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Wednesday 13th August, 2025

THE ASSEMBLY met at 2:00 p.m.

(THE SPEAKER in the Chair)

PRAYERS

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SPEAKER'S ANNOUNCEMENT

MR SPEAKER (MR KEORAPETSE): Order! Order! Honourable Members. Good afternoon. I hope you rested well and you are ready.

Honourable Members, we are delighted to receive the finalists of Miss Bagaka ba Botswana Television Show Pageant in the gallery. They are here to observe Parliamentary proceedings. Bagaka ba Pele Television Show is a platform which aims at documenting and preserving history related to Botswana legends (*Bagaka*), be it in sports, arts, music or any area. The Miss Bagaka ba Pele Television Show Beauty Pageants seeks to crown an Ambassador who will champion the preservation of this history and the winner will also become the presenter of Bagaka ba Pele Reality Television Show. Honourable Members, please join me in welcoming our visitors to Parliament.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Applause!)

MR SPEAKER: Le ka ema bagolo ba le bona.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Applause!)

MR SPEAKER: Ke bone bao. Re lebogile.

MR MONAGENG: *On a point of procedure.* Tanki Mr Speaker. We always pray when we commence our proceedings, re rapelelwa ka koo. A e ka se ke nako e nngwe Mr Speaker, ra rapela rotlhe fela Thapelo ya Morena? Re eletsa go rapela mo Palamenteng.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Murmurs)

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

ASYLUM SEEKERS

MR P. M. SEGOKGO (TLOKWENG): asked the Minister of International Relations if he is aware of any citizens of Botswana who have sought asylum in the Republic of Ireland and the United Kingdom;

if so, to state:

- (i) the reported numbers of such asylum seekers in each country over the past five years;
- (ii) the reasons cited by these asylum seekers; and
- (iii) steps, if any, the Government has taken to address the root causes leading to such asylum claims.

ACTING MINISTER FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (MR MOHWASA): Thank you Mr Speaker.

- (i) Mr Speaker, the Ministry of International Relations is aware that some citizens of Botswana have sought asylum in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland in recent years. However, the ministry does not possess official or disaggregated statistics regarding the number of such asylum seekers in each of these countries. This is primarily because asylum matters are handled exclusively by the respective host Governments, and those Governments have not granted Botswana access to detailed records of asylum applications or outcomes.
- (ii) The main reasons cited by asylum seekers from Botswana, include:
 - (a) Gender-based violence (GBV);
 - (b) Homophobia;
 - (c) Discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation;
 - (d) Fears related to ritual murders; and
 - (e) Concerns over personal safety and other human rights issues.
- (iii) As the ministry, we have established a Steering Committee on External Migration which comprises of relevant stakeholders that deal with foreign relations, migration and security issues as follows:
 - (a) Ministry of State President;
 - (b) Ministry of International Relations;
 - (c) Ministry of Labour and Home Affairs; and
 - (d) Ministry of Justice and Correctional Services.



The Steering Committee is at the Permanent Secretary level and is chaired by the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of International Relations.

It oversees a Technical Task Force on external migration and is made up of experts from the Ministries of State President, International Relations, Labour and Home Affairs and Justice and Correctional Services respectively. Officials from the British High Commission are also invited to the meetings.

The Task Force analyses the patterns of external travels, monitor incidents of illegal migration and other activities by Botswana passport holders with a view to:

- (a) Consult with external stakeholders to close the loopholes associated with illegal migration;
- (b) Share insights on effective execution of the strategy;
- (c) Report on emerging trends with regard to Botswana external travellers, and;
- (d) Recommend mitigation strategies.

With regard to the steps being taken to address the root causes of such asylum claims, I wish to respectfully note that the matter needs a multifaceted approach with all stakeholders involved.

The Government of Botswana continues to work towards addressing the root causes that compel our citizens to seek refuge elsewhere particularly the pressing issue of unemployment among the youth. I thank you Mr Speaker.

MR SEGOKGO: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga Tona. Potso e o e arabile ka botlalo. Fa o lebelela Immigration Policy ya diphathi tsa sepolotiki tse di boneng phenyo kwa ga Mmamosadinyana le kwa Bophirima kwa lefatsheng la America, o kare di batla go kgaphela kwa ntle *immigrants* tse di tsenang kwa mafatsheng ao. A ga re na maikaelelo a gore re *engage* le mafatshe ao gore Batswana ba ba eletsang go ya go batla mafulo a matalana koo, ba tsene ka tshosologo go sena *restriction* ya *Visa requirements* tse di bokete tse di tshwanang le tsa mafatshe a mangwe a e leng gore go na le *suppression of human rights*? A ga go na gore *we can engage* mafatshe ao, ra dira *bilateral* le bone gore

Batswana ba ba eletsang go ya go bereka koo, ba tsene fela ka tshosologo go se na matsawetsawe a a kalokalo? Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MR MOHWASA: Tla ke simolole ke tlhalose gore *Ministry wa International Relations*, jaaka ke tlhalositse gore o kopane le makalana a mangwe a a kwano, go nnile le bangwe ba ba neng ba tswa kwa United Kingdom e le ba United Kingdom Country Policy and Information Team, ba ne ba le fa *from the 7th to the 11th July* ngwaga o. E bile re solofela gore ba tlaabo ba le kwano mo kgwedding e ya *August*, e ntse e le bone ba ga Mmamosadinyana ka gore re lemoga gore Botswana ke lone lefatshe fela mo kgaolong e e ka kwano le o yang kwa go lone o sa tlhokane le Visa. Re tshwanelwa ke gore re somarele se, mme re ka somarela fa go supafala gore le rona ka kwano re na le go tshwaragana le bone jaaka o bona gompiano jaana re tshwaragane le ba makalana a a mo *State President*, kwa ofising ya ga Rre Mokgware le diofisi tse di farologanyeng tse di amegang go bona gore re somarela sebaka se re nang le sone se ba bangwe ba se nang le sone.

Le fa go ntse jalo *Mr Speaker*, gongwe motho a tlhalose; Batswana ba bangwe ba ba tsamayang ba ya go kopa boagedi kana botshabelo koo, ba ntse sena gore ba tshabile gore go tsewa dirwe ka kwano, fa go na le dingwe tse di tshwenyang kana tsa mo malwapeng, ba a boela gape ka kwano. Ke sone se re reng kgang e tona tota ke gore batho ba a bo ba ya go batla mafulo a matalana koo.

Mo puisanyong e re neng re na le yone le bone mo bosheng, bangwe ba ne ba ne ba re fa o tsena kwa Mmamosadinyana o bua ka dikgang tsa go bapala batho dirwe, di bokete mo go bone, e bile ga ba di tshaloganye. Jaanong go thata gore ba ka go kganela gore o a ka tla koo fa o bua gore o tshaba go bapalwa dirwe.

Gape fa godimo ga moo, e ntse e le dikgang tsa ditshwanelo, bangwe ba re kwano go kgethololwa ka tshwetso ya bangwe ya go ratana ka bong mo re itseng gore go a diragala. Mo nakong ya gompiano ke dikgang tse batho ba kgonang gore ba di tseele fa godimonyana. Dikgang tsa gore go ka nna ga kgethololwa mongwe ka gore a ka bo a tshotswe e le mme, a bo a ka tsaya tshwetso ya gore o batla gore fa a ntse a gola a bo a ka iphetola a nna rre.

DR DOW: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*, ke a leboga *Minister*. Ke ne ke re re lebile gore fa batho ba akela Botswana ba batla go nna kwa mafatsheng a mangwe go senya lefatshe lotlhe leina, e bile go thatafaletsa ba bangwe gape ba ba batlang go ya kwa mafatsheng ao sentle. Re lebile gore go kile ga diragala thata kwa Canada, ra bo ra felela re batliwa Visa teng. E le gore bontsi ja batho fa ba tsena kwa jaaka o bua, ba bua gore, “*hei!* ke tshabile GBV, ke tshabile go tsewa dirwe, ke tshabile go itewa kwa sekoleng.” mme wena mo Botswana ga e ka ke ya re motho fela a tla ka mafoko ao o bo o setse o mo fa boagedi. A ga go tlhokafale gore tota fela *we should engage* mafatshe a go ba tlhalosetsa sentle gore molao wa rona o tsamaya jang? Bontsi jwa batho ba ba a bo ba sa bue boammaaruri, ke sone se ba siileng, jaanong ba senyetsa Botswana, e bile ba re senya leina. Ke re a ga go na tsamaiso e gongwe re ka e dirang gore batho ba re itse gore Botswana tota ke lefatshe le le ntseng jang, ga se boammaaruri bontsi jwa dilo tse ba di buang ka ene? Ke a leboga.

MR MOHWASA: Ke a leboga *Mother of the House*. Ke ne ke tshaba go bua gore batho ba senya lefatshe leina, mme ke tsaya gore o e tlhamaladitse o le mogolo, o le mmaetsho, gore go senngwa lefatshe leina. Se ke ka se tlhalosang ke gore, ba ga Mmamosadinyana ba bua gore bone fa motho a tla a re o tshaba go tsewa dirwe, mo go bone ga ba tlhaloganye sepe, mme jaanong motho o gorogile o fa, o tla a siile. *That is why* ba tlile kwano, ba ne ba le fa ka *July*, ba etla gape ka *August*, ke tsaya gore ba ba ka koo ba ba itseng thata ka dikgang tsa go bapala batho dinama ba tlaa re thusa go ba rarabololela dikgang tse re ba tlhalosetse gore tota go ntse jang. Jaaka ke bua, se se tshwenyang ke gore, *the very same people* ba e reng ba tsena kwa ba ikopele boagedi ka mabaka a, ba a boa gape ba tla kwano. Ga o ka ke wa re o tshabile golo gongwe o bo o boa gape gone kwa o tshabang gore o ka tsewa dirwe teng. Re batla gore re le Puso re babalele thulaganyo ya gore gompiano re bo re kgona go tsena kwa ga Mmamosadinyana re sa batliwa Visa. Ba tshwanetse gore le bone ba lemoge gore le rona kwano re le Puso go na le se re se dirang ka gore re tshwanetse go tsenya le ba bo *intelligence, immigration*, mapodise le masole. Ke bontlha bongwe jwa komiti e e lebeleletse dikgang tse, le bone ba bona gore re tlhwaafetse, gore dikgang tse ka botsone re le lefatshe re bone gore Batswana kwa ba yang teng ba tsamaya

ba tswa kwano ka boammaaruri. Le yo o tlaabong a ya golo gongwe re ye go tlhalosa gore mme seemo se ntse jaana, gore go se ka ga felela go senyetsa ba bangwe ba ba batlang go etela koo mme ka maikaelelo a a siameng.

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable Monageng, I deferred responding to the issue that you raised, if you look at your Standing Orders thapelo ya lona e kwadilwe mo page three le four ka Setswana le ka Sekgoa. Jaanong the Standing Order 30.1 C, e bua ka daily routine ya business, so when you look at C, it says prayers, right? Jaanong you have to read that with Standing Order 15, which also provides for language, we are following tradition and my thinking is that, those who established this tradition, except that obviously they were influenced by the Christian disposition, they also maybe thought that fa go ka twe emelela o rapele Honourable Shima Monageng, dithapelo tsa sepolotiki ke a di itse. Ke belaela gore the framers ba ne ba akantse gone moo, gore motho a se ka a emelela a re Modimo o re thuse re busetse ruri, ba ba ganetsang ba ganeletse ruri. Ke belaela gore go ne go tilwa tsone tseo. E re Honourable Kaizer a emelela ka fa gotwe rapela foo a bo a re, Morena o re thuse ba ba busang ba a palelwa re tsene. That is what I am thinking. Ke tsaya gore you have an opportunity to reform, especially this debate cropped up fa go buiwa ka ditumelo tse di farologanyeng. We have Muslims here, the African traditionalists, atheists, Christians. So, it is a matter that you will consider when you reform Standing Orders. Ga ke itse gore a karabo ya me e go kgotsofaditse, mme tota ke yone e ke e akanyang.*

MR MONAGENG: Fa o ntetlelela *Mr Speaker*, e nkgotsofaditse karabo eo, le fa gone ke ne ke bua ka thapelo ya Morena fela rotlhe re re, “*Rraetsho yo o kwa legodimong, a leina la gagwe*”... mme ke a go utlwa *Speaker, it is okay.*

MR SPEAKER: Ee, ke tsaya gore ke yone eo. So ke ne ke sa batle go bulela dipotso le dikakgelo. Ke ne ke batla go e tlhalosa fela jalo, e se ka ya nna o kare ke e tlhokomologile.

MR MOTAOSANE: Thank you Mr Speaker, *kana* in the past *ke kile ka ama kgang e e tshwanang le e. Tota e bile ke ne ke re, why can we not have a chaplain mo Palamenteng, so that re nne re rapedisa le dikgang tse di tlhokafalang, through the chaplain? Ke a leboga.*

MR SPEAKER: Batlotlegi, le na le tshono ya *reform* ya Standing Orders, *so* le tlaa e touta nako e la laabong le buisana ka Standing Orders gore di tokafadiwe fa kae, go ka tokafadiwa fa kae. A re se ka ra tsena mo go yone, *release the clock*.

A30 ROAD AT MATAKANA

MR J. J. FRENZEL (SHASHE WEST): asked the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure when the A30 Road at Matakana that leads to A3 which passes through Matsitama and Lepashe will be tarred.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE (MR ATAMELANG): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*, ke tseye nako e ke dumedise Batswana kwa lelwapeng, *especially* ba kgaolo ya kwa Boteti. Ke bo ke dumedise *our beautiful guests out there*, Bagaka ba Pele, ke re bomme ba Botswana ba bantle, ke lebile wena Mme Dow...

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

MR SPEAKER: *Order! Honourable Members*, le tlaa mo utlwa jang jaanong.

MR ATAMELANG: Ke kopa o ntshireletse *Mr Speaker*.

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa, mme ke go sireleditse thata, tswelela.

MR ATAMELANG: Mr Speaker, the tarring of the road linking the A30 (at Matakana) to the A3 road, passing through Matsitama and Lepashe, is not included in the current Second Transitional National Development Plan (TNDP). There is therefore no specific date as to when the road will be tarred. Efforts are however being done to keep the road in a good condition. Dry grading was done on the road on the 28th March 2025, though it was interrupted by the breakdown of the grader which has persisted to date.

Tsholofelo ke gore ka we are drafting the National Development Plan 12, that would be informed by the Economic Transformation Programme, *tsela e e tlaa nna nngwe ya* those that will be considered going forward. *Ke a leboga Mr Speaker*.

MR FRENZEL: *Supplementary*. Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*. Karabo ke a e utlwa motlotlegi

gore tsela ga e yo mo NDP. Ke batla go itse gore, a o a itse gore ka nako ya dipula borogo jo bo tswang mo Matsitama o tswela kwa bo Lepashe, Mosetse fa dipula di nele ga go tlolege ka kwa? Le gore Puso e tsaya seemo seo ka tsela e e ntseng jang?

O supile gore ka di 28 tsa ga *March* le ne le tliile go gopa tsela e e tswang kwa Matakana mo tseleng ya Orapa go tswela gone ka kwa bo Matsitama. Mme ke batla gore mo nakong ya gompiano ke go botse Tona... *grader* e ne e tshwanetse gore e ka bo e ne e tliile kwa kgaolong ya me go tswa kwa Tonota, go feta kwa bo Mabesekwa e riana, e ya go gopa mme go supa fa go sena *fuel*. Kgang ya *breakdown* ya *grader* ke e utlwile, ke batla go itse gore a o a itse gore go na le seemo sa *fuel* se se itsang gore go se ka ga nna le pereko ya *grader* ya Goromente yo mogolwane, mabapi le go gopa ditsela tsele tsa rona? Le gore seemo sa *fuel* re ya go se baakanya leng, go leka go tla go tlamela seemo sa ditsela tsele tse Puso mo nakong ya gompiano e iseng e ipaakanyetse go ka di tshela sekontere jaaka o sa tswa go tlhalosa jalo? Ke tsaya gore o nkutlwile Atamelang, le fa Motsamai ke bona a go kgotlakgotla.

MR ATAMELANG: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*, ke a leboga *Honourable Frenzel*. Ngwaga o ke kile ka feta kwa kgaolong ya gago, *I have appreciated* seemo sa tsela eo. Ke dumalana le wena gore borogo jole bo tshwanetse gore bo baakanngwe. Re ne re le mo *exercise* ya *reprioritising* ya ditsela, *that road is an alternative route*. Ke a go tshepisa gore le rona re tlaa e dira *priority*.

Kgang ya *grader*, e senyegile *and* ga se kgaolo ya gago fela. Re itemogetse gore *constituencies* ka bontsi, *graders* tsa teng e bile di mpheta ka dingwaga. Ke seemo se se ngomolang pelo.

Ya *fuel*; go na le letlhoko la *fuel*. Ke tsaya ke re *it is a new question*, o ka e tlisa *so that* le nna ke kgone go tla ke go araba ke go bolelela gore *constituencies* di eme jang ka *fuel*. Ke a leboga. Ke tlaa boela kwa go wena.

REFUND FOR DRILLING BOREHOLES

MR T. FURNITURE (TATI EAST): asked the Minister of Water and Human Settlement:

- (i) whether there is no refund for drilling of a borehole and hitting a blank;

- (ii) how drilling companies and surveyors are regulated so that Batswana get value for their money;
- (iii) if he is aware that a lot of agricultural projects fail because of farmers hitting blanks and still losing money in the process; and
- (iv) if he is aware that most drilling companies work with unregistered and unregulated surveyors allegedly robbing farmers of their hard-earned money.

MR FURNITURE: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*, potso e ke tlaa kopa thuso ya gago, ka gore go lebega e kgarakgatshega. E ne e le kwa Lephatheng la *Land and Agriculture*, ya isiwa kwa *Water and Human Settlement*. Mothusa Tona o ne a supa gore e ama maphata a mararo, o supa lephata la ga Rre Ntsima la *Trade*. Jaanong go lebega e ka se ke e arabiwe, o ne a kopa gore e dirwe *later date*, gongwe o re thuse *Mr Speaker*.

MR SPEAKER: *Ke tsaya gore o raya gore* there will be consultations on either redirection or seeking more information from all the ministries affected.

Later Date.

CONSTRUCTION OF TONOTA PRIMARY HOSPITAL

MR G. SEDOMBO (TONOTA): asked the Minister of Health to state:

- (i) when the planned construction of Tonota Primary Hospital (Level 1) will commence since its inclusion in the approved Second Transitional Development Plan (April 2023-March 2025);
- (ii) why Government does not consider undertaking the project's pre-construction activities such as design and assessment studies now in order to shorten the implementation period at the time when construction starts since the plot of the planned hospital has been identified; and
- (iii) what his ministry is currently doing to improve access to enhanced health services to area residents during the time when there is no hospital in the whole of Tonota District.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF HEALTH (MR OOKEDITSE): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke supe jalo gore, go agiwa ga sepatela sa Primary Hospital (Level 1) kwa Tonota go ne go le mo lenaneong, e le gore go tlaa dirwa ka Transitional Development Plan ya 2023-2025. *Project* e e ne e abetswe kompone ya Bothakga Burrow Development *under* Development Manager (DM) Model, e le gore ba tlaa *design*, ba bo ba aga. Jaanong tiro eo ga e ise e simolole, ka mabaka a tsa madi.

Jaanong *Mr Speaker*, tse di tlhokang gore di ka dirwa pele ga kago jaaka *topographic* le *geotechnical surveys*, di ne tsa dirwa tsa felela. Jaaka ke tlhalositse, *project* e *ready to be implemented* mo nakong e khutshwane fa madi a bonetse.

Tonota e le *district* ke kgaolo e tona, e ka sebaka sa gompiano e thusiwang ka *clinics* le *health posts*. Ba ba tlhokang thuso e e tseneletseng kana e e fa godimonyana, ba isiwa kwa Nyangabgwe kwa Francistown, e e *about 35 km away* go tswa kwa Tonota.

Mr Speaker, ke maikaelelo a rona le maitlamo a rona re le *ministry* gore, re tlhabolole ditirelo tsa botsogo mo lefatsheng la Botswana. Ka jalo, Tonota o tlhoka gore o ka nna le sepatela se segolwanyane jaaka re ntse re supa, ka e bile ke kgaolo e e mo tseleng ya A1. Go na le dikotsi tse dintsi tse e leng gore fa go ne go na le sepatela se segolwane gone foo, Batswana le ba ba dirisang tsela ba ka bo ba kgonne go bona thuso mo nakong e e sa fediseng pelo. Ke *project* e e yang go tswelala e le nngwe ya *priorities* tsa *ministry* wa rona, jaaka seemo sa itsholelo ya lefatshe la rona se tokafala.

Tonota ke motse o o botlhale thata, ka gore ke tsene sekole kwa Shashe River School, le fa re ne re tshwenngwa ke *bullies* tsa kwa Mathangwane, ba ntseetse sekipara sa me sa go tshwara dino. Ke a leboga.

MR SEDOMBO: *Supplementary.* Tanki *Minister*, ke utlwa ka fa o arabileng ka teng, o supa gore motse wa Tonota o motona e bile o ralalwa ke A1.

O supa gore *clinics* ke tsone tse di thusang mo *district*, go isiwa batho kwa sepateleng sa Nyangabgwe. Ke botse gore, a mme o a lemoga ka fa batho kante balwetse ba ya Nyangabgwe go ya go thusiwa kwa teng, mme ba bo ba boa go sena thuso dipe tse ba di boneng.

Potso e ke ka e botsa gape ke gore, mo seemong se se ntseng jalo le thusa banni kante baagi ba legae la Tonota ka tsela e e ntseng jang, gore ditirelo di kgone gore ba di bone ka bonolo, ka gore ba tsoga masigo ba ya kwa dipateleng kwa *referral* kwa Nyangabgwe. Le dira eng gore ba bone dithuso tse di lebanyang?

MR OOKEDITSE: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Jaaka ke ntse ke tlhalosa, ga ke batle gore re tle re re baagi ba Tonota ba ya kwa Nyangabgwe ba bo ba sa bone thuso epe, ka gore gongwe go tlaabo go nna e kete re raya gore sepatela sa Nyangabgwe ga se thuse. Nnete ke gore ba isiwa teng kwa, ba bangwe ba a kgona go thusega. Ka rotlhe re dikonyana tsa Modimo, ba bangwe go a pala, ba bangwe go a kgonega gore ba thusege. Jaanong re se ka ra nna e kete kana re nyatsa ba Nyangabgwe.

Se se leng teng ke gore jaaka ke tlhalositse, go botlhokwa gore re nne le sepatela kwa Tonota. Se ne se rulagantswe jalo e le gore se na le malao a le 53, *costing around P886 million*. Ka mabaka a Motlotlegi Salakae a neng a a supa, a ditlhwatlhwa di neng di le *inflated* ka tsela e e gakgamatsang, re feleditse re bona e kete se eme. Ke raya gore ke gone fa re leng teng.

Se ke ka go se tlhomamisetsang ke gore, kwa lephateng la rona sepatela sa Tonota ke ntse ke *priority*. Ga se gore jaaka ba tlaabo ba *review* ka *report* ya bone, go raya gore kwa go rona se emisitswe. Se ya go tswelela e le *priority* e e leng gore *as soon as* madi a bonala, e tlaa nna nngwe ya tse re tlaa potakelang go ka di dira. Mo nakong ya gompiano, re tlaa tswelela re ntse re isa balwetse kwa Francistown gore re kgaogane *those few resources* tse di leng teng, re ntse re wa re tsoga jalo. Ke a leboga.

OPERATIONAL FLYING AVIATION SCHOOLS IN BOTSWANA

MR M. M. MOROLONG (KGATLENG CENTRAL): asked the Minister of Higher Education to state:

- (i) the number of operational flying aviation schools in Botswana;
- (ii) why there is no life insurance cover for training students;
- (iii) the total number of students enrolled in these schools;

(iv) pending applications for school registration; and

- (v) the number of trainees (students) who lost their lives in aviation tragedies and how their families were compensated.

MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION (MR MAELE): Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke a leboga *Honourable Member*.

(i) *Mr Speaker*, dikole tsa *flying aviation* kana tsa difofane mo lefatsheng la Botswana se sengwefela *at this point in time*. Re e tlhloganye thata, di kile tsa bo di feta bongwefela, mme mo nakong e ka gore ke araba potso *as is current*, se sengwefela.

(ii) Ke e e buang ka *life insurance cover* ya bana ba ba *in training* mo dikoleng tse. Ke boammaaruri Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, bana botlhe *who are sponsored by Ministry of Higher Education*, ga ba na *life insurance*.

(iii) *At this point in time*, ga go na ope ngwana *who has been enrolled* mo Flying Aviation School. Se ke buang ka sone ka se sengwefela, ga se na le fa e le ngwana yo mongwefela yo re setseng re mo kwadisitse teng.

(iv) *Pending applications for school registration*; ga go na le fa e le sekole sepe se e leng gore *it is pending before* Botswana Qualifications Authority (BQA), se se ikopelang go nna *a flying aviation school*.

(v) *The number of trainees or students* ba ba latlhegetsweng ke botshelo ba babedi Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Yo mongwe o latlhegetsweng ka 2006, e ne e le mosimane kwa South Africa kwa Johannesburg. Yo mongwe o latlhegetsweng ke botshelo e le mosetsana ka 2017. *She was training* kwa International Aviation Solutions. O latlhegetsweng ke botshelo ka 2017, e le mosetsana a le 20 *years*. Kotsi e, ke e e neng e diragaletse fa Lentsweletau. Go ne ga nna le *investigation report* e e leng gore motlotlegi o batla gore ke bue *details* tsa gore go ne go diragetse jang, ke tlaa di tlhalosa. Ka bokhutshwane, go soboka, *report* e ne e supa fela gore *there was what is called distraction* mo ngwaneng yo fa a ne a thula *poles* tsa motlakase. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MR MOROLONG: *Supplementary*. Ke a leboga *Minister* ka bokgabane jo o sobokileng ka jone. Ke kopa

o tlhalose ka o supa ka bokhutshwane ka se se ka tswang se diragetse *particularly* ka wa mosetsanyana yo o buang ka ene. Ke ka leboga thata. Ke kope Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente gore *Minister* a o a itse gore *the family* ya motswasetlhabelo yo, ga e ise e bone *closure* le gompieno, le fa e le tshidilo maikutlo ga ba ise ba e bone? Ga go na sepe fa sekole se amaneng teng, le one *Ministry* wa *Higher Education*, ga go na gope fa o amaneng teng le tatlhegelo ya lelwapa la goora Peloyame.

Se sengwe ke re, a tlhalose gore *who were the Directors* ba sekole se ka gore a re ga se sa tlhole se le teng? Sa bofelo, *Minister* a ntlhalosetse ka seemo sa sefofane se moithuti a neng a se dirisa ka gore *two days before* tiragalo e e diragala, *it was recommended for service*. Ke batla a tlhalose gore a se ne se itekanetse gore motho a ka se dirisa? Le ene mofofisi wa sefofane se, a o ne a le mo seemong sa go ka fofisa go ruta bana? Ke kopa *Minister* a tlhalose dikgang tseo ka botlalo. Se se ntshwenyang *Mr Speaker*, ke *the closure* ya *the matter* *because* lelwapa le le kwa Mochudi le, ga le ise le bone boikhutso ka kgang e, le *clock* e ke buang le wena ka yone.

MR MAELE: Ke boammaaruri *sir*, gore leina le a le buang le ke lone, la ene ngwana yo o amegang. Ke tsaya gore o raya *Lame*? Ke lone leina le ke le itseng, le ke nang le *report* ya teng e ke senang le mathata le gore motlotlegi ke ka ya go e mmadisa. Re ka nna mmogo kwa ofising a e balela teng, a bona gore gatwe go tsamaile jang. Ka o batla go itse gore go ne go diragetse jang, *there was an instruction*, ngwana o tsere *flying machine* a e fofisetsa gone kwa ntlheng ya Lentsweletau. Fa a e fofisetsa teng koo, ka go tlhoka lesego, o ne a tsentshe *headphones*, go fitlhetswe e bile le mosokelatsebeng o le gaufi foo, gape e ne e fofela kwa tlase, ka *slow motion*. Go bo go raya gore o thula *powerline*. Lesego fela e bo e nna gore *powerline was not live*. Go raya gore ke gone mo sefofane se neng sa se ka sa tuka. Go bo go raya gore go tsamaya jalo ka gore go supafala gore e rile fela a phadimoga a bona *powerline*, ba supa gore *she turned right* ka e ne e le gone a lemogang selo sa go nna jalo. Go bo go raya gore se thula *powerline*, go bo go nna le one mathata a a ntseng jalo.

Directors; sir, ke ka di go neela, *even today* ka gore go kwadilwe gore e ne e le sa bomang, *but* sekole sa teng

se bidiwa gotwe International Aviation Solutions. Ga se sa tlhole se le teng. Ke ka go batlela gore *Directors* ba teng, e ne e le bo mang *at that point in time*.

Ya gore sefofane se ne se sa itekanela *two days before; I am not aware. I have to confess, I am not aware, but* le yone ke ka kgona go tlhotlhomisa, ka mo neela dikarabo tsotlhe tse e leng gore o batla gore o ka nna le tsone.

Closure; ke a itse, ke na le pelaelo ya gore *family* e santse e tlhoka *closure* ka gore ke tlhaloseditswe gore *early this year, they went to the Office of the President (OP)* ba ya go bua ka kgang e. *Unfortunately*, ke kopana le yone jaana. Jaaka potso e tla, ke gone ke simololang ke e tlhotlhomisa, ke bo ke bona tsone tse. Ke utlwaletse gore ba ne ba ya kwa OP ba ya go leka go bua ka kgang e. Jaanong *I am not privy to the discussion* e e dirilweng kwa OP. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MR KAIZER: *Point of procedure*. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. *Mr Speaker*, ga ke a utlwa *question* ya (ii). Ke utlwile fela e le gore *he is appreciating* gore *he is aware*, mme ga ke a utlwa a e araba jaaka e ntse, e re a ntshe mabaka a gore *why*. Ke akanya gore fa a ka e tshwara yone eo, o tlaabo a berekile. *Thank you Mr Speaker*.

MR SPEAKER: Go raya gore o e kopanye le *supplementary* ya ga *Honourable Kekgonegile*.

MR KEKGONEGILE: *Supplementary*. Tanki *Mr Speaker*. Mma re dumedise batlotlegi, re dumedise setšhaba. Re kope setšhaba go emisa go kgokgontsha bomme le bana ba basetsana. *Mr Speaker*, ke dire *follow-up* fela gone fa mo go Tona, gore le dira go le kae go thusa dikole tse go simolola Botswana ka bophara? Re lebile seemo se se tshwanang le kwa Maun, kwa e leng gore *airport is the busiest* mo lefatsheng. *They want to set up* teng, ba na le mathata a lefatshe. Ba sale ba kopile lefatshe. Batho ba ba ntseng jalo fa ba tla kwa lephateng la gago, *are you able to facilitate* gore ba ka kgona gore *this scarce resource*, le go dira ditiro mo le ka ba kgontshang gore ba ka thusega?

MR MAELE: Ke a leboga motlotlegi. Ke kopa go simolola ka ya ga Motlotlegi Rre Kekgonegile, e bile ke bo ke tlhalosa kgang ya *scarcity* gore *this resource*; ke tsaya gore o raya ya *pilots* gore *it is scarce*. Le tlaa gakologelwa gore maloba fa re simolodisa *sponsorship programme*, re tlhalositse gore *we are not going to*

sponsor bana ba *in courses* tse re bonang e le gore di tletse kana di *saturated*. Re ne ra ba ra bua gore yone ya *aviation* e, ya *pilots* ke nngwe ya tsone. So, gongwe lefoko la ‘*scarce*,’ ga ke itse gore re tlaa le baakanya jang *because* ga re dumele gore di *scarce* ka *supply* ya bone e ntsinyana mo mmarakeng. *That is why* re sa kgona to *sponsor* them.

In terms of gore re thusa jang to *set up* dikole tse di ntseng jaana; ga go na ka fa re thusang ka teng. Gakere ke Education and Training Providers (ETP), *most of them* ke *businesses*. Fa re ka bonwa e le gore re ya go thusa sekole to *set up*, kgantele le tlaabo le re *Minister* o mo teng, *that is why* go isiwa bana kwa go ene. Ke go supegetse gore kgantele e ka tloga ya re tsenya mo dikgannyeng tsa *corruption*. So, rona re tla fela motho a re raya a re, *I am a school, I have set up, I have got aircrafts, I have got this, I can train people*. A bo a kwadisa kwa BQA and *accredit courses, accredit* sekole, re bo re tlhola re bona gore nnyaa se siame, rona re bo isa bana to *train*. *In terms of assisting to set up*, nnyaa ga re nke re tsena thata ka gore *it is a business*.

Ya ga Motlotlegi Kaizer; *why are we not insuring* bana for *life insurance*? *Well*, ke *policy* ya ga Goromente. *Even vehicles* tsa ga Goromente, *look at how many they are, they are not insured*. So, *policy* ya ga Goromente ke gore, *insurance for instance*; ga e dire thata, ke *policy*. So, le rona bana ba, *we are not insuring them*, jaaka o itse gore dikoloi tsa ga Goromente fela tsotlhe, *buildings, no insurance, it is a Government policy*. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Further supplementary.

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa.

POLICE STATIONS CONSTRUCTED UNDER DM MODEL

MR R. M. LEKUTLANE (KGALAGADI NORTH): asked the Minister for State President to update this Honourable House on the number of police stations being constructed under the Development Manager (DM) model; and to further state:

- (i) the number of on-site professional staff for both the contractor and the employer, with their qualifications and experiences, especially at Hukuntsi Police Station;

- (ii) whether his ministry is satisfied with the site establishment in place now; and

- (iii) whether the District Coordinators under the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure have any input during the construction of these police stations or are just spectators on the projects they are to inherit after completion.

MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT (MR MOHWASA): Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Mma ke leboge motlotlegi ka potso eo.

Ka thulaganyo e motlotlegi a botsang ka yone ya DM, ga go na *police stations* dipe tse di agiwang. Se e leng gore se a diragala ke gore, go agiwa *police stations* ka thulaganyo ya Turnkey di le masome mabedi le boferabobedi.

Kwa Hukuntsi go agiwa *police station* le matlo a mapodise a le supa, mme thulaganyo e e agiwa ka mo ga ka tweng *packages* di le nne. Tlaa ke simolole ka *Package A and B*;

- *Package A* e tsentse metse ya Digawana, Metlobo, Phitshane Molopo, Otse, Moshupa, Mmankgodit le Thamaga.
- *Package B*, e tsentse Mogoditshane, Mmopane, Magokotswane, Suping, Mochudi, Artesia and Mookane.

Jaanong *Package A and B* e neetswe konteraka ya Homesafe Properties (Pty) Ltd, China Jan Sung ka madi a a kana ka P693 million.

- *Package C and D* e neetswe konteraka ya Unik Construction Engineering (Pty) Ltd ka madi a P972,274,111.75.

Projects tse tsotlhe Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, di simolotse ka kgwedi ya *September* e tlhola lesome le boraro mo ngwageng wa 2024 mme go solofetswe gore e tlaa re ka kgwedi ya *January* 2026 di bo di fedile, kana tiro e wetse. Ka di 31 *July* 2025 go ne go supa gore *project* tse di fa go 39.5 *per cent* kgatlanong le 43.5 *per cent* yo a neng a solofetswe.

- *Package C* e tsentse Mmadinare, Matsiloje Sebina, Serowe, Lerala, Marapong, Makaleng le Mosolotshane.

- *Package D*, e tsents'e, Chobokwane, West Hanahai, Hukuntsi, Khawa, Dobe and Eretsha.

Go tshwanetswe gore go lemogwie gape bagaetsho gore kwa Hukuntsi Police Station tiro e tswelsetse, jaanong go setse go dirilwe 29 *per cent* kgatlhanong le 34 *per cent* yo o neng a solofetswe. Ba re ka reng ke ba ba rutetsweng ditiro kana *professional staff* ba ba kwa *site*, go na le ba ga rakonteraka;

- go na le *site manager* yo e leng gore o na le dingwaga tse di masome mabedi a ntse a na le *experience*.
- *Site foreman* o na le *experience* ya 15 years.
- *Clerk of works*, *experience* ya 10 years.
- *Electrician* 17 years.
- *Bricklayers* ba seven, ba na le dingwaga tse pedi go ya kwa go tse tlhano.
- *Carpenters* ba bane, ba na le dingwaga tse nne go ya kwa go 15 ba le mo tirong kana ka *experience*.
- *There is one plumber*, o na le six years' *experience*.
- *SHE officers* o na le ngwaga le dikgwedi tse robang bobedi tsa *experience*.

The employer ene rra, kana ke *projects* tsa mapodise, e na le;

- *Civil structural engineer registered* kwa go ikwadisiwang *engineers* teng. O na le 26 years' *experience*.
- Go bo go nna le *electrical engineer* yo e leng gore le ene o ikwadisitse kwa go ikwadisiwang *engineers* teng, o na le 17 years' *experience*.
- Go bo go nna le *mechanical engineer* yo e leng gore le ene o *registered*. Go bo go nna le *architect* yo le ene a leng *registered*.

Fa re lebeletse ka fa go ntseng go dirwa ka teng, re ka re rona kwa *ministry* re kgotsofetse ka fa tiro e ntseng e dirwa go tla go fitlha mo nakong ya gompiano. Re tshwanetse go lemoga gore go farologana le *projects* tse dingwe Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, thulaganyo e fela jaaka ke tlhalositse, ke ya Turnkey, jaanong boradikonteraka *are appointed and then* ba bo

ba ka tswelela ba dira tiro eo e le gore go na le ba *project engineers* le botlhe ba ba nang le boitseanape mo tirong e.

Se se teng ke gore, fa konteraka e e sena go fela jaaka e le gore di tshwanetse gore di fele mo ngwageng o o tlang jaaka ke tlhalositse, go na le dingwaga tse pedi tsa *defects and liabilities*. Go tlaabo go filwe bone boradikonteraka. Mo nakong yone eo, fa go na le ditshenyegelo kana dipaakanyo dingwe, ba tlaabo ba dira ka madi a bone. Fa *two years* a sena go feta foo, go tlaabo go reela gore jaanong Puso e simolola gore e ka ntsha madi go duela madi a a neng a dirisiwa ke rakonteraka. Ke a leboga.

MR LEKUTLANE: *Supplementary.* Mma ke go leboge *Minister* ka karabo ya gago mme go na le fa o sa nkarabang teng. Fa ke neng ke supa teng, ke rile *on site staff*, ga ke a re *the establishment of the project* ya *employer*; ke ne ke batla go itse gore mohiri ene ba ba mo emetseng *at the site* jaaka rakonteraka o supa gore go na le *site engineer* yo o nang le 22 years, wena ba gago ba ba go emetseng kwa *site* ke bo mang, ba na le *qualifications* di le kae?

On top of that, ke ne ka felela ke botsa potso gore jaanong lephata le la ga Rre Salakae, lone le tsena fa kae mo *projects* tseo ka gore se ke se itseng ke gore fa o sena go di fetsa jalo, jaanong o tlaabo o di ba neela. Jaanong *involvement* ya bone *now* e kana ka eng, ba itse go le kae, ba fa kae, ka *project* yone eo?

MR MOHWASA: Motlotlegi, o tlaa tlhaloganya ka e bile go lebega e le gore ke motho yo o nang le botsipanyana ka dikgang tsa tiro e, gore mo ditirong tse...

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

MR MOHWASA: ...nnyaa, lona le rata go lotlhanya batho thata.

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

MR MOHWASA: Fa o ka lebelela, gompiano go na le thulaganyo e go agiwang matlo a Botswana Housing Corporation (BHC). BHC e a aga e le Turnkey, ga go na ope yo o mo *site*, ga go na ope yo e leng gore o emetse ene mong wa *project*. O neelwa *key* go bo go fedile. *Defects and liability* ya BHC e nna *one year*, but this

one e dirile *two years* go leka go sireletsa se. Fa ba ntse ba aga mo go tsona tsa BHC, BHC ke yone e dirang sengwe le sengwe. Fa, *employer* yo ke tlhalositseng kwa ntlheng gore ke ba mapodise, ba nna ba ntse ba tla go tlhodumela ba bona gore tiro e tsamaya sentle. Jaanong ka fa go ntseng ka teng, Turnkey tsotlhe ka fa di leng teng mo nakong ya gompiano, bone ba lephata la ga Rre Salakae ga ba tsene mo go reng ba bo ba dira *the actual supervision* ya tiro, le a dira le bo le tla le ba neela. Se se diragalang ke gore go nna le *defects and liability period* ya *one year*. Mo go ya gompiano e, go okeditswe go dirilwe *two years*, so, ga go na fa ba tsenang teng fa e le gore ke utlwile Mopalamente sentle.

MR LEKUTLANE: *Further Supplementary.* Mma ke go leboge *Mr Speaker*. Ke supe fa tota se se diragalang kwa kgaolong ya me ya Hukuntsi mo *project* ya teng e se gone sentle, *despite the fact* gore *is* Turnkey or not. Turnkey ya re go na le *two years liability period* e ba e supang, jaanong se *Minister* a se supang gompiano, ka fa ke mo tlhologanyang ka teng gore ga go na fa e leng gore rona re tlhologang *quality* ya gore batho bao fa e le gore ba dirile gore *project* eo, or *material used* a bo e ka ya go felela ka *two years, after three years dilapidation* yone eo, go raya gore Goromente o tlaabo a jelwe. Ke leka go supa gore ga ke batle gore *after the third year* ke le mo Palamenteng ke bo se simolola batho ba Hukuntsi ba ntshupa ka monwana gore ke ne ke dira sogwasogwane ka gore ke ne ke batla go tshaisa.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Lekutlane Standing Order 40.3.

MR LEKUTLANE: Potso ya me ke gore *how do you manage the quality* o sa nne kwa *site Honourable Minister? Thank you very much.*

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

MR SPEAKER: *Order!* Mma a arabe.

MR MOHWASA: Mo go rayang gore ba bangwe ba le bone ba ntse ba babega ba sena gore ba ka botsa.

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

MR MOHWASA: ...jaanong ba tshaa *stuff*. *Mr Speaker*, ke ne ke re se re se fitlhelang ke thulaganyo e e ntseng e dirilwe, ke yone e ya gore fa go neetswe batho dikonteraka ba ya go aga *police stations* tse 28,

employer e leng Botswana Police, e na le *civil and structural engineer* yo o nang le *experience* e ke e tlhalositseng ya *26 years*. Go nna le *electrical engineer* yo o ikwadisitseng le ene a na le *17 years*, o na le *mechanical engineer* yo o nang le *14 years*. E bile ke bo ke tlhalosa gape gore mme le fa gongwe e le selo se re se fitlhetseng, se botoka go na le thulaganyo e re nang le yone e gompiano mo BHC fa e aga matlo e le Turnkey, ga gona ope yo o emetseng ba *infrastructure* yo o a bong a le foo, ba aga gotlhe *and then hand over the project*. E bile gone ba fiwa ngwaga e le yone ya *defects and liability*. Jaanong e e bile e okeditswe e na le *24 months*, fa godimo ga moo *employer* le ene o nna a tsamaya a ya go dira *inspection*. Rre, o tlaa dumalana le nna gore le fa go ntse jalo go tshwanetse go nne le motho *on site*, go na le ka fa e leng gore mo dilong tsa kago, le *stages* fa go agiwa go nna le motho yo o tlang a ya go dira *inspection*. Fa o seyo ga go ka ke ga tshwana le fa o le teng mme mo go botoka go na le *models* tse dingwe tse di dirisiwang mo nakong ya gompiano e le Turnkey. Ke a leboga.

RAMANKHUNG PUPILS

MR T. BOGATSU (LETSWELETAU-LEPHEPHE): asked the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education to state plans to assist Ramankhung pupils who travel long distances to access education at Dikgatlhong village about 10 kilometres (km) away.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF CHILD WELFARE AND BASIC EDUCATION (MR HUNYEPA): *Ke a go leboga Mr Speaker. Ke leboge Honourable Bogatsu, Mopalamente wa Letsweletau-Lephephe.*

Mr Speaker, I am aware of long distance some of the learners have to travel to school, not just in some parts of the Kweneng Region but also in other areas across the country.

Mr Speaker, to answer this question, allow me to explain briefly that there are 41 learners from Ramankhung who find it really difficult to travel to school and back mainly due to long distances without reliable transport. The wish is that the Ministry of Child Welfare and Basic Education is to assist all our learners to arrive at school fresh and in decent state. This is not even safe for them to travel such long distances. So in other words, this is the short response that we have. Thank you.

MR BOGATSU: *Supplementary.* Nte ke go leboge Tona ka karabo. Tota ke ne ke tsere gore *in answering that question*, re tlaa bua ka *mode of transportation* o o isang bana bao kwa sekoleng. A ga o bone go tlhokafala Tona gore go na le gore ba bo ba tsamaisiwa ka dikara tsa ditonki, bogolo go senkiwe le fa e le *van*, o ka se e tsenye ditilo ya nna le *canopy*, e tle e ba somarele mo dipuleng le mo marigeng? Mma ke e tshware go le kalo.

MR HUNYEPA: Ke a leboga Mopalamente ka matshwenyego a o a supang ao. Tota ke dumalana le wena. Go na le kgang ya gore bana ba tsamaya ka mofuta o wa *transport*, o le nna o ntlhabisang ditlhong go bua ka one. Ke kgang e re tlileng go batla gore bagarona mo lephateng, re kope jaaka re ntse re kopa, ba ba ka re thusang ka gore ba teng ba ba ka thusang ka mofuta wa *transport* e e *decent*. Re batla gore bana ba rona ba nne le seriti gape ba tsamaye ba sa tsenwe ke lerole, ba goroge go siame. Ke kgang e re e lebeletseng. Le madi fa re ka a bona, re tlile go batla gore go nne le *transport* fela e e siameng e le *combi* kana e le ya *four by four* e ka thusa go pega bana ba ya sekoleng. Tota ga se kgaolo ya gago fela *Honourable Member of Parliament (MP)*, ke mafelo a mantsi a e leng gore bana ba rona ba mo seemong se se ntseng jalo, ba santse ba tsamaya sekgala se seleele.

Ka maswabi, ke sone seemo se se leng teng. Re tlile go leka rotlhe, le re thuse le lona ka megopolo gore re leke go baakanya mme re tlaa etelela pele gore re batle ditsompelo gore bana ba batlelwe sepalamo fela se se siameng, se se *decent*. Ke a leboga.

**EMPLOYEE-EMPLOYER RELATIONS
OFFICER**

MR R. W. KAIZER (SELEBI PHIKWE WEST): asked the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services if he is aware that there is no officer designated to handle employee-employer relations at the Selebi Phikwe Industrial Court; if so, to state:

- (i) the reason for such a shortage in a town of about 18, 200 labour force;
- (ii) why the vacancy has not been filled; and
- (iii) the total expenditure for transport logistics related to the said officer commuting from Francistown to Selebi Phikwe every Tuesday in the past 12 months.

MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES (MR RAMAOTWANA): Good afternoon Mr Speaker, and colleagues. Thank you very much. *Potso e balega jaana;*

- (i) No officer was employed to handle the employee relations or to man the office on a permanent basis because the number of cases registered monthly did not justify having an officer stationed there permanently.
- (ii) It was decided that once the number of cases registered on a monthly basis increase, the situation would be reviewed to determine if having a complete and permanent staff complement to man the Selebi-Phikwe office was justifiable.
- (iii) The total expenditure for transport logistics related to the said officer commuting from Francistown to Selebi-Phikwe every Tuesday in the past 12 months is P37,092.31.

Currently, the statistics for the past six months on a monthly basis are as follows;

SELEBI-PHIKWE REGISTERED CASES (2025)

MONTH	NUMBER OF REGISTERED CASES
January	0
February	1
March	5
April	5
May	3
June	8
July	8

So, the volume of cases that are registered would then indicate to us whether we do designate a permanent officer or not, but currently we realise that we can have someone commuting from Francistown every Tuesday to register and take the cases to Francistown and thereafter, have Judges going to Selebi Phikwe on circuit basis to try those cases. Thank you Mr Speaker.

MR KAIZER: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga *Honourable Minister* ka karabo eo. *In terms of the volume of cases*, ga ke itse gore *are you in a position* go ka tlhalosa gore



mme gore re nne le mmereki yo o *permanent* kwa Selebi Phikwe, go tlhokafala *cases* tse kae, *either* e ka nna mo kgwedding kana mo ngwageng?

Kgang e nngwe ke gore Goromente wa Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC) o tswa kgakala a ntse a lela ka dikgang tsa madi, *but in this case we find* gore *there is always an officer commuting from* Francistown to Selebi Phikwe *every Tuesday* a dirisa koloi ya Puso, *petrol*, a dirisa eng. A mme ga le kgone go lemoga gore gongwe le gone mo *costs* tsa teng, di ntse di ya kwa godimo? Gape re ntse re le gone foo, *is there any mitigation measures* tse e leng gore *they can be put in place* mo go yone kgang e?

E nngwe ke gore, *are you aware* gore go na le *office* nngwe e e hirisitsweng ke lephata la gago, e ne e diretswe tiro e? *Office* jaaka ke bua jaana ga e dirisiwe, e bile le mo go yone go na le *security company* se se hirilweng mo go isang *costs* kwa godimo. Ke a leboga.

MR RAMAOTWANA: *Thank you Honourable Member.* Ke a tlhologanya gore ditiripi ka ngwaga wa 2024, *it was 36 trips per year as opposed to 52 trips per year.* Gape ke a lemoga gore jaaka o bua gore re na le ofisi kwa Phikwe, ee, ke a itse gore go na le ofisi e e kileng ya nna le bothata jwa metsi, go sena metsi. Fa re hira motho a nna *permanent* gone foo mme e le gore o nnetse fela *cases* tse di supang gore ga di kalo, ditshenyegelo tse di yang go nna teng, kana go raya gore re ya go batla *other incidental staff; cleaners, messengers,* eng, *then* go raya gore *costs* di tlaabo di *balloon to over P100 000 or more.* Mo seemong se re leng mo go sone gompiano jaana sa madi a a seyong, re belaela gore go tla gangwefela ka *Tuesday*, ka gore le bone ba setse ba itse gore o tla ka *Tuesday to attend* bone ba e leng gore ba na le *cases* tsa mofuta one oo, ke sone se re reng di kwa tlase thata. *If e ka bo e le gore per day we are registering an average of 15 or more cases, then we can reconsider* gore a mme fa di le kalo, ga di tlhoke ene motho ene yoo, *even to an extent* ya gore gongwe re bone gore re ka se ke re dire gore go nne le *court.* Mo sebakeng sa gompiano, ga go supe gore le *court* e ka nna teng fa o lebeletse ditsheko tse e leng gore di a kwadisiwa *monthly* gone kwa Phikwe.

Ga se gore *this situation is cast on stone*, ke sone se ke reng re tlaa nna re e *assess*, re lebelela mme fa seemo se tokafala, go *necessitate* gore go nne le a *permanent*

officer, we will do so. Ke sone se re se buang fa gore fa seemo seo se ka tshentsha *drastically*, se re patika gore jaanong re tlhoka go nne le a *permanent person in the office*, re tlaa dira jalo motlotlegi ka fa o buang ka teng.

Re le ba UDC, *at the same time*, re a itse gore ke maitlamo a rona gore re tshwanetse go hira batho gore ba bereke. Mo seemong se re leng mo go sone, seemo sa madi ga se re letle gore re ka nna le tse dingwe tse kwa thoko kana tse di dirang *further expenditure* jaaka o bona mo Palamenteng re sena metsi le dinekere jaana. Go raya gore seemo sa madi se bifetse pele lefatshe lotlhe ka bophara. *Thank you Mr Speaker.*

MR SPEAKER: Order! Honourable Members, we have overshot the runway. I understand that Honourable Minister Salakae has a statement to make.

MR HIKUAMA: *Procedure.* Ke mo go tsamaelanang le *statement* sa ga Honourable Salakae. Kana *Mr Speaker*, gongwe o ka tswa o lemogile gore go na le seemo kwa Letlhakane Senior Secondary School sa ngwana yo o bapileng le leso, a itewa ke ba bangwe. A mme o raya gore ga re ka ke ra kopa boTona ba ba maleba go ka tsibosa lefatshe ka bophara gore seemo se se ntseng jaana sa bana ba ba itaanang, ba bo ba batla go bolaana, ba se tsibogetse jang? A ga ba ka ke ba baya setšhaba mo mmepeng ra kopa gore le ene a sukunyetse *statement* gore setšhaba se tlhologanye seemo sa bana ba? Ba bangwe go lebega ba le mo ditoronkong, ba bangwe ba tshwerwe, ba bangwe *have been isolated*, ba bangwe ba siile, go sa itsiwe kwa ba leng teng. A mme diemo tsone tse ga re tlhoke gore re itse re le setšhaba gore go tsamaya jang?

MR SPEAKER: Indeed, Opposition Whip. What you have just done is perfectly in order in terms of your rules of Order and Procedure, that you may rise to ask a Minister to make a statement. *Ke tsaya gore ba go utlwile, ba reeditse. Ga ke bone wa Child Welfare and Basic Education, mme colleagues tsa gagwe di teng. Ba utlwile* Honourable Member.

STATEMENT

DEVELOPMENT MANAGER MODEL

MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE (MR SALAKAE): Mr Speaker, thank you very much. I rise to apprise this Honourable House of the Government's position on the execution of infrastructure projects under the Second Transitional National Development Plan (TNDP) II, which are being implemented through the Development Manager (DM) model.

Mr Speaker, you will recall that during the State of the Nation Address (SONA) delivered on 19th November 2024, the President pronounced that the application of the Development Manager (DM) model may have resulted in inflated project construction costs. As part of cost cutting measures, this model was to be reviewed to ensure fiscal sustainability.

The Government, through the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure (MTI), instituted a review in response to this concern specifically, but further expanded the review mandate to include additional issues raised by other stakeholders. In this regard, the terms of reference for review of the DM model covered the following areas:

- a. Conceptualisation and approval of the Development Manager model;
- b. Procurement of the Development Managers;
- c. Implementation and coordination of the Development Manager projects; and
- d. Status of the Development Manager model.

The Task Team commenced its work on 13th January, 2025 and concluded the exercise with the submission of a final Review Report on 26th March, 2025. The report was subsequently made public on 7th August, 2025.

Mr Speaker, while the DM model was introduced with well-intended objectives, the review has revealed several critical shortcomings. Among the principal concerns were procedural deficiencies, insufficient stakeholder engagement, and a lack of alignment with legal and regulatory frameworks. Furthermore, the financial implications of the model, particularly the

structure and magnitude of associated fees have placed an unsustainable burden on Government resources.

It is worth noting that the findings from the review report have several limitations which have hindered a thorough comparative analysis on issues under review. For instance, some DM project budgets adopted from the TNDP II did not include construction cost estimates. Thus, some estimates only covered design and consultancy, while the DM model costs are inclusive of project conceptualisation to close out.

However, my ministry can confirm that the DM fee structure, can be deemed as one of the major contributors to high project costs as it was capped at a rate of 14 per cent, not taking into consideration the nature and complexity of the projects. Mr Speaker, this is a deviation from industry practise where calculations for professional fees assume a sliding scale fee structure, where the percentage decreases as the construction costs increases.

Notwithstanding this Mr Speaker, just under two years following signature of the contracts with nine Development Managers, the economic conditions have drastically changed, presenting challenges in the execution of all the targeted 148 infrastructure projects. As a result of declining revenue inflows, implementation of projects, including those under the Development Manager model, ought to be reconsidered.

Consequently, Mr Speaker, the Government has taken a decision to revoke all three Presidential Directives that approved the adoption and use of the Development Manager model and its Governance structures.

Therefore, the Government has decided that 16 projects currently under construction, should proceed using alternative methods of delivery and/or financing. Meanwhile, for the 132 projects still at conceptualisation stage, a thorough re-assessment to explore alternative options that may better align with the Government priorities will be pursued. I thank you Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you Honourable Minister. Let me find out whilst you are still there, whether you wish to summarise this in Setswana or you will respond to the questions *ka* Setswana.

MR SALAKAE: Ke ne ke sa tla ke tlile *to summarise* ka Setswana, mme ke ka leka Motlotlegi Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, *especially the conclusions to the presentation.*

Ke supe gore Goromente o tsere tshwetso ya gore o boela morago ditaelo tse a neng di a di file tsa *projects* tsotlhe tse di ka fa tlase ga *Development Budget*, di dirwe ka lenaneo le le bidiwang gotwe Development Manager (DM) Model. Ka *projects* di ne di le 148 tsotlhe, *under nine* DM Model, tse 16 mo go tsone ke tse e leng gore gompiano jaana tiro e a diriwa, mme tse di 132 di santse di simologa, di santse di betlwa. Jaanong re tsere tshwetso ya gore bone bao ba duelwe fela tiro e ba e dirileng, re bo re *suspend projects* tsa teng, *pending engagement* ya rona le bone gore go ya pele re ya go dira jang.

We have set up a Technical Committee kwa ministry e e leng gore *it is going to engage the DM Model with a view* ya go bona gore ke dife mo go tsone tse re tswelelang kwa pele ka tsone, mme e bile gape *they are financed* ka tsela e e ntseng jang.

In conclusion Mr Speaker, ke tseela gore ke yone kgang e tona ya molaetsa o ke neng ke tlile ka one gompiano gore *only 16 projects are ongoing, 132 are being suspended. Thank you.*

MR SPEAKER: Mo go tseeng dipotso, o tlaa di tsaya ka setlhophha kana...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Go ne go batla *one-one*.

MR SPEAKER: Go batla *one-one*?

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

MR SPEAKER: Okay. Honourable Members, *mme ke le gakolole jaana gore* Standing Order 41.3, read with 40.3 no debate, you may just ask short questions for the purpose of elucidating the statement.

MR SALESHANDO: Mma ke go leboge Tona Salakae. Ke na le dipotso tse pedi fela. Golo mo go raya eng mo Second Transitional National Development Plan (TNDP) ka gore e ne e ikaegile thata ka DM Model? *Over P13 million* ya madi a re a fetisitseng *for* DM Model ke one a Second TNDP. Kana e ne e le gore e a fela ngwaga o, a gongwe ga go reye gore le le Puso le ka bo le *reflect even further* gore a ga se gore le

suspend Second TNDP ka gore *we cannot have a plan* e e leng gore jaanong *we are suspending its financing mechanism*, mme *plan* re ka bo re re e tsamaela go fela? *That is the first question.*

The second question, would you consider go ya go buisana le *committee* e e maleba ya Palamente ka gore kgang e ga re ka ke ra e bua fa rotlhe ra kgotsofala re le Mapalamente? *There has been no oversight*, go ntse go se na go tlhodumela ga Palamente mo dikgannyeng tse.

Kana e tlile pele *under the past Government* ka *Minister akere, during a Budget Speech presentation. President Boko* le ene o e buile mo State of the Nation Address (SONA), Palamente ga e ise e ke e nne le nako ya go lebelela kgang e ka bophara gore a e ne e re siametse kana e sa re siamela. Ga ke re re tseela Khuduthamaga ya ga Tautona go sekaseka kana go tsaya dithata tsa bone, mme re nna re bolelelwa ka *this thing* e e nang le *huge financial implications*, mme e le gore rona re lebeletse fela. A o tlaa se ke o sekaseke gore ga se gore gongwe o ye ka kwa Komiting ya Palamente, e lebelele ka boteng jo bo fetang jo re ka bo dirang ka *the short comments* tse re di letlelelwang fa? *Those are my only two questions.* Ke a leboga.

MR SALAKAE: Ke a leboga Motlotlegi Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke a leboga *the Leader of the Opposition (LOO)*. Gongwe ke simolole ka ya bofelo ka e bile e motlhofo. Motlotlegi o ne a botsa gore a ke ka tla go ema fa pele ga Komiti ya Palamente e e faphegileng go tla go bona gore a nna le yone re ka se ke re buisane dikgang tsa DM.

I am more than ready, I will bring the report, I will bring the position of Government to engage one on one le Komiti ya Palamente. E bile ke sone se ke dumelang gore gongwe se ka thusa Batswana botoka ka gore re ya go nna le nako ya gore re botse dipotso tse e leng gore *they are more detailed than now in Parliament*. Re tlaabo re emetse *Speaker* fela gore o re beela *which date so that I appear before that Committee of Parliament*.

Ya ntlha potso, e ke bonang e le thatanyana ka gore gongwe e ne e ka arabiwa botoka ke ba ba lebaganeng le madi ka ke bone *who deals* le National Development Plans (NDPs). Gongwe fa motho a ka dumalana le LOO gore go ka emisiwa TNDP ka mabaka a, ke ipotsa gore jaanong re tlaabo re reng ka *projects* tse 16 tse ke di

supileng tsele tse e leng gore *at the moment* bontsi jwa tsona di tswelsetse, ba setse ba tshela seknotere. Kana fa re emisa, go raya gore bana ba batho ba ba berekang foo ba senyegelwa ke ditiro. E bile fa go ka diragala gore go nne le dibetso tsa tlholego ba sena go dumela gore ba e *dump*, pula e bo e na e senya tsela eo, re bo re ba busetsa *to another stage*, go raya gore Goromente o ya go tshwanelwa ke gore a batle madi a go duela ditshenyegelo tseo. Ke sone se Goromente a tsereng *a considered view* ya gore ka o lemoga *the intrinsic nature and the public importance* ya *this report*, gongwe a *suspend* tse dingwe, mme mo a tswelela le gone. Go bo go raya gore kana ga a ka ke a emisa TNDP fa a letleletse gore *projects* tse e leng gore *they are at an advanced stage* di tswelele. Gone ke kgona go tlhologanya gore o buisiwa ke gore *there is a lot* se se buiwang ka *report and therefore we cannot continue*. Jaanong re tlaabo re reng ka tse di ka fa tlhoko. *Then the Government has considered that by trying to say*, a re emiseng mo re santse re bua ka gone mme mo, ka re lebeletse *the cost implications*, re tswelele.

MR SALESHANDO: *Just a small follow-up. In effect*, gongwe ke se ka ka re a ga le batle *to suspend* TNDP, a ga go tshwane fela le e emisitse ka nakwana (*suspended*) *because Mr Minister, 16 projects out of 148, ke less than 11 per cent?* Mo go rayang gore *almost 89 per cent of the projects are being scraped off which is an overwhelming percentage* ya TNDP. So se ke se rayang fela ke gore le le Goromente a ga le bone ke moka le emisitseng ka nakwana Second TNDP fa e le gore *you are only proceeding with less than 11 per cent of the projects* ka gore go simolola le ya go buisana, *by the time* le fetsa, *my assumption is that* nako e e neng e beetswe Second TNDP e tlaabo e fedile. *That is the point. Have you considered that?*

MR SALAKAE: *Thank you LOO. There are two points to this.* Tota boammaaruri lantlha ke gore *we did not scrape off any project, we have suspended them* gore re tle re kgone go dira *audit* re tlhodumele dikgang tse gore a tse dingwe re ka tswelela le tsone fa e le gore *there is enough social impact* kana *any other impact*.

Gape kana *these things are on contractual obligations* tse e leng gore *they were determined by the* Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA). Fa selo se setse se dirilwe ka fa molaong ga o se emise fela, o

lebelela gore molao oo wa reng fa go tla mo dikgannyeng tsa gore *project* e ka emisiwa kana jang. *As far as I know*, ke itse gore ga gona ope yo o ka emisang *project* e e simolotsweng ke PPRA. *Thank you very much.*

MR KHAN: Pele ga ke botsa potso, mma ke tseye sebaka se ke lebogetse thata Puso le Tona gore le bo le tlišitse kgang e. E bile le emisitse dikgang tse di kanakana, di ntse di ntshwenya thata, *blood pressure* ya me ntse e le kwa godimo thata. Gompiano ke tlaa lala ke robotse ka tshenyo e e neng e diragala. Ke bua thata ke lebile mo *projects* tse 16, gore Tona, kana fa o boela kwa go tsone jaana ka le di tlogetse, go na le tse madi a teng a ileng kwa go

dimothata. *Like* go aga sekole se sengwe kwa Molepolole, se agilwe ka P119 million mme dikole tse dingwe tse di ntseng di agiwa di ntse di agiwa ka bo P50million, P60 million. Sa bofelo se agiwa kwa Molepolole gotwe se turu e ne e le P64 million. Mme fa o lebile pharologanyo e fa o boela kwa morago, ga o akanye gore o boele kwa go bone le fa di ntse di tswelsetse, gore *difference* e e kana ba age sekole se sengwe gape kwa Molepolole? Golo mo e ne e le maikaelelo fela a go gopela itsholelo ba dira ka bomo. A ga o bone go le botlhokwa gore pharologanyo e gongwe go dirwe sengwe ka madi a teng? E ne e le potso fela gore re se ka ra tlogela fela. Ke lebogile thata, ke itumetse Tona.

MR SALAKAE: Ke a leboga Rre Khan ka potso e e botlhokwa eo, e bile e nkgakolotse sengwe se se neng se sa tlhatswega mo puong ya me mme se le teng, ke sa se tlhatswa ka Setswana. *These 16 projects* tse re tsereng tshwetso ya gore di ya go tswelela, se ke letseng ke se dumalane le DM Managers maabane ka ke letse ke na le *meeting* le bone *individually, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.* ke gore, le bone ba re ba neetseng *16 we will be sitting down with them* go lebelela gore *budget* ya tsela e tshwana le e motlotlegi a buang ka yone, *if it was high, the intention of the Government is, we are going to sit down the Development Managers and engage with a view* ya go bona gore a ga re *review the cost which they bidded with*. Fa e le gore morago ga puisano ya rona gore re fitlhela e le gore *a particular DM costed* tsela e le P4 billion mme yone e le P3 billion, re ya go ya kwa go P3 billion and take that P1 billion, re bo re ka bona gore a re dumalana le *Minister wa Finance* go aga sekole se sengwe jaaka Motlotlegi Arafat Khan a

kopa. Gone tshwetso ya gore go agiwa sekole kana ga se agiwe, e tsewa ke Palamente. *I assure you* gore, dikgang tsa gore re ye go tlhodumela go bona gore a go nnile le tsheny, go okeditswe madi a go neng go sa tlhokafale gore a oketswe, re ya go dira jalo. *We will be sitting with them starting from tomorrow, until the time* e re tlaabong re kgotsofetse gore mme gone *the money they bid* with a lebane. Ke a leboga.

MR MONAGENG: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*, re lebegele pego e Tona a tlang ka yone. Ke tsaya gore ba ba mo *construction industry* le Batswana fela ka kakaretso ba a e itumelela. *I think in my maiden speech* fa ke bua la ntlha mo Palamente ke ne ke le *very, very critical about this model*. Mo tshenyong e e setseng e dirilwe, bohahalele jo bo setseng bo dirilwe, a e ka se ke e re mo nakong e e tlang Tona o re tsibose *regarding madi*? Ke itse gore gompiano ga o ka ke wa nna le karabo eo, mme madi a a dirisitsweng mo tshenyong eo, mo bohahaleleng joo ke bokae?

Sa bofelo o bo o ka re bolelela gore *DM model* o o tsero lebaka le le kae *ever since* o simologa, ke gore o simologile leng go fitlhelela gompiano? *Thank you Mr Speaker*.

MR SALAKAE: *Thank you Mr Speaker. Let me promise the Honourable Member of Parliament* gore, *if he were to bring a question here* a mpotsa gore go dirisitswe bokae mo *projects so far under DM*, *I would answer you to your satisfaction*. Ke supe jalo gore ga gona sepe se Lephata la me le ikaeletseng go se fitlha mabapi le Development Manager Model.

Le potso ya gore le simolotse leng, gongwe ke supe gore, *this thing started as a pilot project*, e bile gape go nnile le *a benchmarking exercise* ka *December 2022*, *but preceding that* go nnile le ya bo *November*. Kana *pilot project* e a bo e beetswe sebakanyana *to guide a larger census*, *but this one* go lebege e le gore *it just continued against the spirit of the pilot exercise*. Fa o ka botsa dipotso tse di lebanyeng motlotlegi, *I would come here with* dikarabo tse di tlaa go kgotsofatsang. Boammaaruri ke gore, *there is nothing that we will hide* ka gore ga se rona *who invented the DM model*. Re o fitlhela fa, re araba fa e neng e le gore ke tsheny ya batho ba bangwe, *but* re santse re tlhodumela *report*. Kgang ya gore ke tsheny kana ga se tsheny, gongwe e ya go tswa re sena go nna le *our internal audits*, jaaka

ke supile gore *we are engaging them one by one*. *We engage project* ya bone *from conceptualisation stage until today*, gore re kgone go nna mo seemong se se botoka go araba dipotso tsa lona batlotlegi. Ke a leboga.

MR MOTAOSANE: *Thank you Mr Speaker, thank you Honourable Minister for bringing up the statement*. Ke eletsa gore gongwe tse 16 tse o buang ka tsone re di tlhalosedibe gore ke dife. Fa e le gore tsela e tshwana le ya A10 ke nngwe ya tsone, maloba fa o nkaraba o rile go santse go dirwa *a detailed layout*, *whereas we had thought* gore *project* e tsamaya golo gongwe. A o ka se ke o lebelele seemo sa gore, ka go lebege go na le fa go santseng na le dikgoreletsi tsa bo masimo le eng jalo, e simolole ka kwa go senang dikgoreletsi ka teng, segolobogolo jang ka kwa Sengaparile? E simolole ka koo, ka gore tsela e motlotlegi go na le mathata, *it is accident after accident*, batho ba feletse mo tseleng e. Ba re tsamayang ka yone *almost on a daily basis* e a re lwatsa tota. Ke kope gore fa o sena go re bolelela tse 16 o bo o leka go nna *specific* ka yone, ka ke dumela gore *you have all the details*.

Finally, I do not think there is a problem with the model, ke dumela gore *the problem* ke ba e leng gore *now they were taking advantage to loot Government*. Fa o leba *the model*, o lebelela *our conventional method* ka fa e ntseng e dira ka teng, ke gore *project* e ne e kgona go simolola e le P3 *million* e bo e ya go felela e le P7 *million*...

MR SPEAKER: Standing Order 41.3, no debate.

MR MOTAOSANE: Thank you my leader...

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

MR MOTAOSANE: Tota lona o fitlhela le batla go reng?

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa, araba nna, tswa mo go bone.

MR MOTAOSANE: Mathata ke mafoko a bone a a tlabang *Mr Speaker*; o nne o ba kgalemela. Ga ba a nna sentle.

MR SPEAKER: Le se ka la tsobera yo mongwe *Honourable Members*.

MR MOTAOSANE: Thank you Mr Speaker.

MR SALAKAE: *Thank you Mr Speaker.* Motlotlegi Palelo Motaosane o ne a nkopa gore a ke ka se ke ke *share the list of the 16 projects*; ke supe gore *I do not have the list now*. Mme fa ke ne ke letlelelwa ke ne ke ka bitsa mongwe a e tlisa, kana ya re re tshaisa fa re bo re kopana fa ntle ke go e neela...

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa, le ka kopanela fa ntle, kamoso ba e neele mo *House*.

MR SALAKAE: *Excellent, because it is also in the public domain.* Gape *projects* o kgona go fitlhela gongwe di le *five* di le *under one DM*, gongwe di le pedi di le *under one DM*. *I will be able to categorise in that manner, gore how many are under a certain DM and so forth and share.* *With respect to tsela ya A10, kana o raya ya Mmankodi, kana go raya gore it is at conceptualisation stage, it is among tsele tse 132.* Ke tsone tse re yang go nna fa fatshe le *the DM* re mo duela se a se dirileng, re bo re ka buisana gore go ya pele a mme re ka tswelela le ene. Nngwe ya dilo tse e leng gore *is a factor* fa Rre Motaosane ke gore, o a itse gore re ne ra tsaya *key* ya koloi e sena *petrol*, jaanong re na le bothata jwa madi mo bogompienong. Re ne re na le keletso ya gore ditsela tse tsotlhe re ka di dira, *problem* ke kgwetlho eo ya *liquidity freeze*. Fa re ka tswa mo go yone jaaka ke supa gore diteemane di a siama, *I can assure you* gore *it is also our priority* gore re dire ditsela gongwe le gongwe kwa go nang le batho teng, gongwe le gongwe kwa go nang le *production units* teng. Gongwe le gongwe kwa lona Palamente le eletsang gore re dire tiro teng, re ya go dira fela jalo. *We do not initiate anything*, rona re diragatsa se Palamente e se dumalanang.

MR FRENZEL: Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*. *Honourable Minister*, o ne o supa gore o ne o ntse o kopana le bodiredi, le maabane o kopane le bone go tswa phakela go ya go tsena ka *three* mo motshegareng. Potso ya me ke gore, *when contracts were signed with all these companies* tse o di buileng tsa *projects* tse 132 tse di santseng di emetse fa thoko, bodiredi jo bo santseng bo le teng le mo Pusong ya gompieno, ba re ke eng go ne go diragala jalo? *Why did they sign these contracts, yet* ba itse gore Puso ga e na madi a go tla e tswaledisa *projects* tse?

Potso ya me ya bobedi e bo e nna mo *projects* tse gongwe di seegetsweng fa tlhoko. Batho kwa dikgaolong tsa rona

ba ya go nna ba botsa gore, kante sekole kana tsela di tla leng, go diragala jang ka tsone. Jaanong potso ya me ke gore *projects* tseo fa o sekaseka *Honourable Minister*, batho e re ba re botsa jaaka ke supa gore ba ya go botsa, re ba solofetse re reng. Batho ba na le tsholofelo, e tshwanetse gore e re fa ba re botsa, re nne le karabo, le fa madi a seyo mo nakong ya gompieno, Vice President (VP) maloba re ne re mo fa *go ahead* gore re batle madi. Re di solofele mo nakong e e kae.

E tonatona tota ke ya ntlha, ka gore fa o lebelela go ya *to sign* dikonteraka, *launches* tse di neng di dirwa tsa madi a a kanakana, dilo tse tsotlhe di bua ka madi.

Ya bofelo; kwa go nna tsela ya A3 le ya Mandunyane-Mathangwane di na le ka fa di dirwang ka teng. Potso ya me gone foo ke gore, *since* di setse di simologile jaaka di simologile le tse dingwe tse 14 *which add to those two, how are you going to manage* go bona gore *costs* tsa teng di a tsamaelana? Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*.

MR SALAKAE: *Thank you Mr Speaker.* Re reye batho re reng ka ditsela? Ba reye le re di tlaa agiwa, gongwe nako ke yone e ke seng *that much certain with*. Goromente yo, ga a nna fela, e rile a lemoga, kana morago ga re sena go lemoga gore madi ga a yo, re bo re tla *a new model again, that is called* Public Private Partnerships (PPP). Batho kwa ntle kwa ba e seng Batswana ba na le madi a mantsintsi ba ba eletsang go ka re thusa. Jaanong re mo thulaganyong le bone, re buisana le bone ka tota madi a e se a rona, e le a bone. Fa re ka dumalanang teng le bone e bile re lemoga gore mabaka a teng ga a re tsenye mo mathateng, ba ya go dira ditsela tseo batlotlegi.

I want to give you this hope ya gore, ditsela re ya go di aga. Bomadimabe fela ke gore seemo se re neng ra kopana le sone fa re tsena mo Pusong, ke se se neng sa re babalela mo dikeletsong tsa rona tsa go agela Batswana ditsela. Ga re a ka ra tsaya matsogo ra a rwala mo tlhogong, re ile ra lemoga gore le fa Goromente a sena madi, ba bangwe ke ba *in the private sector; they are saying they have money*; ra reng ka bone. *We are busy engaging these people. Just tell them* gore ditsela di tlaa nna teng, fa go ka nna le e e kwa kgaolong ya gago, *I will text you* ke go raya ke re bangwe ke ba ba supa gore ba ka aga ya gago. Go na le *many factors which are at play, in deciding* gore they are investing

madi a bone fa kae. Kana e nna bone ba ba tlang kwa go rona kana ba baya mabaka, fa re dumalana le bone re a tswela, fa re sa dumalane le bone *then we will say no* a re eme pele fa re santse re baakanya. *We will certainly build those roads.*

Dikonteraka; batho ba ba kwa ofisingele ya gago *Minister*, ba re ba ne ba le kae fa go dirwa dikonteraka? Bontsi jwa bone ba re ba ne ba seyo, *but* jaaka ke sa tswa go solofetsa, *I am busy together Cabinet and Government*, re tlhodomela dikgang tse re di bolelelwang tse, ka gore tota re ne re seyo. Ka re le Goromente re neetswe marapo, re tshwanetse jaanong ra bona gore dikgang tse, re di tsibogela jang, gore e re re ya kwa bathong, re bo re ba neela boammaaruri e seng sepe gape. *So, a lot of them, I have even confirmed on this one* gore, bontsi jwa bone ba ne ba seyo. Go na le komiti nngwe e bidiwa gotwe CPT *which coordinates all projects under the Development Manager (DM)*. Le yone go lebelega e le gore e fitlhetse dikonteraka tse, bontsi jwa bone *the office bearers* ba fitlhetse dikonteraka tse gongwe di dirilwe.

Ke tlhalose se Motlotlegi Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, fa o ka ntetlelela. Phologolo e e bidiwang gotwe DM e, kana e logilwe jaana; *the Government got into contracts with only nine companies called Development Manager Model (DMM)*, go bo go raya gore dikonteraka tsa ba ba kwa tlase ba, ba ba dirang ditsela, ba ba dirang *actual work*, ba di dira *with the DM managers*. *So, the Government would not know* gore *the DM procures who, does not procure who*. Ke gore *we have taken all the risks and given them to the DM*. Rona re na le dikonteraka fela *with only nine people*, bone kwa tlase ba bo ba bona gore ba hira bomang. *This is how this animal called DM is structured.*

MR KAIZER: *Ke a leboga* Mr Speaker. Just on a rider with the immediate answer that the Honourable Minister has given, with regard to the PPP model. I do not know if that was with regard to the 132 projects only, or perhaps with those that the Honourable Member was speaking about. *Tse gongwe di ne di simolotse, di bo di sa fele. Kana gongwe go ne go ile go bewa katakata fela koo*, before *e dira sepe e bo e busiwa*. If you can clarify that one.

Number two is with regard to the 16 projects, is there any specific method of delivery and financing *e e leng*

gore your ministry has already come up with, so that these projects are delivered?

Last but not least *ke gore*, in terms of the reassessment *ya* the 132 projects, what alignment are you going to do so that *le bone gore* these projects *a di a ya go felela di dirwa, e bile di tlaa tsamaisanya* le the priorities of the Government. *Ya bofelo ke gore, kana madi a ke a setšhaba*. You could be here briefing us as Members of Parliament, what more efforts are you going to consider in terms of engaging the stakeholders *e le* the communities. Like the Honourable Member has just said, the communities *ba a itse gore* projects *tse di etla, ba ne ba di emetse*. So is there anything your ministry is considering, to go and engage those communities about these projects? *Ke a leboga* Mr Speaker.

MR SALAKAE: *Normally the last ones from the Members of Parliament*, ke tsone tse di motlhofofanyana. O ne a botsa gore jaanong le dira jang gore le amogane dikgang tse le *the communities, because* ba a re botsa gore ditsela di kae. Ke supe fa gore, fa go na le sengwe se ke sa se boifeng motlotlegi, *it is engaging people* kana go ya kwa bathong ke ba tlela dikgang tse e leng tsa bone. E ne ya re nako nngwe fale ke eletsa go dira jalo, ka gakololwa gore mme kana o a itse gore sekgwana se santse se na le bothata. Ga o ka ke wa emelela wa dira golo mo o tshwanetseng gore o go dire *at second level, the first thing* se re tshwanetse re se dire pele, *is to review the DM*. Go bona gore a mo ke yang kwa bathong ka gone, go tlaabo go apeesegile, *because all that I must go to the people and address them* ka gone *relates to the DM* e batho ba neng ba na le bothata le yone. Go ya kwa bathong *is something* se e leng gore Motlotlegi Tona wa Madi, o ka ntshupela gore *I always go to him*. Batho ba kwa Shakawe, Charles Hill le Gantsi, ba nkemetse. Ke lemoga fa a buisanya le nna gore mo madinyaneng a, o ne a eletsa gore a dire eng. O ne a eletsa gore a sianele fale, a adime. Fa go ka nna sentle, o tlaa bolela. Re tsile go dira jalo, re ya kwa go bone motlotlegi. *We will go to them and brief them* ka kgang e ke go e bolelelang e. Ke a dumela gore le kwa ba leng teng, ba reeditse gompiono ka se re buang ka sone *relating to the DM*.

O ne o botsa gore a mme re setse re akantse mogopolo mongwe *different from the DM as in infrastructure delivery model*; ke nngwe ya dilo tse di yang go lebelelwa ke *the Technical Committee I have set up*. Re dumalane

le batsayakarolo maabane. *This is a contract, even if o sa dumalane le yone jaaka le nna ke ne ke sa dumalane le yone, but o tshwanetse to honour the terms of the contracts. So, sepe fela se re tlang ka sone e le a way forward, I need to engage the stakeholder community, even Business Botswana. Engineering industry I have engaged them. I continue engaging them, e bile ke dumela gore le jaaka ke bua jaana, ba ntheeditse. Ke tllile gore ke tswa fa, ba bo ba nteletsa ba re ke tle kwa go bone, ke buile sengwe se ba dumalanang le sone kana se ba sa dumalaneng le sone.*

One of the things that I have always done, I avail myself, ke bua ba ntheeditse. Le ba botse gore a mme ka nako ele lona ba re le itseng le le batsayakarolo, a e rile fa ba mpitsa gore ke tle go ba tlhalosetsa, a ke ne ka gana. Ga go na at any stage fa ke ganneng teng fa ke bidiwa gore ke tle go tlhalosa dingwe kगतलhanong kana tse di tsamaelanang le the DM projects.

MR BOGATSU: Ke a go leboga *Mr Speaker*. Le nna ke kgabole ka kgang e Tona. Fa o bua ka 16 *projects*, ke tsaya gore tse pedi tsa me di mo teng, e bong Molefe Primary School *because* se tlogetswe se le *at an advanced stage. Some buildings are at window level.* Go bo go nna gape le *hostels* kwa Motswakhumo Community Junior Secondary School (CJSS), le tsone *they were left* di le kwa *roofing level.* Ke ne ke utlwa o bua gore *you are even engaging stakeholders under that model of PPP.* Ke kopa tsa me o di etele *because* ga re nke re bona PPP, re bona bo P ba babedi fela, o wa *Private is never there.* Ke a go kopa *to consider other methods of ensuring that you are bringing those buildings to conclusion.* O bone gore dikole tse pedi tseo o a di fetsa ka gore go mosuke kwa dikoleng tsa Kopong. Go na le seemo kwa *hostels* tsa Motswakhumo CJSS.

MR SPEAKER: Standing Order 41.3

MR BOGATSU: Nnyaa mme ke a digela ke re, *you know that you inherited the office and the mess that you found in there, so, ga re na go boela kwa morago. Re tsile go tlhola re go setse morago gore o conclude.*

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa mme e ne e se potso.

MR LUCAS: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke simolole fela ke supe gore re a bona gore maiteko a teng gore e re fa go buiwa dikgang...

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Hikuama, Standing Order 58.3.

MR LUCAS: Maiteko a teng e re fa go buiwa dikgang, go dirwe maiteko a gore go itebaganngwe le tsone. Go ka sala fela gore a mme go lekane, mme gone maiteko a teng. Ke utlwa o dirisa lefoko la gore *all three Presidential directives* tse di neng di amana le *DM model have been revoked.* Ke batla o gatelele kgang ya gore le ikaelela go di phimola jalo ka le ne le bone le *report* e supa gore *DM model* e ne e le boatla jwa maemo a ntlha jo bo neng bo sa tshwanela gore bo neelwe sebaka sa go nna teng *in the first place.* Ke batla o gatelele kgang eo.

Mo go ba ba 16 ba ba tswelletseng, ba le ba neetseng tseletso ya go tswelela, ke batla go itse gore a mme mo go bone bao, a le tswelitse le sekaseka gore a ga go na bape ba bone ba ba tsweledisitseng boatla jole jo bo neng jwa simolola kwa tshimologong jo bo dirileng gore le phimole *the three Presidential Directives* tse di amang DM? A le ikgotsofaditse ka gore go na le ba e neng e le DM, a bo a nna *architect, a nna contractor, sub-contractor, a bo a felela a nna material supplier?* Gone moo go supa gore motho yo, kgotsa kompone eo, maikaelelo a yone e ne e le go goboka le go gopela mo go tlhwaafetseng. A mme le ikgotsofaditse gore a batho ba ga ba dire mkgwa o?

Mma ke botse potso ya boraro gore, ba le ka fitlhelang e le gore go ne go na le maikaelelo a mabe a go senyetsa setšhaba, ka le na le *information* e e kalokalo, a go na le ba le batlang *to hand to* Directorate on Corruption and Economic Crime (DCEC)? E ba sekaseka e lebile gore ba ne ba batla go gopela setšhaba? A ba ba *engaged in acts of criminality* le ka ba *hand over to* mapodise? Tautona o ne a kopa gore ka go na le *forensic audit*, setšhaba se tsamae se ye *to report.* Fa o ka fitlhela e le gore bangwe ba bone ba tsuolotse ditsamaiso tsotlhe fela, e bile ba setse ba jele madi a ba neng ba sa tshwanela go a ja, a o ka sala morago mafoko a ga Tautona, ga tsamaya wena kwa *forensic audit* wa ya *to report?* Ke a leboga rraetsho.

MR SALAKAE: *This time around I am not starting with the last one.* Ke simolola ka ya ntlha e motlotlegi a mpotsang gore, e rile ke simolola puo ya me, ka supa gore *we are going to revoke the three Presidential Directives.* A re reela gore *we are going to revoke.* Ke supe fela gore *Cabinet has already advised the President to revoke.* Ke

dumela gore re dirile jalo, *the President has already done that. That is a process that is now managed now by the Office of the President (OP) but through the advice of the ministry that I lead, we have engaged Cabinet to advise the President to approve the revocation of the three Presidential Directives.*

Wa re *report* e e ne e le boatla; ke ka riana ka re *report* e, DM ke boatla. Ke ka go raya ka re, *report* e, e na le boatla. Ga ke ka ke ka bua jaaka wena ka re ke boatla *because* ke na le *benefit of...*

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

MR SALAKAE: DM *model*, e ne e le boatla. Ke ka dumalana le boatla jwa teng fa re tla *into detail because normally the devil is in the detail.* Boatla ke ka bo dumalana le wena fa o ne o ka re, *initially this was conceptualised as a pilot* gore fa o le mo tseleng jaanong e felela e nna *census*, go tsenngwa sengwe le sengwe mo teng, ke gone fa motho a ka buang ka boatla teng. Mme ka re dirile thulaganyo ya gore re ye go kopana le batsayakarolo mo thulaganyong e e neng ya felela e dira DM, dilo tse re ya go di tlhaloganya botoka gore mme go ne ga tsamaya jang. E re ba bangwe ba bolelelwa gore *this is a pilot that is still going to guide* gore DM e ya go tsamaya jang, e bo e felela e le *census, that is something that is a caution to some of us but* gone moo, gongwe motho o kare ke boatla. Ga ke itse gore *report* ka bo yone, a re ka re ke boatla, ke raya *the DM as a model. Report* le yone e supa gore *it had intended results but it was polluted along the way* ka implementation.

O ne o botsa gore tse 16 tse re tsweleng le tsone, a fa re ka fitlhela boatla mo go tsone, re ka *report*. Fa go ne go sa nna jalo, e le gore *we are thinking of anything in the contrary*, re ne re se ka ke ra dira thulaganyo e ke supang gore re e dirile kwa *ministry. We have set up a Technical Committee* e e yang *to engage those who wrote the report, the DM Managers and stakeholder community.* Fa go na le boatla, re a go lebaganya boatla joo le mong wa jone.

A mme jaanong wena Tona ka gore dikgang tse di a go bolelelwa wena, a tse dingwe tse di yang go supang gore go nnile le tshenyano kana boatla, a o ka isa dikgang tse kwa DCEC; ke dumela gore ke na le maikarabelo, a ke dumelang gore Motlotlegi Rre Lucas le ene o na le one a gore nna le ene fa re ka bona boatla jo, re bo ise kwa

DCEC. Ke tlhomamisetsa Palamente e gore *if my people or if my technocrats who I had set up*, ba *Office* ya ga Tautona e supileng gore e ya go thusa le ka bodiredi jo bongwe gape, ba ka tla kwa go nna ba nthaya ba re Rre Taolo Lucas dinala tsa gagwe di a bonala mo *project* ya X, mme e bile gape ke batla go bolelela ba DCEC, *I am going to follow all the processes* go isa dikgang tse kwa DCEC.

Le wena ke go kopa jalo, jaaka Tautona a kopile gore le yone ya *forensic audit* fa go na le mongwe yo o nang le dikgang tse a ipelaetsang ka tsone mme a sa senye ope leina, DCEC *and the forensic audit are there, we are free to do that.* So ke a tlhomamisa Motlotlegi Rre Taolo Lucas gore ke ya go dira jalo. *I am just waiting to engage, and I will do my best from the bottom of my heart, and the truth of my very guard*, e bile ke Mokeresete yo ke batlang go go ruta Baebele.

Ya bofelo e ne e reng kana, ke e lebetse?

MR LUCAS: Tota e ne e ntse e le ya boatla gore fa gongwe kompone e nna DM e bo e le gore gape mo teng e nna *architect subcontractor*, sengwe le sengwe fela, gore gone moo le go lebeletse mo go tse 16?

MR SALAKAE: Ee rra. Re tlhodumetse kgang e Motlotlegi Rre Lucas a tlang ka yone e, mme ga bo go supa gore kwa tshimologong thulaganyo e go neng go tsepame mo go yone *to procure the Development Managers (DM) e ne e farologanya a consultant with* motho yo o dirang tsela. Ya re go ntse go tswelletse, dilo tse tsa dirwa selo se sengwefela gore go nne le gore *a consultant can also actually construct* tsela. Jaanong mo thulaganyong eo, ga re a bona molato ope, molato o re o boneng kana o *report* e o buang, ke gore e bo e re le bua sengwe kwa tshimologong, fa go tswelletse le bo le fetola le sa *engage the stakeholder community. This is why somewhere here* re supa gore nngwe ya *deficiencies of the model according to the report*, ke gore *stakeholders community were not engaged extensively enough with truth.* Ke go arabile gakere Motlotlegi Rre Lucas?

MR LUCAS: Nnyaa ke utlwile.

MR SALAKAE: Tanki.

MR AARON: *Ke a leboga* Mr Speaker. Honourable Minister, I would like to know as to what happened to your promises with regard to Gumare-Sepopa road

which was supposed to continue under those 16, and if you are aware that the road has caused so many accidents due to dust left on the discarded construction? Also, if you are aware that this road has left so many people unpaid?

Mr Speaker, I would also like the Minister to brief us with regard to other projects, more especially the blocks of accommodation at Okavango Junior Secondary School, those which were left at over 75 per cent to be finished that are still standing as it is? Thank you.

MR SALAKAE: *Thank you Mr Speaker. I enjoy the session Mr Speaker, because go bothokwa gore re nne re nna le dinako tse, batlotlegi ba re botse so that in the process they learn that which they did not know, and unlearn that which gongwe ga ba a se ka ba se conceptualise sentle. Ke ne ke tsetse gore fa re tlile go bua ka DM report. Projects tse motlotlegi a buang ka tsone, ka boikokobetso, ga di yo mo DM. So ke dipotso tse e leng gore gongwe o ka tlisa fela tse di tlhamaletseng kwa Palamenteng, I will be able to answer them sir with due respect, ga se tsa DM.*

DR GOBOTSWANG: Ke a leboga Mr Speaker. Tona o ne a supa gore dilo ga di a tsamaya sentle ka gore go feletswe e le gore tenders di abiwa go sena phadisano epe. Honourable Minister o lomaganya jang kgang yone e e buiwang ke report le position ya ga President e e leng gore o batla go supa gore procurement yone e o reng ba robile molao ba sa sale morago ditsamaiso, a bua gore mme yone tsamaiso eo, ga se e e leng gore o batla go inakanya le yone? Ke ne ke batla gore o tlhalosetse setšhaba gore a wena le Tautona, le mmogo, le yone report eo gotlhe jaaka le bua jaana?

Sa bobedi ke gore, kana batho kwa dikgaolong tsa me ba a itse gore ba bone companies di tla di ipega gore di filwe tenders ba tsile go simolola tiro kwa bo Letoreng, Chadibe, Ramokgonami le Pilikwe. Jaanong ke batla go itse gore tsone tenders tse ka go ne go lebe ga di abilwe, ka gore batho ba tlhaloganya gore di ne di abilwe, wa reng ka tsone? A ke tsone tse o reng o di seegela fa thoko? Ke yone conceptualisation? O tle o tlhalose gone foo. Mo DM tse nine Batswana ba kae mo teng? Ke a leboga.

MR AARON: Procedure. Ke a leboga Mr Speaker. Gongwe ke tlhaloganye gore Minister le assistant ya

gagwe a ba tswa mo ministries tse di farologaneng ka gore tsela ya Gumare-Sepopa according to assistant wa gagwe, o ne a supa gore e mo DM Model, mme e bile o re solofetsa gore yone ke nngwe ya tse di tlileng go tswelela? Minister ene o ema fa a re ke bua ditsiabadimo.

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa, mme o ne a sa re ditsiabadimo.

MR SALAKAE: *Nnyaa. ... (Laughter!)... Ke ne ke re ke baakanye eo, one thing that I know, ga ke ka ke ka mo raya jalo gore o bua ditsiabadimo.*

Ga ke dumele thata, ka e bile o teng fa Assistant Minister, o boditse, ga ke ise ke ko ke ye kwa go ene to caucus. Ga ke dumele gore o ka ema mo teng ga Ntlo e a bua gore tsela e o buang ka yone ke ya DM, ga ke itse gore a ke mo letlelele a arabe, o teng fa, gore a supe. I certainly can assure you that tsela e a buang ka yone does not fall under the DM, and certainly my Assistant Minister knows that ka gore ke motho fela wa reasonable literacy, he knows the DM and the conventional methods.

Ke boele kwa go ya ga Dr Gobotswang, one thing Honourable Dr Gobotswang, the President of this republic is a lawyer, one of the things that he cannot do is to dishonour the law. Fa o bua ka 'direct appointment,' that is part of the laws that we have in this country, so sepe fela se a kileng a se bua ka direct appointment is not dishonouring any law within this country. Gongwe re ka bua ka mabaka, mme fela go bua gore gongwe Tautona ka tsela nngwe o ka fa ntle ga molao o e leng gore o tshwanetse gore a o obamele e bile a o ikanetse, I doubt he can do that, as much as I doubt gore Motlotlegi Dr Dow o ka dira jalo. These are the custodians of the law of this country ba e leng gore fa ba bua, ke ba reetsa ka tlhoafalo ka gore ga ba ke ba tlola molao. Jaanong ke go solofetse gore nna le Tautona re mmogo gore we have taken oath gore 'I will abide by the Constitution of this republic,' we will abide by all the laws that guide the processes of this country or managing ditiro tsa lefatshe le. Jaanong foo nna le Tautona re mmogo.

Ke supe le gore 'direct appointment,' Motlotlegi Rre Taolo Lucas, ke part of the law. Fa go a go tlhokafalang teng gore re e diragatse, re ya go di diragatsa. Fa go na le mongwe yo o dumelang gore mo go direng jalo re tlola molao, he is free to challenge, and we will engage. Ga re batle mo re tshosediwang gore e re re tshwanetse go dira selo mme e bile re batla go se direla Batswana ka

boammaaruri, mongwe a bo a ka re tshosetsa o lemoga gore o eletsa gore Batswana ba re lebe ka leitlho le sele. *We will not be intimidated Mr Speaker. Fa re senya, this Parliament is there to engage us. They will go to DCEC, they will go anywhere. Ga gona ope ka fano yo o ka dumalanang le tshenyo. A re ise ditshenyo kwa di tshwanetseng teng.*

DR GOBOTSWANG: *Procedure.* Gongwe Tona ga a nkutlwa sentle. Ke ne ke bua ka *direct appointment without competition.* Le *report* ya rialo, e bua ka gore go ntile le mathata ka gore go nna le go aba *tenders* ka *direct appointment without competition.* Ke e ke buang ka yone.

MR SALAKAE: Ke tshwanetse go ipobola fa Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, gore molao ga ke tshwane le Ramaotwana ga ke o itse thata. Kana *direct appointment* e reela gore ga gona phadisanyo. Gongwe o ka mpaakanyetsa. Ke tseela gore *direct appointment* ga gona phadisanyo. *It is also part of the law.* Molao o *clear* gore phadisano e nna fa go rileng, ga e nne fa go rileng. Gongwe re ka tla ka nako e e tshwanetseng *to engage each other* mo tsetleng e gore *at what stage or situation are you going to use direct appointment Honourable Minister. It is very clear, direct appointment* e reela gore ga gona phadisano. *If I am wrong, o tlaa mpaakanyetsa Mr Speaker.*

MR LUCAS: *Procedure.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker.* Ke gore *direct appointment* re tshwanetse ra e tlhloganya gore ga e reye fela o bona tsala o bo o re tsaya *tender* ke e. *Direct appointment...*

MR SPEAKER: What is the procedure?

MR LUCAS: *Procedure* ke gore o kare o tswa mo tseleng o latlha Ntlo e ka kgang ya *direct appointment.*

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa o batla *to debate Honourable Lucas.* Ke tsaya gore o e arabile.

MR LUCAS: He can benefit from a social worker.

MR SPEAKER: No.

MR SALAKAE: Kana o ne a rile *procedure* ke santse ke wela.

MR SPEAKER: Sit Honourable Lucas.

MR LUCAS: Ke gore ke ne ke re ke batla go mo tshwara ka *direct appointment* gore e bereka jang.

MR SPEAKER: Please resume your seat.

MR SALAKAE: Ke ne ke re ke a wela a bo a re *procedure.*

MR SPEAKER: Wela.

MR SALAKAE: Ke wele jaana gore *direct appointment* re e tlhloganya jaaka o e tlhloganya Rre Lucas gore e dirisiwa *on instances of emergency.* Fa e ne e le ka bonna fa re leng teng, *keys* tse re di neetsweng ke Domkrag, *I could tell* gore re mo *emergency* fela. Ke gore *we have not declared.* Jaanong fa re bonang teng gore fa go tlhoka gore re baakanye ka bonako, *we are going to do that because me and you,* re a dumalana gore *this economy is under an emergency.* Jaanong *direct appointment* ya rialo, ga e re *competition.* *Let us learn what we do not know, unlearn that which is deceiving us. Direct appointment* ke *emergency.* Fa e ne e le gore ga ke tlhloganye, ga ke bue boammaaruri, *we have got lawyers in this House* ba ka bo ba mpaakanyetsa. Tota nna le lona fela, molao ga re mo go one re a o etela. Diagente di teng di ntse fa fatshe. Jaanong *direct appointment* is meant to address the issues tsa *emergency,* e e leng gore *economy* e e mo go yone gompieno.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Nkawana will be the last?

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure.

MR SPEAKER: A go na le e a sa e arabang?

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ya Development Manager (DM) tse *nine.* *Out of nine,* Batswana ba kae mo teng?

MR PHOLOGOLO: *Procedure. Thank you Mr Speaker.* Go lebega go le bokete gore re tshware leitlho la gago mongwame. Ga se la ntlha gompieno, *it happens so many a time.* Re nna re emelela o felela fela fa go Frenzel, rona ba re ka kwano re nna re le mo mosing. *If you remember sir,* ke ne ka ikuela le mo nakong e e fetileng gore go lebega matlho a felela golo gongwe, a sa goroge kwa go rona. *We are very much affected by* kgang e e buiwang. *In fact,* re bangwe ba re neng ra tla ka kgang e le rona re supa gore dilo dingwe di ne di

sa dirwe sentle. Jaanong fa e ya go tswalwa re sa fiwa sebaka *Mr Speaker*, ke tsaya ke re re tlaabo re sa direlwa tshiamelo gotlhelele.

MR SPEAKER: *You know, everything that happens in this House is recorded and I will retrieve that record. As a matter of fact, you have caught my eye on numerous occasions Honourable Phologolo. Le Honourable Kgabo Morolong yo o kgakala kwa, le ene has caught my eye. Go na le ka fa ke lebang ka teng Honourable Member. It is normal mo Palamenteng that ga go ka ke ga kgonega gore on every matter, e bo e le gore fela ka gore o emeletse, you have caught the Speaker's eye. Fa o ka ela tlhoko, go na le ba ba emang ba le gautshwane thata le nna mme ke kgona go lemoga ba ba kgakala. There is a criterion Honourable Phologolo. Honourable Phologolo, se le neng le ka se dira e ne e ka nna boikuelo fela gore ka kgang e ke ya botlhokwa, a go na le gore ba le babedi ba le bararo ba ka tsena. Jaanong you catch the Speaker's eye, ga o ikopele. Honourable Salakae, araba mo go tse nine, Batswana ba kae?*

MR SALAKAE: *Fa ke ka fosa Mr Speaker, ke tlaa tla ke baakanya ka gore ke ne ke sa ipakaanyetsa potso ya teng. From the top of my head, e kete ba babedi fela. Ke tlaa tla ka a confirmed answer. E kete from the nine, two or three but I will confirm. I will bring the answer to the Speaker, o tlaa tla a dira announcement.*

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable Members, ke ntse ke bona gore you are offending Standing Order 58.5. Fa yo mongwe a emeletse a bua batlotlegi, ga go fetiwe fa pele ga gagwe; Honourable Ramaotwana le Honourable Khan. I think going forward, I should sanction it ka gore le a bo le lebeletswe. Gape Standing Order 58.3, le se ka la bala newspapers. Batswana kwa ntle kwa e bile ba a ngongorega because go raya gore television fa e ntse e le supa, e tla e kgona go supa gore le dira eng. Jaanong le e ele tlhoko thata. The last three would be Honourable Nkawana, Honourable Phologolo and Honourable Segokgo. Those would be the last.*

MR AARON: *Procedure. Ke a leboga Mr Speaker. Tla ke supe gore gongwe Tona o lebetse go diragatsa kopo e ke neng ke e kopa, e a neng a supa gore Honourable Atamelang o ka confirm se a se mpoleletseng.*

MR SPEAKER: *Nnyaa, a re e riane Honourable Aaron; Standing Order 41.2 o ka ya to check record. The Clerk*

can provide you with the copy of the Hansard on that particular matter. Then *le lona ba ministry le iphe nako, le tlhole gore a mme ke information e le kileng la e fa gore this project e under DM. If that is the case, invoke Standing 41.2 and come and correct the record. Ke a utlwala Honourable Salakae?*

MR LEKAU: *Procedure. Ke a leboga Mr Speaker. For that record ya gore gongwe go ka tsholwa golo mo, fa gongwe le go rututsha batlotlegi go itse mafoko a direct le a DM.*

Gongwe mafoko a teng e kare a a re tsietsa ka gore *project* e le nako e e neng e arabiwa, go ne go tilwe *it is a direct appointment not DM. So, fa gongwe re tlaabo re ipusetsa kwa morago mme go ne go ntse jalo. Ke a leboga.*

MR SPEAKER: *Nnyaa, o gakolola sentle, the record will show.*

MR NKAWANA: *Ke a go leboga Mr Speaker. Mma ke leboge Tona gape go bo a tlile ka statement se se amang kgang e e tshwenyang Batswana botlhe le gore re belaela gore madi a ka bo a ile kae. Potso ya me mo go Tona ke gore re utlwa gore one of the criteria tse di neng di dirisiwa to select the nine Development Managers, nngwe ya tsone konokono e ne e le gore ba bo ba na le madi, deep pockets. Jaanong potso ya me ke gore a mme gone moo e ne ya nna gone gore batho ba ba tlhophilweng e le gore mo mabakeng a mangwe ba na le madi go tsweledisa projects tseo? E nngwe potso e bo e nna gore kana you have suspended projects tse dintsi. Ke batla go itse gore the remaining 16, are they equally distributed among the nine Development Managers?*

Ya bofelo ke gore fa o buisa *report* ya gago, ga ke a go utlwa o papametse, o le *clear* gore *report* e na le *recommendations* tse di reng *in terms of action and way forward*. O re tlhalosetse gore kwa ntle ga go e bala, go e lebelela le go e *analyse*, a mme go na le tse ba di beileng gore re *recommend* gore Puso e tseye dikgato tse jaana le jaana, e dire jaana le jaana? Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MR SALAKAE: *Thank you Mr Speaker. The Honourable Member of Parliament was asking about the criteria that was used to procure the nine Development Managers, indicating that one of the factors or elements that were considered was one relating to deep pockets,*

gore a mme go ne go ntse jalo. Ke supe gore we have established a committee of experts to interrogate some of these insinuations ka gore di teng even in the reports le mo dipuong tsa batho. Ba a bua, ga kere re ba reeditse motlotlegi. Ka gore we care, sepe se e leng gore Batswana ba bua ka sone, we interrogate. Jaanong this is one of those things that I will interrogate using the Technical Committee that we have set up at the ministry.

You have suspended many projects, are the projects equally distributed among the nine DMs? No sir, they are not equally distributed. In fact, *nngwe ya challenges tse re nang le tsone ke gore some DMs di ne di supa gore projects were not equally distributed among them, ba bangwe ba neetswe tse dintsi, ba bangwe ga ba a neelwa tse dintsi, ke dilo tse re yang go di tlhodumela. Mo go tse 16 tse, le gone go ntse fela jalo. Go na le the DMs tse e leng gore ga ba na le fa e le sepe mo go 16. Re mmogo ga kere? Go na le ba e leng gore ga ba na sepe, projects tsa bone di eme fela kwa conceptualisation stage. Jaaka ke supile mo puong ya me, maikaelelo ke go ba duela fa ba emeng teng, bone ba the 16. Re bo re tswelela le bone go bona gore based on the interrogations, a re ka tswelela le bone re dira ditiro tsa lona batlotlegi.*

Fa re ka lemoga gore go na le project nngwe among the 132, e e nang le social impact, for example, dikole, re ya go tla kwa go Tona Gaolathe. 'Re a itse gore ga go na madi, there is this issue that we suspended, wa reng ka yone,' fa re sena go dumalana gore cost e e beilweng foo ke yone. Yo mongwe o letse a mpotsa wa DM gore fa go ka diragala o ntse o re interrogate jalo, ga bo go supagala gore e ne ya re re tshwanetse gore re beye P9 billion, re bo re baya P7 billion, a o ya go re tlaletsa P2 billion yo go ya kwa godimo? E ne e le potso e e thata mo go nna, mme ka supa fela gore I am bringing myself into this discussion in good faith. Re ya go tshwanelwa ke gore re engage even the Ministry of Finance ka whatever findings tse re yang go di bona from our engagements. So, we mean good. We are bringing good faith to the discussions. Whatever se e leng gore re ya go se bolelelwa, we will bounce off mo go ba bangwe ba ba tshwanang le Ministry of Finance. Thank you.

MR PHOLOGOLO: Thank you Mr Speaker finally...

MR SPEAKER: Hang on Honourable Phologolo, a re o tloedile e nngwe.

MR SALAKAE: Ya bofelo o ne a mpoditse gore *the recommendations tsa reng?* Ga ke itse gore ka go reng go ntse jalo. Ga kere ke le neetse buka batlotlegi? Ke eng le ne le sa ipalele fela ka *recommendations tsa teng?* A o raya gore ke ka di tshwara mo tlhologanyong ke sa tshola buka? Mme gone nngwe ya tsone e ne e le gore *they had recommended unequivocally* gore re *cancel*. E bile bone ba ne ba dirisa *cancel*, nna ke na le *choice of words*, ba re re *cancel DM, that I can recall*. Tse dingwe di teng, ke *report* e e leng gore *instead* ya gore re e *print*, ka re ne re itse gore go ne go ya go tsaya lebaka le bo le re omanya, re e latlhetse mo maranyaneng gore ka nako epe le gone jaaka re bua jaana, o kgona go e tsaya fela *in your phone* o bo o bala. *That very recommendation that you are asking me, you can access it now as we speak. Thank you very much.*

MR PHOLOGOLO: *Thank you Mr Speaker. Ke na le mogotlhwanyana, so my voice is not very clear. Ke ne ke re dipotso di boditswe le tse ke neng ke di gopotse, mme pele ke simolole ka go leboga Tona go bo a re tsile pele ka pego. Gongwe ke ka botsa gore madi a a yang go duelwa for conceptualisation stage, a go a kgonagala gore Tona a share dipalo tseo le rona? A go a kgonagala gore re itse, bogolo re itlhobogele gore ke Batswana ba le kae ba ba yang go sela sengwe? The number of Batswana who will benefit from the payment at conceptualisation stage, despite the fact that report e supa gore gongwe there were irregularities tse gongwe di ka felelang di supa gore tsheny o ne ya nna teng?*

Potso e nngwe e mo goreng *of the nine Development Managers*, go supagala gore ba le *two from the nine* ba tsentswe ka tsela e e seng yone. *This is in the report. Ba ne ba tsennngwa ke Permanent Secretaries and two other people. A question becomes what are these two tse di tsentsweng without involvement of the evaluation team and di ne di tsennngwa go lebilwe eng? Who were the Permanent Secretaries and the two other people, ba e leng gore ba ne ba form what they call the Minister's team, so that we get to the bottom of this issue?*

Se sengwe, *experience that I have had in interrogating and examination with Accounting Officers, there is this other animal, o ne o bua ka phologolo nngwe kgantele, ga ke itse gore a le yone e tlhokana le go tlhodumelwa because it will appear that some people are smart enough ba kgona go bona some loopholes mo go yone*

and explore what would necessarily be a very good contract model, a bo ba o dirisa kgatlhanong le wena o le mohiri wa projects?

These are my questions, mme fela ke supe gore whatever we do as a Government, re lebelele thata kwa batho ba neng ba setse ba na le tsholofelo teng, ba tshepha e bile ba itse gore ditlamelo di tla kwa go bone because matshelo a batho, segolo jang fa o ne o solofetse, o kare kgatelelo e nna maswe thata gona le yo o neng a itlhobogile. Ke na le tsholofelo e ntsi gore sepatela sa Kanye se nne...

MR SPEAKER: Standing Order 41.3.

MR PHOLOGOLO: ...le tsela ya Lorolwane. Ke a leboga.

MR SALAKAE: *Thank you Mr Speaker.* Tla ke simolole ka ya bofelo ka e motlhofo fela thata. A re re lebelele thata gore fa go ka diragala gore morago ga tlhodumelo e ya rona re tseye ditshwetso tsa gore re aga ditsela jaaka re tshwanetse ra aga ditsela, re lebelele kwa batho ba neng ba na le tsholofelo teng. Ke go rurifaletse motlotlegi go re re ya go dira jalo. *In fact,* re tswelletse *we are prioritising. As we speak,* tsela ya A1 e mo feasibility study.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE (DR DIKOLOTI): *On a point of procedure.* Ke a go leboga Mr Speaker. Kana motlotlegi o ne a botsa ka tsela ya Mmathethe/Metlobo/Bray/Werda e e tsenang ka Lorolwane, jaanong ke ne ke utlwa motlotlegi fa, a a fa sekai ka tsela e sele ya A1. A tsepane ka gore Kgosi Matlhoakgosi Matlho kwa Lorolwane o reeditse, o batla go utlwa ka tsela e.

MR SPEAKER: Amogela kgakololo *Honourable Minister.*

MR SALAKAE: Ke a leboga. Ke lebogela kgakololo rra, mme ke ne ke ala kgang. Ke supa gore *we are prioritising,* re ya go goroga koo, re santse re le fa A1. Ke go solofetse gore le diporo re a aga, ditsela re tswelletse re a plan, re a aga. Jaanong motlotlegi ke ne ke leka fela go supa gore re aga efe, yone ya A1. *We will come rra.* Ke lesego thata gore re bua jaana Motlotlegi Tona wa Madi a le teng, o re reeditse. Fela fa ke tswa fa, ka e bile nna le ene re na le tumalano ya gore re tshwanetse ra kopana mo malatsing a mabedi, ke ya go tla ka dilelo

tseo ke di dira tsa me gore kana jaanong Mapalamente ba a mpolaya, mphe karabo motlotlegi. Fa a ka nthaya a re karabo ke e, *I will come* e bile ke sa e kgotlela ka tsele epe fela. *The truth is we will build those roads.*

The first question was, le fa le yone ke ne ke sa e ipaakanyetsa, a re bone ba e leng gore *are going to be suspended at conceptualisation stage,* go ya go dirisiwa bokae. *If I recall well, it is around P814 million,* le one *I will confirm.* Fa e le gore ga ke bue boammaaruri o nkinete diatla metsing, *I will come back again and correct but from the top of my head, it is around P814 million for the 132 work done for the suspended projects.*

Ke Batswana ba le kae; e e thata; ke ka tlhomamisa fela gore e re ntswa the Development Managers (DMs) go supagala gore Batswana ba babedi fela mo teng, ba ba kwa tlase ba ba dirang ditsela, ke Batswana. Bomadimade fela ka gore ee, ga se Batswana botlhe, mme ba ba dirang ditsela, ke tlhodumetse ka bonna, *I have looked at the list* ke Batswana. *The DMs as you will recall,* bone ba ne ba diretse *to play a role* ya go nna consultants. Le fa e ne ya re go ntse go tswelletse go bo go fetolwa le bone ba bo ba dira, *but* Batswana ba teng mo go direng ditsela. Fa e ne e le gore o e boditse e le potso, *I was going to come here* ka dikonteraka tsa Batswana ke bo ke supa gore di engaged kwa kae.

FIDIC contracts; a yone ga e tlhoke go tlhodumelwa, eo ke tiro ya lona batlotlegi, *it is a preserve of members. If you believe* gore *there is any instrument that is not serving* Batswana well, a a e tlise kwano re tle go e tlhodumela. Nna se ke ka se dirang fela fa o e mpotsa e le potso, ke e e tsaya ke e isa *to my technical staff* gore kana kgang ke e, ke a bo ke boditse gotwe, ke ya go raya batho ke reng. Fa e le gore ke sengwe se le dumelang gore se tshwanetse sa fetolwa, ga se rona ba re se fetolang re le ministry, *it is this very Parliament by way of a Motion* kana Bill. So, a re direng tiro e batlotlegi re bone gore fa re dumalanang teng gore *we are not serving* Batswana sentle, re baakanya *and serve them.* Ke a leboga.

MR PHOLOGOLO: *O lebetse e nngwe,* the question was from the nine managers, we understand two companies *di tsentswe di sa tsena* through the review team, *di tsenngwa ke bo* Permanent Secretary (PS) and two others. The question is *ke dife dikompone tse* and who are these two others?

MR SALAKAE: *Thank you Mr Speaker.* Ke ne ke kopa gore gongwe motlotlegi re tle re kopane fa ntle a mphe *the details to go and bounce-off* mo bathong ba ke ba romileng gore ba lebelele dikgang tse. *Where I am, I may not sufficiently respond to his question even though it is my wish* gore ke bone gore ke neela batlotlegi dikarabo tse di tlhamaletseng. Jaanong ke a kopa gore re ye go kopana kwa ntle o njele dikgang tse, ke ye go di jela ba bangwe ba re rurifaletse. Ke a leboga.

MR SEGOKGO: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker.* Ke leboge Tona ka *report* e a neng a tla a e tshotse e le lephonkga thata e. Setswana sa re matlhogela rokela banneng, e re sedibo se tlala ba se go thuse kana monwana o le mongwe ga o rune nta.

Tona, a o ne o sa bone go le mosola gore *ministries* tse dingwe di tle di go thuse DM e jaaka *Ministry* wa *Local Government* ka gore sekole se se kwa Maratanang fa ke bala *report* go raya gore *is terminated*, mme re itse gore kwa Tlokweng bana ba bantsi fela thata? Gongwe mo go khutshwanenyana tsa *Local Government* wa isa kwa go Tona gore dikhansela ka di na le *potential* le *expertise* ba ka kgona gore ba di go thuse? Go na le batho ba ba kgonang *to approach us* ba ba tlhalosang gore re ka le agela dipatela le dikole kwa Tlokweng gongwe le bo le tla le bona gore le ka re duela ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Re sa atumelwe thata kwa *the Public Finance Management Act*, gore re se ka ra tlola *40 per cent threshold*. Ke eng o sa *devolve some other powers to the Ministry of Local Government so that they can start negotiations*?

Re letse re bona ba dira bontle maabane ba saena le ba Botswana Stock Exchange (BSE). Tsa *Local Government* ke eng o sa ba di neela e le *stopgap solution* gore ba tle ba kgone gore ba go thuse, re tle re kgone *to deliver all these schools and clinics* tse di neng di le teng mo DM? Ke yone potsonyana ya me e khutshwanyane. Ke a leboga.

MR SALAKAE: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker.* Ke a leboga motlotlegi. Ke tlhomamisetse motlotlegi gore nna le ba *Local Government* re mmogo mo tironng e ya go dira ditsela. Bomadimabe fela ke gore molao wa re bone ba dira tse di *internal*, rona re dira tse di gokaganyang metse.

Gape fa ke reeditse motlotlegi e kete o bua ka dilo tse pedi tse le tsone di siameng, gongwe ke di tlhatswe.

O ne a bua ka *Local Government* a bo a bua jaaka e kete go na le batho bangwe ba ba eletsang go dira ba ke dumelang gore o bua ba le *under package* ya PPP ba ke buileng ka bone. A bo a supa gore bosheng fela jaana *Ministry* wa *Local Government* o dirile tiro e ntle e ke e lebogelang, mme ke supa gore ba BSE ba ka go tlhomamisetse gore le rona re mo thulaganyong eo le bone. *In fact*, re ntse re diilwe fela ke gone go tlhodumela DM e e neng Rre Lucas e eletsang gore ke nne fela mo go yone le tse dingwe tse dintsintsi, *but we have long started a conversation around infrastructure bonds with BSE. After this DM, we will be getting there. We will also raise funds from the capital markets through the infrastructure bonds, spearheading BSE. So*, re mmogo le ba *Local Government*, *private sector* through PPP le BSE mo kgannyeng ya *infrastructure bond*. *Thank you very much.*

MR SPEAKER: Order! Order! Honourable Members, *re tlile kwa bokhutlong jwa statement se le dipotso tsa lona. Re e toutile.*

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Second Reading

(Resumed Debate)

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Members, the debate on this Bill is resuming. When the House adjourned yesterday, Honourable Opposition Whip, Honourable Hikuama has just concluded his debate. The floor is therefore open.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS (MR MOSWAANE):

Mma ke go leboge *Mr Speaker.* Ke bo ke leboge gape ramasepela ka maru a matla dintweng e leng Alpha le Omega, tshimologo le bokhutlo yo o mpabaletseng kgatthanong le tsotlhe tse di neng di le bokete kgatthanong le botsogo. Ke teng ka dithapelo tsa lona *Honourable Members*, ke re a re tshwaraganeleng tiro ke e. Ke re ka bokhutshwane ke tsene fela mo Molao-kakanyetsong o Tona a re o beileng pele wa setlhatshana se se tala sa madirelo. Molao o o kare o tlile sentle mo nakong ya gompiano, e bile gape e le go diragatsa maitlamo a *the ruling party* e mo nakong e e busang e le Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC), gore setšhaba sa Botswana sa tlhatloge

mo seemong sa khumanego. Ke rata ke tlhalosetse batho gore, *for many years* re ntse re bofelelwa gore Botswana ke lefatshe le le humileng, mme ke batla go le bolelela gore Botswana ga a ise a ko a hume. Botswana ga a ise a ko a hume! Botswana o ne a nna le bo P73 billion mo *foreign reserves* lefatshe le sa tlhabololwe. Go lebilwe madi a le mo sepatšheng jaaka motho a etle a lebelele dikgomo di le 500 a sa di rekise, go ne go ntse fela jalo. Batswana ba ne ba ntse ba tshela ka khumanego go tswa ka 1966 go tla go tsena jaana.

Go builwe dilo di le dintsi *in the past* tsa go supa gore lefatshe le le tshwanetse go tlhabologa, mme e bile go ntse go supa gore go tlaa nna le *economic diversification*. Dilo tseo e nnye ditoro fela go fitlhelela le letsatsi leno. Go builwe ka dilo di le dintsi fa bana ba rutwa gotwe, re ruta bana mme jaanong ga re itebaganye le gore letlhoko la bahiri le... (*inaudible*)... go ntse jang, le letsatsi leno go ntse go ntse fela jalo. Mma ke boele fela mo go reng ke bona e kete fa re tlhabolola mehama e e ka tlang e dira gore re nne le letseno le le ka tsosolosang itsholelo e, go direla Batswana bokamoso jo bo siameng, go tlaabo go le molemo thata mo matlhong a rona mo Palamenteng ya gompiano. Lefatshe la Botswana le ntse le ikaegile fela ka teemane le makgetho, mme teemane e itshupa gore ke ya rona ka molomo mo dingwageng tse dintsi. E ntse e na le beng ba yone ba ba laolang sengwe le sengwe gore go diragala eng ka yone. Wena o tla o le morekisi yo o ikopelang fela, e bile le kompone ya teng le wena o sena *shares* tse di botoka tse di ka thusang go tswela pele.

Ee, go ne ga kokotlediwa madi mme khumanego ya tswela pele, go fitlhelela le jaana. Ke dumela gore Tshutiso e ya gago Tona ya gore go nne le molao wa go letlelela gore setlhare se se tala sa madirelo se lengwe mo Botswana ka tsela e o e beileng, e e sireletsegileng, e e bileng e tlaa kgona go tlisa ditiro mo Botswana, ke dumela gore ke atla Tshutiso ya gago rraetsho. E bile ke kopa gore o se ka wa boifa bosula bope. Ke buile mo Palamenteng e e fetileng fa o ne o tlisa *policy* ka kwano gore, Batswana ba se ka ba tshosediswa ke leina le le buiwang la Setswana la motokwane...

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

MR MOSWAANE: Ke lebile bone mo nakong ya gompiano, ba se ka ba tshoga. Ke ba raya ke re ba nwa

dipilisi gompiano tse di nang le *alcohol content*, mme e bile e se matagwa, e bile e se botagwa, e le go batla pholo.

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

MR MOSWAANE: Ba rialo ba ba itseng ba re le bo Benylin tota. Seemo se re lebile gore o kare setlhare se se tala sa madirelo se ka re thusa go dira meberekko. Se ka re thusa gore re kgone go dirisanya le ba mafatshe a sele ba ba se tlhokang bogolo go se dirisa gore se kgone go berekela tšhaba ya Botswana. Ka jalo, ke ema kगतलhanong le mongwe le mongwe yo o ka emang kगतलhanong le Tshutiso e gore, o a bo a ise a lebe sentle. Lefoko le la motokwane ga le bosula go buiwa, ga se sepe fela. Ke setlhatshana se se e tleng se dirisiwe ka bongwe botlhaswa ba re ba intsha bodutu ka sone, mme ba feletse fa gongwe go supafala gore ba se jele sentle. Bangwe go supafale gore ga ba a se ja sentle, e bile ba bangwe ba re ba se ja ka thulaganyo, mme ba bangwe ba se ke ba se je ka thulaganyo. Nako ya gompiano setlhare se gatwe se ya go lengwa ka thulaganyo, se ya go dirisiwa ka thulaganyo ya go dira melemo le tse dingwe. Bangwe ba supa fa se ka dira ditolo, se ka dira diaparo tsa matsela a a rileng, a a kगतलhisang baapari ba mekgabo ya gompiano.

Ke sone se ke kopang gore botlhe ba ba dumelang go Jeso, botlhe ba ba dumelang go Modimo ope fela o ba mo itseng, ba tlhoke pelaelo gore ga re na go ba tlolela ditsamaiso ra phakisa setlhare se gore bangwe jaanong ba nne le boitumelo jo bo ka senyang ditlhaloganyo tsa bone. Se tlaabo se podisitswe, e bile se sireletsegile. Ka jalo, ka re ke le kopeng bana ba monasaretha gore dumalanang le Puso ya gompiano jaaka re le kopa mo Palamenteng gore setlhare se ga se na go dirisiwa go itlosa bodutu, se ya go dirisiwa go sireletsa batho jaaka mokaulengwe a ntse a re motokwane. Ke se bokile ka re motokwane jaaka o itse rraetsho, ga ke tshabe go se bua, mme ka re, ke setlhare sa more o mo tala wa madirelo, ke kगतलhega fa ke se bitsa jalo ka mabaka a ke a ratileng.

Jaanong ke re, a re amogeleng re le Ntlo e gore go supegile kwa mafatsheng gore mafatshe a a nang le go lema setlhare se e bile ba se dira, e bile fa gongwe ba sena teemane, ba humile go gaisa mafatshe a a nang le teemane. Ka jalo ke kgothatsa gore, a re tseneng mo thulaganyong, re na le dikgwetlho di le dintsi tse di amang banana gompiano, ba ba sa berekeng, ba ba

batlang diphatlha tsa go ya dikoleng, *those that failed* kwa dikoleng, mme e bile ba batla go boelela kwa dikoleng. Dilo tse tsotlhe di a kgonega gore di ka dirwa fa madi a ka nna teng. Le ke lengwe la maano a re a bayang fa pele re le Puso gore, o kare a ka tsosolosa itsholelo ya rona, letseno la madi la tla la nna botoka mo sekgwameng sa lefatshe la Botswana. Ke kopa gore botlhe ba ba kwa magaeng ba ba tshwerweng ke tla la lenyora, ba ba kwa dikoleng ba lela ba batla P2, 500, re baakanyetsa lona. MaVillage Development Committees ba le solofetseng P2, 500 re baakanyetsa lona. Lona ba le kwa magaeng ba le sa berekeng fa o utlwa re bua ka setlhatshana se sa more o mo tala wa madirelo e leng one motokwane ka sebele ka tsela nngwe, re baakanyetsa lona. Ke ne ke kopa gore re dumalane ka bongwefela jwa pelo gore re dumalane le Puso.

Ke dumela gore thulaganyo e Tautona o e buile ka matsetseleko fa a le mo ipapatsong mo dingwageng di le dintsi gore, go na le toro ya go bona gore setlhare se se ka lengwa sa thusa lefatshe la Botswana go dira mebereko mo nakong ya gompieno. Ka jalo, ke batla go ema thulaganyo e nokeng gore, Tautona re se ka ra mo kgoreletsa mo maikaelelong, kana Puso e w ntsha e re se ka ra e kgoreletsa kamoso ra tla ra re e paletswe, mme e le gore ke rona re neng re pala *to approve* melao mo Palamenteng.

Ke itumelela gore rotlhe mo Ntlong e o kare re na le maikaelelo. Go a ne go nna le megopolo fale ya tiriso ya mafoko e e fapaaneng, mme ke utlwa o kare rotlhe kwa re korang teng kwa dipaleng, re ya kwa dipaleng tsa phenyo ya gore madirelo a le temo e ya setlhare se re a e atla re le mo Palamenteng ya lefatshe la Botswana.

Ka jalo, ke solofetsa Batswana gore fa *project* e ka simolola molao o re o atile, re ya go itshwenya go le gantsi. Re ya go itumela ka go bona letseno le re ka kgonang go dira ditlhabololo tse di sa bolong go ema mme di re palela ka ntata ya madi. Ka jalo, rraetsho Dr Dikoloti, re go ema nokeng re sena pelaelo, e bile re go kopela tshiamelo mo Modimong gore o tswelele o rute tshaba ka tiriso ya setlhare se, mme e bile re ise dithuto kwa bathong gore lona ba gotweng le kwa morakeng le sa itse sepe, itseng gore ke tlhalositse letsatsi leno ka botlalo ka Setswana se se phepa gore, le itse gore setlhare se ke sa go tla go boloka matshelo a rona. Ke a leboga.

MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES (MR RAMAOTWANA): Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*. Ke tlatse Tona Dikoloti ka molao o a tlileng ka one gore, re le Palamente re o fetise ka gore lenyora la one ke go kabakanya itsholelo. Fa o ka lebelela dibuka tsa Puso e e fetileng tsa lefatshe le, di supa gore re sale jaaka re opela pina ya *economic diversification from 1978*, mme le gompieno itsholelo ga e ise e kabakanngwe, ka mabaka a gore re ne re tshela fela ka diteemane. Di re supeditse mo seemong se re mo go sone gore, baji bareki ba tsone fa ba sa reke re sotlega go le kae re le lefatshe. Re tlhoka madi a go ka tsamaisa ditirelo, a go dira ditiro, go aga ditsela, a go reka melemo le a ka dirang gore Batswana ba bereke.

Dipatlisiso di supa gore setlhatshana se sa *cannabis*, mo molaong wa Botswana ga ke a bona gope fa go kwadilweng gotwe *marijuana*. Fa o bala melao ya Botswana e bua ka *cannabis*, fa o bala *convention* ya United Nations (UN) e bua ka *cannabis. Marijuana or metokwane*, ke rona re bitsang jalo, mme *scientifically* ba se bitsa *cannabis sativa*. Ba bo ba boa mo melaong ba re *plant; plant* go tewa setlhare se tshwana le sa maungo a namune, diapole, se se tshwanang le sa *cannabis*. Ba ba ratang thata go bitsa motokwane, re re ee, ke motokwane. Fa re re motokwane go fetolwa fa kae gore *cannabis*, ga go fetolwe sepe, ka gore ra re fa o bala...

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

MR RAMAOTWANA: Nnyaa, ra re *it is a plant*. Jaanong ra re rona re le ba UDC mo setlhareng se, *cannabis* mo molaong o o neng o fetisiwa ke Palamente...

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

MR SPEAKER: *Order!* Le se ka la mo kgopakgopetsa.

MR RAMAOTWANA: ...wa *Illicit Trafficking and Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substance Declaration of Illicit Substance Order 23*. Palamente e ka 2023 bo Hikuama ba fetisa molao o o bidiwang gotwe *Cannabis. The flowering or fruiting tops of the cannabis plant, ...(Inaudible)... not extracted*. Fa ga gona bo *marijuana* kana motokwane, ba rile ke *cannabis*, e e leng setlhare se se nang le dithunya. Dithunya tseo, ke tsone tse re reng re ka dira melemo ka tsone.

Kgang e tona ke gore ke eng re tlisa molao *Mr Speaker*, re tlisa molao ka gore fa o bala molao wa 2018 wa

Palamente e, Illicit Traffic and Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substance Act 2018, Section 4, e bua gore ope fela yo o ka fitlhelwang a lemile setlhare seo, go raya gore motho wa go nna jalo fa a sena *license* kana a sena *permit* kana a sa letlelelwa ke ba bongaka gore o se tlhoka mo kalafing, go raya gore ke molato. Jaanong se bo se re o ka se dirisa fela mo dilong tsa kalafi, ke sone se ke reng ga re a fetola sepe fela mo go kalokalo, ra re jaanong re tsenya *hemp* mo molaong o o teng o. Ke yone e e seyong fa...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR RAMAOTWANA: *Denied*, ka gore ke santse ke alela kgang ya me. Ke sone se ke reng mo molaong o, fa o o bala Section 4 sub Section 9 *with your permission Mr Speaker...*

MR SPEAKER: Please do.

MR RAMAOTWANA: Kwa godimo e bua gore go kganelwa jang. E bo e re “*notwithstanding Sub Section 8, the Minister may in writing and acting consultation with the authority authorise any company institution or individual to cultivate, manufacture, import, export, posses, distribute or sell a prohibited substance for the purposes of research, pharmaceutical analysis and medical purposes.*” *Already medicinal use is in this Act ya 2018, only for a limited purpose.*

Jaanong ra re re batla *to remedy what?* Ra re re batla gore jaanong re dire ditiro ka *industrial hemp*. Fa o bala *this Bill* e ba e filweng, e tlaabo e go supegetsa mo *application* gore jaanong *we have added the industrial purpose which is absent in this Act, but medicinal purpose is already there* gore *you can only be in possession of it*, fa ngaka e go kwaletse e re o tlhoka setlhatshana se kana molemo o wa *cannabis*, for purposes of go alafiwa. Go teng *already*, Palamente ka 2018 e fetisitse molao o.

Jaanong fa o ya kwa go wa gompiano, *Clause 3* ya *this Bill* e go supegetsa gore *these actually apply to the production storage, distribution import and export of cannabis for medicinal research and industrial purpose.* *What have you added to this* ya 2018, *we added industrial hemp, industrial purpose* ka gore fa *medicinal purpose* e teng *already*. *What we added on this* fa o bala *Clause 3* ya *application of this Bill*, *we added industrial purpose,*

go raya gore jaanong *industrial hemp* e *Honourable Moalosi* a neng a bua ka yone, ke yone e re e tsenyang ka gore ke yone e e nang le ditiro.

Industrial hemp go raya gore re ya go diaparo, dilo di tshwana le *bio-fuel*, re ya go dira ditena le *fertilizers* di tswa gone moo. Jaanong ke sone se ke reng, fa o ya kwa *the same Section 2*, ya re, “*industrial purpose means the non-drug commercial use of cannabis for application that does not produce psychoactive effect or contribute to substance abuse.*” Go raya gore *what we have excluded here* ke *recreational use*, go goga ga go yo mo *this Bill*. *We have excluded go goga, we added industrial purpose which is already obtained* mo *Act* ya 2018.

Fa ke araba mo gotweng ke eng re sa di goboka, re di lebeletse kwa *Cabinet* tsothle, ra re tse di kgopakgopetsang kana *that impedes* gore re ka lema, ra rekisa, ra bo ra dira ditiro ke eng. Ra re *Act* e e na le mo goreng *it prohibits* tse di rileng, mme ga re batle go bulela gore batho ba ye go goga. Ke sone se re tlogetseng Section 4 e le *in use*, gore go goga *is still an offence.*

Jaanong ra re re ya go dira gore go dirwe dilwana le mebereko, batho ba bo ba ka dira gore jaanong ba ka bereka. Go goga go se mo teng, ka gore fa o ya le kwa *Clause 55*, e tlaabo e go bontsha gore re ya go letlelela bomang gore re ntshe ditaelo le ditesiitso tseo. *Clause 55* e tlaabo e go supegetsa gore ba ba latelang ba ka letlelelwa gore ba ka nna le *possession* ya *cannabis*, ka gore ka fa *in terms of the convention and the Act* e ne e sa letle selo sa go nna jalo. Ke sone se ke emang ka mabaka a gore fa o bala 55 le 35; 35 e tlaabo e go bolelela gore jaanong re ya go ntsha *licenses, any person who intends to cultivate*, o tshwanetse *to comply with the Act*. Ke sone se ke reng, re mo *industrial purpose* ya *industrial hemp*, e ba lelang ka yone thata, ke yone e re e tsenyang mo molaong o o teng *already*. Gore jaanong re dire ditiro, re kabakanye itsholelo ya lefatshe la Botswana. Ke sone se ke reng, a re se ka ra tshosiwa gotwe batho ba ya go goga motokwane. Nnyaa, *the Act* e ntse e teng ga e letlelele gore le ka goga motokwane. *Recreational use is prohibited and excluded*. Re se ka ra latlha batho re re UDC ya re batho ba ye go goga motokwane, ga e rialo. Molao o santse o sa letle gore go ka nna jalo. Fa e kare go ntse go tswelsetse ra bona seemo se letla nako ya teng, re tlaa buisana re le Ntlo e

gore a mme re ka letlelela *recreational use*. For now, we are adding industrial purpose, which is industrial hemp gore re kgone gore re dire ditiro, re kabakanye itsholelo ya lefatshe le.

With your permission Mr Speaker, fa o ka tsaya the Medicines and Related Substances Act, e a supa gore *cannabis falls under the first schedule* ya dilo tse di tagang. Ya re *cannabis* Indian hemp and cannabis ... (Inaudible)... go raya gore the Indian hemp mo molaong wa Botswana e ba reng *hemp, it falls under first schedule* e e leng gore *under Declaration of habit-forming drug order*. Ka fa molaong gatwe *it is part of the drug* e e ka go dirang *high*.

Ra re re ya go laola, *why are we controlling?* Re a itse gore setlhatshana se, go na le se e leng sa diaparo se go nang le 0.3 per cent Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC). E ba e bitsang motokwane thata, e na le 5 per cent THC, mme fa o tsaya Benylin Rre Moswaane, e na le 9.9 per cent. Ga ke goge, ga ke nwe *alcohol*, ga ke reng, mme Benylin fa ke tshwarwa ke *flu* ke a e nwa e ntse e na le 9.9 per cent *alcohol content*. Ke sone se ke reng, re se ka ra tshosiwa ka *drugs* gotwe di rileng. Thank you, Mr Speaker.

DR DOW (KGATLENG WEST): Thank you Mr Speaker. Le nna mma ke tswe la me, ke akgele ka Molao-kakanyetso o. Ke simolole ka gore *Honourable* Dikoloti, ke go eme nokeng mo Tshutisong e ya gago. Ke tlaa simolola ka gore gompiano re bua mo gotweng *general principles*. Ke gore konokono kana maikaelelomagolo a molao o, ke eng, e bile ke o bona jang. Lantlha mma ke arabe wena wa maloba o buisa kwa Kgatleng kwa Kgatleng West, gore “a o simolole o baakanye megoma, tshimo, o tshele terekere *petrol or diesel* gore o tle o leme?” Ke re, ema pele, temo e, ga e tshwane le ya dinawa le mabele. Ke temo e e kgethegileng, e e batlang tsamaiso e e rileng. Le fa molao o o sena go nna o feta, ke dumela gore go tlaa nna sebakanyana go santse go baakanngwa ditsamaiso. Lantlha go tlaa tlhomiwa lekoko, molao wa rialo. Lekoko le le tlaabong le tlhokometse gore setlhatshana se se bidiwang motokwane se, le lesika la one kana *cannabis*, ke motokwane.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Kana ke sethunya?

DR DOW: Setlhatshana se gore se tlaa lengwa jang, e bile tsamaiso e tlaa nna jang. Lantlha o itse gore go tlaa

nna fela jaaka go na le *quota* ya *licence* tsa go tsoma. Go na le *another quota* e ke neng ke e akantse ya ditlhabolo. Go tlaa tswa *quota* ka gore go tlaabo go lebilwe gore e se ka ya re kamoso, e bo e le gore Botswana otlhe o lema motokwane. Lekgotla le bo le palelwa ke go sireletsa *and inspect* sentle. Go tlaa simolola lantlha go na le *quota* tsa gore pele ga o ka nna le *licence* ya gore o reke peo kwa ntle kana *import*, o tshwanetse a bo o na le *licence*. Pele ga o tsenya mogoma mo tshimong, o tshwanetse a bo o na le *licence*. Pele ga o kotula, o tlhabolola mo gotweng *manufacturing*, o tshwanetse a bo o na le *licence*. Pele ga o rekisetsa kwa ntle, o tlhokana le *licence*. Pele ga ramatshelonyana a katakata ka koloi ya gagwe, *reversing* mo tshimong ya motho a laisa dikgetsi tsa motokwane a ya go o rekisa, o tshwanetse a bo o na le *licence* ya *transportation*. Ke gore sengwe le sengwe; o rekisetsa o mongwe wa *next door*, o tshwanetse o bo o na le *licence*. Go supafala gore go na le *licences* tse di ntsintsi tse di tlaa tlhokafalang pele ga o ka simolola go lema motokwane gore kamoso o tshetse bongwanake. Ke gokolole gone foo o se ka wa matha, wa re motokwane o buletswa gompiano. Ke tshimololo ya molao. Molao o santse o tlaa nna le lekoko le ditsamaiso. Go bo go supiwa gore o tlaa lengwa kae, jang, e bile go tsewa *licence* tse kae tse di tlaa ntshiwang. Gone foo, ke gone o tlaa simololang o tsena o re o utlwile gotwe go na le *licence* tse pedi kwa Mochudi. Ga ke itse gore di tlaa abiwa kae. O bo o taboga fela jaaka gotwe go na le *licence* tsa dipholologo le ditlhabolo. Gotwe gompiano *quota* ke 500 kana 200, o bo o tsena mo leraleng. Ke tlhalose gore re se ka ya re gompiano fa pula e na, jaaka o ne o bua maloba wena yo o neng o botsa potso, o bo o ithaya o re o utlwile gotwe go na le peo kwa Morocco. O utlwile mongwe a re o ya Morocco, mma a go tlele ka kgetsi ya peo, ga go tsamae jalo. Go e tsenya fela mo lefatsheng le, o tshwanetse o bo o na le *licence* ya *to import and export*.

Ke tswa mo go yo o neng a botsa maloba, ke bua le wena Mr Speaker le *Honourable Minister*, o akanyetse go baakanya *Clause 35.2, Clause 55.1* le *Clause 60.1*. Ke lemoga gore motokwane gompiano ga re o dirise *for recreational use, which is fine*. Wena yo o kwa Mochudi, ke raya gore ga re o o je, batho ba bangwe ba o o ja, ba o peipa. Go na le mafatshe a mangwe a a o jang. Fa re lebile gore re ka dira eng ka one, *if I may quote that language* e ke e buang, *it appears* gone fa mo *sections* tse ka boraro jwa tsone, e bua gore, *may I quote Mr Speaker...*

MR SPEAKER: Please do.

DR DOW: *Clause 35.2, “a person who intends to cultivate, manufacture, produce, store, distribute, import and export cannabis for medicinal, scientific, research or industrial purposes shall apply.”* Ke kopa gore gone foo *honourable*, o akanye gore fa o sena go nna o re *scientific, research or industrial*, a bo o re *or other lawful purposes*. Ke tlaa tlhalosa gore ke eng ke rialo. Ke gore o tlaabo o sa re o peipiwe mo gae, mme o tlaabo o sa kganele gore e re o lemilwe mo gae, fa e le gore kwa Canada o kgona go peipiwa kana go dirisiwa e seng fela *for industrial, medicinal*, o dirisiwa *for other purposes* go kgonagala gore o *export to those countries*. Fa o lebile lefatshe le tshwana le Morocco *for example; it is the largest producers of cannabis* mme ga ba o peipe bone gotlhelele. Ba o isa kwa Europe ba lebile melao. Ba o isa ka thulaganyo le ka melao ya teng gore fa o tsena, ba o *research* gore o siame. Fa o le kwa teng fa ba tsena ba a o ja, go siame, fa o le kwa teng ba a o *exhibit*, go siame. Re tlaabo re ipulela gore ka kwano *as long as the purpose is lawful*, re se ka ra e tswala fela ka *industrial*. Ke kopa o akanye gore *as long as the purpose for which you are growing it, importing but is lawful then* re tlogele re bule go senene gore re se ka ra tswalela. Fa o sena go nna o o lema, a bo go nna le *order* e e tswang kwa Canada, mme *that company* e le e leng gore fa e tsena kwa e a rekisa *for recreational*, o bo o re ga o ka ke wa isa kwa Canada ka gore kwano re rile *only for these purposes* tse e leng gore *they have been listed here*. Ke ne ke re gongwe fa re ka e atolosa jalo mme re sa o je mo gae, ba ba o o jang kwa ntle re ntle ba o o je.

Go na le gore *beside medicinal, side research, scientific, industrial*, gongwe mongwe o ka *import fela for show*. Motho a batla *to show* ditlhatshana tse di farologanyeng tse di tswang kaekae. *As long as the purpose is lawful, that is what I am trying to say* gore ke kope gore mo *sections* tse tharo tseo, re *expand* gore re tlaabo re sa senya sepe, re e ipha *market* o feteletseng.

La bofelo ke re betsho, jaaka *the last speaker* a ne a bua gone fa, le *Honourable Moswaane*, a re se ka ra tshosiwa ke lefoko ‘*motokwane*.’ Tota fela *all medicines come from some kind of former life, whether is a plant, poisonous plant, a plant that makes you happy*. Fa o sena go nna o e e ja, *or even sometime getting materials from animals so, tota fela the source of all medicines*

is something that lived once. A plant e e tshwanang le motokwane is just one of the many plants. Go tshwana fela o raya motho kamoso o re a se ka a lema tholwatholwane ka gore e a bolaya. Tota at the end of the day, it is quite possible gore mo tholwatholwaneng ka bo yone, go na le *something medicinal. It is quite possible* gore mo mogaung ka bo one, fa go ka tlhohlomisiwa go na le sengwe se se ka tsewang mo teng. *So, at the end of the day, it is a plant with purposes beyond just what people usually know e e leng* gore ke go itagisa le go itshegisa ka one. *It is a plant that has got many other uses. Let me congratulate you Minister for bringing this particular Bill.* Ke re, e tlaare ka nako ya go tlhophiwa, ke tlaa tlhophela le wena. *I thank you Mr Speaker.*

MR HIKUAMA: *Clarification.* Potso e ke batlang o e *clarify, it was an important point that has been raised by Honourable Ramaotwana*, mme le wena o ka e atolosa. O buile gore Botswana go sale go opelwa pina ya go kabakanya itsholelo, a mme fa o lebile go kabakanya itsholelo go itswa ke gore *we do not have goods or resources to diversify the economy or* ke dikakanyo tsa babusi ba ba leng teng? A re na le *shortage* ya *the material on the resources* tse re ka di dirisang go ka atolosa itsholelo e?

DR DOW: Ke a leboga...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Order! Mr Speaker, he is quoting out of context. *Ke ne ke rile re kabakanya* away from diamond, I did not say that is the only material.

MR SPEAKER: Nna fa fatshe, ga ke a go fa *floor*. Ga ke a go fa *floor*, jaanong gape ga o na *access*.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: A ntse a sa itse go bitsa motokwane ka leina jaana.

DR DOW: Ke dumalana le wena gore tota fela go kabakanya itsholelo, ke tlhaloganyo e re dumalanang le yone *and it is one of the many ideas and some are not even costly. This is not a very costly idea because at the end of the day, you are actually opening the market for new products.* Ke tsaya gore o ne a go akgola gore o dumalana le ene gore *we were actually blinded by our dependency on diamonds and did not think outside the box. So, this is an example of thinking outside the box and for that,* ke tsaya gore o ne a akgola Rre *Honourable Ramaotwana*. Ke dumalana le wena. *I thank you Mr Speaker.*

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Ramaotwana, you stood on a point of procedure or what?

MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES (MR RAMAOTWANA): I was saying I did not say that is the only thing to diversify, there are others, it is one of them.

MR SPEAKER: Oh, okay.

MR JACOBS (LOBATSE): *Ke a leboga* Mr Speaker. *Ke ne ke re Motlotlegi* Dr Dikoloti I support your Bill, No. 25 of 2025, definitely I am going to vote yes in this Bill.

Mr Speaker, I rise fully in support of this Cannabis Bill 2025, it is a forward-looking piece of legislation that reflects both our commitment to scientific progress and our responsibility to protect public health and safety. The Bill is not about uncontrolled use of cannabis, it is about well-regulated framework of the cultivation, manufacture, production, storage, distribution, import and export of cannabis for medicinal, scientific, research and industrial purposes only.

Through this law, we need to seek to transform a plant too long associated with illicit trade into a regulated asset of our economy, our health sector and our industrial innovation. Mr Speaker, this establishment of the national cannabis control authority will ensure that every licence, every cultivation, every field, every factory, every research laboratory (lab) operates under strict security measures and scientific oversight. This is not a free for all, it is a clear unforeseeable system that will align us with the single Convention on the Narcotic Drug 1961, bringing our domestic laws into harmony with global standards.

By passing this Bill, we open the door to medical benefits, allowing doctors and researchers to develop cannabis, base treatment for chronic pain, epilepsy, cancer care and other conditions where traditional medical has limits. By passing this Bill also, research opportunities empowering our universities and laboratories to study cannabis for medical and industrial usage.

Usage and breakthroughs; Positioning our country in an original leader in a plant based pharmaceutical, economic growth, creating regulated industries from cultivation to processing, thereby generating employment,

export revenue and new streams of taxation without compromising public safety, Mr Speaker.

Industrial innovation Mr Speaker, supporting the production of hemp-based textiles, biodegradables, plastics, building materials and other eco-friendly products.

Mr Speaker, concerns about abuse and misuse are valued, and this is precisely why the Bill imbeds tight security measures, robust monitoring systems and strong penalties for any deviation from licensed purposes. This is not deregulation, this is controlled accountable development my fellow Members of Parliament (MPs).

We stand at a point where responsible governance means embracing scientific while safeguarding society. Passing the Cannabis Bill 2025 will demonstrate that we are capable of striking that balance, unlocking medical and economic benefits without opening the door to harm.

Mr Speaker, I therefore urge Honourable Members to support this Bill in its entirety for the health of our people, the growth of our economy and the advancement of our nation in the global arena. Mr Speaker, *rona batho ba* Lobatse we support this Bill, we feel that it is going to create and open up a lot of doors for employment. *Motlotlegi* Dr Dikoloti, *re na le wena. Ke a leboga* Mr Speaker.

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

MR MOSANANA (KANYE EAST): *Thank you Mr Speaker.* Ke leboge *Honourable* Dr Dikoloti ka Molao-kakanyetso o a o re beileng pele o wa *cannabis*. *Minister*, ke go leboga thata ka gore tota *this Bill is long-long overdue*. Dilo tse ke dilo dingwe tse re ka bong re setse re le kgakala fa e ne e rile kwa tshimologong fela mo dingwageng tse di fa morago ba ba neng ba le teng ba nna le tebelopele, ba lemoga gore dilo tse ke dilo dingwe tse di ka re isang golo gongwe kgakala.

Ke tlaa kopa gore go ye go nna le *experimental section* ya *cannabis* fa Mochudi fela fa e seng kgakala le rona kwano. Ga ke bue ka lepe, ke buelela ka gore maloba fa *Mother of the House* o ne a re beile mogopolo o montle thata, molao o montle o re neng ra o atla gore kgaolo e ya bone ya Mochudi ka e gaufi, go ye go simololwa *project* ya merogo le maungo mo go tseneletseng kwa go yone. Jaanong ke re ke ba okeletse le ka...

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

MR MOSANANA: Nnyaa, ga ke batle gore motokwane, ke batla gore *cannabis*.

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

MR MOSANANA: Nnyaa, ga re itse.

Mr Speaker, ke a leboga ka gore Molao-kakanyetso o o bolela tsotlhe tse tota di leng botlhokwa. Ke rata fa e leng gore molao o o tlaabo o re bana ba ba *under 18* ba se ka ba kopana gope le setlhatshana se ka jaana golo gongwe ba ka iphitlhela ba se dirisitse ka fa go sa tshwanelang ka teng, *so go nne le that restriction*. Ke dumalana le gone ka gore le gompiano le bojalwa jo e leng gore bo a rekisiwa fela, go a kwalwa le mo dithining tsa teng le mo mabotlolong gore *strictly not allowed* gore di ka rekisediwa ba ba *under 18 years*. Ka jalo, ke dumalana le wena *Minister* gore go nne fela jalo.

This is a step in the right direction ka gore e ya gore thamela ditiro, ditiro tse di ntsi di ya go bonala, re lese *to depend* kwa ntle, ka ntata ya *this cannabis* gore re bo re simolola go e lema mono re e dirisa ka fa go tshwanetseng ka teng.

Kana re fano re le lefatshe re sena madi, mme kana go raya gore re bone maano a gore re ka dira jang madi, mme lengwe leano ke lone le la *cannabis Honourable Minister*. Re fa re palelwa ke go duela bana le badiri ba bo Ipelegeng le bo Village Development Committee (VDC), ke selelo fela kwa dikgaolong tsa rona kwa. Fa o re o tsena kwa, ba go goga ka dibaki ba re rra le re duela leng. Jaanong re tswe mo go ikaegeng fela ka diteemane, re bone matswelo a mangwe a a ka re thusang gore re kgone go dira madi re ikgolole.

Ke a tshepha e bile ke a dumela gore fa batho ba ka rutwa sentle ka *this cannabis*, ba rutiwa ba sa itsapelwe ba tlaa dira se se tshwanetseng *Mr Minister*. Ka e bile go na le *hemp* e e tlaabong go dirwa diaparao, melemo le dilo tse dintantsi fela tse di ka tsenyetsang lefatshe la rona madi. Kana re na le Botswana Vaccine Institute (BVI) mono mo Gaborone e e leng gore ga re tlhoke gore re tlhole re ntse re ya go dira *tests* gope. Re na le *laboratories* tse re ka dirang mo go tsone mono ra bona gore re tswelela pele le botshelo jwa rona re sa tshwenye ope.

Ke a rata Tona ka gore o molao o o tlaabo o gagametse wa go laola *this cannabis* go sa itirelelwe fela, mongwe le mongwe a sa itemele fela jaaka fa a batla. Mo ke gone mo go tlaa re thusang thata ka gore e tlaabo e laolesega gore e lemiwa ke mang, e rekisiwa ke mang, kae *and so on and so on*.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR MOTSAMAI): *Clarification Mr Speaker*. Ke a go leboga *Mr Speaker*. Mma ke go leboga ka bonako rraetsho. O ntshedimosetse fa gore a ga o bone pego e Tona a e re beileng pele, e re e toutang gompiano e, e le nngwe e e supang tsela totatota ka maitlamo le maikemisetso a Puso ya UDC a e ne e a kwadile le mo mekwalong? Ga o bone kgang ya gore maitlamo a rona re a boetse morago re ne re tsietsa Batswana e le kgang fela ya dipaka e sena boammaaruri? Ke a leboga.

MR MOSANANA: *Thank you Honourable Motsamai*. Seo ke boammaaruri. Kana e rile fa go iwa ditlhophong ka *October*, ra bo re ne re beile Batswana maitlamo pele gore re ya go ba direla eng. Jaanong re fano ka re fitlhetse sepatšhe se le makgwakgwa go bo go raya gore ga re kgone se re neng re se ikanetse, mme e se ka go rata ga rona ka gore re batho ba re nang le boammaaruri le kelotlhoko fa go tla kwa go solofetseng batho. Ra bona go tshwanela gore mme bogolo batsadi ba rona re ba buledise re ba boele golo gongwenyana le fa go ne go sa lekana, mme ra ba direla jalo go supa gore tota re na le boammaaruri le maikaelelo a gore e re go ya pele re tlaa nna re baakanya. Ba ne ba se ka ba re felela pelo batsadi ba rona ka ke batho ba ba tlhologanyang. Ba itumela thata, ba letsa megolokwane. Le jaana re ntse re a ba solofetsa ra re bagaetsho a re se ka ra iteega tsebe ka kgang e, kana sengwe le sengwe mo botshelong fela fa se sa dirisiwe ka kelelo le dijo tota tsa kwa lelwapeng fa o ka di ja phetelela kana wa ja nama phetelela, nama fela ya kgomo, kamoso o tlaabo gongwe o kokobitla e le gore *gout* e go tlhagaladitse. Ba bantsi ba ba e dirisang phetelela, mme ditlamorago tsa yone e bo e sa nne tsone.

Bagaetsho kana tota fela gone re ikemiseditse. Metlhale e mentsi ya gore *diversification* re leba kae. *Diversification* ya rona e teng, maitlamo a rona a teng re a kwadile, mme e bile re a leka gore re a diragatse re sa boele kwa morago. Jaanong mathata ke gore madi ga a yo. Ke a rata ka fa Tona wa *Finance* a tshwereng ka

teng. Kana bagaetsho go tlhola re ntse re adima madi ga se selo se se monate. Kana fa re adima madi jalo, re tshwanetse gore re bo re itse gore re ikaegile ka eng. E se ka ya re kamoso re bo re iphitlhela e le gore re palelwa ke go duela batho ba re adimileng madi mo go bone.

Ke ne ke utlwa ba bangwe ba re lepotlapotla ke la eng? Ke eng fa dilo tsa rona tsotlhe tse di tsenang, melao e yotlhe e tla ka *speed*? Nnyaa, ga go a tshwanela gore go nne jalo. Le lona le a itse gone gompieno jaana re palelwa le ke go neelwa madi a Constituency Community Projects (CCP), *constituencies* tsa lona madi ao di a a batla, le lona le a batla, le a batla mo go rona, mme fa re re adima madi ka bonako le e baya gore lepotlapotla ke la eng, re nna fela re le mo lebelong... (*Interruptions*)... Ke a go boleta.

MR SPEAKER: E go tshwere.

MR KAIZER (SELEBI PHIKWE WEST): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. *My submission is going to be very short, precisely because* re setse re kile ra *debate policy* e e itebagantseng le motokwane. Jaanong mme fela se ke batlang go se bua *Mr Speaker*, ke gore *any policy or Bill* e e tlang mo Palamenteng, e e kgaphelang Batswana kwa ntle kana e lebega ditsamaiso tsa yone di le boketsana di ka se ke di kgonwe ke Motswana mongwe le mongwe ga se *policy* kana *Bill* e nna ke ka dumalanang le yone. *These exclusionary or unfavourable terms* tse di tlang le tsamaiso e ya setlhatshana se se baya Batswana ka fa mosing. *If I remember very well during my debate*, ke ne ka bua ka *the means of production* gore kana *Bill* e e baya Batswana ka fa mosing mo e leng gore ga ba ka ke ba iphitlhela ba tsene ka dipalo tse dintsi mo go ungwelweng ke kgwebo ya motokwane. Jaanong ka tsela e e ntseng jalo ga se *Bill* e ke ka dumalanang le yone fa e le gore Batswana kana *ordinary* Batswana ba ka se ke ba kgone go tsena ka dipalo tse di kwa godimo *so that they take control or they have a significant share in the market* ya setlhatshana se. Jaanong ke sone fela se ke neng ke se emelela...

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM (MR MMOLOTSI): *Clarification Mr Speaker*. Ke a leboga. Akere mme o utlwile gore mo mafelong a setlhare se se tlaabong se letlelesega gore se lemiwe kwa go one, ba ba mo tikologong ya mafelo ao, gore go tle go kgone gore go nne le *cultivation* e ntsi ba tlaabo

le bone ba tsentswe mo teng? A o utlwaletse kgang eo? Golo mo *is a high security crop* e e leng gore ga o batle gore kgantele a bo fa e le gore se tsene mo *level* e nngwe, mongwe le mongwe a bo a ka felela gongwe a dule mo tseleng ka go se dirisa ka tsela e e sa siamang. A ga o lemoge gore se tshwanelwa ke gore se nne le tshireletsego e e rileng e e ka dirang gore jaanong se dirisiwe *for the purpose for which it is being cultivated for*? A dilo tse mokaulengwe ga o di lemoge? Kana ke setlhare se se lemelwang go tsholetsa itsholelo. Fa o se bapisa le diteemane akere o a lemoga gore diteemane le tsone di na le seemo sa tshireletsego ya tsone ka lebaka la *economic value* ya tsone? O farologanya *economic value* ya dilo tse ka tsela e e ntseng jang?

MR KAIZER: Ke a leboga *Honourable Minister*. Ke a bona gore ke eng o le Tona ya Diphologolo le Naga. Ke dumalana le wena, e bile ke a lemoga se o buang ka sone. Jaanong kana nna fa o ka lebelela puo ya me ke gore tsela ya go tsena mo kgwebong e e tshesane. Ke gone fa mathata a me a leng teng gone fa gore ga se Motswana mongwe le mongwe yo o ka tsamayang mo go yone tsela e, yo o ka tsenang ka lebatlone le. *Despite* gore gongwe *it is high value income market*, *problem* ke gore ba kae Batswana ba ba yang go tsena ka lebatlone le?

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE (MR ATAMELANG): *Clarification*. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. *Honourable*, ke ne ke kopa go botsa gore *because the value chain potential* ya *this plant, cannabis sativa*, o batla go nthaya o re Rre Zero Lorato kwa Letlhakane a ka se ke a *produce bags for example*? *This thing* fa re bua ka *diversification* ya *economy*, a o batla go nthaya o re Motswana ga a ka ke a nna le tshono ya *to participate in the value chain, not just cultivation, but...*

MR KAIZER: I withdraw the floor Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: ... (Laughter!) ...

MR KAIZER: Nnyaa, kana ene o bua ka se nna ke sa bueng ka sone. Ke bua ka tsela ya go tsena mo kgwebong, ene o bua ka se sele.

MR MONAGENG: *Clarification*. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke a leboga Mopalamente gore o bo o mphile tshononyana e. Ke ne ke re kana jaaka go ntse go tlhalosiwa, re na le diteemane tse di epiwang mo Botswana mme e le gore ga se gore mongwe le mongwe

o ka tsamaya fela a ya go ikepela diteemane, mme *value chain* e a buang ka yone, re le bantsi re felela re *benefit*. Le yone e fa e dirwa *countrywide*, e dirwa ke Goromente, e dirwa ke maphata a a tshwanetseng le batho ba ba tlaabong ba neetswe tshono ya go dira jalo, re ya go felela re *benefit* ka *value chain*. Tanki *Mr Speaker*:

MR KAIZER: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. *I could have withdrawn the floor* ka gore o ne a sa bue ka se ke buang ka sone. Kana ke rile *in terms of* go tlhaloganya gore mme *the value* ya kgwebo e ke eng, ke rile ke a tlhaloganya, jaanong lona le batla go mpoetsa ka gone kwa ke rileng ke tlhaloganya teng. Kgang ya me e ne e le gore ke ba ba kae ba ba ka tsenang, *that is where I am*.

ACTING MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE (DR DIKOLOTI): *Clarification.*

Ke a go leboga Motlotlegi Kaizer. Ke lebohe le ka fa o buang ka mmila o mosesane o ka teng, mme ke ne ke re fa o le mo mmileng o mosesane o, o leke go o bula, o o bulela Batswana ba Mmadinare, go bapa le kgaolo e o emetseng, ka fa e leng gore *their contribution in terms of land has been to the citrus project* le gore jaanong mo go atologeng ga mmila o, ba feletse ba boelwa go le kana ka eng ba sa fufula. Golo moo o go tshwantshanye le ka fa ke neng ke bua ka teng gore *some of our proposals are for Batswana to have their land as equity to be part of this industry*. O se ka wa ya kgakala thata, o ye fa Mmadinare o supe gore koporase e e humileng mo lefatsheng le la Botswana go feta, ke koporase ya Mmadinare e e leng gore e tsene *into partnership with* batho bone ba *citrus* bao.

MR AARON: *Clarification.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ga ke itse gore a se o se buang fa o gatelela kgang ya gore a dilo tse di se nne thata, melao e se nne thata gore Batswana ba se ba ka kgona go *participate*, a o bona go tshwana le kgang ya *Development Model*, e re neng re sa tswa go botsa fa gore ke Batswana ba le kae, mme re itse gore ditshetla tse di neng di beilwe di ne tsa paledisa Batswana gore ba tsene mo go yone? A ke sone se o lekang go se tlhagisa?

MR KAIZER: Ke a leboga bakaulengwe. *Honourable Aaron*, o e tswere sentle. Kgang e o e buang eo, ke yone kgang e ke e tshwereng, tsotlhe di a tshwana.

Jaanong ya ga *Honourable Dikoloti*, kana mo bekeng e e fetileng, re ne re le gone fa re le ba Congress Party re

tlisitse *Motion* o o buang ka go leka go ka fetola melao *so that* temo ya setlhatshana se, e tle e tlhofofadiwe, *because* kana ga o ka ke wa ya go se lema o sena lefatshe, mme e bile le lone lefatshe le o nang le lone leo, o tshwanetse gore o ye go tshentsha *land use*. Go na le melao e mentsintsi e e leng gore e santse e tlile go kgopakgopetsa gore temo e re e bone e nna teng. Fela fa re sena go nna re fetola melao, ke gone jaanong re tlaa bonang gongwe go nna botoka. Kana le nna fela gompiano, ga ke dumele gore ke ka kgona mo *business* e ya go lema motokwane. Jaanong o ka ipotsa ka Motswana yo o kwa Manxotai le kwa Sekondomboro gore a mme ene o tlaa kgona *with all these policies in front of them*. Ke a leboga.

ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT (MS MOPHUTING): *Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Mma ke tseye nako e go dumedisa* all the Honourable Members *le Batswana kwa gae, segolobogolo ba kgaolo e e faphegileng ya Gaborone Bonnington North.*

Mr Speaker, *ke emafa* in full support of the Cannabis Bill, 2025. There is no question that this would be a landmark piece of legislation that speaks to Botswana's boldness in embracing new industries while safeguarding our communities.

Mr Speaker, *e rile Tautona* a announce *mo* State of the Nation Address (SONA) last November, the intention to introduce the cultivation and licit use of medicinal cannabis and industrial hemp, it was not a whimsical idea, it was a call for action for us to think beyond diamonds as we can currently see *gore* contrary to popular belief, diamonds are not forever. Beyond traditional industries as well and obviously to explore sustainable avenues for economic growth *le* diversification, Bill *e*, it is the legislative backbone of that very vision. Mr Speaker, the Cannabis Bill is not and I highlight, it is not about recreational use. It is well regulated and strictly controlled *jaaka re utlwile Tona Ramaotwana*; medicinal and industrial purposes. It creates a comprehensive regulatory framework, establishing the National Cannabis Control Authority to licence, inspect and ensure the highest standards in cultivation, manufacturing, storage *le* distribution.

Re le Puso Mr Speaker, *re dumela* *gore* Bill *e*, it will open the door for investment, job creation and skills

development in a value chain that spans from agriculture to manufacturing *le* export *jaaka* Mother of the House *a ne a bua, jalojalo*. It positions Botswana to participate competitively in a multi-billion Dollar global market for medicinal and industrial hemp products.

Mr Speaker, in supporting this Bill, I also want to speak to the realities that we see every day in our offices *le kwa dikgaolong tsa rona*.

We see daily, we meet young graduates struggling to find work, farmers looking for viable cash crops and entrepreneurs searching for industries where they can compete without being swallowed by large corporations. Bill *e*, has the potential to be that opportunity, provided we design licensing and quota systems *ka tselo e e leng gore e* inclusive Mr Speaker.

Yes, *ke dumalana le wena* Honourable Kaizer, *le nna* I debate *ka motokwane*. The cannabis industry Honourable Kaizer in abstentia, is very capital intense and it should not be dominated by a handful of large companies because that would defeat the very purpose of economic diversification *e re e buang*.

We must ensure that the licensing framework is transparent, accessible and offers pathways for the citizens to participate especially for our youth *le* Small, Micro and Medium Enterprises (SMMEs). Every young farmer we empower through this industry is a breadwinner saved from unemployment. Every small processor we support, is a future exporter in the making.

Mr Speaker, the Bill's emphasis *mo* quality controlling, laboratory testing and security measures ensures that Botswana's reputation will rest *mo* safety, compliance and international best practices. Its prohibition of sales to minors and strict record keeping requirements, close the door for misuse and protect our economy.

Mr Speaker, this will be another 2019 UDC Manifesto *mo* page 48 delivered through passing this Bill and the emphasis is centred on the fact that this has been one of our flagship programmes.

A re fetise Bill *e* with purpose, knowing that we are laying the foundation for an industry that if managed inclusively and responsibly, could change the economic story of our nation Mr Speaker.

MR MONAGENG: *On a point of elucidation*. O e tshwere sentle thatathata Tona. Ka mafatshe ka bontsi jaanong ba lema setlhatshana se re buang ka sone, a ga go tloge kwano batho ba lema ka go iphitlha, Goromente fa a bula a bo a baya ka fa molaong, go tlaa dirisiwa sentle ka fa molaong? Bo molemo le bosula jwa one, o bona mo go leng kwa godimo e le go fe? Tanki *Mr Speaker*.

MS MOPHUTING: Ke a leboga *honourable*. *That is a very good point and I am glad you raised it*. Re a itse *honourable* gore in every society there are rogues, no matter how much re leka to regulate, go sireletsa, go na le ba molao ba ba netefatsang gore dilo di tsamaya sentle. Ga re kgone go tshaba go fetisa Bill e e ntseng jaana kana to introduce new innovative ways of making money for this country and for our people simply because re tshaba *misuse*. Nna fa ke e lebeletse *honourable*, there are more benefits for the country and for Batswana than disadvantages. Legale re tlaa tswelala fela re ntse re gata mmogo re gakololana. Ba molao ba teng, *we are going to journey together until we get to the promise land, whatever that looks like*.

Fa ke ya kwa bokhutlong, Bill e Mothusa Tona Honourable Dikoloti is forward looking and has got huge potential to create jobs, to attract investment and build skills but it also puts the right safeguard in place to prevent abuse. It is both an economic instrument and a public protection measure. Re ntse re bereka fela sentle behind the scenes, re baakanya go tla before this House go dira presentations tse. Ke a leboga for the hard work that you continue to put towards this. Ke a support e bile ke sa boele morago. Thank you so much Mr Speaker.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INNOVATION (MR NTLHAILE): Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke a le dumedisa Batlotlegi Mapalamente.

Honourable Speaker, I rise to lend my unequivocal support to the Cannabis Bill, 2025 ka gore molao o o tla ka nako e e maleba, mme e bile maikaelelo a one a papametse. Dipelo tsa Molao-kakanyetso di sireletsegile, di sekasekilwe ka manonthlotlo a magolo, mme e bile gape e tlile go fetola matshelo a Batswana ka ditsela tse di gagamatsang.

Santlha mme re tlhatswe dilo dingwe; *this Bill does not legalise recreational cannabis, it does not promote indiscriminate use.* Ga se gore go ya go bulelwa gore jaanong go bo go itirelelwa. *It provides a legally enforceable framework for the cultivation, manufacture, processing, storage, distribution, import and export of cannabis exclusively for medicinal, scientific, research and industrial purposes.*

It is very important gore dinako tsotlhe, *the component* ya research e nne *very clear.* Ga go ye go lemiwa fela go se na tshekatsheko e e tletseng mabapi le bokgoni le maduo a a tlang bong a tswa mo setlhatshaneng sa *cannabis.*

It establishes a National Cannabis Control Authority; Tona o setse a tlhalositse mo Molao- kakanyetsong o gore maikaelelo ke gore sone se se diragale ka Molao- kakanyetso o, go botlhokwa gore go nne le *a control authority, the very institution required by Articles 23 and 28 of the single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961 to which Botswana is a signatory. That authority will be the guardian of compliance, the watchman against diversion and the channel for reporting to the International Narcotics Control Board.*

Ke eng fa Molao-kakanyetso o tla ka nako e *Mr Speaker? Honourable Members,* gakologelwang gore ka *April* mo go one ngwaga o, Ntlo e e ne ya tlhomamisa ya ba ya baya monwana *the Policy on the Licit Use of Cannabis. By that we signalled them that we recognise the controlled lawful use of cannabis for health and industry as a legitimate part of Botswana's diversification journey. Policy cannot issue a single licence. Policy fela ka bo yone le fa re e dirile e le foo ga e ka ke ya dira sepe, it cannot inspect a single field* jaaka gompiano re na le masimo kwa Gaborone North kwa re batlang go ya go lema *cannabis* teng.

It cannot prosecute a single offence, it is only an Act of Parliament that can give life to those powers *tsa* policy. This Bill is the bridge from policy promise to practical implementation. *Re bo re lebelela* gore, social economic benefits *tsa* gore mme Batswana *ba ya go ungwelwa jang, re a go roba eng re le lefatshe la* Botswana. Molao-kakanyetso o o botlhokwa mo matshelong a batho ba Gaborone North, Tsholofelo, Marang, Kgaphamadi le Phakalane. *Botlhe fa ba leba ba reeditse ka Molao-kakanyetso o ba bona a crop e e botlhokwa.*

Cultivation under good agricultural and collection practices will require agronomies *kwa* Gaborone North. Remember *lona ba* Botswana University of Agriculture and Natural Resources (BUAN) *ka koo, baakanyang tsotlhe tse di tlhokegang. Banana ba teng kwa* Gaborone North, farm workers, irrigation technicians and harvest groups. Processing under good manufacturing practice will create laboratory jobs, *ga se mo go fulwang fela rraetshe go bo go itirelelwa ka koo. Re ya to create ditiro tse e leng gore ba* Gaborone North, Bill e *tshwana le e,* an initiative, a policy *e re setseng re e fetisitse mo Palamenteng ba e emetse ka matlho a mahibidu.* Quality control positions secure logistics work and pharmaceutical production roles. *Re bo re tsena kwa* export earnings, countries like Lesotho and Zimbabwe *re baya e le sekai* are already exporting to regulated markets in Europe and Israel. With Botswana's reputation for the rule of law we can compete, but only if our law meets the same international standards.

Ke bo ke tsena kwa go reng re a lemoga Motlotlegi Tona gore go na le risks, *re a dumalana. Ke re batlotlegi,* every opportunity carries risks but this Bill anticipates them. How? Obviously *go ka nna le ba ba batlang go tswaledisa thekiso ya setlhatshana se re tlaabong re se lema,* processing *mo ga rona* through a seed to say, tracking system, licensed bonded transporters and export only against verified foreign import permits. *Go raya gore ke mangwe a mananeo a re tlaabong re a dirile go laola gore re setse re lemogile gore go ka nna le ba ba fetisang ka* back doors. Risks *tse dingwe ke tsa* public health and youth safety, *tsone tseo* are protected by strict prohibitions on recreational use, penalties for advertising to minors, impaired driving provisions and school zone restrictions. *Dilo tse tsotlhe Tona o di sekasekile, mme e bile o na le maikaelelo a a tsepameng gore le budget ngwaga o o tlang fa e tla re tlhomamisa gore re neela Tona madi a a lekaneng gore go nne le bapalesego e e builweng.* Equity of...*ke araba potso ya ga* Honourable Kaizer, *gore* equity of participation is safeguarded by *teared* licensing. Remember *gore* policy *ya rona* Mr Speaker *e bua ka* licence categories *gore go ya go nna le* licences *tsa* cultivation for medicinal industrial transportation, processing and manufacturing, therapeutic dispensing, research and development, laboratory testing, import and export operations. These are all the licensing categories *tse go supang gore*

Batswana ba tlaa kgona go tseba ba le bantsi thata ka gore go na le dikarolo tse di farologanyeng, mehama e mentsi e e tlaabong e tswa mo go yone thulaganyo e ya cannabis, contrary to what the Honourable Member said earlier. Honourable Members, to delay is to forfeit first mover advantage in a growing market...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR NTLHAILE: Nako, nako, *comrade*.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Nako e a tšhaya Shaun.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Laughter!)

MR NTLHAILE: ...Lesotho...(inaudible)... in 2017, Zimbabwe followed in 2018. Zambia has already designated this...

MR SPEAKER: Freeze the clock. Honourable Lesedi ga go dirwe jalo. Tswelela Honourable Ntlhaile.

MR NTLHAILE: If Botswana waits, we risk importing finished products that we could produce here. We risk letting foreign markets mature earlier while our farmers, scientists and entrepreneurs watch from the sideline.

In conclusion, Honourable Speaker, before I even conclude, the National Cannabis Control Authority will not operate in the shadows, it will publish licensing, statistics, inspection outcomes and decision diversion, incident report, it will table annual reports in this House, it will be subject to our scrutiny, the very essence of Parliamentary oversight.

In conclusion Honourable Speaker, this Bill is not a gateway to social harm, it is a gateway to economic opportunity, medical innovation and industrial diversification. All under the firm hand of the law, it keeps faith in our international obligations...

MR SPEAKER: *E go tshwere* Honourable Member. Hang on Honourable Members...

...Silence...

MR SPEAKER: *Ke ne ke santse ke ngunanguna.* I understand that the Leader of the House has a procedural Motion to move.

BUSINESS MOTION

LEADER OF THE HOUSE (MR MOHWASA): Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ka fa go lebegang ka teng Mapalamente ba santse ba na le dikgang tse dintsi mo go bone jaaka o bona ba ntse ba go emetse ka dinao jaana. Re ne re re gongwe re dirise Standing Order 27.1 B re oketse nako gore re tswale ka *seven o'clock*.

Question put and agreed to.

MR SPEAKER: Order! Honourable Members, as you might be aware, I have been sitting for four hours now. So, I shall invoke Standing Order 26.2 gore *ke ithapholole maoto fela* for 10 minutes. 6 o'clock we are back here, let us adjourn.

PROCEEDINGS SUSPENDED AT 5:50 P.M. FOR APPROXIMATELY 10 MINUTES

PROCEEDINGS RESUMED AT 6:00 P.M.

MR SPEAKER: Let us be seated. The floor is open, Honourable Jeremiah Jerry Frenzel.

MR FRENZEL (SHASHE WEST): Ke a leboga *Honorable Speaker*. Tlaa ke tseye sebaka se ke leboge nako e o e mphileng, gore le nna ke latlhele mo *Bill e Minister* a neng a sa tswa go re e baya pele. Sengwe sa dilo tse ke di itseng ka *cannabis sativa*; ga ke batle gore ke re motokwane, ka gore batho bangwe ba ka leba ka nngwe tsela.

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

MR FRENZEL: A ke one kana ga se one, foo ke teng fa ke sa itseng teng. Fa ke ya go lebelela *history books*, di mpolelela gore bangwe ba ne ba lema motokwane o gompieno re ka o bitsang ka fa re ratang go o bitsa ka teng, golo gongwe kwa lefelong lengwe gatwe Paje. O ne o bidiwa mbanje, lefelo leo le bo le felela le bidiwa Paje.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Laughter!)

MR FRENZEL: Kwa nokeng ya Boteti kwa motseng o gotweng Mopipi, nako e neng noka ya Boteti e tshela metsi a santse a goroga mo Mopipi, gone mo thoteng ele setlhare se se ne se lemiwa. Ka nako tseo ba ne ba lema jalo, go se ka fa molaong.

Fa ke lebelela gompiano ka fa *Minister* a neng a re begela ka teng ke bo ke lebelela ka fa seemo sa *economy* ya lefatshe la rona se ntseng ka teng, segolobogolo letshwenyego la me le kwa dipateleng. Ke ne ke supa le kgantele ke re, *grader* e ka bo e le kwa kgaolong ya me, mme ka lebaka la *fuel* ga e kgone. Tsela e e sa bolong go ema ya Tonota-Mabesekwa go ya kwa A30, e palelwa ke go gopiwa ka lebaka la *fuel* fela. Fa ke re ke lebelela mo dipateleng, tlhale e e reng o sena go belega e bo e dira *stitches* le *medication* ka bo one, go na le letshwenyego le le tona. Maloba ka *Friday* re ne re le kwa Marina, re tswa go iponela ka matlho diemo tseo.

Jaanong fa Puso e ntšha, e re tlaa nna re ntse re a e tlaa nna e ntse e bua dilo tse, e fitlhetse go na le seemo sa lebaka la madi. Ga ke batle gore e re kamoso le nna, ke bo ke tsoga ke tsaya dithobane ke tla ke alola Puso e mo setilong, ke re le paletswe. Ke fa gore e tle e re fa gotwe Puso e paletswe, ke bo ke itse gore le nna ke fa, dilo tse tsotlhe ke di lebeletse. Mo nakong ya gompiano, *Bill* e *Minister* a re e beileng pele, ke ema fa ke dumalana le yone. Ke dumalana le yone ka mabaka a gore, seemo sa gompiano se ntlela totatota gore ke dumalane le yone. Ke dumalana le yone ka lebaka la gore, re a dumalana le mo Ntlong e. *Honourable* Moalosi ga a yo, maloba o ne a tla ka *Motion* o o supang gore o batla gore *cannabis sativa*, o ne a e bitsa *hemp*, e letlelelwe. Seo se nthaya se re, fa ke kopanya mogopolo o o tswang kwa go *Honourable* Moalosi le o o tswang kwa go *Honourable* Dikoloti, ke tshwanelwa ke gore ke dumalane le mogopolo o.

Mogopolo o, e rile fa *Minister* a re o baya pele, o buile mabaka a mantsi. Mangwe a mabaka a a re a beileng pele o ne a re, *this Bill does not include the use of cannabis for entertainment*. Ke nngwe ya dikgang tse e rileng a ntse a bua, ke bo ke di tlopolo. Kgang ke gore jaanong *if we legalise it*, go ya go diragala jang. O buile dikgang tse dintsi tse a di beileng pele tsa gore, kana mafatshe a re bapileng le one a a tshwanang le Eswatini, Zimbabwe kaekae, setlhare se se a letlelelwa. Go letlelelwa ga sone, ga se gore go tlaabo go raya gore jaanong go gogiwa ga sone go bo go ka nna mo mongwe le mongwe o ka gogang jaaka a batla. Nnyaa, ga go a nna jalo. Fa se yang go dirwa teng...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Elucidation.

MR FRENZEL: Ee, tlaa ke go neele.

DR DOW: *Point of elucidation.* Ke a leboga. Ke re gongwe ke tlaleletse fela jaaka o ntse o bua gore, jaaka fa re bua jaana kamoso go na le phuthego fa Polokwane fale e e biditsweng ke *High Commissioner* wa rona Mme Sanji Monageng, a tlile go bua ka kgang e. O phuthile bagwebi go tla go bua ka kgang e, go ba itsise gore kwa Botswana o kare go tlaa diragala eng. A o bona gore go raya gore molaetsa o ntse o a gola, le go fetsa re ise re fetse. Kamoso kwa Polokwane, fa o ka tsena mo nnetlaneng o tlaa bona jalo. Go raya gore tota re a utlwiwa le kwa ntle. Ke a leboga.

MR FRENZEL: Ke a leboga *Mother of the House*. Tota dikgang tse di bothokwa kana di tshwanetse gore di tsamaye. Jaaka ke tlhalosa setlhare se go tlaabo go sa reye gore se tlaabo se ka gogiwa ke mongwe le mongwe. *Honourable* Lekau a le fale, ke tlaa tsaya Lekau ka gore ke tsala ya me, mme ke itse gore ke motho yo o majato thata. Kana fa o se goga gatwe se dira gore o nne majato, mme sone e tlaabo e se ga mofuta oo.

Jaanong se Goromente o tlaabo a direla gore fa se tlaabong se lemiwa teng, se bo se ka isiwa kwa mafatsheng a sele ba ya go dira dilo dingwe tse bone e tlaa reng ba di dira, di bo gongwe e re di tla kwano di bo di tla e le dilo tse di setseng di fedile, e le *medication*, kana *hemp* e gongwe re a bong re e dirisa go rokelela mo dipompong, kana sengwe le sengwe se Tona a neng a se re baya pele.

Tona o re beile pele gore setlhare se se ka dirisiwa mo makalaneng a mantsi go dira *oil*, go dira *medication*. Mme wa *nurse* maabane wa kwa kgaolong ya me o letse a nthomelela a re a ke a itse gore go na le *hemp powder* e e rekisiwang mo Botswana. Le *medication* o o teng mo Botswana *which is imported*. Rona re bo re re ga re batle go dira dilo tseo, *we just want to order, yet* re ka ntsha dilo tseo, e bo e re kwa morago re bo re dira *industries* tse di ka dirang *medication* oo mo lefatsheng la rona. Jaanong dilo tsa go tshwana le tse, ga re a tshwanela gore re kgale Goromente ka sengwe le sengwe. Jaaka ke bua ke re re tshwanetse gore e re fa re ya go palelwa, le rona re bo re na le seabe mo teng. Dilo tsa go tshwana le tse, di ya go dira pharologanyo mo Batswaneng.

Tona o buile ka dikgang tsa gore go ya go nna le *licenses* tse gongwe di tlaabong di le dintsi tse di ka dirwang go tlhama ditiro. O buile ka bo *transportation, irrigation, distribution* le *cultivation* ka go farologana. Fa o di

ipaya pele, o tlaa bona gore go ya go tlhama mebereko e mentsi e e seng kana ka sepe.

Fa o lebeletse dikgang tse tsa go tsosolosa *economy* ya rona, tsa go tlhama mebereko, ke bo ke re ke ka tla ka ema fa ke re Puso ya letsatsi e re setlhare se se botlhokwa a re se lemeng, ke bo se kganelela kgakala ke re nnyaa a re se ka ra ba ra nna batsayakarolo. Kana ba bangwe ba tlaabo ba botsa ba re, e le gore le raya gore mongwe le mongwe a leme. Nnyaa, ga se ka ke sa lemiwa ke mongwe le mongwe, re tlaabo re raya gore mongwe le mongwe a goge jaaka a rata. Se ga se se se tlaabong se gogiwa, se gongwe se gogiwang, o tshwanelwa ke gore fela fa o bonwa bo o tsamaya gongwe o tshophile, o tshwanetse gore o tshwarwe, gakere o a bo o tshophile go se ka fa molaong. Jaanong se re bua ka dilo tse e tlaabong e le go tla go tlhabolola, le go fetola tebego ya ka fa lefatshe la rona le leng ka teng.

Ke ema fa tota *to support*, ke bo ke dumalana le Tona ka mabaka a otlhe. Ke lebeletse kgang ya gore ga re na eng mo nakong ya gompiano. Fa o sena madi, o tshwanetse o lebelele diphatlha tse tsotlhe gore gone mme o ka bula fa kae go tsenya letseno. Jaanong tse tsotlhe, ka lebaka la gore *medication* o, ke a o batla, e bile ke a itse gore re ntse re o *order* o na le *cannabis sativa* mo teng. Ke batla re tle re *produce*, re bo re tlhokomela. Ga ke batle gore go dire ba ba kgakala. Ke batla mongwe kwa kgaolong ya me, le ene a nne le seabe. Re se ka ra iphitlhela re neetse ba ba setseng ba le kwa godimo, re bo re tlogela ba bangwe. Tse tsotlhe Tona, ke batla o tle o di lebelele le rona boesemang fale le fale, *as long as* re dira se se tshwanetseng, re lebelelwe, le rona re tle re se leme. *I submit.*

MR LEKAU (MOGODITSHANE WEST): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*, go bo o tsentsa leitho ka kwano gore ba ba ntseng ba sa tle, o se ka wa ba bona ka bonako. *Mr Speaker*, ke ema fa le nna ke ema nokeng Tona Rre Dikoloti. Ke tlaa nna mokhutshwanyane fela. Ke tlaa bua gongwe ka fa tlase ga motsotso ka gore ke batla go supegetsa fela, ke tsenya sekole se se khutshwane kwa go ba ga rona. Golo mo ka fa Puso e go lebang ka teng, e go leba e le kgwebo. Kgwebo ya teng e simolola kwa tengnyanateng go fitlhelela e felela kwa Mogoditshane. Kwa tengnyanateng e simolola kwa *farm*.

Fa o tsaya sekai; banni ba metse e tshwana le ya Kgalagadi le Xhumo, fa motho a na le 6 by 6, mme a

se na *capacity* ya go lema tshimo eo a jesa Botswana, ke yone tshono ya go ka hirisetsa ba ba nang le maatla a go lema setlhatshana se. Ba se lemela gore se tle se ye go thusa Batswana. Mongwe yo o fetilweng thata jaaka ke eme jaana, ke *Honourable* Moalosi. Ke ne ke tsile go mo supegetsa gore maloba fa re bua ka setlhatshana se, a se tsisitse fa, re ne re bua ka *laboratory*. Fa Motlotlegi Kaizer a bua gore *industry* mmila wa teng o mosesane, go ya go tsena ba le kae, go ya go sala ba le kae. Ke bo ke re, lesego le lone ga le tlhakanelwe, go tshwana le thuto, e dingalo thata le fa le ka e anya golo go le *one*. Ke supa gore golo mo go raya gore mo *laboratory*, tsaya sekai; o ya go fitlhela e le gore fa gotwe setlhatshana seo se lengwa kwa Phikwe, *all participants* ba *council*, *licensing*, *transport*, ba eng, re ba tsenya fela *under one roof*. *Processes* tsa gore o ka tsaya *three, five days* gotwe o ikopela *licence* o ya kwa, o taboga, re batla gore ka Puso e ya UDC, dilo di nne motlhofo. O tsene fela jaaka kwa mafatsheng o batla *licence* ya gore, o itse gore a go ka kgonega kana nnyaa. Go ka kgonega gore e re o tswa fa o ye kwa go ba Citizen Entrepreneurial Development Agency (CEDA) o ba reye o re, o neetswe setlankana, jaanong o ya *to participate*. O tsisitse *truck*, e bile *it has been licensed* gore e ka ya go dira tiragalo e, *all participants in one room*. Setlhatshana se, ga re reye...

MR KAIZER: *Clarification.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Mokaulengwe, kgang ya me kgantele fa ke bua, e ne e le mo go *the capacity of individuals to meet the requirements of the Bill* kana *policy*. Kgang ya me e ne e le gone foo, e seng mo goreng ka re badirelapuso ba rile. E tlhatswe gone foo. Ke a leboga.

MR LEKAU: *Thank you very much. Going forward, on capacity building it would mean* gore re ya go simolola le kwa sekoleng kwa tlase gore re rute bana. Re se ka ra nna le bana fela gotwe ke ba *brigade*, ba aga ditena. Re nne le ba ba rutilweng ka setlhatshana se, le go se lema. *Honourable* Kaizer jaaka re itse a na le *factories* tse di ntsi kwa Phikwe, le ene ke mo kope a name a di beile pele.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure Mr Speaker.

MR LEKAU: A tle a di dirise gore di ye *to produce* ...

MR KAIZER: *Procedure.* *Mr Speaker*, ke kopa mokaulengwe *to confine himself to the debate*. Kgang e ya gore ke na le *factories* tse di ntsi, ke e utlwa ka ene, o ntshenya leina. Ke kopa a boele mafoko ao morago.

MR SPEAKER: O tshwanetse a bo a raya kgaolo.

MR KAIZER: Ee, a bue ka Phikwe, a se ka a re Kaizer o na le *factories* tse di ntsi. A bue gore Phikwe o na le *factories* tse di ntsi. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa, o go utlwile, ke belaela gore o bua Setswana.

MR LEKAU: Nnyaa, go raya gore ga re utlwane go tshwana. Ke ne ke raya gore kwa Selebi Phikwe go tletse *factories* tse di ntsi tse di sa dirisiweng. Ke ne ke leka go fokotsa mafoko mme motlotlegi ke raya jalo.

Golo fa re bua gore setlhatshana se, se botlhokwa. Gompiano mo Botswana go ole bolwetse jwa leebana, *epilepsy*. Ka fa bo oleng ka teng, ba re le kang go ba thusa ka setlhatshana se ka se kgona go alafa, ke moka o thusa batho jaaka ba ba kwa Dibete mme go sena *scientific qualification* mo *medicine* o. Setlhatshana se, se a thusa gore bana kana bagolo ba ba lwalang bolwetse jo, ba ka fiwa setlhatshana se *on medical ground*. Mo Botswana go setse go sa kgonwe. E dira gore go nne le tshono ya gore ba ba ithutelang bongaka jaaka bo *honourable* ba ke lebaganeng nabo, ba ke ba itseng ba ka kgona gore le bongaka jwa Setswana, setlhare se ba se tsenye mo tirisong. Fa o le kwa Tati, o itse gore o ka kgona gore o ye go tsaya setlhare se, o alafa bana ba ba mo Tati.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF TRADE AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (MR MATHOOTHE):

Elucidation. Tanki *Mr Speaker*. Ke ne ke re mokaulengwe, o e tshwere sentle bogolo jang fa a bua thata ka thuto. Fa o bua ka setlhare se, se le sesha mo lefatsheng la rona go se lema, go raya gore le kwa dikoleng tse di rutang ka tsa temothuo, golo gongwe e tshwanetse gore dithuto tseo di nne teng. Bana ba simolole ba ithute ba le kwa tlase go ya kwa godimo gore e tle e re mo dingwageng tse di tlang, ba bo ba kgona gore ba itshetse.

MR LEKAU: Ke a leboga mokaulengwe. Thuto ke selo se se botlhokwa ka gore e ka farologanya selo se se *fake* le se seng *fake* fa o lebile ka matlho. O rutegile, o nnile le lesedi. Golo mo go raya gore le rona re ya go tsenya thuto eo koo.

Mma ke tle gautshwane le Mogoditshane gore fa re re *industrial use*, o lebelele lefatshe la Mogoditshane gore fa ba sena go lema kwa Tati, Phikwe, Mmadinare,

ba tlaabo ba tsaya dilo tseo tsoatlhe ba di tsisa mo Mogoditshane. Mo Mogoditshane re tlaabo re dira a *high-level industry* e re tlhotlhang seretse se se neng se tswa kwa, go farologanya dijwalo tseo. Re dira dilo tse di tlhwaafetseng tse e tlaabong e le go tlhama ditiro. *This will be regularised, including cultivation, extraction, refining.* Ga re reye gore e tlaare fa *industries* tse di le mo Mogoditshane, koo o tlaabo o jewa fela. O ga se o o jewang, re raya *to refine and process*. Go nne le ba ba ka kgaogangwang ka ditiro.

Golo mo go ya go tsisa a *good revenue to Government and Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)*. Go raya gore *our tax collection*, e ya go nna teng. Re a go tlamega go bula *boarders* e seng ya Charles Hill fela, *24 hours*. Re ya go tlamega go ntsha Batswana mo *culture* ya gore ka 5:00 p.m. *industries* di a tswalwa. Re ya go iphitlhela e le gore ka letlhoko la *demand* ya golo mo, re tlamega gore *industries* tsa rona, di *operate* bosigo le motshegare *to meet this capacity*. Re ya go tlamega gore bangwe ba Mapalamente gongwe ba tlogele tiro ba ye kwa motokwaneng. Ba ye go lema motokwane. Re ya go tlamega gore re bone dikoporase. Re ya go tlamega gore re bone *Trusts* di tsoga. Re ya go bona bagodi ba tsaya temo ka tlhwaafalo. Mogolo a kgone go tlogela fa, kana a tlogele dipodi a lebagane le motokwane fela. Jaanong golo moo re go lebelele *in the positive*. *I so submit* gore rra ke go ema nokeng ka bongwefela jwa pelo. Ke a leboga.

MR BAGAISAMANG (SHOSHONG): Ke a go leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. La ntlha ke eme fa go supa fa ke ema Tona Motlotlegi Dr Dikoloti nokeng mo Molao-kakanyetsong o a o beileng Ntlo e pele. O jaaka ke ntse ke reeditse bakaulengwe mo dikakgelong tsa bone, go sena ope wa rona yo o supang a le kगतलhanong, e ne e le fela gore ba tle ba latlhele tlhware legonyana gore mme gone go ya pele go ka dirwa ka tsela e e ntseng jang.

Le nna jaaka motho yo o tswang kwa kgaolong e e nang le *potential* ya gore e ka nna nngwe ya tse di ka lebelelwang *for production purposes and establishment of industries*, ke bone go le botoka gore ke tle ke eme fa ka dinao ke tlatse Tona gore molao o o tle o fete mo Ntlong ya Palamente. Jaaka *Honourable* Ntlhaile a supa gore mo ngwageng o o fetileng Ntlo e e ne ya fetisa molao o o neng o bua ka *licit use*, gore jaanong

go simolole go nna le tiriso, jaanong rona re tla ka one molao *which ratifies* se se neng sa fetisiwa ke Ntlo e mo Palamenteng ya ngwaga o o fetileng.

Ke supa jaana Tona ke go tlatsa gore rra ke na le *an institution* e e nang le lefatshe le le seng kan aka sepe, Shoshong Brigade kwa Shoshong. Ke na le keletso ya gore jaaka le bua ka go ya go dira *large production centre*, ke na le lefatshe kwa Shoshong, *institution* ele re ka ya go tlhodumela mo go yone, ra ya go dira temo ya *cannabis sativa* kwa. Ke na le lefatshe le le seng kana ka sepe le le nang le metsi, le e leng gore go ka ya go nna le thulaganyo yone e e ntseng jaana, le madirelo fela a e leng gore a ka fetlha mebereko.

Ke lebogele lephata la gago rraetsho gore *is living a vision*, go tsamaelana le se re neng re se bua re le Puso ya Umbrella for UDC fa re ipapatsa gore re ya go tla ka thulaganyo e e kabakanyang itsholelo, e bo e kopantse le go fetlhelha Batswana ditiro. Rotlhe re na le tumelo ya gore *production of cannabis sativa* e ka ya go fetlha ditiro, ya ba ya go thusa le makalana otlhe go tseentswe le makalana a botsogo fela jaaka *Mother of the House*, Dr Unity Dow, ke ne ke mo reeditse ka tlhoafalo a a fa thuto ka thulaganyo e pele ga a ya go supa gore o *support* Tona mo Molao-kakanyetsong. Le nna ke supe jalo gore rra, ke emetse fa go go tlatsa gore Molao-kakanyetso o o tle go feta.

Jaaka ke supa, ke na le lefatshe kwa Shoshong le le nang le metsi fela a mantsi. Ke a le rola gore le ka ya go dirisiwa *for* ditshekatsheko, gongwe e tle e nne yone *project* fela e e ka kgonang gore e fetlhele batho ditiro, e e ka dirwang ke Goromente wa UDC ka nako e ke tlaa bong ke le morongwa kwa kgaolong eo.

Ka go rialo, ke supe gore go lebega gore rotlhe re a dumalana, e bile re tlatsa Tona. Ke re ke tle ke eme ka Standing Order 55 sa gore ke kope Tona gore a tle *to reply to the debates* re tle re kgone gore re tsene mo go e nngwe gape *Bill, I so move*.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure.

MR SPEAKER: What is your point of procedure Honourable Aaron?

MR AARON: *Procedure*. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke supe gore ga go mo tsamaisong se *honourable* a se dirang. Fa a ne a bona gore tota ke nnete, o ka bo a sa

ema *to debate* kgang ya gagwe ke gone a ba a emisa ba bangwe. Ka jalo, *he violated* se a neng a eletsa go se dira. Ke a leboga, a a re fe nako le rona re bue.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Members, *mma ke le balele* Standing Order 55.1, “After a question has been proposed, a Member holding the floor may at any time during the course of debate claim to move that the mover be now called upon to reply and unless it appears to the Chair that the Motion is an abuse of the rules of the Assembly or an infringement of the rights of the minority, the question that the mover be now called upon to reply shall be put forthwith. No debate on that Motion shall be allowed, and if the Motion is carried the mover shall, if he or she so wishes, immediately reply to the debate, and as soon as he or she has concluded or, if he or she does not want to reply, the Speaker shall immediately put the question.” *Le utlwile gakere?*

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: Ee rra.

MR SPEAKER: Ee, ga go na le fa e le sepe fela *that he violated*, e tsamaile fela sentle.

MR HIKUAMA: *Procedure Mr Speaker*. Nnyaa, mme ke dumalana le se o se buang, mme *gesture* ya ga *Honourable* nnetlane ke ya *abuse*, re ka e tsenya mo *abuse*. Ga a ka ke a *debate*, a feleletsa, fa a sena go feleletsa...

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

MR HIKUAMA: Nnyaa, mme ke *abuse*. Kana gompieno *we were reviewing* dilo tsa DM fa, batho ba *did not violate* melao, ga ba a tlola molao bone ba DM Model, *the ones we are reviewing* dilo tsa bone. *It is to abuse power* mme o tsamaya *within the law*, jaaka a dira, le lona le batla go dira. Dinako tse dingwe o a senya mme o sa roba molao, o le gone mo molaong.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ao?

MR HIKUAMA: Ee, jaaka le dira. Jaanong *that is abuse*. *Then you have to protect the minority*. Go na le batho ba ba setseng ba supile gore ba na le keletso ya go ka bua, *so* ba neeleng *chance*.

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa, *Honourable Members*, mma ke le boleleleng, go tlwaelesegile gore fa gongwe fa yo o emang a sutisa ka Standing Order 55.1 a bo a tlhamalelela kwa kgannyeng ya teng, mme ga go reye

gore gone moo ke yone tsamaiso fela e e ka nnang teng. *At any moment* fa o *debate*, *at any time*, o ka *invoke* Standing Order 55.1. E a bo e se *abuse*, e a bo e le sone Standing Order se, ga go na *abuse*. *Hang on Honourable Members*.

...Silence...

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Members, I was just checking compliance with this Standing Order, especially the part on the rights of the minority.

I am looking at the numbers, and I am satisfied by the numbers that have debated, especially the consensus that I see. The only party that has not debated is the Botswana Democratic Party (BDP) and I cannot see anyone *mo go bone fa*. So, I am going to put the question Honourable Members. The question is that the mover be now called upon to reply.

Question put and **agreed to**.

ACTING MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE (DR DIKOLOTI): Nte ke go leboge Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke leboge batlotlegi botlhe go ema nokeng mogopolo kana Molao-kakanyetso o re ba o beileng pele. Ba o eme nokeng ba itse botlhoko jwa setlhako se se babalelang morwadi.

Mr Speaker, fa go na le sengwe se se botlhoko mo lefatsheng le ke letlhoko la meberekho. Kwa kgaolong e ke tswang kwa go yone ya Goodhope-Mmathethe ba ne ba ntaetse dilo di le nne fela fa ke tla kwano; ba nthaya ba re ba batla tharabololo ya gore bone ba batla *jobs, jobs, jobs and jobs*. Di ne di le nne fela kwa Goodhope-Mmathethe. Go lebega gore kgang ya teng ke e e foketseng lefatsheng le lotlhe. Batlotlegi ka bongwe ka bongwe fa ba ema ba supa gore setlhako se le bone se ba babaletse. Setlhako se Tautona Boko a buang kgapetsakgapetsa ka sone gore tota re na le lefatsheng, re na le baakanya a re dire mo go tshwanetseng go nyeletsa letlhoko la meberekho mo lefatsheng le. Ke a le leboga batlotlegi go bo le ne le gatelela mabaka ao.

Ke a itse Motlotlegi Atamelang gore kwa Boteti ba ne ba batla go utlwa lentswe la gago. Ke batla go ba tshepisa gore setlhako se se go babaletse. Fa o bua ka Boteti e bile o ntse o bua o gatelela gore e kete lefatsheng la Boteti le lone... Le wena Domcazo ke a itse gore dikgang tse fa o di bua motlotlegi, o di bua tota ka mashetla e

bile o bua gore kana kwa kgaolong ya gago ditshono di palopotlana. O na le tumelo e e tletseng gore fa o ka fokelwa ke bogolo le botlhokwa jwa thulaganyo e re e tshwereng e, e le ruri banni ba kgaolo ya gago ba ka kgona go tshwara ka mabogo.

Ke a itse le wena Motlotlegi Phologolo gore Kgosi Matlhoakgosi Matlho o reeditse o utlwa gore a kwa Lorolwane a gatwe re tlaa fokelwa ke bontle jo re bo utlwanng kwa Palamenteng. Ke dumela gore le fa o sa bua motlotlegi ke dikgang tse o neng o di mpoletlela, o di nneela gore tsela e ya Mmathethe/Metlobo/Bray/Werda, o ne o eletsa gore fa go lengwa kwa Lorolwane, yo o tlaabong a neetswe *license* ya *transport* a bo a tsamaya mo tseleng e e siameng gore go se ka ga tloga gatwe koloi e pitikologile ka *industrial hemp* ka tsela e e makgwakgwa e le botlhoko. Dikgang tse tsotlhe re a di dumalana batlotlegi.

E bile re di bua re neelana tota mo go tsone. Go a supa batlotlegi gore re na le tlhoafalo, re tletse fa go tla go dira melao. Re tletse fa go tla go baakanya gore jaaka Motlotlegi Rre Ramaotwana a bua, re sa le re rera pina ya, “a ko re dire *diversification*.” Sengwe se re tshwanetseng go se itemogela re bo re se amogele ke gore re na le lefatsheng, le pina ya setšhaba ya re, “lefatsheng leno la rona, ke mpho ya Modimo.” Golo moo Motlotlegi Kaizer go raya gore lefatsheng le o nang le lone leo, itse tlhwatlhwa ya lone. Ga ke itse gore ope wa rona o kile a ipotsa gore tota *what is the contribution of land to our* Gross Domestic Product (GDP). Wena ka gore e bile o bapile le Phikwe mme *Speaker* o tlaa nna a ntse a go gakolola ka gore dikgang tse ke tse a di itseng tse re di toutileng. Kana o kope Motlotlegi Motshegwa a go gakolole thata ka gore golo moo ka gore wena o feta mo go lone lefatsheng la teng, monko wa dinamune o a go tlela fa o le kwa Phikwe. E tshwanetse gore golo moo go go gakolole gore lefatsheng le tlhwatlhwa kgolo.

Motlotlegi Tautona Boko a re, “lefatsheng le ke la rona, ke mpho ya Modimo, ke boswa jwa bo rraetsho.” A e nne sengwe se re ka tswang re sena thebe mme re na le lefatsheng leno la rona fela. A re leke ka bojotlhe gore fa go tlhokafalang teng kana go tshwanetse gore go kgonagale, lefatsheng e nne *our equity* gore Batswana ba se ka ba bonwa fela ka go huhula. A e se ka ya re fa re akanya Batswana, re bo re ba akanya ka go huhula fela.

Le ntse le bua bakaulengwe ka *different linkages* ya gore fa go na le setlhatshana sengwe se se nang le ditso tse di ka diragalang, ke sone se re ntseng re se touta fa. Setlhatshana se se mosola, se ditiro dintsi. Mo teng ke dumela gore le kwa Gabane motlotlegi ba reeditse, ba itse botlhokwa jwa golo mo. Jaaka o utlwa Frenzel a re o ne a leleditswe gotwe go na le *industrial hemp powder*, o ne a leka go kaela gore rra wee, tsamaya o ye go ema nokeng ka gore ba batla go utlwa gore a le wena o ba bona mo teng. Setlhare se e kete se ka bidiwa seipone se e reng fa o se bona, le wena o bo o ipona mo teng. Setlhare se se botlhokwa.

Ke itumelela Motlotlegi Gobotswang gore o ne a bua gore ke a le leboga Puso ka gore ke a bona gore *you are now gravitating a lot more towards high value crops*. Dilo tse ke maakanya a re bonang kwa mafatsheng a mangwe ba dira jalo. Lefatshe le tshwana le la Israel, o tlaabo o utlwa gotwe *contribution ya agriculture to GDP* e kwa mankaleng mme fa o re o lebelela gore ba dira eng, ba tlhophile ditlhatshwana dingwe kana ba lema sengwe se ba itseng gore se tlhwatlhwa kgolo go leka go ba tlisetsa se kwa bofelelong se ka kgonang go fetlha mebereko, itshole e kgone go tsoga.

Ga ke batle re tswa kgakala mo sekaing se ke ntseng ke se bua thata sa ga Motlotlegi Kaizer. *Project ya citrus* e e kwa Phikwe-Mmadinare, ka nosi fela fa o ka e lebelela e bile ka fa e atologang ka teng, *its contribution to the GDP* e ya go fetola selebego go se kana ka sepe; *project* e e nosi fela. Fa o ka lebelela go tshwara ka diatla le dipoelo tsa beng ba lefatshe leo o tlaa bona gore go fetola moakanya wa gore dipoelo ga se go ya go huhula fela, golo moo ke moakanya o re o tshwereng re le UDC. Re o tshwere go netefatsa gore Batswana ba nna le dipoelo tse di maleba.

Fa o ka lebelela dikgang tse tsa ditlankana re buile mo Molao-kakanyetsong o gore ga re *restrict* gore o ka nna le *licenses* tse di kana ka eng. Golo moo go supa gore Batswana ba mo teng. E bile Moalosi ga a yo, ke ne ke leleditswe ke Motswana yo mongwe a utlwile botlhoko ka gore DailyNews e ne e sa kwala *Motion* sentle. Gakere *headline* e ne e re “*Parliament rejects hemp.*” Go raya gore *investors* tsa gagwe tsone di bo di mo raya di re go raya gore golo mo o go dirang ka gore o batla go dira thuto-sekadipuisanyo ka temo ya *cannabis*, go raya gore ba bo ba mo raya ba re o batla go re dirisa

molato, o batla go re dirisa mo go sa letlelelweng. Golo mo fa gongwe fa re ntse re bua dikgang re itse gore re kgona go kobela Batswana ba re reng re a ba bulela fa. Re ne re kopile sentle gore rra kana *Bill* e teng, re e dirile, boela mafoko a kwa morago gore re tle re kgone go ipha tshono jaaka gompiano re iphitlhela e le gore re okeditse nako *Mr Speaker*, gore kwa bofelelong re kgone go fetisa Molao-kakanyetso o.

Mr Speaker, fa o ka lebelela ka fa re buang re bo re *position* thulaganyo e ka teng, *we have the expertise in terms of the engineering processes that we have implored the country in the mining industry*. Fa o lebelela ka fa re ntseng re ntsha teemane ka teng, re na le sengwe le sengwe, matsipa le matlhale a teng a go dira selo se se *high security* a teng, ga re ye go a batla kgakala. *Those engineering processes are there. It is a just a matter of just matching them so that which we have proposed...*

MR ATAMELANG: *Clarification*. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. *Honourable* Dikoloti, a o raya gore *potential* e o buang ka yone e, *institutions* tse di tshwanang le bo BVI, le tsone *they can be capacitated* gore di nne *big pharmaceutical companies* tse di ka gaisanang lefatshe ka bophara gore re bo re busetsa ditiro tse kwa morago? A o raya gore ke reye batho ba kwa Boteti ke re ba nne le tsholofelo *when it comes to value chain development* jaaka re bona gore re kokonetswe ke gore diteemane ga di re busetse? A o raya gore ke reye batho fa ke tshwara diphuthego kwa Boteti gore tsholofelo ke e mo *Bill* e? Ke a leboga.

DR DIKOLOTI: Ke leboga thata Motlotlegi Atamelang. O bo o ba atolosetsa ka *to quote* mo tsebeng ya maitlamo a UDC ya gore lekalana le la go atolosa *this pharma industry* go teng. Vice President (VP) kgapetsakgapetsa o nna a bua gore fa go na le *a low hanging fruit, it is in the BVI*. E bile ka gore BVI ke lekalana le le ka fa tlase ga rona, re tlhatlositse dikakanyo go bona gore *we even tap into the human pharmaceutical to expand the scope* ka gore kana *it is Joint Monitoring Programme (JMP) compliant*. Ba setse ba tsentse leoto lengwe kgakala go feta fa re ka bong re simololela teng. Maakanya a o nang le one ao ke a a leng teng.

Minister Modise le ene re lomagane thata go netefatsa gore *that expansion is there*. Ke kopa gore bakaulengwe fa le tswa fa le ye go bua ka *cannabis*. Le se ka la bua ka yone e kare re a *endaenda*. Ke ne ke buisa diphuthego

kwa Kgatleng ke buile ka yone, ke ne ke buisa diphuthego mo dikgaolong ka go farologana. Golo gongwe e ne ya re ke buisa diphuthego mongwe a nthaya a re, “heela Tona Dikoloti, molodi o tletse mo phefong mme e kete batho ba a tsietsega. Ke go utlwile sentle gore wa re golo mo ga re ye go dira bulelela ditswe, mo mongwe le mongwe jaanong a gogang a iphitlha ka gore go tilwe go buletswe *hemp*.” A re ke go utlwile sentle mme e bile rona re a ipaakanya. Ka bona gore yo ke lekwalo la boammaaruri le e reng le fa le latlhegile le selwa ke mongwe a le bala, le tlaa bua molaetsa.

DR DOW: *Clarification.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker.* Ke a leboga mokaulengwe, nnyaa mme o e tshwere sentle. Ke ne ke re gongwe ke kope *clarification* gore ga kere fa o ntse o bua jaaka o bua jaana, o lebile gore Goromente o setse a tsentse madi a a kana ka eng kwa Leshibitse, a teratelela *400 hectares of land with more than five boreholes there, top soil.* Maloba ke ne ke bua ka *homesteads*, jaanong ke bua ka *commercial land* e e teng gone gone foo, mo e leng gore *to secure it is so easy.* Ke gore tota fela fa e ntse Botswana Investment and Trade Centre (BITC) ba bua le ba bangwe, ba ntse ba re mme o kare go na le lefatshe le re ka simololang ka lone, ra supa gore golo mo go ka diragala, a o ne o akantse jalo mokaulengwe?

DR DIKOLOTI: Maakanya ao a mantsi, a teng Motlotlegi Dow, *including even in our fodder strategy.* Bakgatla ba setse ba supile gore ba ikgobokantse gone ka fale ka gore go na le metsi, re se ka ra leba kgakala fa re akanya dikgang tse tsa *fodder* tse, mme ke a itse gore ba a go utlwa fa o ntse o bua gore heela, re ka kwano, o tsholeditse lebogo wa re fa maina a bidiwa le ba Leshibitse ba nne mo teng. Maakanya a re tlaa nna re ntse re a kgobokanya, re a baakanya, a ba ipone mo teng. Ke rile setlhatshana se ke seipone, e tshwanetse gore fa se buiwa le wena o bo o ipona mo teng gore le nna ke mo teng. Ga go na yo gotweng o kwa ntle, Batswana botlhe ba mo teng.

Nna ke tswa kwa Digawana. Ke tswa kwa lefatsheng le le seng kgakala le kwa diteemane di epiwang teng. Ke tshwere teemane maabane fela jaana ke ntse ke le Mopalamente, mme ke akotse diteemane, ke rutilwe ka ba ka nna kana ka diteemane, ke ise ke e bone ka matlho. Re ne re itse gore teemane ke gore fa o e bone ka matlho, o ka nna wa tshwarwa fela gore o re ke bone

teemane golo gongwe, mme golo moo ga go reye gore ke ne ke sa ipone mo teng. Jaanong a re se ka ra latlha batho ka gore go gontsi mo re ka go akolang, e seng ka gore fela ke ne ke ile go fufula, ke fufulela gore go bo gotwe ke mo teng. Selo se ke maakanya mangwe a mantsi a a leng teng.

Ke tshwaragane thata le *Minister of Finance* gape gore tota mo mohameng o wa temothuo, jaaka le utlwile Tautona Boko a rola maloba gore tota mohama o ke one foraselaga ya go leka gore re tswe kwa re sa bolong go nna teng, re tlole lewatle lone le lehibidu lele. Ke one o e leng gore o tlaa kgona go re ntsha kwa lewatlang le lehibidu gore re goroge kwa lefatsheng la mašhi le dinotshi. Ke dumela gore ga go ka ke ga tsena fela, *we need to look back*, re bo re lebelela gore a mme gone ka fa re ntseng re dira ka teng, a re ntse re neela temothuo madi ka fa go tshwanetseng. Boammaaruri jo bo leng teng ke gore nnyaa, go ntse go sa nna jalo. Puso e e tseetse kgang e kwa godimo mo go maswe, mme e bile *we are developing the agri-financing strategy* se ke dumelang gore mo nakong e e seng kgakala re tlaabo re se le rolela gore le kgone gore le tlhologanye tota, le ipone go feta. Fa gongwe *you will come up with a project, kana introduction of an industry, but if you do not come up with a strategy on how to finance it, then you are as good as not even having started that industry.* So, golo moo ke kopa gore bakaulengwe re ipone mo teng. Fa re tswa fa re ye go bolelela Batswana boammaaruri. Ke tlaa tla kwa dikgaolong tsa lona ke tla go bua ka *cannabis*.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: O bua ka matekwane.

DR DIKOLOTI: Ee, kana jaaka ke bua, a o e bitsa motokwane, matekwane, motekwane kana setlhare setala, ke dikgang tsotlhe tse e leng gore re a di amogela. Mma Dow, ke go utlwile ka moakanya o o tlang ka one wa gore fa gongwe re se ka ra kganela fela fa. Mme kana ga kere o a itse gore go na le *framework* e tonatona e, ke go utlwile re tlaa akantshana go bona gore go ka diragala eng.

Sengwe se re tshwanetseng gore re se lebelele ke gore, *having learnt from other experiences from other countries*, fa gongwe o tlaabo o dira o re o baakanyetsa gone moo, o lebala gore gone mo o go dirang go ya go feta golo gongwe go ya kwa o batlang go ya teng. Gone kwa o batlang go ya teng, ba bo ba go raya ba re “nnyaa,

melao ya gago ga re e tshephe jaanong.” Fa gongwe e le dikgang tsa *competition* fela. O tla ka kakanyo e, o *compete* le rona, mme e bile o akanya gore o batla go feta fa go rona re bona gore wena mme e bile o tla ka matlhale a a farologaneng. Dilo tse di teng di a tshela. *Typical example*; ke tsaya gore o tlaa gakologelwa ya *citrus*, but even on *hemp*, mafatshe a mangwe a re bapileng le one, ba ba simolotseng, ba ne ba nna le mathata one ao a gore fa gongwe go isa dithoto tsa gago go sele, o kgona go felela o na le makgwere a go feta mo lefatsheng le lengwe gore o tsamaye ka *product* ya gago. Dilo tse tsothle tse, fa re ntse re dira molao, re se ka ra tlhoka go di akanya, re nne re di akanya gore a mo re batla go tsena mo molaong o motona, a mo re batla go tsena mo *regulations* gore re kgone go go fetola motlhofo, mme ke a go utlwa. Gape o itse gore kana golo mo re a go simolola, ga re batle go tloga re go simolola ka tsela e e leng gore kgantele ba bangwe jaanong ba go tsaya ba go *divert*. Gompiano jaaka mo lefatsheng, re na le mathata a *drugs*. Mathata a a matona mo go maswe. Kwa ke tswang teng ka fa kgaolong ka fale, kwa sekoleng se ke tswang mo go sone, go na le mathata. Ke gore bana ba goga ditagi. Ke ne ke a tle ke reye bagolo ke ba raya ke re kana nna ke a gakgamala, ga go na katse e e bodipa jaaka katse e e gogiwang ke bana. Ke gore katse e e rotoba fela, mme kana le yone katse e, e na le yo o e rekisang, e na le yo o tlang ka yone. Jaanong dilo tse ke batla gore re di akantshaneng bakaulengwe gore e se ka ya tloga kgantele re re re akanyetsa dilo tse, re bo re iphitlhela re ipaya ka kwa mosing ka sengwe se e leng gore se ya go tla se re paledisa gore re kgone gore re laole thulaganyo e.

So bakaulengwe, ke batla re dumalane. *Mr Speaker*, re tla ka dikgang tse sentle. Dikgang tse re a di dumalana, ke a itse *Mr Speaker* and ga se sephiri. Ke dumela gore o ntse o *smile Mr Speaker* ka gore o ne o le mo Palamenteng e, mme mo Palamenteng e, ga go na motho ope yo o neng a botsa ka *hemp* go feta wena, mme e bile o ne o mpotsa ke go araba ke le Tona wa Temothuo nako ya teng. Ga ke itse gore bakaulengwe ba tsiediwa ke eng *Mr Speaker*. Sengwe se a ba tsietsa gompiano, mme e bile ke sa *attack Speaker*, go ntse le dithulaganyo tse dintsi, go kile ga bo go le nako e go neng go na le UDC ka fale, ga nna le mo go neng ga nna, ra bona bo Hikuama ba ya kwa ba neng ba ya teng le bo Rre Gobotswang ba ya kwa ba neng ba ya teng, ba bangwe

ba ya ka fa, mme golo mo *Mr Speaker* re ne re go tlotla. Dilo tsa batho o a di tlotla o bo o di lebelela gone fela fale. Fa o le ngwana yo o boi o bo o didimala fela *Mr Speaker* gore ooh, thulaganyo e ke ye, e ntse ka fa e neng e ntse ka teng. Ga o tsamaye o e atolosa o ikgatlha ka yone. O e tlogela fela.

Mr Speaker, kana kwa go neng go lekelediwa *hemp* teng, ke kwa kgaolong ya me. Fa o bona ke ne ke tswela kwa ntle, ke ne ke tsaya tetla mo go Rre Ralotsia gore a ke ka bua ka leina la gagwe, o mphile tetla ya gore ke ka bua ka lone. Go ne go lekelediwa kwa Lokgalong kwa kgaolong ya me, o ne a mpoletela gore “kana Dikoloti, mo tekeletsong ya lefatshenyana le le kananyana, go ne go lemilwe ditlhatshana di le 33, se sengwe se bo se e swa, go ne go setse 32.” A re ditlhatshana tse 32 tseo, di ne di fetlhile mebereko e le 12. Kana ke raya fela kwa Lokgalong. A re ba ne ba amogela madi a e leng gore ga a ise a ko a bone ope a a amogela, bone ba ba neng ba tshwere bao. Golo mo go supa gore ga o a tshwanela gore o bo o re o molemi gore o kgone go nna le dipelo kana o ipone mo teng.

Dilo tse *Mr Speaker*, di teng, re a di tshela, mme ke tlaa atolosa. Ke go utlwile Motlotlegi Gobotswang. Ke tlaa atolosa dikgang tse. Batlotlegi ba ne ba bua gore ba kopa *more education about this*. Ke tlaa le kaela batlotlegi fa re fetsa fa gore *since policy*, ke ba le ka fe ba ba tlileng ...

MR AARON: *Procedure*. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Go utlwala dikgang tsa gore go na le mongwe yo o neng a lemile e bile a dira madimadi ka motokwane. O ne a rekisa kae, a tsere tetla kae? Se ke se tlhaloganyang ke gore ke gone re simololang go dira molao wa teng gone jaana. Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa, o ka bo o eme ka *clarification*.

DR DIKOLOTI: Nnyaa mme kana kgang ya teng...

MR LEKAU: *Point of order*. *Mr Speaker*, ke ne ke re le nna o ntshedimosetse fa. Ntlo e tlaabo e dule mo tseleng fa e le gore batlotlegi ba ema ka selo se ba itseng gore se *wrong*, e bo e re e bile a nna fatshe a bo a re ke ne ke dira ka bomo ka gore o ne a tlaa gana. Ke ne ke re golo moo motlotlegi ke go *abuse* Ntlo. Ga go na motho yo o ka emang ka *procedure* mme ene a batla *clarification* mo kgannyeng e e ntseng jalo. Ke ne ke re o baakanye, e bile a supa gore o a itse.

MR SPEAKER: *Order! Honourable Members, Standing Order 40.3... Honourable Members, mma ke riana, Standing Orders tsa lona di clear ka process. Ga o ka ke wa dira jaaka o ne o dira Honourable Aaron, o ema ka procedure kana order mme o itse gore fela se o se batlang ke clarification and ke ne ke ithaya ke re ke ne ke mo correct jalo gore o ka bo a eme ka clarification gore e tlhalosiwe.*

DR DIKOLOTI: *Ke a go leboga Mr Speaker. Tota nako e ntshiile, mme go ne go le gontsi mo ke neng ke batla go go arogana le bakaulengwe ka kgang ya to establish cannabis ka gore bakaulengwe ba tswa kgakala ba dumalana le yone. Ke itse gore Motlotlegi Gobotswang e ne e le motho yo o eteletseng pele thata mo go yone jaanong gompiano o ne a nkgakgamatsa a tla a re ene kana ke wa food security and food sovereignty, kgantele a bo a bua ka high value crops le bo cotton and sunflower. Keletso e ne e le gore nako nngwe le tsone tseo ke tlaa di atolosa Mr Speaker, mme jaanong nako tota e ntshiile.*

Bakaulengwe ke tlaa leka gore ke le neele information e ntsi go feta jaaka le e tlhoka gore e re le tswa fa le ye go buisa dikgang tsa the establishment of this industry because it is a very critical industry in terms of diversification ya this economy and job creation.

Ke itumelela support ya lona bakaulengwe le go dumalana. Kana motho fa a romilwe o dira thomo ka fa e ntseng ka teng. Motlotlegi Tautona o buile ka November, fa a fetsa go bua ka November, Policy e ne ya tla ka April, fa e sena go nna e feta ka April, jaaka re dumalane, Molao-kakanyetso o a feta. Ke dumela gore mo nakong e e sa fediseng pelo o tlaa bewa monwana a bo rotlhe re kgona gore re akole jaaka re itse boammaaruri Mr Speaker. I therefore move that the Cannabis Bill, 2025 (No. 25 of 2025) be read a second time. I so move Mr Speaker.

Question put and **agreed to.**

Committee - **Later Date.**

SPEAKER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable Members, order! Mma ke gakolole jaana ke re kamoso Palamente e simolola phakela ka 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. then 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. ke kitsiso ya ntlha.*

Ya bobedi, ke dumela gore ba setse ba le kwaletse fa ba sa le kwalela ba tlaa le kwalela. We have Business Advisory Committee meeting tomorrow immediately when we adjourn maitseboa. This is for the Government Whip, I am advised he is not well, so the Leader of the House, you may wish to bring somebody along, if the Honourable Member is still not well. Honourable Opposition Whip, my agreement with the Leader of the Opposition (LOO) e ne e le gore o tlaa nna a attend during the time ya dipotso in the afternoon, so if he is absent you can also nominate somebody to attend. So immediately we adjourn tomorrow in the evening, we will be going straight to the Business Advisory Committee.

The third announcement Honourable Members is that on Friday morning at 8:00 a.m. let us meet here for the General Assembly before le ya kwa dikgaolong. The expectation, and that is entirely up to you Leader of the House and the House, is that on Friday when Parliament adjourns, it will stand adjourned sine die until either you have a Special Meeting or you meet in November for the Second Session. I am saying that is the expectation for Friday. So, e ne le gore le tle le re meeme le ise le phatlalale gone ka eight ka Friday. Ke go tla go buisana the recommendations tsa Business Advisory Committee meeting o tlaa tsenang kamoso. Re utlwane a kere Honourable Minister Nyatanga?

Ke dumela gore mo metsotsong e mebedi e e setseng, tota ga go na sepe se re ka se dirang. So, I shall therefore call upon the Leader of the House, to move a Motion of adjournment. Tota e bile e setse e tshaiile.

MOTION

ADJOURNMENT

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

Question put and **agreed to.**

The Assembly accordingly adjourned at 7:00 p.m. until Thursday 14th August, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

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