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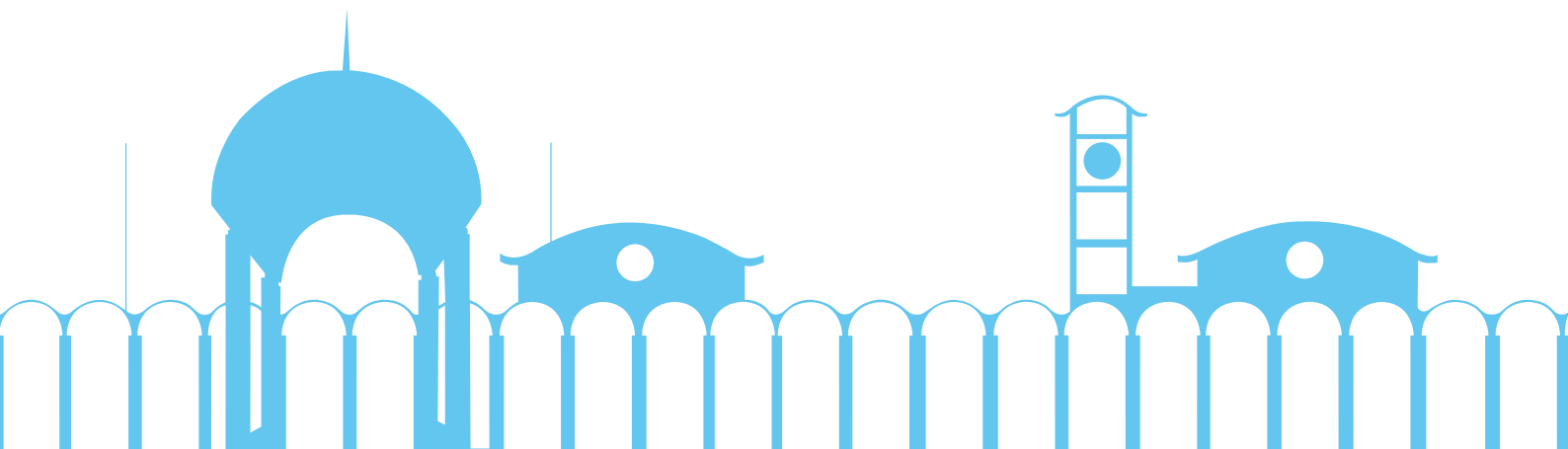
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Friday 10th April, 2026

THE ASSEMBLY met at 9:00 a.m.

(THE SPEAKER in the Chair)

PRAYERS

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MADAM SPEAKER (MS MANYENENG): *Order! Honourable Members, a re nneng fa fatshe. Honourable Members, a re simololeng tiro.*

MINISTER'S QUESTION TIME

**MINISTER OF TRADE AND
ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

THEME: CEDA FUNDING

MR G. LEKAU (MOGODITSHANE WEST): Dumelang mo Ntlong. Potso ke yone ya ntlha *Madam Speaker*. E ne e le go leka go tlhaloganya tota, ka gore go ntse go le mo leshekereng, Citizen Entrepreneurial Development Agency (CEDA) e kgonne go thusa Batswana ka selekanyo se se kae? A e a thusa kana le yone jaanong e ne e emisitse ditirelo? Le gone gore kana fa gotwe sepatšhe se makgwakgwa, gongwe se raya gore *there should be some reforms*. Ke dife kana ba itemogetse eng? Ke *loopholes* dife tse ba neng ba di bona tse ba di tswetseng, tse ba ka supegetsang Motswana gore gongwe selemo se Motswana a neng a na le sone ka CEDA, ba tlabolotse fa kae? Le gone gore *applications* tsa bone mo bogompionong, fa ba file motho *fund*, go ba tsaya lebaka le le kae gore madi ao a bo molaetsa o tsenye mo *phone*? Ke a leboga.

**ASSISTANT MINISTER OF TRADE AND
ENTREPRENEURSHIP (MR MATHOOTHE):** Good morning Madam Speaker. *Dumelang batlotlegi. Mma ke lebogele potso ya letsatsi la gompiono.*

CEDA in a Nutshell

(1.1) The Citizen Entrepreneurial Development Agency (CEDA) was established in 2001 by the Government of Botswana to promote and support citizen entrepreneurship as a driver of economic growth, diversification, and inclusive development. CEDA operates as a development finance institution,

deploying a diversified funding toolkit: direct loans, special-purpose facilities, credit guarantees, and equity participation.

(1.2) The Agency is mandated to provide affordable financing and business advisory services to citizen-owned businesses in the manufacturing, property, services, and agribusiness sectors as per the ranges below;

Loan Category	Loan Range
• Micro Scale	P300 000 - P500,000
• Small Scale	P500,00 - P1 million
• Medium Scale	P1,000,001 - P10 million
• Large Scale	P10 million - P50 million

(1.3) The Agency's pricing is market-based, with our prime lending rate set at 10.76 per cent. However, we continue to subsidize businesses in the special sectors (currently manufacturing, agribusiness, mining, energy, construction, technology and innovation, creative industry, and tourism) at a prime rate less 3 per cent. This makes it one of the lowest interest rates offered in the market. Furthermore, the Agency offers flexible security requirements for youth, women, and people with disabilities to improve the financial inclusion of these groups.

(1.4) To improve the sustainability of the funded businesses, CEDA offers free monitoring, mentoring, and training. The Agency also operates a collaborative partnership model that integrates financing with technical assistance, market access, and risk-sharing mechanisms, thereby strengthening project viability, improving repayment performance, and accelerating the growth of sustainable, competitive businesses across priority sectors. Historically, this model has been underpinned by consistent Government subventions.

**CEDA's Performance Highlights for 2025/2026
Financial Year**

(2.1) As at the end of third quarter (December 2025), the Agency invested P696 million in 1716 businesses, creating employment for 3109 people and ensuring that 1569 jobs are maintained.

CEDA's Strategic Intent

MADAM SPEAKER: *Honourable Member*, ga se gore golo mo go go telele thata?

MR MATHOOTHE: Ee mma.

MADAM SPEAKER: Go ne go se na gore o ka dira *summary*? *Summarise*, gongwe o tlaa mo neela, kana o batla go tlhaloganya...

MR LEKAU: *Procedure*. Nnyaa, ke tlaa se ke ke dumalane, ka gore kana *Friday* ke *business* ya Mapalamente *and* potso e e leng teng fa, e nngwefela. *We should give it the benefit of the doubt* ka gore fa re ka e soboka, ga se *interest* ya me fela, *all Members* ba ba fa, gongwe le bone ba na le *supplementary*, le setšhaba kwa ntle se batla go utlwa. Fa gongwe re e soboka jaana, ke ne ke tlile go mmotsa gore gatwe le dira eng ka ditsala? Go raya gore fa a e soboka, ga ke na go utlwa *part* eo.

MADAM SPEAKER: E utlwetse.

MR LEKAU: Ee mma.

MADAM SPEAKER: Ee *Minister*, le wena leka go riana.

MR MATHOOTHE: Thank you Madam Speaker. *Ke araba sone se se boditsweng ka gore* it is a question *e e tlhalosang fela* CEDA funding.

CEDA's Strategic Intent

The Agency has developed a five-year corporate strategic plan termed "Katlego ya Mogwebi," which embodies our commitment to drive inclusive, sustainable financial growth by catalyzing impactful growth within the Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (SMMs). The strategy emphasises a skilled and productive team dedicated to delivering innovative solutions.

Madam Speaker, to ensure the successful attainment of our strategic goals, the following high-impact strategic initiatives are being implemented.

Revitalization of the Manufacturing Sector

The Agency has embarked on an initiative to rehabilitate and restructure distressed manufacturing clients starting with the SPEDU region. The following initiatives have been implemented as of November 2025:

- Restructuring and rescheduling options for businesses with viable prospects but cash flow constraints, we have offered them flexible repayment arrangements.
- We have set aside a budget of P25 million to extend to the businesses that require additional funds in the SPEDU region.
- Business Turnaround Support, where our advisory team is working closely with clients to assess operations, identify bottlenecks, and develop recovery plans.

Road to Recovery

In view of the current liquidity challenges of Government, which have adverse effects on the CEDA portfolio growth and sustainability, as well as the collectability of the capital extended, the Agency came up with a strategic project coined Collection Ramp Up to address liquidity, sustainability, and Non-Performing Loans (NPL) challenges experienced by the agency this financial year. Since its inception in August 2025, the project has collected P226 million.

Resource Mobilization and Equity Participation

To reduce reliance on Government funding, the Agency has embarked on a resource mobilisation drive and equity participation in highly performing strategic projects. The Agency has also developed and implemented an ESG framework and reporting standards.

A-Di-Tsale Financial Suite

CEDA launched a cattle financial suite in November 2025 to complement Government's A-Di-Tsale Programme. The suite consists of five specialized financial products: Thuo-Khumo, Assisted Reproductive Technology Product, Fodder Production Facility, Cattle Production Fund, and Group Funding Product, *e e tsenyang dikoporase jalo* le association.

Letsema Horticulture Market Revamp and Horticulture Farming Rehabilitation

In partnership with Tokafala Diamond for Development Fund, the Agency is revamping its subsidiary, Letsema Horticultural Market.

The Youth Farm Model

This is an innovative initiative designed to empower young farmers by establishing agricultural clusters near major urban centers with an initial focus on the horticulture sector. Leveraging economies of scale and direct linkages to Letsema, the project enhances productivity, fosters youth entrepreneurship, and modernizes farming practices. It addresses key barriers faced by young farmers, such as inadequate infrastructure, long travel distances to rural farmland, security challenges, and the need for modern techniques, by offering accessible, well-equipped farming hubs and flexible, youth-driven operating models.

Poultry Financial Suite

This initiative expands access to affordable finance, boosts local production capacity, and strengthens the entire value chain. CEDA in partnership with Local Enterprise Authority (LEA) will support poultry farmers of all scales especially in rural communities as well as among youth, women, and people with disabilities by addressing constraints across the value chain.

CEDA Textile

This initiative revitalises the sector by focusing on school uniform production to reduce the import bill, build local capacity, and create jobs, particularly for women (who hold a substantial share of sector jobs), youth, and rural communities.

Mining Value Chains

The Agency, in collaboration with Morupule Coal Mine, is working to provide citizens with funding to enable them to provide transport and logistical services to the mine. The same concept is being extended to other mines across the country. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

MR LEKAU: *Thank you very much.* Ke ne ke re leke to seek tlhaloso e mo go wena gore gompiano mananeo a Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC) are to promote Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET). A ga go ise go tle kakanyo ya gore golo kwa CEDA kwa, go nne le a special dispensation when addressing bana ba TVET? E re fa ba tswa from graduation, re bo re itse gore go na le ka fa ba ka thusiwang ka madi ba sa sale morago the same or

the traditional way where everyone is funded, in order to capacitate bana bao. Re rotloetse gore batho ba kgatlhegele TVET because ba itse gore e tshwana le borutabana kana booki bogologolo, kwa o neng o itse gore o ya go hirwa. Ba itse gore fa o tsene mo TVET, o ya go nna le kgwebo ka gore o tlaabo o thusiwa ke CEDA. Ke a leboga.

MR MATHOOTHE: Mma ke lebogele potso eo ya tlaletso. Ke mogopolo o re tlaa o tsayang, bogolo jang ka gore Puso e, e tsere tsela e ntšha e e batlang go rotloetsa bana ba ba tswang kwa vocational training centres le brigades, gore re ba bone ba dira. Ke dingwe tse re tlaa di tsayang e le mogopolo. Ke maikaelelo a rona gore fa gongwe dilo tse di tshwanang le the farming implements, re bone di dirwa kwa brigades. Bana fa ba feditse, ba kgone to set madirelo a bone. Ba dira tse ke di buang tsa farming implements. Re ka dira thulaganyo e e ntseng jalo ya gore re ka ba thusa jang. Ke mogopolo o montle thata.

MR HIKUAMA: Ke a leboga Madam Speaker. Ke a leboga Tona. Tona, ke botse potso e gore go lebega e kete CEDA e ne ya tswa mo thulaganyong, kana e ne e le maikaelelo magolo a go e simolodisa. CEDA fa re gakologelwa ka bo 1998, go ne go na le taskforce I have forgotten gore e ne e bidiwa jang. There was taskforce e e neng ya tswa before the establishment of CEDA, e le gore go lemosegile gore Batswana ga ba kgone to access loans sentle mo commercial banks. CEDA was created as a soft window to bridge the gap for Batswana ba ba neng ba sa kgone to access loans from the commercial banks gore ba fitlhelele mo maikaelelong le dikakanyo tse ba neng ba na le natso go tsena mo kgwebong le go tlhabolola matshelo a bone. Go a supafala mo nakong e e neng ya tswela, CEDA e ne ya tsaya seemo sa dibanka ya simolola go batla standards and followed the trend that was avoided gore e thuse ba ba neng ba sa kgone go fitlhelela loans kwa dibankeng. Le akanya gore le ka dira jang go busetsa CEDA to fulfil the objectives tsa go simolodisiwa ga yone? There was none e e neng e dira gore go simolodisiwe yone ka gore Batswana ba bantsi ba ne ba palelwa ke go nna le dilo tse di neng di tlhokiwa ke commercial banks di tshwana le history of loans that you serviced, securities tse di kwa godimo that were demanded. Dilo tse they are still doing the same. Are you not defeating the purpose ya go simolodisiwa ga CEDA? Le batho ba ba neng ba e direletswe ga ba sa

tlhola ba e akola, e akolwa ke ba ba kgonang *to access even loans from the commercial banks*. Le busetsa jang le le Puso e ntšha e e batlang go aga itsholelo sesha? Le busetsa jang CEDA kwa maikaelelo magolo le moonoo mogolo wa tshimolodiso ya yone?

MR MATHOOTHE: *Thank you Madam Speaker.* Gongwe ke tlhalose jaana gore re le Puso e ntšha, re ne ra bona gore re tle ka *a strategic plan* e e tlaabong e lebelela dingwe tsa dikgang tse motlotlegi a di tlhalosang. Re lebile gore Motswana mongwe le mongwe o tshwanetse go nna le seabe, a se ka a kganelwa ke dilo di le dintsi. Fa o ka itemogela thata, o ya go fitlhela e le gore lenaneo le ka fa le neng le ntse ka teng, le ne le dira gore le beye bomme le banalebogole ka fa mosing. *The strategy* ke gore mongwe le mongwe a kgone *to participate* mme re leke go fokotsa tse di dirang gore kwa *commercial banks* Batswana ba se ka ba ya teng. Ke dumalana thata le wena.

Re ne ra itemogela gore e kete *most of the projects that were funded, they were underfunded*. Ke gore fa gongwe fa motho a ne a kopile bokana, go tlaabo go kgaolwa. Gone moo go le nosi go ne go dira gore rakgwebo a bo a ya go sokola thata ka gore se a neng a se batlile, ga o a se mo neela. Ke dingwe tse re neng ra di itemogela jalo. Go botoka *to fund* batho ba le bararo, gona le gore a bo o neela ba le 10 madi mme otlhe a sa lekane ka gore maikaelelo a CEDA ke gore ngwaga le ngwaga, Goromente a se ka a nna le madi a e a tsenyang mo teng. E tshwanetse gore e nne *a revolving fund* e e leng gore madi a fa a ntse a busiwa, a bo a kgona *to fund* ba bangwe. Re tshwanetse ra bona gore dikgwebo di dira sentle thata.

Ka bokhutshwane, ke yone e ke reng re tsile ka *strategy* sa go lebelela dingwe tsa dikgang tse. Tse dingwe ke tse neng ke di tlhalosa, tse re neng ra lebelela batho ba ba neng ba filwe *loans* mme ra simolola ra sekaseka ka *team* ya bomaitseanape gore kgwebo e e ka tswa e bolailwe ke se, a re leke *to extend* dinako tsa bone tsa go duela gore kgwebo e tle e tsoge e tsewelele e thuse Batswana, e buse madi go neelwe ba bangwe. *Thank you.*

MR FRENZEL: Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ke makgabe a dipapetla ke na le mosepele wa go ya Kasane fa ke tswa fa. Potso ya me ke e *Honourable Minister*; kana CEDA ke lekalana le le botlhokwa thata mo matshelong a rona re le Batswana go leka go re

tsholetsa. Ke na le bothata jwa gore o ya go fitlhela e le gore gongwe *it is funding* dikgwebo tse di tshwanang. Ke tlaa fa sekai kwa metseng e tshwanang le kwa bo Letlhakane, Atamelang. O ya go fitlhela e neetse batho madi ba dira *multi residences (multi res)* ba le bantsintsi mo motseng. Fa re bua jaana ka lebaka la kwelotlase ya go tlhoka go rekisa diteemane, bontsi jwa matlo ao a felela a ija, batho a bo ba palelwa ke go duela CEDA.

Sa bobedi ke dipolase, batho *will be funded* gore ba ye go teratela kwa dipolaseng, ba bo ba palelwa ke go busa madi ao, CEDA a bo e felela e tsaya dipolase tseo. Ke batla go itse gore le dira go le kae go bona gore gongwe le *fund* dikgwebo tse di farologaneng gore ba le ba adimileng madi ba kgone go a busa? Ke a leboga.

MR MATHOOTHE: Mma ke go leboge motlotlegi. O tsamaye le Modimo, o go babalele ka wa re o makgabe a dipapetla. Go ntse jalo, dikgang tse o di tlhalosang ke dingwe tse re di itemogetseng. Ke gone mo e rileng fa Goromente a tla ka thulaganyo ya 'A Di Tsale,' le rona re le CEDA re bo re bona gore re ka thusa ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Bogolo jang fa o lebile kwa magaeng, kana 'A Di Tsale' e tsentse gore dikoporase kana ba masimo *that are clustered*, fa re na le masimo a le kana a re neng re batla go lema *a common plant that can be processed*, re bo re ka itse gore fa re ikgobokantse re le foo, re ka tsenya kopo kwa CEDA *as a group*. Re ne re leka go kabakanya dikgwebo tse di ka thusang, re se ka ra nna mo dikgwebong di le dingwefela kana e bile re se ka ra baya ba ba leng kwa magaeng ka fa mosing. Ke gone o bonang re tsile ka dithulaganyo tsa gore re thuse mo dithulaganyong tsa bo *embryo transplant*, ba ba batlang go dira *reproduction* gore kwa masimo fa ba na le *farms* tse di ntseng jalo, ba a kgona gore ba tle ba kope ba tsene mo tsadisong ya dikgomo ka maranyane a segompiano. Re ne re lemogile jalo gore o fitlhela e kete re sianela kwa dikgwebong di le dingwefela, a bo di ya *to compete for market*, ba bo ba palelwa ke go busa madi a go nna jalo. Ke dingwe tse re mo go tsone, re batla go di baakanya ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. *Thank you, Madam Speaker.*

MR MOALOSI: Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ke simolole fela ka gore mo dibekeng tse di fetileng *Honourable Minister*, go ne ga nna le mokwalo o o neng o tabogile mo *social media* gotwe babereki ba CEDA *are protesting*, ba ngongoregela gore ga e tsamaisiwe

sentle ke bogogi jo bo teng gompiono. E bile ba neela *examples tsa loans that were approved* go sa salwa ditselana tse di tshwanetseng. O ka bolelela Ntlo e gore o itse eng ka kgang e? *What action did you take as the ministry responsible for CEDA to try and address babereki bao, le utlwe matshwenyego a bone? A le tlogetse fela ka gore ba re ba begile kwa Directorate on Corruption and Economic Crime (DCEC), le le beng ba CEDA ga le a tsaya kgato epe?*

Potso ya bobedi e bo e nna gore a ga o bone gongwe re tsile mo nakong ya gore CEDA e tle ka *a research e e lebelelang economy* ya Botswana, e bo e lebelela *products* tse e e leng gore *we can manufacture* mo Botswana? A bo e dira *catalogue* gore fa o tsenya kopo ya *these products to manufacture* dilo tse, re ka go reetsa. Ke gore re sa emele gore Motswana e nne ene a nnang fa fatshe a bo a akanya gore ke ka dira se. Re lebile gore *for us to really save this economy, we need to have serious import substitution. Projects* tse re di dirisang ka bokete mo Botswana re di reka kwa ntle, re tshwanetse go di dira kwano gore re se ka ra nna re *export* madi. Fa ke go neela *example; polish* gongwe ya ditlhako ka gore *almost everybody polishes* ditlhako, e bile ba bangwe *polish* le ditlhogo. Golo moo go ka dira gore gongwe *polish* eo re e dire kwano. E bile ka gore re a tle re re *by-products* tsa Botswana Meat Commission (BMC) di ka dira *polish*.

Ya bofelo; a ga le bone gore gongwe le le CEDA, gore le se ka la nna le go tlhoka madi, le nne le *project* e e leng gore gongwe le ka *approach* dibanka le bo le re le le CEDA, *for any project that we fund, we guarantee 80 per cent of that loan*. Go tlaabo go raya gore dibanka di adimisa madi a tsone mme ba itse gore mme go na le *guarantee* ya CEDA fa motho a sa duele. *But because it is not 100 per cent guarantee, banks will do due diligence in projects that they fund by making sure that they are bankable so that they do not lose that 20 per cent* fa motho a sa duele. Ke dumela gore go ka le ntsha mo *stress* sa go nna le madi le bo le nna le gore kana dibanka *they are very thorough most of the time*. So, le tlaabo le sena dikgang tse tsa gore le *fund* mapolotiki kana eng, e tlaabo e le banka, e le *business* e e sa o laolweng ke lona. E tlaabo e lebelela *projects* e bo e bona gore e ka *fund* Motlotlegi Moalosi, gongwe le bo le *negotiate* gore *interest* ya banka e nne kwa tlase *for that product*. Ke dumela gore ke kgang e mmotsi wa potso a

e itseng. Re ne re e tlhalosediswa fa re ile kwa America gore *this is what they are doing*, ba *fund* jalo. So, go raya gore Goromente ga a tlamege gore a nne le madi. Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*.

MR MATHOOTHE: Letsatsi leno o tlhoafetse tota. Ya bofelo e o neng o bua ka yone ya *to approach* dibanka, ke tsaya gore ke mogopolo o e leng gore re a o tsaya. Kgang ya gore fa gongwe re le *financial institutions* tsa ga Goromente, *we need to identify* dingwe tsa *projects*, ke gore re seka ra emela pele gore batho ba bo ba tla ba re ba batla go dira se, le rona re kgone go tswela *into the space to say we see opportunities* fa le fa, ke dumalana le wena. *For instance*, o ne o bua ka ya *polish*, gongwe ke go fe sekai ka ya *collection of cans*, go na le batho ba ba tsamayang ba *collect cans*, di tlaabo di tsewa di isiwa kwa ntle ga lefatshe. *If we group these people* re bo re ba dira koporase re bo re ba thusa ka gore a re nne le *processing plant* ya *cans* tse gore di se ka tsa tswela kwa ntle ga lefatshe. Di tswela kwa ntle ga lefatshe, Kgalagadi Breweries Limited (KBL) e tlaabo e di reka di tswa kwa ntle. Ke dingwe tse e leng gore ke tsaya gore ke yone e o neng o gakolola thata mo go yone. Ke dingwe tse re di lebileng jalo mme di dintinyana. Eo re dumalana le yone. Mo *strategy* sa rona se re se dirang, ke dingwe tse e leng gore re di lebeletse jalo gore le rona re tle ka *projects* tsa go nna jalo. Tse dingwe e ne e le megopolo, re e tsere *sir*. *Thank you Madam Speaker*.

MR MOALOSI: *Procedure Madam Speaker*, ga a a araba potso ya ntlha.

MR MATHOOTHE: Kana dikgang tse dingwe fa di nna teng, ga o a tshwanela go potlaka thata ka gore fa o ka di potlakela, fa gongwe di felela di go kgama. *You have to give them time* o bo o di lebelela o iketlile, o se mo lepotlapotleng. Kgang eo e santse e le koo re e lebeletse, o se ka wa šhwegašhwega, o tlaa itse maduo a yone. *Thank you*.

BRIG. MOKGWATHI: *Supplementary*. Tanki Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Dipotso di pedi fela, la ntlha ke leboge Tona gore a bo a arabile potso e ka botswapelo. Ke tsaya gore mongwe le mongwe o tlhalogantse.

Motho o ka botsa gore re ipaakantse go le kae fa re ntse re ntsha *loans* tse tsa CEDA re lebeletse gore seemo sa loapi se makgwakgwa? A re dirile gore re kgone go nna

le *strategy* sa gore *in the likely event of the escalating climate change*, re bo re ka kgona? A fa re ntse re dira tsone dikadimo tse, a re itse gore a batho ba tlaa kgona gore ba duele ka dinako tse di siameng re lebeletse gore a gongwe ga ba na go nna le dipoelo?

Sa bobedi, fa re ntse re lebeletse malatsi a a fetileng, tlhwatlhwa ya leokwane e godile, go raya gore golo mo go tliša mathata mo baleming kwa dikgaolong, bogolo jang kwa kgaolong e ke tswang kwa go yone. Ke ne ke re a ga le bone go le botoka e bile go tlhamaletse gore gongwe re dire *engineering power in the traditional way of farming*, re nne le dimmoulo le dipitse, re leme ka dipitse? Go lebega kwa bo Brazil ba dira jalo *because* ba bone gore gongwe *the engineering power that they had, had a problem*. So, le rona *in the future* re ka nna ra nna le mathata a go nna jalo, re ipaakantse go le kae Tona? Ke re ke botse dipotso tse pedi tse mongwame. Ke a leboga.

MR MATHOOTHE: Ke a leboga thata ka dipotso tse, tse di thusang thata gore e re re boela kwa diofising, re bo re kgona gore re ye go baakanya.

Gongwe jaaka o bua, *some of these facilities* fa re di dira, ga re ikganelele kwa fela re le *Ministry of Trade* re na le ba CEDA, re laletsa maphata a mangwe ka gore go botlhokwa thata gore re se ka ra bereka *in silos* ka gore dingwe tsa *facilities* tse di tswang, *they cut across*. Gongwe ke fe sekai jaaka re ne re dira A Di Tsale, re a bo re na le *all experts* tse di leng teng, Botswana University of Agriculture and Natural Resources (BUAN) le ba bangwe ba ba amegang, re bo re ka kgona go dira *a facility* e e leng gore e itebagantse le dingwe ditlamorago tse di ka nngang teng. Ga re sa tlhole re di dira re le nosi foo. Ba ba amegang ba tshwanetse ba tsena mo teng re bo re ya go tla ka *product* e e tiileng e e leng gore e tlaa *address* mathata a a tsa loapi jalo.

O ne o bua ka kgang ya leokwane. O ne o bua gore re fete re boela fa moragonyana kwa go neng go dirisiwa dimmoulo, go boammaaruri. Fa o ka ya ka kwa *policy* ele ya *Agriculture that was presented* fa maloba, ke gone go itebaganya le dikgang tse di neng di diragala maloba fale tse di ka re thusang. Jaaka o bua, go na le bangwe banana ba e leng gore ba batla go dira, bogolo jang mo *the dairy sector*. Ba batla go dira ditanka tse e leng gore di ka kgona go gogwa ke dimmoulo mme di dirisa *solar to refrigerate* ditanka tse di ntseng jalo.

Fa ba tshetse mašhi mo tankeng, e tsidifatswa jalo go dirisiwa marang a letsatsi e bo e tsewa ke dimmoulo e ya kwa *the collection centre*. Ke *innovations* tse di leng teng. Ke dingwe tse re di lebelelang jalo.

Go na le mongwe wa dimmoulo yo o tumileng thata kwa motseng ole wa Ramotswa kwa go tswang Rre Lord Jesus teng.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Laughter!)

MR MATHOOTHE: Ke bangwe ba e leng gore ba tshwanetse gore ba atumediwe gore mathata a fa a le teng, re tle re kgone gore re itebaganye le one.

Nngwe ya tse di leng teng, fa o ka lebelela kwa *small farmers* kana kwa masimong, re tsetse kgang e ya *e-mobility* kwa godimo gore re simolole re *manufacture* dikuta tse gantsinyana di bonwang thata kwa China tse di nang le *buck*. Di dirisa motlakase. O kgona gore fa o na le *solar* kwa morakeng, o bo o itse gore sekotsekaranyana se sa sekuta se se dirisang motlakase, se kgona gore se bereke *in your farm*.

Maloba re ne re biditse pitso ya Chobe Connect kwa re tswang go bona bangwe ba e leng gore *they want to partner* le Botswana *to manufacture* dikuta tse, tse e leng gore di ka thusa *farmers*. Ke tsone tse di yang *to replace* dikotsekara. Tonki ba ka e beela fale ra e *export to China*. *Thank you, Madam Speaker*.

MR MOROLONG: *Supplementary. Thank you, Madam Speaker.* Ke utlwa ditlhaloso tse *Minister* a di buang ka botswerere. Ke mo utlwa sentle gore ba tla ba kopana le *stakeholders* mo go lekeng go loga *strategy* se ba tlaa tlang ba se re baya pele. Ke ne ke re gongwe ke mo lebise ntlha nngwe gape ke e e botlhokwa, *Minister*; ke tlaa fa sekai ka molao wa *incinerators*, melao ya rona gompieno ga o kgone *to accommodate* gore go ka nna le *a mobile incinerator*. Ke a itse gore ke kgang e e amang *environment*. Melao ya rona e dirilwe *in such a way that* fa o batla *to incinerate* selo o ya kwa lefelong le e leng gore le foo. Go na le lefelo le le tshwaetsweng gore ke gone *where incineration is done* teng, le le *fixed* le le gone foo. *Minister*; e re fa le lebeleba dikgang tse kwa CEDA, go nne *flexible* le bue le ba *Environment* gore re amogele. Mo mafatsheng a mangwe go na le *mobile incinerators*, tse dingwe ke tsa *pets*, fa ke re *pets* ke raya dikatse jaaka gompieno re tshabelelwa ke dikatse tse di thulwang ke dikoloi, dintša jalo, dilo tse di tshesanyane

tseo. Fa o na le *a mobile incinerator*, o e goga fela jaaka *trolley*, o bo o kgona go dira tiro eo. Melao ya rona e tshwanetse *to accommodate* diemo tse di ntseng jalo. Ke a leboga *and we need those things*.

MR LUCAS: Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*, morago ga lebakanyana.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Malatsi a o a ngongorega.

MADAM SPEAKER: *Honourable* Lucas, o pompelwa ke yo gotweng Mabuse, ke mmone a go pompela. A se ka a re losa monna yo wa Mokgatla.

MR LUCAS: Nnyaa, o bua nnete, ke pompetswe ke ene.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ... (Laughter!)

MR LUCAS: Ke molotlhanyi. Ka Sebirwa go bidiwa gotwe *dhothe*. Ya ntlha potso ke e rraetsho, e kile ya re fela fa Puso e ntšha e sena go tsena, ga bo go nna le ba ba neng ba ipelaetsa, ba bo ba dira mogwanto o motona. Ke gakologelwa gore Mopalamente Segokgo ke mongwe wa ba ke ba boneng ba le koo mo *television*, mme go ipelaetsa thata gore o kare ditsamaiso tsa CEDA di fapogile fela mo di tshwanetseng tsa elwa tlhoko, tsa tsenngwa leithlo mo go tseneletseng. Ka ba ka le bona lona ba *Ministry* wa *Trade* le solofetsa gore mme e tlaare fa ba sena go fetsa mogwanto wa bone, le tlaa dira tse di tshwanetseng gore le tlhotlhomise dikgang tse ba neng ba tla ka tsone. Kana ba ne ba na le dikgang tse dintsi. Le tsamaya fa kae ka kgang eo, gore gongwe re tle re itse gore le dirile eng go tswa fa ba sena go ngongorega ka tsela e e ntseng jalo? Re se ka ra tloga ra bona batho ba ngongorega fela mme kwa morago go sa salwe morago e le gore jaanong e nna o kare go itirelwa *fashion* fela.

Kana itsholelo gompieno e mo mathateng, rotlhe re a itse, mme fa itsholelo e nna mo mathateng, go raya gore dikgwebo le tsone di nna mo mathateng. Go raya gore tse dingwe dikgwebo ga di kgone go duela CEDA sentle jaaka ba ne ba ka e duela fa nne gongwe itsholelo e siame. Ke akantse batho ba tshwana le ba *hospitality industry*, ba ba lebegang ba le mo mathateng. A le na le dithulaganyo dipe tse di faphegileng tsa go leka go thusa batho bao, ba e leng gore ba *struggle* go duela *loans* tsa bone tsa CEDA? Ke bua jaana ka gore ke tsaya gore

CEDA tota maikaelelo a yone kwa bofelong ke gore e thuse batho gore ba kgone go ema ka dinao, ba nne le *contribution* mo itsholelong. Tota e bile ke akantse gore a le na le sepe se le ka tswang le na le sone se e leng gore *for now* se ka itsa gore batho ba gapelwe, ba se ka ba tsenngwa *in the matter between* fa re santse re lebile seemo sa itsholelo fa se leng teng gompieno? Ke potso ya bobedi.

Ya boraro ke e e amang *informal sector*. Mo nakong e e fetileng ele, go kile ga bo go na le dithuso tse di amang bommadimausu le borradimausu. Dikgwebo tse di kwa tlase tse di sokolang. Fa gongwe ba ne ba kgona gore ba neelwe matsana a mannyennyane. Thulaganyo eo e tswelsetse go le kae, mme mo ngwageng o o fetileng le ntse le le mo Pusong, a le setse le kgonne go thusa batho, mme le kgonne go thusa ba le kae, kana ke raya ba *informal sector*, ba kwa *station, bus rank*, fela jalo?

National Fund of Funds, tota e ke go botsa fela gore kana *Minister* wa *Finance* ka metlha o re bolelela gore go tlaabo go na le *some National Fund of Funds*, a mme CEDA le setse le na le dithulaganyo dipe tse di ikaelelang go lomaganya *National Fund of Funds* le ka fa le tsamaisang ka teng gore re tle re bone tsela e ntšha gongwe ya go thusa batho go bona dikadimo fela jalo?

Ya bofelo ke yone A Di Tsale, a mme le setse le e anamisitse mo go lekaneng, fa gongwe fa ke tsena kwa Bobirwa batho ba mpotsa gore kana ke tse ga di tsale sentle. Jaanong e tsamaya fa kae CEDA ya A Di Tsale, a le setse le e anamisitse kwa dikgaolong tsotlhe fela tse e leng gore di inakantse le temo le leruo? Ke a leboga rraetsho.

MR MATHOOTHE: *Thank you Madam Speaker.* Mma ke rurifatse gore go ne ga nna jalo, gore fa re sena go nna re tsena mo *ministry*, ga tla bangwe ba tla ba ipelaetsa, mme ra tsaya *petition* ya bone. Ya re re le mo tseleng ya gore re tlhome lekgotla la rona le le ka bong le dira ditlhotlhomiso tseo, ga bo go tla kgang ya *Forensic Audit*, ra bo re bona gore jaanong e nne selo se le sengwefela. *Ministry* wa rona le one e re fa ba ntse ba tlhodumela, ba ye go kgabola kwa go rona. Jaanong re na le tsholofelo ya gore le yone e tsene mo teng. E tlaare fa madoo a tla, a tlaa tla a supa gore go tsamaile jang, ga re a ka ra nna moriti o tsididi. Re santse re letetse gore fa e goroga, e bo e ka tla e re amile jalo ka dikgang tse ba neng ba ipelaetsa ka tsone.

O ne o bua ka *the industry* ya gore bontsi jwa batho o fitlhela e le gore ba nnile le mathata mo dikgwebong tsa bone, jaanong gongwe ba tlhokana le thuso ya gore re ka dira thulaganyo le bone, mme ke tlhalositse jalo mo karabong ya me gore re simolotse kwa SPEDU Region, gone kwa kgaolong ya gago motlotlegi. Go ne ga nna le ba le bantsi ba ba neng ba kwala gore ba kopa gore ba thusiwe, ke gone mo ke tlhalositseng gore re simolotse koo *to restructure payments* tsa bone gore re di baya ka tsela e e leng gore jaanong re a di atolosa gore ba tle ba heme phefo, ka gore *projects* tse re a bona gore ke tse di ka nnang le maduo. E bile di ka thusa Batswana, ka gore Batswana ba tlaa hirwa kwa go tsone, jaanong fa re ka gagamatsa fela, fa gongwe re ka latlhegelwa gotlhe gona le gore re ka bo re kgonne go sela sengwe mo teng. Ke yone thulaganyo e re mo go yone, re setse re simolotse re ba thusa ka fa ba ntseng ba tla ba ikopela ka teng. Ke tlhalositse jalo mo karabong ya me gore re *restructure repayments* tsa bone, e le thuso e tona thata e e tswang mo Pusong ya gompiano.

O ne o bua ka A Di Tsale gore re e anamisitse go le kae. Re e anamisitse mo makalaneng otlhe a e leng gore ke one a a anamisang dikgang mo *radios, televisions*, mme e bile fa re ntse re lalediwa ke *the farmers* fa ba na le ditshutiso tsa bone, re tsaya tshono eo ya gore re dire jalo, re nne re e anamise jaaka gongwe maabane jaana ke ne ke le kwa Tlokeng, Farmers Association ba phuthegile. Ke dikgang tse e leng gore gongwe le gongwe fa re bonang phatlha teng re a di tlhalosa, mme ga go ise go lekane, re santse re tlaa tsamaya thata mo kgaolong, mme gone re a itse gore gape kana go nnile le kopo ya gore mo malatsing a kana mo dikgweding tse, mesepele e fokotsege thata gore re tle re babalele Batswana mo manokonokong a ba leng mo go one, mo nakong ya *prices* tsa go oketsega ga leokwane. Re tlaa dirisa metswedi e mengwe e e leng gore *it is not costly to the Government*, gore molaetsa o tsene kwa Batswaneng.

E o neng o e botsa e, tota ke e e santseng e le kwa *Ministry of Finance*, mme fa go na le sengwe se re tlaa lomaganang le bone, re tlaabo re ntse re le malala-a-laotswe gore fa e ntse jalo re ka tla ra dira jang gore re lomagane le bone, e bile ke e tseye e le mogopolo wa gore re lebelele ntlha yone eo fa go ntse go buiwa ka *programme*.

The informal sector; re *develop a policy* e e lebaganeng le *the informal sector*. Re buisana le bone botlhe ba ba okametseng *the informal sector*. Fa re sena go nna re e wetsa, e tlaa tla kwano, ka gore re ne re sa batle ope a salela kwa morago mo go yone. Go botlhokwa thata gore banaleseabe ba bo ba na le tse ba di ntshang, e bo e nna tsone tse re di tsenyang, re bo re tla ka kwano ka tsone gore jaanong go ya kwa pele re tsamaya ka tsela e e ntseng jang, re ba *fund* ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Mo nakong ya gompiano ga go na se ke ka se buang thata ke re go na le ka fa re ba thusang ka teng ka gore re emetse gore *this policy* e tle e wele sentle, re bo re itse gore jaanong re na le lenaneo le le papametseng gore batho ba re ba thusa jang mo diemong tse ba berekelang mo go tsone.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification Honourable Minister.

MADAM SPEAKER: E le tshwere nako *Honourable Members*, le a e bona gakere. A a arabe ene yo o neng a re go arabiwe, o ya kae, nna fa fatshe. O a e bona nako *Honourable Lekau* gore e fetile.

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

MADAM SPEAKER: *Honourable Members*, e tshaile ya dipotso. Re ne re tshwanetse go tsena mo *Motion* wa ga *Honourable Mapulanga*, mme *as you all know*, re na le *bereavement* kwa Kasane, *as the Member of Parliament for the area* o tsamaetse ka kwa lesong. *The issue is* re tlaa tsaya *this Motion to next Friday, because* ga go na jaaka re ka o tsewedisa mong wa one a seyo.

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

MADAM SPEAKER: Ee, tota o ne a ise a dire sepe se se kalo. *We are moving to the next Motion.*

COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL STUDY
ON THE INCLUSION OF BLOOD
GROUP TYPE DATA WITHIN ROUTINE
MEDICAL RECORDS

Motion

MR MOALOSI: *On a point of procedure.* Ke a leboga Madam Speaker. Fa ke bala Motion wa ga Honourable Mosanana, ke bona o kare o lebagane le ba Ministry of Health, mme ga ke ba bone fa. Ga ke itse gore a go na le yo o ba reeletsang?

MADAM SPEAKER: Letela go utlwa gore gatweng.

MR MOSANANA (KANYE EAST): Ke a go leboga Madam Speaker, ke le leboge Mapalamente lotlhe mo Ntlong e...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure Madam Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Members, tota ke eng le itlhaganelela gore a go na le mang yo o laetsweng, mathata ke eng?

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure Madam Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: Batho ba Modimo! wena o thothe.

MR HIKUAMA: *On a point of procedure.* Ke a go utlwa Madam Speaker, mme kana tlhaloso e e neng e kopiwa ke Honourable Moalosi e maleba. Jaaka re le Mapalamente re tshwanetse gore e re fa Honourable Mosanana a ntsha pego ya gagwe, re bo re utlwa gore yo o mo emetseng ke mang. A o teng kana ga a yo, *that assurance is very importance.*

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

MR HIKUAMA: No, it is very important for us, we should know, *ke tsamaiso ka fa e ntseng ka teng.*

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

MR HIKUAMA: It is important and it is a tradition.

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

MR HIKUAMA: O a re tlhodia Motlotlegi Ramogapi, ke sone se gotweng o apare sentle.

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Members, ke tsaya gore fa go ne go na le bothata, Honourable Mosanana o ka bo a sale a boleletswe.

MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS (MR MOTSHEGWA): Procedure. Ga ke itse gore a e tlaabo e le procedure kana jang, *I wanted to clarify* gore I will be standing here for ba Health, ka gore re bereka mmogo. Mopalamente o ka thuthuntsha fela.

MADAM SPEAKER: Proceed Honourable Mosanana.

MR MOSANANA: Ke a go leboga Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, Motion o ke na le letshwenyego ka fa ke bonang go diragala ka teng, bogolo jang mo ditseleng tsa rona mabapi le dikotsi. Re nna le dikotsi tse dintsi bogolo jang mo malatsing a re tswang mo go one a a bo Easter le a mangwe jalojalo. Letswenyego la me ke gore, fa go nna le kotsi, re fitlhela go sena *blood group data*, e e leng gore pele fa motho a ka thusiwa *and be attended to*, ke dilo tse di tlhokafalang gore ba bongaka ba bo ba na le tsone *at hand* gore ba kgone go thusa motho yoo. Jaanong Madam Speaker, kgang ya me ke gore, a go patikiwe, go nne *compulsory* gore mongwe le mongwe a nne le *data*. Ke a itse gore le bo Honourable Hikuama ga ba itse gore *blood group* ya bone ke mang jaaka fa ba le fa jaana. Fa e le gore o ka tswa o itse, ga se mongwe le mongwe yo o itseng, ba bantsi gone fa ga ba itse. Madam Speaker, kakanyo ke gore fa motho a ya go šhafatsa Omang, *Driver's Licence* le *Passport*, *data* e e tsenngwe mo teng. *So that* e nna e le *handy, easily accessible* gore fa sengwe se ka diragala, *God forbid*, e bo ba ba tlhokang *information* ba bo ba ka e bona bogautshwane Madam Speaker.

Fa ke fetela kwa pele ke re, *information* e gape kana re nna le baeng mono ba tlile ka mebereko kana ba etile, mme kana *accident* e diragalela mongwe le mongwe. Batho ba, ba re ba fang *documentation* e e ba letlang go nna le go bereka mono, e tsenngwe mo *documents* tsa bone le bone, *because accident* ga se gore e ka diragalela Motswana fela, e ka diragalela mongwe le mongwe. Kopo ke gore e tsene le mo *Work and Residence Permits*.

Fa ke fetela kwa pele Madam Speaker ke e tlaleletsa ke re, re na le mathata mono mo Botswana. Mathata a borre ke gore ba nna le bana, mme o fitlhela go sa dumalanwe golo gongwe, go sa dumalanwe fa go reng ngwana ga se

wa me. Golo moo ke kgwetlho e tona *Madam Speaker*, e re lebaganeng le yone. Jaanong kakanyo ya me ke gore, fa ngwana a tsholwa kwa sepatela, go bo go dirwa Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA). Se se tlaa dira gore go nne motlhofo, ka gore ke a itse gore ba bangwe motho o tlaabo a tewa gotwe ngwana ke wa gagwe, go bo go tsaya lebaka a ise a kgone go ya go rurifatsa, ka gore o tshwanetse go tsaya ngwana yo a ya go mo dira DNA test. Jaanong go bo go tsaya lebaka ka gore gongwe mmangwana o tlaabo a gana ka ene, gongwe a sena madi a a yang go dira DNA test...

MR HIKUAMA: *Clarification.* Ke a go utlwa *Honourable Mosanana*, jaanong *why are you mixing Motions* tse ka ke bona di le pedi? Ya gore go nne *compulsory* gore motho fa a tsholwa a bo a dirwa DNA, le gore go nne le *data* tsa madi, a ga o bone e le *Motions* tse pedi tse o le kang *to mix* golo go le *one*?

MR MOSANANA: Ga ke dumele gore *I am mixing them*, ka gore *data* re ntse re bua ka madi le fa e ka tswa e le gore ke a batho ba batona le bana. Kana bana le bone ba a amega mo dikotsing, ga se gore ke bua ka bagolo fela, ga se bagolo ba amegang mo dikotsing *Honourable Hikuama*. Ke tswelela ke re, golo mo go dira mathata, gore motho a bo a patelediwa gore ngwana ke wa gagwe, kwa morago a bo a fitlhela e se wa gagwe, ke gone mo go felelang go nna le dikgokgontsho, ka gore motho o tlaabo a re, ga ke bolo go nna ke tlhokomela ngwana kante ga se wa me. Go bo go nna le dikgokgontsho tsa bong go tswa gone foo. Ka jalo, *I feel* gore go a tshwanela gore ngwana fela fa a tsholwa, go dirwe DNA, gore go tle go se ka ga nna le dikgotlhakgotlhano. E bile gone mo o fitlhela go nna le bothata fa motho a setse a batla gore a ka tloa gongwe ka ngwana. Kwa morago *the person has already bonded* le ngwana, *only to find* kwa morago gore ntenkwane ngwana yo ga se wa gagwe. O bo o akanya gore, go bothoko go le kana ka eng mo ngwaneng le mo go ene yo gotweng ke rangwana...

MR DIGWA: *Clarification.* Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Tota ga ke tlhaloganye sentle dikgang tsa ga *honourable*, gore a jaanong e ya DNA ya ngwana tota ga ke bone fa e amanang thata le *blood groups*. Gape e re senyetsa ngwao, rona le bo Hikuama fa o ile morakeng o bo o fitlhela mosadi wa gago a imile, ga o tlhotlhomise gore ngwana ke wa ga mang. Ga go molato go tsholela motho yo mongwe ngwana, ke ngwao fela e

e siameng. Fa o fitlhela motlogolo wa gago a tsene teng, a go tsholetse ngwana, ga re seemo seo o se amogele fela, ke ngwana yo o tsogang o mo roma. Jaanong ditlhotlhomiso tsa gore ngwana ke wa ga mang di tsena fa kae? Di re senyetsa ngwao.

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

MADAM SPEAKER: Nnyaa, *Honourable Members*, mma ke riana, fa ke reeditse *Honourable Mosanana*, o bua ka go phutha *data* ya *blood groups* gakere. Jaanong go phutha *data* ya *blood group*, ke akanya gore o raya gore, fa go ka nna le dikgang tse *blood groups*, di bo di ntse di le *available* gore *Honourable Mosanana* fa a itsheka gore ke a belaela gore ngwana yo ga se wa me, madi a ga mmangwana le a gagwe *already* a mo *blood bank*, go ka tlhatlhoiwa. Ke gore fela gongwe jaanong ga a e baya sentle. Mme go lomagana ga yone go ne go batla a e tlhalosa, o tlhoka gore madi a a bo a nna a le *ready for other things*. Ke gore e se ka ya nna o kare ke a *transfusion* fela, ka fa ke mo tlhaloganyang ka teng. Jaanong e baakanye sentle, o e tlhalose *Honourable Mosanana*, gape o se ka wa ganelela mo DNA, DNA! jaanong o tswa mo go ya...

MR MOSANANA: Ke a go leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ke a go leboga Chief Whip. Chief Whip, mme kana ke re, kana dingwao tsa rona ga di tshwane re le batho jaana. Ba bangwe ga ba na go e tsaya jaaka o ka e tsaya wena le *Honourable Hikuama*. Mo dikgaolong tse di ka kwano ga se selo se se letlelesegang, jaanong a re tsewe fela mo go eo ya gago, o tlaa e leka kwa bo Chobe gore motho a ye go tsholela yo mongwe ngwana...

MR MONAGENG: *Elucidation.* O e tshwere sentle Mopalamente, e bile o e tlhatswitse ka fa tshwanelong, ya ga *Honourable Digwa* ka kwa. Batho ba ne ba tlile go felela ba akanya gore re le Mapalamente re dumela, e bile re rotloetsa gore batho ba tsholele ba bangwe bana. O e tlhatswitse thata, ga go na ngwao ya Setswana e e rialong, go ne go ntse jalo nako ya batho ba santse ba ya makgongwe bo *nine months*. O bo o tlhaloganya gore, mme *for nine months* mosadi o dirile phoso, *but* ga e ka ke ya re o ntse o na le ene fela o ile fa morakeng o bo o dumela gore a sale a go tsholela ngwana. Ke raya gore eo o e tlhalositse fela sentle, e bile rona Bakeresete ga re dumele mo go tse di ntseng jalo. Tanki.

MR MOSANANA: Ke a go leboga Mokwena go o bo o dumalana le nna ka kgang e. Ke tswela ke re, *Madam Speaker*, kana re ka tswa re sa tshwane ka dingwao, mme fela gone re batho, re a itse gore tiro eo ga e letlelesege e e neng e buiwa ke Chief Whip. Kana selo se ke buang ka sone le mafatshe a mangwe a se dira, jaaka ditsala tsa rona ba India, Albania, Serbia, ke dilo tse di diragalang, e tlaabo e se tlholontšha. E bile le mafatshe a mangwe a a ka kwano a rona ba tlile go kopa dilo tse mo go rona fa re setse re simolotse.

Ka a le kalo *Madam Speaker*, ke tlaa nna ke utlwa dikakgelo, ke tlaa tsaya mo go tsone gore re ka baakanya fa kae. Ke a dumela gore Mapalamente ba tlile go dumalana le nna ka kgang e. Le ba ba sa nkeng ba dumalana le nna jaaka *Honourable* Hikuama jaana, mme o tlaa...

MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION (MR MAELE): Clarification. *Madam Speaker*, this is a very important Motion, but *ke ne ke batla go gakolola motlotlegi gore ka kgang ya DNA jaanong* you are distorting the Motion, *o a o senya*, because the aim *a re ke* preparedness for medical intervention across the country. Particularly to improve emergency response system, but when you put in *bo DNA*, now you are distorting the Motion, you are making it redundant. I know I worked on this Motion with you at some stage, but now *ke utlwa e le gore jaanong o dule mo tseleng. Ke batla gore kgang e ya DNA* sir, just retract it because you have got a good Motion. *Fa o tsenya bo DNA mo teng*, now you are distorting it, *ga se one* completely, because the aim! *o tlhalositse aim mo Motion wa gago*. The aim is not for that, it is for emergency medical services, improvement *ya teng. Ke kopa gore o e baakanye* before you leave the floor sir, because *Rre Hikuama* advised you, which I thought you would take, but *ga o a e tsaya, mme ke bona o sa e tshwara sentle motlotlegi. Ke kopa gore o e baakanye* before *o tswa foo re tle re go thuse*, because some of us believe in this Motion. *Ke a leboga* *Madam Speaker*.

MR MOSANANA: Ke a go utlwa *Minister*, kana jaanong ka fa ke utlwang ba bangwe le e baya ka teng, le bona e le gore ga go botlhokwa gore ka fa batho ba nnang ba lela ka teng, ba ngongorega ka teng *now and then* gore ga go a siama...

MR LESEDI: *Procedure Madam Speaker.* Nnyaa, mma ke go dumedise *Madam Speaker*. Ke supe gore tota jaanong motlotlegi ke dumela gore o tlaabo a tswa mo tsamaisong. Kana kopo e ne e le gore e isiwe kwa go ene go lebilwe gore jaanong ka fa a tlaabong a tsenya DNA ka teng, jaanong *it distorts Motion* ka fa o neng o ntse ka teng. Jaanong go mo goreng a bone gore a o a amogela kana ga a amogele, e seng gore jaanong a bo a dumela gore batho ba bona jalo. O tshwanetse a supe gore ene ka boene o tlaabo a o bona jang jaanong fa paakanyo eo e ntse jaaka fa go tlhalosiwa ka gore tota *Motion* ga o a kwalwa jaaka fa a o bua. Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*.

MR MOSANANA: *Madam Speaker*, ke a tlhologanya, ke a utlwa, mme kana *Motion* fa o le teng jaana, ga o ka ke wa tlhoka go o oketsa, o o tlaleletsa. Le fa gone go...

MADAM SPEAKER: *Honourable* Mosanana, ke kopa gore o bue ka *Motion* o o kwadilweng o. Ga go na se o ka se ntshang *because of the way the Motion is crafted*. Jaanong wena boela morago gore nnyaa, e ya DNA e a tswa, a re lebagane le se ke se kwadileng fa. Ka gore jaanong *you distorted the Motion* e le wena mong wa one fa o bua foo. Dikakanyo tse o neng o di beile, jaanong o a di tlhakatlhakanya. Tlhalosa fela gore *Motion* ke one o bagaetsho, ke ntsha e ya DNA mo teng.

MR MOSANANA: Ke a go utlwa *Madam Speaker*, ka gore ya DNA yone ga e mo teng go bua boammaaruri. Ke kgwetlho le yone mo bathong.

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

MADAM SPEAKER: *Honourable* Mosanana, boela kwa setilong sa gago, reetsa jaanong. Re kopa gore o wetse gore *Motion* wa gago ke one o, ga go na bo DNA mo teng, gore le nna ke tle ke kgone *to motivate, debate* e tle e simolole. Fa o ntse o re o a utlwa, "mme kana ke a utlwa," ga o re thuse. A ko o ntshe mafoko a bo DNA mo *Motion* wa gago gore *Motion* o tle o tswela fela *and be debated*.

MR HIKUAMA: *Procedure Madam Speaker.* Ke a go utlwa *Madam Speaker*. Ke a go tlhologanya, gape ke tlhologanya *Rre Mosanana*. Kana gongwe re mo gatelela thata. *In terms of the formality of the Motion*, ga a o fetola, *it was part of the deliberation and his debate* e e tsentseng matlhasedi a mangwe jaaka a ka tsena mo *debates* tsotlhe tse re ka nnang le tsone. Se le

ka se dirang fela ke gore, ene jaaka re tlhalosa jaana, a tlhalose, mme *the essence of the Motion* o santse e le jaaka o kwadilwe. Ke sone se ke reng *there is nothing with spicing deliberation* ya gagwe ka fa ene a e bonang ka teng. *I think he was debating*, o weditse, rona re ka emelela ra tlhamalatsa ka *debates* tsa rona ka fa *Motion* o ntseng ka teng. Ga ke bone se a ka se boelang morago. *It was part of his debate.*

MR PHOLOGOLO: Further procedure. Thank you, Madam Speaker. For clarity, it should go on record *gore* none of what *Rre* Mosanana was doing was out of order. It is his way of debating, and in the essence of the whole Motion *jaaka o tla*, he is also saying let us look into these other aspects *tse gongwe re di tlhokang* as a nation to consider. Therefore, *gore re bo re tsaya* as if he did anything wrong, *re tlaabo re sa itirele sentle*. *Ke rona ba re ka ganalang le se a se akantseng* in making sure *gore re boela kwa* the original Motion *jaaka a ne a o beile*. *Ke re a e tlhalosiwe* jalo. He is not out of order. He has not done anything wrong, and we should respect it. Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER: *Honourable Members*, kana fela jaaka ke ne ke bua ka fa a neng a leka go supa ka teng ka *collection of blood data*, go siame. Ke re a se ka a gatelela DNA *words into this because* e kgona go bolaya se, re bo re remelela mo go DNA. Ke ne ke leka go supa gore a re sekang ra nwelela mo lefokong la DNA ka *gore talking about data ya blood*, e kgona go thusa, *but* a re remelele mo. *Anybody* yo e ka reng a *debate* a bo a e latlhela, ga gore sepe, *but* ene o ne a sa re o *amend Motion*, o ne a leka *to motivate*.

Honourable Mosanana, wetsa *so that I put the question and open debates*. Re senya nako bagaetsho. Le a itse gore Labotlhano ga re na nako.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Further procedure Madam Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: Nnyaa, *I have ruled* mo golong mo.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Kana o mo kobile mo *floor*, ga ke itse gore o mo kobetse eng fa.

MADAM SPEAKER: *Floor* efe? Golo fale o ka bua a ntse a le teng.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Fa a neng a le teng. Golo fale o ne a siame fale. *You are demoralizing him.*

MADAM SPEAKER: *Honourable* Mosanana, tswelala.

MR MOSANANA: Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. *Reluctantly, I withdraw* e ya DNA. Go raya gore ke tlaa akanya gore a ke ka tsenya yone e ke neng ke e bua kwa morago ya DNA ka gore go na le bothata jo botona. Ga go na ope yo o sa itseng gore golo moo ke kgwetlho mo go rona borre ka kakaretso. Le bana ba rona ba mo go one mathata one a. Ke re ka a le kalo *Madam Speaker*, *I do submit and move accordingly*. *I thank you.*

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Members, the floor is open.

ACTING MINISTER OF HEALTH (MR MOTSHEGWA): Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Nte ke leboge mosutisi wa puisanyo ya gompiano.

Ke supe gore go tswa kwa go ba botsogo, kgang ke gore go a amogelesega, kana re lemoga maitenko a a tlang ka tshutiso a gore batho ba nne le kitso ya gore ke ba *blood type* efe, le gore go nne le tsibogo yone ya gore go tle go ba thuse mo mabakeng a a tshwanang a *emergency*. Ka mabaka a gore tota maikaelelo a Puso ke gore e neele Batswana botsogo jo bo molemo; *quality health system*. Gore re goroge kwa botsogong jo bo molemo, re leke, e bile re dire tse tsotlhe tse di ka re gorosang gone foo. Dingwe tsa tsone ke go kgobokanya tse di ka thusang gore go tlisiwe ditirelo sentle kana botlhokwa jwa *data* tse e leng gore di ka kgobokanngwa ka tsela e e ntseng jalo.

Gape re supe gore e re ntswa mo bogompioneng seo se dirwa mo go ikopeleng ga motho kana *as per individual request*, mme jaaka Motlotlegi Mopalamente a supa fa, e tshwanetse e nne *a matter of policy, ministry* kana Puso e *is amenable to engaging with relevant stakeholders* gore sone seo, se tle se diragadiwe.

Jaaka ke tlhalosa ke ya kwa bokhutlong, re tshwanetse ra lemoga gape gore go na le mo re reng ke *capacity and cost implications*. Fa e le gore seo se ka tswa, se ka dirwa ka bophara. Gompiano go ntse go dirwa fela ka kgang ya boikopelo, mme seo ra re, se ka amogelesega. E le ntlha nngwe ya go tlaleletsa, kwa mafatsheng a mangwe jaaka re itse, ba na le maseka kana *bracelets*

tse di amanang le dikgang tsa botsogo. Di akaretsa tse o sa utlwaneng le tsone, *allergies* kana dikgang tsa gore o wa madi a bokao bofe kana a ntlha efe. E a bo e le boikgethelo jwa motho mme re utlwa gore gompiano Tshutiso e e buisanwang, ke gore seo e nne se se tlamang gore go dirwe mo mongwe le mongweng.

Ke supe gore se Mopalamente a se sutisang, *we view it as timely and commendable initiative*. Go akaretsa *blood group* mo re ka reng *medical records*, go na le tshiamelo e tona ya go tokafatsa dikgang tsa go lere botsogo le ditlamelo kwa bathong ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. Ke gore *emergency preparedness* le go tsibogela dikgang tseo le *response across the country*. Mo makgethong a re ka reng ke a pitlagano, go ka thusa fa go na le *access, accurate blood type information*, go babalela matshelo ka go fokotsa tiego e e ka hemang gore batho ba neelwe dithuso tsa botsogo ka bofefo.

Go feta *beyond emergency care*, Tshutiso e ka thusa gape mo go tliseng se re ka reng ke *development of reliable and comprehensive national data base blood types*. *Data base* eo, e ka nna botlhokwa thata go nosetsa mo e leng tiro le maikaelelo a ba *National Blood Transfusion Services*, bogolo jang fa go tla kwa go netefatseng gore phatlalatso dithuso tsa madi kwa bathong di nna teng kwa go ba ba a tlhokang.

Jaaka ke setse ke tlhalositse fa re ya kwa bokhutlong, sone se, re tshwanetse ra se lebelela gore go tlaa tlhoka mo gotweng *careful scoping to determine* dikgang tsa *resources, infrastructure and systems required*. E re ntswa mogopolo o le botlhokwa, bomolemo ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, go tle go nne le tiragatso ya maikaelelo, re lemoge gape gore go tlaa tlhokana le tseo gore go nne ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. Tshkatshoko ya gore tiro eo, *in terms of integration into existing health information system*, go ka dirwa ka tsela e e ntseng jang *to ensure efficiency and sustainability*.

Ke batla go soboka ka gore, le fa Mogopolo-kakanyetso o Mopalamente a tlang ka one gore re o buisane o le botlhokwa, re o lemoga, e bile re o atla, re o atolosa ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. Katlego ya kgang eo, e tlaa laolwa ke tse ke setseng ke di tlhalositse go akaretsa ditsompelo, *thoughtful design and integration with existing systems*.

Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke somarele nako ke eme jalo. Marakana a puo ya me e ne e le go

lemoga botlhokwa jwa Tshutiso. Sa bobedi, le go supa gore e ka thusa go atolosa go tliša ditirelo mo bathong ka bofefo jang. Sa boraro, go tlaabo go sa lekana fela gore re re, mogopolo ke o fela re bo re o atla, re itse gore dikgwetlho tse dingwe e tlaa nna ditsompelo le tse ke di tlhalositseng. Kwa bofelong, Puso e batla go dira metlhale yotlhe e e tlhabologileng ya segompiano le e e bofefo gore go somarelwe matshelo a batho. Kgangkgolo ke go somarela matshelo a batho. Ke a leboga.

MR HIKUAMA (MAUN WEST): Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ke a leboga mosutisi wa *Motion* o. Lantlha, ke eme, ke supe gore *Motion* o o tlang ka one, jaaka o o kwadile, e bile mabaka a one o a beile Ntlo e pele, ga go na motho fela yo o akanyang sentle yo o tshwanetseng a nne le bothata le one. O tshwanetse o amogelwe jaaka o ntse. Mabaka a mangwe a tlaa lejwa morago mme one re o amogetse. Re tshwanetse re o amogele. Ke kopa gore ba re emang bontsi jwa rona, re amogele *Motion* o, ka gore o botlhokwa. O botlhokwa mo lefatsheng le gore re nne le sebolokelo le dikitso tsa madi a re nang le one go tokafatsa seemo sa botsogo jaaka o setse o buile. Go a tlhokafala.

Ke utlwile Tona a supa le ene gore ga a na bothata le one. A tla ka mabaka a gore ditsompelo le mabaka a mangwe a a ka dirang gore go diragadiwa ga one, go nne bokete. A re dumele gore go ntse jalo mo botshelong. Go na le mabaka a a ka nnang teng. Sengwe le sengwe fela se o sa batleng gore se diragale, o tlaa eteletsa mabaka a a ka itsang gore selo seo se diragale. Fa o eletsa gore selo se o batlang se dirwa se diragale, o tlhamalatsa ka mabaka a a dirang gore selo seo se kgonagale. Re se ka ra baya mo go reng mabaka a ka itsa golo mo, gore go diragadiwe. A re nneng le *a positive attitude towards the implementation of this Motion*. Re bo re baakanyetsa tsela ya gore re goroge kwa *Motion* o gore o atlege kana re kgone go o diragatsa.

Ka mantswa a a ntseng jalo *Honourable Minister*, a re lebelele, re simolole gompiano gore se se tlhokafalang gore re felele re fitlheetse se *Motion* o o se kopang, re ka simolola go se baakanya gompiano. Ra betla motlhala ra goroga teng. Ke sone se ke neng ke re, ke kope *Minister* le makalana a a amegang. Ga se ene fela, gongwe ba botsogo, ga se bone fela le makalana a mangwe a a amegang mo go betleng melao le go baakanya melao

e e leng teng ya lefatshe. Re ka simolola ra tlhodumela *sections* le ditsamaiso tsotlhe gore golo mo, go tle go atlege. Ke dumalana gore go ka kgonagala, e bile go botlhokwa gore go diragale.

Honourable Mosanana o ne a bua ka go sa itse *groups*. Ke na le madi a *group* ya *zero plus*. Ke *group* e e botlhokwa thata. Ke utlwa yo mongwe a re, “Ramogapi ga a na *blood group type*.” Ga ke itse gore a o ne a mo sotla kana o a itse. *Blood group type* ya me ke *zero plus*. *It is 80 per cent universal donor*. E ka abiwa mo bathong ba bantsi. Fa re sa itse dilo tse, go nna bokete gore o ye go tsaya madi kwa, o sa itse gore jaaka Ramogapi a goroga, o tlaa thusiwa ka madi. Fa re na le *stock* se, re itse fela gore mma re tlhamalale kwa go a ga semangmang a a leng fale, a bo re mo thusa ka bonako. Ke *Motion* o botlhokwa fela thata batho betsho.

Motho a ka se ke a tlogele puo e tsamaya, jaaka e ne e bewa fa, e ka tloga ya itaya batho tsebe. Fa re ka ntsha kakanyo ya lefufa mo teng, ra akanya ka go itatola bana, ga go na fa di amanang teng. *Motion* o, ga go na fa o amanang teng le bana ba gago ba o ba itatolang le ba o ba amogelang. Ga o koo! A re tswe koo, re se ka ya kwa o seyong teng, o tloga o duba.

Le wena mosutisi, ke batla go mo gakolola jaaka *Speaker of the National Assembly* a ne a leka go mo gakolola, gore kakanyo eo, a e tswe mo go wena. E tloga e kgotlela *Motion* le go utlwa batho kutlwisiso e sele, e e seng ya *Motion* o re o buang gompieno. Batho ba tloga ba iteega tsebe, ba bo ba sia le DNA mme e se konokono ya *Motion*. E ne e le kgakololo e e siameng le fa le e ne e le selo se se go tshwenyang. Ke ne ke bona gore le fa o eme fa, o a tshwenngwa tota. Mo maikutlong a gago, ke selo se se go tshwenyang thata. Ga o a tshwanela go tshwenngwa ke gore ngwana o dirilwe ke mang, leng, go le labokae. Ga go a tshwanela go go tshwenya golo moo.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Elucidation.

MR HIKUAMA: I yield.

MADAM SPEAKER: Elucidation Honourable Digwa.

MR DIGWA: *Point of elucidation*. Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. O e tshwere sentle mokaulengwe, e tsamaya le madi a me e bile a elela sentle. Ke ne ke re o bona jang seemo sa gore bogologolo le gompieno? Mma ke go bolelele; ntate o ne a ntheile a re fa o goroga maitseboa o nyetse...

MADAM SPEAKER: Ema pele *Honourable* Digwa. Le a utlwa gore le tswa mo *Motion* le ya kwa DNA, ke yone e ke sa e batleng.

MR DIGWA: Ga ke bue ka DNA.

MADAM SPEAKER: Ke yone eo.

MR DIGWA: Ke santse ke bua ka ntate.

MADAM SPEAKER: Wena *Honourable* Hikuama, o a bo o ne o tla sentle jaanong o tsenya yone e e ntshang... ka gore Sam D o rata yone, jaanong ke e o e mo neelang. Fa a riana jaanong o tswa mo *Motion*. O bue ka *Motion*, o se ka wa ba wa bua ka ya DNA.

MR DIGWA: Ke bua ka *blood group*.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Laughter!)

MR DIGWA: Molao o ke neng ke o fiwa o ke neng ke bua fa gongwe ke re go na le ngwao, o ne o batla tshwaragano mo lelwapeng gore batho ba tshwaragane. O ne a re fa o tsena mo lelwapeng maitseboa, ga o a tshwanela go tlhamalela kwa ntlong ya gago. E bile fa go kgonagala o robale gongwe ka gore fa o ka tsena gone kwa, o ka nna wa fitlhela ngwana wa ga mmaago mo ntlong ya gago. Go bo go raya gore le thubile *society*, le tshwaragano ele ga e sa tlhole e le teng...

MADAM SPEAKER: *Honourable* Digwa, a re lebe Standing Order 57.1.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Laughter!)

MR HIKUAMA: Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ke ne ke re ke wele jalo ka gore a re itebaganye le *Motion* o o neng o akantswe sentle, o betlwilwe sentle o lebeletse bothata jo re nang le jone fa re tla mo go tsa botsogo le go tsibogela diemo tsa potlako fa re ka nna le selo se se ntseng jaana, re ka tlamela batho ba rona ka bonako. E ya lefufa le go ngongoregela bana a e tswe mo tlhaloganyong ya gago le mo *debate* e re tswelele sentle ka *Motion* o. *Aspect* eo ga ke batle e bile e nna gaufi le maikutlo a gago *Honourable* Mosanana, a e nne kgakala. Ga re bue ka bana gore ba tshotswe jang. Kana bana *in different spheres* ba na le mo gotweng *social context*; *it is not necessarily biological*. Jaanong dilo tse re nne re di farologanya gore re se ka ra duba dipuo tsa rona le ditsamaiso tse di siameng. Ka mantsewe a a kalo, ke ema nokeng Tshutiso e o tlang ka yone mme ga ke eme nokeng ya lefufa.

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Ramogapi.

MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR RAMOGAPI): Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Mma ke eme nokeng Motlotlegi Mosanana ka mogopolo o montle o a o re beileng pele o, o o buang ka gore re dire ditshekatsheko tse di tseletseng tsa *blood group* mo setšhabeng sa rona sa lefatshe la Botswana. Mogopolo o bagaetsho o botlhokwa thata, o kwadilwe ka botswerere ka gore mabaka a matona a a ka lekang go re thusa ke gore go na le dikgang tsa *emergency* tse e leng gore fa o na le kotsi, dikgang tse dingwe go simolola jaaka mo lefatsheng la rona la Botswana go diragala ke gore e tlaabo e re fa o le mo Dibete, go bo go simolola gotwe go tsewa madi. Go bo go simololwa gotwe o tle o emele maduo a teng gore a tle a tsewe kamoso. Wena o tlaabo o le fa kae? Fa gongwe go sa tsewe kamoso, go bo gotwe *machine* le one o senyegile, o tshwanelwa ke gore o tlamelwe ka bofelo o fiwe *blood group* ya gago. E bile gape se se botlhokwa gone fa ke gore le *blood groups* tse dingwe; ke ntse ke utlwa tsala ya me Hikuama a ntšhaela a re ya gagwe ke 0+. Ga go na bo 0+, ga a itse gore *blood group* ke eng. *Blood group* ya me ke O+, jaanong ya gago ya zero ga e yo gotlhelele. Ke gore le fa a re o a bua tsala ya me, o ipuela e sele. Gongwe o ne a re wa re 0+, go raya gore o tsamaelana le nna ka o a nthata.

Se se botlhokwa ke gore *groups* tse tsa bo 0, go supagala gore madi a teng ga a bonale motlhofo, mme e bile bontsi jwa batho ba teng e nna bo *President*, Kgosi le Mapalamente. Ke ka fa baitseanape ba buang ka teng. Jaanong o kgona gore fa go dirwa *research*, o bo o baakanya ngwana yo sentle o itse gore o tlaa felela a ile kae.

Kgang e nngwe fa re tswa mo go ya *emergency*, go na le e nngwe gape ya *security*. Mo mafatsheng a a tllhabologileng thata o kgona go bona gore motho o utswile, a bo a tlogela *dot* ya madi e sala mo galaseng kana mo koloing. Fa ba tla ba tsayatsaya gone foo ka bonako, ba bo ba bona gore motho yo o neng a le fa ke wa *blood group number* mang. Go ka thusa le mo dikgannyeng tsa *security*.

Rraetsho, ke bona batho ba go nyatsa fela fa o re o bua ka DNA mme e le *line* ya *debate* ya gago. Kana se ke se tllhologanyang jaaka *Speaker* a ne a bua, *blood groups* tse e kare kwa pheletsong fa go ntse go tseletswe, di bo

di thusa gape le mo dikgannyeng tsa di DNA. E le thuso e e ka nngang teng, mme mogopolo one ga o a lebagana le moo. Ke bona o tlhamaletse e le gore *debate* ya gago e tsepame mo go se o neng o se buang, kwa ntleng ga go bua tse dingwe tse dintsi. Mme...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR RAMOGAPI: Mma ke go e neele.

MADAM SPEAKER: Clarification Honourable Moalosi.

MR MOALOSI: *Point of clarification.* Ke a leboga *Honourable* Ramogapi. Ke la ntlha mo botshelong jwa gago o mpha *clarification*, o nna o ntima fela. Ke leboga thata. Ke ne ke re kgang ya *blood group* le DNA, kana *you need to understand the science behind it. Blood group* le DNA ke dilo tse pedi tse di sa tshwaneng, le se ka la nna o kare le a di tshwaraganya mme di sa tshwane. Ke gore fa o dira DNA, *it is a separate procedure, and it is costly.* Fa e le gore mongwe le mongwe o tlaa direlwa DNA mo lefatsheng, ke madi fela a a seng kana ka sepe ka gore *on average*, gompiano DNA *costs* P3, 000 *to make.* Jaanong fa e le gore o tlaa re ngwana mongwe le mongwe fa a tsholwa a dirwe DNA, go raya gore e ya go nna *project* e e leng gore *it will be stillborn like* ya maP300 a batsetsi.

MR RAMOGAPI: Nnyaa, mme ga o tllhologanye, ke ne ke re *in future*, dikgang tse e kare fa re bone golo mo go mosola jaana, ra tswalela ra tsenya legato le lengwe jaaka a ne a bua. E e fa pele ga rona gompiano jaaka *Speaker* a ne a bua, ke ne ke re ke ya *blood group*.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarity honourable.

MR RAMOGAPI: Ee rra.

MADAM SPEAKER: Clarification Honourable Phologolo.

MR PHOLOGOLO: *Point of clarification.* Gakere o raya mo diemong tse di tshwanang le tse mokaulengwe; go na le gore motho e re a sena go nna a didimala, go bo go sala go lwelwa ditsagagwe. Fa di lwelwa, go bo go nna le ba ba tswang ba supa gore ke bana ba moswi. O raya gore gongwe re tseye *advantage from this*, re bo re netefatsa gore le madi a re a a boloka gore fa go tllhokafala mo nakong e e tlang, re bo re ka kgona go dira *tests* tse dingwe tse di thusang ba ba tlaabong ka

nako eo ba tlhokana le thuso. *Like* ene mojaboswa yo o tlaabong a ka bo timiwa, ke gore DNA *test* ga e a dirwa motsadi wa gagwe a ne a le teng. Fa a ipelaetsa, go bo go ka nna le *to tap into that sample* gore go dirwe *test* ya go nna jalo. A wa rialo mongwame?

MR RAMOGAPI: O e tshwere ka botswerere, kana wena e bile o botlhale thata o dirile *law*. Batho ba Kanye ba bolaile, ke gore fa e le wena le Mosanana, waitse gore ba ipetšheditse tota.

Bagaetsho, mo godimo ga foo jaaka ke ne ke santse ke bua ka kgang ya *urgent response* gape, kgang e nngwe kana ke gore ka bofefofefo, Puso kana ba bongaka ba kgone go go thusa. E seng go thusa fela, jaaka ke ne ke bua gore *blood group* e nngwe go thata gore e bonale. Mme fa go ntse go itsege fela gore wena o fa kae, kana o ka leletswa fela gatwe, “kana motho wa ga lona o tlhoka madi fela thata, semangmang feta o mo thusa.” Gona le gore a bo re tlhola re bona jaaka go dirwa mo Facebook go kwalwa gotwe, “batho ba Modimo re mo mathateng, re kopa *blood group* O kana AB,” dikgang tsone tseo. Golo mo go ka re thusa ka bofefo motlotlegi, go bo go raya gore o *donate* ka bofefo.

Dikgang tse tsa *blood groups* di tsamaelana gape le dikgang tsa *allergies*. Di kgona go bolaya motho ka bofefo. Mme fa e le gore go a itsege gore wena *blood group* ya gago e na le *allergies* tse le tse, fa o tsena gotwe “a o ja se,” fa gongwe ga o itse, a bo o tla o re “ga ke je manoko, fa ke a a ja ga a ntseye sentle,” go ka thusa mo dikganyeng tse.

Kgang e e botlhokwa ya bofelo e ke tlaa e buang ke ya *planning*. *When we plan for* lefatshe re itse gore batho ba ba kana ba mo *group* efe, baitseanape ba ba tseneletseng kwa teng ba ba ithutileng bongaka, ba setse ba itse gore *blood group* e, e kgona go tshabelelwa ke *high blood* kana se, go kgona go nna le *planning* gore mo lefatsheng la rona re na le batho ba ba ntseng jaana, ba ba lebegang jaana le ba ba lebegang jaana. Go setse go itsege gore *blood group* e nngwe ya batho ba Basarwa gantsi ga ba nne le mathata a bolwetse jo gotweng o se ka wa ja nama. Bone ba ka ja nama jaaka ba batla fela, a e mahura kana e ntse jang. Ke dikgang tse e leng gore *even in planning*, tota kgang e o tlang ka yone rra e ka thusa fela thata, ke go opela legofi.

Ka mafoko a le kalo *Madam Speaker*, ke ema nokeng mogopolo o o beilweng ke Motlotlegi Mosanana.

MR PHOLOGOLO (KANYE WEST): *Thank you Madam Speaker.* O ntimile maabane.

MADAM SPEAKER: A ko o tswe mo mainaneng o tsene mo *debate*.

MR PHOLOGOLO: Ga se mainane, ke tlhwaafetse. *This Motion is very much in order. Perhaps in the future, we should actually have a Motion like this expanded whereby it will include not only the blood type. We have people who die in this country because ba bolawa ke selo se e leng gore fa nne a dirile a routine test... For example, people die from hypertension mme it is something that can be tested and be determined on the spot. Somebody can be advised on what to eat or what to do or even what medication to take. O fitlhela e le gore re paledisiwa ke gore re le batho, re na le ditshwanelo tse gantsi di paledisang le ba botsogo go re akanyetsa and to suggest dilo dingwe to us, especially malwetse a e leng gore a na le stigma. A paledisa gore batho bao ba kgone go thusega. As much as we are dealing with blood group, mo nakong e e tlang re bo re tsenya le sepe fela se e leng gore re bona se tshwenya batho mo lefatsheng la rona gore re kgone to identify the challenges they may be facing from their blood samples and make a determination of ensuring gore we preserve matshelo a bone, ba tshela go ya kwa pele.*

Back to this one ya the current Motion as it stands, ke tsaya gore Honourable Minister Ramogapi has done it justice. As much as bagarona ba ne ba re ba health ba kae, some of these things fa o di lebelela broadly, it cut across different ministries or different Government departments. O ya go fitlhela e le gore from this, you have that person who may need the blood group type ya motho, they may not be the ones testing an individual but they may need to respond timeously by having access to the record. It goes on to say, a this record e nne teng mo documents tse re di tshwarang letsatsi le letsatsi. It is not purely just a Ministry of Health issue to battle with. In so doing, go ya go thusa ba le bantsi gore re kgone go atolosa dikakanyo.

DR GOBOTSWANG: *Clarification.* Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ke go busetsa fa moragonyana go sekae fa o neng o bua gore mo gongwe go ka nna botlhokwa gore re itse gore motho o ka tswa gongwe a bolawa ke bolwetse mme a sa itse, e ka tswa e le bolwetse jwa sukiri kana *high blood*. A ga se gore eo

ke yone re le Botswana Congress Party (BCP) re ne ra e tsisa mo Palamenteng ra dumalana, ya gore Batswana ba tlhatlhabiwe morago ga dingwaga tse pedi dingwe le dingwe? A ga se gore eo ke ya *annual health checks*? Ke a leboga.

MR LEKAU: *Clarification. Thank you very much. Ke ne ke re gongwe a ko o e tlhatswe, fa o re documents tse re di tshwarang every day, ke batla gore o e atumetse. Fa o ka lebelela bo Omang, go na le bo date of birth, gongwe mo space seo ga tsennngwa le yone blood group. Go batliwe fa di ka sukunyetswang teng mo go Omang kana licence. Ke a leboga.*

MR PHOLOGOLO: *Very true. Starting with yours, we travel a lot, fa gongwe go tlaabo go itsiwe gotwe ke rre semangmang mme a tlhoka thuso e e leng gore leina la gagwe is not important at the time. You definitely need to have history accessible, especially the basic one like your blood group type, O Positive like comrade Ramogapi was saying. It needs to appear on your driver's licence, your passport le Omang wa gago. Every document e e leng gore o a e tshwara e tshwanelwa ke gore fa gotwe o Galenawabo Lekau, e bo e felelela le gore e go supe le your blood type because we need to have that information for fully identifying and be able to give service to you.*

The one mentioned by Dr Gobotswang, we are saying the same thing. Whether it was coming from UDC or BCP, it does not matter. Se se botlhokwa ke gore does this work for the people of Botswana? Where we are here, we should put aside different party colours. We should come up with Motions and ideas of ensuring gore Motswana kwa gae re mo direla se e leng gore se botlhokwa. Fa re se kgonne, re se kgonne as Parliament. As people ba e leng gore re filwe boikarabelo, I cannot then go out and say ke le UDC, I managed to bring this, no, it is Parliament of Botswana e e dumalaneng gore e dire dilo motlhofo for the benefit of this country. It does not matter where it was coming from. In fact, we do have this in our manifesto gore we need to profile batho ba rona, re ba tlhatlhobe, re nne le a digital record ya bone gore fa o tswa fa o ya kwa Gantsi, the doctors do not have to ask you of your medical history, all he does, he types into his gadget and all your history e bo e supafala fa pele ga gagwe. Like I said, it does not matter gore go dirile mang, se se botlhokwa ke gore 13th Parliament

ya lefatshe le e tlele ka melawana e e ntseng jang e e re isang kwa pele.

I suspect I may not have the full information. Ke tsaya fa nne re tsibogetse HIV/AIDS ra bo re e dira routine, re ka bo mo nakong e e fetileng re ne ra boloka batho ba le bantsi ba lefatshe la rona. Mathata ke gore le rona as a Government, we fell into stigmatizing it as if ke bolwetse bo e leng gore ga bo a tshwanela to be discussed. It was very much unheard of, even the adverts tse di neng di tswa to deter, di ne di tshosa mo e leng gore we could have not saved this country.

Lastly, once we know, I will go back to Rre Ramogapi. We need to educate people gore go itse blood group ga gago, go raya gore fa o leng teng ka nako epe fela, o ka sologela lefatshe le molemo ka gore o ka lelediwa, gatwe, "re go bona fa boketeketete, kana o fa kae re tlhokana le blood group jwa gago to save Motswana ka rona. For this to happen go sena le fa e le bothata, ke gore pele o ikitse, o itse the value you have in terms of being in a position go thusa mong ka wena, know your blood group. I can see the campaign already coming out gore know your blood group, know when to assist mong ka wena, e nna a campaign e re tlaabong re e tsaya re e isa kwa pele gore go itse blood group ga gago, go nne le gone go ka nna mosola, segolo jang gore re kgone go thusa bangwe ka rona ba ba tlhokafalang.

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

MR PHOLOGOLO: *Ke monate, thank you very much. Thank you, Madam Speaker, for giving me a chance.*

MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION (MR MAELE): *Ke a leboga Madam Speaker. Ke ne ke re ke supe gore ke eme mokaulengwe nokeng mo Motion wa gagwe. I want it to be on record gore the manner in which I have read this Motion fa re ka tla ra dumalana le gore dikgang tsa bo DNA di a go tsena mo teng, we would have distorted the Motion o o important mo go kanakana. Ke batla gore eo ke e gatelele Madam Speaker e nne on record, e se ka ya tloga ya re kamoso a bo e nna e ka re le nna ke ne ke dumalana le yone.*

Madam Speaker, when you have actually presented a Motion mo Palamenteng for adoption, the manner in which you debate o support Motion wa gago, ke ne ke utlwa mongwe kgantele a bua gore no, that is how you

debate, that also influences the adoption go sa adopt Motion. So, e ya DNA e ga ke mo go yone tota because motlotlegi o ne a re aim ya gore a bo a tliša Motion o fa, ke gore o thuse mo emergency response and enhancing medical preparedness for medical intervention. It has got nothing just like Honourable Moalosi was saying, it has got nothing to do with DNA. Mo go bua fela ka gore let us prepare for emergency response so that we can prepare for medical intervention, so ke gone fela mo a go buang, jaanong ke gone mo re tshwanetseng gore re bo re go badile mo Motion re go tšhaloganya gore tota ene a reng.

The other issue that I have e ke batlang gore gongwe motlotlegi a e ele tšhoko, ka gore Motion wa gagwe wa re, we must undertake a comprehensive national study, ke bona o kare foo go tšile go re dia. Motion o ka fa o buang ka teng a re go dirwe a comprehensive national study, ke bona o kare moo go tšile go re dia. E bile ke ne ke batla gore at some stage, I have discussed this Motion with him and I have advised him gore take out this re bo re o dira jaana, re o amend jaana so that o kope Goromente fela straightaway to include blood group type gona le gore go bo gotwe go dirwe study, because if we are going to do a study, then after the study what else? Advice ya me would be that re tle re bone gore yone ya to undertake comprehensive national study, re e ntshetse kwa ntle gore Motion o o tle o kgone to be considered o sena kgang ya study.

Now getting into the Motion, Madam Speaker lefatshe la rona le le phatlaletse, le le tona la Botswana, dikotsi di diragala from all angles and sometimes o fitlhela e le gore motho o bona thuso gongwe fa a neng a sa solofela teng, particularly a e bona ka batho ba ba tšhwanang le ba Emergency Medical Services (EMS). Fa gongwe o fitlhela e le gore ambulances tsa bone di na le ditšamelonyana tse e leng gore fa e ne e le gore ba ne ba itse gore blood group ke mang, ba ne ba ka kgona go tšenya drip motho a kgona go tla go tšhela, because ba bangwe batho mo lefatšheng la rona ba bolawa ke gore tota ba a bo ba latšhegetswe ke madi a mantsintsi a e leng gore gongwe e ne e ka re ba thusiwa ya bo e le gore ba ka kgona go goroga kwa sepateleng ba thusega sentle.

MR MOALOSI: *Clarification.* Ke a leboga Honourable Maele. Ke ne ke batla gore gongwe ke re fa ke ntse ke

research Motion o, ke ne ka bua le ba EMS, ba re ga ba tšhware madi mo ambulances, so ya gore gongwe motho o kare a le mo kotsing ba itse blood group ba kgona go mo tšenya madi, it will not happen because they do not carry blood in their ambulances. Thank you.

MR MAELE: *Thank you so much. Whatever the case could be, mme fela se se leng teng fela ke gore fa e le gore molwetse yoo yo o latšhegetswe ke madi a mantsintsi, o ka kopana le fa e leng gore gongwe madi a ka nna teng ka bofetšhwananyana a bo e le gore at the end of the day, ba kgone go itse gore blood group ya motho yo ke mang ba bo ba ka kgona go mo thusa. Kana a tšena mo sepateleng kana clinic fela, ba se ka ba tšhola ba ntse ba re kana o latšhegetswe ke madi, let us test gore blood group ke mang, o ka abelwa ke mang.*

MR HIKUAMA: *Clarification.* Ke a leboga Madam Speaker. Ke a leboga Tona. Ke bona o e bua sentle, gakere mme mo o go buang moo le fa e le gore gompiano gongwe go ka tšwa go sa diragale, ga go itse gore re bue e bile re emphasise gore go tle go kgone go diragala le gone mo dikoloing tsa mofuta one o go ya kwa pele, jaaka e le gore re batla go betla tsela ya go ya kwa pele le go tokafatsa bofefo jwa go tšamela batho ba rona.

MR MAELE: Ee, o e tšhwere sentle motho wa gaetšho, because kana kgang e tona ke gore gongwe ga ba dire jalo because in any case, ga ba na go itse gore ba tšenye madi mo go mang wa blood group efe, so fa e le gore gongwe jaaka re bua re tšabo re dirile gore jaanong go itsiwe gore blood group ke efeng, go raya gore go ka nna ga nna possible gore they can carry blood, ba ka kgona go thusa batho.

Ke ne ke re ke supe jalo gore mme gone ke dumalana le Motion o thata le gone, e seng go le go nnyennyane. E bile gape dikgang tse nneng motlotlegi a ntse a di bua tsa gore gongwe e bile go tšennngwe mo go Omang tota go supuwe gore blood group jwa me ke mang mo go Omang ka gore ke yone document e e leng gore gantsi re nna re e tšhwere, that will be very good, even though ene a re medical records, but tota le other documents tse di botšhokwa jaaka bo Omang gongwe go ka nna botšhokwa gore re bo re dira jalo.

Madam Speaker, ke kopa go leka go bona gore a re ka se ke re thuse ka amendment, mme amendment e le amendment fela e e ntšhang mafokonyana mo teng

a a reng, undertake a comprehensive national study, otherwise the rest of the Motion e tlaabo e siame sentle. Ke kwadile fa *Madam Speaker*, if you allow me, ke kopa go dira amendment, which I have shared with him sometimes before. Ga ke itse gore a o tlele to object kana e tlaabo e ntse e siame so that we can see how it looks like, because my worry is that fa re re study, then we are going to do the study and then after doing the study, so what? Ke batla gore re kope Goromente to implement this ka gone go ntsha those particular words. Ga ke itse gore a ke ka bala amendment ya me *Madam Speaker*?

MADAM SPEAKER: *Ee*, please continue.

MR MAELE: *Okay*. Ke ne ke o amend ke re, “that this Honourable House requests Government to include blood group type data within routine medical records, with the aim of emergency response system and enhancing preparedness for medical interventions across the country.” Ga ke a o dira sepe, ke ntshitse mafoko fela “to undertake comprehensive national study,” because ke bona gore fa re ka re re ya kwa comprehensive national study, re ya go dia this very important reform e Mopalamente a batlang gore re e dire. *I am saying, let us not go for the study, let us just go straight to doing or implementing what he is actually talking about.* Ke gone mo ke neng ke go kopa *Madam Speaker*, gore fa batlotlegi ba dumalana, a re dumalaneng le amendment e re tle re kgone gore golo mo go dirwe ka bonako because go botlhokwa thata, gongwe go ka kgona to influence bo Motlotlegi Motshegwa le team ya gagwe to be able to implement it as quickly as possible, because fa re ka tloga ra re go ya go dirwa study, study se tlaabo se tla gape se lebiwa, go a go dirwa leng? *Maybe in the next five, 10 years, but fa re dirile jalo re ntshitse kgang ya study gore tota a go dirwe Madam Speaker, I think this thing e ka re solegela molemo thata. I entirely support the Motion, mme fela with that amendment Madam Speaker. I move in terms of, I think ke Standing Order 44, somewhere there, 44 point something.* Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*.

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Members, there is an amendment. The question is that the amendment be agreed to.

DR GOBOTSWANG (TSWAPONG SOUTH): Ke a go leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ke tsaya gore fa mover of the Motion a ka dumalana, re dumalaneng le...

MR BARONGWANG: *Point of procedure.* Nte ke go dumedise. O tlaa nthusa fa e le gore ke dule mo tseleng, ga ke itse. *Is it possible for a Minister to move an amendment go ya ka ditsamaiso tsa Palamente?*

MADAM SPEAKER: Yes, Standing Order 47.1(A).

DR GOBOTSWANG: Tanki. Ke ne ke re ke eme nokeng paakanyo ya Motion o re ntshe fela temana...

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Moswaane, o nna fela o tshubile microphone. O kgoreletsa recording.

DR GOBOTSWANG: Tanki. Ke re re emeng nokeng paakanyo e, ga e senye sepe se se kalokalo, mme e ka dia jaaka a bua. Golo fa go botlhokwa thata gore re dumalaneng, Goromente a simolodise go ya go tsweledisa lenaneo le. Ke belaela gape golo gongwe go ya go tlhokana le mola, jaanong fa re ka tsenya le studies mo teng jaana ke tsaya gore re ka diega. Ke ema nokeng paakanyo eo *Madam Speaker*. Ke a leboga.

MADAM SPEAKER: Tlaa re utlwe Honourable Mosanana.

MR MOSANANA (KANYE EAST): Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ke a utlwa, ke a tlhologanya ka fa dikgakololo di tlang ka teng. Bogolo jang ya ga Honourable Maele, a engwa nokeng ke Rre Gobotswang gore amendment eo e nne. Ke tlhologanya mabaka a gore study se ka tsaya lebaka, gongwe go bo go felela go sa diragala tota ka fa ke neng ke eletsa ka teng. Ke a dumalana *Madam Speaker*.

MR NKAWANA (SELEBI PHIKWE EAST): Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Kwa tshimologong ke supe gore ke dumalana le amendment ya ga Honourable Maele, e ke dumelang gore le mong wa Motion o a e dumela. Ke tlatse ka gore, kana study ke golo mo go ka tsayang dingwaga, up to 5 years gongwe a setse a dule mo Palamenteng, e bo e le gone se welang. Jaanong fa re lebile matshelo a batho gompieno gore re batla go fefosa selo se, mogopolo o wa gagwe o montlente go botlhokwa thata gore...

ACTING MINISTER OF HEALTH (MR MOTSHEGWA): *Clarification.* Ke batla go dumalana le wena le ba ba buileng gore, kana study ga se gore nako yotlhe se nna se tsaya 5 years. Se kgona go tsaya 10 minutes kana letsatsi. Ke raya gore le itse gore le fa

go tla go dirwa *implementation, it must be informed*. Le fa re ka tswa re baakantse *Motion*, gone go tlaa nna le *study* gore o diragale sentle, gore go nne bofefo.

MR NKAWANA: Ke a leboga *Honourable Minister*. Ke tsaya gore o ne o nkutlwa ke re “gongwe.” Le ene 10 *minutes* yo o mmuang ga go molato, mme se re se buang ke gore re tshwanetse gore re ikgakolole gore *study most of the time* se tsaya nako e telele, e bile se batla madi le *qualified manpower to do the study*. Jaanong tumelo ya me ke gore fa re ka letlelela moo, go ka re tseela nako e telele. Go botoka re dumalana gore go dirwe ka bofefo jo bo rileng. Ke a leboga.

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(MR MOSWAANE): Ke go leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ke la ntlha ke tlaabo ke utlwa go dirwa dilo tse di kanakana tse ditonatona, gotwe ga go na *study* mo teng. Re tlaabo re tsaya kae kitso e e feletseng gore re ya go dira jang? Ke tsaya ke re golo gongwe ba le kopang gore go se ka ga nna le *study*, ke tsamaiso e nngwe e o ka se keng wa e fema fa o tsena mo selong se sesha, e bile e le sa bokete jo bo tshwanang le jo. Ke kopa gore le boele kwa morago kgang ya gore le dire Tshutiso e. Ke a utlwa gore Rre Mosanana o gateletswe ke gore gongwe le tloga le gana *Motion*. Kgang ya gore o bo o tswa ka Tshutiso e e botlhaletlhale, o bo o re ga e na go nna le *study* sa dipatlisiso gore go ya go dirwa jang, ga ke itse gore go ya go diragala jang. Ke tsaya gore gongwe go ka kopiwa gore, ka gore selo se se bofefo fa Puso e amogela, a go dirweng ka bonako go fiwe *priority*, ka gore ke go boloka matshelo a batho. *Motion* o le fa o ka tswa o le *amended*, boammaaruri ke gore ba e leng baitsaanape jaaka bo Dr Gobotswang, ga ba ka ke ba dumela fela re sothomela fela. Ba ya go batla gore re dire dipatlisiso, re bone gore re goroga jang mo botswerereng. *Thank you*.

MR MONAGENG (MOLEPOLOLE SOUTH): Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ke re kana re le Palamente re tsaya ditshwetso, re a letlelesega go tsaya ditshwetso. Jaanong ga go molato gore e re fa re bona bothokwa jwa *Motion*, a bo re re a go dirwe. Ga se gore sengwe le sengwe se re se akantseng mo Palamenteng, *will have to be subjected to a study*. For that matter, *Motion* wa re “a comprehensive study.” *Definitely such a study* se tlile go tsaya nako, se tlile go batla madi *and manpower* jaaka *Honourable Member* a ne a bua wa moagisanyi

fa. Jaanong ke re *this is purely an administrative issue*, fa re dumalane mo Palamenteng gore a go dirwe jaana *simply*, ba bodiredi ba eme ka dinao ba dire, ga ke bone fa go le molato.

Re a itse gore *study* di a dirwa fa gongwe di bo di felela fela e le dipampiri di beilwe foo, go sa tsewe kgato mo go tsone. Ke kopa gore a re tsweleng, ya *study* re e beeleng fa thoko. Ga go na ope Motswana yo a ka se keng a tlhologanye se re buang ka sone. Ga ke bone go na le Motswana ope yo o tlaa reng, ke eng le tere tshwetso eo le sa dira *study, because* re tsaya tshwetso re lebile *interests* tsa bone. Ke wetsa fela ka gore, a re tsweleng...

MR HIKUAMA: *Procedure. Procedure* e ke e kopang ke e; ga ke na bothata le *study* mo go kalokalo e bile ga ke na bothata le *amendment*. Ga ke ise ke utlwe sentle gore a mme wena *you captured it* a bo o e re balela, *so that* le fa go buiwa ka *amendment* e bo re e utlwile sentle. Ke sale ke e utlwa e ntshiwa e le mogopolo fale, mme ga ke ise ke tle ke utlwe *the Speakership pronouncing that amendment*, gore re e tlhologanye sentle. Ga se gore fa e le gore ba e fetiseditse kwa go wena, o re e balele sentle re bone gore a mme *it captures element* ya gore dipatlisiso di tlile go tlhokafala, gore go batliwa gore go baakanngwe eng le eng gore golo mo go kgone *to be implemented* sentle. E ka tswa e le *imbedded in the Motion* ka fa o leng *amended* ka teng. Ga ke ise ke utlwe sentle, fa o ka re o balela. Ke sone se ke neng ke se kopa.

MADAM SPEAKER: O ne o feditse *Honourable Monageng*?

MR MONAGENG: Tota go boloka nako, a ke re ke ne ke feditse, ka gore ga go tlhokafale, ga go na Motswana ope yo o ka re tshwayang phoso gore a bo re dirile jalo.

MADAM SPEAKER: Okay, *a re e reetseng jaaka e kopiwa* to be amended. “That this Honourable House requests Government to include blood group type data within routine medical records, with the aim of improving emergency response and enhancing preparedness for medical interventions across the country.” *Se se busitsweng fa ke* “undertake a comprehensive national study on the inclusion.” *Le e tshwere?*

MR BARONGWANG (MOGODITSHANE EAST): Re e tshwere fela jalo *Madam Speaker*, ke batla go

akgela mo *amendment*. Go na le Sekgoa se se reng, “*if wishes were horses, beggars would ride*.” Ke gore e reela gore, ga se gore dikeletso dingwe le dingwe tse re tlaa nnang le tsone, di tlaa felela e le *reality*. Rre Mosanana o tla ka keletso e ntlentle, mme kana *it is a wish*. Fa a tsentse lefoko “*study*” go raya gore o ne a eletsa gore, *we should establish* gore, a *our wishes can be reality*. So, *if* re ka tsenya “*study*” jaaka a bua, se tlaa re supegetsa gore a re mo seemong sa go kgonagatsa se mafatshe a mangwe a se dirang, ka ke a bona o supa gore mafatshe a mangwe e bile a a tlhabologileng a dira. Jaanong *to exclude studies* go ya go re paledisa gore re ipeye mo seemong sa gore, a mme re mo seemong sa go dira golo moo, ka gore re fa go supa keletso ya rona, mme gongwe lephata ga le na bokgoni joo. *So it is equally important* gore le fa ntswa re na le keletso e ntle e, mme gone go nne le tsela ya gore keletso e re ya kwa go yone jang, *which is through the study*. Ke santse ke dumela gore lefoko “*study*” le nne teng *with a wish* kana *resultant* ya gore, gone go tlaa felela go na le *a blood bank*. Ke tsaya gore ame a kalo. Ke a leboga.

MR MOALOSI (NKANGE): Ke a leboga. Ke re I *support Motion the way it is amended*, ke lebile gore, kana *there is already medical record, it is just to include a particular medical record* ya blood group. Ga se gore go na le sepe se se *complicated* se se tlhokang gore se dirwe. Gantsi fa o tsewa madi, kana *they tick* gore go tlhatlhabiwa eng, *so next time* fa o ya kwa sepateleng, ba belaela Tuberculosis (TB) ba bo ba go tsaya madi, *they will tick* le blood group, *then enter on the database*. So, *I do not think there is anything complicated that needs to be done. I do not think there will be any major costs that needs to be done*. Tota ke dumalana le *amendment* gore, ga go na *study* sepe se se tlhokafalang gore se dirwe, ke gore fela fa motho a tsewa madi, *they should tick so that they check blood group and then enter on the database*. *End of story. Thank you so much*.

MR AARON (NGAMI): Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Le nna ke ema fa ke gatelela, *and support amendment* e e dirilweng. Fa o tla o lebelela tiego ya gore *we can implement this*, matshelo a gompiano a a re latilhegelang ka gore *information* fela ya gore *blood group* ya motho yoo ke mang, go tla go tsewa lebaka gore go bo go ka bonwa gore o tlhokana le madi afe. Fa go ntse jaana bogolo jang fa o lebelela mo *issues* tsa dikotsi *Madam Speaker*, o ka bona gore *this thing* re e tlhoka

like yesterday. Fa e ne e le gore gongwe re bua ka *the technicalities* tse di feteletseng jaaka mongwe a ne a bua tsa bo DNA, gongwe ke gone re ne re ka re, nnyaa moo go tlhokana le eng le eng.

Ga re re go supuwe gore mmaagwe motho yo le rraagwe ke ba *group* efe, ra re a ene yo o tlhokanang le go thusiwa re itse gore ke wa *blood group* efe. Fa o lebelela bo mosola thata, ke sone re reng, *we really need this*. Ga go na mo go ka tweng *privacy* ya motho *is infringed*, ga go na sepe se re ka reng se a rialo, bogolo jang re lebile bomosola jwa *this issue*.

Ka jalo *Honourable* Barongwang, ke kopa gore o bone mosola wa gore ke eng re re mogopolo o o montlentle. Kana rona ba BCP ga re baganetsi, baganetsi ke lona, re a le gakolola fa mogopolo o le montle, e bile o siame.

MADAM SPEAKER: E go tshwere nako. *Honourable Members*, ke re le nna ke gakolole jaana, ke tsaya gore fa le bua ka dilo tsa botsogo, ba botsogo ga go na jaaka ba ka dira selo ba sa bone gore a se ka tswelela kana ga se ka ke sa tswelela. So ke re, a re se kang ra dia kgang ka go akanyetsa kwa re batlang e ya teng gore, ba ya go re. Ke eng re sa dumalana le go ntsha *study*? *If there is going to be study*, ba *health* ba tlaa supa gore, *we need to study*, because ke tsaya gore *when we talk medical records*, ga go dingalo gore go ka lebelelwa gore a go ka tsena kana nnyaa. Fa e le gore re tlhoka *study*, *we should be knowing* gore ke *study* se se ka tsayang lebaka le le kae, *but* fa re baya *Motion* ka go ya *study*, o kgona go diega *to be implemented*, batho ba ntse ba a swa. Le jaaka fa re ntse re bua jaana, *somebody* o tlhoka *blood transfusion*, *but if* o emetse gore *medical record* ya gagwe *could be amended from now*, re bo re emela *study*, *I think* le rona fa gongwe re tsaya nako. Ke ne ke kopa gore re e fetise re lebile botlhokwa jo e leng gore ga re bolo go bo eletsa. Le batho ba ba yang go bereka ka dikgang tse ba emetse go utlwa gore re ba raya re reng. *If* ke rona gape re ba raya re re *study*, mme bone gongwe fa ba tsena mo kgannyeng e ga ba tlhoke *study*. Ke re ke latlhele go le kalo. Ga ke gane gore *study* se *important*, *I know*, *but* a re se kang ra e baya gore e nne fela gore totatota...kana fa o re “*comprehensive*” jaanong o raya mathata. O simolola *from January to December* le ntse le le mo *study* fela, *because* le rile “*comprehensive*,” ba tshaba go shankodisa.

MR MOALOSI: *On a point of procedure. Madam Speaker, ke dumela gore fa o ntse mo setilong seo ga o a tshwanela to debate. You have to be neutral fa go na le debate, ga o a tshwanela go tsaya letlhakore. Ke dumela gore ke phosego. Next time o se ka wa dira jalo, ka gore mo gongwe e tlaabo e le Motion o go lowang thata o bo o tsaya side, re bo re re go raya gore rulings tsa gago are not being fair. Ke a leboga.*

MADAM SPEAKER: *Mme I was not debating Honourable Moalosi. Ke kopa go tsenya question.*

Amendment agreed to.

INCLUSION OF BLOOD GROUP TYPE DATA WITHIN ROUTINE MEDICAL RECORDS

Motion

MR NKAWANA (SELEBI PHIKWE EAST): *Ke a go leboga Madam Speaker. Kwa ntlheng fela ke supe gore, ke dumalana le Motion wa ga Honourable Mosanana. Motion o o botlhokwa thata go boloka matshelo a Batswana, a gantsi a tsenang mo diphatseng, ka go a bo go santse go sa itsiwe gore motho yo fa re mo thusa, a ke emergency, a ke eng, re mo thusa re lebile eng.*

Fa gongwe *Madam Speaker*, ga se dikotsi tsa dikoloi fela tse motho a kwa tswang a akantse gore motho o ka latlhegelwa ke madi. Madi a motho a kgona go tlhabela, a tshologa ka selekanyo se se tona mo a tlhokanang le gore a tshelwe madi. Fa gongwe e le bolwetse bo mo dirileng gore a tlhokane le gore a neelwe madi. Mme go botlhokwa gore a bo a neelwa madi a *type* e e leng gore ke ya gagwe. Se *Honourable Mosanana* a se kopang ke gore, go nne le *database* e gape e leng gore le wena motho ka bongwe ka bongwe e bo karata ya gago ya banka ke e fa e le sekai, karata ya gago ya Omang, *passport* le *driver's licence*, go bo go kwadilwe gore motho yo ke wa *blood type* e e ntseng jang, go thusa ba bongaka ba ba tlaabong ba go thusa fa e le gore o tlhokana le madi ka nako eo gore ba se ka ba diiwa ke go leletsa kwa Princess Marina kana kwa Francistown. E bo e le gore ba a bona gone mo karateng ya gago gore motho yo re ka mo thusa ka madi a mofuta wa gore gone foo. Ka gore fa gongwe le gone go letsa gone moo, le yone *network* fa e le gore o ka *check* ka *systems*, fa gongwe di nna *down*, megala ga e bereke, fa gongwe

computers le tsone jaaka re itse, di sa kgone go goroga kwa *database* e tsewang teng. *Honourable Mosanana* a re a go kwalwe mo *documents* tsa gagwe.

Go botlhokwa gore, gore re se ka ra tsena mo *study* se se neng se buiwa ke ba bangwe, fa ngwana a tsholwa, kwa tshimologong go dirwe ditlathlho gone foo gore *blood type* ya gagwe ke mang, go bo go kwalwa mo *birth certificate* sa gagwe. Fa go kgonagala, gongwe le mo *documents* dingwe tse e leng gore ka gore ngwana ga a bue fa gongwe ga di tsamaye, le mo motsading wa gagwe yo a tlaabong a ile ka ene kwa sepatela, go kwadilwe golo gongwe. Ka nako e e tlhokafalang, dilo tseo di bo di le gaufi, di bo di ka thusa ba bongaka. *I yield for clarification.*

MR MOALOSI: *Clarification. Ke a leboga Honourable Nkawana. Tota ke ne ke ka bo ke rile elucidation mme go ntse go tshwana fela. Are you aware gore rona mo motor sport, bike or any sport where somebody can get injured, bikes le dikoloi di a kwalwa gore blood group ya motho wa teng ke mang so that in case of emergency, go se ka ga simololwa go dikologwa. Ke tsaya ke re this Motion solves that problem ya gore fa motho a golafetse go le emergency, go se ka ga nna le ketsaetsego ya gore blood group ya gagwe ke mang. Thank you.*

MR NKAWANA: *Ke a leboga honourable. Re tshwanetse gape ra lemoga gore kana kgolagalo ya motho e tla ka ditsela tse di farologanyeng. Fa gongwe o golafala fela o itsamaela o bo o wela mo moledeng ka Sebirwa, o bo o robega, madi a bo a tshologa. Fa gongwe o golafala o le mo kitchen o itshegile ka thipa, madi a bo a tshologa ka bokete jo e leng gore go ya go tlhokana le gore o thusiwe ka go tshelwa madi.*

Go botlhokwa jaaka re sa tswa go tlhalosa gore *documents* tsotlhe tse o nnang o di tshotse mo kgetsing, mo *wallet*, mo bekeng ya bomme, di bo di supa gore motho yo *blood type* ya gagwe ke e gotweng mang. Jaanong e re sa tswang...

MADAM SPEAKER: *Honourable Members, bell e a lela, mme ke bona e kare Honourable Aaron o batla go tswela kwa ntle.*

MR MOALOSI: *Procedure. Madam Speaker, maabane ke ne ke go reeditse sentle ka tlhamalalo o bua gore ba ba busang ba tshwanetse go nna 15, jaanong ba boutsana,*

ga go na le fa e le *Minister* yo o teng, ke Rre Maele fela a le nosi. Le ene yo o neng a re o reeditse *Motion*, o ile jaanong, gongwe o ba gakolole gore ba tshwanetse go nna 15, ba se ka ba nna *seven* jaaka ke ba bona. Ke a leboga.

MADAM SPEAKER: Nnyaa, mme ke romile *Honourable* Morolong gore a ba bitse kwa ntle.

MR NKAWANA: Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ke ne ke re ke digele, ke go bolokele nako ka gore, go le botlhokwa gore ope yo o yang kwa bongakeng ka lepe letsatsi fela a batla thuso, go nne le thulaganyo ya gore ba tseye madi *to check* gore *blood type* ya gagwe ke mang. Ba bangwe ga re a bolo go tsholwa, mme e bo e le gore gompiano ke gone batho ba ka tsewang madi ba ntse ba godile. *I support the Motion, from BCP side. Thank you.*

MR LESEDI (SEROWE SOUTH): Mma ke go leboga *Madam Speaker*. Mma ke eme fano go supa gore ke ema Tshutiso e nokeng morago ga dipaakanyo tse di dirilweng. *Madam Speaker*, go bua boammaaruri mo lefatsheng la rona, fa o gakologelwa mo dingwageng tse di kwa morago le mo nakong ya gompiano, Batswana ba latlhegetswe ke matshelo ntateng ya seemo sa dikotsi, e le gore o tlaa fitlhela dikotsi tse di diragala jaana, fa go tshwanelwa ke go boloka matshelo ka madi, e bo e le gore go tsaya nako. Fa motlotlegi a tla ka Tshutiso e e ntseng jaana, ke mo go reng re eme ka dinao go mo ema nokeng, go kopa Puso gore e diragatse se Ntlo e tlaabong e se kopa gore re tle re babalele matshelo a Batswana.

Mo lefatsheng la rona ga re palo epe e e kalo, mme fa e le gore jaanong ga re ele tlhoko dilo tse di ka bolokang dipalo tsone tse di teng, o ka fitlhela re latlhegetswe ke matshelo a re ka bong e rile re tsewetse ka boeteledipele jo bo kelotlhoko, jwa bo bo ne bo ka leba dilo tse ka kutlwisiso ya gore bo tokafatse seemo ka fa se ntseng ka teng. Ke raya gore fa ke leba *Motion* o, ke o leba o sena bana ba phefo. Gongwe kwa nteng ga go dia sebaka, ke dumela gore tota go bua boammaaruri, ke *Motion* o mongwe le mongwe e tlaa reng a ema fano, a bo a o...

MR MOALOSI: *Clarification. Honourable* Lesedi, ke dumela gore jaaka o bua gore re dumalana rotlhe le *Motion* o, ga o bone gore ba ba busang bone fa re tla ka *Motions* ba di gana fela le fa di siame? Rona re a ba

bontsha gore fa *Motion* o siame, o sologela Batswana molemo, re tshwanetse go o dumalana. Ke a leboga *Honourable* Lesedi.

MR LESEDI: Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*, ke a leboga *honourable*. Ee, tota gone go bua boammaaruri, go na le kutlwisiso e bangwe ba rona fa gongwe ba tlaabong ba leba ka go tlhoka go tlhaloganya. *Motion* one tota fela fa o tla o bua ka matshelo a Batswana, kutlwisiso ya me ke gore re tseye diphathi re di beele kwa, re lebe gore re ka tokafatsa botshelo ka tsela e e ntseng jang, re sa lebe gore *Motion* o tla ka mang. Nna *Motions* tse di yang go tla mo Ntlong e *Madam Speaker*; ke ya go di bua go yeng ka fa ke tlaabong ke dumela ka teng mo go tsone, go sa kgathalesege gore *Motion* o tla ka mang wa phathi efe.

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

MR LESEDI: Jaanong gone mo mme go tlaabo go raya gore...

MR HIKUAMA: *Elucidation. Honourable* Lesedi, kana go oketsa mo gore *Motion* o tota ga o tlhoke gore re o bue, re o ganetsa. Go a supafala gore le mo mafatsheng a re bapileng le one gongwe bo Zimbabwe *for example, information* e e ntseng jaana e supafala gore le mo *licences* e a tsenngwa. Ke selo se se sa tlhokeng gore re ngange ka sone thata, re tseye e le selo se se *complicated*, e bile e le selo se se ka thusang. Ke ne ke bona e kete o tsamaela *to truncate*, mme o dumele gore tota go botlhokwa gore *Motion* o re o amogele ba rotlhe ka gore o a diragadiwa mo mafatsheng a mangwe, *and* o botlhokwa.

MR LESEDI: Ke lebogela *elucidation* eo. Tota ke boammaaruri, ke ne ke re gongwe diemo tse, mo batlotleging botlhe fela, kutlwisiso e nne gore fa *Motion* o tla, gongwe re o ele tlhoko ka kutlwisiso ya go leba ba ba re romileng, e seng gore mmala wa gago ke o o ntseng jang.

Ka mabaka one a tota, jaaka ke eme fano, ke ema nokeng *Motion*. Ke dumela gore o tshwanetse wa diragadiwa. Fa go ne go kgonagala, gotwe *with immediate effect*, o ka bo o diragadiwa ka bofefo jo bo ntseng jalo. Ke kopa le se ka la nkgopakgopetsa.

MR BARONGWANG: *Clarification Madam Speaker.* Nnyaa, ke boifisiwa ke go utlwa mafoko a ga mogolole

ka fale, o kare o batla gore *Motion* o tswalwe. Ke ne ke sa eletse gore *Motion* o ka tswalwa pele, ke ise ke fetise kgang e ke batlang go e tlhalosa o santse o le mo tafoleng fa e le gore o ka o tswala. A ko o mpolelele fa gore a mme bokete jwa dikotsi jo ke utlwang bakaulengwe ba bua ka jone, go tlhaeleng ga madi kana go sa itseng ga *the blood group type*, ke gone mo go bakang dintsho kana lethoko la madi ka boone? E ya re, o mme le *information* ya gore motho *blood group* jwa gagwe ke mang. Ke batla o tshwantshanye *that thing* le lethoko la madi *in the blood bank*. Ke a leboga.

MR LESEDI: Nnyaa mme ke dumela gore fa ke ka tlhalosa e go ya ka fa o buang ka teng, go raya gore *I can truncate*. Ke ne ke supa gore tota go bua boammaaruri, bokete jwa dintsho tse di diragalang, ke go tlhoka go itse *blood group*. Ke gone fela ka gore, o a bo o le mo seemong. Fa gongwe o a bo o le mo seemong se e leng gore ka bowena, ga o ka ke wa kgona go tlhalosa gore *blood group* ya gago ke efe. Fa gongwe tota e le teng kwa go bankiwang teng. Ga ke itse gore a ke go arabile jaaka o ne o eletsa.

Go bua boammaaruri, di ka tlhokega tsotlhe mme fela se re se buang go ya ka fa *Motion* o buang ka teng, ke gore go botlhokwa go itsie *blood group* ya motho yo o tlaabong a le mo kotsing. A tle a thusiwe ka bonako fa e le gore madi a *blood group* eo, a teng. Ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, ke dumela gore *Motion* o, a re se ka ra ya kwa le kwa ka one. Bontsi jwa rona jaaka ke bona, Ntlo e dumalana le *Motion* o. *I therefore, move* ka Standing Order se se *relevant* gore *Motion* o, o fete kwa ntleng ga go dia nako *Madam Speaker. I thank you.*

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Lesedi, ke gore jaanong le ene ga a bua Standing Order. Honourable Lesedi, ke 55.1.

MR LESEDI: *I thank you Madam Speaker.* Ka Standing Order 55.1, *I move* gore *Motion* o re o amogele ntleng le go dia sebaka. Re tle re tsene mo go o mongwe.

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Members, now I shall call upon the mover to respond to the debate.

MR KAPINGA: Procedure Madam Speaker. *Ga ke a utlwa* your response to truncate *gore o tsere tshwetso efe?*

MADAM SPEAKER: Thank you Honourable Kapinga. I think we missed that step. The question is that the House agree for the Motion to be truncated.

Question put and **agreed to.**

MADAM SPEAKER: Now I call the mover to respond.

MR MOSANANA (KANYE EAST): Ke a go leboga *Madam Speaker*. Tota fela ka fa go ntseng ka teng, ke batla go leboga bakaulengwe gore ba bo ba dumalane le nna *though* ka dipaakanyo tse ke dumelang gore di botlhokwa. Bagaetsho, golo kwa dikgaolong *laboratories* ga di bereke, ga di yo. *Equipment* ga e yo, ya go dira *tests* tse di tlaabong di tlhokafala tsa *blood grouping*. Jaaka fa keletso ya me e ntse, ke gore di tsenngwe mo *documents* jaaka Omang, *passport* le tse dingwe. Golo mo le fa o se mo lefatsheng la gaeno o le kwa go le sele o diragalelwa ke sengwe, ka *you will never know* gore go tlaa diragala eng, leng, o bo o kgona go thusega motlhofo. Ka jalo, ke a le leboga gore *Motion* o, o fete ka dipaakanyo tseo.

Se ke ka se buang fela ke sa tshole serobe mmu ke gore, golo fale *I proposed* le gore le baeng ba rona ba ba re etelang mono, ba re ba fang *work permits* le *residence permits* fa ba di direlwa, *information* ya bone e tsenngwe mo teng. Le bone ba kgona gore e re ba le mono mo ga rona, ba bo ba ka diragalelwa ke dikotsi. Kotsi ga go reye gore e ka diragalela rona fela mono, le ba ba re etetseng go ka ba diragalela. Tota fela ga ke na kgang e ntsi, ka jaana le nkamogetse. Ke go le leboga fela. Tota ke a le leboga lotlhe bakaulengwe ka gore ga go na yo o ganang kwa ntle ga ga Furniture fela a le nosi. *Madam Speaker, I so move* gore *Motion* o, o amogelwe, o fete ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker.*

MADAM SPEAKER: ...he has moved.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ga ke a o kwala, ga ke na *correction*.

MADAM SPEAKER: Nna fa fatshe *Honourable Member*, o feditse gakere?

MR MOSANANA: Ke feditse *Madam Speaker.*

Question put and **agreed to.**

...Silence...

INTRODUCTION OF SAFE AND STUDENT-FRIENDLY SCHOOL BUSES

Motion

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Hunyepa, tla re bone gore ke mang *the Minister responsible*. Honourable Hunyepa o ne a seyo foo? *Chief Whip*, ga o re tlholele Honourable Hunyepa kwa a teng gore a tle go reetsa?

MR LEKAU: *Procedure*. Ke ne ke re ka re *Motion* o fa ke o lebeletse *cuts across many ministries*. Fela *from Local Government and Traditional Affairs* le bone ba *Basic*, *Minister* mongwe le mongwe yo o teng *in those ministries can still stand and answer*. Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Hikuama, Honourable Hunyepa is around now.

MR HIKUAMA (MAUN WEST): Thank you Madam Speaker. Ke kopa gore o ntetlelele gore ke buise *Motion* o pele ka Sekgoa. La bobedi ke bo ke...

MR BOGATSU: Clarification. Kana we have two departments *fa tsa* education; *e le* Higher Education and Local Government.

MR HIKUAMA: Madam Speaker, go raya gore ke *procedure*, o ka emisa nako ya me.

MR BOGATSU: I just want you to be specific, to which ministry...

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Bogatsu, o rile *clarification but* fa e le gore...

MR HIKUAMA: Jaanong fa e le gore o batla *procedure* e batle kwa go Speaker.

MR BOGATSU: Tanki, *procedure* rra.

MR HIKUAMA: Ke raya gore nako ya me e eme.

MR BOGATSU: *Procedure*. *Ee rra tanki*. Madam Speaker, we have two ministries *tsa* education; *primaries di kwa* Local Government. Therefore, you have to be very specific to which ministry are you actually basing your Motion on?

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Point of order Madam Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Bogatsu, I think

jaaka re ntse re buisana fa, *those are collective issues*. If Honourable Hunyepa a na le se a se buang, if go na le *any Minister* yo o fa yo o ka tlatsang a bua, ke tsaya gore ga re a tshwanela go palelwa ke go tsamaisa *Motion because of Ministers* kana gore e kopakopantse *ministries*. Let us continue Honourable Hikuama.

MR HIKUAMA: Ke a leboga. Gongwe ka gore go ne go na le *issue ya clarification* mo teng, kana *the Motion* fa re o baya mo Palamenteng, re o lebisa Puso. Puso ke yone e e ka bonang gore yo o tsibogang gone foo ke mang. Rona re o lebisa Puso gore e tseye tshwetso. Ke ne ke re ke fete ka yone.

Madam Speaker, ke ne ke kopile gore pele ga ke ka o soboka ka Setswana, ke le buise ka...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR HIKUAMA: Ao! Batho ba Modimo, ke ise ke tswelele.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF CHILD WELFARE AND BASIC EDUCATION (MR HUNYEPA): Clarification. Ke a leboga Madam Speaker, ke go leboga Honourable Hikuama. Jaaka o bua gore *Motion* o o neela Puso, mme kana mo Pusong go na le *specific ministries* jaaka go ne go buiwa...

MR HIKUAMA: Kana golo mo ga se *clarification* ba ja nako. *That is not a clarification*.

MR HUNYEPA: Ke ne ke botsa. Ke batla go botsa...

MR HIKUAMA: No! No! I cannot allow this confusion.

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Members, nnang fa fatshe.

MR HIKUAMA: No, I cannot allow this confusion...

MR HUNYEPA: Ke kopa go botsa *honourable* gore o tle o arabiwe sentle.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Point of order Madam Speaker.

MR HUNYEPA: Ga re gane go araba.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Point of order.

MR HUNYEPA: We are going to answer Honourable Hikuama.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Point of order.

MR HUNYEPA: Potso ya me ke e...

MADAM SPEAKER: *Honourable Members, mma ke clarify sengwe fa. Assistant Clerk of the National Assembly o ne a mpontsha gore kana Motions are shared on weekly basis le Cabinet mme e neetse this to Ministry of Child Welfare and Basic Education. Ke one o o tlhalositsweng fa. Go sa reye gore fa go na le ba ba ka go thusang, ba ka thusa but fa ke Ministry of Child Welfare and Basic Education. Ke document e e supang gore ke Ministers on weekly basis kwa meetings tsa lona. Ke kopa gore re tswelele re lese go dia kgang gore e tsene.*

MR LESEDI: *Procedure. Ke a leboga Madam Speaker. Ke gore ke a bo ke simolola go tshwenyega gore fa Ntlo e e ka tsamaya jaana, a re tla ya teng tota. Ke gore fa o utlwa Minister yo o relevant a setse a simolola a supa gore ministry o tshwanetse gore o bo o le relevant, mme e le gore kwa Cabinet go tserwe tshwetso ya ministry wa bone gore ke one wa Motion o, tota mo go raya eng Madam Speaker? A ko gongwe re lebe gore ga re ntshe Ntlo e mo tseleng ka gore Minister jaaka a le fano, o a itse gore ke ene a tshwanetsweng to respond mo Motion o. Ke a leboga.*

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

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure Madam Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: *Let me make a ruling ya ga Honourable Lesedi. Kana I mentioned before gore golo mo it is a collective effort ya rona rotlhe as Ministers ka fa. Honourable Hikuama mentioned gore kana rona re botsa Puso, ga a ise a re re botsa ministry o gotweng semangmang. Ministry o gotweng semangmang o ka bua se o se buang, other ministers ba bo ba ntse ba thusa. Ke tsaya gore ke kgang e e tlhamaletseng, ga re a tshwanela go bapola kgang re re we clarify. This is a collective effort ya Puso to answer. I have made a ruling, ga ke sa tlhole ke tlaa letlelela bo clarification. Ke letlelela Honourable Hikuama to present.*

MR HIKUAMA: *Ke a leboga Madam Speaker. Like I requested, I will present this Motion in English and then summarise it in Setswana.*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Bua Setswana.

MR HIKUAMA: *Go ka tsaya lebaka fa ke ka bua Setswana. This Motion is, "That this Honourable House resolves that Government should introduce safe and student-friendly school buses by establishing a comprehensive, nationwide policy framework to ensure the safety, efficiency and accessibility of school transportation."*

INTRODUCTION

Madam Speaker, we cannot talk about the right to education if we do not guarantee the right to a safe journey. Currently, thousands of our students begin their day in a state of anxiety squeezed into unregulated vehicles or walking miles along dangerous roads. This Motion seeks to professionalise school transit, turning the school bus into a mobile extension of the classroom where safety is non-negotiable. The cornerstone of a robust education system lies not only in classroom quality but in safe, accessible journeys to school, where inconsistent standards currently undermine youth well-being and equity.

In many regions, school transportation is currently a fragmented, informal sector. Students often rely on:

- Overcrowded public transit: Exposing minors to adult environments and safety risks.
- Unregulated "scholar transport": Private vans or "bakkies" that lack seatbelts, proper insurance, or vetted drivers.
- Active commuting: Long, exhausting walks (often in the dark or inclement weather) that lead to fatigue and poor academic performance.

Justification for the Motion - The Duty of Care.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR HIKUAMA: *I yield. Ke a itse go kwala ka bonna.*

MR LEKAU: *Point of clarification. Nnyaa, nna ga ke mo go tseo tsa go kwala. Ke ne ke re gongwe...*

MADAM SPEAKER: Ga ke ise ke go supe.

MR LEKAU: *Ehe! Sorry.*

MADAM SPEAKER: Clarification Honourable Lekau.

MR LEKAU: Ke a leboga. Rre Hikuama, gongwe ke tlaa tsiediwa ke Sekgoa thata, ke ne ke re *before* o tsena kwa Setswaneng, gongwe o ntlhalosetse fa, o atolose gore a o raya di-*combi* tse e leng gore batsadi ba a bo ba di iphiretse tse e leng gore gongwe ke tsone tse o batlang gore go dirisiwe (*enforce*) molao mo go tsone kana o eletsa gore go nne le *transport* e e leng gore eo ke e e ntshiwang (*provide*) ke Goramente go thotha bana ba? O mpharologanyetse, gongwe ke ka go sala morago sentle. Ke a leboga.

MR HIKUAMA: *Ke a leboga. Gotlhe, gakere fa re na le policy le tsamaiso ya go baakanya gore dikoloi tse di tsayang bana, even tsa public tse o di iphirelang, bakgweetsi ba teng ba bo ba le vetted, requirements tsa tsone di bo di le up to standard that we will be prescribing re le Puso. They are in. Se se bothokwa ke gore Puso le yone a bo e nna le mo gotweng go nne le transport ya yone e e tsayang bana ba dikole jaaka mo mafatsheng a mangwe. Ke dumela gore e tlhatswegile. Ke ne ke re ke bua ka dilo tse tharo tse e leng gore our students currently rely on. Ke ne ke setse ke buile ka tsone ke bua ka the justification for the Motion, the duty of care.*

Mr Speaker the State has a constitutional and moral obligation to protect its most vulnerable citizens. Currently, the “commute” is a regulatory vacuum. By failing to provide a nationwide framework, we are outsourcing the safety of our children to unregulated, often uninsured private operators. Unregulated transport and inconsistent safety standards act as silent barriers to academic success.

- Lack of Standardisation - Current transport lacks standardisation, creating a “postal code lottery” where rural students in areas like Tsanokona, Koromo, Xobe, Xana, and other remote areas around the country rely on perilous walks over 15 kilometres (km) or on recently phased-out donkey carts, while urban ones’ face congested, overcrowded minibuses without basic safety features like seatbelts or child-appropriate seating.
- High Road Accident Statistics - According to Botswana Police Service data, road accidents exceed 16,000 yearly per data, with 475 child pedestrian crashes (ages 5-20) in 2021 alone contributing to

broader fatalities, youth comprising nearly a quarter of 346 total deaths in 2024.

Key Pillars of the Motion

Pillar Focus Area...

MR MAELE: *Point of clarification.* Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*, ke a leboga motlotlegi. Ke ne ke utlwa o bua ka *accidents* but ke ne ke utlwa o bua ka *pedestrian accidents*. Ke ne ke tsaya gore golo fa o batla go re supegetsa gore *transport* tse re di dirisang tse di tsena mo dikotsing. Jaanong *you are justifying* ka *accidents* tse e leng gore gongwe ke tsa *pedestrians* tsa bana. Ke ne ke re o e tlhalose sentle re tle re e tlhaloganye sentle motlotlegi.

MR HIKUAMA: *Yes, kana fa bana ba sena se se ba tsayang, se le guaranteed, go sena transport e e consistent e e leng gore e a ba tsaya letsatsi le letsatsi, we expose them gore ba bangwe ba opt for pedestrian walking which also exposes them to this risk that I am talking about. Ke sone se o bonang ke umaka the pedestrians and the context it matters. Ke ne ke re ke bua ka the pillars of this Motion.*

Safety Mandatory seatbelts, GPS tracking, panic buttons, and rigorous mechanical inspections.

There is another area of efficiency, dedicated school lanes, pick centres or synchronised scheduling to reduce “commuter fatigue.”

Accessibility ensuring buses are equipped for students with disabilities and available in low-income rural/urban areas.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

The primary goal of this Motion is to transition from an ad-hoc transport system to a standardised national service. The specific objectives include:

- Standardisation of Safety Protocols: To mandate a “Gold Standard” for school vehicles, including mandatory speed governors, age-appropriate seating, and high-visibility branding.
- Regulatory Oversight: To establish a central authority or department responsible for the vetting, licencing, and continuous monitoring of all school transport providers.

- Inclusion and Equity: To bridge the “distance gap” by providing subsidised or free transport for students in rural catchments and those from low-income households.
- Operational Integration: To synchronise school bus routes with school hours, reducing the time students spend in transit and increasing their time for extra-curricular activities and rest.

If we were to move to the socio-economic justification...

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF TRADE AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (MR MATHOOTHE):

Clarification. Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ke batla go tlhaloganya fa, o ne o bua ka *standards* tsa *the transportation* ya bana kana dikoloi tse di tlaabong di tsaya bana. A se se raya gore o belaela se se leng teng gompiano se se *under the Ministry of Transport*? Gakere go na le molao o o tsamaisang dipalamo tsa setšhaba, go na le *standards* tsa teng. A *standards* tsa teng o belaela tsone, ke gone mo o batlang gore go nne le mo gongwe mo go *separate*? *That is where I want to understand.*

MR HIKUAMA: Currently, *gore ngwana o tsamaya jang kwa sekoleng, ga a laolwe ke ditsetla tse di kwa transport, as long as go na le koloi e o dumalaneng le yone, e bile ga e tlholwe kwa transport gore a mme ke e e ka tsayang bana. Fa e ya koo, ke roadworthiness ya yone fela, go tswa fa gore a mme ke yone e siametseng ngwana wa sekole ga go diragale*, that is what I am concerned *ka sone*.

- I was to go to the socio-economic justification. I have three points here;
 - (i) Educational Outcomes - a student who arrives at school safely and on time is mentally ready to learn. Chronic Absenteeism is often a transportation issue, not a motivation issue.
 - (ii) Child Protection - dedicated school buses drastically reduce the risk of abductions, traffic accidents involving pedestrians and harassment that occur on public transport.

MR LEKAU: *Correction.* School buses tse e leng gore ga se tsa *rank*, fa di ya *transport* di na le *inspection* e bile *requirement* ke gore a bo di kwadilwe gore ke *school bus*, ga se gore *they are inspected* fela jaaka dikoloi

dingwe le dingwe di tsena a bo gotwe *roadworthy*, le bakgweetsi ba tsone le *licences* tse ba di tshwarang tsa *passenger so*, ga se gore di tshwana le yame le ya gago e o ka e tsenyang. Ke a leboga.

MR HIKUAMA: Ga o *correct* sepe fela gongwe o fela pelo. Kana tsone tseo, ga go na molao o o itsang bana go ka dirisa tse di sa kwadisiwang jaaka o batla, ke sone se o tlhaelang go se tlhaloganya. Batsadi ba itirela thulaganyo ya bone ka fa ba batlang ka teng. Ka fa ba tlhaloganyang ka teng, *even* dikoloi tse di dirisiwang gompiano, fa o lebelela ke tse e leng gore ga di tsamaelane, *only a few schools* e bile ga go patike batsadi go dirisa tsone *that are cleared*. ...*(Interruptions)*... o tlaa tla o *debate*.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ke a go thusa fela nkgonne.

MR MOROLONG: *Clarification.* Mma ke go thuse nkgonne o se ka wa mphelela pelo. Go lebega gore ga go ka fa molaong wa ba tsa dipagamo tsa setšhaba gore a bo le gompiano jaana a bo go dirisiwa *Wish (seven seaters)* go pega bana go ba isa kwa dikoleng, go utlwala gore ga go ka fa molaong. Ke bua se, ke se bone ka matlho kwa kgaolong ya me e le gore ba *transport* ba tseneletse batsadi ba ba tsayang bana ka thulaganyo eo, ba sa kwadisa dikoloi tsa bone ka fa molaong. Molao go raya gore ga o letle. *Thank you.*

MR HIKUAMA: *Ga ke a utlwa gore go ne go baakangwa eng sentle, mma ke dumalane le gone. Ke bone a batla go nilatsa, a bua fact e e leng teng, e e leng boammaaruri gore bana ba tsamaya ba tsewa ka dikoloi tse di farologaneng.*

The third point on this socio-economic justification;

- (i) Economic Relief - a national framework subsidises the cost for parents, acting as an indirect “tax cut” for working-class families.

For student-friendly element, this is not just about a vehicle it is about the environment, student-friendly implies;

- (ii) Vetted personnel - Drivers and monitors trained in child safeguarding and first aid
- (iii) Zero-tolerance policies - Strict rules against bullying or inappropriate behavior on board.

- (iv) Climate comfort - proper ventilation or heating to ensure the bus is a dignified space for children, such measures protect lives, enhance efficiency and accessibility, transforming school transport from vulnerability to empowerment.

Impact on Academic Performance - Learning does not begin at the school gate, it begins when the student leaves home, a student who arrives at 7:30 a.m. after a two hour walk or a stressful ride in an overcrowded van is already at a cognitive disadvantage. A student-friendly bus is a “pre-classroom” environment that fosters readiness.

Economic Resilience - The lack of a formal framework places a massive financial burden on parents. A national policy allows for economies of scale, public private partnerships and subsidies that lower the cost of living for families while creating formal, regulated jobs for drivers and maintenance staff.

Road Safety and Traffic Mitigation - One school bus can replace up to 30 private cars on the road during peak hours. By professionalising school transport, we reduce urban congestion and significantly lower the statistical probability of road traffic accidents involving minors. “A school bus is not a luxury, it is a mobile extension of the classroom.”

As a mandate for the future, Madam Speaker, we have spent this session discussing logistics, frameworks and budgets. Let us be clear, this Motion is not about transportation, it is about dignity, the fundamental promise we make to every parent in this nation when they send their child out the front door in a school uniform. Right now, that promise is being broken, every morning we see the informal reality of our current system. We see children travelling in the back of open trucks in the rain, we see them squeezed into overloaded vans driven by operators with no oversight. We see them walking kilometres along high-speed motorways before the sun has even risen. Is this the standard of a nation that values its future? Some will point to the cost, to them I say calculate the cost of our inaction, a child lost to a preventable road accident, lost hours of education spent trudging along dirt roads, and the trauma our students face in unregulated, unsafe transit environments.

By passing this Motion, we are not just buying buses, we are building a bridge between rural poverty and

urban opportunity. We are creating a sanctuary on wheels where a student can sit, breathe and prepare for their examinations. We are eliminating the geography of disadvantage that dictates a child’s success based on how far they live from the school gate. Honourable Members, the wheels of Government often turn slowly, but the school bell rings every single morning, our students cannot afford for us to wait another session, another year or another tragedy.

MR MAELE: *Clarification. Madam Speaker, this Motion is now becoming convoluted ka mabaka a gore la ntlha ke ne ke tsaya gore Member o bua ka transport, school transport, school buses, which are provided by Goromente fa e le gore gongwe bana ba mo official trips. Jaanong the reason I am saying it is convoluted is because, fa gongwe jaanong o e tla e tsenya le bana ba ya dikoleng, fa e leng gore ke responsibility ya motsadi gore a bone gore ngwana o ya jang kwa sekoleng. Jaanong go e tla go ntsiensa, ke e tla ke batla gore... ke rile clarification sir.*

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

MR MAELE: *Ee, what I am saying is that o clarify gore tota are you talking about transport e e official e e provided ke sekole fa bana ba le mo official trips or o tsentse le tsa botsadi ba ya sekoleng phakela? Ke utlwa o e tla o tlhakatlhakanya.*

MR HIKUAMA: Go raya gore o tla o ntse o thulamela.

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

MR HIKUAMA: *I long responded to that, gore ke bua ka tsotlhe, tse di private le tse Puso e tshwanetseng gore e tseye school transportation e le project. Jaanong wena go raya gore o tsamaya o ntse o thulamela mo tseleng.*

MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION (MR MAELE): *Point of order. Nnyaa, ke mo reeditse thata. Fa a re ke a thulamela, I do not think is Parliamentary. Le batho ba kgaolo ya me fa ba ka utlwa gotwe ke a thulamela mo Palamenteng, ba ka se ke ba itumele gotlhelele. Ke mo reeditse thata, e bile I am interested in debating this Motion, but I need to understand gore tota o ya kwa kae. Mathata a gagwe ke gore o e tla a tlhakatlhakanya, ke sa itse gore a reng, that is why ke batla clarification. Ke a leboga Madam Speaker.*

MADAM SPEAKER: Nnyaa, a re tsweleng, le se ka la rumolana. *Honourable* Hikuama, nako e tloga e wela, le a e senya.

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

MR HIKUAMA: *Ke a leboga. Nnyaa, ema pele, mma ke feleletse.* I am just about to conclude.

I was about to move to some case studies from countries with similar policies. Botswana can draw valuable lessons from nations implementing unified school bus policies, particularly in Africa and comparable developing contexts. These examples demonstrate reduced accidents, better equity and scalable frameworks adaptable to rural-urban divides. One is Namibia, Namibia mandates yellow bus standards with speed governors and first aid trained drivers, replacing informal taxis post 2010 road safety laws. It lowered youth crash rate by 40 per cent through Star Rating integration. South Africa Learner Transport Programme, South Africa serves over 670,000 students via a national framework mandate safe vehicle, driver vetting and route subsidies for rural learners walking 5+ km. It cut scholar transport fatalities by integrating Global Positioning System (GPS) and safety audits, addressing fatigue and dropouts, while subsidising low income access.

In conclusion Madam Speaker, a student-friendly bus is more than a vehicle, it is a mobile extension of the school environment that promotes punctuality, safety and social equity. By establishing a nationwide framework for safe and student-friendly school buses, reduce absenteeism, promote equitable access to education and foster a culture of accountability and public service delivery.

The resolution to introduce a safe and student-friendly school buse emphasises on inclusive infrastructure and child protection, while addressing the socioeconomic disparities, exacerbated by inadequate transport. While the challenges of initial capital investment and rural logistics are significant, the successful models provided by neighbours like Namibia and South Africa, prove that with political will and strategic mapping, these huddles are manageable. Implementing this policy will ensure that every student, whether in the bustling streets of Gaborone or the remote reaches of Boteti, has a secure and reliable road to success. Let us resolve today that

the journey to school will no longer be a gauntlet of risk, but a pathway to potential. I move Madam Speaker, that this House adopts this Motion in its entirety. I thank you.

...Silence...

MR HIKUAMA: Se ke neng ke batla go se thalosa batho betsho ka bokhutshwane ke gore, nako e gorogile ya gore Puso e tseye boikarabelo jwa go tla ka tsamaiso le thulaganyo ya go netefatsa gore dipalangwa tse di dirisiwang go isa bana kwa dikoleng di a tokafadiwa mo mabakeng a a farologaneng. Go netefatsa gore bana ga ba tseye nako e telele go goroga kwa dikoleng, e bile ga ba tsamaye mo medumong e e ba kgaupetsang le go ba tsenya lesukuru, e re fa ba tsena kwa sekoleng ba bo ba lapile le go ba lapisa tlhloganyo. Dikoloi tse ba di dirisang tse di senang mabante le ditilo, di ba tsenya mo kgatelelong ya maikutlo mo e leng gore fa ba tsena kwa dikoleng ba goroga ba lapile. Go dira gore ba ba sa kgoneng go dirisa dikoloi gongwe ba itsamaela ka dinao, ba nne le kgonagalo ya go ka thulwa ke dikoloi, go nna le mesuke le go thukwa, se a rialo *Honourable* Dr Gobotswang? Go thukwa, *abduction*?

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Go thupiwa.

MR HIKUAMA: Go thupiwa, go ka ba neela le sebaka seo, ka gore re tshelala mo mabakeng a a borai a go nang le dikebekwa tse di shenneng meno.

Fa re ka *adopt policy* e re le Puso, re netefatsa gore re na le tsamaiso e e laolang mongwe le mongwe yo o tsayang bana ba sekole gore a nne le *standards* tse ke di supileng pele tse di *set* sentle, gore koloi nngwe le nngwe e e tsayang ngwana wa sekole, e bo e na le tsone, re ka sireletsa boleng jwa bokamoso jwa bana ba rona le lefatshe la rona. Re fokotsa le manokonoko a itsholelo, a a amang botsadi jo bongwe.

Re na le bana ba ba mo dikgaolong tse di kwa kgakala le ditlhabololo, *they walk* sekgala se se leele go fitlhela dikole. Fa re ka nna le *transport system* e e tsamaisiwa ke Puso *and regulated*, le bone ba nna le kgonagalo ya gore ba goroge kwa dikoleng ba tshosologile ba sa nelwa ke dipula, ba sa *exposed to harsh weather* jalojalo, go tokafatsa *success* ya bone mo dithutong tsa bone.

Ke sone se ke se kopang gore Ntlo e gompiano, e se ka ya ipona tsapa le go dia sebaka, e dumalane le gore nako e gorogile ya gore re netefatse gore re tla ka a

policy framework that will facilitate regulated school transport. Ke sone fela se ke se kopang gore re se dire bagarona.

MR BARONGWANG: *Clarification. Tota you had covered me, mme ka o setse o mpiditse, ke sa tswa go lemoga gore wa re policy. E rile fa re ntse re go reeditse jaaka mokaulengwe a bua kwa, go ne go se clear totatota, e ne e kare o a re o batla transportation system. Fa motho a ntse a go reeditse, o a re gongwe go ka lebelelwa e nne policy. Fa e le gore ke transport system, go a farologana, mo Gaborone bana are transported go farologana le kwa Kachikau. Go na le bana ba gongwe e leng ma Standard 1, ga o ka ke wa ba transport the same way you you transport ma Form 5 ka teng.*

Se sengwe gape, go na le bana ba e leng gore are transported ke batsadi ka bo bone, so this Motion should seek to address all these problems. Fa e le gore wa re ke policy, that is understandable to me, nte ke se ka ka farologana pele thata le wena. Ke go tlhalogantse, ke tlaa tla ke tla ke debate. Ke a leboga.

MR HIKUAMA: *Ke a leboga. Ke sale ke simolola ke re, we need to adopt a policy framework. I think that is the overarching ya se ke se buang, gore re le...*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: *Clarification.*

MR HIKUAMA: *I yield.*

MADAM SPEAKER: *Nako ya gago e tshaiile.*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: *Ke tlaa nna bofefo fela. Ke ne ke re, are you aware...*

MADAM SPEAKER: *O supilwe ke mang? Honourable Members, the floor is open.*

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF CHILD WELFARE AND BASIC EDUCATION (MR HUNYEPa): *Ke a leboga Madam Speaker. Ke go leboge Honourable Hikuama, ke re o tla ka policy e e botlhokwa mokaulengwe. Ke re, we will engage with you in a decent and respectable manner with the dignity that you deserve. Policy e e botlhokwa fela thata, because e rile o ntse o tlhalosa, go bo go nna clear gore tota you are calling for a policy, not necessarily gore as a demand kana e nne something se e ka nnang transport e e leng gore Goromente is forced to provide. Like you stated, we need a guideline that comes in the form of a policy.*

Ke re eo re tshwanetse to debate it bakaulengwe, rotlhe gone mo Palamenteng, re dumalane ka gore there are a number of stakeholders that come in. Ministry wa State President o a tsena, o tsena ka mapodise who enforce the law. Ministry wa Transport and Infrastructure o a tsena le one ka gore dikoloi are tested kwa go bone. Ke bone gape ba bonang gore dikoloi ke dife tse di ka pegang batho, ke dife tse di ka pegang dithoto. Le ba Local Government also come in, especially that they have a serious role e ba e tshamekang at primary schools. Ke re ke dumalana le wena Honourable Hikuama, these brings in a lot of stakeholders. Parents have got a role to play in terms of cost sharing and helping the Government go bona gore bana ba ya dikoleng. So let us see to it gore the policy is in place, so that le fa e le gore we hire dikhombi or any form of transport, that should bring in all the responsible stakeholders, parents and Government, le bone transporters tota and other ministries.

Ke re ke tlhalose Madam Speaker gore, in my past life ke santse ke le morutabana as an activist, we engaged the Government and it is very important to share that the Government of that time or of that period, did oblige, allow, accept our recommendations tsa gore, bana should not be transported ka open trucks, because during that time, open trucks di ne di bolaya bana. There were records, bana ba Setlalekgosi ba kile ba nna involved, ba bo Seleka and so on, ba bolawa ke open trucks. This is what we were calling for and this is what will also be brought into the comprehensive policy e e buiwang ke Honourable Hikuama and this Parliament will have to amend and see to it gore, that should be how things are done.

MR MOALOSI: *Elucidation. Honourable Hunyepa, ke itumela thata ka fa o arabang ka teng. Maloba e rile o tseelwa floor ka utlwa botlhoko mo go maswe, mme letsatsi leno o pagame setlhogo tota, e bile o dumalana le sone, ka gore it is very, very important gore bana should be transported in a safe way. Ke itumetse tota.*

MR HUNYEPa: *Re a leboga Honourable Moalosi for that. We have the interest of the students at heart. Bana ba botlhe ke ba rona and re le Puso ya UDC, we want to see bana ba ba ya kwa dikoleng go le safe. Ba le on the transport e e nang le dignity, e seng dikara tsa ditonki, because we know gore ba tsamaya ka dinao long*

distances, ba nelwa ke dipula kana go le letsatsi, because we want gore ngwana fa a goroga mo sekoleng a bo a le fresh, a kgone go ithuta, whether o mo toropong kana o kwa dikgaolong, and this is what we all want. So, a comprehensive policy should bring all the stakeholders. Mongwe le mongwe mo teng a tle a bone gore re direla bana ba rona dilo tse di siameng, gore e tle e re le bana ba gola, ba gole sentle ba sa kgorelediwe ke sepe ba le bannye. Ba tle le bone ba appreciate gore, e rile nako ya rona ra dira sengwe, ka gore fa re sa ba godise sentle, e tlaare Honourable Hikuama e setse e le monnamogolo jaanong ba bo ba sa tlhaloganye gore what did he contribute to them. They then cancel tandabala e a bong a santse a beile mo go yone, ka gore ba tlaabo ba sa appreciate sepe se a se dirileng.

Ke re ke tswelele ke tlhalose fela gore, *Madam Speaker*, kgang e e botlhokwa ya dibase. Ke ne ke santse ke tlhalosa ka kgang ya trucks. E bile *I have to state* gore, nako ya teng mo mokgatlhong o ke neng ke le mo go one, o o neng o bitswa Botswana Federation of Secondary School Teachers (BOFESETE), o e leng gore ke Botswana Sectors of Educators Trade Union (BOSETU) gompiano. *We advised the Government, we provided even some guidelines* gore go ka dirwa jang. Ra emisa gore *no trucks should transport* bana ba sekole. Le gompiano fa e ka bonwa, e tlaabo e le molato, *because there is a policy that was adopted and implemented* nako ya ga Honourable Jacob Nkate e le Minister. Goromente nako ya teng o feletse a dumalana, o feletse a reka dibase *for all the regions, to transport* bana go ba isa kwa sekoleng, *that was done during that time.* Gongwe dibase tsa teng di ka tswa di setse di onetse gompiano, *because that was around* bo 2008, *there about, but they should have been replaced. I am aware* gore dikhansela ba na le dibase tse e leng gore bana fa ba ya *on trips, they use them.* Ke tsaya gore le tlaa dumalana le nna gore, *in recent times you have not seen* bana ba tsamaya ba le *in open trucks* gotlhelele, ba tsamaya ka dibase. Nako ya teng gape *we recommended* gore, fa e le gore ga go na dibase tsa Puso, Puso e dire *budget* gore *they will provide a vote* mo dikoleng gore bana e re ba tsamaya *they should hire* dibase, e le madi a a ntshiwnga ke Puso *and that has been happening,* ka gore le tlhola le bona bana ba tsamaya ke *private buses.*

MR LEKAU: *Elucidation.* Ka bokhutshwane fela e ne e le *elucidation* mo go *honourable* gore a lemoge

maiteko a Puso, *particularly* fa o ka tsaya sekole se tshwana le Solomon Dihutso, *especially* bana *that are disabled, they are provided transport from day one until* ba fetsa. *Thank you.*

MR HUNYEPA: *Honourable* Lekau, go ntse jalo rra, ke tsaya gore le mo dikoleng tse dingwe, *right now as we speak, Local Government* e tswelletse e a reka dikhombi. Banalebogole ba santse ba isiwa kwa dikoleng ka *such decent transport* e le dikhombi, *it is something that is happening* countrywide. *Funds permitting, really* tota *and economy* ya rona fa re ka e tsosolosa jaaka re eme ka dinao rotlhe ka Botswana Economic Transformation Programme (BETP), gotlhe le bo National Development Plan 12 (NDP 12) *and other projects* tse re tlang ka tsone re le mmogo, *this is supposed to help us* fela thata, *to see to it* gore bana ba ya dikoleng *in decent transport and together we will ensure* gore *that happens.* Mme go go ntle *like* o bua gore re tle re go tsenye *in the policy,* ka gore gone *we all want that for our children.*

So, ke ne ke ntse ke tlhalosa ke re, go a diragala gore *partly as it is, it is partly* ka gore *no more open trucks that are transporting* bana. Nako ya teng *some people wanted to resist* ba re, kwa dikgaolong tsele tsa makgobokgobo jaanong re tlile go dira jang ka re batla trucks gore di nne di le teng koo di tsamaye, ka gore ga gona se se ka pegang bana ka koo. Ba batla gore bana ba pegiwe mo diterakeng. *I will give credit to* BOSETU *gore the leadership during that time* e ile ya felela e tlhalosa gore, *no, those trucks can be transformed into safe buses,* tsa tsamaya mo diretseng kana metsi, e le bus e e leng gore, ga ke itse gore a e bitswa gotwe *ndorondoro,* tse di pegang babereki ba ba yang kwa meepong. Tse e leng gore ke *four-wheel buses.* So, *the same can be applied even in rural areas* kwa go nang le metlhaba, metsi *and so on, terrains* tse e leng gore ga di tsamaege sentle. Ke re dilo tse di ntseng jalo tota a re di kopaneleng, a re tsosoloseng itsholelo, re tle re kgone go nna le bana ba ba yang kwa dikoleng *in such decent transport.*

All in all tota, *as it is,* ke ne ke tlhalosa gore, *it will bring a number of almost all stakeholders.* In summary ke re, ba ba tshwanang ba *Transport* le *Local Government* *have to come in. Obviously, Ministry wa Child Welfare, wa Youth, parents, transporters, you know, civil society* le yone *it should be coming in.*

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE (MR ATAMELANG): *On a point of elucidation. Ke a leboga Madam Speaker, ke a leboga Rre Hunyepa. Le kwa Ministry of Transport also, we have what we call the Botswana Integrated Transport Policy (BITP) e e leng gore re tloga re e finalise. One of their outcomes ke gone gore re bo re nna le Road Authority e e tlaa netefatsang gore koloi nngwe le nngwe e e tsenang mo tseleng ke ya selebego se se ntseng jang. This policy also will factor all the things tse e leng gore Rre Hikuama o bua ka tsone in terms of the safety of the pupils kwa sekoleng, general public, le safety fela ya ditsela tsa rona. This Road Authority is going to encompass tsotlhe tse e leng gore o bua ka tsone. Jaanong ke re to add on to what he is saying that at the Ministry Child Welfare and Basic Education ba a se dira, le rona this policy is aligned to what he is saying. Ke a leboga.*

MR HUNYEPA: *Ke a leboga Rre Atamelang, o e tlhalositse bontle tota. Ke tlhalose fela ke re as a responsible Government wa UDC, re batla go bona bana ba rona ba pegwa mo dikoloing tse di decent and safe, tse e leng gore mongwe le mongwe o ka itumelela go bona go ntse jalo. Ke sengwe se e leng gore re tlaa tswelela re ntse re se dira re se baakanya. Nte ke eme gone fa, ke tlaa tla ke tsweledisa nako e e tlang. Thank you, Madam Speaker.*

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Members, it is now 12:30 p.m. I now call upon Honourable Maele, to move a Motion of adjournment.

MOTION

ADJOURNMENT

MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION (MR MAELE): Mr Speaker, since we have now come to the end, I move that this House do now adjourn. *Ke a leboga.*

Question put and **agreed to.**

The Assembly accordingly adjourned at 12:30 p.m. until Monday 13th April, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.

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