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Thursday 12th February, 2026

THE ASSEMBLY met at 2:00 p.m.

(THE SPEAKER in the Chair)

PRAYERS

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SPEAKER'S REMARKS

MR SPEAKER (MR KEORAPETSE): Order! Order Honourable Members, *a re reetsaneng*. Before we go into questions, I wish to deliver a ruling on a point of order raised by the Leader of the Opposition (LOO) yesterday. You will recall that on the 11th February 2026, a point of order was raised by the LOO, Honourable Saleshando with respect to certain remarks made by Honourable Tshere, Minister of Communications and Innovation, Member of Parliament (MP) for Mahalapye West in his debate.

Before I go into the marrow of the particular point of order raised, I wish to issue a cautionary plea to all of you Honourable Members, especially bring your attention to Standing Order 58.11, which provides that, "all members shall conduct themselves with appropriate decorum and in a manner that upholds the image, dignity and standing of the House." Honourable Members, this is a mandatory provision crafted with imperative word "shall." Instructing all of you Honourable Members to conduct yourselves with this appropriate decorum. Section 45 of the Interpretation Act provides that, "any enactment with the word "shall", is to be construed as imperative and to be implemented without any equivocation."

Honourable Members, death is very emotive, complex and intense involving a profound and highly personal journey of emotional responses, and death it evokes a wide spectrum of feeling such as shock, anger and even deep sadness. Therefore, you have to tread very carefully Honourable Members when discussing such sensitive and intricate issues in the House. Ensuring that our discussions afford the necessary respect and gentleness to the issue of death. I therefore implore you Honourable Members to please refrain from using death in a pursuit to gain either political clout or political mileage or recklessly or without caution in the House. Honourable Members, I also appeal to your culturally engraved principle of *botho le boikobo* which every Motswana holds dear as part of our national pride and as

ambassadors to the people of Botswana. It is undeniable that these principles are entrenched into the decorum, image and dignity of this House. Accordingly, take heed of this advice and ensure that our debates and arguments embody this.

(Certain words were expunged from the record as ordered by the Speaker.)

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

BOTSWANA OIL LIMITED

MR T. FURNITURE (TATI EAST): asked the Minister of Minerals and Energy to state:

- (i) the mandate of Botswana Oil Limited (BOL);
- (ii) the number of Citizen Economic Empowerment (CEE) fuel suppliers who are currently supplying BOL under this mandate;
- (iii) the number of CEE fuel transporters who currently operate under adhoc deal sheets and why they are being given month's deals instead of long-term contracts; and
- (iv) if she is aware that BOL invited local transporters to tender for the transportation of fuel from Walvis Bay in Namibia, Matola in Mozambique and that following adjudication, several local transporters were issued letters confirming their success and advising that they would receive three to five year contracts and it has now been over six months yet no contracts have been issued; and if so,
- (v) whether there is any intention of issuing these contracts and when they will be issued; if not, why Botswana Oil Limited has not communicated its position clearly to allow transporters to make informed decisions about their investment.

ACTING MINISTER OF MINERALS AND ENERGY (MR TSHERE): Thank you very much Mr Speaker. I am acting for her, she is in Indaba Mining Conference like you said.

Mr Speaker,

- (i) Botswana Oil Limited (BOL) was established in 2013 as a National Oil Company of Botswana with the following mandate:
 - (a) ensuring the security and efficiency of supply and distribution of petroleum products in Botswana.

- (b) managing Government owned strategic facilities and strategic fuel reserves and
- (c) facilitate meaningful participation of citizens in the petroleum industry.

The establishment of BOL was a strategic intervention by Government to address persistent challenges in the industry, including limited citizen participation, high dependence on International Oil Companies (IOCs) and the need for a coordinated framework to ensure security of fuel supply.

- (ii) Mr Speaker, BOL currently does not have any Citizen Economic Empowerment (CEE) fuel suppliers operating under this mandate as BOL and majority citizen owned companies are both importers of fuel products. It is to be noted that the current regulatory frameworks does not restrict or place any restriction or limitation for majority citizen owned companies to import fuel products. In fact, majority citizen owned companies have since grown from the quota allocated at 10 per cent in April 2024. They have now grown to 30 per cent of the current market volume imported.
- (iii) Mr Speaker, BOL has on boarded 34 citizen owned fuel transporters with over 200 trucks operating across supply routes in South Africa, Namibia and Mozambique. Of these, four transporters are engaged under long-term contracts through the BOL–Debswana partnership, while 30 transporters are currently engaged under short-term contracts of one to three months basis.

To transition the transporters into long-term contracts to ensure long-term value and sustainability for their business model, a tender was developed, evaluated, awarded and is currently at contracting stage. At this point, BOL is unable to conclude contracting due to the ongoing review of the import quota process which is likely to impact the BOL import quota allocation.

- (iv) Mr Speaker as detailed above, BOL is awaiting conclusion of the Import Mandate review to conclude the contracting process. The outcomes of this review are expected to have a direct bearing on transporter contracting frameworks.
- (v) BOL has been engaging with the affected parties throughout this period, most of whom are already providing services on a short-term contractual

basis. BOL has consistently communicated that the procurement process is well underway and once the decision is made on the quota to be allocated to BOL, contracting will be concluded considering the volume allocations. I thank you, Mr Speaker.

MR FURNITURE: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga Mr Speaker, ke a leboga Tona. Ke ne ke re gongwe go tsweng kwa *side ya policy* Botswana Oil Limited, a e na le *measurable targets for citizens transport and logistic participation*, go leka go ka rotloetsa Batswana gore ba tsene mo kgwebong eo? A go na le sengwe se o ka se supang Tona mo nakong ya gompiano? Fa e le gore go na le maparego mangwe a a dirang gore Batswana ba se ka ba kgona go tsena mo kgwebong e ka bokete, a ka tswa e le eng? Le le lephata le dira eng go leka gore Batswana ba nne le seabe mo itsholelong mo go tsa *to supply oil*?

MR TSHERE: Thank you very much Honourable Speaker and Honourable Furniture. *Mo karabong ya me ke ne ke re, ka April of 2024 go ne ga tsewa deliberate decision ya gore go ya go fiwa 90 per cent of the volumes tsa petroleum products that are coming into the country to the citizens or majority citizen owned companies. That 10 per cent according to the current statistics, it has gone to 40 per cent. E ile kwa godimo, you can see the increase in the number of participations of majority citizen owned companies. However, issue ya teng jaaka ke bua..., initially e ne e le gore BOL e tlaa distribute 90 per cent of that fuel. Jaanong o kgona go bona gore e fetile that quota. Se ke tsayang gore ke sefathli ke gore, gongwe re ba contract on a short-term basis, mo go seng sustainable for Batswana. Go dirwa ke gore we are reviewing these allocations, but once it is complete I think it would be more liberal for Batswana to be more engaged in these petroleum products supply and distribution. Thank you.*

SOEs IN MINERAL EXPLORATION AND PROSPECTING

MR S. O. MAPULANGA (CHOBE): asked the Minister of Minerals and Energy to state if there is a State-Owned Enterprise or indigenous company which deals with mineral exploration and prospecting; and if so, to provide an update on the operations of the enterprise to date and if not, whether it would not be prudent to create one.

ACTING MINISTER OF MINERALS AND ENERGY (MR TSHERE): Thank you very much Mr Speaker once more. Mr Speaker, an analysis

on Botswana's current and long-term economic performance shows that, despite the country's rich mineral endowment, the mining sector's contribution to the economy has declined in recent years and is currently at historically low levels. Key challenges include limited mineral diversification, low levels of beneficiation, and a weak conversion rate from early-stage exploration to new mining operations.

Mr Speaker, in response, Government identified systematic and targeted mineral exploration as a critical driver of economic transformation and has therefore established a state-owned entity, Exploration Investment Company Botswana (EICB). The company was registered to address chronic underinvestment in exploration and to unlock the country's mineral potential by consolidating extensive historical geological data and undertaking new exploration, particularly for critical minerals such as Copper and Manganese, with a strategic focus on the Kalahari Copper Belt.

Mr Speaker, EICB is an independent entity operating under the Companies Act, with its own governance structures, budget and Board of Directors. The exploration company will operate in partnership with the private sector to de-risk early-stage exploration, secure investment through partnerships driving the mining sector and/or exploitation diversification.

In conclusion, the establishment of EICB represents a timely and strategic intervention by Government to reverse the decline in the mining sector, strengthen mineral discovery and unlocking new growth opportunities. I thank you Mr Speaker.

MR MAPULANGA: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga Mr Speaker, tla ke go leboge Tona ka karabo. Ga ke a utlwa sentle, wa re *company* e e simolotse leng? Sa bobedi, *impact* ya to delay go simolodisa such a company go re amile go le kae, in terms of revenue generations? And just the strategic resource management ya rona, e amegile go le kae jaaka re diegile jaana?

MR TSHERE: Thank you very much. *Ke e tlhalose ka Setswana* gore this position of Government previously *e ne e le gore ga a tsene kwa* exploration. *Ke gore Goromente o ne a emela gore* private sector *e tle e explore e bone* the quantity, quality and the viability of the ore that is there. *Fa go sena go diragala jalo, fa* private sector *e re re bone sengwe jaanong re batla*

go simolola mining, that is when Government came in. This is the previous arrangement for the past 58 years, it has been like that. There was no appetite to go into exploration, for obvious reasons maybe because there was nothing there to invest on.

Look at this as a change of Government's position with the new Government, now we have formed the exploration company with an idea to close that gap. *O fitlhela e le gore batho ka bontsi ba ne ba explore* unlimited time *go sa e tle go* graduate to mining. *Jaanong re sa kgone* to engage *batho ba le bantsi* along the Copperbelt, *jaanong o fitlhela e le gore mine motho a le mongwefela kwa Khoemacau, mme kana go na le* other minerals around. *Re tsaya gore fa Goromente a ka tsenya letsogo kwa* exploration, *le ene o tlaa tswa kgathego e e leng gore* she will invest *mo go reng jaanong go nne le* multiple mines.

Multiple mines *e na le mosola ka gore fa e le gore re ya go nna le* more mines of Copper along the Kalahari Copperbelt, *go raya gore* the quantities can justify having a refinery, then that is beneficiation. I thank you very much.

MR KAIZER: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga Mr Speaker, tla ke go dumedise ke dumedise le batlotlegi mo Ntlong e. Ke botse Minister gore, kana re ne re tswa mo *Budget Speech* e e buang ka gore Goromente o tlaabo a *move towards* go leka go nonotsha dikompone tse di ikemetseng ka nosi gore e nne tsone tse di gwebang thata e bile di *drive economy* ya lefatshe la Botswana. Jaanong ke go botse gore, a gone go nna le thata *state owned institution* e e itebagantseng le *to explore*, ga se gore jaanong e ya go gatelela tse di ntseng di le teng?

Potso ya bobedi ke gore, are there any specific measures which have been put in place for meaningful participation *ya citizen owned companies tse di leng teng* mo mineral exploration? *Ke a leboga.*

MR TSHERE: Thank you very much. Honourable Mapulanga *o ne are ga ke a araba potso ya gagwe gore go simolotse leng; jaanong* obviously this company is as a result of the new Government. Therefore, it is still new, *ke gone e simololang ka tsela e e ntseng jalo.* In terms of private sector participation, in the body of my answer *ke tlhalositse gore e tlaabo e itshwaragantse le ba* private sector. There is no way we are leaving the private sector behind in this issue, because remember it is a capital intense process that requires such investment.

Goromente o tsenya letsogo fela ka gore jaaka gompiano fa go sena go nna mining, that is where Goromente has some interest that he can put in e le an investment. Such is going to happen now under exploration. Ke sone se se yang go diragala gone jaana. Thank you very much.

UNIFIED SECONDARY SCHOOL

MR T. BOGATSU (LENTSWELETAU-LEPHEPHE): asked the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education if the unified secondary school that was promised to Lentsweletau village around the year 2000 is still part of the ministry's plans.

Later Date.

KARAKUL SHEEP

MR M. MOALOSI (NKANGE): asked the Minister of Lands and Agriculture if he is aware that karakul sheep were illegally imported into the country; and if so, to state:

- (i) where the sheep are currently located;
- (ii) whether they were quarantined to ensure that they do not bring diseases into the country; and
- (iii) whether any laws have been violated and what actions are being taken against the perpetrators.

Later Date.

LAND APPLICATION OPPORTUNITIES

MR S. O. DIGWA (BOTETI WEST): asked the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to state:

- (i) the rationale for denying 18-year-old individuals access to land application opportunities particularly when land and housing are critical components of economic empowerment and dignity, given that turning 18 confers full legal adulthood and civic responsibility, including the right to vote; and
- (ii) if his ministry will consider reviewing this policy to align it with the constitutional rights and responsibilities granted at the age of majority.

ACTING MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (DR DIKOLOTI): *Ke a go leboga Mr Speaker.*

- (i) Mr Speaker, permit me to notify this Honourable House that the legal age of majority (maturity) has been decreased from 21 years old in 2010 to 18 years old. Due to this legislative amendment, everyone who is 18 years of age or older have the complete legal competence to engage into

contracts and make choices on their own. This includes applying for land and engaging in any transactions involving immovable property. Currently, our waiting lists have over 88,719 applicants who at the time of their application were between 18 and 21 years old.

- (ii) Mr Speaker, based on my response at (i) above, there is no need to review policy as 18-year-old citizens are eligible to apply for land. I thank you Mr Speaker.

MR MOALOSI: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga Honourable Speaker. Ke leboge Tona. Ke botse Tona gore, *is it important really* gore re ipoke gore bana ba kgona to apply ba le 18, mme waiting period e le bo 15 years, 20 years? What is the concrete plan of the new Government gore e tokafatse turnaround time ya gore when someone applies for setsha a le 18 bogolo fa a le 19 a bo a se bona, kana a le 20 fa gotwe go padile? Ke raya gore plan ya lona fela ya Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC) ke eng?

DR DIKOLOTI: Mma ke go leboge Mr Speaker. Tota ka gore o botsa ka plan, kamoso go na le Minister's Question Time e e boditsweng ke Honourable Khan. Ke tlaabo ke na le nako e ntsi ya go atolosa plan mo go yone. Ke tsaya gore a e shelve, a tle a e mpotse kamoso ke tle ke mo e arabe sentle. Ke a leboga Mr Speaker.

BOTSWANA OPEN UNIVERSITY (BOU)

MR C. K. HIKUAMA (MAUN WEST): asked the Minister of Higher Education to apprise this Honourable House on the state and operational efficiency of the Botswana Open University (BOU); and to further outline:

- (i) the strategies being implemented to overcome barriers such as limited resources and facilities including internet connectivity in remote areas and ensure equitable access to BOU's programmes for all eligible citizens; and
- (ii) the enrolment for the "Open schooling" candidates for the past five years, breaking it down for each year up to 2025.

Later Date.

WATER SHORTAGE IN KGATLENG WEST

DR U. DOW (KGATLENG WEST): asked the Minister of Water and Human Settlement:

- (i) how many extra litres of water will be required to service the additional 200 BHC houses currently being constructed in Kgatleng District; and
- (ii) what plans does he have to ensure that the current water shortage in the Morwa, Pilane and Rasesa area is not exacerbated.

ACTING MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR ATAMELANG): *Ke a leboga Mr Speaker. Good afternoon honourables. Dumela Mma Dow. Thanks for your question.*

- (i) Mr Speaker, the amount of extra litres of water required to service or supply the additional 200 BHC house in Pilane, Kgatleng district is four hundred and seventeen thousand litres (416,000 Litres) daily.
- (ii) Mr Speaker, my ministry is aware of the water supply challenges and has put in place short term and long term plans to ensure that water shortage in the Kgatleng West Constituency, primarily Mochudi Cluster which consists of Mochudi, Morwa, Pilane, Bokaa and Rasesa is not exacerbated.

The plans are detailed as follows;

Short Term Plan:

Water Utilities Corporation (WUC) is providing water through bowsing to the villages of Morwa, Pilane, Bokaa and Rasesa north high lying areas because of limited infrastructure and also carry out rationing to other parts of Rasesa village. The rationing of water in Rasesa is done from 5:00 a.m. to 12 midnight daily.

Long Term Plan:

A Network Rehabilitation and Extension Project is planned with an addition of the construction of a proposed 3.5 mega litres concrete tank under the Kgatleng Land Servicing Project. This project is planned for implementation under National Development Plan (NDP) 12. I thank you Mr Speaker.

DR DOW: *Supplementary. Ke a leboga Mr Speaker. Ke a leboga honourable. Ke re ke botse ka gore ba Borite ba go reeditse gompiano jaana o bua ka bowsing. Borite o kwa Rasesa. O reeditse akere? Ba se ka ba go itaya tsebe bao. Ba ntheeditse gompiano jaana o bua gore gompiano metsi is bowsed. Fa ke tswa fa ba tlaabo ba nthaya ba re, ke eng o ne o sa botse Tona kana o mo*

lebise gore ga se boammaaruri, Borite o kgona go tlhoka metsi for five days in a row. Short term eo does not cover metse yotlhe eo.

La bobedi ke botse gore, fa o re long-term e mo NDP12, kana NDP12 ga se ngwaga o le mongwefela, a e mo ngwageng wa gompiano kana o o tlang kante o o latelang? E bile gape ke botse gore... ke itse gore gone go na le mathata a madi a le ntseng le bua ka one, gore tota fa o lebile, a ga go na ditsela tse dingwe gape tse di ka dirisiwang go fokotsa go ikaega ka metsi a Water Utilities jaaka gongwe go letlelela dikole, dikereke le mekgatlho mengwe e e nang le mafelo gore ba epe boreholes gore bogolo go dirisiwe metsi ao to flush toilets, go nosetsa jalojalo? So that we reduce dependence mo Water Utilities. Bowsing ga ke thaloganye gore a fa o bona 34 000 people ba mo Kgatleng West tota fela to augment that a bowsing e ka bereka tota. Ke a leboga Mr Speaker.

MR ATAMELANG: *Ke a leboga Mr Speaker. Ke tlaa simolola ka your last submission. I welcome it, le rona kwa Boteti we are actually in a process of trying to drill a borehole mo sekoleng, but we are encountering issues tsa contamination of aquifers. I mean it is a strategy that is worth pursuing.*

E nngwe ke ya bowsing. It is noted, I will go and escalate it. I believe I have noted them, ke yone ya bowsing le ya didiba, gore a go ka letlelelwa gore go phungwe didiba in different sites to augment the water. Another strategy se re ka se akanyang ke harvesting of storm water. It is one of the alternatives tse e leng gore fa ne madi a le teng metsi one a a tswang especially in urban areas like Gaborone re ne re ka dira matangwananyana just to harvest that water temporarily gore re bone gore we can augment shortage e. Ke a leboga.

DR DOW: *Further supplementary. Ke a leboga Mr Speaker. Ke re ke botse gore, a mme matlo a a 200 a BHC se o se itseng a metsi a setse a ile kwa go bone gompiano jaana?*

MR ATAMELANG: *According to the latest reports metsi nkabo a goketswe, jaanong the challenge was go nnile le a litigation process. Ke yone e e leng gore bidder yo o neng a filwe tiro ya gore a ka gokela metsi, yo mongwe a bo a ipelaetsa gore tender e ka tswa e sa abiwa sentle, e bo e tloga e emisiwa (cancelled), but the rest of the project continued, jaanong metsi ke one a saletseng kwa morago. Jaaka ke ne ke go arabile, tsholofelo ke gore go tlaa tla go gokelwa go okediwa yone that concrete tank ya 3.5 megaliters, e tlaa tla e augment that shortage. Ke a leboga.*

MR HIKUAMA: *Point of procedure.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker.* Fa ke utlwa Tona, o ne a bua ka gore *he is going to escalate.* Ke ne ke sa thaloganye gore o raya *to other departments;* ke gore ga ke itse gore *escalating* kwa go mang yo o kwa godimo ga *ministry* wa bone. Gongwe fa go ka nna *clear.*

MR SPEAKER: Ee, o ka leka, ke gore ke itse gore *he is not the substantive Minister for the portfolio* e a e arabelang. *So,* ke ne ke ithaya ke re gongwe o raya a e isa kwa go Tona yo o lebaneng, mme o ka itlhalosa. *Honourable Atamelang,* gongwe ke go tsenya mafoko mo ganong.

MR ATAMELANG: Nnyaa, ke a leboga *Mr Speaker.* Go ntse fela jalo, ke ne ke raya fela gore *gakere fa report* e tsena, e tshwanetse gore e tsamaye ka *procedure of complaints* kana *raising an issue.* Ke ne ke raya *escalation in that regard* not to say gore *I cannot instruct* gore metsi a gokelwe kana *bowsers* di goroge gone kwa.

Se sengwe fela, ke na le *the bowing schedule,* le yone *we will share it,* e teng gone fa. *Thank you.*

FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT DEALS

MR L. BARONGWANG (MOGODITSHANE EAST): asked the Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship to state:

- (i) the number of foreign direct investment deals already completed and those still outstanding with a clear status of each deal in the past 12 months;
- (ii) whether any economic benefits have already been realised and those expected to mature in the next six to 12 months from January 2026;
- (iii) the various projects and the sectors involved;
- (iv) the total amount invested in each project;
- (v) the level of citizen participation (citizen inclusion) in the various projects; and
- (vi) the number of jobs created or likely to be created.

Later Date.

CROCODILE MANAGEMENT QUOTAS

MR G. DISHO (OKAVANGO EAST): asked the Minister of Environment and Tourism to state:

- (i) when his ministry will consider releasing crocodile management quotas in the Okavango region, given their contribution to human fatalities and ongoing human-wildlife conflict; and
- (ii) the number of crocodiles in the Okavango river basin on the Botswana side.

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM (MR MMOLOTSI): *Ke a leboga Mr Speaker.*

- (i) *Mo potsong ya ga Honourable Disho,* *gongwe ke supe fela* gore the Nile crocodile just like other animals in Botswana is protected by the Wildlife Conservation and National Parks Act of 1992. It is also listed under appendix 2 of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) of wild fauna and flora where any utilisation of the species must be strictly regulated and supported by sound scientific justification. Now the current scientific assessment indicates that although crocodile related incidents do occur particularly involving people accessing rivers for water collection, fishing, bathing and other domestic uses as well as cases of livestock predation where retaliatory killings are common, the crocodile population in the Okavango system is not presently able to sustain additional offtake. Research further indicates that population recruitment remains low primarily due to human disturbance and historical over exploitation. This includes among other things habitat loss due to the deliberate burning of papyrus birds during the nesting season leading to next abandonment as well as climate change induced habitat loss.

Mr Speaker, in light of these considerations, the ministry continues to prioritise non-legal management approaches, public safety awareness and conflict mitigation measures while ensuring the long-term conservation of the species in line with national legislation and international commitments. The most comprehensive scientific assessment of Nile crocodiles or *crocodylus niloticus* within the Okavango system was undertaken in the Panhandle region of the Okavango Delta between 2002 and 2006. The study employed capture mark recapture techniques, spotlight surveys and aerial surveys.

- (ii) Based on the findings of that scientific study, the estimated crocodile population in the Panhandle region of the Okavango Delta was estimated then to be approximately 2, 570 plus or minus 151 individuals, encompassing all size classes.

Mr Speaker, given that it has been sometimes since the last crocodile survey, it is possible that the numbers may have changed. Consideration should be made in future informed by data on the releasing crocodile management quotas in the Okavango and other regions in Botswana so as to mitigate human/wildlife incidents particularly crocodiles.

Ka bokhutshwanyane fela kgang ke yone eo gone gore mo nakong ya gompieno ga re ise re nne mo seemong sa gore re ka di tsenya in the quotas ka lebaka la gore setting up quotas tsa gore go tsena eng, ga go tsene eng mo teng, ke selo se e leng gore se laolwa thata ke tsone dipalo ka botsone, le gone gore kwa CITES ba reng.

Mo nakong ya gompieno, dikwena tsa rona di mo appendix 2. Appendix 2 go tewa di le classified gore nnyaa mme go ka tsongwa sengwe mo teng, mme under regulation. Ka tsela e e ntseng jalo go raya gore mo nakong e e tlang fa re sena go nna re sekaseka dipalo, we may have to consider depending on the sustainability gone gore a re ka di latihela mo quota kana jang. Ka mafoko a a kalo Mr Speaker, ke a leboga.

MR AARON: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga Mr Speaker, ke a leboga Minister ka karabo kana tlhaloso e o neng o leka go e baya mo Ntlong e. Ke botse gore, a o a itse gore Nile crocodile e e leng gore ke yone e e mo Botswana, e baya mae a e leng gore *can go up to 80, even though* go ka tswa go na le *predation* ya crocodiles fa di ka tswa di le dinnennyane, mme fela ga se gantsi di feta gongwe bo *less than 25 per cent* ya survival. Mo e leng gore gongwe re ka e baya gore mo ngwageng kwena e kgona go nna le bana ba ka nna gongwe bo 10 kana 15. A ga o bone gore ka *rate* yone eo, dikwena di oketsega ka *rate* e e ntsinti go gaisa gongwe le dikgomo tse re reng gongwe di ka fitlhelela *five million*?

E bile ke supe gore Minister, a o a itse gore kwena ga e beye mae mo *papyrus*, mo komeng, kwena e baya mae ka fa tlase ga mmu, ga e a beye mo nnetlung jaaka *research* ya gago e ntse jalo?

Ya boraro...

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

MR SPEAKER: Order! Honourable Members.

MR AARON: Number 3, a o a itse gore CITES ke yone ya gore e re bolelele gore ditlou tsa rona ga di kalo, mme rona mo Botswana re itse gore ditlou di

tletse lefatshe le lotlhe? Rona re bua ka kitso e e leng gore diphologolo tse re tshela le tsone, mme e bile ga re a re di ganyaolwe fela di bolawe *recklessly*, le rona re dumela *in regulation*, ke sone se re dirisang lefoko gore di ntshiwe ka *quota*. Jaanong Minister, *since* le wena o na le tlhomamiso ya CITES, ke eng se se ka re bayang pelo gore re dumele gore ke nnete se ba se buang? Le gore 2 000 yo o buang ka ene, *study* sa teng le ne le se dira kae sa gore gotwe dikwena di 2 000? *I can take you gone jaanong gongwefela le fa e le mo nokeng fela gongwe re sa ye kgakala deeper into the delta* mo Shakawe. Gongwe re tswa fela *straight from the main town* go ya fa borogong, o bo o ka bona gore *relatively* palo ya tsone e kana ka eng. Dikwena di bolaya batho.

MR SPEAKER: *Nte a arabe* Honourable Aaron. Standing Order 40.3.

MR MMOLOTSI: Ee, jaaka ke tlhalositse Motlotlegi Aaron, *study* se se ne se dirwa gone kwa Okavango kwa The Panhandle. Se ne se dirwa jaaka ke bua mo nakong yone eo, *and you can see* gore *between then 2006 and now*, go na le lebaka go sa diriwe *study* se sengwe. *Therefore, obviously by now* dipalo di fetogile *maybe significantly because* dingwaga di tsere lebaka. Go raya gore tota go a patika gompieno gore re dire *study* se sesha ka lebaka la gore sengwe le sengwe se re se dirang, *is informed by science* le *data* e re nang le yone *to justify* palo ya dikwena e re ka e tsenyang mo *quota*. Re tshwanela ke go tlhaloganya sentle gore dipalo tsa teng di kae *to justify to the world* ka gore *we are under scrutiny by the world* gore ka boammaaruri tota fela *the population is not under threat*.

O ne o tlhalosa gore kwena ga e beele mae *under papyrus*. E beela *under the soil and obviously* se ke se buang ke gore, fa godimo ga mmu o o buang o, *papyrus* e mela gone foo. *Obviously*, fa o *disturb that environment* ka *to destroy that thing*, go ama *ultimately* le *whatever is underground*. Ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, golo ga teng go a kgoreletsa.

Ke ka tswa ke dumalana le wena mo nakong ya gompieno gore *maybe we are at a point where population growth* e e teng, e ka letlelela *sustainability utilisation*. O a itse gore jaaka o ne o bua ka CITES, e na le *interest*. E setse e kile ya bua ka ditlou *but then we see*, jaaka ke ne ke bua ka *data* le *science, we have always been above board in terms of trying to provide sufficient data* e e leng gore *it is science based and researched. Therefore, when we have such, we are able now to talk to* batho ba CITES o na le *facts* tse di ka dirisiwang. Ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, mo nakong ya gompieno, *we are facing* seemo se e leng

gore *some within ourselves* mo Botswana *are against sustainable utilisation* kgotsa ba kgatlhanong le gore go bo go ka nna go ntshiwa dikwena di le kana, *communities* di ithusa ka ditlou di le kana. *They are working hard.* Maloba re ne re le kwa *court to defend case* ya batho ba ba sa dumeleng gotlhelele gore phologolo e ka dirwa sepe. Ba re, phologolo ke tsala, ga e a tshwanelwa go kgongwa gotlhelele. Ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, re na le batho ba ba ntseng jalo. *Each time* fa re

tsaya ditshwetso, re tshwanelwa ke go itse gore re tsaya tsa *sustainability utilisation* e re e dumalanang. Re a itse gore di *hurt* ba bangwe ba e leng gore *they will always make sure* gore ba dira sengwe *to fight that*, gore go se ka ga nna le phologolo epe e e bolawang. Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Nkawana for Honourable Kapinga.

TOURISTIC DEVELOPMENTS AROUND MOHEMBO OKAVANGO BRIDGE

MR K. K. KAPINGA (OKAVANGO WEST): asked the Minister of Environment and Tourism to state:

- (i) when the residents of Okavango can expect to see touristic developments around the Moheumbo Okavango bridge as proposed in the relevant plans; and
- (ii) whether his ministry was involved in the conception of the plans; and if so, why there has not been a single development to date.

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM (MR MMOLOTSI): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Honourable Nkawana, *sorry* fa e le gore ke ne ka go kgomogela ke sa bidiwa. *Mr Speaker*, Okavango River Bridge e e tumileng thata ka leina la Moheumbo Bridge, e ne ya bulwa ka di 21st January, 2023. Ka nako e e neng e bulwa, Goramente o ne a dira *commitment* ya gore lefelo leo ka fa le leng lentle ka teng, go tshwanelwa ke gore go nne le thulaganyo ya bojanala jo bo tsamaelanang le lone gore itsholelo ya kgaolo eo e tokafale. E bile re oketse mefuta ya bojanala e e diragalang *in the* Okavango Region.

Following commitment eo *Mr Speaker*, ba Lephata la *Environment and Tourism* mo ngwageng wa 2021, ba ne ba bona lefelo la 78 *hectares on the western side* ya borogo. Lefelo la teng le siametse thata bojanala le tse

di tsamaelanang le bojanala. Go ne ga dirwa *report in a detailed tourism and layout plan*. Fa godimo ga foo, ga rerisangwa le *community*. Honourable Mabeo o ntebile thata. Ga rerisiwa *community* ka maikaelelo a lefelo le. Ga simolola go buisangwa le ba ba ka tswang ba amiwa ke lefelo leo *in terms of* batho ba ba nnang foo. Ba ba nang le tsa bone mo lefelong leo, go buisangwa le bone ka tsela e e ntseng jang gore ba itse gore go na le maikaelelo a a ntseng jang.

Go raya gore mo nakong ya gompiano, Tawana Land Board e ne ya dira *assessment*. Fa e sena go nna e dira *assessment*, ga bonwa mafelo a *residential* a le 20. Mafelo a, *were identified* e le gore a re buang ka one, a fa thoko ga noka, fa go go ntle thata go ka nna le bojanala jo bo kwa godimo. Gone foo, go ne go na le dijarata di le 20 tse go neng ga buisangwa le beng ba teng. Lephata la *Tourism* la ntsha madi *to compensate* batho ba malwapa a le 20. Ba dirisa madi a a kana ka P1.7 *million* mo *compensation* tsa teng morago ga tshokatsheko e e neng e tseneletse. Go ne ga sala mafelo a le 15 a masimo. Mafelo ao le one *Mr Speaker*, *once* dikgang tse di wetse tsotlhe, go raya gore e tlaabo e le kgang ya *compensation* gore go bo go ka tlogelelwa bojanala.

Mr Speaker, fa *relocations* tse di sena go nna di dirwa, tota e bile mo teng gape go na le mafelo a mararo a ga Goramente; ke Botswana Defence Force (BDF), Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS), ke lebala la boraro. Mafelo a mabedi re setse re dumalane, e bile Tawana Land Board e a bonetse ditsha go sele, kgakala le kwa nokeng.

BDF tumalano ke gore e tlaa *face lift* gore e tsamaelane le ka fa lefelo leo re eletsang gore le lebege ka teng. Go mo tseleng, re tsentswe *break* ke seemo sa letlhoko la madi. *As soon as* seemo sa itsholelo se fetoga, maikaelelo a rona ke go tsepama gore re tlhabolole itsholelo ya gone fale le ya Okavango ka go bona gore seemo sa bojanala se mo seemong se se siameng. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MR NKAWANA: *Supplementary*. Tona, mma ke go leboge. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Mma ke go leboge for karabo e e tsepameng, e e telele jalo. Motho o ka botsa gore 13 *years down the line* borogo bo ntse bo le teng, go bonwe lefelo la *hectares* tsa mafelo tse di kalokalo. A mme ga se gore re diile Batswana ka nako e telele, re ba solofeditse for 13 *years* gore re tlaa tla re ba neela mafelo a bojanala? Mo teng re ngathile, go na le gore re itebaganye le bojanala, jaanong ra re e nne *residential*. Motho o ka botsa gore *why change of plan* gore re se

ka ra *concentrate* mo bojanaleng, re akanye *residential*? Rotlhe re a itse gore *waterfront* di nna *attractive* mo bojanaleng mo dinokeng tsotlhe tsa Botswana.

O ne o bua ka *plans*, ke utlwile o bua ka *plan* ya Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) e e dirilweng gore a e *available for everyone to see*? E e mo *report* ke utlwile o e bua gore e ne e dirilwe *to cover* sengwe le sengwe. A le yone re ka kgona go e *access* gore re ikgotsofatse gore a dilo di tsamaya sentle *Honourable Minister*?

Ke botsa gape gore batho ba ba kwa Okavango fa borogong jwa Shakawe, Mohembo, o ka ba solofetsa eng *in terms of timeframe* gore a e tlaare ka kgwedi ya gore, ka gore go lebaka, re bo re ka tla kwa go lona? Re buile le *community, we consulted*, jaanong ra tla *to allocate* e seng go sega, *to allocate for businesses* tse di tlaabong di batlile mafelo ao. Ke a leboga.

MR MMOLOTSI: Mo kgannyeng ya tiego; 13 years, le nna ke kgopisegile *Honourable Nkawana*. Go nkgopisitse thata, mme ke sone se o bonang ke kgomogile go bona gore dilo tse di ka dirwa ka bofefo, ka tsela e e ntseng jang.

Ke golo mo go tshwanang le ka fa re dirang ka teng le kwa Kasane Water Front, gore *we have relocated* dikago gore *that area* e nne *available for business* fela mme re kgorelediwa ke madi mo nakong ya gompieno. *As soon as* re ka bona madi, *which we are trying by all means* gore re leke go a bona, *we will make sure* gore the Okavango River Front, Kasane River Front, Kasane le kwa Okavango, *people have already been relocated*. Ke lefelo le le emetseng kgwebo fela jaanong. Ke kgomogile e bile ke kgopisegile, maikaelelo ke gore re bone madi re tle re kgone go dira jalo.

Fa ke tsayang gore ga o a nkutlwa sentle ke fa ke neng ke re *the 20 plots* tse ke buang ka ga tsone, e ne e le *residential plots*. Tseo re di ntshitse, tse dingwe *we have compensated* batho ba teng. Ke bone ba ke neng ke re *we have compensated* ka P1.7 million. Ke bo ke re re setse ka 15 fela wa masimo, a re mo thulaganyong ya go bona gore batho *are compensated*, ba bo ba ka kgona *to be relocated* to mafelo a a siameng.

Ke buile ka *inland tourism plan*. *If you want to see the inland tourism plan, feel free* go tlolela fa go nna fale ke tlaa go e bontsha. Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: For Question Number 9, I am advised that there is a redirection to the Ministry of Justice and Correctional Services because it has to do with the status of the Land Tribunal to raise it to an appropriate level.

We will go to Question 11. *Ke mang yo o tseelang* Honourable Dr Gobotswang?

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ke nna.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Kaizer for Honourable Dr Gobotswang.

PUBLIC INQUIRY INTO THE ALLEGED P100 BILLION REPORTED STOLEN

DR K. GOBOTSWANG (TSWAPONG SOUTH): asked the Minister for State President, Defence and Security if Government would consider instituting a public inquiry into the P100 billion which was reported to have been stolen from Bank of Botswana to restore the credibility of Bank of Botswana, locally and internationally, and to determine how key state institutions such as the Directorate of Corruption and Economic Crime (DCEC), Directorate of Intelligence Services (DIS) and Directorate of Public Prosecutions (DPP) could make fabrications of this magnitude with far reaching domestic and international ramifications; and further:

- (i) identify and prosecute individuals who played a leading role in the scandal;
- (ii) review the situation with a view to ensure that similar transgressions never occur in the future; and
- (iii) determine the financial cost with a view to recover public funds from the leading players as a deterrent.

MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT, DEFENCE AND SECURITY (MR MOHWASA): Thank you.

- (i) Mr Speaker, I wish to thank the Honourable Member for the question concerning the matter which has been extensively reported in the public domain regarding the alleged P100 billion theft from the Central Bank. The issue has understandably generated significant public interest and concern, particularly given the importance of the Bank of Botswana as a central institution in our financial system.

- (ii) Mr Speaker, you might be aware that Government has already issued an apology regarding this matter. Mr Speaker, Government wishes to inform this August House that the matter in question is still being holistically examined by relevant entities to ensure that all relevant facts, legal processes and institutional responsibilities are properly understood. This will guide the next course of action.
- (iii) Let me conclude Mr Speaker, by stating that credibility, public confidence and accountability in our public institution is at the core of our governing philosophy as the Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC) Government. I thank you Mr Speaker.

MR SALESHANDO: *Supplementary.* Ke a go leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke botse Tona gore, kana fa le re le ntsha *apology* le kopa maitshwarelo, go raya gore le a bona gore melato e dirilwe ka fa go lona. Seo le ikgotsofaditse ka sone, jaanong badiramolato le dira eng ka bone? Ke yone potso ya me ya ntlha.

Ya bobedi fela ke gore fa le ntsha *apology*, go na le ditshenyegelo tse le tshwanetseng le felele le di duela, *in total* re ya go duela bokae mo kgannyeng e ya P100 *billion* e le go ikopa maitshwarelo?

MR MOHWASA: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Potso e neng Motlotlegi Rre Dumelang Saleshando a latedisa ka yone ya bobedi, ke tsaya gore e ne e ka arabiwa ke ba *Justice* ka gore kgang e ne e dirwa ke bone.

Ya ntlha o ne a re badiramelato le dira eng ka bone? Ke tsaya gore motlotlegi gongwe o ne a nte a baakantse potso e, a ba a sa reetse se ke neng ke se bua. Se ke neng ke se bua motlotlegi ke rile go na le dingwe tse di dirwang gompiano go latedisa kgang e. Ke bo ke re maduo a tseo ke a tlaa laolang gore go tsewa kgato efe. Ke ne ke re ditlhotlhomiso le ditshekatsheko di santse di tswelotse go lebagana le kgang e. Fa go sena go dirwa, ke ne ke kopa gore motlotlegi tlhe a ko a itsheke.

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

MR SPEAKER: Mo reetseng thata *Honourable Members*, le se ka la mo tsena ganong.

MR MOHWASA: Ke raya gore e tlaa re fa go sena go nna go diragala, fa re sena go nna re fetsa ditlhotlhomiso tse, ke gone re tlaa tlhalosang gore re tsaya kgato ya go nna jang. Ke a leboga.

MR KAIZER: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke botse Tona gore fa re lebile *scale* sa tiragalo e e diragetseng, fa o re o lebelela *in terms of investor confidence* gore kana mme re tabogile mo re batla *investors*, mme re na le kgang ke e ya selebego se se kana. Ke re ke botse *Minister* gore go na le eng se ba se dirang gompiano *to boost investor confidence* ya bagwebi ba ba tabogileng ba ba batla?

E nngwe ya bofelo ke gore, *what mechanisms existed then at the Bank of Botswana*, tse di feletseng di dira gore go nne le tshenyego ya selebego se? Fa e le gore *they have identified gaps*, Goromente yo o mo Pusong gompiano o dira eng go netefatsa gore sengwe sa mofuta o ga se diragale gape mo nakong e e tlang? Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MR MOHWASA: Go lebega gongwe motlotlegi a santse a saletse kwa morago mo dikgannyeng tse ka gore kgang ya Bank of Botswana, o a itse gore e tlhalositse gore ga gona madi a a duleng. Ga gona sepe se se supileng gore go na le mako mangwe. Ene ka fa a e bayang ka teng, o bua jaaka e kete go setse go tserwe madi kwa Bank of Botswana mme yone e tlhalosa gore ga go a tsewa. Potso ya gore jaanong go dirwa eng go leka go dira gore seo se se ka sa diragala gape, ga gona fa e ka tsenang teng ka gore ga go a diragala. Ga o ka ke wa re o baakanya selo se se sa diragalang.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Further supplementary.

MR MOHWASA: Ga ke ise ke bo ke fetse, ba reye ba iketle.

MR SPEAKER: Mmang a wele *Honourable Members*.

MR MOHWASA: Se kgoberegeng tlhe bathong, Kgoberego Nkawana, bua le batho ba se ka ba kgoberega.

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

MR MOHWASA: E nngwe, le tshwanetse le bo le na le dikgang mo dikgannyeng tsa P100 *billion* banna.

Jaanong motlotlegi o bua gore re dira eng go bona gore re dira gore batho ba nne le tshapho go beeletsa mo lefatsheng la Botswana? Ke tsaya gore melao le fa e mengwe o ne o sa dumalane le yone, e dirilwe fa go leka go dira gore re tokafatse ka fa batho ba re lebelelang ka teng.

Kgang ya *investor confidence* fa e le gore o buela mo kgannyeng ya P100 *billion*, ke gore se se teng ke gore jaaka ke tlhalosa, re dira sengwe go bona gore ga gona

repeat ya seo. Phoso e gongwe re ka bo re ne ra tsamaisa sentle mo nakong e e fetileng, e e dirileng gore go felele go nna le *apology* e, re leka go baakanya seemo seo mo taolong. Jaanong le se ka la emelela le bo le nna bogale jaaka e kete ke rona ba re neng re tshwaragane le dikgang tse. Re baakanya seemo se jaaka le bona re tsaya dikgato tse re buang ka tsone. Jaanong ke ka bua ka re le gautshwanyane le ba ba ka koo, ke bone le ka ba botsang. Tanki.

DR DOW: *Further Supplementary. Thank you very much Mr Speaker.* Ke ne ke re ke botse; kana Goromente fa a dira o dira ka batho; *individuals*. Ba itse gore *those individuals* tse gompiano re di fitlhisitse gone fa, a ba santse ba le mo Pusong ya lona gompiano jaana kana ba dule? E bile dikgato ba tseetswe tse gotweng mang? Jaaka o ne o bua gore le tlaa dira gore go se ka ga diragala gape, le dira eng gore *fabrication* e se ka ya nna teng? *Fabrication* eo e ne e dirwa ke bomang, a ba santse ba e tsentse mo dipateng tsa lona, le tlaa dira jang gore ba tswe mo teng? Ke a leboga.

MR MOHWASA: Ke a leboga motlotlegi. Ke ne ke tsaya gore motlotlegi o ka tlhaloganya botoka go na le rona ka kwano e le motho wa molao ka gore go santse go na le ditlhotlhomiso tse di teng, di tswetse go tla kwa boteng jwa dikgang tse.

E tlaa re fa go setse go sena go digelwa kgang e, ke tlhalositse gore... gongwe ke bale gape fa o ka ntetlelela motlotlegi, *“Government wishes to inform this August House that the matter in question is still being holistically examined by relevant entities to ensure that all relevant facts, legal processes and institutional responsibilities are properly understood. This will guide the next course of action.”* Ke gone ka fa go ntseng ka teng *Mr Speaker*.

MR LUCAS: *Supplementary.* Go lebega golo fa go na le *inquiry*. Potso ke gore golo mo ke *inquiry* ya mofuta mang? A ke *Commission of Inquiry* mme e bile e eteletse pele ke mang?

Sa bobedi, le setse le kopile maitshwarelo mme kana o kopa maitshwarelo o sena go ikgotsofatsa ka dikgang gore di fapogile fa kae. A mme e tlaa re o sena go kopa maitshwarelo o bo o tswelela gape o re jaanong o dira *inquiry*? Ga se gore golo fa jaanong o batla go sia ka ditlhaloganyo tsa rona? O batla go re bolaya tlhaloganyo ka go bua dipuo tse e leng gore tota ga di tsamaelane. O ikgotsofaditse ka kgang wa ba wa kopa maitshwarelo, jaanong wa re fa o sena go kopa maitshwarelo, o dira *inquiry*. A ko o itlhalose sentle golo fa Caesar, rona ga re go tlhaloganye sentle.

MR MOHWASA: Rre rre a re o belaela gore go na le ditlhotlhomiso mme e bile a re go na le *inquiry* e bile e eteletse pele ke mang. Fa a tla fa, o tla a siane, a sena go nna a bua gore ke *inquiry* mme nna ke sa re ke *inquiry*. Ditlhotlhomiso di mefuta, ke tsaya gore borre ba ba ka koo, gongwe Rre Kapinga o ka bo a go tlhalosetsa ka gore ke motho wa ditlhotlhomiso. Go na le tlhotlhomiso e o ka e tlhotlhomisang gongwe motho a thubile kwa ga gago Mma Dow mme fa a thubile *Mr Speaker*, golo moo ke *inquiry*. Fa go na le batho ba tla gompiano ba utswile baki ya ga Rre Lucas gone mo Palamenteng, re bo re tlhotlhomisa re re kante baki e utswile ke mang, ga re ka ke ra go bitsa *inquiry*. Se se teng ke gore ditlhotlhomiso le ditiro di mefuta. Fa re bua jaana, ba Directorate on Corruption and Economic Crime (DCEC) ba na le thulaganyo ya bone e ba ka e dirang ba le nosi. Ba Directorate on Public Prosecution (DPP), go na le thulaganyo ya bone e ba ka e dirang ba le koo, ba le nosi. Jaanong ga e ka ke ya re fa re kgobokana fa re bo re tla re tsennngwa mo pateng ke Rre Lucas gore re re ke *inquiry*, go tswa fa a bo a re nnyaa.

The reason why e re go na le ditlhotlhomiso tse *Mr Speaker*, ke gore re lemoga gore ga go a dirwa sentle. Santlhlantlha fela re tshwanetse gore re dumalane rotlhe gore ga go a diragala sentle. Re a tlhotlhomisa, se re amogelang rotlhe gore ga se a diragala sentle, yo o sa dirang dilo sentle, o tlaa tshwanelwa ke gore a tselwe dikgato. Ka gore ga go na lefatshe lepe le e leng gore le ka bereka ka gore mongwe le mongwe a bo a itirela go rata, go na le tlolako ya molao. Ke gone fa kgang e leng teng. Batho ba ne ba tsaya gore re tlaa nna fela. Nnyaa, re tlaa tsaya dikgato tse di maleba. Ke a leboga.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Supplementary.

MR SPEAKER: We have overshot the runway. Let us go to the Appropriation 2026/2027, Bill, 2026 (No. 1 of 2026).

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

Second Reading (Resumed Debate)

MR SPEAKER: Order! Order! Honourable Members, the debate on this Bill is resuming. When the House adjourned yesterday, Honourable Galenawabo Lekau was on the floor debating and he is left with 13 minutes, eight seconds.

MR LEKAU (MOGODITSHANE WEST): Ke a leboga. Maabane re ne re le mo go e nngwe *but it is not business as usual* mme e bile kana thapelo e e neng e tswa fa e ne e bua gore re beele dikgatlhego tsa rona kwa thoko, re di beele kgakala. E bile gape kana gone fa *Mr Speaker*, o ka nna wa fitlhela e le gore fa ke bua jaana, ke ya go gata bangwe khonse ka gore *Budget Speech* e, e nonofile tota.

Gompieno ke dule mo *tax*, ke bua ka *economic transformation*, e e leng gore ke *to unlock the economy*. E rile fa go buiwa ka *citrus*, mongwe motho o ne a bua mo Palamenteng gore go tshwana fela, le tsaya ditiro tse le ka bong le di fa Batswana le di romela kwa ntle. Ee, go ntse jalo mme kana *it is one step at a time*. Ga e ka ke ya re fela le sena go lema dinamune kana disurunamune, e re di tlhoga fela o bo o re e bile ke batla go ithuta go dira *flavours* kana mo o ka go tsenyang e le mafura, o a tsenya mo *baking*, e le *baking agents* fela, ga re re ithute dilo tse.

Puso e ka gore e tswa go bona *market*, le nna ke mo fa tsholofelo ya gore a se ka a solofela thata gore go tlaa pala gore kamoso dilo tse di dirwe mo lefatsheng le.

Gape ke supe thata gore fa re bua ka *economy*, re bua ka *policy and infrastructure*. Fa o ka ya go lebelela *Page 18, Paragraph 76*, e bua ka gore go ye go lekwa ka bojotlhe gore go dirwe *conducive environment for businesses*. *That means those who apply for licences and visas* go tla ka kwano, go a bo go lebilwe gore ba neelwe dilo tseo go le motlhofo gore ba kgone go dira *that investment*.

Economy e a pepetlediwa, ga e tshwane fela le...

MR LUCAS: *Clarification*. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Fa o bua ka dinamune tsele, o dira gore gongwe re nne le kgatlhego thata ka di bapile le garona ka kwa. O supa gore golo fale le santse le batla go ithuta maele a gore *how can they be benefited*. A mme gone go na le *plan* nngwe e o e itseng ya gore e tlaa re ka ngwaga wa gore go bo go dirwa se *in terms of trying to beneficiate* or le lebile fela go ka nna ga tsaya dingwaga di ka tshwara lesome kgotsa lesome le botlhano le ntse le lebile? Ke tsaya gore o re fe lesedi ka gore re utlwa botlhoko fa ditiro tsa bana ba rona di ntse di tsamaya di ya kwa mafatsheng a sele.

MR LEKAU: Fa o ka lebelela, go batla batlotlegi mo Ntlong ba ithuta go bala thata ka gore dilo tse ke di buang tse ga ke di ntsho mo tlhogong, ke tse di

kwadilweng. Le fa o ka ya go lebelela *the budget*, e supa gore *some of the stuff* di ya go dirwa *in phases and in three-year period*. Go ne ga tsewa makolwane fela a go neng gotwe *under 40* ba isiwa kwa lefatsheng la China gone mo Palamenteng go lebelela dilo. Ke tsaya gore fa e le gore ba tsamaile fela ba boa fela, *Mr Speaker, next time* o tlhophe sentle ka gore golo kwa China kwa, re ne rutwa ka *machines* tse di ka tlhabololang lefatshela la Botswana. Fa e le gore Rre Lucas ka gore ene o *above 40*, nkabo gongwe a gakolotswe ke ma *under 40* gore nnyaa, golo kwa re tswa go supegetswa *machines* tse di ka fetolang surunamune e bo e dira se. Rre Lucas, o mpone fa re tswa fa ke go supegetse gore le banana mo diphuthegong tsa rona, re a ba rotloetsa gore ba nne ba tsene ba lebelele *machines* tse di ka fetolang gore e re mo dingwageng tse di tlang... fa gotwe *economic transformation*, go tewa le gore go tlaa dirwa *a conducive environment* ya gore o se ka wa fiwa *loan* ka leina kwa Citizen Entrepreneurial Development Agency (CEDA), o e fiwe ka gore o supa gore o tlaa dira. Go teng mo *Budget Speech* gore *financing* ya go tsweng fa go ya pele, *projects are going to be funded* le batho ba ba supang gore ba batla *to concentrate* mo *manufacturing*.

E re fa o bua ka Tlhako le Molomo kwa Bobirwa, o tsenye le gore banana ba ithute gore disurunamune tse ba dire eng ka tsone. Ke batla go supa gore...

MR LUCAS: O ne o re *three years* ga kere?

MR LEKAU: *Three years*, o mpotse ka 2028. Ke batla go supa gore Puso *is so robust* ka gore e batla *risk management*. Fa o batla *to invest* mo *economy*, selo sa ntlha se o se elang tlhoko ke *risks and* o tshwanetse go di *manage*. Fa o ka lebelela, ga ke batle go bua ka ope yo mogologolo, mme fela gone ka gore ba teng fa, ba utlwe gore go ne go tlhokafala gore *economy risks could be managed*. Fa re leng teng fa go re raya gore dinako tsotlhe sepe se se diragalang, *we should be very cautious* ka *the risk including* le *to depend on one sector*. Kana golo moo ka bogone ke mathata a re iphitlhelang re le fa go one. Puso e e leka sengwe le sengwe se se ka re berekelang, ke tsaya gore fa o ka kopanya mmu o o kwa Sehithwa le wa Maun wa o tsenya mo maboteleng wa kgabisa, go tlaa go supegetsa gore fa o o rekisetsa mafatshe ba ka o kgatlhegela. Re tlaabo re go *support* mo mogopolong oo Rre Hikuama. Puso e a leka gape gore e batle go supa gore State Owned Enterprises (SOEs) di ne di sa *perform*, mme jaaka o ka bona mo *page 11* e e supang gore *there is a feasibility study* go tlhola gore Botswana Power Corporation (BPC) e tshwanetse *to be improved*. E se ka ya tsenya *cables* le motlakase, e *concentrate* mo *aspect* efe. Ga se yone fela, bo Water

Utilities, le CEDA, ke dilo tse Puso e ikaelelang go ya go lebelela SOEs. Mo SOEs ga se gore ke *departments* tsotlhe tse di dirang *loss, it is a certain department* e e leng gore fa Puso e ne e e ntshitse, o kgona go fitlhela e le gore *that organisation* e ka dira botoka go gaisa.

E re ke ela kwa motsubong, ke leke go supa gore...Ga ke itse, ke na le mathata a go utlwa dinako tse dingwe, mme mongwe o ne a bua gore Puso ya re e ya go dira *budget* e e tlaabong e ya kwa go 40 *per cent*, ke Rre Saleshando. A re e atumela 40 *per cent* mo e leng gore e ya go tlogela bana mo dikolotong, e bile e batla go tlogela lefatshe le le humanegile, go ya ka ene. Jaanong ga ke itse gore bo *Honourable* Moalosi ba ne ba le bokgakala bo kae go mo supegetsa gore *page 13, paragraph 54*, e e buang ka *funds of funds*, yone ya reng. E bua ka *to create*, ga re bue ka bo National Petroleum Fund (NPF) kana gatweng e e neng e dirwa ke bo *Honourable* Pule. Re bua ka dilo tse di tlhwaafetseng tse re batlang gore *economy* ya Botswana e laolwe ke batlhalefi ba ba tseneletseng...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Correction honourable.

MR LEKAU: Nnyaa, o tlaa *correct* kwa Maitengwe...

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

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa, a ko o mmuise sentle. Go baakangwa gone mo Palamenteng, fa o sa *yield* o se ka wa *yield*. O se ka wa mo sotla.

MR MOALOSI: *Correction.* Ke a leboga. *Honourable* Lekau, gongwe ga o a utlwa sentle ka gore kana Mothusa Tautona o ne a bua ka Sekgoa, o ne a bua gore sekoloto...

MR LEKAU: *Mr Speaker, I withdraw,* ke tsaya *floor* ya me mo go ene...

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

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa *Honourable* Lekau, ga go diriwe jalo...

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

MR SPEAKER: Ga go diriwe jalo Mongwato. O se ka wa mo jela nako le wena...

MR MOALOSI: Ke a leboga go ntshireletsa *Honourable Speaker.* Ke ne ke bua gore kana *the Vice President (VP)* o ne a bua gore *the debt ceiling* ke 40 *per cent.* Ke yone e e neng e buiwa ke *Honourable* Saleshando, o ne a bua ka sekoloto gore fa re ntse re tsaya dikoloto, *we are approaching the debt ceiling.* Wena ga ke itse gore wa re o bua ka *ceiling* efe *comrade.*

MR LEKAU: Tla ke tlhalose la bofelo ka fa tlase ga motsotso, fa a wela a bo a re *debt ceiling* jaaka re e fitlhela, go raya gore re tlaabo re tlogelela bana ba rona dikoloto. Jaanong *I am telling you* gore ga re ye go ba tlogelela dikoloto, tsamaya o ye go bala *page 13, paragraph 54* o bone gore le fa re ka ya *to reach that debt ceiling we have a plan* ya go batla go dira eng go tswa mo sekolotong seo. Ga re a ema fela mo sekolotong. Jaanong *classes* tse le di *attend* maitseboa.

Fa re tsena mo *public expenditure* go ne go buiwa gotwe o kare Puso ya bogologolo e tlhomagane ka difofane, *Minister* a *land* kwa Maun, yo mongwe a *land.* *This is the last aspect* ke gakolola Botswana Congress Party (BCP), fa le ka se ke le utlwe e kgakololo ke tlaabo ke dule mo go lona, *page 30, paragraph 118,* bagaetsho, fa re tsena mo Pusong, *one thing that you should be cautioned about* le fa e le gore re leka *to manage to spend* mo go kana ka eng, selo sa ntlha *we need to allocate resources. If we allocate resources, we should be mindful of the fact* ya gore o se ka wa *choke economy* le *essential services to deliver.* Fa o bona *Minister* a le kwa Mogoditshane yo mongwe a le kwa Kgatleng, o bo o re yo o neng a le kwa Kgatleng ke eng a ne a sa fetele kwa Mogoditshane, batho ba ba kwa kgaolong eo le bone ka nako eo ba tlhoka *that essential service.* Go botlhokwa gore batho bao ba tsene, ke bone ba ba lelang fa ba bo Gumare ba re bo *Minister* ga ba nke ba ya kwa go bone. Fa go iwa kwa go bone ba a lela gape gore ba tsamaya letsatsi le letsatsi. Le batla eng? Re nne mo Gaborone *for those to be coordinated?* Ke ne ke kopa gore re itse gore fa re tswa fa, botlhe ba ke buang le bone re bo re lemoga gore *Budget Speech* e raya rona. E raya gore re e tseye ka tlhwaafalo gore fa re tswa fa, *we want to transform this economy.* Ke eletsa gore maBCP otlhe le eme ka dinao fa ke nna fa fatshe re amogele gore *Budget Speech* e e bile re ka bo re ema gone fa fela fa ke emeng teng, re e amogela ka gore ke yone e e ka re ntshang mo mathateng a rona le lona re leng mo go one.

Maabane fa ke bua le Rre Hikuama o ne a supa gore Rre Lekau, ka fa o buang ka teng fa e ne e le nna ke ne ke tlaa laola gore e re beke e e tlang re bo re feditse ka *Budget Speech* e...*(Interruptions)*...Ke dumalana le wena gore o e tshwere sentle, o e simolotse ka fa re e batlang ka teng, tota e bile e ka bo e tsaya beke e bo e fela. Jaanong maBCP, reetsang Rre Hikuama re *approve this budget.* Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable Members*, le se ka la tsosetsana modumo fa yo mongwe a le mo *floor*. *The floor is open.*

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

MR PHOLOGOLO (KANYE WEST): Thank you Mr Speaker. Let me ... *A re retsaneng bakaulengwe.*

MR SPEAKER: *Order Honourable Members!* Akere le a itse gore *Honourable* Phologolo le *Honourable* Aaron ba na le lentswananyana le le le bonang lele.

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

(Certain words were expunged from the record as ordered by the Speaker.)

MR PHOLOGOLO: Procedure. Thank you Mr Speaker, Honourable Aaron *o ne a rile ga a na mathata le gore ke bue*. Thank you.

MR SPEAKER: *Nyaa, ga go tsamaisiwe jalo* Honourable Phologolo. Honourable Aaron, you have the floor.

MR AARON (NGAMI): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*, nnyaa ke motlogolo wa me ke tlaa mo sadisetsanyana. Tlaa ke tseye sebaka se le nna ke akgele mo mafokong a re a beilweng pele ke *His Honour and Minister of Finance*. Pele ke simolola, *let me wish happy birthday to my birthday twin Honourable* Nkawana, o a gola gompiano, nna le ene. Le fa le sa re opelela.

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

MR AARON: Ke tseye sebaka se ke supe gore, mo bogompionong re fa betsho ka mafoko a re a beilweng pele, kgang kgolo ke gore re bone gore re aba jang *resources* tsa lefatshe la rona. Ke supe gore go molemo thata gore, e re fa re kopana jaana e bo e le morago ga *workshop* e re kileng ra e bewa pele, re itse gore re gololesege gore se re se beilweng pele *today is not the final budget, but it is for us to scrutinize and we have the powers as Parliament to even adjust what has been put forward on us* bagaetsho. Jaanong go na le bangwe ba e reng fa go buiwa, e bo e nna o kare fa re bua ka dipharologano, gongwe re a fosa. Jaanong ke a go leboga *Mr Speaker*, gore o bo o re butse matlho gore re eme fa gompiano go sa reye gore re dumalane le sengwe le sengwe se re se beilweng pele. Go ka itumedisa go supa gore le dithuto tse re di fiwang, ke nnete re di dirisa ka fa go tshwanetseng.

Tona o amogetse mo Ntlong e gore, itsholelo ya rona e kwa tlase, e gantsinyana e atlang e re fa o bua o dirise mafoko a gore sepatšhe se makgwakgwa. Tona re a utlwa, ga se lantlha re utlwa ka kgang ya gore sepatšhe se makgwakgwa, re ka go thusa fa re ka bona Puso ya gago le yone e supa gore ke nnete sepatšhe se makgwakgwa. Tiriso ya lona ya madi, e tshwanetse ya tsamaelana le se le se buang, e seng jalo ga gona Motswana ope yo o tlaa tswelelang a dumela gore sepatšhe se makgwakgwa, fa tiriso ya lona ya madi e sa supe gore ke nnete le berekela mo sepatšheng se se senang madi. Ke gone mo e atlang e re motho a bua a re, "*you cannot fool all the people, all the time.*" Bangwe ba re ke le botse gore, ka gore le tsene mo Pusong e le sena madi, e bile le fitlhetse Puso le yone e sena madi jaaka le sa tswa go bua, jaanong le tšhutšhuma le jele eng. Ke gatelela kgang ya gore, ka gore ga gona madi, a go supe ka lona le ditiro tsa lona pele, gore e re fa re ema re le eme nokeng.

Re tlhloganya sentlentle *Mr Speaker* gore, fa o re baya pele jaana se ke one morero wa gore re itse gore Batswana ba solofele eng go simologa gone jaanong go ya kwa go *April* yo o latelang. Motswana yo o sa berekeng, bogolo jang ba e leng banana ba ba feditseng dikole ba na le *qualifications* tse di rileng, gongwe ba ka ipotsa gore re ba tshwaretse eng mo *budget* ya gompiano. Phologolo ke e e ole, jaanong re fa go bona gore re kgaoganya dirwe tsa yone jang le jang.

MR MMOLOTSI: *Point of order.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*, jone bo *Father of the House* jo *Mr Speaker*, gongwe ke leke go kgalemela thata *side remarks* tse di maswenyana. Ke raya gore e e ntseng e ntshiwa ke Hikuama le yone e ne e sa siama gotlhelele, ka gore re e utlwile. Fa Aaron a re, "re tshutshuma re jele eng", Rre Hikuama o e fetotse jaanong ene o dirisa dikgang di sele fela. Ke raya gore le mo kgalemele.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Aaron, *kana* Standing Order 57.4, says, "it shall be out of order to use offensive and insulting language", *le gore*, "you shall not impute improper motives." *Jaanong ga ke itse gore fa o re ba tšhutšhuma ba jele eng, tota* it is figurative *mme ga ke itse gore gone o raya eng. Ga ke a utlwa ya ga* Honourable Hikuama, *a re e tlogele fela ke sa e utlwa jalo.*

MR AARON: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Tota se ke neng ke leka go se bua, jaaka o sa tswa go bua e le *figurative*, ke raya gore Goromente yo ba tseneng mo go ene ba fitlhetse a sena madi, e bile le bone re a itse gore ba

tsene ba sena madi. Jaanong gompieno matshelo a bone ga a supe bahumanegi ba ba neng ba tsena mo Pusong. Ke ne ke e bua ka gore Batswana ba kile ba rata gore ba tlhaloganye se.

MR HIKUAMA: *On a point of elucidation.* Ke a leboga *Honourable Aaron for yielding.* Se o se buang fela ka bokhutshwane ke se se kileng sa buiwa le ke *Honourable Kapinga*, fa a bua ka *opulence*. Gore Puso e ka fa e dirang dilo ka teng, ga go supafale e sena madi. Ke gone go tshutshuma mo o buang ka gone. Mo dikoloing tse ba di rekang, tse di tsamayang ka bo Tautona ba mafatshe a itsholelo e e tshutshumang. O bua ka *watches* tse di bokete, ka Matona ba ba fapaanelang go ya kwa Maun ka letsatsi le le lengwe, gane. Ke gone go tshutshuma mo o buang ka gone.

MR LEKAU: *Point of order. Mr Speaker,* ke dumela gore kgang e ya go tshutshuma fa re ka se ke re e tseye ka tlhwaafalo gore e tswe gone jaana, e tlaa se ke e nne sentle. Ka fa le nna ke ba bonang ba tshutshuma ka teng le dikoloi tse ba di rweleng tsa *twin cab* tse di megatla e metelele, le rona re bona e le go tshutshuma, re ipotsa gore bone ba tshutshumisiwa ke eng. Jaanong a re se ka ra leka gore re dirise lefoko le, ka gore le tlaabo le leba batho bangwe sentle. Fa go ntse jaana a bo motho a bua gore re bona le rwele *watch* tse di turang, o kare o raya gore Mapalamente kana bape ba ba mo Palamenteng ga ba amogele *to afford that*, ga go nne sentle. Ke kopa gore lefoko leo... a *argue* fela mme lefoko la go tshutshuma le tswe mo teng, *because it is subjective.*

MR SPEAKER: Ee, mme kana jaanong le wena o ipusoloseditse ka gore ba a tshutshuma. Jaanong e dingalonyana. Tswelela *Honourable Aaron.*

MR AARON: *Okay,* gongwe tla ke dirise lefoko le le tlaa le tlhaloganyang botoka. Ke gore tiriso ya lona ya madi, ka fa le jang madi ka teng ga le lebege jaaka batho ba ba fitlhetseng sepatšhe se sena sepe. Jaanong akere le ne le re ke e beye ka tsela e le tlaa e tlhaloganyang, ke sone se ke reng monana yo o feditseng sekole, o ntse a batla go...

MR MMOLOTSI: *Point of order.* Ke gore *Honourable Aaron*, *I think* gore o tle o letlelesege *to flow* sentle *nicely*, ke gore *debate* o a bona, o tlogele *watch* ya ga semangmang. Kgang e e builwe ya gore dikoloi tse di dirisiwang ke Tautona di tswa kae, go diragetse eng. *So, I really do not know* gore fa o ka *debate* fela wa tsena mo kgannyeng, kana batho ba kwa kgaolong ya gago

ba batla go go utlwa sentle gore o ba buelela go le kae. Jaanong wena o tshwara kwa, *watch* ya ga semangmang e a tura, yole o a tshutshuma. Tota fela ga re a tshwanela *to debate* ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. Tlogela borumolano o tsene *into debating*, re tle re go utlwe. *Minister of Finance is taking notes*, so, fa o sale o ema ka dinao, ga a ise a kwale le fa e le *dot* e le nngwe fela.

MR SPEAKER: *E tseye e le kgakololo* Honourable Member, Order 57.1 “a Member shall restrict his or her observation to the subject under discussion and shall not introduce matter irrelevant to that subject.” *E tseye e le kgakololo*, read with Order 57.4 and 57.5 as I have read them. Honourable Aaron.

MR AARON: Ke kopa gore ke nne le kgololesego ya go bua mo Ntlong e, ke se ka ka rutiwa ke mongwe gore ke bua jang. Fa ke sa dirise tlhapha ke kopa gore ke nne le kgololesego ya go bua mo Ntlong e. Jaanong betsho, se ke neng ke re ke tswe mo go sone ke gore, monana wa kwa kgaolong ya me yo o feditseng sekoleng mme o alogile ka *qualifications* tse di farologaneng tse ba nang le tsone, ba ntse ba batla go itse gore mme mo *Budget Speech* ya gompieno ba solofele eng. Bogolo jang ba e leng gore *they have been manipulated by* Goromente wa letsatsi, ke e fa sekai jaaka barutabana ba e leng gore batho ba Modimo... dikole tsa kwa kgaolong ya me ga di na barutabana, mo o fitlhelang e le gore morutabana a le *one* o felela a kgobokanya *two classrooms*, go raya gore *now student-teacher ratio* e ya kwa godimo. Mme re na le *skill*, barutabana ba le teng, fela e le gore mo gongwe gatwe fa a kile a bereka *last year* a se ka a hirwa gape ka gore o tlaa re o berekile *more than a year*. Re solofele eng? Ke bua se ka gore *Mr Speaker*, *Honourable Mokgware* o kile a supa gore ba ba ntseng ba dira mme ba dira *on private basis*, Goromente o tsaya tshwetso ya gore a ba hire ba nne *permanent*. Go tlhabisa ditlhong gore Goromente wa gago o kgona go bua selo a bo a sa se diragetse. Ke ntse ke fa sekai ka barutabana, mo bogompionong o ema mo *presentation* ya gago fa o re fa *budget* e, le yone gompieno o ntse ga o supe gore o tlhomamisa gore barutabana ba tlaa bona ditiro. Ke ne ke solofetse gore lentswe la gago le tlaa nna fa godingwana ga ga *Honourable Mokgware*. Jaanong fa e nna o kare e santse e tlaa nna tshekatsheko gore go bonwe gore go tlaa tweng, go utlwisa botlhoko. Ba re ntseng re le kgalhanong re re tlaa baya leitlho dikompone tse di jang ntsoma bana ba Batswana, e bile di ba fa dikonteraka tse di khutshwane, a mme re tlaa kgona fa re sa diragetse se re se buang?

Ke dumela mo go reng o supile gore *governance and oversight*, gore re tlaa leka ka bojotlhe gore le bone gore nngwe ya dilo tse le tlaa di lebang ke gore *corruption* e se ka ya ya kwa teng, teng. Go utlwa botlhoko *through you Mr Speaker* gore, Goromente yo a bo a sena le *five years* mme Matona ba bo ba setse ba gomagomediwa ke go sekisiwa ka *corruption*. Ke gore ba ise ba nne le fa e le *five years* ba bo ba setse ba le *involved* mo *corruption*. Go utlwa botlhoko ka gore se ga se tsamaelane le se o se buang.

MR MONAGENG: *Point of procedure. Mr Speaker,* ke gore kgang e ya go nna gotwe Matona mangwe ba gomagomediwa go sekisiwa, maabane e letse e builwe, mme e bo e kare gare e amogele. Go bo gotwe, nnyaa kana re bona *on the newspapers*. Ke re *Mr Speaker*, a e ne e re dilo tse re di bonang *on the newspapers* fa di ise di rurifadiwe a re se ka ra di tliša mo Ntlong e, ka gore re senya ba bangwe maina. Ke kopa jalo *Mr Speaker*.

MR SPEAKER: Kopo ke gore le se ka la rumolana *Honourable Aaron*. Tswelela ka *debate*.

MR AARON: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Boammaaruri ke gore, gore re kgone go ipaakanya, kana Goromente yo a ipaakanye, ke gore o tshwanetse a dumele diphoso tse a di dirang, go na le gore ba bo ba mpampetsa. Fa ke ka fa sekai, go na le *Minister* mongwe gone fa yo e leng gore *I approached him* ke mo raya ke re, ke eng o sa arabe mogala wa me, go lebega gore *you have blocked my number?* Kana le fa re ka tswa re se mo Pusong ntlheng e nngwe fela, mme gore o bo o le *Minister*, o wa rona ba rotlhe. Ke bua ka motho yo o teng gone fa, a nthaya a re, “o ntshwara mo mogaleng ofe?” Ke bo ke mmolelela gore ke go tshwara mo mogaleng wa 75...

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Laughter!)

MR AARON: *Okay*, ka bua mogala, ke fa ene a nthaya a re, “mogala o o tserwe ke ba DCEC.” Ga re bua lefela, re bua dilo tse di diragalang, ka gore le batla gore jaanong re di bua. Jaanong se re le kang go se bua ke gore, Goromente wa lona a ise a nne le fa e le *five years, less than two years* ba bo ba setse ba nna mo dikganyeng tsa tshenyetso-setšhaba, go utlwa botlhoko. Ka gore batho ba ba neng ba solofetse gore bale ba ba kileng ba nna dingwaga tse dintintsi, gongwe dingwaga tse dintintsi ke tsone tse di neng di ba dira jalo. Jaanong lona ba le tlang le le *fresh* le tlaa baakanya dilo. Ga re rate go bua dikgang, mme o nkutlwile, o ntihalogantse.

Jaanong re tlhaloganya gore DCEC e na le thata ya go tlhotlhomisa mongwe le mongwe. Gongwe le fa re ntse re ntse fa le itse gore ba rotlhe re a tlhotlhomisiwa, mme fa o bona ba phunyetsa mo go wena jaana, mosi ke molelo, eo re e tlhomamise. Jaanong betsho, ke ne ke gatelela fela gore *oversight* le e dire. Gongwe ke batla go supa sengwe ka nako ya bo *President Masire*, e ne e re fa motho e le Tona a tlhotlhomisiwa o ne a beelwa fa thoko. Fa le ka gakologelwa dikgang tsa Mogoditshane ga di simolole gone jaanong, mme go ne go kile ga diragala gore batho ba bewa fa thoko go bo gotwe, e tlaa re fa o setse o itlhatswitse leina ke gone o tlaa boelang. Jaanong gompieno le a mpampetsa, le bipa mpa ka mabele, *corruption* ga le e bone e le sengwe se se le tshwenyang. Re kopa gore tse le di baakanyeng gore re tswelele re ye pele.

Mr Speaker, ke rata go supa gore re tlhaloganya gore seemo sa rona sa madi se ntse jang. Fa re tla mo dikganyeng tse di tshwanang le tsa botsogo, re tshwanetse ra leka ka bojotlhe go bona gore a re sireletsa tšhaba ya rona ka gore fa e ka nyelela, ga re tle go busa dikwena le ditlou. Le fa go tla go busa tšhaba ya Botswana. Pele e ne e re ba ba neng ba tshela ka *chronic diseases* jaaka mo re go bitsang bo BP le bo sukiri, Goromente e ne e re fa a itse gore ga a na melemo, a bo a romela batho kwa *private pharmacy*. Golo mo le go emisitse, mme go jele batho. Yo e leng gore ga a na madi mme e bile gongwe kwa ga bone jaaka kwa go nna go sena *pharmacies*, re ba bolokile. Gatwe re e bua ka matsetseleko, mme re supe gore dilo tse di diragetse ka nnete.

Re tla re utlwa kgang ya gore go tlaa nna le *National Health Insurance*. Betsho, ke santse ke gatelela Batswana ra re letlhaku le lesa le agelwa mo go le legologolo. Tsholofelo ya gore *National Health Insurance* e e leng gore gatwe motho o tlaa nna le tshwanelo ya gore a itlhophele gore o ya kwa *private doctor* efe kana kwa sepatela sefe, tsholofelo ya gore e tlaa bereka, fa fela gore fa dipilisi di seyo a bo le *cancel* gore motho o ka ya go tsaya dipilisi tsa BP kwa *pharmacy*, ke eng? Fa ke gone fa re tlang re supa teng gore re bona e le gore le na le go bua dilo go kगतलहिसा kana go itse puo mme go ntse go itsege sentle gore fa o sa kgone go tsholetsa 5kg ga o ka ke wa tsholetsa 50kg.

Betsho, re lebogela kgato ya gore dipatela dingwe tse di gaufi jaaka bo Gaborone le bo Sir Ketumile gore Sir Ketumile e thuse, mme kana *infrastructure* fela ka bo yone, le fa gongwe ya Princess Marina e onetse, *infrastructure* ka bo yone e ka se tsise kalafi fa go sena

bodiredi. Tona wa Botsogo o kile a supa gore le tsaya kgato ya gore e bile le buse dingaka tsa baitseanape tse di tlaa tswang kwa mafatsheng a sele, go simologa leng, ba goroga leng fa le sa kgone *to intensify* ba e leng gore ba teng mo Botswana gone gompiono? Dilo tse di ngomola pelo.

Betsho, ga ke batle go boela morago jaaka mo kgannyeng ya maabane, mme ke supe gore ke santse ke gatelela gore fa o le motho o itse gore ga o itse tse tsotlhe, ga o *jack of all trades*, e bile o itse gore fa o le motho o ka dira phoso. Go botlhokwa gore fa o le motho o kgone go supa gore fa o dirile phoso o e amogele ka gore se se tlaa supa gore o ikaelela gore o fetoge. *Through you Mr Speaker*, ke bolelela Botswana gongwe le gongwe kwa ba leng teng, e ka tswa e le kwa Molepolole, Kanye, Gantsi, kae le kae ba ba neng bana le tsholofelo mo Goromenteng yo, gore betsho, se solofeleng sepe se se pharologanyo le se se sa tswang go feta mo ngwageng o. Jaaka o bona ba sa kgone go ema *just* go lemoga gore tse di diragetseng di diragetse, mme re ikaelela gore go tsweng fa re ye teng. Motho yo o sa amogeleng phoso ya gagwe *will never change, and you demonstrated it* maabane. Le e supile gore ga le amogele phoso ya lona, ka jalo, fa ke e leba, e tla e mpontsha gore Motswana yo e leng gore o ne a na le tsholofelao ya gore Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC) e tlaa tsisa pharologanyo, ga go na pharologanyo epe e e tlaa nnang teng, mme e bile go tlaa tswelela go ntse jaaka go ntse gongwe e bile go le *worse*.

There is this narrative Mr Speaker, e e leng gore e a re fa go buiwa gotwe *this Government is just the same as the previous regime, I would like to correct that today*. Ngwana yo e leng gore o tsere D, o feitse, ga re ganetse, mme yo e leng gore ene o *ungraded* jaaka UDC, *is worse than* yo o tsereng D. Botswana Democratic Party (BDP) *failed* ba rotlhe re a dumela, *but* se re se bonang gompiono ke *ungraded, it is worse than what* Botswana were going through. Jaanong betsho, re supa...

MR LEKAU: *Clarification*. Gongwe o ntlhalosetse ka gore dilo tse tsa *grading* ga ke di tshware sentle, a ga se gore fa gongwe le ene yo o dirang *grading*, ga a itse *to grade?* Ke raya gore gongwe o batla *to compare* mme gongwe ene *teacher* le ene ga a tshware botsipa sentle jwa *to grade*, itemogelo gongwe e tlhabela.

MR AARON: Ke a leboga. Gakere o a mo utlwa gore a re Botswana ga ba itse se ba se dirang, kana o raya Motswana. Kwa Mogoditshane ke jaaka le mo utlwa

moemedi wa lona, le mo ikutlwela ka tsoo pedi. A re ga le itse se le se dirang. Botswana ba a lela, ke sone se ke reng mo bogompionong *put your pride aside and face reality*.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR AARON: Nnyaa, ke ne ka go fa nako, mme wena o a nthusa ka gore o dira gore jaanong ke phunye sekaku fa o bua.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ... (Laughter!)

MR MONAGENG: *Clarification*. Nnyaa, mme ke ne ke re fa gongwe nnang *fair Honourable* Kaizer...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ne go buile Aaron.

MR MONAGENG: *Honourable* Aaron, *sorry*. Nnang *fair* mo go rona ka gore ga o ka ke wa tshwantshanya ngwana yo o tsenyeng sekole ngwaga di le 58 le yo o nang le ngwaga, a bo o re o a ba tshwantshanya. Puso e e fetileng e nnile 58 *years*, ya rona gompiono e na le ngwaga o le mongwefela. Ka jalo...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Go bua lona.

MR MONAGENG: Tlaa o re *grade* sentle *maybe after five years*. *Thank you hounarable*.

MR AARON: Nnyaa, mme ke a leboga *Honourable* Monageng. Ke ne ke re ka re *Uncle* Shima, jaanong kana ke kgalemeletswe dikgang tse tsa go nna ke le boka, ke le kgabisa.

Kana ke wena o tlhaloganyang sentle Puso e re buang ka yone, ka gore mo 58 *years* o kile wa tsamaya le bone lebaka fela le lentle thata. Jaanong fa o bua ka se, mme tlhaloganya gore gompiono ga le a wela mo legoeleng, le fitlhetse *structures* di le teng, mme e bile lona le simolola go senya fela e le gone le simololang. Jaanong *Mr Speaker*, tla ke kope gore, aa e wetse. O a bona gore la reng?

Tla ke supe gore Goromente yo o utlwisa botlhoko ka gore mo bogompionong batho ba ba tshelang ka temo le fa mme gone re jelwa ke diphologolo, jaaka kwa kgaolong ya me ba go senang le fa e le *industry* epe. Le fa ba jelwa ke tsie, fa ba re ba ikuela mo go Goromente wa lona, Goromente wa lona a re ga a na madi.

Go utlwisa botlhoko gore e bo e re le re, le rotloetsa gore lefatshe le le nne le dijo tse le ka ijelang ka bolone, mme e bo e re fa batho ba iteka ba nna le sengwe, jaaka ba Gumare le Nokaneng, ba e leng gore *Honourable*

Dikoloti a re, a ka se ba thuse. Go utlwa botlhoko gore Goromente wa lona e re fa a dira ditsela, a bo a tshela tse di siameng sekonotere fa batho ba Gumare, Nokaneng, *all the way* go ya kwa Gudigwa, ba le mo tshotlegong e ba leng mo go yone. Ke le kopa gore amogelang gore ga le dire dilo sentle ka gore seo se tlaa le thusa gore le baakanye go tsweng foo go ya pele. Ke a leboga.

MR PHOLOGOLO (KANYE WEST): Thank you Mr Speaker. *Mma ke le tseye* through three very key experiences I went through. *Pele* ga National Development Plan (NDP) 12 was presented and I had some reservations having read through the document. *Dingwe tsa tsone di ne di tsalwa ke gore* as a Botswana National Front (BNF) member, I was very uncomfortable with the wording *e ke neng ke e bala*.

Then came another very key moment, the (Botswana Economic Transformation Plan BETP), was presented to Parliament, and that was a moment when I was really, I would use the word 'excited' because then I was in a position to understand *se se neng se buiwa ke* NDP 12. I then went on a trip Mr Speaker, *e o neng o nthometse kwa go yone*, to go and experience China, that was the third milestone in this journey. I then got to appreciate *gore* the idea of a private sector-led economy, *e bothokwa fela thata*. We must embrace it *rotlhe* as a country.

Then came this budget, it has shown me *gore* indeed the route we are taking *ya* the private sector-led economy is the right route to take. As a Government, we shall play a role *ya* a midwife and an architect. Mr Speaker, as a midwife, *ke tiro ya rona le maikarabelo* that we develop the services *tse re di isang kwa bathong*. Mr Speaker, as a midwife, we have a responsibility *go godisa kana* to grow these services *tse re di isang kwa bathong*. Mr Speaker, as a midwife, it is our responsibility to deliver these services to Botswana *ka kakaretso*.

Jaaka ke supile, we are not only midwives as a Government, *le bagarona ba tlaa tlhologanya*, we are also architects. This one is contained in your speech *sa Mosupologo*. *Ke re*, as an architect, *re na le maikarabelo*. *Maikarabelo a rona* is to design and shape structure *le tsela e* Botswana *ba tshwanetseng ba tsamaye mo go yone*. *Re fano*, from the speech *go supile gore* we shall draft laws, in fact, these have been drafted and they are gazetted, *tse e leng gore ka tsone, di a go re kgontsha go isa* Botswana *kwa pele*. It is also our responsibility as architects to create progressive policies *tse e leng gore* will take us forward. It is also our responsibility *gore re age* infrastructure *gore re kgone go nna* a logistical hub *e re e solofeditseng mo manifesto wa rona le tšhaba ya* Botswana.

Mr Speaker, *jaaka ke supile gore* I went to China, *ke tswa go bona gore* the Communist China has a private sector playing a very significant and pivotal role in leading China's economy. *Ba kgona jang? Ba kgona ka go dira se* ministry *wa ga Tshere o tshwaraganeng le sone* to come up with innovative ways and to use technology to advance *dikeletso tsa rona*. All these things are contained in the document *e re e buisang gompieno*.

Gape ke supe sengwe Mr Speaker, besides the experiences or the milestones that I went through, I am a Chairman of the Finance and Estimates Committee and I also happen to be a member of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC). This makes me a stickler for independence of oversight bodies. This budget promises *gore* there shall be compliance to the fiscal standards *tse re di fitlhelang kwa* Financial Action Task Force (FATF) *le gope fela kwa re tshwanetseng ra nna re tlhodomelwa fa re le Goromente*.

Ke supe gore your fiscal reforms, Mr Speaker, they are very much on point. The budget will tighten expenditure controls, this we picked *gore Goromente* the reason why *a sena madi ke gore*, there are so many leakages *tse di gaggamatsang*. *Ga di tlhoke sepe fela, di tlhoka gore Goromente yo jaaka go supagetse*, a tighten expenditure controls. One such example will be the move *wa gore* Government Purchasing Orders (GPOs), I hope in the meantime *di name di laolwa* from one central point.

E nngwe Mr Speaker, that will take us forward *ke ya* to introduce the electronic or e-procurement system. *E ya* to improve transparency, *mme gape e kgone go tlisa* efficiency *go le mo mpepeneneng go sena yo o sokelwang dirope ke ba ba tsayang boikarabelo*.

Mr Speaker, through this budget, we shall introduce as a Government *mo go bitswang gotwe* e-invoicing, and this will maximise collections *tse lekgetho le le re tswang ka diatla*. *Ke re, ba ba neng ba gogomosiwa maikutlo go buiwa gore* there is a deficit, these are some of *ditsamaiso kana* tools that we are going to put in place to make sure *gore* we close this deficit and improve in our collections.

Mr Speaker, UDC *e a supa gore e kgathalela* Botswana, *opefela yo o nang le pelaelo, a a lebelele se se diragalang mo nakong ya gompieno*. Mr Speaker, *bohwetse jo jwa Tlhako le Molomo* poses a very significant risk to the economy of the country and the livelihood *ya batho ba ba nthomileng fa*. *Batho ba kgaolo ya* Lorolwane, Gasita, Sekitla, Ditojana, Selokolela, Moshana, Segwagwa, Kanye *le Matsitama fa go buiwa ka Tlhako*

le Molomo, ba a amega. Go a supafala gore Goromente o a kgathala, ke sone se a ntshitseng madi a a kana ka P97 million gore a ye go sireletsa, a tlamele malwapa. Malwapa a se ka a iphitlhela a lela sa ga Ragele.

Mr Speaker, sengwe gape se se supang gore Goromente yo o bua kana o dira ka tlhwaafalo a supa kgathalelo ya gagwe ya Batswana, maiteko a *partnership* ya ga Goromente wa Botswana le Goromente wa maArabia; United Arab Emirates (UAE), ke sengwe se ka sone re itemogetseng kwa PAC gore go nna go na le mongwe fa gare go dia gore ditlamelo di goroge kwa Batswaneng. Go nna go na le mongwe fa gare go turela Puso gore e se ka ya kgona go reka mo go lekanang batho. Gore Goromente a bo a tsere tshwetso ya gore o tshwaragana le Goromente wa maArabia, ke go netefatsa gore ditlamelo, melemo le tsotlhe fela tse di tlamelang motho kwa dipatela di kgone go goroga ka bofefo. Ke selo se re tshwanetseng ra se lebogela, le bape fela ba ba ka tlang ka dikakanyo di sele. Nnyaa tlhe go tshwanelwa ke gore go tsibogiwe, re tlaa tla re ba boela fa nako e letla ba ba ntseng ba re tsena fa gare.

Mr Speaker, sengwe gape se se supang gore Goromente yo o kgathala ka Batswana ke gore e rile re lela ka dipula tsele re fitlhela dikole tsa rona di le makgasa, barutabana ba ba berekang ka natla matlo a ba wela, dikokelwana tsa rona di tsofetse mo go ngomolang pelo, o tsere tshwetso ya gore madi a a ntshetse gore go baakanngwe dilo tse, e nne a a lebaganeng fela le go dira tiro eo. Selo se ke se se amogelesegang, se nthaya se re ke bue ke ntshitse sehuba gore ka boammaaruri sekole sele se ya go baakanngwa se se kwa Lorolwane. Ka boammaaruri *clinic* ya Kgwatlheng e ba sa bolong go lela ka yone e ya go baakanngwa ka gore madi a tswela tsone fela e seng sepe gape. *To refence* ke maikaelelo le go supa tlhwaafalo ga Goromente yo.

Sengwe gape se se kgatlhisa se builwe nako e e fetileng ke gore *maintenance* tse re tshwanelwa ke go netefatsa gore bana ba rona ba *brigades, they spearhead and lead in these maintenance programmes*. Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET), tiro ya diatla ke nngwe ya ditumelo tse di tseletseng thata tsa ga Goromente yo, gore ke tsone di ka re ntshang mo lehumeng. Ke tsone tse di ka netefatsang gore banana ba ba senang meberekho ba ya go nna le go ka itirela meberekho. Se se a supagala ka gore Goromente o tlile ka thulaganyo ya Ikageng, e e tlaabong e netefatsa gore e atolosa dithuto tsa go ithutela go dira ka diatla *Mr Speaker*.

*Gape this budget, it speaks of centres of excellence tsa these TVETs. Motse o ke tswang kwa go one wa Kanye, go tswa goo-Lowe o tswa kgakala o itshupa gore it is a centre of excellence fa go tsena mo go direng ka diatla. Ba le gakologelwang, you will know gore Rural Industries Innovation Centre (RIIC) e sa le e nna teng kwa Kanye. E ne e re direla tsotlhe tse di molemo re di dirisa kwa masimo, tse e leng gore fa nne re e tlogetse, e ka bo gompieno e tsentsa le maranyane a sesha go dira ditirelo tse di gaggamatsang e le ruri. Ke supe gape gore maloba Tona wa *Communications and Innovation* o kile a tla Kanye. O tswa go bona gore kwa nneng RIIC e le teng, where now it is Botswana Institute for Technology, Research and Innovation (BITRI), go na le dilo tse e leng gore fa di ka tshwarwa sentle tsa tsena mo tirisong, di ka supa gore motse wa Kanye o ka tswelala e le a centre of excellence. Re na le bo National Agricultural Research and Development Institute (NARDI), research and development can be done. We have brigades tse e leng gore ke tsa ga Goromente le e nngwe owned by a trust, e nngwe ke kereke. Go tsaya tshwetso ya gore Kanye e nna a centre of excellence, ga go tlhoke gore re bo re ya go aga dikago dipe. Ke gore re bo re tlisa ditlhabololo tsa go tlisa ba ba tlileng go ruta bana ba gore ba dire ka diatla. Kgaolo ya rona e lesego, e na le tse di tlhokafalang gore re kgone go nna a centre of excellence.*

MR MOALOSI: *Clarification.* Ke a leboga *Honourable* Phologolo. Ke ne ke re ke go botse gore a ga o bone gore *instead of these brigades specialising*, gongwe di nne le *courses* tsotlhe fela? *If you look at, let us say tse di kwa north of Dibete, ga gona epe e e dirang refrigeration for example.* Go raya gore bana ba tlaabo ba tsamaya *distance* e telele go ya go tsena kwa Kanye fa e le gore *it specialises* mo *refrigeration*.

Ga o bone go le botlhokwa gore gongwe e nne sekole se setona fela sa *brigade*, go nne le *courses* jaaka kwa University of Botswana (UB) di le teng di le dintshintsi jaana? Ga o bone gore go ka nna le mosola, go ka godisa le yone metse gore fa go na le *brigade* kwa Kanye, e bo e kgona go tsaya *courses* tsotlhe e nna le bana ba bantsi, e nna sekole se setona? Ke a leboga.

MR PHOLOGOLO: *Thank you honourable for that kgakololo. Ke ne ke re sengwe sa dilo tse di molemo e bile re tshwanetse re se rotloetse ke gore Batswana ba se ka ba nna zonal. Fa e le gore we come up with programmes that will allow my child to move from here to Francistown, that should be encouraged because*

ke gone gore re itse go tshela *outside* fa re goletseng teng kana fa re tsholotsweng teng. *As for your idea*, fa ke e tsaya ke bo ke e isa kwa Kanye, *it would have different campuses*. Nngwe ya tsona e tlaabo e ka nna Jwaneng, *there is a brigade there. Brigade joo will form part of the centre of excellence e e mo Kanye, perhaps then focus on just the mining related courses. There is another brigade e e fitlhelwang kwa kgaolong ya ga Rre Dikoloti, ke gakologelwa segolobogolo e e fa Pitsane. We can have that centre of excellence e itebagantse le tsa temo le leruo. Kwa mafatsheng a mangwe you go into a town and it turns out to be a university town, where you have different people travelling to this class on the other side. I am having such mo tlhaloganyong ya me and I believe se ka simolola motlhofo at zero cost, even to Government fa ba ka simolola kwa kgaolong e ke tswang kwa go yone.*

In China what they do is; fa e na le mogopolo, go na le gore ba bo ba spread their wings to the entire country, they focus in one area until they perfected this baby that they are coming up with, then they can expand ba ise le kwa dikgaolong tse dingwe. I am hoping this Government will do the same, focus mo Kanye and the areas around gore this centre of excellence e simolole teng, fa e sena go nna e tshwara, we then extend to other areas.

Mr Speaker, having said that, mme ke leboge, ke bo ke leboge gore mo speech Tona wa Madi o buile ka manganese mine. Mine o ba ba belaelang ke ba rurifaletse gore ka boammaaruri mine o o etla. Fa le gakologelwa, last time when we were here, I was having issues with the fact that the demo plant e isitswe kwa Aferika Borwa. Re ne ra dira maiteko a gore ka gatwe Motswana o dumela a bone, re emelele le Rre Mosanana re ye go iponela ka matlho gore a ke boammaaruri. Ke re betsho, re bone the demo plant; they are almost finalising perfecting the product and therefore, ke itumelele gore this budget is speaking to this because through this mine, we will create the employment, the economy of the village shall indeed thrive. Dingwe tsa dilo tse di leng teng ke gore bagaetsho ba ya go kgona go hirisa matlo a bone.

E nngwe e ke e itumeletseng *Honourable Minister and Vice President*, ke kgang ya *to tighten trusts*. Go botlhokwa ka gore *these people are sitting on assets* tse e leng gore fa di tshwarwa sentle, di na le *potential of unlocking the local economy by creating employment*. Ke na le tshepho le tumelo gore mo kgaolong ya rona,

re tlaa dira jaaka re bone *Honourable Minister* a dira maloba kwa Francistown. Le rona nako e gorogile gore re tsenye diphologolo mo kgaolong ya rona *so that we spice up our tourism portfolio. We have no doubt that Kanye has what it takes*, o kgabile, o montle mme fa le ka re tsenyetsa diphologolo, re solofela gore *economy* ya rona *will grow*. Maiteko a a dirwa, re tlhwaafaletse gore seo se kgone se diragadiwe re tle re bone maduo a a eletsegang.

Mr Speaker, mma ke go bolokele nako, ba bangwe ba fiwe sebaka ke re, se Tona a ikaelelang go se dira, ke se re se lebogang fela thata, se supa fa a na le kelelelo fa a reeditse Batswana. O kgathalela gore ka fa go leng bokete ka teng mme mo pheletsong ya letsatsi re kgone go isa ditlamelo kwa bathong.

One last contribution ke gore Dipuso tsotlhe, ga go gagamatse gore go bo gotwe Puso e na le *a deficit budget*. E le fela gore Goromente o na le maikarabelo a go dira tsotlhe tse di kgonagalang gore ditlamelo di goroge kwa Batswaneng. Ga re ka ke ra phutha matsogo re bo re re ka gore teemane ga e rekwe, go raya gore ga re ka ke ra dira se se eletsegang.

Mothusa Tautona, re go lebogela gore o bo o eteletse pele kgang ya gore re kabakanye itsholelo e e leng gore mo nakong e e fetileng e ne e le pina, e ne e buiwa mme go sena ope yo o diragatsang gore re kgone go fitlhelela sone seo. Fa re ne re dirile mo nakong e e fetileng, re ka bo diteemane tse re sa kope ope go tla go di reka. E le gore yo o tlang o re khubamela ka mangole o kopa diteemane tsa rona. Ga ke na pelaelo gore se re tlaa se fitlhelela mme Batswana ba nne le go nna pelotelele, ba tshephe e bile ba dumele mo boeteledingpele jo ba bo romileng. *Under trying circumstances, we shall thrive and we shall take this country forward. I thank you Mr Speaker.*

MR KEDIKILWE (SEROWE WEST): Ke a go leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke bo ke go dumedise mo tshokologong ya letsatsi le la gompieno. Ke lebogete Tona go bo a re beile *budget* ya gagwe pele.

Nna jaaka Mopalamente wa Serowe West, ga ke na bothata le *budget* ya gago. Ke dumalana thata le thulaganyo e ya BETP ka gore ke yone e e supang gore maikaelelo a gago ke eng. Go supafala gore *it is a special programme* e e mo NDP 12. Maikaelelo a yone ke go leka go fefosa go isa ditirelo kwa bathong. Tona a re BETP e kgonne *to identify projects* di ka nna

186. Maikaelelo a tsone ke gore di fetlhe mebereko di bo di dire madi a kana ka P514 billion le ditiro di ka nna 512, 000 mo tsamaong ya nako. *There would be 186 projects and initiatives across the six economic priorities tse e leng tsa ga Goramente, e leng agriculture, manufacturing, financial services and digitalisation, infrastructure, tourism, energy and mining and the three social sectors tse e leng healthcare, education and social protection.* Ke dumalana le thulaganyo e ya ga Tona ka fa a buang ka teng. Gongwe ga ke dumalane le ene fela ka fa a abetseng maphata madi ka teng. Fa e ne e le nna ke abang, lephata le ke ka bong ke le file madi a mantsi ke la *Local Government and Traditional Affairs* ka gore ke itse bothata jwa teng. Lone lephata le, go na le dikhansele mo teng tse *Minister* wa teng a a tshwanetseng go ya go tabola madi a a kgaoganye ka tsone mo gotweng *revenue support grants*. Fa e le gore *revenue support grants* di ka tomela, le tlaa utlwa mogote go tswa kwa tlase ka gore ke lone lephata le le mo bathong tota, letsatsi le letsatsi.

La bobedi lephata le ke ka bong ke le neetse madi ke la *Child Welfare and Basic Education* ka gore golo fa re aga motho. Lepkata la boraro e bo e nna la *Higher Education*, le lengwe e bo e nna *Lands and Agriculture, Transport and Infrastructure* mme la bofelo e bo e nna lone le a le fileng madi la *Ministry for State President, Defence and Security*. Ke lone le le ka bong le filwe madi a mannyenyane tota. Ke ipotsa gore madi a a kana a ya go dira eng ka gore lephata le ga le le šha, le ntse le le teng.

Re tlhoka mapodise kwa dikgaolong jaaka Rre Mohwasa a bua. Dikhansele tse ke itseng gore di na le batlhoki ba le kae, tse ke itseng gore re letse re tsaya bontlha bongwe jwa *Health* re bo isa teng ka dikago tse di makgwakgwa jaaka motho a ne a dirisa lefoko leo, tse di mapeka, mma ke dirise lefoko le, tse di matanta, dijo tsa bana ba sekole di tswa gone fa, ke itse gore o le tlhaetsa madi, ke mathata. Go ya ka nna, ke lone le le ka bong le neetswe madi ka mabaka one a ke a buang ka gore ke lone le le tshwereng batho kwa tlase.

La bobedi jaaka ke bua, ke ka bo ke neetse *Child Welfare and Basic Education*. Ga ke itse lona kwa dikgaolong tse le tswang kwa go tsone, gongwe dikole tsa lona di botoka. Kwa ke tswang teng betsho, le *Minister* ke kile ka re ke a mo laletsa ka re a ye go bona ka matlho gore le fa bana gotweng ba *board* foo, fa o ka botsa *Minister*; ke na le ene ke bo ke re bana ba ba adile eng gone mo, o ka nthaya a re golo mo o kare e kile e bo e le leterase. Ke raya kwa gotweng ke *boarding schools*.

Ke matanta a a tlhabisang ditlhong, fa e ka bo e le gore ke molao o o berekang sentle, o sa bereke mo *private institutions* fela, o bereka gongwe le gongwe *across the board*, le kwa mafelong a ga Goramente tota nkabo tse dingwe di tswetswe bogologolo dikole tsa teng. Jaanong ga di tswalwe jaana ka gore go a pepetediwa ke ga ga Goramente, mme re palelwa ke go pepetetsa Batswana fa ba le kwa tlase ba sa kgone mo dikgwebong tsa bone. Jaanong fa ke gone fa ke reng ke lephata le ke ka bong ke le neetse madi ka one mabaka ao fela. Fa e le gore kwa kgaolong ya me, ga go tshwane le dikgaolo tse dingwe, ke botlhodi ka gore ga me ke mo go gakgamatsang. Fa o ka tsena kwa Mmashoro Junior o ka tlhabiwa ke ditlhong. Goriana paka ya mariga e a tsena, ke ipotsa gore bana bale ba Modimo ba ya go tshela jang. Matlhabaphefo ke diphatlhaphatlha fela ga go na gope fa bana ba nnang teng. *Fences* tsa sekole di matanta fela, mme ra ra re re batla go nonotsha *agriculture*. Bone ba ithuta kae kwa tshimologong? Ka ba tshwanetse gore ba dire *practicals* gone kwa dikoleng fa ba dira *subjects* tse gotweng ke tsa *practicals*; ba ithuta go lema. Jaanong bone ba ithuta kwa kae ka gore dipodi di tsena gongwe le gongwe fela le bone ba tlhaga gongwe le gongwe fela? Ke lephata le ke ka bong ke le neetse madi la *education*.

La bobedi e bo e nna la *Higher Education*, e ke batlang go go kopa *Mr Speaker*; gore o nkopele Tona wa *Higher Education*. Ga a dira *intake* ya gompiano. Kwa dikgaolong tsa rona re na le thulaganyo ya *affirmative action*. Maloba fa ke mo utlwa a bua fa, ga ke a ka ka mo fetola, ke utlwa a re bone ba ya go tsaya batho ba matshwao a a kwa godimodimo. Go raya gore rona ba dikgaolo tse di kwa tennyanteng o re latlhetse ruri gone fa. Ga re a itira gore re bo re re ntse jaaka re le gone kwa tennyanteng kana ka ditlamelo tse di tlhaelang. Ke Goramente yo a neng a feta yo o paletsweng ke go re neela ditlamelo gore le rona re tshwane le bana ba ditoropo ba re ka tsayang maduo a a kwa godimo jaaka bone. Jaanong fa a re o tlaa tsaya bana ba maduo a a kwa godimo, ke kopa gore o mo gakolole thulaganyo e e tshelang e re ntseng re na nayo, ga ke reye gore go siame gore re bo re *perform* kwa tlase, *but* ka gore re tshela mo ditlamelong tse di kwa tlase, tse di seyong gale; akanya gore yo o kwano o laita ka motlakase, ngwana yo o kwa Malatswai o gotsa molelo. Fa a gotsa molelo a re o a bala, fa a inama mo molelong fela o sha boboko ka gore o batla lesedinyana. Jaanong o tlaa bala jang? Fa a inamela mo molelong o a mo tshuba. Jaanong ka tsweetswee fa le dira jalo, le rona re le tseye ka gore ke gone fa bana ba ka tsenang ba ithuta ditiro tsa diatla

teng. Fa a bua jaaka ke ne ke mo utlwa a bua, ke tsala ya me ga se gore ke a mo seba, gore o tsaya bana ba matshwao a a kwa godimo fela, go raya gore ba rona ba dikgaolo tse di kwa tennyanteng ga a ka ke a tlhola a ba tsenya. Ba ya go salela ruri. Go raya gore le thulaganyo e gotweng e a buiwa ya go tokafatsa *brigades*, ya go dira gore bana ba ithute tiro ya diatla, ba rona ga ba ka ke ba tsena. Jaanong ke a go kopa ka tsweetswee Tona o mo nkopele gore fa e le gore tse dingwe, e bile ga ke buelele ba bangwe, ke buelelela Malatswai le Dimajwe ka gore ke gone kwa ke tsayang gore ke itse bothata jwa teng. Kana tse dingwe ga ke itse gore tsa ga Motlotlegi Digwa gongwe ene o siame fela, ke tloga ke mo tsenya mo tirong e ene a seyong mo go yone. Jaanong ga ke ka ke ka mo tsenya mo thulaganyong e a seyong mo go yone. Ke buelela kgaolo ya me.

Jaanong fa ke feta foo ke ya kwa Lephatheng la Botsogo. Fa ke re ke ka bo ke le file madi ka go tlhomagana jaana, mma ke le boleleleng, golo mo gotweng go bua ga go tshwane le go dira. Le a nkutlwa gore ka reng? Go bua ga go tshwane le go dira. Ga o ka ke wa *gain public confidence* ka go bua. Ga o ka ke. Ke rata thata Motshegwa fa gongwe o a tle a bue *statement* se sengwe a re ga ke batle go tuma ka go se ka go bua boammaaruri. Ke rata lefoko leo la gagwe. Ke ne ke tshwere phuthego kwa Kgotleng, nna yo Onalepelo Kedikilwe, motlhophi wa me o mpolelela gore e rile a le kwa Sepateleng kwa Sekgoma a batla dipilisi e le gore o di kwaletse kwa *clinic* ga di yo, a bo a ya kwa Sekgoma jaanong ka tsholofelo ya gore gongwe kwa o tlaa di fitlhela, fa a tsena o fitlhela di ntse di seyo. Fa a tsena koo a bolelela yo o fa dipilising gore kana ga le ka ke la ntlhaya la re dipilisi ga di yo, ke tswa kwa *clinic* ele ke tsene kwa go ele, kwano ke kwa bofelong, ke tsaya gore gongwe ke kwa ke tlaa di bonang teng. A bo a raya mme yo a abang dipilisi a re, akere re bonye mo maranyaneng gore dipilisi di tlile. Yo a fang dipilisi a bo a mo raya a re, kana lona le raya le bona dibokoso, mo gongwe e a bo e le *cleaning material*, a re le e siele... (*Interruptions*)... Ke sone se ke reng nna go bua tota gone ga ke utlwane le gone. Fa o ka ntebelela fela gone fa, ga ke motho yo o buang. Le fa ke santse ke tsena sekole, ke ne ke tsholetsa seatla fa ke bona gore batho ba ba paletse botlhe mo *class*.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ... (Laughter!)

MR KEDIKILWE: Fa ke bona ba tsholetsa ba le bantsintsi fela ga ke tsholetse, *I keep quiet*. Ke lebelela gore ke mang yo o tlaa buang se a se buang. Fa ke bona ba bua *rubbish* fela ke tsholetsa seatla. Ke nna ka fa ke ntseng ka teng. Jaanong ga ke rate motho yo o buang se a se direng.

Maabane jaana *clinic* e nngwe gone fa ka fa Phase 2, ngwanangwanake o ne a ile teng. Ke tswa go reka molemo fa *mall* mo *chemist* e nngwe gatwe Alafa gone fa, e le gore kwa gatwe ga o yo, tsamaya o ye go ithekela molemo. Ke tswa go o reka molemo fa ka *Tuesday*. Jaanong a re se ka ra re dilo tse di seyong ra re di teng. A re direng gore batho fa ba ile kwa ditlamelong ba fitlhele dilo tse, re sa di bue rona. *If you pronounce* o raya gore batho *expectation* ya bone e nne kwa godimo e bo e re jaanong fa o tlhelaeng teng, ba bo bona ka bonako gore o a tlhela.

MR FRENZEL: *On a point of clarification Mr Speaker.* Kana ke reela gore motlotlegi ka gore ke bapile le ene a kgone gore a kgwe setšhwe...

MR KEDIKILWE: ... (Inaudible)...

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ... (Laughter!)

MR FRENZEL: Ke a leboga motlotlegi gore o bo o mphile sebaka. Tota kgang e o buang ka yone ke tsaya ke re e botlhokwa thata ya dipilisi tse go nang le tlhelo ya tsone. Ke ne ke batla fela gore ke go rurifaletse gore ga se kwa o neng o ile teng fela kwa Phase 2, dipatela ka bontsintsi, lefatshe le lotlhe la rona ka bophara ke kgang e e teng. Ke raya gore o e fetise fela jalo. Ke a leboga.

MR KEDIKILWE: *Thank you very much. Land and Agriculture;* ke lone lephata le le ka bong le latela go ya ka nna fa e ne e le nna ke abang madi ka gore lephata le le tshwere matshelo a rona kwa gae le mo ditoropong. Motho wa Botswana o tshela ka leruo le temo. Jaanong ke lone le ke ka bong ke le neetse madi a mantsi jaaka gompiano re tlhasetswe ke bolwetse jwa Tlhako le Molomo. P97 *million* yo o ntshitsweng ke wa *emergency*, mme ga a a lekana ka gore mo *budget* ga a yo a a supang gore a *augment* mo go ale. Ga a lekana ka gore fa o ka lebelela gompiano, diterata tse di fa gare tse, kwa ntle ga tse go sianwang ka tsone tse bolwetse bo setseng bo ikaile bo le teng, jaaka ya bo Makoro e, fa o tlola jaana go ya go tsena ka ele ya bo Sese di sule tsotlhe. Ele ya bo Letlhakane kwa di sule tsotlhe. Batho ba European Union (EU) fa ba ka tla jaaka ba a tle batle go dira *inspection* mo go rona gone fa, ba ya go tswalela letsatsi le lengwe. Ba ya go fitlhela e le gore ga go na jaaka re ka laola *movement* wa diphologolo tse di tlhako e maphata, segolo thata dikgomo.

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

MR KEDIKILWE: Tota ke supa ka fa nkabong madi a ntshitswe ka teng. Ga ke reye gore o molato ene, o ne a lebile se a se lebileng, ke supa maikutlo a me jaaka go a tle gotwe motho o tshwanetse a supa *alternative*.

Ditimamolelo kana *fire breakers* fa o ka di lebelela di tlhogile tsotlhe. Fa molelo o ka tswa fela, lefatshe le ya go sha lotlhe. Jaanong go raya gore ke dilo tse di batlang madi letsatsi leno jaaka re bua jaana.

Transport and Infrastructure; ditsela tsa Botswana di sule tsotlhe. Ga go na tsela, ke mesima fela. Dipula tse dintsi di supile gore ga re na ditsela. Jaanong mesima e ya re e ka bo e katelwa jaaka ke ne ke lela ka kgaolwana ya me ya Dimajwe ke re ntirelang tsela koo e e leng gore gompiano batho ba Modimo ke ditshwarwa fela fa pula e na ka gore le fa a ka lwala jang, ga a ka ke a ya sepateleng. Le fa e le gore koloi ya sepatela e tshwanetse gore e ise melemo kwa *clinic* kwa Dimajwe, ga e ka ke ya e isa.

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable* Kedikilwe, ba re o lebagane le *microphone* foo, ga ke itse gore...

MR KEDIKILWE: Ee, go raya gore ke ile kgakalanyana. Ga gona ditsela, tota le tse di tsenang mo ditoropong, ke ne ke re gongwe ke tse di kgakala kwa dikgaolong, mme ke kgonne go bona le tse di mo ditoropong fela gone mo. Fa o ka tswa fa o tlaa bona gore tota ditsela ke mathata. Kwa Serowe go na le tsela e go ka bong gotwe ke *bypass*, e sale e kgaoga ka pula ya ntlha, e e tswang fa o tsena o tswa Palapye, e bo e pota ka fa morago ga Swaneng. Go beilwe mebu foo, dikoloi tsa batho di wela foo, ga gona *signs*. Fa ke raya batho ke re kante ke eng le dira jaana ba ba lebanyeng ba ofisi ba re, ga gona le fa e le madi a a rekang *signs*. Ke re ke eng le sa dire *a temporary road* ka fa le bo le tshela *gravel*, ba re ga re na le fa e le madi...

MR SPEAKER: Order! Order! Hang on Honourable Kedikilwe.

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MADAM SPEAKER (MS MANYENENG): Honourable Kedikilwe you can continue.

MR KEDIKILWE: *I thank you Madam Speaker.* E ke reng ke ka bo ke e file madi a mannye, mma ke le bolelele gore ke eng ke rialo. Ofisi e, fa o bala *budget* ya gago fa, ke ile ka utlwa ke tlhomoga pelo, ka gore ka fa o neng o supa gore *every* thebe *and* pula o tshwanetse *to be accounted for*. Ofisi e, ke yone e dilo di seng *accounted for*, ya *State President*. Gakere ke yone e e tsenyang bo Directorate of Intelligence and Security (DIS), ba re ba boneng ba reka Tautona Lodge, le fa letsatsi leno Tautona Lodge a seyo mo dibukeng tsa ga Goramente, o kile wa bona kwa kae go ntse jalo? Dilo di rekilwe ka madi a ga Goramente, go bo gotwe nnyaa ao ke gore ke

madi a DIS, DIS ke eng, ga se Goramente? Ke gore madi a bone ba thola ba a tsere ka dipatšhe le dibeke ba siana naga e yotlhe, yo mongwe o kile a tlhola a alotse madi a ke a bona mo lefaufang ke a ke tloga ke a tshwara, ka re mo ke maaka a matala tota. Ke lantlha ke bona, jaanong ke ne ke re *under your watch* baakanya molao o wa DIS. Madi a a nne *accounted for* otlhe. Mokoti o motona, fa o utlwa rona re re go na le motlhobodika, re raya mosima o e reng re fa o o leba jaana o bo o le lefifi kwa tlase. Motlhobodika o gone kwa ofising e, ke yone kwa motlhobodika o leng teng motho wa Modimo. Ke go tlhomogela pelo, fa o bua jaana. Kana nna le wena re amule mashi a kgomo e le nngwefela fa o ne o itse, ka gore re goletse mo ntlong e nngwefela. Fa gongwe fa o bua o fitlhela o ntlhomola pelo, ke bona gore ke gore ngwana yo kana fa a leng teng *he is in the centre ya the cartel*, ba botlhe ba batla go phamola mo go wena sengwe le sengwe. *Are you aware?*

MADAM SPEAKER: *Honourable* Kedikilwe, wa re ngwana ofe?

MR KEDIKILWE: *Honourable* Vice President (VP), ke gore fa gongwe fa o bua ka lerato o a itebala, o leka *to express* lerato.

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

MR KEDIKILWE: Ene ke ngwana wa ga nkgonne kana wa ga rangwane, ee. Ke raya gore fa o le gone fale, o mo pitseng rra. Ke tshwenngwa ke gore *you did not clear the ground* pele, gone fa o berekelang teng fale *you did not clear the ground*. Fa o bona batho ba ne ba santse ba bofelela Rre Matsheka ka *chains* maloba, ba santse ba le mo ofising ya gago, heela! Fa o pala ba ya go betla polelonyana gore ba go bofelele *chains* batho ba. Gakere ba itse gore ke wena *stumbling block*, jaanong fa o bona o ise o *clear ground*, fa go na le yo o nang le dithata tsa go go thusa *to clear the ground*, mo kope rra. O mo kotsing, o ntse mosima wa phika ka marago gone fa. Ke yone ofisi e e maswemaswe, *they are very evil*. Tsaya tshwetso ka batho ba ba ntse jalo, ba ba kgonang *to forge signatures* tsa ga Mmakaseteraka go bo didimalwa fela o kare ga go a dirwa sepe. Hee! batho ba Modimo, fa o utlwa ke re re ka bo re filwe madi a mannyennyane, ke gana madi a a tsamayang a tserwe ka dibeke gotwe *it is not accounted for*, a tsamaya ka *envelopes* a fiwa mongwe le mongwe ba reka dinyatsi tsa bone.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Laughter!)

MADAM SPEAKER: Nnyaa *Honourable* Kedikilwe.

MR KEDIKILWE: Nnyaa, leo ke le boela morago ...*(Laughter!)*...

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

MR KEDIKILWE: Thank you Madam Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: The floor is open Honourable Members.

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

MADAM SPEAKER: Nnyaa, e tswa ka fa go *Honourable* Kedikilwe, *opposition*...

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

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Kwapa.

MR KWAPA (JWANENG-MABUTSANE): Mma ke go dumedise *Madam Speaker*; ke dumedise le batlhophi kwa Kgaolong ya Jwaneng-Mabutsane. Ke ema fa *Madam Speaker*; le nna fela jaaka batlotlegi ba ba neng ba ema nokeng *budget* ya ga Motlotlegi Mothusa Tautona e bile e le Tona wa tsa Madi, ke e eme nokeng *Madam Speaker*. Mabaka a me a go e ema nokeng ke a a latelang *Madam Speaker*.

Re tlaa gakologelwa sentle ka botlalo gore e ne ya re fa Batswana ba sena go tla ba baya tshepho mo go rona mo ngwageng e e neng e feta, o ne a le mo Ntlong e e fano Mothusa Tautona *Madam Speaker*; a tla go re lekodisa ka seemo se re se fitlhelang jaaka fa re ne re tsena mo Pusong *Madam Speaker*. Se ke ka lehang gore ke se tlhalose fela ke gore, fa motho a le kwa morakeng a ne a tlogetse kwa morakeng a pompotse metsi mo JoJong a e tswetse, a bo a fitlhela phokoje e le gore o tsholola metsi, ga a ka ke lebelela fela a re nnyaa tlaa ke tlogele phokoje go raya gore ke tswale metsi fela. O tshwanetse gore a bolaye phokoje, a bo a ya go tswala metsi *Madam Speaker*. Ke bua se ka lebaka la gore, o ne a bua methale e a nang le maikaelelo a gagwe a a tsepameng a re bontsha gore sepatšhe sa lefatshe leno se makgwakgwa, e bile a re bontsha le mothale o a nang le maikaelelo a gore a tsamaye ka one gore a tsosolose *economy* ya lefatshe leno, e e phutlhameng ka tsela e e ntseng jalo *Madam Speaker*. O ne a ema fa a re fa pego ya tsa madi *Madam Speaker*, a re tlhalosetsa gore o dirile eng e bile maikaelelo a gagwe ke go tla go dira ka tsela e e ntseng jang, go baakanya seemo sa itsholelo *Madam Speaker*.

Ke bua se ka lebaka la gore ba re beile pele le Tautona o re beile mo State of the Nation Address (SONA), a re bolelela maikaelelo a tsela e Puso e re leng mo go yone e ikaelela go tsamaya ka yone ke e e ntseng jang. Go iwa *North Madam Speaker*, through BETP gammogo le NDP12 go ne go tlamega e bile go le matshwanedi *Madam Speaker* gore go supege gore kana Puso e fetogile, mme re ikaelela gore dire ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Ke bua se jaana ke latedisa puo e ke neng ke simolola ka yone ke re, re fitlhetse go senyegile *Madam Speaker*, mme go ne go le matshwanedi gore go baakanngwe fa go fitlhetsweng go senyegile teng. Ke ka moo a neng a re bontsha gore le mo bogompionong go nnile le *savings* tsa madi, *as he centralised* GPOs. Gore go nnile le maduo *Madam Speaker*; ga se sepe se a se dirileng fela a sa se bolelele Ntlo e e fano.

Ke bua jaana ka lebaka la gore le mo bekeng e e neng e sa tswa go feta *Madam Speaker*; re ne re biditswe ke bommantswitswidi le bomankge, ba re tlhatlhelela, ba re tsibosa, ba bo ba re itsise gore lefatshe leno le mo sebakeng se se ntseng jang. Ba rotlhe ba re leng babusi le ba kganetso ba ne ba le teng *Madam Speaker*; go tla go tlhalosediswa sentlente gore se se ka diragalang go tsosolosa itsholelo, go ka tla ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Ke bua ka methale e Mothusa Tautona a e beile, gore go na le ka fa ba yang go tsosolosa *economy* ya lefatshe le ka teng *Madam Speaker*.

Pele ga ke ya lolololo le puo *Madam Speaker*; ke rata jalo ke bue ka *development infrastructure* e a neng a bua mo kabong ya madi ya gompiono gore, seabe sa madi se a se fileng *Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Affairs Madam Speaker*.

Madam Speaker; ke supe jalo gone gore fa e ne e le go ya ka nna ke ka bo ke re lephata le le ka okelediwa madi ka lebaka la gone gore, re a itse gore mo dikgaolong jaaka Motlotlegi Kedikilwe a ne a bua, go dikole le dikago tse dingwe tsa ga Goromente, ga di a nna sentle gotlhelele, di makgasa. Mo e leng gore fa gotwe go isiwa badirelapuso teng ba ka kwala mabaka a otlhe gore bogolosegolo ba se ka ba isiwa gone koo. Ke sone se ke reng, gone mo re se ka ra lebalwa *Madam Speaker* fa go ka nna le sengwe se e leng gore...*during the Budget Review* re se ka ra lebalwa re le Kgaolo ya Jwaneng-Mabutsane, ka lebaka la gore dikago di makgasa.

Mo go tsa *education* ke e fa sekai ka dingwe tsa dikole tse dikgolwane mo kgaolong *Madam Speaker*, ke e fa sekai ka sekole sa Maiteko, se makgasa mo e leng gore bana fa ba tsenetse mo ntlong ya borutelo o fitlhela e le

gore o bona le ba bangwe mo ntlheng e nngwe ba le mo borutelong bo sele. Mme fela se ba se dirang, kana bana ke bana re a itse gore ba kgona go tshameka, yo mongwe fa *teacher* a ruta, yo mongwe o tsikitla yo mongwe *Madam Speaker*, ka lebaka la gone gore ga gona gore go ka nna le *concentration* fa go rutiwa *in the classroom*. Ke gone ka moo re ntseng re lemoga le gore maduo a ile tlase, ke sone se ke reng, ke ka bo ke ne ke okeletsa lephata le la ga Tona Motshegwa madi. Mothusa Tona o e amile jalo gore madi a ya go dirisiwa le gone go baakanya dikole tse, ke sone se ke reng, ke dumalana le ene ka lebaka la gore, fa o tsena mo mabakeng a gore o ne a aba madi ka tsela e e ntseng jang, o tlaa simolola o tlhaloganya ka lebaka le gone gore o baakantse, o lekile go tswala gone fa madi a neng a dutla teng. Ke ka moo a tlhalosang gone gore, *budget* e ya gompiano e e leng gore ke ya 2026/2027 *Madam Speaker*, ke yone e e leng gore madi a ya go dirisiwa ka fa a a abileng ka teng go ya le maphata. E bile ga gona go nna le ka fa go tla a tweng, mma re kgaole fa, re oketse. Ke gore a ya go dirisiwa jalo *under strict guidance*, ka lebaka la gore... jaaka ke ne ke e fa sekai sele sa phokoje yo o neng a senya metsi. Ke gore o tswetse metswedi yotlhe e e leng gore madi a ga Goromente a ne a dutla, mme ke sone se ke reng, ke dumalana le ene ka fa a tshwereng dilo ka teng. Go a supagala, e bile go a bonagala gore, maikaelelo a a neng a tlhalosiwa ke Tautona jaaka a ne a re fa pego gammogo le ene Mothusa Tautona, go a supa gore tsela ka boammaaruri re mo go yone, mme e bile ga se ba rotlhe ba re ka e gakololang.

Fa ke tsena gape ke lebile lephata le le neng le ka sala la *education* morago *Madam Speaker*, gongwe ke ise ke tswa thata pele mo go lone, ke leke ke gakolole, e bile ke kope le Puso gape gore, re na le seemo segolobogolo fa o lebile sekole se tshwana le sa Mogale se barutabana ba teng gompiano ba santseng ba nna kwa Jwaneng. Mo ke nang le tumelo e e tletseng gore gone mo le gone go na le seabe mo kwelotlaseng ya maduo a bana ba Kgaolo e ya Jwaneng-Mabutsane. *Madam Speaker* ke re, a ko Puso e dire sengwe gore bogolo ba fudusiwe kwa Jwaneng, fa e le sengwe ba hirisetse kwa Maokane, ka lebaka la gone gore go botlhoko thata mo go rona gore e re bana ba dikgaolo tse dingwe ba na le *teachers* ba rona kwa Mogale e bo e le gore ga ba rutiwe ka nako jaaka e le tshwanelo ya bone gore ba rutiwe. Ba na le tshwanelo ya go rutiwa, kana ga re itse gore baeteledipele ba lefatshe le ba tla a tswa kae. Go na le kgonagalo e ntsi *Madam Speaker*, jaaka re itse sentle gore baeteledipele ba bangwe ba re ntseng re ba bona mo lefatsheng leno

ba tswa gone kwa Kgaolong e ya Jwaneng-Mabutsane. E bile ke gakolola sentle ka botlalo gone gore, fa ke gakologelwa, moeteledipele wa Botswana Vaccine Institute Rre Matlho, o ne a tswa gone kwa Mabutsane. Ke buisiwa se jaana ke seemo sa Tlhako le Molomo se re mo go sone mo letsatsing la gompiano. Re boa re gakologelwa le Rre Dineo Pule yo le ene a neng a tswa kwa Mabutsane, yo o neng a eteletse pele jalo tsa diposo. Ke bua se jaana ke boela mo kgang ya thuto gone gore, re gakologelwe gore baeteledipele ga se gore re tlaa ba bona fela ba tswa mo ditoropong *Madam Speaker*, re leka bojotlhe le fa go le thata gore maduo a bonale.

Ke tsena mo kgannyeng ya ditsela *Madam Speaker*, gone gore le fa Tona re itse gore go na le kwa a tlaabong a tlhabolola teng a leka gore ditsela di nne teng, di dirwe. Ke re fa go ka nna le sengwe a se ka a re lebala, segolobogolo ke a itse fa re lebile kgaolo e tshwana le ya Kokong, go ka nna molemo thata Kgosi kwa Kokong gammogo le morafe wa gagwe ba ka leboga thata gore ba direlwe tsela. Ke bua ka tsela ya Maokane, e ke neng ke bua ka barutabana gore, ga gona le fa e le dipalangwa tsa setšhaba go ya Maokane mo barutabana ba yang go goroga kwa Maokane nako ya dijo tsa motshegare, ka gore ba a bo ba le *at the stop, hiking*. Fa dipula di na go raya gore jaanong gotlhelele ga ba ye sekoleng *Madam Speaker*. Seemo se, ke seemo se se ngomolang pelo ka gore, ga gona jaaka ke ka tlhoka go bua e re ke bua ka thuto kwa Kgaolong e ya Jwaneng-Mabutsane, ke bua ka thuto ya kwa Maokane ke bo ke ka tlhoka go bua ka kgang ya seemo sa ditsela ka lebaka la gore, fa go ne go na le ditsela go ka bo go ne go le botoka re itse gore barutabana ba ne ba ka nna kwa Maokane kana go dirwe fela jaaka ke ne ke kopa *Madam Speaker*, gore a Goromente a tle ka lenaneo la gore bogolo a hirisetse ma *teacher* a kwa Mogale kwa Maokane, gongwe re ka bona diphetogo. Re se ka ra lela ka thuto, re bo re lela le ka ditsela.

E rile fa Tona a ya go tsena mo tlhalosong mo kabong ya madi e a neng a supa jalo *for State President* gore bontsi jwa madi a mangwe a a abetseng ba sesole sa rona kana ba *the national forces*, o ne a tlhalosa jalo gore, mabaka a teng ke gore, go sale go nna le katlholo ya Kgotlakgolo e e neng e supa jalo gore, go na le ba ba kolotiwang. Madi bokete jwa one *Madam Speaker* jaaka a ne a a tlhalosa ke a a yang go duela ba ba tshwereng *professions* tse di rileng. Ba go ntseng go le dingwaga ba sa duelwe mme e le tshwanelo ya bone gore ba duelwe.

Gongwe ke gakolole Motlotlegi Kedikilwe gore, ga se gore ke ka lebaka la gore gongwe o rata lephata le thata, ke ka lebaka la gore fa katlholo ya Kgotla e nnile teng o bo o tsaya lebaka go ka e duela, madi a na le gore a nne le morokotso ngwaga le ngwaga. Mme ga re bue ka matsana a e leng gore morokotso wa teng re ka o itlhokomolosa. Ke madi a e leng gore bokete jwa one fa o ka a lebelela fa re ka diega go a duela, a tlaabo a setse a godile mo e tlaa reng gongwe e bo e re kgantele re bo re palelwa ke gore re ye go tsena mo go tse re tshwanetseng go tsena mo go tsone tse di tshwanang le seemo sa botsogo bo le jone bo re aparetseng...

MR MOSANANA: *Clarification.* Ke a go leboga *Madam Speaker.* Ke a go leboga *my neighbour.* Ke re kana *cases* tse di setseng di fetile kwa dikgotlatshekelo go setse go dirilwe *rulings* di dintsi mo go maswe. Tsone ke eng o sa di *add comrade*, ka ke a dumela gore le kwa kgaolong ya gago di teng, ga se masole fela. Go na le P5 *billion* yo gotweng o beetswe kwa thoko *just to clear* ba sesole. Go na le ba bangwe ba sepodise, babereki fela ba ga Goromente *in general* ba *cases* di weditsweng, mme jaanong ga ba ise ba duelwe ka ntata ya gore ga gona madi. A le bone ba akanyediwe. E ne e le kgakololo fela *comrade.*

MR KWAPA: Ke a go leboga Motlotlegi Mosanana. Ke gore fa o bua ka kgang ya dikoloto tse di saletseng kwa morago o ntsenya mo kgannyeng e ke neng ke santse ke tlaa tla kwa go yone kgantele. Mme ke tlaa tsena mo go yone gone jaanong gore ke kgone go go araba sentle. Fa re bua ka dikgang tse batho ba ba kolotiwang motlotlegi, ke utlwa bothoko segolobogolo ka dikompone tse di neng di thapile batho mo Kgaolong e ya Jwaneng-Mabutsane, tse e leng gore...

MADAM SPEAKER: *Honourable Kwapa hang on. Quorum has collapsed* bagaetsho. Ke kopa gore le tlholeng batho fa ntle.

MR KWAPA: *Madam Speaker,* ke ne ke re ke tsena mo kgannyeng e Motlotlegi Mosanana a neng a santse a bua ka yone ya batho ba ba kolotiwang. Ke ne ke batla jalo ke supe gone gore, fa go tla go tsena mo kgannyeng ya batho ba ba kolotiwang ga ke dumele gore e bile e ka tswa e le ba ba kolotiwang ke Goromente fela. Re na le dikompone tse di kolotang batho kwa Kgaolong ya Jwaneng-Mabutsane, tse Goromente a neng a di duela jaaka e ne e le tshwanelo, mme ba siile ka madi a batho ba. Ke kopa *Madam Speaker* gore a ko dikgato tse di maleba tse e leng gore Tona o tlaabo a ntse a di dira mo go diriseng madi, a bone gore dikompone tse di tshwanetse gore di neele batho ditshwanelo tsa bone.

Fa ke itebaganya le tsa lefatshe, gongwe ke supe jalo gore ee, re a utlwa *budget* gore e ne e bua ka tsela e e ntseng jang, e e itebagantseng le go tsosolosa itsholelo. Gongwe e re fa ke bua ka tsa kabo ya ditsha, ke bue jalo fela gore re a itse gore go na le mafelo a maikaelelo a go tsosolosa *economy* a tlaa bong a diragala mo go one. Kwa kgaolong ya Jwaneng-Mabutsane le dikgaolo tse dingwe tsa Botswana ka bophara, ga go senye le fa e le sepe gore bogolo e re le fa re ntse re itse gore dilo dingwe di tlaa tla di diragala, jaaka re itse gore go tlaabo go ntse go tla go lengwa le tse di rileng tse e leng gore di tlaa ungwela Botswana mosola, a Botswana ba bewe ditsha tsa bonno le tsa masimo. Ga go batle gore e re fa go ya go siama, re bo re boela kwa morago re re jaanong re boele kwa go reng re simolole go ya go ba baya ditsha.

Ke bua se jaana ka lebaka la gore maabane fela jaana, ke ne ke santse ke botsa ka kgang ya SO2 le KW6, gongwe ke ka tsenya le KD12. *Madam Speaker,* go na le masimo a e leng gore banana ba ka a fiwa, e re fa tse tsotlhe tsa *economy* di ya go siama, e bo e le gore di fitlhela e le gore tse tsotlhe di malala-a-laotswe, e seng gore go ye go nna jaaka fa Motlotlegi Moalosi a bua gore e kete jaanong fa go tla go tsena mo kabong ditsha, go tsaya dingwaga tse di ntsintsi gore batho ba fiwe ditsha. Ke sone se ke reng nako ke yone ya gore a Botswana ba fiwe ditsha tsa bonno le tsa dikgwebo jalo gore e re fa *economy* e tla go tokafala, go bo go fitlhelwa e le gore sengwe le sengwe se setse se le malala-a-laotswe.

Ke boe gape ke leboge Tona mo go reng re ntse re a bona jaaka UDC e ne e bua mo maikaelelong le maitlamo a yone gore e fa gone go fa Botswana ditiro, gore e ntse e dira jalo. Pele maloba fale re ne re santse re bua ka *special constables* ba e leng gore le bone e ne e ba *absorb*, mme gompiano re bona e bile go na le bo *temporary teachers* gore le bone *will be absorbed.* Ke bua jaana gape le gompiano go na le bo *social workers* ba e leng gore ke baithuti, *graduates* tse e leng gore di ntse di le teng, *they will be absorbed.* Ke sone se ke reng gone mo ke yone tokafalo e e re isang golo gongwe kwa ke dumelang gore ke ene Botswana yo Botswana ba mo ratileng, ba a mo tlhoka *Madam Speaker.*

Fa ke bua mo go tsa *energy*, ke lebogela Tona mo go tse a neng a di bua jalo gore go na le *plants* tse e leng gore re solofela gore mo bogompionong di tlaabo di le teng di tla go tlhamela Botswana ditiro. Ke supe jaana gore ke ne ke le kwa China maloba ke na le Motlotlegi Phologolo, mme se ke batlang go se supa mo go mo emeng nokeng ga me ke gore, fela jaaka a ntse a gagamatsa (*tighten*)

tiriso ya madi, re bua thata le ka go dirisa leokwane mo go dirisiwang gongwe ke dikhansele, kana ke re ke Puso *Madam Speaker*. Se re se boneng kwa China ke gore go dirisiwa dikoloi tsa motlakase, ga di dirise leokwane lepe fela kwa ntleng ga *being charged*. Ke raya se jaana ka lebaka la gore re na le letsatsi le le ntsi mo Botswana mo e leng gore re ka oketsa *solar plants* tse di setseng di le teng, kana di solofetswe gore di feduwe mo bogompioneng. *Madam Speaker*, ke lebile lone lefelo le gore go ka nolofalela Puso gone gore ka gore dikoloi tsa khansale kana tsa Puso bontsi jwa nako, di a bo di le mo go yone tikologo e e leng gore *they are serviced* teng, ba ka dirisa dikoloi tsa motlakase ga nna bonolo mo go bone.

Ke bua se gape e le gore fa ke lebile toropo ya Jwaneng, re ka e *transform* ra e dira toropo e e itsegeng ka go dirisa maranyane. Ke bua se jaana ka lebaka la gore ke toropo e e lekanetseng, re ka nna le *charge stations* e seng *filling stations* tse e leng gore *taxis* le babereki fela ba kwa Jwaneng ba ka dirisa tsone dikoloi tsa motlakase, e kare fa ba theogetse le fa ba robetse kwa malwapeng e bo e le gore *they are charging*.

Ke dumela gore gone mo mo dikoloing tsa ga Goromente go ka nna bonolo ka lebaka la gore re tlaabo re itse gore jaanong re tlaa bua ka *expenses* di sele tsa bo dithaere jalo, re sa tlhole re bua thata ka tsa leokwane. Fa o ka nna fa fatshe fela wa lebelela sentle gone gore koloi ya motlakase e ka nna e kete e a tura ka gore e a bo e le ntsha, mme fa o lebeletse tiriso ya yone *comparing it* gongwe le ya peterole jalo, o tlaa lemoga gore letsatsi le letsatsi dikoloi tsa leokwane di tshelwa leokwane, mme ya motlakase e tlaabo e le fela go nna o ntse o *charge* le go nna o ntse o tlhola dithaere, gongwe le *lubricants* tse dingwe gore a tsone di siame sentle. Ke rotloetsa thata ke re toropo e ya Jwaneng e e ka nna yone *centre* ya toropo e e leng gore tse tsa motlakase tse dingwe tse di bonelwa mo go yone.

Ke tsene mo go ya bofelo, e gongwe ke ka e supang jalo gore ga re tlhokane le gore gongwe go ka twe *brigade* ya kwa Jwaneng gongwe e ka nna letsogo la *brigade* e nngwe golo gongwe. *Brigade* ya Jwaneng e setse e agilwe ka gale mo e leng gore e ka okeletswa dithuto go oketsa le tsone tsa *mining* ka lebaka la gore re a itse bontsi jwa nako dikompone fa di ya kwa Jwaneng di ya go dira tiro kwa mmaeneng, ba itlela ka batho, mme golo mo ke letshwenyego mo baneng ba kgaolo ya rona ka lebaka la gore ga go na kwa ba berekang teng. Fa go ka nna le dithuto tse di rutuntshang ba ba yang go bereka

gone kwa mmaeneng, ba rutilwe gone mo Jwaneng, go ka nna sentle, go ka tsamaya le gore go nne go ntse go tlhabolola matshelo a rona a Batswana kwa kgaolong e ya Jwaneng-Mabutsane.

Ya bofelo fela ke bua ka ya *social protection*, go na le letshwenyego la batho ba e leng gore ba kgaotswe, ga go na kwa ba berekang teng gone kwa kgaolong e. Gone ka moo ke kopele ruri gore e re fa re ntse re bona go ka nna le sengwe se se ka salang, re nne re ntse re ba gopole *Madam Speaker*. *I support budget* ya ga Tona, ka mafoko a a ntseng jalo, ke khutlela morago. *I thank you*.

MR BARONGWANG (MOGODITSHANE EAST):
Nte ke go dumedise *Madam Speaker*, ke dumedise gape batlotlegi mo Ntlong e, maitseboeng ano.

Tota ke emela go ema nokeng *Minister of Finance and the Vice President (VP) of this country*. E bile gape ke go leboge ka fa o tswelolang o baya puo ya gago ka teng, e motlhofo, ke santse ke ipoeletsa, *it is very simple*. E balega motlhofo, le Motlotlegi Motlhaleemang Moalosi o a e tlhologanya. O dirisitse Sekgoa fela se se kwa tlase se e leng gore mang le mang le yo o kwa gae o e tlhologanya le go feta.

Tota ke itumelela fela gore puo e ya gago o e beile ka fa tlase ga setlhogo se se reng '*A New Era of Economic Transformation and Fiscal Prudence*,' e e supang gore nako e ntsha ya diphetogo tse di itebagantseng le itsholelo le go dira dilo ka boitseanape kana ka bonokopila kana boikarabelo. Ga o a dira se fela ka bowena, o lebeletse pele seemo se re leng mo go sone, o lebeletse gore re fa kae, bothata ke eng, re bo re nna le *a diagnosis*.

Nte ke simolole go supegetsa Ntlo e gore kana re dikgwedi fela di le 15 re ntse re le mo Pusong, *only 15 months*. Re simolotse boikarabelo ka di 7th November fa Mapalamente otlhe a ikanisiwa, go setse go tlhophilwe *President* le VP re tsena mo kgannyeng ya *Ministers*. Fa o lebelela se re setseng re se dirile le dipuo tse o setseng o di beile pele Palamente e nnyaa go na le lesedi, go na le tsholofelo. Ke sone se ke simololang puo ya me ka gore *it is the face of reflecting on our promises as the ruling party and igniting hope* mo bathong ba rona. Ka boammaaruri puo ya gago e o e beileng pele Palamente e e batla gore rotlile re le Mapalamente a Ntlo e re lebagane se e leng boammaaruri, re bo re tsenya tsholofelo mo bathong. Ke sone se o se dirileng, o se dirile ka bonokopila. Re lekile *to transform our*

political statements tse re di dirileng 15 months kwa dipepereng, jaanong e nne some *deliverables*, ke tsone tse re di bayang batho pele gompieno, *and* ke sone se o tsweleng o se dira.

Mo lebakeng la 15 months re fetotse melao e le 26, *and this is a record breaking, that is worth it. 26 in 15 months, 26 o ne a fetolwa mo five years*, mme gompieno re kgonne go dira dilo tse *in only 15 months*, golo mo go supa gore re na le maikaelelo le maitlamo a *to reach* se re batlang *to deliver*.

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

MADAM SPEAKER: *Nnyaa*, order! Order!

MR BARONGWANG: *Nnyaa*, owaii! Ba tlogele, ke ba itse thata, ke na nabo. Mma re simolole pele ka *to reflect on this economy*. O bona itsholelo ya rona *Madam Speaker*, e tshwana le molwetse a ne a le mo Intensive Care Unit (ICU). A dule *for the past 15 months*, re mo ntshitse mo ICU, re mmeile mo bolaong jo mang le mang a ka mo tlholang. Le wena Oom Lu, o katla ka dikakanyo tsa gore tota molwetse yo, re ka mo reng. O ka tla ka meriane ya gago wa re supegetsa gore mme gore re tokafatse molwetse yo wa rona, ke gore re dire se, le se.

Ke utlwile maloba o bua sengwe se se botlhale tota Oom Lu, se ke eletsang gore ba ba maleba, ba ka se lebelela, sa gore *projects* tsa BETP, di nne le *ministry* wa teng fela. Golo mo ke nngwe ya *diagnosis* tse re di eletsang mo go lona gore le tle ka tsone. Re ntshe molwetse wa rona mo bolaong jo bo *normal*, jaanong a tswela kwa ntle, mang le mang a kgone go mo ikakolela.

Mma ke go supegetse sengwe fa re leng teng gape, *since 1980, this economy has been terribly going down*. Ga go na gope fa e leng gore *curve* e, e kile ya supa gore e ya kwa godimo, *nnyaa. From 1980 up to 2020, the trend of this economy has been terribly going down*. Fa o lebelela le ka fa e neng e gola ka teng ngwaga ka ngwaga, golo gongwe o ne o fitlhela e le gore e *reach up to 8 per cent*, e *contract* ya 8 per cent kana e fokotsega ka 8 per cent. Golo mo go jela mo ngwageng e e latelang. Ke sone se se patikileng gore o tle ka *budget* e e tshwanang le ya gompieno, e e arabang diemo tse re leng mo go tsone.

Bomaitseanape ba supa gore *we are where we were 50 years back. We must ask ourselves two questions; what did we do wrong? Where did we go wrong? What did we do right 50 years back?* Ke sone se se arabiwang ke

budget e ya gago. Ke sone se se arabiwang ke NDP 12. Ke sone se se arabiwang ke BETP. Ke sone se ke emelang go go akgola gore tota o lebeletse boammaaruri, e bile o ntse le tebelopele ya gore re ka baakanya dilo jang. Fa re leng teng, fa re ka tswela ka fa re ntseng re dira dilo ka teng, ga re ka ke ra ya gope. O ka tlhola o buile ka matlo a Phikwe, o tlhalosa *Honourable* Motlhaleemang ka dikiribane, *but* boammaaruri ke gore, *this economy has been going down. We need a true diagnosis* e e tlang ka *His Honour the Vice President* (VP).

Mma ke go supegetse gore ke eng ke re, *we have moved from diagnosis to delivery*. Re ntshitse molwetse yole wa rona mo ICU, o mo bolaong jo bo *normal*. Wena le ba lephata la gago VP, *you have put in strict fiscal control measures* tse di setseng di re ungwela maduo *in 15 months, not in 50 years, 58 years*. Re setse re kgona go ungwelwa maungo. Re kgona go ema fa pele ga gago re re kgwedi le kgwedi, re *save P1.45 billion. Imagine if you had not done this thing, how much deficit* e re ka bong re e bua.

Deliberate austerity measures tse go bantilweng tototota. Le lona Mapalamente, le a itse ka fa seemo se leng teng mo Palamenteng. Selo se ga se gore Tona o se dira ka go rata, ke seemo sa itsholelo e re e fitlhelang e le teng. Ke sone se a tsileng ka *budget* e e tshwanang le e re leng mo go yone. Golo moo Tona, ke santse ke go go emela nokeng gore a re di tsweledise. E nne o kare ga re di tantele thata ka gore fa re ya kwa kgannyeng e e tshwanang le GPO, e ama *the informal sector*. Gone foo *as time goes on*, re nne o kare re a e *loosen* go se kaenyana. Fa ditirelo di neng di sa dirwe teng, foo gone re go tswale. Ka fa re neng re ntsha GPO ka teng, re go tokafatse. Re netefatse gore tse go neng gotwe di nna *duplicate*, re di tswale. Lona ka koo ka fa BCP, fa e le gore go na le se lelo sa GPO ka fa di tswang ka teng, go na le e e neng e ntshiwa, e seng go dira tiro, e le *duplication* ya ka bomo, ke a le kopa, le *support* gore golo mo go se ka ga tlhola go nna teng.

MR FURNITURE: *Clarification*. Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ke a leboga *Honourable* Barongwang. Tota fela ke ne ke kgatlhega thata ke utlwa fa o bua ka go banta. Tona o lekile thata gore re bante. Ke batla go itse gore lona le Puso ya UDC, tota metlhale ke efe e le neng le e beile pele, ya go dira madi a le mantsi? Tumelo ya me ke gore, go banta ga go ka ke ga nna *solution*, e ka nna tsela ya go fokotsa metswedi kana go dutla ga madi mo Pusong. Se se botlhokwa thata ke gore, re tshwanetse ra *generate* madi a mantsi, *pump more money to the economy, so that it runs*. Mpolelele tse pedi tse tharo tse o ka di nankolang, ke dife?

MR BARONGWANG: Mma ke se ka ka di go nankolela ka gore ga di tlhoke go nankolwa, di arabiwa ke BETP le NDP 12. Se o tshwanelwang ke gore o se tlhologanye le go feta ke gore, madi a o batlang a pompelwa *into the system* ga a yo, zero. *I will even show you here how it has been coming down. Our foreign reserves for that matter, since 2015, it has been coming down.* Fa o batla re ntse re pompela madi a a supang a ya kwa tlase, nnyaa le rona re tlaabo re sena boikarabelo *Honourable Member.* Mma ke go supegetse gape sengwe, go banta mo ga rona mo, *it is a short-term to a medium-term programme.* Ga se selo sa sennelaruri ke dumela jalo. E tlaare golo gongwe fale, go banta mo re go fokotse ka gore ke kgang ya *to manage* ledinyana le le nnyenyane le le tsenang. Re ntse re ikaegile ka ledi le le tswang kwa diteemaneng, jaanong le fokotsegile, mme ditirelo tse o di batlang tsa letsatsi le letsatsi, o a di tlhoka. *A re manage the little that we have.*

Ke itumelele *e-procurement strategy*, e e leng gore Goromente mongwe le mongwe yo o ikaelelang go tlhabologa, *is moving towards digital.* Golo moo go re supegetsa gore Goromente wa rona *is embracing digitalisation*, e e leng gore *it is cheaper and quick and by so doing, it will be efficiently giving us* maduo.

Mo gongwe mo ke batlang go tsena mo go gone ke *the good governance as a foundation of transformation.* Ga o ka ke wa dira sepe o sa *set a good foundation.* Gakere re bantile lantlha, jaanong re *set the good governance systems.* Selo sa ntlha ke go emisa go senyegelwa ke madi, *fiscal haemorrhage.* *Haemorrhage* ka *biology* ke go tswa madi. Ke nngwe ya dilo tse re tshwanelwang *to set system* tse di itebagantseng le go kganela go latlhegelwa ke madi.

Ke letse ke utlwile bothoko ke utlwa gotwe *over P400 million* o latlhegile mo tirong ya Fengyue, ya *glass factory.* Fa o re o a lebelela, ga go a dirwa sepe *to recover* madi ao. Fa o re o a lebelela, le fa e le mmereki a le mongwefela wa Puso yo gotweng o sekile, e bile o lebisitswe molato, mme *P400 million* o tsamaile. *We have lost P400 million.* Ka fa ba begang ka teng, *it was due to poor governance. This is a clear indication* ya gore *we need a good governance system.*

Suspending costly and insufficient project models; selo sa ntlhantlha gompiono, *project* nngwe le nngwe e e dirwang ke Puso, *it is five or six-times expensive* than fa e dirwa ke motho o sele. *It is not delivered* ka nako, mme gape *quality* ga e ye go nna yone. Fa o ya *to the*

private sector; it is going to be cheaper, delivered ka nako, e bile le *quality* e le kwa godimo. *These are good governance systems that we need to put in place and normalise them.*

Sa bobedi, *the project models* Rre Salakae, Development Manager (DM), *that was true heist, robbery* ya daylight, mme *we still need to go and do these projects.* Ke go leboge Rre Salakae gore le bo le ntse *so prudent on dealing with this matter.*

Ke a lemoga gore le a leka ka bojotlhe go netefatsa gore *there is a clear system* ya gore *we have somehow suspended some of the projects* mme tse di kgonagalang di tshwana le tsa Mogoditshane, tsone di ntse di a tswelela. Tse dingwe tse go supafalang gore tse re ka *deal* le tsone ka tsela nngwe tsa bo Patayamatebele, gongwe di ya go felela di emisitswe. Kgang ga se gore ga re eletse gore *projects* di ka se ka tsa dirwa, ke gore re fokotse go dira *projects* ka *models* tse di sa re busetseng sepe.

Se ke se eltsang gape ke gore *we need to be having a model that substitutes the DM Model* gore o tle o re tlhalosetse gore *projects would be funded* jang ka gore re ipeile pele gore ga re ye go tlhola re baya gore Goromente e nne ene a dirisang madi a mantsi. *Model* mongwe o o ka lebelelwang gongwe mo ditseleng ke wa *pay as you use*, mo e leng gore *an investor comes in and builds the road, then* o duelwa overtime kana *as per the traffic.*

Ke setse ke le supegeditse gore madi a rona a ntse a ya kwa tlase go le kae. Mo gongwe mo ke batlang go go supa e bile go supilwe ke *budget* ya ga Mothusa Tautona ke gore *we need to be moving into efficiency and productivity.* Sepe se re se dirang re tshwanetse go se dira *with less resources, with high quality.* Golo mo kana go supilwe gape ke *our BETP* gore fa o e lebelela ka fa e tlhophileng *projects* ka teng, e a go kgotsofatsa gore ka boammaaruri *there has been application* ya *efficiency.* E ya go netefatsa gore *projects* dipe tse di tlhophiwang di ya go dirwa, ke tse e leng gore *they have been tested in the (laboratories) labs.* Kana kwa lab ke kwa re lekeletsang selo *in a model and an unrealistic version,* re bo re netefatsa gore golo mo go ya go bereka. *We have put this lab system into practice* ya go netefatsa gore re tsaya *projects* tse di ka berekang. BETP le NDP 12 di tlaa re thusa *to diversify economy* ya rona, go netefatsa gore ga re ikaege thata ka tiriso madi a a tswang kwa go Goromente e bile go re busetsa kwa morago kwa go 50 years yo ke neng ke bua ka ene

gore go na le sengwe se re neng re se dira, *which was contributing to this economy; being the agricultural sector*. Ke itumelela gore *there has been a consideration* mo BETP gore jaanong *it considers agriculture* gore e boele *to where it was 50 years back*.

Se sengwe se ke se itumelelang mo *budget* e ke gore e leka ka bojotlhe *to empower* benggae. *Right from consultation* fa re *develop the BETP as well as the NDP 12, there has been thorough consultation*. Le *budget* e ka boyone, *it consulted* batho.

Tla ke tabogele kwa kgannyeng ya *deficit*, e ba le bantsi ba lelang gore gongwe ke selo se se sa siamang. *Deficit* ke nngwe ya *the reporting systems* tsa *budget* gore o bue boammaaruri fa pele ga *investors* tsa gago le fa pele ga lefatshe, o ba bolelele gore ke na le bothata. Fa o na le keletso ya *to invest* mo lefatsheng la me, mme ke na le bothata ke jo; ke gore madi a ke a dirisang le a ke a amogelang ga a *balance*. Madi a ke a amogelang a kwa tlase, a ke a dirisang a kwa godimo mme e re o tla go tshwaragana le nna, o bo o itse boammaaruri jwa lefatshe la Botswana.

Sa bobedi; se a re thusa gape gore le rona re le Mapalamente, Matona, Puso re itse gore ka *economy* ya rona *is not balanced*, go raya gore ka tsela nngwe e ya go felela e le *downgraded* fela jaaka re setse re bone. Jaanong kana fa re nna *downgraded*, re ya go tsaya *loans to augment the deficit*. Fa re tsaya *loans* jaana, ga re ye go di tsaya jaaka motho yo o tsamaisang *a surplus economy*, re ya go tsaya tse di turu mme re tshwanelwa ke go nna *careful where we are getting our loans*. Re tshwanetse ra ithuta ba re yang *into bed with, we need to look at the world and see where it is going*. Fa e le gore lefatshe ka bophara le tlaa ya kwa, rona re bo re ya kwa mme *indication* e le teng e le *economy* ya rona.

Mo gongwe gape ke gore go a re patika gore ka re bone gore *we are going to be running a deficit economy*, re tshwanetse *to foster discipline*, ke sone se re bantleng jaana. Fa re ne re begile gore *economy* ya rona e tlaa nna *surplus*, go ka bo go le kwa ga tlebebe gotwe go raya gore ga re na bothata. *It is very important to report the truth*. Se ke se lemogang *reflects* mo *budget* ya ga motlotlegi.

Nte ke tabogele kwa *issues* tse di leng teng tsa *unemployment*; tla ke supe gore *we are acknowledging* gore re na le bothata jwa *unemployment, especially* mo bananeng. Re dumela gore *programmes* tse tsa bo BETP, NDP le *a private led-economy* di tlaa thusa ka

tsela nngwe go fokotsa letlhoko la ditiro. Gape re a itse, go rotloetsa *agriculture*, kana e hira batho ba bantsi, re na le tumelo ya gore e tlaa fokotsa letlhoko la ditiro.

Go setse go itshupile gore re thuse bo Botswana Vaccine Institute (BVI), *we have invested into it*. Le gore fa re setse re *expand*, re ya go nna le sebaka se setona sa gore re ka hira batho ba le bantsi. Kwa bofelong re tshwanelwa *ke to support skills enhancement programmes, especially to bana ba ba kwa tlase*. Ke gore re dumele selo se le sengwefela; fa e le gore re dumela gore *economy* ya rona e ya go ikaega ka *export, we should not believe that even the skills, we produce the skills for local market. We should be producing skills for export, even now we need to be producing* bana ba re kgonang go ba romela kwa lefatsheng. E bile gompiano fa *Minister wa International Affairs* a ne a le gone fa, ke ka bo ke mo gakolola gore a leke ka bojotlhe go itomaganya le mafatshe a a setseng a tlhabologile a tlhoka *services* tse re nang le tsone mo Botswana jaaka *teachers*, batho ba *agriculture*; kwa mafatsheng a mangwe ba a tlhokiwa. Re tshwanetse go tsena mo dithulaganyong le mafatshe a.

Tla ke go leboga mme ke wela ka kgang ya *health crisis*...

MADAM SPEAKER: E tshaile *uncle*.

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

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Members, the floor is open.

MR BARONGWANG: *Point of order*. Hei! Golo fa ga se gore bakaulengwe ba a itira, o kare re lapile *Madam Speaker*. Phakela re ne re tsene General Assembly mme e bile re santse re tswetsetse le gompiano. Gongwe fa o ne o ka re fa *health break* ya bo *5/20 minutes*, go ne go ka nna botoka. Ke a leboga.

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Members, the floor is open.

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

MADAM SPEAKER: Fa le ipaakantse le ka tsena ka koo.

MR BAGAISAMANG (SHOSHONG): Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke re go raya gore go a supa gore e se ka ya nna o kare ga re tsiboge, ditsamaiso tsa Palamente di tlhalosa gore go tswa

bobedi ka fa Pusong, go bo go tswa ba bangwe ka kwa ntlheng e nngwe. Jaanong go supa gore bakaulengwe ba feletswe. Gone moo, go batla gore o go tlhalose *Madam Speaker*, e se ka ya nna o kare...

MR PULE: *Procedure Madam Speaker.* Motlotlegi jaanong o a bo a latlha setšhaba. Ga ke itse gore ke Standing Order mang se se rialong *because* mo *it is just an arrangement*. Tota Standing Order se bua ka *catching the Speaker's eye, that is all*.

MADAM SPEAKER: Continue Honourable Bagaisamang.

MR BAGAISAMANG: Ke a go leboga *Madam Speaker*. Fa gongwe fa o lebagana le boammaaruri, batho ba batla go thiba seretse ka seatla. Rre Pule o a itse gore se ke se buang ke boammaaruri.

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Bagaisamang, can you debate.

MR BAGAISAMANG: Ke a *debate Madam Speaker* mme ke batla go baakanya ketsaetsego e e teng. Nako ele ke ya me, mma ke tle ke busetse Ntlo mo tseleng. Bakaulengwe ka fale go supa gore ba feletswe, batho ba se ka ba tloga ba ipotsa dipotso. Batho ba a *follow Madam Speaker, the way we debate*, ba a itse gore go tswa bobedi ka fa Pusong go bo go iwa ka kwa *minority*. Ba tloga ba ipotsa gore a re simolotse go gatelela. Gare re baakanye ntlha e pele ga ke tsena mo dikgannyeng. Ba feletswe ka kwa.

Ke tsena mo mafokong a me a go *respond* mo *budget* ya ga Mothusa Tautona Rraetsho Ndaba Gaolathe. La ntlha kwa tshimologong ke dumedise ba kwa Mokgenene le Kalamare...

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

MR BAGAISAMANG: Ee, ngwaga o mošha, ke lantlha ba utlwa ke bua fa. Go maleba gore ke dumedise ka gore ba a itse gore ke tsile kwano, ba ntse ba ipotsa gore a ke gorogile.

Mma ke dumedise ba kwa kgaolong rraetsho go tswa kwa Bonwanotshi, Malau, Letlhakeng, Kalamare, Mmutlane le Bonwapitse gore mme re utlwile batho betsho, ke gorogile ka kwano. Le bone ke dumela gore jaaka ke ne ke laelana le bone maabane ke tla kwano, ba utlwile maabane jaaka Mothusa Tautona a ne a rola pego ya kgaoganyo ya madi a setšhaba.

Ke batla go supa gape gore *budget* e e tlaabo e le yone ya ntlha e e tlaabong e itebagantse le maitlamo a rona re le ba UDC jaaka re sale re tsaya Puso. *Budget* ya ngwaga e e felang ya 2025/2026, re ne re santse re tlhatswa *plate* ka kwa ntle le ka kwa teng e e neng e le leswe e le makgapha mme re patelesega go jela mo go yone e ntse jalo. E ke yone togamaano ya ntlha e re e lebaganyang le maitlamo a rona a re a beileng setšhaba kwa pele.

Ke leboge mo go faphegileng Rraetsho Gaolathe ka tekodiso ya gagwe e e maleba e a e beileng setšhaba fa pele. Ke tekodiso e e boammaaruri ya se se diragalang mo nakong ya gompiano. Fa gongwe fa o le moeteledipele, go botlhokwa gore o bolelele batho boammaaruri, e seng sepe gape. Fa o oka molwetse a le kwa sepateleng, e le wena o mo tlholang, o tlogetse batho kwa lelwapeng, se o se dirang ke gore fa o tla, o tlhalosetsa batho bale gore molwetse yole o tsogile jang. Fa a tsamaile, a tlhokafetse, o a ba latolela, go le boammaaruri gore bolwetse jole bo padile. Ke sone se Mothusa Tautona a se dirang.

Bakaulengwe ka fale ba re se ka ra bolelela Batswana boammaaruri jwa gore itsholelo e makgwakgwa mme e bile fa e le makgwakgwa jaana, re patelesega gore re bo re *run budget* ka mosekelampeng. *Deficit* go tewa mosekelampeng, re gone foo. Ke boammaaruri jo Batswana ba tshwanetseng gore ba bo bolelelwe. Gongwe ke boammaaruri jo bakaulengwe ba sa bo boleleleng batlhophi ba bone. Sengwe sa dilo tse ke di dirang bontsi jwa nako fa ke le kwa kgaolong *as a responsible leader*, ke go bolelela batho boammaaruri gore le bone ba nne ka kitso ya gore fa re tsamayang teng fa, go ntse jang. Ke sone se Mothusa Tautona a neng a se dira, go bolelela batho boammaaruri jwa gore kgaoganyo ya madi e re tlang re e baya fa pele ga lona e, ke ya mosekelampeng. Keletso ya rona re le Puso ke gore re ye go dira tse, le tse, le tse mme re tlaabo re di dira ka madi a a seyong mo sepatšheng...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR BAGAISAMANG: Nnyaa, ga go na ope *who clarifies*. Ke emetse batho ba kgaolo ya Shoshong Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke jone boammaaruri jo ke batlang go bo lebogela *His Honour the Vice President and Minister of Finance* gore o nnile boammaaruri, a bolelela Batswana ka fa tsamaiso ya ledi la rona e ntseng ka teng re le lefatshe.

Fa gongwe ke utlwa botlhoko gore bakaulengwe ba bo ba re go supa gore Puso ga e na boikarabelo, ke eng fa go tla go rolwa *budget* e e buang thata ka *deficit*.

Re ne re le fa maabane fa *the 13th Parliament* fa e goroga, mogwasa o motona o ne o tswa mo letlhakoreng le le ka kwa; bakaulengwe ba bua gore go emisiwe *projects* tsotlhe tsa DM *model* ka ponyo ya leitlho, tse rotlhe re neng re dumalana re le Ntlo e gore di abilwe ka madi a a sa tshwanelang gore di bo di a abetswe. Go bo go pateletsa Puso gore ka gore tse dingwe di ne di setse di le mo *contractual stage*, e ye go batla madi. Bontsi jwa tsone ke tsone tse re neng re di *fund in the past financial year*. Fa Puso gompiano jaanong e re go lebega gore re ntse re a tlopolo mo go tsone tsele, jaanong re baakanya seemo, go tlaa re re ye go tsena mo *budget*, bakaulengwe e nna bone ba ba ngongoregang ba re Puso e supa fa e sena boikarabelo. Se ke batlang gore Batswana ba se lemoge ke gore bakaulengwe bale ba gaisa le lelobu ka go iphetola. Mo go tlhokeng boammaaruri, ba gaisa le phologotswana e gotweng lelobu ka go iphetola. Letsatsi leno ba bua se, kamoso ba fetogile ba bua sele. Golo moo ke go tlhoka boammaaruri. Fa o le moeteledipele, *you should be consistent with the truth*, o lebagane le boammaaruri, e seng sepe gape *so that you can chart the way forward* gore kwa pele go iwa ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Moeteledipele ke motho yo o nnang boammaaruri ka dinako tsotlhe.

Bakaulengwe ba tshwanetse gore ba itse gore ga se bothodi gore gompiano e bo e le gore re tsamaisa *budget* ka *deficit*. Le ka nako ya fa ke santse ke ithuta dipolotiki, Rre Mogae e le *Minister of Finance and Development Planning*, o ne a tla mo Ntlong e ya Palamente a rola *budget* e e nang le *deficit*.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Mafoko ao a go fetile.

MR BAGAISAMANG: O bua boammaaruri, ga go na motho yo o kana ka nna yo o ka tlang go bua boammaaruri ga bo ga nna tudulalo e e kalo, go supa gore a mphitile. Ke jone boammaaruri jo ke reng re tshwanetse gore re tle go lebagana le jone.

Ke bo ke supe gore *all economies operate under deficit* e le go bona gore mme matshelo a batho ga a wele mo diphatseng. Ga go tlholo ntsha batho betsho.

Se ke tshwanetseng gore gongwe ke se le belege Mothusa Tautona, se e bile ke tlaa lebogang le *Leader of the Opposition* gore a bo a se dirile, gongwe o ka bo a rile fela mo puong ya gagwe a tlhalosa gore tota gompiano monna yo o buile dikgang tsotlhe, ke a mo leboga. Go ne go sa tlhoke gore e re fa a sena go nna a leboga ka tse moitseanape wa madi a di buang a bo

a tla ka mo go neng go mo senyetsa boammaaruri jo a neng a batla go bo bolelela Batswana. Fa re leng teng fa gompiano fa jaana, ga go na ope gompiano fa yo o ka reng ga a leboegele gore... ke gore *some measures that are currently in place* tse di tshwanang le tiriso ya GPOs, go botoka gore fa seemo sa itsholelo se ntse jaaka se ntse jaana, re lebe se se leng botlhokwa jo bo ka nnang le *a long-term solution* mo go baakanyeng seemo sa itsholelo. Ke gore ga go na mosola gore gompiano re bo re ya go tsenya batho tshakgalo ka kwa ntle re ba raya re re Goramente o emisitse GPOs e bile re sa ba bolelele gore ke rona re babalelwang thata gore batho ba akanye gore Puso e ya gompiano ga e reng mme gompiano Mothusa Tautona o ne a tlhalosa gore *he has managed to save P3.4 billion* ka GPOs. E bile go dirisitswe *around P584 million* ya madi one ao, a re neng re ntse re sa a dirise mo nakong e e kwa morago. Golo mo ke go tlhoka boammaaruri. Go tlhoka gore re lemose batho tshenyo e e ntseng e dirwa ke GPOs tse e leng gore *they were not managed* ka nako e yotlhe. Go botlhokwa gore re ye kwa bathong re ba bolelele boammaaruri.

Jaanong ke sone se ke reng *these are some of the measures* tse e reng gone fa go le botlhoko; Rre Mogae e ne ya re fa a sa okeletse batho madi a bo a re ngwaga o re tlaa bofa mala ka tukwi. Jaanong re gone foo bakaulengwe, re tshwanetse go bolelela batho boammaaruri gore seemo sa itsholelo ka fa se leng ka teng gompiano jaana, se a pateletsa gore go bantiwe jaaka go bantilwe. Go tshwanetse gore go nne ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. Se ke boammaaruri, ke tswa kwa kgaolong ya botlhophi ya Shoshong ke se boleletse batho kwa gore tsamaiso ya Puso e ya go nna ka tsela e e ntseng jang.

Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke tle ke tswelile ke leboegele kabakanyo ya madi ka fa e ntseng ka teng. Serwe se se filweng Lephata la *Local Government*, ke na le tumelo ya gore e tlaare fa re le kwa *sectoral debate*, gongwe se ke se kopang go tsamaelana le mafoko a a neng a buiwa ke Rraetsho Kedikilwe ke gore re na le dikhansele gompiano re le lefatshe tse ka fa di ntseng ka teng gone jaana. Mo tsamaisong ya Puso e e fetileng, dikhansele tse di thusiwa ke Goramente ka madi a a bidiwang gotwe *revenue support grant*. *Revenue support grant* ka fa e ntseng ka teng ke gore Khansele ya Tonota e na le metse e le 13, e fiwa seelo sa madi se se tshwanang le Khansele ya Mahalapye e e nang le metse e le 43. Ba patelesega gore ba ye go fa batho ditirelo ka go tshwana. Ke fa tsone e le sekai ka gore ke dikhansele tse ke kileng ka berekela mo go tsone. Jaanong sone se re se kopa gore mo lemmeng le le beilweng, go diriwe *consideration* ke *Ministry* wa *Local Government* ka

gore e bile re okeleditse dikhansele mokgweleo wa tiro wa gore *primary health* e bo e ile kwa go tsone ka gore ke tsone tse di gaufi le matshelo a batho. Jaanong go ye go bonwa gore *revenue support grant* ya tsone gongwe e tle e le botoka, mme e bile e se ka ya nna a *one size fits all budget*. Go lebelelwe ntlha yone eo gore bontsi jwa dikhansele tse di rweleng mokgweleo wa batho di se ka tsa iphitlhela e le gore di mo mathateng a go tlisa ditlamelo.

Ke ya kwa go ya *Development Budget*; ke leboegele thata mo mohameng wa thuo. Mothusa Tautona o ne a nankola fa gore morago ga go kanoka ka fa itsholelo e ntseng ka teng, Puso e tlile ka methale, e bakaulengwe ba tshwanetseng gore e nne yone e ba buang ka yone, e bile re bo re rotloetsa le lefatshe jaaka rotlhe re ne re ntse re bua ka *diversification* ya *economy*. Gore jaanong batho ba lebagane methale e mengwe le metswedi e mengwe kwa ntle ga diteemane le dikgomo e e ka thusang go rudisa itsholelo. Dingwe tse ke di nopotseng e bile ke di beilwe kwa pele, ke go lemiwa ga setlhare sa moringa, se Mothusa Tautona a neng a supa gore mo dibekeng tse di tsenang tse, babeeletsi ba tlaabo ba le mono ba tsile go simolola go reka moringa mo lefatsheng la Botswana. Ke supe gore ke one o ke o beileng kwa pele e re itlamang re le Kgaolo ya Shoshong, re tlaabo re le mo thulaganyong ya go bona gore temo ya moringa e ya go nna ka gore e bile re kgakala le ditlamelo.

E sala e sotlega mo dingwageng tse di fetileng. Jaanong go tlaare maano otlhe a a tlaa a bewang mo tafoleng gompiano, re sianeke one go na le go tsosa modumo gore Puso ga e re thuse, go thusa go rudisa itsholelo ya kwa magaeng le go lwantsha segolobogolo khuduga ya batho go tswa kwa metseng ya selegae go tla kwano. Re itshegetse tema re le Kgaolo ya Shoshong gore tsone tse di tshwanang le tsa bo moringa, go bapala sengaparile jaaka se na le *market* kwa Jeremane, Furniture...

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

MR BAGAISAMANG: Ke tlaa go e fa nnaka, o a itse gore ke a go rata.

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

MR BAGAISAMANG: ...gore jaanong re le kgaolo re tsamaye re ye go bona gore re ya go rudisa itsholelo ya rona. Jaanong le Kgaolo ya Shoshong re setse e bile re gatsetse pele e le gore e tlaare mo kgwedding e e tlang e le rona re bo re ya go simolodisa ka maatlametlo temo ya moringa. Ga go batle bakaulengwe le tla go diiwa ke go bua fa, fa re leng teng fa *we should be action orientated*. Re tshwanetse gore re bo re supa re tshwere ka natla

gore re na le ikarabelo ya go tsosolosa le go tlhabolola matshelo a batho, a rona rotlhe fa jaana, e seng rona re a beileng mo diphatseng tse di leng mo go one, go na le ba ba ka supiwang ka monwana. Kgaoganang le go ikokometsa lekape la motsotsojane bakaulengwe le bone gore matshelo a batho a a tlhabololwa. *Let me yield for Honourable Furniture Madam Speaker.*

MR FURNITURE: *Clarification.* Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Nte ke go leboge *Honourable Member*. Ke ne ke batla gore gongwe o ntlhalosetse, o bua thata ka kgang ya moswi gore o fitlhetse moswi a rile. Jaanong ke ne ke batla go itse gore a mme moswi ene yo jaaka le mo fitlhetse, a ga le a mo koafatsa la bofelo gore a se ka a tlhola a tshela? Gongwe bale ba bane, ba ne ba ntse ba leka go mo lekisa ba mo siela motogo. Jaanong lona ka tsela ya lona ya *spending* le go tsamaya...

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

MADAM SPEAKER: *Honourable Members*, nnyaa, ga le ka ke la dira jalo, le lebala Standing Orders.

MR FURNITURE: ...ga le a koafatsa moswi e leng itsholelo?

MR BAGAISAMANG: Ke a leboga *Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente*. Ke a leboga mokaulengwe *Honourable Furniture*. Nnyaa, le fa e le kwa *Patayamatebele* moswi ga a nke a lekisiwa nnaka. Moswi fa a sule *comrade* o a tsewa o ya go bolokiwa, ga a lekisiwe. Ke jaaka o bone re fitlhetse motho a na le dingwaga tse tharo a le mo *morgue* akere, re bo re mo tsaya re ya mo ntsha mo *morgue* re ya go mmoloka kwa *Metsiamanong*. E ne e le sesupo sa gore moswi ga a lekisiwe, o a bolokiwa. Jaanong *Madam Speaker*, ke one a ke neng ke re ke tle ke a supe. Ke lebogela thata, e bile ke *support budget* ya ga Mothusa Tautona e a re e beileng pele.

Ke dumela gore *we are going to chart the way forward*. Fa re le mmogo re tshwaragane, dikgwetlho di fa pele ga rona rotlhe bakaulengwe tse re di bonang, mme se se botlhokwa gompiano fa re batla go inola tshaba ya Botswana, go tlaare re emise go nna bangongoregi le go itaya batho tsebe. Fa o batla go itlhoisa batho o le lepotiki, batla go ithatisa batho ka go tlhoka boammaaruri. Ke gone o tsileng go tlhobogiwang ke batho. *Be brave and tell people the honest truth and nothing else*. Batho bao e bile fa e le sengwe o tlaa nna mmantswitswidi mo go bone ka gore bontsi jwa nako o itebaganya le go ba bolelela boammaaruri. Rotlhe re a dumalana gore nnake

fale, moswi yo a buang ka ene o bua ka itsholelo e re fitlhetseng e seyo. E bangwe ba neng ba e tshwere mo ngwageng e le P69 billion ba bo ba ya go e tlogela e le less than P2 billion.

Ke moswi yo a buang ka ene, ke ene moswi yo re reng rona gompiano jaana re kgaogane le moswi yole jaanong *we are starting from scratch*. Fa o bona Puso e setse e gorogile mo seemong sa gore e bo e kgaoganya batho ditokitoki ka nako ya dikamogelo, go a bo go direlelwa gore bale ba ntlha fa ba duelwa, go bo go okediwa lekgetho go tle go duelwe ba bangwe. Ga go na ope yo o eletsang gore e re yo mongwe a tshwere madi ka fale, ene a bo a santse gompiano a leletse gore a gagwe a tlaa tla kwa morago. Go go supegetsatsa makgwakgwa a Puso a itsholelo e leng mo go one. Jaanong ke dikgang tse re tshwanetseng go di bua re le boammaaruri re bo re tle ka *contingency measures* tse di ka baakanyang seemo se. *Let us diversify economy* bakaulengwe re ye go rotloetsa batho ba rona *through clusters*, re ye go lema moringa le motokwane. O kae Dr Gobotswang?

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Laughter!)

MR BAGAISAMANG: Re ye go lema motokwane, re bone gore go nna ka tsela e e ntseng jang, go rudisa itsholelo ya lefatshe le. Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, dikgang tsa me tse dintsi di kwa *sectoral debates*, mme ke lebogetse nako e o mphileng yone. Ke a go leboga.

MR LUCAS (BOBIRWA): Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Mma ke simolole fela ke supe gore *budget* ya gompiano, rraetsho o re e rolela re le mo seemong sa itsholelo se se sa iketlang, diteemane di sa rekiwe, mme e bile gape jaanong re na le bothata jo bo tona jwa Tlhako le Molomo. Ke *budget* e e gorogang ka nako e thata, e batla tlhwaafalo e e tseletseng. Ke simolole fela ka go supa gore fa diteemane di sa rekiwe, Batswana ba le bantsi ba itse gore jaanong ba tshwanetse go siela kwa temothuong. Jaanong fa e le gore temothuo e tshosediwa ke Tlhako le Molomo, go raya gore *future* e lebega e le ntshonyana.

Jaanong ke utlwa *Minister of Finance* o supa gore o ntshitse madi a a kana ka P97 million, gore re leke go lwantsha bolwetse jwa Tlhako le Molomo. Ke ne ke re, ka fa seemo se ntseng ka teng mo lefatsheng la Botswana gompiano mabapi le *cordon fences*, le seemo fela sa go tlhoka bodiredi jwa bakenti le tse dingwe, go tlhoka thata gore Mothusa Tautona a sekaseke madi a gape. A ye go tsaya gongwe one a a neng a buiwa a DIS, a

kgaole madi ao a itebaganye thata le Tlhako le Molomo, ka gore P97 million o ka tlhalela kgakala thata.

Go ne go supagala gore go tsenya diterata kwa *side tsele* tsa Ngamiland, go ne go ka tlhokafala *about* P50 million. Fa o bua ka diterata tse di mo *Zone 6* le *7*, o bua ka sekgele se se gagamatsang. Ke re *Minister of Finance*, go tlhokafala thata gore a sekaseke madi a P97 million, a kwa tlase ka gore itsholelo e e ka tswalwa ka gore *already* go setse go na le selelo se se ntsi se se buang ka go tlhoka go rekwa ga diteemane. Jaanong fa re ka se ka ra tsaya kgang e ka tlhwaafalo, re tlaa tsena mo mathateng a a boitshegang. Re ne re ntse re bolelelwa gore, gatwe terata fa e tsentsweng teng sentle mo lefatsheng la Botswana *is only about* 182 kilometers (kms), mme re na le *about* 2,000 kms yo re tlhokang gore go bo go tsentswe terata. Seo se supa gore tota re na le tiro e tonatona gore re sireletse setšhaba sa Botswana le mohama wa temo thuo, ka gore wa diteemane re a itse gore o mo mathateng.

Mothusa Tautona a lemoge gore mo mafelong a re tswang mo go one go bothata, ka gore jaaka diterata di ole jalo ga gona bodiredi jo bo ka tsenyang diterata tseo. *Fencers* ba neng ba ntse a hirilwe gore ba tsenye diterata tse di kganelang bolwetse, ga ba sa tlhole ba le mo ditirong. *Pickets* tse go neng go nna batho ba disitse ka namana gore dikgomo di se ka tsa tlolela ka kwano tse dingwe tsa ya ka kwa Zimbabwe, bontsi jwa tsone di tswetswe. Moo ka bo gone go raya gore re mo seemong se se thata *Minister of Finance*, o tshwanetse gore a oketse madi a, gore re leke go lwantsha seemo se. Lefatshe le fa re sa ele tlhoko, le tlaa tswala ka gore diteemane di na le mathata, Tlhako le Molomo le yone e tsere phekelo e sele.

Kgang ya mephato e e kwa Bobirwa, ba leka go lwantsha bolwetse jwa Tlhako le Molomo. Le bone batho ba Modimo ba amogela madi a Ipelegeng fela, ba ya *for trips* ka gore ga go sa tlhole go na le bodiredi kwa diterateng tsa thibelo ya matlhoko. *They go for trips*, mme fa ba le koo ba bangwe ba tsaya malalantle, bone ga ba na se ba se bonang. Ke re a batho ba le bone ba akanyediwe, le fa ba ithaopa mo go kalokalo gore ba kgone gore ba bone sengwenyana se se ka thusang matshelo a bone le bana ba bone, bogolo fela malalantle a go nna jalo, ka gore ba le bantsi fa ba tsamaya mo ba tsaya *per diem*. Go lebega gore ba bangwe ba di rata thata, *Ministers* ba a siana, ga ke itse gore a le bone ba a di tsaya.

Ke ne ke re ke fete ka eo, e bile ke kopa gore kgang ya Tlhako le Molomo re e kopaneleng batho betsho. Wena *Honourable* Mohwasa, gongwe go tlaa tlhokafala gore o bitse le All Party Conference, *specifically to address the problem* ya Tlhako le Molomo re e kopanele re le diphathi tsothle, re le setšhaba sa Botswana. Re e tsamaise ka tsela e e ka felelang e somaretse matshelo le itsholelo ya lefatshe la Botswana. Re tlaa swa re nyelela fa re ka se ka ra tsaya kgang e ka tlhwaafalo, mme ke ne ke re ke simolole ka eo batho betsho.

Mo *budget* ke ne ke reeditse ka tlhwaafalo tota, re utlwile ka ya Foot and Mouth ya P97 *million*, ka re ga e a lekana. Fa o ne o reeditse sentle Rre Ndaba Gaolathe *as he was presenting budget* ya gagwe, o ne o ka bona gore monna yo ke *an economic craftsman*. Ke gore o leka go dirisa boretšhwa jwa kitso ya itsholelo, go baya batho bobi mo matlhong a sa itebaganye le boammaaruri mo dikgannyeng tse dintsi tse re tsheleng ka fa tlase ga tsone. Ke ne ke solofetse gore puo e ya *budget* ya ga Rre Gaolathe, e tshwanetse e amana e bile ya itebaganya kgotsa ya lomaganya NDP 12, Vision 2036, *manifesto* wa UDC, SONA le *Presidential pronouncements*. Kana Tautona o buile dikgang tse dintsi mo nakong, tse ke neng ke dumela gore Rre Gaolathe o ne a tshwanetse gore dingwe tsa tsone a di ame, di kgone gore re bone gore di tsamaelana jang le *budget* ya gagwe. Mo dikgannyeng tse Tautona a tsamayang a di bua mo Dikgotleng jalo, tseo tsone *he stays clear of them*, ga a batle le go di kgoma. Ga ke itse gore maikaelelo ke eng, kgotsa ga ba dumalane kgotsa bothata ke eng. Motho ga a ka ke a itse, ka gore go ne go lebega a di itlhokomolosa. Fa o tsena mo dikgannyeng tse *Ministers* ba di buang fa ba tsamaya jaana, bogolo jang ba *Local Government*, Rre Moswaane le Rre Motshegwa. Ba tsamaya ba bua puo e ba reng, kana jaanong go na le Ikageng, e tsile go duela batho P2,500. Jaanong fa o re o reetsa Rre Gaolathe, dikgang tse di tshwanang tse o a di itlhokomolosa, ga a batle go akgela mo go tsone. Ba tsamaya ba bua gore Village Development Committee (VDC) di tlaa amogela bo P2,500, tseo o a di itlhokomolosa Rre Ndaba Gaolathe. Dikgang tse di reng makalana a tshwana Botswana Meat Commission (BMC), Railways le Air Botswana a tlaabo a dira *profits* mo nakong ya gompiono, tseo dingwe o a di itlhokomolosa Rre Gaolathe. O a mmona gore ga gona fa a tsenang teng, e bile ke tlaabo ka tsamaye ke dumalane le Kedikilwe gore, golo fa go na le bothata...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR LUCAS: ...bothata jo botona jwa gore go Tautona, go bo go nna Mothusi wa gagwe e bile a tshwere madi. O kare dikgang tsa bone ga di tsamaelane, yo mongwe o a itidimalela fa yo mongwe a buile. Legale maloba re ne ra utlwa Mothusi Tautona a bua gore, kana ke gore Tautona o *metaphoric*, o bua a tsenya diane tse di sa tlhologangweng. Gone mo ka bogone go go supegetsa gore, golo fa Puso e tsamaya ka tsela e go senang *coordination*.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR LUCAS: E a *dengadenga*, go a thulathulwana, mme go batla go forwa Batswana ba neelwa *motivational talk* gatwe ke *budget*. Mo ke *motivational speech* fela, ga gona *budget* mo teng fa o bona e sa lomagane le dikgang tse dintsi tse di buiwang ke Tautona, tse di mo NDP 12 le tse dingwe fela jalo, tse o solofelang gore di tshwanetse gore di buiwe mo *manifesto*.

Ga ke mo utlwe a bua *Minister of Finance* ka...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR LUCAS: ...dikgang tse di amang *unemployment*, gore mo bogompionong jaaka re le gone fa, letlhoko la ditiro a le godile kana le fokotsegile. *He decides to keep quite* ka dikgang tse di ntseng jalo. O itse gore ke eng a didimalela, o didimalela ka gore go na le tshlofetso e re neng re e diretswe ke ba UDC fa ba tsena mo Pusong gore ba tlaa dira ditiro di ka tshwara 100 000 ngwaga le ngwaga, e bile e tlaa re *after 5 years* ba tlaabo ba dirile ditiro di ka tshwara 500 000. Ga a batle go kgoma tseo, *unemployment* ga a e tsene, o dumela fela gore re dumele gore o tsamaisa itsholelo sentle. Nnyaa, ga a tsamaise itsholelo sentle.

Mangwe a mathata a lefatshe la Botswana a matona, ke letlhoko la ditiro. Re tshwanetse ra mo utlwa a papametse gore, mo bogompionong ditiro tse di dirilweng di kae mo go 100 000 yoo. Fa e le gore la re ke motho yo o nang le boammaaruri, ke eng a sa supe gore re ne re rile re tlaa dira 100 000, mme go padile re dirile 20 000, kgotsa go padile ditiro di fokotsegile. Tumelo ya me ke gore fa re tsamayang teng fa, ditiro di fokotsegile. Ga a batle go bua, ke *craftsman*, o a *dodger*; o batla gore dikgang tse di thata a di tlogele a sa di kgoma gotlhelele. Seemo se ga se a tshwanela gore se nne teng fa re bua ka itsholelo le *budget* ya lefatshe la Botswana, re tshwanetse ra itse sentle ra bolelelwa boammaaruri. Go tsweng foo re a mmona gore o a *dodger* fa go tsena dikgang tse. O tshwanetse a re itsise, la re ke motho yo o nnete o bua ka

deficit a papametse. Ke eng a sa bue ka *unemployment* a papametse, gore e tsamaya fa kae. Ga a batle go e kgoma, o a *dodger*; o relela ka mafoko a *economics*. Ga go a siama, re tshwanetse ra itse boammaaruri.

Seemo sa lehuma; nngwe ya dikgang tse ditona tsa lefatshe la Botswana ke seemo sa lehuma, a seemo sa lehuma se godile kgotsa se wetse kwa tlase *in the past year*; re tshwanetse ra itse seemo se. Rraetsho, ga a batle go tsena mo dikgannyeng tseo, ene ke a mo utlwa o tsena mo go ya GPOs. Mongwe o ne a bua gore, GPO fa o e kgama jalo o itse gore o diga dikgwebo tse dingwe, o ne o rialo “Faka Pressure”. Ga a batle go tsena mo seemong sa gore *poverty* e tsamaya fa kae, mme jaanong jaaka e tsamaya foo go raya gore re ka e *address* ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, a re ke ka BETP fela. Ga o ka ke wa dira jalo, o tshwanetse wa itse gore lefatshe la Botswana ga le tsamaisiwe ke *projects* tse 186 gore di gole, go na le bagwebi ba bantsi go simolola ka bagwebi ba ba botlana. Wa reng ka mogwebi yo mmotlana yo o kwa *station*, wa a reng ka mogwebi yo mmotlana yo o rekisang mabudula Rre Gaolathe, *because economy* e tshwanetse go simolola gone koo. Ga e ka ke ya nna fela gore go tlaabo go galalediwa BETP, o sa itebaganye le seemo sa lehuma jaaka re se bona mo lefatsheng la Botswana.

Batho ba le bantsi ba humanegile thata, mme ba ne ba batlile gore ba nne ba utlwe yo o tshwarang madi a bua gore o thusa jang ba *informal sector*; bo mmametshelo. O ba thusa ka tsela e e ntseng jang? O na le *to mention them* fela o bona gore o a ba bua fela gore ba utlwe leina la bone le buiwa mo Palamenteng. Boammaaruri ke gore, ga a na lenaneo, UDC ga e na lenaneo la batho ba e leng gore ke bagwebi ba ba botlana, *the informal sector*. Ga ba na lenaneo gotlhelele, mme e bile le go ba bua ga a ba bue.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR LUCAS: Ema pele nako e e khutshwane, gatwe ke 20 *minutes*, mma re supe dikgang tse. Ga a ba bue gotlhelele ba *informal sector*; le bo *business men* ba Botswana fela *generally*. O a itse UDC ga e na sepe le mogwebi wa Motswana, mme ke ene a neng a ka dira ditiro gore jaanong lehuma le ye kwa tlase. Bone ba batla *investor*; fa ba ka re “*shake*” batho ba, fa ba ka re “*shake*.”

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ... (Laughter!)

MR LUCAS: Ga ke itse gore la re bagwebi ba Botswana ba le dirile eng, mme e le gore bagwebi ba Botswana e ka bo e le gore re leka go godisa dikgwebo tsa bone gore ba dire ditiro. Le fa le ntse le tšhotšhoma mo le ya bo America, wena rraetsho wa America, le tsamaya mafelo a, le tshwanetse gore le ka bo nako e nngwe le tsamaya le bagwebi ba Botswana, gore ba tle ba kgone go bona *exposure* gone kwa mafelong ao. Le tlaabo le tsamaya le le nosi, fa le sena go tsamaya le le nosi le tlaabo le bua ka *private visits*. Ke ipotsa gore *private visit*... (*inaudible*)... ditiro mo lefatsheng la Botswana. O a itse gore le a gakgamatsa. Botswana ba ne ba le tlotlile, mme ga le tlotle Botswana, ga le tlotle bagwebi ba Botswana.

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM (MR MMOLOTSI): *Procedure Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker*, ke ne ke re gongwe *Honourable Lucas* tota fela boammaaruri ke gore, o ntsha Ntlo e mo tseleng, ka se ke se itseng ke gone gore, jaaka Matona a tsamaya jaana ba a ne fa gongwe ba tsamae le bagwebi ba Botswana. Ke raya gore jaaka ke ne ke ntse ke seyo jaana ke ne ke na le bagwebi ba Botswana. Jaanong ka tsela e e ntseng jalo ke ne ke re o se ka wa re latola gotlhelele. Tota re eletsa gore Botswana ba tswe mo seemong se ba leng mo go sone ba nne mo seemong se se botoka. *So we will always support* dikgwebo tsa Botswana.

MR LUCAS: Ke tsaya gore fa le tsamaya le *private visits* le gone le tsamaya le bagwebi. O raya gore o kare *visit is private*, o bo o tsamaya le mogwebi, ke a belaela ga le tsamae le bone ka sekale se gongwe bangwe ba rona ba se eletsang.

Mothusa Tautona *Minister of Finance*, dikgang tse di tshwanang tsa dipharologanyo fa gare ga bahumi le bahumanegi tse re itsiweng ka tsone re le lefatshe la Botswana, o kare jaanong e bile re batla go di oketsa. Ka fa go ntseng ka teng re batla go di oketsa, ka gore o a bona fela le go kgethisa ga teng gore gatwe ba ba amogelang P33,000 *a month* gatwe ke bahumi, jaanong ba tshwanetse ba kgethisiwe go lekana le ba ba amogelang P100,000 *a month*, ga ke dumalane le seemo seo. Yo o amogelang P100,000 *per month threshold* ya *tax* ya gagwe e tshwanetse gore e ye kwa go bo 30 *per cent*. Ke diemo tse di tshwenyang batho betsho. Mme re tshwenngwa ke diemo tse e tshwanetseng ya nna tsone *priorities* mo lefatsheng la Botswana, gore madi... Motlotlegi Kedikilwe o ne a mpolelela gore mangwe a madi a a ka tsewang, *when we check*, ke a DIS. A mangwe a a ka tsewang ke a e leng gore, o

bona batho bone ba o fitlhelang ba dikologa ba re ba bapatsa *Constitutional Court*. Kana fa o bona ba le fa bo *Honourable* Mohwasa, fa a ile go bapatsa *Constitutional Court* o fitlhela a kgobokanetswe ke batho, dikoloi tse di gagamatsang tse di tshetsweng *petrol*, maloba ka ba ka re ba bale dikoloi tsa teng. Re fitlhela dikoloi tsa teng di le 25 tse di tswang kwa ntle. E bile monna mongwe kwa Tsetsebjwe a bua gore dikoloi tsa teng o fitlhela di lekana le batho. Fa o utlwa go *Constitutional Court* go tshelwa *petrol* ka mabetoapelo ke banna ba. Go na le gore re tle re itebaganye le dikgang tsa botsogo jaanong go itebaganngwa le dikgang tsa gore go tlholwe go setswe Matona morago. O tlaa mmona kae *Honourable* Moswaane gone fa, o siane lefatshe le lotlhe. Fa gongwe fa o re o a utlwa gore gatwe *Constitutional Court* ya teng e tlhalosiwa jang ke bo *Honourable* Ramogapi, o utlwa fela gore mo ke meleko, gatwe e tlaabo e dira ditiro tse di gagamatsang. Hee! a madi a tswe kwa *Constitutional Court* a tle mo botsogong go rekwe dipilisi, e re fa e le gore dipilisi ga di yo kwa sepateleng sepatela se duelele batho dipilisi ba di tseye *at chemists*. Go pala eng gone foo, go pala eng?

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR LUCAS: Ga ke go fe *clarification* ke a gana, le senya madi.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Laughter!)

MR LUCAS: Le senya madi ka go tlhola le tabogile mo le re *Constitutional Court* batho ba a swa ke bolwetse, ga go a siama. Rre Gaolathe le ene ke ne ke ntse ke mo tshephile ke re gongwe gatwe o ka kgona go gakolola batho ba, ga a kgone le go ba gakolola. Ke belaela gore ba a mo palela. Ba a mo palela ka gore *Constitutional Court* e ba e romilwe ke Tautona. Ba a galaotega mo, ba tsamaya mo ba re *Constitutional Court*, mme ga go na dipilisi. Rre Mmolotsi le ene a re fa go sena dipilisi ga go re sepe batho ba tsamae fela. Ga ke itse gore monna yo gatwe go ne ga diragala jang... (*inaudible*)...o bihetswe ke Puso. Ke raya gore ga ke itse gore gatwe re reng ka monna yo. Re a bona batho betsho gore *priority* e tona ke botsogo.

MR MMOLOTSI: *Point of order: Madam Speaker* ke ne ke tsaya gore... gone ee *Honourable* Lucas ke a utlwa gore o a omana, mme ke ne ke re a se ka ya re fa a le mo komanong e e kanakana jaanong a bo a bua dikgang tse e leng la ntlha ke di utlwa. Go na le Motswana yo

o kareng ga go na molato le fa go sena dipilisi, ke raya e tlaabo e le motho wa mohuta mang yo o ntseng jalo? Jaanong *Honourable* Lucas, ke tsaya gore... gone ee, re ditsala mme se mphailephaile fela ke sena molato.

MR LUCAS: Ke batla go emisa botsala jo ka gore maabane ga o a bua sentle.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Laughter!)

MR LUCAS: Ga o a ka wa bua sentle gotlhelele, wa re lephata lengwe le lengwe le na le *budget* ya lone, mme jaanong bona fela gore gompiano jaana batho ba na le bo *high blood* ga ba kgone go reka dipilisi. Kana golo mo go a re farologanya bakaulengwe, akere rona gone fa re na le *medical aids*, ga re ke re tlhoka molemo. Jaanong ba ba re tlhophileng ba tlhoka melemo *everyday* mme ga ba kgone go rekelwa melemo e *at chemists* ke Puso. Golo mo ga go a siama gotlhelele, go tshwanetse ga le tlhabisa ditlhong. *Health is a... (inaudible)*...re tshwanetse ra ela tlhoko seemo se sa botsogo. Re tlaa tla re se bua ka nako ya sone fa re setse re tsena mo *sectors*.

Sengwe se se tona ke sa thuto, thuto mo lefatsheng la Botswana. Ke a utlwa gore gatwe *Finance Minister* a re P1.3 *billion has been set aside for maintenance*, re a utlwa, e bile re amogela seo. Mme gone tota fa o lebile ka fa dikole di senyegileng ka teng, a P1.3 *billion* o lekane? Rre Gaolathe ga a re bolelele gore P1.3 *billion* o ya *to cover* fa kae, ka ke dumela gore le a itse batho betsho, lotlhe le a itse gore gongwe le gongwe kwa le tswang teng dikole di makgasa. Mo e leng gore ga ke dumele gore P1.3 *billion* yo o tlaa lekana. Rre Gaolathe o tshwanetse go re bolelele gore o ka lekana dikole di le kae. O tshwanetse a re bolelele, ga a re bolelele. P1.3 *billion* yo...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: P1.8.

MR LUCAS: P1.8, go tshwana fela monna, ga a ka ke a lekana madi ao a mannye thata. Seemo se se kwa dikoleng se a gagamatsa, mo o fitlhelang kwa *dormitories* tsa bana ba sekole fa gongwe mo lebateng go tswetswe ka bolaonyana jo jwa ditshipinyana. O fitlhela bana mo dikoleng tse dingwe tsa bo Tsetsebjwe bana ba kobilwe ke mmamantwane. Bona, Domkrag e ne ya palelwa ke mmamantwane dingwaga tse di kanakana, UDC le lona le palelwa ke mmamantwane fela go mo fudusa *from classes*? Nnyaa banna a ko le tlhwaafaleng. Golo fa re ne re le mmogo re re re rata batho, e bile re batla go buelela batho, ga ke le bone le tlhwaafetse wa itse. O kare le itumeletse maemo thata fa ke le lebile jaana.

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

MR LUCAS: Le itumeletse maemo thata, tswang mo seemong sa go itumelela maemo, re simolole jaanong go huhulela, go berekela batho, go botlhokwa thata. O bona kgang ya *education* ... (interruption)... mme gongwe re tsene mo *priority* e nngwe.

Priority e nngwe ke ya lefatshe. Ke a utlwa Rre Gaolathe, ga ke mo utlwe a bua ka mashetla a a lekaneng.

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

MR LUCAS: Motlotlegi Rre Salakae, o se ka wa ntsenya mo go reng o nkgothakgothe, o a nkopa, o ka nkopa ka dikgoka, jang, o dirwa ke eng?

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

MR LUCAS: Kgang e nngwe ke ya lefatshe. Batho ba le bantsi ba batla lefatshe la bonno, mme batho ba le bantsi ba ntse ba le mo *waiting list for a very long time*. Kwa Bobonong re na le batho ba nna mo *waiting list for 20 years* motho a ntse a emetse setsha fela go fitlhelela *they retire from work*, a bo a nwa madi a *retirement*. A sa kgone go ka aga sepe ka gore ga a na lefatshe. Malwapa a lotlhane, mo malwapeng mo go lotlhane, go kgorothanwe mo malwapeng. Fa gongwe o fitlhela go apeilwe ka dipitsana tsa bo *size three* di le *four* mo lelwapeng le le lengwe fela, ka batho ga ba a neelwa ditsha gore ba ikagele. Seemo se se tshwanetse sa re tshwenya. Ke a itse gore bangwe ba rona ga re tshwenngwe ke seemo se ka gore o fitlhela motho a siana ka ditsha di le *seven*, *six* le *eight*, jaanong ga re tshwenyege jaaka batho ba ba re tlhophileng.

A re tshwenyegeng, re tlhomamise gore batho ba kgona go bona ditsha, ditsha tsa bonno le tsa masimo. Fa re bua gore *we want to promote agriculture* mme e le gore go raya gore batho ba le bantsi ga ba na masimo re ya *to promote agriculture* jang batho ba le bantsi ba sena masimo? E bile o utlwa gore *budget* e fa go tsena mo dikgannyeng tsa lefatshe, nnyaa e iketlile, ga e utlwale sentle gore fa go tsenwa mo dikgannyeng tsa lefatshe ya reng. Masimo a abiwa ka bonya jo bo gaggamaditseng, mme ra re re batla *to promote agriculture*, kana legale ke gone mo go reng mo bogompionong le gone... kana batho ba gotwe ba thusa ka lenaneo le teng gatwe Lemang Dijo. Batho ba ne ba mpolelela gore golo mo ga Lemang Dijo le gone ke kgodisa fela, ke diswaswa fela golo mo. Fa o utlwa motho a re e bile ba gaisiwa ke ba ba duleng, kana ba ba duleng bone ba ne ba re bogolo

four; jaanong gone fa gatwe tema e le nngwefela, mme mo temeng yone e nngwefela eo, gatwe o leme marotse, maphutse, mmidi, dinawa, *lablab*.

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

MR LUCAS: *Honourable Pule*, e ya dinotshi e tswa fa kae? Gatwe jaanong ba batla le dinotshi. Kana fa gongwe o fitlhela e kete ba a tshameka, fa go tlhwaafetswe, bone ba a tshameka. Re tshwanetse ra itse gore lefatshe le botlhokwa. Jaanong yo mongwe maloba ke bua ka lefatshe la bonno le la masimo, yo ene o bua a re, kana ba palelwa le ke go re abela lefatshe la dikereke. Re ne re ntse re omanya Domkrag re le mmogo le *Honourable Mmolotsi*. Monna yo o ne a itse go omanya Domkrag thata. O ne a le setswere sa go omanya Domkrag. Batho ga ba abelwe lefatshe la dikereke. Ga ke go utlwe o omana. Omana rraetsho. Ke a leboga.

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

MR MMOLOTSI: *Point of order Madam Speaker*. Ke ne ke re *Madam Speaker*, rally ya ga *Honourable Lucas* yone e lebege o kare e siame thata. Fela kana gompiono *Madam Speaker*; o ntsha Ntlo e mo tseleng gore a bo a akanya gore e kare gompiono jaana re neetswe Puso gore re leke go baakanya mathata a Batswana, e bo e le gore a re ke omane. Ke omanyane mang jaanong? Ke ikomanyane?

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ikomanyane.

MR MMOLOTSI: Gakere mo nakong ya gompiono ke wena o tshwanetseng gore o lele, nna ke go reetse ka maikaelelo a gore ke leke go baakanya mathata a. *So*, re mo tseleng e e siameng rraetsho ya go leka gone gore jaaka o tshwere *rally* jaana, re bo re tla re bona gore mme re ka thusa ka tsela e e ntseng jang.

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Members, the floor is open.

MR LEKUTLANE (KGALAGADI NORTH): Mma ke rwale digalase pele *Madam Speaker* ke tle ke go bone sentle.

MADAM SPEAKER: Ke ne ke re ke *clarify* sengwe fa, re tswa ka 6:30, ke bona bangwe ba ntse ba lebaleba kwa godimo.

MR LEKUTLANE: Ee mma. Tanki *Madam Speaker*. Ke tsibogele kgang e ya *budget* e re neng re e beilwe pele ke Mothusa Tautona, mme e bile e le *Minister of Finance*. Ga ke na go ba raya sepe se se kalokalo thata, ka gore se ke se bonang gone fa, go nna thata gore ke

akgele mo go sone. Ke tlaa tla ke akgela sentle mo teng ga *budget* yone e, fa jaanong re setse re lebagana le *sectors* gore *ministries* di kgaogantswe kgaogantswe jang dithebenyana tsone tse ba di filweng.

Mma ke supe fela gore tota ka fa *budget* e dirilweng ka teng, ke ne ke ntse ke lebelela tse tota di amang thata kgaolo ya me, ka gore ke lebile gore kgaolo ya Kgalagadi North *Madam Speaker*, e ke e emetseng mo Palamenteng, ga ke na *social contract* le yone, se ke nang le sone ke *blood linkage* le yone. Ke gore *it is me*, le yone, le morafe wa teng.

Sengwe fela se se leng teng ke gore sepe fela se se amang Kgalagadi se sa siama, ga se se ke tlaa dumalanang le sone *irrespective* gore go diragala eng kana go bua mang. Se ke se supang mo *budget* gone fa ke gore, ke ne ke lebeletse maphata a e leng gore tota ke ne ke na le tsholofelo ya gore tota fa ba okeleditswe madi, e ne e tlaa re fa ke ya kwa go bone kana *when debating* kwa go bone, gongwe go bo go le botoka thata mo go nna. Ke lebile *issues* tsone tse go ntseng go buiwa ka tsone gore go kile ga nna le *consultations*, but fa ke e lebelela *in my area and* kwa ke neng ke tswa teng ka gore ke ne ke tswa go buisa diphuthago tsa Dikgotla *Madam Speaker* kwa kgaolong ya Kgalagadi North, *consultation* ga e a goroga koo. Ka gore fa e ne e le teng, *the current budget* ka fa e beilweng ka teng, *the system could have changed*.

Ke ne ke bona gore madi a mantsi a isitswe kwa *State President*, mme ka fa kgaolo ya Kgalagadi e nthomileng ka teng, bone ba ne ba ka dumela fa e ne e le gore *Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure* e filwe *priority*, *Local Government* e bo e latela, go bo go latela ba *Basic Education*. Dikgang tsa bone di ntse jaana tse ba di nthomileng. Ke gore *priority* ya madi jaaka ke bua gore fa e ne e ile kwa *Infrastructure*, e ne e ya *to address* mathata a *the basic needs* tsa Basarwa le Bakgalagadi ba ba kwa Kgalagadi North, ka gore *it seems* ke bone ba e leng gore tota *it was done by design* gore ba salale kwa morago. Ka gore *some of us we are still subscribing to that old National Front ideology* ya *to subscribe* gore *the peasants must be looked into*, ba bo ba ntshiwa kwa ba leng teng, go tla fa batho ba leng teng. Jaanong fa o e lebelela e ntse jaana, *basic needs* tsa batho ba Kgalagadi North di santse di saletse kwa morago.

The Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure ke *ministry* o e leng gore gompiano o ka bo o ne o filwe *the high priority in the basis* ya gore kana kwa Kgalagadi North re utlwalela sekonotere fa ba setse ba goroga mo Hukuntsi fela, but fa ba ise ba goroge mo Hukuntsi, ba se bonela

mo dibukeng fa ba le laki. *Ministry of Transport* ke one *Madam Speaker*, o laolang ka fa motho a ka tshelang ka teng, ka fa motho a ka tlhabologang ka teng, kana ka fa mongwe a ka ikaelelang go batla go tlhabolola motho yo mongwe ka teng gore a kgone go goroga kwa go ene. *Despite all that ministry* o le one o filwe matsana a a kana, madi a bo a isiwa kwa *State President*, *to me the money is misplaced*, *because we definitely know* gore golo kwa *State President* *wastages* tsa bone ke tsa ka bomo, e bile kana *is it by design* kana ke eng, kana madi a ipeelwa teng, ga ke itse, ka gore madi a teng o fitlhela go sena ope *who account for that money*. An example ke DIS, *it is one of the departments that does not account for madi a yone and nobody questions that*. Ka gore fa o bua fela, ba bua lefoko le ba tlholang ba bua ka lone gotwe *security what, what*. Ba iphitlha ka lefoko lone leo.

Se re tshwanetseng go se supa ke gore, rona ba Kgalagadi North re ne re ka itumela tota fa e le gore *Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure* o ka bo o filwe madi a a botoka. Kgang ya rona ke gore *ministry* one o, ke one o itsang maphata a ga Goromente gore a se ka a isa ditlhabololo kwa kgaolong ya Kgalagadi. Mokaulengwe o ntse a nkgakolola a re ke tlhalose tota ke re ditlamelo. *Thank you, Honourable MP*. Kana nna le wena gatwe matlo go sha mabapi, dilo tse di re ama thata.

Maphata a ke ka bong ke lebogile tota gore madi a ka bo a isitswe kwa go one a le botoka, ke Lephata la *Education*. Kana rona re saletse kwa morago, *junior secondary schools* tse ke leng kwa go tsone, Lehututu, Motaung le Lehutshelo, *they are so overcrowded* mo go utlwisang botlhoko. Ke ne ke utlwa go buiwa ka *maintenance*, mme ga ke bone sepe se se supang ka *development* mo Lephatheng le la *Basic Education*.

MR MOALOSI: *Elucidation*. Ke a leboga *Honourable Minister*. *Honourable Speaker*, ke a leboga. Ke ne ke batla gore Lephata le la *Education* kana, a o lemoga gore ga go na *textbooks* mo *primary schools* le mo *junior*? Ke gore ga go na *junior* e e leng gore go na le *textbook*. So ke dumalana le wena tota gore ba neelwe madi ka gore rona nako e re neng re tsena sekolo, o ne o neelwa *textbook*, o neelwa sengwe le sengwe se o neng o se tlhoka gore o tsene sekolo. Gompiano dilo tseo ga di yo. Ke dumalana le wena tota gore *we have neglected education*. Le *budget* yone e, ga e supe tota gore re batla go busetsa *education* mo serodumong se e leng gore e tshwanetse gore e bo e le mo go sone. Ke a leboga.

MR LEKUTLANE: Mma ke go leboge *Honourable* Moalosi. Ke tsaya gore se o se buisiwa ke gore kgaolo ya gago e o tswang kwa go yone, e e leng gore e bile ke kile ka nna mongwe wa banni mo go yone, e tshwana fela le ya me mokaulengwe. Selo se o se buang se boammaaruri. Rona ba re tswang kwa dikgaolong tse e leng gore di a lebalesega, tota e bile ke tsone tse di ka bong di fiwa *priority* fa madinyana a ka tsena, go bo go akanngwa gore go ka isiwa ditlamelo kwa go tsone. Dibuka tseo ga di yo mokaulengwe.

Fa o bona ke bua ka Lehututu Community Junior Secondary School (CJSS), se nkutlwa botlhoko *because it is a boarding school. Number* ya bana ba ba mo sekoleng seo *Madam Speaker*, ba feta *the planned number*. Tota jaaka *Honourable* Kedikilwe a ne a bua, o botoka ka ke ne ke utlwa a re, “go na le fa go kileng ga bo go na le leterase teng.” Lehututu CJSS *Honourable* Kedikilwe, ga go na le fa e le leterase. Bana bale ba tlaa mo teng ga *dormitory* eo, dibeke tsa bone di bo di bewa kwa ntle, mo go utlwisang botlhoko. O ipotsa gore fa ba beile dibeke kwa ntle, ba tlhapa kae? Ga go na fa ba tlhapelang teng. Ke golo mo go utlwisang botlhoko.

I expected gore *maybe* golo gongwe go nne le a *development budget* e e yang go supa gore go ya go dirwa *extra dormitories* kwa Lehututu, go bo go tsennngwa gape le *staff houses and classrooms*. Kwa go rona kwa go utlwa botlhoko. *I expected* gore fa go ntse go dirwa jaana, *development budget* e tswe, *so that I can at least have a unified school* kwa kgaolong ya me. Se ye go bewa kwa Hunhukwe bogolo gore se tle se *relief the number of the student who are crowded* kwa Lehututu. Ga go re sepe fela, ke tsaya gore e tlaare go boelwa kwa morago, go akanngwe dilo tse di ntseng jalo.

I am having a serious problem ka kgang ya gore maphata a ke buang ka one, *budget* ya bone e kwa tlase tota. *If you look at P1.8* yo o mo fileng *infrastructure*, o utlwa botlhoko. *It is not even design. I am living in areas* tse go senang le fa e le tsela. Ke ne ke solofetse gore o tlaa okelediwa madi gore a tle a dire tsela e e tswang mo Hukuntsi e ya Zutshwa, e bo e re (*inaudible*)..., e bo e tswa mo Hukuntsi e ya Ncojane, Lehututu, Hunhukwe le Ncojane. Lehututu-Ncojane *Madam Speaker*, ke tsela ya bogologolo. *Now it is really, really, bad in a situation* e e leng gore *one of* metse e e koo, *two of the villages* ga o kgone go di *access*. O ya koo ka 4X4 o kopile *lift* mo terakeng ya metsi e ya go tshela metsi koo. Go na le *teachers* le *nurses*. Ke yone kgang e e leng gore fa ke bona lephata la ga Rre Salakae le sa fiwa madi a ke a solofetseng, ga ke wele sentle. Ke solofela gore e tlaare go ntse go tsweletse go baakanngwe, kana fa go dirwa

consultation, ke kopiwa go fa *priorities* mo kgaolong ya me, kwa go bo Kgosi Moilwa le Mokhanselara gore ba fiwe *priorities*, golo gongwe go ya go mphisa *Madam Speaker* gore go baakanngwe.

Se ke neng ke se lebeletse gape ke *Ministry of Local Government*. Dikgaolo tsa me kwa Kgalagadi North mo *population* e e kalokalo, metse e e kalokalo e e mentsi, kana kwa godimo re na le Kang *catchment area*, re bo re re Inalegolo, Phuduhudu le Macheng. Macheng ke Hukuntsi, Lehututu, Tshane, Lokgwabe, re bo re nna le metse e e kwa godimo e e *eight*, gone mo kgaolong eo ya Kgalagadi North. Fa ke le raya ke re *ministry* wa ga Rre Motshegwa, o ka bo o akanyeditswe ka madi a a botoka, re na le *only two clinics and se-ka primary hospital and then the rest* ke *health posts*. Motse fela o o kana ka Lehututu wa bogologolo o o nang le *population* e e kalokalo, o o tshwanang le Tshane, o kabo o na le *health post*.

Motse o o kana ka Hunhukwe o bo o nna le *health post*, o bo o akanya gore *primary hospital* eo e tlatlwa ke eng, e *act as a clinic because around it*, ke *health posts* mo go yone. Tota ke ne ke rile *clinics* di pedi, e nngwefela e kwa Kang. Kwa Hukuntsi ga se *clinic because* fa e leng teng, *system* e e dirisitsweng teng, *building materials* ga se tsone, ke tsa bogologolo tse di saleng di tlhobogilwe ke mafatshefatshe. *We are still sticking to them*. Ke kgang ya gore fa go dirwa *budget*, a go lekwe go fetolwa *because* ga o ka ke wa tswa Hunhukwe o ya go belegisiwa kwa Hukuntsi e le 180 kilometers (km), *on those type of the terrains*. Hunhukwe pele ga o ya teng kana o tswa teng, o tshwanetse go leletsa mongwe o botse gore go ne go tsewa tsela efe. Hunhukwe *is purely sandy roads* tse di bokete tse di tshwanang fela le tsa Sandveld. Sandveld o botoka ka gore ke batho ba Cruisers. Jaanong *imagine* batho ba kwa Hunhukwe gore wa re ba goroga jang gone koo. Motho a le moimana a tswa koo a isiwa kwa Hukuntsi kwa *hospital*, o dira jang ka gore *we do not even have a maternity clinic on the nearest vicinity* ya *settlements* tseo, *we call them the upper Hukuntsi area*. Golo gongwe go ne go ka nna botoka fa a ne a ka okelediwa madi gore a ye go *turn* nngwe mo go tsone, e nne a *full clinic* e e nang le *maternity ward*. Tota e bile *I encourage* gore dilo tse tsotlhe go ntshiwe *health post* e nne *maternity wards*. *Comrade*, ke go neela *one minute*, ke tlaabo ke go lebile.

MR LUCAS: *Clarification*. Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ke a leboga mokaulengwe. Ke ne ke re *budget* e ke ya bobedi ya Puso ya UDC, a mme fa o lebile, o bona

go na le maikaelelo ape a go fokotsa dipharologanyo mo dikgaolong tse di ntseng di gateletswe ke lehuma le tse di ntseng di le botokanyana? O bona o kare maiteko ao a teng? Ke a leboga.

MR LEKUTLANE: Tanki *comrade*. Ke ne ke tsaya gore o tlaa tshwara *rally* jaanong ke lemogile gore o dule mo *rally*. Mma ke tsibogeletse tse pedi *Madam Speaker*, *Honourable Lucas*, Setswana ke e tla ke se ithuta. Rre mongwe maloba o ne a nthaya a re, ke se ka ka nna ke tsholola ngwana le metsi. Ke raya morwa Lucas ke re, tota fa tsholofelo ya me e leng teng mo *party* ya UDC, e mo *budget* ya yone. Ke ntse ke supa gore *I am not pleased* ka se se supagetseng. Dikgaolo tse di saletseng kwa morago tse di *purely disadvantaged* kana *were designed* gore e nne tse go tsewang badisa le eng mo go tsone, nnyaa, gompiano ga di *catered for*. *I have to be honest with that because* di ama dikgaolo tsa me tse di tshwanang le tsa Tsabong le Kweneng West tse ke tswang mo go tsone. Fa o tswa fa o ya Sorilatholo kana Salajwe, *we are still having the same problem* e e leng gore *they are not catered for* le gompiano mo *budget*. Ke sone se ke reng ke tsaya gore golo gongwe *in the next budget* go tlaa nna botoka, ke e *clear* jaaka o bua.

Madam Speaker, ke leboga ka fa *budget* e e tsibogetseng ka teng *Foot and Mouth*. Ke tlaa tla ke tsenya *question* e e supang gore fa o tswa fela kwa Ramatlabama o ya go goroga kwa Kuke, ga re na le fa e le *cordon fence*. Bogolo re nne le *a demarcation* ya gore *in case anything happens*, go bo go tswalwa foo. Fa go ka diragala gore e bonwe mo Ramatlabama, go raya gore go tswa fela mo Ramatlabama go ya go tsena kwa Kuke, dikgomo tseo di ya go felela. *Mr Lucas*, go raya gore re tlaabo re le mo mathateng. Ke raya gore ke sengwe se ke tlaa se kopang gore fa ba tswa gone fa, *Honourable Dikoloti*, a e akanyetse. Tota e bile o ka bo a dirile *an intend* ya gore a lebagane le *Minister* wa *Finance* gore mme gone *proposal* e nngwe ke go leka go bona gore a re ka se ke re tsenye *cordon fence* fa Jwaneng, re kgaogangwe le *mine*. Go ka nna botoka *on those basis* gore *at least* go nne le maiteko ao.

Maiteko ao ke a a lebogela ka gore go tsibogela moo ke sengwe se se botlhokwa thata. E bile re ntse re tsamaya mo dikgaolong tsa rona tsa Kgalagadi. Le Khansele ya Kgalagadi e setse e dirile maiteko a go tsamaya mo metseng go ba ruta ka segajaja se se re tlhasetseng se sa *Foot and Mouth*. Rona e bile re mo mathateng *Mr Lucas* ka gore wena o botoka o tlwaetse go ja *cabbage*. Kana jaanong nna go ja *cabbage* mala a me ga a tlwaela, a

tlwaetse go ja nama jaanong fa o leba koko jaana, wa re ke dijo tsa bahumi e bile rona re e ja fela fa baeng ba le teng. Jaanong fa go ntse jalo nama e seyo o tsena mo matlhabelong o bona koko, ke go feta fela o itlhoboga o sa itse gore o ka dira jang. Jaanong re lebogela maiteko ao. Le fa madinyana a o a filweng P97 *million* a le mannyennyane *comrade*, ka gore ga gona sepe se se leng teng, ga re ka ke ra tlhoboga.

Sengwe se ke supang gore *we still have a hope* ya gore Tona o tlaa nna fa fatshe a akanye thata, a lebelele mafelo a a tshwanang le bo Okavango. Kana Ngamiland *comrade*, ke mafelo a a neng a saletse kwa morago mo ditlhabolong. Ke a itse ka gore ke ne ke le mongwe wa batho ba ba neng ba tsamaya mo tseleng ke ya kwa bo Tshukumutshu le Gani, ke itse gore metse eo ga e tsamaege. Ke metse e e leng gore fa dipula di nele, ga gona kwa batho ba ba koo ba ka ikuelang teng. Fa o bona ke ne ke bua ka *ministry* wa ga Rre Salakae, o gaufi thata le nna e bile ke itse gore o botlhokwa thata mo Batswaneng. Ke ne ke kopa gore a a nne fa fatshe a fetole. *Madam Speaker*, ke tlaa tla ke bua sentle mo go se se tlang ke sena go bona se se leng teng gore re filwe jang mo maphateng. Golo gongwe Salakae o tlaa akanya mo go botoka. Go le kalo *Madam Speaker*, mme ke e boele morago. Ke ema nokeng *those amendments*.

MADAM SPEAKER: Thank you honourable. *Wa bofelo ke mang* Honourable Members? Honourable Furniture.

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

MR KWAPA: *Procedure*. *Madam Speaker*, ke dumela gore e rile fa *Honourable Lekutlane* a nna fa fatshe, *Honourable Furniture* o ne a ema ka dinao, wa ba wa mmitisa gore a simolole *debate* ya gagwe. Jaanong ga e ka ke ya re mo bogompionong e re o mmitisa mo Ntlong e *Madam Speaker*, a bo a nna fa fatshe. Ke tsaya gore *he is out of order*. Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER: *Honourable Members*, le dira jang? Kana ba bangwe ba sa le ba eme go simolola ka *Honourable Kekgonegile*, *four* ya bo ya tswa ka fa.

BRIG. MOKGWATHI (LETLHAKENG): *Madam Speaker*, ke dumedise Ntlo eno, ke bo ke dumedise batho ba Kgaolo ya Letlhakeng. Ke ba gopole ke re ke na le lona mo kgaolong.

MADAM SPEAKER: *Honourable Members*, a ko le reetsaneng tlhe batho.

BRIG. MOKGWATHI: Ke re dumelang thata betsho. Ke supe fela gore ke ema Pego ya Madi ya 2026/2027 ya ga Mothusa Tautona nokeng. E bua ka *a new era of economic transformation and fiscal prudence through NDP and BETP as a driver, through private sector led economy.*

Madam Speaker, dipelo tsa me di pedi, e nngwe ya re ke iphatlakanye, e nngwe ya re nnyaa Brigadier Mokgwathi o moeteledipele wa nnete. Fa ke gakologelwa, ke itse gore o eteletse pele morafe o o nang le morafe wa Bakgalagadi le Basarwa, ba e leng gore fa ba ka utlwa ke iphatlakanya mo Ntlong e, ba tlaa ipotsa gore a morwa Mokgwathi re ne re go romile gore o ye go iphatlakanya. Ka jalo ka re dipelo tsa me di pedi, e nngwe ya re ke iphatlakanye, e nngwe ya re ke se ka.

Madam Speaker, ke tswelala ke re dipelo tsa me di pedi, mme fela ka gore...

MR PULE: *On a point of order. Madam Speaker*, kana General ke lesole jaanong fa a bua ka go iphatlakanya, re a tshoga. A o ne a ka se ka a dirisa lefoko lengwe le le botokanyana e seng go iphatlakanya?

MADAM SPEAKER: *Honourable Mokgwathi*, lesa go re kgaola dipelo o dirise mafoko a a siameng.

BRIG. MOKGWATHI: *Let us live in similes and metaphors.* Ke bua Sekgoa se se letlelelwang mo Palamenteng e, le itse gore ke rile ke moeteledipele wa nnete yo o buang ka pelo, a bua ka mafoko le go dira; *trial and tested through years.*

Jaanong fa go ntse jalo ke bo ke re kana gatwe pelo ke saatane, ke rile dipelo tsa me di pedi. Jaanong nte ke nopole *from the Bible*, Luke 22 verses 31-32. E bua jaana ya re, *“Satan the devil has been sent to you to test you like a farmer test his weeds so that you can separate chaff from the wheat and with that my son, I pray that you do not lose your faith.” I have not lost my faith with my own party the UDC. Therefore, ke na le tumelo ya gore go na le lesedi kwa pele; there is a light at the end of the tunnel* fa ke lebelela pego e ya madi.

Ke kopa tshwarelo betsho fa e le gore tšhaba ya Kgakalagadi le nna ke dirile phoso kgotsa ke tlaa tswelala ke ntse ke dira phoso ka gore ke a bo ke lebeletse gore *since* dingwaga tsa bo 1885, bana ba ga Tswana ba kile ba bona gore go botlhokwa gore tšhaba ele ya Basarwa le Bakgalagadi e bewe ka fa mosing. Ke na le tumelo ya gore UDC *will never do that, will never repeat that. Therefore, I stand here to testify that...*

MADAM SPEAKER: *Ke eme ka dinao papi.* Honourable Members, it is now 6:30 p.m., I shall now call upon Leader of the House to call a Motion of adjournment.

MOTION

ADJOURNMENT

LEADER OF THE HOUSE (MR MOHWASA): Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke re ke sutise gore phuthego ya letsatsi leno e phatlalale. Ke a leboga.

Question put and agreed to.

The Assembly accordingly adjourned at 6:30 p.m. until Friday 13th February, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

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