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Tuesday 10th February, 2026

THE ASSEMBLY met at 2:00 p.m.

(THE SPEAKER in the Chair)

P R A Y E R S

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MR SPEAKER (MR KEORAPETSE): Pray be seated.

...Silence...

MR SPEAKER: Order! Order! Honourable Members. Honourable Members, good afternoon. Many of you we met in the General Assembly this morning, where we agreed on a number of things. Today is a clear day, so we will begin the debate on the budget tomorrow starting with the Leader of the Opposition (LOO) as I have said. Let us start the business of today with questions. Honourable Phillimon Aaron, Member for Ngami.

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

MR SPEAKER: O tlaa mo e tseela? Ke mang yo o mo e tseelang; *Honourable Moalosi?*

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

PAYMENT OF OUTSTANDING DUES OF BDF PERSONNEL

MR G. KEKGONEGILE (MAUN EAST): asked the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to brief this Honourable House on progress made in the payment of outstanding Botswana Defence Force (BDF) personnel dues inclusive of pension and focusing on:

- (i) the number of personnel initially owed and the number paid so far;
- (ii) the number not paid, the reasons thereof and real payment date; and
- (iii) why they are forced to purchase pension schemes with 50% of their dues, and whether there is any flexibility on the afore-mentioned given the ages of some of the beneficiaries.

MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT, DEFENCE AND SECURITY (MR MOHWASA): *Ke a leboga Mr Speaker.*

Mr Speaker, Government commissioned a study to carry out an actuarial analysis on the adequacy of the pension pay out to the BDF retiring personnel in 2017. The actuarial analysis showed that the retirement funding arrangement under the Defined Contribution Scheme prejudiced defence force personnel as it did not take into account the impact of the mandated early retirement on replacement ratios.

Further, it was concluded that, should have the same pension denominator ratio been maintained for military personnel versus the rest of public service as applied before 1998, the correct pension denominator for the BDF should have been adjusted from n/600 to n/375 when that of the public service was adjusted from n/720 to n/450 in 1998.

In view of these findings, Government took a decision to enhance transfer values for BDF members who were still in service before 01 April 2001. In March 2024, a Statutory Instrument (SI) was issued to amend relevant regulations in the BDF Act to effect adjustment of the pension denominator to n/375.

To date, a total of 9, 972 military personnel have been identified as legible for transfer value enhancement due to the denominator adjustment. This total comprises 5,560 separated members and 4,412 serving members. Processing of payments started in July 2024 and as of 6th February 2026, 3,599 separated members have been paid.

Mr Speaker, 161 separated members are on the process of payment. This will leave 1,800 separated members with calculated transfer values not paid. In addition, all the 4,412 serving members are still to have their records credited with recalculated transfer values.

The limiting factor on the rate at which payments are made is shortage of funds. Government has so far disbursed BWP 1.4 billion to the Fund Administrators (NMG), out of which a total of 3,760 of the received claims will be paid. Government has allocated P5 billion for pensions and gratuities primarily to pay recalculated transfer for members of the BDF in the next financial year. This will go a long way towards payment of outstanding claims, as well as to update the active and deferred member records with recalculated transfer values.

Payments of soldiers have been prioritised with Government continuously disbursing to NMG as and when revenues come in. So far, all those owed less than P300,000 have been paid and currently those owed between P300,000 and P500,000 are being paid.

Mr Speaker, the transfer value enhancements are paid according to the applicable pension legislation as they form part of pension benefits. The pension legislations; the Retirement Funds Act, Income Tax Superannuation and BPOPF Fund Rules, among others state that; a member is only allowed to commute all of the retirement benefits if the remaining benefits after lump sum payment of 50% results in a pension/annuity less than P20 000 per annum. The pension provisions are not discretionary and have not given authority for waivers. I thank you Mr Speaker.

MR KEKGONEGILE: *Supplementary.* Tanki. Re a go utlwa Tona, motho mo potsong ya ntlha o ka botsa gore *adjustments* di simologile mo babereking ba bangwe ba sedirelapuso ka 1998. Mo babereking ba ba sesole, le ikaelela gore di diragatswe go simolola kwa morago mme le simolola ka 2001. Ke eng le simolola diphetogo tseo tsa *pension* ka 2001 le sa simolole fela ka 1998 jaaka badirelapuso ba bangwe go simologile ka 1998?

E e latelang ke ya gore ga o *clear* Tona gore wa re 1,800 yo o setseng o ya go duelwa leng, o tla o re go na le ba le 151 ba dituelo tsa bone e leng gore *are being processed*. 151 yo motho gongwe fa a le *lucky* a wela mo teng, ba ka solofela gore *processing of payments* go tsaya nako e e kae, ba ya go bona dituelo tsa bone leng? 1,800 yo o setseng yo, o tla o re ba ba leng fa godimo ga 300,000 ba tlaa duelwa. Potso ke gore a ba tlaa duelwa, (i) fa go bonwa madi, go ikaelelwa gore a ka bonwa leng, kana ba beye mo Modimong fela gongwe go tlaa tsaya lebakanyana le le tshwanang le le ba le tsereng? *What plans are there* tse di ka dirwang ka gore fa o lebelela *budget*, go ne go buiwa gotwe mo go ba bangwe re beile madi a bo *maintenance*, re beile madi a se? Mo babereking ka ba a kolotiwa, ba na le bo *more than five years*, 10 years ba kolotiwa, ke eng go sa beelwe madi ka fa thoko a gore ba duelwe?

Potso ya bofelo, wa re ga go na *waiver* go ya ka melao ya *pension* gore motho o ka nna le *pensions* tse pedi kana tse tharo. Wena fa o bona ka gore ke ba ba a ikuela, ga ba batle go nna le *pensions* tse di fetang *one*, ba tseela gore *pension* e nngwefela e ba nang le yone e *enough*, madi a a ka tokafatsa matshelo a bone golo gongwe, o dira go le kae gore *that waiver* e kgone go nna teng? Tanki.

MR MOHWASA: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke ne ke tsaya gore motlotlegi maabane o letse a reeditse Motlotlegi Mothusa Tautona e bile e le Tona wa Madi a tlhalosa gore go na le madi a a tlaabong a ntshiwa go thusa go duela melala e ya dituelo tsa masole. Mo mading

one a, ke tlhalositse fa ke tlhalosa gore re solofetse gore madi a P5 *billion* mo ngwageng o o latelang o, ke one a a tlaabong a ntshiwa go ya go duela masole.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Million or billion?

MR MOHWASA: *Billion!* Ke one madi a a tlaabong a ya go duela.

Gakere jaaka re itse rotlhe bagaetsho gore fa go dirwa *budget*, go a bo go solofetswe gore madi a tlaabo a tsena. Ke tlhalositse mo karabong ya me motlotlegi gore e tlaa re fa madi a ntse a tsena, go nne go tsewe sengwe se ye go duela bagarona ba sesole ka gore re amogetse gore go tshwanetse gore ba duelwe mme e bile fa re bua jaana, ba ntse ba a duelwa.

Ke ne ke tlhalosa gape gore go na le batho ba e leng gore ba ntse ba a duelwa. Go na le ba le 161 ba e leng gore le gompiano jaana ba ntse ba a duelwa. Mme e bile go supa gape gore ka di 6 tsa ga *February*, go setse go duetswe batho ba ka nna 3,599.

Ke bo ke tswelela gape ke tlhalosa gore mo gompionong, batho ba ba neng ba kolotiwa madi a a kwa tlase ga 300,000, ba duetswe. Gompiano re santse re mekamekane le ba ba duelwang go feta foo, go feta 300,000 le ba e leng gore madi a bone ga a fete 500,000, e le maiteko a gore e re sengwe se tsena, go nne go latlhelelwe ba sekoloto se se kwa morago.

Jaaka re dumela rotlhe, re mo seemong se e leng gore gompiano fa re tsena jaaka re ne re ntse re simolola ngwaga one o wa 2024, re fitlhetse dikoloto di le dintsi fela thata, go tsentswe le tsone tse, tse e leng gore di feletse di ama le ditlhabololo e le gore nako e ntsi go ne go itebagantswe le go duela dikoloto tse di kanakana tse re neng re di fitlhela.

Kgang e nngwe e o neng o e bua, kana go ne go na le *study* se se neng sa dirwa motlotlegi ka 2017 mme e bile re bua gore go ne ga lebelelwa masole ba ba neng ba le mo *service* pele ga 1st April 2001. Jaanong go bo go nna le *Statutory Instrument* se se neng sa dirwa gore ba duelwe gone foo, ba bo ba duelwa. Ke na le pelaelo ya gore seo se ne se dirwa ka gore go ne go lebelelwa nako e ba neng ba fudusiwa go tswa kwa go tsena mo thulaganyong ya *pension*. La ntlha e ne e le e neng e le *defined*. Tanki.

MR KEKGONEGILE: *Further supplementary.* Tanki *Mr Speaker*. Motho fa a ka botsa Tona, babereki ba masole ba ba reeditse kwa malwapeng, a o ba raya o re madi a P5 *billion* a tlaa lekana ba ba 1,800 ba e leng

gore ba a kolotiwa gompiano? Fa e le gore go ntse jalo, kana seo fela se raya gore mo ngwageng o masole a a 1,800 ba tlaa duelwa? A o tlhomamisa jalo?

Ya bobedi ke yone ya gore a wa re ba ba duelwang ba ke ba ba ka kwa ga 2001 kana ke ba ba tswang mo go 2001 go tla kwano? Tanki.

MR MOHWASA: Se ke ka se go bolelelang ke gore fa re tsena, re fitlhetse e le gore go ne go na le *Directive* e e neng e ntshitse madi a a kana ka P1.5 *billion* go duela ba sesole. Madi ao go ne go se motlhofo gore a kgone gore a fitlhelwe ka ntata ya ditlhaelo tse re neng re na le tsone nako eo.

Se ke se go bolelelang gompiano ka re go na le madi a a dirilweng a a ntshitsweng, a tsene mo *budget*. Ke tsaya gore o ne o reeditse maabane gore P5 *billion* o tlaabo a ya go leka go duela dikgang tse. Mo teng, go santse go na le ba ba mo tirong mo nakong ya gompiano le ba ba tshaisitseng. Go setse go duetswe P1.4 *billion*. Re solofela gore letseno le le tlaa tsenang mo itsholelong, le tlaa re letlelela gore re kgone gore re duele masole a a tlogetseng le ba ba mo tirong mo nakong e ka gore re tshwanetse gore re ba neele ditsabone.

Gongwe ke boele gape kwa karabong e ke neng ke tlhalosa, ke tsaya gore ke file *background*. Gongwe ke boelele *part* eo mme ke tsaya gore karabo ya teng ke e badile *Mr Speaker*. Ke tlaa neela *Honourable Kekgonegile* karabo ka gore ke tlaabo ke boelela karabo fela jaaka e ne e ntse. Ke tlhalositse gore go fitlhetswe eng ka 2017 le gore go dirilwe *study* sefe seo mme se ne sa tsaya tshwetso ya gore go neelwe batho bafe madi jaaka re ne re bua gore go ka bo go ne go tshwanetse go sentse madi ka 1998 go bo go baakanngwa le *nominator* ya teng *from 600 to 375*. Ke tlaa mo neela *copy* ya teng gore a e tlhaloganye botoka. Tanki.

RETIREMENT OF BDF'S NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

MR C. K. HIKUAMA (MAUN WEST): asked the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to state if:

- (i) it is still relevant or of any good use, for Botswana Defence Force (BDF)'s Non-Commissioned Officers (NCOs) to retire earlier than the age of 60 years as it is the case with their colleagues in the Commissioned Officers category; and

- (ii) there are any ongoing reviews to ensure the BDF Pension Scheme, particularly concerning NCOs, and its alignment with the Botswana Public Officers Pension Fund (BPOPF) remains equitable and provides comparable long-term security to other public servants with similar lengths of service.

MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT, DEFENCE AND SECURITY (MR MOHWASA): *Ke a leboga Motlotlegi Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Re a leboga Motlotlegi Hikuama.*

Tlaa ke simolole ke tlhalose gore;

- (i) Mr Speaker, the differentiated retirement ages between non-commissioned officers and commissioned officers remain a deliberate and internationally recognised feature of military human resource management. The nature of duties performed by non-commissioned officers is predominantly operational, physically demanding, and sustained over prolonged periods. Earlier retirement for this category ensures continued operational effectiveness, force readiness, and the maintenance of appropriate age and fitness profiles within combat and support units.

Commissioned officers, by contrast, increasingly perform command, staff, and strategic roles which rely more on experience, institutional knowledge, and leadership than on sustained physical exertion. This justifies a longer service span and later compulsory retirement age. It is therefore assessed that earlier retirement for non-commissioned officers remains relevant and operationally sound, provided that pension and post-service support arrangements adequately compensate for the shorter length of active service.

Mr Speaker, Government recognises that early retirement must be accompanied by fair and equitable pension outcomes to ensure that BDF members, particularly non-commissioned officers, are not disadvantaged when compared to other public officers with similar lengths of pensionable service. Consequently, the Government is consulting with relevant stakeholders to review to increase the current minimum compulsory retirement age of 45 years. This pension accumulation under the current Defined Contribution Scheme has also been a concern to us as Government.

- (ii) Mr Speaker, Government, through the Ministry for State President, Defence and Security, and in collaboration with the Botswana Public Officers Pension Fund, has undertaken reviews of the BDF pension arrangements with a view to addressing identified anomalies and ensuring equity. These interventions have included actuarial assessments, administrative reconciliation exercises, and targeted financial allocations to correct pension calculation differences affecting eligible BDF members, including non-commissioned officers.

The ongoing engagements between Government, BPOPF, and the BDF are intended to ensure that the pension outcomes for BDF members remain broadly comparable in long-term value and security, to those of other public servants with equivalent service periods.

Mr Speaker, Government remains committed to continuous review of the pension framework to ensure sustainability fairness and alignment with unique conditions of military service. I thank you Mr Speaker.

MR HIKUAMA: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga Tona. Ke lebogela karabo. Tona, ke dumela gore o motho yo o nnang mo Botswana le batho ba ba *retired*, le a tle le kopane, matshelo a bone o a bona. O kgotsofalela seemo se masole ba ba tlogetseng tiro ka bogodi, ba le bannye ba iphitlhelang ba le mo go sone? Seemo se o se bonang se e leng gore ga se a ba siamela, ga le bone gore go na le sengwe se re tshwanetseng ra se dira re le lefatshe kana re le lephata gore re ka ba thusa ka tsela e e ntseng jang gore ba se ka ba felela ba nna mo seemong se e keteng ga ba ise ba ko ba bereke gope mo botshelong jwa bone? Ke seemo se se utlwisang botlhoko. Ke dumela gore ke se o se itseng. A mme ga le akanye gore go na le sengwe se se ka diriwang? Fa e le gore kwa sesoleng ba tlhokiwa gore ba ka siana, gongwe ba setse ba lapile, *they can be deployed* ba direlwa dilo dingwe kwa ba ka thusang teng ba ntse ba le mo Pusong kana ra oketsa *benefits* tsa bone gore di kgone go ba *sustain*? Kana *even a programme that will empower them outside the service.* A ga le akanye sepe fela se se ka thusang batho ba ka gore seemo sa bone se utlwiswa botlhoko? Ke a leboga.

MR MOHWASA: *Mr Speaker,* ke ne ke re gongwe fa re botsa *follow up questions*, re a bo re ne re reetsa karabo gore ya reng. Re bo re botsa gongwe karabo e sa kgona go araba tse re neng re di botsa. Mo karabong ya me *Mr Speaker*, ke rile...Ke kopa go bala *Mr Speaker*.

MR SPEAKER: Please do.

MR MOHWASA: Ke rile, “*consequently, the Government is consulting with relevant stakeholders on the current minimum compulsory retirement age of 45 years. The pension accumulation under the current defined contribution scheme has also been a concern to us as Government.*” E a re tshwenya. Gompiano batho ba ba tswang mo tirong ba le 45, BDF Act e tshalosa jalo. *As re bua jaana, the Act is under review, because 45 o a bo o santse o le lesogwana. Fa o tswa fa, batho ba teng fa o ya go tsena kwa go bo 60 jaaka o bua, e kare motho ga a ise a bereke. Ke dikgang tse re neng re di bua pele ga October 2024. Ke dikgang tse re di baakanyang gompiano jaaka re le gone fa. Pele ga ngwaga o o ya fifing, re tlaabo re baakantse seemo jaaka re ntse re baakanya diemo tse batho ba neng ba le mo go tsone before October 2024. Ke a leboga.*

GLASS PROJECT IN PALAPYE

MR L. LESEDI (SEROWE SOUTH): asked the Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship to update this Honourable House on the glass project site and building in Palapye stating the following:

- (i) the total amount Government spent in the whole project;
- (ii) the total amount Government received through the liquidator;
- (iii) the difference or loss amount;
- (iv) if Government intends to revive the project looking into the investment already made in the construction of the railway line to the site, Botswana Power Corporation (BPC) powerline and buildings;
- (v) why the director of the company is not being sued or facing criminal charges;
- (vi) why those who were involved in the wrong doing are walking free; and
- (vii) how many jobs could be created if the project was revived.

MINISTER OF TRADE AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (MR NTSIMA): Thank you Mr Speaker. I wish to update this Honourable House in relation to the glass...

MR SPEAKER: How long is your answer? I am looking at this question. It has how many parts?

MR NTSIMA: Not that long.

MR SPEAKER: *Ooh, ga e telele.* Tswelela.

MR NTSIMA: I wish to update this Honourable House in relation to the glass factory that was earmarked for Palapye.

Fengyue Glass project in Palapye was conceived in 2007. The Botswana Development Corporation (BDC) was in a joint venture with Shanghai Fengyue Glass Company, implementing a float glass manufacturing business in Palapye. This was a 450 tons/day float glass project and was being executed based on an Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) contract with the joint venture company as the contractor. The joint venture company Fengyue Glass Manufacturing Botswana (Pty) Ltd, was incorporated under the laws of Botswana in 2007. BDC held 43 per cent of the shares whilst Shanghai Fengyue held 57 per cent.

EPC contract was signed in August of 2008 and the project was expected to be completed in October 2011. After delays the EPC contract undertook to accelerate project implementation with completion scheduled for December 2011. The delays were mainly due to the preparatory activities that had to be undertaken before the actual work at the project site could start. Actual activities at the project site started in July 2010 with implementation expected in 24 months. The EPC contractor effectively stopped work on site in September 2011 and vacated site in August 2012.

Due to massive cost overrun and failure to complete construction, the project was placed under liquidation. The BDC Board of Directors in 2013 made a decision to liquidate the company under the Company's Act following a Due Diligence report issued by Grant Thornton. A liquidation order was granted in October 2013 and March 2014, Nigel Dixon-Warren of KPMG was appointed as the liquidator.

- (i) Total funds used on the project then amount to P601.2 million, comprising BDC's disbursements of P447.8 million and Shanghai Fengyue Glass Company's equity contribution of P153.4 million. The total money spent in the project, including construction, railway line, Botswana Power Corporation (BPC) transformer and equipment bought (fixed assets and immovable assets) is P447.8 million. This amount is made up of construction works of P118.3 million, equipment and machinery of P320.73 million and additional works of P8.8 million.

- (ii) A total of P67.8 million was received, out of which P6.67 million was in cash, while P61.11 million was in kind, being the 100-hectare land and property, which was subsequently transferred to Western Industrial Estate (Pty) Ltd, a 100 per cent BDC owned subsidiary.
- (iii) The total amount of funding from BDC in the project was P447.84 million with recoveries amounting to P67.8 million, thus a loss of about P380 million has been realised.
- (iv) BDC issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) in December 2022, soliciting business partnership to propose the best possible value for money and utilisation of the plot and nothing significant came out of this exercise. The corporation is currently intensely looking at all possibilities of economically gaining valuable use of the land, the glass project not being an exception.
- (v) Forensic investigation was undertaken and Parliamentary Inquiry Report produced in 2012 in relation to this project. The report was printed by Government Printing and Publishing Services and the public is advised to reach out to the department for available copies. While the investigations into the project have been concluded, it is important to note that findings highlighted governance issues rather than direct criminal activities. BDC took these seriously as lessons learnt and new robust risk and governance frameworks were introduced in 2015 following the challenge. These are periodically reviewed to ensure relevance and maximum effectiveness.
- (vi) As stated in (v) above.
- (vii) The project at the time was expected to create 546 jobs at full operation. I thank you Mr Speaker.

MR LESEDI: *Supplementary.* Karabo e *Minister* o leka go ya teng, mme gongwe a ko a tlhalose a tseeneletse gore bone e le Puso mo bogompionong, seemo sa bone ke eng, *though* le fa ke utlwa a bua ka *forensic audit* gore gongwe ba ikaelela gore kago e kwa phelelong ya letsatsi e sologele lefatshe mosola go le kae?

Gongwe sabobedi se ke neng ke ka se tlhloganya *Mr Speaker* ke gore, fa a araba o kare o tommetse *though* le fa nne ke utlwa gore o leka go sesela ka gore o dumela gore *investigations* di santse di tswelsetse gore ke eng batho gongwe re sa a ka ra utlwa e kete ba lebagannwa

le dipe tsa go tshwana le botlhaswa. Le fa gongwe a ne a dumela gore ba tlaa tla ka karabo kwa morago, ke tsaya gore ke tsone tse ke neng ke ka di sala morago *Mr Speaker*.

MR NTSIMA: *Thank you Mr Speaker.* Ke ne ke sa re go na le *audit*, ke ne ke re go ne go dirilwe *audit at the time*. Se se neng se bonwe e ne e le gore, ga gona ope yo o bonweng gore o dirile botlhaswa. Go ne go tilwe fela ke *issues tsa governance*, tse di neng tsa tsewa e le *lessons learned* go baakanya kwa pele gore go se ka ga diragala mo go diragetseng. Go raya gore *it covers* le ya gore *why were people not prosecuted at the time, because findings tsa Parliamentary Select Committee and the audit, did not find anyone* gore ga a dira sentle.

DR DOW: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga. Ke botse gore *report* eo e e neng ya supa gore *there were governance failures*, a ga o bone go tshwanela gore gompiano e bo e dirilwe phatlalatsa? Gongwe e fiwe Botswana Investment Trade Center (BITC) pele ga e re golega ka ...*(Inaudible)*... kana mole e ne e le *business* fela e e nnyennyane, gompiano re bua ka toropo jaanong. Gore tota dilo tse di diragetseng gore re bo re le mo mathateng a kwa Palapye, a ga di nke di re sale morago ka ...*(Inaudible)*... fa e le gore ga re ithutse mo go tse di diragetseng kwa morago? Ke a leboga.

MR NTSIMA: Ke a leboga *Mother of the House*, mme o *repeat* mafoko a me a gore se se diragetseng nako eo, ke se re tsereng gore re ithutile gore dilo ga di a tsamaya sentle mme bothata bo ne bo le mo *governance*. Ke sone se go neng ga nna le go baakanyetsa moalo wa gore ditshwetso di tsewe ka tsela e e siameng, gore re se ka ra gata fa go neng go gatilwe teng. Ke a leboga.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ga a nkaraba, gakere o utlwile?

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable* Lesedi, se dire jalo o tlaa tsena mo mathateng.

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

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ga a nkaraba, mathata afe?

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable* Lesedi, ga go diriwe jalo. O a itse, o na le *experience* ya Palamente.

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

MR SPEAKER: Ga a go araba fa kae?

MR LESEDI: Ke boditse gore e le Puso, ba ikaelela go dira eng jaanong ka matlotla a a kwa Palapye.

MR NTSIMA: Ee, mma ke *repeat* se ke neng ke se bala. Ke ne ke buile gore BDC ka 2022 e ne ya ntsha *expression* gore batho ba supe gore ba ba nang le kgatlhegelo ya go dirisa matlotla jaaka a a bitsa, ba dire jalo. *Out of those* ba ba neng ba tlisitse, ga go a ka ga tswa sepe mo teng. Re ntse re *encourage* gore yo o santseng a na le keletso ya go ka dirisa matlotla ao, o ka atumela BDC a tswa ka leano le le botoka go diragatsa matlotla ao. Re sa kganele gore go ka tsewedisiwa le tiro e e neng e dirwa kwa ya go dira galase.

PILANE LANDFILL

DR U. DOW (KGATLENG WEST): asked the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs what plans he has, if any, to:

- (i) close the Pilane Landfill;
- (ii) rehabilitate the Pilane Landfill; and
- (iii) investigate the adverse health consequences of the smoke that regularly spews from the Pilane Landfill.

MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS (MR MOTSHEGWA):

Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Mma e re re tswa mo matoteng re tsene mo go tse di tshelang. Ke leboge Mme Dow ka potso e a e boditseng, ke go dumedise, ke leboge batlotlegi.

Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, lephata le lemoga sentle gore potso ya Mopalamente e tsamaelana le dipotso tsa gagwe tse di amanang le lefuti la matlakala la Pilane tse a di boditseng mo nakong e e fetileng. E e segautshwane potso eo ke ya lekgolo le lesome a matlhano le botlhano, e e arabilweng ka Sedimonthole a tlhola malatsi a le lesome le bosupa ngwagatlola. Re leboegele gore go nna a ntse a bua ka kgang e, jaaka re ne ra dumalana mo nakong e e fetileng, go botlhokwa ka gore kana dikgang tsa tikologo ke tsa matshelo a batho ka kwa botsogong. Jaaka re buile ka Sedimonthole, lephata le tlhomamisa fa le tseetse kwa godimo fela thata se se diragalang kwa lefuting la Pilane le tshwaragane le ba Khansele ya Kgatleng go bona se se ka thusang go rarabolola kgang ya lefuti le la matlakala, gore go nne le tharabololo ya sennelaruri. Se se supa go tsepama jaaka ke setse ke tlhalositse, ga Mopalamente mo go boneng gore mathata a a aparetseng ditsamaiso tsa lefuti la matlakala la Pilane a bona tharabololo ya sennelaruri ka gore e gaufi le toropokgolo gape go mo tseleng.

Fa re ya ka karabo e lephata le e fileng ka Sedimonthole a tlhola malatsi a le lesome le bosupa, ngwaga o o fulereng, lephata le tswelela ka go supa fa le itse ka matshwenyego a Mopalamente a a tlhalosang a kamano le lefuti la matlakala la Pilane. Khansele ya Kgatleng e thubile lebelo go bona gore seemo se se ka rarabololwa ka tsela e e ntseng jang mme go akarediwa le go buisana le banaleseabe. Mo karabong e ke neng ka e fa Motlotlegi Mopalamente, ke ne ka amogela se a neng a se tlhalosa gore nngwe ya tse di tshwanetseng go dirwa ke kwa go fudugelwang teng, gore go sekasekwe gape gore a mme setšhaba le banaleseabe ba santse ba dumela gore ke gone moo. Re ne re amogela kgakololo eo, mme re laetse ba Khansele gore ba dire jalo, gammogo le go akaretsa diofisi tsa Mapalamente e le baeteledipele.

Kwa bokhutlong Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, lephata le na le dikakanyo tsa go emisa go dira ga lefuti la matlakala la Pilane. Dikakanyo di ikaegile ka go nna teng ga lefuti le le sha le le akantsweng go agiwa kwa Dikwididi. Le ke reng Mopalamente o ne a ntsha mogopolo, mme ra o amogela gore go tshwanetse go buisanwa le banaleseabe. Ka jalo go latela seo, Khansele ya Kgatleng e tabogile lepaapaa go bona gore bo radikgwebo kana bo mmadikgwebo ba ba ikemetseng ka nosi a ba ka se nne le karolo mo ditharabololong tsa mofuta o, gore le bone ba ba ikemetseng ka nosi ba segwebi ba nne le karolo go imolola Goramente morwalo le gone go tsaya karolo. Jaaka re supile mo nakong e e fetileng, re na le tsholofelo mo go reng sone se re se setseng morago se tlaa ungwa maungo a a tlaa tlišang tharabololo, re lebile dikgatlhego tsa bagwebi fa go tla mo go direng ga matlakala.

Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, go baakanya lefuti la matlakala go nna mo seemong se se eletsegang fa le setse le weditse tiro ya lone ya go amogela matlakala ke tsamaiso e e leng teng mme e bile e laolwa ke molao. Ka jalo, Khansele ya Kgatleng e ikemiseditse go dira se se tshwanetseng fa e setse e tlogela tiriso ya lefuti la matlakala la Pilane.

Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, jaaka lephata le setse le lekodisitse mo nakong e e fetileng, le itse sentle ka dikgwetho tse di tlang ka ntlha ya tiriso ya lefuti la matlakala la Pilane, mme di sa amogelesege. Ke sone se se leng botlhokwa gore re tsene mo tharabololong ya sennelaruri.

Fa ke wetsa Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, lephata le tlaa tswelela le dirisana le go tsaya bokaedi le bogakolodi go tswa mo go ba ba maleba, *regulators*, fa

go tla mo go tse di tlhokafalang mabapi le tlhokomelo ya mafuti a mofuta o. Re etse tlhoko kana re tseetse kwa setlhoeng botsogo jwa batho ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. Ke a leboga.

DR DOW: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke simolole ka gore ga gona lefuti la matlakala, go na le thotobolo ya matlakala kwa Pilane. Ke botse gore a Tona o a itse gore fa gotweng go fudugelwa teng kwa Dikwididi, ke ka fa teng ga Segakwana, mafudiso, a e leng gore ba tshotse setlankana sa foo? Le gore ba setse ba kwaletse kwa khanseleng, kwa go wena, kwa ofising ya ga Tautona, go ikuela gore golo fa re na le setlankana sa gone, ga le ka ke la latlhela matlakala teng. Ba itirile *as a task force*, Dikgosana tsa metsana e e farologaneng ya bo Sikwane, Mabalane, Oodi le Modipane, gore e re fa go ntse go buiwa jalo go bo go itsiwe gore go na le batho ba ba reng ke na le setlankana sa *land board* sa golo fa, gape ke na le senotlele sa *gate* ya teng. A re se ka ra gotlhagotlhana, a re kopanele gore gatwe kgang e re e rarabolola jang, le sa tsene ka fa teng ga lefelo la setlankana sa rona. Ke re a o a itse Tona ka kgang e?

MR MOTSHEGWA: Ga ke itse gore ya ntlha e ne e raya gore ke e arabe. Mopalamente o ne a re, ga go na lefuti ke thotobolo, mme potso e ne e botsa ka lefuti...

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ... (Laughter!)

MR MOTSHEGWA: Jaanong sa bobedi, potso e ne e re a re na le kitso ya gore bangwe ba kwadile, ba akaretsa ba bo Sikwane, Mabalane jalo, gore ba na le setlankana sa lefelo se ba tshotseng le *keys*, se e leng gore go botlhokwa gore ba buisane. Eo, re a amogela gore fa e le gore go na le seemo seo go tlaa tlhoka gore go buisanwe. Ke ne ke sena kitso ya gore ba setse ba kwaletse kwa Ofising ya ga Tautona. Re tlaa e latedisa gore re batle mokwalo oo. Tota se re tshwanetseng go se dira motlotlegi Mopalamente ke gore, re dire se se siametseng batho ba kgaolo, se se siametseng botsogo. Dilo tse re tlaa di dira le wena ke ntse ke go lekodisa gore re welane ka *information*. Ke a leboga.

MR KEKGONEGILE: Procedure Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, I rise on Standing Order 130.1 to request the House to suspend Standing Order 130.1 *gore dipotso di felele*, 130.1 to suspend 40.7. *Tanki* Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: Order Honourable Members! Honourable Members, the Honourable Member seeks to move that in accordance with Standing Order 130.1 that we suspend Standing Order 40.7 so that your question

time is more than 45 minutes. The import of his Motion is that we be able to deal with all the questions. Given the Order Paper how it is today, I am sure that is feasible, but it is up to you.

Question put and agreed to.

TUTUME SUB-LAND BOARD

MR M. MOALOSI (NKANGE): asked the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs if there are any plans to make Tutume Sub-Land board a fully-fledged land board with Nata and Marapong being its subordinate land boards and if there are no plans, is the Minister aware of the Decentralisation Policy and whether, for the sake of service delivery, it would not be prudent to break up Ngwato Land Board into smaller land boards based on the newly established districts.

MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS (MR MOTSHEGWA): Ke a leboga. Ga ke itse gore gongwe go ka bo go tlhaetse fa kae, kitso ya me ke gore potso ya teng was redirected. Akere o ne o mpotsa ka lefatshe, I deal with dikhansele.

MR SPEAKER: Hang on. Yes, indeed Honourable Members, I see a savingram here seeking to redirect the question. Therefore, Honourable Moalosi this question will be redirected and will be answered at a later date.

MR MOALOSI: Procedure Mr Speaker. This question was asked before it was directed at the Minister of Lands and Agriculture and then the Minister said, he cannot answer it because when you talk about Tribal Territories Act they fall under the purview of the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs. We argued and we agreed that we redirect it to the Minister. We will be playing ping-pong, because we directed and he is redirecting. Maybe we should direct it to the Leader of the House.

MR SPEAKER: That is noted Honourable Moalosi. I have absolutely no intention *ya gore re tshameke* some kind of ping-pong. *Jaanong* if that is the case, let me retrieve the Hansard and check whether that was the case. Let me retrieve the Hansard and once I have retrieved the Hansard then we can reconcile and confer with Leader of the House to just see which ministry will answer that question. *Mma ke e kopele maitshwarelo gompieno* Honourable Moalosi *gore ga e ka ke ya tsena.*

Later Date.

CHADIBE, BOROLONG AND SHASHEMOOKE PRIMARY SCHOOLS

MR J. J. FRENZEL (SHASHE WEST): asked the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs whether he is aware of the overpopulation of students in Chadibe, Borolong and Shashemooke Primary Schools; and if so:

- (i) what plans are being put in place to address the situation; and
- (ii) if the planned construction of new primary schools at the above stated villages using the Development Manager (DM) Model are still underway.

MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS (MR MOTSHEGWA): Le yone fela jalo ke tsaya ke re e ne ya ya kwa go maleba and was redirected kwa go ba Education.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Minister, I see the savingram. Actually, the savingram e ke yone e e buang ka question 82, e le reng le kopa for it to be redirected to Welfare and Basic Education. Se ke sa se tshwareng ke gore... this question a ga e a itebaganya le infrastructure ya primary schools?

MR FRENZEL: E bua ka yone infrastructure, Honourable Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa, Honourable Motshegwa ke raya gore the question in totality mo (ii) fa a e lomaganya le the planned construction you still insist that this is a question for Child Welfare and Basic Education?

MR MOTSHEGWA: Fa e buang ka infrastructure re ka e araba, gongwe ra se ka ra tsenya ya bana. Go na le ya DM, ke tsaya gore ke ya bo Rre Salakae.

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

MR SPEAKER: Order! Order! Honourable Members, order!

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: Go on.

MR MOTSHEGWA: Ke ne ke re re tlaa e araba kamoso.

MR SPEAKER: Le tlaa e araba kamoso?

MR MOTSHEGWA: Ee.

MR SPEAKER: Okay.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF CHILD WELFARE AND BASIC EDUCATION (MR HUNYEPA):

Point of procedure. Ke a leboga Mr Speaker. Ke ne ke re gongwe potso e e ye go lebelelwa sentle fela ka gore the first part deals with enrolment, e e leng gore possibly can fall under Ministry of Child Welfare and Basis Education. The other one ke ya dikago e e leng gore it deals with infrastructure. Jaanong tseo ke tsa Local Government, ga se gore gongwe e ye go lebelelwa gape sentle e tle e kwalwe seshu, kana di kgaogangwe gangwe fela?

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa mme...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure.

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa *Honourable Members*, kana *Honourable* Motshegwa o rile potso e e tlaa arabiwa kamoso. Ke tsaya gore *he was reaching* yone *compromise* ya go bona gore tota mme *this is about student:teacher ratio that is exacerbated by shortage of infrastructure*. So, ke tsaya gore e tlaa arabiwa, a e nne modiga.

Later Date.

TRANSPORTATION OF LEARNERS

MS H. P. MANYENENG (MMOPANE-METSIMOTLHABE): asked the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs:

- (i) if he is aware that learners from areas such as Dintoroko, Gamononyane, and Mmamhiko are being transported to Metsimotlhabe on donkey carts, a mode of transport that poses serious safety risks and exposes children to accidents and harsh weather conditions; and if so,
- (ii) whether the ministry will consider providing safer and properly covered vehicles to ensure the protection and wellbeing of learners during transportation.

MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS (MR MOTSHEGWA):

Nnyaa e e tlhamaletse ke ya rona. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, mma ke leboge Mopalamente *Deputy Speaker*.

Karabo ke gore, re amogetse kana re utlwile ka dipego tsa gore baithuti go tswa kwa mafelong a a tshwanang jaaka Dintoroko, Gamononyane le Mmamhiko ba isiwa kwa Metsimotlhabe ba dirisa *donkey carts*, ke tsamaiso

e re tswang mo go yone. Lephata le ne la lemoga gore mokgwa o wa go dirisa dipalangwa, o tsenya baithuti mo mathateng a pabalesego go akaretsa dikotsi le maemo a bosa a a siamang. Ka jalo, ga o a siama go tsamaisa bana go ya kwa dikoleng.

Mo ntlheng e Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, re le Lephata la Dikgaolo le Merero ya Ngwao, re laetse dikhansele gore go se ka ga tlhola go nna le tiragalo ya gore bana ba ka isiwa sekoleng lefatshe lotlhe fela ka bophara ka dikoloi tsa dikotsekara e bile re tla kwa dikgannyeng tsa tlhokomelo, tlanelo le bana le dikgang tsa ditshwanelo gore go dirisiwe mekgwa ya segompiano e e babalesegileng le e e maleba ya go tsamaisa baithuti kwa dikoleng. Tiriso ya dikoloi tsa ditonki go tsamaisa bana kwa dikoleng e tshwanetse go bo e emisitswe. Ke taelo e re e dirileng, mme go raya gore fa go ka nna le tiragalo ya seemo seo, seo ke se re tlaabong re se tsibogela e le se se duleng mo tsamaisong. Dikhansele di tshwanetse go tlanela bana ka dipalamo tse dingwe tsa maemo a a nang le pabalesego e e amogelesegang go akaretsa le tiriso ya dilori tse di khurumeditsweng sentle le tse di siameng mo tseleng.

Lephata le tswelela ka go dirisanya le dikhansele go netefatsa gore dithulaganyo tsa dipalamo tsa baithuti di baya kwa pele pabalesego ya bone, seriti, ditshwanelo le boitekanelo jwa bana, segolobogolo jang ba ba tswang kwa mafelong a a kgakala le ditlanelo, jaaka re buile gore kana dikgaolo tse dingwe tse di tshwanang le North West, Kgalagadi, Ghanzi jalo, tse ke reng di santse di saletse kwa morago ka ditlhabololo, go tlhoka gore re nne le *affirmative action* kana go tsibogela go ba thusa gore ba tle mo seemong sa ba bangwe. Ka gore fa ngwana a ka isiwa kwa sekoleng ka ditonki kwa mafelong a a kgakala, yo mongwe ene a tlhokomelwa sentle, gone moo e a bo e le dipharologanyo tse ditona mo thutong tse re ka se keng ra solofela gore ba ntshe thuto ka go tshwana. Ke a leboga.

MS MANYENENG: *Supplementary.* Ee, ke a go utlwa Tona, mme ke ne ke re re solofele gore dikoloi tseo di ka bo di setse di tsile leng tse di siameng ka gore go ntse go a diragala? Ke raya gore ke seemo se e leng gore ga re ise re utlwe gore a go tlaa nna le pharologanyo, kana e etla, e tlaa tla leng, *so that* e tle e re fa re e latedisa, re bo re itse gore re solofetse leng. Ke a leboga.

MR MOTSHEGWA: Ke a leboga. Kana mathata a ke a supileng ka tsela eo ya dipalamo ga e a tshwanela gore gotlhelele e bo e dirisiwa. Ke sone se e tlaa reng fa re tswa fa, re tlaa latedisa bone ba Metsimotlhabe gore

fa e le gore bone ba ne ba santse ba dira, ba emisiwe, mme ba thusiwe ka tsela e e ka tsisang pabalesego mo baneng. Ke a itse gore ke go kolota phuthego ya Kgotla, re tlaa rulaganya gore ke ye go otlelela mafoko a gore ba ba sa go bonang o botsa potso mo Palamenteng gore o e boditse, ke ye go nna mosupi. Ke a leboga.

MR FRENZEL: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker.* Ke tlatse potso e e neng e buiwa ke motlotlegi fa. Ke batla go itse, kana dikgaolo tse di ntsi fa re dirisa dikotsekara, kgang ke gore go emisitswe leng go dirisa dikotsekara, le gore se se yang go tsena fa go tswa dikotsekara e ya go nna eng, le gone e ya go nna leng ka gore dikotsekara di a dirisiwa gompieno? Ke bua jaana le maphakela jaana ba phaketse ba ntse ba tsewa ka dikotsekara, jaanong wena Tona wa re go emisitswe. Kgang ke gore fa go tswa go ya go simolola leng, le gone go dirisiwa eng? Ke yone potso e tona yone eo.

MR MOTSHEGWA: Nnyaa, mme ke ne ke e arabile, gongwe ke ka boelela fela fa ke neng ke re mme dikhansela di tshwanetse go tlamela bana ka dipalamo tsa maemo a a nang le pabalesego e e amogelesegang go akaretsa le tiriso ya dikoloi kana dilori tse di khurumeditsweng sentle le tse di siameng mo tseleng; ke yone karabo. Jaanong e le nna ke rile re tsere tshwetso, fa re lebeletse dikgang tsa botsogo jwa bana, pabalesego le ditshwanelo gore go emisiwe. Fa go emisitswe, ke bo ke re re tlaa tsibogela kwa gotweng go a diragala gore ga go a tshwanela gore go bo go ntse jalo. Kana melao le ditsamaiso o kgona gore le fa di le teng, ba bangwe ba bo ba tsewela ba di tlola ka mabaka a a farologaneng, gongwe bone ba re ga ba na ditsompelo. Ke gore re tle re ba thuse gore mme le fa ditsompelo di seyo, matshele a bana ga a a tshwanela go bewa mo kotsing, a re batleng methale e mengwe e re ka thusanang rona le bone. Re beye botsogo le pabalesego ya bana kwa pele.

Ke a leboga gore e bo e re le fa o ntse o le mono Mopalamente, o bo o kgona go utlwalela kwa kgaolong gore ba pagama jang. Ke a leboga.

NON-PAYMENT OF RASA

MR T. FURNITURE (TATI EAST): asked the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs:

- (i) why Kgosi of Patayamatebele and Government employees are not paid Remote Area Service Allowance (RASA); and
- (ii) if Patayamatebele is not categorised as a rural settlement; if so, why Government employees do not enjoy RASA like other employees at the settlement.

MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS (MR MOTSHEGWA): Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke leboqe le tsala ya me e tona Furniture.

Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke tshotse karabo ya potso e gore, Lephata la Dikgaolo le tsa Ngwao le leboga fela thata Motlotlegi Mopalamente wa Tati Botlhaba ka tshedimoso ya go sa duelwa ga Remote Area Service Allowance (RASA) a ga Kgosi ya Patayamatebele yo o tlogetseng tiro ka bogodi. Re mo tsamaisong ya go baakanya seemo se ka go bo e tswelsetse go duela ene Kgosi melatsa. Mo go ya modirelapuso yo o neng a le teng, ene o setse a duetswe melatsa ya gagwe ka kgwedi ya Phalane ngogola.

Tla ke supe kwa bofelong Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente gore Patayamatebele e mo *category 2* ya RASA, ka jalo, mo go ba bangwe ba ba neng ba sa duelwa, ke phosego e e tlaa baakanngwang. Re a leboga ka tshedimoso eo Mopalamente, re laletsa le ba bangwe fela gore fa go na le dikgwetlho tse le di lemogang, le di tsise re di tsibogele ka bofefo. Ke a leboga.

MR FURNITURE: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga Tona ka karabo eo ka botswerere, ga ke *sure* ka botho jwa gago, mme ke go leboqe.

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

MR FURNITURE: Ke botse gore, kana kwa Patayamatebele, maloba ba tlhophile Kgosi jaaka o ne o bua gore Kgosi o tlogetse tiro, jaanong ya re morago ga lemotshaga gore go na le yo mongwe yo o neng a tlhophilwe ke batho ba le babedi, yo o neng a ipelaetsa, mme jaanong ba a tshwenyega. Le maloba fa ke buisa phuthego ya Kgotla, go ne go sena Kgosi. Le bokgakala bokae gore le beye Kgosi ya Patayamatebele?

MR MOTSHEGWA: Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke a leboga motlotlegi. Eo ke ne ke sa e lemoga, go raya gore ke tlaa batlisisa mo go ba bangwe. O nne o di ntshedimosetsa fa re bua ka gore kgapetsakgapetsa nna le wena re a bua, le jaaka *December*; ke ne ke go tlaletsa ditiro tsa kwa gae o re, "madi mangwe a a tlhabela." Ke raya gore...

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

MR MOTSHEGWA: Ke raya gore dilo tse dingwe re ka di bua.

MR FURNITURE: *Procedure.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker.* O ne a arabile sentle jaaka ke ne ke bua ka botho jwa gagwe. *We share* molelwane nna le ene kwa Patayamatebele le Matopi. E ya gore o ne a ntleletsa, tota e ne e se bothokwa ka gore ga e na boammaaruri.

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable Members,* le se ka la nna le ntsha diphiri mo.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ... (Laughter!)

CONTINUITY IN OFFICES

MR S. O. DIGWA (BOTETI WEST): asked the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to apprise this Honourable House on:

- (i) measures his ministry will consider to ensure continuity of services in instances where a Commissioner of Oaths is not available, particularly in smaller offices or posts where the number of officers on duty is limited; and
- (ii) why junior officers are not being appointed or authorised to act as Commissioners of Oaths in such situations, rather than allowing essential public services to be halted due to the absence of a designated official.

MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT, DEFENCE AND SECURITY (MR MOHWASA): Mr Speaker, the Ministry for State President, Defence and Security acknowledges the validity of the concerns regarding service disruptions, particularly in smaller or remote offices. We are committed to ensuring that legal and administrative services remain accessible to all citizens without undue delay.

Mr Speaker, our approach is guided by the necessity to balance service accessibility with the stringent legal and security requirements inherent to the office of a Commissioner of Oaths, as defined by our national legislation, primarily the Justices of the Peace and Commissioners of Oaths Act.

Understanding the Role and Legal Weight of a Commissioner of Oaths

Mr Speaker, to address the core of the question, it is essential to clarify the significant responsibility this role entails. A Commissioner of Oaths is not merely an administrative functionary. They are vested with the authority to administer oaths and affirmations, and to certify documents as true copies. Their signature and

official stamp authenticate the identity of a declarant and confirm that a document was signed under oath in their presence. This Act lends legal weight and evidentiary reliability to documents used in court proceedings, Government applications, and other official matters.

Crucially, a Commissioner of Oaths verifies the signatory's identity and understanding of the document but does not verify the truth of the content. This distinction underscores the role's foundation in personal integrity and trust. The appointment is an expression of "special trust and confidence" in the individual's abilities and, most importantly, their fidelity. Consequently, the appointment process must be discerning to protect the public from fraud and to uphold the integrity of official documents.

Measures to Ensure Service Continuity

Mr Speaker, the ministry is actively considering a multi-faceted strategy to mitigate service interruptions. These measures are designed to be pragmatic while upholding legal standards.

- Strategic Deployment and Rostering; Mr Speaker, we are reviewing the deployment of existing Commissioners across all departments under the ministry's purview. The objective is to create optimised duty rosters, especially for smaller posts, to ensure at least one designated officer is present during all operational hours. Cross-training of existing eligible senior staff is a key component.
- Leveraging Technology for Access; Mr Speaker, for non-sensitive document certification, we will pilot programmes that leverage centralised service hubs. Citizens in remote locations may be guided to submit documents through secure channels to a central office with a available Commissioner, thereby reducing dependency on a single individual at a local post.
- Clear Public Information Channels; Mr Speaker, we commit to improving public awareness by clearly listing alternative Commissioner of Oaths locations. This includes directing citizens to other accessible public officials who commonly hold this authority, such as police officers, certain court clerks and postmasters.

Mr Speaker, the ministry assures this Honourable House that we share the objective of seamless public service. Our duty is to pursue this objective without

compromising the legal sanctity and security of the notarial process. We believe the outlined measures provide a responsible and effective path to enhance service continuity while maintaining the high standards the public rightfully expects. I thank you Mr Speaker.

MR FURNITURE: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker.* Ke a leboga Tona. Tona, maloba fa ke buisa phuthego kwa Patayamatebele, ke nnile le seemo sa potso e, gore o tlaa bona lepodise la maemo a a kwa tlase *acting for a Sergeant,* go bo go raya gore ga a kgone go thusa setšhaba ka go ikanisa, a bo ba tsamaya *distance* e telele. A ke thulaganyo e o ka e dirang mo ofising ya gago gore mo *remote areas, those acting* a ba ka kgona go thusa setšhaba ka tsela e e ntseng jalo?

MR MOHWASA: Ke di tlhalositse tse di mmalwa tse di sa tsenyang ya *to act.* Ke tlhalositse gore fa o o fa motho maikarabelo a, o a bo o na le dingwe tse o di lebeletseng, gore kgwetlho o ka nna le tshepo mo dipampiring tse o di tsisang. Ke sa reye gore ga re tshephe mapodise ao. Go na le seelo se o se bayang fa o sena go bereka. O sekwasekwa, o bo o tsholetswa maemo. Fa o sena go sekasekiwa go bonwa gore a o ka tsena mo maemong ao, ke gone o bo o ka fiwa maikarabelo a a ntseng jalo. Go na le dingwe tse ke di tlhalositseng tse di ka thusang go lebagana le seemo se. Fa re ka se ke ra ikela tlhoko, re itlhaganetse gore re batla batho ba thusiwe ka bofefo, re tloga re felela re *compromise* le tshepo e setšhaba se ka nnang nayo mo dipampiring tse di ikanisitsweng. Ke a leboga.

A35 HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

MR P. AARON (NGAMI): asked the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure if he is aware:

- (i) that the A35 highway construction does not comply with road construction standards in Botswana of offering an alternative road to road users during construction;
- (ii) of the number of accidents that have occurred during construction due to thick clouds of dust and why the contractor is not doing what he is paid to do, and if an alternative road is part of the contract on A35; and
- (iii) that currently it is difficult to use small vehicles/cars along the construction part as they get stuck.

MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE (MR SALAKAE): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker.* Ke a leboga Motlotlegi Mopalamente. Potso e, e ne e le *number one* mo Order Paper, ga ke itse gore Mopalamente o dirile jang. Re phaketse re gakololwa gore *late* ga e letlelelwe. Ke ne ke re Mopalamente a iteke *next time.* Re kgalemile fela thata o seyo Mopalamente.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Le go lofa, o a lofa.

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

MR SALAKAE: Ke ne ke re ke arabe jaana ke supe gore...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure.

MR SPEAKER: *Ga go na procedure. Emelela, o arabe.* You know you came in late Honourable Aaron. It is only courteous that when you stand up, you apologise because this was the first question, *tswelela.*

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

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Minister, *araba.*

MR SALAKAE: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker.* E tla a nna e kete ga re utlwe *Mr Speaker.* Ke supe fa gore ke dumalana le Mopalamente. Ga a nthetsa jaanong.

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

MR SPEAKER: Tswelela *honourable.*

MR SALAKAE: Ke ne ke re ke supe gore ke dumalana le Motlotlegi Mopalamente gore fa re dira ditsela, gantsi go nna le melao e e re fang bokaedi...

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

MR SPEAKER: Tswelela. *Honourable Members,* mo reetseng thata.

MR SALAKAE: Caterpillar a ko o nthetse.

Ke ne ke re ke supe jaana *Mr Speaker,* gore ke boammaaruri ke dumalana le Motlotlegi Mopalamente gore gantsi fa re dira ditsela, go na le melawana e e re fang bokaedi jwa gore re tshwanetse ra dira eng, re se ka ra dira eng. Motlotlegi o ne a botsa gone fa gore a ke a lemoga gore gore ga go salwe morago *standards* tse di felelang di re kaela gore go tshwanetse ga nna le *bypass?* Ke supe gore go dira *bypass* go laolwa ke dilo tse tharo; gore tsela ke ya sebopego sefe, a madi a teng le gore *traffic* e e fetang mo ditseleng tseo e bokete bo

le kae. Kana *bypass* e a bo e direlwa gore fa e le gore tsela e tswetswe, go nne le fa dikoloi di ka fetang teng. Jaanong e ka lebaka la letlhoko la madi, re dirile *bypass* e e *gravel* ka gore tsela *is undertaken in halfwidth sections*. Ke gore e dirwa *side* e nngwe, o bo o letlelela dikoloi di feta *side* e nngwe, fa o sena go fetsa fa o bo o dira *the other side*. Se re se dirileng e le *bypass* kwa ke gore re lekile go dira *gravel* go bapa le tsela gore dikoloi di fete re santse re dira *one lane*. Fa re fetsa *one lane* re tlolela kwa *side* e nngwe, dikoloi di feta mo go e re neng re e dira.

Ke supe gore ke dumalana le wena gore re tshwanetse ra ela tlhoko gore *bypass* e nna teng jaaka e le teng kwa tseleng ya Gumare-Sepopa, gongwe e se ya sekonetere ka lebaka la madi. Fa nne madi a le teng, re ka bo gongwe re ntshitse ditlhare tsele tsotlhe ra tsenya sekonetere se se *temporary* re santse re dira sekonetere se gompiano le dumalanang le nna gore re leka go se dira kwa Gumare-Sepopa.

O ne a boditse ka dikotsi. Ke bue jaana gore ke se ka ka tsaya nako e telele, ke e arabe ka Sekgoa ke re; *a total of 13 accidents were recorded, seven were classified as driver error, two collision with animals and four adverse road condition. No fatalities were recorded, with only one accident leading to injury while the rest were minor. Mr Speaker, at this time traffic is using the completed half of the road as a bypass.*

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

MR SPEAKER: Order Honourable Members!

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

MR SALAKAE: Ya boraro o ne o supa gore fa dipula di na, go nna thata gore ba ba dirisang dikotsekara gongwe ba nne le fa ba fetang teng. Ke supe gore ke boammaaruri, kana fa re dira tsela e e tshwanang le ele, re ela tlhoko gore go nna le modiredi yo o tswang kwa ofising ya rona, yo o nngang a le teng gore fa go nna le diemo tse di tshwanang le tseo, a kgone go fa rakonteraka bogakolodi jwa gore ke maikarabelo a gago go bona gore phatlha e dikotsekara di ka fetang teng e nna teng. Go tshwanetse go nna jalo. Fa e le gore ga a yo, ke selo se o tshwanetseng wa tswela wa se bega motlotlegi ka gore ka ke a bo ke le kwano, ra bona gore ke eng go sena motho yo o lebelelang tsela a tshwanetse gore a nne teng. Ke a leboga.

MR AARON: *Further supplementary.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker*, ke batla go itse gore a go a letlelesega gore *Minister* o ka ema mo Ntlong e a ba a

fa bopaki jo bo seng boammaaruri? Ke tshaba go dirisa lefoko le le tlhamaletseng. *Through you Mr Speaker, Minister*, a o a itse gore se re se buang ka tsela e, *not even a dirt or a gravel alternative road* e e leng teng? A o a itse gore se o se buang *Minister*, batho ba Kgaolo ya Ngami, Okavango ba go reeditse ba tlhabiwa ke ditlhong? A o a itse gore mo bogompianong jaana re nnile le diemo tse e leng gore fa mogolwane e le ene a etelang kgaolo, ke gone go lekwang gore go baakannwe tselanyana kwa thoko go tshelwa metsi? Se se dirwa ke eng lona le le malata a batho, e bo e re beng ba lona ba ba dirisang tsela, e bo e re fa ba e dirisa ba bo ba e dirisa mo go bayang matshelo a bone mo diphatseng?

Le gore *Minister*, ke a leboga gore o bo o supile ka dikotsi tse o buang ka tsone tse e leng gore le dibase tota, a mme o ka ela tlhoko gore bontlha bongwe jwa tsela go tsweng fa e dirwang teng go ya Shakawe, go nne le *an alternative road*? Fa e le gore se ke se buang ga se nnete, ke batla gore nna le wena re etele tsela ele.

La bofelo ke ne ke batla gore ke go sedimosetse *Minister*, ke a tlhaloganya gore fa tsela e dirwa go na le badiri ba gago ba e leng gore ke bone matlho a gago, ba ba lebelelang gore a tsela e dirwa ka *standard* se e leng sone. A o a itse gore tsela e re buang ka yone gompiano le fa e dirwa, e epiwa ke mashitaoka e le mo *standard* sa gore a go ka tshelwa sekonetere? Ke gore e setse e dirilwe, a go a letlelesega?

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Mashitaoka.

MR AARON: Ga le itse mashitaoka? Ke motlhoa o e reng fa o tswa jaana o bo o epa, o bo o dira mmunyana jaana, o bo o ya go sela majang kwa le kwa.

MR SALAKAE: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke santse ke emetse potso mme ke tlaa leka go selasela ka gore ke a lemoga gore go na le sengwe se Mopalamente a eletsang gore nna le ene re se tseye e le kgang, le fa dipotso tsa gagwe di sa tlhamalala.

Ke supe gore ngwaga o fa o simolola, tsela e motlotlegi a buang ka yone ya Gumare-Mohembo-Mohembo-Shakawe e ne ya nna ya ntlha ya tse ke neng ka di etela go buisa diphuthago. Ga ke itse gore ke eng motlotlegi a batla go e baya jaaka e kete ga ke ise ke ye koo.

Ke supe le mo karabong ya me gore *the bypass* e dirwa go lebeletswe *the type of construction that has been undertaken* mo tseleng. Fa e le gore ke tsela e go dirwang *lanes* tsotlhe gotlhelele fa go senang teng, go ka dirwa *an alternative*. Jaaka ke supile, fa re sena madi

jaaka gompiano, tsela e e leng *gravel* e sa dirwe re kopa bakgweetsi gore ba e dirise re santse re tshasa bontsho mo *another half of the lane*. Ba dirisa e e bapileng le sekonetere, e ke e dirisitseng fa ke ya kwa. Fa e ne e seyo, go ka bo go sena ope yo o yang kwa Shakawe le Gumare. Jaanong ka gore go na le *bypass*, nna le motlotlegi re kgonne go ya Shakawe ke tswa Gaborone. Jaanong fa motlotlegi a e baya jaaka e kete ga gona *bypass*, ke ipotsa gore ke dirisitse eng ka ke ne ke sa fofe. Jaanong tsela e e bapileng e e leng gore e teng ka ga gona madi, ke e re neng re tswa mo go yone, kana go tsamaya ka *sections*. Fa e le gore go na le fa o ka palamang sekonetere o a palama, fa e le gore go na le gore fa o palame o a fologa, e santse e dirwa. Ke supile gore lebaka le le dirwa ke gore ga gona madi, fa a ne a le teng re ka bo re dirile tsela fela e e tshasitsweng sekonetere kwa thoko e le *an alternative*, jaanong gompiano ga e yo. Legale ke a go utlwa motlotlegi.

Le yone potso ya bofelo ya gore gongwe babereki ba rona ga ba iponatse kwa ditseleng, ba tshwanetse ba iponatsa go bona gore fa dipula di na go nna thata, dikoloi tse di kwa tlase le dikotsekara fa di feta ba nna teng go kopa borakonteraka gore ba kgophe tsela. Golo mo *is budgeted for*, ga gona jaaka go ka se ke ga dirwa. *It is part of the budget*. Fa a sena go dira jalo o tsenya *quotation*, re bo re mo duelela go kgopha tsela jaaka re ne re dirile fa dipula di na fa gare ga Sehithwa le Nokaneng. Rre Caterpillar o ka nna mosupi, re gopile re dirisa ene mong wa tsela gore a dire jalo re bo re mo duela. Fa go sa dirwa jalo kwa tseleng ya ga motlotlegi, re tlaa leka gore *next time* re bone gore go a diragala. Ke a leboga.

MR AARON: *Further supplementary*. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Tlaa ke go gakolole; a o a itse gore tsela ya Nokaneng-Gumare gore rakonteraka a dire, ke e e neng e kopilwe ke nna fa re tswala Palamente? *Are you aware?*

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

MR SPEAKER: *Order! Honourable Members*, ga ke itse gore le tshega eng. A ko le iketleng.

MR AARON: Ga ke itse gore Mohwasa o tshega eng mo leleme la gagwe...

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

MR AARON: Le tlaa itshwarela. A o a itse gore tsela e o buang ka yone ke e e dirilweng ka ntata ya me? Potso ya bobedi; a o tlhomamisetsa batho ba Ngami le

Okavango gore dikoloi di ka tsamaya mo *a single lane for kilometres*? Kana re raya *an A standard road*, ga re bue ka tsela e e yang masimo, ke A35. A o tlhomamisetsa batho ba Okavango gore tsela e e fetang megobagoba le *buses*, a di ka fapaana *in a single lane* mo nageng e e leng gore e motlhaba? Ke a leboga.

MR SALAKAE: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Gongwe ke kope maitshwarelo go bo ke ne ke dirisitse leina la ga Rre Hikuama. Rre Aaron ga a rata, a re ke ene a kopileng, ga se Rre Hikuama. Nnyaa mme ke a tlhologanya mme gone gakere go ne ga gopiwa? Gore ke mang yo o kopileng fa gare ga gago le Rre Hikuama, ke ne ke se *sure* mo go yone.

Ya bobedi ke gore, a wa re ke tlhomamisetsa batho ba Shakawe gore dikoloi tse ditona le tse dinnyennyane di ka feta mo tseleng e nngwefela? Ke supe gore ke ka lebaka la gore go bo go sena madi, ga ke eletse gore go nne jalo. Ke sone se ke rileng le yone *gravel* e e ka fa thoko, ga e a dirwa ke rona. Ke kopile boradikoloi gore ba name ba e dirisitse re santse re dira *lane* e nngwefela, re tlaa dira ya bobedi. Fa go ntse jalo, ga ba ka ke ba fapaana mo go e nngwefela, yo mongwe fa a gatile yone e, yo mongwe o tsamaya mo *gravel*. Jaanong ga gona jaaka ba ka fapaana mo *one lane*. Ke dumalana le wena gore go ka nna borai fa go ka nna jalo. Mo nakong ya gompiano, nna le wena Motlotlegi Mopalamente, e kete re ka kopanela ngang e, ra kopa boradikoloi gore ba se ka ba fapaana mo *lane* e nngwefela, ba fologe ba dirise *gravel* e e ka fa thoko ga tsela, fa ba bangwe ba dirisa e e nngwefela ya sekonetere. Ke yone kopo e ke go e neelang motlotlegi. Ke a leboga.

MR AARON: Further supplementary.

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa, nako ya dipotso e wetse.

MR AARON: Nnyaa, ya bofelo mongwame.

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

MR SPEAKER: Order! Order! Honourable Members. I understand that the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure has a paper to table.

TABLING OF PAPER

The following paper was tabled:

CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY OF BOTSWANA ANNUAL REPORT, 2024/25

(Minister of Transport and Infrastructure)

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Members, as that concludes our business of today...

MR PULE: *Procedure.* Mma ke go dumedise *Mr Speaker* le batlotlegi mo Ntlong e. *Mr Speaker*, o tlaa mpaakanyetsa mongwame fa ke tswa mo tseleng. Fa o gakologelwa, e rile ka *session* ya ntlha ya State of the Nation address (SONA), o ne wa tla mo Palamenteng o rwele kuane ya nku mme e rile fa ke tsena ke bo ke re kana o ne o le mongwe wa batho ba ba neng ba bua gore kuane e tota e dule mo *fashion* mme o bo o tlhalosa gore o e rwele gompiano ka gore *it is a ceremonial day*, re dira SONA. O ne o re o tlaa nna o e rwala fela ka *ceremonial sessions*.

Jaanong maabane ke letse ke go bona o tla o sa e rwala *Mr Speaker* mme e bile o fetotse le *robe* e re e tlwaetseng. Kana re tlwaetse *a traditional blue, white and black robe*, o ne o apere e sele maabane. Le gompiano ke a go bona gore o apere e sele e ke sa e tlwaelang. A mme ga se gore *Mr Speaker* o re tsenye mo dinakong gore gongwe ke yone *transformation* e re buang ka yone gore tota *we want to transform*, re tswa mo *styles* tsa bogologolo tse di *too traditional*, re tsena *in modern ways of running Parliament*. Ke ne ke re gongwe fela Batswana ba itse gore ke eng o fetogile gompiano o apere *black and white*, o se mo *black, blue and white*? Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable Pule*, ga se gore re tlaa e bua kwa General Assembly? Tota go go araba fela ke gore, kana kapari e ya lona ga e *regulated* mo Standing Orders ka tsela e e ntseng jalo mme re itse *traditions*. Se Standing Orders tsa lona di se buang ke gore, tse dingwe re tlaa nna re di kopa ka Ennyelane.

Honourable Pule, fa o ka ela tlhoko, *the evolution* ya *the usage* ya *robes*, o tlaa bona gore *over time it has been changing from when it started*, go tla go fitlhelela gompiano. Re santse re setse morago *tradition* eo ya *robes*.

O tlaa lemoga gore *in the House of Commons, most of the time* fa go se *ceremonies*, ba dirisa *the black and white*. Fa e le gore *the House of Commons* e tsene, o ka lebelela *Speaker* sa teng gore o apere jang. E se ka ya le tshwenya batlotlegi. Ya kuane e se ka ya le tshwenya, tota re leka gore *slowly but surely* re baakanye diemo tse dingwe.

Honourable Members, re tlile kwa bokhutlong. Mma ke kope Moeteledipele wa Ntlo e bong *Honourable Moeti*

Caesar Mohwasa *to move a Motion of adjournment*.

Honourable Members, le ipaakanyetse *response* ya *budget* kamoso. Go raya gore jaaka fela Leader of the Opposition (LOO) a fetsa, go tlaabo go buletswe gore le ka *debate*. Le nne le ipaakanye. *Whips*, le hesane ka fa le itseng gore le hesana ka teng.

MOTION

ADJOURNMENT

LEADER OF THE HOUSE (MR MOHWASA): Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ka dipuisanyo tsa letsatsi di ile bokhutlong, tla ke sutise gore re phatlalale gone fa. Ke a leboga.

Question put and agreed to.

The Assembly accordingly adjourned at 3:25 p.m. until Wednesday 11th February, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.

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