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Wednesday 11th March, 2026

THE ASSEMBLY met at 2:00 p.m.

(THE SPEAKER in the Chair)

PRAYERS

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MR SPEAKER (MR KEORAPETSE): Amen, pray be seated! Order! Order Honourable Members! Honourable Members, good afternoon. I know I met some of you this morning at the Society of Clerks-at-the-Table (SoCATT) Seminar.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

EARLY CHILDHOOD GRADUATES

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; to provide clarity on the laid down procedure for absorbing temporary teachers into permanent positions in her ministry; and
- (iii) whether this process encompasses all unemployed teacher graduates or priority is currently being given to those employed on a temporary basis.

MINISTER OF CHILD WELFARE AND BASIC EDUCATION (MS KGAFELA-MOKOKA): *Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke dumedise Batswana ka kakaretso, baithuti le barutabana. Ke bo ke tseye permission mo go abuti, ke dumedise Bakgatla ba Kgatlang East.*

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Laughter!)

MS KGAFELA-MOKOKA:

- (i) Mr Speaker, in the best interest of teaching and learning, temporary teachers have been engaged, and their contribution to the education sector is highly valued and appreciated. However, the duration of temporary employment is governed by Public Service Act Number 30 of 2008, Section

13 (2). It describes temporary terms as “full time employment for a specified period of time not exceeding 12 months.”

The ministry engages temporary teachers as and when the need arises. Temporary teachers are typically appointed to address specific needs such as:

- Covering for educators on study leave or extended sick leave
- Supporting learners with special educational needs
- Assisting during periods of school expansion while permanent positions are being secured.

(ii) Mr Speaker, all eligible teacher graduates are considered as and when permanent positions become available.

(iii) Mr Speaker, the ministry continues to engage all relevant stakeholders to rationalise resources to ensure permanent appointments for all teacher graduates. The ministry uses the following criterion to absorb teacher graduates;

- Year of completion
- Grade Point Average (GPA) for University of Botswana graduates
- Credits for Colleges of Education graduates

(iv) Mr Speaker, the process of teacher appointments into permanent positions applies to all teacher graduates. I thank you Mr Speaker.

MR FRENZEL: *Supplementary. Ke a leboga Honourable Speaker. Potso ya me ya ntlha Minister ke gore, fa barutabana ba ba hirilweng on temporary basis ba bo ba neelwa konteraka ya 12 months, fa ba tswa foo vacating positions tse ba a bong ba di filwe, go hirwa bafe gape, why go sa tswelwele ka bone ba?*

Potso ya bobedi e bo e nna gore, why ba sa hiriwe on permanent basis, ka gore go a bo go supa gore Goromente o na le letlhoko golo fa? Kana fa go na le vacancy, go raya gore letlhoko le a bo le le teng. Why ba sa hiriwe ya nna barutabana ba sennelaruri?

Ke utlwile o supa criteria ya go hiriwa, gore gongwe go lebelelwa ngwaga wa go fetsa kwa sekoleng le grades jalojalo ka fa o neng o di tlhalosa ka teng. Fa e le gore gongwe morutabana yo o a bong a hirilwe on temporary basis e bo konteraka ya gagwe e fela, mme maduo a

gagwe a le kwa godimo, go dirwa jang ka gore *they meet that criteria?* Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*.

MS KGAFELA-MOKOKA: *Ke a leboga Mr Speaker, ke a leboga Honourable Member of Parliament (MP), Rre Frenzel. I think ke setse ke araba potso e la boraro mo Palamenteng gore, we are not an isolated case as a ministry, we are governed by the Public Service Act. Fa Public Service Act e re, fa motho a fetsa 12 months konteraka e fedile, ga gona jaaka e ka re re le Ministry of Education re bo re sa comply, so it is really beyond us.*

Ya gore why are they not absorbed into permanent and pensionable positions, bagaetsho vacancies re di kopa fela kwa Directorate of Public Service Management (DPSM). Ga se gore ga re ise re di kope, even for ba ba tlleng pele ga ba bangwe ga re ise re di neelwe. Kana gore o hire motho ke fa go dirilwe positions tseo, gape go na le madi a a ba duelang. Ke a leboga.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY BASED TOURISM PROJECTS

MR P. M. MOSANANA (KANYE EAST): asked the Minister of Environment and Tourism to state:

- (i) whether there are any grants or financial support schemes available to promote community-based tourism projects in rural villages around Kanye, particularly the potential development of Mmakgodumo and Pharing gorge;
- (ii) whether there are plans to upgrade the Kgosi Bathoen historical sites and local craft markets to attract both domestic and international tourists; and
- (iii) what specific support is being provided to local Small and Medium Enterprises to help them meet tourism industry standards in order to participate meaningfully in the sector.

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM (MR MMOLOTSI): Tlaa ke go dumedise *Mr Speaker*, ke dumedise Batlotlegi Mapalamente. Ke supe Motlotlegi Mopalamente gore, boammaaruri ke gore lephata la rona le na le gore le ka thusa ditiro kgotsa *projects* tsa merafe tse e leng tsa bojanala. Re na le mananeo mo lephateng, a *communities* di ka kgonang gore di ikopele thuso gore di kgone gore *projects* tsa bone tsa bojanala di diragale. Re na le mananeo a a bidiwang National Environmental Fund, re na le Conservation Trust Fund le Tourism

Development Fund. Merafe ba ka kgona gore ba ikopele gore ba ka thusega go dira *projects* tsa bone tsa bojanala, mo mananeong one a jaaka ke sa tswa go a bua. Jaaka gongwe ba batla *to develop* Mmakgodumo Heritage Site le Pharing Gorge. Re ka ba thusa le ka *technical support* e *normally* e bonwang kwa District Technical Advisory Committees.

Jaanong go raya gore, gore re tle re kgone gore re ba thuse sentle Motlotlegi Mopalamente, go batla gore *communities* di bo di ipopile ka makgotla a a bidiwang gotwe *trusts*, gore go nne le a *vehicle* e ba ka thusetswang mo go yone. Fa ba dirile jalo re ka kgona gore jaanong re bone gore re ka dira jang.

Fa godimo ga moo, re na le National Tourism Strategy e maikaelelo e leng gore ka yone re bo re ka oketsa dithuso tse re ka di *neelang community-based tourism products*. Ke sone *strategy* se tota maikaelelo a sone e leng *to broaden our tourism product base*, gore re kgone gore re nne le bojanala kwa mafelong a mantsintsi ka fa re ka kgonang ka teng.

Le ntswa Motlotlegi Mopalamente e le gore ga re na maikaelelo ape a a gautshwanyane, a gore re ye *to upgrade* Kgosi Bathoen *historical sites*, re na le *long-term plans* tse maikaelelo a rona e leng gore re ye go tlhabolola *museums* tsotlhe. Ke tsaya gore gongwe fa o ka ya kwa Molepolole wa ya go bona kwa Ntsweng gore re tlhabolotse ka tsela e e ntseng jang, ke maikaelelo a rona a gore re leke go tlhabolola *museums* tsa rona gore di nne mo seemong se se botoka. Mme *this long-term plan*, tota fela e tlaabo e beile mo go reng re kgone go nna le madinyana a re ka yang go a dirisa gone koo.

The local craft markets, kana bao ke ba ga Rre Kelebeng. Ke tsaya gore lephata la gagwe le itebagantse le tsone. E bile le lona le ka simolola go buisana le bone thata go bona gore ba ka le thusa ka tsela e e ntseng jang.

Question number three; gape le rona, *ministry* o bereka le ba Local Enterprise Authority (LEA) re leka go thusa ka *to build capacity* mo morafeng gore ba kgone go dira dikgwebo tsa bone tse di potlana, mme e bile ba di dire sentle, tsone tsa bojanala. *These include training them mo industry standards, product development, digital marketing* le *quality assurance*.

Dikgwebo tse di potlana tse di thusiwa gape le ka matsana jaaka ke buile, ka mananeo a National Environmental Fund, Conservation Trust Fund, Tourism Development Fund, le mananeo le *schemes* tse di leng

teng tsa ga Goromente, gore ba kgone *to participate* mo thulaganyong ya bojanala le tseo tse di tswang mo bojanaleng. Le fa o bona *Honourable* Mmusi a ntibile ka bogale jo bo kana.

MR MOSANANA: *Supplementary.* Ke a go leboga *Mr Speaker*, ke lebogetse *Minister* karabo e a e mphileng, e nthutile go le gontsi thata. Ke go botse fela *Minister* gore, a wa re madi a teng ka gore *trusts* di teng. Kana kwa magaeng a rona jaaka kwa Kanye jaana, *trusts* di teng, bo Bathoen Trust *are there*, mme mathata a matona o fitlhela e le gore ga gona letseno, le fa e le *foundation*, fa ba simololelang teng go ka tswaledisa *trusts*. Kana kwa go rona ka kwa, ga go tshwane le kwa bo Okavango, Chobe *and the like*, *because* kwa go bone ba na le ditlou, ba na le ka fa ba ka bonang letseno ka teng. Mme ke ne ke ka leboga thata mongwame fa le ne le ka re thusa bogolo fela go emeletsa *trust* fa fatshe gore e kgone go thuthuga.

Ke utlwile o bua ka *museums*, ke nngwe kgang gape e e botlhokwa thata ka gore, *museum* wa rona wa kwa Kanye fa o ka tse na mo go one o fitlhela e le gore ga gona le fa e le sepe, ke moka letlotla fela, go berekela motho a le mongwefela kana...

MR SPEAKER: You are debating Honourable Mosanana, Standing Order 40.3, a question shall not be made a pretext for a debate.

MR MOSANANA: Ke a utlwa *Mr Speaker*. Ke re gongwe a ntlhatswetse gone foo. *Thank you.*

MR MMOLOTSI: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ka rialo Motlotlegi Mopalamente gore, re na le *funds* tse tharo tse ke ntseng ke bua ka tsone, tse e leng gore *when communities have organised themselves* ka *trusts*, ba ka kgona gore ba ikopele madi ba kgone go thusiwa.

Community trusts ka bontsi di setse di kile tsa feta jaana tsa kgona go thusega. Gape jaaka ke bua le ka kgona gore *trust* ya lona e ye go ikopakopanya le ba LEA, gore ba ba thuse ka *capacity building in terms of how they can apply for this scheme and others*. Kana fa gongwe mathata a bone ke gone gore ba dire *applications* tse di amogelesegang. Mme fa ba ile kwa LEA ba ka kgona gore ba ba thuse ka *capacity* eo, gore ba bo ba ka kgona go dira *applications* tse di siametseng *to be funded*.

Kwa bofelong jaaka ke buile, *our long-term plan* ke gone gore tota *museums* tsotlhe tsa lefatshe la Botswana. Re leke go di tlhabolola ka lebaka la gore, jaaka ke ntse ke bua, *the intention of our ministry is to diversify the*

tourism product away from wildlife-based tourism e re e bonang kwa *north west*, *so that each corner of the country* e ka kgona gore le yone e nne le *offering* ya bojanala e e leng gore *it is unique for that particular area*. *Thank you Mr Speaker.*

TECMED X-RAY MACHINES

MR L. LESEDI (SEROWE SOUTH): asked the Minister of Health to state:

- (i) when the Tecmed 2000 x-ray Machine at Sekgoma Memorial Hospital was last serviced and maintained;
- (ii) which framework service contract is used for the maintenance of Tecmed x-ray equipment in Government hospitals such as Sekgoma Memorial, Tutume Primary Hospital and others where certain spare parts were replaced with new spare parts;
- (iii) what was replaced in the x-ray machines at Sekgoma Memorial and Tutume Primary Hospital; and if the machines failed at different intervals after maintenance;
- (iv) why Sekgoma Memorial Hospital failed x-ray tube was never replaced by said contractor until today rendering the diagnostic function non-existent since 2021;
- (v) why the contractor was not allowed to replace failed newly replaced Tecmed x-ray tube just like they did at Tutume Primary Hospital; and
- (vi) the cost/price of the replaced Tecmed x-ray tube and company/contractor which was awarded this tender and the amounts; and to confirm or deny that the said contractor attempted to charge or quote for another x-ray tube replacement and the hospital resident Biomedical Engineer rejected the quotation citing unreasonable pricing, yet the same spare part was previously approved by the Senior Manager at the ministry headquarters at the same exorbitant price.

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable Assistant Minister, how long is this answer? Ke bona megatlana e le mentsi mme fa gongwe go a bo go sa reye gore karabo e telele.*

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF HEALTH (MR OOKEDITSE): *Ee megatlana ya teng e mentsi, mme ke tlaa leka gore ke e arabe ka bokhutshwane. Ke a leboga Mr Speaker.*

The Tecmed 2000 x-ray Machine at Sekgoma Memorial Hospital was last serviced on 12th November, 2020 and maintained on the 11th October, 2021. At this point in time we do not have any framework contract for the maintenance of these machines.

Ke bo ke supa jalo Mr Speaker gore, the part that was replaced in these machines kwa Sekgoma Memorial e ne e le the HT Tank. E le gore kwa Tutume CPU PCD IX curvy control PCB Table Bakkie PCB le tse dingwe jalojalo were replaced. Tse di raya gore the same components were not replaced kwa Tutume as was the case le kwa Sekgoma.

Jaanong Mr Speaker the one at Sekgoma Memorial Hospital e nnile le a failed x-ray tube e e leng gore it was not replaced ke that contractor, ka lebaka la gore kompone e e neng e di tlisa, the dealership was cancelled ke beng ba machines that produce them.

Mr Speaker, ke soboka kana ke ya kwa bofelong, Sekgoma Memorial x-ray machine tube was never replaced. What was replaced kwa Tutume e ne e le the collimator, not the tube. The most important thing to ba Ga-Mmangwato ke gore, go na le x-ray services kwa sepatela, mme go dirisiwa a machine wa Phillips and not the Tecmed o o botsang ka one, and the key thing for us is the service provision and not the brand that is being used. This particular brand if you remember from the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) arguments, ke e Rre Mabeo a neng a lela ka yone, e le gore in some instances the part e e leng gore is P75 000 in the open markets, was fixed ka bo up to P400 000. Jaanong under our watch we are not going to allow the same to happen, especially that these machines are old, di setse di le bo 15 years old. So we will replace only parts tse dinnyennyane, tse di di sa tureng, with a view to actually replace the machines. So I see the question and where it comes from, the key thing is, we are not going to quite have pressure from people who want to fix the machines at prices that we cannot afford to pay. So that is really where the issue is. Thank you Mr Speaker.

MR LESEDI: *Supplementary.* Karabo e utlwetse le fa ke batla go e latedisa ka go botsa gore, a Minister se a se supang ke gore machine o, jaaka a re, *it was serviced la bofelo November 2020, a o supa gore jaanong ga o a sa tlhole o kgona go dira tiro ya one go yeng ka fa ditsholofelo di neng di ntse ka teng? A e santse e le machine o re ka solofelang botshelo mo go one kana go ile fela jalo?*

O ne gape a bua ka machine mongwe o a reng ke wa Philips. Se a batlang go se tlhalosetsa ba Sekgoma kana ba ba tsayang services kwa Sekgoma ke eng

fela? Gongwe a re beye mo seemong *Mr Speaker*. Ke a leboga.

MR OOKEDITSE: *Thank you Mr Speaker.* Se ke leakang go se bua motlotlegi ke gore, se se botlhokwa thata ke gore, kwa Sekgoma Memorial go nne le services tsa x-ray tse di lekaneng. E re molwetse a tla a tle a kgone go bona thuso. Jaanong x-ray machines... kana fa o botsa ka Tecmed jaaka o bua jalo, *the particular brand that you are focusing on, so the answer is, we are not really particular about a certain product, we are about gore go nne le service provision kwa sepatela. Mo sebakeng se, service that is supposed to be provided is provided ka a different machine, o ke neng ke bua ka one. Le personnel e re nang le yone e e dirisang machine oo, ke batho ba ka nna bararo kana bobedi from time to time. Mo go rayang gore le fa ntswa re ka batla to expand service, at this point in time, the service is there, go dirisiwa yone Phillips jaaka ke ne ke supa.*

Ke ne ke ka itumela thata *for feedback* e e nthayang e re kana *at this particular point in time*, ga go na x-ray services kwa Serowe, kana ga di a lekana, *so that* re bo re ka address go sa lekana ga tsone, gona le gore re address gore re dire gore go nne le konteraka ya go baakanya machines e e leng gore *when you look at those that have been brought to us, go re bontsha gore tota fela they are serviced ka up to 75 per cent of their value. Mo go rayang gore spending up to 75 per cent of the value of the machine, mo machine o o baakanngwang o le 15 years old, go raya gore in no time we will be back here re bua ka the same issue. So, ke ne ke batla go e tlhatswa fela ke rialo Mr Speaker. Ke a leboga.*

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Gabatshole Disho, Member for Okavango East.

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

MR MOROLONG: *Procedure.* Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke ne ke kopa gore o nthuse go leba sengwe ke se fa, ga ke itse gore a re ka tswa re fapogile, kgotsa ke nna ka ke santseng ke ithuta ditsamaiso, ke sa lebeng sengwe sentle fa. Order Paper ya gompiano kana e supa gore potso ya ntlha ke ya ga Motlotlegi Frenzel, mme gape fa o e leba go ya kwa bofelong, potso Number 12 e nngwe e ntsha ke ya gagwe ene Motlotlegi Frenzel. Jaanong ke ne re o nthuse *Mr Speaker*; re na le dipotso tse di noticed gore di a tsena gompiano, ke tlaa bua ka nna ke intsha ka lesa legolo. Potso ya me was noticed gore e tlaabo e tsena, gompiano *it is not appearing here. Honourable* o na le tshiamelo ya go fiwa sebaka...

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa, e utlwetse Mongwato. Mma ke e tlhalose, go raya gore go diragetse phoso, *first question* ya gagwe kana e ne e le *carryover* ya maabane. *Question 1 up to 4* ke tse di neng di le *time constrained*, and then tse di latelang *were scheduled*, but tsothe tse le neng le di bona *in the Notice Paper*, go raya gore ga di ka ke tsa tsena tsothe *because questions* di ka tsena fela di le 12. *There was an advice* ya gore go nne le *corrigendum* e e ntshang potso eo, and *I said, no*, ba e tlogele fela mo *Order Paper* *because most unlikely* ga e ye go arabiwa *because of the time that we usually take* go araba dipotso. So, a re tsweleng le dipotso, mme ya dipotso tsa gago, go raya gore ke tse di tlaa nngang di latela. A re yeng kwa potsong ya bone re tswe mo kgannyeng eo.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS PER DISTRICT

MR D. SALESHANDO (MAUN NORTH): asked the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education to state the number of temporary teachers per district as well as the top five districts with the highest student-teacher ratios.

MINISTER OF CHILD WELFARE AND BASIC EDUCATION (MS KGAFELA-MOKOKA): *Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.*

Mr Speaker, the Ministry of Child Welfare and Basic Education has a total of 2, 222 temporary teachers. The breakdown of the temporary teachers is as follows;

NO	REGION	TEMPORARY TEACHERS PER REGION
	CENTRAL	601
	SOUTHERN	261
	SOUTH EAST	319
	KWENENG	212
	KGALAGADI	90
	KGATLENG	71
	GANTSI	89
	NORTH WEST	395
	CHOBE	43
	NORTH EAST	141
TOTAL		2, 222

Mr Speaker, below are the top five regions with the highest student-teacher ratios;

NO	REGION	TOTAL NO OF TEMPORARY TEACHERS PER REGION	TOTAL NO OF P&P TEACHERS PER REGION	TOTAL STUDENT ENROLMENT	STUDENT TEACHER RATIO	
					Primary	Secondary
	SOUTH EAST	319	4 063	63 926	1:42	1:42
	GANTSI	89	695	14 328	1:41	1:40
	SOUTHERN	261	3 476	70 779	1:40	1:42
	CENTRAL	601	10 820	200 642	1:30	1:45
	KWENENG	212	3 974	79 827	1:25	1:40

I thank you Mr Speaker.

MR SALESHANDO: *Supplementary.* Ke botse Tona gore, gone mme *these ratios* go tlaa tlhokafala gore go dirwe eng gore di wele mo seemong se se amogelesegang? Ke tsaya gore lona le rona ka kwano re ntse re dumalana ka go fokotsa *this student-teacher ratio*. *What will it take* gore *nationwide* re se ka ra nna le dikole tse o fitlhelang bana ba le *over 40* mo *classroom*? Nako ya COVID-19 re ne ra fokotsa, *but we have gone back up*.

Secondly, in the case of north west, if you have information, a phokotsego e ka gore re kile ra bo re na le *temporary teachers* ba feta 700, gompiano *we are below 400*, a e raya gore bontsi bo hirilwe go nna *permanent* kana go raya fela gore ba fokoditswe?

MS KGAFELA-MOKOKA: Ke a leboga LOO, ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*. Fa re bua ka *student-teacher ratios* tse di neng di ntse di le kwa go bo 40 pele ga COVID-19, tsa boela kwa go 1:30 *to create social distancing*, ka nako eo go ne go na le *shifts* go direlwa gore bana ba se ka ba pitlagana mo *classrooms*. Jaanong COVID-19 e ile, mme re iphitlhela re boetse gone koo. Tota se se re patikang gompiano gore re bo re boetse kwa go bone bo 1:40, 1:42, ke *principle of access, not wanting to leave any child behind*. Re iphitlhela re le mo seemong se e leng gore dikole ga di a agiwa mme bana ba tshwanetse go ya sekoleng, *so ga go na ngwana yo o tshwanetseng go tlogelwa kwa ntle*.

Ke ka tlhalosa *Mr Speaker* gore, jaaka re mekamekane le *to digitalise, digitalisation of the education system is going to solve a lot of problems, borderless classrooms where students would not need go ya go tsenelela mo four walls* fela. Gape le gone mo, fa re tsena mo *digitalisation*, kana *we are benchmarking* gore kwa mafatsheng a e dirwang teng *in fact, the student-teacher ratios range is between 1:45 and 1:55 because* go tlaabo go le *online* re sa tlhoke bana ba le *cramped* mo lefelong le le lengwefela.

Ga re ka ke ra baya mo *digitalisation* fela *Mr Speaker*, kwa *priorities* tsa rona le kwa re ntseng re leka go kopa madi teng, kwa pele re tlhomile *infrastructural refurbishment* ya dikole le *expansion*. Tota re solofela gore dikole di tlaa nna di atolosiwa, di okediwa gore re fokotse one mosuke o. Ke raya gore ga se gore re tlaa baya fela mo *digitalisation*, fa madi a tla, le gone re tlaa atolosa, ka tota ke maitlamo a rona gore bana ba fokotsego mo *classrooms*.

Go na le ya gore kwa *north west* o kare *temporary teachers* ba fokotsegile. Ee, fa ke lebelela dipalo, go

ntse jalo, mme mongwame, gongwe mo nakong e ga ke ka ke ka go tlhomamisetsa gore a ba *absorbed* kana jang. Ke ka ya go batla karabo eo ke bo ke bo ke tla ke go e neela. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

THE BOFEPUSU 2011 PUBLIC SERVICE STRIKE

MR G. KEKGONEGILE (MAUN EAST): asked the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to brief this Honourable House on the BOFEPUSU 2011 industrial action repercussions and lessons learnt as experienced by workers involved and the employer; with emphasis on:

- (i) the legality of the industrial action as per the Public Service Act and Trade Disputes Act;
- (ii) the number of dismissed employees, number of workers reinstated, number not reinstated and reasons for non-reinstatement;
- (iii) reasons why some workers were reinstated, others re employed and how many were re-employed; and
- (iv) recourse to be undertaken in compensating concerned workers if the strike was legal and the due date.

MR SPEAKER: Karabo e e bolelele bo le kae Tona?

MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT, DEFENCE AND SECURITY (MR MOHWASA): *Ga e telele* Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, the Public Service Strike of 2011 arose from a salary dispute between Government and public service unions under the umbrella of the Botswana Federation of Public, Private and Parastatal Sector Unions (BOFEPUSU). In terms of the Trade Disputes Act and the Public Service Act, public service employees have the right to withdraw their labour provided that the issuing of a strike notice to the Commissioner of Labour and that this is complied with.

The 2011 industrial action met the requirements for a legal strike. However, during the strike, Government maintained that employees classified under essential services were not permitted to participate. Participation by such employees was considered unlawful as their interruption of services could endanger the life, safety or health of the population.

Mr Speaker, as a result of the strike, Government dismissed a total of 2802 employees. A total of 2700

dismissed employees applied for re-employment and 1834 of them were re-employed into the public service in November 2011. It is worth noting that among others, some dismissed employees did not apply because some of them had found jobs outside the country before Government's decision on their re-employment. In 2019, when Government further took another decision to re-employ those who missed the opportunity in 2011, 245 former employees were re-employed.

Mr Speaker, none of the employees who were dismissed in 2011 were reinstated. Instead, they were re-employed by way of giving them two-year contract. Selection criteria were that those who were 58 years and above would be re-employed on two years' contract, the rationale being that they were nearing the compulsory age of retirement. Further, those who had reached the compulsory retirement age were given a waiver to be re-employed on 24 months' contract.

Mr Speaker, all former employees who were dismissed due to the strike action in 2011 were paid their terminal benefits in accordance with procedure followed after an employee is dismissed. As such, they were not entitled to benefits associated with re-instatement. However, in instances where some of the dismissed employees still feel aggrieved, the current Government is open to engagement. As you may be aware, Government is committed to ensuring that workers are fairly treated. I thank you Mr Speaker.

MR KEKGONEGILE: *Supplementary.* Tanki *Mr Speaker*. Tona, fa motho a ka botsa; a le le Goromente la re le kgotsofaletse ka fa batho ba, ba neng ba kobiwa ka teng? A ga le bone go tlhokafala gore le ka dira dipatlisiso go bona gore fa go na le tlhoko tshiamo, *injustice to* babereki ba ba neng ba tseneletse *strike se*, e ka baakanngwa ka tsela nngwe? A le na le maikaelelo a go dira ditshekatsheko mme fa e le gore a teng, a solofelwe leng?

Ya bobedi Tona ke ya *re-employment*. Dingwaga tse 58 *years*, gore ba bangwe ba hirilwe sesha ka 2011/2012, ba bangwe ba hirilwe sesha ka 2019. Mabaka a o a bayang ke a 58 *years*. Ba ba 2019 ba ba hirilweng sesha mme ba ne ba sa bolo go ikopela go busetswa mo tirong ka 2011, ke eng ba hirilwe ka 2019, ba sa busetswa mo tirong jaaka bale ba 2011? Ba kae ka palo? Tanki.

MR MOHWASA: Ke a leboga Rre Kekgonegile. O nne o gakolola mogolwane wa gago gore gatwe go na le Standing Order 58.4, a nne a go fa sebaka fa o botsa.

Mr Speaker, go na le karabo e ke e fileng, kwa mogatlaneng ke tlhalositse gore Puso e e fano e ikaegile ka go tshegetsa le go tlotla ditshwanelo tsa babereki. Ka ba ka tlhalosa gore fa e le gore go na le bangwe ba ba santseng ba na le dingongorego ka dikgang tseo, Goromente o santse a le fano go buisanya le bone. Le fa go ntse jalo Motlotlegi Kekgonegile, ke tlhalositse gape gore le ba ba neng ba setse ba fetile ngwaga wa *retirement* ba ne ba fiwa *waiver* gore ba hirwe. Ke sone se ke se tlhalosang. Fa go na le mongwe yo o nang le dikgang a supa gore o ne a sa itumela kana o itse bangwe, Puso e fano go itebaganya le tse e tlaabong batho ba dumela gore e ne e le dilo tse ba sa di direlwang sentle gore re kgone go baakanya fa go neng go senyegile teng. Ke a leboga.

MR KEKGONEGILE: *Procedure Mr Speaker.* Ga ke a arabiwa.

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa, botsa *supplementary* e nngwe.

MR KEKGONEGILE: Nnyaa ga ke na *supplementary Mr Speaker*. Ke di boditse, ke kopa di arabiwe. Potso ke gore a bone ba kgotsofetse kana ba tlaa dira dipatlisiso ka maduo a *strike* sa 2011 ka kopo ya batho? Ke potso ya ntlha.

Potso ya bobedi ke gore ke eng ba bangwe ba ne ba kopile ka 2011 mme ba hirilwe sesha ka 2019? *Gap* e e fa gare ya dingwaga e, e tsalwa ke eng? Ke tsone dipotso tse ke di boditseng.

MR MOHWASA: Tla ke simolole fela ke tlhalose gore a re kgotsofetse. Dipego tse re nang le tsone di ka fa ke e tlhalosang ka teng. Se ke se buang ke emetse Puso ke gore go ka tswa go na le dikgang mme go na le fa batho ba santseng ba le bete se molangwana teng jaaka e o e buang ya 2011 le 2019. Dikgang tse ga di tshwane Motlotlegi Kekgonegile. Maikaelelo a rona ke gore fa mongwe a sa direlwang sentle teng, go baakanngwe. Fa o itse bangwe ba go nna jalo o ka re thusa. E bile fa re ka fitlhela go na le bosupi jo bo supang gore go ne ga nna le go tlhoka tshiamo e e dirilweng e le ntsi, re le Puso re tlaa baakanya seo. Jaaka o bona gompieno re baakanya ba ba sa bolong go nna ba jewa ntsoma e le *ma-security* le *gardeners* re re re a ba hira, ba bangwe ba lona ka koo le le Botswana Congress Party (BCP) la re ga le batle *insourcing*. Ke tsone tse re di setseng morago tse re lekang go di baakanya.

MR KEKGONEGILE: *Point of order: Mr Speaker*, kana o etle o bue thata ka go tsoberana. BCP *is on record* gore e rile fa *outsourcing* e e dirwa, *we stood*

up to say golo mo go na le ditlamorago tse di maswe, go ya go turela lefatshe, go ya go nna le bo *middleman*, go ya go nna le tshenyetso-setšhaba e ntsi, babereki ba ya go bewa ka fa mosong. Ga re ise re ko re bue ka gore ga re batle *insourcing*. Tona fa a palelwa ke karabo ya BOFEPUSU, go tllhamalele fela gore o a palelwa. Go tllhamalele fela gore bone...

MR SPEAKER: What is the point of order here?

MR KEKGONEGILE: *The point of order* ke gore o re tshasa mafoko a e seng a rona, ga re ise re a bue. E bile a boele kwa potsong.

MR SPEAKER: E utlwetse. *Honourable* Mohwasa, ba re o a ba pateletsa.

MR MOHWASA: Tsamaiso e e tllhamaletseng Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, e ke tsayang gore rotlhe re a e itse fa re le mekgatlho, fa moeteledipele wa phathi a ntsha maikutlo a a sa tsamaelaneng le phathi, phathi e tshwanetse gore e tswa *from* dikgang tsa gagwe. Motlotlegi Kaizer *is on record* a kgala se, Motlotlegi Furniture *is on record* ba sa dumalane le *insourcing*. Fa e le gore ga go a nna jalo, motlotlegi a a ntshe bosupi. Phathi e ne ya supa gore ga ba dumalane le *insourcing* ka *statements* tse ba neng ba di bua. Ga gona mafoko ape a ba a buileng, *we assumed* gore ke yone *position* ya bone. *Until* ba ntsha *statement* ba itlhotlhora mafoko a bone.

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa, a re yeng kwa potsong e nngwe, e ka re latsa fa. *Honourable* Taolo Boipuso Lucas, *Member of Parliament for* Bobirwa.

UPGRADING OF SUB-LAND BOARDS

MR T. B. LUCAS (BOBIRWA): asked the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to explain to this Honourable House if there are any legal, administrative, structural, fiscal and spiritual factors that currently stand in the way of Tutume, Bobirwa, Boteti and Tswapong areas from being upgraded into fully fledged Land Boards as opposed to being Sub-Land Boards as is currently the case; and if so, how his ministry intends to deal with such hurdles.

ACTING MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE (DR DIKOLOTI): Thank you Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, in my response to a related question in November 2025, I explained the legal reasons why Tutume Sub-Land Board could not be upgraded into a fully-fledged land board as suggested

in the question. I indicated that my ministry's mandate, as derived from the Tribal Land Act, does not extend to restructuring tribal territorial boundaries. The only authority available to the Minister under Section 53(1) of the Tribal Land Act, 2018 is to approve the establishment of a subordinate land board by an existing land board within its own tribal area.

Mr Speaker, the boundaries of the Ngwato Land Board are prescribed by the Tribal Territories Act, to that end any changes must be preceded by the changes of the Tribal Territories Act, which falls under a different ministry. Therefore, this legal provision must be addressed within the context of upgrading the sub-lands of Tutume, Bobirwa, Boteti and Tswapong areas into fully fledged land boards. Mr Speaker, from an administrative perspective, the jurisdiction of the Ngwato Land Board corresponds with the boundaries of the Bamangwato Tribal Territory. The administration of tribal land has historically been aligned with tribal administrative structures and any alteration would therefore require a broader review of these administrative arrangements. Secondly, structural considerations are also taken into account. The upgrading of a sub-land board into a full land board requires the establishment of a fully independent administrative structure, including dedicated technical staff, and additional governance mechanisms. Thirdly, there are fiscal implications associated with the establishment of additional land boards. A fully-fledged land board entails increased operational costs, including staffing and budget allocations.

Mr Speaker, there are no "spiritual factors" that I am aware of that influences tribal land administration in Botswana. The establishment of the land boards is determined by legal provisions as alluded to, and not by spiritual factors. Mr Speaker, notwithstanding the foregoing, the broader issue relates to what has commonly been referred to as the land question in Botswana. While it is understandable that communities may advocate for greater autonomy and administrative presence in their areas, Government is currently focused on a broader reform agenda aimed at modernising the land administration system: the third generation of the tribal land administration.

Mr Speaker, this transformation is not merely the initiative of my ministry. It is a response to the views and expectations of Batswana, expressed through national engagements such as Kgotla meetings, the Agric Pitso, the Land Pitso, the Land Talk dialogues,

the Pula Institute of Town Planners Symposium, and the Botswana Agriculture Business and Investment Forum, among others. The message from these engagements has been clear Mr Speaker. Batswana are calling for a new and improved land delivery system. The land boards in their form while the mode of appointments has been changing over the years, the composition has largely remained the same. The clarion call is for a third generation of tribal land administration and my ministry is committed to implementing these reforms, as a way of addressing their concerns and it will indirectly put to rest the demands for upgrading the sub-land land boards. I thank you Mr Speaker.

MR LUCAS: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Rona ba re tswang kwa *sub-land boards* kwa bo Bobirwa, Tutume le Tswapong, di supa gore ga ba na dithata tse di lekaneng tsa go thusa go aba lefatshe. Ke sone se o bonang mela ya batho ba ba emetseng go abelwa lefatshe e le melelele koo. Jaanong wa re sekgoreletsi segolo ke molao o bidiwa gotwe Tribal Territories Act. Potso ya me ke gore le le Puso ya Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC), fa le lebile sekgoreletsi se sa Tribal Territories Act, le ikaelela go dira jang ka sone? A ga se lona le neng e kete la re fa le sena go tsena mo Pusong le tlaabo le ntsha sekgoreletsi sa Tribal Territories Act? Fa e le gore ga le a rialo, o tlaa nkaetsa rraetsho.

O buile gape ka *administrative impediments* gore fa gongwe go tlhokafala gore go ka hirwa *staff* se se ntsi se se rileng. Ke re a gone le na le maikaelelo a go oketsa *staff* mo *sub-land boards*? Fa gongwe koo, le *surveyor* fela gatwe o nna mongwefela. Bape bo maitseanape gatwe e nna *one, one*. A le ka kgona go go oketsa fa le santse le palelwa ke go phimola Tribal Territories Act?

Ya bofelo rra, ke ne ke botsa ka bomo gore a go na le mabaka ape a sedimo a a ka tswang a dira gore re ganelele fela mo go reng re di *sub*, rona le bo Tutume le Tswapong? O tlhalositse gore sedimo sa rona le batho ba e leng gore gompiano re ka fa tlase ga bone, ga se tsamaelane. Ke a leboga.

DR DIKOLOTI: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*...

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

MR SPEAKER: Order! Honourable Members, *mma Tona a arabe*.

DR DIKOLOTI: Potso ya gagwe ya bofelo o ntobela mafoko ganong, ga ke ise ke rialo. Ke tsaya gore o tlaa ipaakanya, le mo Hansard le e baakanye gore ga ke ise

ke rialo. Ke mafoko a gagwe, ke tsaya gore o ne a a baya ka fa a batlang go a baya ka teng, ga se a me.

Ke buile *Mr Speaker* mo karabong gore kgang kgolo ke go aba lefatshe. Re le Puso re e emetse ka dinao *through our Land Lab* e e leng gore mo go yone re dumela gore re utlwile Batswana. Ba buile mo Dikgotleng *and different forums* gore kgang kgolo ke gore ba neelwe ditsha. Ke buile mo go yone gore *that which we are working on, we will surely deliver* dikgang tsa lefatshe jaaka Batswana ba di batla.

Kgang ya gago ya Tribal Territories Act, o ka tsenya potso e e tlhamaletseng kwa go Tona yo o lebaneng le yone *Act* ya teng, ke dumela gore o tlaa go neela dikarabo tsa yone. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

REVIEW OF YDF

MR M. M. PULE (KGATLENG EAST): asked the Minister of Youth and Gender Affairs to state if there is an ongoing review of the Youth Development Fund (YDF), and when the revised YDF framework is expected to be implemented, including the anticipated funding allocations; and further state:

- (i) whether the ministry intends to reform and modernise the YDF to improve its effectiveness and accessibility through digitising the application, assessment and monitoring processes, improving transparency in application outcomes and disbursements, strengthening mentorship, training and follow-up support for funded youth, expanding the fund's scope to support new and emerging sectors such as technology, renewable energy, agribusiness, and the creative and cultural industries; and
- (ii) if such reforms are planned, to indicate the timeframes and implementation roadmap for the rollout of these improvements.

ACTING MINISTER OF YOUTH AND GENDER AFFAIRS (MR OOKEDITSE): Thank you Mr Speaker. The Ministry of Youth and Gender Affairs is currently undertaking a review of the Youth Development Fund (YDF), and this exercise is expected to be completed by 31st March 2026. As previously indicated by the Minister in August 2025, the ministry has, over the years, observed that the YDF has not yielded the desired outcomes for young entrepreneurs and as such is reviewing the programme for greater impact. It is anticipated that the remodeled YDF will

address the challenges that have affected the programme since its inception in 2009 and position it as a more sustainable and effective instrument for youth economic empowerment and job creation in the country.

Based on the outcome of the review, the ministry will prioritise trades and sectors that will support a sustainable and effective YDF and promote decent work opportunities for young people. Mr Speaker, prior revision of the programme, the ministry had prioritised digitisation of YDF processes, including application system. The intention is therefore to digitise the revised processes and immediately after receipt of this final report, the progress reports will also be given.

Mr Speaker, with regard to the Honourable Member's question on timeframes and the implementation roadmap, the initial phase of the reform process, which involves the review and design of the revised framework is expected to be completed by 31st March 2026. Following this, the ministry will proceed with the development of implementation guidelines, digital systems, and stakeholder consultations to support the rollout of the improved YDF model. The precise implementation timelines will therefore be informed by the outcomes of the review process and the readiness of the supporting systems required for the reforms. It is the intension of the ministry to roll out the revised YDF programme in the 2026/27 financial year. Thank you.

MR PULE: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga Motlotlegi Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke leboegele Tona botswerere jo a bo dirileng go araba potso e. Ke a utlwa rra gore le batla *to review* YDF *and of course* ke a itse gore *there are some of the issues* tse le tsileng go di tsaya *within the current* YDF, go tsile go nna tse disha. *Do you have any intention* ya go leka *to make sure* gore you have a *massive education* ya go ruta banana go dira *businesses*?

Are you aware gore *maybe in the previous* YDF, go ne go na le bana ba bantsi ba ba neng ba tsaya madi a YDF, mme a bo ba sa a dirise *for the intended purposes and what are you going to do* curb them mo the new YDF? Ke a leboga.

MR OOKEDITSE: *Thank you Mr Speaker. The intention behind the review* ke gore YDF e fetoge from lenaneo le le phakisang madi, e nne le lenaneo le le *focused* mo *outcomes* le *impact*. Go kgona gore go nne le *that impact*, go tlaa tlhoka gore go bo go na le thuto e e tseletseng jaaka o ntse o kaya. Jaanong e tlaa re fa

the new guidelines and the new programme structure e ntshiwa, re tlaa itemogela gore e tlaabo e le gone jaaka thuto e e tseletseng e tlaa dirwa gore e nne teng. *It is a holistic look at the programme and it will look into every other factor that may help.* Batlotlegi le tlaa nna le ntse le fa *inputs into how to improve the programme for its... (Inaudible)...effectiveness.* Ke a leboga.

BUSINESS MOTION

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Members, order! In light of the decision yesterday to commence Parliament tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. I understand that Honourable Mmolotsi has a business motion to move.

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM (MR MMOLOTSI): Thank you very much Mr Speaker. I beg to move in terms of Standing Order 27.1

(a) a variation to the sitting hours of Parliament that on Thursday 12th March, 2026, that is tomorrow, Parliament should sit from 0900 hours to allow for the conclusion of the Appropriation (2026/2027) Bill, 2026 (No. 1 of 2026) by the 24th March, 2026. I move accordingly Mr Speaker. Thank you.

MR SPEAKER: Order! Honourable Members. Honourable Disho *boela kwa setilong sa gago.* Honourable Mohwasa, Honourable Maele *boelang kwa ditilong tsa lona.* There is a Motion that you need to vote on so, you have to be at seats where you are allocated by the Clerk. Yes, the vote is on preponderance of the voice.

Question put and **agreed to.**

MR SPEAKER: *So, batlotlegi, mma ke le gakololeng* gore kamoso re tsena mo mosong.

MR PULE: *Procedure.* Mr Speaker, ke ntse ke le motho yo ke go tlotlang thata, ke ntse ke mo tlotla fela thata. Kana go na le kgang e Mr Speaker o e kolotiwang ke Rre Moswaane. O sale o mo kopa gore a tle go ntsha bosupi jo a neng a lela ka melemo e e tsentsweng mo lefatsheng la Botswana ka bokukuntshwane. Jaanong go setse go fetile dibeke tse pedi, ga go diragale sepe.

MR SPEAKER: Ke go utlwile Honourable Pule. Honourable Moswaane o ne a tsisa *documents* di le mmalwanyana. Jaanong mathata a me ke *this timed debate.* I have the ruling and it will be delivered on Friday. Ka mabaka a gore ga ke itse gore fa gongwe kgang ya teng e a bo e ka tsosa tlhatlharuane kana ya tloga ya re tseela nako. Jaanong Honourable Pule, *indeed*

Honourable Moswaane o ne a tsisa documents di le di ntsi. Mo teng go na le *savings*, *death certificates*, go na le dilo tse di ntsinyana, so, Friday.

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

MR SPEAKER: Let us go to the Appropriation.

ASSEMBLY IN COMMITTEE

(CHAIRPERSON in the Chair)

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

**ORGANISATION 2300-MINISTRY OF
TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

(Resumed Debate)

MR CHAIRPERSON (MR KEORAPETSE):

Order! Order! Honourable Members. *A re yeng kwa* Appropriation. Order! Order! Honourable Members, we are now in committee. Order! Honourable Members. The debate on the Committee of Supply for Organisation 2300 is resuming. Please note that I shall call upon the Honourable Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to reply to the debate at 1620 hours today and the question will be put at 1650 hours. Order! Honourable Members. You will recall that when the House adjourned yesterday, the Honourable Minister Noah Salakae was on the floor, presenting and he is left with 4 minutes and 18 seconds.

MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE (MR SALAKAE): Thank you Mr Chairperson. *Tla ke tsweledise fa ke neng ke eme teng maabane.*

Mr Chairperson, the rehabilitation of the Limpopo Railway Line which passes through Zimbabwe to Mozambique will ensure seamless transit facilitation along the Beira Railway corridor. Though delayed, the project is expected to be complete in the next financial year.

Our two great nations of Botswana and Namibia stand at a pivotal moment in our shared history. The Trans-Kalahari Railway is no longer just a blueprint of ambition, it is a project gathering undeniable momentum. Our vision to link the heart of Botswana's mineral wealth at Mmamabula and our iron ore/copper belt to the gateway of the Atlantic at Walvis Bay is being rigorously shaped by the experts at CPCS Transcom UK. While we have

extended the feasibility study timeline to June 2026, we have done so with purpose. A project of this magnitude, costing an estimated \$16 billion, demands technical precision and financial integrity. Construction is on the horizon for 2027.

We will continue to work with the urgency that our economies demand and the vision that our people deserve.

Mr Chairperson, placing rolling stock maintenance as a priority, will restore the reliability to improve freight performance. In this regard, Botswana Railways has partnered with its customers for maintenance of its rolling stock. These interventions will enhance operational efficiency, reduce service disruptions, and ensure that the rail network is better positioned to meet current and future freight demand.

FINANCIAL YEAR BUDGET PROPOSALS

Mr Chairperson, the total proposed budget for the financial year 2026/2027 for the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure under the Recurrent and Development allocations is Five Billion, Seven Hundred and Eighty-Eight Million, Eight Hundred and Fifty-Two Thousand, Nine Hundred and Twenty-Seven Pula (P5.788.852,927). This comprises of One Billion, Nine Hundred and Twenty-Eight Million, Two Hundred and Fifty-Eight Thousand, Five Hundred and Forty Pula (P1.928.258,540) or 33 per cent of the ministry allocation, and Three Billion, Eight Hundred and Sixty Million, Five Hundred and Ninety-Four Thousand, Three Hundred and Eighty-Seven Pula (P3.860.594,387) or 67 per cent of the ministry allocation, for the Recurrent and Development Budget respectively.

RECURRENT BUDGET

The Recurrent Budget allocations for the departments within my ministry are as follows:

MINISTRY HEADQUARTERS

Ministry headquarters, I request a budget allocation of Three Hundred and Thirty-Nine Million, Seven Hundred and Seventy-Eight Thousand, One Hundred and Fifty Pula (P339.778,150) or 17.6 per cent of the ministry's total Recurrent Budget. Seventy Million, Five Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand, Eight Hundred and Eighty Pula (P70.585,880) or 20.8 per cent is for Personnel Emoluments for the ministry headquarters and One

Hundred and Twenty-Four Million, One Hundred and Ninety- One Thousand, Five Hundred and Ten Pula (P124.191,510) or 30.6 per cent for other charges. Out of this provision, let me rush to the last one.

MR CHAIRPERSON: You have 55 seconds, so go to paragraph 57, o bo o e bala jaaka e ntse.

MR SALAKAE: 47?

MR CHAIRPERSON: 57.

MR SALAKAE: Oh, it is 54 *mo go nna*.

CONCLUSION

Mr Chairperson, this concludes my presentation of the 2026/2027 Recurrent and Development Budget for the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure. I therefore, move that the sum of One Billion, Nine Hundred and Twenty Eight Million, Two Hundred and Fifty Eight Thousand, Five Hundred and Forty Pula (P1.928.258,540) and Three Billion, Eight Hundred and Sixty Million, Five Hundred and Ninety Four Thousand, Three Hundred and Eighty Seven Pula (P3.860.594,387) for the Recurrent and Development Budget respectively, be approved and stand part of the Schedule of the Appropriation (2026/2027) Bill, 2026 (No. 1 of 2026) for Organisation 2300 and the Total Estimated Costs (TEC) for sub heads in Organisation 2300 in the Development Fund estimates be approved and stand part of those Estimates. I thank you Mr Chairperson.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Applause!)

MR CHAIRPERSON: Thank you Honourable Minister. Order! Honourable Members. The floor is open.

MR NKAWANA (SELEBI PHIKWE EAST): Ke a go leboga *Mr Chairperson*. Re kgaphile sethitho re tswa go bona gore a itshireletso ya Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) e tsamaya sentle kwa Borolong, fa o bona re tla re tabogile jaana.

Mr Chairperson, mma ke simolole jaana ke supe gore ke amogela kopo e, mme ke e amogela go na le tse ke batlang go tshwaela gore ga ke dumalane le tsone. Ke batla gape ke supe gore kwa Selebi Phikwe *Mr Chairperson*, ke kope Tona wa *flying machines* yo

o sa tswang go fologa *stage* gore re na le ngwana, o tsena kwa Selebi Phikwe Primary School. Ke ngwana yo o balang Standard One, o *six years old*, o ya kwa Malaysia o ya kwa kgaisanong ya mmabontle. Ka ke ene a tshwereng *flying machines* re go kope Tona gore, re kopa gore fa o felelang teng o re pegele ngwana, re tlaa leka fa re lekang teng, re kope *lift* fela go ya go ema fa Air Botswana e tlaa felelang teng. O ka re buelela le balekane ba gago ba *flying machines* tse dingwe, gongwe re ka bona sengwenyana. Re beile mo go wena, e bile re a go tshepha Tona.

Kgang e ke neng ke re ke batla gore ke tsene mo go yone ke ya dipalamo, e bong *taxis* le *buses*. Ke simolole segolo ka *taxis*, sa ntlha ke supe gore *taxi men* ba na le ngongorego gore madi a ba a duelwang mo mosepeleng *in and around* Gaborone a kwa tlase thata, e bile ga a lekane *to cover* ditshenyegelo tsa *petrol* jalojalo, e le kgang ya ntlha. Ya bobedi e nne gore, ka tiriso ya molao wa gago, o ke itseng gore ga o ise o nne le one, a ko re dire gore re *modernise transport Honourable Minister, through you Mr Chairperson*. O bona *transport* ya rona fa re itshwantshanya le mafatshe a sele re kgakala thata, mme dikoloi di le teng tse di rwalang batho. Motho o tlaa ba a emelela kwa Selebi Phikwe, Bobonong kana Zwenshambe, gongwe a neetswe *house number* ke ba a yang kwa go bone. Gore *taxi man* a mo tseye a mo ise koo o a sokola, ka gore ga re ise re tsene mo maranyaneng. Ke go kope gore a ko e nne molao wa gore, jaaka re bona kwa mafatsheng a mangwe, *taxis* tse di tsayang batho di nne le Global Positioning System (GPS) bogolo. GPS fela ya gore motho fa o mo neela *house number*, a ba a tlhamalala a sa leletse ope, a sa sokole a re nnyaa ke itse gore e ka re ke kwa bolebelebe, e bile a botsa le wena *passenger* gore wa re ke fa kae, mme wena o le moeng mo Gaborone, Francistown le Bobonong.

E re go ntse jalo *Honourable Minister*, seemo sa dipalamo tsa rona, kana fa re ne re ba duela madi a a lekaneng ba ne ba ka reka dikoloi tsa maemo a a rileng, tse le wena fa o e palame o sa ka ke wa tsamaya o tlhabiwa ke dipekere. Ga ke ba tshwae phoso, ka gore ga re ise re ba neele tetla ya *to charge* madi a a ka dirang gore le bone ba nne le *profit*. Jaanong *taxis* tse *Honourable Minister*, kopo ya me ke gore a ko o dire sengwe, jaaka re a tle re bone, le wena o a itse fa o tsena kwa mafatsheng o bontsha motho, le fa e le karata ya gore o ya kae. Fa o le mo Johane ga o ka ke wa itse gore ke *which corner*, mme fa a na le *coordinates* tsa *plot number* o a goroga.

Se sengwe ke gore *taxis* le *buses* tse e nne molao gore, itlhophele gore a o batla go duela *cash* kana *to swipe*. Fa re tsamaya kwa mafatsheng o tlaa fitlhela e le gore fa e le gore ga o na *cash, you can swipe*. Re ntse re itse gore kana go tsamaya o rwelerwele madi a dipampiri, o a bo o itsenya mo diphatseng, le bone bakgweetsi ba *taxis* re ba tsenya mo diphatseng ka gore magotswana a belaela fa ba tshwere madi. Fa e le gore o dirisitse karata kana madi a polaseteke go duela, go nna motlhofo ka gore rotlhe re tlaabo re itse gore nnyaa owaii madi a setse a le kwa bankeng. A ko gone moo o buisane le *associations* tsa *buses* le *taxis*, gore golo mo go tsene mo tirisong, e nne molao o o leng teng, mme ka morero go dumalanwe gore a re direng jaana.

Ke batla go bua ka *flying machines* tsa gago, e ke neng ke santse ke re ke kopela ngwana *lift* mo go yone. *Mr Chairperson*, re tswa kgakala re kopa gore go rekwe *flying machines* tsa maemo tse di tona tse di ka yang kgakala tsa ya go rwala batho ba ga *Honourable Mmolotsi* ba tla bojanaleng kwano kwa ba leng teng. Re se ka ra baya mo go reng re tlaa nna re e ja masalela a a tswang mo Johane le Cape Town jalojalo, re tlhamalale kwa le bone ba yang teng. Moo re ka go bona fela fa e le gore re rekile *flying machines* tsa, Sekgoa sa bone ba re ke *long-haul*. Ee, go boammaaruri gore go ka re turela *to start with*, mme fa re ka ba tlwaetsa tsela gore rona re le Botswana re na le *direct line* ga le ye Cape Town kana Johane. Kwa Johane fa ba tsena teng dibeke tsa bone di kgagotswe, ba itseetse tse ba di itseetseng mo *airports* tseo. Fa re ba tsaya re ba tlhamalatsa mo Botswana, Gaborone, Maun kana Kasane moo go ka re boela. Mma ke go neele *two seconds*.

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM (MR MMOLOTSI): *Clarification*. Ke a leboga. E ne e setse e tsamailenyana, ke ne ke batla go botsa fa o bua ka koketso ya ditlhwatlhwa tsa *taxis*. Ke batla go itse gore ba Botshabelo bone ba ne ba reng ka kgang e ya koketso ya ditlhwatlhwa tsa dipalamo?

MR NKAWANA: Ke a leboga *Mr Chairperson*. Go na le batho ba ba ka tsayang gore ba ka go ntsha mo tseleng, mme mathata a le mo go bone. Batho ba ba tshwanang le bo *Honourable Mmolotsi*, ba ba tseneng mo Pusong e ba neng ba e nyatsa, gompiano o a e buelela, o mpotsa ka batho ba Botshabelo. Botlhe bo rraditaxi, a ba kwa Maun kana kae, bo rraditaxi ba Botshabelo ba bua puo eo. Ba bua puo e ke e buang, ke romilwe ke bone gore ba okelediwe madi ka tumalano.

Mr Chairperson, ke ne ke santse ke le mo difofaneng, ga re itse gore bolwetse jo bo tswa kae, kgantele re

pateletsa *corruption*, ga re na leitlho. Go tlaabo go ntshiwa madi re neela *Minister* re re reka sefofane, a bo a ya go reka sekgoropa fela se le dipone di tsamayang di wa mo teng. E tsamaya go ya Maun, *when it lands* e a phatlalala. *Honourable Minister*, ke utlwile gore wa re o batla go tlhabolola *airline*, e bile o batla go tsholetsa dipoelo tsa yone, mme ga o ka ke wa dira dipoelo o tla go re pega mo dikgoropeng tsa *second hands* kana le di sela kae. O reke sefofane sa madi re tla go fa letsogo, re tlaa ema le wena. Mme e bile, fa o bona Air Botswana e palelwa jaana...ke utlwile gore wa re o kgaola *routes* tse dingwe tse e leng gore... ga ke itse gore a wa re ga di dire *profit* kana jang. Kopo ya me ke gore, fa re ne re ka boela kwa *drawing board*, go ne go iwa Maun ka P300 and e ne e tlala, *that is volumes*. Ga ke reye gore *today it can be P300*, mme fela ka fa le turang ka teng, nako ya go ya Maun o tsena *into the bus, eight hours, ten hours*, sefofane *two hours*, motho fa a itlhaganetse yo o tshwanang le wena le bangwe ba ba sa lekaneng le nna ka kgetsi, ba ka palama. Mme ba palama *bus* ba ya go nna mo nageng, ba tsamaya ba ema *stations* tsotlhe mo Botswana. Fa o fokotsa madi, Batswana ba palama sefofane sa bone, ba e tlatsa, ba dira madi, ya tsamaya e tletse, ya boa e tletse. Akere ke yone *business concept* ya gore, *when you push volumes, turnover* nna kwa godimo. Jaanong a re leke go dira jalo *Honourable Minister*.

Ke utlwa o supa gore bontsi jwa ditsela tsa gago di tlaabo di dirilwe, di siame mo *term* e, e le sekonotere se se siameng. Mme kana re a itse rotlhe gore ga o na *implementation capacity*. Re ka go fa madi a re reng re a go a neela, mme re a itse gore o ya go busa madi o sa a dirisa ka gore ga o na *capacity of executing* tiro e re tlaabong re go e neetse. Ke re a ko e re fa o tla kwano *Minister* o tla o re bolelela gore o file bale le bale *make sure you made your own research*, gore a batho bao ba na le bokgoni, le *timeframes* tsa gago di tsamaelana le se o se buang, gore e se ka ya re fa o boa re bo re go raya re re o paletswe, madi ke a a boile. Ke a leboga *Mr Chairperson*.

ACTING MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE (DR DIKOLOTI): Ke a go leboga Modulasetilo. *Mr Chairperson* go na le tsela e nngwe e e bidiwa gotwe Mmathethe-Metlobo-Bray-Werda. E sale e simolola go buiwa ka 2021; e buiwa mo *Budget Speech*, mo *Committee of Supply*, ke ngwaga o fela o re bonang go na le pharologanyo tsela e e seyo mo teng. Re santse re ipotsa dipotso ka tsela e gore tota go diragetse eng? Ke ne ke bua fa ke fetola mafoko a ga Mothusa

Tautona ke bua ka *when rain clouds gather*; ke santse ke solofela Modulasetilo gore, ga gona Chief Matenge mo tseleng e ya Mmathethe-Metlobo-Bray-Werda. Ke bua ka tsela e e leng gore *it is a big production road*; kwa Kanngwe ba reeditse, Kgosi Mathiba o reeditse... Kwa Mmathethe re na le *police*, ke belaela gore ke yone fela mo Botswana e e nang le *caravan*, e se na matlo a mapodise. O re o ya kwa *service centre* ke mathata. *Mr Chairperson*, ga ke itse gore go tshwere eng ka tsela e. Tsela e ga e bolo go nna le *budget* mme ga e diragale. Kgosi Keipeile o eme ka tsela e, Castro o emetse sekgono sa teng, Kgosi Matlhoakgosi kwa Lerolwane o emetse sekgono sa yone. Kwa Banyana Farms ba emetse tsela e. Ga ke itse gore bothata ke eng ka tsela e Modulasetilo?

Kana batho ba Metlobo Modulasetilo ke batho ba thapelo e e tseneletseng, ba setse ba simolotse go tshwara dithapelo ka tsela e, ke se reye leina la gago Modulasetilo. Ba simolotse dithapelo ga ba itse gore ga re go tsene eng. Ke ne ke bua le Rre Ralotsia, e le gore o ne a nthaya a re, re ye go gwanta mo tseleng e, kgotsa fa re ka gwanta ka dithapelo tsela e e tlaa rarabologa, e fologele fa fatshe, e kgone go diragala. Re pelo botlhoko ka tsela e, re a itse gore e teng mo National Development Plan (NDP) 12 *but* re ipotsa gore go tshwere eng gore e tlhoke go nna *priority*. Fa re batla temothuo *it contributes six to 10 per cent*, ga gona jaaka re ka kgona ntle le yone.

Modulasetilo, ke a go leboga ka marakana mantsi a ditsela tse e leng gore a a diragala mo kgaolong e ya fatshe lentle. Go na le tsela e tonatona ya Digawana-Molapowabojang-Kgomokasitwa, e botlhokwa thata, ka ke solofela gore go e direng ga gago o tlaa ya go baya *toll road* fa Helderview, gore ba tle ba kgone gore ba fete ka fa kgaolong ya me, mme ka fa ba na le letseno. Kgosi kwa Molapowabojang o e emetse, ke kopa gore e re fa e dirwa jaaka motho wa ga Letshaba a e letetse jaana sekgono sa teng se ye kwa Dipotsaneng. Ke a itse gore tsela e re e rapelelang *every year* ka di 24 ya Mmathethe-Kanye e a dirwa, mme sekgono sengwe se ya kwa Diabo. Jaanong kwa Ga-Segwagwa ba ipotsa gore sekgono sa bone se tla leng. A ko dilo tse o di lebelele Modulasetilo, di diragale.

Re itumetse ka marakana mantsi a a kwa bo Rakhuna, ka fa a diragalang ka teng mme le ka fa a tlang ka teng. Re na le mathata a le *one* Modulasetilo, kana banana jaanong ke fa ba tlele ka *certificates* kwa Kgotleng, ba re, "*Minister* kana re kgweetsa bo matipane, mme fa re tshwanetse go hirwa ga re hirwe, gatwe *we are*

not qualified, ga re itse gore yo o *qualified* to kgweetsa matipane ke yo o ntseng jang." Ke ne ke le kwa Magojane ba bua dikgang tse. Ke na le bo Kgosi Manyaneng kwa Mokatako, ke dikgang tse di teng tse di tshwanang, tse ke batlang gore di diragadiwe.

Re lebogela tsela e ya Mabule-Sekhutlane, ke tsela e e botlhokwa e e leng gore jaaka o tlaabo o e dira jaana, Kgosi Matlhoakgosi Mathoo kwa Lerolwane o lebile Motlotlegi Phologolo gore, Phologolo fa tsela e e ya Sekhutlane ka fale, rona le re beile fa kae. Ka tsweetswee ditsela tse *should be prioritised*, di dirwe ka nako.

Re lebogela tsela ya Kgoro; bo Kgosi Mahalelo, Kgosi Mabaka, Kgosi Letlhare le Moruti Tlhobogang ba e lebogetse tsela e ya Kgoro-Gathwane. Ke tsela fela e e siameng thata, e tlhela fela ka gore dilo tse tsotlhe tse re di dumelang di wele.

Go na le tsela ya ga Majaalela-Gathwane, go na le molatswana fa gare foo. Ba Dinokwane tsa ga Mokgosi ba re ke go bolelele gore ba nna ba tshwarwa ke molapo. Ke kopa gore le yone o nne o e lebelele, ditsela tse fa o ka di re direla mokaulengwe o tlaabo o re kgonetse thata.

Madingwane-Goodhope ke 7 kilometres (km), ba ne ba re ke go bolelele gore le bone ba batla go tsamaya ba riana, ba bo ba tsena kwa Goodhope. Fa o ka re direla marakana mantsi a o tlaabo o re kgonetse thata.

Goodhope Airstrip; re a kopa tlherra, ke a itse gore o baakanya Air Botswana, e bile o batla gore *air transport* e nne motlhofo. Mme re gadime ka yone gore le rona re tle re kgone gore re nne mo teng.

Fa ke le mo Kgotla *meeting* kwa ga Makoto ba re *permits* tsa *transport* go na le bangwe ba e kareng di diretswa ruri mo go bone. Tsweetswee tsenya leitlho, o lebelele mokaulengwe. Dilo tse ke dumela gore fa di ka diragala o ka bo o re thusitse thata.

Ya bofelo ya *railways*; ke kopa gore jaaka o baakanya diterena jaana, dira gore o nne le Regulatory Authority ya *railways*, gore e se ka ya bona ba e leng gore *they regulate themselves*, gore o tle o kgone gore o di atolole sentle. *I so submit Mr Chairperson.*

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM (MR MMOLOTSI): Ke a leboga *Mr Chairperson*, ke a leboga Tona. Ke itumelela gore o bo o supa gore A1 e tlaa simolola go dirwa. Mme ke ne ke kopa gore e re jaaka e dirwa jaana, gongwe o senke madi o bone

gore tsela e e santse e le teng mo nakong ya gompiano *potholes* tse di kanakana tse di ka nama di fokoditswe ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Fa o tsamaya mo tseleng e o ya Francistown, *patch* ya go ya fa Artesia ke mathata, go tswa foo fa o ya go tsena fa Dikabeya ke mathata. Fa o ya go tsena fa Serule ke mathata. Dikoloi *are parked* fa thoko ga tsela, *tyres* di thuntse. *So* ka tsela e e ntseng jalo ke ne ke kopa gore Tona senka madinyana, o rotloetse ba ba kwa dikgaolong ka go farologana, ba nang le *budget* gore ba ye go thiba *potholes*. Re a itse dipula di a na, mme fa di na jaana di a ne di riana, mme a ba leke gore ka dinako tsotlhe ba dire jalo ka gore go ya Francistown malatsi a go tsaya nako e telele. E bile gape go diphatsa ka gore *potholes* tse, di di tona, e bile di di ntsi mo go gakgamatsang.

Kgang e nngwe e ke batlang go bua ka yone Tona, o ne o bua ka *toll gates, they are very important*. Ke ne ke akanya gore re se ka ra e akanyetsa gore e nne *projects* tse di tona, re setse re na le bo Sese Gate, Dibete Gate, Dukwi Gate, Ngwasha Gate, *the basic infrastructures are there*. Then re ka dira mo go ka re thusang gore bogolo re *collect* madi mo diterakeng tse di tona, tse gompiano jaana ditsela tsa rona di bolailweng ke diteraka, Tona. Fa re ka dira *that basic infrastructure* e e ka re thusang *to collect* madi, ga ke batle gore re dire ka fa ba re bapileng le bone kwa *north* ba kileng ba bo ba dira, ba beile *drums* fela fa thoko ga tsela ba bo ba tsaya madi, *because we have basic infrastructure* yone e ya *gate* ya Sese, ya eng, go bona gore go ka tsennngwa *system* ya gore re duedise diteraka tse di sentseng ditsela.

Fa e le gore re tshwanelwa ke go simolola *in stages, if we cannot do A1*, bogolo a re tseyeng tsela ya A3. Re bo re ka kgona gore kwa Dukwi le kwa Ngwasha batho ba duele. Fa o tsena kwa Kasane gompiano jaana, fa o batla go bona diteraka sentle, di bo 10 km. Golo moo ga go re siamele, mme re ka dira madi a a seng kana ka sepe, a a ka kgonang go baakanya ditsela tse.

Ke akanya gape *Minister* gore, Francistown Airport mo nakong ya gompiano, tota ke *infrastructure* fela e e diretsweng mahala. A re lekeng go bona gore re ka e dirisa ka tsela e e ntseng jang, ka gore fa o lebelela kwa e beilweng teng, tota *it is strategically located*. Tota fela e ka bo e le nngwe ya *airports* tse di *busy* mo go gakgamatsang. Ke sone se ke kopang gore a re e lebe thata, re bone gore re ka dira ka tsela e e ntseng jang ka gore malatsi a e bile fa gongwe ka 5:00 p.m. e a tswalwa. O kile wa bona *airport* e tswalwa ka 5:00 p.m.? E a tswalwa go bo go raya gore go fedile, ka tsela e e ntseng jalo a re e emeleng ka dinao.

Ke ne ke kopa gape gore *let us consider integrated transport system*. Re tshwanelwa ke gore mo toropong e tshwana le Gaborone jaana, fa gare ga tsela ya rona, re bo re setse re na le seporonyana. Go ka nna le terena e e tsamayang fa gare ga tsela go fokotsa palo ya batho ba ba tlang ditirong ka dikoloi tsa bone. A re bone gore *passenger train* ya rona e tsamaya *between Kgale-Gaborone, Mochudi-Gaborone*, fela ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, go fokotsa batho ba ba tlang ka dikoloi mo toropong. Le tsone dikoloi tse fa di nna di ntsi, *environmental pollution is too high, air quality gets affected*. Fa re ka leka go tsaya terena e e berekang mafelo one a a bapileng le Gaborone, go ka thusa.

Mr Chairperson, tota ke tsaya gore Tona o tlaa re thusa gore tse e leng *low-hanging fruits*, re kgone go di dira. Ga ke tseye gore di tlhoka madi a a kalokalo, ke tsaya gore ke dilo tse re ka kgonang go di dira, mme *within a short period of time*, e bo e le gore Batswana ba ka kgona gore ba itumelele *the service*. Ke tsaya gore matorokonyana a a santse a le teng, gone moo fela go a kgonagala mo nakong ya gompiano.

Ke sone se ke kopang Tona gore bua le lephata la gago ba se ka ba itsapela tiro, ba eme ka dinao, mme fa ba ka dira jalo, ke dumela gore Batswana ba tlaa itumelela ka fa re tshwereng ka teng. Ke a leboga *Mr Chairperson*.

MR LEKAU (MOGODITSHANE WEST): *Mr Chairperson*, sa ntlha fela ke simolole ke supe gore ka kwa lephateng la gago go na le bothata jwa *permits* tse di ntshiwang. Di tsaya lebaka, boradikhombi ba Mogoditshane ba lela ka gore *permits* di tsaya lebaka, e bile o kare di neelwa batho ba le bangwefela. E bile ga se gore ba a bo ba na le dikoloi, ba di hirisetsa batho bone ba sala ba ntse e le bakopi, le fa ba tswa go iteka ba reka dikoloi tsa Durban, mme ga ba nke ba bo ba bona *permits*. Selo seo o se tsenye leitlho Tona. Le gone gore *associations* tsa bone tse di ntsi tse di kganela ba ba sha go iteka mo kgwebong ka gore ba nna ba ba kganetse fela mme go sena mabaka. Go lebega e le gore le fa di le palo ntsi, kwa lephateng la gago o kare ba ba fa tsebe gona le go lebelela *an individual*.

Gape Tona, fa o lebelela *population* ya Mogoditshane, e godile mo go feteletseng; 88, 000, jaanong e supa gore e ka nna le *rank*. Batho ba ba tswang kwa bo Molepolole, Kumakwane, go ya go tsena kwa Jwaneng, re nne le *rank* e e leng gore jaanong *it accommodates* dibese tse di tswang koo go leka go fokotsa mosuke o o fano, ka gore go ka direla kgaolo ya Mogoditshane ditiro tse di ntsi.

Mogoditshane e le *hub* ya go rekisa dikoloi tse di tswang Japan, re iphitlhela gompiano re sena *transport office*. Bogolo *transport office* e ka bo e nnile teng gore e tle e kgone go thusa mosuke o o kwa Mogoditshane. Tona, fa re ka tswa fa ka dinao nna le wena re sena *swimming pools* kwa ga rona, re ya go tsena kwa Mogoditshane, ke gone kwa *swimming pools* o ka di bonang teng. Ga se *potholes* mole, ke one mabitla tota, e bile maabane re fitlhetse batho ba Gabane Route 1, ba ipetshetsa fela ba tsaya mmu fa thoko ga tsela ba o katela mo *potholes* tse. Tona, a seemo se le fa e le gore *projects* tse di saletse kwa morago, a ko di lebelelwe. Ditsela tsa Mogoditshane fela tsotlhe di kgona go tsaya dingwaga di sa dirwe. Le yone *project* e go neng go tlilwe e teng ya Mogoditshane ya *internal roads*, a ko o *intervene* Tona, *project* e e nne teng ka gore go lefifi, e bile ke mathata fela gore o bo o iphitlhela e le gore fa o tsamaya ka tsela ya Mogoditshane, o kare ga o a bapa le toropo. Ke belaela gore fa o ka tsaya tsela ya Gumare, e botoka thata le tsela ya rona ya Tsolamosese. Le gone kwa *police station* ga e ka ke ya re o tlhasetswe wa sianela teng, ke dikhuti tse o ka sekeng o goroge le ka yone koloi.

Ke supe gape gore Tona, e ka nna keletso e e bothokwa thata jaaka o re o batla go baakanya *railways* le diterena, nako e setse e gorogile ya gore jaanong re tsene mo seemong sa go iphitlhela re na le dikoloi tseo...

MR HIKUAMA: *Correction.* Ke a leboga *Honourable* Lekau. Le fa ke bona o tlhwaafetse o buelela batho ba kgaolo ya gago, mme ga ke eletse gore o ka *compare* tsela ya Gumare le kgaolo eo. Tsela ya Gumare *is a disaster*; ga go na se e ka tshwantshiwang le sone. Ke lebitla ka boyone. Jaanong se e *compare* le dilo tse di botoka.

MR LEKAU: O lela selemo se ke se lelang, ke gore gongwe wena o lelela kwa tlase, nna ke lelela kwa godimo gore e bile ke bapile le toropo. Fa ke leng teng gautshwane, ga o ka ke wa solofela gore motho a tswa kwa *airport* o bo o mo raya o re a ye kwa Tsolamosese, a bo a ya go wela mo dikhuting tsele. Gumare ke a e bona e botoka go na le fa o tilelang teng o tswa, kwa Tsolamosese o tsamaya kwa ntle fela mo dikhuting le mo *gravel*.

E re ke wela, ke gakolole yone e ke neng ke e bua ya seporo sa terena. A re rotloetseng dikompone tse di ikemetseng ka nosi gore nako e tshaila ya gore re simolole go dira dithoto le dithuto tsa diterena mo lefatsheng leno. Ke kile ka itse gore kwa Francistown

go ne go na le *hub* e go neng go baakannwa diterena teng. Dinako tsotlhe ka gore bo Rre Mmusi ba ne ba reka dikgoropa, re ka bo gone jaana re setse re na le sekole se se kgonang go baakanya dikgoropa tsa bone. Dikgoropa tsa bo Rre Mmusi fa re ne re kgonne go di baakanya, re ka bo gone jaana re gatetse pele ka seporo sa terena. Ke ne ke re o rotloetse dikompone tse di ikemetseng gore e re go lebelelwa *transport*, go lebelelwe le gore diterena tse fa re ka nna le dikole kana barutuntshi ba ba di baakanyang mono, go ka dira gore itsholelo ya rona e gole ka lebelo le le kwa godimo. Ke a leboga.

MR DIGWA (BOTETI WEST): Ke a leboga Modulasetilo. Mma ke tseye sebaka se bagaetsho, ke amogele kopo e, ka tsholofelo ya gore fa ke ka se ke ka e amogela, gongwe madi ga a na go gololwa. Ke e amogela ka tsholofelo ya gore o ya go dira tsela ya Kuke e e yang Tsienyane. Ke kopa gore le e bitse Kuke-Xere-Tsienyane, le se ka la leba Xere fa e tla. Fa le e dira, simololang kwa Tsienyane e ye go goroga kwa Kuke ka gore tsela e ya Xere e dirisiwa thata. Fa le simolotse foo, le tlaabo le dirile tshiamo e e siameng mo lefatsheng le la rona.

Ke amogela kopo e gape ka tsholofelo ya gore le tlaa simolola tsela e le sa bolong go e tlogela ya Motopi-Makalamabedi, e ke sa tlhologanyeng gore seemo sa yone ke eng gompiano. Ke utlwa o bua gore e setse e ya dikgotlatshekelong. Ke ipotsa gore re ya go nna dingwaga tse kae gore tsela ele e dirwe. Ga ke itse gore a re ka kopa ma-Zion Christian Church (ZCC) bo Rre Moswaane go ya go rapelela tsela ele, gongwe go ka nna botoka. Re ne ra e solofetswa fa re ya ditlhophong tsa 2019 ke Puso ya pele, ba re bolelela gore *before* re ya ditlhophong, e tlaabo e tsena. E na le dihawa tse ke sa di tlhologanyeng, ga ke itse gore tsela e mathata a yone ke eng. Ke kopa baruti botlhe mo lefatsheng, ba rapedise tsela ele gore e kgone go dirwa ka gore seemo se e leng mo go sone, se dira gore batho mo kgaolong ya Motopi-Makalamabedi, ba se ka ba tsamaela *to the other side* mme noka e ka fa. Ke seemo se se utlwisang bothoko.

Bagaetsho, ke mo selemo tota ka kgaolo ya Boteti. Fa ke ka le gakolola, Boteti ga e ise e ko e nne le tsela epe e e direlwang Boteti go lebilwe Boteti. Ga go na tsela e e dirilweng go direlwa Boteti. Tsela e gompiano re e dirisang ke e e neng e ya Maun. Kwa go rona ga go na le fa e le tsela e e dirilweng. Ke gore tsela eo jaaka e tsamaya jaana, ga go na tsela e e yang kwa metsaneng ya rona. Fa o ya Kedia, Toromoja, Xere, o na le mathata. Gompiano fa o ya Makalamabedi, le gone o na le mathata. Akanyetsang Boteti. Boteti West ke yone

kgaolo fela e e senang *internal roads*. Fa o tsena mo motseng wa Tsienyane, ga go na le fa e le tsela. Ke gore le fa o ka tsosa motho yo o tlhokafetseng ka 1966, o tla o mo raya o re Tsienyane ke yo, ga a ka ke a timela.

MR LESEDI: *Point of order.* Mr Chairperson, mma ke go leboqe. E re ntswa le fa motlotlegi a lelela kwa godimo jaaka a itlhalosa, mafoko a a dirisang ga se a a siameng Mr Chairperson. Ke kopa gore gongwe a a baakanye, a bo a ntshiwe mo Hansard. Ga a ka ke a re tsela e ya kwa bathong. Kana golo mo ke go nyenya batho ba Boteti Mr Chairperson, mme ntswa a re o ba emetse.

MR CHAIRPERSON: Nnyaa mme o a utlwala.

MR DIGWA: Ga ke mo tlhaloganye gore a reng...

MR CHAIRPERSON: Ema pele. Heela! Ke tshwanetse gore ke ntshe *ruling*. O mo seelong *Honourable* Lesedi, o mo inele diatla metsing. Ke gore se a lehang go se tlhalosa ke gore ba lebetse. Fa a re tsela e ya kwa bathong, o raya gore bone ba lebetse. Ke selelo, o buisiwa ke sone.

MR DIGWA: *Honourable* Lesedi o tlhaloganya se a buang ka sone, ka gore ene o mo Molaomotheong. Tsela e tswa kwa e ya kwa go ba ba nang le Molaomotheo kwa Batawaneng, rona ga re na. O tshwanetse go tlhaloganya seemo se. Puso ya gago ya nako ele ga e a re tsenya mo Molaomotheong. Re na le keletso le rona gore re lemogiwe, re tsewe re le batho ba ba tshelang. Modimo o re bopile ka maikaelelo. Gompiano jaana fa o tsena mo Tsienyane, ke tlhola ke bua gore o lekana le Palapye, Shakawe, Letlhakane le Ghanzi. Metse eo e na le *internal roads* mme ene ga a na le fa e le *internal road* e nngwefela. Ke gore ke motse o o huraletseng. Ke sone se ke se buang *Honourable* Lesedi. Tona, e re fa le dira, le gakologelwe gore ba tlogetse kwa morago ke Puso ele ya pele. Le ba lemoge le bone e le batho ba ba tshwanetseng go ka tlhabololwa ba ya golo gongwe.

Re na le bothata, re tlhokana le *airstrip* mo Tsienyane. Re ne re na le yone ka 1966, ga e yo. Go na le *airstrip* e nngwe e e mo tseleng fa o tswa Maun go bapa le Motopi kwa Boseja. Fa go nna le dikotsi mo kgaolong ele, o ka utlwa botlhoko. Ke gore motho a tsewa a isiwa kwa sepateleng se se senang ditsompelo kwa Tsienyane, jaanong fa go na le *airstrip* o ka rwalwa foo, a bo a isiwa kwa a ka bonang bongaka teng. A seemo se re se tsiboge.

Re na le tsela e e fetang ka Mopipi le Tsienyane, e maswe mo go feteletseng. Ga se dintsho tse di diragalang

gone foo. Gompiano jaana mongwe o ne a tswa Maun a tswa go reka Surf ya gagwe a bo a feta gone fale fa Mmadikola, koloi ya gagwe e feletse foo; ba bararo ba kwa dipateleng, yo mongwe o tlhokafetse. Ke tlhola ke bua ke re, *it is very important* go dira *signage* fela. Go pala eng mo *signage* gore motho a itse gore o ya kae, o ya mo seemong se se ntseng jang? Noah o kile wa bo o le tsala ya me jaanong ga ke itse gore malatsi a ke eng o mphuraletse jaana.

MR CHAIRPERSON: Honourable Kagiso Thomas Mmusi, Member for Gabane-Mmankgodi. *O tlaa tsaya* five minutes, Honourable Gare five minutes.

MR MMUSI (GABANE-MMANKGODI): Tanki Mr Chairperson. Le nna mma ke leboqe Tona. Ke mo ema nokeng ka madi a a sa tswang go a kopa. Tona ke lebogela gore o bo o supa gore o tswetse rraetsho ka *access road* ya Mokolodi 6 km. O a itse gore ga ke bolo go nna ke ntse ke lelela mo go wena ke kopa 4 km yo o tswang gone mo Mokolodi a ya fa Gonkutlwane. Maloba ke ne ka tsenya potso mme Mothusi Tona, Tona Atamelang o ne a nkaraba bontle thata. Fa e ne e le maloba ke ka bo ke mo kopela boTona jwa kwa Diphologolong kana kwa Metsing. Ke monna fela yo o nonofileng thata, o ne a nkaraba. Ke lebogela karabo ya gagwe mme o ne a re o tlhela ka madi.

Gompiano re bua ka madi mme ke bona o sa ntsenya gope mo teng Tona mo 4 km. Tsela ya 4 km, fa ke sa fose ga ke dumele gore a e ka ja go feta P10 million go e dira. Tsela ele fa o ka e dira Tona, fa o emelela mo Game City o tsena ka Mokolodi o tsentse sekonotere o bo o ya Tloaneng, o ya Mmankgodi, o bo o e tsaya ka Manyana o ya Moshupa, o bo o tsena mo *highway* o ya Ghanzi, o tlaabo o itiretse leina Tona. Go ya Ghanzi o kgona go tswa ka fa Game City o bo o tlhamalala jaana. Le wena o tlaabo o itiretse leina fa o tla go tlogela tiro rraetsho. Ke kopa gore tota tsela e o e dire.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR MMUSI: Nako ga e yo bo monkane. Ke a leboga rraetsho gore le *dual carriage highway* e ya Mogoditshane-Gabane-Mmankgodi, kana tota tsela e Tona e tsenya dikgaolo di le *five or six*; e tsenya Mopalamente Barongwang, Mopalamente Lekau, nna ke le Mopalamente, Mopalamente Motaosane, Mopalamente Gare, Mopalamente Mosanana le Mopalamente Phologolo e a ba tsenya go ya kwa. E ka *benefit* Batswana ba le bantsi thata. Ga e bolo go nna fa, o ne o re o dira *designs* mme re ntse re a diega ga e

tsamaege. Gompiano jaana dikoloi di setse di tswa ka fa di ya kwa go ele ya Boatle, e bo e feta kwa Fikeng e ya Mmankgodi di tshaba *potholes* tse di mo tseleng fa Gabane le Kumakwane. Le ele ya Fikeng e e tsamayang ka kwa Boatle, le yone e a onala rraetsho. Gompiano e setse e na le *potholes* di le 35 jaaka ke go bolelela jaana ka gore le ditereka di setse di tsamaya ka kwa. E tliile gore fa o re o fetsa e e ka fa, ka kwa le gone a bo go sena tsela. E bile gape fa o ka se ka wa tsenya 4 km yo Tona Atamelang a neng a nkaraba ka ene maloba, a tlhaloganya gore *traffic* e ka fokotsega mo go e ya Mokolodi-Tloaneng-Fikeng e e tsamayang ka kwa go ka fokotsa *traffic* mo ditseleng tse di ka fa tse rraetsho.

So, tsela e ya Mogoditshane-Gabane-Mmankgodi, e ama ditsela ka bontsi mo kgaolong e ya rona. Ke kopa gore tota raya rakonteraka a tseye taolo (*take charge*), *at least* a baakanye *potholes* mo go yone *because* e setse e tsaya matshelo a bana ba rona.

Ke ne ke re ke tsene mo go tsa difofane. Tona, re tshwanetse go leka go bona gore re batla motlhala wa go fokotsa *costs* tsa go fofa mo lefatsheng le le go etela kwa mafatsheng. Go fofa mo lefatsheng le la Botswana go a tura, e bile go tsaya lebaka. *We need to find a way where it can become more efficient and effective.* Fa o tswa fa o ya Gauteng, *it takes you 45 to an hour on a flight but the process takes you three hours.* Fa ke emelela fa ke batla go ya Gauteng, ke ya go goroga teng ka 7:00 p.m. kgantele mme ke emeletse nako e. Fa ke dirisa koloi, go motlhofo gore ke ye go goroga teng ka koloi go na le yo o emeletse ka sefofane, *it is more convenient.* Gongwe ke sone se o bonang lephata le la rona la difofane le sa emelele ka dinao le nna le sokola thata.

Ka re *share* pitsa le morwarre, ke ne ke ka tsena mo go tsa Development Manager (DM) Model, legale mma ke mo neele a tsene. Tanki *Mr Chairperson.*

MR GARE: *Clarification.* Ke a leboga *Chairperson.* Ke ne ke re Goromente mongwe le mongwe yo o nang le keletso ya gore a tlhaholole itsholelo, a nne le *food security*, a neele batho ba gagwe botsogo jo bo nitameng, o tlhokana le *infrastructure* e e maleba, *specifically*, dikgang tsa ditsela...

MR LEKUTLANE: *Point of procedure.* Thank you *Mr Chair.* Is it *procedural* gore bo *Honourable* Mabeo le *Honourable* Kapinga, ba bo ba le ka kwa ditilong tsele tsa Umbrella? Tanki.

MR CHAIRPERSON: Order 58.5; ga ba ka ke ba feta fa pele ga gagwe a santse a bua.

MR GARE: Ke ne ke re kgang ya ditsela *enables* gore dilo tsothle tse ke neng ke di bua tse Goromente a ka batlang go di direla batho, ba kgone gore ba di dire; botsogo, dijo *and all that.* Gape kgang ya ditsela e thusanya le dikgang tsa gore re *decentralise opportunities* gore batho ba se ka ba ganelela fela mo toropong. Ke bua jaana ka gore fa o lebelela kgaolo e tshwana le ya Moshupa-Manyana, e na le ditsela tse ke dumelang gore ga se tse di yang kwa metseng, ke tse e leng gore fa di dirilwe *Mr Chairperson*, di ka kgona gore di thuse mo dikgannyeng tsa *food security.* *They are production roads.*

Fa o lebelela tsela e e tswang kwa Moshupa e tsena ka Letshwaane, e feta ka Ralekgetho, e feta Pitseng e ya kwa Naledi, bo Machana, e tsena mo kgaolong e e leng gore go na le balemi gone foo. Ba ka tswa ba lema selekanyo bo 25, 000 *hectares.* Ke balemi ba ba tlhaga. Ditsela tsa teng ka fa di ntseng ka teng, ga di a nna sentle gotlhelele mo e leng gore ga ba kgone gore kgang ya bone ya gore ba fitlhelele go ka lema mo re go solofetseng, e kgonagale. Ke nngwe ya ditsela tse e leng gore ke dumela gore e tshwanetse gore Motlotlegi Tona, a e lebelele. Ke a itse gore kgang ya sekonotere e a tura *but* malatsi a go na le golo mo gotweng *alternatives, options* tse di ka dirisiwang. Ditsela tsa teng *can be engineered properly*, di bo di tsamaega jaaka sekonotere. Ke dilo tse e leng gore ka dikgang tsa madi di le kalo, o ka di lebelela.

Ke eletsa gore Tona a nkarabe ka tsela e e tswa kwa Digawana e tsena ka Kgomokasitwa-Magotlhwane le Ntlhantlhe e e leng gore *it has been awarded for two years* mme ga go ise go simologe sepe. *I understand* konteraka le yone e setse e saennwe. Jaanong ke re le yone o tle o nkarabe gore tota e ya go simologa leng? Ke na le pelaelo ya gore fa e le gore ga e ise e simologe, kgantele go ya go nna le dikgang tse di thata tse e leng gore le Goromente o ka iphitlhela a le mo ditshekong e le gore rakonteka *claims* gore o tsere nako e bile a felele a okeditse *prices.*

Ke batla go supa jaana gore kgaolo e ya Moshupa-Manyana, go na le ditsela tse di tswelletseng. *For example;* tsela e e tswang kwa tseleng e ya Jwaneng e ya kwa Betesankwe. E bapile le tsela ya Seherelela-Sesung le ya Seherelela-Mosepele, ke *access roads.* Ke na le go akanya, ke bo ke dumela gore kgang ya *mobilisation* ya borakonteraka e turu. Ke akanya gore o e sekaseke Motlotlegi Tona. Ka gore borankonteraka ba setse ba le *on site*, a ga go ka ke ga kgonagala gore ditsela tse di ka

dirwa ka gore ke *access roads* tse e leng gore *they are less than 10 km*? Ke kopa o di lebelele jalo motlotlegi.

Go na le dikgang tse di teng tse di kwa motseng wa Moshupa. Go na le borogo jo bo oleng jo bo kwa Nkaikela. *I understand* le santse le batla gore le bone *consultant*, a bone gore go ka dirwa jang gore bo se ka jwa tlhola bo wa gape. Bothata jo bo leng teng ke gore diteraka tse di tlisang *gravel* kana *aggregate* kwa tseleng e e dirwang ya Manyana-Moshupa, di feta fa gare ga motse. Tsela e, ke dumela gore ga e a direlwa gore e tshware bokete jo bo kalo. *Traffic* e e fetelang kwa Jwaneng le Ghanzi, e ntsi fa gare ga motse. Ke dumela gore tsela eo, ga e a direlwa go tshwara bokete jo bo kalokalo. Le yone ke batla le ntlhomamisetse gore e tlaare fa le sena go digela borogo jo, le ye go sekaseka tsela e gore a e tlaabo e le mo seemong se se siameng? Ke belaela gore a e tlaabo e le mo seemong se se siameng? Ke belaela gore tsela e e kwa ntle e tlaare e ya go fela, e mo teng e bo e setse e onetse jaanong.

Tsela e nngwe ke ya Lotlhakane West-Moshupa. E ne e dirwa ke bale ba Elsamex. Ke dumela gore ga e a direga sentle, ke legogonyana fela le e leng gore gompiano e setse e tsewa ke metsi. Ke akanya gore le yone fa le ntse le lebelele, le go bone gore a mme e santse e le mo seemong sa gore e ka tswela e dirisiwa.

Jaaka ke ne ke bua, go botlhokwa gore fa gongwe re tseye *advantage* gore borakonteraka ba setse ba le *on site*, re fokotse *costs* tsa *mobilisation*. *I think you can negotiate better* fa motho a le *on site*. Jaaka gompiano le dira tsela e e tswang kwa Moshupa e ya kwa Manyana e bo e fetela kwa Bikwe, go na le Bikwe-Fikeng, *which is less than 7 km, I think it is prudent for you to negotiate* le rakonteraka gore gongwe a tswela ruri. *If you are to do it five or 10 years later, it will be more expensive*. Ke re gongwe ke fete ka mokgwa o o ntseng jalo mo *five minutes* o o setseng. Ke tsaya gore di wetse Modulasetilo. Ke a leboga *Mr Chairperson*.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS (MR MOSWAANE): Rraetsho, ke leboege sebaka se o se mphileng. Lantlha fela ke leboege Tona. Ke supe gore ke mo ema nokeng. Ke go ema nokeng ke sa botse sepe, e bile ke tlhomamisa gore ditiro tse o di solofeditseng Batswana, fa Modimo a ka re thusa letseno la tokafala, di tlaa diragadiwa. Ke ne ka dira Tshutiso mo Palamenteng ka 2015/2016 gore lefatshe leno le age *toll gates*, go leka go phuthaphutha madi a ka dirang ditsela mo lefatshe leno. E ne ya amogelwa.

Rraetsho, ke kopa gore thulaganyo e e tswela jaaka o e solofetsa. Ke ne ke re rraetsho jaaka o solofetsa, a re se ka ra emela *toll gates* tsa Sekgoa pele, a re simololeng fela ka tsa Setswana, re tswale fa Dibete, re bo re ya go tswala kwa Makoro, re bo re ya go tswala fela kwa Serule. Re dire madi ka gore ka fa ke itseng ka teng, madi ka fa a nnang ka bonya ka teng, toro ya rona e ka nna ya feletsa e foloditse. Ke a itse gore o rulaganya le ba ba ikemetseng ka nosi.

Ke batla go tsaya motsotso go koleka nako e, ke e neele ba bophirima. Rraetsho, ke batla ke go bolelele gore ke tsamaile ditsela tsa Kgalagadi go tswa mo motseng wa Tsabong go ya go tsena kwa Bokspits le Struizendam. Golo koo go batlega ditsela tse di nonofileng rraetsho, go thusa batho bao. Ke tsamaile go tswa kwa Maun go ya go tsena kwa Seronga, golo koo go batlega ditsela tse di nonofileng. Gudigwa e batla ditsela rraetsho. Dikgaolo tsele tsa Basarwa di batla ditsela rraetsho. Ke ba abele motsotso o ke ba buelele. Ke tlatse Mapalamente a dikgaolo tseo tsa bo Xamao, Seronga, Kachikau le kae le kae, golo koo go batlega ditsela tse e leng gore re ka gorosa ditlhabololo kwa Batswaneng. Ke sone se ke reng motsotso o, ke o neela dikgaolo tseo ka bopelothomogi gore a Puso e ke leng mo go yone, e gopole bophirimatsatsi, go tlala. Golo kwa mme fa o go lebeletse fa re ka ba neela ditsela, metse e mengwe e tshwana le bo Shakawe, e ka fetoga ditropo. Bo Gudigwa fela jaana, metse eo e ka fetoga e e leng gore re ka etela teng, re kgatlhegela go ya go bona tse di bonwang ke batho gone koo. Ke sone se ke reng motsotso o, ke ne ke o abela ba Bophirima, ba Kgalagadi, botlhe ba ba leng mo mathateng ka ntata ya tsa itsholelo.

Mma ke boele mo toropokgolo ya Francistown rraetsho ke...

MR DISHO: Elucidation. Ke a go leboga Tona gore a bo o re buelela o re thusa. O otlelele gape fa godimo o ba reye o re, o tsamaile makgetho a le mararo, mme koloi ya gago e sule *three times*. *Each and every time you went there, you lost a vehicle*. Batho bale ba ba tsheleng kwa, ba ba tsamayang tsela e letsatsi le letsatsi, bone ba reng? *If you went there three times, a bo o lose koloi ya gago three times*. Ke a leboga.

MR MOSWAANE: E o e buang eo, letsatsi leno koloi ya me e santse e le kwa Maun, e swetse koo ga e ise e kgone go boa. Ke kope fela Puso e ke e ratang thata, a re tlamakanyeng.

Ke go kope *Honourable* Salakae, tsela ya *toll gates* tse di tshwanang le tsa Zimbabwe tsa ga Mugabe, ke di ema nokeng rraetsho. Fa e le gore le ka emela tsa bo Jeremane, ga re ka ke ra di bona ka bonako. A re tswaleng ditsela diteraka di re duele re boneng madi, re ageng ditsela tse di sha. A re tseyeng madi mo diterakeng tse ka gore gone gompiano le santse le emetse *gates* tsa Jeremane, ditsela tsa rona di senyegile, e bile ga re ka ke ra bona tse dingwe motlhofo. Fa o tsaya madi a a dirisiwang fela, ke *billions and billions of* Pula tse e leng gore mo nakong ya lefatshe la gompiano, ga re ka ke ra a bona motlhofo. Ke ne ke re kgang e, ke e gatelele.

Re itebaganya le seemo sa gore mo ditoropong fela di tshwana le Gaborone go rileng re sa tswale fela go tswa kwa Tlokweng, Mochudi le Molepolole batho ba kolekela ditsela tsa Gaborone ra di ntsha mo *budget* ya Puso? Bo Francistown, Selebi Phikwe, Serowe le Maun dikhansele tseo di itirele madi, re tswale gongwe le gongwe fa dikoloi di tsenang teng mo metseng eo gore re iphitlhele re ka dira madi. Ke mogopolo o ke nang le one wa gore re ka dira jang, gore re nne le letseno la madi. Fa re ka emela gore madi a tla a tswa mo Pusong, Batswana bone ba tsamaya ka one ba a dirisa ditsela tse di farologanyeng. Ke na le tumelo ya gore Batswana ba batla go bona ditsela tse di nonofileng, e bile mongwe le mongwe Motswana o batla go bona tlhabologo ya botshelo jwa gagwe. Mongwe le mongwe o batla go bona tsela mo *main road* le mo dikgaolwaneng. Ka jalo, ke sone se ke reng, tsela kgoro e tswalwe fela ka *boom gate*, go tsena mo ditoropong le gone go tswalwe gore Batswana ba duele. Re ba agele ditsela tse ba di batlang, ga go na yo o ka ba agelang ditsela fa ba sa di ikagele. A Batswana re tsene mo dipateng tsa bone, le bone ba dumalane le rona gore ga se lefatshe lele la maloba la diteemane le madi e neng e le matsorotsoro. A re ntsheng madi ka *toll gates*...

MR CHAIRPERSON: E go tshwere Motlotlegi Tona.

MR MOSWAANE: ... re ageng ditsela. Ke a leboga.

MS MANYENENG (MMOPANE-METSIMOTLHABE): Ke a leboga Motsamaisa tiro. Ijoo! Ke a leboga Modulasetilo.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ... (Laughter!)

MS MANYENENG: Intshwarele. Modulasetilo, kgang ya *permits* e ntsi thata lefatshe lotlhe fela. *Permits* tse di tshotsweng ke batho ba palonyana fela e e tsenang mo seatleng, ba e leng gore ke bone ba ba tsayang letseno le le ka bong le neelwa *transport*. Batho ba ka bo ba

tsaya *permits* ba e duela, *instead* ba duela *permits* tse di tshotsweng ke motho yo e leng gore ga a sa tlhole a le mo *industry* eo, jaanong o tshela ka go rekisa *permits*. Le e lebelele le bone gore le ka dira jang molao gore le emise kgang e.

Modulasetilo, go santse go na le kgang ya bo Yango le Indrive, batho ba ga ba na ope yo o ba laolang, e bile ga re itse gore ba tsaya *permits* tsa teng jang. Ga re itse gore ba *operate* jang, ga go na sepe fela se o ka se buang ka Yango le Indrive. Batho ba *taxis* kwa motseng o o tshwanang le Metsimotlhabe, ba a sokola fa ba tshwanetse gore ba tseye madi ba ise batho, Yango ke eo e tlhasetse e a tsena. Bo Yango ga ba tlhalose gore tota bone ba laolwa ke bo mang, jang, *permits* tsa bone di tla jang? Lebang kgang e *Honourable Minister*.

Mr Chairperson, go na le *driving schools* tsa *fly-by-night*, le di ele tlhoko. Rona kwa metseng ya magae, ba nna fa tlase ga setlhare ba dira *driving schools*, mme motho fa a re o tsena mo go yone, letsatsi le lengwe fa a re o a ya, ga e yo, ga a itse gore o ya go batlela motho wa teng kae. Le lebe gore *driving schools* tse di fiwa *permits* jang, e bile le itse gore mafelo a ba neetsweng, ke a e leng gore batho ba ka ba batlela kae.

Re kopa *bridge Honourable Minister*. Go na le Choppies kwa Metsimotlhabe, *between* Choppies le *filling station* e bidiwa Japs. Japs e na le *signs* tsa Shell, *but* kwa Metsimotlhabe re e bitsa Japs. Golo foo batho ba feditswe ke dikoloi thata kwa Metsimotlhabe. Go madirelo a mantsi *along* tsela jaana, *so* ba tlola thata foo. Re kopa gore fa re ka bona *pedestrian bridge* bogolo mo tseleng ya A12, re ka somarela matshelo a le mantsi a batho ba Metsimotlhabe.

The other thing ke gore A12, e tlhoka *to be expanded*, fa o ne o kile wa bona setshwano sa *the floods* tsa gore di nne ka 2024 ka *December*, di tswala tsela, go na le *bridge* jwa Metsimotlhabe... (*Interruptions*)... tsela ya A12 e e yang Molepolole. Fa o tswa mo *bridge* jwa Metsimotlhabe o *turn* ka fa Lentsweletau, go ya kwa go a *flood*, tsela ya teng *is very low*. Go a *flood* mo e leng gore batho ba ba tswang kwa Molepolole ga ba *cross* ka kwano, ga ba tla Metsimotlhabe, ba felela fela ka kwa ga *bridge*. E lebelele ng gore le e tshoetse golo gongwenyana *distance* e e rileng, le ka e tshoetse le le mo tseleng ya A12. Gape le yone e dirisiwa ke batho ba bantsi, kana jaanong e setse batho ba ba yang Shoshong le Serowe ba dirisa Molepolole, e le tsela e e khutshwane. Ke akanya gore le nngwe ya *toll gates* le ka e baya mo go yone A12 *because* e setse e na le *traffic*

e ntsi thata. Ga e tshwane le bogologolo e santse e le ya Bakwena fela, jaanong e tlhakantse le Bakwena le batlogolo ba bone ba Bangwato.

Gape kgang e ya ditsela *Minister*, re na le bothata jwa gore letseno le le ka bong le ya teng kwa go lona jaaka ke bua, ga re a lebelela ka fa ditsela di ntseng ka teng mo e leng gore dikoloi tse di senyegang thata, bone bo *taxi men* ba ba senang ditsela ba, di a wa, di feletsa di sa ye gope. Ke yone kgang e ke reng fa e ne e le gore ditsela di siame, bo *combi-men* ba ka bo ba bereka, ba batla *permits* ba tsenya letseno kwa *transport because* dikoloi tsa bone di siame, *but* ditsela fa di sa siama, e a tlhotlhorega, e a ema. Go raya gore ga go na letseno kwa *transport*, le Batswana ba tlhoka se se ba boledisang go tswa mo metseng go ya kwa ditirong.

Ditsela tse di tsenang mo metseng; ke a itse gore ga se tsa lona, mme re Puso e le nngwefela, re kopa gore *at least let us tar*. Ke raya gore fa go re sa kgone *to tar* ka gore ga go na madi, a re *gravel*, batho ba kgone go nna le *smooth travelling*. Batho ba tswa mo metseng eo ka bontsi, le wena *Honourable* Motshegwa ke tsaya gore o reeditse o kile wa feta ka kwa ...

MR DISHO: *Clarification.* Ke a leboga. O e tshwere sentle o re, ga le na madi, mme kwa dikgaolong tsa rona re na le ditlou tse di ntsi, o raya gore ga le ka ke la tsaya 20 fela le kope kwa go Mmolotsi le re direle tsela? O raya gore le a pala *Minister*? Ke botse gone foo. Tanki.

MS MANYENENG: Nnyaa, ya ditlou ga ke e tshware sentle. Ke raya gore re kopa gore a ko re baakanyediwe, *grade* fela gore fa go ise go nne le sekonotere, a go nne le tsela sentle. Go di pula, go dikhuti, ke a ikopela *Mr Chairperson*.

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

Ke a leboga Modulasetilo. Mma ke tseye sebaka se ka bofefo, ke supe gore ke tlaabo ke tsibosa mathata a a leng teng kwa kgaolong ya Mmadinare, metse ya yone le go supa gore tharabololo tota e tshwanetse e nne eng. Metse ya kgaolo ya Mmadinare e tsere sebaka se se telele e lebalesegile fa go tla kwa ditlhabolong ka kakaretso, mme bogolo jang ditsela. Puso e e fetileng e ne e huraleitse kgaolo e fela thata. Dikgwetlho tse di setseng di le teng, ke *internal roads* mo Mmadinare. Ke a itse gore di santse di le kwa go lona Tona, ditsela tse di setse di fetogile dikhuti mo e leng gore ga di tsamaege, e bile jaanong batho ba setse ba tshaba le go ya gae ka dikoloi tsa bone ka gore di a senyega.

Fa o tsaya kwa Tshokwe-Robelega, go na le tsela e tswang mo Tobane e bo e ya kwa Tshokwe ke *gravel*, mme e babalela le ditlamelo tse dingwe. Kwa Tshokwe ba na le *health post* e e senang *maternity wing*, jaanong go raya gore ka ntata ya tsela e, ke setse ke tlhaloseditswe gore batho bangwe ba setse ba tlhokafetse e le gore ba ne ba itsholofetse, ba ragosediswa kwa sepateleng kwa Selebi Phikwe, ka ntata ya tsela e. Ba *citrus* re ne re ba gakolotse gore mme ga le ka ke la ya go papala papadi le madirelo ka kwa, mme go bo go ikgatholosiwa tsela eo.

E nngwe e ke go tlhorontshang ka yone Tona, o a itse gore ke ya Robelela e e saletseng kwa morago. Ke go botse gore naare tsela ele go dirwa ka *rake* le garawe, go dikologiswa golo go le gongwefela? Ke dumela gore le tle mo seemong sa *to terminate* rakonteraka ka gore re setse re leletswa ke batho ba ba reng o a ba kolota e le babereki, ba bangwe ba re o ne a tsere diteraka tsa bone, o a ba kolota. Ke radikoloto fa a tshwanetse gore a bo a aga tsela, jaanong le mo *terminate* le tlise yo o ka nnang bofefo. Tsela eo botlhokwa jwa yone ke gore e ka lomaganya motseletsele wa dikoloi le papadi tse di tlang di tswa kwa Aferika Borwa, mme di feta ka Mmadinare go a go tsena Zimbabwe fa di feta ka Francistown.

Go na le ka fa Robelela gape, tsela ya teng borogo le jone bo setse bo babaletswe. E le borogo jo bo neng bo dirilwe e le jwa tsela e nngwefela, ga ke itse gore go ne go na le tumelo ya gore dikoloi tsa Mmadinare di tsamaela ntsha e le nngwefela. Ke *one lane*, jaanong bo tlhoka gore bo atolosiwe ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. Le kwa Sefhophe kgwetlho e ntse ke ya *internal roads*, mme re tlaa nna re ntse re di buisana, re kopantse le ba khansela gone kwa *Local Government*. Ke di akaretse fela ka ke *infrastructure*. Rakonteraka yo o neng a neetswe boikarabelo kwa Damuchujeena, ene yo o agang tsela ya Robelela, ba na le ngongorego ya gore ga go a diragala jaaka go ne go solofeditse.

Ga ke a nna le sebaka sa go bua mo go bo Tona ba bangwe, mathata a ke a tlhalosang a a kopana le a a ntseng a le teng mo kgaolong a gore batho fa ba lema masimo a bone a jewa ke ditlou. Ba ne ba eleditse gore go nne le terata ya motlakase e e tlaa hemang ditlou. Ke kgaolo e e mo mathateng a bogodu jwa leruo, *cross-border crime*. Mathata a mangwe a a leng teng ke a Tlhako le Molomo a a tlhagogileng. Dilo tse fa o di soboka tsothle, o bona gore botshelo ga bo yo, ke batho ba ba mo lehumeng, go na le letlhoko la ditiro. Tona, ke sedimose tseo e le mathata a ditsela, a a tlhokang gore fa a ka baakannwa, tse dingwe tse ke ntseng ke

tlhalosa ka tsone tse, tharabololo e e bulela gore dikgang tsa ditlamelo tsa botsogo, thuto, bojanala le tse dingwe fela jalo, e bo di ka tsibogelwa.

Fa ke bua ka ya bojanala ka ke tlhaetse go bua mo go bo Tona ba bangwe, kwa Mmadinare go na le matamo a le mmalwa a go nang le selelo sa gore ga go kgone gore go letlelelwe *dam tourism*, ba *land board* le Water Utilities Corporation (WUC) gatwe ba bangwe ba kolota ba bangwe, ke gone mo go emisitseng. Ke dilo tse Tona yo o maleba Rre Mmolotsi, a di fefogelwe. Tona Ramogapi, ba Mmadinare ba re a mme metsi a ka tswa kwa Mmadinare mo matamong a le mararo, mme e bo kwa kgaolong e tshwana le Phase One kwa Mmadinare le Robelela, ba tlhabela metsi. Fa e ne e le kwa mafatsheng a mangwe, ba ka bo ba kganela *pipes* go tlisa metsi mono. Jaanong ga go a siama gore matamo a le kwa Mmadinare, batho ba bo ba bolawa ke lenyora ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. O ne wa ya kwa Mmadinare Tona, ke a dumela mo go wena ke a go tshepha ka fa o neng wa bua le bone. O motho yo o tlhaga, mme o nna o ntse o ntekodisa. Sa me e ne e le go sedimosa mathata a, tharabololo ke a itse ke nna ke e rera le wena, e teng e tlaa diragala jaaka Puso e e kgathala ka matshelo a batho gore e tle e a tokafatse ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. Modulasetilo ke go lebogetse ka tsela e e ntseng jalo.

MR CHAIRPERSON: Tsweetswee batlotlegi, fa le bua le lebe nna kwano ka gore ba *recording* ka kwa ba lemoga gore go na le *temptation* ya go leba mosutisi, e bong Tona Salakae. Jaanong fa le tloga fa *microphones* tse ga di le *capture* sentle, *so* le lebe *and address* nna kwano, ke le Modulasetilo wa komiti. *Honourable Ntlhaile, you wish to rise on a point of procedure.*

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INNOVATION (MR NTLHAILE): *Procedure.* Go ntse jalo Modulasetilo, go ya ka *list* e ke e tshwereng fa ke *number eight*, ke gakolole fela ka boikokobetso rraetsho.

MR CHAIRPERSON: Wa re o *number eight*, nnyaa o re mee-mee le *Chief Whip*.

MR SEDOMBO (TONOTA): Tanki *Mr Chairperson*. Ke go dumedise mo phirimaneng ya gompiano. Ke tsene mo dikgannyeng tsa *chapter* e go buiwang ka yone e. Sa ntlha ke e amogele ka fa e rulagantsweng ka teng le ka fa a kopang ka teng. E re go e amogeleng ga me ke supe gore, go na le tse re tshwanetseng ra di supa, ke akgole pele gore A1 e tloga go ithaganelwa go thiba *potholes* tse di mo go yone. Ke selo se ke a se atlang, ke

a se akgola. Go tshwanetse ga nna jalo, ka gore le mo malobeng, ke ne ke supa ka fa e leng gore *potholes* tsa A1 di ntse ka teng.

Ka bo ka supa gape gore fa Serule fa *weigh bridge*, go sugegile. Lerole le le nang teng foo la diteraka tse di tsenang gone fa sekaleng se, ke le le tsitsibanyang mmele. Badiri ba gone foo, ke dumela gore go ba baya mo diphatseng, fa go tla mo dikgannyeng tsa botsogo. E re jaaka go thibiwa *potholes* tse, le gone foo go sekasekiwe go bonwe gore go ka dirwa eng go leka go fokotsa lerole le le kana, ka gore jaaka ke supa go sugegile, lefatshe la gone foo.

E re *potholes* tse jaaka di tlaabo di tswelletse di thibiwa mo A1, e se ka ya nna kwa A1 fela, go na le tsela e e tsenang mo motseng wa Gojwane. E sule mo e leng gore ga gona ka fa e leng gore..., re tsamaya re *dakadaka (ducking)* ka dikoloi. Fa o ka kopana le koloi e nngwe o re o fapoga *pothole* jalo, o a go thula koloi e nngwe.

Ke tsene gongwe mo go reng, Tonota bagaetsho, ga go na ditsela gotlhelele. Ga go na ditsela mo motseng wa Tonota ka kakaretso, go a go tsena le kwa Tonota West. Gompiano go na le thulaganyo e e dirwang, e ke dumelang gore ga e turu jaaka go dirwa sekonotere. Tona, ke kope gore fa go dirwa ditsela, segolo rona kwa Tonota o re tsenyetse *pavements*, re kgone go atologa mo go tseneletseng mo motseng. Ditsela tse jaaka re itse, di tsamaya batho ba *taxis* ba ba re atametsang. Fa ditsela gape di le teng mo motseng, go dira gape le gore kgwebo e nne teng, go ngoka le bagwebi gore ba tle mo motseng.

Sengwe se ke batlang go se supa gape ke gore, go na le matlo a o fitlheleng a le teng mo metseng, a go supiwang e le a ga Goramente. O fitlhela re lela ka go tlhabela boroko jwa badirelapuso, a matlo a a baakanngwe gore badirelapuso ba bone boroko mo go one. Ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, go ka thusa gore tlhalelo e ya boroko e fokotsege.

Ke bo ke bua ka seemo se re kopanang le sone nako le nako fa dipula di na. *Bridge* jwa Shashe jwa tsela ya ga Mma Mosadinyana, metsi a bo tsamaya kwa godimo. Go bo go emisa le go dira ga batho ba *gardens*, ba ba tsayang dijwalo tsa bone ba di isa kwa toropong le mo motseng wa Tonota. Ke go kope Tona gore, *bridge* jo a bo golediwe bo ye kwa godingwananyana, mo godimo ga moo, bo atolosiwe e se ka ya nna jo bo leng tsela e le nngwefela, jaaka koloi e emela e nngwe gore di fapaane ka mokgwa o o ntseng jalo.

Ke bo ke bua le ka *bus rank* ya Tonota, ga e dirisiwe. Dikoloi tse di tswang kwa Francistown kgotsa kae ga di tsene ka *bus rank* ya Tonota, re emela *buses* kwa ntle ga *bus rank* kwa. Go setse go tsetse seemo se le batho ba sa tlholeng ba tla mo *bus rank*, ba emela *buses* ka kwa Sunset ka kwa...

MR CHAIRPERSON: *E go tshwere.* Honourable Jeremiah Jerry Frenzel, Member for Shashe West. Five minutes, the other five minutes will go to Honourable Lesedi.

MR FRENZEL (SHASHE WEST): *Okay,* re dumalane jalo. Ke a leboga Modulasetilo. Mma ke simolole pele ka go leboga *report* e Tona a sa tswang go re e neela. Ke leboge segolobogolo kgang ya *potholes* gore di tlaabo di simolola go thibiwa. Ke re, a se ka a lebala fa gare ga Topisi le Moreomabele; go na le *culvert* e e sentsweng ke pula foo, batho ba le bantsi ba senyegetswe ke *tyres* gone foo. Fa Serule fela tota nako e go ka bo go setse go simolotswe go ka thiba *potholes* tseo. Go tswa mo go A3, e e yang Maun, go ya kwa Borolong, *potholes* tsa teng di a tshosa. Fa e ne e se ba Unique, nako tse batho ba kgaolo ya Shashe West, ba ka bo ba setse ba nja ka meno. Ke a kopa ka tsweetswee gore o bone gore o dira ka tsela e e ntseng jang, ka gore ba lephata la gago la ditsela ba supa fa ba sa tlhole ba na le sepe mo letloleng.

Tsela ya me e e tswang mo Tonota e ya kwa Mabesekwa, 67 km *last year it was graded* gangwefela fela, mme e setse e le molapo. Fa dipula di na, motlhaba o tlala mo tseleng, ga go tsamaege gotlhelele. Jaanong ke a kopa ka tsweetswee gore o lebelele tsela eo go bona gore fa e le gore gongwe go tshelwa go ka nna dingalo, *at least* re bone gore re ka e tshela *gravel* le *grading* ya go tswa mo Mabesekwa, o feta ka bo Lekoba le kgoronyana, o ya go wela kwa tseleng ya Orapa (A13). E ntebele foo go bona gore e nne e gopiwa.

Kgang e ke batlang go feta ka yone ke ya *permits*, motho a nna le *permits* di ka tshwara bo 20, a a ja ka tsone. O bo o ipotsa gore o bone *permits* tseo, ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Jaanong ke a kopa ka tsweetswee gore re bone gore *permits* tseo, di ntse ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Gompiano jaana kwa Jamataka, ga go na le fa e le *combi* e nngwefela e e tsamayang, mme batho ba na le *permits*. Ba nna ba di shafatsa fa nako ya go di shafatsa e gorogile. A re lebeleleng kgang eo ka gore, batho ba a sokola, ba batla gore ba nne ba dirisa di *combi*, mme ga go na le fa e le *combi* e le nngwefela mo motseng. Ke a kopa ka tsweetswee gore re bone gore re e lebelela ka tsela e e ntseng jang.

Fa ke ne ke bua ka *potholes*, kana golo fale re ya go nna le tsela ya magasigasi, e ntle thata ya A3. Jaanong *imagine* o tswa mo A3 o ya kwa Borolong o bo o tsamaya mo mafuting a a kanakana. A re boneng gore re dira *re-sealing* go tswa mo A3 go ya go tsena kwa Jamataka. Re bone gore tsela e a tsamaega, jaaka gompiano jaana re dira tsela ya Francistown-Maun.

Nngwe ya dikgang tse ke batlang gore ke bue ka yone, ke ya *debushing*. Fa o tsamaya *along* tsela ya Orapa go tswa fela mo *junction* ya Maun, ga go na fa o ka tsamayang teng. E bile fa o setse o ya go feta kwa re go bitsang re re kwa tshiping e nala, o lebile Matsitama, koo e bile jaanong go *worse*. Fa o tsamaya bosigo go borai thata ka o ka kopana le dikgomo gongwe le gongwe...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Elucidation.

MR FRENZEL: Ke tlaa tla ke go neela, nako ya teng ya mpolaya ka ke neetse Lesedi *five minutes* wa me. Tona, ke batla re rotloetsa Batswana go dirisa *bicycles* le dikuta, *more especially* mo ditoropong. Re bone gore re ba ruta ka botlhokwa jwa go dirisa dilo tse di tshwanang le tse go leka go fokotsa *traffic*.

Nngwe ya dikgang tse ke eletsang go bua ka tsone ke *introduction of tollgates*. Ke tlaa nna ke ntse ke bua ka yone go fitlhelela ke bona go diragala. Ga go na jaaka re ka tsholetsa *economy* ya lefatshe la rona, go sena *toll gates*. Rona re botoka re gaisa ba mafatshe a mangwe ba ba neng ba di simolola ka di *drum*. Re setse re na le *points* tse di tshwanang le bo Sese, Dibete, Ngwasha, kaekae, kwa go nang le *gates* teng. Re bone gore re dira ka tsela e e ntseng jang *to introduce tollgates*. Mo gongwe go tlaa nna go ntse go tla kwa morago go bona gore re baakanya ka tsela e e ntseng jang.

Go setse go le lebaka diterena tsa rona di eme. Ke mongwe wa batho ba ba ratang go nna ba lebelela *transportation more especially* ya bosigo gore e tsamaya ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Batho ba bantsi thata ba ba tsamayang masigo, o fitlhela *buses* di ka tshwara bo *six* di emelela mo Gaborone di ya Francistown, le go tswa Francistown di tla kwano. Ke eng terena e ka se ke e tsene gone foo. Ke kopa gore re bone gore *we can introduce* terena ya batho ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Mma ke neele *Honourable* Lesedi.

...Silence...

“EXCHANGE OF SPEAKERSHIP”

MADAM CHAIRPERSON (MS MANYENENG): Good afternoon Honourable Members. Order! Order! Honourable Lesedi, you can continue.

MR LESEDI (SEROWE SOUTH): Mma ke go leboge *Madam Chair*. Ke lebogele gore motlotlegi a bo a nngathetse mo go 10 *minutes* wa gagwe. *Madam Chairperson*, ke ema Tona nokeng ka madi a lephata la gagwe ke sa bonyabonye. Ke ratile, ke itumela thata bogolo jang fa ke bona a supa gore tsela e ya Shoshong Junction to Serowe ke nngwe ya tse di tlaa dirwang *overlay*, bogolo jang a bua ka *access* ya Mabuo. Ke re rra jaaka fa o kopa madi jaana, e nne nngwe ya tse o tlaa di fang *priority*. Tsela e rraetsho ke nngwe ya tse e leng gore ga gone go ka bo go phetšhwa e ne e ka tla pele ga A1. Ke bua ke sa iphitlhe ka gore, nako tsotlhe fa re emelela re bo re re A1, re lebala tsela e. Fela jaaka o tswa mo Shoshong, ga go na tsela gotlhelele, go ya go tsena kwa Serowe, *potholes* tsa teng rraetsho di tsitsibanya mmele. Ke lebogela gore ka ke e o e umakile, a le yone o e tsenye leitlho e tle e re mo lemmeng le o ye go dira rraetsho.

Mma ke supe gore go na le *gazetted roads* tse e leng gore ke *gravel roads*. Go na le tsela e e tswang mo Serowe e ya Mokgware, e e sa tlholeng e dirwa jaaka ofisi ya gago e ne e solofeditse gore e tlaa nna e bona *grading* mo nakong e e rileng. Tsela e, e ne e le nngwe ya tse di fokotsang mosuke bogolo jang kwa A1. E le gore dikoloi tse di tlaabong di tla di tswa kwa bo Letlhakane le Orapa di ka felela di tlodile ka yone, tsa tla tsa tsena mo Mokgware...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR LESEDI: Ema pele ke ngathengathe. Ema pele Tausi. Tsela e *Minister*, e na le *culvert* ya molapo wa Mogatsapoo, *culvert* e rraetsho e kgaogile mo e leng gore gotlhelele tsela e ya gago jaanong ga e dirisiwe. Ke nngwe ya ditsela tse o tshwanetseng wa di ela tlhoko mo lemmeng le o nang le lone, go bona gore o ka e tokafatsa ka tsa sebopego se se ntseng jang...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR LESEDI: *I yield a minute for Honourable Baratiwa Mathoothe and one minute for Honourable Motaosane.*

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF TRADE AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (MR MATHOOTHE): *On a point of clarification. Thank you.* O e tshwere sentle thata mokaulengwe. Ke batla go gatelela gore o se ka wa lebala tsela e le e e tswang mo Serowe e ya kwa Orapa e e kgaogileng fa Farmers' Brigade. Ke seemo sa potlako se se batlang gore se itlhaganelelwe. Fa go sena madi ba ka dirisa babereki ba *roads* gore e nne bone ba

e dirang. E mosola thata ka gore e ya kwa Orapa, e bile e isa *tourists* gone koo. E tshwanetse e dirwe ka bofefo. *Thank you.*

MR MOTAOSANE: *On a point of clarification. Thank you Honourable Lesedi and Honourable Chairperson. Honourable Lesedi, you raised a very pertinent issue ka A1 le tsela e ya Shoshong-Serowe. Jaaka go ntse gotwe A1 e nne dual jaana, a ga o bone go tlhokafala gore e baakanngwe fela between Rasesa and Artesia? Ke teng fa e tshwanetseng e baakanngwe fela sentle, e bulege, potholes tsele di baakanngwe, not to do dual lane go tswa fela mo Gaborone. A1 yotlhe e nna dual re santse re na le concern e e kana ya ditsela tse dingwe? Thank you sir.*

MR LESEDI: *Madam Chair*, ke boammaaruri, mma ke supe jalo rraetsho gore fa A1 e ka dirwa *dual up to* Dibete, go ka thusa gore bontlha bongwe jo bo tlaabong bo le teng, bo ye kwa tseleng bogolo jang yone e ke e buang. Tota tsela e ga se Shoshong-Serowe, go bua boammaaruri, e tswa kwa Thamaga, e bo e tlhamalela e ya Serowe. Ke nngwe ya ditsela tse e leng gore fa re bua ka ditlhare tse di mo tikologong, gotlhelele o kare ga le a e ela tlhoko. Ga o ka ke wa tsamaya mo go yone bosigo, go tswa fela kwa Serowe go tla go tsena mo Molepolole *Madam Chair*. Tona, mo lemmeng le o le neetsweng le, ka tsweetswee, ke go eme nokeng, mme tsaya tsia dintlha tse. Ke tsone tse di ka go kgontshang gore e re le mo nakong e e tlang, re kgone go bua o na le lengwe leina. Mma ke neele wa *elucidation*.

MR FRENZEL: *Elucidation.* Tsela ya A1 tota re tshwanetse go e lebelela ka gore ke nngwe ya ditsela tse di tona mo lefatsheng le. Fa o re o a lebelela, jaaka ke ne ke supa ka *culvert* e e suleng *between* Topisi le Moreomabele, ga go a siama gore mo nakong ya gompiano re bo re na le *culvert* e e sa tsamaegeng mo tseleng e e botona bo kalo. Ke a leboga.

MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE (MR SALAKAE): Ke a leboga

Madam Speaker. Ke tlile go leka ka boripana gore ke soboke dipotso tsa bakaulengwe ka nako e ke e filweng. Ke etla ke ipotsa gore Standing Orders tsa reng fa motho a boditse potso, e bo e re o tshwanetse go mo araba, o bo o bona a seyo. Kana ke arabe fela? Mo nakong e e tlang, go tlaa re gongwe re ba tlole, ke arabe ba ba leng teng.

Motlotlegi Mopalamente wa ntlha go tsaya *Madam Chair*, e ne ya nna *Honourable* Nkawana. Le ene a supa jaaka ba bangwe gore o nkeme nokeng, o amogela

kopo ya me, o dumalana le nna. Sengwe sa dilo tse a neng a di kopa, jaaka a supa a dumalana le nna, o ne a supa gore go na le ngwana mongwe kwa kgaolong ya gagwe yo o tshwanetseng go ya *competitions* golo gongwe. O ne a supa gore kwa Malaysia. A kopa gore fa go ne go ka kgonagala, ke mo kopele *lift* mo Air Botswana, bomadimabe ke gore Air Botswana ga e ye kwa Malaysia. O ne a boa a siana ka bonako a supa gore fa e le gore ga e ye, ke mo kopele mo go tse di yang kwa Malaysia. Bothata jwa teng gape ke gore ga ke na dithata tse di kalokalo mo difofaneng tsa mafatshe a mangwe. Ke ne ke tseetse gore o tlaa wela a re gongwe Mapalamente ba mo kolekele, fa e le gore ga ke a bona yo o ka mo pegang, mme ga a rialo.

O ne a supa a ngongorega ka *taxi operators*, ga a ka a wela, o simolotse a re madi a kwa tlase, *taxi operators* ba a ngongorega. E rile e le ene gape, a bo a siana a bua gore batho ba ngongoregela le *quality of service* e *taxi operators* ba e neelang Botswana. Ke supe fa *Madam Chair*, gore ke ntse ke siane le lefatshe le ke lekodisana le Botswana ka kgang ya *permits*, gore *permits* di a ikopelwa. Ke eletsa gore Palamente le Botswana ba tlhologanye gore ga se rona ba re oketsang *prices of taxis*. *Taxi operators* ke bone ba re kopang gore re ba kopele Botswana, jaaka ba ne ba tlile kwa go rona ba supa gore re ba ele kwa Batswaneng, re ba kopele gore a nako ga e a goroga ya gore ba oketse ditlhwatlhwa. Ke dirile jalo *Madam Chair*, e bile e tlaa re mo nakong e e sa fediseng pelo, ke tlise pego kwa *Cabinet*. Botswana ba buile, ke kgobokantse pego, ke tseela gore *the procedure is I must bring the report first to Cabinet before* ke ka e phatlalatsa le Botswana.

O supile gape seemo sa difofane, a re nako e gorogile gore re fokotse *prices* tsa tsone. Re reke le difofane tse di botoka. Re eletsa jalo gore re ka nna le difofane tse di botoka, bomadimabe ke kgang ya gore sepatšhe se makgwakgwa. E bile kakanyo ya rona e ne e le gore, gongwe go farologana le ene go le go nnyefela, gore ga se gore re boele mo go tse di nnyennyane e seng tse di tona. Re tle re kgone go ya kwa Gantsi jaaka ba Gantsi ba dumela gore *they can afford*. Fa re ka tsaya tshwetso ya gore sefofane se lebe kwa Gantsi, ba bantsi ba emetse gore ba ka se dirisa ka go na le meepe kwa go rona.

Re a itse gore le dikgomo tsa tlhwatlhwa, di bonwa kwa Gantsi. Beng ba dilo tse, ba eletsa gore difofane di goroge. Ra re ke eng re sa dire gore difofane gongwe re reke bo *6-seater*, *7-seater*; ka tota re itsholelo e e kwa tlase? Re bo re lebelela le *charges*. *Charges* tota are

commercially considered. Fa go bewa *prices*, go na le dilo tse di ntsi tse di lebelelwang. *As we speak*, e rile fa ke buisana le boeteledipele, ba supa gore tlhwatlhwa e ba e beileng, ga ba kgone go fitlhelela *costs of operations*. Go raya gore gongwe go ya go nthatafalela go ba kopa jaaka Rre Nkawana a ne a re ke ba kope gore, a ga se gore ba ise *prices* kwa tlase. Tse ba reng ba mo go tsone, ba re ga ba kgone go dira dipoelo e le kompone. “A re re ye fela kwa go bo P300,” ke ne ke tseela gore motlotlegi o ne a tshameka ka mafoko ka gore le gone go aga ntlo, ga ke dumele gore *charge* ke bokalo.

Ke siane ka bonako *Madam Chair*, ke dumela gore dikgang tsa ga Rre Nkawana di ne di se kalokalo. E bile a supa gore *planes* ke dikgoropa, ga ke itse gore o dirisitse dife tse e leng dikgoropa. Ke tlaa isa kgang ya gagwe kwa go ba ba lebaneng gore ba lebelebe, gongwe go na le boammaaruri bongwe jo nna ke bo tlodisang matlho.

MR DISHO: *Clarification*. Ke a leboga Tona. Tota dinako tse dingwe ka gore re badirisi ba difofane tse, re tsamaya ka tsone *all the time* fa re ya kwa dikgaolong, go a tshosa e re o le kwa godimo o leba jaana, o bo o bona *sellotape* mo *plane*. Maloba ke di bone mo sefofaneng se sengwe, *handle* e tshwerwe ka *sellotape*, sa Air Botswana mme gotwe ke se sesha.

Gongwe ya bobedi, *priority* ya rona; re *number* mang mo *list* ya gago ya kwa go rona kwa, o kare ga o a e bala mo teng? Ke a leboga.

MR SALAKAE: *Madam Chair*, mo ke yone *rape* ya *procedure*, o ne a batla *clarity*, o ntsha dikgang tse di sha fela, jaanong ga ke itse gore a re ke dire jang.

Mma ke tsene mo dikgannyeng tsa ga Rre Dikoloti. Rre Beula le ene fela jaaka ba bangwe o ne a supa gore o amogela kopo ya me. A supa gore tsela e ya Bray o ipotsa gore ke eng e kete e a lebalwa. Ke supe gore ga e a lebalwa, ke tsela ya *DM Model*, ditsela tsoatlhe tse di dirwang ka fa tlase ga lenaneo le, di seegetswe ka fa thoko. *We have got a task team* e re e kopileng gore e re lebele dikgang tse Batlotlegi ba di itseng botoka. E tlaa re ka nako e e lebaneng ke tle ka pego kwa Batlotleging go supa gore re ka dira jang jaanong ka ditsela tse di ka fa tlase ga *DM Model*. A supa gore ene le Ralotsia ba eleditse go ka gwanta, e bile ba batla dithapelo, fa e ne e ka re ba rapela jaana, ba rapela gore madi a nne teng, ke ne ke ka leboga. Ke dumalana le bone ka le nna ke le motho wa thapelo.

Digawana-Molapowabojang, ke supe fa batlotlegi gore Goromente yo ke leng karolo ya gagwe yo, kgang ya go dira ditsela o e tsetse kwa godimo, jaaka re dumela gore gongwe le gongwe kwa motho a leng teng, kwa go nang le *production unit* teng, tsela e tshwanetse go nna teng. Batlotlegi ba itse gore, e re ntswa dikgang di tswa ka kwa go bone, ba se ka ba tseela gore nna ka kwano ga ke na kitso ya tsone. Kgang e tona fela ke gore re na le letlhoko la madi, gongwe le gongwe, le gone kwa go bo Motlhaleemang yo o sa kopang tsela, re ya go isa teng fela ka gore batho ba teng koo. Ke raya gore a...

MR MOALOSI: *Procedure. Madam Chairperson,* kana golo fa mo *thematic debate*, go na le batho ba ba buang, ga se gore mongwe le mongwe o tlaa bua. Fa mokaulengwe a re ga ke a kopa tsela, o batla go ntlhobosa mo bathong kwa gae. O a itse gore malatsi otlhe re nna re kopa tsela ya Nswazwi e e yang kwa Kalakamati, Goshwe le Mbalambi. Re nna re di kopa le Justice Hunyepa. Fa a re ga ke a kopa tsela ga a bue sentle. Ke kopa gore a nne a bua nnete, ke motho yo motona.

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Nnyaa mme o go file nakonyana, wa e bua ya Mbalambi.

MR SALAKAE: Ke tsala ya me, mme ke ne ke sa reye ene. Fa e ne e le ene, ke ne ke tlaa re *Honourable Motlhaleemang Moalosi*. Ke ne ke raya Motlhaleemang mongwe wa tsala. Gone o kgonne go bua se o neng o sa kgona go se bua mokaulengwe.

O kopile fa Rre Dikoloti a re a e re fa re ntse re sekaseka dikgang kwa *ministry* wa rona re lebelele kgang ke e; a re bana kwa kgaolong ya gagwe ba na le *certificates* tsa go ka kgweetsa bomatipane mme jaanong e kete ditiro ga ba di bone. Ga ke itse thata *Madam Chairperson*, ke ne ke santse ke bua le bodiredi ke ba kopa gore dikgang tse tsa bomatipane re di emele ka dinao, re bone gore ba nna teng. Go lebega mo nakong ya gompiano ba seyo ka lebaka la gore mo nakong e e fetileng, Goromente o ne a tsaya ditirelo ka bontsi a di isa kwa bathong ba ba ikemetseng ka nosi. Go bo go raya gore tse tsa bomatipane go nna le tilhelo. Fa kopo ya me jaaka ke kopile Palamente e ka dumalana le nna, ke dumela gore selelo sa ga Rre Dikoloti gongwe se ka arabesega.

O supile jalo kwa bo Sekutlane, a bua ka baruti bo Rre Tlhobogang gore ba re reeditse. Le nna ke mo leboge thata gore ke motho yo e a reng a kopa a inaakanye le baruti. E kete o ka tsaya Rre Hikuama a mmapisa

le ene. O buile ka ditsela, tla ke dumele *Madam Chairperson*, gore kgang e ya ditsela e tshwana fela lefatshe ka bophara. Tota boammaaruri jo bo leng teng Rre Kapinga...

MR KAPINGA: *Clarification. Thank you Madam Chairperson.* O tlaa intshwarela *Honourable Minister* go go busetsa fa morago go sekaenyana. O ne o bua gore *there is a task team* e e leng teng ya *DM model*. Ke ntse ke itse gore o ne wa fiwa *report after the DM thing was investigated*. O ne wa neelwa *report on the basis of which you were supposed to make a decision*. A wa re o e neetse *task team* gape gore e dire se e se dirang? Ga ke tlhaloganye.

MR SALAKAE: *Madam Chairperson*, fa ke lebile nako, ke tlile go kopa batlotlegi gore ba ntletlele ke se ka ka ba neela *clarity* ka gore di njela nako ya go araba dipotso tsa bone. Le yone kgang ya DM, ga ke a ka ka tsena mo go yone thata, ke tseela gore batlotlegi ba a e itse ka gore ke ne ke akanya gore e ya go njela nako. Morago fa ke sena go bega mo Palamenteng gore *we are suspending it, then we setup another task team* e e yang go dira *re-negotiations*. Kgang ya rona e tona e ne e kete madi a ile kwa mankalenkaleng. *Task team* e ke buang ka yone, ke e e lebelelang *re-negotiations*. Ga ke a ka ka tsenelela thata mo go yone ka gore ke ne ke tseela gore batlotlegi gongwe ba e itse botoka go na le nna.

Dr Dikoloti o ne a kopa gore go nne le *airstrip* kwa Goodhope, *permits* kwa Gamokoto di nne teng. A supa jalo gore nako e gorogile ya gore gongwe go nne le mo go bidiwang gotwe *regulatory authority*. Ke mo re berekang mo go gone. Re dumela gore ka fa go ntseng go diragala ka teng kwa Botswana Railways, gongwe ke gone mo go neng go dira gore e kete letsatsi ga le e phatsimele. Gompiano thulaganyo e re eletsang gore re e tlise go baakanya dilo ke gore, go nne le pharologanyo fa gare ga the *above and the below train*. Seporo se nne sa ga Goromente, bo Rre Disho fa e le gore ba kgona go reka diterena, ba tle ba kgone go dirisa seporo se ba duela mme diterena e le tsa bone. Ke dumalana le ene gore gongwe re e tshwere sentle ka go akanya jaaka le ene a akanya.

Rre Wynter Mmolotsi o ne a supa le ene gore o itumela thata gore mo puong ya me ke ne ke supa gore A1 e ya go dirwa. Tota gongwe re ganelele mo goreng Tona o ne a supa gore *potholes* di ya go dirwa kwa A1. Go ya go dirwa *potholes*, e bo e re kwa morago...

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

MR SALAKAE: Ee, di ya go nyelediwa *sir*. Batho ba ba sa itseng Setswana go nkgaisa ga o nke o ba baakanyetsa. O a bo o ka baakanyetsa nna yo ke fosang fela mo gonnye.

Re utlwile dilelo tsa lona. Kgang e nngwe e tona e e ntseng e dira gore go lebege e kete ga re potlakele kgang ya go thiba *potholes*, e ne e le madi. E rile fa re sena go bona madi, dilo tse kana di tsamaelana le *fuel*. *It is a product ya fuel*, ga di yo mo Botswana, re di latela kwa ntle kwa Afrika Borwa. E rile fa di goroga, ga bo go simolola dipula. Ga o ka ke wa thiba *potholes* dipula ka fa gape di na.

Ke supe gape gore kgang e Rre Dumelang, mokgoro o ke o rweleng o, o ka bo o rwelwe ke ba bangwe. Jaanong ke ya go kalediwa mo mokgorong o o seng wa me. Ditsela tse go supafala gore ga di a bolo go senyega ka bo 2014, *from there up to today*, di ntse di lebilwe fela. Mo gongwe fa *pothole* e nna teng, go supa gore tsela gone foo e a bo e setse e senyegile, fa o thiba e, kamoso go na le fa e supang phatlha teng e kete dithokolosi. Le tshwanetse gore e re le bua le nna, le se ka la tsholetsa mantswa ka tota mokgoro o ne o sa tshwanela gore e nne wa me. Rre Mmolotsi *potholes* di tlaa thijwa jaaka ke supa gore *material is now there*. Dipula le tsone ke tse di a lemosega gore di a fokotsega.

Toll gates; nako e gorogile, gape re se ka ra lebelela fela *luxurious way of doing toll gates*, gongwe go na le *gates* tse di setseng di le teng *already*. O akanya gore re lebelebe gore a ga re ka ke ya re re santse re emetse tse ditonatonatona tsa bo A1, *then we toll gates through gates* tse di leng teng. Ke bona gore ke mogopolo. Kgwetlho e nngwe e ke e akanyang ke gore kana *toll gates* fa di nna teng, fa teraka e tswa South Africa e feta fa *toll gate* e duela, ga e duele fela ka gore ke teraka, *it is weighed*. Go ya go tlhokafala dilo tse dingwe gore di agiwe fa *gates* tseo. Ga go ye go nna motlhofo fela jaaka bakaulengwe ba akanya gore ka gore *gates* di teng, go raya gore re simolole go tsaya makgetho. Go tsaya makgetho *is a function of other factors* tse re tshwanetseng go bona gore di teng. Gone ke megopolo e ke dumelang gore Palamente e le yone e e reeditse ka gore tota thulaganyo e fa re e bua kwa maphateng a rona, tshwetso gantsi e tsewa ke Palamente e.

Rre Mmolotsi o ne a bua ka Francistown Airport. O supa gore e kete *it is underutilised*. Nngwe ya *underutilisation* ke gore ga re na difofane, Botswana ba supa gore di a tura. Kgang e re e lebile jaaka ke supa gore re akanya gore gongwe re reke difofane tse di kwa tlasenyana, tse

re ka kgonang *to maintain them*. Le fa e ka nna ya *eight or 10 seaters* ka gore re ya go nna re na le Botswana ba e leng gore gongwe ba *eight or 10*. Fa o reka tsa bo 70, *the next thing on a particular day, only two people want to go to Francistown, the next day three, the next day four*. Golo mo go raya gore go kokonela Air Botswana. Ke dumalana le bakaulengwe. Ke eletsa gore dikgang tse dingwe ba di ele tlhoko. O ne a supa gore nako e gorogile, a kopa gore go nne le mo gotweng *integrated transport system*. Ke dumalana le ene gore re lebelele *the low hanging fruits*.

Rre Lekau a re o kopa *transport office* kwa Mogoditshane. Go supafala e kile ya bo e le teng *but because of security concerns* ka nako eo, a bo e tswalwa ka e kete dikoloi tsa bodiredi *they were being attacked*, di utswiwa. Maloba nna le ene re ne re kopane a nthaya a re, “ka gore golo fale, fa le neng le e beile teng e ne e kete *it was a security risk*, go na le *mall* o teng o agilwe kwa Mogoditshane. E bile ke setse ke bonye ofisi, a ga le ka ke la tsena mo go yone?” Ke dikgang tse a neng a di nneela fela maabane. *We will consider them. I think* Palamente e ke yone e e tshwanetseng go tsaya ditshwetso mo dikgannyeng tse di tshwanang le tseo.

O buile jalo jaaka ba bangwe, o supa gore e kete batho bangwe ba ikganeletse *permits* ba sena dikhombi kana *taxis*. *I do not think this is alright*. Ke reeditse, bodiredi bo reeditse, *this is not right. I know* ke begetswe, *we are on this issue*.

Ke tlhomamisetse fela Mapalamente gore le nna ke dumalana le bone. Ga go lebege sentle gore e re re le mo bothateng jo re leng mo go jone jwa letlhoko la ditiro, e bo e le gore thulaganyo e e tshwanang le e, re e lebelela fela. Motho a le mongwefela e le gore o tshotse *permits* mme ga a na dikoloi mme re ntse re itse gore go ntse jang. *This is wrong and I think we will correct it*.

O kopile jalo gore batho ba Mogoditshane ka palo ya *around 88 000* ba kopa *rank*. Ke belaela *rank* e le ya ga Rre Motshegwa. E tshwanetse e bo e le ka fa tlase ga *council*. Ke tlaa mo tswa maoto ke ye kwa go Rre Motshegwa le fa ke itse gore o reeditse gore kana Rre Lekau o kopa *rank* kwa Mogoditshane.

Dikgang tsotlhe ka bontsi ke tseela gore ke dumalana le tsone. Le bua ka *many potholes*. Lefatshe le boammaaruri ke gore go simologa fela fa Gaborone go ya Francistown, Francistown-Maun, Maun-Ghanzi go tla go tsena kwano, ditsela di bodile, e sale di lebiwa fela ka 2014 *until now*, re eme ka dinao, re rekile *material*.

Fa o sa lekane, re tlaa boela kwa go lona, re tle kwa go lona gore kana *material* o re neng re o rekile o tllaetse. Keletso le kgatlhego ya rona e ne e le gore re thibe *these potholes* tse e leng gore di sale di tletse ka lefatshe le.

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

Clarification. Ke a leboga Tona. Ke re fa o bua ka *potholes* Tona, mo A3, tsela yone e o e dirang Tona go tswa kwa Francistown, fa e tsena fa Hubona fale e a ema. Ba kgaolo ya rona ya Tati West le ba Shashe West ba a kopa gore a mme o tlaa leka gore bogolo o e oketse, e se ka ya felela fela fa Hubona e le dual *carriageway* ka gore batho ba sule. Dintsho tse di ntsi di simolola gone fela fa o emang teng. Ba kopa gore bogolo o e okeletse kwa pele o ye go felela kwa *cross* ya Sebina.

MR SALAKAE: *Thank you Madam Chair.* Ke a go utlwa Rre Hunyepa wa tsala ya me. Ke supile jalo gore ditsela tsotlhe di tsile go dirwa *funds permitting*. E bile madi a rebolwa ke Palamente e. Fa ke tshotse P5 fela yo o lekaneng sukiri, o bo o batla mashi mme e le wena o tshwanetseng go nneela madi, re tshwanetse rotlhe re buisane gore re ka dira jang gore re go okeletse, re go neele madi a mashi. Ga ke bue le Rre Hunyepa, ke bulela Palamente gore dilelo tse tsotlhe tsa rona di ka arabiwa fa rona re le Mapalamente, re ka bona gore re *provide* madi a a tlhokafalang kwa ditseleng. Re lebelele *the road levies* le fa ke sa utlwa ope a bua ka tsona; tsotlhe fela tse e leng gore di ka re kgobokanyetsa madi, ra kgona go fokotsa dilelo tse di kanakana tse le nna ke di tlhaloganyang ka gore dilelo tse le nna ke a di lela.

Ke ne ke re bakaulengwe ba kgobe kgetsi. Tautona fa a bua dinako tse dintsi a re fa re dira ditsela, re se ka ra tshwana le bo Goromente ba maloba, re kgatlhegele gore fa re dira tsela e nne le *maintenance budget*. Re se ka ra dira tsela fela re sa itse gore e tlaare mo lebakeng le e seng la sepe, e bo e senyega re bo re sa itse gore re tlaa dira eng. A bo a bue ka Sekgoa a re *they must be climate resilient*. Ditsela mo gongwe fa o bona di senyega ke gore, e simolola e na le phatlha e nnyennyane mme fa o sa tshele sengwe mo go yone, go raya gore dipula fa di goroga, e phatlogela kwa pele. Fa go sena *maintenance budget*, ga go ka ke ga dirwa dilo tse.

Mo nakong e e fetileng, dilo tse ke ne ke ipotsa gore a ba ne ba sa di itse kana e ne e le batho ba sa kgathale. Mo nakong ya gompiano ra re *anything that we are going to do*, re ya go lebelela gore dilo di tshwana le ditsela, *there would be maintenance budget*.

Rre Sam Digwa; o ne o kopa jalo e bile ke dumalana le wena gore dikgaolo di tshwana le tsa Boteti fela jaaka dikgaolo tse di tshwanang le tsa kwa Kweneng le Ghanzi, e kete di lebetse. Ga di a lebalwa, gongwe di ne di lebetse mo nakong e e fetileng.

MR MOTAOSANE: *Clarification. Thank you.*

Honourable Minister, ke a go utlwa. Kgang e e tshwanang le e o tswang go wela ka yone ka *maintenance*, ke tsaya gore *every project* e e dirwang e na le *lifespan* and ba tshwanetse gore fa nako ya *lifespan* e nna gaufi, go bo go nna le mo gotweng *maintenance plan* wa go nna jalo.

E nngwe ya bofelo ke gore go na le dikonteraka tse di setseng di le *on site* di dira ditiro. Sekai; tsela ya Kubung-Thamaga. *These guys* ba eme golo go le gongwefela, ga go na tswelelopele, *what is the problem?*

MR SALAKAE: *Madam Chair*, ke a leboga. *It is very unfair*, Motlotlegi Motaosane ga a ka ke a ema, a bo a bua se e leng gore ke ne ke se bua. Ke raya gore ke a go kopa. Ga o ka ke wa ema o bo o tlaaletsa *maintenance* mme go na le batho ba ba kanakana ba ke tshwanetseng gore ke ba arabe. Ke dumalana le wena gore *maintenance budget* e tshwanetse e nne dilo tsa...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Elucidation.

MR SALAKAE: Rre Sam Digwa, ke ne ke le fa go wena nkgonne. O ne o supa jalo gore tsela e ya Kuke-Tsienyane-Xere e dirisiwa thata, re e le balebe. Ke go solofetse Rre Digwa gore tsela e *is under* NDP 12. Go raya gore ke tsela e e rileng re le kwa bothokong jwa rona re le lephata, ra bona botlhokwa jwa yone jaaka le wena o bua botlhokwa jwa yone. Wa bo wa supa gore ya Motopi-Makalamabedi ga o itse gore bothata...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR SALAKAE: *I will never give anyone*, le a itapisa fela. Bona gore nako e tsamaya fa kae. Le a tlhodia. Motopi-Makalamabedi; *court issue*, ke boammaaruri dikgang fa di le kwa makgotleng a ditsheko, ga go na gore o ka reng. Ke gore o a bo o bofilwe diatla. Gongwe fela se ke ka se tlisang fa pele ga lona ke gore kgang e e tlaabo e rarabolotswe ka di 20 tsa ga *March 2026*, Rre Digwa. Re tshwanetse gore nna le wena re bo re tlhwaile tsebe gore makgotla a ditsheko a reng ka kgang e ka tota nna le wena re e tlhoka jaaka ke supa gore gongwe le gongwe re tlhoka ditsela. O supile jalo gore re tlhoka dithapelo, ke dumalana le wena, e seng tsa ZCC fela, tsotlhe fela. Go tsenya ZCC mo teng, di tlhoka dithapelo tsotlhe, le tsa Sabata tota. A re Boteti

ga e ise e nne le tsela, ee, ke dumalana le wena, tla ke tsamaye ka bonako. *Internal roads; the road is bad, all roads are bad* mo Botswana.

Rre Mmusi a re o nkema nokeng, e bile gape o lebogela *access road* ya Mokolodi. O ne a kopa e nngwe gape. O ne a supa fa Mothusa Tona a kile a tla ka karabo e e bothale, re ntse jalo, dikarabo tsa rona di bothale, bomadimabe ke gore e ya go nna madi Rre Mmusi. Ke go solofeditse jalo gore fa madi a ka nna teng, le ditsela tsa maDomkrag tota le Botswana Congress Party (BCP) tse lona le neng le ka se ke la di dira, re ya go di dira. Ga re lebelele ditsela tsa ga Goromente fela, re ya go dira ditsela tse Batswana ba leng teng.

Mmankgodi; ke dumalana le wena nkgonne, ke go utlwile, e bile ga ke tseele gore ke go ntsha ka lesoto legolo. Ke ne ke supa fela gone jalo gore mo nakong e e fetileng, le ne le sa dire dilo sentle.

Air Botswana; dikgang tsa lona di a tshwana.

MR HIKUAMA: *Procedure.* Madam Chair, ga ke itse gore a mme o utlwa Tona jaaka a bua? A mme o mo tseleng e a tshwanetseng go bua ka yone? O ntshositse tota. A mme go na le ditsela tsa BCP, Botswana Democratic Party (BDP) kana UDC? A golo moo go tshwanetse ga kwalwa mo Hansard? A mme o bua puo e e tshwanetseng go buiwa mo Palamenteng e?

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: *Honourable Minister,* a wa re ditsela kana dikgaolo?

MR SALAKAE: Dikgaolo. Ke tseela gore o ne a tlhologanya, Rre Hikuama o ne a dia nako fela. Rre Gare...

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: *Order! Honourable Minister,* o setse ka motsotsonyana, *you should move,* tswa fela mo go e e kwa tlase e.

MR SALAKAE: Ke tlaa *move* fa e le *two minutes*.

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Nnyaa rra, nako e e neng e buiwa go tilwe 1649. Gongwe o ka feleletska ka 1650, *not* ka *three minutes*. Wena o nnetse go neela batho *clarities* di le *million*, nako ya gago e fedile.

MR SALAKAE: Ke utlwile dikgang batlotlegi, le tsone tsa *drums* re di utlwile batlotlegi, bodiredi jwa lona jwa Puso bo teng fa, ba tsere *notes*. Ke tseela gore fa re tswa fa re ya go dira tiro e e maleba, ra tlhodumela dikgang tsa lona *one by one*. E bile fa go tlhokafalang teng, re ya go nna re le bitsa, re *share* le lona dikgwetlho tse

re nang le tsone le *our achievements*. *We are going to continuously be doing that.*

Mma ke go tlhomphe Madam Chair; ke supe jaana gore le yone tsela ya Mmadinare-Robelega, re ya go e dira le fa gone mo nakong ya gompieno kgwetlho e tona e le gore yo re neng re mo romile gore a re e direle a tsenye ka lenga la seloko.

Madam Chair, this concludes my presentation of the 2026/2027 Recurrent and Development Budgets for the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure. I therefore, move that the sum of One Billion, Nine Hundred and Twenty-Eight Million, Two Hundred and Fifty-Eight Thousand, Five Hundred and Forty Pula (P1, 928, 258, 540) and Three Billion, Eight Hundred and Sixty Million, Five Hundred and Ninety-Four Thousand, Three Hundred and Eighty-Seven Pula (P3, 860, 594, 387) for the Recurrent and Development Budget respectively, be approved and stand part of the Schedule of the Appropriation (2026/27) Bill, 2026 (No. 1 of 2026) for Organisation 2300 and the Total Estimated Costs for Subheads in Organisation 2300 in the development fund estimates be approved and stand part of those estimates. I thank you Madam Chairperson.

Question put and agreed to.

ORGANISATION 1600-INDEPENDENT ELECTORAL COMMISSION (IEC)

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Order! Order! Honourable Members, please note that one hour 50 minutes have been allocated to this organisation and I shall call upon Honourable Minister to reply to the debate at 6:10 p.m. which is today and then the question will be put tomorrow at 9:10 a.m. Bear in mind that you are coming at 9:00 a.m so, 9:10 a.m. the question will be put. I now call upon the Honourable Minister to present.

MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT, DEFENCE AND SECURITY (MR MOHWASA): *Ke a leboga* Madam Chairperson. Honourable Members of Parliament, it is my pleasure this afternoon to present the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC)'s Recurrent and Development Budget proposals for the 2026/2027 financial year for consideration and approval by this Honourable Committee...(Interruptions)...

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

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

MR MOHWASA: *Gakere wena o mashoto o kalela fela* mo microphone. Madam Chairperson, this budget

serves as a significant primary economic policy tool, which translates planning into actionable funding. It is also meant to ensure continuity in the provision of electoral services. I am therefore, hopeful that despite the economic adversities we are experiencing as a country, my honourable colleagues will still find it prudent to provide the IEC with sufficient funding for them to be able to deliver on their constitutional obligations.

Madam Chairperson, the IEC's 2026/2027 financial year budget proposals are aligned to the NDP 12 and Botswana Economic Transformation Programme (BETP). This comes at an opportune time when the commission is finalising its five-year strategic plan, focusing on planning for the next five years of the electoral cycle, following successful delivery of the General Elections in 2024.

Madam Chairperson, inevitably, the IEC has to align its strategic commitments with the approved NDP 12 and BETP, and undertake reforms to enhance citizen participation in the electoral process, as well as delivering on its overall constitutional mandate. This is important because as an Election Management Body, the IEC operates within ever changing ecological realities characterised by shifting stakeholders' expectations and requiring continuous improvement.

Madam Chairperson, as a precursor to a presentation of the budget proposals, I would like to provide a synopsis of some of the achievements and challenges encountered by the Election Management Body (EMB) during the 2025/2026 financial year.

OVERVIEW OF THE PERFORMANCE DURING 2025/2026 FINANCIAL YEAR

Madam Chairperson, consequent to successful delivery of the General Elections in 2024, the IEC complied with Section 65A (13) of the Constitution of the Republic of Botswana, which requires the commission to submit a report to the Minister on the conduct of such elections. I laid the report before this Honourable House on the 20th November, 2025. The same report has been widely circulated to various stakeholders such as political parties; the media; Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) and Civic Society Organisations (CSOs).

In a similar vein, the IEC evaluated the 2024 General Elections through a National Stakeholders Evaluation Workshop held in May 2025. The evaluation drew participants from key stakeholders

such as representatives from political parties, Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), Faith Based Organisations, People with Disabilities, Youth, Media, and poll staff, and came up with conclusions and recommendations on legal and administrative issues. The report arising from the evaluation exercise has been finalised and will be printed and distributed to all the stakeholders during the first quarter of the 2026/2027 financial year. More importantly, the evaluation of elections is a good governance practice which seeks to strengthen inclusivity, transparency and restore trust and credibility of the electoral processes.

Madam Chairperson, I must also highlight that after the elections in 2024, the International Centre for Parliamentary Studies (ICPS) extended an invitation to the IEC with a proposal for co-hosting an international symposium on electoral management in Gaborone. The ICPS is a research institution of the United Nations Public Administration Network (UNPAN), based in London, though they have regional offices in Mauritius and Brussels. The organisation exists to promote effective policy making and good governance through better interface between Parliaments, Governments and other stakeholders in society.

Madam Chairperson, the symposium was subsequently co-hosted by the IEC and the ICPS in Gaborone from the 1st to the 4th October, 2025. This accorded Botswana through the IEC, a great opportunity not only to showcase the country's impressive strides in the arena of electoral management, but strengthened the commitment to enhancing democratic governance globally. In this respect, the IEC shared its experience in managing and conducting the 2024 General Elections with participants from around the world.

Moreover, the co-hosting of the symposium highlighted our country's leadership in electoral governance, whilst simultaneously providing a platform to engage with global electoral leaders and shape the future of democracy.

Madam Chairperson, during the same reporting period, the IEC successfully delivered two by-elections: one at Kgalagadi South Constituency and the another at Moreomaoto Polling District in the Boteti West Constituency, held on the 15th November, 2025 and 6th December, 2025 respectively. Both of them fell vacant following the passing on of incumbent MP and Councillor, respectively. May their souls rest in peace.

Madam Chairperson, a total of 11,889 voters out of 18,456 registered voters for Kgalagadi South Constituency managed to cast their vote. This translated to a voter turnout of about 64 per cent, which is less than the 81 per cent recorded in the 2024 General Elections. The IEC believes that, had there been no rains on the day of the poll, the voter turnout would have been higher for the by-election.

Similarly, a total of 471 voters out of 545 registered voters for Moreomaoto Polling District participated in the by-election. This translated to a voter turnout of 86 per cent, increasing from 84 per cent recorded in 2024 General Elections. The voter participation rate was an encouraging development that the IEC will strive to maintain in the future.

Madam Chairperson, I am happy to give the assurance that those who were engaged for both by-elections were paid on time. In particular, a total of 262 of the 660 people engaged were paid in December 2025, while the remaining 398 including 217 police officers were processed and submitted to Accountant General to be paid in the January 2026 payroll. Madam Chairperson, it is also pleasing to report that the IEC has successfully designed and installed a new Elections Management System. The old system had become obsolete with time. This is the system the Commission uses to manage huge electoral data. The new system has more capacity, as well as improved security and workflow features. The IEC has also completed migration of data from the old system to the new system.

Madam Chairperson, as part of the advance participation for the General Elections in 2029 and at the same time addressing some of the issues raised by the stakeholders during the evaluation of the 2024 General Elections, the IEC has just opened an office at Lerala, utilising the offices of the Department of Broadcasting and Information Services there. The IEC has been operating and offering electoral services to their customers there since 2nd March, 2026.

Other places targeted for opening of IEC offices include Sefhare and Mabutsane. Sefhare would be opened by the end of April 2026, Honourable Dr Gobotswang, while Mabutsane would also be opened by the end of June 2026, both after completion of procurement processes relating to office space and other requirements. Thereafter, the focus will be on Thamaga and Shoshong, to decongest IEC offices at Mogoditshane and Mahalapye respectively. The two

would be opened by the end of December, 2026. Now, what the IEC is doing is commendable and very much in sync with their strategy of bringing electoral services closer to communities. Our hope is that this would improve voters' participation rate in electoral processes.

Madam Chairperson, from the 12th January to 13th February 2026 and from the 18th February to 3rd March 2026 the IEC conducted supplementary voters' registration exercises at all the 61 constituencies. This was an opportunity for Batswana who for any particular reason, were not registered to vote at the close of voters' registration period in May 2024, to register. A total of 949 voters registered during this period, with 755 registering from the 12th January to the 13th February, 2026, while 194 registered from the 18th February to 3rd March, 2026. I urge Batswana to always take advantage of these openings to register as voters, because it is both their Constitutional right and it is a civic responsibility.

Madam Chairperson, zeroing in on some of the challenges the Election Management Body (EMB) encountered during the reporting period, shortage of staff and staff residential accommodation remained unresolved. However, the IEC's purpose-built head office will be constructed during the 2026/2027 financial year. This will come as a package with some residential houses for the staff. Although this will be a drop in the ocean, it will however greatly assist.

I wish to also reiterate that the need for reforms regarding the laws governing the conduct and management of elections in Botswana remains a priority to the Government. Once the Constitution of the Republic has been reviewed comprehensively, subsidiary legislations such as the Electoral Act would be reviewed as well, to create the necessary alignment and address issues of transparency in electoral processes.

2026/2027 BUDGET PROPOSALS

Madam Chairperson, at this point allow me to present the 2026/2027 proposed Budget Estimates for Organisation 1600, being the Independent Electoral Commission, to this Honourable Committee.

To this end, I propose a total of Four Hundred and Thirty-Nine Million, Four Hundred and Thirty-Six Thousand, Five Hundred and Ninety Pula (P439,436,590) for both Recurrent and Development Budget Estimates. This comprises of One Hundred and Two Million, Five Hundred and Sixty-Five Thousand, Nine Hundred and Fifty Pula (P102,565,950) for the Recurrent Budget and

Three Hundred and Thirty-Six Million, Eight Hundred and Seventy Thousand, Six Hundred and Forty Pula (P336,870,640) for the Development Budget.

Recurrent Budget

Madam Chairperson, I propose a total Recurrent Budget of One Hundred and Two Million, Five Hundred and Sixty-Five Thousand, Nine Hundred and Fifty Pula (P102,565,950) for the 2026/2027 financial year. This represents a decrease of Two Million, Three Hundred and Twenty-Seven Thousand, Nine Hundred and Eighty Pula (P2,327,980) or 2.2 per cent of the 2025/2026 approved budget of One Hundred and Four Million, Eight Hundred and Ninety-Three Thousand, Nine Hundred and Thirty Pula (P104,893,930).

The major cost drivers that comprise this budget proposal include the following:

Parent Account – Salaries and Allowances

Madam Chairperson, under this item I request for Seventy Million, Seven Hundred and Sixty-Six Thousand, Five Hundred and Sixty Pula (P70,766,560). This represents an increase of Three Million, Three Hundred and Twenty-Four Thousand, Four Hundred and Twenty Pula (P3,324,420) or 4.9 per cent over the 2025/2026 approved budget of Sixty-Seven Million, Four Hundred and Forty-Two Thousand, One Hundred and Forty Pula (P67,442,140). This increase is attributable mainly to increase in housing and upkeep allowances as part of Government initiatives to attain the P4,000.00 living wage.

Parent Account

Madam Chairperson, a total amount of One Million, Ninety-Two Thousand, and Ninety Pula (P1,092,090) is requested here, to cover gratuities for contract officers, whose contracts expire through effluxion of time during the 2026/2027 financial year.

Transport and Travelling (Internal)

Madam Chairperson, under this item for Transport and Travelling I request for an allocation of Two Million, One Hundred and Twenty-Two Thousand, Two Hundred Pula (P2,122,200). This represents a decrease of One Million, One Hundred and Twelve Thousand, and Thirteen Pula (P1,112,013) or 34.4 per cent from the 2025/2026 financial year approved provision of Three Million, Two Hundred and Thirty-Four Thousand, Two Hundred and Thirteen Pula (P3,234,213). The funds

will cater for local travel and subsistence allowance, petrol, oil and lubricants. The decrease is explicable in terms of cost containment initiatives to be implemented by the IEC, such as the use of virtual platforms to reduce travel and lodging costs.

Travelling and Transport (External)

Madam Chairperson, I request for an allocation of Four Hundred and Fifty-Five Thousand Pula (P455,000). This figure represents a decrease of Five Hundred and Eighty-Eight Thousand, Seven Hundred and Seventy-One Pula (P588,771) or 56.4 per cent from the 2025/2026 financial year approved provision of One Million, Forty-Three Thousand, Seven Hundred and Seventy-One Pula (P1,043,771). This will cover travel and subsistence costs requirements for external travel.

Parent Account – General Expenses and Supplies

Madam Chairperson, an amount of Eleven Million, Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand, and Fifty Pula (P11,250,050) is requested under this item, representing a decrease of One Million, Four Hundred and Forty-Three Thousand, Eight Hundred and Sixty Pula (P1,443,860) or 11.4 per cent from the 2025/2026 approved budget of Twelve Million, Six Hundred and Ninety-Three Thousand, Nine Hundred and Ten Pula (P12,693,910). The funds will cater for among others, postal charges, service charges including utilities, uniforms and protective clothing and printing of election materials for by-elections, if any.

Parent Account – Departmental Services

Madam Chairperson, for this account I request for Eleven Million, Four Hundred and Twenty-Eight Thousand, Nine Hundred and Seventy Pula (P11,428,970), representing a decrease of Five Hundred and One Thousand, Four Hundred and Seventy-One Pula (P501,471) or 4.2 per cent from the 2025/2026 approved budget of Eleven Million, Nine Hundred and Thirty Thousand, Four Hundred and Forty-One Pula (P11,930,441). The funds will be used for office and warehouse rentals.

Parent Account – Maintenance and Running Expenses

Madam Chairperson, under this item I would like to request for One Million, Eight Hundred and Seventeen Thousand, Nine Hundred and Ten Pula (P1,817,910). This represents a decrease of Five Hundred and Two

Thousand, One Hundred and Ninety Pula (P502,190) or 21.6 per cent from the 2025/2026 approved budget of Two Million, Three Hundred and Twenty Thousand, One Hundred Pula (P2,320,100). The funds will be used for maintenance services for recording and visual aid equipment, computer systems and consumables, vehicle spare parts and general maintenance of the IEC's fleet.

Maintenance and Running Expenses

Madam Chairperson, for this account I request Six Hundred and Three Thousand, Five Hundred Pula (P603,500). This represents a decrease of One Hundred and Sixteen Thousand, Five Hundred Pula (P116,500) or 16.2 per cent from the 2025/2026 approved budget of Seven Hundred and Twenty Thousand Pula (P720,000). The funds will be used for minor works and maintenance for district offices and institutional staff houses and grounds.

Government Hospitality

Madam Chairperson, for this account I request the sum of Fifteen Thousand Pula (P15,000) only. This figure is the same as the 2025/2026 approved budget. The funds will be used to cater for hospitality activities for the visitors to the IEC.

Training

Madam Chairperson, under this budgetary item, I request for Three Hundred and Eighty-Four Thousand, Two Hundred and Forty Pula (P384, 240). This represents a decrease of Four Thousand, and Eighty-Nine Pula (P4,089) or 1.1 per cent from the 2025/2026 approved budget of Three Hundred and Eighty-Eight Thousand, Three Hundred and Twenty-Nine Pula (P388, 329). The funds will cater for various skills enhancement short-term courses and performance management activities.

Councils, Conferences and Exhibitions

Madam Chairperson, for this item I request for the sum of One Million, Six Hundred and Sixteen Thousand, Three Hundred and Thirty Pula (P1,616,330). This represents a decrease of Eight Thousand, Six Hundred and Seventy Pula (P8,670) or 0.5 per cent from the 2025/2026 approved budget of One Million, Six Hundred and Twenty-Five Thousand Pula (P1,625,000). The funds will cater for Commissioners' sitting allowances, quarterly retainer fees and workshops and seminars.

Grants, Subventions and Other Payments

Madam Chairperson, for this account I request for an allocation of Five Hundred and Two Thousand, Six Hundred and Eighty Pula (P502,680). This figure is almost the same as the 2025/2026 approved budget. The funds will be used to meet costs associated with workmen's compensation and annual subscription to the Electoral Commissions Forum for Southern African Development Community (SADC) countries (ECF-SADC).

Special Expenditure

Madam Chairperson, for this account, I request for Five Hundred and Eleven Thousand, Four Hundred and Twenty Pula (P511,420). This represents an increase of One Hundred and Forty-Six Thousand, Four Hundred and Twenty Pula (P146,420) or 40.1 per cent from the 2025/2026 approved budget of Three Hundred and Sixty-Five Thousand Pula (P365,000). The funds will be utilised for acquisition of new furniture and equipment and replacement of computers for employees of the IEC.

DEVELOPMENT BUDGET

Madam Chairperson, for the Development Budget, I request a total of Three Hundred and Thirty-Six Million, Eight Hundred and Seventy Thousand, Six Hundred and Forty Pula (P336,870,640). This budget will cater for the ongoing Review of Electoral Processes Project estimated at Fifty Million Pula (P50,000,000). As indicated in my presentation to this Honourable Committee last year, the project involves installation of electronic voter ...

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Minister, I think *tsamaela kwa go* paragraph 39.

MR MOHWASA: Madam Chairperson, this concludes my budget proposals for Organisation 1600 – IEC. I now request that a total of One Hundred and Two Million, Five Hundred and Sixty-five Thousand, Nine Hundred and Fifty Pula (P102,565,950) for the Recurrent Budget and Three Hundred and Thirty-Six Million, Eight Hundred and Seventy Thousand, Six Hundred and Forty Pula (P336,870,640) under the Development Budget Estimates, be approved and stand as part of the schedule of the Appropriation Bill 2026/2027. I move accordingly. Thank you Madam Chairperson.

MR KAPINGA (OKAVANGO WEST): *Even if I am your shadow comrade, it is my turn. Thank you Madam Chairperson. Ke lebogela sebaka se Honourable Chairperson. Ke simolola fela ka go botsa tsala ya me*

Caesar gore fa le ka bo le ne le sa feny a ditlhopho, a o ne o tlaa re *the elections were successfully conducted* kana o buisiwa ke gore le fentse ditlhopho...

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

MR KAPINGA: *Ke dumela gore o buisiwa ke gore le fentse ditlhopho, that is why you say the elections were successfully conducted.* Madam Chairperson, I want to start my presentation in English shortly and then I go back to Setswana.

In 1987, I attended I a public lecture conducted by my Professor then, Professor Peter Nanyenya Takirambudde. The title of the lecture was the Nadir of Majoritarian Rule in deeply divided societies in Africa, the case of Uganda. The nadir means the lowest point of majoritarian rule in deeply divided societies. Madam Chairperson, I think we also need to look at ourselves very closely and ask ourselves the question whether we are not a deeply divided society. If we were not a deeply divided society, I do not believe we would have this multiplicity of political parties which all claim, if given the opportunity, to be the ones that can save this country. *Ke dumela mo system e e tshwanang le ya America, where there are two parties, I wish at one point there would just be BCP and the UDC on the other side, re bo re lebagana. E nngwe e must die...* (laughter!)

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ... (Applause!)

MR KAPINGA: *Jaaka le tsere Puso jaana bagaetsho, re solofela gore le tla ka dipaakanyo ditlhabololo tsa our elections procedures.* A progressive Government introduces election reforms, *ga e tshabe* election reforms *jaaka Dipuso tse dingwe tse di eletsang go nnela ruri mo Pusong di dira.* Re batla a new form of elections; mixed member not just proportional but mixed member. *Re nne le constituency, re bo re nna le Proportional Representative (PR).* *Ga re ka ke ga gaisiwa ke batho ba Lesotho Honourable Chairperson; they have moved far ahead of us in terms of their electoral arrangements.* *Ke dumela gore le lona as you proclaim to be a progressive Government you will not find it difficult to introduce this kind of reform and then do away with Specially Elected MPs, because if you have a mixed member system which allows for a PR, that is where you will take in ba le eletsang go ba tsenya for whatever reason that you may have.*

We want counting of ballots at the polling stations. These are standards that are prescribed in the SADC Protocol, *gore a ditalama di balelwe fa go tlhophelwang*

teng. Ba ba tsamaile bale ba ke reng they must die and die forever, ba ne ba gana, re leka go bua le bone ba gana to introduce that reform, because they knew gore go ba sologela molemo fa kae. Ke dumela gore lona le santse le dumalana le rona jaaka re ne re dumalana nako e re neng re le mmogo gore ditalama di tshwanetse go balelwa fa go tlhophelwang teng.

The other one that I want to remind you *ke gore, re ne re dumalana gore* the President should be directly elected. I was shocked *maloba fa Tautona a le fa a bua gore, jaanong ga a sa tlhole a dumalana le mogopolo oo.* I wondered what happened to him Dr Modise, what happened to our friends? We want direct election of the President.

MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INNOVATION (MR TSHERE): On a point of correction. Thank you very much. Honourable Kapinga *o a bua re a mo utlwa, ke rata se a se buang. Mme fa a re Tautona o ne a re ga a batle gore go tlhophiwe* President directly, I think we are misrepresenting the President in that manner, because if he was giving his opinion on the pros and cons, he does not necessarily pronounce a policy position of the Government. Let us understand him as such. Thank you.

MR KAPINGA: I am shocked that he even has that opinion, that is what is shocking me. I am not one of those who believe that once the President says something then it is a policy; I do not believe that. I believe that something becomes policy when it has been presented to Cabinet and Cabinet has agreed and a Cabinet Directive is issued. So, I want him to disabuse his mind of even thinking that he does not want direct election of the President anymore. *Ke sone se ke se buang.* That opinion is very dangerous.

E nngwe e ke e batlang bagaetsho, *ke political party funding.* Nna le ntshositse e bile le ntlhabisitse ditlhong, *gore re ne re le mmogo re dumalana fela sentle gore ga re tsewe sentle ke phathi e e busang e re tima funding,* e re le tsena mo Pusong le bo le e ja semenogane, le re, *ga re sa tlhole re ka ntsha madi jaanong, ga go na madi.* Ke le reile ka re fa e le gore ka nnete mathata ke madi, *fokotsang, instead of saying zero.* Rona re bona gore kwa go lona koo madi ga se mathata, le mo letlepong la madi mo phathing ya lona. Kana ke lone letlepu le le mo go lone le le dirang gore jaanong le bo le fetogela dilo tse re neng re di dumalana Caesar? Ke a gakgamala, e bile ke tlhabiwa ke ditlhong.

Se sengwe se re se batlang *comrade, transparent ballot boxes*, ga ke e tlhalose. Se sengwe ke *speedy resolution of election disputes*. Re a dumalana gore gongwe *restructuring of the judiciary may come up with something that may bring improvement*, mme *our position is that, let that structure come after a comprehensive Constitutional review*. E seng jaaka le batla go dira jaana bagaetsho, sedibeng go iwa ka tsela.

Se sengwe se re batlang gore le se dire bagaetsho ke gore, supang gore le na le maikaelelo a go sala morago ditshetlana tse di dumalanweng kwa SADC tsa tsamaiso ya ditlhopho; *the SADC Protocol on Elections*. Re tlhabiwa ke ditlhong bagaetsho gore re bo re na le mafatshe *within the SADC region* a e leng gore fa ditlhopho di tla, *they behave like bulls in a China shop*. *We do not want to see the Tanzania scenario* e diragala mo Botswana. *We want to see* ditlhopho tse di gololesegileng, *transparent, free and fair* jaaka go sa bolo go buiwa gore ditlhopho tse di tsenyang Goromente yo o *legitimate, they must be free and fair*. Ga re batle mo go fetolwang *Constitution*; batho ba ka fa ba re “*mantlek*.”

Re utlwalela golo gongwe gatwe go na le *Agenda 2030 Honourable Chairperson*. Ga re batle bo *Agenda 2030* mo Botswana, re batla tsamaiso e e tlotlang Molaomotho wa rona wa Botswana mo go sa belatsegeng, e seng bo *Agenda 2030*.

Sa bofelo rraetsho ke ne ke re, fa e le gore mo *budget* ya gago e o re e bayang fa pele, *you budgeted for referendum* ya *Constitutional Court*, ke kopa gore o tseye madi ao o a afe Botswana *police* e ye go rekela mapodise a bone dikoloi le *furniture* tse ba di dirisang mo *charge offices* tsa bone tse di makgasa. Eo ya *referendum* ke kopa fela gore le le bale ka yone, le boele kwa morago le ye go dira dilo tsa lona fela sentle. Le gakologelwe Setswana se se reng, sedibeng go iwa ka tsela. Fa le batla go fetola Molaomotho, *follow* tsela fela e e siameng, le ise megopolo pele kwa bathong, gona le gore le re le isa megopolo kwa bathong molao o setse o fetile mo Palamenteng, foo le ne le dirile dimakatso fela tse re sa itseng gore le ne le di tsaya kae. Boelang fela kwa morago, ga go na ope yo o tlaa le tshegang, ga go na ope yo o tlaa le nyatsang, *instead*, re tlaa le tlotla gore nnyaa, banna ba fa ba bontshitswe phoso, ba a reetsa, ba ipona phoso, ba bo ba boela kwa morago. Ke a leboga *Madam Chair*.

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

MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES (MR RAMAOTWANA): *Thank you Madam Chairperson*. Fa ke fetsa ke tlaabo ke taboga, ke na le *meeting*, batho ba nkemetse kwa, ke ne ke re ke latlhele la mmotlana. *Madam Chairperson*, ke ema nokeng Motlotlegi *Minister* Mohwasa ka Tshutiso e a e beileng Palamente, tse a di kopang le tse e leng gore *report* e a supa. Baitseanape ba re, *no permanent enemy, but permanent interest*, gore mafatshe bontsi ba lwela tshiamelo ya lefatshe la bone. Mo Botswana *permanent interest* ya rona ke kagiso, *harmony*, go dira mmogo, le *unity and diversity*. Ke sone se e leng gore *we jealously guard that*. Ke tseela gore ke sone se re neng re ngongorega ka ditlhopho mme re sanke re ya sekgweng kana re tsaya ditlhobolo, mme re sala morago ditsela tse di teng mo tsamaisong. Ka gore re rata thata kagiso, thokgamo le popagano, ke sone se re se batlang.

Ke simolole ke leboge Tona gore mokwalo wa gagwe wa *budget* o *aligned* le BETP le NDP 12, gore o mo tseleng. Ke bo ke leboga gape gore mo *paragraph 26* o bua ka ditlhopho tsa IEC gore di ne di tsamaega sentle. Le mo *report* e a re e beileng pele ya IEC, e supa gore go na le phologotswana e bitswa *misinformation and disinformation*. Re ne re le kwa *Commonwealth* mo *Ministers' meeting*, ke selelo sa lefatshe lotlhe gore golo moo ga *misinformation* ya *social media* go ka tobekanya puso ya batho ka batho. Batho ba itlhamela fela ditlhamakgorwana e bo e nna kgomo ya mmopa e bopa. Golo moo fa go sa elwe tlhoko, go ka tloga ga tlhakatlhakanya mafatshe, puso ya batho ka batho ya bopama ya bo ya wa. Mo *report* ya bone ya IEC ke bone mo *page 42* ba bua ka yone *misinformation and disinformation* gore ke *threat* nngwe e e leng gore...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR RAMAOTWANA: Nnyaa, nako ga e yo, bona gore ke *two minutes*, mme ke na le dikgang tse di ntsi. E nngwe e ke e lemogang ke ya *Delimitation Committee* e e neng e feta, gore gongwe re tlaa tshwanelwa ke gore mo tsamaong ya nako fa madi a le teng, re *invoke Section 64, (2)(a)* ya *Constitution*, e e leng gore Palamente gongwe e ka sutisa gore go dirwe *alignment of boundaries* tsa *constituencies*. Ka gore ka fa di neng di dirwa ka teng, tsaya Nkange, e na le *constituencies* tse pedi mo go yone, Goodhope-Mabule - *two constituencies* mo go yone. Tsaya ya me ya Gaborone South le fa e le nnyennyane, *wards* tsa teng ba di nyalane, kwa Village bontlha bongwe ke *Minister* Butale, bontlha jo bongwe ke Ramaotwana. Batho ba teng ba a ngongorega. Ke gore go ne go tsamaya go sokiwa dilo go sa diragale

sentle. Ke sone se ke reng gongwe mo tsamaong ya nako, re bo re ka sutisa re le Palamente gore go baakanngwe *boundaries* di nne sentle, e seng *constituency* e na le *two constituencies* mo go yone.

Madibelatlhopho; ke eme fa ke re, *I am a proud product* ya go dibela ditlhopho, fa e ka bo e se bone, gongwe ke ka bo ke se mo Palamenteng. Ke dirisitse madi a a seng kana ka sepe go dibela ditlhopho ke hira *taxis* tse 10 go kata *boxes*, ke reka *torches* tse di ntsi ka gore nako ya teng motshegare fa e re bo 3:00 p.m. motlakase o ne o *threaten* gotwe o a tima, o a reng. Ke reka *torches*, ke hira batho, re dibela ditlhopho, le koloi ya IEC e le fa gare, *taxis* tse pedi di le ka fa morago, re tsenya motho ka dikgoka mo koloing ya *boxes* gore di se ka tsa bo tsa netla. Re fentse ditlhopho ka go kata e seng ka sepe gape se se leng teng. Ke santlha mo ditlhophong tse go sena *any petition*, ope a ngongorega gore o tsieditswe ka gore re ne re katile ditlhopho tota, mme tsa tsamaya sentle. Ke se o bonang le bagarona ba BCP ba kgonne go bona 15, kana re ne re thusa ka go kata gone moo gore go se ka ga nna ka tsela e e ntseng jalo.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ... (Laughter!)

MR RAMAOTWANA: Ke a leboga *Madam Chair*, nako ya me e ntshiile, ke ne ke ise ke fetse dikgang tsa me.

MR SEGOKGO (TLOKWENG): Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Sara Lynch, *former Ambassador* wa America kwa Guyana, o ne a bua mafoko ka 2002 a re, “*people come and go, leaders come and go, but institutions remain.*” Ke bo ke mo tshwantshanya gape le Barrack Obama, o ne a bua mafoko a re, “*the most important office in a democracy is the office of citizen.*” Ke feditse ka bone *Madam Chair*.

Ke ne ke re, tota selo se se tona, *in order for the principals*, batho ba e leng gore ke batlhophi kana ke Batswana, gore ba nne le *trust and confidence* mo *institutions* tsa rona, ke gore rona *agents* fa re filwe *opportunities to strengthen them*, re bone gore re ka di *strengthen* ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Rona re tsena re feta, ba bangwe ba ya go tla ba tsena, mme e tshwanetse gore fa ba tsena, ba bo ba fitlhela mapako a a tshegetsang lefatshe la Botswana, a e leng *institutions* tsa rona, a le *very strong*.

Ke amogela kopo ya ga Tona. Selo se se tonatona *Minister* ke gore, *you need to expedite to create a chapter in the Constitution* e e leng gore *all these institutions* di kgone go ikemela ka nosi. Ke batla go

dira *comparative analysis* le *the Chapter 9 institutions in the South African Constitution to expedite* go bona gore re ka di busetsa kwa thoko ka tsela e e ntseng jang *so that they can report directly to Parliament. By doing that, I am going to align* ka issue ya BETP.

Madam Chairperson, Motaosane le Moalosi ba nkgoreletsa thata ka gore ke tshwere dilo tse ditonatona mo tlhologanyong. *Madam Chairperson*, dilo tse fa o di tshwantshanya le BETP e re buang ka *attraction of foreign investors into our country*, fa o lebelela *variables* tse *investors* ba di lebelelang, o fitlhela e le gore *political stability is at the pinnacle* ya *variables* tse ba di lebelelang *before* ba tla go *investor* mo lefatsheng. Ba batla go tlhola gore a mme go na le *these frequent elections, predictability* mo *process* ya ditlhopho *before* ba ka tla ba tsaya madi a bone ba a tsenya ka kwano. Ga ba batle go tla go tsenya P5.00 mo lefatsheng la Botswana, e re *in two days* a bo go ka nna le *crisis*. Re tshwanetse *to create a platform Honourable Minister*, e re ka kgonang go nna le *predictability*. *Even* mo go tse di tshwanang le *by-elections* jalojalo, go nne *standard*. Le jaaka re ntse fa re le mo go 2026, a bo re itse gore ditlhopho tsa 2029 di ya go nna ka 30th *October*. Ke gore re setse re itse sengwe le sengwe. *All these things investors* ba a di lebelela *before* ba tla ba lebelela tse dingwe tse di tshwanang le bo melao, *economic stability* jalojalo. Re tshwanetse *to expedite* go ka dira jalo.

Ke a tshoganyana *Madam Chairperson*, gore fa re ka se ke re *expedite all these things*, fa o ka bala buka ya ga Professor Suzan Boyesen wa kwa Witwatersrand (Wits) University, o e kwadile a re ke ‘*The Marriages of Inconvenience.*’ Ke gore o bua ka *coalitions* mo South Africa and Southern Africa gore lefatshe *is moving to the advent of coalitions*. Jaaka gongwe le rona re le UDC jaana, *it is a coalition outside the institution* kana *the other branch* ya Puso, e e leng gore ke Palamente. Kwa ntle koo ke *coalition*. Fa e le gore gongwe go ka diragala sengwe, go ka nna ga felela go nna le mathata a *stability*. Re tshwanetse gore fa re ya go dira melao ya rona, re lebelele kwa pele gore go ka nna ga felela go diragala ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Gore re dire melao ya rona le *policies* tsa rona ka tsela e e leng gore fa go ka diragala sengwe *even in future, even post 2029, post 2034*, a bo re itse gore lefatshe le kgona gore le bo le le *stable*, go sa twe go ka nna le ditlhopho gone foo kana go ka dirwa ka tsela e e ntseng jang. *All these things* re tshwanetse *to align them* mo *electoral reforms* tse re buang ka tsone.

Ya bofelo; IEC a e tsoge e dire *partnerships* e itirele madi. E kopane le *institutions, donor agencies* kwa ntle, e se ka ya ikaega fela mo Pusong gore e kgone go ba direla madi. Ba kopane le *other multilateral organisations* tse di ka kgonang to fund them. Ke a leboga *Madam Chairperson*.

BRIG. MOKGWATHI (LETLHAKENG): *Dumelang betsho ba Nilo e e rategang e ya August. La ntlha ke re, we need some political reforms that will address the challenges that we have faced in the past. Fa re santse re na le some people ba e leng gore within our electoral system they are part of it, they have created it, ba santse ba ntse ba e bereka, then there is going to be a challenge in the coming future elections. Se ke batlang go se bua fa ke gore re tshwanetse go nna le a deliberate cause of action in educating our people on the electoral system ya Botswana.*

Fa ke bua jaana, maabane ke utlwile mokaulengwe yo mongwe a bua gore even the Delimitation Commission that is supposed to take 10 years, it was tailored to meet the requirements of the then ruling party. Looking at the current scenario, of tlhela motse o tshwana le Sorilatholo, a very tiny village in a rural area e kgaogantswe gabedi for the convenience of the then. When you look at it at the moment, the Delimitation Commission which is scheduled to take 10 years, it is still going to bite us until the bitter end. That is the reason why I am saying let us go to political reforms and make sure that such things fa di bonwa go nne le mo gotweng freeze and unfreeze. If there is any law that creates the offence that we can see, that is going to perpetuate the legal entities to keep on corrupting our electoral system. Re tshwanetse go fetola molao o.

The second thing is, we have to look at economic reforms just to make sure that *dilo tse re nna le tsone re di tlhaloganya*. Somebody has talked of political party funding. He was saying that in the premise that perhaps the UDC does not think that it is a noble thing to do. In the current economic hardships, do you not think it would be ideal for us to postpone and say let us look in to the future and if there is going to be something, we are going to do it in the future? Let us ensure that...

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

BRIG. MOKGWATHI: *Ke batla gore kgang e re e itse sentle gore we are in an economic turmoil jaaka le itse gore maloba ba ne ba ntse ba ngongorega ba re gatwe ga re a duelwa, ga re a duelwa. Can you imagine if we cannot be able to even pay salaries? How do we get the*

funding for such kind of endeavour?

Sa bobedi; legal reforms. Maloba I was listening to the Minister...

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

BRIG. MOKGWATHI: People of Botswana have marginalised some of our tribes since 1966, it is a priority so that we can be able to litigate them even after the Constitutional Court (Concourt).

Having said that, *ke re ke bua ka gore fa re bua ka...* When I look at the report ya IEC gentleman, it was a shallow and retrogressive, unpalatable, archaic, primitive report. *Ke ne ke bona gore* it is written by somebody *yo a dirileng* Standard 7. It did not even expel challenges that we have faced during the years. *Ke ne ke bona gore* that IEC personnel needs to be revised. They sometimes need to be inducted into understanding what a report must contain. *Fa ke e lebelela bagaetsho, it was not something that a professional of our calibre could actually read and understand. We therefore have to ensure that it entails everything, the statistical information of what has pertained through since the time when there have been elections, fraud, rigging. Those things should come out because people say perceptions are real while the truth is not. Probably we think there were riggings whilst they were not. Therefore, we need those things to come out very clearly. Thank you very much.*

MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INNOVATION (MR TSHERE): *Thank you very much Chairperson of this Committee. Ke leboga thata gore o bo o mphile nako e. Ga se gore ke wetse thata Madam Chairperson, ka botsogo mme ke tlaa akgela fela.*

Ke dumalana le Tona gore re tshwanetse re dire sepe se re ka se kgonang gore batho ba le bantsi ba kgone go tlhophha *in a democracy*. Re a bona gore *voter apathy* e ile kwa godimo. Fa ke e fa sekai ka Mahalapye West Constituency, go ne go ikwadisitse batho ba le 13 000, *and remember Mahalapye West has a population of around 40 000, of which almost 10 000 of those voted...*

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Honourable Mokgwathi, switch off your microphone.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR TSHERE: Almost 10, 000 of those voted for me...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR TSHERE: *No, ga go na nako. Ke dumela gore digitalisation jaaka re ntse re bua, re tshwanetse gore e re fa ditlhopho tse di latelang, Tona le ba IEC le ipaakanyetse gore re ye go kwadisa ditlhopho ka maranyane ka gore re tlaabo re setse re gorogile kwa maranyaneng. Ga ke re re tlhophe ka maranyane, ka re ikwadisetso ditlhopho e nne ya maranyane. Re tlaa goroga koo fa e le gore re tlaa goroga teng. Ke ne ke utlwa Honourable Gobotswang maabane a nkomanyetsa e ya digitalisation. Ke go utlwile Honourable Gobotswang o re "Tshere, o a bona gore digitalisation..." Moepa sediba ga a bonwe Dr Gobotswang, re santse re epa sediba mme solofela gore metsi a etla, o tlaa bona ka go nwa metsi.*

Kgang e nngwe e ke batlang go digela ka yone ke ya go hirwa ga *Secretary of IEC*. Mma ke go suteletse fa moragonyana fale, ke ne ke ntse ke le mo dipolotiking le ba garona, *including* Dr Gobotswang, Rre Seeletso fa e santse e le Motsamaisi wa Ditlhopho, *when he retired*, go bo go tsena Mme Mma Zuze, fa go tsena Mme Mma Zuze, a bo a ntshiwa ka tsela e e neng e gakgamatsa ka nako eo re le mo kganetsong. Ke bua ka *kombe komberere*. E bo e le gore re a emelela e re le ba *opposition* re bo re re nnyaa golo mo ga go a siama, kana go raya gore Puso nngwe le nngwe e e tsenang e ka ipatlela Motsamaisi wa Ditlhopho. Ka jalo, o ka tsietsa *on their behalf and stuff like that. That was our message* nako e fa re kgala ba Domkrag gore ke eng ba ntsha Mme Zuze a ise a goroge kwa *retirement age*. Re ne re dumela gore Motsamaisi wa Ditlhopho o tshwanetse a hirwe jaaka *Judge*. Ke gore a hirwe a nne le *a secure tenure until* a tlogela tiro ka bogodi. A se ka a bo a kgopakgopediwa ke phathi epe e e tsenang. *That was our principle. Now* fa ke tsena fa go *komberere* ke gore bakaulengwe jaanong re tsere Puso, ba bo ba tla ka kang jaanong ba re kobang Rre Siamisang.

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

MR TSHERE: Ke wena o neng o rialo gone fa. O bua jang o setse o tsere *position* ya gore *the tenure of the IEC Secretary ought to be protected by law so that there is continuity? How do you fire him? I thought this is komberere* ...*(Interruptions)*... *always talk about* gore o tlaabo o tsaya *position*, kamoso o a menoga. *Principle is very, very important on this regard*. Ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, re santse re dumela le letsatsi leno gore Motsamaisi Mogolo wa Ditlhopho o tshwanetse gore a hirwe *under a secure tenure*, a se ka a bo a kgopakgopediwa e bile a se ka ga nna le gore e re fa Puso e tsena e bo e itsenyetsa Motsamaisa Ditlhopho yo Mosh. Ke sone se o bonang gompiano ba re Rre Siamisang o re thusitse go *win*

ditlhopho, *that is why we are keeping him*, ba lebetse *principle*.

MR HIKUAMA: *Point of clarification*. Ke a leboga *Madam Chair*, ke a leboga Tona. A se o se buang ke gore gompiano ka fa go hirilweng *the current IEC Secretary* ka teng, o na le *protected secure of tenure* kana ke *discretion* ya *administration* e e teng?

MR TSHERE: Ehehe! Ke ne ke go bolelela jalo gore mo Molaomotheong, re ne re dumela jalo, *remember* re ne re sa buse. Re ntshitse kakanyo ya rona gore Motsamaisi wa Ditlhopho o tshwanetse a fiwe *a secure tenure* jaaka *Judge*, a se ka a akanya gore o tshwanetse gore a direle mongwe *favour* gore o tle o mo hire, *no!* Re ne re dumela gore *it is constitutional*...

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

MR TSHERE: Nnyaa, o se ka wa bua ka dikonteraka; konteraka *is administrative*. Ra re, *the tenure should be secure* ka tsela e e ntseng jalo mo go ene. Ke sone se ke dumelang gore bakaulengwe ba a re *kombe* ba bo ba re *komberere*. Jaanong ga re a tshwanela gore re re *komberere* mo dikgannyeng tse fa e le gore di ama ba sele. Re dumalane gore *it has to e a secure tenure of office. I support the proposal Honourable Minister*.

MR FRENZEL (SHASHE WEST): Ke a leboga *Madam Chair*. Mma ke tseye sebaka se go lebogela nako e o e mphileng. Ke simolole pele ka go leboga gore Puso e e neng e tswa e ne ya neela ya gompiano go se na bothata bope jo e leng gore gongwe...

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

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: *Honourable Members*, a re reetseng yo mongwe o a *debate please*.

MR FRENZEL: Go ne go se na bothata bope. Kgang ya me ya ntlha e ke batlang go simolola ka yone e bile e le mmangmang mo *debate* ya me, ke ya *Delimitation Commission*. Ba ba neng ba filwe *task* ya gore ba lebelele melelwane ya dikgaolo tsa Bopalamente le Bokhanselara. Shashe West Constituency e ne e tshwere metse e e tshwanang le Sebina le Marapong mme ya Nkange e ne e ntse e rwele bokete. Metse eo, e bo e tsewa e bo e isiwa gone koo. Fa o re o a lebelela, gompiano jaana kwa Boteti West kwa go Sam Digwa, motse mongwe le mongwe ke *Ward*. Fa o re o a tsena kwa Kedia, ke *Ward*, o re o tsena kwa Mokoboxane, ke *Ward*, Toromoja ke *Ward*.

Motse mongwe le mongwe o na le Mokhanselara. Fa o re o lebelela kwa Mopipi *with the population* ya 4 300, e na le *Wards* tse pedi le Makhanselara a mabedi. Fa o re o lebelela kwa ke tswang teng kwa Shashe Mooke, *a village with a population* e e tsamayang kwa go 6 600 mme e tsamaya ka *Ward* e le nngwefela. *Ward* e ke tswang kwa go yone e tsenya metse e le meraro. E tsenya motse wa Makobo, Jamataka le Natale. Fa e ne e le gore ke kwa Boteti West, go raya gore *ward* e ke tswang kwa go yone e ka bo e ntsha Makhanselara a le *three*.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR FRENZEL: Ga ke itse gore go diragetse jang gore kwa go nna ke bo ke...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR FRENZEL: O bo o bona golo fa go na le bothata. E bile ke santse ke dumela gore batho ba ba neng ba le mo komiting e, tota ke bangwe ba batho ba e leng gore *audit* e tshwanetse e ba kape ba ye go sekisiwa ka gore ke tsaya ka gore dilo tse ba neng ba di dira e ne e le ...

MR PULE: *Point of clarification.* Mokaulengwe, kana go raya gore ka fa o buang ka teng, o belaela gore golo gongwe batho ba ba neng ba tlhomilwe mo *Commission*, ba ne ba na le *external influence* gongwe *from the person* yo o ba tlhomileng. *Do you not think this is time now to declare and decree* gore IEC e tshwanetse e nne *totally independent from the Office of the President (OP)?*

MR FRENZEL: Ke a dumela e tshwanetse e nne *independent*. Kgang e e diragetseng, go raya gore lona babusi ba pele *you were interfering* thatathata. Ke gore Mopalamente o ne a tsena a bo a tla a re o batla *constituency* ya gagwe e nna jaana kana *Ward* ya gore e nna ka tsela e e ntseng jaana. *So*, ga se dilo tse di *fair* gotlhelele. Fa ke go fa kgang e e tshwanang le ya Boteti West, a motse mongwe le mongwe *in a constituency* o ka nna le *ward* ka tsela e e ntseng jalo?

MR MOALOSI: *Elucidation.* Ke a leboga *Honourable Frenzel*. Dikgang tse o di buang tse nkgonne, di buega kwa dikgaolong tsa rona. Re na le *Ward* e ba kgaogantseng motse ka bogare ba dirisa noka. Batho ba bangwe ba ka fa, ba bangwe ba ka fa, jaanong fa o tshwana diphuthego, Jerry o a go leletsa gore “o batla eng mo kgaolong ya me” mme Kgotla e le kwa kgaolong ya gagwe. Ke dilo tse di neng di dirwa fela re sa itse gore gatwe di ne di dirwa go lebeletse eng. *Hope* ya rona ke gore ka go na le Goromente o mosha, go fetotswe Puso, gongwe ba ba leng mo teng, ba tlaa akanya jaaka batho ba ba bothhale, ba baakanya dilo tseo.

MR FRENZEL: Ke a leboga. Ke tsaya gore ke nngwe ya dikgang tse e leng gore gongwe fa ke di lebelela, ke fitlhela e le gotlhelele di ne di sa tsamaya sentle. Ke ka a fa sekai ka Boteti West le *constituency* e ke tswang kwa go yone, *Ward* e ke tswang mo go yone, ke dumela gore gongwe ga e a direlwa sentle gore e bo e na le Mokhanselara a le mongwefela *yet* metse e le meraro. Fa e ne e le *constituency*, go raya gore *Ward* e ntshitse Makhanselara a le *three*.

Constituency ya rona *is serviced from* Tonota. Motho o tswa *as far as* Matsitama go dira *transfer* kwa Tonota. Ke tsaya gore re setse re godile, re ka bo re lebelela gore a mme re ka se ke re bule ofisi mo motseng o o tshwanang le bo Borolong le Mathangwane go direla gore batho ba se ka ba tsamaya *long distances* thata.

Kgang e ke tsayang ke re re tshwanetse go e lebelela thata ke ya *nomination* ya Makhanselara le Mapalamente. *It is high time* re lebeletse seemo se e leng gore re a bo re le mo go sone. Re bone gore fa re tsaya, re lebeletse eng le palo gore wa go fitlhela e le gore *constituencies* tse dingwe *benefited more* go na le tse dingwe. Palo e fa re ne re ka dira gore gongwe, tota e bile le go ntsha, ke tla ke akanya gore ba bangwe mo dikgaolong tse dingwe o ya go fitlhela e le gore ga ba *serve purpose* epe mme...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR FRENZEL: ...re tshwanetse ke gore re gongwe re kgaole palo ya Makhanselara le Mapalamente. Mma ke mo neele *Madam Chairperson*.

MR FURNITURE: *Clarification.* Ke a leboga *Madam Chairperson*. *Honourable Frenzel*, ke ne ke re mo go yone e ya Makhanselara a a itlhophetsweng, a ko o ntlhalosetse gore re lebile mo thulaganyo e fetileng ka phathi ya UDC gore re le Mapalamente, go ne gatwe re *nominate* ba e ka nnang Makhanselara, mme jaanong *list* ya teng ya beelwa kwa thoko, ba bo ba tla ka *list* ya bone...

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

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: *Honourable* Ramogapi, o re itaya tsebe.

MR FURNITURE: ...ya Makhanselara a e leng gore ke bone ba a batlang. O ka reng ka kgang e ka gore kana le BDP e ne e dira jalo, UDC le yone e dira jalo?

MR FRENZEL: Ke tsaya ke re ka gore UDC ke Puso e ntšha, go raya gore dikgang tse tsoitlhe e tlaa di baakanya.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Laughter!)

MR FRENZEL: Batho ba e leng gore gongwe motho a sa itse go bala le go kwala, a bo a ya go fitlhela e le gore *is being assisted by* motho yo o mongwefela. A re lebeleleng gore ka nako ya ditlhopho, re bone motho yo e leng gore ga a itse go bala le go kwala, go tsamaye batho ba babedi go itsa dilo tse di a bong di sa tsamaye sentle. Nako ya ditlhopho...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Elucidation.

MR FRENZEL: ...kgang ya me ke e mo goreng ditlhopho a re ...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Elucidation.

MR FRENZEL: ...teng fa go a bong go tlhophelwa teng. Fa go tlhophelwang teng gone koo, e nne teng kwa re balelang teng. *Imagine* motho a tswa kwa Matsitama, Mabesekwa le Jamataka, re tsamaya re setse *boxes* kwa morago re ya kwa Mathangwane. *It is high time* re bona gore go bala go direlwa fa go tlhophelwang teng.

MR MOTAOSANE: *Elucidation. Thank you so much Honourable Member.* Ke ne ke re mme gone ke go utlwa sentle. Ke go tlaleletse fa go ya *the commissions* tsa *demarcations* tsa *Wards* gore a mme jaaka go ntse jaana, tota ga go botlhokwa gore re boe re ye go lebaleba ka fa dikgaolo tse dingwe di dirilweng ka teng *so that* re leke go baakanya gone jaana e seng go letela *10 years* jaaka sebui sengwe se ne se bua kgantele?

Ya Makhanselara a a itlhophetsweng a e bileng a okeditswe ka dipalo, yone ke ne ke re o e leba jang? A ga se gore tota e re fa re dira *commission* e baakanya, e leke go ya go baakanya *such that* ga re nne le bo *nominated*, palo ya Makhanselara, re oketse dipalo tsa Makhanselara go ya ka dikgaolo tse di babaletsweng ke go fitlhela motho a tsamaya *distances* tse di tonatona mme e le *ward* ya bokhanselara go na le go nna le bo *nominated* ba ba fitlhelang ba tlhatlagane mme go sena se ba se dirang?

MR FRENZEL: Ke tsaya ke re Puso e ntšha e lebeletse sengwe le sengwe se e leng gore gongwe se a bo se sa tsamaye sentle go tla e baakanya. Ke a ganetsa tota ke moganetsi. Ke etla ke re ka gore ba basha, a ba baakanye dilo tse di neng di sa tsamaye sentle gongwe le sa di tsamaise sentle, ga ke batle go go supa ka monwana, mme ke raya gore dilo tse re tshwanetse re tle go di baakanya ka tsela e e ntseng jang.

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

MR FRENZEL: Nngwe ya dikgang tse ke neng ke feta ka tsone...

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: *Honourable* Furniture, o re itaya tsebe.

MR FRENZEL: Nngwe ya dikgang tse ke fetang ka tsone, o tlaa fitlhela e le gore mo sekoleng go dirisiwa *classroom* e le nngwefela, *yet line* e tswa gone fa e ya kwa Spar, kgakalagakala kwa. *Distance* fela e telelelele go sa diriwe gore go bulwe *classroom* e nngwe fale, a bo go kgaoganngwa batho foo ba ba leng teng gore mongwe le mongwe a tle a nne le *chance* ya gagwe ya gore a tle a tlhophe motho kante Puso e a e batlang.

Tautona, go tshwanetse gore go nne le *box* ya...Kana motho go tswa mo go ene gore o tlaabo a itlhophela eng. Go tshwanetse go nne le *box* ya Mokhanselara Mopalamente le Tautona. Motho a bo a itlhophela gore mo bathong ba bararo ba, o tsaya bafe. *Thank you.*

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: E go tshwere *honourable*.

MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR RAMOGAPI): Ke a leboga *Madam Chairperson*. Mma ke tseye sebaka se ke leboge IEC. Ke eme nokeng Rraetsho Mohwasa. Ke leboge IEC gore ka nako ya ga Rre Siamisang, diphathi tsa kganetso di ne tsa fenyha *almost all the bye-elections* ka fa tlase ga gagwe, e bile ra bona go fetoga Puso. Golo mo ga o a tlwaelesega mo Africa, Puso ya Domkrag e ne e ntse e le teng, re tshwanelwa ke gore re mo opele legofi monna yo.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Applause!)

MR RAMOGAPI: *Madam Chairperson*, go nnile ditlhopho, ditlhopho di fetile, Batswana ba neetse UDC Puso, mo re go bonang, lefufa le le tseneletseng ke la ntlha re go bona. Puso ya UDC e na le ngwaga fela le dikgwedi di le *four*. Letsatsi le letsatsi a bo batho ba bitsa batho ba re a reyeng re ye go toitoa kwa pele ga Palamente. Ao! Ke lantlha re go bona. Domkrag e busitse dingwaga di le 60....

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure.

MR RAMOGAPI: Ga re ise ko re dire dilo tse, gompieno mo go diragalang...

MR HIKUAMA: *Procedure Madam Chairperson. A MP and Senior Minister for that matter*, a bo a nyatsa Batswana a re fa ba ngongoregela dikgwetlho tse di ba

amang mo lefatsheng la bone, ba dirisa tshwanelo ya bone ya puso ya batho ka batho, a bo a re ba rotloediwa ke bangwe, go raya gore o nyatsa Batswana. Ke dikgang tse o tshwanetseng o di kgalemele *and it means...*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: O a *debate* jaanong.

MR HIKUAMA: *No, I am not debating*, ga go a tshwanela gore motho a nyatse Batswana a reye Batswana gore ba a rotloediwa, bone ga ba na dikakanyo. Ke kgang e bosula thata, e e tshwanetseng gore o mo e kgalemelele gore a tlogele lenyatso leo a se ka a nyatsa Batswana. A kgalemelwe *Madam Chairperson*.

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Ke tsaya gore ke *line* ya *debate* ya gagwe *sir*, ga a nyatsa ope, ke mo reeditse fela sentle.

MR RAMOGAPI: *Madam Chairperson*, ke tlhwaafetse ke tlhona...

MR HIKUAMA: *Madam Chairperson*, batho ba ga ba yo fa.

MR RAMOGAPI: Naare o dira eng jaanong? *Madam Chairperson*, re tlhwaafetse ra re...

MR HIKUAMA: Batho bao ga ba yo fa, *they should be protected*.

MR RAMOGAPI: ...Batswana ba neetse UDC Puso, dingwaga tse tsothe Batswana ba ntse ba neela Domkrag Puso re ineela gore re jelwe, a re ba feng sebaka ba buse. E ne re fa *court* e re...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: On a point of order *Madam Chairperson*.

MR RAMOGAPI: ...fa *court* e re di tsamaile sentle a bo re ineela, re ba neela sebaka. Ga gompiano mo e leng gore ga re fiwe sebaka sa go busa...

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: There is a point of order *Honourable Ramogapi*.

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

MR FURNITURE: *On a point of order*. Ke a leboga...

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: A re reetsaneng. Le a bo le simolola e tshaya 6 akere.

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

MR FURNITURE: Ke a leboga *Madam Chairperson*. Kgang ya ga *Honourable Ramogapi* le fa gongwe o ne

o *rule out* gore ke *line* ya gagwe ya *debate*, mme kana ditsamaiso tsa Ntlo e di letlelela *petition...*

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Nnyaa, *Honourable Furniture*, *I have ruled* ka kgang eo, ga re boele koo.

MR FURNITURE: Fa Batswana ba...

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Nnyaa, I have ruled.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: A Batswana ba sirelediwe.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: On a point of order.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Further point of order.

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Ga go na *point of order* e e buang ka...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Further point of order! It is different all together.

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Tla ke go utlwe *Honourable Pule*.

MR PULE: *On a point of order*. O itse gore bo Mohwasa fa ke ba lebeletse jaana, *they are potential dictators*, fa motho a emelela go ntse gotwe aah! le dumela eng? *In a democracy*, la re *you are democratic party*. Jaanong ke gakgametse, *it is unheard of*, ke raya le fa gotwe Domkrag e busitse 58 years, ga ke ise ke utlwe Mopalamente a emelela a boka *secretary* wa ditlhopho a re o berekile tiro e ntle gore phathi e bo e fentse ditlhopho. Ke eng o sa kgaleme selo seo? *It is really unheard of*. Rre Ramogapi *is out of order*, ga a ka ke a bua jaana. *This man is a professional*, o run ofisi ya gagwe *but you cannot come here* re le mapolotiki a bo re mmoka, *it is unfair*.

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

MR PULE: O re dira gore re nne *suspicious...*

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: *Honourable Pule*.

MR PULE: We are suspicious that something has happened.

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

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: *Honourable Members*. Ke tsaya gore mongwe le mongwe fa a *debate*, le tlaa tla le ganetsa ka nako ya lona. Mo leseng a wetse *debate* ya gagwe.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure.

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Ke mang?

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

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS (MR MOSWAANE): *Madam Chairperson*, ke ne ke re gongwe o nne o se ka wa letlelela bo morena Pule go edimola mo Palamenteng. Ga e ka ke motho a re *procedure*, a ba a bua moroko wa moroko.

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Nnyaa *Honourable* Moswaane, nna fa fatshe.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Point of order Madam Chairperson.

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: *Honourable Members*, le a bo le simolola. Fa e tshaya 6:00 p.m. fela jaana le simolola, ga ke itse gore le diragalelwa ke eng, le a bo le simolola. Ga o ka ke wa ba wa senya nako o re motho ga a edimola *Honourable* Moswaane, ga se gone.

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

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Nnyaa, ga o buise yo mongwe, nnyaa-nnyaa, ga o buise *Honourable* Pule sentle. Ga o ka ke wa raya motho o re o a edimola mo Palamenteng. O tlhola o bua fela, ga re itse gore a le wena o a bo o edimola. Ke kopa gore a ko le tshwaraneng sentle fela. Go setse 30 *minutes*, le a bo le ka simolola. *Continue Honourable* Ramogapi.

MR PULE: *Point of order*. Ke utlwile mongwame, ke go tlotlile o kgalemile. Selo sa ntlha se o tshwanetseng o se kgalemelele rre yo o ntseng a bua, ga ke monkane wa gagwe. E se ka ya re fa a bua le nna, a bo a nthaya a re ke a edimola, ga ke monkane wa gagwe, gotlhelele. Ke a leboga *Madam Chairperson*.

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Nnyaa o utlwile, ke mo kgalemetse *honourable*.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Re balekane re Mapalamente rotlhe, ao!

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: *Honourable* Moswaane, fela fa o ka ba wa bua gape o ya lelwapeng ka o kare o lapile.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Oh sorry. ...(Laughter!)...

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Fa o bua fela wena, o a tsamaya.

MR RAMOGAPI: *Madam Chairperson*, kgang ya me e tlhamaletse gore bagaetsho, amogelang gore le jelwe ke ditlhopho, go busa UDC, e feng sebaka. Le buile ee, ka sengwe sebaka la re le batla *counselling* ga le a tsoga, ke a dumela le batla *counselling*. Le fa go ntse jalo, e tlaa re *counselling* le ntse le e neelwa, mme neelang UDC sebaka sa go busa. E se ka ya re mo ngwageng o le mongwefela le dikgwedi tse *four*, le bo le re dilo tsoitlhe tsa *manifesto* tse di kwadilweng gore re tlaa di dira mo go *five years*, le bo le re re di dire mo ngwageng o le mongwe fela. Letsatsi le letsatsi le phutha batho le bo le itsaya dinepe...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Point of order.

MRRAMOGAPI: Nnyaa, gakeiseke... (*Interruption*)... tsala ya me iketle pele.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Point of order Madam Chairperson.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR RAMOGAPI: Le ya go itsaya dinepe, le pota ka fa morago ga ... (*Interruptions*)...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Point of order.

MR RAMOGAPI: Tsaya senepe seo o se ... (*interruptions*)... Dilo tseo ga di a siama.

MR MOTAOSANE: *Point of order. Madam Chairperson, I am rising on a point of order because Ramogapi is completely out of order.* Ga ke itse gore o *discuss* efe *chapter* gone fa. *One*, rona ba re ntseng re busa, ke raya ka gore BCP ga e ise e ko e buse, fa a raya rona ba re ntseng re busa ga re ise re ko ka nako epe re ye *to influence* ope gore a tsise *petition* kana a ba kgale go busa ka fa ba busang ka teng. Ba neetswe ke Batswana sebaka sa go busa. Le ditsholofetso tse di ba solofeditseng, re dumela gore ba buse ba se ka ya re fa ba tshwanelwa ke gore ba buse, ba bo ba re Domkrag e rile. *This is where* re farologanang le bone teng. Gore o a busa ka nako eo, yo mongwe o kileng a busa, ga go re sepe.

Sa bobedi, kgang e e neng *Honourable* Pule a ema ka yone *as a point of order*; Ramogapi *is imputing a motive* o o sa siamang mo IEC fa a bua gore e sale jaaka a tsena mo IEC e bo ba fenya *by-elections* tsoitlhe.

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Point of order *ke eng* honourable, you are debating?

MR MOTAOSANE: *The point of order* ke gore, fa a re IEC, e rile Chief Executive Officer (CEO) a sena go tseba ba bo ba fenywa *by-elections* tsotlhe, ba bo ba ya go fenywa le ditlhopho ba tsaya Puso. *He is imputing improper motives on the CEO.* O ka re o raya gore CEO o ne a ba direla *favours* gore ba kgone go fenywa *these things.* *It cannot be allowed to go that way,* ke kopa gore e ntshiwe mo Hansard, ka gore ga go a siama, *people will think* gore ...

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Nnyaa, go siame *Honourable* Motaosane, kgang e e sale e fetile *I ruled* mo go yone.

MR MOTAOSANE: *Madam Chairperson,* ke kopa gore mme e tswe mo Hansard. Ga e a siama, *it is imputing improper motives* mo CEO.

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Ke kopa gore o nne fa fatshe *Honourable* Motaosane.

MR DIGWA: *Point of order.* Ke a leboga Modulasetilo. Ke kope Modulasetilo gore, golo fa re kopile gore re tsene kamoso ka 9:00 a.m., *because* nako e ntsi e jewa mo Palamenteng ka *point of order.* Re ne re baya nako e re lebile gore, *by a given time,* re bo re feditse ka *Budget Speech.* Jaanong fa o ntse o letlelela *points of order which denies* batho ba bangwe ba ba tshwanetseng *to debate this budget, they are being out of order.* Ke kopa gore fa motho a re *point of order* a sa bue *order,* tsaya kgato e e siameng o mo time nako *next time, because* ba re jela nako, ba tseele *floor.*

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Ee, tanki *Honourable Whip.* *Be mindful Honourable* Ramogapi, fa e re 10 *minutes past* ke a mo neela *to respond.* Le ijette nako ka dilonyana tse le ntseng le di bua.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR RAMOGAPI: Nnyaa mma ke wele pele, le nkgoreleditse ka *point of order* o montsi bakaulengwe, ke kopa go wela. Bakaulengwe, tota ke ne kopa fela ka boikokobetso, fa e le gore gongwe bangwe ba kgopisegile ba intshwarele. Tota se ke se kopang ka boikokobetso ke gore, batho betsho, Batswana ba a bona. Re na le ngwaga o le mongwefela re tlhophilwe ke Batswana. Ditlhopho tse di neng di tsamaisiwa ke IEC, e di tsamaisitse ka botswerere, ga ke re ope o diretse mang *a favour.* Ka re jaaka Rre Mohwasa a bua, ditlhopho di tsamaisitswe

ka botswerere. Batswana ba re neetse Puso, jaanong a e se ka ya re Batswana ba re neetse Puso, e bo letsatsi le letsatsi re pota ka fa re a bina, “ntseye senepe ka koo re ntsheng UDC ka bonako,” kamoso re bitsa ba bangwe, “ntseye senepe, lela foo le nna ke lele re tle re tswe ka bonako re ntshe UDC.”

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

MR RAMOGAPI: Ao batho ba Modimo! Neelang UDC sebaka re a le rapela, go nne sentle fela jaaka re ne re tlhola re le neela sebaka. Le rona nako nngwe re tlaa tswa, mme ga re re le neele sebaka bagarona. A e ka nna ba BCP, a e ka nna bafe ga gona ope yo o a tleng a nnele ruri, gongwe nako eo tautona e tlaabo e le Rre Lucas, re mo tlotleng. Le gakologelwa nako nngwe ke bua ke le kwa Fairgrounds ke re, bagaetsho re tshwanetse ra tlotla Tautona Masisi, ke ene fela Tautona wa rona. Le gompiano le tlotle Tautona Boko, ke ene Tautona fela wa rona. Jaanong mo e leng gore kamoso Tautona o buisiwa jaana, kamoso go buiwa se, bagaetsho ga re gane re mo pusong ya batho ka batho, mme fela a re itseng gore fa re tlotla yo o mo setilong, go itlotla rona. Fa re tlotla yo o tsamaisang, kamoso ga se ene ke yo mongwe. A re ruteng bana ba rona bagaetsho, tsamaiso e ntse jalo ya ditlhopho, go tseba yo kamoso go tseba yo. Le bone ba ba tsamaileng, jaaka ba ne ba busa bo Tautona ba pele, re ba tlotleng. Fa ba tsenang teng re tshwanetse go itse gore Tautona wa pele Rraetsho Masisi, Tautona wa pele Rraetsho Khama le Tautona wa pele Rre Mogae re a ba tlotla. Re se ka ra ba kgwela mathe, golo mo ke puso ya batho ka batho. Se bagaetsho se ke a se le ruta.

Ke ne ke na le dikgang tse di ntsi tse ke ka bong ke fetile ka tsone *Madam Chairperson,* jaaka dikgang tsa *political funding.* Ke feta ka tsone gore ...

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: E go tshwere *honourable.* *Honourable* Mosanana, o ka kodumetsa *two minutes* o o setseng o.

MR MOSANANA (KANYE EAST): Ke a go leboga *Madam Chairperson.* Ke simolole fela ka gore ke rotloetse Lephata la Tsamaiso ya Ditlhopho gore, ba oketse *voting stations* le kwa mafatsheng a mangwe kwa ntle. *So that* Batswana ba nne le tshono ya gore ba kgone go tlhopho.

Ke boele fa *political party funding* gore, e botlhokwa mo *democracy.* Fa itsholelo e re letla, a re boeleng teng re thuseng diphathi gore ditlhopho di kgone go tsamaya sentle. Ke boela fa *delimitations* gore, bagaetsho

dikgaolo tse dingwe tota fela go bua boammaaruri, ke sa tswa go bona Kgalagadi South le Mmathethe-Goodhope, ke dikgaolo fela tse tota e leng *constituencies* tse pedi.

Golo moo ke raya gore go bokete fela thata, mo e leng gore fa motho a itshwanela le nna jaana a sa itsholela, a sa bona sepe gope, go nna bokete, *you overstretch them* mo e leng gore labofelo ga a kgone. Ka gore ba ba neng ba le mo Pusong, ke bone ba tsereng ditshwetso tseo, ka gongwe ba ne ba lebile gore sepatšhe sa bone se botokanyana, ba leka *to overstretch* ba ba kwa ntle. Ke leboge Madibelatlhopho a rona gore ba bo ba ne ba tshwere ka thata jaaka fa ba ne ba tshwere, e bile ke dumela gore fa ...

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: *E go tshwere. O kodumeditse rra, e feletse.* I now call upon the Minister to reply to the debate.

MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT, DEFENCE AND SECURITY (MR MOHWASA): Ke a leboga Modulasetilo. Ke simolole fela ka go re ke fete ka dikgang di le mmalwa, santlha ke leboge Mapalamente botlhe ka go akgela. E bile go supa gore tota re mogopolo mongwefela, ke gore fa gongwe o fitlhela batho ba na le go dumela gore bangwe ba setse ba ba tlhanogetse. E bile *commitment* ya rona *to* diphetogo, e feta ya bangwe ba bone ka kwa. Mathata a teng ke gore, ba batla dilo di diragala ka fa ba batlang di diragala ka teng, ka bofefo jo ba bo batlang. Fa o ba raya o re, go na le dingwe tse re tshwanetseng re di dire, a re dire *Constitutional court*, e re fa re santse re baakanya Molaomotho e bo e ka kgona gore e bo re sireleditse, o bua molato o o seng kanaka sepe. Ke tsone tse *Honourable* Ramogapi a neng a di bua ka gore, maikaelelo fa o ka ela tlhoko ke gore, a re ganetseng sengwe le sengwe se ba UDC ba tlang ka sone.

Ke simolole ka ya ga Rre Kapinga, e a neng a re, a fa re ne re sa fenywa re ka bo re re ditlhopho di ne di le *free and fair*; ke tsaya gore rotlhe ba re leng fano, re a dumalana gore ditlhopho tsa ngwaga o o fetileng di tsamaile sentle. Ga go na yo o ka belaelang gore di tsamaile sentle, gongwe lona fa e ne e le gore di ne di sa tsamaya sentle, tota ba bangwe le ka bo le seyo ka koo. Jaanong di tsamaile sentle, le dipalo tse le di boneng ba bangwe e bile di le gaggamaditse gore di ne di tswa fa kae. Se sengwe se ke ka se buang gape ke kgang e mokaulengwe a ne a e bua ka go runya ga diphathi. Ke re o bolela ruri mokaulengwe, jaaka gompiano mokgatlho wa lona e le mengwe ya mekgatlho e e neng ya runya mo diphathing tse dingwe.

E nngwe e o neng o e bua ke ya go solofela *the reforms*. Re dumalana mmogo Rre Kapinga gore, tota go bua nnete, kana ke sone se re dumelang mo go sone. Re santse re le gone fale gore, re batla gore go nne le thulaganyo ya gore go nne le *mixed system*. Ke sone se re dumalanang mo go sone mokaulengwe. E o neng o bua ka gore re tshwanetse *to deal* le *specially elected*, le yone re tlaa e baakanya. Kana *obviously* fa re tla re dira jalo, go tlaa tshwanelwa ke gore tse di tlaabo di tswela kwa ntle, ka gore *party* e tlaabo e ntshitse (*submitted*) *list* ya yone, e nnile le sebaka sa gore e dire se e eletsang gore e ka bo e se dirile fa go ne go dirilwe *specially elected*.

E nngwe ke kgang ya go tlhophwa kwa *polling stations*. Ke dikgang tse re ntseng re bua ka tsone. Ga ke itse gore ke eng le re belaela thata jaana. *Direct election of the President* ke tsone tse re neng re ntse re di bua, le *political party funding* ke yone e re ntse re bua ka yone.

E bile tota go bua nnete o kile wa bona motho yo e leng gore fa go tsholwa o ka tsaya serwe se se tona, mme ya bo e le gore o ka kganela. Nnyaa, kana fa go nna le *funding* ya *political parties*, ka fa e ntseng ka teng, go raya gore ke rona ba re yang go tsaya mo go tona, e bile *is going to double* mo le ka go tsayang. Ke ka le bolelela gore Goromente o santse a le *committed to this*, jaaka le bone *when it was reported* fa gore go na le madi a mangwe a a neng a abilwe a re sa kgoneng *to spend it*. E se gore re ne re sa batle, e le gore ga gona madi a gore re ka kgona *to spend* mo go tseo. *So, ya political party funding* e le nngwe tse e leng gore ga se gore ga re na go di dira, re tlaa di dira, mme fela ke gore madi ga ayo mo nakong ya gompiano.

Transparent ballot boxes; re ntse re gone foo, kgang e nngwe e e buiwang ke yone ya *election disputes*. Ke dikgang tse e leng gore le tsone re ne re ntse re tlhalosa, le sekai re ntse re bua gore *Con Court* e ka thusa mo dikgannyeng tse. Le lona le fa batho ba re ba tliša dilo tse di ka le thusang le a ba omanya, mme di ne di ka le thusa. Le fa o ka tsamaya wa ya go bona le *statements* tse re ne re di ntsha Rre Kapinga, re ne re bua gore re tshwanetse go latedisa ditsamaiso tsa ditlhopho tsa SADC gore re dumalana mo ditlhophong tse di *free and fair*.

O ne o bua ka *agenda 2030*. *I am not sure* gore ke efe... *Budget for Concourt should go to Botswana Police*; ke maikutlo a gago, re a utlwa mokaulengwe, mme re a e tlhoka gore e kgone gore e sireletse bangwe. Go na le batho ba le bantsi ba ba dumelang gore *Concourt* e tlaa

ba sireletsa. Re a le utlwa ba le palo potlana ba le sa batleng *Concourt*, tsweleng le ntse le ntsha maikutlo a lona, ka ke puso ya batho ba batho. Mokaulengwe o ne a gakolola gore sedibeng go iwa ka tsela. Kana go tswa gore tsela ke efe Rre Kapinga. Fa e le gore gompiano ke tswa fa ke batla go ya Lobatse ke bo ke tlhopha gore ke tsamaya ka Kanye, wena o bo o tlhopha (*decide*) gore o batla go simolola o ya Molepolole o bo o boa ka Thamaga, o bo o boa o ntse o ya Lobatse, ke tsela e sele. Ga ke ka ke re tsela e ke e tsereng ke yone e e siameng. E re e tsereng ke yone e re e buileng pele ga ditlhopho, ke yone e re ntseng re le mo go yone. Ke tsaya gore ka bokhutshwane Rre Kapinga, re a dumalana, ga go na fa re farologanang teng. Re santse re opela pina e re neng re e opela fela ka go tshwana pele ga ditlhopho. Fela ke gore o na le pelaelo, o se ka wa reetsa bo Gobotswang. Gobotswang o na le go nna lesukuru fela e se ga sepe.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR MOHWASA: E nngwe ke kgang ya ga Rre Ramaotwana e le ene a neng a ntse a tlaletsa a supa gore ditlhopho di tsamaile sentle. Le gone gore fa madi a le teng, re tlaa tswelela re ntse re bona gore re fa diphathi madi ka tsela e e ntseng jang. E bile a supa seabe sa gagwe e le motho wa Madibelatlhopho...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR MOHWASA: *Honourable* nako e tshaile re batla go fetsa kgang e, ema pele.

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

MR MOHWASA: Kana jaanong wa nthubetsa, ga ke gana *you are forcing me* gore ke mo neele. Ga ke gana ke a gana, amogela gore ke a gana. O ntshokeletsa letsogo gore ke go neele. Se ke ka se buang bagaetsho, ya ga Rre Segokgo o ne a bua gore, Batswana ba na le *trust* le *confidence in the institutions*...*(laughter)*...

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Clarification Honourable Hikuama.

MR HIKUAMA: *Point of clarification.* Ke ne ke gakgamatswa ke Tona a gana *clarification.* Ke a leboga *Honourable* Mohwasa. Fa re bua ka *electoral reforms*, ke batla dintlha tse pedi fela gore, a mme ga o bone gore nako e tlile ya gore re nne le *a formal transition* e e leng gore go a supagala fela gore mo nakong e kana, e e kwadilweng le mo Molaomotheong gore re na le *formal transition of Government*, re bone gompiano go tsaya lebaka, e bile go pitlaganya le bone ba ba mo

teng *to appoint the Cabinet.* Gongwe fa go ka nna le *a formal transition* le fa e le ya ngwaga, *that one* ke e o tshwanetseng go tlhalosa gore, ga o bone gore nako e tlile ya gore re nne le tsamaiso ya go nna jalo?

Ya bobedi, a ga o bone gore go a tshwanela le gone gompiano jaana gore le letsatsi la ditlhopho le itsewe ke mongwe le mongwe a itse gore ka dikana Botswana o ya kwa ditlhophong?

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

MR HIKUAMA: Ee ke *clarification*, so what if it is a *debate.* Ke gore le setse le kgaetse fela mo e leng gore sengwe le sengwe ke *debate*...

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: *Nnyaa* Honourable Hikuama...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Point of order Madam Chair.

MR HIKUAMA: I withdraw Madam Chairperson.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Order! Madam Chair.

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: *Nnyaa*, he has withdrawn.

MR MOHWASA: Ke tsaya gore re...

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR MOTSAMAI): *Point of order.* Ke kopa go mo tlhagisa fela ga ke bue sepe se se molato. Lefoko le o rata go le boelela thata mo Palamenteng la gore batho ba kgaetse *Madam.* Fa go na le gore o buise batho jalo, ba tlaa go bolelela gore bone ba bona jang gore o kgaetse. Ga ke ise ke huhumele ngaka fa re tsamaela ditlhopho, ke bone ene a huhumela, a bo a tsenya mo maranyaneng...

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: *Honourable* Motsamai, nna fa fatshe.

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

MR MOHWASA: Ee, ke ne ke re ya ga Rre Segokgo o e buile, a bua gore re tshwanetse go nna le *institutions* tse e leng gore le ka fa di dirwang ka teng, batho ba nne le *trust and confidence* mo go yone. A bo a re re tshwanetse gore re itlhaganelele go bona gore makalana a a farologanang jaaka IEC a ikemetse, e bile *they report to Parliament*, a bua *about the importance of political stability*, le gore golo mo go ka dira gore e nne gone mo re ka go dirisang go oka bagwebi go tla mo Botswana. Re beeletsa malatsi a ditlhopho, le gore go na le *coalition*

e re nang le yone e e leng gore *is pre-election* ya rona. Re tshwanetse re di ipaakanyetse tsotlhe le tsa *post-elections*. Jaanong mme a bo a bua gore, re tshwanetse gore IEC e lebe gore ga e ka ke ya kgona gore e batle madi le kwa ntle. Ke re golo moo a re go eleng tlhoko ka gore, fa re ka dira jalo golo mo go ka felela gongwe *compromising* IEC le *independence* ya yone *opening up to influence* ya kwa ntle.

E nngwe ke ya ga Rre Mokgwathi e a neng a tlhalosa, e bile a tsenelela kwa teng a bua ka bo *freeze and unfreeze theory*, o ne a tseneletse kwa teng mokaulengwe. A bo a tlhalosa gore go tshwanetse go nna le *a deliberate action to educate* batho ka *electoral system*. A bo a bua ka *Delimitation Commission* e a neng a bua gore ga e a tsamaya sentle. A bo a re kwa go neng go utswilwe ditlhopho teng, *region* fa e ne e le teng, go tlhotlhomisiwe.

Rre Tshere a bua gore re tshwanetse go lwantsa *voter apathy*. Go botlhokwa; e le motho wa maranyane gore re tshwanetse go itlhaganelela *electronic registration*, mme re bua gore re mo tseleng ya yone mokaulengwe. A bo a bua gore *security of tenure* ya *Secretary wa Elections*, mme a tsaya gore diphathi tse di ka kwa ba ka bo ba dumalana le yone ka gore e botlhokwa. Rre Frenzel le ene a bua ka *delimitation* e le gore o supa selelo sa bakaulengwe ka fa *delimitation* e tsamaileng ka teng.

Re bua gore IEC e tshwanetse go ikemela ka dinao. A bua gore *office* e tshwanetse go nna kwa *constituency* ya gagwe. Re utlwile mokaulengwe. Maikaelelo tota ke gore fa madi a letla, re tswelele re dire diofisi go anama le lefatshe la Botswana. Le ene a bua gore go balwa ga ditlhopho go dirwe kwa *polling stations*, mme a re fa go nang le ditlhopho mo dikoleng, go dirwe gore ka mela e a bo e le melelele, re oketse. Kana golo moo go setse go simolotse Rre Frenzel, fa gongwe ba kgona go kgaoganya batho mme e le mo sekoleng se sengwefela gore go kgone go fefosa ditlhopho. A bo a bua *direct election of the President*, e re dumalanang le yone.

Rre Ramogapi a bo a gakolola, e bile a kgala ka thulaganyo e e leng gore go na le batho ba ba tsweleng ba phutha batho ba dira *appointments* gore re tlaa kopanela fa pele ga Palamente. E le thulaganyo e a reng ga e a siama ka gore golo fa ke lefelo le le faphegileng la ga Goromente. A etla a gakolola gore kana go bua nnete, *when petitioning*, go a bo go na le mongwe yo go itebagantsweng le ene. Jaanong fa gongwe go ne go ka thusa gore *petitions* tsa go nna jalo, di nne di itebaganya

le makalana a a lebagang gore makalana ao a kgone go itebaganya le dikgang tsa bone. Jaanong fa o tla kwano, jaaka babereki ba tla kwano mme ba tlogetse ba *labour*, ga go re thuse. E nngwe o ne a bua ka gore a ba diphathi ba amogele gore ba ba sa tswang go tlhophiwa ba fiwe sebaka ba dire tiro ya bone.

Rre Mosanana o ne a santse a re o a tshologa nako e bo e mmolaya, a bua ka gore *delimitation* le yone e ne e sa nna sentle. Kgang e re tlaa e buang, ke ya Molaomtheo, *but most importantly*, re tshwanetse go amogela gore IEC *is committed* go diragatsa diphetogo tse di tlhokafalang gore re kgone go nna le tsamaiso ya ditlhopho e e lolameng. Ke maikaelelo a Puso e, e bile ke *commitment* ya Puso ya UDC, le ba ba mo UDC, ke yone tlhabego ya diphetogo mo Botswana. Diphetogo tse dingwe ba bangwe le ne le di kapetse mo diphathing tse dingwe mme e le gore tota di ne di simolotse ke one mokgatlho o o ka kwano wa UDC. Ga go na ope yo o tshwanetseng gore ka tsela epe a belaele *commitment* ya UDC go fetola le go dira *reforms* mo lefatsheng la Botswana. Se re tshwanetseng go se amogela, re dumalane ka sone, ka wa re ke tlhamalale, ke go tlhamaleletse Rre Hikuama gore fa re bua gompiano ka *Concourt* gore e a dumalana, o bo o re wena o santse o batla dipilisi pele ga o dumalana le *Concourt*, *but in principle*, o dumalana le yone. Re tshwanetse go dira gore diphetogo tse re di batlang, re kopane...

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Order! Honourable Member, stand up right.

MR MOHWASA: Kana jaanong ba a lela ba re ga ba utlwe fa ke eme. Gakere ga ke tshwane le bo Moalosi, bone ba atumetse *microphone*, nna ke moleele, ga ke itse gore ke dire jang. Ke tlaa leka *Madam Chair*.

Ke kopa gore re le setšhaba sa Botswana, re amogele gore diphetogo tse re batlang go di dira, di tlaa tla di re sologela molemo rotlhe. Go tshwanetse go nna le nako e re dumalanang gore re tshwanetse go kopana go bona gore re a tshwaragana gore re tle re sologelwe molemo ke dintle tse re di batlang. Fa bangwe ba tla ba le mo Pusong ba baya mogopolo pele, mme e le o o ka sireletsang le lona ba e leng gore mo nakong ya gompiano *you are the weakest section of society*, le se ka la re fela ka gore o tswa ka kwa ga *floor*, go bo go nna le pelaelo. *A case in point* e le *Constitutional Court*.

Bagaetsho, ke nako ya gore gompiano fa re ka tshwaraganela dikgang tse, re bo re di tshwaraganela le gore re dire *reforms* tse di tlhokafalang mo *Constitution*.

Go tlaa re thusa gore mo nakong e e seng kgakala fa e le gore re kopana re le baeteledipele, re bo re ka fetola *our Constitution such that going to 2029 general elections*, re bo re kgonne gore re bo re fetotse dilo tse tsotlhe tse re di batlang. Fa re fetola *Constitution*, ke yone e tlaa re thusang gore re tle re fetole le Acts tse di kwa tlase ga yone. Jaanong ke kopo mo go bagarona gore ga go re thuse, fa gongwe ke rona re itielang diphetogo ka go ngakalela ka dikgang. Ke tsaya gore ga go na ope ka koo yo o ganetsang gore *Constitutional Court is important*. Re tshwanetse rotlhe re dumalane, re fane mabaka gore re tle re dirisanyeng. Tse le di lelelang mo IEC, di kgona to be addressed through *Constitutional Court*.

Gape fa re fetile ka *Constitutional Court*, re dira *Constitutional review*, e tlaa thusa gore *reforms* tse le di batlang re bo re ka tla ra di dira go le motlhofo. Gore re baakanye *direct election of the President*, go batla *Constitutional review*; ga o ka ke wa e dira fela *without Constitutional review*. Re tshwanetse go nna fa fatshe re akantshane...

MR FURNITURE: *Clarification*. Ke a leboga. Mma ke go leboge *Honourable* Mohwasa. Ke ne ke re o tlhalose gore, gone mme lepotlapotla la *Constitutional Court* le le kanakana ke la eng? O bua *with passion*, and o supa gore tota golo mo le a go tlhoka le le UDC.

Batswana ba *clear* le kwa Dikgotleng ba re ba batla Molaomotho otlhe o sekasekwa, e seng *piecemeal approach*. Jaanong a ko o tsepame fela mo go se Batswana ba se buang, *we did not mobilise them*, ba ipuelela ka bo bone mo Dikgotleng.

MR MOHWASA: O bona fa re le mo khanseleng, re bo re tsena mo *full council*, go bo go nna le motho wa *Public Relations*, a bo a *cut clips* a di tlatsa mo *social media*; tlaa ke go fe sekai, kwa Francistown, khansela yotlhe e ne e dumalana kwa ntleng ga batho ba ka nna bararo, go tswa foo fa o tsaya *clips* tsa batho ba bararo o batla gore ke Makhanselara a Francistown a neng a ganana, ga go re thuse. Ke sone seemo ka fa se ntseng ka teng. Go tswa foo o bo o tla o sianela mo Palamenteng o re Batswana ga ba batle selo se, nnyaa ga go na boammaaruri. Batswana ba batla *Constitutional Court*. Jaaka gompiano, e ne ya re fa Makhanselara ba sena go gana kwa Gumare, Kgosi a emelela a re ene e le Kgosi, o gaggamala gore e ka re batho ba emetse morafe o o sa bolong go gatelelwa, yo e leng gore *courts* tse di leng teng di paletswe ke go sireletsa batho ba gagwe, e bo e le gore gompiano motho a bo a ka tla a re ene o ganana le *Constitutional Court*. Modulasetilo, ke tsaya gore ke

buile, ke ne ke kopa go dira Tshutiso gore IEC e kgone go tsaya madi e ye go dira tiro ya yone.

Madam Chair, this concludes my budget proposals for Organisation 1600 - IEC. I now request that a total of One Hundred and Two Million, Five Hundred and Sixty-Five Thousand, Nine Hundred and Fifty Pula (P102,565,950.00) for the Recurrent Budget, and Three Hundred and Thirty-Six Million, Eight Hundred and Seventy Thousand, Six Hundred and Forty Pula (P336,870,640.00) under the Development Budget Estimates, be approved and stand as part of the schedule of the Appropriation Bill 2026/27. I move accordingly. Thank you Madam Chairperson.

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Honourable Members, we are going to put the question tomorrow at half past nine.

...Silence...

SPEAKER'S ANNOUNCEMENT

MADAM SPEAKER (MS MANYENENG): Order! Honourable Members, before I call the Leader of the House to move a Motion of adjournment, let me just give a short announcement that we have visitors, we were with them this morning, they are clerks of different regions. They are here until Friday. They are at Gaborone International Convention Centre (GICC). Other MPs attended the opening ceremony this morning. So, just say hi, by clapping hands.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ... (Applause!)

MADAM SPEAKER: Let me 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 Thursday 12th March, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

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