba tswa ba sa isiwa kwa Phuthadikobo Museum. *Museum* o na le dilelo tse di seng kana ka sepe *Minister*; babereki ba teng ba amogela madi a bokgoba jo e leng gore fa o ka itse ga o ka ke wa rata. Ke a kopa *Minister* gore o ye kwa o ye go rarabolola dikgang tsa *staff* sa Phuthadikobo Museum, o ye go utlwa matlhotlhapelo. Ke bua ka *museum* o o mo gare ga lentswe, o kwa godimo mo thabeng ya Phuthadikobo. *Security* sa one *is compromised*, batho bale le motshegare ba a tlhaselwa, bosigo ga gona *security* sa *museum* wa me. O ye go tsenya leitlho rra.

Le matsana a o a ba fang, ke kopa gore o leke go a oketsa ke a itse gore ga a yo. Tlholo mo diphologolong tse o ka rekisang dinaka tsa tsone, o okeletse Phuthadikobo Museum thebenyana e ba nang le yone rra. Batho bale ba tshwere ka natla le *board* e e leng teng ya Phuthadikobo. Ba na le toro ka Phuthadikobo Museum, ba na le toro ka *museum* wa Bakgatla, mme ga ba kgone go fitlhelela toro ya bone ka ntlha ya lemme le e seng la sepe le re ba le neelang. Ke go kope tlhe, rwala ditlhako o etele Phuthadikobo Museum. Go gontsi mo go ka buiwang ka *museum* wa me.

Jaanong ke kopa go bua matlhotlhapelo mangwe ke a Tona, a a diragetseng kwa Mochudi a dirwa ke bana ba

gago ba re ba mo thomong ya tiro ya bone. Go na le batho mo Botswana ba ba ruile dinonyane tse gotweng ke parrots. Ke ne ke sa itse gore dinonyane tse di teng mono Tona. Ke utlwile botlhoko jo le nna le gompiano jaana *I am still traumatised*, ke utlwa motlhophi a mpolelela gore bana ba gago ba *wildlife* ba emeletse mo Gaborone ba ya kwa Mochudi, ba feta ba tsaya dinonyane tsa gagwe di le 60, ditsuatswane le mae a tsone a mantsi a a kalo, ba tšhwetla dilo tseo ba bolaya ba bua gore molao wa gago wa dinonyane tseo ga o letle gore ba di rue. Fa a di rua, o rua di le pedi fela, gatwe molao wa gago wa rialo wa re re rua dinonyane tseo di le pedi fela. Fa ba di rua di le dintsi, fa di ka tsamaya tsa ya kwa ntle tsa fofa tsa feta tsa dira mae le bo rankuronyane le maeba, di ya go fetola letsalo la dinonyane tsa naga. Se se nkutlwisang botlhoko se se neng se buiwa ke Mokgatla yoo ke gore, batho ba ba ne ba emeletse jaaka re kile ra bona ba emelela gotwe go latilwe Butterfly. E le bana ba gago ba *wildlife* ba na le Criminal Investigation Department (CID) ba Gaborone. Golo mo go ne ga nkutlwisa botlhoko, motho yoo le gompiano o ntse ga a mo seemong sa go amogela se se diragetseng. Ka fa a nang le lorato ka teng la dinonyane tseo mo pelong ya gagwe, se se mo diragaletseng Tona, le nna ke kgonne go ikutlwa gore ga ke nne monate...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR MOROLONG: Ke tla a go neela *sir*: Le nna ke kgona go ikutlwa gore ga ke nne monate le fa ke sa bona tiragalo eo. O rothisa dikededi letsatsi le letsatsi fa a akanya dinonyane tse di senang molato di bolawa ke bana ba gago. Ke ipotsa gore Tona le fa e le gore o tlotse molao, ke eng dinonyane tse di sa tsewe ka tsela fela e e leng gore ke ditshidi. Di sa tsewe ka tsela e di ka felelang di rekisiwa ka *auction*, jaaka e tlhola e re batho ba tshwerwe ka dinama tsa diphologolo go bo go iwa *police*, go bo go bitswa Bakgatla ba di reka ka *auction sale*. Ke go reng go ntse jalo bagaetsho go bolawa dinonyane fela le gone tse di *so friendly* ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. Ke ne ke re Tona, fa e le gore melao ya rona e ntse jaana, a e baakanngwe bagaetsho, re amogele dinonyane tse. Go na le batho ba bangwe ba ba di ruileng, bontsi e bile e le batho ba letso la sekula, ba di ruile mme ga gotwe sepe ka bone. Ngwana wa batho *who is hustling, a Degree holder* yo o sa berekeng gope, e bo e le gore o senyetswa dilo tse ka bokete jo bo kanakana, a bo a tla a lelela mo go nna gore go diragetse jaana le jaana *last year September*. Ke diemo tse di seng monate, mme e bile le gompiano o ntse o setswe morago, *and* o athlotswe P5,000 mo godimo ga molato

o a o bonweng, mme o santse e kete o setswe morago gore a tle a sekisetswe gore a bo a ruile dinonyane tse di *user friendly* bo bokalo, e o ka nngang le yone mo ntlong. Ga ke itse gore ke eng go ntse jalo Tona...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR MOROLONG: ...mme molao o ke a itse gore ga se wa gago rra, o ka tswa o o fitlhela, fa e le gore re na le molao o ntseng jalo...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR MOROLONG: ...ke ne ke kopa gore *we should expunge it* ka lefatshe fa e le gore *that is the word to use*. Ke gore re o ntshe. Batho ba mo letlhokong la ditiro gompiano. Fa motho a itshetsa ka kgang e tshwana le ya dinonyane tseo, a re ba letlelelang Tona. A molao o re name re o seegetse fa thoko, ga o re thuse ka sepe bagaetsho. Ke ne ke utlwa botlhoko fa a mpolelela gore bana ba dikole tsa *private schools* ba a kgona go isiwa kwa gaabo gore ba tle ba bone bontle jo a bo ruileng. E bile o di ageletse, ga se tse nneng go katwe di ile kwa ntle di ile go fula le bo mmamanthwane le maeba. O di ageletse fela foo, go *smart*, go go ntle. Ga ke mmuelele ka gore gongwe ke a mo itse, ga ke mo itse, ke kopantshitswe le ene ke kgang e, ke kgang ya bohutsana mo go maswe. Ke kgang e e seng monate.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR MOROLONG: Le rona ga e re beye sentle re le Puso ya ditshwanelo, bana ba gago ba bo ba emelela ka tsela e ba emeletseng ka yone. Ke re ke neele Kwapa *clarification*.

MR KWAPA: *Clarification*. Ke a goleboga Modulasetilo, ke ne ke re ke tlhomamise kgang e sentle mo go Motlotlegi Morolong gore a a re, badiri ba *wildlife* ba tswa go bolaya tse ba tshwanetseng gore ba di sireletse, ba bo ba boa ba sila le mae a dipapalagae tse o buang ka tsone? Ke gore ga ke itse gore a ke go utlwa sentle?

MR MOROLONG: Ga o a nkutlwa sentle, o nkutlwile pila kgabo. Ma *wildlife* ba dirile jaaka ke bua *sir*, ba bolaile dinonyane tseo ka bontsi jo bo kalo. Mokgatla yo ga a sala le fa e le ka e le nngwe, ba bua gore o ka bo a ruile dinonyane tse pedi go ya ka molao wa Botswana. Ba tšhwetla mae a tsone, ba bolaya le bananyana ba tsone ba ba neng ba di tsetse. Ke gore ba gaila fela mo go neng go se monate. Selo se se utlwisa botlhoko bagaetsho, *it is traumatising*, ngwana a iteka yo re palelwang ke go mo fa ditiro.

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

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Mo reetseng *Honourable Members*.

MR MOROLONG: Yo re palelwang ke go mo fa tiro, a iteka a sa kope Puso sepe. Re bo re mmolaela dinonyane tse a itshetsang ka tstone, tse nne e re fa bana ba *pre-school* ba tla, ba bo ba ya go bontshwiwa bothakga le bontle jo a bo dirang, e bo e le gore re a tsaya re a lalaanya ra re, gone mo ga go ka fa molaong.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Order!

MR MOROLONG: Ke dumela gore ba *wildlife* ba ne ba...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: *I think it is procedural* gore fa batho ba bidiwa go bidiwe...

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Nnyaa, *honourable* ga ke ise ke go neele. Ema o bue.

MR DIGWA: *Point of order.* Ke ne ke re *Madam Speaker*, it is *procedural* gore o dirise *list* e tswang kwa di *Whip*. Jaanong fa motho a kgona go emelela fela ka bo ene a bo a bua, a bo a letlelelwa go bua, *then the next thing* batho ba ba neng ba le *on the line* ba tshwanetse go bua ba tlile *to complain* kwa go nna.

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

MR DIGWA: *I know* go ne go tulwe yo o *ready*, but ke ne ke sa buelele...

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: *Honourable* Digwa ke kopa gore o nne fa fatshe. A re rianeng bagaetsho. Kana le supile gore ga le *ready to debate*, ka boa ka boeletsa gore, a go raya gore ga gona ba ba ka buang *after presentation* ya ga *Minister*; la re, nnyaa le batla *quality debates*. *Then* fa ke balolola *after presentation* ke bo ke re, *the floor is open*, *Honourable* Morolong a bo a ema, ba bangwe ke itse gore ba rile ga ba *ready*. Ke itse go ntse jalo. *So*, ke kopa gore e re le bua dilo le dumalana le dumalane *as a whole*. Ke itse gore le fa ke ne ke balolola le rile ga le *ready*, jaanong ke ne ke ka se ke ke tlhoke go balolola *question* gore ya reng. Jaanong yo o emeletse *to debate* ga a molato, mo leseng a *debate*. Ba bangwe ba ba reng ga ba *ready will debate* kamoso.

MR MOROLONG: Ke a leboga. Mma ke fetse le tlaa tsena...

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Nnyaa, Morolong ga e ka ke ya re ke eme o bo o ema.

MR HIKUAMA: Point of procedure. Madam Chairperson, *ke a leboga mme kana go ne go dirilwe* ruling. I think the Chief Whip is in order, *go ne go dirilwe* a ruling and the understanding was that, *ga re oketse nako, jaaka fa o letleletse ga gona nako e e yang go oketsegang*. Still it is the same time *e o neng o ka e aba*. *Mme fa o setse o e neetse* Honourable Morolong, *go raya gore* already *go jelwe mo go yone, ba ba neng ba tshwanetse* to debate it according to the list *go raya gore ba tlaabo ba jelwe*. *Mo e leng gore* I think it was proper *gore jaaka re dumalane gore* for the sake of quality debate and those who were supposed to debate, *ba e neng e le gore* they have to debate this sector and now they have been denied a chance to debate, because we went against what we felt we have agreed upon. I think the orderly thing to do is just to close the debate, allow the honourable to finish and then close the debate.

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Ga ke dumalane le wena *Honourable* Hikuama, ga ke dumalane ka ke boditse gore, a la re ga gona ope *who can debate, without forcing* ope yo o seng *ready*, and then most of the people, le ene *Whip* o rile batho ga ba *ready*. *I never ruled* gore jaanong *after* re a tswala. Ke tshwanetse go dira *procedural things* fela jaaka *presentation* e fela, ke bale madi a a neelwang jalo 1200, go fitlhela ke tsena fa gotweng *debate follows*. *Imagine* fa e ne e rile ke tsena foo ke bo ke re, jaanong re a tswala ba bangwe ba ne ba tlile go nthaya ba re bone ba *ready to debate*. Le dira fela jalo. Ke kopa gore ke lese *Honourable* Morolong ka gore ene o ne a le *ready to debate*, a *debate* a fetse. Ke bo ke bona gore a go na le yo mongwe gape *who can debate*. Kana re tshaisa ka 6:30 p.m. fa go sena ope re ka tswala. Ga ke tle go tswala ka gore ba bangwe ga ba *ready*, ba bangwe ba le *ready*.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Nnyaa, ga gona *clarification*.

MR DIGWA: *Clarification.* Ke ke re *Madam Chairperson*, go araba ga me ke re, *I am suggesting* gore, *Minister should present* re bo re *break*, ke ne ke sa arabele ba bangwe *because there was no caucus that was held* ka kgang e. *It was my own suggestion*, ba bangwe *cannot be punished because of me, I prefer* gore *please follow the list like it is submitted*, batho ba se ka ba ikemelela fela.

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: *Okay, tswelala* Honourable Morolong, I will follow the list.

MR MOROLONG: Ke batla go digela kgang e ya *parrots* ka gore, ba ga rona ba *wildlife* fa ba begelwa dikgang di tshwana le tsa diphologolo ga ba tsiboge, ga ba na koloi. Mme ba emeletse fa ka dikoloi tse di seng kana ka sepe e kete ba a go tshwara Butterfly, ba latela dinonyane fela tse di seng *harmful*, tse di *innocent*, ba feta ba di tsaya ka bokete jo bo kalo, ka *combies*, ka eng. *Scene* ya teng fa o ka e utlwa fela *it has traumatised* ba lelwapa ka fa e ntseng ka teng.

Gompieno *as I speak to you Honourable Minister*, ga ke itse gore *are you aware* gore kwa Kgatlang go na le dikgokong tse di tsenyang dikgomo tsa batho bolwetse mme ga di tse sepe. Dikgokong tse dintsi kwa kgaolong ya rona ya Ramotlabaki fa o feta Oliphant's o ya kwa. Di tsenya dikgomo tsa batho bolwetse, dingwaga go ntse jalo, mme ga gotwe sepe ka tsone, go kampa ga batliwa dinonyane fela tse di senang le fa e le mathata le mae a tsone. Ke gore di nyelediwa fela, *and* ke *species* se e leng gore ga seyo ka bokete, ga re na sone mo lefatsheng la Botswana ka bontsi mo re ka bong re itumela gore re na le dinonyane tse di ntseng jalo. Jaanong a ko golo foo o go baakanye Tona, ke itse o le motho yo o manontlholo, o tsebe ntlha go utlwa, ke dumela ka botlalo gore o tlile go tsiboga mo dikgannyeng tse.

Kgang ya bofelo *Honourable Minister*, re na le mogau kwa kgaolong ya rona. Mogau o o montsi kwa Oliphant's Drift o tsamaela kwa Ramotlabaki, o feletsa Bakgatla dikgomo. Rra, tsaya garawe o ye go tthagola mogau wa gago, ga ke itse gore o o dira jang. Tota re se ka ra ledisiwa ke *ministry* wa gago ka sengwe le sengwe, batla batlhalefi ba ba ka dirang gore mogau o o emise go re bolaela dikgomo. Le bana ba gago ba emise go re bolaela dinonyane. Tota rona Bakgatla re mo mathateng, magodu ba tsena kwa *museum*, ga re sa tlhole re itse gore re ka reng Tona. Ke a go rata, a ko o direle Bakgatla tshiamo. Ke a leboga.

MR LEKUTLANE (KGALAGADI NORTH): *Thank you Madam Chair.* Kana golo fa re ne re supile tota gore ke gone re bonang *presentation* ya ga *Minister*, gompieno e tlaabo e le go ema fela e le gore ke tlaabo ke goboka fela ka gore dilo tse dingwe ke a di itse mme ke sa welelane sentle le ene.

Mma ke tsewelele ka gore o tloga o gana go mpha nako. Ke tlaa tsiboga *in general Madam Chair* ka gore dikgang tse dingwe tsa lephata la gago tse di amang kgaolo ya Kgalagadi ke setse ke kile ka di tshwara le ofisi ya ga *Minister*. Ke go lebogetse *presentation* eo. *Minister*, ke

go utlwile mme fela ke ne ke ratile fa ke ka bo ke badile ka tla ka tsenelela thata mo go yone.

Ke lebogetse molao o o neng o re fetisa ka one wa Community-Based Natural Resource Management (CBNRM). Ba Kgalagadi North ba o itumeletse, le bone gompieno ba na le seabe.

Sengwe se ke tlaa se fetisetsang kwa lephateng la gago ke gore ela tlhoko gore golo fale fa Kgalagadi North, re santse re na le dilo dingwe tse o tshwanetseng gore o di tsibogele. Re bona o kare go boutsana thata ka kwa bo letsheng lele la ga Cooper, ga go na bajanala ba ba gorogang koo. Re solofetse gore golo gongwe o tlaa re rekisetsa *pan* eo ya ga Cooper.

Kana golo fale kwa Kgalagadi North go na le diofisi tse pedi tse ditona tsa Kang Wildlife le Hukuntsi Wildlife. Se se utlwisang botlhoko ke gore diofisi tseo di foo mme mathata a tsone ke *lack of resources* tsa bodiredi jaaka dikoloi. Go utlwisana botlhoko *Honourable Minister* gore gompieno diofisi tse pedi tse di tona tseo mo sekakeng se o se itseng le mo ditaung tse di kanakana ba bo ba *man those two offices* ka Land Cruiser fela ya bogologolo. Re a tle re re golo mo ke molora wa molora wa Land Cruiser o *man* diofisi tse pedi tse di foo. *It makes your own officers* gore ba nne *incompetent*. Ga ke a solofela gore *your office should contribute* mo go tlhokeng go bereka ga badiri. Tota gongwe ba ka bo ba na le dikoloi tse tharo. Le fa o re o ba begela o le kwa Kang gore o jetswe ke tau, ba go bolelela gore ga ba na koloi, ba santse ba ile go adima koloi kwa Hukuntsi. Fa batho ba Ukhwi ba jetswe ke ditau kana go na le ditlou ka gore ke tsone di tloang thata gone kwa godimo kwa bo Hunhukwe...

MR HIKUAMA: *Clarification.* Ke a leboga *Madam Chair*, ke a leboga *Honourable Member*. A wa re seemo se sa gore go a begwa batho ba bo re ga ba na dikoloi le kwa Kgalagadi se teng? A se teng fela mo e leng gore go nna dikgwedi tse bo *five* go ise go ye ope gone koo mme motho a jetswe dikgomo? A le a se bona le gone kwa go lona? Nna ke ne ke re gongwe se diragala kwa Ngamiland fela. A o a supa gore se teng kwa Kgalagadi?

MR LEKUTLANE: Tanki *Honourable Member of Parliament*. Se teng, ga se mo ke ka se fitlhang. *Between* Kang le Hukuntsi *it is* 110 km mme fa o tswa mo Hukuntsi o ya Ukhwi, *it is* 200 km. Jaanong fa o tswa gone foo o ya kwa *terrain* ele, Land Cruiser e nngwefela ya bogologolo, *it is being shared by offices* tse pedi tseo. Fa re *report* dikgang tsa gore re jetswe ke dibatana, go bokete mo ofising eo gore bana ba ba kwa bale ba

Wildlife ba bo ba ka *attend* ditiro tse di ntseng jalo. Ga se selo se se siameng ka gore *we expect* gore *at least* ba fiwe Land Cruisers tse di ka ba thusang.

Ke kile ka bua maloba gore go na le Land Cruisers tse di tletseng kwa Dikgotleng tse di filweng Magosi, a *Wildlife* e di tseye e di neele *Wildlife Officers* tsa Kgalagadi. Dikgosi ba ka senkelwa Fortuners. A ba di *swap* le *Honourable* Motshegwa ka gore Dikgosi ga ba tlhoke Land Cruisers, ba tlhoka Land Rovers *because* ditsela tsele *are so bad*.

Fa o tsena kwa Kang, go na le Ofisi ya *Wildlife*.

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

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: *Honourable Members*, le tsositse modumo.

MR LEKUTLANE: Ba tsositse modumo *Madam Chairperson* ke santse ke bua, a ko o nthuse o ba nkgalemelele.

Go na le Ofisi ya *Wildlife* kwa Kang mme ga ba na *storeroom* se ba ka bayang *exhibits* mo teng *but* go solofelwa gore fa ba ya golo gongwe go na le makanyane a a bolaileng leruo, ba tsenye mo teng *but* ga go na *storeroom*. *The worst part* ke gore fa ba leng teng fale go kile ga bo go na le *guard house* mme jaanong e tserwe ke phefo. Fa o le foo, o ipotsa gore go diragala eng *totally*. Dilo tsa ga Goromente ga di *safe* fa ba leng teng.

Ke tswelile ke re sengwe se se leng teng *Honourable Minister* ke gore go na le Lephata la gago la *Anti-poaching* le le mo Kang le go supagalang gore ke lone le le tshwereng dikoloinyana tse di mmalwanyana. Bua le bana bale ka gore ke batho ba le bangwe fela ba *share* dikoloi le ba *Wildlife*. A ba *Anti-poaching*, *they share* dikoloi le ba *Wildlife so that* go nne le *efficiency*-nyana e e ka bonalang.

MADAM SPEAKER (MS MANYENENG): Order! Honourable Members. It is now 6:30 p.m. and I now call upon the Leader of the House to move a Motion of adjournment.

MOTION

ADJOURNMENT

LEADER OF THE HOUSE (MR MOHWASA): Thank you Madam Speaker. I beg to move that this House do now adjourn.

Question put and **agreed to**.

The Assembly accordingly adjourned at 6:30 p.m. until Tuesday 10th March, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.

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