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Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2026

THE ASSEMBLY met at 9:00 a.m.

(THE SPEAKER in the Chair)

**P R A Y E R S**

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**MR SPEAKER (MR KEORAPETSE):** *Pray be seated! Order! Order! Honourable Members, a re tseyeng manno a rona re simolole tiro ka dipotso tsa Matona.*

**MINISTERS' QUESTION TIME**

**MINISTER OF MINERALS AND ENERGY**

**THEME: PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY ON BCL CLOSURE**

Asked the Minister of Minerals and Energy to state:

- (i) the criteria used to select the commissioners;
- (ii) how the commission will ensure transparency and independence in its investigations;
- (iii) the terms of reference, and whether those terms were subjected to any stakeholder input or expert review;
- (iv) how Government will guarantee operational independence of the commission from political influence, particularly given that it will investigate actions of former leaders;
- (v) the total budget allocated for the commission's operation; and
- (vi) arrangements that have been made to ensure witness protection and prevent intimidation or interference during testimony.

**MR R. W. KAIZER (SELEBI PHIKWE WEST):** *Ke a leboga Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, fa o mpheta ke ntse fa ntle fale, Minister o ne a nkgoga ka baki e le gore a re I should later date the question. Se a neng a se kopa ke gore e tsene ka Monday, ga ke itse gore a mme go possible Mr Speaker...*

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

**MR KAIZER:** *Ee, fa go se possible re...*

**MR SPEAKER:** *Ke later date, Tona o ne a itseetse dikgang fela ka bo Monday.*

**Later Date.**

**MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE**

**THEME: PLOTS ALLOCATION CAMPAIGN**

Asked the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to apprise this Honourable House on the 100,000 Plots Allocation Campaign; in particular:

- (i) of the 100,000 plots allocated by the previous administration, how much was spent on preparing these plots for allocation (including surveying, servicing, and related preparatory works);
- (ii) out of the 100,000 allocated plots, how many beneficiaries were ultimately issued with title deeds or certificates of rights;
- (iii) how many of the allocated plots were subsequently returned to Land Authorities by the allottees; please provide this figure in both absolute numbers and percentage form;
- (iv) what were the predominant reasons for the return of these plots, and what remedial measures or policy adjustments are being implemented to address the identified causes;
- (v) to provide a summary of the geographic distribution of the 100,000 plots, specifically indicating how many were allocated in:
  - (a) Remote areas;
  - (b) Rural villages;
  - (c) Peri-urban settlements;
  - (d) Urbanised centres such as Molepolole, Tonota, Serowe, Palapye, Maun, and similar localities;
- (vi) what statistical relationship can be observed between the location category of plots and the rate at which they were returned;
- (vii) as of now, what percentage of requests to return plots submitted by allottees across various land boards remain pending or not yet finalised; and
- (viii) which land board recorded the highest rate of returned plots when comparing percentages across the country.

(Mr A. K. Khan, MP. – Molepolole North)

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** O nkopile gore ke e dire later date, Mr Speaker.

**Later Date.**

## INTRODUCTION OF A LAW SETTING A MANDATORY CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

**Motion**

**(Resumed Debate)**

**MR SPEAKER:** Order! Honourable Members, the debate on this Motion is resuming, when the House adjourned on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2025, I had just called Honourable Jeremiah Jerry Frenzel to debate, and he is not here, so the floor is open. I will advise as we proceed in terms of the amount of time we have on this Motion. The floor is open.

**MINISTER OF TRADE AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (MR NTSIMA):** I thank you Mr Speaker. *Ke leboge Dr Gobotswang ka Tshutiso e a e beileng fa pele ga Ntlo e. Ke emela go fapaana le yone ka mabaka, e bile ke e tshwantshanya le polelo ya ga Honourable Moalosi ya wheelbarrow mentality. Gore fa re bua ka the wheelbarrow mentality, re raya Motions tse di ntseng jaaka o o beilweng ke Dr Gobotswang fa pele ga Ntlo e.*

Mr Speaker, I rise to contribute to this important debate and to respectfully oppose the Motion proposing a law that would compel companies operating in Botswana to allocate a fixed percentage of their profit before tax to Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). Let me begin by stating clearly, we are not opposed to CSR, we are not opposed to companies contributing to social development and we are not opposed to strengthening partnerships between businesses and communities. What we oppose is the convention of CSR into a statutory obligation tied to profit before tax, which in effect creates a quasi tax under a different name. Understanding CSR Mr Speaker, Corporate Social Responsibility by its nature it is voluntary, strategic, integrated into business models and responsive to community needs. True CSR reflects corporate citizenship, it is about value and alignment with long term sustainability. Once we legislate a mandatory percentage on profit, CSR cease to be voluntary responsibility and becomes a compulsory levy. It becomes compliance driven, instead of impact driven. We must be careful not to create a backdoor tax.

Mr Speaker, Botswana already has an established tax system, companies pay corporate income tax, they also pay Value Added Tax (VAT), withholding taxes, Pay As You Earn (PAYE) contributions, skill levies, training obligation, licensing and regulatory fees. If we now legislate that companies must allocate for example, 2 or 3 per cent of pre-tax profit to CSR, what are we effectively doing? We are imposing an additional fiscal burden, where we call it CSR or social contribution. The economic effect is the same, it reduces retained earning, working capital and investment capacity of those companies. At a time when we are promoting local manufacturing, encouraging citizen entrepreneurship, supporting Small, Medium, and Micro Enterprises (SMMEs) and attracting Foreign Direct Investment (FDIs), positioning Botswana under the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), we must be extremely cautious about introducing measures that may reduce competitiveness.

Profit before tax is not uniform across industries. Mr Speaker, the Motion proposes tying CSR to profit before tax, but profits are not equal across sectors. Consider a mining company with high capital intensive, a manufacturing startup still breaking even, a retail chain operating on thin margins, tax startup and reinvesting on earnings into innovation. A blanket percentage rule ignores sectoral realities. It may disproportionately hurt small and medium enterprises, discourage investments, slow expansion and job creation, penalize companies during economic turndown. We must remember profits are not guaranteed. Some years are good and some are difficult. Should we impose a mandatory CSR contribution even in years when companies are barely surviving?

### **The Risk to Citizen Owned Enterprises**

Mr Speaker, we are actively promoting Citizen Economic Empowerment. We are encouraging local manufacturing, value chain addition, youth entrepreneurship, women led enterprises and startup ecosystem. These enterprises require capital retention to scale. If we impose a mandatory CSR levy tied to profit before tax, we may disadvantage or slow down enterprise growth, we may reduce business sustainability, we may also undermine capital accumulation. For large multinational corporations, the impact may be manageable. For citizen SMMES, it may be burdensome. Let us not craft policy that unintentionally disadvantage the very Motswana that we are trying to empower.

Mr Speaker, let us reflect on a fundamental principle of governance. The provision of health care, education, infrastructure, social protection, is the responsibility of Government funded through taxation approved by this Honourable House. CSR should complement Government's efforts not substitute them. If we believe that public service requires additional funding, the appropriate mechanism is transparent fiscal policy not disguised as social levies.

Mr Speaker, investment decisions are influenced by regulatory stability, fiscal predictability, ease of doing business and competitive positioning. If Botswana introduces mandatory CSR tied to profit while neighbouring Southern African Development Community (SADC) countries do not, what signals do we send? We risk creating perception of policy unpredictability, increased cost of doing business and we reduce regional competitiveness. As we seek to attract manufacturing under National Development Plan (NDP) 12 and expand export led growth, investor confidence is very critical.

Mr Speaker, some countries have experimented with mandatory CSR provisions. The results are mixed; where implicated companies often treat it as a compliance obligation, spending becomes box ticking, administrative complexities increase, monitoring becomes bureaucratic, impact is not necessarily improved simply because it is mandatory. In fact, forced CSR may reduce innovation in social investment. Better alternatives exist Mr Speaker. Rather than imposing a mandatory percentage, we can pursue smarter policy option, tax incentive for CSR, allow enhanced deduction for verified community investments, EFG reporting standard, encourage transparency in environmental, social and Government practices, public recognition framework, reward companies demonstrating measurable impact, sector based voluntary compact, industry led commitments aligned with national priorities, public-private development funds, structure vehicles where companies voluntarily core invest with Government. This approach promotes responsibility without undermining competitiveness.

Mr Speaker, if we pass such a law, important questions arise; who determines qualifying CSR projects? Who audits compliance? What constitutes eligible expenditure? What happens in cases of disputes? How do we prevent abuse of misclassification? The administrative burden may be significant. We must guard against creating new compliance, bureaucracy that consumes resources better spent on economic growth.

Mr Speaker, there is a delicate balance between promoting growth, ensuring equitable development. If we overregulate profit allocation, we risk the engine that generate employment and tax revenue. Economic expansion ultimately produces more sustainable social investment than rigid statutory allocations. Growth creates jobs, jobs reduce poverty, productivity increases national revenue. That is the long-term solution.

Mr Speaker, true corporate responsibility comes from leadership values, corporate culture, community integration, long-term sustainability thinking. We cannot legislate moral convictions. We can create enabling frameworks. We can incentivise good behaviour, but we cannot mandate genuine commitment. As Botswana pursues trade transformation, enterprise growth, digital economic expansion, industrial classification or diversification, we must ensure that regulatory reforms enhance not constrained private sector dynamism. Our reform agenda requires partnership with business, not additional mandatory levies.

Mr Speaker, let me conclude. Clearly, we support responsible corporate behaviour, ethical business practices and partnerships between businesses and the community. However, we do not support transforming CSR into a compulsory statutory percentage of profit before tax. Such a measure risk competitiveness, may burden SMMEs, create quasi taxation, complicates administration, potential deterrence of investment. Let us instead design a framework that encourages voluntary impact, incentivises social investment, promotes transparency, protects enterprise growth, strengthen collaboration of business and communities. For these reasons Mr Speaker, I respectfully oppose the Motion and I thank you.

**MR SPEAKER:** Honourable Members, let me remind you that we have just about two hours five minutes. At 11:15 a.m. I will call the mover to reply to the debate.

**MR KEKGONEGILE (MAUN EAST):** Tanki *Mr Speaker*. Re dumedise batlotlegi, re dumedise setšhaba ka kakaretso. *Mr Speaker*, re bua ka *Motion* o o buang ka go tokafatsa matshelo a batho ba dikompone di direlang go bapa le bone kana lefatshe ka bophara, mo go bidiwang gotwe *Corporate Social Responsibility*. Dikompone di farologane *Mr Speaker*, tse dingwe di a dira, tse dingwe ga di dire. Kana fa re bua ka dikompone mo mafatsheng a mangwe go na le tsamaiso le molao wa *royalties*, gore fa kompone e epa kopore kana teemane fa, e re duela madi a re...

**MR MOTAOSANE:** *Procedure Mr Speaker.* Ke bona o kare selo sele sa nako ga se bereke. Re tlaa itse jang gore o tsamaya fa kae, kana ka koo ke lona le tshwereng fela? Ga go a nna sentle *Mr Speaker.*

**MR SPEAKER:** Ka kwano e a bonala, ga ke itse gore kwa go diragala eng. Jaanong ka gore o simolotse ka 9:21 a.m., o ka lebelela e e kwa godimo ele *in the meantime, whilst we are still fixing but* rona e a bonala, mme o kare e tlaa siama.

**MR KEKGONEGILE:** Tanki *Mr Speaker.* *Royalties* mo mafatsheng a mangwe di a duelwa. Ke tsamaiso ya molao gore kompone fa e direlang teng, fa e epang kopore kana teemane kana e e dirang kgwebo epe fela teng, ba kgona go duela. Ba tshwanetse go duela *communities* tse ba bapileng le tsone. Metse eo gore e kgone go lwantsha lehuma le ditlamorago tsa gore ba bo ba tseetswe lefatsheng le le emiseditseng *indigenous means of livelihood.* Mo go rayang gore se ba se tseetsweng, jaanong se busiwa ke kompone eo, mo *profit* ka fa e tlaabong e dira ka teng. Ga re na gone moo mo lefatsheng la Botswana.

Mo go rayang gore go tsena mo *option* ya bobedi, CSR...

**ASSISTANT MINISTER OF TRADE AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (MR MATHOOTHE):** Point of correction. Thank you, Mr Speaker. *Ke baakanye fa;* under Quarries and Machinery Act, there is a provision ya 3 per cent ya royalties *ba ba dirang* in mining. Thank you.

**MR KEKGONEGILE:** O a utlwa gore o bua ka *quarry*, rona re bua ka dikompone tse di tlhwaafetseng. Re bua ka madi, ga re bue ka metlhaba.

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

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Correction.

**MR KEKGONEGILE:** Tanki *Mr Speaker.* E tsamaile nako tlhe bakaulengwe!

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Mma re go thuse, o tloga o timelela ruri.

**MR KEKGONEGILE:** E tsamaile nako, motsotso fela. A ko tlhe le wena *homeboy* o dire mo go botoka.

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

**MR LEKAU:** *Point of correction.* Mma ke bue fela mo go tlhamaletseng gore *royalties* ga di mo *mining* fela, le mo *minerals*...

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

**MR LEKAU:** Ke batla go fetola ya gago ya *quarry*. Ga se *quarry* fela, le go epa diteemane le tse dingwe, go na le *royalties* tse di duelwang. E a neng a e bua, e ne e le 3 per cent fela, ya a *certain sector.* Thank you.

**MR KEKGONEGILE:** Tanki. Re bua ka *community.* *My title is on the communities,* ga e mo go Goromente. CSR re bua ka *community.* Ke sone se ke e tshwantshang le *royalties* ke e isa kwa *the communities not* Goromente, lekgetho, eng, eng.

Mma re tsene mo kgannyeng ya bobedi ya CSR, gore ga re na tsamaiso e e tlamang ya CSR. Go dira dikompone tse dingwe, tse dingwe ga di dire. Dikompone tse di dirang thata ke Debswana le Lucara, re a di bona. Khoemacau *has partnered* le ba MTC *to upgrade* Maun Technical College. Goromente a bo a dia gore batho kgantele ba ise madi kwa *projects* di sele. Go santse gotwe *we are drawing a* Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), o tsaya lebaka le le kae *to be drawn* ka beke fela *is enough project* e a tswela? Kwa Maun, Chinese Embassy re kile ra e bona ka *Social Corporate Responsibility* ya sekole. Gone moo fela ka bogone, go raya gore go na le dikompone tse di nang le ngwao le tsamaiso ya gore ka bo bone fela, ba bona bomosola jwa yone. Go na le dikompone tse di tona tse di dirang madi, mme ga o ka ke wa di utlwalela mo CSR.

Ke sone se *Motion* o o tlang o re, a golo mo go patelesege gore ba ba sa direng, ba patelediwa ke molao gore ba dire. Ba ba dirang, go siame fela ka gore *what they will do is just to take programmes* tseo le madi ao, ba bo ba a isa kwa tsamaisong ya molao. Mo go rayang gore ba tswela fela ka *business as usual,* ga go na sepe se se fetogang. Ba ba sa direng, go tlaa fetoga ka gore mo lefatsheng le gompiano, go na le dikompone tse di dirang. Di dira go sena sepe se ba se dirang mo lefatsheng le. Re utlwalela First National Bank (FNB) *stadium* kwa South Africa le Barclays League kwa England.

Fa o lebile dikompone tse gore mono di dira eng sa CSR *to that magnitude,* ga go na sepe. Ke sone se *Motion* o o reng Goromente, lebelelang phatlha e, e e ka le thusang gore batho ba ka tlhabololwa. Potso e nna gore *why mandatory?* Tona o bua gore *it will be overwhelming* dikompone. O bua gore *profit* ga e lekane. Dikompone tse dingwe di na le *profit* e ntsi, tse dingwe ga di na *profit* e ntsi. Fa o dira molao, o ya go pateletsa dikompone tse di nnyenyane. Nnyaa, *Motion* o bua ka *percentage,* ga

o bue ka *a fixed amount*. Fa ba bangwe ba dira P100, ba bangwe ba dira P1 *million*. Fa o bua ka 0.005 *per cent* ya *profit* to CSR, ga o tshwane le fa o re kompone nngwe le nngwe e ntshe P1 *million* ka gore yo ga go na P1 *million* ka fa, yo ga go na P1 *million*...

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Clarification.

**MR KEKGONEGILE:** O tlaa tla o bua ka nako ya gago *comrade*. Ka gore yo o ka fa yo o na le P1 *million*, yo ga a na P1 *million*, *profit* ya gagwe ke P100. Fa o bua ka *percentage*, ga go na fa o gatagatang *profit* kana fa o lekanyang teng *profit and Corporate Responsibility* from dikompone. E bile gape, fa o bua gore go ya go tlhokomela mang, *you are going to create bureaucracy*, ao! *Who is monitoring the laws?* E e teng, e tlhokometswe ke mang? Ke *bureaucracy* ya eng e o e dirang? Ka fa molao o le teng, batho ba a itse fela gore molao o teng. Gone gompiono one o wa *royalties*, o tlhokometswe ke mang? *It is just an additional element to it.*

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Correction Mr Speaker.

**MR KEKGONEGILE:** Ga ke patelesege go go e fa, ga ke na go e fa. Gone mo fela ka bogone, ke le...

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Correction Honourable Kekgonegile.

**MR KEKGONEGILE:** Ke kgang fela ya gore...

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Correction Rre Kekgonegile...

**MR SPEAKER:** He is not yielding, you are heckling him now.

**MR KEKGONEGILE:** Tona o bua gore CSR e ya go oketsa go tsamaisa *business* ga dikompone, *no, it would not*. Ba a e dira gompiono, mme ga go na gope fa ba okeditseng teng *losses* tsa bone, ba e dira *within their capabilities*. So, mo Tona a reng o a go bua e le mabaka, re bona fela e le kgang ya gore ke a gana, mme ke itshwarelela kwa le kwa fela gore re gane. *The communities* tse le tswang kwa go tsone, di a sokola. Ga di kgone go bona ditlamelo ka gore gompiono le fa, le bua ka leshekere. Gompiono le fa, le bua ka *priorities* tse di *misplaced*. Gona le gore botoka fa le tsaya madi a P270 *million* le ya go a senya kwa *Con Court*, ka le batla go senya madi teng, le bo le tla go boa gape le dira *Constitutional Amendment* ka *the same amount* gape ya P270 *million later*. Le batla go ya go dirisa P540 *million for Constitutional Review* e le ka bong le dirisitse P270

*million* fela. Botoka *avenues* tse dingwe tse e leng gore *communities* di ka kgona gore di tshela ka tsone, *you could be opening them up*, e seng gore *avenues* tse dingwe tse batho ba bangwe ba di akantseng, tse e leng gore *they provide an alternative means of livelihood to communities*.

Rona kwa re tswang teng, re tshela mo bojanaleng, *second to economy contribution to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP)*. Go diragala eng? Lehuma le le kwa go rona le le ntsi thata, *but* fa go ne go na le molao fela wa CSR, go ka bo go nna botoka. Ga go tshwane le Khoemacau, ke eo e a goroga gompiono *but* e lebelela *long-term beneficiary projects to the communities*. Ba bangwe ba lebelela *grocery* e e leng gore motho fa a e ja gompiono kamoso e fedile, botshelo jwa gagwe bo a tswela. Fa go ne go na le tsamaiso le molao o o tlhwaafetseng, go ne go ya go nna *impactful* mo matshelelong a batho, mme fa le re mongwe a dire jaaka a dira, go ya go tlhola go ipokiwa ka *grocery* le *combo*, go sena *impact* mo matshelelong a batho. Fa e ne e le gore go na le molao o o tlamang, o o nang le tsamaiso le ditshetlana *that guide and measure impact* ya CSR, go ka bo go nna botoka fela thata. *I support this Motion.*

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

Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Mma ke supe gore se e leng maikaelelo a *Motion in terms of identifying the problem*, *I think we all agree* gore batho ba lefatshe la Botswana ba na le mathata a lehuma, a letlhoko la ditiro, ba na le mathata a gore dikgaolo di bo di sa tlhabologa. Ke tsaya ke re foo re a dumalana le bagarona tota. Re ikamanya le mathata a Batswana ba a raletseng.

Fa re farologaneng teng, ke *the approach* e e leng *the solution to this problem*. Ke tsaya ke re Tona Rre Ntsima o setse a tlhalositse, mme ke tsaya gore ga go tlhoke gore fa re bua ka lehuma, bangwe ba bo ba tshega thata. Tona Ntsima o setse a tlhalositse gore bothata jo bo ka nnang teng e ka nna kgang ya gore *we must avoid deterring FDI* fa re ka nna le *over-regulation*.

Se ke batlang go simolola ka sone ke se gatelele ke gore, jaaka ke rile re a dumalana, mme se re tshwanetseng re tle mo go sone, ke go bua ka dikgang tse e leng gore *they are factual, practical and enforceable*. Ke yone *solution* e re tshwanetseng gore re bo re tla ka yone, e seng e re tlaa iphitlhelang e le gore re na le *over-regulation*, e bo e bolaya tsone dikgwebo tse di thusang lehuma le letlhoko la ditiro ka gore di hira batho e bile di tsisa letseno mo itsholelong ya rona.

Sa bobedi ka fa ke utlwang *Motion* o kwadilwe ka teng, le ntswa ke re re dumalana le mathata a a *identified, the manner with which it has been crafted, is tantamount to nationalizing profits* ya dikompone, e e leng gore fa e ka lebelelwa sentle, *it is something that may be tantamount to almost compulsory acquisition of assets, and may therefore, be offensive to Section 8 of the Constitution. So, in a nutshell, that approach may even raise Constitutional issues.*

Se se tlahalositsweng ke Tona gape ke senka go se gatelela, nngwe ya ditsela tse di teng, se a diragala gompiano, ke kgang ya gore, fa re eletsa, re batla gore dikompone di nne le seabe, e ka nna kgang ya *incentives*, selo se e leng gore se setse se diragala mo mehameng e tshwana le ya *sports* gore dikompone di a rotloediwa gore fa o ikamanya le metshameko, o tsenya madi mo metshamekong, go na le dingwe tse e leng gore e tlaa nna dipoelo mo go wena. Jaanong o a bona gore tsamaiso yone eo, ke e e dirang gore dikompone di nne le seabe mo tlahabolong ya matshelo a batho, mme go bo go nna le thuso mo go tsone dikompone gore di itshetlele. Re se ka ra tla ka tsamaiso e e tlaa phutlhamisang tsone dikompone, e bo e phutlhamisa le itsholelo.

Se sengwe ke ne ke re ke supe maiteko a Puso a gore ga re gane fela re re *approach* eo ga e a siana, *there is an alternative. The alternative* ke gore Puso e ne ya lemoga gore dikgaolo tse di tshwanang le tsa Boteti kwa go epiwang teemane mme e le gore batho ba ba gone koo ba tswelala ba le mo lehumeng, dikgaolo tse di tshwanang le tsa North West tse e leng gore go na le bojanala jo bo phophomang mme e bo e le gore batho ba tswelala ba tshelala mo lehumeng. Jaanong Goromente o ne a dira *Cabinet Committee* e gotweng ke ya *Sustainability for Inclusive Growth and Social Justice*, e dirilwe ka maphata a farologanyeng. Go na le ba *Entrepreneurship, Justice, Tourism, Local Government*, le ba *Minerals*. Maikaelelo a yone e le gore go lemogilwe gore dikgaolo tsone tseo jaaka ke bua, di saletse kwa morago, re tle ka metlhale jaanong e e ka dirang gore yone khumo yone e, fa e epiwa kana e bapalwa kwa dikgaolong tsa bone, go bo go nna le dipoelo mo go bone *direct before* e phatlhaladiwa lefatshe ka bophara; ke gore *beneficiation*. Fa ke ka *quote Mr Speaker*, mangwe a boikarabelo jwa yone komiti yone eo ke gore, *“the Government of Botswana recognizes the need for a holistic and sustainable approach to economic development, ensuring that resource extraction and tourism investment contribute equitably to national growth while uplifting affected*

*communities.” Lastly, “the Cabinet sub-committee in Sustainability for Inclusive Growth and Social Justice has been established to oversee the formulation and implementation of policies and strategies aimed at leveraging the value chains in the mining and tourism sectors to foster community empowerment, economic inclusion and social justice.”* E bile e ne ya atolosiwa gore go na le dikgaolo tse e leng gore ba feletse ba tselwa lefatshe, *displacement*, e le gore go nna le ditlhabololo. Kgatlhagokgolo ya Khuduthamaga ke gore a e re go nna le ditlhabololo, di dirwe batho ba le gone foo, a ditlhabololo di tshelala le batho, batho ba se ka ba fudusiwa gotwe jaanong ba sutele ditlhabololo mme di tlela bone. Ke sone se e leng gore go ne ga akarediwa le *Ministry of Lands and Agriculture for the land question part* mo kgannyeng yone e ya *inclusivity*. Tse di tlaa dirwang go ya pele, e ne e le gone go lemoga gore ga go a lekana gore dikompone fa go buiwa ka CSR, ba neela batho dibolo, *kits*...

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Ke kopa tlahoso.

**MR MOTSHEGWA:** Ke santse ke le mo moweng, ke ka tloga ka nna le mathata.

Ba neela batho dibolo *and kits*. Jaanong se re se buang ka *beneficiation* ke gore, go ntse go na le tsamaiso ya Public Private Partnership (PPP), *so we want to engage in public, private, community partnership*. Go nne le *partnership with communities*. Sone seo se tsamaelana le lenaneo le lengwe le le kwa *Ministry of Local Government* gape, la *Rural Industrialization* le e leng gore re batla *partnership* le dikompone fa go tla mo *Rural Industrialization Community Development* jalo le jalo. O bona gore *approach* eo ke e e dirang *partnership* e seng e e dirang molao o e leng gore o *nationalize profits* tsa dikompone. Jaanong re dumela gore a *better approach* ke e e dirang gore go nne le *partnership and engagement*, re sosoetse *companies* gore di tseye karolo ka tsela e e ntseng jalo.

Tsamaiso yone eo, e tlaa dira gore re se ka ra baya fela mo go reng *profits* di tsewe. Fa re bua ka *community empowerment* mo *partnerships* tse, e raya gore le bone batho ba ba foo le ka fa ba ikgobokantseng ka teng, a e ka nna ka *trusts* kana ka dikoporase, e bo e le gore ba neelwa dikitso; *skills empowerment* tsa gore jaanong fa go sena go nna le *partnerships* tsone tse, go bo go ka nna ka tsela e e ntseng jaana.

Maikaelelo gape ke gore, gone moo go tlaa thusa le *employment creation*, gore *partnerships* tsone tseo fa ba tsaya karolo mo itsholelong, e bo e le gore go nna le tlhamo yone ya ditiro, go nna le seemo sa gore fa o dira

jalo, o a bo o lwantsha dikgang tsone tsa lehuma. Komiti yone e fa e ntse e tswetsetse, nngwe ya ditlhaelo tse e neng ya di fitlhela ke gore go ne go sena *clear definition of locals*. Ba ne ba tlhalosa gore go na le *limited access to capital*, jaanong ke sone se e leng gore fa ke se tlhalosa gore o tlaa thusa gone gore batho ba nne le tshiamelo ya gore *when they partner le these companies*, e bo e le gore ba na le letseno. So, rona ga re lebelele fela mo go reng go tsewe *profits*, re batla *to craft a model* e e ka dirang gore *community* e bo e ka dira jalo.

*Mr Speaker*, nte ke wetse ka gore...

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Elucidation.

**MR MOTSHEGWA:** Puso e a lemoga gore mo lefatsheng la Botswana, go na le mathata a lehuma, letlhoko la ditiro, le a tlhabologo, mme ke sone se e leng gore fa o lebelela NDP 12, Botswana Economic Transformation Programme (BETP), District Development Plan (DDP) tse re tsenang mo go tsone, fa o lebelela Rural Industrialization Programme (RIP), *Transformation ya Ipelegeng into Public Works Programme, it demonstrates policy commitment* ya ga Goromente mo go tsibogeleng mathata a Batswana ba a raletseng. Ditlhaloso re di file tsa gore e ya go gogola *profits* tsa batho, moo ga se gone, gone go ka kgonega, mme kana jaanong go ka phutlhamisa tsone dikgwebo, gape go ka dira gore sone se re reng re a se alafa, se bifele pele ka gore fa dikgwebo di phutlhamana...

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Correction.

**MR MOTSHEGWA:** ...go tlaabo go na le mathata.

Mma ke re ke weditse. Kana fa go fitlhwana kwa dintshong, gatwe o tshabisiwa bogale jo bo tlang. Jaanong nte le nna ke eme ke tshabe bogale jone jo bo tlang jo ke bo utlwanng kgapetsakgapetsa.

**MR PULE (KGATLENG EAST):** Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Mma ke go dumedise mongwame mosong ono, ke dumedise le batlotlegi, ke dumedise tsala yame thata Rre Wynter Mmolotsi, Maketlo. Leina la gagwe le lesa ke Maketlo.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Point of order Mr Speaker.

**MR SPEAKER:** Nnyaa, *Honourable Pule*, o se ka wa mmitsa jalo mo Palamenteng, o tlaa mmitsa le le kwa ntle.

**MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM (MR MMOLOTSI):** *Point of order:* Ke ne ke re *Honourable Pule* a ko a leke *to debate*, re a lemoga gore malatsing a o gololesegile thata fa o bona a nona mo go kanakana. So, mme a tswa fela mo go nna.

**MR PULE:** Ke a leboga, ke e boela morago mongwame. Ke a itse gore leina le le a mo kgopisa ka gore o a itse gore le raya eng.

Maikaelelo a ga Rre Gobotswang ke a a botlhokwa thata bagaetsho. E bile ke itumedisitswe ke kakgelo ya ga Rre Motshegwa, *the socialist* ka gore tota o buile botlhokwa jwa *Motion* o le fa a sa dumalane le one. Go bua nnete, *Motion* o Rre Gobotswang fa a o ntsha, ke solofela gore o ne a dirwa ke gore ke nngwe ya ditshwanelo tsa batho mo lefatsheng lengwe le lengwe. Ke nngwe ya ditshwanelo tsa batho. Ke bua ke e boelela gore mo lefatsheng lengwe le lengwe, batho ba tshwanetse gore e re fa *company* epe e tla kwa ga bone e tla go dira se e se dirang, ba kgone go tlogelelwa sengwe se ba ka ipelang ka sone. Jaaka re itse gore dikompone tse dingwe di a tla di feta di epa lefatsheng, mmu, matlapa, di reng, fa gongwe di tlogela mahuti a ntse jalo, di kgoreleditse mahulelo, gongwe fa nneng leruo le ka nwa teng *and all those things*. Go a tlamega gore *company* ya go nna jalo e re fa e tsamaya, e bo e tlogetse sengwe se se ka nametsang banni ba kgaolo eo gore ba sa le ba ipoka ka sone. Ke dumela gore fa Puso e ka bopa mokgwa mongwe wa go tlhabolola metse, ka e bile Puso e re mo go yone e bidiwa gotwe *the private sector-led economy*. Fa re dira jalo *we will be encouraging the companies unlike what the Minister of Trade Rre Ntsima is saying*, gore di kgatlhege go tla mo lefatsheng la Botswana go tla go dira *business*.

Kana bagaetsho, *CSR fosters community development* ya ga Rre Motshegwa. Nna le ene re a itse gore re batho ba *local empowerment programmes*. *It promotes environmental sustainability*. Ke ntse ke bua ka yone gore fa *company* e tla mo Motseng, e feta e senya gongwe e dira *deforestation*, e tshwanetse e tlogelele batho ba motse o sengwe se e leng gore *it enhances reputation*. Dikompone tse di tlogela maina a mantle mo motseng kana mo lefatsheng la Botswana. *It also boosts the employee engagement, as well as to address social issues* tse di leng teng moo.

Gompieno jaana re na le mathata kwa dikgaolong, *projects* tse dinnyennyane fela o kgona go fitlhela kwa kokelwaneng gotwe fenstere e thubegile mme go emetswe Goromente gore go ntshiwe madi go ya

go e reka. Fa re na le dikompone tsa mofuta o di na le *responsibility* e e tlaabong e kwadilwe, ba kgona *to be approached* go ya go thusa. Ke ka le fa sekai; go na le *quarry* nngwe e bidiwa Belabela, ke nna ke ba etela. Belabela e dirile *commitment* ya gore e thusa motse wa Ramodibe le Matebele, e bile ba agile Kgotla e tona e e ruletsweng ka *truss* tsa aluminium, e e leng gore ke sennelaruri. Ke dilo tse di bothokwa thata. *It has left the reputation of the company in that village and the village is also enjoying Kgotla ya standard* se se ntseng jalo.

Jaanong bagaetsho, golo mo ga se tlholontšha. Fa o tsena kwa mafatsheng a a tshwanang le bo India *for instance*, ba na le mo gotweng *meeting the specific financial threshold to open 2 per cent of the company's average net profit* e le CSR. Ke ditumalano tse e di dirileng le dikompone tse ditona, *not small companies, big companies*. Go bo gotwe *2 per cent of the average net profit* e sale mo *community* eo. Rre Gobotswang o ka tswa a dirile *phoso Mr Speaker*, kana a sa tsenela kwa teng a bua gongwe a re molao. Ke raya gore ga re a tshwanela gore re bo re ganela *outright* re re ga o tlhokafale. Re ka mo raya re re baakanya, o se ka wa re go dirwe molao, gongwe go dirwe Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) or Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) or *guidelines* tse di ka laolang gore dikompone tse ditona di kgone.

Kwa Mauritius ba na le tumalano le dikompone tse ditona gore *2 per cent of their chargeable income* e tshwanetse go ya kwa Pusong mme e ya kwa *projects* tse e leng gore *they have been approved by Government*, e seng nngwe le nngwe fela. Indonesia *is the same thing, they actually commit companies* tse e leng gore *they deplete natural resources* gore ba ntshe sengwe ba se tlogelele *communities*. Kwa South Africa, *I am sure* ka bo *Ministers* ba *Trade* ba a itse, go na le lenaneo le le bidiwang gotwe Black Economic Empowerment Act. Ke nngwe ya *Acts* tse di dirilweng ke lefatshe la Afrika Borwa gore go nne le *responsibilities* tsa mofuta o. France *is the same thing*, le bone ba na le seelo sengwe se se rileng. E bile kwa France ba na le mo gotweng Vigilance Law, e e leng gore *it requires large companies to identify and prevent human rights violation and environmental degradation*. So, re se ka ra e latlha fela bagaetsho ra gana, ga se mafatshe one ao fela, mafatshe ka bophara a a dira.

Kwa China *they are not talking about an Act*, ba bua ka mo gotweng *encouragement*. Ke gore *big companies are encouraged to do CSR*. Kana fa re rialo re raya gore Puso e tsaya *responsibility* ya go dira jalo. Ke

gore *community* ga e ikele fela koo e bo e ikopela, Puso ke yone e tsayang *responsibility* ya go bona gore *it measures profits* tsa *company* eo, *especially in a big company*, le go bona gore a e ka se ka ya *sponsor projects* dingwe tse di dirwang *at the benefit of the local communities*. Ga se mafatshe ao fela, Nigeria *has got the same arrangement*, Brazil, Columbia, Japan, South Korea, Thailand, Switzerland *and many other countries are also thinking along those lines*.

*Mr Speaker*, gongwe ke wele ka gore a e se ka ya re fa re emelela, re bo re re re tlaabo re koba dikompone mo lefatsheng la Botswana *or rubbishing this thing* le le phathi e e busang *because* gongwe e tswa ka kwa *opposition*. A re tseye mogopolo o re o akanye. Ke gore fa le ka o gana ka gore ke a itse gore le ya go o gana ka dipalo, mme mo sephiring sa lona le ye go nna fa fatshe le o sekaseke go bona gore le ka dirisa *which approach* ka gore *the only thing that you hate*, ke gore o dule ka kwa *opposition*.

**MR JACOBS:** *Correction*. Ke a leboga Rre Pule. *Mr Speaker*, kana nna legale ga ke mo tumalanong le *Motion* o o tlisitweng ke Rre Gobotswang. Ke *Motion* o montle, mme re tshwanetse go tlhaloganya gore batho ba ba tshwanang le ba ba apayang magwinya, *chips* le bone ba na le dikompone. Motho yo o ntseng jalo yo e leng gore ke ene yo o tlhokang *social responsibility*, o ya go thusiwa jang jaanong fa e le gore *you expect* gore o je *profits* tsa gagwe?

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

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

**MR JACOBS:** Ka re mogopolo o montle, mme a ko o ye go kwala gape sesha.

*These ... (Inaudible) ... they have got companies with categories.*

**MR SPEAKER:** *Honourable Jacobs*, nna fa fatshe.

**MR JACOBS:** Go na le ... *(Interruptions) ... you are expecting* gore bone ba ka thusa ka *social responsibility* mme motho yo o tshwanang le ene yo o apayang magwinya le *some chips*, yo o rekisang fa dikoleng, *you expect social responsibility* jang mo go ene, e le yo a tlhokang thuso?

**MR SPEAKER:** *Honourable Jacobs!*

**MR JACOBS:** Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

**MR SPEAKER:** Order! Honourable Members. Freeze the clock.

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

**MR SPEAKER:** Honourable Members, order! Order! Honourable Members. *Le tshwanetse gore fa le yield... ke rile ba freeze nako ya gago* Honourable Pule. *Fa o yield for correction, just go to that point that you are correcting. Fa e le gore gongwe ke distortion of facts, correct that, o se ka wa mo jela nako debating mme o neetswe sebaka* for correction.

**MR PULE:** Ke gore ke tsala ya me fela, mme o jele kgano o mo laetse. Ga ke ka ke ka tlhola ke mo letlelela *when debating* a ba a akgela. Ke a itse gore Rre Jacobs o bua jaana ka gore ke mogwebi, o tshaba gore re tloga re ya go mo raya re re le ene a ntshe madi ao. Tota o a itsheka ka gore *he is a business man*, ga a lebelela gore itsholelo ya batho e ntse jang. *I am simply saying...*

**MR SPEAKER:** *Nnyaa* Honourable Pule, you are imputing now.

**MR PULE:** *Okay*, mme ke boela mafoko a morago mongwame. Jaanong ke ne ke re o ganeng sentle, se o ganeng fela ka gore le na le dipalo. Le ka o tsaya la o sekaseka *or maybe alter it*, le o beye ka mokgwa mongwe o o rileng ka gore *we need something like that*. Ke gore *we need a regulated CSR because the way it is now, it is all over and...*

**MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE (MR SALAKAE):** *Clarification*. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke a leboga nkgonne Rre Pule. Tota boammaaruri ke gore mo Palamenteng e, ga re a tshwanela go kgatlhegela go ganetsana fela, a re rutaneng *in the process*. Ke ne ke tsetse gore Rre Jacobs o tla ka paakanyo e e leng gore gongwe o ne o ka tshwaela mo go yone gore kana fa o tla ka *Motion* o o tshwanang le o, o o sa supeng gore o lebagane le bomang, o ya go felela jaanong o tsenya ba ba dirang magwinya, go bo go raya gore ba ba *enforce* molao, ba ya go ya kwa go bone. E ne e le gore ke kope tlhaloso mo go wena gore wena o e leba ka tsela e e ntseng jang?

**MR PULE:** Kana mme motlotlegi, *I was very clear*, ke rile *large companies that make profit*. Gongwe re ka o *alter* ra o baya jalo.

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

**MR PULE:** Ee, kana a re o a gana.

**MR SPEAKER:** E tšhaile *Honourable Pule*.

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

**MR SPEAKER:** Order! Honourable Members.

**MR PULE:** I stand to support the Motion.

**MINISTER OF SPORT AND ARTS (MR KELEBENG):** *Thank you Mr Speaker*. Ke ne ke re le nna ke latlhele mme ke supe gore Rre Ntsima le Rre Motshegwa ba e adile ka bokgabane. Mogopolo wa ga Rre Gobotswang o montle mo go reng maikaelelo ke eng mme fela fa o re *mandatory CSR laws*, o raya eng? Seo kana se raya gore dikompone di dira mo gotweng *check-the-box compliance*. Go raya gore dikompone fa ba itse gore CSR e *mandated*, ba simolola go lebelela *the minimum requirements* tse di ka dirang gore ba se ka ba dira mo gotweng *maximum social impact*. Ba lebelela mo go nnyennyane, ba itekanyetsa ka gore molao o a ba tlama. Go ya go oketsa *costs*, go bo go fokotsa *competition* mo dikgwebong. Kana fa gongwe ka fa re lemogang ka teng, melao e e patelediwang e e ntseng jalo, fa gongwe e dira gore dikompone tseo di *shift* boikarabelo jwa tsone jwa *to contribute* kwa bajibareking kana *customers*. Go raya gore dikompone di tlaabo di simolola go turisa *services* ka gore di batla go tsaya mo bathong gore ba tle ba kgone gore ba dire boikarabelo jone joo.

Fa re lebeletse *Mr Speaker* gore mme *interventions* di ntse jang, go ka dirwa eng kana go diragala eng jaaka Rre Ntsima a ne a setse a buile gore kwa *Trade* ba dira eng mo nakong ya gompiano, le rona kwa *Sport and Arts*, re setse re na le se re se dirang mme re lemogile gore go na le dilo tse e leng gore e le *interventions*, di ka thusa jaaka *tax incentives*. Di thusa gore go nne le *that genuine engagement* le *win scenario* ka gore ba tlaabo ba itse gore *unlike mandatory spending, they would be incentivised* gore ba bo ba thusa. Golo ga teng go kgona go nna le gone mo re go bitsang *high impact investment* ka gore ba itse gore...

**MR MOTAOSANE:** *Clarification*. *Thank you, Mr Speaker. Thank you, Honourable Minister. You have raised a very pertinent comment* fa o bua ka *tax rebates* ka kwa go lona ka kwa *Sport*. *Are you aware that most of the companies* tse di gwebang mo Botswana, kwa mafatsheng a mangwe di *sponsor sport* ka bokete mme mo Botswana ga di dire jalo? *Typical example; if you take* bo Spar, *all these big companies*, ga di dire sepe *in terms of supporting our sport* ka kwano ka gore ga go na mo ba patelesegang. O tlaa intshwarela fa e le gore go molato go ntsha maina a dikompone, *I am just giving an example. Thank you sir*.

**MR KELEBENG:** Tanki *sir*. Kana ke sone se re buang ka *interventions*. Fa re lebile *economies* tsa mafatshe a mangwe gore di botona bo kae, re a itse gore dikompone di ntsha madi a mantsi kwa mafatshe a mangwe go re gaisa. Le fa *Honourable* Pule le ene a ne a tabogetse go re *compare* thata le mafatshe a matona a e leng gore o bua gore go na le melao, rona kana re leka go ngoka bagwebi gore ba tle kwa go rona. Ke sone se ke buang gore *intervention* ya *tax incentives* e botlhokwa.

Se se diragalang kwa Botswana National Sport Commission (BNSC) ke gore dikompone tsotlhe tse di ntshang madi mo *sport*, *that money is regarded as an expense*. Go raya gore ba kgona gore ba bo ba fiwa *rebate* eo. Fa re bua jaana, go fefosa le go leka go tokafatsa se o se batlang, BNSC gone jaana, *it has applied for exemption certificate* gore jaanong go se ka ga nna *process* e telele. Dikompone fa gongwe tsa re di batla go thusa mme fa di re di *claim rebates*, go nna *process*. Jaanong BNSC e tlaabo e ka neelwa *exemption certificate* gore go bo go kgona go nna bofefo gore dikompone fa di tsenya madi di bo di ka thusega.

Mo gongwe mo re go lebileng e le *intervention*, re leka go lebelela gore *gambling levy* gore re bo re itse gore *sports and creative arts* le tsone e nna *beneficiaries* go papametse mo molaong. Ke *intervention* e re eletsang go e dira fela jaaka mo *alcohol levy* o bona gore go a kwalwa gore 10 *per cent* o ya kwa botsogong gore ba tle ba kgone go dira *interventions* le *to promote* dilo tse di amanang le *alcohol abuse*, go leka go ruta batho gore ba fokotse jang dinotagi, go leka go thusa ka *interventions* tse di amanang le yone tsamaiso e. Re leka gore e nne dingwe tsa *interventions* tse re batlang go di dira gore fa re bua ka molao wa *gambling*, re bua ka *gambling levy*, re ka tsaya eng *for the creatives and also for the sport*. Jaaka ke ne ke bua ka *tax rebates* ya *sport*, ba *arts* le bone ba simolotse go lebelela gore le bone ba ikamanye le ba Botswana Unified Revenue Service (BURS) gore fa re bua ka molao wa *Section 51*, o e leng gore o lebagane le *rebates*, re bo re tsentse le ba *arts* mo teng.

Sengwe sa dilo tse re di lebileng ke gore go nne le *Sport and Arts Development Fund*. E tlaabo e le gore ba e leng gore ba *contribute* mo *sport*, ba kgone gore ba bone *rebates*. Re e *model* jaaka Human Resource Development Council (HRDC) mo e leng gore fa e le gore o ntsha P100 000, go raya gore o ya go *claim rebate* ya P200 000 e le *expenses* tsa gago. Ke dilo tse re di lebileng e le *interventions*. Re pateletsa gore batho ba dire CSR, re bo re ya go iphitlhela e le gore jaanong

dikompone di goga maoto, ga di tsenye letsogo jaaka re eletsa ka gore ba dumela gore ba a pateletswa. Ke sone se re lekang go bua gore golo moo go thusa gore go oketse *efficiency* fa re tla ka *interventions* tse di amanang le *incentives* ka gore go raya gore dikompone jaanong di tlaabo di itse gore di *allocate* mo *areas* tse e leng gore ke tsa bone e bile ba itse gore ba oketsa *efficiency*.

**MR BARONGWANG:** *Elucidation*. Ke a go dumedisa Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke ne ke re ke go tlaletse fa gore fa o simolola o pateletsa dikompone, segolobogolo o dirisa *factor* ya *profit*, go na le kgonagalo ya gore ba *declare loss* gore ba *avoid* gore ba ntshe madi a gotweng ke a CSR. *Thank you*.

**MR KELEBENG:** Go ntse jalo. Kana fa re dira jalo, ke yone kgang e ke neng ke e bua gore ba tlaabo ba dira fela *check-the-box compliance* kana mo go bidiwang gotwe *green washing*. Ba tlaabo ba itse fela gore fa go ntse jaana ke gore re *tick boxes*, re *declare losses*. Ba bangwe fa ba bona gore go nna maswe, ba tsaya *cost* ba e isa kwa baji-bareking, go bo go raya gore *customers* ke tsone tse di babalelwang ka gore ke tsone tse e leng gore *they contribute towards* CSR.

Ke sone se re buang gore re tshwanetse re ngoke ka go tla ka megopolo e e lekang go nonotsha le go dira gore dikompone di eletse gore di tsenye madi mo CSR. Mogopolo wa gore ke eng re re gongwe re dumela gore re jewa ntsoma, a re dumeleng gore fa madi a tsenngwa ke dikompone, ba tla ka gore re dirile gore *environment* e kgone *to enable* gore ba kgone gore ba tsenye madi ka tsone *incentives* tse re buang ka tsone. Mme re a bona gore lephata la ga Rre Ntsima go na le ka fa le dirang ka teng le lone go leka gore dikompone tse di dirang madi, *turnover* e e fetang P500 *million* ka ngwaga, go na le tsamaiso ya gore go ka dirwa jang gore re leke gore ba tsenye letsogo mo lefatsheng go thusa jaaka Rre Gobotswang a eletsa. Mme fela tota go na le *interventions* tse re dumelang gore di ka dira botoka.

**MR PHOLOGOLO:** *Elucidation*. Dumelang kwa gae. Tona, a o raya Motswana o re fa re ka pateletsa ka molao, go na le kgonagalo e e tletseng gore ditlhwatlhwa re bone di gola, Batswana ba tshwanelwa ke go duelela madi a re tlaabong re patika gore a thuse Batswana *as corporate social responsibility*?

**MR KELEBENG:** Go ntse jalo *honourable*, kana go raya gore molao o fa o tlama go ya go nna le *hidden taxes*, *operation costs* di ya go oketsega. Go bo go raya gore ba batla madi, ba *search* Batswana ba re reng ba thusege gore e nne bone ba ba *contribute to* CSR...

**MR AARON:** *Elucidation.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. A o a itse gore dikompone tsotlhe tse di tona fa di tla mo Botswana, *among the management plan* ya tsone ga go nke go tlhokafala CSR e re buang ka yone?

**MR KELEBENG:** Kana ke sone se re se buang gore fa e le gore e teng, *why* o e dira *mandatory*? Kana o e tshwere ka botswerere gore dikompone di na le *policies* tseo. Rre Ntsima o setse a e tlhalositse gore go diragala ka tsela e e ntseng jang.

**MR FRENZEL (SHASHE WEST):** Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*. Gongwe ke tlaa se ke ke nne moleele, ke ntse ke reeditse batlotlegi jaaka ba ntse ba e ala...

**MR BARONGWANG:** *Point of order.* Ke mmata wa me Frenzel, mme e bile ga ke bue ka lepe fela, fa ke gakologelwa sentle fa re simolola Ntlo e, o ne wa supa gore Frenzel o ne a na le tshwanelo ya go bua mme ka nako eo o ne a seyo. Jaanong ke dumela gore *slot* sa gagwe se fetile, go bua gape e tlaabo e nna o kare o a boelela, mme fa e le gore ke *wrong Mr Speaker* o tlaa intshwarela, ga se ka lepe fela, ke mmata wa me. Ke a leboga.

**MR SPEAKER:** Nnyaa, *Honourable Members*, gakere le a itse gore *Motion* o o tsene la bofelo ka di 12 tsa ga *December, which is last year*, o ne a sa bua gotlhelele. Ke sone se ke mo neelang *floor* ka gore o ne a na le *full 10 minutes*, fa e le gore o ne a simolotse *debate* jaanong a seyo re simolola, ke gone a neng a ka *lose slot*. Jaanong gotlhelele o ne a ise a bo a emelele le go emelela.

**MR LEKAU:** *Procedure.* Ga me ke go kopa tlhaloso fela e nnyennyane gore a mo *Motion* o gone ga go tsewe *two* ka kwano, *one* ka kwa *opposition*?

**MR SPEAKER:** Ga ke a bona, re tlaa baakanya.

**MR FRENZEL:** Heish! Banna le a mpatla, fa o bona ke batliwa ke ditsala tsa me, o bo o itse gore go thata. Ke kgabetlelelwa ke ba ke tsayang gore ke bone ba ka bong ba ntshireletsa, go supa gore go bokete.

Tla ke eme fa Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke supe gore *Motion* ke o lebeletse. Dingwe tsa dintlha tse ke neng ka di lebelela, ke kgaolo e ke tswang kwa go yone. Ke goletse kwa motseng o o bidiwang gotwe Letlhakane, mme kwa Letlhakane, kompone ya Debswana ke yone e e neng e tshwere Letlhakane ka sengwe le sengwe. Ya re morago ga dingwaga ga tla kompone ya Lucara, le yone e tla e dira *the same thing*

se se neng se dirwa ke Debswana. Fa re tsaya kompone ya Debswana le Lucara fa re bua ka kgang ya *social responsibility* mo *community* e batho ba ba tshelang mo go yone, o ya go fitlhela e le gore Lucara e dirile botoka thata go gaisa Debswana, *yet* Lucara e tlile maabane fela jaana.

Fa o tsena mo motseng wa Letlhakane o tswa *side* ya Serowe Stadium, se se ka fa se dirilwe ke kompone ya Lucara. Go na le motse gatwe Makgaba, Lucara e tswa go dira *primary school* e e neng e bulwa maabane fela jaana. Debswana fa o re o lebelela gore e dirile eng mo *community* ya Letlhakane, o ya go fitlhela e le gore ke bothata jo e leng gore ga o ka ke wa bo wa kwala gore Debswana e dirile sennanne, *yet* e sa bolo go dira madi a a tshosang...

**MR MOALOSI:** *Procedure.* Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*. Kana ka fa a buang ka teng *Honourable Frenzel*, Debswana ga e kgone go ikarabela gone fa *because they do social responsibility*, kwa Marapong ba re agetse *day care centre*. Jaanong ga ba ka ke ba kgona go ikarabela mo Palamenteng, gongwe fa re neela dikai, re se ka ra nna o kare re sekisa batho ka gore ga ba na *chance* ya go tla go ikarabela. Ke a leboga.

**MR SPEAKER:** Ee, mme Debswana e teng gone mo Palamenteng *through* Goromente, gakere ke *shareholder*, o tlaa e buelela.

**MR FRENZEL:** Ke a bona gore re go iseditse sekoleng mahala le wena jaanong Moalosi...

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

**MR FRENZEL:** ...dilo tse dingwe o tshwanetse go di lebelela. Ke ipotsa gore...*(Interruptions)*...o tlaa mpalela o a itse, o ka tla o re Debswana ga e ka ke ya tla e ipuelela, legale tla ke tswe mo go yone.

Jaanong dilo tse tsotlhe fa o di tsaya o bo o leka go di tshwantshanya, o ya go fitlhela e le gore e nngwe e kgonne go lemoga botlhokwa jwa go thusa mo *community*, *yet* e nngwe e sa bolo go dira madi, mme e a isa kwa ntle. Ke dingwe tsa dikgang tse e leng gore fa ke lebelela *Motion*, ke ya go fitlhela e le gore o botlhokwa gore re o sekaseke.

Ke tswa kwa kgaolong e e tletseng metlhaba le dinoka tse dintsi thata. Dinoka tsa teng gompiono jaana metlhaba e a tsewa, e tsamaya *as far as* bo Maun, Rakops, fa ba tsayang metlhaba eo teng ga go na sepe se ba se tlogelang. *I think it is high time* gore Puso jaanong

ka boyone fela jaaka Tona a ne a supa, re bone gore dikompone tse di dirang mo *communities* tseo, di tlogela sengwe se se tlaabong se supa gore gone mme kompone ya mofuta o e tlile ya dira mo motseng o fa e le gore e a bo e le motse.

Maabane fela jaana kwa kgaolong, re ne re tlhasetswe ke *potholes*, le mo A1 gompiano jaana di pala go thibega. Ke bo ke bua le ba *Roads*, re bo re *engage* ba Unik Construction ba bo ba tla ba leka go re thibela *potholes* tse di tswang mo A3 go ya go ema kwa Borolong. O fitlhela e le gore e ka tswa e se sepe, mme ke sengwe gape ka gore ba a bo ba thusitse *community* ka gore fa e ne e se bone, gompiano jaana re ka bo re tsamaya mo *potholes* le mo A1 o wela mo mafuting a tsone. Fa o tswa gone fa go tsena fa Artesia fale, ga go tsamae go gotlhelele. Jaanong dikgang tsa go tshwana le tse ke tsaya ke re re tshwanetse go di lebelela re tsentsa leitlho kwa teng.

Ke ne ke fa sekai sa kompone ya Debswana e mokaulengwe a reng ga e ka ke ya ipuelela, mme ke fa e le sekai, Lucara e dirile go tlala ka diatla thata. Fa o re o a tsena gompiano jaana kwa Mokubilo, 100 kilometres (km) go tswa kwa Letlhakane, e tlile ya *fund project* ya *community* eo. Ba a lema, go hirilwe, ba epile didiba, dilo tsa go tshwana le tsone tseo ke dingwe tsa dilo tse re di batlang. Go ne go sena molao wa gore ba tshwanetse go dira jalo, mme ba bone gore ba tshwanetse go thusa *communities* ka go farologana ga tsone. Ke ne ke e fa sekai ka sekole le *project* e e kwa Mokubilo. O a kgona go bona gore ba dira go le botoka. Tse dingwe dikompone e tla e rwala madi, a bo a tsamaya a ya kwa mafatsheng kwa gongwe kompone eo e tla e tswang teng, *community* e bo e sala kwa morago e itshopere, e tlogela lefatsheng leo le sule, mafuti *more especially* ba *mining*. Ba tlogela mafuti foo go sena yo o tlaa salang a a katela. Jaanong fa ba thusitse, re tlaa sala re ikgomotsa re re aah! mme ba ne ba le fa, ba dirile sennanne le sennanne, re tla ra ikgomotsa ka gone.

Jaanong fa ke lebelela *Motion* wa ga motlotlegi, ke tsaya ke re ke o gongwe re ka o sekasekang ra o bonela phatlha gore dikompone tse ditona... kgantele ke kile ka utlwa motlotlegi a bua ka bagwebi ba ba botlana, bao e bile tota ga se ba re ka buang ka bone, re bua ka dikompone tse ditona. Ke tsone tse re tshwanetse go ke gore re di lebelele, tse di a bong di tlile go dira madi a mantsintsi, a bo re sa bone kwa a yang teng.

Fa o lebelela gompiano *leagues* tsa rona fa ke tsena kwa *sports*, *premier league* e sokotse mo go maswe gore e bo e felela e ya *to be funded*, e bo e bona *sponsorship*. *Leagues* tsa rona *which feed league* e e kwa godimo e

leng tsa 1<sup>st</sup> Division, ga di na le fa e le *sponsorship*. *They travel* go tswa mo Mahalapye ba ya kwa Kasane, ba tswa kwa Maun kwa ba ya kwa Phikwe, ba iphataphatela mo dipateng tsa bone, *yet* re na le dikompone tse di teng. Fa o re o a lebelela dikompone tseo, o ya go fitlhela e le gore kwa mafatsheng a sele di a dira, mme mo lefatsheng la rona ga go na se di se dirang.

**MR MOALOSI:** *Elucidation.* Ke a leboga *Honourable Frenzel*. Gongwe re lebelele *our Development Budget* gore *tenders* tse di fenngwang tsa madi a mantsi tsa *construction*, metsi le *energy* di fenngwa ke dikompone tse di tswang kae e le bokae madi ao, mme go sena gope mo go ba tlamang gore *profits* tse ba di dirang ba di *invest* mono. Re na le dikompone tse dintsi tse di dirileng ditsela tse dintsi le *pipelines* tsa metsi, mme ga ba ise ba *invest* sepe sa madi a ba a dirileng kwano. Gore gongwe fa go ka bo go na le molao o, ke dumalana le wena gore o ka ba tlama gore *at least* fa ba sena go nna le *a tender* ya P1 *billion*, a bo gongwe sengwenyana se sala.

**MR FRENZEL:** Ke a leboga ...*(Inaudible)*... jaanong ke tshagatshega le wena ka ke bona o bua dilo tse di utlwalang. O bua selo se se molemo thata, re tshwanetse gore re lebelele dikgang tse gore gongwe kompone e a bo e neetswe *a tender* ya madi a a kae. Tota gore kompone e bo e tsaya madi... kana madi fa o bona a ya kwa mafatsheng a sele, a ya *to invest* kwa mafatsheng ao, *yet* ba ne ba neetswe tiro kwano. Jaanong ke tsaya ke re re tshwanetse go ke gore dikgang tse re di lebelele.

Ke ne ke bua kgang ya kwa *sports*, kana ga re ka ke ra ya gope. Re sego mo go maswe gore re bo re na le bo Letsile ba ba itswelang fela *from nowhere*. Jaaka ke ne ke supa ka dikompone *which sponsor* kwa mafatsheng a sele, fa o lebelela ABSA, *they sponsor* kwa mafatsheng a re bapileng le one, re iponela ka matlho gore ba a dira, mme mo lefatsheng la rona madi a bo e le gore ke a a emelelang a tsamaya...

**MR JACOBS:** *Correction.* Rre Frenzel, ke raya gore nna le wena re ka dumalana gore jaaka *teams* tse di tshwanang le bo *Gunners* jaana, di tlhoka *social responsibility*, *especially* batswakwa ba ba tlang go dira *business* mo Botswana, ke bone ba ba ka bong ba ntsha *social responsibility* e e fetang ya rona ya Botswana, gakere.

**MR FRENZEL:** Ke a leboga. Fa o rialo o nkgopotse Extension *Gunners* *when it was still sponsored* ke Lobatse Cash Store. E ne e dira bontle thata, nako e e

neng e santse e na le batshameki ba ba neng ba tumile bo Edison Muluba. Jaanong ke sone se re se batlang, gore bao ba gongwe ba dirang gautshwane le *community* eo, ba leke go thusa ka bonnyennyane jo ba ka bo dirang. Ka gore rialo Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, *I submit*.

**MR LEKAU (MOGODITSHANE WEST):** Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Fa ke ntse ke tswetse ke bua, o tle o kope *Honourable* Moalosi a fokotse dibuka, ga re kgone go mmona fa a le mo setilong.

Sa ntlha *Mr Speaker*, ke leke go tsenya thuto fela e e kananyana, ya gore fa o lebelela *the Budget Speech* ya gone jaana, o bo o ya go bula kwa *page 30, paragraph 116*. Kwa *page 30* go buiwa ka Corporate Income Tax (CIT), e ka boyone go ne go oketswa *percentage* ya *corporate tax*. Yone fela ka boyone fela jaaka o e oketsa, *you cannot add* CSR, o bo o boa o oketsa fa godimo ga *the 3 per cent, 3 per cent* ke madi a mantsi thata. Kana dikompone tse bagaetsho, re lemoge gore fa o dira gore e nne ka fa molaong, e nna o kare o dira *double tax*. *Investors*, kana mo tsamaong ya nako re tlhaloganye gore, ke batho ba ba *very very sensitive*. *Sensitive in principles*, ga ba batle mo e reng o mo file *price* o re ke P3.00, o bo o mo fetogela kgantele o re ke P5.00. *By bringing* molao o re o rurifatsa gore ke molao, o kare re batla go dira *hidden costs, more especially* o batla gore e tle pele ga *profit*, o bo o boa o go kgethisa. Fa o beeletsa (*invest*), selo sa ntlha o ya go lebelela gore wena madi a o yang go a tsenya mo lefatsheng leo ke bokae. Jaanong fa e re o sena go a tsenya, go bo go ya go tla gore o tshwanetse *a certain a percentage* gape e ye kwa *community*, go ya *to impact our investment*.

Ke tlhabilwe ke ditlhong ke bona Rre Pule a emelela a bua gore o dumalana le molao o. Ke ne ke re ke a mo gakolola kgantele gore, e rile fa Rre Gare e le Tona ka 2021, o ne a bua a supa gore selo se le bone jaaka ba dira *economic empowerment*, ke selo se ba sa dumalaneng le sone. *What we need to do* ke go tlisa *incentives*, tse di ka tlamang dikompone go di kgothatsa gore di dire *that social responsibility*, e seng go di tlama.

Ke batla go go supegetsa gore borai jwa go tsenya molao o ke eng. Ke ya go go fa dintlha di le pedi *Mr Speaker* tsa gore *in a situation whereby there is a monopoly* kana kompone nngwe e ikemetse e le nosi e bile e le yone e e tshwereng *market* oo, a bo re tlisa *those laws* tsa gore go nne mo molaong gore ba *contribute to that, what would happen* ke gore *they would hike the prices*. Fa ba tsholetsa *prices*, ba itse gore ga o na *alternative*, mme

*burden* e ya *to the consumer*. Ene a baletse gore *tax* e gotweng ke e duele e, go raya gore jaanong e duelwe ke *consumer*. Le fa a ka tsamaya a ya go dira jalo, ga se gore go na le *economic benefit* mo go seo.

**MR SALESHANDO:** Ke kopa tlhaloso. *Just two questions*, la ntlha o rile *investors* ga di ka ke tsa rata mogopolo wa go nna jaana, *number 2* o a re ba tlaa *adjust prices to take care of the cost, the two are contradicting each other*. Fa o re ga ba ka ke ba rata, go raya gore e ya go ba kokonela. E le wena gape o a boa o re, ba ya go e fitisetse *to the consumer*; mo go rayang gore ga e ka ke ya ba kokonela. *Clarify this contradiction*.

*The second point is this*, mafatshe a a nang le makgetho a go nna jaana a tshwana le Mauritius, ka gore e teng kwa Mauritius, ke eng ba kgona go ngoka bagwebi ba ba beeletsang ka bokete jo bo fetang jo rona re kgonang ka jone mo Botswana, re sena molao wa go nna jalo?

**MR LEKAU:** Ke a leboga. Go thata gore o nthaloganye, se ke neng ke se bua sa ntlha ke se go tlhalosetsa Leader of the Opposition (LOO) ke gore, fa o dira jalo, *they will hike prices*. Se ke neng ke leka go se go supegetsa ke gore, mo gongwe go dirwa *as a result* ya *pressuring them*, gore ba *hike the prices* ke gore jaanong *you have pressured them*. *I was trying to show you* gore, fa o ka dira mo go ya go diragala eng. Go tshwana fela le fa ke ka go fa sekai se o tlaabong o re gongwe se *contradictory*, ke gore le kwa lekgethong se se diragalang, *if you apply that law, what they would do*, ba ya go tsaya madi a CSR, ba bo ba a isa kwa lekgethong. Go bo go raya gore fa o re o ya *to calculate profit after*, go raya gore *they are going to pay less*. *So what would be the impact of that; the impact of that* e tlaabo e nna gore, *tax* e re rileng e duelwe e nne *revenue* ya lefatshe, go raya gore jaanong e jelwe ke CSR e re neng re re re batla e dirisiwa. *By so doing*, go raya gore lefatshe ka bo lone ga le ka ke la tlhabologa, *so we are risking that*. *Issue* ya Mauritius ke moka motho a le kwa Tsolamosese jaaka nna a bo a re, ntlha ba Phakalane ba ja borotho jo bo besitsweng. *The whole thing* ke gore, gone jaana re ka itshwantsha ka SADC, re sa itshwantshanye ka Mauritius. *I know we should not limit our ceiling* ka gore mafatshe a mangwe a reng, *but...*

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

**MR LEKAU:** Tla ke go bolelele, se ke lekang go se go tlhalosetsa ke gore, wena gompiono fa o lebelela *economy* le GDP ya rona mo Botswana, ga e lekane le mafatshe a re buang ka one. *We are saying*, a re dire selo

se e leng gore *in our area* se ka kgona *to be favourable*, *not* se re batlang *to copy it* mme se se *practical* kwano. Ga ke na molato le wena Leader of the Opposition (LOO), ga re ka ke nna le wena ra tsamaya ra dumalana gope, *especially* e bile re bua ka dilo tsa madi ka gore, *you are an economist*, mme fa e le gore golo gongwe *you missed classes*, ke tshono ya gore jaanong o re tlhalosetse *a bit of that*.

**MR JACOBS:** *Point of clarification.* Ke a leboga mokaulengwe. Ke ne ke tsaya gore gongwe o ka tlhalosetsa Rre Saleshando gore, kana Botswana ga go na lewatle, lewatle le kwa Mauritius. Rona re dirisa di 4x4 kwano, jaanong o ka se ke o tshwantshanye mafatshe a ...*(Inaudible)*...Ke a leboga.

**MR LEKAU:** *Thank you very much.* Ke wela *Mr Speaker*, ke ne ke re a re lebeleleng *taxes* tse dingwe bakaulengwe, re se ka ra lebelela CSR e le *alternative*. Re na le *taxes* tse di tshwanang le tsa sukiri le *alcohol*. A re lebeleleng gore re ka di dirisa botoka jang. Se se tlhaelang mo go rona le gone kwa *sport*, mafatshe kana dikompone gore di kgone *to invest in a community*, selo se se tona ba batla *integrity* ya gore a batho bao fa ba neetswe madi, ba a dirisa sentle. A ga ba na dipuonyana tse di tshesanyane tsa gore go sentswe, go jelwe, go dirilwe eng, *in a community*. So, fa o le *company* e tshwana le Lucara kana Debswana, ga o ka ke wa *risk* wa ya go senya madi a gago gore go fitlhelwe gore madi a gago a tlile go dirisiwa mo borukutlhing a o neng o a neela thata *community*.

*I would call* gore, a re simololeng re supeng ka *these other taxes*. Re supe gore fa re di neetswe gore re di dirise, re ka di dirisa sentle. *Issues* tsa go tshwana le tsa *sport*, re a itse gore *sport* sa rona *if we can train to be professionals, would attract investors into sports*. Fa e le gore re ya go tswela re tshwara jaaka re ntse re dira *for the past 58 years*, ga go na ope yo o ka kgatlhegelang le go tsaya ngwana yoo, *because* fela jaaka a mo tsaya, *he attracts a lot of thugs around* ngwana yoo. Se se botlhokwa ke gore le rona re netefatse gore re... ke setse ke ntse ke gatelela gore, *we need to make a conducive environment for investors. We need to do business* e e leng gore *investor* fa a e lebelela, o ka kgatlhegela Botswana. Re sa kobe batho ka go ba direla melao e e leng gore fa a sena go tsena, ke gone re o buang gore, molao o ka bo one go diragala eng. Ga ke batle go bua bompe ka Mauritius, mme le lemoge gore bontsi jwa dilo tse di diragalang kwa Mauritius, ke lefatshe le lengwe, *but* fa o ka go lebelela gore go diragala eng

ka lone, *the 15 per cent income tax, the corporate tax charged, there is an implication to that*. Le gone o lemoge gore ba na le *an added advantage* ya gore ba fa kae, rona re fa kae. *It is an advantage in business*, kana *an advantage in business might be a disadvantage in social*. O farologanye gore *business* le *social principles* ga di tshwane. Ke ne ke re gongwe *economy* e tlaa go thusa go lemoga gore fa ke re *advantage* ke raya go ntse jang.

Ka go rialo *Mr Speaker*, ke ne ke kopa Rre Gobotswang gore a ye go lebelela molao o sentle, gone jaana tota *it does not qualify* fa re tsamayang teng, le ka fa re batlang go aga *economy* ka teng. Ke a leboga.

**MR SPEAKER:** Honourable Assistant Minister of Transport and Infrastructure, Member for Boteti East, Honourable Keoagile Atamelang.

**LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION (MR SALESHANDO):** *Point of procedure.* Gongwe fa o bona bangwe ba e tla ba emelela, kana kgantele ya bo e ne e kete ke botsa ke sa tlhoafala gore, kante gone mme *Honourable Frenzel* le ba a nang le bone, ba balelwa *as opposition or ruling*, ka gore go nna go re tsietsa fa ba bua, gore a ke *ruling* kana *opposition*? Jaanong fa gotwe go tsewe *two ruling, one opposition*, fa ba buile o fitlhela re ipotsa gore a ba balelwa kwa go rona, *so that* re nne re ema re itse gore re ba emele ba bue *as part of the ruling party*?

**MR SPEAKER:** Yeah! The issue is a little more complicated, I wish to make a full ruling in due course. I know the issue was raised at a budget seminar in Phakalane. My hope was that it will not be raised in the House, but in anticipation, I have been working on a ruling which I will make in due course. Honourable Atamelang.

**ASSISTANT MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE (MR ATAMELANG):** Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke dumedisa bo *honourable in the House, especially* Mma Dow, ke bo ke dumedisa le batho ba Boteti.

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

**DR DOW:** Makgakganyana a go tlaare a fele, o a tlwaela jaanong.

**MR SPEAKER:** Nnyaa, *Mother of the House*, se dire jalo, fa o na le ngongorego, *route it* sentle. *Honourable* Atamelang...

**MR ATAMELANG:** Ke bo ke dumedisa le batho ba ba kwa Boteti...

**MR SPEAKER:** Nnyaa iketle, tlogela go rumola *Mother of the House*. Ga a amogele ditumediso tse tsa gago tse...

**MR ATAMELANG:** Ke tlaa di boela morago *Mr Speaker*. Ke ne ke dumedisa batho ba kwa Boteti go tswa fela kwa Makalamabedi go ya go felela fela kwa Khwee le Mokubilo. *Mr Speaker*, allow me to subject *Motion* wa ga Dr Gobotswang to the Mischief Rule e e leng gore *it was introduced by the Heydon's Case in 1584*. E e buang *the four points* tsa the Mischief Rule, go kanoka gore a *the proposed Motion* o ka itepatepanya le *points* tse *four* tse ke tlaa di nankolang.

*Situation on the ground; are there any legal instruments tse e leng gore they address se Motion wa ga Dr Gobotswang o lekang to achieve? Nnete ke gore, those instruments di teng, re na le the Mines, Quarries Act le the Management Plan. Fa o batla...kana go ntshitswe tenders tsa to apply for tiriso ya lefatshe jaana, the Management Plan, one of the requirements ke gore, CSR you can apply or implement it ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Re mo tseleng ya gore Village Development Committees (VDCs) le tsona re bone gore re di neele the Mining and Surface Rights, especially ka bo gravels jaana gore ba tsenye letseno. Go na le Section 51 ya Income Tax, e e leng gore ke tax rebate e e neng e sa tswa go buiwa ke Rre Kelebeng, in relation to sports upliftment. Di levy tse di tshwanang le gambling le alcohol jaana, ke dilo tse e leng gore di teng to actually improve the CSR.*

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

**MR ATAMELANG:** Le nkitaya tsebe borra.

**MR SPEAKER:** Order! Honourable Members, a ko le phatlalatse diphutho tseo.

**MR ATAMELANG:** *Point number two Mr Speaker, the actual mischief; Dr Gobotswang o bua gore dikompone are not contributing to uplifting of communities around. I do not believe gore that is the mischief. Jaanong ka gore I am not him, ke dumela gore mischief e e leng teng currently ke efe. Ke dumela gore go na le misplaced priorities. Fa o tsaya kgaolo e tshwana le Boteti for example, kwa e leng gore minerals di tswa teng, with all the Statutory Instruments that exist, royalties do not service that regime. Fa o tsaya kgaolo ya tourism as well, all these royalties they do not immediately service those regimes. So, the mischief ga se gore dikompone ga di dire, the mischief ke yone misplaced priorities.*

*Another one is the mismanagement of funds, that is a mischief. Re itemogetse gore in some areas go na le trusts tse e leng gore they are mandated to develop dikgaolo tsa bone through tsona royalties tse di kana. Gangwe le gape, historically it has shown gore funds ga di dirisiwe sentle, o kgona go iphitlhela e le gore for example kwa kgaolong ya rona, sediba sa 10 metres se epiwa ka P500 000. That is a mischief on its own.*

*Uninformed kana misinformed intervention, ke e fa sekai, o kgona go iphitlhela fela o re let us say Debswana e aga a facility that is not needed by that community at that very moment, they build a shopping mall as opposed to building a clinic, so, that is the mischief e e leng gore e teng, ga se gore CSR instruments ga diyo.*

*Solution, that is point number 3, e e leng gore Dr Gobotswang is presenting. Solution a re e tlaa improve communities, but like I said, those instruments di teng but communities are not improving; jaaka kwa Boteti jaana. Go ya ka nna it is not a solution, but it is actually a problem, it will cause a reactionary effect.*

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Clarification.

**MR ATAMELANG:** Ga ke ka ke ka go neela sir.

*We would be chasing away investors. We would hike prices, batho ba ya go lathegelwa ke ditiro ka gore whoever would be mandated to improve community, o ya go leka to balance that expectation from expenditures tsa gagwe. So, solution yame like I have always said since ke tla gone fa, ke re we need a contextual beneficiation law. That law will introduce mo gotweng local Development Fund. Ke gore fa royalties tse di tsewang from all over these industries, the first deposit ya those accounts e fete ka this Development Fund, and then the beneficiation law also will come up with regulations and....*

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Clarification.

**MR ATAMELANG:** Ga ke na go neela ope bagaetsho. *Let us just make that one clear gore I am not going to give anyone an opportunity to clarify. You just need to listen.*

*This beneficiation law e tlaabo e dira gore go kgone gore madi ao a dirisiwe ka tsela e e siameng and be managed fela sentle. That way you can now enforce kana o kgona to track and evaluate tsona projects tse e leng gore di tshwanetse gore a bo di improve matshelo a batho. Jaanong the committee ya Cabinet e e itebagantseng le*

*Economic Growth and Social Justice, they are working mo go yone the instrument ya beneficiation to see how we can actually make sure gore value change development e goroga kwa bathong. One matlhoko a communities or the regions around these areas, di bona tsona dithuso tsa go nna jalo. So, we are getting there, and I am hoping that this committee e tlaa lebelela yone my proposal ya the contextual beneficiation law.*

*The last point ke gore is the Motion proposed here effective? Like I said, re tloga re double tax batho, creating dilo tse e leng gore we add mo mathateng, we are not improving. Jaanong in closing, looking at these four points, ke dumela gore Motion wa ga Dr Gobotswang o tshwanetse gore o ye go apewa gape, kana bogolo a tle ka an instrument e e itebagantseng le royalties to be directed to those communities tse e leng gore di timiwa royalties tse di tshwanetseng gore di bo di ba lebaganye. That is the way to go about it. Dikompone di ya go nna di ntse di tsisa madi but the problem is how we go about implementing those royalties and how we go about using those funds fa di tla. Ka go rialo bagaetsho, ke dumela gore Motion wa ga Dr Gobotswang ga o a apewa sentle so, I will not accept it. Thank you.*

**MR KAIZER (SELEBI PHIKWE WEST):** Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker*, ke ema jaana to support Motion wa mokaulengwe Gobotswang, mme ke o support ka mabaka *Mr Speaker. Some of us* ba ba nnileng le lesego la go golela kwa toropong ya Selebi Phikwe, re na le tlhaloganyo e e pharologanyo le ka fa bakaulengwe ba ba busang ba akanyang ka teng mo Motion o. *I must state Mr Speaker* gore for those who have stayed in Selebi Phikwe as I have said, this Motion is not just an obstruct, e bile ga o theoretical, to some of us is a lived experience.

*Mr Speaker*, fa o gakologelwa, re na le moepo wa BCL kwa Selebi Phikwe, mme o dirile go tlala ka diatla mo go nonotsheng itsholelo ya lefatshe la Botswana. Le gone kwa Selebi Phikwe, kompone e ya BCL, e dirile mo e kileng ya go kgona e le go leka to contribute to matshelo a batho ba Selebi Phikwe ka go dira ditiro, go aga matlo, le gone to sustain businesses tse dinnyennyane tse di ikemetseng ka bonosi. Re ka dumalana *Mr Speaker*, gore fa e sale ka go tswala ga moepo o wa BCL ka 2016, selebego sa toropo ya Selebi Phikwe se fetogile. Re ka dumalana gore dikgwebo tse dinnyennyane di phuthlame. Gompiano re lebagane le mathata a kgotlelesego ya tikologo, le mathata a gore matlo a BCL a ruletswe ka asbestos, mo e leng gore batho botlhe ba

ba tsheleng kwa Selebi Phikwe, ba mo diphatseng tsa go lebagana le bolwetse jo jwa asbestosis. Fa ke bua le wena jaana *Mr Speaker*, go dithoromo tsa lefatshe kwa toropong ya Selebi Phikwe, mo e leng gore moepo one o, o tshosetsa banni ba Selebi Phikwe matshelo ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. *Mr Speaker*, ke ka moo ke buang gore nna ke ya go tla ka debate e e pharologanyo ka gore seemo sone se, ke se tshedile, e bile ke ntse ke a se tshela mo nakong ya gompiano.

*Mr Speaker*, go tswala mo ga moepo has exposed a very painful truth gore profits tse di kanakana tse moepo wa Selebi Phikwe o sa bolong go di dira for many years, fa o re o di tshwantshanya le seemo se toropo ya Selebi Phikwe e iphitlhelang e le mo go sone, o ka bona gore go ngomola pelo. Fa e le gore bakaulengwe re tsile go dumalana gore CSR should be something of a goodwill from those who come and benefit from our land, ke dumela gore ba re ba neetseng Puso ga ba a tshwanela gore re ka bo re ba neetse Puso.

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

**MR KAIZER:** Se ke se buang *Mr Speaker* ke gore, Motion o what it is trying to do ke gore, dikompone tse di tona tse, a go nne le sengwenyana se e leng gore mo profits tsa bone, se tsamaya towards CSR. Ke sone fela se Motion o, o se kopang. Bakaulengwe ba bo ba rita ka tlhogo fa fatshe, ba bua gore Motion o, ga o a nna sentle, ga ke dumele gore a ba a itse gore kwa toropong ya Selebi Phikwe, re tshelela mo diemong tse di ntseng jang. Fa ke bua jaana *Mr Speaker*, Goromente wa Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC) o dumela gore o tshwanetse a ye go itebaganya le manokonoko a go tswalwa ga moepo wa BCL.

Fa re ka bo re ne re na le molao o o itebagantseng le CSR or any other fund e e tsamaisanang le yone, ke one madi a e ka bong e le gore gompiano, re a go a tsaya re thusa batho ba Selebi Phikwe ka one. *As we speak*, ga go diragale ka tsela e e ntseng jalo *Mr Speaker*. Jaaka ke ne ke bua, it is not enough gore CSR e bo e le voluntary, it cannot be like that. A re netefatseng gore re tsaya tshwetso ya gore CSR, re a e laola ka tsela e e ntseng jang. *As we speak*, fa e le gore e voluntary, number one; there is so much inconsistency. Yo mongwe o ne a tshwantshanya moepo wa Lucara le Debswana, mme tsotlhe ke dikompone tse di tona. E nngwe e dira go tlala ka diatla, e nngwe e sa dire go tlala ka diatla, mme tsotlhe di gweba ka minerals tse di tshwanang, di dira profits tse di kwa godimo. Re tshwanetse ra dumalana ka Motion o *Mr Speaker*.

**MR SALESHANDO:** *Elucidation Mr Speaker.* Fa o lebelela, jaaka o ne o bua ka toropo ya Selebi Phikwe e e ikaegileng ka ditswammung, le lefatshe le le tshwanang le la Indonesia le le nang le ditswammung di le mmalwa, le na le lekgetho le le faphegileng la CSR mme babeetsi ba sa sie koo. *What do you make of argument* ya ba phathi e e busang ya gompiano, ba ba reng ba na le tumelo fela ya gore fa go ka nna teng mo Botswana ba ka sia, mme ba sa sia kwa mafatsheng a a tshwanang le Indonesia? Ba sa sia kwa mafatsheng a a tshwanang le India le a mangwe a a mo SADC. UDC e lebege e sa itse gore SADC *includes* Mauritius, jaaka re bua gompiano jaana. Ke a leboga.

**MR KAIZER:** Ke a leboga Leader of the Opposition (LOO). Se o se buang ke boammaaruri. Se bakaulengwe ba batlang go se bua fa mo letsatsing la gompiano, gore re tlaa koba bagwebi ka tsela e e ntseng jang, ga se na boammaaruri gotlhelele. Fa e le gore bagwebi ba kwa mafatsheng a mangwe ba a kgona, go pala eng gore mo Botswana ba dire fela ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, ga go pale sepe. Se se diragalang ke gore, *this Government is not committed and not interested at all.* Fa e le gore ga ba na dikeletso tsa selebego seo, a ba se ka ba batla gore Batswana ga ba batle gore dikompone tse di ba thuse. Letsenonyana le dikompone tse le di bonang, go nne le sengwenyana se se yang kwa *communities* go ya go ba thusa ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. *Mr Speaker,* go tlisa molao wa selebego se, ke go babalela *interests* tsa Batswana mo lefatsheng la bone. Ga ke itse gore fa re tshwanetse go babalela Batswana, e bo dikgang tsa teng re di tsaya *as by the way,* ga ke dumele gore re tlaabo re le mo tseleng e e siameng.

*Mr Speaker,* fa ke tsamaela kwa go digeleng puo ya me, ke tlhalose gore bakaulengwe a re tseyeng Selebi Phikwe e le *lesson.* *Over 42,000 people* ba ba mo Selebi Phikwe, ba mo mathateng ka go tlhoka *a fund that was established* go ba babalela le go ba tlhokomela mo go sepe fela se se ka diragalang ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. *Mr Speaker,* ka mafoko a a kalo, ke a leboga.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Clarification.

**MR SPEAKER:** Nnyaa, a re o feditse.

**MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM (MR MMOLOTSI):** Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker.* Ke simolole fa go reng re le lefatshe la Botswana, re iphitlhela re le mo seemong gompiano sa gore ka lebaka la gore itsholelo ya rona e ntse e ipeile thata mo teamaneng, re tshwanelwa ke go e kabakanya ka tsela

e e ntseng jang. Botswana Economic Transformation Programme (BETP) *has identified private sector* e le yone e e leng gore mo nakong ya gompiano, re tshwanelwa ke go ganelela kwa go yone go kabakanya itsholelo ya rona. Go raya gore selo se se tonatona se re tshwanelwang ke gore gompiano re itebaganye le sone, ke go bona gore *private sector thrives.* Ke go bona gore *private sector* e a itsetsepela, e dira ditiro tse re di tlhokang, tse re di solofeditseng Batswana.

Fa e le gore maikaelelo a rona ke gore *private sector* e nne yone e e leng gore *moving forward, diversifies economy* ya rona, re tshwanelwa ke go dira gore *conditions* tse di tsamaelanang le gore ba dire tiro ya bone mo lefatsheng leno, di se ka tsa nna maswe mo ba ka felelang ba patikesega gore ba bangwe ba sie kana ba tswale. Re a tlhaloganya gore gompiano dikompone ka go farologana, di na le CSR e e *voluntary,* e e leng gore *from time to time* fa ba bone *profits* tse di botoka, ba thusa ka fa ba thusang ka teng. *Some have built roads,* ba agile dikole.

*I worked for a multinational company called Heinemann Publishers Botswana,* e e leng gore ka CSR *programme* re sa patikiwe ke ope, re ne ra ya go aga a *block of two classrooms* for Malatswai Primary School, re sa bewa selepe mo molaleng. *Company* eo was able to flourish, e tswelela e dira sentle ka lebaka la gore re ne re leba gore re ka kgona eng, se se ka sekeng se *cripple business* e e neng e hirile dipalo tsa Batswana tse di ntsi thata. Ke sone se e leng gore ka re mo nakong ya gompiano, *the focus* ya ga Goromente, ke gore *economy* ya rona e nne *private sector-led.* *Therefore,* fa e le gore ke gone kwa re yang teng, re se ka ra felela re itsentse mo seemong se e leng gore *we are going to discourage the private sector to invest or even to increase their operations.*

Re tshwanelwa ke gore mo nakong ya gompiano, re itse gore dikgwebo tse di potlana *are struggling, struggling* tota. *Therefore, it does not matter* gore Honourable Kekgonegile a re ke *percentage* golo fa. Fa e le gore o dira *profit* e nnyennyane, ka gore re *apply percentage,* go raya gore mo o tlaabong o go ntsha, go go potlana. *The thing is that these small companies are struggling to a point* e e leng gore *if you were to take even a little bit,* o tsaya bonnyennyane fela mo dikomponenyaneng tse di nnyennyane, *the business will collapse.* *Two or three people* ba ba hirilweng mo komponeng eo, ba ya go dira ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, re tshwanelwa ke go sireletsa dikgwebo tse di potlana, tse di fa gare le tse di kwa godimo.

Ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, mo seemong se re leng mo go sone bakaulengwe, ke gore fa o tsaya Mauritius, *and then you compare* le Botswana, o lebelela se se diragalang kwa Mauritius, *already corporate tax* ya bone ke 15 per cent. *We are already at 22 per cent. If we go and add again, ra reng mo go investor? We are competing with the rest of the world for these investors. They will find places where they can make it.* Fa o ya kwa Indonesia yo, *they are at 22 per cent but dikgwebo tse di potlana tse e leng gore la re di tsenngwe mo teng, they discount 50 per cent.* O kgona go bona gore *we are comparing*, mme tota re sa leba dikgang tse tsotlhe. Ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, Botswana *at 22 per cent already corporate tax* re setse re le kwa godimo. Fa e le gore ra re batla go tswela kompone e duela 22 per cent, e bo re *legislate* gape gore o ntshe bokana *for tax*, tota go raya gore kgatlhego ga se gore dikompone di dire sentle, ke gore di tswale, le bo le re tshega le re UDC Government le paletswe, ke fa jaanong dikompone di a tswalwa, le palelwa ke melemo, batho ba a swa.

Kgangkgolo gompiano ke gore *we want to make life easy for* Batswana. Gore re kgone go dira jalo, *we must diversify our economy, private sector* e kgone go itshetlela gore e kgone go dira ditiro. *Economy* ya rona e *recover*; re tle re kgone go tlamela Batswana *in all sectors; health, education*, jalojalo jaaka re solofeditse Batswana gore botshelo bo tshwanelwa ke go nna botoka.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Elucidation.

**MR MMOLOTSI:** O *elucidate* eng? Nna fela o iketle ke go rute.

Re mo thulaganyong bakaulengwe e e leng gore fa o lebelela *what is happening* mo SADC region gompiano, ke gore *we are in competition for investors* ka tsela e e gakgamatsang. Mo SADC tumalano mo nakong ya gompiano ke gore lefatshe lengwe le lengwe le tshwanelwa ke gore le dire gore go dira kgwebo mo lefatsheng, go nne motlhofo. Ba lephata la ga Rre Mokgware le maphata a a tshwanang le la gagwe mo SADC, ba lephata la *Tourism* mo Botswana le mo mafatsheng a SADC, re setse re dumalana gore dilo tse dingwe re leke go di tlhofofatsa, mo go tshwanang le gore re nne le bo Uni-Visa gore bajanala ba kgone go tla ka bofefo. *Investors* di kgone gore di se ka tsa sokodisiwa ke *visas*, e le tsela ya go leka go tlhofofatsa gore bagwebi ba kgone go tlhofofalelwa ke sengwe le sengwe. Re lemogile gore go bokete, mme re le Africa, re tshwanelwa ke go bona gore re tlhabolola itsholelo ya rona.

Tota kgang e ya ga Rre Gobotswang, ke akanya gore ga le a e akanya sentle, e bile ga le a ka la *research* sentle mo mafatsheng a mangwe. *You did not even look at what the region* ka boyone e le kang go se dira le gore re ya kwa kae. *I also do not think* gore fa le ne le bua jalo, le ne le gakologelwa gore re tswa mo diteemaneng, jaanong re tsena mo thulaganyong ya *diversification of this economy. We have fingered the private sector* gore *this diversification*, ke yone e e tlaabong e e eteletse kwa pele. *If we want to suppress the private sector*, go raya gore la re lefatshe la Botswana re swe, re swe, re swe. Ga ke dumalane.

Kgantele Rre Kekgonegile o ne a latola *royalties* mme go itsege gore Minerals Act go na le *royalties* koo. *Tourism land, companies are paying royalties.* Fa o re *royalties, then* o bo o re CSR e e *compulsory*, a re leka gore re...

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Elucidation.

**MR MMOLOTSI:** ...maikaelelo a rona ke go ba koba. *Listening is also a skill, so relax and listen. I am trying to teach you something.*

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Ga ke go ganetse, *I want to elucidate.*

**MR MMOLOTSI:** O *elucidate* eng ka gore ka re *learn*?

Mo kgannyeng ya *royalties* bagaetsho, *already companies like in the tourism industry and the mineral sector, they are already paying royalties. If you say royalties and then you say CSR...*

**MR KEKGONEGILE:** *Point of order. Mr Speaker, royalties, go baakanya, e tloga batho ba akanya gore...*

**MR SPEAKER:** O baakanya ka *correction*.

**MR KEKGONEGILE:** Nnyaa, *Mr Speaker.* Ntlo e tlaabo e dule mo tseleng fa...

**MR SPEAKER:** Baakanya ka *correction*.

**MR KEKGONEGILE:** ...fa ke ka pateletswa se ke sa se buang, Ntlo e tlaabo e dule mo tseleng.

**MR SPEAKER:** Tswelela ke go utlwe.

**MR KEKGONEGILE:** Ga ke a re ga go na *royalties* mo lefatsheng la Botswana, ka re ga go na tsamaiso ya *royalties* tse di yang *at the communities* mo lefatsheng la Botswana. Di ya kwa go Goromente, go tshwana fela le *tax*. Nna ke bua ka *communities* jaaka mafatshe a

mangwe go dirwa. Fa go dirwang *mine* teng, *fa mining company* e epang teng, mo mafatsheng a mangwe ba duela *royalties to the communities, not to Goromente*.

**MR SPEAKER:** A re o a mo pateletsa *Honourable Mmolotsi*.

**MR MMOLOTSI:** Jaanong wa reng, wa re ba duele *royalties* kwa go Goromente, ba bo ba di duela kwa *communities*, ba bo ba duela CSR gape? Kana tota kgang e re e buang ke gore, ga re a tshwanela go gatelela dikompone gore di felele di tswetse. Ra re CSR *is a good thing*, mme a re lekeng *to encourage the private sector* gore ba le dirang madi, le kang go thusa ka fa le ka thusang ka teng jaaka ke bua gore *the private sector* e tswa kgakala e thusa; bo Lucara. Re a itse gore bo Lucara ba thusa ka tsela e e ntseng jang, bo Debswana ba thusitse ka tsela e e ntseng jang.

Ke ntse ke le bolelela ka Heinemann Publishers; kompone e ke neng ke dira mo go yone. E bile *that project* ya *a block of two classrooms* for Malatswai Primary School, e ne e eteletsewe ke nna *as the Regional Manager* wa Heinemann *in the north*. Ka re *companies have been doing it and they have been doing a good job. All we need to do is to encourage those that are not doing it* gore le bone ba dire, e bo e le gore fa godimo ga tse re le kang gore re di dire, e bo le bone ba thusa.

Ga ke dumalane le lona ka gore dikompone di ya go palelwa, kgantele di felela di sa *declare profit* sentle ka lebaka la gore ba batla go *avoid*. Gape se se tlileng go felela se diragala ke gore fa re dira jalo, re ya go latlhegelwa ke ditiro, e bo e nna lona gape ba le tlaabong le tletse lefatshe le le re *you are selling a no vote* mo sengweng le sengwe se re le kang go se dira. Bakaulengwe, fa gongwe ga re le fa le ganetsa, mo gongwe le etle le dumela gore mo tota bakaulengwe re dule mo tseleng. Fa le dule mo tseleng, a re sekang ra leka go bolaya ditiro le batho ba dikgwebo tse dipotlana. A re sekang ra leka gore itsholelo ya Botswana e swele ruri e ntse e le mo seemong se se maswe gale. A re lekeng ditsela tse di ka totobisang itsholelo ya rona, tsa e baya golo gongwe *without having to burden the private sector and businesses* ka go ba kgethisa madi a a gaisang *the 22 per cent* wa tax yo re ntseng re ba mo neela, *which is already high compared to Mauritius, which is 15 per cent*. Bagaetsho, ga ke dumalane le lona.

**MR GARE (MOSHUPA-MANYANA):** Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke go dumedise mo mosong wa gompiano. Ke dumela gore ga ke na go tsaya nako e ntsi. Ke ne

ke re ke supe gore Tshutiso e ke dumalane le yone. Ke dumela gore re le batlotlegi kwa dikgaolong tsa rona ka go farologana, re tlaa ganetsana kana re dumalane le yone ka itemogelo kana ka *experiences* tse re di bonang kwa dikgaolong tsa rona. Tse ke di boneng kwa kgaolong ya me, di mpateletsa gore ke dumalane le Tshutiso e.

Sa bobedi; gongwe ke re ga go batle go lebega jaaka o kare ra re re batla gore *businesses* di gatelelwe. Ke tlhologanya gore tsamaiso ya go dira molao, go na le ka fa e dirwang ka teng. Ga se thulaganyo e e tlaabong Goromente a e dira a le nosi *without consulting stakeholders* tse di tlhokafalang. Ke dumela gore se re se dirang kana se se dirwang go le gale, ga go ise go ke gotwe ditshiamelo tse di ntseng di neelwa babeletsisi, di tlaabo ka mokgwa mongwe di sutisiwa.

Go na le dilo tse re di dirang re le Goromente wa Botswana tse re di neelang babeletsisi, tse e leng gore mafatshe a mangwe a a buiwang, ga a di ba direle. *For example*; re na le dithulaganyo tsa dikgang tsa bo *exchange controls, they are able to repatriate their profits* kwa mafatsheng a bone. *Some countries* ga ba letlelele dilo tsa go nna jalo, le tse dingwe tse dintsi tse e leng gore re dira gore re ba *soft land* fa ba tsena kwano, ba kgone go goroga ba dire *businesses* tsa bone sentle. Fela jaaka ke ne ke bua ke re thulaganyo ya molao ga e na go nna ka gore ope o ya go kgopakopediwa, go ya go nna le *consultations* gore gotlhe kwa bofelong, go goroge kwa e leng gore ga go na ope yo o tlaabong a babaletswe.

Re tlhoka molao o ka gore re batla *consistency* le *transparency and accountability for both tax purposes* le tse dingwe. Jaaka ke ne ke bua ke re, re na le *experiences* tse di farologaneng; kwa Kgaolong ya Moshupa re ne ra nna le *project* ya *sanitation*, e e neng e dirwa ka madi fela a mantsintsi, *almost a billion*. Jaaka ke bua jaana, batho matlo a bone a thubegile. Ba bangwe *have been compensated* mo go sa lekaneng gore ba busetse matlo a bone mo seemong se a neng a le mo go sone. O bo o bona gore fa nne go na le thulaganyo e e ntseng jaana, re ka bo re kgonne gore gongwe re bone gore ka lemme leo, batho ba ka bo ba le mo seemong se se ntseng jang, ba ne ba ka thusiwa ka mokgwa o o ntseng jang. Ke bua jaana e le gore kompone, *project* e wetse, e fudugile. Re bua jaana e le gore khansale e ne ya patelesega kana e patelesegile gore e ye go batla madi mo ditshenyegelong tse di bokete tse di kana, tsa boturu jo bokana go sena madi gore ba ye go baakanya borogo jo, bo re ipelaetsang gore bo kgaotswe ke *project*

e. Golo moo go ja *into the Government coffers*. Fa go ne go na le thulaganyo ya gore bontlha bongwe jo bo rileng go bo go patelesega gore bo tswe e le CSR, gongwe bo ka bo se mo seemong se se ntseng jalo.

**MR MONAGENG:** *Clarification.* Ke utlwa *Honourable Member of Parliament*. Kana a re e rile go dirwa tiro e ya *sanitation* kwa kgaolong, ga nna le mathata, matlo a ranyega, ga reng, ga reng. Jaanong kana re na le *such a project* kwa Molepolole, jaanong ke ne ke ipotsa gore a go ne go sa dirwa ditlhotlhomiso tsa gore e tlaa re ba *blast* ba reng, matlo a bo a ka amega? A ga le a tswelala ka go bona gore go ka baakannwa jang *rather than* le akanye gore fa madi ale a le teng le ka bo le baakanya ka one?

**MR GARE:** Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke a leboga *Honourable Monageng*. Ditlhotlhomiso di dirilwe pele le morago ga *projects* di dirwa *but* jaaka ke ne ke bua, madi a a ntshitsweng, *about 90 per cent of those people* ga ba a atswiwa mo go *adequate enough* go busetsa matlo a bone mo seemong se a neng a le mo go sone. Ba bangwe ke matlo a ba neng ba a agile ka *pensions* tsa bone. Re bua jaana e le gore motho o ipotsa gore a e tlaa re pula e tla kgantele ntlo e bo e mo wela kana jang.

Jaaka ke ne ke bua, selo sa ntlha fa molao o dirwa, go na le thulaganyo e go dirwang ka yone. Sa bobedi, fa go nna le molao, *there will be oversight to ensure* gore ga go na ope yo o bewang ka fa mosing; wena *business* kana *beneficiary or community*. Selo sa boraro, go ya go nna le *consistency*. Sa bone, go ya go nna le *transparency* gore botlhe ba thusege.

Jaaka ke ne ke bua, ke patelesega gore ke dumalane le one ke lebile diemo tse di diragalang mo dikgaolong tse dingwe gore batho ba sala ba iphotlhere *and* fa gongwe ga ba kgone go itsheka. Ke e fa sekai, ba tlaabo ba go raya ba re ntlo ya gago jaaka e thubegile, *were plans approved?* Re tswa kwa metseng, mo ga gore dikgaolo e nna *planning areas*, go go šha. Bogologolo o ne o raya moagi o re ntshala morago ka peke go sena *inspection*, go sena dilo tse. Ga o ka ke wa ya go thuba ntlo ya motho o bo o re a ntlo ya gago e ne e le... fa o mo raya fela o rialo, o a tshoga o boela kwa morago mme pelo ya gagwe e le botlhoko a sena jarata.

Jaanong dilo tse di ntseng jaana, fa go na le sengwe sa go nna jaana, *we can channel that to facilitate* batho ba go nna jalo.

Jaaka ke ne ke bua, *I do not think* gore kakanyetso e ikaelela ka tsela epe gore ope a ye go gatelelwa. Ke dumela gore re tshwanetse go o sekaseka ka mokgwa o o ntseng jalo re tlhaloganya gore re tshwanetse *to attract investors, but let us strike a balance to ensure* gore le fa batho ba dira *projects* kana ba tla kwa dikgaolong, le morafe o boelwe mo go maleba.

Ke ne ke utlwa *Honourable Kelebeng* a bua gore go na le tse di diragalang, *I have had an opportunity* go bereka kwa Sports Council *and to be involved* mo *sport generally*. Ga ke bone dikompone tse dingwe jaaka *Honourable Pule* a ne a bua, di dira mo re bonang di go dira kwa mafatsheng a mangwe. Fa e ne e le gore go na le molao o o ntseng jaana mo *sport*, se re batlang *to diversify economy* ka sone, re ka bo re kgona go bona ba latlhela sengwe. Gompiano *First Division* e go ya kwa tlase, ga go na *sponsor*...

**MR MAPULANGA:** *Elucidation.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*, tla ke go leboge motlotlegi. Kana kgang e o buang ka yone, *especially* ya *consistency*, kana golo mo go ya go dira gore re *avoid* kgang e o fitlhelang jaanong *companies*, gona le gore re berekele setšhaba, go simolola go tabogiwa fa morago ga mapolotiki ba ipulela *foundations*. Gona le gore madi a ye kwa bathong, a ya kwa mapolotiking go a dirisa ditsela tsa go ipapatsa. Kana *consistency* re bua ka selo se se ntseng jalo.

**MR GARE:** Ee rra, go ntse jalo, ke sone se ke neng ke bua ka kgang ya *accountability, transparency and consistency*. Fela jaaka ke ne ke bua, tota fela go bua nnete, *in my view*, ga ke bone dikgwebwe tse di mono di dira mo go lekaneng jaaka kwa mafatsheng a mangwe, re ka bo re bona seabe sa bone se dira pharologanyo e e kalokalo.

*Mr Speaker*, ke ne ke re ke eme ke re ke dumalana le Tshutiso e ka mabaka a ke a beileng. Mma ke go bolokele metsotso e mebedi ke eo, ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

**MR SPEAKER:** Honourable Members, it is now 11:08 a.m. The question will be put on this Motion at exactly 11:15 because I can see that the mover is not here to reply to the debates.

**MR BARONGWANG (MOGODITSHANE EAST):** Tla ke leboege gore o bo o mphile sebaka sa *to respond to this Motion*. Tota ga ke ka ke ka nna moleele jaaka o supile. Ke ya go ganelela mo dintlheng di le pedi fela. Ya ntlha e le gone gore *there is severe contradiction* ka fa e leng gore molao o o batla go bewa ka teng. Fa o

lebile *Section 25* ya Economic Inclusion Act, e gatelela gore go nne le *an encouragement than to compel*. Ga re ka ke ra nna le melao e mebedi e e farologanyeng e e leng gore o mongwe o bua ka go *mandate* kana go pateletsa, o mongwe o a *encourage*. Melao e go nneng teng ka bobedi, ga e ka ke ya nna teng *at the same time*. *The best thing that could be done* ke go *repeal* pele molao wa Economic Inclusion Act, *Section 25 before* re ka tla ka o, o e leng gore o a *mandate*. Fa go ntse jalo, ke gone mo ke reng go na le *contradiction*, ga re ka ke ra re ka fa re *encourage*, ka fa re bo re *mandate*. Sengwe se ne se tshwanelwa ke go dirwa pele, *either you repeal* molao o o leng teng pele kana o kwala o o reng o a o kwala ka tsela e e leng gore *it becomes consistent* le melao e e leng teng.

Bakaulengwe ba setse ba buile ka se se ka amegang fa re ka *adopt Motion* o. Se ke batlang go se gatelela e le sa bobedi gape ke gore fa le lebelela *our BETP* le *our NDP 12, they are very consistent le Section 25* ya Economic Inclusion Act. E gatelela gore re leke ka bojotlhe gore re *encourage companies* gore di *contribute to social development programmes* gona le gore re di pateletse jaaka Molao-kakanyetso o o batla go dira. Ke sone se ke reng pele ga re ka pateletsa, a re lebeleleng pele gore o o leng teng wa reng, a mme o re batlang go o tsenya o pateletsa, a ga o *contradict our NDP 12* kana BETP? Ke sone se ke reng, a go nne le *consistency* mo go se re batlang go se dira.

**MR AARON:** *Clarification*. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke a leboga motlotlegi. Kana gore re *repeal* molao, ke gore re dumalane le se se leng teng. Gore re riane, molao o re tshwanetse go o *repeal, how can we repeal it if re ganana le molao o?* A ga o bone gape e le gore o kare re dumalana le CSR, gongwe pharologanyo ke fale le fale? Ke eng re sa leke go farologanya dipharologanyo mme one re o fetisitse? Ke a leboga.

**MR BARONGWANG:** Ke a go utlwa, gongwe ga o nkutlwe. Melao e e mebedi mme ga e tshwane. Ga re ka ke ra nna le melao e mebedi e e farologanang mme yotlhe e le mo lefatsheng la Botswana. Ga re ka ke ra re a re name re fetisitse o re tlaa tla re *repeal* o pele. Dinako fa e simololwa o mongwe o nna *enacted*, e ya go nna mebedi, e ya go *operate* jang? *So, ga go kgonagale* gore re letlelele o o fete pele re bo re re re tlaa tla re *repeal* o mongwe kwa morago. *There would be two clear contradicting laws. So, a re netefatse* gore pele fa e le gore re a dumalana...

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

**MR BARONGWANG:** Ee, gakere pele ga e ka nna molao, o tla e le *Motion*, re bo re ya go o fetisa e nna molao. Jaanong fa re santse re o fetisitse, a jaanong o tlaabo o boa gore re ye go *repeal* molao o o leng teng? Se ke batlang gore le se dumalane pele ke gore go na le *contradiction* e bile go na le molao o o itebagantseng le CSR...

**MR FURNITURE:** *Clarification*. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke a leboga *Honourable Member*. Ke utlwa gore *your line of debate* e ka fa letlhakoreng la molao thata. Fa o ne o reeditse bakaulengwe ba bua, go a supafala gore go na le letshwenyego *on the ground* la gore kana dikompone di a tla di bo di dira kgwebo mo *environment* e batho ba tshelalang mo go yone, mme go bo go raya gore kwa bofelelong, ga go na dipoelo kana se ba se iponelang e le batho ba kgaolwana eo. A sone seo wena ga se go tshwenye *as compared to* gore gongwe re bue ka molao? Ga o tshwenyega gore kana mme gone matlo a batho a a senyega? *Like* kwa ke tswang teng kwa Tshesebe, go ne go agiwa tsela, matlo a bo a ranyega, rrakompone o tsamaile, re palelwa ke go rarabolola kgang e.

**MR BARONGWANG:** O nkgatlhela selo se le sengwefela. O tlhalogantse *my line of debate*, e mo molaong, *before we can do anything else*. Ee, re a tshwenyega e bile ga re gane gore go na le dilo dingwe tse gongwe di ka tswang di sa dirwe sentle. Ke sone se re netefaditseng gore mo *our NDP 12* le BETP, re nne re tswelele re gatelele letshwenyego le ka go rotloetsa le go netefatsa gore re itebaganya le mathata a a leng teng, a e leng letshwenyego la rona le. Ga se gore fa letshwenyego le le teng fela ke gore nako le nako re fetole kana re dire molao. Nnyaa, dinako tse dingwe *we need to put in a spirit of encouraging* go ithaopa gona le gore o nne o setswe morago ka molao.

**MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS (MR MOTSHEGWA):** *Clarification Mr Speaker. The Minister of Finance Rre Ndaba Gaolathe e rila a a fa budget, a bo a supa intention ya ga Goromente ya go oketsa corporate tax. The Botswana Congress Party (BCP) in fact, through the Leader of the Opposition (LOO) ba kgala selo seo. Jaanong letsatsi leno gape ba re go tle le an imposition* gore batho ba tselwe *profits*. Go oketsa *corporate tax* e leka *to achieve* go oketsa itsholelo gore go tle go tlhokomelwe Botswana ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. O tlhalose gore fa ba ntse jalo, o ka ba kaya o reng? Sa bobedi e le gore a ga ba itshupe e le batho ba e leng gore ga ba na *consistency*? Ke raya gore ba tlhalose rra ka tlhoafalo.

**MR FURNITURE:** *On a point of order Mr Speaker.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker.* Gongwe *Honourable* Motshegwa o mo tsenye mo tseleng. Ga go na fa BCP e rileng batho ba tseelwe *profit.* A ko a papamale fela mo go se se builweng. BCP ga e na maikaelelo a go tseela kompone kana kgwebo nngwe *profit.*

**MR SPEAKER:** Nnyaa, ga a tshwara *floor;* mme go raya gore ke kutlwisiso ya bone ka Tshutiso e le e beileng pele.

**MR BARONGWANG:** O e tlhalositse, mme gore BCP ya reng, ba tlaa e tlhalosa ka 2028-2029. Nte ke go arabe ka kgang ya *the principle of CSR* gore tota e diretsweng. Selo sa ntlha fela *CSR should be flexible.* Ga e a tshwanela gore e nne o kare...

**MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE (MR SALAKAE):** *Elucidation.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker.* O e tshwere sentle. Kana gongwe fa motlotlegi a tshwana le Rre Tlhabologo jaana a akgela, ka e bile go supa gore o tlhoka kitso nngwe, ga re re mo thuse. Fa o bua ka CSR, o raya *tax* e o e tsayang mo *profit.* *You do not take it anywhere. After* o sena go fetsa sengwe le sengwe, mo *profit* ya gago le kopa gore go ntshiwe mo go thuse. Jaanong golo mo ke neng ke bona gore gongwe go tlhoka gore re go tlhalosetse Rre Tlhabologo, ke ngwana a tle a nne mo leseding le re leng mo go lone. Ke a leboga.

**MR SPEAKER:** *Honourable* Aaron, se dire jalo mokaulengwe...*(Interruptions)*... O tsoma mafoko a e tlaa reng fa ba emelela o bo o re ke go sireletse. *So,* se dire jalo. *Honourable* Barongwang, feleletsa *debate* ya gago.

**MR BARONGWANG:** Nte ke e tswale fela ke re ya me molao o setse o le teng bakaulengwe, e bile ke *Section 25* ya Economic Inclusion Act e batla go itebaganya le matshwenyego a lona. E bile mo *programmes* tse re setseng re di dirile, di netefatsa gore *they are consistent with the existing law.* E bile ga re batle go senya sepe se se leng teng, re ntse re tlhaloganya seemo se re leng mo go sone.

Ke wele ka kgang ya gore kana CSR *must be very flexible, so that they do not hamper* kana ga di ame mo go kalokalo *the business practice.* Sa bobedi ke gore mo gongwe kana bo rradikgwebo ba tshwanetse gore ba kgone ba ipotse pele *before they develop this programme* ya CSR gore a mme re na le *capacity* ya go dira golo moo. *What comes first must be the business and the ability to deliver* se e leng gore *business* e a se dira pele

fa re ka akanya CSR. CSR gongwe re ya go e dira gape re tswa kae, re tswa mo *profits* jaaka mokaulengwe a sa tswa go bua. Sa bobedi ke gore le CSR e e leng gore e a dirwa, *it must be industry oriented.* Fa e le gore ke ntsha melemo, ke se ka ka patelediwa gore jaanong ke ye go thusa kae, gongwe kwa *industry* e sele. CSR e e leng gore *is developed within the industry by that particular business,* e ya go felela kgantele e le *aligned with the business such that it improves* motho yo o tlaabong a ntsha *the CSR.* La boraro, *the community itself* ke ya go tswa fa ke simolola pele ke dira *business.* Ke tshwanetse gore pele ke ye go tlhaloganya *community* e e leng gore ke ya go dira *business* kwa go yone. Ke se ka ka potiwa pele ke molao. Jaanong lona le batla go pota pele *business* le CSR ka molao kwa pele. A re direng *business* pele, a bo e le gone re yang kwa CSR re re a mme *do I have the capacity? Does it support the industry and the community* e e leng gore *business* e dirwa mo teng? Ke a leboga.

**MR SPEAKER:** Your time is up. I have indicated that the mover is not here to reply to the debate and I put the question.

**MR KEKGONEGILE:** *Procedure Mr Speaker.* Tanki *Mr Speaker.* *Mr Speaker,* kana *the mover is not here, that is correct,* mme o mo tirono o tserwe ke *Honourable* Tshere, *they are launching radios* kwa kgaolong ya gagwe. Ke tseela gore re a itse. Jaanong ga ke itse o tlaa re thusa *Mr Speaker.* Kana fa Tona a seyo o arabelwa ke yo mongwe. Jaanong le rona ka kwano *in that context,* re ne ra dira thulaganyo ya gore ke tlaa mo arabela *Mr Speaker.* Tanki.

**MR SPEAKER:** *Kana mo go e ya Ditshutiso,* the rules *ga di tlhalose jalo.* Secondly, I do not have a communication in terms of Order 16, of the whereabouts *tsa ga* *Honourable* Gobotswang. I am putting the question *Honourable* Members.

Question put and **Division called for.**

**MR SPEAKER:** Ring the bell for two minutes. At the lapse of two minutes, Sergeant-at-Arms, please lock the doors.

...Silence...

**MR SPEAKER:** Take your seats, so that we can have a vote on this Motion. *Honourable* Members, the Division shall be held in accordance with Standing Order 63 as the prescription in Order 63. It will be conducted in the manner prescribed in Order 63. *Honourable* Members,

I need to put the question before you begin your vote. Honourable Members, Order! The question is, “that this Honourable House requests Government to introduce a law setting a mandatory Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) for a specified proportion of profits before tax for companies operating in Botswana.” So, you know the rules Honourable Members. I will activate, when I activate, you press 1 to indicate that you are present or you activate your machine, and then those who are saying “yes” or are voting “aye” agreeing with the Motion press 2, those who are saying “no” press 3. Abstain you press 4. *Tlhophang* Honourable Members.

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

**MR SPEAKER:** Honourable Members. Order! I am going to deactivate.

...Silence...

**MR SPEAKER:** Order! Order! Honourable Members. Honourable Members, here are the results of your votes. You are 37 in the House, the “Yes” 15, the “Noes” 22, “abstain” zero. So, the “Noes” have it, the “Noes” have it. The Motion is negated.

Question put and **negated**.

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

**MR SPEAKER:** Before we call in the next Motion, let me just exchange with my Deputy.

**“EXCHANGE OF SPEAKERSHIP”**

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

**GOVERNMENT TO ABANDON PLANS  
TO CONSTRUCT A PRESIDENT  
LODGE IN THE OKAVANGO DELTA**

**Motion**

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Order! Honourable Members. There is a Motion by Leader of the Opposition. The question is, “that this Honourable House resolves that Government should abandon plans to construct a Presidential Lodge in the Okavango Delta and return the earmarked piece of land to Tawana Land Board for possible allocation to the District Council.” I am calling Honourable Saleshando to present his Motion.

**MR SALESHANDO (MAUN NORTH):** Ke a go leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke netefatse gore ke fa go tla go sutisa Tshutiso e ka

Sekgoa e reng, “*that this Honourable House resolves that Government should abandon plans to construct a Presidential Lodge in the Okavango Delta and return the earmarked piece of land to Tawana Land Board for possible allocation to the District Council.*” Ka Setswana ke kopo mo Palamenteng e, gore e dumalane le Tshutiso ya gore Goromente a tlogele maikaelelo a go ya go agela Tautona *hotel* e a itapologang kwa go yone mo Okavango Delta, mme a busetse lefatshe leo kwa Tawana Land Board gore e sekaseke gore a le ka neelwa *District Council* kana *council* ya kwa ga rona kwa Maun.

Kgang e ga e ntšha, e simolotse ka Palamente e e fetileng ya bo 12. E simolola pele e le gore mabaka a gore lefatshe le le tseelwa eng a bofitlha. Go ne ga ya Tona wa nako eo wa Lefatshe Rre Mzwinila kwa Maun, a feta a bua le khansele, khansele ya mo gana, ya se ka ya dumalana le ene. Mapalamente a kgaolo e leng Mapalamente a nako eo a a tswang mo *region*; Maun East, Maun West, Ngami le Okavango, ra tsamaya ra ya go kopana le *land board*, ra kopa go itse mabaka a gore lefatshe le tseelwa eng mo morafeng go nna la Puso. Dikarabo tsa pala kwa khanseleng nako eo. Ra tlisa kgang mo Palamenteng, ka go botsa Tona Mzwinila mabaka ka di 6 tsa ga *August* 2021. Mabaka a a neng a ntshiwa nako eo ke Tona e ne e le gore, Goromente o tsere tshwetso, o bone go siame gore a tseye lefatshe leo. Le e leng gore ka bophara jwa lone ke 8 kilometres by 21 kilometres (kms). Bogolwane jwa lone le tsamaela go lekana le motse wa Tlokweng. Ba tsaya lefatshe leo lotlhe gore go ye go agiwa sengwe se a neng a re se ya go dirisediwa *tourism*. Nako ya teng Rre Mzwinila o ne a re lefatshe leo ka Sekgoa *it is free from any encumbrances*, a raya gore ga go na ope yo o ka reng ke la gagwe. Lebaka le le neng le buiwa gore le tseelwa eng, go ne gotwe Goromente o bone gore a ye go aga lefelo la bojanala, *to develop a tourism facility. Office of the President* ka fa re neng re bolelelwa ka teng, *Ministry of Lands* le *Ministry wa Tourism*, ba ne ba kopana ba dumalana kgang e, ba bo ba ya kwa go Tautona gore a o a dumalana gore re tseye lefatshe le, e se ka ya nna bontlha bongwe jwa Tawana Land Board. Ba re Tautona o ne a dumalana, ba bo ba dirisa *Section 32* ya Tribal Land Act go tsaya lefatshe leo.

Jaaka ke bua, *District Council* e ne e ganne, mme Tona a tlhalosa gore khansele ya reng, ga go ba tlame, ga go ba reye sepe. Fa ba tsere tshwere tshwetso e le Puso, go lekane. O ne a ba a supa gore ba Bogosi ba ne ba rerisiwa, mme ba Bogosi nako ya teng le bone ba ne ba sa dumalane. Ba ne ba kopile gore kgang e e isiwwe kwa

morafeng. Puso ya nako eo ya tsaya gore ga e dumalane le tshwetso eo, tota le *land board* e ne ya tsaya tshwetso e e neng e supa gore ga go tlhokafale gore go rerisiwe morafe, fa Puso e buile, go tshwanetse go diragale.

Ga nna le potso ya bobedi, mo kgannyeng e, e jaanong e neng e lebagane le Tona yo o neng a lebagane le merero ya ga Tautona. A supa gore thulaganyo e ga e yo gope mo mananeong a rona a ditlhabololo, ga e yo mo NDP ya nako eo. A bo a re *Office of the President*, ga e ikaelele ka nako epe gore e iphitlhele e gaisana le bagwebi ba ba mo go tsa bojanala ba ba ikemetseng ka nosi, bone ba batla gore *private sector* e etelele pele. Ka jalo, ga ba ka ke ba dira sepe ka lefatshe le, se se tlaabong se phadisanya le ba ba ikemetseng ka nosi mo go tsa bojanala, ke karabo e e neng ya fiwa mo Palamenteng. A bo a re, tota bone ba batla gore Batswana e nne bone ba etelelang pele mo go tsa bojanala e le Puso.

Boammaaruri ke gore, kgang e mo diphuthengong tsa Kgotla tse ke di tshwereng kwa kgaolong, Batswana kwa kgaolong ya rona ga ba dumalane le se Puso ya nako eo e se dirileng. Ga ba dumalane le gore ka jaanong e ne e setse kgang e tswela kwa ntle, fa re sala morago kgang e, e ne e le sephiri. Potso ya bofelo ya ga Tona o o neng a tswa kwa *Office of the President*, ke ene o neng a felela *under supplementary questions* a setswe morago, a bo a bua gore, tota maikaelelo ke go agela Tautona lefelo le a ka neng a ya go itapolosa kwa go lone.

Mo go tsa itsholelo, *for* nako le nako fa o tsaya ditshwetso, go na le mo gotweng, a ke se o se tlhokang, *is it a need*, kana ke se o se batlang o se eletsa *or a want?* Nako le nako o tshwanetse o sekaseke gore a mme fa selo se ke re ke a se batla, *is it essential*, a ke se e leng gore fa ke sena sone, ditshwanelo tsa me tse ke tsayang gore ke tsa tlhologo, *your human rights, your needs...* Go na le mo ba a tleng ba go bue ka Sekgoa ba re, *the Maslow's hierarchy of needs*. Boroko, diapar, dijo, a re itebagantse le tseo kana ke sengwe se se batlang keletso fela, ke mokgabo, a ke se o se tlhokang kana ke mokgabo? Se se teng ke gore, kwa kgaolong ya rona re dumela gore ka fa go ntseng ka teng, ka fa go nang le Batswana ba le bantsi mo kgaolong ya Ngamiland le go feta go ya kwa dikgaolong tse dingwe, ba ba nang le *experience* ya *tourism*, ba ba nang le dingwaga ba emetse gore ba ka fiwa le bone ba iteka mo *tourism*, gongwe e ne e le nako ya gore go ka bo go lebelelwa bone gona le gore gotwe a re le beng kwa go Tautona.

Fa Puso e fetoga, re ne re na le tumelo ya gore Goromente yo moshwa yo o tsenang, ga a ka ke a taboga le tsa Goromente wa pele tse di neng di sa tlhokafale, o tlaa

itebaganya le tse e leng tsone tota tse di tlhokafalang. E bile maitlamo a UDC mo go tsa *tourism* a bua gore re tlaa baya Batswana kwa pele, ga a re re tlaa baya Tautona kwa pele, ga a re re tlaa baya *Office of the President* kwa pele. *I will quote from page 8, mme I am quoting* ke ntse ke itse gore la re ga le a saena, tumalano e ya *manifesto* le ne le sa ikgolege, ke utlwile. Mme le fa ke utlwile, mma ke le gakolole ka ke rile tiro ya me e nngwe ke go nna ke le gakolola maikano. *At page 8 of the UDC manifesto* ya re, “*The UDC Government would develop a comprehensive and inclusive tourism plan, which will empower Batswana to fully participate and benefit in the sector.*”

Minister Mohwasa ka di 14 August 2025, ke ne ka mo lebisa potso gape ka lefatshe. Karabo ya gagwe e ne e ikganeletse mo go tse di latelang;

- (i) Jaaka Rre Mzwini le Rre Morwaeng, a re ba setse molao morago, ba na le dithata e le Puso.
- (ii) *He confirmed* gone gore o ne a netefatsa gore maikaelelo a lefatshe le ke go ya go agela Tautona a *Presidential Resort*.
- (iii) A re ene ga a bone mabaka ape a go boela tshwetso e morago.
- (iv) A re ba Bogosi ba ne ba rerisiwa, mme a bo a ema foo a sa tlhalose jaaka Matona a a tlileng pele ga gagwe gore ba Bogosi ga ba a dumalana, ba rile go iwe kwa morafeng, o eme fela foo.
- (v) A re Goromente o gata kgakala ka go ipatlela mogwebi yo ba ka tshwaraganang le ene go tlhabolola lefelo leo.
- (vi) Fa o tsaya gore *number five* o ne a re, re gata kgakala ka go batla yo re ka pataganang le ene, fa o bala karabo ya gagwe, *paragraph* e e latelang a bo a re, mme e bile re gaufi le go simolola go aga. Dilo tse pedi tse kana ga di tsamaelane. Re santse re batla mongwe yo re ka tlhabololang le ene, le gore karabo ya bo (vi) e bo e re e bile re setse re tloga re simolola go aga.
- (vii) A re Goromente o tshwanetse a di etelele pele, *must be a key player in the tourism sector*. Goromente o tshwanetse a gate kwa pele mo go tlhabololang mohama wa itsholelo. A ganetsa se ba ntseng ba se bua gone jaana, gore bone ba batla *private sector-led economy* mo *Motion* o re ntseng re tswa mo go one, le tse ba di buileng ka *State of the Nation*

*Address le Budget.* Ene a re ga a kwa *private sector*; ga a ko go reng bagwebi ba etelele pele, a re Goromente a etelele pele mo go tsa *tourism*.

(viii) A bo a re bolelela ka bangwe ba ba kileng ba leka go seka, ba batla lefatshe la teng, gore ka ba latlhegetswe, go raya gore Goromente o ka tswelela. Ke lebaka le a neng a bona le siame, le gore ga go na ope yo o kareng lefatshe le o batla go le dirisa.

(ix) Pheletsong a bo a re gabolola ka kgang ya kwa Kgagodi, Moremi, Lesenepole, e e neng bangwe ba ikuela gore lefatshe le ba le tseetsweng ke Puso ba le busetswe. A re leo ba le buseditse ka go ne go supafala gore morafe o na le kgatlhego ya go hudisa le go lema teng. Rona kwa Ngami ga re leme, e bile ga re hudise gone koo.

Ke batla go ntsha mabaka a gore ke eng re dumela gore tshwetso e e tshwanetswe e boelwe morago. A re simolole ka lebaka le le reng, ga le na kgatlhego mo go lone kana *you have no vested interest*, ga le leme jaaka ba kwa Kgagodi. Kwa kgaolong ya rona re kgaogane lefatshe la rona le diphologolo. Phudiso le temo ya rona ke *tourism*. Ga o ka ke wa bo wa raya batho ba Ngamiland wa re ka gore lona le farologana le Batswapong ga le leme fa, e bile ga le ruele fa, go raya gore lefatshe le le ka le tselwa. Temo le phudiso ya rona ke diphologolo. Re batla gore bana ba kgaolo ba tsenye letsogo mo go itsamaisetseng matshelo a bone ka go beelelsa mo bojanaleng.

Fa kwa Lesenepole le emelela pula e na, rona ga re emelele ka megoma pula e na ka gore, kwa re tshaba go lemela diphologolo mo mafelong a mangwe. Le kwa re filweng teng gore le ka nama le dirisa le tshabe diphologolo, le gone koo diphologolo di a re latela. A bo go raya gore tsela fela e re ka bonang botshelo ka yone ke gore, re dirise lefatshe le le teng le go letlelelwang gore o ka nna le kgwebo ya bojanala, batho ba rona ba itshetse.

Tona o ne a buile gape a re, ga go na *any encumbrances* ka Sekgoa, ke gore ga go na ope yo o ka reng o na le tshwanelo ya go dirisa lefatshe le le ne le sa neelwa ope. Boammaaruri ke gore, lekwalo le teng le le kwaletsweng *land board* ka di 26 March 2025, le supa gore bontlha bongwe jwa lefatshe leo, le na le ba ba le abetsweng e le bagwebi. *Land board* e fetotse, ga e ganetse. *Land board* ya re fa e le gore le ne le beilwe, ka gore jaanong go buile Puso, re a le le tseela, re kgaola bontlha bongwe

jo e leng gore ke jwa lona re bo neela Puso. Sone se le ntseng le se bua, le re ga le dumele gore bagwebi ba tselwe se e leng gore ke tshwanelo ya bone. Gompiano *land board* ya re e tlaa tsamaya ka go kgaola fa bagwebi ba neng ba beilwe teng, go tseye Puso. Ka lebaka leo la gore go ne go se boammaaruri gore lefatshe leo ga le na bape ba ba kileng ba bewa mo go lone, a tshwetso e e boele kwa morago.

Re tshwanetse gape ra letlelela gore dikhansele jaaka *Motion* o kopa... dikhansele tsa dikgaolo tse di mo Botswana di humile mafatshe, di gweba ka one. Kgwebo e tona kwa Ngamiland ke bojanala. Neelang khansale ya rona sebaka sa gore e gwebe ka bojanala, a lefatshe le le ye kwa khanseleng. Khansale e ya Ngamiland, ba kgona go fetisa dingwaga e le gore *budgets* tsotlhe tse ba di fiwang, ke madi fela a go tsamaisa ditiro tsa khansale, go sena sepe sa ditlhabololo kwa khanseleng ya rona. Re kopa gore le neele lefatshe le khansale.

*Physical consolidation*; fa re leng teng gompiano, ga se mo re ka bong re dira dilo tse e leng gore ke tsa go itlosa bodutu ga bogogi. Lefatshe... fa e le gore le bolelela ruri le batla batho ba le dumela gore sepatšhe se makgwakgwa, fa ba kwa Maun ba ka utlwa gotwe mme jaanong se le makgwakgwa jaana ra re go agelwe Tautona *a Presidential Resort*, e se ka mowa wa go kgopisa ope, ke belaela gore ...(*Inaudible*)... e ya go nna fela gore ba a tlhola!

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

**MR SALESHANDO:** Kwa ga rona ba bua jalo fa ba gagamalela mabaka a o a ntshang, a a ganetsanang le bosupi jo bo fa pele ga gago.

Se sengwe se se teng ke gore, ka batho ba buile, khansale e buile ga e dumalane, ba Bogosi ga ba a dumalana le lona, reetsang lentswe la batho, reetsang lentswe la Bogosi. Ke kopo, reetsang lentswe la batho ba kgaolo ba ba nang le lenyora la go bona ba itirela ka lefatshe la bone. *This project* jaaka ke ne ke bua, e ne e seyo mo NDP e e neng e re tsamaisa nako yone eo. Ga e yo mo Transitional National Development Plan (TNDP). Re sa tswa go fetsa NDP 12, le a itse gore ga re ise re ko re bue ka kgang ya mofuta one o. Ke sone se re ntseng re se bua gore ke gore le fa gotwe *plan* ke e, *budget* ke e, bogogi fa bo tswa fa bone ba bo ba nna le keletso ya di sele tse di ka ba itumedisang, le a phuanganya, re bo re tshwanelwa ke go ya go bolelela Botswana gore tse di neng di tsentswe mo *plan* ga di ka ke tsa kgonagala,

mme tse di neng di seyo mo *plan* le bo le taboga le tsona le re di diragadiwe. Ke kopa le tlogele tsamaiso ya mofuta oo, boelang fela kwa go reng re itebaganye le se re se dumalaneng ka *development plan*.

Go na le sengwe se e leng gore bontsi jwa lona le tlaa amogela gore se boammaaruri, motse wa Maun le kgaolo ya Ngamiland ka bophara, di humile ditsatholego thata go gaisa mafelo a le mantsi mo Botswana, mme ke gone gape kwa e leng gore fa go ntshiwa dipego, di supa gore lone lefelo le le humileng ditsatholego tse, ke lone gape le kwa lehuma le leng le ntsi teng go gaisa mo dikgaolong tse di ntsi tsa Botswana. Mo itsholelong go na le sengwe se se rutwang se gotweng, *'the paradox of plenty.'* *The paradox of plenty* ka Setswana *'paradox'* o raya kgakgamatso, selo se se gakgamatsang, *'plenty'* go tewa ntletsentletse. *Paradox of plenty* ke gore mafatshe a a humileng ditsatholego, a tshabelelwa ke go fitlhela e le gore ba ba bapileng le dikhumo tseo ke bone ba aparwang ke lehuma go feta ba ba kgakala le ditsatholego. *Paradox of plenty* o a e bona kwa Ngamiland ka bophara, ga o e senke. Fa o goroga ka sefofane, *airport* mo Botswana di mo Gaborone, Francistown, Maun le Chobe. Matona a tshela a ya kwa Maun, ke a itse gore fa le le kwa godimo ga Maun le leba kwa tlase, le kgona go bona gore fa ga go tshwane le Botswana o mongwe, go leshekere, fa o lebelela kwa tlase, ga o bone dikhumo tse Botswana a kileng a bo a bolelwa ka tsone.

*These tourism areas* gape fa o ya kwa go tsone, o kgona go fitlhela *a five-star lodge, less than 10 kilometres (km)* go tswa fa go *this five-star lodge*, ke lehuma le le ngomolang pelo, letlhoko le le tsamayang ka dinao le bapile le dikhumo. Seemo se ga re ka ke ra se lesa se ntsa jaana, ke sone se re reng, letlelelang ba Ngamiland jaaka dikhansele tse dingwe, le bone ba nne le lefatshe le ba ka yang go gweba kwa go lone ba itokafaletsa botshelo. Fa e le gore re tlaa ba atholela lehuma le ba tshelang mo go lone mme re itse gore ke bone gape ba belegeng lefatshe, *tourism* gompiano ke yone re tlaabong re beile mo go yone. Fa e le gore ba ba belegeng lefatshe ra re jaanong bone ba ye go nna moswi o belege motshedi, e tlaabo e le bopelompe jo bo feteletseng. Letlelelang ba re ba emetseng le bone ba nne le seabe sa go itshetsa ka ditsatholego tse ba bapileng le tsone. Ba a kokonelwa, ba tshela le diphologolo, botshelo jwa bone gompiano phakela ba itse gore go tlwaelesegile mo kgaolong e ke e emetseng gore bana ba kgona go boa mo mosong ba ne ba tshwanetse gore ba ka bo ba ile sekolong, ba bua gore re bone ditlou, re boetse mo lwapeng. Go a diragala

kwa Boro, Mababe le kwa Khwai. Se ke se kopang ke gore ba feng sebaka sa gore boeteledipele jwa bone jwa sepolotiki, jwa khansele, bo nne le letseno le ba ka le itirelang. Tautona gore o itapolosa kwa kae, re tlaa tla re di bona kwa morago.

Kana mafatshe a le mantsi fa go tsena mo kgannyeng e gotweng go batlelwa Tautona, batho ba tsenwa ke letshogo gore ke mogolo, a re se ka ra bua, a re mo neele. Nna ke di bone mo Ntlong yone e, le a itse gore bosheng, *not too long ago*, go ne go rekwa dikoloi tse go neng gotwe fa Tautona a le mo teng, le fa o ka hula ka tlhobolo o le kwa ntle, lerumo la teng ga le ka ke la tsena mo teng. Dikoloi tseo di rekilwe ka madi a a kana ka P13 million, ke dumela gore di santse di le teng, go sena le fa e le matshosetsi a mongwe yo o kileng a re o hula Tautona ka seragantshwane, batho ba bo ba tsaya tshwetso ya gore mme fa re lebile Tautona jaana, o tlhoka koloi e e leng gore le lerumo ga le ka ke la tsena mo teng, P13 million.

Office of the President (OP) ka 2020 *was refurbished, and I am sure* e ka tswa e kile ya nna *refurbished* gape morago ga moo, nako ya teng ka 2020, P43 million, gotwe Tautona fa a berekelang teng go tshwanetse go lebege sentle, Palamente e bo e isa madi gone koo. Re rekile dikoloi gape bosheng fa godimo ga tsele tsa P13 million, jaanong gompiano re reketse Tautona dikoloi tsa P68 million.

Rre Mohwasa o ne a re bolelela bosheng gore *helicopters* di a goroga tsa ga Tautona tsa madi a a fetang P1 billion. Nna ga ke itse gore Tautona fa a ka tewa gotwe nnyaa, dikoloi ke tse tsa P1 billion, le tse dingwe ke tse tse di *bulletproof*, re go baakanyeditse kwa o berekelang teng le kwa o nnang teng, ga ke itse gore o ka hutsafadiwa ke gore ra re ya *holiday* ga re dumalane. *After all*, Tautona o ya *holiday more than once in a year* go duela rona Puso ka makgetho. Re a itse gakere gore fa a le kwa Cape Town maloba, e ne e le ditshenyegelo tsa rona. Le ngwaga o o fetileng ka *Christmas* o mongwe ole, e seng wa 2025, ka 2024 fa re tswa mo ditlhophong a theogela ka *November*; kgwedi ya ntlha a theogela, a bo a bona go tlhokafala gore a ye go itapolosa kwa Cape Town, go ne go ntse go duela rona re le setšhaba.

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

**MR SALESHANDO:** Ke a amogela Matona gore la re ke *jealous*, Rre Ntsima. Ke a utlwa gore wa re ke *jealous*, mme *jealous* ya me e tona ke ya Botswana ba ba senang melemo, ba e leng gore P1 billion wa *helicopters* o ne a

ka dira pharologanyo mo matshelong a bone. Ke bua ka melemo e Batswana gompiano ba e leng gore le ba ba robegileng mo Gaborone ba tewa gotwe tsamaya o ye go ithekela mo re go bitsang semente, re tle re go tsenye. Nna ke bua ka Batswana ba e leng gore le mo Gaborone ba kgona go bolelelwa ke bongaka gore tsamaya o ye go ithekela *drip* fela e e tshelwang mo mmeleng re tle re go e tsenye. Nna ke fufegela Batswana ba ba kgonang go bolelelwa gompiano gore ga re na molemo o re ka go kentang ka one wena, o wa mokento, e re motho a tswa go reka mokento, a bo a bolelelwa gore re lebetse, re ka bo re go reetse ra re reka le lemao. Dilo tse di diragala mo Gaborone mo nakong ya gompiano. Ke fufegela Batswana ba ba neng ba nteletsa beke e kwa Maun gore nna ke tshela ka bolwetse jwa kankere, ke tlhoka go tshelwa melemo ya kankere, ke a swa ke a nyelela, ke busitswe kwa Letsholathebe ga go na dithuso, gatwe fa e le gore ke batla thuso, ke ye Francistown.

Ke ne ke batla go gatelela kgang ya gore e re re bua ka ditshenyegelo, ka gore golo mo go ya go tla ka ditshenyegelo mo re batlang go go dira. Bagaetsho, boammaaruri ke gore ga re tlhoke *Presidential Lodge* fa re leng teng re le lefatshe la Botswana mo bogompionong. Ga re tlhoke go ntsha lefatshe lepe le le kana ka motse wa Tlokweng gotwe go ya go baakanyetswa Tautona. Le fa e le gore gatwe go na le bangwe ba e leng gore nnyaa, ba rile ba tlaa tshwaraganela kgwebo e ba ba batletsweng mo sephiring, ka gore ga go ise ka nako epe gotwe *tender* ke e ke mang yo o batlang go aga *Presidential Lodge*. Ke kgang e e direletsweng mo lefifing gore re santse re na le mongwe yo re batlang go aga le ene. Batswana ba teng ba ba nang le bokgoni le ditsompelo tsa go beeletsa mo bojanaleng. A re ba feng sebaka. Neelang batho ba kgaolo ya Maun le Ngamiland, sebaka sa gore le bone ka ditsompelo tse di leng gaufi le bone, ka ditsatlholego tse ba bapileng le tsone, tse e leng gore bokete jwa go akola dipelo tsa teng, ga ba di bone, ba di utlwalela ka rona.

*I want to conclude by giving one example;* fa re ka tswelela ka seemo se, sa go tseela gore Ngamiland ke kwa re ka nnang re ya go tabola teng, re e tlogela e humanegile, nako e tlaa tla ya gore batho ba tseye tshwetso. Fa ke santse ke le Mopalamente wa Maun West, kwa *Ward* e re e tlwaetseng ka leina la Bombadi/Thito, ke bitsa phuthego ya Kgotla, monnamogolo mongwe o ne a ntsha kgang e a neng a re, “re a go kopa Mopalamente wa rona, latela Puso, o ye go ba bolelela gore fa e le gore ga ba na maikaelelo a go re tlhabolola, a ba re tlogele ka ditsarona re itsamaisetse.” Mowa oo o

setse o le teng. *Political Science students* ba tlaa go raya ba re, gone mo, ke mo ka Sekgoa go bidiwang gotwe “*the desire to secede.*” Ke gore keletso ya go sa nna bontlha bongwe jwa Botswana, ka gore o bona e kete Puso e setse e go kgaphetse kwa ntle, ka tsamaiso ya yone. *The reason* go ne go lowa kwa Mozambique, ra isa masole a Botswana, bangwe ba latlhegelwa ke matshelo teng, e ne e le gore ditsuolodi di kgonne go tsena. Bontlha bongwe jwa Mozambique, batho ba teng ba ne ba bona gore ga ba sologelwe molemo ke ditsatlholego tse ba bapileng le tsone. *We are building that* mo Botswana ka Ngamiland mo nakong ya gompeino.

Ke sone se ke le kopang gore batho ba Ngamiland ba ke buileng le bone, ga ba dumalane. Batho ba Ngamiland ba Puso e buileng le bone, e le baemedi kwa khanseleng, ga ba a dumalana. Ba Bogosi, ba ba beilweng kgang pele, ga ba a dumalana. Ba rile isang kgang kwa morafeng. Fa e le gore le gana *Motion* o, a re dumalaneng gore a kgang e ye kwa morafeng, kwa beng ba lefatshe. Fa e le gore le ka o gana, bogolo sutisang gore Tshutiso e, e re a go iwe kwa bathong go ye go utlwiwa gore ba reng. Re ye kwa go bone, re ye go ba utlwa gore jaaka bogogi jwa Bogosi bo kopile kwa Maun, a re yeng kwa bathong fa e le gore le a gana. Ke kopa le se ka la gana. Ke kopa le dumalane *Madam Speaker, as I move that this Honourable House resolves that Government should abandon plans to construct a Presidential Lodge in the Okavango Delta and return the earmarked piece of land to Tawana Land Board for possible allocation to the District Council. I move accordingly. I thank you.*

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

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Order! Order! Honourable Members, the debate follows. The floor is open.

**MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT, DEFENCE AND SECURITY (MR MOHWASA):** Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente yo o tlotlegang. Ke simolole ka go leboga Motlotlegi Rre Dumelang Saleshando go bo a beile dikgang tsa gagwe tse a dumelang mo go tsone ka botswerere. Ke simolole fela ke tlhalose gore Puso e e leng fano, sa ntlha lefatshe le go buiwang ka lone mo nakong ya gompiano, le mo setsheng se go nang le *hectares* di le 22 000, e bile go buiwa ka lone le bitswa gotwe NG28. Lefatshe le, le mo lefelong la makgobokgobo ka fa thoko ga kgaolo e e bitswang gotwe Chief’s Island. Ke tshwanetse ke tlhalose gape gore, maikaelelo a Rre Saleshando a ntseng a a bua fa, ke tsaya gore a ka tlhalosiwa ka botswerere le ka bonatla ke ene, ka fa ntlheng a a neng a na le maikutlo a gagwe a fapaana le ba ba neng ba romilwe nako eo, ba ba neng ba tsere maikarabelo a Puso ka nako eo.

Ke tshwanetse ke tlhalose Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente gore, re le Puso ya lefatshe la Botswana gompiano, re ne re le mo kganetsong, re le mmogo le bo Rre Saleshando. Se re neng re dumalana le bone ka sone ke gore, Goromente ga a ka ke a aga lefelo le e leng gore Tautona o tlaa nna ya go iketsha bodutu teng, e le lefatshe le e leng gore...

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

**MR MOHWASA:** Ke kopa o nne le maitseo re santse re bua kgang e. O ntse o sa tlhokele Tautona wa gago maitseo Rre Furniture. Maitseo ke selo se se siameng. Fa re batla gore re tlotlane fa, re a reetsana.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** *Honourable Mohwasa, continue o tswa mo side remarks.*

**MR MOHWASA:** Ke a leboga. Ke ne ke re ka *the relevant* Standing Order, o ntshireletse *Madam Speaker*. Re ne re bua re dumalana selo se le sengwefela. Ga re a dumalana gore go tshwanetse go agiwe lefelo le Tautona a tlaa nnang a ntse a tsamaya a ya go iketsha bodutu teng. Ke tshwanetse ke bue gape gore kopo ya Tshutiso ya ga Rre Saleshando a e buang ka teng, ga e ame maikaelelo a Puso e nang le one mo nakong ya gompiano.

Mma ke tlhalose gore lefatshe le ke buang ka lone le, le neetswe Puso ka 2021. Lefatshe le, le tsenelela mo kgaolong e e bidiwang gotwe NG21, le le nang le 781 hectares. Lefatshe le, *was surveyed* ka 2022. Le ne la se ka...

**MADAM SPEAKER:** *Honourable Aaron, 58.4, o nne o e gakologelwe.*

**MR MOHWASA:** Lefatshe leo, le neelwa Puso ka gore le ba neng ba le batla, le le buiwang mo go 22 000 yo, le ne le tsenelela mo kgaolong ya lefatshe le e leng gore ke NG21. *Land board* e ne ya lebelela kgang e, e bile ba ne ba mekamekane le kgang eo ka Morule wa ngwaga o o ntseng o feta wa 2025.

Re tshwanetse gape Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke tlhalose se se latelang, gore Rre Saleshando a re o kopa gore Goromente a beele kwa thoko maikaelelo a go dira *lodge* kana lefelo la go ikhutsa la ga Tautona. Ke tshwanetse ke bue fa pele ga botlhe le setšhaba gore mo nakong e re nang le letlhoko le mokaulengwe a buang ka lone, lone la tsotlhe, e seng dipilisi fela, letlhoko la Botswana le e leng gore diteemane ga di rekisiwe sentle mo nakong ya gompiano. Kwa ntlang ga moo, re tsaya gore le fa nne

diteemane di rekisiwa, mo Pusong ya gompiano, ga re na maikaelelo a go aga lefelo le Tautona a nnang a ya go ikhutsa teng, a e ka tswa e le kwa *delta*, kana gope fela mo lefatsheng la Botswana. Ka mabaka a a ntseng jalo, *Motion* o, ga o kope sepe se e leng gore gompiano se a diragala.

Se ke ka se tlhalosang gape ke gore, re le Puso e, ga go na lefatshe lepe le re le tsereng re le Puso, go tla go dira seo. Se se leng teng ke gore, lefatshe le, le mo *tribal*. Puso *applied for* bontlha bongwe jwa lefatshe leo, mme kgang ya teng e santse e le mo *land board*.

Ke tshwanetse ke tlhalose *Madam Speaker* gore, lefatshe le le kwa *delta* ka bo lone, le batla go tsenwe mo go lone ka manontlhotlho a a kwa godimo. Maikaelelo a Puso ke gore, re oke batho ba re kareng ka *strategy* se re neng re se fitlhela, se ke tsayang gore re a se amogela, re batle ba *high value tourists*. Jaanong lefatshe jaaka re le bua, e nna bontlha bongwe jwa mafatshe a Puso e ikaelelang gore e a batle, re nne re neela batho *to operate facilities* tsa *tourism*. Goromente yo o fano ga a na maikaelelo a go tsena mo kgwebong ya bojanala. Goromente yo o fano ga a na maikaelelo a go dira lefelo la ga Tautona la go itlosa bodutu, ga go na madi a *budget* epe *which is allocated to* thulaganyo e. Ke tsaya gore motlotlegi e ka bo e rile mo potsong ya me e a buang ka yone ya ngogola, re bo re sa utlwana mme ke selo se se teng mo botshelong, le ka tlhaloganya.

Ke batla go bua fa gompiano gore fa re ne re bua ka lefatshe leo *when referencing*, e ne e le fela gore *Presidential Resort*, re sa reye gore jaanong go ya go nna kwa Tautona a ikhutsang teng. Le gompiano ga se gore fa go buiwa gotwe ke ya go robala mo *Presidential suit*, go tewa gore fa o e *book* o a bo o le Tautona nako eo, kana o pagama o tsena mo *business class* mo sefofaneng, go bo gotwe jaanong o rakgwebo. Se ke ka se buang jaaka mokaulengwe a bua, o bua fela ka *status* mme ke ka tlhalosa gore ga go na madi a a yang go tswa a ya go dira lefelo la go nna jalo a tswa mo Pusong. Jaaka ke tlhalosa...

**MR SALESHANDO:** *Clarification.* Tota tlhaloso e ke e kopang ke gore a ke go utlwa sentle gore wa re lefatshe le le a mangwe, le a tsere gore le kgone go nna le abela bagwebi ba ba nang le kgatlhego? *Is that what you are saying?*

**MR MOHWASA:** Tsamaiso mo lefatsheng la Botswana e ntse jaana bagaetsho; Magosi fa a le fa le nako e e fetileng, ba kile ya bo e le bone ba nang le maikarabelo

a go aba lefatshe. Go bo go tla thulaganyo ya gore lefatshe le tlaa tsamaisiwa ke morafe e le la *tribal* mme le dirwa ke *land board*. Ke tlhalositse gore lefatshe leo le re buang ka lone, le santse le le mo *tribal*. Go na le lefatshe le le tlaa tswang gongwe jaaka le tlaabo le le mo Central, jaaka mafatshe a a ntshiwa mo Gaborone ...*(Inaudible)*... Ke sone se ke se buang, *plans* go dira Goromente. Gompiano ke tsaya gore Rre Mmolotsi o tlaa tla a e tlhalosa, ba na le thulaganyo ya go tsaya dirwe tsa lefatshe gore batho ba tle ba kgone go tsamaisa thulaganyo e ya kgwebo mo dikgaolong tsa go nna jalo.

Bagaetsho, Kgaolo ya Nhabe ke ya Botswana jaaka dikgaolo tsotlhe tse dingwe. E bile Goromente ga se gore o na le maikaelelo ka tsela epe ya go baya batho ba Nhabe ka fa mosing, ke Batswana ba ba nang le ditshwanelo fela jaaka Batswana botlhe. Tse Rre Saleshando a neng a di bua gore go ne ga tliwa kwa, ga boiwa, ga diragala eng, ke tse di neng di dirwa ke ba re neng re ba fitlhela mme a se ka a re rwesa morwalo oo. Re ne re ganana le kgang e ka gore re ne re bolelelwa gore lefatshe le go ya go agiwa lefelo le Tautona a tlaa yang go ikhutsa teng. Jaanong ra re rona ga re na maikaelelo ao, le fa o ka lebelela mo *budget*, ga go na madi a a ntshitsweng go ya go dira seo. E bile ga go na maikaelelo ape mo Pusong a go ya go dira jalo. *Therefore, Motion* se o se kopang ke selo se se seyong ka gore wa re...

**MR MOTSHEGWA:** *Clarification.* Ke a leboga *Minister*. Ke ne ke utlwa e bile o bua gore *Motion* o kopa eng. Ke ne ke batla o akgela kgang ya gore, *I hear LOO, he took time to elaborate* kgang e *depicting serious corruption* kana *allegations* tsa *misuse* ya madi. *At the same time*, ke mo utlwile fa a re Botswana Democratic Party (BDP) *had no responsibility* ya go tlogelela Puso madi. Jaanong ke ne ke batla go utlwa gore kgang e o e tsibogela ka tsela e e ntseng jang?

**MR MOHWASA:** Se se teng ke gore gompiano jaaka *comrade* a e tlhalosa, ke tsaya gore kgang e le e tsaya ka tlhoafalo. Ke utlwile mongwe a bua gore kgang e o batla go e emela ka mashetla, jaanong ke bo ke bona gore ga go na mashetla ape a a ka berekang fa ka gore gatwe Goromente *should abandon plans to construct the Presidential lodge in the Okavango Delta; that part.* Jaanong ga go na *plan* eo, a re dumalaneng gore fa ke tlhalosa gore ga go na *plans* tseo, *then this one falls away.*

Re bo re tsena mo go ya bobedi ya go busetsa lefatshe la go nna jalo *kwa land board* ka gore e tle gongwe, *possible allocation to the Central District Council.*

**DR DOW:** *Clarification.* Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ke a leboga mokaulengwe. Ke ne ke re ke botse gore a le ne le fitlhetse maikaelelo ao a go agela Tautona lefelo la boikhutso, jaanong Puso e e ntsha e a seegela fa thoko? Fa e le gore go ntse jalo, setšhaba se itse jang gore tse di fitlhetsweng di bo di tlogelwa, gore *next time* motho a se ka a tla ka Tshutiso e e leng gore gongwe Puso ya UDC ga e mo tseleng eo? Ke a leboga.

**MR MOHWASA:** Le bona fa re le baeteledipele, re tshwaragane jaaka re le fa Motlotlegi Mme Dow, re kopana fa re le Mapalamente re reng, *I think* fa gongwe re a thusa gore fa re le fa, re se ka ra tsaya gore, gore o tle o utlwe dilo, ke gore re bo re tla re ema mo Palamenteng re bolelela batho tse e seng boammaaruri. Ga go pale gore o le Mopalamente, o tle kwa ofising o bone *Minister* gore re na le letshwenyego le, a le santse le tsewetse ka mogopolo o re neng re sa dumalane ka one? *This matter could have been resolved* kwa ntle, gona le gore Mopalamente a bo a eme fa a bua ka kgang e tota e sa tlholeng e tshela. Fa a ne a dirile jalo, go ka bo go re thusitse, go re somareletse le nako. Jaanong ga re na maikaelelo ao, *that part of the Motion* ga go na *plan.*

Kgang e e latelang ke ya mokaulengwe a botsa gore, gongwe re tseye lefatshe le jaanong re le neele khansele. Kana se re se buang ka gore Goromente ke wa lefatshe lotlhe, gompiano jaana tla ke go fe sekai; fa o lebile Serule, kwa go nang le *veterinary*, o lebile Voice of America, go tserwe lefatshe *and* batho *benefit* foo e le setšhaba. Fa o pota *side* e e ka kwa ya Sefhophe, go na le Artificial Insemination (AI) *centre*, e e tserweng e dirisiwa ke setšhaba. Ga se gore ga go na batho foo, ba teng e bile go *benefit* lefatshe la Botswana. Fa o tsena fa Dibete, go na le AI e e kileng labofelo ga tsenngwa le bommantšhwe ba e neng e se batho ba thota eo fela, e ne e le ba lefatshe lotlhe. Jaanong fa re ka tla ka thulaganyo ya gore dithota ka go farologana re tsaya re bo re neela dikhansele mme ba bangwe le bone ba ntsha lefatshe la bone go *benefit* lefatshe, kana go raya gore le ba ba tshwanang le ba kwa Boteti ba go tserweng lefatshe, ba ka nna le tse ba di buang.

Se ke batlang go se bua bagaetsho ke gore, maikaelelo a ga Goromente ke gore lefatshe le le ka tla la dirisiwa ke ba ba tlaabong ba le dirisa mme go bo go ka nna le ...*(Interruptions)*... tse di ka tlang tsa boela lefatshe la Botswana. E bo e le madi a a dirisiwang go tlhabolola le ba thota eo le dithota tse dingwe. Gompiano jaana re tlaa dumalana gore batho ba Jwaneng, Orapa, Selebi Phikwe, ditswammung tse di neng di le foo di tserwe tsa tlhabolola lefatshe lotlhe jaaka o bona gompiano re na le dikonterere tse di kanakana...

**MR AARON:** *Elucidation.* Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ke a leboga Tona. Ke lebogela gore o bo o supa gore lefatshe le jaanong le tlaa boela mo *allocation* le abelwa batho. Jaanong se ke batlang go se tlhaloganya ke gore, ka gore lefatshe le le tserwe mo Tawana Land Board e e leng gore ke yone e e ntseng e aba NGs kana mafelo one a bojanala, pharologano ya gompiano le e e neng e ntse e dirwa ke eng ka gore e e neng e ntse e dirwa, go ne go sa abelwe batho ba Tawana fela kana ba North West, go ne go ntse go abelwa Motswana mongwe le mongwe kana motswakwa?

**MR MOHWASA:** Ke sokola go go tlhaloganya mokaulengwe. Tla re tseye gore e fete ka gore ke tlile go tla ke sa itse gore ke arabe ke reng. Tla ke tlhalose kgang ya me, tota ga ke batle go ikgolega. O tlaa tla o botsa kwa ntle fa re tshaisa o tle o e tlhatswe.

Ke re re tsene mo go e e latelang ya gore a lefatshe le le ka tsewa la busetswa gape kwa khanseleng? Motlotlegi Rre Saleshando, a re dumalane gore re buile gore re batla gore re tswe mo diteemaneng tse e leng gore di re tlodisitse melatswana e tletse mo nakong e e fetileng, tse go tserweng meamusio eo ya dirisiwa lefatshe lotlhe ka bophara. Gompiano re bua ka gore *tourism* le *agriculture* ke tsone tse re tshwanetseng gore re di dirise go godisa lefatshe la Botswana. Jaanong ga e ka ke ya re gompiano e bo e re fa re tsena mo *tourism*, re bo re re nnyaa, re tsenye batho ba thota e nngwefela kana gompiano jaaka go na le *tourism* e nngwe fale fa Bobirwa, e tle e nne ya batho ba Bobirwa fela mme go na le batho ba e leng gore ke bone ba e neng e le gore lefatshe lotlhe re ne re *benefit* mo teng. A re eleng selo seo tlhoko. Mo nakong ya gompiano re a itse gore go na le...

**MR AARON:** *Procedure.* Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. *I think* Tona ga a tlhaloganye se re neng re se bua ka lefatshe. *He is reading what Honourable Saleshando was saying. Land board* ga e abele lefatshe...

**MADAM SPEAKER:** What is the procedure Honourable Aaron?

**MR AARON:** O ganela mo goreng a re lefatshe fa le boela kwa Tawana Land Board ra re le ye go fiwa batho bangwe.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nnyaa, ga se *procedure* mme golo moo.

**MR AARON:** *Land board* e abela mongwe le mongwe mo Botswana.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Ga se *procedure* sir. Nna fa fatshe.

**MR AARON:** No, he is reading it wrong.

**MR MOHWASA:** Go raya gore Motlotlegi Rre Aaron ga a bala. Moeteledipele wa lekgotla la gago, Motlotlegi Rre Saleshando, Moeteledipele wa Kgantso mo Palamenteng, o bua gore lefatshe le le bo le neelwa *District Council*. O utlwala jalo mo *Motion*, ga ke itse gore wena o tsietswa ke eng. Golo mo go ntseng jaana mo ke go tlhoka *discipline* gore moeteledipele e re a tlhalosa sengwe, wena o bo o ya go sele.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nnyaa, mme se mo reye jalo *Honourable* Mohwasa.

**MR MOHWASA:** O tlaa intshwarela. Ke tshameka le ene. Ke tsala ya me. O tlaa intshwarela mokaulengwe. Se ke se buang motlotlegi ke gore tota se se neng se kopiwa, se ke tsayang gore e ne e le jone boteng kana pelo ya *Motion* wa ga Rre Saleshando, e ne e le gore a Goromente a se ka a tswelela ka... *and he is correct*. Re tshwanetse re amogele gore *he is correct*, ke *position* e re neng re e bua le rona re le gone fa *and* re tshwanetse re e tshegetse.

**LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION (MR SALESHANDO):** *On a point of order.* Kana Tona *is contradicting* se a se buileng *earlier* pele ga *Motion* o tla. *I will just give you one line* gore re dira jang jaanong fa Tona a a fa Karabo, a bo e le gore *out of that answer*; go nna le *Motion* a bo a bua dilo tse di itatolang se a se buileng *on the floor. Just one line from the answer he gave* mo Palamenteng e e neng e re, *“the Government is at an advanced stage in finding a partner to establish a Presidential resort in the area.”* O ntse a bua fa a re ga ba na maikaelelo a go dira *Presidential resort*. O ntse a rialo, ba bo ba opa diatla gore ga ba na maikaelelo a go dira *Presidential resort. That is what he is saying. He is contradicting* se a se buileng.

**MR MOHWASA:** Nnyaa motlotlegi, gongwe go raya gore ga re utlwane. Ka re *we have a piece of land* mme e bile Goromente gape fa godimo ga moo, o batla... Ke ne ka dirisa *“Presidential” in the context* ya gore re batla *facilities* tsa maemo a a fa godimo e bile re ya go batla lefatshe le lengwe gore re tle re kgone *to attract* batho ba e leng gore ke ba ba tlang ka mašheleng a a fa godingwana.

Re tlhalositse gape gore ga re na maikaelelo a go tlhabolola. *To identify* batho, *it is the responsibility of this Government* go ya go batla batho kwa ntle le mono go rotloetsa batho gore ba ka beeletsa.

**MR LEKAU:** *Point of order. Madam Speaker, a ko o re tlhalosetse fa, gongwe ke a tsietsega. Ka nako e go botswang ka yone dipotso, fa karabo e e fiwang ke Tona e bo e re kwa bofelong jwa teng e dumalanwa gore ke yone e e correct at that point, e bo e tsema mo record ya Palamente, a bo e re mo tsamaong ya letsatsi a bo Rre Dikoloti a tla ka karabo ya gore ga go na Foot and Mouth mme le statements gongwe di farologana, Palamente e tsaya statement sefe se le correct? A ke rona re ithophelang gore re tlhophela sele kana se? If that is not the case, fa e le gore dikarabo tse di fiwang mo Palamenteng di tla di supa gore dingwe di a bo di se nnete, motho a sa bue nnete ka statement se a se fileng, a bo a tla a se fetola mo tseleng, kgato e e ka tsewang e ka nna efe?*

Gongwe *your guidance* ya yone eo e tlaa kgona gore e re thuse gore potso e e botswang ke *honourable*, e re beye mo tseleng gore a mme go nnete go builwe jalo kana ga go nnete ga go a buiwa jalo, *so that we have a proper debate*, e se ka ya nna gore ga ke a bua jalo, ke buile jalo. *We have the record. Thank you.*

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Mma ke riana, *Honourable Lekau, Honourable Mohwasa* o tlhalosa jaaka *Honourable Leader of the Opposition (LOO)* a ne a bua. O santse a tsamaya go ya go wela, ke santse ke reeditse gore go ye go wela, ga go ise go wele. Ke batla gore go wele gore karabo ya reng, *so that lona fa le debate*, le bo le *interrogate* se a se buileng a wela ka sone. A re se ka ra tsaya kwa le kwa *because* o kare *we are losing focus* ka dikarabo tse di filweng.

**MR MOHWASA:** Ke tsaya gore ke a wela Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ka bokhutshwanyane, Goromente ga a na maikaelelo a go aga lefelo la manobonobo le agelwa Tautona kwa makgobokgobong. Ga go na madi ape a Goromente a ikaelelang go a ntsha a ya kwa kagong ya go nna jalo. Se se teng fela ke gore fa re tsewelela re dirisa leina la *“Presidential,”* e tlaabo e le *in terms of* tsamaiso ya *tourism* gore ke seemo sa go nna jalo. E bile ke tlhalose Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente gore re tlile go tsewelela re ntse re batla lefatshe le lengwe re le dirisa ka tsela e e ntseng jalo ya go thusa gore re oke batho bone ba re batlang go ba oka ba, ba ba duelang madi a a fa godimonyana gore re kgone gore re tle re bone sengwenyana mo makgethong go dira jalo. *Motion* ka fa o ntseng ka teng, ga go na sepe se e leng gore o tlaa re se tlogelwe *because* ga go na sepe se se leng teng. Ke a leboga.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Iketle pele *Honourable Wynter. Honourable Mohwasa*, ke ne ke ithaya ke re o tshwanetse go wela ka e e reng lefatshe le tshwanetse go busetswa *back to the council, unless* e wetse ke iteilwe tsebe ke sengwe.

**MR MOHWASA:** Ke tlhalositse gore lefatshe ka fa le ntseng ka teng gompiano, le santse le le mo *tribal*. Ka tsamaiso ya lefatshe, fa lefatshe le santse le le mo *tribal*, Goromente o na le *lease* e a nang le yone le ba *land board*. Ga re a tsaya lefatshe mo go ba *land board*. Re na le *lease* fela le ba *land board*. Jaaka ke ne ke tlhalosa gore fa e ne e le gore re batla gore re le ntsho mo *tribal*, ke gone re ka bong re simolola thulaganyo ya morero wa go le ntsha *from* kwa *tribal* le tle le tsene mo *classification* e sele ya lefatshe. Ga re na maikaelelo a go dira jalo.

**MR KEKGONEGILE:** *Point of order. Tanki Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker*, kana yone e o neng o e botsa labofelo e, gongwe e tlhoka gore re e tlhaloganye sentle. Ke gore fa ke le Kekgonegile *having applied for* lefatshe kwa *land board*, ke lefatshe la *tribal*, e bo e mpha lefatshe leo, setlankana ke sa me. Lefatshe le jaanong ke la ga mang? A ke la ga Kekgonegile kana ke ntse ke la *tribal*? Ke sone se *Honourable Mohwasa* a sa kgoneng go se tlhalosa.

Lefatshe ba le kopile kwa *land board*, le mo diatleng tsa bone ba tshwere *lease*. Jaanong ke la ga mang? Gakere ke la ga Goromente, le mo go bone, ga e sa tlhole e le la *land board*? Potso ke gore a lefatshe leo ba le busetsa kwa kana ga ba le busetse kwa? Fa ba sa le busetse kwa jaaka a bua gore ga ba ikaelele go agela Tautona mo teng, mme ba ikaelele go batla bagwebi gore ba age sengwe se se siameng mo teng, re mo tlhaloganye. Ba le tshwaretse eng ba sa le buse?

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Ee, mme jaanong *Honourable Mohwasa* o setse a feditse.

**MR LEKAU:** *Point of order. Madam Speaker*, jaaka o ne o re o reeditse Rre Mohwasa gore o tlaa wela, ke ne ke tseere gore *you are going to make a ruling and I still stand by that* gore ka di 14 tsa ga *August*, *there was a response. Now what Rre Mohwasa is saying today is different from what was said in that response. My honest question is, I wanted you to rule, not on the merits tsa gore gone jaana gatweng, but in the event that...* Kana *this will set a precedent...(Interruptions)...* Ga ke a reediwa, tla ke eme.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Honourable Lekau.

**MR LEKAU:** *This will set a precedent* ya gore kamoso *Minister* o tlaa tla fa a re fa karabo, ke e botsa ke le Rre Lekau, ke bo ke fiwa karabo e e ntseng jaana, ya bo e re fa go botswa *the same question from another angle*, go bo go fiwa karabo e e seng yone, ke tswa go raya batlhophi gore karabo ke e. Se ke neng ke batla go se tlhaloganya e ne e le gore mo *statements* tse go nang le *this scenario* e ke nang le kutlwisiso ya yone, *what is the position* ya rona *as the House*? A re dumalana gore go nne jalo kana re dumalana le gore ele e sule kana motho o tlaabo a re ele jaanong ga e sa tlhole e bereka, e e berekang ke e?

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

**MADAM SPEAKER:** A re reetsaneng. *Understanding* ya me ke gore Rre Mohwasa, gongwe go fetola mafoko kana go tlhoka go utlwa jaaka Sekgoa sele se ne se alwa sa *August* le gompiano, ke tsaya gore ga a a fetola *statement* kana *position* ya gagwe. *It is only that* o fetotse go baya mafoko ka fa a neng a tla a sa nna ka teng. Ga ke akanye gore a re, ga re sa tlhole re agela Tautona *lodge*, but re ya go busetsa lefatshe kwa or ga re agele Tautona e bile *we are going to engage* batho go re thusa go aga lefelo le le fa godimonyana. Ke tsaya gore e ntse ke *statement* se se tshwanang.

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

**HONOURABLE MEMBERS:** Procedure.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Mathata jaanong Rre Mohwasa o feditse go bua, re bua ka dilo tse di setseng di fetile.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Ke kopa o *rule* sengwe se ke ka se kopang mo go wena sa *procedure*.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Okay. Procedure honourable.

**MR SALESHANDO:** *Point of procedure*. Kana gone ke tlhaloganya gore Rre Mohwasa, o tshwere pampiri e re itseng gore Matona ba e neelwa ke badirelapuso, e a neng a lebile mo go yone. Ke belaela gore yone e kwadilwe ka Sekgoa, a bo a e buisa ka Setswana, a o ka laelwa gore gongwe pampiri eo a re e neele re le Mapalamente, kamoso re se ka ra mo pateletsa, re tle re e tlhaloganye sentle? Rotlhe re mo utlwa ka tsela e e farologaneng. A o ka laelwa gore go nne le *clarity*, ba ba tlaa buang (*debate*) go ya kwa pele ba bo ba bone mokwalo o o tswang kwa Pusong gore *position* ke eng?

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Point of order.

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

...Silence...

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Tla re riana; *I think* jaaka *Honourable* Mohwasa a ne a bua gore *he is available* batho ba ka tla kwa ofising, ke mo kope *to avail the response to Honourable Members*.

**MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT, DEFENCE AND SECURITY (MR MOHWASA):** *Point of order Madam Speaker. I do not even know what you are being called to rule* mo go sone, because kgang e e teng fa ke gore *it is question* ya gore kutlwisiso e ga e tshwane, but e seng gore go na le *inconsistency* epe, kana *I misled the House* gope. *I have not misled the House* kana ka fa dikarabo tse di farologaneng gope. A mongwe a tle a tlhalose gore *on this date* o ne o riana, wa tlhalosa jaana, and then we...

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

**MR MOHWASA:** Ka re ka kutlwisiso; ramae, a ko o eme pele. *My point here Madam Speaker, I have nothing* se go katweng o dire *ruling* mo go sone.

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

**MADAM SPEAKER:** *Honourable Members*, e tshaile. *Honourable Members*, re fetisitse ka *four minutes* mo nakong e re tshwanetseng gore re bo re e tshwere. Go raya gore e tlaa tswelela beke e e tlang. *I will now call upon the Leader of the House to move a Motion of adjournment*.

## MOTION

## ADJOURNMENT

**LEADER OF THE HOUSE (MR MOHWASA):** Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ke ne ke re ka dipuisanyo tsa rona di ile bokhutlong, ke sutise gore dipuisanyo tsa rona di eme gone fa. Ke a leboga.

Question put and agreed to.

The Assembly accordingly adjourned at 12:33 p.m. until Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.

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