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Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2026

THE ASSEMBLY met at 2:00 p.m.

(THE SPEAKER in the Chair)

### PRAYERS

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### SPEAKER'S ANNOUNCEMENT

**MR SPEAKER (MR KEORAPETSE):** Order! Honourable Members. Honourable Members, good afternoon. I hope you had a restful night.

Honourable Members, let us start our day with announcements. As Parliament, you are honoured to welcome Society of Clerks-at-the-Table (SoCATT) Africa Region, Steering Committee Members. The committee is led by the Chairperson Mr Karmoh K. Conteh who is the Clerk of the National Assembly of the Republic of Sierra Leone. The Steering Committee is in Botswana to prepare for the 9<sup>th</sup> SoCATT Africa Professional Development Seminar scheduled for tomorrow and Thursday. Honourable Members, please join me in extending a warm welcome to our guests in the public gallery.

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

### SPEAKER'S RULING

**MR SPEAKER:** *Ke bone baeng ba lona.* You may be seated. Honourable Members, please recall that last week Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2026, I indicated that I am deferring my ruling on the time allocations on the issue of members yielding their time to a fresh debate under the guise of clarification or elucidation under Standing Order 53.1 (b) and 53.1 (c), my ruling is that using these interruptions as ...(Inaudible)... for a fresh debate is not procedural nor suitable as this denies other Honourable Members access to the speaker who does not substantively have the floor. In terms of Order 51.7 (c), "no member shall speak for more than 10 minutes in the Committee of Supply." However, Honourable Members may speak for the full 10 minutes or less and accordingly yield the remainder of their time to another Honourable Member. Indeed, I had further discussions with Honourable Digwa, he will indicate to me on how the ruling party will allocate its 10 minutes.

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

**MR SPEAKER:** The Standing Orders that you want to refer to are 53.1 (b), 53.1 (c) and 51.7 (c).

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Clarification. Mr Speaker, *ga ke a utlwa sentle.*

**MR SPEAKER:** Let me have Government Whip before I go to you Honourable Minister Ramogapi.

**MR DIGWA:** Thank you Mr Speaker. As the Government, we agreed that the Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC) Members of Parliament (MPs) should be allocated five minutes each in the Committee of Supply. Thank you.

**MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR RAMOGAPI):** Clarification. *Ke ne ke re ga ke a utlwa sentle* Mr Speaker *fa go*, we may yield the remaining five minutes to another speaker. *Ke sa itse gore a o raya gore motho yo o mo floor o kare jaanong ke feditse*, I am yielding my five minutes to Honourable Mmolotsi?

**MR SPEAKER:** *Ka fa go ntseng ka teng* Honourable Ramogapi, if you are holding the floor, *gakere* there is a list from the ruling party, so, the understanding is that if you are giving us four speakers for instance, each one of you is allocated 10 minutes, it means that you have decided as the ruling party that you will share the 10 minutes, five minutes each. *Fa o emelela re go fa* five minutes, knowing that the next one will take five minutes. So that on your side, we will have four, then we will have one this side.

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

**MR SPEAKER:** *Ga o emelele ka* elucidation.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Clarification.

**MR SPEAKER:** It is also proving difficult for recording. It is complicating issues *kwa* recording. That is why it must be clear that you are given the floor for five minutes and the other one is given the floor for five minutes until you alter that decision, *go raya gore* that is what stands.

**MR PULE:** Clarification. *Ke ne ke botsa fela motlotlegi, ke go dumedise.* *Ga se gore ka kwa go raya gore ke gentlemen's agreement?* Is it really procedural according to the rules of this House *gore a bo e le gore ba dumalana gore ba fana* five minutes, *a bo go nna mo* recording *ya Ntlo e gore ba tlaa bua* five minutes each? Is it procedural *kana ke gentlemen's agreement?* It needs to be clarified.

**MR SPEAKER:** Honourable Tshere, do you wish to assist?

**MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INNOVATION (MR TSHERE):** Clarification. Mr Speaker...

**MR SPEAKER:** Lona ba le rweleng *masks*, le itse gore mantswa a lona a sefega, jaanong ga le utlwale sentle. *I do not know if you are rightly captured Honourable Pule but ke go utlwile.*

**MR TSHERE:** Thank you very much Mr Speaker. *Ke tsaya gore e siame jaaka o e bua.* It is proving difficult and un-procedural and *ga re kgone* to elucidate *motho fa a bua a tsene jalo.* *Ke tsaya gore* it will be a little bit untidy if it is going to happen on this side of the aisle and not happen on the other side. *Go raya gore gongwe le rona re tlaa ithulaganya* and just move that *re kope* to debate in this Committee Stage. We should accommodate more people and let the debate be set at five minutes for both sides of the aisle, then it will be fine.

**MR SPEAKER:** No, it cannot be, if you look at Order 51.7 (c), *e clear gore* maximum of 10 minutes, so it can be less. There is nothing untoward or un-procedural about you deciding that you want more people to speak and that you will share the 10 minutes. *Ga e molato*, it is your own arrangement, especially with the Whip.

**MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM (MR MMOLOTSI):** Clarification. Mr Speaker, ke ne ke re ke dumalana le yone e ntse jalo. Ke a ngongorega Mr Speaker gore Palamente ga e ka ke ya re e simolola, a bo ba Botswana Congress Party (BCP) ba *decide* fela gore ba ya go bina kwa ntle mo go sa tlhokafaleng. Tota *this thing* e ba e dirang jaanong e tswa mo tseleng ka gore re rometswe mo Palamenteng, bone ba a bina kwa ntle mo go sa letlelesegegeng gotlhelele.

**MR SPEAKER:** Ga ke itse gore a go na le bangwe ba ba binang, mme *quorum* e teng, a re tsweleng. A re yeng kwa dipotsong.

## QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Le rona re teng Mr Speaker.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Clarification.

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

**MR SPEAKER:** *A re yeng kwa dipotsong.* Timang microphones *tseo batlotlegi.* Honourable Jeremiah Frenzel Member for Shashe West. Order!

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Clarification Mr Speaker.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Clarification on what?

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Ke ne ke re ke a mo kgalemela...

## ABSORPTION OF TEMPORARY TEACHERS INTO PERMANENT POSITIONS

**MR J. J. FRENZEL (SHASHE WEST):** asked the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education:

- (i) if she is aware that Early Childhood graduate temporary teachers are being removed from their positions in certain regions after the 12 months tenure despite the savingram issued by her office stating otherwise;
- (ii) whether these positions are being filled by newly recruited temporary teachers in the Central region;
- (iii) to provide clarity on the laid down procedure for absorbing temporary teachers into permanent positions in her ministry; and
- (iv) whether this process encompasses all unemployed teacher graduates or priority is currently being given to those employed on a temporary basis.

**MR FRENZEL:** Ke a leboga Honourable Speaker. Ke dumedise batlotlegi botlhe ba ba leng fano le ba ba kwa ntle le batsadi kwa Shashe West. Ga ke itse gore Minister gongwe o laetse mongwe potso ya me, ke ya ntlha mo letsatsing la gompiono.

**MR SPEAKER:** Honourable Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education.

...Silence...

**MR SPEAKER:** Honourable Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education. *Ga ba yo botlhe?* Where is the assistant? Honourable Mmolotsi, *o kae* Minister wa Education?

**MR MMOLOTSI:** ...(Inaudible)...

...Silence...

## ROLES OF DRTS AND BPS

**MS H. P. MANYENENG (MMOPANE-METSIMOTLHABE):** asked the Minister of Transport

and Infrastructure to clarify the respective roles of the Department of Road Transport and Safety and the Botswana Police Service with regard to regulating and enforcing road transport operations.

**MR SPEAKER:** Is it a lengthy answer?

**MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE (MR SALAKAE):** It appears so, *ke* four pages.

**MR SPEAKER:** Standing 38.4, you will give the member a written answer.

**MR SALAKAE:** Kana ke soboke ka Setswana *in two lines*?

**MR SPEAKER:** You can summarise.

**MR SALAKAE:** Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Potso e fa o ka e lebelela, tota o ne a kopa gore ke mo thuse go farologanya tiro ya *the transport controller* le mapodise. Ke supe gore kwa *side* ya rona ya *transport controller* re dira melao, mapodise *enforce this law*. Ke sone se ke neng ke batla *to establish*, gore a kgone go tsena mo *line* ya *debate*. Ke a leboga.

**MS MANYENENG:** *Supplementary*. Ke botsa potso e ka gore thulaganyo e a e buang ga e a nna jalo *on the ground Mr Speaker*. *Traffic cops especially* fa ba na le ba *transport*, ba a tshwarwa. Ba *transport* ba le *involved* mo go tshwareng. *Transport* ga e ipeye fa thoko gore ga e tshware. A o a itse gore mapodise *connive* le ba *transport* gore ba tshware batho? *At the same time, charges tsa traffic* ga di tshwane *for* melato e e tshwanang. A o a itse gore fela jaaka ke tlaabo ke tshwarelwa gore ke raletse *robot* ke le *taxi* kana *combi man especially*, ke ya go tshwara ke mongwe a ba a nkatlhola P500 *as an example*? E tlaare gongwe maitseboa kana kamoso ke bo ke dira *the same*, ke ya go tla jaanong ke atlhola P1,500 e ntse e le *the same* molato. A o a itse gore *charges* tsa mapodise ga di tshwane? Ga ke itse gore a o a tlhologanya gore le ba *Transport* ba a itse gore go diragala eng le melato e?

**MR SALAKAE:** Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke a leboga *Honourable Member*. Mma ke tlhomamise *Mr Speaker* gore dikgang tse di buiwang ke motlotlegi, ga se la ntlha ke di utlwa. Fa e le gore ke boammaaruri, ke rurifatse se gore, *to connive* ke molato. Go raya gore *you are doing something against what the law requires*. Ke boe gape ke supe gore molato o mongwe wa bobedi yo a o buileng, ke dumalana le ene. Ke a tle ke utlwe batho

ba rialo ba re, fa o tla o le Rre Mmolotsi, o kgona go atlhola ka *charge* e sele, le nna ke *charge* e sele. Go molato go dira jalo *because* molao o re o dirisang, o mongwefela.

Se ke ntseng ke tla ke se kopa mo Dikgotleng ka dikgang tse ke kopanang le tsone ke gore, Batswana, *let us socialise ourselves into reporting any corruption* e re kopanang le yone *on the ground*. Fa go le *clear* gore *this is corruption, especially* o itse, ga o a tshwanela go duela. Batla tsela ya go bona gore o lebisa ba molao ba ba lebaganeng le kgang eo, gore ba tseye dikgato tse di lebaneng. *Unless* gongwe o sa itse, le fa ntswa molao o re *ignorance of the law is not an excuse*. Re tlwaele thata go itse gore molao wa reng, gore fa re tsiediwa, re kgone go supa ka nako e re tsiediwang ka yone. *I agree with you* gore, tota se o se buang, ke tlolo molao. A re itlwaetse, le fa ke sa reye jalo Motlotlegi Mopalamente, gore ba ba dirang molato, *we should report them*. Ke a leboga.

**MR KAPINGA:** *Supplementary*. *Mr Speaker*, ga ke a kgotsofalela karabo ya ga *Minister*. Ga a supe gore batho ba *Road Transport and Safety*, go na le bontlha bongwe jwa *Road Traffic Act* jo bo lebaganeng le bone ka sebelebele. Fa ba ya kwa *road blocks*, ba tshwanetse go itebaganya le bontlha joo, *relating to road licensing, all those things le public service vehicles and so on and so forth*. Ke eng o sa tlhalose fela *Minister* gore botlhe ka bobedi, mapodise le ba *transport*, ba na le tshwanelo ya *to enforce* molao? Ba *transport* role ya bone e *limited to the job that they do as transport regulating authority*. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

**MR SALAKAE:** Ke boammaaruri *Mr Speaker*. Ke a leboga Rre Kapinga. Ke ne ka tseela gore ke lebagane le dipotso tse ke di bodiwang. Ke ka bo ke atolositse ka fa o buang ka teng gore, go a tle go nne le *joint operations between the police and the transport officers*. Ba dira tiro ya go bona gore a se se tshwanetseng se dirwe mo tseleng se a dirwa, a se se tlhokafalang mo mokgweetsing jaaka *licence*, a o e tshotse. Go bo go raya gore fa go tlhokagala gore mongwe a tshwarwe, e bo e nna tiro ya mapodise. Go lebelela dilo tse, ke dumalana le Rre Kapinga gore, go tshwanetse go nne jalo. Pampiri e ke e tshotseng e, e e nang le *four pages*, o ka ipotsa gore e tshotse eng, mme ke ne ke sobokile *in two lines*. E tshotse tse Motlotlegi Rre Kapinga a di buileng. *I quoted* molao gore mang o dira eng, mang ga a dire eng. Ke a leboga go bo o ntladitse motlotlegi. *Thank you*.

**MR FRENZEL:** *Procedure.* Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker.* Potso ya me e ne e le ya ntlha, jaanong o ntlogetse fela ke santse ke eme ke ipotsa gore a ga e a tsena kana go diragala jang?

**MR SPEAKER:** Ke rile Tona ga a yo, ka ba ka botsa gore *assistant* o kae, le ene ga a yo. A bo ka botsa gore a go na le yo o laetsweng, ga go na.

**MR FRENZEL:** Ee, mme o ne o sa mpolelela *Honourable Speaker.* ...*(Laughter!)*...

#### POLICY REFORMS TO FORMALISE SECOND-HAND VEHICLE INDUSTRY

**MR L. BARONGWANG (MOGODITSHANE EAST):** asked the Minister of Finance to state policy reforms that are being implemented to formalise the second-hand vehicle industry, prevent tax leakages, and curb illicit financial flows associated with vehicle imports; he should further state:

- (i) how key institutions such as the Botswana Unified Revenue Service, Financial Intelligence Agency, Immigration, and the Department of Road Transport and Safety integrate data to detect and combat trade-based money laundering in the importation and sale of vehicles;
- (ii) if the Government is effecting mandatory digital invoicing and cease cash transaction immediately for vehicle dealerships, to strengthen transparency, accountability, and tax compliance; and
- (iii) the regulatory limits that exist.

**MR SPEAKER:** Honourable Minister of Finance, His Honour the Vice President (VP), *e boleele bo le kae* Your Honour?

**MINISTER OF FINANCE (MR GAOLATHE):** No, it is not bad. It is manageable sir, it is not long.

**MR SPEAKER:** Go ahead Your Honour.

**MR GAOLATHE:** Thank you Mr Speaker. Thank you Honourable Barongwang. Mr Speaker, let me first highlight that the second-hand motor vehicle industry plays an important role in Botswana's economy by facilitating mobility, supporting enterprise development and providing employment opportunities for many citizens. At the same time, as with many sectors involved in cross border trade and significant cash-based transactions, the industry may present certain

vulnerabilities that could expose the country to tax leakages and illicit financial flows if not properly regulated. This therefore requires concerted efforts by relevant authorities in order to detect, prevent and combat these ills.

With regard to policy reforms aimed at formalising the second-hand vehicle industry and preventing tax leakages, first and foremost the Imported Pre-Owned Motor Dealer is a reserved activity for citizens of Botswana or companies wholly owned by citizens in accordance with Regulations 24 of Trade Regulations, 2020.

In relation to policy reforms, Ministry of Trade and Entrepreneurship is in the process of amending the Trade Act in order to introduce the "fit and proper" requirement designed to prevent criminals or their associates from being granted licences to operate car dealerships. This regulatory requirement aims to strengthen the licensing framework, uphold market integrity and protect consumers. Not only that, Government has also strengthened customs valuation controls at the point of importation and has enhanced post clearance audit mechanisms to verify the accuracy of declared import values.

Regarding integration of data by key institutions to detect and combat trade-based money laundering, the Botswana Unified Revenue Service (BURS) is working in close collaboration with other Government agencies, including the Financial Intelligence Agency (FIA), relevant Ministries Departments and Agencies (MDAs) responsible for financial intelligence, law enforcement, immigration control and transport regulation.

Specifically, the DRTS which is mandated by the Road Traffic Act to register all vehicles in Botswana, has interfaced with the Vehicle Registration and Licensing System with that of BURS. With this, the latter's system populates information of every vehicle that has been cleared by BURS for registration purposes. This means DRTS cannot register any vehicle that has not been cleared by BURS.

Registration of vehicles also requires clearance by the BPS to ensure that stolen vehicles are not registered in Botswana. Further, FIA employs a number of intelligence methods to detect, prevent and combat trade-based money laundering in the importation of vehicles and other trade related activities. The agency disseminates intelligence to relevant and competent authorities for investigation and enforcement.

Mr Speaker, with respect to digital invoicing, Parliament in November 2025 passed the Value Added Tax (VAT) (Amendment) Act which introduced a legal framework for electronic VAT invoicing in Botswana. Once fully implemented, the Electronic VAT Invoicing System will require VAT registered businesses, including vehicle dealerships, to issue digital invoices that are transmitted directly to the tax administration system in real time or near real time.

This reform will significantly strengthen transparency in commercial transactions, reduce opportunities for under reporting of sales and enhance VAT compliance. It will also provide Government with improved data analytics capabilities to detect irregular trading patterns and potential tax leakages.

Finally, Mr Speaker, as regards regulatory limits, the governance of the vehicle imports and sale sector is currently guided by a number of legislative instruments including the Customs Act, VAT Act, Proceeds and Instruments of Crime Act, and the regulatory frameworks administered by relevant Government ministries and departments responsible for transport regulation and business oversight, most of which I have already explained above.

In conclusion, Mr Speaker, Government remains firmly committed to strengthening compliance, combating illicit financial flows and modernising revenue administration systems across the economy.

To put it in summary, the questions that the Honourable MP is raising are legitimate concerns, but we are doing everything and remain open-minded to listen to what more can be done. I thank you Mr Speaker.

**MR BARONGWANG:** *Supplementary.* Ke a go leboga Tona, e bile o le Mothusa Tautona. Ke lebogela gore *you are acknowledging* gore bothata jo bo teng. Se ke se itemogelang mo karabong ya gago ke gore, o kare o ganeletse thata mo *importation*. Tota potso ya me e ne e ganelela mo *trading within the country after importation*. Fa ke ka go sedimosetsa fela, batho ba e leng gore bontsi jwa bone ga se Batswana, ba rekisanya dikoloi tse *at individual level*, mme tota e le dikompone. Se ba se dirang go raya gore *they are avoiding company tax* le VAT *because* ba rekisantswe koo fela, mo *garages* ke mo gotweng *rent a space*. Golo mo ke ipotsa gore a le itse ka gone?

Potso ya bobedi ke gore, fa le dira thulaganyo e ya *digital invoicing*, ke eng se se kganelang gore le pateletse gore

theko nngwe le nngwe ya dikoloi e e dirwang, e dirwe ka maranyane, go se ka ga dirisiwa *cash*? A go na le molao o o ka kganelang?

Sa boraro, *because this is a problem*, go na le sepe se se ka go kganelang gore go nne le *quota* ya gore *at least* dikoloi di le kana *can be imported*, gore bothata jo bo se ka jwa jwelelela?

Kwa bofelelong ke gore, a go na le sepe se sengwe se o ka se dirang kwa motseng wa Mogoditshane go thusa *to inspect garages* tsa batho ba gore *are they complying*? Ke a leboga.

**MR GAOLATHE:** Ke a leboga *sir*. *Well*, ke tseela gore dikgang tse o di buang tse, o di buisiwa ke se o se bonang, se o se lemogang, le gore gongwe re le Puso, ga re lemoge dilo tsotlhe tse di lemosegang. Mma ke re, re amogela dikgakololo. Se ke se utlwang mo go wena ke gore, re tokafatse *inspection*, le gore go lebelelwe kgang ya *quotas*. Ga ke ka ke ka re gone jaanong ke tharabololo, mme fela e sekasekilwe, ke tseela gore ke kgakololo ya gago.

E nngwe gape ke gore, koloi nngwe le nngwe e tshwanetse gore fa e rekisiwa, go bo go na le maranyane mo teng gore re e lebelele, go sa kgathalesege gore go rekisa madirelo kana motho. Ke dikgakololo tse re tlaa di lebelelang. Ke a leboga.

#### LANDS COURTS AND COURTS OF APPEAL

**MR C. K. JACOBS (LOBATSE):** asked the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services if there are any Government efforts and considerations on the establishment of Land Courts and Land Courts of Appeal as a way to relevantly attend and address land disputes and land related matters in a more professional setup and legal framework; and whether he is aware that:

- (i) with Land Courts and Courts of Appeal, land disputes will undergo proper legality and administration;
- (ii) Lands Courts and Courts of Appeal could administer and handle Land Disputes Management System and Database;
- (iii) Lands Courts and Courts of Appeal could foster relevance to land issues and settlements; and
- (iv) with Land Courts and Courts of Appeal, land allocations and land disputes will separately

run effectively and efficiently independent and manageable as different portfolios under oversight of the ministry and other relevant stakeholders.

**Later Date.**

**BOTSWANA'S ECOSYSTEM AND ECONOMY**

**MR K. NKAWANA (SELEBI PHIKWE EAST):** asked the Minister of Environment and Tourism what plans he has to address the impact of climate change on Botswana's ecosystem and economy.

**MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM (MR MMOLOTSI):** *Ke a leboga Mr Speaker. Ke a leboga Honourable Nkawana ka gore e bile o supa boikarabelo jo bo gakgamatsang.*

Mr Speaker, climate change is a cross-cutting issue which affects all sectors of the economy. The Ministry of Environment and Tourism plays a coordinating role in driving the climate change agenda. The ministry therefore plans with other ministries for implementation of a combination of policies, institutional, financial and technological measures that can strengthen resilience while promoting low-carbon development.

Mr Speaker, a Climate Change Policy of 2021 whose objectives are to develop and implement adaptation strategies and action plans that will lower the country's vulnerability, integrate climate change into policies and promote low carbon development pathways was adopted and continue to be implemented. The Paris Agreement, to which Botswana is party, requires countries to submit Nationally Determined Contributions, which are climate action plans submitted by countries committing to reduce greenhouse gas emissions as well as adapt to climate change impacts. Botswana submitted her NDC and committed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 15 per cent in 2030, and this is a commitment that requires all sectors to play a role towards achieving the national target.

Mr Speaker, actions to address climate change include, inter alia, the following:

- (e) Restoration of degraded rangelands, forests and wetlands to improve carbon sequestration and water retention.
- (f) Climate smart agriculture for food security.
- (g) Strengthen wildlife corridor protection to reduce human-wildlife conflict and support tourism

sustainability, through provision of water for wildlife.

- (h) Developing Botswana's Long-Term Low-Emissions Development Strategy (LTS) which will align our economic diversification, energy security, water resilience and climate ambition within a single, forward-looking framework to 2050, consistent with our commitments under the Paris Agreement and the global movement toward long-term net-zero emissions vision. This strategy is expected to be completed in June 2026.
- (i) Development of a Carbon Market Framework, expected to be completed in June 2026, will promote conservation and uptake of renewable energy, will also enable our participation in the carbon markets, raising revenue thus ensuring environmental integrity and ecosystem health.
- (j) The Ministry of Lands and Agriculture in collaboration with Conservation International is implementing a Green Climate Fund project aimed at rangeland restoration to restore 4.6 million hectares of degraded land through the herding for health model, which focuses on sustainable livestock management to improve climate resilience, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and support livelihoods in community rangelands.
- (k) Implementation of the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan which focuses on understanding and managing biodiversity, sustainable use and public awareness.
- (l) Implementation of the Community Based Natural Resource Management (CBNRM) Department to empower rural communities by incorporating indigenous knowledge into land and resource management as well as building capacity.
- (m) A National Forest Inventory is maintained by the Department of Forestry and Range Resources (DFRR) in collaboration with the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JAICA) to monitor forest health and status.
- (n) Rollout of the National Climate Mobility Blueprint through collaboration with the Global Centre for Climate Mobility which guides the nation towards sustainable adaptation and development amidst the evolving climate landscape. The blueprint will enhance climate literacy, establish community

resilience hubs to support grassroots adaptation efforts, investing in early warning systems and climate-resilient infrastructure, and integrate indigenous knowledge into national adaptation strategies.

- (o) Lastly, on strengthening capacities to address climate change, Botswana will host the Southern African Science Service Centre for Climate Change and Adaptive Land Management School of Graduate Studies Programme under the theme 'Biodiversity and Ecosystem health' at the University of Botswana (UB), Okavango Research Institute (ORI) in Maun, this will ensure that biodiversity and ecosystem health are well addressed. I thank you Mr Speaker.

**MR NKAWANA:** *Supplementary.* Mma ke go leboge Mr Speaker. Ke go leboge Honourable Minister Mmolotsi. Mma ke simolole ka e o neng o bua ka carbon credit, ke tlhologanye gore, a mme re kile ra benefit? Have we tapped into the fund fela ya carbon credit ka gore ke na le tumelo le pelaelo ya gore re kwadisitswe gone koo? A ko o re tlhalosetse gore a Botswana e kile ya kopa madi kgotsa dithuso mo go bone?

E nngwe ke ya gore, as a coordinator, fa gongwe le wena o culprit Honourable Minister, ka gore fire-breaks tsa gago in the parks ga di kganele melelo. Fa melelo e nna teng, go dira those emissions. Potso ke gore, le fa e se wena, fa implementers ba sa dire, ba sa sale melao e morago, wena thupa e o e tshwereng ke efe gore ba kgone to implement your policies? Ke a leboga.

**MR MMOLOTSI:** Tota fela kgang ke public education all the time, and also collaborating le ba e leng gore they emit. Re ye go leka go ba bontsha bodiphatsa jwa these dangerous emissions. Moving forward, stringent measures will be taken against those that emit deliberately. Go raya gore re tshwanelwa ke gore re bo re baakantse seemo se se ka dirang gore kgang e ya go tsaya dikgato, e bo e ka nna teng.

Maabane when I was presenting chapter ya rona, ke ne ka tlhalosa gore re ntse re thusana le bangwe go dira carbon credit framework. Maikaelelo ke gore e re ka June jaana, e bo e wetse. Maikaelelo ke gore as a Government, re bo re simolola to trade sentle. E bile go na le bangwe ba ba setseng ba supile kगतlhego ya go dirisana le rona, actually, the private sector, even Governments tsa mafatshe a mangwe ba ba supileng interest gore ba ka dirisana le rona, go thusana le rona to

tap into this carbon credit markets.

However, we still have private people who are already tapping into carbon credit, even before re nna le framework. Ba e leng gore once the framework is in place, we will then try to normalise sengwe le sengwe gore se tsamae ka fa molao o tlaabong o batla ka teng. So, yes, there are some who are already benefiting le fa go ntse go sena framework. Ke fela gore rona re diegile as a country to put together a framework e mongwe le mongwe a ka berekelang mo go yone. I thank you.

### PROCUREMENT OF MEDICATIONS

**MR P. AARON (NGAMI):** asked the Minister of Health to state:

- (i) the amount allocated to hospitals (primary, district & referral), for procurement of medications and other medical resources from private pharmacies & other medical businesses for patients (in-patients & out-patients) while waiting for deliveries from the Central Medical Stores (CMS);
- (ii) whether the allocated funds are adequate enough to manage the stock level; and
- (iii) if he is aware that due to the current shortages across the country, some patients and their families are advised to procure medications for themselves at private pharmacies, and that this has led to deterioration of conditions and ultimately leading to deaths for patients who cannot afford to buy medication for themselves.

**ASSISTANT MINISTER OF HEALTH (MR OOKEDITSE):** Thank you Mr Speaker.

- (a) The three referral hospitals; Nyangabgwe, Princess Marina and S'brana were allocated a total of P5,000,000 for the emergency procurement of medicines or drugs. Nyangabgwe got P1,500,000, Princess Marina got P2,000,000 and S'brana got P1,500,000. An amount of P1,200,000 was allocated for emergency procurement of laboratory supplies to the two referral hospitals being Nyangabgwe at P500,000 and Princess Marina P700,000.
- (b) For the district hospitals an amount of P8,749,956 for medicines was allocated, while P2,034,839 was allocated for laboratory supplies.
- (c) For primary hospitals, an amount of P3,800,000

for emergency procurement of medicines and P1,262,000 was allocated for laboratory supplies.

Mr Speaker, the total funds allocated were P17,549,956.00 for medicines and P4,496,839.00 for laboratory supplies.

These funds given were specifically meant to serve as a stop gap measure, in order to alleviate shortages of critical medicines and related supplies, whilst waiting for the bulk supplies from Central Medical Stores (CMS). We are aware of the intermittent shortages of essential medicines that are experienced at our facilities. During such instances, therapeutic alternatives are prescribed to help manage the patient's conditions, but when we do not have any other alternative, patients would then be kindly requested to procure what they can, for themselves. This was particularly when the stock levels were quite low, but the situation is now improving, and we are looking to actively get back to our six months buffer in stock quantities. I thank you, Mr Speaker.

**MR AARON:** *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga Mr Speaker. Ke a leboga Tona, ka ke wena Tona wa Botsogo malatsing a yo re mmonang. A mme o a tlhaloganya gore *still* le gone mo bogompionong jaana Tona, go tshela batho ba ba nang le madi a go ka kgona go ithekela melemo kwa *pharmacies*, go akaretsa le tse di tlhokang gore motho a tsene mo loarong? Go ka nna jang gore re boele kwa seemong sele sa gore fa melemo e seyo, Goromente e nne ene a rekang melemo mo *local pharmacies* gona le gore gotwe Motswana a ye go reka melemo? Re itse sentle gore lehuma le apere lefatshe la rona, ga se botlhe ba ba ka kgonang go reka melemo eo? Ke buisiwa se ke gore, fa e le gore ke nnete re na le toro ya National Health Insurance (NHI), ke eng re sa bone e simolola gompiono mo *pharmacies* go thusa Batswana? Ke a leboga.

**MR OOKEDITSE:** *Thank you Honourable Speaker. I think the Right Honourable Shadow Minister of Health should understand that there is actually teamwork, and when you step in to help a colleague, it does not mean they have been replaced.*

*Honourable Aaron*, ke a utlwa gore wa re, jaanong go tshela ba ba nang le madi. Ga se nnete, nnete ke gore go na le diemo tse e leng gore ka nako e re neng re sena melemo, e ke e tlhalositseng sentle fela ka bolelee maabane, re ne re tsena mo seemong se e leng gore batho ba ka kopiwa gore *please, do buy* tse o ka kgonang go di reka. Selo se ga se *policy* e e ntšha, *so* e se ka ya nna

e kete jaanong botsogo kwa bo yang teng, ke kwa batho ba rekang. Go ne go rekwa segolobogolo ka nako e ke neng ke le raya ke re, re ne re le kwa go 17 *per cent* ya *availability* ya melemo.

Jaanong gompiono se re se supang ke gore, *we are experiencing an improvement* e e neng e ntse e bile e kaiwa ke Mapalamente a mangwe. Ga go ise go lekane mme *we are getting there*. O ne o na le *alternative* ya gore gongwe batho ba ka dirwa gore ba ye go tsaya melemo kwa *pharmacies*, Goromente a bo a duela. Ke kopa o e utlwisise *Shadow Minister* ka ke tlhola ke leka go e tlhalosa gore mathata a re nnileng le one, a nnile mabedi. Sa ntlha ke gore, letseno mo lefatsheng la Botswana le ne le sa tlhole le le kwa *level* e e neng e ntse e tlwaelesegile. Ka jalo, *the same referral pathways* tse e leng gore *they partly got us in trouble*, ka o ne o fitlhela e kete re reka dilo tse ka ditlhwatlhwa tse di kwa godimo mo go feteletseng, go ne go sa batle gore re boelele mo go tsone. Go ne go le botlhoko mme re ne re tshwanelwa ke go baakanya tsamaiso e. Re dire e e tlaa dirang gore *in the first place, future shortages* di se ka tsa nna teng jaaka re di bone. Go botlhokwa gore re leke fa re kgonang teng, re ikemele, mme e ne e le seemo sa nakwana, ga se gore ke yone tsamaiso e ntšha.

Sa bofelo; NHI o santse o nkgana fa ke go raya ke re, a re kopane ke go e tlhalosetse ka gore o tshwanetse o e utlwisise sentle. O kgona go ya go e rekisetsa ba bangwe. NHI e ntse jaana; *it is a health financing mechanism*. Ke tsela e ntšha e ka yone re tlaabong re kgona *to fund health care*. E se ka ya re ke go raya ke re wena mo Palamenteng ga o ise o *approve policy* le *Bill* re emetse gore o di letlelele, o bo o re NHI e simolole gompiono. NHI *will have its own way* e e leng gore *funding will be raised to support health care*. Re tlaa tla re e tlhalosa sentle mme *this tendency* ya *to dismiss* NHI ka go nna o ntse o re fa go sena melemo letsatsi leno, ga o ka ke wa dira NHI. *Mr Speaker*, legale mma ke eme gone fa, ke tlaa tlhalosetsa motlotlegi kwa ntle.

#### MOHEMBO BORDER STAFF

**MR K. K. KAPINGA (OKAVANGO WEST):** asked the Minister of Labour and Home Affairs to state:

- (i) how many staff members currently man the Mohebo border and if he considers this number adequate; and
- (ii) when he will increase the number of staff in recognition of the strategic location of the border

and the increasing number of travellers using that border.

**MINISTER OF LABOUR AND HOME AFFAIRS (MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE):** *Thank you very much Mr Speaker.* Ke tle ke go dumedise. Ke dumedise le motlotlegi. Ke tlaa araba potso ya gago jaana mongwame; ka tsamaiso e bile ka tshwanelo *according to our establishment* ya ditogamaano tsa rona, *border* ya Mohembo e ne e tshwanetse gore e nne le babereki ba le *eight*. Ke gore ba *immigration* ba ba lebaganeng le go thusa batsamai ba le batlhano. Re bo re nna le *support staff* ba le bararo. Mo nakong ya gompiano ga go a nna jalo, babereki ba babedi fela ka gore go ne ga ntshiwa bangwe teng ba le babedi ba isiwa kwa Mamuno fa e fetolwa e dirwa *24-hours*. Ke batla go go rotloetsa jaana gore mongwame, fa e sale jaaka ke bua le wena maloba o nkgakolola ka kgang e, re tsweletse gore bogolo e re ka *April* jaana, re kgone go isa a le mongwefela kwa gore ba ye go nna bararo, ba tle ba kgone go fapaana sentle. Ke a leboga.

**MR KAPINGA:** *Supplementary.* Tsala ya gago yo o mo itseng Kabelo Mahupe, a re ke go botse gore a o a lemoga gore fa e sale go letlelelwa batho gore ba tlola ka bo Omang, batho ba le bantsi ba tlola kwa Mohembo? Botlhokwa jwa *border* e le *gateway to* Namibia, Chobe, *shortest route and gateway to* Zambia bo godile. A re ke go botse gore a o na le maikaelelo a gore *border* eo, o ka oketsa babereki ba yone gore jaaka *borders* tse dingwe, e okelediwe dioura tsa go dira gongwe go fitlhelela ka bo 8:00 p.m. kana go fitlhelela ka 10:00 p.m? Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

**MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE:** *Thank you Mr Speaker.* Tanki Motlotlegi Kapinga. Ke boammaaruri *sir*, le maloba fa ke le kwa Namibia re bua le bone, re ne ra dumalana gore re okeletse *border* ele babereki le dinako. Bontsi jwa Batswana ba ba ngongoregang ba ba gaufi le teng kana ba berekela kwa Maun ka gore e tswala ka pela ka bo 6:00 p.m. fa ba tshwanetse go tlolela kwa. Go raya gore ba tseye tsela ba ye go tlola kwa Mamuno, ba bo ba boa ba bapisa mme ba ya ka kwa. Kgang e o e buang eo, re na le yone mongwame. Ke nngwe ya *borders* tse re batlang go oketsa *up to 10 o'clock*.

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

**MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE:** Nnyaa e seng 12, re tlaa bona fa re ntse re tsamaya. Ke dumela gore ka Rre Kapinga ke motho yo re buisanang o tshwana le wena jaana, re tlaa buisana, re bo re gakololana gore ke ne ke

akantse 10:00 p.m. O tlaa nkgakolola gore gongwe ba kopa 12, re bo re ka buisana gore re ka e dira ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Ke leboga thata mongwame.

### OUTCOME-BASED EDUCATION CURRICULUM

**MR C. K. HIKUAMA (MAUN WEST):** asked the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education to apprise this Honourable House on the implementation, success and failure of the Outcome-Based Education (OBE) as a curriculum reform in her ministry; and to further:

- (i) provide a detailed breakdown of the number of primary and secondary school teachers who have undergone formal OBE-specific training to date, and the timeline for training the remaining workforce;
- (ii) state if the ministry has a targeted plan to reduce class sizes to a level that allows for individualised assessment required by the OBE framework;
- (iii) state Continuous Professional Development (CPD) structures that the ministry has put in place to support teachers in developing competency-based lesson plans; and
- (iv) state measures in place to standardise the marking of school-based assessments across different regions to ensure that a “competent” grade in Gaborone carries the same weight as the one in Ghanzi.

**MR SPEAKER:** How long is your answer Minister?

**MINISTER OF CHILD WELFARE AND BASIC EDUCATION (MS KGAFELA - MOKOKA):** It is not long. Thank you Honourable Speaker. *Ke eletsa go e araba ka gore rre yo o mpoditse potso ka bomo ke le kwa kgaolong ya gagwe, but I am glad that I am here.* Mr Speaker, it should be noted that the entire education system has been reviewed to align it to the contemporary needs of the country, as well as to make it globally competitive. The world has moved from conventional OBE to Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM), driven education so as to drive holistic child development; skill-based education with a human face or education with production. Pursuant to this, the entire general education curriculum was reconfigured from a conventional OBE to a STEAM driven skill and competency-based curriculum. This is

in line with contemporary global education reformed trends.

Mr Speaker, it should be noted that the then Ministry of Education and Skills Development reviewed the General Education Curriculum (GEC) around 2019 to introduce OBE. This entailed the development of competency and skill-based curriculum from pre-primary to senior secondary level and was to be implemented in phases starting at senior secondary level. The first phase of implementation started in 2021 in two senior secondary schools namely; Moeng College which offered horticulture, crop production and animal production, while Maun Senior Secondary School offered Hospitality and Tourism Studies. Notwithstanding the fact that OBE was in principle a good reform, it was not availed the necessary resources and sufficient capacity building for the teachers. No primary school teachers were trained in OBE. In Senior Secondary Schools, 1185 out of 3232 were trained in various subjects.

Mr Speaker, currently Government is in process of implementing STEAM based curriculum which embraces digitalisation. As you are aware, we are creating borderless classrooms by ensuring that teachers have gadgets and schools are equipped with interactive smart boards.

Mr Speaker, there is Continuous Professional Development (CPD) framework which is currently at draft level. The CPD framework will lead to the professionalisation of the teaching profession, inculcate a culture of lifelong learning, personal and development growth. This will lead to improvement of learner outcomes and motivation of educators across the sector.

Teacher CPD will be standardised nationally, ensuring that all educators have access to quality and relevant development opportunities and are held to the same standards. Currently Botswana Teaching Professionals Council (BOTPECO) in partnership with Commonwealth of Learning have developed an instrument which forms the basis of our CPD framework.

Mr Speaker, in line with standardised pedagogical practices of both teaching and assessment, all teachers across all levels are to be capacitated on the holistic teaching and assessment of a STEAM driven curriculum for consistency across all schools. This is done through curriculum guidelines, assessment guidelines as well as capacity building on the same. This is then followed by monitoring to ensure quality teaching learning. Thank you Mr Speaker.

**MR HIKUAMA:** *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker.* Ke a leboga Tona. Ke lebogela karabo. Potso ya me ya motlaleletsa ya ntlha ke gore, a mme se o se buang *the OBE* go raya gore re se ka ra tlhola re akanya ka yone, ga e yo *in the space* gotlhelele?

Ya bobedi o bua gore *it has been reconfigured into STEAM.* STEAM le e simolodisa leng kana e simologile? E a diragala mo dikoleng go simolola kae, go ema fa kae? Ke raya *levels; primary, secondary* kana jang? O e tlhatswe.

Ya boraro e bile e le ya bofelo mo go tse di tlaleletsang, fa e le gore go na le bana ba ba neng ba simolodisitse OBE, *what is the position of Government* kana go ya go dirwa jang ka bone kana ga ba yo? *I think* ga re sa tlhohle re batla go araba dipotso tsa barutabana le botsadi ka bo OBE. Fa e le gore go na le bangwe ba ba neng ba simolodisitse, le dirile eng ka bone? Go diragetse eng ka *process* ya teng? Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker.*

**MS KGAFELA-MOKOKA:** Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker.* Ke a leboga *Honourable Hikuama.* Ke simolole fela ka ya bofelo e o reng fa e le gore go na le bana, go dirwa eng ka yone; ke tlhalose gore go na le nako e ke tllileng mo Palamenteng gone fa ka 2025 a simologa, ke bua gore *cohort* ya 2025 ya ma-*Form 4, I reverted it back to the old syllabus* ke sena go nna le boitemogelo jwa gore OBE jaaka ke buile *was not budgeted for.* *Therefore,* re na le *group* e le nngwefela ya yone e e neng e sa tswa go kwala ditlathlho ya *Form 5.* Ke bone ba re emetseng maduo a bone. Ke ka go araba ka bokhutshwane fela gore nnyaa rraetsho, ga ke a tswelela ka OBE ka gore ga go na ope yo o e rutetsweng le fa e le STEAM *education or curriculum.* So, *we have moved,* ga re bue ka *configuring OBE, we overhauled the whole education curriculum* fela.

STEAM e simolola *from zero to three.* Fa re simolola go e *implement* rraetsho mo nakong e khutshwane, ka re tshwerwe fela ke *finance* jaana, re tlaabo re simolola kwa ECD *zero to three,* re tsamaya re ya go goroga kwa *primary.* Kwa *primary* go na le ba ba setseng ba bala *Standard 5* ba ba setseng ba rutilwe thata ka *the old syllabus.* Jaanong ke tlaabo re dira mo gotweng *hybridisation* ya *education system* e e ntseng e le teng or *curriculum* re tsamaya *infusing age orientated* STEAM *concepts* mo go tsone go ya go goroga fela kwa go *Form 5.* Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Clarification.

**MR SPEAKER (MR KEORAPETSE):** *Order! Order! Honourable Members. Honourable Members, nako ya lona ya dipotso e fedile, ke batla re ye kwa Committee of Supply. Ke le reye ke re, ke ne ke biditse phuthego e e faphegileng ya baeteledipele botlhe ba diphathi. Tshwetso ke gore ka re na le backlog, re leke go e clear, so that we stick to our date ya di 24. So, a re kopaneng ka Labone phakela, 9:00 a.m. re bo re tsena gone fa. Jaanong ga ke batle e re re tsena fa go bo gotwe quorum e rile, lotlhe le bo le le fa. Tshwetso e tserwe ke boeteledipele.*

**ASSEMBLY IN COMMITTEE**

**(CHAIRPERSON in the Chair)**

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

**ORGANISATION 2000: MINISTRY OF  
ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM**

**(Resumed Debate)**

**MR CHAIRPERSON (MR KEORAPETSE):** *Order! Order! Honourable Members. Honourable Members, we are now in committee. Honourable Members, the debate on the Committee of Supply is resuming on Organisation 2000. Please note that I shall ...*

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

**MR CHAIRPERSON:** *Heelang! Hee! Chief Whip...*

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

**MR CHAIRPERSON:** *Sergeant-at-Arms, a ko o emelele o thuse, phatlalatsa phuthego e e fale ele. Honourable Members, note that I shall call upon the Honourable Minister of Environment and Tourism to reply to the debate at 1550 hours today and the question will be put at 1620 hours. When the House adjourned yesterday, Honourable Reason Moraedi Lekutlane was on the floor, and he is left with 3 minutes and 35 seconds.*

**MR HIKUAMA:** *Point of procedure. Honourable Chairperson, ke ema jaana ke kopa procedure ya gore go na le challenge ya go kopanela dinako tsa ...*

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

**MR CHAIRPERSON:** *Mma a bueng ...*

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

**MR CHAIRPERSON:** *Order! Kana ga ke utlwe le gore a reng. You have the floor Honourable Hikuama.*

**MR HIKUAMA:** *Ee, ke ne ke re go na le kgang eo. Ke batla go tlhaloganya gore o e rarabolotse jang? Kgang ya go kopa elucidation, clarification, bo eng, ka gore I see them distorting boleng jwa Palamente. Motho yo o buang, o tlaabo o sena le access to him, mme a go bua dipuo.*

**MR CHAIRPERSON:** *Re e feditse.*

**MR LEKUTLANE (KGALAGADI NORTH):** *Mma ke go leboge Mr Chairperson. Ke feleetse 20 minutes yo o mo mphileng. Mr Chairperson, mma ke tswelele fa ke neng ke le teng. Golo kwa Kgalagadi North, re na le bothata jwa ditlou, mme go na le levy ya tsone, e e leng gore gompiano merafe e mengwe e ntse e thusiwa ka yone ya bo Honourable Aaron. Le rona ditlou tse di setse gompiano di le kwa Ncaang, di thuba dijojo tsa rona.*

*Tlou fa e utlwile letswai golo gongwe, e a ne e boela teng. Ke kopa o re kgaoganye funds tseo tsa ditlou, re tle re kgone go bona gore le rona re ka dira jang. Ga go na yo o botsang, batho ba Modimo ba siame jang.*

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** *O a nkolota.*

**MR PHOLOGOLO:** *Elucidation. Thank you very much Honourable Lekutlane. Ke ne ke re on this topic, kgaolo ya me le ya gago di na le fa di kopanang teng and I have no doubt gore dikgaolo tsa rona are ready gore Ministry wa Tourism o eme ka dinao o nne very intentional in making sure gore the local economy mo dikgaolong tsa rona e a tsosolosiwa. Ke na le a space kwa ofising, se ke kopang gore ke fiwe mongwe from tourism a ye kwa Kanye go re thusa to profile kgaolo ya rona. Then a bo a re thusa gore re batle funds tsa gore re simolole go teratelela fa re ka tsisang batho teng, go bona bontle jo re nang le jone.*

**MR CHAIRPERSON:** *Honourable Phologolo, gakere le a itse gore kgang eo ke e tsetse tshwetso?*

**MR PHOLOGOLO:** *Yes.*

**MR SPEAKER:** *Resume your seat. Honourable Lekutlane, I withdraw the floor and I now give it to Honourable Gabatsholwe Disho, Member for Okavango.*

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

**MR PHOLOGOLO:** *Procedure.*

**MR SPEAKER:** *Nnyaa, ga go na procedure. Were you here when we were starting?*

**MR PHOLOGOLO:** There is a procedure Mr Chairperson.

**MR CHAIRPERSON:** *Honourable* Phologolo, a ne o le fa fa re simolola?

**MR PHOLOGOLO:** Mr Chairperson, procedure.

**MR CHAIRPERSON:** *Honourable* Phologolo, kana ga o reetse, ka re a fa re simolola fa o ne o le teng?

**MR PHOLOGOLO:** Mr Chairperson, I was long here before 2:00 p.m.

**MR CHAIRPERSON:** Then you have heard the ruling.

**MR DISHO (OKAVANGO EAST):** Ke a leboga *Mr Chairperson*.

**MR PHOLOGOLO:** Mr Chairperson, procedure.

**MR CHAIRPERSON:** What is your point of procedure *Honourable* Phologolo?

**MR PHOLOGOLO:** Mr Chairperson, unless as to why you took for me the opportunity I was given to elucidate, you have made a ruling on the 10 minutes broken down into five minutes, this is not one such.

**MR CHAIRPERSON:** Nnyaa, ke go reeditse thata *Honourable* Phologolo. Ke bona fela gore le santse le le kwa kgannyeng e ke e tseetseng tshwetso, e ke rileng le tswe mo go yone. *Elucidation and clarification are very clear in terms of our rules of order and procedure, I have made that ruling, ga ke batle go boela koo and the Chief Whip has provided guidance on this matter. So, ga re na go boela kwa morago mo go yone. Re tswelala pele ka fa...*

**MR PHOLOGOLO:** Mr Chairperson, this is not one such.

**MR CHAIRPERSON:** Nnyaa, *Honourable* Phologolo, se dire jalo tsweetswee.

**MR PHOLOGOLO:** Procedure.

**MR CHAIRPERSON:** Tswelala *Honourable* Disho.

**MR DISHO:** Ke a leboga *Mr Chairperson*. Ke a...

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Procedure.

**MR DISHO:** *Ke a leboga Tona* for the presentation you gave us...

**MR CHAIRPERSON:** Hang on, *Honourable* Lekau, what is your point of procedure?

**MR LEKAU:** *Procedure.* Ke ne ke re o thuse gore jaaka Rre Phologolo a ngongorega gore e ga se nngwe ya tsone, metsotso e kae ya *elucidation* le *clarification*, so that motho e re a bua, a bo re itse gore o dule o tsene kwa go ya *five minutes*?

**MR CHAIRPERSON:** *Honourable* Lekau, I have made a ruling, bula Standing Order sa gago foo o bo o bala Order 53.1 (b), 53.1(c), o bo o ya kwa go 51.7 (c), di tlaa go thusa fela thata. Tswelala *Honourable* Disho.

**MR DISHO:** Ke a leboga *Mr Chairperson*. Ke a leboga Tona. Ke dumedise batho ba kgaalo ya bothlophi ba Okavango East. Ke simolole fela ka go kopa Tona le bakwadi ba *this budget* gore go lebiwe mo Baebeleng mo go Hosea 4 *verse* 6 mme le bo re bala gape mo go Isaiah 5 *verse* 13. Fa le bala ditemana tse pedi tseo, di tlaa le thusa pele kwa lephateng. Go bothlokwa thata, re bolawa ke go tlhoka lesedi mo lefatsheng la Botswana. Ke sengwe sa dilo tse ke di lemogileng.

Pele ke simolola ke remelele mo kgannyeng ya ga Rre Morolong ya maabane ya dinonyane, ga e a nthobatsa. Ke kopa Tona a batle *these wildlife officers* ba ba bolaileng dinonyane tse, ba otlhaiwe. *They deserve to be punished*, se ba se dirileng *is unlawful*. Ke bone batho ba ba tshwanetseng ba *protect* dinonyane. Se ba se dirileng, ga ba a dira sentle. Di kgona go bewa golo gongwe, a bo re di dirisa. *If you go to Zambia*, go na le dinonyane tse di neng di le mo *captivity* tse di tshwanang le tseo, di ne di di ntsi. Re di bona fa Kafue. *They are called rose-ringed parakeet*, di tswana le tse di bolailweng maloba tse go buiwang ka tsone, *very intelligent*. Ke buisiwa se ka gore *I am a very passionate birder and* go dira fela jalo, ga ke a robala.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** And a conversationalist.

**MR DISHO:** *And a conservationist at heart*, e seng e e tshosetswang.

Ya bobedi, *ministry* wa gago *should be very responsible* ka Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA). Re tshwenya Rre Dikoloti ka gore *land board* go ntse jaana le jaana, a go abiwe ditsha *but your ministry is responsible*. *Budget* ya gago ga e bue ka *to address* kgang ya SEA gore o duela leng batho bale ka gore fa o ya kwa Eretsha, ba sale jaaka ba filwe *plots* ka 2012, *15 years ago* ba diiwa ke SEA fela. Lephata la gago le *responsible to pay that money*. A le fe batho ba *council* madi gore ba duele, batho ba fiwe *plots*. Batho ba e leng gore *they are less than 45 years* ga ba na le fa e le ditsha kwa dikgaolong tsa rona, *the entire* Okavango

Delta. *The Leader of the Opposition (LOO)* maloba o ne a bua ka kgang e kwa Khwai, o ne o seo, ke ne ke re ke go gakolole. Ga go na ditsha *because of SEA*. Fa o ka tsibogela kgang eo mo *budget* ya gago, re ka itumela fela thata.

Ya boraro e ke neng ke re ke ye kwa go Mme Nono Kgafela-Mokoka ka yone, ke ya dikole. Ke supe gore o buile ka *human-wildlife conflict* e e leng gore bontsi jwa rona gongwe re a bo re akanya ka ditlou, ditau le tsotlhe tse, *but there are a lot of bats*, bo mmamanthwane ba e leng gore *they are under your department* ba ba tshwenyang *teachers* le bana ba sekole. Kana malatsi a re bua ka a *human-wildlife co-existence*. Re a itse gore bo mmamanthwane ba botlhokwa mo matshelong a rona, gongwe ga o itse. Ba re thusa dilo tse di ntsi *but if you can act on it because budget* ya gago ga e bue sepe ka *to address this issue* ya go ka *remove* bo mmamanthwane. Fa e le gore ba botlhokwa jaaka ke itse gore ba botlhokwa, a boloko jwa bone bo dirisiwe sengwe. *You can send a research team to research* gore *those things* di ka dirisediwa eng. Bogologolo boloko jwa mmamanthwane bo ne bo dirisiwa *as manure, fertilisers because they are rich in potassium, nitrogen and phosphorus*. Re ka *package* dilo tseo ra rekisetsa batho ba kwa Europe, ba tlhokana le dilo tse.

*When I was in Portugal seven years ago*, ke utlwile go buiwa ka dilo tse, ke ipotsa gore rona ke eng re sa tsene mo go tsona? *We do not have the knowledge*, re akanya gore ke boloko fela jo e leng gore ga bo na le fa e le mosola. *If we can send a team to go and research on those*, re ka dira madi a le a tlhokang gompiano, mmamanthwane. Ke tseela gore o a nkutlwa *Minister*, go botlhokwa fela thata.

*I think* ka bo 1840, 1848 or 1860, *somewhere around there*, fa ke bala ka *history* ya dinonyane, boloko jwa dinonyane le jwa bo mmamanthwane bo ne bo dirisiwa *to do those fertilizers back in the days*. Tsamaya o ye go *collect those heaps and tons of* mmamanthwane *droppings* mo dikoleng tsa rona tsotlhe tse e leng gore gompiano *it is a human-wildlife conflict* e o neng o bua ka yone. Ga o itse gore *some of your departments* di sokodisa *teachers* le batho kwa kgaolong ya me kwa Okavango ka bo mmamanthwane. Fa e le gore ga le kgone go ka dira jalo, tsamayang le ye go tsaya bo mmamanthwane bale ke ba lona, le bone gore le ba isa kae.

Ya bo *four* ke bue ka *the Moremi Game Reserve, it is closed as we speak*. Re ne re bua ka *infrastructure*

*development*, e o e kgomile fela, ga o a tlhatswa sentle gore go dirwe jang. *Last time* ke buile ke re tsenyang ditsela tse di siameng mo Moremi le Central Kalahari Game Reserve (CKGR). Gompiano *the tourism* ke yone *the engine of this country, the minerals are down. It should be high up there*, mme gompiano Moremi Game Reserve o tswetswe, *the whole of 4,700 Km<sup>2</sup> is closed*, ga gona sepe se se diragalang. CKGR *is not used*, ke go kopile gore o ye go phunya didiba fa Deception Valley fale. Gompiano gore o ye Deception Valley o ye go dira *game drives* koo kana o ye *to camp, you have to go 40Kms* kwa Matswere o ye *to collect* metsi, *which is 80 km return* go ya go tsaya metsi fela *for you to survive*. Fa o le kwa Letiahau *it is even more*, 160 km, *how can you run a business like that?* Phunya didiba mo Central Kalahari re dirise *that 52,000 km<sup>2</sup>*, o o ikemetseng o o sa direng sepe.

Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park (KTP), re kopile gore *prioritise* KTP, *it is a predator hub for Botswana or for Southern Africa*. Fa e le gore o ile teng, o a itse gore re bua ka selo se se ntseng jang. *Predator hub*, fa o batla matlotse, fa o batla ditau, *go to CKGR* o ye go bona gore go ntse jang, dilo tse di akolwang ke ba Aferika Borwa. *Put an airstrip* e gongwe e ka nna le *an international airstrip*. Ke go baya *stamp* fela, ke rona *who can authorise* dilo tseo. Baya *stamp* sa *international airport* gore Makgoa ba kgone *to land* koo, *because* ga ba ka ke ba *land* mo Gaborone *then travel 900Km to KTP for that*. So, *buy an airstrip* e batho ba tlaa tswang kwa ba tswang teng *then land there*, re *diversify tourism economy* ya Botswana.

Ke utlwile o bua ka lefelo le, o bua ka *citizen-owned trust* ke se *sure* gore o ne o leka go reng. Ke tsaya gore o ne o bua ka kgang ya *the 28* e e mo Moremi. Fa e le gore *it is part of it*, re go kopa gore batho bale ba batla lefelo la bone, 28. Se le feng batho, ga re batle le nna la Puso. Ba rile ka ke *shadow Minister* wa *Tourism* ke bue le wena, busang lefelo. Fa e le gore le batla go dira *a lodge, go to CKGR there is a 50,000 km<sup>2</sup>* e le ka agang teng *lodges* tse 20 kana tse kae. Lele ke lefelo la Batawana, le ba busetseng ba le dirise, ba batla go ka le dirisa, ke one mafudiso a rona. Re a go kopa *without fail*.

Ya bofelo *regulate the hunting section*. Kwa Bobirwa ba a tsiediwa, tlou e rekiwa ka 25,000, *whereas* kwa Okavango delta *the same elephant* e rekisiwa ka bo 250 to 200,000 or more. *So look at these disparities*, Babirwa ba reka ditlou tsa bone ka P25,000, ga ke itse gore o a itse dilo tse Mmolotsi. *Please make sure you regulate*

*the price* ya gore fa o reka ditlou mo *communities*, e nne *at least a standard fee* ya 100,000 or even more.

Ya bofelo pele ga ke nna fa fatshe, *on marketing*. You are *not spending* madi a mantsi a a utlwalang mo *marketing*. O ne o bua ka yone, *but* ga ke bone o bua se se utlwalang. *Marketing* ke yone e ka dirang lefatshe le. Ga re itsiwe. *I spent a decade travelling the entire globe*. Botswana Tourism Organisation (BTO) ka fa ba ipapatsang ka teng, re santse re le kgakala. O romela batho *who are clueless*, ga ba itse gore go diragala eng. *Minister* wa teng o tla a sa itse, le fa o ka mmotsa gore *chiroptera* ke eng, ke mathata fela, ga gona sepe, sepe. Jaanong le ela eng kwa? Le bapatsa eng se le se itseng? *Send the right people*, se eleng dinepe.

Sa bofelo ke kope gore, *some of your wardens* ba o ba romeletseng kwa Okavango District, *they are completely corrupt and incapable*. Can you please transfer them with *immediate effect*, ba re bolaela kgaolo? You know them and I am warning for the very last time.

**ASSISTANT MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS (MR MOSWAANE):** *On a point of order*. Mr Chairperson, yo o buang yo ke mo tshepha thata. Ke akanya gore mafoko a mangwe gongwe a ka tswa a fologile ka phoso, gore a reye Tona yo mongwe a re, “se eleng dinepe fela,” a ba a supa go tlhoka go lemoga dilo dingwe ka gone fela, ke bona o ka re *he is imputing improper motives* mo go Tona. Fa motho a ile go theogela, o ile go theogela tota mo go tlhwaafetseng. Gore o mmona ka dinepe *is part of it*, jaaka le bona re tlhola re ba bona ba tsaya dinepe kae le kae. Ke a mo rapela ka tsweetswee. *Thank you so much*.

**MR CHAIRPERSON:** Nnyaa, ga le dumalane. O ka tla wa mo ganetsa. *Honourable* Disho, feleletsa *nine seconds*.

**MR DISHO:** Ke tsaya gore *Honourable* Mmolotsi o nkutlwile, ke ne ke re ke gatelele eo gore *some of the wardens* ba a ba isitseng ka kwa, ga ba tlhologanye dilo tse. A ba re ntshetse ka kwa, a ba ise le fa e le *side* e e ka fa ga tsela.

**MR CHAIRPERSON:** E go tshwere *Honourable* Disho.

**MR DISHO:** Ka a a kalo ke a leboga, ke go ema nokeng mo *Bill* ya gago. *Thank you so much*.

**ASSISTANT MINISTER OF HEALTH (MR OOKEDITSE):** Thank you Mr Chairperson...

**MR CHAIRPERSON:** *Chief Whip*, gakere ke yone ya ma *five minutes*?

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

**MR CHAIRPERSON:** Tswelela.

**MR OOKEDITSE:** Ke a leboga *Mr Chairperson*. Ke itumelele pego ya ga *Honourable* Mmolotsi. Ke bo ke supa jalo gore ke ne ke tsile fela go tla go sutisa gongwe dintlhakgolo tse pedi. Ya ntlha e le go supa gore tota rraetsho, diphologolo tsa gago di a re senyetsa. *I will sound like a broken record in this Parliament, because every time I rise* ke go bolelela ka tsone. Ke sone seemo se ke leng mo go sone. Ke itumelela gore *at least* o motho yo e leng gore fa ke go leletsa fa gare ga bosigo ke re gatwe di tlhasetse kwa Kutamogoree di feela tshimo, o a tsoga o a leka. *This is a song you will hear for five years, until* seemo se nna botoka.

Jaanong ke emetse *policy* ya gago ya go baakanya phimolodikeledi. *In the meantime, problem* e tona ke gore, *officers* tsa gago tsa *Wildlife* are under resourced gone kwa kgaolong e ke lelang ka yone. *From vehicles and even the new uniform*, ba bangwe go ne go le thata le gore ba ka nna le *adequate uniforms* jalojalo. Ke batla go kopa fela thata gore, le dire gore le ise leitlho kwa go bone. O bone gore *from vehicles to their equipment, they are properly equipped*.

Jaanong ditlou tsele, ke setse ke bereka go kopiwa gore ke koleke go rekiwe marumo, re kgone gore re di hule. *Which may sound reckless, but it is what is happening* fa batho ba setse ba tsena *into desperate times*. *The level of desperation* e a go tlisa lehuma, fa e ka tswelala e ntse fela jalo.

*Having said that*, ke kopa o ele tlhoko kana o lemoge thata gore you have a *big resource* ya Makgadikgadi Salt Pans. *I have already spoken before* ka yone gore, re tshwanetse re *diversify the tourism offering* ya golo fale, ka go lebelela *on what is under the ground*. *I have said under the ground* ya the Makgadikgadi Salt Pans, go na le a *lot of ancient history* e e leng *of archaeological interest*. Jaanong fa re ne re ka *devote some resources to a lot more research into the pans in terms of what lies under the ground, you will be surprised at what you find*. Jaanong ka dipatlisiso di setse di supile gore *it could be an area* e e leng gore *humankind actually originates from*, ke kopa o laele gore ka madi a ngwaga o, e re fa motho a tsena *into the frontier* ya Makgadikgadi le fa o tswa, e bo e le gore *there is a giant billboard* e e supang gore motho yoo o gorogile *into an area* e e leng



*lebezana*, ke bone batho ba itumela tota, ba rata. Dilo tse, ke tse e leng gore fa re ka godisa thata *rural tourism*, bogolo jang kwa dikgaolong, batho ba ka ikatumsa go ya go ithuta dilo ka bontsi tse di tsamaelanang le dingwao tsa rona mo dikgaolong ka go farologana. Ka mafoko a, ke go ema nokeng *Honourable Minister*. Ke a leboga.

**MR J. T. I. MODISE (KGALAGADI SOUTH):** Tanki *Mr Chairperson*. Mma le nna ke tsene mo dikgannyeng. Ke simolole pele fela ka ya ntlha gore ke ema Tona nokeng mo Tshutisong e a e tlisitseng ya go kopa *budget* e a setseng a e fetisitse fa pele ga rona. Ke buelele bodiredi jwa gagwe jo bo kwa kgaolong ele ya Transfrontier, Two Rivers le Mabuasehube. Letshwenyego la bone thata ke kwa borokong le diofisi tsa bone. Ke bona fa Central Kalahari go setse go baakantswe. Ke re, gongwe e tle e re fa go ntse go tsamaya, fa re ka fosa 2026/2027 mme gongwe *budget* e e tlang ya 2027/2028, a gopole kwa kgaolong ele. Ke fetile ka eo mongwame.

Ke fete ka e nngwe e ke tlaabong ke akgola thata Tona le lephata la gagwe ya CBNRM, e ke boneng motse wa Khuis o kgabola mo teng ka ba na le *tourism park*, e e leng gore le yone fa e ka totosiwa, ya ema ka dinao, e ka tswela maugo batho ba motse wa Khuis.

Ya *development* ya *lodge* e ke e bonang e phatsima kwa Khawa, ke itse gore, Khawa Dunes boroko jwa teng o fithele bo le bokete. Fa *lodge* ya maemo a a kwa godimo e ka phatsima ya nna teng kwa motseng wa Khawa, go raya gore Khawa Dune e tlaabo e nna nngwe ya *projects* tse e leng gore fa batho ba ntse ba ya kwa Khawa ngwaga le ngwaga, dilo tse di tshwanang le maroko mo *lodges* go tlaabo go le molemo.

Ke boa ke tswelela ka go akgola Tona mo go e ya *employment creation*, ya dikete di ka nna tlhano (5 000), e go akanngwang gore kwa go 2030, o tlaabo a setse a kile a dira *job employment* tsa bo 5 000. Ke re, go ka nna molemo thata ka ke e bone mo *paragraph 50* ya *presentation* ya gagwe, gore fa re ka nna le seemo seo, re tlaabo re ntse re itaya mo maitlamong a UDC, go bona gore ditiro tse re di solofeditseng Batswana, di ntse di a diragala. E tlaare fa re ya go tsamaya fa, go bo go setse go siame.

Fa ke ntse ke kopa, go na le setlhare se bidiwa sexanana (*prosopis*) se se tlhasetseng kwa kgaolong ya rona. Re itumedisiwa ke gore re na le *project* kwa Bokspits e e dirang magala a a rekisiwang mo Choppies le Sefalana. Dithlare tse jaana di tlaabo di ntse di tuanwa, go raya

*gore market* wa tsone ba di kgarameletse kwa Bokspits gore re kgone go ba direla magala ao. Ke sengwe se ke tlaabong ke lebogela gore Puso fa e ka re ema nokeng go bona *project* ya Bokspits e go dirwang magala e ema ka dinao, e kgona gore e dire ditiro kwa kgaolong ya Bokspits, Rapalspan, Vaalhoek, Struizendam (BORAVAST), e le yone re nang le *problem* ya *unemployment* e e kwa godimo. E ka nna selo se se molemo thata.

Fa ke tswelele ka tsamaela go digela, ke fete ka ya gore, re tsamaya mo 60 *years anniversary*. Bogologolo e rile re santse re le bannyennyane, re ne re itse gore fa re tsena mo letsatsing la di 30 tsa ga *September*, motse mongwe le mongwe o ne o itewa ka phologotswana e e tswang kwa nageng (*wildlife meat*). Ke dumela gore ka ngwaga o re tlaabo re keteka masome a maratara, ke beye Tona kopo pele. Kwa kgaolong ya rona ya Kgalagadi South le re akanyetseng gore, metse e mennyennyane e le ka itaya ka *one animal*. Fa le tsena fa go e metona jaaka Tsaabong, Werda, Makopong le Middlepits, le bo le ka re itaya ka bo *two, three*, ka bana ba rona ba bangwe ga ba itse nama ya phologolo. Ba di bona fela fa go na le batho ba ba di beileng *at games*, gore le bone ba nne le lesego la go utlwa nama ya phologolo ka ga di sa tlhole di le teng. Ka mabaka a a kalo *Mr Chairperson*, ke go leboegele gore o bo o nneetse tshono. Ke eme Tona nokeng. Tanki.

**MR BOGATSU (LENTSWELETAU-LEPHEPHE):** Ke go lebogile Modulasetilo, le wena Tona. Jaaka e rile o bua wa re *tourism* ka boyone e ka kabakanya itsholelo, moo re dumalana le wena. Ke bo ke lebelela ntlha ya *citizen participation* mo tikologong kana mo bojanaleng; kana re na le *park* ya Dithopo e e fitlhelwang kwa motseng wa Loologane. Mo go yone go kile ga nna kgang ya gore e abetswe batho, mme ga utlwala gore go fetogile, gatwe *it is an experimental park*. Le fa go ntse jalo, a le bone ba nne le ntlha nngwe mo teng, bogolo ba tle ba *benefit* ka *skills transfer and employment*. Ke mo ke ka go kopang, segolobogolo gore fa o re *it is experimental*, le bone a ba nne le seabe mo teng.

E re fa go ntse jalo, ke kope gape rra ke re, a re ruteng batho bagarona ka *wildlife management* jaaka o ntse o bua; go somarela tsa tikologo. Kgaolo nngwe le nngwe e na le se e ka se ntshang, segolo jang fa re lebile *proceeds* tse di tswang mo teng. Gone kwa go na le *trust* e e kgonang go dira madi a a kanang ka P250, 000 ka tsela ya *hunting quota*. Ke ba kopela gore a ba nne le *park* e e leng ya bone, ba e tsamaisa, e nne yone e ba direlang *employment*. E nne yone *mine* le sengwe le sengwe ka

gore ke dikgaolo tse di kwa tlase thata fa go tliwa ka fa go tsone tsa mofuta o.

Go na le ledutele le le bidiwang gotwe Lwale, le oka dinonyane tse dintsi ka mefuta mme ga le tshware metsi ka lebaka le leleele. Go lebega gore le ne la thubega, metsi a a ema, e bile a bo a feta. A re ba ruteng *to rehabilitate their environment* gore fa e le gore ledutele leo le kgona go tshwara metsi a mantsi, le baakanngwe gore le tle le a tshware, diphologolo le dinonyane tsa mefuta bo dihudi, bo eng di tle di nne di le gone kwa.

Bojanala gape re bua ka go tlhokomela dikgwa tsa rona, re na le mo go ka tweng ke sekgwa; thota ya marula. Ditlhare tseo di di kgologolo di setse di tsofala, gongwe go a tlhokafala gore batho ba ye go rutwa ka tlhokomelo ya tsone. Go nne le *nurseries* tse di tseneletseng gore ditlhare tse di tsofalang di e swa, di tle di bowe gape di tlhogisiwe. Go a utlwala gore kwa thoteng ya marula go na le tse di ka dirwang go lebilwe dilo tsa mofuta o o ntseng jalo Modulasetilo.

Jaaka ke buile ke re kgaolo nngwe le nngwe go na le se e ka se ntshang, ga ke bue ka dikgaolo tse di tshwanang le tsa rona *around* Kopong, Lentsweletau, re na le *a lot of hilly areas, one of those areas can be converted into a community national park or game reserve*. Go a lebega *the interest* ya batho e nna ntsi *around that area*, ba ba batlang go ipaya mo majweng a. Ba ya go felela ba a tsere, *community* e bo e sa sa le ka sepe. *They have their own trust* e e palelwang ke go ...*(Inaudible)*... gotwe Sagammakopo. *They need to be educated along those lines*. Le gore motho yo o ka tsenngwa mo *trust* ke yo o ntseng jang, yo o nang le kitso ya mofuta ofe. Batho ba itsenela fela, fa go sena go tlhophiwa komiti ga e *function, term* ya yone e a wela go tlhomiwa komiti e nngwe, go bo go nna fela jalo. Ke latlhele go le kalo mo go tsone tseo Modulasetilo.

**MRLUCAS(BOBIRWA):** Ke aleboga *Mr Chairperson*. Ke simolole fela ke re ele ya ga *Honourable* Morolong ya dinonyane, e re garotse dipelo. Ke bo ke alele gore ditlou tsa kwa Bobirwa gatwe tsone e le nngwefela e rekwa P25, 000. O kare kgang eo re tlaa e sala morago thata nna le *Honourable* Motshegwa ka gore ditlou tsa rona golo fa go lebega re tsiediwa. O kare fa re santse re le basha mo thulaganyong e ya go rekisa ditlou, gongwe re jewa ntsoma. Re tlaa e sala morago thata, re tle re utlwe boteng jwa yone *Honourable Minister*.

E re di ntse jalo rraetsho, go supafala go na le mokwalo o o supang gore le okeditse ditlhwatlhwa tsa *licences* le

ditirelo tse di tsewang mo *ministry* wa gago. Mokwalo oo o supa gore dikoketso tsa teng di lebega di le kwa godimo thata. Ke re, o tle o re fetise ka yone gore a mme dikoketso tse ke boammaaruri kgotsa go ne ga diragala nngwe phoso. Kana gongwe ke phoso ka gore fa e le gore ke boammaaruri mekwalo e re e bonang fa, e tlaabo e le bosetlhogo. Ga ke itse gore a bosetlhogo jwa teng bo tlaabo bo kopane le swele, gore e re *bed and breakfast* e ne e ntse e re fa o *register* o duela P100, go bo gotwe mme go a okediwa e nna P3, 000. Re ne re ntse re leka *to calculate percentages* tsa teng re paletswe, bogolo jang ka nna le Rre Kekgonegile re bo rraboipelego, re itse *percentages* di felela ka 100 *per cent*. Fa e le 100 *per cent* go raya gore e nna P200, jaanong *from* P100 to P3, 000 re fitlhetse e le *percentages* tse di ka re palelang. Ope fela yo o ka tswang a itse dipalo, o ka tla a re bona, a re bolelela gore ke how *many percentage increase*.

Tse dingwe gatwe tsa *guest houses* le tsone go kwadisa jalo *from* P100 to P2, 500, re bona mokwalo oo. Ke mokwalo o o tshelang, ga ke itse gore a ke *proposals* fela kgotsa ke eng. Fa e le gore golo mo e ka tswa e le nnete, ke tlaabo ke ipotsa gore Goromente yo wa UDC, ke eng a le swele jaana mo bathong ba ba mo ratileng mo go kanakana. Ke kgang e ke e ipotsang, mme dipalo di teng.

Tse di tshwanang le tsa *tourist transfer* e ne e le P1, 500, di ya kwa go P7, 000. *These rates* fa e le gore ke nnete ke tsone, *they are anti-business*. Le ope yo o tlaabong a le mo kgwebong a setse *rates* tse morago, o ka mo ntsha mo kgwebong ka bonako, e le gore ga a sa tlhole a kgona go duela lekgetho. O re tlhomamisetse sentle gore a dipalo tse e ka nna tsone tota, kgotsa ke tse di tlaabong e ne e le *proposals*, di tlaa baakanngwa? A ke go kwadisa ka P1, 500 e nna bo P7, 000? Ke dipalo tse e leng gore *when you convert them into percentages*, fa o sa itse dipalo o a tlhaela. Rraetsho, o fetise kgang e re e tlhaloganye sentle gore a mme ke yone.

Fa ke feta gone foo, ela tlhoko gape gore e re fa le ntse le oketsa *user fees, charges* le tla ka *new income revenue streams*, le gakologelwe gore fa gongwe tse dingwe di ka humanegisa batho ba ba setseng ba humanegile gale. Kgang e e tshwanang le ya go tshwara ditlhapi, ke utlwa gore *license* ya teng e ka tshwara P500. Kwa nokeng ya Limpopo fa o batla go di tshwara teng mo kgaolong ya rona ya Tswapong, go raya gore o duela *license* P500. Fa e le gore e nna P500 mo mothong yo itsholelo ya gagwe e ntseng e la kwa tlase, P500 yoo o ka felela a mo kgokgontshitse thata mo pateng. Ela tlhoko seo.

Phane e le yone gompiano re lemogang gore fa o batla go ya go rekisa kwa ditlhawatlhweng tse di botoka tsa Aferika Borwa, gatwe o tlaabo e le *gore every time* o ya ka kwa, o duela *export fee* ya P2, 200. Ke madi a mantsi thata a e leng gore batho ba ba itshokolelang ka phane, e bile e le *seasonal*, fa o ba duedisa jalo, o a bo o ba *gogobetsa* ka Sebirwa. O a bo o ba humanegisa mo go gagamatsang. Re ne re kile ra bua kgang e *Minister*, ka tsaya gore o kare re a utlwana gore *licence* e a e se ka ya re nako le nako fa motho a *export*, e bo e re *every trip* o duela P2, 200. E kete re dumalana gore bogolo fa e ne e le sengwe, e nne *charge* ya ngwaga otlhe kgotsa ya *season* yotlhe ya phane. Ga ke itse gore o tsamaya fa kae ka yone ka gore re ne re kile ra nna ra e bua gone mo Palamenteng e. Ke nngwe ya dikgang tse ke neng ke rile ke fete ka tsone, o di lemoge rraetsho, di se ka tsa tloga tsa humanegisa batho ba ba itekang mo matshelong mme a le thata.

Kgang e nngwe ke yone e ya phimolo dikeledi rraetsho. Fa ba phimolwa dikeledi, ke ne ke batla gore le ipharologanye thata le Puso e e fetileng ka gore re ne re solofeditse thata go ntse gotwe phimolo dikeledi e etla mme e sa goroge. Le wena jaanong o na le kgang ke e gore le tlaa dira *fund*, e bo e le gore ke yone e le tlaabong le phimola batho dikeledi ka yone. Rraetsho, a *fund* e e setse e dirwa? Fa e le gore e a dirwa, a go na le *seed money* a a tswang mo Pusong a a tlaa okediwang ke tse le tlaabong le di dira go oketsa *fund* e? Tota kgang e tona ke gore, le simolola leng batho betsho gore le phimole batho dikeledi?

Fa o jetswe nku ka nna ke na le tsone, o duelwa P157.00. Maloba ke ne ke jetswe dipodi di le *five*, ke P157.00 e le nngwefela. Ga a goroge le kwa go P1, 000.00 fa dipodi tsa teng di le *five*. Golo mo ka bogone, le tshwanetse le go ele tlhoko. Go ka nna e kete ke a itsheka mme ke seka Batswana.

**MR HIKUAMA:** *Clarification.* Mo phimolong dikeledi e, a ga o bone gore gongwe se se ka nnang botoka ke gore motho a busetswe se se jelweng?

**MR LUCAS:** Rraetsho, o bua nnete. Monna mongwe gatwe ke ene Potedi kwa Gobajango, o ne a re fa motho a jetswe ke kgomo mo masimong, fa gongwe o atholwa kgomo mme fa a jetswe ke tlou, ke eng e le gore ga o ka ke wa athola Goromente tlou eo? O bua fela jaaka Rre Potedi kwa Gobajango, o ne a bua jalo. Le nna ke ne ka utlwa e kete ke rata seemo sa teng. Ke belaela gore *Honourable* Mmolotsi o tllile go gana le fa go ntse jalo. Ke mogopolo wa kgang e e tshwanang le yone eo, o o reeditse.

Fa o dira phimolo dikeledi, o lebelele dikgang di le mmalwanyana, bogolo jang ya go oketsa diphologolo tse di duelelwang. Gompiano jaana phiri gatwe ga a duelelwe mme o tshenyho ntsi. Gatwe e bile gone kwa Bobirwa, go na le phiri yo mongwe o bidiwa gotwe phiri wa *sederengwane*. Gatwe yoo o *worse*, o kgona go bolaya dipotsane tsa motho e bile a sa di je, a di bolaya fela. Gone moo ga a duelelwe. Tuelo e e tshwanetse go nna teng. Ditshwene le tsone kwa Tsetsebjwe di tshwanetse tsa duelelwa batho betsho. Fa o tla ka thulaganyo e ya phimolo dikeledi, o e akanye ka gore tshwene e a senya, e senyetsa batho ba rona kwa Tsetsebjwe ka tsela e e leng gore fa gongwe ba tswa fela ba iphotlhere. Bo tholo jalo, le tsone ke dilo tse di senyang. Le tshwanetse fa le akanya *compensation* eo, le tsone le di tsenye mo teng. Ke dilo tse di botlhokwa thata gore rraetsho, o di ele tlhoko ka gore di senyetsa batho ba ba setseng *already* ba sokola ka matshelo kwa magaeng. Ka jalo, fa ba senyeditse, go raya gore tota gabone ke nageng. Bogolo jang jaaka le bona gore paka e ya UDC, e lebege e tllile go nna ya tllala e tona thata. Go batla gore batho ba le ba somarele, le se ka la ba bolaisa tllala.

Go na le kgang e e teng kwa, ga ke itse gore boammaaruri jwa yone ke eng, mme ke batla gore le yone a ko o e ntshedimosetse, e e leng gore fa o lemile magapu, o le motho fela yo o lemang *at subsistence level*, o jela mo ganong, gatwe magapu ao fa a jelwe ke phologolo e e duelelwang, ga o duelwe. Fa e le *a commercial farmer* a jetswe magapu, o a duelwa. Ke re eo le yone o mphetise ka yone rraetsho, e botlhokwa thata.

E nngwe ke e rraetsho, ke gore diphologolo tse di senyang, go lebege gore go na le Wildlife and Conservation Act, *Section 46* e e re letlelelang go bolaya diphologolo. Ke gore gatwe o ka bolaya phologolo fa e le gore e lebege e na le maikaelelo a go go senyetsa, e go senyeditse kgotsa e sa tswa go go senyetsa. Ke re gongwe re dumalane gore Mapalamente lotlhe le bolelele batho kwa Dikgotleng gore diphologolo fa di le senyetsa, le phuthologe fa le na le ditlhobolo tse di tshwanetseng mme le di bolaye.

*Honourable* Mmolotsi e le tsala ya me go tswa kwa Palamenteng e e fetileng, ga a ise a mpolelele gore o bone *section* nngwe e e ka sireletsang Batswana gore ba bolae diphologolo tse e leng gore di a ba senyetsa. A re bueng thata ka *Section 46*. Ke tlaabo ke ya go e leba gape gore a mme tota ya rialo. Fa e le gore o a bona gore phologolo e o kare e na le maikaelelo, e santse e tsamaela kwa tshimong ya gago, gatwe o a e nyeletsa fa

o na le tlhobolo e e siameng. Ke akanya gore ke molao o o siameng thata. E bile le se ka la fetola molao wa teng gore phologolo eo...

**MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM (MR MMOLOTSI):** *Point of order. Mr Chairperson,* ke ne ke rile ke tlaa araba kwa bofelong mme ke utlwa o kare Motlotlegi Lucas o tlaa tloga a tsenya mowa o e seng one mo setšhabeng wa gore le fa o bona phologolo e lebile kwa tshimong ya gago fela, o bo o e bolaya. Nnyaa, molao oo ga o rialo *sir*.

**MR CHAIRPERSON:** Nnyaa, o tlaa tla o e tlhalosa sentle. Feleletsa 13 *seconds* yoo.

**MR LUCAS:** O tlaa tla o e tlhalosa sentle rraetsho. Ke raya gore ke molao o ke neng ke o utlwa o buega gore o ka re thusa thata. Gatwe fela fa o bona e tla e lebile kwa tshimong ya gago kgotsa o belaela gore fa e tsamayang teng e ka nna ya felela e go senyeditse, o ka e bolaya. Ke re, rraetsho, bapatsa molao oo thata batho ba o itse re tle re kgone go tshela. Ke a leboga rraetsho.

**MR CHAIRPERSON:** *Chief Whip,* go setse ba le babedi ka koo, *so* ga ke itse gore a le tlaa tsaya 10 *minutes*, 10 *minutes* kana le ntse le *stick to your five minutes*?

**ASSISTANT MINISTER OF TRADE AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (MR MATHOOTHE):** Ke a leboga Modulasetilo. Le nna ke tle ke nne le mafoko. Kgang e ke tlaa simololang ka yone ke e e lebaganeng thata le go bapalwa ga phane. Ke tseeletse fa Rre Lucas a neng a bua teng ka gore ke tswa kwa kgaolong ya Serowe Bokone e e leng gore phane ke yone konokono ya botshelo. *Minister* Mmolotsi, re tlhaloganya gore mo *ministry* o o o tshwereng, o na le dilo tse dintantsi thata tse o tshwanetseng o di fetole, e bile ga o ka ke wa di fetola ka ponyo ya leitlho. Go na le tse re tshwanetseng ra di baya kwa pele ka gore ke dingwe tse re tswang kgakala re bua thata ka tsone. Fa o ka lebelela kgang e ya go bapalwa ga phane, bontsi jwa Batswana ba ba sa berekeng ba ba leng kwa dikgaolong tsa rona, gore ba kgone gore ba rekele bana *uniform*, ba reke dijo, ke fa ba rekisitse phane. Lekgetho le, ke tsaya gore ke dingwe tse re tlaa di lebelelang ka bofefo gore le fokodiwe gore phane e tle e ba sololele molemo.

Kgang e nngwe ke ya *compensation*. Re a itse gore go na le melao e ke tsayang gore o a e baakanya mo nakong ya gompiano. E ne e farologanya batho ba *subsistence farming* le ba *commercial farming*. Fa o senyeditse

ke tlou o le *a commercial farmer*, e sentse go lekana le yo o senyeditsweng e le wa *subsistence farming*, ga ba phimolwe dikeledi ka go lekana mme ba senyeditse go tshwana. Ke mengwe ya melao e ke tsayang gore o a e baakanya gore Batswana ba tle ba nne le sengwe se ba ka se bonang.

Kgang e ya diphologolo, go na le tse di tona jaaka ditlou di buiwa, mme tshenyo ya teng e kgona gore e fete ya tlou. Jaaka re bua ka phiri, noko le sekatamosima tse di tsenang mo tshimong bosigo, di bo di senya. Ga ke itse gore fa go ne gotwe ba di bolae, ba ne ba ya go di bolaya leng ka gore di ja bosigo? Ke dingwe tse di senyang fela thata. Tshenyo ya teng o fitlhela e le kwa godimo. Ke dingwe tse ke tsayang gore mo paakanyong ya melao, o di lebile thata. Ke dilo tse Batswana ba lelang ka tsone.

Fa e le kgang e ya phiri mo kgaolong e ke leng mo go yone kwa Tshimoyapula, Majwanaadipitse go ya go tsena kwa Mmashoro, o fitlhela fa go ntse go buiwa ka koketso ya dikgomo jalo, dipelo tsa bone di botlhoko ka gore phiri e itseitse maatla, e ja dikgomo tsa bone. Ke dingwe tse re tshwanetseng ra di lebelela ka tsela e e ntseng jalo.

Kgang e nngwe e o ntseng o mekamekane le yone ya go baakanya melao jalo ya *trusts*, e tlaa re thusa thata. O tlaa fitlhela e le gore *trusts* di aname le lefatshe la Botswana jaaka tse dingwe tse di neetsweng jalo gore di gwebe ka diphologolo. Rona mo dikgaolong tsa rona o fitlhela re na le ditsatholego tse di leng teng, bogolo jang fa o tsaya kgaolo ya Serowe Bokone. Ke kgaolo e e humileng thata mo matlapeng a a dirang *paving*. Re dira jalo mo dikgaolong tsa rona gore re nne le *trusts* tse e leng gore kamoso fa *farmers* di le kwa masimong le meraka ya bone, ba kgone go tsaya matlapa a. Ba letlelelewe e le *trust* e ntse jalo, ba bo ba ka kgona go a ithekisetsa, ba tlhabolole megotlha ya bone, ba ithuse ka tse dingwe fela tse di amanang le temo. Ke ka fa o tlhofofatsang ka teng gore go se ka ga nna bokete thata. Re a itse gore go tswa bogologolong e ne e kete go bokete thata gore *trusts* tse di nne teng.

Fa o ntse o shafatsa melao eo, re bone gore ga go na bape ba e leng gore labofelo ba ikhumisa ka *trusts* tse. Fa o ntse o tswalela metswedi jalo, jaaka re ne re na le *trust* e nngwe e e lebaganeng le batho ba ba sa boneng, ba e leng gore gompiano jaana o fitlhela ba setse ba batla go itseela dilo tsa bone. Re lebogela Goromente go bo a thusitse thata gore ba itsheke, a ba thuse ka gore ba ne ba sena babueledi. Goromente o ne a bona gore a ba thuse jalo gore le bone ba tle ba itsheke, ba boelwe ke

dilo tsa bone. Ka mafoko a a ntseng jalo, ke dumalana thata le pego e e fano ka fa o kopang madi ka teng gore o tswelile o ye go baakanya melao, o ye go thusa Batswana. *Thank you* Modulasetilo.

**MR CHAIRPERSON:** Order! Honourable Members, *jaaka ke ne ke tlhalositse gore ke tlaa bitsa Tona ka 3:50 p.m. gore a fetole*, I now call upon the Minister of Environment and Tourism to reply to the debates.

**MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM (MR MMOLOTSI):** Ke a leboga *Mr Chairperson*. Ke supe fela gore ke leboga Batlotlegi Mapalamente. Ke ba lebogela le dikakgelo tsa bone tse ke di tlhaloganyang mo go tseeneletseng, le matshwenyego a ba nang le one ka lebaka la diphologolo tsa bone. *Mr Chairperson*, fa ke simolola ka dikgang tsa ga Rre Morolong, mo kgannyeng ya *parrots* tse a neng a bua ka tsone gore di ka tswa di bolailwe, ke supe fela gore dipalo tse a neng a di supa, ke tsone tse a sa di tshwarang sentle thata. Dipalo tsa teng ga di tsamaelane le tse a neng a di bua. Go se molato ka gore kgang ga se dipalo, kgang ke gore mongwe o ne a bolaelwa dinonyane. Ke supe gore dinonyane tse bagaetsho, di ne di le mo go ene, e se ka tetla. Dinonyane tse, di tswa kwa ntle ga lefatshe. Go ne ga lekwa go tlhotlhomisiwa gore a mme o ka tswa a na le *permit* ya go di tsenya mo lefatsheng la Botswana, ka gore go na le tsamaiso ya gore fa o batla *to import birds* kana eng fela, o sale tsamaiso eo morago.

Re le lefatshe la Botswana, *we are signatories to* dikgang tsa Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) tse di re patikang go dira dilo ka tsela e e rileng. Fa re sa di dire jalo, go ka re bakela mathata a a seng kana ka sepe. *So*, mo thulaganyong ya dinonyane di ntse jalo, di fitlhelwa mo mothong a sa di baya ka fa molaong, go na le tsamaiso ya gore di ka dirwa ka tsela e e ntseng. Go na le gore di ka tsewa, gongwe tsa tsenngwa mo *zoo*, tsa isiwa *at the parks*, mme gape di ka nyelediwa. *In this particular case*, go na le thulaganyo ya gore fa o di tsaya o sa tlhaloganye sentle *genetic content* ya tsone e ya go ama jang, *genetic content* ya dinonyane tse dingwe tse di teng mo lefatsheng la Botswana, go ka felela go re baketse seemo se se tshwanang le sa sexanana se e leng gore gompieno re lwantshanya le sone. Sexanana se se neng se tsena re re se tlile go re thusa, ya bo e le gore kwa bofelong jwa letsatsi, ke mathata fela a mongwe le mongwe a a itseng. Tota kgang ke gone moo fela gore *species* tse re nang le tsone tsa dinonyane, di tshwanelwa ke gore re tlogele *purity* ya tsone e ntse ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. Re bo re

ka kgona go tlhaloganya sentle gore e nonyane ke efe, e ke efe. Fa go simolola go nna le kopakopano, kgantele re ya go iphitlhela re na le mathata.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Clarification.

**MR MMOLOTSI:** *So*, ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, o batlang go utlwa ka dinonyane tse gore di bolailwe di le kae. Jaaka ke bua *Honourable* Lucas, ga ke itse gore a mme palo ya teng o e tlhoka thata.

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

**MR MMOLOTSI:** Ka fa go ntseng ka teng, go ne go na le *26 exotic birds*. Mae one gatwe ga a yo a a swailweng, ga go supafale a ne a le teng. *So*, di *26* mme re ka kgona *to breakdown* di le nne mo go tsone di tswa kwa Australia di bidiwa gotwe *cockatiel*. *Then* tse *four* di bidiwa gotwe *sun conure*, kana go na le radinonyane gone fa. Go tswa foo go na le *lovebirds* mo teng tse di tswang kwa Madagascar. Go na le *budgies* tse di tswang kwa Australia, le *ring neck parrots* tse di tswang ka North Africa and India. *So, these are species from outside* tse di fitlhetsweng koo, di le masome a mabedi le borataro. Ke tsaya gore *Honourable* Morolong tota boammaaruri jwa kgang e, ke jone joo gore di ne di le fa ...

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Clarification.

**MR MMOLOTSI:** Mma ke arabe ka bofefo ka gore le mpo ditse. Ke ne ke le reeditse bakaulengwe, e bile le ipoka ka fa le itseng dinonyane ka teng. Jaanong mma ke arabe, re tle re thuse ba bangwe ba ba neng ba ba tlhwaafetse ba sa ipoke ka go itse dinonyane jaaka monna yole a ne a dira.

Ke boammaaruri *Honourable* Morolong, kgang e ya *museum* wa lona, jaaka o kopile, re tlaa ya teng go ya go o bona gore re ka thusanya le bone ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Gone go mo go rona gore jaaka re ntse re bua ka *city tourism*, re isa le kwa magaeng gore re ye go leka go tlhabolola bojanala le kwa magaeng. *So far, we have launched at* Francistown and Gaborone. Maikaelelo ke gore re ye go tlala lefatshe le ka gore ra re, kgaolo nngwe le nngwe *has a story to tell*. *So*, ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, re tlaa tla kwa Mochudi go ya go bona gore re ka dira ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Dikgang tsa *security* sa *museum* motlotlegi, re tlaa feta re bona gore re ka dira ka tsela e e ntseng jang.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Ke kopa *clarification* *Minister*, gone foo.

**MR MMOLOTSI:** O ne o bua le ka dikgokong...

**MR MOROLONG:** *Point of clarification.* Ke leboga *Minister* ka kgang ya *museum*. Ga ke leboqe fela kwa go ya dinonyane. Bana ba gago ga ba a go fa boammaaruri ka dipalo *sir*: Ke ne ke re o ntlhalosetse gore, a mme o a itse gore le fa o bua ka bontle jo o buang ka molao ka teng, gompiano jaana dijo le melemo ya dinonyane tse, di teng mo dishopong tsa Botswana?

Kgang ya mae le ka fa a neng a tsewa ka teng, a ne a ka se ke a tlhoke go thubega ka gore a ne a sa tla go tsewa tota, a ne a tletse gore a tle a thubiwe. *So*, ga ke go ganetse mo go eo gore a sale a thubilwe fela koo. A o a itse *Minister* gore go na le batho gompiano ba ba nang le dinonyane tseo? Bangwe ba bone ke *the powers that be*, gone kwa Mochudi kwa, ga ke reye Magosi, ke raya mapolotiki. Ke ka go supegetsa gore *farm* e ya ga mangmang yo motona, rraarona o na le dinonyane tseo. Makula ba na le tsone mo malwapeng.

**MR MMOLOTSI:** Ee, gone gore go felele go ilwe go tshwarwa dinonyane tse, go ne go dirwa thulaganyo ya *raid*, go senkiwa ka gore go ne go na le *a tip off* ya gore go na le batho ba ba di ruang. Ga se ene fela yo o neng a welwa ke seemo se, ba bantsinyana. E se fela koo, le kwa Mogoditshane go ne ga felela go latetswe bangwe koo, ba go neng go supa ba na le dinonyane tse. *So*, ga se kgang ya kwa Mochudi fela, le kwa Mogoditshane, Gaborone North, go ne ga fitlhelwa batho ba ba di ruileng, mme tsa tsewa fela jaaka go diragetse kwa monaneng yole. Mo go reng o na le melemo le dijo tsa tsone, kana ke dinonyane, *so* dijo tseo *are not specific to parrots* fela. Ke dijo le melemo tse di ka dirisiwang mo dinonyaneng ka go farologana.

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

**MR MMOLOTSI:** *It does not matter*, ga di *specific to them*, they cover dinonyane fela...

**MR CHAIRPERSON:** *Bua le nna kwano*, Order 51, do not address side remarks. *O lebelele nna kwano*.

**MR MMOLOTSI:** *Okay*. O ne o bua ka mogau *that poisons* dikgomo tsa kwa kgaolong eo. Ke nngwe ya dikgang tse ke tsayang gore ba Lephata la *Agriculture*, la ga Rre Dikoloti, kgang ya mogau go na le sengwe se ba se dirang ka yone gongwe le gongwe mo lefatsheng la Botswana.

Ke lebogela gore Rre Lekutlane o ne a re molao wa CBNRM, o amogelesegile kwa kgaolong ya gagwe.

Fa o amogelesegile kana ke sone se re se batlang, ke se *communities* di ntseng di se batla gore ditsabone di kgone go babalesega sentle, ba tle ba kgone gore ba boelwe.

Mo kgannyeng ya letšha la ga Kupa, ke boammaaruri, ke sengwe se e leng gore jaaka ke ne ke ntse ke bua, maikaelelo a rona ke gore bojanala jwa rona bo se ka jwa ganelela kwa diphologolong fela, re leke gore mafelo otlhe a a nang le se se ka tlising bojanala se se ka rekisiwang, re kgone go a *profile*. Jaanong re thusane le *communities* tsa koo le go rekisa mafelo a a tshwanang le lone lecha la ga Kupa.

Re a itse gape gore re na le mathata bagaetsho re le lephata, a gore ditsompelo tsa rona di tlhela mo go gagamatsang. Dikoloi di a tlhela. Tota fela sengwe le sengwe se a tlhela kwa Lephata la *Wildlife*. Ke sone se e leng gore mo nakong ya gompiano le fa gotwe ditlou di tlhasetse, ga o ka ke wa re ke tseye *chopper*-nyana ke taboge ke ye go di tshosa ka ga re na *choppers*. Dikoloi le tsone ga re na natso. Tota ke mokaneng re simolola sesha ka lebaka la gore re fitlhela e le gore lephata le ne le tsamaela go swa. Re tlaa bona gore re ka dira ka tsela e ntseng jang *to resource* Lephata la *Wildlife*.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Clarification.

**MR MMOLOTSI:** Ke a bona gore Rre Kagiso Mmusi o ntibile ka kilo fa ke ntse ke bua...

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Point of order.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Clarification.

**MR MMUSI:** On a point of order. Mr Chairperson, *ke kopa o kgalemele mmamanthwane o gotweng* Wynter...

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

**MR MMUSI:** Motho yo ga a na maitseo.

**MR CHAIRPERSON:** Nnyaa, se dire jalo *Honourable* Mmusi.

**MR MMUSI:** Motho yo ga a na maitseo.

**MR CHAIRPERSON:** Busetsa lefoko leo kwa morago.

**MR MMUSI:** Ke tlaa le boela morago, mme fela ene ga a na maitseo. Ke tloga ke sa mmuise sentle.

**MR CHAIRPERSON:** *Honourable* Mmolotsi, a ko o se ka wa rumola *Honourable* Mmusi a itidimaletse.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Clarification.

**MR CHAIRPERSON:** A re o mo lebile thata le wena, go raya gore o a mo tshosa.

**MR MMOLOTSI:** Fa o bona a tshwana le *rhino* jaana...

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

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Clarification.

**MR CHAIRPERSON:** Honourable...

**MR MMOLOTSI:** Molelo wa tladi o tingwa ka o mongwe *sir*.

**MR MMUSI:** Ke tloga ke pota ka koo.

**MR MMOLOTSI:** Molelo wa tladi o tingwa ke o mongwe, fa o bona a phatsima jaana...

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

**MR CHAIRPERSON:** Nnyaa, iketleng pele.

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

**MR CHAIRPERSON:** A ko le se ka la rumolana. Tswelela *Honourable* Mmolotsi.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Clarification.

**MR CHAIRPERSON:** Tswelela fela o feleletse *debate* ya gago.

**MR MMOLOTSI:** Mma ke go neele *clarification*.

**MR CHAIRPERSON:** O e neela mang, ba babedi?

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Ke a go leboga *Mr Chairperson*...

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Nna fa fatshe wena.

**MR CHAIRPERSON:** *Honourable Minister*, o neela mang, ba babedi?

**MR LEKUTLANE:** *Clarification. Thank you Honourable Minister.* Tota ka fa o buang gore ga le na *resources* ka teng, ke gakologelwa golo fale maloba fa Rre Mmusi a santse a le mo Pusong, go ne go na le *flying machine* ya lephata la gago. Ke eng o ne o sa e rekise wa reka *cruisers* ka yone?

**MR MMOLOTSI:** Mma ke mo neele le ene.

**MR MOSANANA:** *Clarification.* Ke a go leboga *Mr Chairperson*. Ke a go leboga *Minister*. Fa o bua ka kgang ya *choppers*, ke gopola gore *choppers* tse di ne

di rekilwe di le tharo ka fa go ntseng ka teng, mme ga arabelwa tse pedi, ya boraro ga ke itse gore a e ne ya tla ya bonala? Ke a go leboga *Minister*.

**MR MMOLOTSI:** Ke dikgang tse o bonang ke lebiwa ka leitlho la kilo fa ke bua gore ga re na ditsompelo. Re fitlhela ditsompelo di seyo. Ga re itse gore gatwe go ka tswa go bo go diragetse jang. Jaanong kilo e e kana le bogale jo bo kana, ke belaela di bakiwa ke kgang eo, gongwe go ka tswa go itsiwe kwa di leng teng. *Having said that*...

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Clarification.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Procedure.

**MR MMOLOTSI:** *Having said that*, ke ne ke re re tlaa tswelela ka go leka gore mo go leng teng...

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Procedure.

**MR MMOLOTSI:** ...jaaka maabane o ne...

**MR PULE:** *Procedure. Mr Chairperson*, o mongwe wa batho ba ke ba tlotlang thata. Ga ke itse gore a o etse tlhoko gore *Honourable* Wynter Mmolotsi fa a tsaya *floor*, o rumola batho, mme ga o mo kgalemele? A rumolana tota. *He continuously does that* le fa o mo kgalemela gape ga ke itse gore a o a go nyatsa kana jang. *I think Honourable Speaker, you have to do something about this Minister.* Fa o bona a bidiwa AK47 jaana, ke dilo tsa gore o itse go nna fela a *assault* batho. Ke kopa o kgalemele Rre Mmolotsi o a rumolana ke gore re a reetsa, o a rumolana. Fa motho a emelela o ka tloga wa re o a mo iphetlhela, mme e le ene a rumolanang. Ke a leboga.

**MR CHAIRPERSON:** Ke mo reeditse thata ka kelotlhoko, fa a ka tswa mo tseleng, ke tlaa mo omanyana. *Honourable Minister*, tswelela.

**MR MMOLOTSI:** Jaaka o ne o *suggest*, tota ke dilo tsa lephata lotlhe, *anti-poaching wildlife*, ke raya gore fa e le gore ba bangwe ba na le ditsompelo, ba tlaa thusana ka tsone. Re tlaa leka go tsenya seemo seo mo tseleng gore...

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Clarification.

**MR MMOLOTSI:** ...ba tle ba kgone gore ba thuse.

**MR NKAWANA:** *Clarification.* Ke a leboga *Mr Chairperson*. Tona, mma ke go leboga. Ke tilhaloganye gore fa o ya kwa diphakeng tsotlhe tse di mo Botswana,

*entrance gate* nngwe le nngwe e na le *workshop* e go baakanngwang dikoloi mo go yone, mme bontsi jwa dikoloi tsa gago le fa o re ga di yo, di mo diteng. Ke botse gore a mme ga o ka ke wa di tsaya tsa ya go baakanngwa kwa go nang le *workshops* tsa maemo a a kwa godimo, tse di nang le sengwe le sengwe fa e le gore ga di a tsamaya jaaka gotwe dilo di nyeletse? A ga o ka ke wa rulaganya gore le ye go baakanya dikoloi tsa *wildlife* gore re ba thuse kwa diphakeng?

**MR MMOLOTSI:** Re na le kgatlhego, e bile re na le maikaelelo a go leka go bona gore tota re ka bona madi kae, a re ka baakanyang dikgoropa tse di teng. Ke dikgoropa tse e tlaabong e le go tsosa, kgwedi e e tlang re bo re simolola re tsosa gape. *For a very long time, wildlife* e ne e sa reke dikoloi tse di sha. Ba ne ba reka dikoloi fela tse di kgologolo, tse dingwe di tla di sa tsamaye gotlhelele, gotwe di tlele go baakanngwa kwano. *That created problem* e e seng kana ka sepe mo *mobility* wa lephata.

*Honourable* Disho o ne a simolola a bala a re re tlhoka lesedi. A re, re bale Baebele golo gongwe. Ke ne ke akanya gore e ya Baebele le go e bala, o leke go e lebisa Hikuama ka gore ke ene a sa itseng Baebele gotlhelele le Modimo. Rona Modimo re a mo tlhaloganya thata. Jaanong se re le bise dikgang tse di sa re le baganeng, fa o batla *to pass remarks to Hikuama, pass to him* fela o re ntshe mo dikgannyeng tsa lona.

Gore o bo o re re *punish* ba ba tswang go bolaya dinonyane ga ba a dira sentle, tota jaaka ke bua, golo mo molao wa rialo, ke one o *prescribe* gore go dirwe jang. O ka bo o re re tswewelele ka go batlisisa gore a mme tshwetso e, molao o ka baakanngwa, ga lekiwa go bonwa gore go ka diriwa ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Bone ka fa ba neng ba dira ka teng, ba ne ba laelwa ke molao o ba berekang ka one. Ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, ga e ka ke ya re motho a laelwa ke molao, o bo o mo *punish* gore o dirile molao, ke a go utlwa.

O ne o bua gore *budget* ya rona ga e bue sepe ka SEA, mme ke tlhalose fela gore re *regulators* tsa SEA, *Environmental Management Plan* le *Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)*. Jaanong re di dira mo go wena o le *client*, o batla re tla re go direla. Ga di ka ke tsa direlwa *budget* ke rona, wena ka o *client*, o tshwanelwa ke go itse gore dilo tse di diriwa ke wena *as an implement*. Ke dumela gore gone mo o ka ithuta sengwe mo go gone. O ne o bua...

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Clarification.

**MR MMOLOTSI:** O ne o bua ka bo mmamantwane mongwame. Bo mmamantwane re a itse gore ba a tshwenya, *they are protected species*, gongwe re tsamaele kwa go akanyeng gore...

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Clarification.

**MR MMOLOTSI:** ...a mme re ka tswewelele ka go ba tsenya mo go gone gore ba bo ba le mo tshireletsegong e e kalokalo. Gape re itse gore dilo tse ga se gore re di dira re le nosi, go na le CITES e e a ne e di tsenya mo *categories* tsa *Appendix A, Appendix B* jalojalo, mme e le gore kwa bofelong jwa letsatsi, re tshwanelwa ke go dumalana le ka fa di *classified* ka teng.

Go epa didiba kwa CKGR, ke selo se re dumalanang le sone, ke se re ntseng re se dira. Ke fela gore ga re na madi a a lekaneng gore re ka epa didiba ka fa re neng re eletska ka teng. Mo Pusong e fetileng kana sediba se le sengwefela se ne se epiwa ka bo P5 million, P4 million. Jaanong gompiano re mo thulaganyong ya gore re tshwanelwa ke go senka ditsela tse sediba se ka epiwang fela ka madi. Ke ne ke ba raya kwa *ministry* ke re, kwa masimo re epa sediba ka bo 35, 40,000, mme metsi a a tswa fela a ba a dirisiwa sengwe le sengwe se metsi a se dirisiwang. *Why should we go drill water for P5 million*, mme e le gore metsi a teng e bile fa gongwe a ka nna a tswa a le letswai, a ke a epileng ka P35,000 a siame fela.

**MR LUCAS:** *Clarification.* Ke a leboga rraetsho. Ke ne ke utlwa o bua dipalo tsa go epa sediba ka bo P4, P5 million. Batho ba teng *have you already reported them kwa forensic audit?* Ke a leboga.

**MR MMOLOTSI:** *Well,* ga re itse gore a e ne e le thulaganyo e e siameng. Ke ka fa bone ba reng dilo tsa bone ba ne ba di dira ka teng, *guided by what guides them.* Gore go tshwanetse go go na le tsela e e ntseng jaana, go na le *drill rigs* tsa bokima jo bo kana jalojalo. E ne e le ka fa dilo tsa bone di neng di dirwa ka teng. Go raya gore ba ne ba di dira ka fa tsamaisong ya bone, e mo nakong ya gompiano rona re sa dumalanang le yone gotlhelele, gore sediba se ka epiwa ka P5 million.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Ga o ise o *report*?

**MR MMOLOTSI:** Nnyaa rra, ga ke ise ke *report*. Ke tsaya gore ka o a itse, o ka bo o ne wa thusa *to report* le wena. Re ne re tlhola re ngongorega mmogo ka didiba tse re le ka koo.

Mo kgannyeng ya *to regulate price* tsa ditlou, kana ke gore fa o lebelela ditlou tse di kwa Bobirwa le tse di kwa

Okavango, gongwe e bile o ka bo o ne wa bapa fela le Rre Nkawana a go sebeta gore go bakiwa ke eng. Ke ditlou tse di sa tshwaneng, *obviously* tse di kwa *genetics* ya tsone e farologane le tse di kwa Bobirwa. Tsa lona *Honourable* Lucas gatwe di dinaka tse di potlananyana, *comparing them* le tsa kwa *North West*. Dilo tse ke tsone tse di lebiwang fa go rekisiwa ditlou.

Ke dumela gore go santse go ka lebiwa go bona gore mme ...

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Procedure Mr Chairperson.

**MR CHAIRPERSON:** *O batla* clarification under disguise *ya procedure* Honourable Disho, *emelela fela o re* clarification, *fa e le gore he yields he will yield*.

**MR DISHO:** Nnyaa, e ne e le *procedure because what he is saying is totally wrong*. Gore *genetics* ya ditlou tse di fitlhelwang kwa Bobirwa, ga di tshwane le ka kwa. *We are talking of ...*

**MR CHAIRPERSON:** Ke one a ke a buang gore ga se *procedure*, o ka bo o rile *correction*.

**MR DISHO:** *Clarification* o a gana.

**MR CHAIRPERSON:** Sit down Honourable Member.

**MR MMOLOTSI:** Nna fa fatshe, ga re bue ka dinonyane, re bua ka ditlou, ee.

**MR CHAIRPERSON:** Nnyaa *Honourable* Mmolotsi, le wena o se ka wa mo sotla, o re o itse dinonyane fela.

**MR MMOLOTSI:** Hei! Motho yo o re sotlile thata...

**MR DISHO:** Mr Chairperson...

**MR CHAIRPERSON:** *Honourable* Disho, *I am defending you. Honourable Disho is a professional guide* yo o nang le *experience*, jaanong le se ka la mo kganelela fela kwa dinonyaneng. O itse dinonyane le ditshidi tse dingwe tse di farologanyeng. O se ka wa mo sotla.

**MR MMOLOTSI:** Ee, ene mme ke wa dinonyane thata, o kare ke tsone tse a di tlhaloganyang botoka.

**MR LUCAS:** *Clarification*. Ke ne ke re kgang e ya gore re ntse re tsiediwa, o se ka wa e tsaya jalo. Ke ne ke re le rona re a tle re ye kwa Kasane le Okavango, ditlou tsele o kare di a lekana. Jaanong ka fa le di buang ka teng, o kare le raya gore dinaka tsa tsone di lekana le tsa

dipodi. Ke akanya gore o sekaseke kgang e ka botlalo. Ke ne ke bolelelwa maabane ke ba ba tswang kwa Okavango le Chobe, ba bua gore gatwe tlhwatlhwa ya tlou ke P250,000, ya rona e rekwa ka P40,000. Nnyaa, kgang e e lebelele *Minister*, golo fa o kare go na le boferefetshana. Ke a leboga.

**MR MMOLOTSI:** Ee, ke tsaya gore ke kgang e e leng gore..., gakere batho ba kwa Bobirwa le Okavango ba a *market*. Mongwe le mongwe o *market product* ya gagwe, mme ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, ke dumela gore ba ka *market* ba felela ba bone tlhwatlhwa e e ka ba siamelang.

Rre Disho o ne a re ke gore re romela batho ba ba sa itseng sepe, go ya *to market*. Jaaka a ne a ntse a bua o ntse 10 *years* mo *industry*, mme o dule fela a ntse ene a re o a itse. Ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, ke dumela gore batho ba re ba romelang ke batho ba ba *trained* ba ba tseneng dikole. Se ba se dirang ga e ka ke Rre Disho a se *dismiss* fela, o kare o raya gore ke batho ba ba tsewang mo seterateng.

**MR DISHO:** *Order! I think Mmolotsi is now imputing an improper motive* mo go nna. *What I said is, I spent 10 years* ke tsamaya le BTO *this entire world*, ke na le bone kwa New York *and wherever* le kwa Japan. *I have seen what I am telling you, to improve the tourism industry*, o re reetse rona ba re tswang mo *industry* e, o se ka wa re ke bua dinonyane fela.

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

**MR DISHO:** What I said *ke se ke se boneng ka matlho*. *Le wena* Minister you are clueless, *le fa ke ka go botsa gore* how many species of fish do we have in the delta, you do not know. You are clueless, but you are all over. *Ke sone se ke reng* familiarise yourself with this industry, *o nne le product knowledge gore* when you go out you can ...

**MR CHAIRPERSON:** Ga se *point of order*; o emetse go ganetsana le ene o bo o rumolana. *I withdraw the floor from you, switch off the microphone*. Honourable Mmolotsi, tsewelela.

**MR MMOLOTSI:** Ke gore fa o bona motho a kgona gore a ipoke ka gore go tshwanelwa ke gore *Minister* a itse gore ditlhapi di kae mo lefatsheng, o bo o bona gore tota *we are facing serious emptiness* e e tlhokang gore gongwe go...

**MR CHAIRPERSON:** Ke rile o se ka wa rumolana.

**MR MMOLOTSI:** *Okay, ee rra. O ne a kopa gape gore, babereki ba rona ba ntshiwe kwa ga bone, ba ba senyetsa dikgaolo.*

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Order! Mr Chairperson.

**MR CHAIRPERSON:** Nnyaa, ke kgalemile *Honourable* Disho.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** *Nnyaa, order! Order!*

**MR MMOLOTSI:** Tota ga re ka ke ra bereka ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, ...*(Interruption)*... *transfer* babereki ba lona.

**MR CHAIRPERSON:** *Honourable* Disho, gakere ke wena o ntseng o re *Minister* ga a itse sepe?

**MR DISHO:** *Nnyaa, he has to withdraw that.*

**MR CHAIRPERSON:** He cannot.

**MR MMOLOTSI:** No, no, I cannot.

**MR CHAIRPERSON:** *He cannot, because* ke wena o e simololang wa re ga a itse sepe, le fa o ka mmotsa le gore ditlhapi di kae, ga a itse le fa e le sepe. Jaanong o e busetsa kwa go wena gore, ga o itse ...

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Ga a a ganetsa.

**MR CHAIRPERSON:** Nnyaa, o e busetsa kwa go wena a re ke wena o sa itseng.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Le mae a dikwena ga a itse.

**MR CHAIRPERSON:** Tima *microphone*.

**MR MMOLOTSI:** Go a tshwenya *Mr Chairperson*, gore e bo e le gore re *debate at this level*, e kare jaanong ga re Mapalamente. *Honourable* Ookeditse tota o na le *concern*, e ke tsayang gore *is a concern for everyone* gore diphologolo tse *especially* ditlou, di tshwenya batho, di a ba senyetsa. Re tshwanelwa ke gore jaaka a bua, re bone gore re dira sengwe ka bofefo ka *compensations*. Jaaka ke solofeditse bagaetsho, kgang ya *compensations* re e lebile, re tlaa e diragatsa mo nakong e khutshwanyane.

Maloba ke ne ke araba potso mo Palamenteng ke tlhalosa gore, jaaka re tlaabo re tsenya, re oketsa diphologolo tse di mo *schedule*, gape re oketsa le *compensations*, *budget* e e ntseng e tlhaela e, go raya gore e ya go tlhaela le go gaisa. Go raya gore fa re santse re simolola *it will be slow*. Fa *funds* tse re le kang go di baakanya di setse di le *at a peak*, go raya gore *pace* e tlaabo e nna botoka,

gore re bo re okeditse diphologolo, e bile re *compensate* botoka. Ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, ke dumela gore re mo seemong se e leng gore mo nakong e e sa fediseng pelo, re ka simolola *these compensations*. *I am saying this to you* gore le le batlotlegi, le emetse setšhaba, jaanong e tlile gore fa re simolola re okeditse re tsentse le diphologolo tse dintsi, e bo madi a fela ka bonako, re bo re bolawa ke lona. Ke ntse ke le boletsetse *in advance* gore fa *fund* e ise e *catch up* sentle, go ya go nna bonyana. *By the time fund e catch* molelo, *then* go raya gore *we should be able to keep the pace* ya *compensation*.

Mo kgannyeng ya *research into the pans, yes, Rre Ookeditse has a point*. Ke selo se ke tsayang gore re le lephata, re ntse re le mo tseleng eo ya go bona gore re ka *research*. Go a itsiwe, go na le *that claim* ya gore *people originate* koo. *Obviously, it warrants some kind of research, to try and find the authenticity of that statement*. Mo kgannyeng ya gore go bewe *billboard* jalojalo, ke dilo tse re ka di akanyang. *We should handhold communities*, gore ba kgone *to achieve*, ke sengwe se e leng maikaelelo a rona.

*Honourable* Kelebeng o ne a bua gore o lebogela gore re bo re tswelletse ka go lwantsha *species* tse, le go tlhabolola *welfare* ya *wildlife officers*. *Wildlife officers* bagaetsho *welfare* ya bone e utlwisa botlhoko mo e leng gore, fa gongwe e ka nna keletso gore re ka bona kae thoto fela ya madi, ra ya go leka *to turnaround conditions* tsa bone. Dituelo tsa bone di kwa tlase, ba ganeletse fela botlhe kwa go B *something*. Fa o ya kwa ba nnang teng, ke ne ke le kwa Gumare maloba ke ile go bona kwa ba nnang teng, le wena o ka sala o utlwile botlhoko jo bo seng kana ka sepe. E se fela koo, o ya kwa CKGR, kae, bonno jwa ma-*wildlife* ga se jone. Ke sone se e leng nngwe ya *priorities* tsa gore *we should improve conditions* ba babereki ba *wildlife*, ka gore tota batho ba Modimo ba mo seemong se se bokete, se e leng gore ga go na ope yo o ka kgatlhegang gore a bo a le Tona wa lephata le le tshelang ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. Ke motho yo ke neng ke na le mmelenyana o o botoka, ke fedile ka lebaka la seemo sa ma-*wildlife* ka fa se ntseng ka teng.

Ke boammaaruri *Honourable* Kelebeng, *rural tourism* jaaka ke ne ke bua kgantele, *it is the intention of our ministry* go bona gore bojanala re bo isa gongwe le gongwe mo lefatsheng la Botswana. *Like I said, every corner of this country has a story to tell. Every corner of this country* e na le tse di ka ratang go bonwa ke bajanala.

Rre Modise o ne a o bua ka *conditions* tsa kwa Two Rivers le Mabuasehube. Jaaka ke bua, ke sengwe sa dilo tse re tlaa lekang ka bojotlhe go bona gore re ka dira ka tsela e e ntseng jang. *The developments* tse tota re eletsang gore di ka bo di le teng kwa Khawa... Thulaganyo e ya Khawa, go ne go tshwanetse gore mo nakong e e rileng, e bo e se lefelo le go elwang mokete wa *weekend* fela. Gone go batlile gore mo dingwageng tse jaaka ba ne ba ntse ba dira sentle, go bo go ka bo go na le *lodge* le *some developments* tse e kareng fa o le Rre Hikuama o batla go isa bana ba gago kwa Khawa, go se na mokete wa Khawa, o bo o itse gore ke ya kwa *guest house, lodge* kana *bonnanne*. Go dirwe bojanala jwa ngwaga otlhe. Ke gone kwa re yang teng gompieno, go bona gore ga re dire dilo tsa *weekends* fela, re dira dilo tsa botshelo jotlhe.

Ke boammaaruri gore ke maikaelelo a rona a go dira ditiro. *We have projected* gore re tlaabo re dirile 5 000 go ya go kwa go 2030. Ga se gone moo fela, re le lephata, re tsere tshwetso gape ya go dira ditiro mo *communities, firebreaks* tse di ntseng le *tenders* tse di neng di neelwa dikompone kana dikonteraka, jaanong re boele thulaganyo eo kwa morago, re neele *the communities to maintain the fire breaks*. Ba dire jalo *all year round*. Go se ka ga nna le nako epe e e leng gore *fire breaks* di tlhogile, *fuel load* e kwa godimo, jalojalo. Ke nngwe ya ditsela tsa go oketsa ditiro mo Batswaneng.

O ne o re jaaka Botswana *is turning* 60, a re ne re ka se ke re le akanyetse ka diphologolo; re tlaa nna re akanya mongwame go bona gore re ka dira ka tsela e e ntseng jang. E ne ya re maloba fa re neetse Botswana diphologolo tsele, o tlaa gakologelwa gore ba BCP ba ne ba omana thata, ba re re neela Botswana diphologolo tse di sa tlhatlhobiwang. Fa di ka ba tsenya bolwetse, re tlaa dira ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Re tlaabo re ntse re senka go bona gore mme fa re ba neela, a re ka felela maBCP ba re sekisitse kana re ya go felela kae.

Rre Bogatsu o ne a bua ka Dithopo Park kwa kgaolong ya gagwe. Ke tsaya gore ke nngwe e re tlaa yang go e nnela fa fatshe, re bone gore gatwe maikaelelo a yone e ne e le eng? *Has it achieved* maikaelelo a yone? A se a se kopang, ke sengwe se e leng gore re le lephata, *we can consider it for community* ya gagwe. Ke mo solofetse gore ga se puo ya molomo, re tlaa ya go sekaseka sengwe le sengwe go bona gore lefelo leo le ka dirwa ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Re ruta batho ka *wildlife management*; ke dilo tse re tlaa di salang morago mongwame le gone go thusa *trusts* jalo.

Kgang ya ditlhwatlhwa tsa ga Rre Lucas tsa ditlou, re buile ka yone, *but the user fees* tse o neng o bua ka tsone *Honourable* Lucas, e ne ya re maloba ra nna le *consultations with the industry* tsa *user fees*. Re ne ra dumalana ka bongwefela jwa pelo gore go ka okediwa ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Mo nakong ya gompieno, *industry* ka bo yone re dumalane, *we are all happy* gore re ya kwa pele ka tsela e e ntseng jang. *So*, tse o neng o di bua tseo, e ne e le *draft* e go neng go ya go buisanngwa le yone kwa *consultations*. *The industry and Government* re ne ra dumalana gore re dire jang. O ba botse, *they are happy about* dilo ka fa re di dumalaneng ka teng.

*Mr Chairperson, I wish to move that the sum of One Billion, Ninety-Six Million, Eighty-Three Thousand, Three Hundred and Sixty-Three Pula (P1, 096, 083, 363) for Organisation 2000 made up of Nine Hundred and Seventeen Million, Four Hundred and Twenty Thousand, Nine Hundred and Thirty Pula, (P917, 420, 930) under the Recurrent Budget and One Hundred and Seventy-Eight Million, Six Hundred and Sixty-two Thousand, Four Hundred and Thirty-Three Pula (P178, 662, 433) under the Development Budget be approved and stand part of the Estimates for the financial year 2026/2027. I thank you Mr Chairperson.*

Question put and agreed to.

#### “EXCHANGE OF SPEAKERSHIP”

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

...Silence...

#### ORGANISATION 1400-OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL

**MADAM CHAIRPERSON (MS MANYENENG):** Honourable Members, note that one hour, 50 minutes has been allocated to this organisation.

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

**MADAM CHAIRPERSON:** I will tell you the times *tsa gore go tla fetswa leng*, let me finish. I shall call upon the Honourable Minister after getting the calculations from the Clerk. I shall call upon the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to present.

**MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT, DEFENCE AND SECURITY (MR MOHWASA):** Madam Chairperson, *ke a leboga*. Madam Chairperson, allow me to present to Parliament the budget proposals for

the financial year 2026/2027, under Organisation 1400-Office of the Auditor General. I request a total of One Hundred and Twenty-Five Million, Four Hundred Thousand, Seven Hundred and Eighty Pula (P125, 400,780) for the Recurrent Budget and an amount of Four Million Pula (P4,000,000.00) for the Development Budget.

Madam Chairperson, Section 124 of the Constitution of Botswana establishes the Auditor General and his or her office (Office of the Auditor General) as a public office. The same section mandates the Auditor General to audit the public accounts of Botswana, and to submit reports thereof to the Minister responsible for Finance, who shall cause them to be laid before the National Assembly.

Madam Chairperson, the Constitution provides for the independence of the Auditor General. Section 124 (5) stipulates that, “in the exercise of his or her functions, the Auditor General shall not be subject to the direction or control of any other person or authority.” This provision can be interpreted as conferring a degree of initiative and autonomy on the Auditor General, and is further underpinned by Section 15 of the Public Audit Act. However, the Auditor General’s autonomy remains constrained as she does not report directly to Parliament but through the Minister responsible for Finance. Madam Chairperson, to facilitate the administrative requirements of the Auditor General in relation to the presentation of budgets and other operational matters, the Office of the Auditor General is supported by the Ministry for State President, Defence and Security which currently provides administrative support to other oversight institutions.

Madam Chairperson, the Auditor General’s audit portfolio consists of 18 ministries, eight independent departments and 31 Local Authorities. In addition to the above, there is a long-standing arrangement that provides for the office to review audit reports for the 68 parastatals and incorporate their findings into the Auditor General’s annual report. Different parastatals have different legislations that allow them to appoint their own auditors. However, the Auditor General is mandated to audit the financial statements of Air Botswana and Botswana Railways. This can be done through both insourcing and outsourcing in consultation with the boards of the two entities.

Madam Chairperson, allow me to start with the achievements and challenges of the 2025/2026 financial

year. As at the end of February 2026, Recurrent Budget expenditure stood at Ninety Million, Two Hundred and Fifteen Thousand, Nine Hundred and Thirty-Eight Pula (P90,215,938.00), out of the allocated budget of One Hundred and Nineteen Million, Seven Hundred and Fifty-Six Thousand, Seven Hundred and Fifty Pula (P119,756,750.00), representing 75 per cent expenditure level. The low three level of expenditure is mainly due to the implementation of austerity measures.

### ACHIEVEMENTS

Madam Chairperson, through audits conducted for Local Authorities, there has been a significant improvement in compliance with statutory regulations and the timely submission of financial statements. This enhances accountability for the funds disbursed to these authorities.

Madam Chairperson, as part of the greater Public Finance Management Reforms and developing an effective, accountable and transparent institution, the Auditor General is currently reviewing the Public Audit Act. A comprehensive stakeholder consultation has been undertaken, and now the policy document is being finalised for submission to the ministry for preparation of the CAB Memo. The review aims to strengthen the independence, Legal Framework and Financial and Administrative autonomy of the Auditor General while enhancing immunity and professionalism of leadership and staff.

### CHALLENGES

Madam Chairperson, the ineffectiveness of the Government Accounting and Budgeting System (GABS) has significantly impeded the timely release of audit reports on Government accounts. Delays in the submission of Annual Statements of Accounts (ASA) have adversely affected the reporting of the Auditor General to the National Assembly for three financial years being 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25. Currently, the 2022/23 Audit Report has been submitted for printing and is expected to be laid before the National Assembly during this Parliamentary session. These delays not only affect transparency and accountability, but also undermine public trust in the Government’s financial management processes. Without timely and reliable audit reports, stakeholders are unable to adequately assess the financial health and integrity of Government operations, thereby weakening oversight of how public funds are managed. This situation underscores the

urgent need to strengthen GABS to ensure that auditing processes are more efficient and effective. The Office of the Auditor General continues to engage the Office of the Accountant General to expedite the release of the ASA. In addition, the Office of the Auditor General has conducted a system audit on GABS, and the report is expected to be finalised by the end of the financial year.

Madam Chairperson, I am pleased to announce that the vacancy for the Office of the Auditor General has been filled. This marks a significant milestone in restoring the dignity and effectiveness of the Supreme Audit Institution.

#### **DEVELOPMENT BUDGET**

Madam Chairperson, I request a budget of Four Million Pula (P4,000,000.00) under the Development Budget. This is for the development of the Head Office building.

#### **RECURRENT BUDGET**

Madam Chairperson, I request that the Honourable Committee approve a total Recurrent Budget of One Hundred and Twenty-Five Million, Four Hundred Thousand, Seven Hundred and Eighty Pula (P125,400,780.00). This is an increase of Five Million, Six Hundred and Forty-Four Thousand and Thirty Pula (P5,644,030.00) or 4.7 per cent from the previous budget of One Hundred and Nineteen Million, Seven Hundred and Fifty-Six Thousand, Seven Hundred and Fifty Pula (P119,756,750.00). Madam Chairperson, the breakdown of the proposed budget is as follows:

#### **PARENT ACCOUNT 00110 - SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES**

For salaries and allowances, the sum of Eighty-Six Million, Eight Hundred and Thirty-Five Thousand, Two Hundred and Ten Pula (P86,835,210.00) is requested. This represents 69 per cent of the total budget to cover personnel emoluments for the department.

#### **PARENT ACCOUNT 00200 TRAVELLING AND TRANSPORT (INTERNAL)**

Madam Chairperson, a total of Six Million, Two Hundred and Eighty-Six Thousand, Two Hundred and Forty Pula (P6,286,240.00) is requested to cover internal travelling and transport expenditure. This represents 5 per cent of the total budget.

#### **PARENT ACCOUNT 00300 - TRAVELLING AND TRANSPORT (EXTERNAL)**

Madam Chairperson, the sum of Three Million, Seven Hundred and Thirty-Four Thousand, Seven Hundred and Ten Pula (P3,734,710.00) is requested to cover external travelling and transport costs. This is a decrease of Two Million, Forty-Six Thousand, One Hundred and Ninety Pula (P2,046,190.00) or 35.4 per cent decrease from the 2025/2026 financial year's allocation of Five Million, Seven Hundred and Eighty Thousand, Nine Hundred Pula (P5,780,900.00).

#### **PARENT ACCOUNT 00400 - GENERAL EXPENSES AND SUPPLIES**

Madam Chairperson, the sum of Seven Million, Three Hundred and Thirty-Four Thousand, Four Hundred and Sixty Pula (P7,334,460.00) is requested for General Expenses and Supplies. This is a decrease of Nine Hundred and Eighty-Eight Thousand, Seven Hundred and Five Pula (P988,705.00) or 11.9 per cent from the 2025/2026 financial year's allocation of Eight Million, Three Hundred and Twenty-Three Thousand, One Hundred and Sixty-Five Pula (P8,323,165.00).

**MADAM CHAIRPERSON:** Nnyaa *Honourable Minister*, re tile go nna fela re boela fa morago.

**MR MOHWASA:** *Gapegape.*

**MADAM CHAIRPERSON:** Ee.

**MR MOHWASA:** One Million, Two Hundred and Fifty-Six Thousand and Sixty Pula (P1, 256, 060.00) or 10.4 per cent from the 2025/2026 financial years allocation of Twelve Million, Fifty-One Thousand and Sixty Pula (P12,051,060.00). This will cater for rental of office space.

#### **PARENT ACCOUNT-TRAINING**

Madam Chairperson, under training, the sum of Nine hundred and Forty-Four Thousand, Five Hundred and Sixty Pula (P944,560.00) is requested. This is a decrease of Eighty-Four Thousand, Four Hundred Pula (P84,400.00) or 8.2 per cent from the previous year's provision of One Million, Twenty-Eight Thousand, Nine Hundred and Sixty Pula (P1,028,960.00). The decrease is as a result of transitioning from face-to-face training to online training.

#### **PARENT ACCOUNT – SPECIAL EXPENDITURE**

Madam Chairperson, the sum of Eight Hundred and Twenty-Two Thousand, Four Hundred Pula (P822,400.00) is requested under household and

domestic equipment, office equipment and computer replacement. This amount represents a decrease of One Hundred and Seventy-One Thousand, Nine Hundred and Twenty-Five Pula (P171,925.00) or 17.3 per cent from this year's allocation of Nine Hundred and Ninety-Four Thousand, Three Hundred and Twenty-Five Pula (P994,325.00).

Madam Chairperson, in conclusion, I request that a sum of Four Million Pula (P4,000,000.00) under the Development Budget and One Hundred and Twenty-Five Million, Four Hundred Thousand, Seven Hundred and Eighty Pula (P125,400,780.00) under the Recurrent Budget be approved and stand part of the 2026/2027 Estimates. I move accordingly Madam Chairperson.

**MADAM CHAIRPERSON:** Honourable Members, let me clarify the times; the reply will be at 5:50 p.m. and then the question will be put at 6:20 p.m. Honourable Members, the floor is open.

**MR MMUSI (GABANE-MMANKGODI):** Tanki Madam Chairperson. Mma le nna ke lebogetse go e re sa tswang go e bewa pele e le kopo ya Tona wa Ofisi ya ga Tautona le tsa Itshireletso. Le nna ke mo ema nokeng ka gore tota dikgang tse tsa Auditor General, di botlhokwa thata. Di tshwanetse go lebelelwa, di dirwe ka bofelo jo bo rileng, *especially* mo dinakong tsa gompiano tse re bonang itsholelo le letseno di le kwa tlase. Go botlhokwa gore dibuka di lebelelwe ka bofelo di bue, di tlhalose gore ga go a dirisiwa madi sentle fa kae, go dirwe *audits* le *reports* ka bofelo Tona. Ke se ke dumelang gore re tshwanetse go se ithaganela.

Fa re tla go lebelela *audit* ya dingwaga tse tharo tse di fetileng e le yone e e tlaabong e tla mo Palamenteng mo ngwageng o, tota ga go na mosola ope o re ka tlang re re re ka fetola sepe kana ra gakolola, e a bo e le go amogela *report* fela a bo re e tsaya. Fa *report* e na le gongwe *six months* ngwaga o sa tswa go fela, *at least* le kgona go tla ka dikgakolole le Ditshutiso tse di bofelo gore re kgone go baakanya dilo. E bile jaaka re baakanya *our economy on a day to day basis*, re kgone go bona diphoso tse di ka diragalang ka bofelo. Kana *that is the purpose of an audit*. Ke dumela gore re tshwanetse go ithaganela.

Ke lemoga gore wa re o dira *audit* ya Air Botswana le ya Botswana Railways. Ke tsone tse gongwe le tsayang tshwetso ya gore *you outsource* le di dira *inhouse*. O ithaganelele gore re kgone go dira *audits* ka bofelo, re leke *to outsource* le santse le ipaakanya. Madi a gongwe a o a isang kwa *head office*, ngwaga o o ka bo o leka *to*

*outsource* dikompone tse di ikemetseng ka bonosi gore di tle go go thusa gore *audit reports* di tle ka bofelo. Re kgone go di bona ka bofelo, di gakolole, di bue le seemo sa go dirisa madi.

Ke a utlwa gore go na le fa e leng gore GABS le yone e na le *deficiency* le bokoa golo gongwe mme le a e lebeleba le yone gore le ka kgona go e baakanya. Ke yone e e leng gore ke mathata gone foo. Go botlhokwa thata gore fa e le gore re batla go lebelela madi a Puso jaaka re fetisa *budgets* jaana mo nakong e e sa fediseng pelo, re nne le *independent auditors* ka gore ke tsone tse di supang *compliance*, di ka kgona go tsenelela mo teng ga kgang e thata.

**MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INNOVATION (MR TSHERE):** *Clarification. Thank you very much Madam Chairperson, and Honourable Mmusi. Ke leboga thata gore o ne o bua ka GABS le ka fa e ka tswang e ne e sa rotloetse go dira ditlhotlhomiso. Ke tlhalose gore ga go reye gore GABS ga e bereke gone jaana, what the Minister is referring to ke gore in the past, dingwaga tse pedi, tse tharo tse di fetileng GABS e ne ya ema lebaka, a bo madi a tsamaya go sena recording. Ke gone fa bothata bo leng teng gone foo. Ga re kgone to trace madi ao gore a ile kae, a ne a tsamaya ka fa morago ga GABS system. Ke a leboga.*

**MR MMUSI:** *Thank you Minister. Ke a utlwa, ke sone se ke reng gongwe re ka bo re sa tabogele go aga head office. Re ka bo madi a re a isang kwa go ageng head office, re outsource companies gore re ithaganele go thiba phatlha e e neng ya diragala fa GABS e santse e sa bereke. Ke yone e ke lekang go e gakolola gore re ka bo re dira jalo, re sa dire developments tse ke di bonang. Re leka go netefatsa gore everything is up to standard ka bofelo jo bo rileng, reports di a tswa di a lebelelwa, go buisannngwa ka tsone. Ke e ke mo go yone.*

Ya bobedi ke e mo goreng *what we need*; ke dumela gore *we should try and encourage or drive process* ya gore *we should look for independent auditors who can come in and do the audits* tse di tlhoafetseng. Di ka dirwa ka gore e bile di tlaabo di le *independent*, di batla gore di duelwe ka bofelo nako e le teng, di dire tiro. Le tsone ke dumela gore di tlaa leka go dira tiro ka pele gore seemo se boele mo mannong. Ke gatelela thata gore fa seemo sa itsholelo se ntse jaana, ga re a tshwanela go lesa kwa *management or daily processes* tsa madi. Jaaka fa Tona Rre Tshere o tlhalosa gore *they are able to monitor the processes through GABS, but to balance the previous one so that they are up to date, we need to make sure*

that we expedite go baakanya kwa morago. Gongwe o le Tona wa Ofisi ya ga Tautona le tsa Itshireletso, ke ne ke re ke eng lephata le Auditor General o sa le ithole ...

**MR MOTAOSANE:** *Point of clarification.* Thank you Madam Chairperson le Honourable Mmusi. Kgang e ya ga Auditor General ka fa o bonang accounts tsa rona o fitlhela go dupiwa (audit) dingwaga tse di kwa moragorago, do you not think kgato e e tlhamaletseng, e e gagametseng e tshwanetse e bonale pele kwa Accountant General gore accounts di tle ka nako, so that the auditors ba kgone go dira tiro ya bone nako e le teng? Gompiano I think we are about four or three years behind. Kgantele information e e leng gore re ka bo re botsa, batho ba teng ka yone o fitlhela ba seyo, ba sa tlhole ba le teng. Thank you sir.

**MR MMUSI:** Ke nnete Honourable Motaosane. Ke sone se ke neng ke leka go rotloetsa Tona gore mo mading a a gagwe a, gongwe mangwe a one a leke gore a hire dikompone tse di ikemetseng ka nosi gore di tle go thusa kwa Auditor General. Ke ne ke re ke wela mo kgannyeng e Tona gore a Lephata le la Auditor General, a o bona le le well placed kwa lephateng la gago? Ministry wa gago o motona, o na le ditiro tse dintsi thata, o lebeletse itshireletso ya lefatshe le ya tsotlhe. Ke dumela gore Lephata le la Auditor General, le ka bo le buseditsewe gape kwa Lephataeng la Madi kana go sele fela la nna ka bonosi fela foo, le se under your ministry. Ke itse gore reports di isiwa kwa Finance, ba bo ba reconcile. Ke dumela gore ba Finance e ka bo e le bone ba ba lebeletseng because they have the expertise and resources inhouse to make sure that ba dire tiro e ya bone ka ba e rutetswe. As an advice, the department is misplaced kwa go wena and you should therefore, look at and consider that mo nakong e e tlang rraetsho, le busediwe kwa ke neng ke tsaya gore le ne le ntse le le teng fa ke sa fose, gongwe ke dira phoso. Ke akgele go le kalo. Ke a leboga Modulasetilo.

**MR LEKUTLANE (KGALAGADI NORTH):** Thank you Madam Chairperson. Mma ke simolole fela jaana ke leboge Minister go re fa pego e ya Auditor General. Ke e tsibogele jaana, le nna mma ke go eme nokeng. E tlaare ke go ema nokeng Honourable Minister, ke leke go supa dingwe tse e leng gore le nna tota ke bona di sa nna sentle mo lephateng le. Lantlha fela mma ke riana ke re, lephata le ne ke ka leboga thata fa le ka nna an independent body le sa amane gope le Minister ope fela. Go nna thata gore maphata a bo a wela ka fa tlase ga ga Minister, especially le le tshwanang le la Auditor

General, so that le kgone gore fa le dupa dibuka tse, le bo le tsaya dikgato tse le bonang di tshwanetse.

Sengwe se ke se etseng tlhoko ke gore, lephata le fa o lebelela sentle, le tshwanetse le emele pele gore ba Accountant General ba ba fe dipego, ba bo ba ya go di lebelela. Go na le tiego e ntsi e e dirang gore ba Accountant General ba nne kwa ga mothakga fela, gore ba ise statements kwa go bone gore ba kgone go di kanoka. Ke sone se se dirang e nne o kare Lephata le la Auditor General, ga le dire tiro ya lone sentle. O sa tswa go bega gore go a supafala gore go na le dingwaga di le di ntsintsi tse di saletseng kwa morago. Ke ka welelana le Honourable Mmusi fa a ne a re mo mading a gago, re senke independent auditors. Jaaka go ne go dirwa mo dikagong ka backlog eradication ya projects, a le gone re go apply mo Auditor General gore re tseye independent auditors mo mading a o yang go a rebolelwa a, o bo o ba hira. Ba bo ba kgona to speed up reports tse, so that re nne at par because gompiano jaana, re setse re nna bo three or four years re saletse kwa morago. Dipampiri tse dingwe di welela fela jaaka o itse gore o fitlhela e le gore fa go ya go sekiwa, dipampiri di a bo di seyo. Batho ba bangwe ba swa ka bosupi mme golo gongwe dikgang tse fa di ne di tsibogetswe ka nako, e ne e ka nna tsone. My main worry ka lephata leo ke gore fa o lebelela ka fa le ntseng ka teng le ka fa le berekang ka teng, o kare ga le itse exactly fa le leng teng. Ba na le fa ba leng teng kwa Finance kana State House.

I am advocating gore le nne independent, le ye go nna fale as an autonomous body e e kgonang go hold ba Accountant General liable. Se se diragalang ke gore, they do the auditing, ba bo ba di submit koo mme after that, o kare ke bulela ditswe fela. Ga go na sepe se se boelang kwa go bone ka gore ba Accountant General ke bone ba ba laolang thata go gaisa. E nna o kare Lephata le la Auditor General is just a ceremonial department mme fa o le lebelela, tshenyoo e e dirilweng, ke yone e e dirang gore dikgaolo tse di tshwanang le tsa rona tsa Kgalagadi, di se ka tsa bona any meamuso ya lefatshe le le kwano. Madi a a dupilweng, go bonwe go na le tshenyoo kwa boketekeke, finances di tshegeditswe ke maphata a mangwe, ga go na sepe se e leng gore se supa gore Attorney General o ka tsaya kgato ya gore a dire gore Lephata le la Accountant General to account for this. Fa go ntse jalo Madam Chairperson, a these remedies di nne teng, re tle re kgone go bona gore go ka re solegela molemo jang. Lephata le fela le nne koo, le autonomous, le se ka la nna ceremonial jaaka gompiano ke bona le ntse. Ka a le kalo, mma ke go support

*Honourable Minister:* Ke kope gore *these adjustments* di diragala ka tsweetswee. *I thank you.*

**MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR RAMOGAPI):** Ke a leboga Modulasetilo. Mma ke simolole fela ka go leboga Tona, ke bo ke mo eme nokeng ka lephata le la gagwe. O tshwere tiro e e molemo ka *reforms* tse a batlang go di dira. Kgang e ke batlang go e mo gakolola e tona ke gore, re se ka ra tsamaya fela mo dikgatong tsa ba ba fetileng. Re tswa kgakala re lela gore *computers* tsa bone jaaka ba dupa jaana, ga di a tshwanela go nna ka fa tlase ga *ministry* wa ga Rre Tshere. *Imagine* e le gore *they are auditing ministry* wa ga Rre Tshere, e bile ba kopile boroko kwa go ene, ke gore ba na le *every information*, ba bona gore go ka diragala eng, mme fa ba rata, ba ka *tamper* ka sengwe. Golo mo ga go a siamela lefatshe la Botswana. Ba tshwanetse ba nne le *total independence* jaaka *Minister* a ne a bua.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Clarification.

**MR RAMOGAPI:** Ke tlaa tla ke go neela. Akanya ka fa re fitlhelang *system* ya Domkrag e ntse ka teng. Re ka e tshwantshanya le lepodise le kopa boroko kwa mmelaelweng. Ke gore golo mo ga go a siama gotlhelele. *That is how I can describe it* gore golo mo tota gotlhelele, ga go a siama. Rre Tshere, o ne o re o kopa *clarification* ka bonakonyana.

**MR TSHERE:** *Point of clarification.* Ke a leboga Modulasetilo. Ke leboge gape le Tona Ramogapi. Ke re, mafoko a a ka tshwenya gore gongwe ka gore re tshwere *computers*, re ka nna ra dira sengwe fela go timetsa bosupi jalojalo. Mma ke tlhalose gore kana *Ministry of Communications and Innovation*, *yes, we are hosting the systems* tsa ga Goromente tsofthe. Se se diragalang ke gore, *our technicians from the engineering side, we have our own limitations in the platform.* Ga go reye gore gompiano fa e le gore GABS *is sitting on a system* e ke leng mo go yone, ke ka itirela Government Purchasing Orders (GPOs), e bile ka duela. Nnyaa, ga ke na *those rights. All my engineers have limited rights and* le bone ba ba di dirisang, *they also have limited rights* ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. Ke a leboga.

**MR RAMOGAPI:** Re a leboga motlotlegi. Tota ke e bua fela jaaka o e bua, ga ke itse gore re farologana fa kae. Kgang e re e buang ke gore, mo re go fitlhelang, re tshwanetse go leka gore re tle ka tsela ya go baakanya, re tle ka tharabololo gore ba tshwanetse ba nne le *total independence*. Fa re bua ka *total independence*,

*we include even the computer system, software and everything.* Re se ka ra re a ba nne *independent* bontlha bongwe, bontlha bongwe ba nne ba kope boroko kwa. Golo mo, mo tsamaisong ya segompiano, ga go a siama gotlhelele.

Go na le kgang e nngwe ya Public Accounts Committee (PAC) e ke tsayang gore o fitlhela e le gore fa ba tshwanetse ba thuse *Auditor General, they focus on the issues* tse di *political*, tse o utlwanngotwe go ntse jaana. Ga ba tseye *statements* tsele a bo ba di bala, ba bo ba bona gore re le Palamente, re rumilwe ke Palamente ra re fa le fa jaaka *statement* se bua ga re dumalane le sone. Go tsewa *statement* se beelwa koo, bone ba bo ba lebelela mo dikgannyeng tse di *political* fela tse ba di utlwanngotwe tse ba ka di ratang. Golo mo le gone bagaetsho, a go bonwe gore Batlotlegi Mapalamente ba a rutiwa thata, *capacity building*, gore kgang e re tshwanetseng re e lebelele tota ya konokono, ke *statements* le *audit reports* tse di fa pele ga rona. Go na le gore lefatshe a bo le senyega fela jaaka gompiano o fitlhela e le gore *financial prudence* e e leng gore lephata le a e rotloetsa, ga e nne teng. Re fitlhela go bodile ka gore fa Palamente e le teng e tshwere ka tlhwaafalo, e ka bo e boditse ya re madi a Development Manager (DM) *model* a tswa kae? Naare fa le nnetse go aba *tenders* jaana go sena madi, go tswa kae? Ga go na golo moo. Re mo mathateng a a seng kana ka sepe ka lebaka la gore ga go na *financial prudence* ka mabaka a gore le rona re le ka kwano, ga re tlhodumele mo go kalokalo. Ka go setse motsotsonyana fela e seng ya sepe, ke go eme nokeng *Honourable Minister*. Mogopolo o o o buang wa *total independence* wa gore ba *report directly* mo Palamenteng, re a o rotloetsa rraetsho ke gone kwa mafatshe a yang teng. Ke a leboga.

**DR DOW (KGATLENG WEST):** Thank you Madam Chairperson.

**MR DIGWA:** *Procedure.* Go *debate* o mongwefela ka fa, a bo go tsewa *four* ka kwano.

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

**MADAM CHAIRPERSON:** Le *share 10 minutes Honourable Whip*. Gakere fa ke le neela *two* ka koo ke 10, a bo ke ya ka fa, a bo ke le neela 10, *two* ka koo fela jalo.

**MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INNOVATION (MR TSHERE):** *Procedure.* Kgantele re ne re bua ka kgang e le *Speaker* a santse a ntse foo

gore fa e le gore re tsile go dira thulaganyo ya gore re tsaya *five minutes*, a bo e re *10 minutes* re le babedi, kana e ne e le *slot* sa motho a le mongwefela ka fa *opposition*. Jaanong wa bona gore gompiano go buile ba babedi, ba buile *exactly 10 minutes*. *It was supposed to be 20 minutes, that is why I advised earlier on... (interruptions)...That is why Madam Chairperson, I advised earlier on gore we cannot have two parallel arrangements across the aisle* fa e le gore e nna *five*, go raya gore mongwe le mongwe a tseye *five*...

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

**MR TSHERE:** ...ka gore e seng jalo, *it will be a problem*.

**MADAM CHAIRPERSON:** I think you overlooked that, I think *fa e dira 10 minutes go raya gore motho o buile a le one ka fa...*(interruptions)...No, *e ntse jalo*. Sorry for that.

**BRIG. MOKGWATHI (LETLHAKENG):** Dumela Modulasetilo. E re la ntlha ke ema Tshutiso e nokeng. Lekgotla le betsho fa o ka ela tlhoko, fa le dupa dibuka tsa ga Goromente, le a bo le dira gore le bone gore a go na le tshenyetso-setšhaba, dilo dingwe tse di dirwang ka tshokamo kana ka tlhamalalo. Go botlhokwa gore lekgotla le, le kgone go ema sentle ka bonosi. Ke a itse gore le tshwanetse le ikemele ka bonosi ka tsela e e ntseng jang.

La ntlha re tshwanetse ra dira gore *the human resource* ya yone *be capacitated* sentle, ba ba tshwanetseng ba dire dibuka e se gore ba dire dibuka sentle, ba dire ka nako, ba dire mo go tshwanetseng gore sengwe le sengwe se se bonwang se sa siamela gore se ka senya tsamaiso ya ga Goromente kana lengwe lephata, le ele tlhoko go santse nako e le *gole*.

Re se ka ra nna kwa morago ka dilo tse, a re nne le *a timely audit report*. Go nne le *a continuous report*. Batho bone ba ke reng ba firiwe letsatsi le letsatsi ba, ba firiwe sentle. Ba kgone gore letsatsi le letsatsi ba dupe, ba se ka ba nna fela ba re e tlaa re *after bo three months* a bo ba dupa. *In a continuous monitoring of activities*, ke bua jaana ka gore go na le mo gotweng *complex procurement audits* tse e leng gore fa o ka di flogela fela, wa se ka wa nna o dupa letsatsi le letsatsi. Se se ka diragalang o bo o re o tlaa dupa *after three, six or 12 months*, saatane yo o o ntseng a gonya, a senya a sa dire dilo sentle, o tlaa tswela a ntse a dira. E tlaare

letsatsi le re reng re a tsena re a dupa, re fitlhele e le gore motho yoo ga a yo, e bile o kwa mafatsheng a sele kana o hapaanye le marothodi.

Go na le e nngwe ya *technological advancement* e ke tsayang gore *even* batho ba, a re direng gore ba nne le *integration of both human audit and technological audits*. Re se ka ra baya fela mo *technology* ka gore malatsi a gatwe *computer* e teng, e tlaa ntirela, fa gongwe kana gatwe *data* e...(Inaudible)... kana gatwe *garbage in, garbage out*. *If anybody can infuse data* mo maranyaneng, se se tswang ka fa se ka nna a bo e se sone. A batho bao le bone ba itse gore *they have to interface technology with the human being that we have because at the end of it all*, fa go ka diragala gore *system* e *shut down*, go raya gore re tlaabo re sweletse betsho.

Re bua ka *delay in manual reports, of course there is a delay but at the same time* go tshwanetse gore...Ke na le tumelo ya gore batho fa ba le *trained* sentle, *records* tsa nna sentle, ga nna le *cyclic process*; mo go *cycle* gotwe *from this particular point* re dira *this thing* go ka nna motlhofo thata go tswela pele, re bone gore a *Auditor General* e dira tiro ka botlalo.

Go na le e ke buang ke re, go tshwanetse ga bo ga dira gore go nne le *whole of Government approach to report*, go nne le *a center where* batho ba ba dupang le bone ba dupiwe. Fa gongwe re a re batho ba ba dupiwe kante go tla bone ba ba nang le mathata kana motho a ntse a le mo Botswana, ke lemogile gore tlala e kgona go jesa noga. Fa gotwe monna baakanya dibuka o ntse jaana, o tlaa bona sengwe a bo a kgona gore a tswela a ntse a dira dilo tsa go nna jaana gore a kgone gore a dupe ka nako e e siameng gape a dupe sentle.

Go na le mo gotweng *project management*, mo Botswana re setse re dumeletse gore gatwe *projects* di fedile *a third year*; di tshwanetse di tseye *four to five years*. Re tshwanetse *to make sure* gore go na le mo gotweng *immediate, intermediate and final report so that* fa go ntse jalo, re kgone gore batho ba tlhokomele dibuka tse ba dire gore ga di tseye lebaka gore di bo di dupilwe. Batlhokomedi ba dibuka le bone go nne le *lock and key, so that* ga go na ka tsela epe e e ka reng letsatsi lengwe *infrastructure* ya teng o itse gore ga go na motho yo o ka *temper* ka sepe se se tshwanang le *audit material*.

Gape *people should be classified, we should not know* gore ke mang yo o tshwanetseng a tshware *information* e e rileng, leng. *Information* e nngwe *is so serious that* motho a tshwana le mongwe fela gotwe ke ne ke neetse

motho *file* ke re a tsamaye ka yone, mme ya re mo tseleng koloi ya wa, a bo e sha. A bone koloi e wa fela mo tseleng e sha, a bo a tsenya mo teng, a bo a re ke ne ke le mo koloing eo, ke ne ka tswa ka tshoba la mogodu, a bo e le gore dibuka di a sha. Ke eme jalo, ke ema nokeng Tona ka thuso eo.

**MINISTER OF LABOUR AND HOME AFFAIRS (MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE):** *Thank you Madam Chairperson.* Le nna ke eme fa ke akgele mo lephateng la botlhokwa la *Auditor General*. Ke lone le le tsisang *confidence* mo mafatsheng a otlhe fa ba re lebile, gore batho ba re tseye ka tlhwaafalo. Tiro nngwe e tona ya bone ke go tlhodomela dibuka tsa rona tsa Puso le go bona gore a mme gone re sela melao le melawana morago ya tiriso ya madi. Ga re re kamoso, re bo re iphitlhela Botswana a le *black listed*. Ga e re *when we have budget for a project* re re re e dira ka bokana, e bo e ya go dirwa ka madi a a lekaneng.

Gore re bone gore lephata le le a bereka, e bile le dira tiro ya lone, selo sa ntlha se se tlhokafalang ke gore re leke go le neela dithata. Dithata tse di ka dirang gore kwa ba fitlhelang teng go na le tshenyetso-setšhaba kana le tshenyo e e sa tsamaelaneng le se se ntseng ka teng, ba kgone go tsaya dikgato tse di ka bonalang.

Sa bobedi, lephata le le tshwanetse le nne *resourced*, le neelwe tsotlhe tse di tlhokafalang *in terms of manpower*. Gompiano re tsamaya mo go nang le *sophisticated crime*, dipalo tse e leng gore fa o di dira, o tshwanetse o bo o ithutile matlhale a a rileng, a a tseneletseng. Re tshwanetse lephata le, re bone gore re le neela batho ba ba maleba, ba ba ithutileng go tlhatlhoba dibuka mo go ntseng jalo, *forensic audit*. Re tshwanetse re tseye *advantage or leverage on technology* e e teng gompiano, re e dirise mo lephateng le. Jaanong gompiano o fitlhela ba tlhaela, ke ngongoregela madi a ba a neetsweng ka gore dilo tse ke di balang tse tsotlhe tse ga se tse ba ka kgonang go di dira. Batho ba lephata le, ba tshwanetse ba duelwe. Ba duelwe mo go bonalang, e se ka ya re ba ntse ba dira dibuka jaana, mosenyi ya re a tswa ka fa a ba a ba reka gore ba se ka ba dira se se siameng. Ke sone se o fitlhelang ke gana ke re, golo mo ga go tlhoka go duela badirelapuso kwa tlase, o ipone fela gongwe o duela modirelapuso P4,000 gongwe e le lepodise, ga ke ba senye ke fa sekai. Fa o mo duela P4,000 e bo e re motho a dirile *traffic offence* a ba a mo raya a re tsaya P5,000 ke o, o a mo tsaya. Fa a akanya go emela 30 *days* go tla go amogela P4,000 le P5,000 gone foo a tla a tabogile fela a tswa maitisong, o tsaya P5,000. Batho

ba ba ntseng jaana *who are professionals, have to be paid* madi fela a a bonalang tota a a tsamaelanang le a ba a duelwang kwa mafatsheng a mangwe. *We have to be competitive when we are dealing with these professional institutions.* Ke gone e bile go ka dirang gore batho ba re lebelebe, ba bone tota re tlhwaafetse. E re ba bona Puso ya rona jaana, ba bo ba ka itse gore ke Puso e e tlhwaafetseng.

Re tshwanetse re bone gore batho ba le bone ba simolola *to audit performance*. Ba se ka ba *audit* dibuka fela, le *performance* e ba e *audit, performance* ya babereki *and projects*. E re fa *project* e dirwa e beetswe *three months*, e tseye *three months*. Motho e se ka ya re a neetswe tiro, e bo a nna fela a re o bereka batho ba seyo. Jaaka gompiano fa o lebelela *budget* ya ga Goromente ya *salaries* le *overtime, they are almost the same*. Mo go raya gore tota go na le sengwe se se sa tsamayeng sentle gone fa. Go raya gore bontsi jwa rona re batla *overtime* fela, re oketsa *salaries*. Ke sone se ke reng, a re bone gore lephata le re le fa dithata le ditsompelo tse di rileng, dithuto tse di tseneletseng tsa gore ba kgone *to deal with* dikgwetlho tse di kwa pele. Jaanong maphata otlhe a ga Goromente fa o ka a lebelela gompiano, a tlhaela *auditors. These people* ba tshwanetse gore kwa dikhanseleng, mo go Goromente ba bo ba le teng gongwe le gongwe. O fitlhela ba *audit* lephata le lengwe fela ba tlhaela, motho a le mongwe fela a ya *to auditor the whole ministry*, golo mo ga go a siama, ke gone mo go tlogang go dira gore e re kamoso le bone ba bo ba sa *perform*, re sa kgone gore re ka *audit performance* ya bone.

Ke sone se ke reng *Madam Chairperson*, madi a ke dumalana le one mme fela ke ntse ka re ga a mmogo. Lephatla le a re le okeletseng madi. A re le okeletseng babereki ba ba dithuto tse di rileng. A re ba neeleng *technology* e e *relevant* ya gompiano, e ba ka kgonang go tlhodomela ba tsenela kwa teng ba bona tse di sa kgonweng go bonwa ke mongwe le mongwe. Ke a leboga *Madam Chairperson*.

**DR DOW (KGATLENG WEST):** *Thank you Madam Chairperson.* Let me offer my voice to Organisation 1400, that is the Auditor General. Let me just start Madam Chairperson through you, to say to the Minister that I support proposals, but of course like other Members have said, I do not believe that the funds are sufficient for you to actually deliver on your mandate.

Madam Chairperson, the Minister has already informed us or read to us Section 124(5) of the Constitution, which

if you give me permission to quote Madam Chairperson I will quote. "In the exercise of its functions the Auditor General shall not be subject to the direction or control of any other person or authority." I think that is where obviously when people are pushing for independence, they are anchoring their views on that particular section. It is not difficult to understand why, I think one of the reasons obviously is, I am not suggesting that it is happening in this country, but one of the things that happen is that if this particular organisation or if an Auditor General is not independent, then it is prone to political interference or political pressure, making it very difficult for them to actually provide or report their findings objectively. That is the reason, I am not suggesting it is happening here, I am saying that is the reason for that.

The second point I want to make Madam Chairperson, is the limited capacity and resources that is actually being availed to this particular organisation. If you look at what the Minister says it covers, 18 ministries, eight independent departments, 31 local Government authorities and 68 State-Owned Enterprises (SOEs), that is a huge mandate. If the only thing we give this organisation is just money for salaries, it is not enough for them to do their work. I understand, I am not suggesting that..., I know the pie is small. I am just making the point that, of course for them to do their work really effectively and efficiently and on time, they need more resources. When you look at their mandate is really really huge, so that is what I want to say.

Now Madam Chairperson, addressing other ministries not just this ministry is that, for this organisation to do its work, it needs access to quality data. If they get incomplete, inaccurate and delayed information, then of course it makes it difficult for them to do timely audits. If they do not do timely audits, it means that by the time they make recommendations to us, it is two, three years later. *Nako e fetile*, therefore those recommendations are no longer really relevant. So it is very important for every ministry and every department and all the SOEs to appreciate that the Auditor General cannot do its work, unless they get timely, complete and accurate data.

The other thing Madam Chairperson, ...

**MR MAPULANGA:** *Clarification.* Ke a leboga Madam Chairperson. Ke go leboge Honourable Dr Dow. Ga o bone gongwe re ka nna le mogopolo wa gore any ministry o e leng gore ga o kgone go tlisa dibuka tsa teng ka nako, re freeze budgets tsa bone until they submit their books, then audit them re fetsa?

**DR DOW:** I am unable to agree with you on that sir, I am sure there can be other punishments. At the end of the day, if you freeze the Ministry of Education's budget for example, it means a child somewhere does not have access to education. I think there has to be other ways within maybe the law that he is going to bring, that can actually come up with what do we do when the auditee actually is delayed or offers incomplete or inaccurate information, but I do understand that something has to be done.

Then the other thing of course is just really sometimes we just do not implement their recommendations. The Auditor General may give you the recommendation, sometimes late because of their workload and ministries give them their data late.

Then actually there are recommendations and we ignore them. Again, it goes to you *Rre Mapulanga gore*, what do you do when recommendations are ignored even as they are placed before the various ministries or the auditees (those who are being audited). That is the problem and hopefully, we must come up with ways in which we can enforce implementation of recommendations.

The other thing that is obvious; I think we have heard a little about this when we went to the Pre-Budget Session, about the envolving, changing and complex regulatory environment. With new technology, new standard is changing all the time, and for the Auditor General to keep up with this, they need money to be able to be constantly trained, like Honourable Mokgware said for example; to make sure that they are paid good salaries for expertise, knowing that things are changing all the time. I think it is important that we keep in touch with what is happening in the rest of the world in terms of changing of the environment.

The other obvious thing is, we have resistance and hostility from those who are audited. Nobody wants to be audited even when they have done great work. I think we should accept that, because auditing is about have you complied with the rules? Have you used the money I gave you properly? Are there any internal controls that you need to be reinforced or twigged? Also, has there been any fraud, negligence or recklessness? So, obviously, *ke go tlhodumela* and actually that reinforces why they should be independent, because I can tell you nobody wants to be audited. It is a necessary thing, it does not matter whether is the Government, a company or whatever, we know the value of auditing. But of course, it means that what we are looking at, is there

compliance with the rules that they are given. We must also know that because there is resistance and general hostility, there is a culture of not wanting to cooperate with auditors. The rules must be very clear, the time has to be very clear *Rre* Mapulanga, so that they must be very clear that by what date should this particular ministry, organisation and SOE have submitted their document before the auditor. So, that there is no back and forth of writing letters, Minister of Education or... (inaudible)... we do not have your documents here or ministry of whatever or Kgatleng District, we do not have your papers here. So, we need strict timelines of when should things happen, when should there be responses...(inaudible)... so that things are not personalised, they are more automated or there are rules about submission of documents, official reports.

Lastly just to say ...

**MR LEKAU:** *On a point of elucidation.* Motlotlegi Dow, gone foo le fa Rre Mapulanga a ne a ntshitse bogalegale, mme kana gongwe *we need to enforce* kgang ya *recovery*, ka gore Act e a letla gore go nne le le *direct recovery*. *Officials* fa e le gore ke bone ba ba dirileng golo moo *either deliberately or whatsoever*, go kgone go jewa sengwe mo go bone. Gone moo le fa e le gore ra re *we should enforce direct recovery to the officials*, go se ka ga dirwa *to a certain group* kana ba ba kwa tlase fela, le bagolo ba ba mo *ministry* le bone ba nne ba tseelwa dikgato. Ke a leboga.

**DR DOW:** Thank you very much. We are talking about how do we enforce compliance, first of all, how do you make sure that if there is negligence resulting in loss and actually financial loss, you make sure that whoever was responsible for that, whether through theft or obvious carelessness, negligence as opposed to maybe administrative fault that anybody could have done, because sometimes that happens. With my two minutes, I am always intrigued that when a Government driver is involved in an accident you make them pay, but if I drop this laptop nobody is going to make me pay. You understand? So, at the end, there has to be rules that apply to everybody as you say, and therefore I agree with you. With that Madam Chairperson, I say Minister, I support your proposal. I still say it is not enough, but I also understand that the national cake cannot give everybody that which they seek. I thank you.

**ASSISTANT MINISTER OF CHILD WELFARE AND BASIC EDUCATION (MR HUNYEPA):** Ke a leboga *Madam Chairperson*. Ke leboge Tona go bo a

re tliseditse *report* ya *Auditor General*. Ke re, ofisi e e botlhokwa fela thata. Ke yone e e lebelelang gore a ga go na tshenyetso-setšhaba, ke sone se o bonang re batla gore *report* e e tswa ke nako. O fitlhela e le gore mananeo a Puso ga a dirwe sentle, ditlamelo ga di ye kwa bathong ka nako, e le kgang ya gore *report* e tswa *late*, le *audit* ya teng ga e dirwe sentle ka nako.

*Report* ya *Auditor General* e a thusa fela thata Modulasetilo go bona gore madi a Puso a dirisiwa sentle le ka boikarabelo, *accountability* e tsena gone foo. Gape a madi ao a dirisiwa ka fa a tshwanetseng go dirisiwa ka teng. Ofisi e e tshwanetse go fiwa madi a a bonalang fela thata. Gape ba hire le batho ba ba nang le boitsaanape gore ba tle ba kgone go dira tiro e, ba ntshe *report* ka nako.

Ofisi e e dira gore tiro ya rona ya *budget* e nne motlhofo. Fa o na le *report* re kgona go felela re lebelela gore a madi a a dirisitsweng *the previous years*, a dirisitswe sentle, re beile *on the report* ya ga *Auditor General*. Fa e seo, go raya gore dilo tse dingwe re tile go tla re di fetisa fela mme go sena gore re ka lebelela fa kae. *Report* ya *Auditor General* e *late* jaaka gone go tlhalosiwa. *Three or four years behind*, mo go rayang gore le *budget* tsa gompiano tse re di fetisang, ga re kgone go lemoga gore re senyeditse fa kae, ka gore a re na pego e e ntseng jalo. *Report* e ke seipone sa rona sa gore maphata a dira jang. *Even* SOE tse di ikemetseng ka nosi, re tshwanetse re itse gore ke eng di palelwa ke go dira *profit*, go senngwa fa kae, jalojalo. Mme *without the benefit of that report* go dira gore dilo di nne dingalo. Ke sone o bona dikompone tse di ikemetseng ka nosi di sa kgone go ntsha maduo, di sa kgone go neela Puso morokotso. Ke selo se se supang gore ga go a tsamaya sentle, SOE di batla go tsaya madi fela mo Pusong. Ke kgang e re buang ka yone gore, *with the Auditor General report* re ka felela re bona gore bokoa bo simolole fa kae, go ka baakangwa fa kae. Gape mo ofising ya ga *Auditor General*, go na le baitsaanape ba ba itseng go dupa dibuka tse ba bo batla ba re neela *report* e e tseneletseng fela sentle.

**MR MONAGENG:** *On a point of elucidation.* Modulasetilo, ke re gongwe e tle e re *Minister* a araba a kgome gore, ga se gore fa dilo di sa tsamae sentle kwa *Office of the Auditor General*, ke gore go tsaya dingwaga. Gompiano *to replace Auditor General* go tsere dingwaga di feta boraro. Tanki.

**MR HUNYEPA:** Ke a go leboga mokaulengwe. Puso e na le *projects* tse di tona tsa madi a a seng kana ka

sepe le a *infrastructural project*. E na le *procurement processes* tse e leng gore le tsona *right now*, go na le modumo wa gore ga go tsamae sentle. Jaanong *with the Auditor General in place*, e ka felela e thusa go dupa gore dilo di tsamaya jang. Kwa Tati West *for instance*, re na le *projects* tse di ka bong di dirilwe; ditsela, tsela ya Kalakamati go tsena kwa Gambule, Gungwe le Mbalambi, ga di kgone go dirwa ka gore gatwe ga go na madi. Fa o lebelela o tlaa fitlhela madi a dutla ka gore *Auditor General* ga a tlise *report* fela sentle. Ditlou di a senya kwa dikgaolong tsele, madi a a ka bong a tshwara sentle, a tswa gone mo dibukeng tsa rona tse, a felela a kgona go thusa mo dikgaolong tse tsa rona.

Modulasetilo, re kopa gore *Auditor General* e okeletswe madi e tle e re thuse, re na le mathata. Jaaka re bua jaana, *from the previous Auditor General's report*, go a supa gore go ntse go sa dirwe sentle. Madi fa a ne a tlhokomelwa sentle, Tlhako le Molomo gongwe e ka bo e seyo kwa kgaolong ya rona ya Tati West.

Ke tseye nako e ke *support Office of the Auditor General*.

**MR KWAPA (JWANENG-MABUTSANE):** Mma ke go leboge Modulasetilo gore o bo o mphile sebaka sa go bua ka lephata le. Maphata go ka buiwa ka one, mme botlhokwa jwa lephata le ga se jo re ka tlholang re ka iphitlha ka monwana. Ke bua se jaana ke ema nokeng thata kopo ya lephata le, e bile ke na le ngongorego ya gore lephata le e kete le ka bo le okelediwa madi.

*I support* se ka dintlha di le nne tse ke tlaa di tlhalosang. Sa ntlha ke tlhalose gore, re tlhokana le *reports* tse di tswang kwa Lephatheng le la *Auditor General*. Re di tlhoka di le *accurate*, di tlisitswe ka nako, di dirilwe ka *accuracy* e re a bong re e tlhoka. E re fa re ntse re kopa madi, re dira tsotlhe tse di tlhokiwang ke maphata a otlhe a Puso, sengwe le sengwe se bo se le malala a laotswe. Ke dumalana le kgang e e reng lephata le *has to be adequately resourced* gore le kgone go dira tiro ya lone sentle ka botlalo le ka nako. Le kgone go re fa *reports* tse di *accurate and done with relative speed* se e leng gore *it is done timeously*. Ke sone se ke reng ka tsone dintlha tse Modulasetilo, *I support* lephata le gore le fiwe gone moo. Go neelwa *resources* le bodiredi jo bo lekaneng, go tlaa re thusa gore fa re ntse re bua ka lephata le, re bo re itse gore tiro e le e dirang, e botlhokwa mo maphatheng a otlhe a re ka buang ka one a Puso.

Mo godimo ga se ke se buang ke gore, *reports* tsa lephata le, re tlhokana le go itse gore bothata bo nnile fa kae. Fa re bua boammaaruri, re ka bo re bua re re lephata le *is*

*one of the litmus test* e a bong e diragala mo ditirong tsotlhe tsa Puso. Go ka tswa e le kwa dikhanseleng, mo go Goromente yo motona, fa re bua ka lephata la *Auditor General*, re tshwanetse re bo re tlhaloganya le gore tsotlhe tse ba di dirileng, re tshwanetse *to appreciate them*, and re tshwanetse go di bona ka nako. Mo bogompionong ga re sa tlhole re bua puo ya maloba gore dibuka tsa rona di ntse di saletse kwa morago.

Ka lebaka la gore ga ba dupe dibuka fela, ba boa ba lebelela le gore tse di tshwanetseng go dirwa, di salwe morago, ke tse re tshwanetseng go di lebelela, re bone gore a tse ba di buang, di a dirwa ka nako, gore re bo re re re mo dinakong sentle. E seng jalo, jaaka batlotlegi ba ntse ba tlhalosa, e ya go nna selo se e leng gore nako le nako e tlaa re re bua ka *recommendations* tse ba di dirileng, re bo re fitlhela e le gore ke tse di siilweng ke nako. Fa go batliwa batho, bangwe ba ba mo dikgannyeng tse e leng gore e tlaa re ditlhotlhomiso di tsamaela kwa go bone, e bo e le gore ba iketsha ka motse Modulasetilo. Ke sone se ke reng lephata le le tshwanetse go rotloediwa, tiro ya lone e dirwe ka nako. Le kgone go re fa *reports* ka nako e e maleba, tse di *current*, e seng tse dikgologolo.

Re batla gore re bo re tsamaisana le lephata le ka lebaka la gore fa go nna jalo, ba le *well resourced*, o ba file tsotlhe tse di maleba. O ba okeleditse *budget* ka fa bone ba tlhokang ka teng. Ke dumela gore go ka ba kgontsha gore fa ba tlhokana le go hira ba ba ka ba thusang go dupa dibuka, ba ka go dira ba le *independent*. Go teng gore dikompone tse di nang le dikitso tse, di ka hirwa. Ga ke batle go di nankola ka maina Modulasetilo, ke dumela gore dikompone tse di a itse. Ke dikompone tse di teng mo Botswana, go na le tse di mo mafatsheng a re mabapi le one, sengwe le sengwe se teng, batho ba teng ba na le boitseanape. Ke sone se ke reng, lephata le le tlhokana le go okelediwa *budget so that they can be adequately resourced* gore le kgone go dira tiro ya lone ka bonokopila. Mma ke go somarelele motsotso, ke dumela gore ke buile, ke ne ke buelela le bone ba ba ka kwa. Ke dumela gore e wetse kgang e ke neng ke batla go e fetisa. Ke a leboga Modulasetilo.

**ASSISTANT MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INNOVATION (MR NTLHAILE):** *Thank you Madam Chair*. Modulasetilo, ke emela go ema nokeng Tona mabapi le pego ya kopo ya madi e a re e beileng pele. Ke dumela thata mo tirong e tona e e dirwang ke bone ba *Auditor General*. Ke dumela gore selo sa ntlha ka seemo se re leng mo go sone, madi a a lebagantsweng

le lephata le, ga se madi tota a a lekaneng. Fa go ne go kgonega, re ka bo re batla ditsela tsa go a oketsa. Kwa ntle ga gone moo Modulasetilo, ke ema nokeng Tshutiso e gore e maleba.

Se se botlhokwa *Madam Chair* ke gore, lephata le le batla go emelwa ka dinao gore le nonotshiwe, le kgone go itsetsepela, le kgone go itebaganya le dikgwetlho tsa gompiano. Re tshelela mo dipakeng tse e leng gore tshenyetso-setšhaba kana tatlhogo ya madi a setšhaba e tlang ka ditsela tse di matswakabele. Tota go botlhokwa gore re lebelele le mo mafatsheng a mangwe gore ba dira jang. Fa o tsaya mafatshe a tshwana le a Singapore le la Estonia, ba na le metlhale e mentle thata e e ikaegileng ka maranyane. Ke batla go dumela gore ba *Ministry of Finance* e tlaa re fa ba dira Public Audit Act, ba e sekaseka sesha, ba lebelele ka fa ba ka tsenyang ka teng tiriso ya maranyane. Go na le maranyane a *blockchain*, ke one a a tumileng thata mo dinakong tsa gompiano, gore a somarele madi gore ledi lengwe le lengwe la Puso le le tswang le ya kwa *ministries*, le bo le babalesegile.

Ke ne ke rotloetsa gone fa gore re tseye malebela Tona go bona gore re dirisa maranyane one a *blockchain* ka gore tota a ka re thusa gore go nne le *transparency* gape ka fa madi a dirisiwang ka teng. Lephata le le ne le batla go batlelwa Information Technology (IT) *specialists* ba ba rutetsweng tiro e ya go tlhatlhoba ka fa maranyane a ka dirisiwang ka teng gore ba kgone go somarela madi a rona.

Se sengwe gape *Madam Chair* ke gore, Tona, re bone gore mme lephata lone le go nne le ka fa go ka tlhomiwang bo matwetwe, *the Forensic Audit Unit* ya sennelaruri. Madi a Puso a tlhotlhomisiwe, a salwe morago letsatsi le letsatsi, ke gore re se ka ra re re tlaa emela gore ngwaga wa madi o fele go bo go ka lebelelwa sone seo. Ke sone se *the digital platforms* di leng botlhokwa ka gore di dira *continuously*, ga re emele gore nako ya madi e fete. Le yone *this Forensic Audit Unit specialists*, ba tlaa nna letsatsi le letsatsi ba dupadupa go bona fa go nang le motlhala wa gore madi a Puso a ka tswa go na le fa a tsenang teng. E bo e le gore tiro e ya go kaba diphatlha tse tsotlhe e nna teng.

*Madam Chair*, ka a le kana, ke eme Tona nokeng gore o tshwere tiro e e botlhokwa thata. Jaanong o batla go tswelala go nna le *transparency*, *this is why* a tla ka *review of Public Audit Act* gore ba e nonotshe gore e tle e kgone go nonotsha mo go lone lephata le. Ke a le boga.

**MR BARONGWANG (MOGODITSHANE EAST):** Mma ke go leboge Modulasetilo gore o bo o mphile

sebaka se go bua ka lephata le. Tota bakaulengwe ba setse ba buile ka bontsi, ba akareditse dikgang ka bokete. Se ke tlaa se gatelelang ke go leka go supa gore lephata le le tshwanelwa ke *to be resourced enough*. Fa o le lebile, ke lephata le le lebeleletseng se e leng gore gompiano re se tlhoka le go feta. Ke dumalana thata le se mokaulengwe a sa tswang go se bua gore, ka re setse re itemogetse gore tshenyetso-setšhaba o kare e gongwe le gongwe, gongwe lekalana la *Forensic Audit* le nne fela le le gaufi le lekalana le. Fa o lebile, *Auditor General's portfolio*, *it covers ministry* di le 18, *independent departments* di ka nna *eight*, *31 local authorities* and *68 parastatals*, le tshwanelwa ke *to be resourced enough*.

**MRLEKAU: Elucidation.** Ontse o le foo mokaulengwe, o supe gore lephata le gongwe nako jaanong e tlile ya gore le fiwe meno a a fetang a le a tshwerweng, gore ba kgone *to enforce their recommendations*. *That includes direct recommendations*. Le gore *actions* tse ba ka di neelwang, ba kgone *to issue a certificate of debt*, ba sa tle Palamenteng go tla go kopa thata *resolution* ya gore Palamente ya reng. E kgone go nna le meno a a nonofileng, le gone e nne *part of their material irregularity*, ba *enforce process* tota.

**MR BARONGWANG:** Ke dumalana thata le wena, e bile o supa o tlhaloganya tota gore mathata magolo a fa kae. Se ke batlang go se supa ke bokete jo bo dirwang ke lephata le, ke ne ke supa ka dipalo gore le tlhokometse maphata a le kana kang. Ke maphata fela a le mantsintsi, mme fa o lebile madi a le a neelwang a kwa tlase thata. Fa o a kgaoganya, *about 69 per cent* ya one e ya kwa *personal emoluments* kana tse di ya kwa go thuseng motho go dira tiro ya gagwe. Tota tiro e ga e ka ke ya dirwa ke botlhale jwa motho a le nosi, e tshwanelwa ke gore e dirwe ke botlhale jwa motho a bapile le maranyane. Go tshwanetse gore *even the Development Budget* e tsholediweng go se kaenyana, gore re itepatepanye le go netefatsa gore lephata le le dira tiro ya yone.

Se sengwe le tshwanelwa ke gore le dire tiro ya lone *with transparency and fairness*. Kana *transparency* e gatelelwa thata ke *section* e e neng neng e buiwa ke Motlotlegi Dow. Fa o bona lephata le supa le mo *Constitution*, le rona re tshwanelwa ke gore re bonwe re leka *to support* lephata le. Fa o gakologelwa re ne re re na le mathata GABS, fa re santse re na le mathata a GABS gore re nne le *reports* tse di tlhomameng, re santse re le kwa moragonyana. Re tshwanelwa ke gore reye *to support* GABS, re ye go e baakanya. *Some of the*

*accounting systems* di kgona go go fa *the accounting report*, di boe gape di go fe *the audit*. Sa gago e le go kgona gore o di *verify* fela *through audit* ya motho kana *physical audit*. Jaanong fa gongwe re ka *invest* madi a mangwe gape, re a isitse kwa maranyaneng, go ka re thusa gore re kgone go amogela *reports* tsa rona ka nako.

*Transparency in publication* ya *audit reports*, a e re fa go sena go dirwa *reports they should be published* ka nako. Di se ka tsaya *to be published* morago ka lebaka, ka gore fa e dirilwe e bo e boa e tsaya lebaka, mme e sa tle mo matlhong a batho, e tlaabo e tshwana fela le fa e sa dirwa.

*Fairness in treatment of all ministries; a ministries* tsotlhe *be treated* ka go lekalekana, ke sa re go na le e e seng *treated* ka go lekalekana. *Parastatals* tse re lelang ka tsone Modulasetilo, ka bontsi ga di dire madi mme di tsaya madi. A lephata le le ye go itebaganya thata le gone go tlhola gore kante ke eng *parastatals* tse di sa kgone go dira madi.

Ya bofelo ke *independency* e e supilweng ke Motlotlegi Dow. *Let us strengthen* Public Audit Act ka gore netefatsa jaaka o ne o supa *Minister* gore ba tle *to report* kwa go rona re le Palamente, re se ka ra tsaya letlhakore. Le rona re ba ema nokeng both *legally and financially, their financial legal autonomy*, ba kgone go nna le lekalananyana la go itsheka kana le go dirisa madi a lone. *Let us avoid* gore re nne le *undue influence* re le Palamente kana re le Matona. Ke a leboga.

**MR LUCAS (BOBIRWA):** Ke a leboga *Madam Chairperson*. Ke tsaya gore ke na le metsotso ele metlhano, kana e siame e e lesome.

**MADAM CHAIRPERSON:** E metlhano.

**MR LUCAS:** Ke simolole fela ka go supa gore, o kare re a dumalana rotlhe fa gore re tshwanetse ra tsamaela kwa go reng Auditor General e nne *a supreme audit institution*. Ke yone e e tshwanetseng gore e bo ele kwa godimo mo go dupeng dibuka tsa Puso. Madi mangwe le mangwe a Puso kwa a yang teng, *Auditor Generals' Office* e bo e ka a latela ya ba ya kgona go bona motlhala wa one. Fa re leng teng gompieno, ke dumela gore re a dumalana gore *Auditor General* ga se gore ke *a supreme audit institution* gompieno. Le fa o tsaya fela gore *Auditor General is parked* fa kae *in terms of ranks*, o a bona gore o lekana fela le Permanent Secretary (PS) ba bangwe, mo e leng gore le go ba latelela gore ba tle ba kgone *to comply* le sa a se buang, ba dumela fela gore ke

molekane wa bone. Ka gore ke molekane wa bone, ga ba bone go tlhokafala gore le fa a *an audit query* ba dire ka bofelo, ba tlhomamisa gore o a reediwa.

Ke akanya gore sengwe sa dilo tsa ntlha fa e le gore go dirwa *review* ya Public Audit Act, e tshwanetse e nne *to place* Auditor General fa godimonyana ga bo PS ba bangwe, gore a tle a kgone go ba latela a na le *a major authority*. Ke sengwe sa dilo tse ke neng ke re ke di sale morago.

*In terms of support, Auditor General* o tshwanetse go neelwa *support, particularly financial support*. Fa o lebile gompieno *Auditor General* o neelwa ditiro tse dintantsi tse gotweng a di dire ka *the resources* tse di kwa tlase thata. *For instance; Auditor General* o tshwanetse a dire *a specialized audit, forensic audits* le *performance audits*. Mo mading a a a neetsweng a, bontsi jwa madi a teng ke madi a e leng gore o tshwanetse a a dirisa fela *on salaries and allowances*. O tlele go dira *forensic audit, performance audit* le tse dingwe jang, a se na madi. Ke sone se e leng gore nakong e reng re le kwa PAC re latedisa dikgang, fa gongwe ba *Auditor General* ba ne ba na le kgalhego ya gore dikgang tse dingwe ba di latele kwa di diragalang teng. *For instance; ba ne ba na le kgalhego ya gore fa go nnang le cost overruns*, kana fa gongwe mo *projects* tse dingwe o fitlhela go na le *cost overruns* tsa *over a billion*. Ba batla go latela dikgang tseo, fa gongwe ba sena madi a *petrol* go ya kwa Kanye, *project* kwa Maun le a boroko kwa Tswapong. Diemo tse di ntseng jaana, ga di a tshwanela go diragalela Auditor General, *because* o botlhokwa thata mo go somareleng madi a setšhaba.

**MR AARON:** *Clarification*. Ka tsela nngwe go raya gore lephata le, *it is deliberately designed to fail*. Ke a leboga.

**MR LUCAS:** Ka fa go ntseng ka teng, o ka bo wa belaela gore le tlhokisitswe meno le neetswe marinini ka bomo gore le tle le palelwe ke tiro. *That is a very fair comment*, e o a ke dirang mokaulengwe. Bona gore madi a teng *69 per cent* ka ya *salaries*. Seemo seo ke tsaya gore ga se amogelesege.

Sengwe se ke neng ke batla gore ke se gatelele thata ke gore, *Auditor General* go lebe ga gore ga a ka ke *for instance*, a kgona *to audit land boards*. Gatwe Act e ntšha ya *land board* e kaya gore *land boards* di ka ipatlela *auditors*. *Land board* ya ga Morolong, e bo e sa dupiwe ke *Auditor General* gotwe e ipatlele, go tswa foo e bo e sa kgone go ipatlela *Auditors* tseo. E

bo e nna fela e sa abe ditsha, e bile e nna e ngongorega ka sengwe le sengwe fela, mme go sena *auditing* e e ka dirwang mo go yone e e tlhwaafetseng. Ke dumela gore *land boards* di tshwanetse go dupiwa ke *Auditor General*, a tlhwaafale a batle go itse gore ke eng *land board* go na le tlhakatlhakano e e kanakana. Ke eng ba *land boards* di le kanakana, mme bontsi jwa tsone di sa kgone go abela batho ditsha. Batho ba kgona go ema 25 years, ba ise a bone setšha. Mo Gaborone mo *from* 1990, batho ba bangwe ba ba neng ba ntse ba ema ka ditšha ga ba di bone. Auditor General o tshwanetse gore a dire *performance audit* ya *land board*, *because they are under performing...*

**MADAM CHAIRPERSON:** E go tshwere *Honourable Lucas*.

**MR LUCAS:** ...ke ne ke batlile *land boards* waitse.

**MADAM CHAIRPERSON:** I now call upon Honourable Minister to reply to the debates.

**MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT, DEFENCE AND SECURITY (MR MOHWASA):** Nako e go bolaile wa ga mma, o ne o setse o peperetla jaanong. Mma ke simolole ka go akgola botlhe ba ba akgetseng. Ba ne ba bua tse e leng gore ga di ka ke tsa jelwa pheko, tse di nang le boammaaruri. Se re tshwanetseng go se lwela mo dikgannyeng tse tsa go dupa dibuka, ke jone boammaaruri jo ba reng bo tshwanetse go tswela kwa ntle.

Kgang ya ntlha jaaka re tlhalositse e nneng Mma Dow a e bua ke ya *Section 124*, e e buang ka go ikemela ga lekalana le. E boammaaruri, kana ke yone e e tshwanetseng go nna seikokotlelo sa rona. Se ke ka go se bolelelang ke gore re ka e lebelela gape re lebeletse le *Section 15* ya *the Public Audit Act*. Jaaka ke tlhalositse, go ikemela ga lekalana le go dirwa ke gore ga re kgone gore le tle le ipelaetse fa pele ga Palamente. E bile ke tlhalose gore maikaelelo le maikutlo a Puso ya gompiano ke gore makalana a a ikemetseng a tshwanetse go bega mo Palamenteng. Ke selo se re se eletsang gore se tshwanetse go diragala. Re setse re le mo thulaganyong ya go baakanyetsa tseo.

Se sengwe se ke neng ke ka se bua ke gore kana Ofisi ya *State President* ga go na sepe se e se dirang, kwa ntleng fela ga go gokaganya le go tla go kopela ba Auditor General madi a jaaka makalana a mangwe a a ikemetseng. Re dumalana gore makalana a re a sekasekang a mantsi kwa Auditor General jaaka re bua

gore ke *parastatals* tse dintsi tse di leng kae, tse dingwe di filwe dithata tsa melao ya tsone gore ba itirele ba ba ka ba dupelang dibuka.

Ke tshwanetse go tlhalosa e Rre Lucas a neng a e bua e mo tsenya mo moweng; kana *the Tribal Land Act* e ne ya fetolwa ka 2022. Kgang e e neng e le teng e ne e le gore *Auditor General* e tshwana le ya *parastatals*. Ke gore ga go reele gore ga ba kgone go dupiwa. Se se teng ke gore ba letlelelwa gore ba ithhomele *auditors* tse di ikemetseng mme ga go patike *Auditor General* gore a ba dupe jaaka gompiano a patelesega go dupa Air Botswana le Railways.

E nngwe e ke ka e tlhalosang ke gore re tshwanetse go amogela gore jaaka re ne re tlhalositse mo mokwalong o ke tsayang gore le o bone ka Labotlhano, e ne e le gore go le fe sebaka sa gore le tle le bale. Maikaelelo a teng ke gore go nne le thulaganyo ya gore...

**MR LUCAS:** *Clarification*. Ke a leboga. Kana golo fa re tlaabo re le mo thulaganyong ya *reviewing the Public Audit Act*. A mme ga o lemoge gore go ka nna botlhokwa Rre Mohwasa gore *land boards* le *parastatals* di wele *under the purview* ya Auditor General ka gore fa o sa dire jalo, *land board* e tlaabo e tlodisa dingwaga e sa dupiwe? Fela jaaka *parastatals* fa Rre Khan a setse a lebeletse SOEs, o tlaa lemoga gore dingwe tsa tsone, di kgona go tsaya dingwaga di sa dupiwe. Fa e le *Auditor General* ga gona phoso epe, fa re ka salela kwa morago mme *eventually* di tlaa dupiwa. A ga o bone gore mo re diile, go tlhamalale fela gore *the supreme audit institution* ke *Auditor General*, le fa a ka di batlela batho ba ba ka di dirang *audit*, mme yone e bo e le *in charge*? Ke a leboga.

**MR MOHWASA:** Ga o a diega wa ga mma. Mo puong ya me ke tlhalositse gore le fa go ntse jalo, *Auditor General* o na le thata ya go ka dira *review* ya *audits reports* tsa makalana a ba ka a tsenyang mo *report* ya gagwe ya ngwaga le ngwaga. Ga go reye gore ba tlaabo ba ikemetse fela koo go sena gore o ka tsena jang, Auditor General o na le ka fa a ka tsenang ka teng.

Ke ne ke tlhalosa gore gompiano re mo maikaelelong a gore re baakanye, re leke go tla ka molao wa go baakanya Public Audit Act go dira gore e ikemele, re oketse go ikemela ga yone. Gongwe ke ka e bala *if you allow me Madam Chairperson*, ke e boelele. *“Madam Chairperson, the review aims to strengthen the independence, the legal framework, financial and administrative autonomy of the Auditor General while*

enhancing immunity and professionalism of leadership and staff.” Re tshwanetse go amogela gore Auditor General e tshwanetse go nna e dupadupa, e bone gore tiro e e a dirwa.

Gape dingwaga tse re di buang tse di saletseng kwa morago, ke tlhalositse gore 2022/2023 mo ngwageng o, ba Ministry of Finance ba tlaa tlisa report ya ga Auditor General gone fa. Re tsaya gore komiti ya ga Motlotlegi Lucas ba tlaa tla le yone ba e lebelela jaaka tse dingwe tse di ntseng di goroga tsa parastatals.

Ke tshwanetse go tlhalosa gape gore Auditor General ba ntse ba tsweletse ba bua le Accountant General gore ba tlise dibuka gore go kgone go ntshiwa dibuka tse. Re tlaa bua le bone go bona gore mo ngwageng o o tlaabong o tla fa re tla gape, reports di nne di goroge, re se ka ra emela gore gongwe go tle nako ya budget. E tlaare ka July fa re tla seemo se bo se farologane, jaaka gompiano e le gore 2022/2023 e a gatisiwa. Gape fa godimo ga moo, re tlhalositse gore selo se se neng se dia e ne e le yone GABS. Office ya Auditor General e dirile system audits ya GABS, go solofelwa gore maduo a teng a tlaabo a fedile pele ga ngwaga o o fela. Ngwaga o fa o fela ka kgwedi ya March 31, re solofela gore audit ya GABS e tlaabo e dirilwe go bona gore a dilo di ne di tsamaya sentle.

Ngogola le ne la bua, fa ke sa fose go ne go bua wena Motlotlegi Lucas le ba bangwe. O bua ka gore ga re a tshwanela go nna le Auditor General yo o berekang foo a santse a tshwareletse. Le ka bo le fetile ka yone gore gompiano jaaka ke ne ka solofetsa, re mo rurifaditse gore a kgone go dira tiro ya gagwe a sa lebe kwa morago.

**ASSISTANT MINISTER OF CHILD WELFARE AND BASIC EDUCATION (MR HUNYEP):** Clarification. Ke a leboga Honourable Member. Fa o bona jaaka re saletse kwa morago ka bo three to four years in terms of audits, go na le plan ya gore we will step up go tsholetsa mabelo mo go yone gore go baakanngwe ka bonako ka gore go na le dikgang tse di saletseng kwa morago. Ke a leboga.

**MR MOHWASA:** Ke a leboga. Jaaka ke bua bagaetsho, seemo se se siameng ke gore re tshwanetse gore ka dinako tsotlhe dibuka tsa accounts, a bo di le up to date. Le ba o ka fitlhelang go na le fa go sa diragalang sentle teng, go salela kwa morago go ama thulaganyo ya tiriso ya madi a Puso. Le ba ba ka felelang ba nna le megopolo ya go tlhoka go dirisa madi a Puso sentle, ba ka tsaya advantage of seemo seo. Re tsaya gore seemo se jaaka

ke tlhalositse, re tlaa leka go se baakanya. Re tlaa nna re ba kopa ka gore ba ikemetse gore a re direng gore reports di tle ka bofefo.

Rre Mmusi o ne a akgela le ene a ntse a supa matshwenyego a ke tsayang gore Ntlo e yotlhe e na le one a gore go bo go nna le delay mo reports. Ba tlhalositse gore golo mo go dirilwe ke gore go ne ga diegwa go tlisiwa dibuka ke ba Accountant General. A bo a kopa gore madi a a neng a tshwanetse go ntshiwa gore a ye go dirwa ditlhabololo tsa dikago, gongwe e nne one a a dirisiwang go thusa se. Tota se setona ga se gore ke go tlhoka go kgona, re ka bo re amogela. Mathata e ne e le gore dibuka ga di a goroga ka nako. Re tsaya gore re tlaa dira gotlhe mo re tlaa go kgonang, re tlaa bua le bone gore ba tlise dibuka gore Palamente e di sekaseke. Tsholofelo jaaka ke tlhalositse ke gore 2022/2023, e tlaabo e le gone fa.

Re a itse gore GABS go ne go na le mathata a ntseng jang, mme ke tsaya gore eo e le report jaaka ke tlhalosa e tlaa tlisiwa tshekatsheko ya yone ya go dupa mathata a GABS. A bo a bua gore Auditor General a e siame sentle gore e bo e le ka fa tlase ga Ofisi ya ga Tautona. Ke tlhalositse kgantele gore ga e tshwanela gore e ka bo e le foo, keletso ke gore e tshwanetse gore a bo e le gore jaanong ke lekgotla le le tlang le report mo Palamenteng jaaka makgotla a mangwe a re neng re bua gore a tshwanetse gore a report kwano. Jaaka re ne re bua go na le se re se dirang go bona gore re enhance independence ya bone.

Rre Lekutlane, Mopalamente wa Kgalagadi Bokone, le ene a bua gore e tshwanetse gore e se ka ya nna ka fa tlase ga Ofisi ya ga Tautona kana mo ministry ope. A bua boammaaruri ka gore le fa o re e ye kwa finance, ke gone kwa go o a bo a dupa gone kwa madi a dirisiwang teng, ga o ka ke wa e baya gone foo. Ke tsaya gore o bua sentle.

A re dumalaneng gore yone tota e tshwanetse gore e bo e le fa, e le gore e report to Palamente. Gore re bo re re saletse kwa morago ka dibuka, go tlaa re direla mathata a re go baakanyeng. E tshwanetse gore dikgang tsa dibuka re nne re itlhaganela gore re tlise reports ka nako. Ke tsaya gore ka bontsi tota re ne re dumalana bagaetsho le gore kana mme fa go diega dibuka di sa dupiwe, go raya gore go ya go diega le gore go tsewe dikgato tse di maleba. Fa gongwe le bone bale go sa re go molato gore motho o ka tlhoka kana o ka reng, yo mongwe o kgona go felela e bile yo o neng a sa dire dilo sentle, a re tlogetse kana a seyo kana a berekela golo

gongwe a dule a seyo fa gore a bo a ka tla a supegediwa tse ba neng ba sa di dira sentle.

Rre Ramogapi o ne a re o ema nokeng kopo madi, mme e bile a re thulaganyo ya gore a bo go na le *Auditor General* ke e e siameng e bile e tshwanetse gore go diragadiwe gore ofisi ya ga *Auditor General* e ikemele ka bo nosi. E bile o ne a bua gore re tshwanetse go bona gore re dirisa madi a Puso ka tsela e e lolameng.

Rre Mokgwathi le e ne o ne a supa gore ke motho yo o itseng thata ka IT a bua ka bo GIGO. A tlhalosa gore go na le dingwe tse di ka dirwang e bile a bua gore ke lekgotla le le ka kgonang gore le dupe tshenyetso-setšhaba. Gape a bua gore go tshwanetswe go nna le *interface between* batho le IT, re se ka ra iphitlhela e le gore re remeletse fela mo IT re tlhokomologa batho kana re leke thata ka go bona gore le one maranyane re a dirisa ka tsela e e siameng, fa e le gore ke ne ke mo utlwa sentle. E bile a bua gore *Auditor General* e tshwanetse gore e dupiwe, e se ka ya nna e dupa fela e sa dupiwe. A bua gore *project management* e *important* fela thata, mme re tshwanetse go itse gore *projects* tse di nnang di diega *Auditor General* e tshwanetse e di lebelebe.

Fa re bua le ba *Auditor General* ba ne ba ntse ba tlhalosa gore kana ka ntata ya letlhoko la madi, fa gongwe ba ne ba tshwanetse ke go tsamaya ba ya go dupa dibuka golo gongwe letlhoko la madi le ba kganela. Mapalamente ke tsaya gore ba bua sentle gore tota *Auditor General* e tshwanetse gore e fiwe madi. Re tshwanetse gone mme re amogele gore re na le letlhoko mo nakong ya gompiano, mme go sa reele gore re tshwanetse re itlhokomolose maikarabelo a go bona gore ba thusiwa gore ba kgone go dira tiro ya bone ka manontlholho le ka botswerere.

Rre Mokgware a bo a re *Auditor General* fa e dira tiro ya bone sentle, batho ba ka nna le tshepo mo tirisong ya madi a setšhaba. A bo a bua gore re tshwanetse go ba fa dithata tse di tona, e bile e fiwe madi a e leng gore a ka se ke a dira gore a tlhaele ba bo ba palelwa ke gore ba dire tiro ya bone. A bua gore malatsi a gompiano tshenyho e ile kwa godimo, mme re tshwanetse re bo re na le lephata e ntse e le gone mo *Auditor General* le le dirang *Forensic Audit*, mme ba tshwanetse gore ba duelwe sentle. E a ntseng a e bua, e tshwanetse go lebelela *performance* ya babereki le *projects*. Go tlhela ga babereki ke mathata a matona, ba tshwanetse gore ba fiwe madi gore ba kgone go diragatsa tiro ya bone. Jaaka ke ne ke bua bagaetsho, ke ne ke bona o kare rotlhe re

dumalana mo dikgannyeng tse dingwefela le fa nne e kete o kare re boelela dipuo tsa rona.

Jaanong Mme Mma Dow o ne a bua gore o *support* se, mme jaaka a ne a bua, ke tsaya gore gongwe go dirwa ke boagente e bile a gatelela *independence* fa a bua ka *Section 124*. Ke tsaya gore dikakgelo tsa lona tsotlhe ke tse di neng di supa batho ba na le kगतlhego le go tshwenyega mo go boneng e le baeteledipele gore go nna le tsamaiso e e lolameng, mme e bile ke leboqe ka fa re neng re bua ka teng bagaetsho. Ke tsaya gore ga ke a tlogela dikakgelo tsa ga ope kwa ntle.

E nngwe, mongwe o ne a bua gore gape e ka nna ya re *Auditor General*, ka ntata ya tiro e e dirang, e felela e dira gore batho ba nne le *hostility towards* yone. Gantsi fa le ne le ka lebelela e ne e re *around* gongwe mo dikgweding tse pedi tse di tlang, lefatshe lotlhe a bo le ikaelela, a bo go emetswe gore go tle go bonwe *report* ya ga *Auditor General*, e ne e le yone kgang e e buiwang kwa dipolotiking mo *rallies*, go tshwerwe *report* ya ga *Auditor General*, *newspaper headlines* e ne e le gore di baya mo go yone. *It is over the years*, batho ga ba a bolo go nna le tshepo e ntsi mo ofising ya ga *Auditor General*, mme re tshwanetse go dira gore tshepo ya setšhaba mo *Auditor General* e gole e bile batho ba itse gore jaaka mongwe a ne a bua, e na le meno e kgona go loma.

Mokaulengwe Hunyepa o ne a bua gore e kgona go sekaseka dikgang tsa *corruption*, go tshwanetse gore go nne le maikarabelo mo tirisong ya madi. Ga e a tshwanela gore *report* ya yone e bo e tla kwa morago, re tlhoka *Auditor General* e e nang le mashetla.

Mokaulengwe Kwapa a bua le ene gore ga ba a fiwa madi a a lekaneng, re tshwanetse gore re ba okeletse. Ke tsaya gore le Motlotlegi Modulasetilo wa PAC Rre Lucas, o ne a bua e le motho yo o tshwenyegileng ka gore ke tsaya gore e amana le tiro ya gagwe.

Rre Ntlhaile a bua gore re tshwanetse *to support Auditor General*. A bua gore *technology* e dirisiwe gore e tokafatse ka fa ba kgonang go dira ka teng. Rre Barongwang a bua ka *corruption*, e tletse gongwe le gongwe a re *Forensic Audit* e tshwanetse gore e nne *permanent* e se ka ya nna e ntse e tla e tsamaya. Re tshwanetse go dira gore dinako tsotlhe go ne go dupiwa dibuka o kgona go lateledisa, go bona gore fa go nang le sengwe teng *the Auditor General* e baakanya seemo seo. A re go tshwanetse go nne le *transparency* mo go anamiseng *report* ya ga *Auditor General*. Re tshwanetse *to strengthen audits*.

Mokaulengwe Lucas a bua gore ofisi ya ga *Auditor General* e nne yone e tona mo dikgannyeng tsa go dupa dibuka. A re gompiano ga se yone e bile ofisi eo, *Auditor General* o beilwe kwa maamong a Permanent Secretary (PS), jaanong bo PS ba bangwe le fa a feta ga ba kgone gore ba mo tshabe ka gore ba tsaya gore ke monkane wa bone. A re o tshwanetse gore a bo a bewa fa godimo ga bo PS gore a kgone gore le ene maemo a bone, batho ba nne le tlotlo mo go ene. A bua gore ba tshwanetse gore ba fiwe madi. A re kwa PAC ba a ne ba utlwa *reports* tsa gore o tshwanelwa ke gore nkabo go latedisiwe *audits*, mme gone go pala ka go tlhoka madi. Ke tsaya gore eo ke fetile ka yone. A bo a bua gore e koafadiwa ke gore ga e fiwe madi sentle. A bo a belaela gore e bo e sa fiwe madi sentle ke maikaelelo a go e koafatsa, mme ga ke tseye gore ke one maikaelelo ao, ka gore maikaeleo a ga Goromente ke go bona gore dilo di direlwa mo boammaaruring go sena tshenyetso-setšhaba.

Se nka se buang ke gore Rre Lucas o a itse gore gone kwa PAC go na le *capacity building* e ba e dirang e e leng gore gompiano *Auditor General* ba ya go tla ba thusa ka *training* e ke tsayang gore *even at* Southern African Development Community (SADC) *level* ba a thusiwa gore ba ba thuse go dupa dibuka. Mokaulengwe Ramogapi o ne a bua gore PAC e tokafatse ka fa e dirang ka teng ka gore ke yone e lebelelang dibuka tse di a bong di tlisitswe kwano, re leke go itebaganya le dikgang tse gore go dupiwe *reports* tsa ga *Auditor General*.

E nngwe e o neng wa e bua ke gore ofisi e, tlaabo e dirisa mo gotweng *automated working papers* gore e tlaa re mo ngwageng o o tlang, tse di tlaa thusang gore ba kgone gore ba dire tiro ya bone le gore ba itepatepanye le tse di diragalang mo dinakong tsa segompiano.

Rre Mokgware jaaka o ne o bua, ba simolotse rraetsho ka go leka go suga babereki gore le bone ba kgone go itepatepanya le mo dinakong tsa gompiano. Ka mafoko a kalo, ga ke batle gore ke re motsamaisa tiro, tla ke go bitse fela ke re Modulasetilo jaaka o lebane mmaetsho. Ke fetsa, ke ne ke re ke sutisa, ga ke itse gore nka bala ke re, *I request that the sum of Four Million (P4 000 000 000) under the Development Budget and One Hundred and Twenty-Five Million, Four Hundred Thousand, Seven Hundred and Eighty Pula (P125,400,780) under the Recurrent Budget be approved and stand part of the 2026/2027 estimates. Madam Chairperson, I move accordingly.*

Question put and agreed to.

## ORGANISATION 2300 - MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

**MADAM CHAIRPERSON:** Order! Honourable Members, please note that two hours 10 minutes have been allocated to this organisation and I shall call upon the Honourable Minister to reply to the debates at 1605 hours and the question will be put at 1635 hours.

**MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE (MR SALAKAE):** Thank you Madam Chair. I am pleased to present to this Honourable Committee, the budget proposals for the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure for the financial year 2026/2027.

As we pursue modernisation and transformation of our transport infrastructure, popular consensus is that 2026 will be a year of execution. We remain resolute that we shall overcome.

### REVIEW OF THE 2025/2026 BUDGET

Madam Chairperson, Three Billion and Forty-Three Million, Four Hundred and Nineteen Thousand, Six Hundred and Thirty-Five Pula (P3.043.419,635) has been spent out of the revised Development Budget of Four Billion and Eighty-Nine Million, Three Hundred and Eleven Thousand, Seven Hundred and Sixty-Six Pula (P4.089.311,766) representing 74 per cent expenditure level as of 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

The ministry's Recurrent Budget expenditure on the other hand stands at One Billion, Six Hundred and Twelve Million, Six Hundred and Fifty-Two Thousand, Two Hundred and Fifty-Eight Pula (P1.612.652,258) out of budget of One Billion, Nine Hundred and Thirty-Six Million, Two Hundred and Thirty-Nine Thousand, Seven Hundred and Sixty Pula (P1.936.239,760), representing 83 per cent expenditure level.

Negotiation process with the Development Model Managers (DMM) for closure of all the 148 projects has commenced and it is expected to be completed by the first quarter of 2026/2027 financial year.

### TRANSPORT POLICY AND GOVERNANCE

Madam Chairperson, as part of our broader strategy to align our legislation to current and emerging technological advancements and regional transport commitments, I will be presenting the reviews of the Road Traffic Act and the Public Roads Act to this

Honourable House during the winter session. I am also pleased to announce that the Road Traffic Act Regulations on detecting devices commenced on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026 as per Statutory Instrument Number 23 of 2026.

Madam Chairperson, as presented to this Honourable House last year, the process of reforming the aviation and rail sectors is ongoing. The idea is to separate the functions of Botswana Railways to enable private sector participation. The aviation sector on the other hand will devolve to have the regulator independent from operations.

Plans are also underway to establish the Road Authority to manage the road levy and other collections meant to enhance the routine maintenance and rehabilitation of our roads.

### **ROAD TRANSPORT SERVICES**

Madam Chairperson, as I indicated last year, our efforts are mainly focused towards improving service delivery and ensuring that customers are served within the shortest time possible. We cannot stand by and watch while services do not reach our customers on time and as expected.

I am pleased to announce that the online payment project, which allows for online payment through the use of USSD (\*174#) is progressing well. I take this opportunity to encourage Batswana to make full use of this platform in order to minimise long and unnecessary queues for a service that can be easily accessed remotely. These services are renewal of motor vehicle license, renewal of driving licence, payment for duplicate driving licence, payment for temporary licence, driving licence test bookings, road worthiness test bookings and Professional Driving Permits.

To this end, the ministry in collaboration with the Digital Transformation Coordination Office is currently working on enabling, piloting on enabling more services to be accessible online through 1Gov-1Citizen Delivery Citizen platform portal (rts.gov.bw). To date, 13 out of 44 services are completed and ready to go live.

During the 2026/2027 financial year, we will be upgrading the Driver Licencing System, Vehicle Registration and Licencing System, Road Transport Permit and Road Worthiness Certificate System. In addition, the Intelligent Driver Testing System (IDTS) is planned for roll out in Maun and Letlhakane.

### **ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE**

Madam Chairperson, let me acknowledge from the onset, that the conditions of our roads are in a bad state of repair. Many have reached their life span while others have deteriorated due to heavy traffic, extreme weather conditions and have developed potholes, resulting in significant safety hazards, increased the vehicle maintenance cost and traffic disruption. With respect to filling potholes, almost all districts have procured materials needed for this purpose. This means A1 Road will be attended to immediately. I am the first to admit that this is long overdue, the plan was to commence work last week but the major undoing has been the heavy downfall the country experienced in the past week.

So far, we have been able to achieve the development and maintenance of roads through completion of Goodhope–Kgoro–Gathwane Road, construction of Tshesebe–Masunga Road, asphalt overlay of Mahalapye–Radisele Road, Jwaneng–Sekoma Road section B, reseal of Mogome and Tewane access roads, as well as Motokwe–Morwamosu Road.

Madam Chairperson, several projects are ongoing and are at various stages of implementation; construction of Moshupa–Manyana Road; construction of Mmandunyane–Shashemooke–Borolong–Chadibe–Mathangwane, Francistown–Nata Road Reconstruction project, Thamaga–Kubung, Radisele–Pilikwe, Mmokolodi Access Road, Ghanzi Junction–New Xade Road and Borobadilepe–Mokatako Road. However, some of these projects are experiencing delays as a result of among others, implementation and financial challenges.

It is worth noting Madam Chairperson, that Makalamabedi–Motopi Road and Modipane–Mabalane projects are facing implementation challenges as a result of legal disputes which are before the courts of law. The reconstruction of Mogoditshane–Gabane–Mmankgodi Junction Road Dualling on the other hand has not taken off as initially planned due to delays in detailed designs and valuation of affected properties.

Detailed designs are expected to be completed before the end of 2025/2026 financial year while valuation of affected properties is envisaged to be completed before end of first quarter of 2026/2027 financial year.

Madam Chairperson, the Output and Performance-based Road Contract (OPRC) projects are progressing

well and will continue into the 2026/27 Financial Year. These include Mmankgodi Junction-Kanye Road with associated access roads, Rakhuna – Tlhareselele – Pitsane – Phitshane Molopo – Mabule road and associated access roads as well as traffic signal modernisation and centralised traffic control for Greater Gaborone.

Implementation of Palapye – Martin’s Drift, Digawana-Molapowabojang-Kgomokasitwa-Magotlhwane-Ntlhantlhe, Mabule – Sekhutlane, design of Access to Central Business District (CBD) and Three Grade Intersections at Molapo Crossing, Block 8 Traffic Cycle and Airport Junction are also among projects prioritised for 2026/2027 financial year.

Madam Chairperson, the A1 road will be tolled as part of Government’s long-term revenue generation strategy to fund road infrastructure development and maintenance. As a result, feasibility study has been commissioned for this purpose and it is expected to be completed before the end of the 2026/2027 financial year.

Madam Chairperson, the ministry will continue to undertake preventative maintenance to slow down deterioration of the public road network while eradicating maintenance backlog. Some of the preventative and major road maintenance works planned for 2026/2027 financial year include: Rehabilitation of Mmamashia - Oodi - Modipane, Asphalt overlay works are also planned to be carried out of Phuduhudu – Gweta Road, Serowe-Shoshong Turn Off with access to Mabuo, Maun – Shorobe and reseal and Asphalt overlay of Mopipi-Rakops.

While ongoing Asphalt Overlay projects include Mmathethe – Kanye road, Boatle – Ramotswa, Gumare – Sepopa, Sepopa – Mohembo Road, Jwaneng - Sekoma Road Section A, Tutume –Maitengwe Dikabeya – Martin’s Drift Turn Off Road and surfacing of Mmadinare – Robelela Road among others.

## AVIATION SECTOR

As a country Madam Chairperson, our aim to become Africa’s leading hub for sustainable air travel, cargo and aerospace innovation calls for robust measures implemented by Government in partnership with all the relevant stakeholders. For this reason, we are intensifying our efforts towards improving aviation safety and security and development of aviation infrastructure.

Out of the four international airports, we are delighted to have been able to certify the third airport, namely, Kasane International Airport. This is indeed an indication that we are moving in the right direction as certification of airports reflects compliance with international safety, security, and operational standards. It demonstrates our commitment to ensuring that Botswana’s aviation sector remains competitive, reliable and aligned with global best practices. Certification of these airports not only enhances confidence among airlines and passengers but also strengthens our country’s position as a preferred destination for tourism and investment.

Another significant milestone Madam Chairperson, is the increase in air passenger traffic going through our airports. From as low as One Hundred and Six Thousand, Nine Hundred and Seventy-One (106 971) passengers in 2020/2021 financial year to Eight Hundred and Fifty-Nine Thousand Three Hundred and Forty-One (859 341) by the end of 2024/2025 financial year.

As part of Botswana Economic Transformation Programme (BETP) Madam Chairperson, we intend to transform Maun airport into a premier widebody capable international gateway, providing world class arrival and departure experience. The airport is anticipated to be developed over a five-year period. As of May 2026, we will be procuring a consultant to undertake a bankable feasibility study for the project.

Madam Chairperson, Botswana aims to capture a greater share of the regional supply chains, reducing its over reliance on foreign logistics hubs. We will therefore be developing the Sir Seretse Khama International Airport (SSKIA) into a world-class, multi-modal air cargo and logistics hub. The project will serve as a primary catalyst for Botswana’s economic diversification, a key enabler of the SSKIA Special Economic Zone, and the anchor for the Gaborone Airport city concept. We will be undertaking a bankable feasibility study for the cargo facility for which procurement will commence in June 2026.

Through partnership with the Botswana Defence Force (BDF), we are refurbishing the Palapye Airstrip. This is mainly in recognition of the strategic location of the airfield which makes it an ideal hub for conducting humanitarian services across the country. Through this initiative, the refurbished airfield will not only support the Defence Force in delivering timely humanitarian assistance, but will also benefit the broader aviation sector by improving regional connectivity and

accessibility. The project is expected to be completed by April 2026, marking a significant milestone in strengthening Botswana's air transport infrastructure and ensuring that Palapye plays a pivotal role in national development and emergency response.

Madam Chairperson, with regard to Air Botswana, we do acknowledge that our most urgent task is to ensure that the airline operates efficiently to improve service delivery and restore customer confidence. To achieve this, I have appointed a Board of Directors, comprised primarily of industry experts and a new general manager. I have assigned them to expedite implementation of the turnaround strategy which has been developed to transform the airline.

The strategy clearly outlines immediate, medium and long-term interventions aimed at reclaiming the airline's position as the regional airline of choice and a strategic partner for other economic sectors. These interventions include intensifying charter operations and aircraft leasing, introducing travel packages, expanding the maintenance and repair facility, undertaking a feasibility study for cargo operations, and restructuring the airline.

To mitigate the ongoing losses, the new strategy also led to the discontinuation of three routes that had been introduced and operated between 2024 and July 2025. These routes incurred net losses of P44.5 million during that period.

## RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE

Madam Chairperson, the ministry's commitment to Botswana's rail network remains unwavering. We view this infrastructure not just as tracks and locomotives, but as a vital engine for economic expansion, regional trade and a cornerstone of SADC integration. By modernising our railways, we are directly enhancing trade efficiency, unlocking new industrial opportunities, and ensuring that the movement of bulk commodities across our borders is both seamless and sustainable.

Madam Chairperson, we are actively developing critical rail links to streamline regional logistics and boost economic efficiency. Implementation of the Mmamabula-Lephalale and Moseitse-Kazungula-Livingstone lines is expected to commence following the completion of bankable feasibility studies in the next financial year.

Regarding the Mmamabula-Lephalale link, while milestones were adjusted to ensure alignment with the

Public-Private Partnership (PPP) unit, I am confident we are back on track. We are now expediting this project, through a bilateral agreement with the Republic of South Africa and a Joint Development Agreement between Botswana Railways and Transnet. These links are cornerstones of our economic transformation ...

**MADAM CHAIRPERSON (MS MANYENENG):**  
*Order! Honourable Member.* Go raya gore metsotsonyana eo ya gago o tlaa e feleletsa kamoso.

...Silence...

**MADAM SPEAKER (MS MANYENENG):**  
Honourable Members, *e tšhaile*. I now call upon the Leader of the House to move a Motion of adjournment.

**MOTION**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Question put and **agreed to**.

The Assembly accordingly adjourned at 6:30 p.m. until Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.

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