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

THE ASSEMBLY met at 9:00 a.m.

(THE SPEAKER in the Chair)

PRAYERS

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SPEAKER'S RULING

**MR SPEAKER (MR KEORAPETSE):** Order! Honourable Members, good morning. I hope you are well. It is a Friday. Let me start today's proceedings with a ruling on a matter raised by Honourable Mopati Mabuse Pule, Member for Kgatleng East.

On the 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2026, Honourable Pule raised a point of order with respect to certain remarks made by Honourable Mokwaledi Ignatius Moswaane being the Assistant Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs and Member of Parliament (MP) for Francistown West. During his debate, that is Honourable Moswaane, of the Appropriation (2026/2027) Bill, 2026 (No. 1 of 2026), Honourable Moswaane is captured to have said a certain statement. Honourable Members, please allow me to quote the relevant provisions under contention. This is what Honourable Moswaane said, "*go na le kgang e e tswelatseng pele e ke ratang go e lemosa ka boikokobetso jo bo seng kana ka sepe gore ka ngwaga wa 2023/2024, go nnile le an influx ya melemo e e sub-standard e e tseneng ka lefatshe leno ka bokete. Seemo se ke ratang gore ke se sedimose.*"

Honourable Member is also captured to have said, "*seemo se, e ne e le se se sa siamelang matshelo a Batswana, dingaka di tshela ka frustration, ba itse ka tlhwaafalo gore melemo e ba e neelang balwetse, e mengwe e sub-standard, counterfeit products tse di neng di tsena mo lefatsheng leno ka bokete. I have documentation that I can produce at any time fa mang a e batla, e e supang gore melemo ya sehuba sa bana e ne ya goroga ka 2023 e e dirileng dikotsi tse di seng kana ka sepe mo baneng. Se ke se bua ka gore ke a itse gore batho ba bangwe ba a kgopisega fa ke bua jaana. Melemo e e tshwanang le ya Panado e gorogile mo lefatsheng leno mme e sena boitekanelo jwa go ka nowa ke batho.*"

To these both allegations, Honourable Member for Kgatleng East Honourable Mopati Mabuse Pule rose on a point of order advising that this is a serious allegation with a potential to cause fear amongst Batswana, and should therefore, not be allowed to stand without

substantial evidence used to support it. Now to this end, I ruled requesting that Honourable Moswaane should produce evidence to support his allegations.

Now the essence of the allegations presented by Honourable Moswaane can be summed into four as follows:

- (i) It is alleged the year 2023/2024, there was an influx of sub-standard medicines circulated in Botswana.
- (ii) It is alleged that doctors are under extreme frustration over the fact that they give patients sub-standard and counterfeit medicines.
- (iii) Additionally, it is alleged that certain paediatric medicines given to children in 2023, led to many accidents and fatalities.
- (iv) Honourable Moswaane further alleges that certain unauthorised medicine like Panado entered into the country even though they were not fit for human consumption.

Before I go to the details of the assessment undertaken by the Speakership with respect to Honourable Moswaane's evidence, I wish to remind you Honourable Members on the test for the degree and extent of evidence required of Parliament.

In a High Court judgement cited as Saleshando versus Attorney General 2021/2/BLR/744 the court was tasked with determining the level and extent of assessing evidence by Parliament. In that case, the applicant who was Leader of the Opposition (LOO) and he is still LOO, was called upon to provide evidence to substantiate allegations he had made in the House on what he had perceived to be the motive behind the declaration of the State of Emergency.

The applicant had provided a letter to the Speaker for his assessment on the sufficiency of the allegations he had levelled. The Speaker found that the evidence produced was insufficient, and ruled that the applicant has failed to prove his allegations, and that the only route was for the applicant to withdraw the statements which he has made. On Honourable Saleshando's refusal to withdraw the statement, the Speaker invoked Standing Order 60.4 to evict and suspend Honourable Saleshando from the House. Importantly, the case set out the test for assessing evidence in Parliament; page 755 of the judgement provides that, it must be said that Parliament is not a court of law, where there are specific standards of proof.

The court proceeded to say that as long as sufficient and reasonable basis has been laid for making statements in a debating forum such as Parliament, that should suffice. This is the test I have applied on Honourable Moswaane's allegations.

Now the finding; in line with the test set above, it is therefore, our responsibility as Speakership to ensure that we do not turn Parliament into a court of law requiring specific standard of proof but for us to determine whether Honourable Moswaane has provided sufficient and reasonable evidence to support his allegations.

Honourable Members, Honourable Moswaane provided a dossier of evidence with several documents to the Speakership for assessment. This included savingsrams, newspaper extracts, letters from Botswana Medicines Regulatory Authority (BoMRA), letters from the Ministry of Health and even a death certificate. Detailed as it were, was this dossier sufficient to support the allegations he made in this House? I shall deal with these allegations one-by-one.

- (i) On the allegations that during the year 2023/2024, there was an influx of sub-standard medicines circulated in Botswana; the evidence provided by Honourable Moswaane points to two incidents where certain medicines were recalled by the Central Medical Stores (CMS) on account of a quality complaint on the product. Honourable Moswaane's evidence also outlines his engagement with one of the affected facilities that recalled these medicines after they have been dispatched. His evidence confirms that there were some quality issues on certain medicines which ended up being recalled. His evidence however, fails to prove that such amounts to an influx. To find that two incidents where drugs were recalled for quality complaints amount to an influx, will in my humble opinion be an unnecessary exaggeration.
- (ii) On allegations that doctors are under extreme frustration over the fact that they give patients sub-standard and counterfeit medicines, no evidence was produced to support this allegation. Honourable Moswaane did not provide any doctor's statement or sworn affidavit from the medical practitioner on the extreme frustrations for giving counterfeit and substandard medicines. Nothing in the Speaker's possession remotely refers to any frustration by doctors on issuance of counterfeit or sub-standard medicines. This allegation is also an unfortunate

extreme exaggeration by the Honourable Member based solely on the fact that some medicines have been withdrawn on account of quality.

- (iii) On the allegations that certain paediatric medicines given to children in 2023 led to many accidents and fatalities, Honourable Moswaane's evidence does not provide any indication of accidents and fatalities on children. In fact, the death certificate provided is one of a 60-year-old female, a person who is most certainly not a child. Additionally, the deceased person's death certificate does not speak to any injections of paediatric medicine or create any causation, plexus or limp between their unfortunate death and paediatric medicines.

The only evidence given with respect to paediatric medicines demonstrate that certain paediatric paracetamol medicines were recalled in October 2022, after 4, 998 units had been dispatched. Undoubtedly, this is a concern. However, to go as far as to say this led to accidents and fatalities on children, would be an unnecessary extension of this concern. Honourable Moswaane is therefore found to have unnecessarily aggerated the fact that medicines had been recalled, extending such recall to associate it with death.

- (iv) On allegations that certain unauthorised medicines like Panado entered into the country though they were not fit for human consumption, based on the evidence presented, I find some merit in this allegation. Indeed, Honourable Moswaane's evidence shows that certain drugs had entered into the country and were then recalled because they were not deemed to be suitable. One of the documents even provide clinical guidance on the management of patients that had been exposed to a certain drug that was subsequently found to be wanting in some respect. Therefore, it is fair for Honourable Moswaane to have made this particular statement based on what was before him at the material time.

Now, on the overall, Honourable Moswaane is found to have made grave exaggerations with respect to allegations as demonstrated above. Accordingly, Honourable Moswaane is strongly cautioned against making inflated hyperbolic statements on the floor of the House, although he has been able to provide evidence for some valid concerns. They are not on his evidence as elaborate or magnified as he set them out.

That is my ruling, *ke yone eo* Honourable Members. *Ke ne ke re ke le gakolole, ke tsaya gore le utwile* my

conclusion. I have cautioned Honourable Moswaane but I have also indicated that there is merit in some of the allegations he has raised. *Tsweetswee batlotlegi, ba le nang le mathata le ruling e*, Standing Orders *tsa lona, le itlhametse Komiti ya Business Advisory*, it reviews rulings *tsa ga Speaker. Fa re le mo House* this ruling is final.

**ASSISTANT MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS (MR MOSWAANE):** *Procedure. Mr Speaker*, ke a go utlwa *and I respect your ruling*. Ke ne ke batlile gore se se neng se ka diragala se se botoka go direla lefatshe le bomolemo ke gore, *this Parliament e na le Komiti ya Health. It should have gone deeper to investigate this matter*. E se ka ya nna gore Moswaane *has said the truth or not without having to investigate the real problem e e teng mo Botswana ka se ke se buileng*. Ke bua jaana ka gore ngaka mongwe o ne a batliwa ke mapodise a dirile *operation mo balwetseng ba le 70, a tsoimiwa a le reported*. Seemo se se ne se supa gore go na le *trauma ka gore ngaka o ne a siile a batliwa ke mapodise*.

E nngwe ke yone e ke reng ya melemo...

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

**MR MOSWAANE:** ...e ne e batla gore...

**MR SPEAKER:** *Order! Honourable Moswaane*, ke eme ka dinao. Ke ne ke re *ruling fa le sa dumalane le yone, le ka ikuela*. Ke a go utlwa gore wa re o dumalana nayo. Tota wa re go iwe kwa Komiting ya *Health. You can write to the Chairman wa Committee ya Health about the matter, so that it is investigated further*.

**MR PULE:** *Procedure*. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Mma ke dumedise Ntlo e e tlotlegang e. Ke lebogile thata Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ka fa o tsereng kgang e ka teng. *Where I stand, I am very happy because kgang e e ne e tshwenya tota*. E bile go ne go buiwa ka dingwaga tse phathi ya me ya Domkrag e neng e le mo Pusong. Le nna fela go ne go ntshwenya ka gore ke ne ke itsile gore *Minister then yo o neng a le teng ke honourable... yo e leng gore...*

**MR KAPINGA:** Point of order. Mr Speaker, I thought you point very clear that you have made a ruling, it is final. Those who are unhappy with your ruling, they will write to you. Those who are happy, also will write to you and express their pleasure on your ruling. Thank you Mr Speaker.

**MR SPEAKER:** Honourable Members, *a re yeng kwa dipotsong*. We have Minister's Question.

**MR PULE:** *Procedure*. Ga ke *happy ka fa ke utlwanng* Rre Kapinga a batla go tsaya kgang ya me ka teng. Golo mo Ntlong e *Mr Speaker*, jaaka o itse, re na le *freedom of speech*. Fa ke emelela ke bua, *I must be respected by my fellow MPs*. Ke gore motho a se ka a ntsena ganong. *I am not out of order, how can Honourable Kapinga say point of order, as I am out of order?* O dirile *ruling e e leng gore Rre Moswaane gongwe o santse a belaela, le nna gongwe golo gongwe ke a belaela*. O rile a bua, ke tlhalosa gore *I am happy with the ruling but fela...*

**MR SPEAKER:** Honourable Pule, *ke eme ka dinao*. Kana le batla to debate ruling, express your opinions on the ruling which I made it clear that it is final. Honourable Kapinga is perfectly in order by saying that *lona ba le e itumeletseng le ba le sa e itumelelang*, this is not the time, nor the platform. So, *a re yeng kwa dipotsong*.

## MINISTER'S QUESTION TIME

### MINISTER OF CHILD WELFARE AND BASIC EDUCATION

#### THEME: THE RATIONALE AND RELEVANCE OF SCARCE SKILL ALLOWANCE

Asked the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education to inform this Honourable House of:

- (i) when scarce skill allowance was introduced in the teaching sector and for which subjects;
- (ii) the rationale for its introduction and to provide the list of subjects designated as eligible for scarce skills allowance and to provide the last time it was reviewed;
- (iii) whether the rationale for the introduction of the allowance still applies under prevailing circumstances, considering current labour market demands and educational priorities;
- (iv) what the anticipated effects on teacher recruitment, retention and motivation would be should the scarce skills allowance be discontinued or reviewed; and
- (v) evidence or indicators the ministry can provide to demonstrate how the allowance has influenced the labour market for educators in the designated subjects; and student performance and uptake in those subjects.

**MR L. BARONGWANG (MOGODITSHANE EAST):** Mma ke go dumedise Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke dumedise *my colleagues*. Go phakela, Marara dinako tse dingwe ga di tsoge sentle. Potso e ke ya *education* e e itebagantseng le *policy* nngwe e e kileng ya tlisiwa fa moragonyana fale, e bidiwa *scarce skills*. Mma ke e tlhalose fela gore ga ke lele, go lela beng ba yone. E tlisitswe fa moragonyana go na le diemo dingwe ka nako eo, jaanong maikaelelo magolo a yone ke go tlhola gore a mme diemo tseo di santse di le teng, *number* (1).

(2) Fa e le gore di santse di le teng, a mme *policy* e e *applicable*? Fa e le gore *policy has solved* diemo tse di neng di le teng ka nako eo, a mme re santse re tswelala ka yone?

E nngwe ke ya gore re Puso e ntšha e e nang le dikeletso tsa yone. A mme mo Pusong e ntšha le dikeletso tsa yone tsa *education* le go godisa *certain industries so that it can drive the economy*, a ga go tshwanele gore fa e le gore re tshwanelwa ke *to review this scarce skill*, a re ka se ka ra *introduce subjects* tse dingwe mo teng fa e le gore re tswelala ka yone?

E nngwe ke gore, *we introduced this scarce skill*, e ntse le *effects both* mo baneng ba ba neng ba rutwa, e bile *in the market itself*. *This scarce skill allowance, how has it shaped the market and bana ba rona?*

Gape golo mo ke tshwanelwang ke go gatelela ke gore, re nne mo dinakong, e nne *applicable* ka dinako tsa gompiano, e se ka ya ganelela thata kwa nakong e e neng e simolodisiwa ka yone. Ke tsaya gore ka a le kalo, ke tlaabo ke e aletse. Fa go na le *supplementary*, ke tlaa boa, ke boa. Ke a leboga.

**MINISTER OF CHILD WELFARE AND BASIC EDUCATION (MS KGAFELA-MOKOKA):** *Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, mma ke dumedise batsadi le barutabana. Ke extend madume a me kwa Kgatlang East.*

*Lantlha Mr Speaker, ke supe concern gore Honourable MP wa Mogoditshane East fa a setse a le fa a nankolola dipotso tsa gagwe ka Setswana, ga di tsamaelane le tse a di boditseng gone fa. Ke belaela gore e tlaare ke sena go araba tse a di boditseng, go bo go tla supplementary questions tse di seyong gone fa, tse di sa itebaganyang le subject jaaka re setse re fapogile. Ke tlaa e araba fela jaaka e boditswe.*

(i) Mr Speaker, the scarce skills allowance was introduced in the public service in 2008 through

Directorate of Public Service Management (DPSM) Directive No. 2 of 2008 on the Attraction and Retention Policy for the public service. This directive did not initially cover teachers. However, the allowance was subsequently approved for teaching sector through a DPSM Savingram Ref: DP 19/96 VI (96) dated 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2009 for the following teaching areas:

- Chemistry
- Commerce
- Computer Studies.

Mr Speaker, in 2012, the scarce skills allowance was extended to other teaching areas through DPSM Savingrams Ref: DP 19/96/1 Temp. (11) dated 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2012 and Ref: DP 19/96 VIII (40) dated 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2015 to include the following subjects;

- Physics
- Biology
- Mathematics
- Integrated Science
- Accounting
- Special Education.

(ii) Mr Speaker, the rationale for the introduction of the scarce skills allowance was to enable Government to attract, retain and motivate highly skilled professionals in the public service.

Mr Speaker, the following are the subjects designated for the scarce skill allowance;

| SUBJECT               | % Allowance                      |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| Chemistry             | 40                               |
| Physics               | 25                               |
| Biology               | 25                               |
| Mathematics           | 25                               |
| Integrated Science    | 25                               |
| Computer Studies      | 35 for Degree and 25 for Diploma |
| Accounting            | 30 for Degree and 25 for Diploma |
| Special Education     | 25                               |
| Design and Technology | 40                               |

Mr Speaker, review of the scarce skill allowance lies solely with the DPSM as the policy making authority responsible for determining occupations eligible for the allowance and reviewing the applicable conditions.

- (iii) Mr Speaker, the rationale for the introduction of the allowance can be determined by DPSM as the policy making authority.
- (iv) Mr Speaker, the effects can only be determined after the review has been conducted by the relevant authority (DPSM).
- (v) Mr Speaker, scarce skill allowance was introduced for attraction and retention purposes hence the ministry is not in a position to provide any evidence or indicators to demonstrate how the allowance has influenced the labour market for educators in the designated subjects; and student performance and uptake in those subjects. I thank you Mr Speaker.

**MR BARONGWANG:** *Supplementary.* Mma ke se ka ka *address concerns* tse di neng di bulela dikarabo ka gore ke dumela gore ke ne ke le mo seporong sa potso ya me. Tota maikaelelo a potso ya batho ba ba rileng ke tle go ba e boletsa ke go itse gore *when was it last reviewed?* Le gore a e santse e le *applicable?* *That is all.* Ga ke batle sepe se se ntsi. Tsa gore gongwe go tlaa nna *follow-ups* tse dingwe tse di tlaa tswang mo tseleng, e ne e se tsame tota. Ke a leboga.

**MR SPEAKER:** A o batla go di tsaya di le mokawana Tona kana jang?

**MS KGAFELA-MOKOKA:** Ke ka di tsaya di le mokawana. Tanki *Mr Speaker*.

**MR HIKUAMA:** *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*. Ke a leboga Tona go araba potso e. Rre Barongwang o boditse potso e e tlhokang go tlhatswiwa. *Honourable Speaker*, gongwe o ka bo o tlhalosa gore *this is a themed question. Themed question* ka tlwaelo le tsamaiso ke gore o a e alela, a bo o e baya ka fa o batlang ka teng. Tona o na le tshwanelo ya gore a dire *research* ka yone ka bophara jwa yone jotlhe jo bo ka nnang teng. Ke gore *Honourable* Barongwang *was in order* go ka e alela le go tsenya megatla e a e batlang gore Tona a tle a dire *emphasis* mo go yone fa a araba. *He was not out order.* Gongwe o ka bo o gakolotse Tona jalo gore a arabe a phuthologile gore nnyaa mme ke tshwanelo ya morongwa gore a e bitse ka tsela e e ntseng jalo.

Le fa go ntse jalo, go na le bangwe ba barutabana gongwe ba ba neng ba ruta bo *Business Studies and Accounting* ba ba neng fa felela ba ya dikgotlatshekelo gore le bone ba fiwe *allowance* jaaka mo maphateng a mangwe mme go ne ga salela kwa morago lebakanyana ba sa duelwe, Puso e ntse e laetswe gore e duelwe. Se ke batlang go se itse ke gore, a mme le simolotse go ba duela bao ba ba neng ba *win* kwa dikgotlatshekelong mme *ministry* o goga maoto go ba duela? A mme le setse le ba duetse *scarce skills allowance?* Ke yone potso ya me ya motlaleletsa. Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*.

**MR SPEAKER:** Let me just clarify, Honourable Members, *kana fa le lebelela* Order 40(a).1, *ya re* “there shall be an oral asking of question without notice by Members to Ministers of the Government whose ministries are scheduled for questions on the order of business on topical issues of national, regional and international importance on Fridays at the time signified under Standing Order 30 (Daily Routine of Business at paragraph (g) thereof (oral asking and answering of questions put to Ministers).”

Honourable Hikuama is right in the sense that these are themed questions. We have sought of set ourselves a tradition to aid those that will be answering *ka gore* in the past, *go ne go na le ngongorego ya gore fa gongwe ba tlogela dilo tse dingwe kwa ntle.* However, a theme *jaaka le bona* ya re, “Rationale and Relevance of Scarce Skill Allowance,” therefore, the assumption there as Honourable Hikuama was saying *ke gore*, the Minister will prepare almost everything under that theme. *Jaanong e ya go tsenya megatlana* e (i) to (v) *ke go leka go thusa Tona gore mme mo* theme e *ka bophara jwa yone seporo ke se.* It does not mean that other matters related to the theme cannot be raised. *Ke re ke le e tlhalosetse jalo batlotlegi.*

**MR MOROLONG:** *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga Motsamaisi. Ke botse Tona gore le fa a ne a seyo fa *scheme* se se simolola ...

**MR SPEAKER:** O se ka wa mpitsa Motsamaisi rraetsho. Ga ke itse gore o raya wa *lorry* kana o raya wa eng.

**MR MOROLONG:** Ke a boetse morago *Mr Speaker*. Ke botse Tona gore fa thulaganyo e ya *scarce skill* e simolola bogologolo jo bo kalo, a ba ne ba sa ipeela gore mme e tlaa re morago ga sebaka se se rileng, go sekasekwe gore ke bafe ba ba ka tswang ba tlogetswa kwa ntle ba bo ba ka tsengwa mo teng? Ke buisiwa

se ke gore ke tswa kwa kgaolong e e nang le dikole tsa batlhoka-pono. *So, bone ba ba rutang batlhoka-pono are not covered in this programme*, mme tota e le gore ga ba kalo, ke batho ba re ba tlhokang. Ke botse fela go le kalo gore a ba ne ba sa bone go tlhokafala gore ba ka bo ka ba kile ba *incorporate the braillists*? Ke a leboga.

**MR BOGATSU:** *Supplementary.* Tanki Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. A mme mo dingwe tse di rutiwang kwa dikoleng, ga go na gope *that have reached* mo gotweng ke *saturation point*, mo jaanong gongwe di ka *graduate from that level* ya go bidiwa gotwe ke *scarce skills*? Ke yone e ke neng ke re fete ka yone. Tona, go kile ga nna le monahune mongwe wa gore Goromente a fokotse kana a di ntshe ka gore *the fact that there are lot of teachers outside* ba *the same subject*, go raya gore ga go sa tlhole jaanong *certain subjects* di *qualify* gore di bidiwe gotwe ke *scarce skills*. O tlaa e ama Tona.

**MR SPEAKER:** You have a question?

**BRIG. MOKGWATHI:** Honourable Bogatsu *o e tshotse*. I was going to ask how scarce are the scarce skill that was scared then today? That was my question.

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

**MS KGAFELA-MOKOKA:** Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*. *Mr Speaker*, ke simolole fela ke re, tota dikgang tse tsotlhe tse di bodiawang tse, di lebagane Directorate of Public Service Management (DPSM). Fa le ka ela tlhoko, *referring to this matter*, ke bua ka *Savingrams* tse di tswang kwa DPSM. DPSM jaaka ke tlhola ke bua le ka *temporary teachers*, ke bone ba ba re tllhamelang *positions*. Ke boleletswe gore tota re arabile jaana ka gore *we are one Government*. Ke ne ke sa batle gore ke latlhelele, mme fela tota batho ba ba ka arabang dipotso tse sentle, ke bahiri.

Ke ye kwa go ya *saturation*, eo ke ka abelela bagaetsho. Ke kgakololo e e siameng gore re le Lephata la Tlamelo ya Bana le Thuto go tswa kwa Moding, re boele re ye go lebelela ka tota re setse re dirile *survey* ya gore barutabana ba kae, kwa kae, jang ka *subjects* dife. Re tle re gakolole DPSM gore mme o kare go na le *saturation* ka gore yone e teng mo dikgannyeng tse di ntsi. E teng mo *subjects* tse di ntsi, ga re ka ke ra re go tloga ka 2009 kana 2015 ga re na baithuti ba ba ithutetseng borutabana *in those subjects*. Ke ka e tsaya e le kgakololo gore ke ye go lebelela kgang eo ke tle ke gakolole DPSM sentle.

E boela kwa go yone ya gore a go ne go sa ipeelwa tshetla ya gore a ka nako nngwe go tlaa emisiwa golo

mo. Jaanong ke one mofago o ke o tsayang. Go tlaa ama *rationalisation*, but *I think* ga re a tshwanela go emela DPSM fela re tlaa ba gakolola.

*Now*, gatwe go na le barutabana ba ba kileng ba ya *court* ba fenyaa? Nnyaa, ga ke na *information* eo, go raya gore ke tlaa e sala morago. *Review includes* gone go lebelela jaaka go gakolotswe *to influence rationalisation*. Ke lebogela kgakololo eo le DPSM. Tanki.

**MINISTER OF LABOUR AND HOME AFFAIRS (MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE):** *Point of procedure.* *Thank you very much Mr Speaker; and good morning. I am a bit worried because* lantlha potso e le fa ke ne ke bala, ke ne ke bona o kare e lebetse kwa DPSM, ka gore ka tsamaiso le eng, DPSM ke yone e dirang dilo tsa khiro mo Pusong. Ke yone e ntshang le gore yo o tsena kae, o tshwanetse go hirwa fa kae. Mma Kgafela-Mokoka fale e le *the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education*, kana ene o amogela go dirilwe jalo. Ke ne ke ntse le nna ke le *worried* gore tota ke eng a araba potso e. Jaanong kana tota re mo golegile fela motho wa Modimo jaaka o utlwa gompieno a e tlhalosa jalo. Ga ke itse mongwame le fa ke ne sa bua nako e le teng, gore re tloga re fa batho *impression* ya gore Mma Kgafela-Mokoka kana kamoso bana ba ka tsoga ba mo itatola, mme e ne a ne a re tota ke intsha setlhabelo ke a thusa le fa potso e le gore ga e a ntebagana.

**MR SPEAKER:** General Mokgware o arabile. Se se setseng fela ke gore, fa e le gore *Honourable Barongwang* ga a kgotsofala, gongwe o ka botsa jaanong e ya kwa DPSM, *maybe differently couched*. *So*, re ya kwa dipotsong tse dingwe.

**MR HIKUAMA:** *Point of procedure.* O arabile potso go ya ka kitso e a nang le yone gompieno, mme go na le fa a supileng fa a senang kitso ya se se diragetseng. Bogolo jang e e amang ba ba neng ba fenyaa *case* kwa makgotlatshekelo ba ne ba tshwanetse go duelwa e le barutabana. Se ke batlang go se botsa ke gore a mme o tlaa tsisa karabo ya teng gone fa, fa a sena go e bona a re e tlhalosetsa kana jang?

**MR SPEAKER:** *Options* tse le nang le tsone *Honourable Hikuama* ke gore gakere *understanding Order 41*, *the Minister can provide further information by way of a statement, but also under 38.1* le ka kopa gape gore yo o lebaneng o ka tla a fa *statement on the matter*.

**MS KGAFELA-MOKOKA:** Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. *Honourable Hikuama*, jaaka ke bua ga ke na mokwalo

oo, so, ga ke itse gore mokwalo wa teng o ne o kwalwa ke Kgotla o *directed to which ministry*. So, I still need to *find out* gore a *ministry* wa rona o ne o laetswe jalo ke Kgotla kana go ne go laetswe DPSM. Fa ke ka fitlhela e le kwa go rona rraetsho, ke tlaa boela ka kwano ke go itsise gore re tsamaya fa kae. Fa ke ka fitlhela e le gore tota ga o a kwalelwa rona, *I will advise the same* gore le sale morago *the relevant* lephata. Ke a leboga.

**MR BOGATSU:** *Point of clarification*. Kgakololo e o ntseng o e fa le *Honourable* Mokgware, ga se gore fela re gakolole *Honourable* Barongwang gore a ye to *re-channel this question* ka gore e bothokwa thata e ye kwa e tshwanetseng teng?

**MR SPEAKER:** The other challenge with 38.1 *go raya gore ga e ka ke ya tsena gape*. *Jaanong ke sone se ke neng ke re option e nngwe ke yone ya gore...* Unless I do not know how you will couch it, because sometimes there are grey areas, but you could also ask the Minister responsible for DPSM to make a statement at a later time. I am saying there is that option. *A re yeng kwa dipotsong tse dingwe*.

## QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

### INQUIRY INTO PULA CURRENCY PRODUCTION, SECURITY AND DISTRIBUTION COSTS

**MR M. M. MOROLONG (KGATLENG CENTRAL):** asked the Minister of Finance to brief this Honourable House on the costs incurred by Government on the production of printing the Pula currency notes and minting coins; and to further state:

- (i) production frequency;
- (ii) security expenses; and
- (iii) distribution costs.

**Later Date.**

### LEASE RENTAL AMNESTY

**MR O. KWAPA (JWANENG-MABUTSANE):** asked the Minister of Lands and Agriculture whether there are any plans to introduce lease rental amnesty.

**ACTING MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE (DR DIKOLOTI):** Mr Speaker, my ministry is currently considering the introduction of a lease rental amnesty as part of broader efforts to address the persistent challenge of lease rental arrears.

Lease rental amnesty is a recognised practice in the real estate sector and is often used by Governments to encourage defaulters to regularise their accounts, either through partial debt relief or the waiver of penalties. Such measures help bring defaulters back into compliance, unlock land that is otherwise constrained by debt and restore it to productive economic use, while at the same time improving revenue collection for the Government.

Mr Speaker, the Land Lab, which serves as a structured platform for addressing systemic challenges affecting land administration also covers lease management, compliance with development conditions and the growing accumulation of lease rental arrears.

Through the Land Lab facilitated under the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme (BETP), the ministry has commenced work on interventions to address lease rental arrears that have negatively affected investment, particularly in the tourism and energy sectors. This initiative will in due course, be extended to other sectors once an appropriate formula has been developed and the necessary Government approvals have been secured. Mr Speaker, the lease rental arrears for both State and Tribal Land leases are over P1.9 billion, of which about P21 million is for State Land leases.

For land boards, the lease rentals form part of their own-source of revenue, which if collected could contribute to the resourcing of the land boards in terms of procurement of surveying equipment and vehicles, bandwidth upgrading and maintenance of facilities among others. My ministry's budget for the financial year 2026/2027 which this House passed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2026, consists of Six Hundred and Forty-Five Million, One Hundred and Twenty-Eight Thousand, Seven Hundred and Forty Pula (P645,128,740) as revenue support grant to the land boards. This amount is one third of what is owed to the land boards in terms of leases rentals. It is therefore, imperative that the land boards strengthen their revenue collection efforts. Doing so will significantly reduce their heavy reliance on Government subventions, particularly at a time when a substantial portion of their own potential revenue remains locked up in accumulated rental arrears.

Mr Speaker, previous debt recovery strategies have not yielded the desired results. It is for this reason that lease rental amnesty is being considered as a possible intervention. In that regard Mr Speaker, my ministry

will also draw lessons from the experience of the Water Utilities Corporation (WUC).

Mr Speaker, it is also important to note that the coming into force of the Tribal Land Regulations in April 2022, resulted in a significant increase in lease rentals for Tribal Land. For example; lease rentals for industrial plots increased from 10 thebe per m<sup>2</sup> per annum to 70 thebe per m<sup>2</sup> per annum, representing a 600 per cent increase. Similarly, surface rights fees for gravel and sand mining increased from 8 thebe per m<sup>2</sup> per month to P1 per m<sup>2</sup> per month, representing an increase of 1,150 per cent.

Following representations from members of the public, these fees were revised downwards in October 2024. In the case of industrial plots, lease rentals were reduced and differentiated between citizens and non-citizens. Citizens now pay 20 thebe per m<sup>2</sup> per annum, while non-citizens pay 50 thebe per m<sup>2</sup> per annum. Surface rights fees were also reduced to 12 thebe per m<sup>2</sup> per month. Mr Speaker, notwithstanding these revisions, the arrears that accumulated during the period 2022 to 2024 remain outstanding.

Debtors have attributed their failure to meet the lease rental obligations to the difficult economic conditions, particularly the effects of the COVID-19 period, which undermined business activity and reduced their capacity to pay. They have also cited the steep increases in lease rentals during that period, as being beyond the means of many businesses. These factors Mr Speaker, are currently being assessed through the Land Lab in order to arrive at an informed Government position on the possible introduction of a lease rental amnesty. The overall objective is to support compliance, revive productive land use and contribute to economic transformation. I thank you, Mr Speaker.

**MR MOALOSI:** *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker.* Ke go leboge Tona. Go na le mabala a *ball a communities*, a le one a kolotang *leases* tse di seng kana ka sepe. *Would you consider not only amnesty...*, kana le fa ba kolota P72,000 le fa o ka re 50 per cent, *they are not going to be able to pay you? Would you not consider* gore mabala a *ball a bontsi* ba tshamekang fela ka bo *Christmas* kana *holidays*, *they are not generating any income* e ba ka kgonang go duela *leases* tseo? *Would you consider zero rating leases* tsa *community*, mabala a *ball especially because* ga a dirisiwe gantsi e bile ga *generate income* mme a thusa thata gore a ntshe bana mo mekgwatheng fa go

le *December* jaana, ba a bo ba tshameka *ball* ba sa nwe majalwa? Ke a leboga.

**DR DIKOLOTI:** Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker.* Ke dumela gore fa ke araba, ke ne ke tlhalositse thata gore, re santse re lebile dikgang tse di ntsi. Ba ntetlelele ke se ka ka segela ngwana thari mpeng, a ise a belegwe *Mr Speaker.* Ke a leboga.

**MR FRENZEL:** *Further supplementary.* Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker.* Ke utlwile Tona ka dikoketso tsa gago tse o di dirileng, mme *worry* ya me ke ka fa o okeditseng ka teng, o supa gore ya 10 thebe to 70 thebe per m<sup>2</sup>, ke a bona gore ke letshwenyego. Ke a itse gore *land boards* di ikemetse, go na le bo Tlokweg le Ngwato. A ga go na ka fa le ka dirang ka teng gore, e re o le mo Tlokweg, a bo o ka duelela *plot* e kwa Maun o le kwano? Gompiano fa o kare o duelela *plot* e kwa Ngwato o le mo Tlokweg, ga ba tseye madi, ba supa gore o tshwanetse o ye kwa *land board* e o batlang go duelela teng. A ga go na ka fa le ka dirang ka teng, go bona gore le dire dithulaganyo tsa dituelo tseo.

Potso ya bobedi e bo e nna gore, ke utlwile ka fa o supileng ka teng gore *arrears* gompiano jaana tsa ba ba ka bong ba duetse, di setse di tsamaya kwa go P1.9 *billion*. Potso e bo e nna mo *plots* tsa dikereke, kana dikereke tsa rona bontsi jwa tsone ga se tse di dirang madi. O ya go fitlhela e le gore bontsi jwa tsone, ke dikereke tse di tsenang di thusa. Motho yo o thusiwang, o ya go fitlhela e le gore o thusiwa ka madi gongwe a seshabo fela. O bo o fitlhela e le gore kereke ka bo yone, ga e dire *profit* epe. A ga re ise re tle mo go reng re bone gore ditsha tsa dikereke, re di fokoletsa kana re di ntshe gotlhelele mo go reng di duele madi a di tshwanelwang ke gore di a duele a *leases*. Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker.*

**DR DIKOLOTI:** Ke a go leboga *Mr Speaker.* Potso ya gago ya ntlha, karabo ya teng tota mokaulengwe ke gore Motlotlegi Tshere o eme ka dinao. Le jaaka Motlotlegi Tautona a laetse, *we need to digitize this economy.* Ke matshwenyego a re ntseng re a itemogela, *through this works on digitalization, all of these that you have mentioned, will be resolved.* Tota ke letshwenyego le le tonatona gore e bo *systems* tsa rona e le tsa motho a le *one*, mme di sa kgone go buisana. Rre Tshere o eme ka dinao go netefatsa gore thulaganyo eo, e a diragadiwa.

Kgang ya dikereke; o tlaa gakologelwa gore, re ne ra fokotsa *rental* ya bone fela thata. Jaaka ke bua, re santse re lebile dilo tse tsotlhe *through the Land Lab*, go

bona gore kwa bofelong, re ya go felela ka *solution* e e ntseng jang. Megopolo ya lona e tlaa tswelala e ntse e tla fela mokaulengwe. *It is a good proposal that you are bringing forward.* Re tlaa nna re ntse re bopa mmogo go netefatsa gore *that which will end up delivering*, e tlaabo e le sengwe se *everyone of us* a tlaa iponang mo go sone. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

#### MONITORING OF WILD ANIMALS IN GAME RANCHES

**MR J. T. I. MODISE (K GALAGADI SOUTH):** asked the Minister of Environment and Tourism to state what measures are available to monitor the wild animals which are in game ranches owned by citizens near Mabuasehube Game Reserve in the Kgalagadi South Constituency which stand to benefit the country rather than individual owners.

**MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM (MR M MOLOTSI):** Thank you very much Mr Speaker. *Ke a leboga Rre Modise.* Mr Speaker, the establishment and operation of game ranches is guided by the Game Ranching Policy of 2002 and in line with Section 24 of the Wildlife Conservation and National Parks Act of 1992. The programme is meant to afford individuals the opportunity to participate in the wildlife economy. The establishment of the game ranches is mostly a business venture that involves substantial financial inputs.

Mr Speaker, game ranches have a robust monitoring regime. Game ranchers are required to conduct game counts and submit annual returns, as well as vegetation assessment to establish carrying capacities for business and management purposes.

Further, the Department of Wildlife and National Parks (DWNP) also conducts quarterly verification visits to the ranches, resources permitting. Additionally, most of the game ranchers are members of the Botswana Wildlife Producers Association (BWPA) that works closely with the ministry to regulate its members to adhere to their code of conduct and operate within the policy and legal framework.

In the course of their operations, of significant the game ranchers are required to restock newer entrants into the programme. They also obtain permits to utilise and perform some wildlife transactions such as to hunt, cull, export, import etc. In all these operations, the Department of Wildlife and National Parks play an oversight role to ensure compliance to all the legal requirements.

Mr Speaker, all these permits have been issued free of charge. However, a nominal fee is proposed under the newly proposed user fees *tse di neng di buiwa ke Honourable Lucas*, and service charges which stands to contribute to the national coffers and benefit the larger economy. I thank you Mr Speaker.

**MR NKAWANA: Supplementary.** Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Tona, ke lebogela karabo ya gago. Ke batla go tlhologanya gore, go na le batho ba e leng gore fa a sena go nna a teratelela polase, o reka diphologolo mo go ba ba nang le tsone ka madi a gagwe. Go bo go nna le gore ka polase e tona, tse dingwe o di teratelela mo teng a di bona le fa a sa di bone. Potso e gongwe e ka tswa e raya gore, a le tse a di teratetseng a sa di reka, di felela e le tsa gagwe ka gore di mo polaseng, kana go na le tsela e le e dirang gore ka di le mo polaseng ya gagwe jaanong a di duelele? *I hope I was making sense.*

**MR M MOLOTSI:** Tota fela go raya gore fa a teratelela, fa e le gore o di bone kana ga a di bona, fa terata e sena go nna e emelela bontsi jwa nako, diphologolo di felela e le tsa polase eo. Gone go nna le mathata fa re iphitlhelang e le gore *a game rancher* o ka nna le mowa o e seng one, o ba bangwe fa gongwe ba kgonang go nna le one, wa gore terata e digwe ka bomo gore di tsene go bo go tswalwa. Foo jaanong e nna mathata a e leng gore, ke sone se batho ba rona ba DWNP tota ba nnang ba eme ka dinao go bona gore ga go dirwe jalo. Motho a dige terata diphologolo di bo di tsena, a bo a tswala jaaka ke a tle ke utlwe gotwe Hikuama fa gongwe o kgalthegelela go dira.

**MR HIKUAMA: Supplementary.** Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*. Ya me ke e e tsamaelanang le e e neng e bodiwa ke Rre Nkawana, e bile e amilwe ke Tona, ke gore ga a e tlhatswa sentle. Go na le diemo tse batho ba filweng *licences* tsa *game ranching*, go bo go raya gore ba a teratelela fela sentle, ba bo ba fiwa *licence*, go tswa fa ba bo ba tlogela. Ke gore ba dira matamo a matona mo *game ranches* tsa bone, go tswa fa ba bo ba diga diterata. Jaanong diphologolo tsotlhe di bo di simolola di e nwa metsi foo, di tikelwa matswai, di dirwa sengwe le sengwe foo, *activities* tsotlhe tse o ka di akanyang, tse di ka fa molaong le tse di seng ka fa molaong di a dirwa gone foo. Diemo tse di ntseng jaana tse le di beile leitlho go le kae, mme le itse dipolase tse kae tsa mofuta o? Ke a leboga.

**MR M MOLOTSI: Mr Speaker,** tota fela go utlwise botlhoko gore e re fa re tsere tshepho ya rona e e kanakana, re bo re e neela batho gore ke bagwebi ba

*ranchers*, e bo e le gore ba bangwe ba felela ba dira tiro e e ntseng jalo. Ba lephata la rona ba eme ka dinao go bona gore dilo tse, ga di diragale. Fa gongwe di diragala ka lebaka la gore ditsompelo tse re di tshwereng di a tlhaela. Ga re kgone gore re bo re le gongwe le gongwe ka nako e e tlhokafalang. *Therefore*, ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, *you know some people have a tendency of taking chances* ba lebile gore ga re kgone go ba atumela ka bofefo. Tota ke sone se e leng gore dinako tsotlhe, *which is something* se Batswana ba tumileng ka sone, gore fa o bona seemo se se ntse jalo jaaka *Honourable* Hikuama go lebega a a tle a bone mathata a a ntseng jalo, go ka thusa gore o re lemotshe, re tle re kgone go tswala phatlha e. Fa phatlha e e sa tswalwe, kgantele diphologolo tsa rona rotlhe, re tlaa felela e le gore *we are losing them*, batho ba di tsaya. *The moment* di tse na *on their farms*, e nna tsa bone. Kopo ke gore, Motswana mongwe le mongwe yo o ka lemogang gore golo moo go a diragala, a leke go re lemotsa. Le ntswa ditsompelo tsa rona di tlhaela, eo re ka bona gore re ka adima koloi kwa go Molaodi kana kwa bonnanne, gore bogolo re taboge re ye go tswala diphatlha tseo. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*:

#### PRIVATE SECURITY COMPANY

**MR D. SALESHANDO (MAUN NORTH):** asked the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to confirm if the Office of the President has at any point engaged a private security company to provide for the security needs of the President alongside state security agencies; if the answer is in the affirmative, the Minister should state the following:

- (i) what prompted the need for a private security company to be engaged;
- (ii) how the private security company was identified;
- (iii) the name of the company engaged and its directors/ shareholders; and
- (iv) how much the company has been paid and the duration for its engagement.

**MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT, DEFENCE AND SECURITY (MR MOHWASA):** *Mr Speaker*, ke ntse ke na le Motlotlegi Rre Saleshando, o na le *engagement* e e leng gore ga a ka ke a kgona gore a e tlosolose. Re dumalane gore re tlosolose potso go fitlhelela Mosupologo, ka gore o ne a eletsa gore fa e arabiwa, a bo a le teng. Ke dumalane le ene.

**MR SPEAKER:** Later date it Honourable Hikuama.

**MR HIKUAMA:** Later date Honourable Speaker.

**Later Date.**

#### PUBLIC SECTOR-LED EXTENSION SYSTEM

**MR T. B. LUCAS (BOBIRWA):** asked the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to state:

- (i) the ideal agricultural demonstrators to the population ratio;
- (ii) the ideal technical officers to the population ratio;
- (iii) the ideal veterinary doctors to the population ratio; and
- (iv) how those ideal ratios compare to the status quo and if there are any remedies; if there is such need.

#### ACTING MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE (DR DIKOLOTI):

Mr Speaker, Botswana has traditionally operated a public sector-led extension system. However, despite high farmer coverage, the system has failed to evolve into a responsive, market-oriented service, leaving many farmers trapped in subsistence production rather than transitioning to profitable, commercial farming. Key issues include; poor adoption of technology, lack of adaptation to climate change and weak integration into value chains.

Mr Speaker, to achieve our policy goals, including positioning the agriculture sector as the next engine of the economic growth, and the lofty target of sector contribution to Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of 6 to 8 per cent. My ministry has embarked on meaningfully transforming the extension system and at this point I want to remind Honourable Lucas and this Honourable House on some of these initiatives;

- The restructuring of the ministry to enhance extension includes establishment of a fully-fledged extension department that will coordinate extension delivery.
- The Institutional Pluralism: That is moving away from a solely public, ministry-led model to one that includes private and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) partners. For this we have engaged Botswana University of Agriculture and Natural Resource (BUAN) to develop this pluralistic system that will fully develop and integrate value chains.

- Under the Value Chain Focus: This is shifting from just production to developing the entire, agri value chain.

The other one is to harness technology to promote Climate-Smart Agriculture (CSA) through partnerships like the Smarts Botswana and development partners such as our Green Climate Fund, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) and International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD).

- Mr Speaker, we also have the third-generation extension service programme under A-Di-Tsale, which is a private sector led focused on extension programme aimed at shifting cattle farming from low productivity subsistence to commercial high-productivity and export-led ventures.

Mr Speaker, coming back to Honourable Lucas's question, for the extension system to function effectively, there are internationally recognised benchmarks that guide staffing levels.

- (i) The ideal extension officer to farmer ratio is one to 250 farming households.
- (ii) The technical officer to farmer ratio is ideally one to 2,500 farming households.
- (iii) While there is no universally mandated ratio for veterinarians to the human population, studies by the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) suggest an approximate benchmark of one veterinarian per 80,000 to 100,000 livestock units.

However, this ratio may vary depending on the epidemiological conditions and disease risks within a country.

- (iv) Mr Speaker, currently, the ratios in our extension system are as follows:
  - The extension officer to farmer ratio for crop production stands at 1:365.
  - The technical officer to farmer ratio for crop production is 1:3,817.
  - The veterinarian to livestock units ratio is 1:45,946.

Mr Speaker, the extension–farmer ratio is clearly too high, and inevitably compromises the quality and reach of extension service delivery. To address the current gaps in extension outreach, we have introduced several measures:

- The employment of temporary frontline extension workers. As an interim solution, the ministry has recruited 301 temporary extension workers on 12-month contracts. Of these, 244 officers are deployed under the Department of Crop Production, while 57 officers are serving under the Department of Veterinary Services.
- Mr Speaker, the ministry is developing a hybrid extension service by leveraging Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs). This includes revamping the call centre and integrating it with frontline extension services to expand outreach to the farming community. The call centre will be staffed by full-time extension officers who will provide first-level support to farmers.

Lastly, Mr Speaker, the ministry intends to outsource extension services to private practitioners, with the aim of reducing the extension–farmer ratio to 1:100. The ministry will pursue partial privatization of extension services. Under this arrangement, Micro Scale Farmers will continue to receive services from public extension officers, while other farmer categories will be required to obtain extension services from private providers at a fee. I thank you, Mr Speaker.

**MR LUCAS:** Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke a leboga Tona. Dipalo tse o re di neetseng fa tota *confirm* sone se se diragalang mo dikgaolong. Go a lebega balemisi ba a tlhela tota, mo o fitlhelang fa gongwe *covering* metse e ka tshwara meraro, e ke dumelang gore e tlaabo e feta 250 *households* e e beilweng. Gompiano go na le balemisi ba ba hirwang *on temporary basis*, mme go na le kgang e e supang gore *they can be absorbed into the public service on a permanent and pensionable basis*. Le fa le ntse le na le thulaganyo ya go leka *to restructure*, a mme ga o bone go ka tlhokafala gore ba ba ntseng ba hirwa *on temporary basis*, bone *be absorbed* jaaka go na le puo eo? Fa e le gore le akanya jalo, le akanya go simolola leng? A le ka simolola fela ka 1<sup>st</sup> April *to absorb them* fa madi a goroga?

Ya bobedi ke e e amanang le *training* ya balemisi. Balemisi ba bantsi ba ba sa hirwang, ke botsa gore a mme re ntse re tswetse *we are training them*? Fa e le gore re a ba *train* jalo, kakanyo ke eng ka gore go lebega bontsi jwa bone ba tlaabo ba *idle* fela ba sa hirwa?

Ya boraro e bile e le ya bofelo ke ya *veterinary doctors*; kana wena e bile *you are a veterinary doctor*. A mme re santse re tswetse re le Botswana, ka *to train* dingaka

tša leruo ka palo e e go kgotsofatsang rraetsho? Malatsi a go a tšhela tota, fa o batla ngaka ya leruo, go thata go e bona go tla go thusa. O tle o re sedimotsetse gore maikaelelomagolo ke eng kwa bofelong mabapi le *veterinary doctors*? *Is it to train more or* ba lekane ka gore wa re a le mongwefela o lekanwe ke batho ba le 80 000? Ke a leboga.

**DR DIKOLOTI:** *Thank you, Mr Speaker.* Potso ya ntlha, re mo thulaganyong, re kopane le ba DPSM go netefatsa gore *temporary staff* ba batle tsela. Gakere go na le thulaganyo e ba e salang morago, e ba itseng gore go tla jang gore kwa bofelelong, ba felele ba ba *absorb*. Ke thulaganyo e re mo go yone Motlotlegi Lucas. *Above just absorbing* bone ba ba leng teng, mo tomaganong ya rona le ba BUAN, re simolotse go tlhaloganya le go feta gore kana ka fa re tswang kgakala re dira ka teng, ba tlaa go bolelela gore mokenti *is a specialised extension service*. Molemisi le ene *is a specialised extension service, but for the longest* rona re ntse re goboka fela re re ke *extension service*. Go na le *a dedicated extension service provider*. So, rona ka tomagano ya rona le ba BUAN, re simolotse go tlhabolola thulaganyo e. Jaaka ke ne ke bua, ga re batle bolemisi jwa bo magoboka, re batla go nne *specific to unlock the opportunities within the farming enterprise*. *We are really open to all these* gore re bone gore kwa bofelelong, *a farmer* re a mo fetola go tswa kwa a ntseng a le *subsistence* teng, gore ba tle ba tlhabologe.

Golo moo go araba le potso ya gago ya bobedi *because there is a dire need for us to say* re tshwanetse re batle tsela ya gore balemisi re ba tlhabolole go feta, gore ba lepalepane le diemo tša kgantele. E seng balemisi fela, balemisi gotilhe tota le bakenti. Nna jaaka mokenti yo motona, *I have had instances where you will have farmers* kana batho *arguing* gore fa gongwe *maxit* ga se *terramycin*, re batla *terramycin*. O santse o na le ba bangwe ba e leng gore *they are still stuck in the old ways*. *The farmer industry evolves*. Ba santse ba le *stuck* ba go bolelela gore kgomo e batla *fosamine*. O mmolelela gore *no, we have more better products*. O santse o na le motho yo e reng kgomo fa e lwala, a bo a dumela gore mme fa o e jesitse sekonotere, e tlaa tsoga. So...

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

**DR DIKOLOTI:** *No*, sekonotere. Gakere go na le sekonotere, ba go bolelela gore fa o e se tshasitse, e a fola. So, re na le ditumelo tse di ntsintsi tse e leng gore...

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

**DR DIKOLOTI:** Ee, keletso ke gore...

**MR SPEAKER:** O se ka wa mo kgopakgopetsa. Mma a arabe.

**DR DIKOLOTI:** Ee, tswelelo ke gore re tswelele re ntse re aga *Mr Speaker*, gore kwa bofelelong re tle re kgone.

Sengwe se o se boditseng sa bofelotse Motlotlegi Lucas, ke boammaaruri *there is lack of interest by a lot of youngsters* mo go tswelelong ba dira tša bongaka jwa leruo. Ntle le moo gape, o a itse gore go na le bothata jo botona, *the entry levels into the veterinary schools*. Le yone e re direla tiro thata le go feta. *It usually very tough to get into vet schools*. *In the vet schools, o fitlhela* e le gore bontsi jwa ba ba tlang, *they do better as a second Degree*. O fitlhela e le gore *all these things* di a re fokoletsa go tsena, *but* keletso ke gore re *train a lot of vets* gore ba kgone gore ba tle go lepalepana le diemo tša rona.

*This Government is working very hard to correct the structure for veterinarians, because for the longest* se ntse se ntse ka fa se neng se ntse ka teng, *and it has disadvantaged a lot of vets* ba e leng gore *a lot of them has since left this country*. Ba ile kwa mafatsheng a mangwe a ba tswelletseng ka go dira bontle teng go feta. Ke dumalana le wena gore ga se selo se se siameng. Re tshwanetse re eme ka dinao gore re ngoke bongaka, ba tsene, ba kgone go re thusa jaaka re ipeile pele tse ke di ipeileng pele. Re dumalana re le Palamente gore *we will help agriculture to contribute six to 10 per cent*. *We will improve the herd to five million*. You know for sure *Honourable Lucas* gore *the livestock sub-sector*, ke yone e e bogadi bo gaufi.

Ke dumela gore ba le bantsi fa ba gopotse Botswana Livestock Commercial Project (BoLCoP), gore *what is the role of the vet in this*. So, a o bua ka mashi, *there must be a role that a vet plays*. Ke gore *a vet unlocks access to markets and they provide this quality assurance*. *I agree with you* gore re tswelele. Ke kgang e nngwe e re e tshwaraganetseng le Rre Maele ka gore *they fund*, ba bo ba dira *opportunities* tša bana ba sekole. So, re meno a tshwene makitla. Re e tshwaraganetse rra, mme re tlaa dira jaaka o gakolola, o bo o eletsa gore go felele go diragetse. Ke a leboga, *Mr Speaker*.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Supplementary.

**MR SPEAKER:** Nako ya lona ya dipotso e ile.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Okay.

**MR SPEAKER:** *Order! Honourable Members, a re yeng kwa Ditshutisong.*

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A DEDICATED  
ARM OR UNIT OF THE POLICE  
SERVICE FOR THE PROTECTION OF  
JUDICIAL OFFICERS**

**Motion**

**(Resumed Debate)**

**MR SPEAKER:** Honourable Members, the debate on this Motion is resuming. When the House adjourned last week Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2026, Honourable Moraedi Reason Lekutlane was on the floor debating and he is left with six minutes and 28 seconds. I will give you the time on when the mover will be called to reply to the debate.

**MR LEKUTLANE (KGALAGADI NORTH):** Mma ke go leboge *Mr Speaker*. Ke tswelele fa ke neng ke eme teng ka *Motion* o *Honourable Dow* a o beileng fa pele ga rona. Ke ne ke santse ke supa botlhokwa jwa go tlhokomela Lephata la Bosekisi; *Judges, Prosecutors* le boMmakaseterata ka gore ke batlhophi ba rona, e bile ke bone ba re rutang. *Like any other department* tse di ka bong di na le fa di ka ikuelang teng *like disciplinary forces*, le bone ba tlhoka gore ba bo ba ka tlhokomelwa mo go faphegileng.

Ke na le tumelo ya gore batho ba ba tshwanang le bo *General Mokgware*, o ka supa gore nako e a neng a santse a le kwa sesoleng, o ne a na le *personnel* e e neng e mo tlhokomela. A kgweediwa, a apeelwa, a katiwa ke lesole. E le gore dilo tseo tsothle *they were within the Botswana Defence Force (BDF)* gore go se ka ga nna le sepe se se ka tswelang kwa ntle. *You find the same thing* se diragala kwa Directorate of Intelligence and Security (DIS). Le bone ba na le *guards* tse di ntseng jalo e le *within themselves*. Ke sone se ke emang ke re, *if we had that* e ka tlhokomela boMmakaseterata, *Judges* le ba a amegang ba *Judiciary* ka gore ba tshwara *information* e *very critical and their lives will always be in danger*.

Fa o tsaya *Judge* ya mosadi a bo a ya go atholela motho bo 15 *years in prison for rape*, e bo e re a sena go digela, a bo a hirwa mo *security* a re o fetogile o tsene fa gare ga batho. A bo a ya go mo kata ka gore o hirilwe ke *security* sa ga *Honourable Furniture*, ke sa mo ntshe ke lesa legolo ka ke itse gore ga se motho wa *security*.

O ne a mo hira a le *professional*, motho yoo a felela a kata *Judge* yo wa mosadi. Ka gore o kgweediwa ke *an ordinary driver*, o mmaya kwa ga gagwe, a bo a mo tlogela le selalome seo. Ga go pale sepe gore selalome seo se bo se gakologelwa gore kana mosadi yo o kile a ntlhatlhela 15 *years* mo kgolegolong. A bo a lotlela ntlo ya gagwe a mo gakolola kgang eo, a mo dira mo go utlwisang botlhoko. A ba nne le batho ba ba ka ba tlhokomelang. *We have met Judges* le boMmakaseterata, ba re romile rona ba re leng kwa Palamenteng ka gore re dira melao, ba a lela ba re re lele le bone. Ke tsaya gore ke tlaa nna mongwe yo o tlaa lelang le bone go supa gore ba a tlhoka. Maloba fa re le gone fa, *the Honourable Minister* yo o amegang o ne a supa gore go na le se se dirwang se ba se tshwaraganetseng le ba *Judiciary*. Se se dirwang seo, a ko se supagale, e se ka ya nna kgang ya molomo fela gore re dira sengwe *and then people sit down when we have kids, brothers*, ditsala tsa rona *as Judges*. Gompiano fa o lebelela bontsi jwa rona mo Palamente, bontsi jwa *Judges* le bo Mmakaseterata ke ba re neng re tsena le bone kwa dikoleng. Ka gore *others* ke *group* ya bo Rre Gobotswang ba ba neng ba dira *courses* tsele tsa bo *others*, ga se kgang, a le bone ba tsene fela gone foo gore re tle re kgone go bona ka fa re ka ba sireletsang ka teng. *Honourable Minister* o ne a supa gore go na le se ba se dirang mme a Motlotlegi Dow a lebagane le bone. Le leke go bona gore *the best way* ke eng *because the point you have raised adds more value to se Minister* a se buang *than* jaaka re ka akanya. Ke ne ke kopa gore re *debate this Motion with sober minds*, re itse gore ke batho and ga ba ka ke ba ipuelela. Ba tlhoka lentswe la Mapalamente gore le ba buelele fela jaaka re kgona go buelela masole re bo re lela, re kgona go buelela *the operatives* tsa maDIS. Ga ke bue ka ba ba kwa godimo, ke bua ka *the operatives* ka gore bao ke bone ba utlwisang botlhoko, ba tlhola ba tabogile fela jaana batho ba Modimo go sena se ba se bonang. Ke gore ke bosananapo. *Let us debate it on that base*.

A mogopolo o wa ga Motlotlegi Dow *be incorporated* thata mo kgannyeng e e neng e buiwa ke *Honourable Minister* gore go na le se se dirwang. Fa e le gore se a dirwa, a *Judiciary* le yone e itirele *favour*, ba se ka ba boela kwa morago ka kgang e e ntseng jalo. A ba supe fa ba tlhokana le batho ba ba ka ba tlhokomelang ba le *special* mme e le ba bone. Ba sa tswe go sele ka gore fa ba tswa go sele *like* ba mapodise, ba na le tiro e ba e dirang, DIS e na le ya yone koo. A ba nne le mo re ka go bitsang re re Very Important Person (VIP) Protecting Unit, e e tlaabong e le *specifically for them*, e lebile dikgang tsa bone, e itse botlhokwa jwa bone.

Ba rutintshitswe fela jaaka bogologolo re ne re itse gore go na le Special Support Group (SSG). *It was a special unit*, e seng jaaka gompieno ba sa tlhole ba dira tiro e re neng re e tlwaetse ya bone.

Go le kalo, mme ke supe gore ke ema nokeng mme ke e golaganya le kgang ya ga *Minister* gore a ko ba kopane, ba dire selo se se ka thusang ba *Judiciary*. Tanki.

**BRIG. MOKGWATHI (LETLHAKENG):** Tanki *Mr Speaker*. La ntlha ke re, *what a hot topic!* Jaaka mokaulengwe wa me a sa tswa go bua, re tshwanetse go bua re wetse dibete ka gore fa o amilwe o le mosekisi kgotsa ba ba dirang le tsa bosekisi, o a bo o sa ama motho yoo fela, o a bo o amile le ba bangwe ba ba feteletseng. *It has got a cascading cause and effect, domino effect.* Jaaka re tswa go bua, e batla re e lebelela *with the substance that which this topic has.* Ka gore go na le se se dirwang, fa re se dira re itse gore re se dira ka gore golo mo re go lebileng, ke mo go re amang thata re le mo Botswana, re le Batswana, ka bana ba Botswana ba ba berekelang Batswana. Ke sa re ope ga a berekele Batswana. Ke itumela thata ka gore ke bone *chance* ya go bua ka *topic* e. Ke yone e ke e ratang ya *defence and security*, ke e itse bobele, ke e tlhaloganya botoka.

Fa re simolola, re botse gore *what is the prevailing situation at the moment? What is the status quo?* Go *serious* go le kae, go simolotse leng go nna *serious?* Re fa kae, re ya kae *in future?* Fa re lebelela *society* ya rona, o kare e tenegile thata. *I think even the international barometers* e buile ka gore batho ba rona ga ba a iketla mo moweng. *Jaanong we guard against those eventualities* fa go ka diragala gore go nne se *at the back of our minds*, re se akantseng gore batho ba rona ba bolokesebile go le kae ba ba dirang mo dikgotlatshekelong.

*Ke kile ka re ke tswa Zambia*, I will just give an experience, *go ne go na le a tussle between the Air Arm Commands and the Infantry Commands.* *E le gore* at the time, *masole a bagaka ba lwa mo sekgweng, ba re gongwe ga go tlhokafale gore ba kate ba difofane.* I wrote a position paper just to make sure that it becomes very clear and I called it a Regimental Security Squadron. *Go bo go raya gore* within our Air Arm, *re bo re dira gore* if there is a requirement to employ *masole a Air Arm* ba le 30 a year, perhaps *re tseye ba le batlano gore e nne bone ba tlhokomelang* the Air Arm Command.

As much as this is very important, *se ke ka se buang ke gore*, every Motswana is equally concerned that our Judicial officers should have a certain amount of

protection. Now, what I can suggest to the Judiciary *ke gore*, use the same concept *ya gore* within your structures, ensure *gore* you embark a security element in it such that when you do estimates for your units or departments, you are not dedicating a particular unit from somewhere to come and do your job for you. What you could do is, after employing certain cadres who are at the *fa gotweng* security elements, you now can request that Botswana Police should train your people that will be Judicial police officers. I am saying this because I have got experience ladies and gentlemen *gore...*

**MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INNOVATION (MR TSHERE):** Clarification. Thank you very much Mr Speaker. *Ke a go utlwa* First Star General (Rtd) *ka fa o buang ka teng, o e nankola sentle e bile o supa gore ba tshwanetse go itirela* security within their own organisation. I want you to compare this to Parliament in terms of security of MPs here. *E kile ya re nako nngwe re bua mo Palamenteng ke bo ke ba raya ke re*, security of MPs is paramount, very important for all of us. I was even suggesting that Honourable MPs should be given a licence to carry a weapon and people thought I was crazy. Do you think it is high time now we also have our own security within the National Assembly, so that we are protected or licence the guns we already have? Thank you.

**BRIG. MOKGWATHI:** Thank you so very much. This is the topic that is dear to my heart, security. I have seen our guards *ba ba leng gone fa, ke tsaya gore* it is a concept of enhancing them. *Re na le Sergeant-at-Arms*, I have seen some security officers, if we could enhance them within the system to protect us, that would be the approach to look at. Having said that, *ya ditlhobolo*, I am a maxi-man for your information, I have not missed a single round since I joined the BDF. Every round that I fired, hit a target. *Ga go na lerumo le e kileng ya re ke le fula la lathega.* I would not say we are at that stage where we would want to ensure that *Mapalamente ba ka tsaya ditlhobolo* because you will get some guy who is very crazy in this and that and anything can happen, so, be very careful.

*Ke na le tumelo ya gore* the Judicial officers *go na le* those that protect at a certain stage, *ba ka isiwa kwa* BDF to train. Other countries are like that, their units have embedded elements. *Fa re re unit*, it comes a very complicated scenario but if we say an element within the system, it becomes something that is achievable and realistic. Therefore, while I support this intelligent

*Tshutiso*, I still believe there is a way out of it without necessarily having to say the police could be the unit involved. Go out and say the idea is right, *ke ne ke utlwa gotwe* already the Minister is concerned about it, he is doing something about it, therefore I would suggest *gore* let us go to a drawing table and say, what would be the best thing to do to make sure that at least *batho ba ba a tlhokomelwa*.

*Gape* in a holistic approach to issues, if you look at Botswana as it is, the security landscape has changed drastically and therefore, perhaps you have to have an overall strategic assessment of Botswana security services, such that at the end of the day, we can say this particular operational line should be addressed in this particular manner to reach a particular strategic and steady security of our people and our Southern African Development Community (SADC) states. I submit with those recommendations, thank you very much.

**MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM (MR MMOLOTSI):** Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. I think gongwe go a tlhokafala gore dikgang tsa tlhokomelo ya *security* sa batho ka go farologana, di lebelelwe sentle. Ke gakologelwa gore mo Pusong e e neng e feta, *I used to be extremely worried* e le gore ke bona batho ka go farologana ba tlhokometswe ke *security* jalojalo ka dipalonyana tse di botokanyana. *Of course*, ke ne ka utlwa gape kwa South Africa Malema a *feel* gore mo Botswana tota fela ga go tlhokafale gore batho ba sirelediwa ka lebaka la gore *there is no danger*. O ne a e bua a ikgatlha fela gore “ke mang yo o ka bolayang Zogwane, a mmolaela eng,” jalojalo.

Ke tsaya gore gongwe jaaka *Honourable Dow* a tla ka kgang yone e, go na le kgang ya gore go na le *security threat* mo bathong ba rona ka go farologana. *She identified* ba Boatlhodi gore o kare go ka tswa go na le diphatsa tse ba tlhokang gore ba ka sirelediwa mo nakong ya gompiano. *She may be right* gore ba tlhoka go sirelediwa ka lebaka la gore ba tshegetsa dikgang tsa dirukutlhi tse di tona, tse e ka reng morago o sena go mo atlhola, o fitlhele o beile botshelo jwa gago mo diphatseng. E le gore ba ba dirang le ene, ba ka tsenya botshelo jwa gago mo diphatseng.

Kgangkgolo ke gore *Honourable Unity Dow* a re go dirwe a *dedicated unit* kwa Botswana Police gore batho ba ba tle ba kgone go tlhokomelesega. *I think* foo ke gone fa go tlang *debate* and *I do not think* gore jaaka ke bua, kgang ya gore ba tlhoka tshireletsego ka dinako tsotlhe; tota e se bone fela, le bo Mmakaseterata *because*

ba a atlhola le bo Molaodi. Balaodi ba na le *function* nngwe e ba ka kgonang go tsaya ditshwetso dingwe *against* dirukutlhi dingwe. *So*, ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, ke dumela gore golo mo go simolola ka bo Molaodi, Mmakaseterata, *Judges and Judiciary as a whole*, ba tlhoka tshireletsego e e rileng.

Ke sone se ke neng ke re, ya tshireletsego ke dumalana le yone thata. Ke dumela gape gore re tlhoka *to debate* kgang ya gore tlhokomelo e e tswe kwa kae. Ke dumalana le ba ba reng ka gore batho ba *Judiciary* le bone ba na le boikarabelo jo bo feteletseng, e bile ke utlwa fa go na le *consultation* e e dirwang le bone gore e ka nna tsela efe e e ba siametseng ya gore ba tlhokomelwe. Ke akanya gore ke dumalane le ba ba reng *Motion* wa ga *Honourable Unity Dow* o re bula matlho a gore tota batho ba ba tshwanetse ba tlhokomelwe. Jaanong ka fa re utlwang ka teng...

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Clarification.

**MR MMOLOTSI:** E ntse e le gone o tlang o *clarify* eng? Re ntse re bua ka wena o seyo gore fa go katwe Mapalamente ba neelwe ditlhobolo, o ka re fetsa wena.

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

**MR MMOLOTSI:** Didimala fela o reetse o itshoke, ke gone o tlang. Ke dumalana le gore *honourable*...

**MR AARON:** Procedure *Mr Speaker*. This is seriously unacceptable and not of this House for the *Honourable Minister* to say such remarks, not only to me but to another Member. I would wish the gentleman to withdraw his words. *A emise metlae. Selo santlha, ga a itse gore re a bo re se fa ka mabaka afe.*

**MR SPEAKER:** E utlwetse *Honourable Aaron. Honourable Minister*, a ko o se ka wa mo rumola le wena. *You are imputing*. Kana wa re ene fa a ka tshwara tlhobolo, go ka nna le mathata. *It is imputing.*

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

**MR MMOLOTSI:** Gone wena o e bona jang *Mr Speaker*?

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

**MR SPEAKER:** Nnyaa, ga ke e bone jaaka wena. A ko o *withdraw*.

**MR MMOLOTSI:** Ke a e *withdraw*. Ga ke bone a ka bolaya ope ka tlhobolo mokaulengwe. Ke motho yo o siameng thata. O senya fela ka gore e re a ise a nne le fa e le *one minute* mo setilong, a bo a setse a kopa

*clarification.* O *clarify* eng se a se utlwileng? Jaanong bakaulengwe...

**MR AARON:** *Clarification Mr Speaker.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker.* O e tshwere sentle mokaulengwe. Re tlhomamisetse gore a wa re bo District Commissioner (DC) ba santse ba dira *that double duty* ya go nna bo *Magistrate* le DC jaaka bogologolo? Rona ga re itse fa gompiano bo DC ba atlhola. Re itse gore ba dule mo *Judiciary* gotlhelele. Ke batho ba go ka tshereganya fela jaaka Dikgosi tsa Tetlanyo. A ko o tlhalose kgang e.

**MR MMOLOTSI:** Gone go tshereganya gone moo. Fa gongwe ka bo *weekends* jaana, *I have seen them* ba dira dikgang tse di diphatsanyana tseo. Ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, *I may not provide very specific details because* ke tsaya gore *Honourable Dow* dikgang tse o a di itse sentle ka botswerere. Ke sone se e leng gore *previously*, mo ngwageng o o fetileng, go na le Balaodi bangwe ba ba kileng ba tla kwa go nna ba re *we feel very uncomfortable* ka gore re a ne re tshwara dikgang tse e leng gore go tswa foo, di ka nna tsa re tsenya mo mathateng, mme re sena tshireletsego. Jaanong ka gore *I interact* le Balaodi, ba a ne ba tsaya dikgang le nna, ba nthaya jalo. Fa e le gore ga go a nna jalo *Honourable Aaron* wa re ga go yo, *then maybe* ke tle ke boele kwa go bone ke ba bolelele gore *Honourable Aaron* a re le ipuela dilo tsa lona fela.

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

**MR MMOLOTSI:** *Mr Speaker*, a ko o reye Aaron a itshoke.

**MR SPEAKER:** *Honourable Aaron*, se dire jalo. O nna o dira fela jaana o tsosa modumo, ba bangwe ba bua, Standing Order 58.4.

**MR MMOLOTSI:** Ke sone se ke neng ke se bua kgantele. Jaanong tota ke ne ke re *Honourable Dow*, o re butse matlho. *We need to now be mindful* gore tota batho ba rona ba Boatlhodi, ba tlhoka tshireletsego. Jaaka ke ne ke utlwa motlotlegi a bua, re dumalaneng gore re neele *process* e e leng teng ya go rerisana le bone gore ke *security* se se ntseng jang, mme se ka diriwa ka tsela e e ntseng jang gore tshireletsego ya bone e nne e e amogelesegang. Re dire jalo, re ba neele *that chance* gore ba kgone gore ba dumalane, e bo e le gore yone eo, e nna tsela e re ka thusanyang le bone ka yone.

Ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, ke kopa gore *Honourable Dow* o ka dumalana le rona gore a dumalane gore Tshutiso e, re e beye mo goreng a ye go thusana le bone go bona

gore ba ka thusa jang ka gore le ene o a itse e kile ya nna Moatlhodimogolo. O ne a *feel very exposed* ka nako eo. *Probably now* ka gore go na le batho ba e leng gore o ne a ba atlhola, ba kwa kgolegelong, ba tlaa boa nako e nngwe ba kopana le ene golo gongwe. *I think the best thing* ke gore *this consultation* ba ye go bona gore e ka diriwa ka tsela e e ntseng jang *because security of our Judicial officers is very important and it is something that needs to be attended very urgently because these lives matters* ka tsela e e gakgamatsang.

**MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR RAMOGAPI):** *Clarification.* O e tlhatswe gore o raya gore re atolose gore le bo *Judge* ba ba tlogetseng tiro le bone e re fa go diriwa, ba tle ba sekasekelwe ka gore le fa motho a tlogetse, bangwe ga ba itshwarele. Fa o kile wa mo athholela lesa, fa a kopana le wena o akanya go go lobela di ntsi a re, ke go tshwere.

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

**MR MMOLOTSI:** Ke tsaya gore fa o kile wa mo athholela lesa, o a bo a tlhokafetse.

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

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Ditsala tsa gagwe.

**MR MMOLOTSI:** Ehe! ditsala tsa gagwe. Boammaaruri ke jone joo gore *they need security.* Kgang ya ga *Honourable Ramogapi* e iteela gone fa godimo gore e tlaare fa ba e lebile Baatlhodi ka bo bone le bo Mmakaseterata le bo mang, ba lemoge gore *this security* se tlhokafala gore se diragale *even post their tenure.* Ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, go ka siama thata gore ba neelwe *chance* ya gore ba sekaseke seemo sa bone ka bo bone le gore *what is best for them...*

**MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION (MR MAELE):** *Clarification.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker.* Ke a leboga *Honourable Mmolotsi.* Golo fa ga ke go utlwe sentle gore o kare o batla gore o re *Honourable Dow* a *defer Motion*, mme ga o wele sentle. *Is that what you saying?* Ke batla o nna *clear* fela sentle ke go utlwe sentle.

**MR MMOLOTSI:** Tota kgang ya me e ne e le gone foo gore fa a o *defer*, mathata *is the process* e e setseng e le teng. Fa a o *defer because* ga ke batle gore o latlhiwe, *it is a very important Motion*, go ka tla ga re thusa gore e re fa *consultation* e e sa wele sentle, *then* re bo re ka sekaseka gape go bona gore a mme ga se gore *fall-back*

*position*, re tle re buisane Tshutiso e. Go o *defer*, go raya gore o santse o tshela, ga o a swa. Ke sone se e leng gore kopo ya me e ne e le gone foo ka gore gongwe fa o tswelala, re tlaa tloga re o gana o bo o swa jaaka re sa dumalane le one jaana. Jaanong fa o le *deferred*, go raya gore o tlaabo o le mo tseleng ya gore *it can be resuscitated* fa *consultation* e sa wela sentle. Ke a leboga.

**MR FRENZEL (SHASHE WEST):** Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*. Mma ke tseye sebaka se le nna ke re, *Motion* o o tlang ka *Mother of the House* o a utlwala, e bile o bula motho dikakanyo gore a ipotse gore go diragala eng fa motho a le kwa *court*. Sengwe sa dilo tse ke di itseng, fa o tsena mo *court*, fa e le gore o a bo o tla o le *detained* o goroga le badisa-magolegwa, ba go ntsha *chains* tseo. O bo o sala...

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

**MR SPEAKER:** Nnyaa, *Honourable Aaron*, se dire jalo.

**MR FRENZEL:** Aaron o kgagoga thata. Ga a itseye jaaka Mopalamente.

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

**MR FRENZEL:** Jaanong fa o tsena kwa *court*, o ntshiwa mo *chains* tseo o bo o sala o le fale, o ntse ka fa o ntseng ka teng. Go raya gore o a bo o le *threat* fa o ntse jalo ka gore sengwe le sengwe se ka diragala. *What if* motho yo o tlang jaanong a tswa kwa ntle, a tla a sa tswe mo *prison*, a bo e re a tsena gone foo, gongwe a bo a atholwa gone foo.

Ga se botlhe ba e leng gore fa ba ya kwa *court*, e a bo e le badiramolato. O ka ya kwa *court*, ya re o tsena koo o bo nna le tsholofelo ya gore fa ke dule, *before sentencing*, gore letsatsi leno ke ya go tswa. E re o tsena koo *Judge*, Mmakaseterata kana Kgosi yo o a bong a tshwere kgang, ba botlhe ga re re ba akanyetse, a bo a go isa kwa kgolegolong. Le wena e ya go se ke e go tseye sentle ka nako eo. Kgang ya bo e nna gore wena yo o athotsweng, *how are you going to react* ka katlholo e o a bong o e tsaya mo Moatlhoding ka nako eo.

Jaanong fa ke bala *Motion* wa gago *Mother of the House*, ke a o tlhaloganya sentle, e bile ke o rata labofelo. Dipotso tse ke di ipoditseng mo go one e nna gore, gongwe o ne o re "*unit of the Botswana Police Service for the protection of Judicial officers.*" O montle thata, *but* felafela ke bo ke akanya le nna *that we have the*

*BDF officers*, Le bone *can be deployed*, ra bona gore re dira *that unit* re lebeletse le bone. Ga ke itse, ke bona o kare o batla go latlhela sengwe go nkaela sentle.

**DR DOW:** *Point of elucidation*. Ke a go utlwa, gape ka re "*arm or unit*" ke gore lekalana lengwe. Gore o le bitsa eng, go tlaa tswa mo go ba ba lomaganyang kgang e. *That unit will decide whether or not...*, a ke tlhoka lesole, *intelligence* le Information Technology (IT) *officer* gore a tle go bua *security* ya *cyber*. *The unit will decide* gore *what else do they need*, *but it is going to be a dedicated unit*. Ga se gore e ntsha ba bangwe ba ba itebagantse kante ba ka itebaganya le tshireletso ya *Judicial officer*. Ke a leboga.

**MR FRENZEL:** *Thank you Mother of the House*. Ke tsaya ke re o e tshwere sentle. O ntsentse mo *direction* e e siameng gore *unit* eo e ka tla e tswa *either* kwa BDF, Botswana Police kana e agiwa sesha go tswa ka fa e tlaabong e agilwe ka teng.

Jaanong ke dumela...

**MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES (MR RAMAOTWANA):** *Point of clarification*. *Honourable Member*, jaaka ke sa tswa go bua maloba, re ne re na le *Judicial conference* kwa Palapye. *It was resolved that the Chief Justice to commission an in-depth study on security issues so that proper measures may be put in place*. Ministry wa ga Mohwasa, wa me le *Chief Justice we are seized with this matter from conference* ya *Judges* ya *last year*. Ba beileng *deadline* ya *June 26*, gore re bo re feditse ka yone. Ga o bone go le botoka gore ka *already they have resolved and tasked us* gore re dire jalo, gore Palamente e bo e tsena, e boelela se se *already is ongoing*, gore go ka bo go ile ga nna *deferred*? Ga bonwa gore mo go dirwang mo ga go botoka, gona le gore ba tle ba tsenela kwa teng le *study* se tla se supa gore go batlega eng, *whether a unit or something different*.

**MR FRENZEL:** Ke a leboga *Honourable Minister*. Ke tsaya ke re e tlhamaletse, le mmei wa *Motion* o bona dikgang tsa teng gore fa re ka tla ra kopana ra leka le go bona gore *unit* eo e ya go tla ka tsela e e ntseng jang, go tlaabo go le botlhokwa.

Mo dikgannyeng tse tsotlhe tse jaaka ke kile ka tlhalosa kgantele, fa o tsena mo tshkong, o tsena o na le tsholofelo ya gore golo fa mme ke tshwanetse gore *case* e ke mo go yone, ke tle ke ntshiwe. Ke santse ke gakologelwa kwa Francistown Magistrate Court, e rile fela fa mongwe a sena go atholwa gone foo, ga a ise a

amogele kgang eo. Go kile ga tlolwa thata mo ditafoleng ya nna tshwarang, tshwarang. Go botlhokwa totatota gore ba e leng Baatlhodi ba rona, e ka tswa e le *Judges* kana Mmakaseterata, re bone gore re ba sireletsa ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Ke a leboga *Honourable* Ramaotwana gore Puso ya gago ya bo e kgonne go sekaseka dikgang tse tsotlhe. Go botlhokwa thatathata go bona gore re ba sireletsa ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Re sa ba sireletse fela, segolobogolo *Judges*...

**DR DOW:** *Point of elucidation. Thank you very much.* Ke go tlhalosetse gore *an in-depth study*, ga e emise ditsamaiso tse dingwe. *The in-depth study* e tlaa e supa gore *Motion* ole wa kwa Palamenteng, ga o tlhokafale kana o tlhokafala ka tsela e e ntseng jaana le jaana. *You do not stop doing things because there is going to be a study in the future.* Ke go tlhalosetse gore e tlaa tla e supa gore re bone Tshutiso ya kwa Palamenteng *that you adopted*, mme ga re e amogele ka mabaka a *in the in-depth study*. Ke ne ke re ke bue jalo.

**MR FRENZEL:** Ke a leboga. E a utlwala, ke ka fa o e bayang ka teng. Sengwe sa dilo tse ke neng ke re le nna ke fete ka tsone ke gore, go ba sireletsa e se ka ya nna felafela kwa ba direla teng kwa *courts*. E nne le kwa ba nnang teng. Fa ba nnang teng ba le bantsi, mongwe le mongwe o tsena a tswa, ga se dilo tse di siameng. Re tshwanelwa ke go bona gore *security* sa kwa ba nnang teng le kwa ba direlang teng, ke sa maemo a ntlha.

**MR LEKAU:** *Point of clarification.* Fa o e lebeletse *honourable*, ga o bone gore e atologe, e se ka ya ema fela mo go *Judges*, bo Mmakaseterata le mo Mapalamenteng? Re na le Mapalamente ba fa gongwe ba buang dilo kana ba kgona go kua motshegare otlhe mo Palamenteng. Go bo go raya gore fa ba tswela kwa ntle, batho ba ka nna ba ba tsogologela gore le tlhola le kua kwa, gongwe ba tlhokana le *security*.

**MR FRENZEL:** Ke a leboga *honourable*. Ke tsaya gore go botlhokwa. *Security* se botlhokwa mo maphateng otlhe. Maabane *Honourable* Furniture o tswetse fa ntle, o a ne a mpotsa a re kante koloi e e neng e le fa ntle fale, e ne e batla eng fa e sa bolo go ema jaana? Go a tshwanela gore ka dinako tsotlhe le rona, re bo re le *protected*.

Ke tsaya ke re, *Motion* wa gago jaaka ke supile *Mother of the House, Minister* le ene a supile, fa re ka kopanya ra thulantsha ditlhogo, tse tsotlhe di ka rarabologa ra bona gore *Judges* tsa rona le Baatlhodi ba botlhe ka bophara ka go farologana ga bone, ba tshwanetse ba nne

*protected*. Ke supile gore e seng fela fa ba berekelang teng, le kwa ba nnang teng. O ya go fitlhela e le gore *movement* wa batho ba ba tsenang, ga o itse gore ba ntse jang. Ke gakologelwa sentle gore kwa Francistown kwa ba nnang teng, ga ke bone *security* sepe se se supang totatota gore golo fa go nna Baatlhodi. Ke tsaya ke re *Honourable Minister*, o supile ka fa o supileng ka teng.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Clarification.

**MR FRENZEL:** E setse e tšhaile *Honourable Minister*.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** *Point of clarification.* Ke ne ke re fa o lebelela *paragraph 18* ya ...

**MR SPEAKER:** Nnyaa, ga ke itse gore o fesitswe ke mang, gape e tšhaile.

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

**MR SPEAKER:** *Honourable Members*, go raya gore *the mover will be called* ka 11:12 a.m. Jaanong fa le ne le kgona, le ne le ka nna la re *five minutes, five minutes*, gore ba bangwe ba kgone *to debate. It is up to you.*

**MR PULE (KGATLENG EAST):** Ke a leboga. Ke tlaa tsaya *two minutes*. Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, mogopolo o, ke o eme nokeng. Ke o eme nokeng ka mabaka a; maloba fela jaana, re ne re na le *workshop* kwa Hotel 430, re na le mme mongwe wa Mmakaseterata yo a neng go lebega e le mongwe wa batho ba ba kileng ba nna *victim* ya *unsafety* ya *Judicial officers*. O teng mme yoo, *traumatised as she was, we felt for her. I think* ke *one area that urged Honourable Dow* gore a tle ka Tshutiso e, ka gore go nna *worse* e bile fa o le motho wa mme.

Maabane ke ne ke lebeletse mo maranyaneng jaaka fa *Honourable Frenzel* a ne a bua, ke bona a *convict flying from where he was into the Judge*, a mo kgama. E rile mapodise ba tla ba tswa go mo kgomorolola mo go ene, a mo tshwere ka molala. Ke dingwe tsa dilo tse e leng gore tota fela go bua nnete, *Judicial officer* go ya ka nna, le fa go supafala o kare go setse go na le *unit* ya go nna jalo kwa sepodiseng, le fa gongwe e se *as active as we expect it to be, they should be protected. For purposes* tsa *independence* ya the *Judiciary*, ka gore fa o ka lebelela *Judicial officers*, ba palelwa ke go nna *impartial* mo *cases* tsa bone, ka mabaka a gore fa gongwe *they feel* gore ga ke dira *ruling which does not favor* semangmang, ke ka nna ka felela ke na le mathata. Gongwe e bile e le Mabuse a tswa kwa Mmathubudukwane, a sekisa motho yoo tswang kwa

Mmathubudukwane, *obviously* masika a motho yo o tlaabong a sekisiwa, ga ba ka ke ba nthata. Batho *make their own conclusions*, le fa o le motho wa molao ba itse fela gore o ne o dira tiro ya gago, *you cannot simply tell them* gore, *I was doing my job like some people normally do, that, " I was just doing my job."* Ga ba dumele fa o ba raya o re, *you were just doing your job*. Ba tsaya fela ka gore o ntsalae semangmang kana gongwe ba ne ba bona e kete o ne o tshameka le mongwe wa bo kgaitسادie, motho yoo a bo a go kgoreletsa jaanong ke sone se o tsereng *judgement* eo.

**MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES (MR RAMAOTWANA):** *Elucidation.*

Ke dumalana le wena *honourable* gore re tshwanetse go tsaya tsia tshireletsego ya *Judicial officers* tsa rona. Fa o bala *on the speech* se ke neng ke se bua maabane sa Administration of Justice (AOJ) mo *paragraph 18*, se bua ka go sireletsa *courts, security* sa *courts*, gore re a go dira jalo. Fa o bala *resolution* ya *Judiciary*, ba ne ba bua ka *security* kwa malwapeng, se e leng gore *Chief Justice* ba bua gore *they observed that there are several lapses in the provision of security to the Judicial officers resolved*. Ba *resolve* gore *Chief Justice* tsamaya jaana o ye go bona gore o dira *in...(inaudible)...to put in place*. Go thatafatsa *security* se e leng gore o *resolve these lapses* tse di teng kwa malwapeng a rona. Ke raya gore ga o bone go le *profitable* gore re ka bo re nna gore ka *deadline* ya teng ke *June 2026* e a e filweng, gore *by June 2026 you must come and report* gore *we have put these measures in place to secure the Judicial officers*. Ke re, a ga o bone gore re ka dirisa *time profitably by focusing on enhancing what is already...(inaudible)...*

**MR PULE:** Ke a go utlwa motlotlegi, o e tshwere sentle. Mo go rayang gore tota fa re ya go tsena kwa ditlhophong, o tlaa dumalana le Mma Dow gore, tota go tlhokafala gore *Motion* o le o dumalane. Gongwe ke *question* ya *to reinforce* fale le fale. Fa o lebelela *the safety and security of Judicial officers is wanting* fa re nna *honest. It is wanting everywhere*, kana batho ba ke batho ba ya manyalong, ba ya dintshong, *but they have to be safe where ever they are*. Tota ba tshwanetse ba nne le *security* se se *tight*, jaaka gompiono re bona bo *Honourable* Mohwasa ba na le *ma-security* a a tsamayang le bone, *because they have to be safe all the time*. Ke dingwe tsa dilo tse re tshwanetseng re tlhwaafale re di akanyetse.

Setšhaba *must have what we call public trust*, ya gore fa o le *Judicial officer* *because they know that you are safe, everytime when you make judgement you are impartial,*

ga gona sepe *that threatens you to rule in favour of so and so, because* o tshaba gore *so and so*, o tlaa go tsaya ka mokgwa o sele. Jaaka re tlaabo re dirile jalo, *we will be protecting the Judicial officials from interference*, e re e bonang e diragala. *Interference* re raya mo o tlleng go fitlhela e le gore, ke fe sekai; gone kwa *court* go na le *court session* nngwe e ke kileng ka e tsena e e a *convict* a le mo *block* a supa *Judge* ka monwana *before case* e wela. Ke gore a lebelela gore batho ba lebile kae, fa e kete batho ba leba go sele o mo raya a re, wena. Fa a na le *ma-security*, ba kgona go bona golo moo nako e santse e le teng ka gore ba lebeletse *actions* tsa gagwe tsothle. Ke dingwe tse di botlhokwa thata *for purpose of preventing interference into the Judicial system*. Ke dumalana le wena *Honourable* Ramaotwana gore *it is important* gore *Motion* o, re dumalane le one. Fa e le gore golo gongwe go na le fa o batlang *to beef up* teng, *we beef it up*. Ke re ka mafoko a a kalo, ke neele o mongwe a feleetse *10 minutes* o ke nang le ene *to debate*. Ke a leboga.

**MR AARON (NGAMI):** Ke a go leboga *Mr Speaker*.

Mma le nna ke eme nokeng mogopolo o. Ke supe gore mogopolo o, o tllile ka nako e maleba, re sale re letile. Fa o ka lebelela mo mafatsheng a mangwe, ga se tlholo ntšha gore *Judicial officers* ba nne le tshireletso e e rileng, e seng fela kwa makgotlatshekelo. Mo Botswana fa re bua nnete, le fa e le kwa makgotlatshekelong jaaka re sa tswa go bua, fa o ka bona tshireletso ke fa go na le *armed robbery, but on any other offences* tse gongwe di sa tsamaelaneng le gore ba tshireletso ba amege, itlhele e le gore go ntse fela jalo. O tllile go fitlhela e le gore *cases* tse dingwe *are sensitive* kana e bile di ka nna le *sentence* e e fetang le ya *armed robbery* tota. Jaaka re sa tswa go bua, ke dumela gore ke nako ya gore golo mo re go diragatse. Betsho, fa re dumalana ga re tlhokane le gore re simolole re re re ka leba kae gore re bone gore *our Judicial officers* ba a sireletswa. *Within* mo sepodiseng, go na le mapodise ba e leng gore *are trained* go ka dirisa ditlhobolo jaaka mongwe a sa tswa go bua ba SSG. Ke gore *we can already tap within what is already existing*, fa e le gore *we need to define it, we can define to the final details* kwa morago. Ke dumela gore fa ba rotlhe re dumalana gore *security* se, se a tlhokafala. *I know and understand that as it is for now there are those security companies* ba e leng gore *are involved*. Ke batho ba e leng gore jaaka le itse mo Botswana, *security companies* ga ba letlelelwe go ka dirisa ditlhobolo. Fa re bua ka tshireletso e e tseneletseng, re bua ka tshireletso e go tlhokanang le gore ba bo ba ka nna le ditlhobolo. Ke

bua ka *at their place of residence, I know* gore a *place of residence* tsa *Judicial officers* go a tle go nne le ba ba katiwang kana ba sireletswa ke ba *security* fela, *the normal security*. *What we are saying is that, this is not enough, we need something beyond that*. Fa e le gore re bua ka *Judicial officers, let us bear in mind that the highest is the High Court or the Court of Appeal and the lowest ke Customary courts*.

Bo DC ga gona fa ba tsenang teng mo *Judiciary*. *They have no right, not even to fine a person*. Fa e le gore *that person...* ba ka gakolola batho gore go a reng, e bo e nna gore e ya kwa *court*. Fa DC a kare o go isa kgolegelong, o bo o itse gore *it is illegal, he does not have even have the warrant* ya dithata tseo. Ke gore thata tseo *the lowest* mo Botswana di felela mo *Customary Courts*. Jaanong gongwe e kare fa e le gore re lebelela gore ke bafe ba ba rianang, re a ipotsa gore a mme le bone ba *Customary Courts*, a bo Kgosi go na le ka fa ba a tleng ba nne *threatened* ka teng mo matshelong a bone fa ba athola gongwe ditsheko tse di tshwanang le tsa ba ba senyang. Re itse ba *stock theft* le bo eng, gantsinyana di felela kwa go bone, mme ga e ke ba rata gore ba ka ya toronkong. Ke gore ba dira ka bojotlhe gore ba senye metlhale. Go senya bosupi mongwe o ka felela gongwe a re, e bile a senye le botshelo jwa yo o tshwereng *case* jaaka re bua, e ka nna *Magistrate, Judge or Kgosi* yo o tshwereng tshoko eo, jaaka molao wa Botswana o supa gore ke bafe ba ba ka letlelelwang go dira jalo.

Fa ke tlatsa ke re, betsho, a re se boeleng morago, re fa go tla go dira melao, go ntsha *Motions*, e bile re fa go tla go bereka mmogo. Sepe se se re berekelang ba rotlha a re nne *progressive*, re bone gore re ka dira jang. Ke dumela gore re a dumalana bontsi jwa rona mo kgannyeng e. ke dumela gore re na le tse re ka di dirisang mo bo gompienong gore re ka simolola go sireletsa *Judiciary* ya rona *immediately*, ka gore ba teng go ka dira jalo.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Clarification.

**MR SPEAKER:** Ke ne ke rile le amogane nako ya ga *Honourable Aaron*. Ke ne ke kopile gore le amogane nako e e setseng e.

**MR RAMOGAPI:** *Clarification*. Nnyaa, o kare o e tshwere sentle mokaulengwe. Ke bone o bua ntlha e e botlhokwa ya gore le Dikgosi ba a athola, mme o kare lefoko la '*Judicial officers*' ga le tsenye Dikgosi. O ne o sekaseka gore a le bone mo mogopolong o re tsenye mo teng, re *amend*, re tsenye mo teng kana re dire jang? Jaanong o buile kgang e ntle fela o bo o e

tlogela *hanging* mo tseleng. Gone ga go na motho yo o gananang le mogopolo fa e le gore ke utlwa sentle, kgang ke *the modalities* fela.

**MR AARON:** Ke a leboga mokaulengwe. Keletso ke gore re sireletse ba ba nang le dithata tsa go ka *sentence* batho go ba isa dikgolegelong jaaka re ne re bua gore e ka nna ya re motho a tswa kwa a le *bitter*, a bo a ka re *now I am taking revenge on you, and who are those people*. Se ke se gatelelang sentlentle ke gore, *we can start as of* gone jaanong jaana. Ke a leboga.

**MR LEKAU (MOGODITSHANE WEST):** Ke a dumedisa *Mr Speaker*. Ke dumedisa ...

**MR SPEAKER:** *Ikettle*. Freeze the clock, *mma* ke change le Deputy Speaker.

#### “EXCHANGE OF SPEAKERSHIP”

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

**MR LEKAU:** Ke a dumedisa. Ke ne ke re, e re ke simolola fela ke supe ka bokhutshwane gore mo dinakong tse re leng mo go tsone tse, re ka bo re lebelela dilo ka fa di diragalang ka teng. O bone gore lefatshe la Mexico *two weeks* gore le ne le wetswe ke seru jang, ka gore go bolailwe *kingpin* ke sesole sa koo. Dilo tseo ga re kgakala le tsone ka gore le *kingpin* tse re nang natso mo Botswana, di a itse gore di ka re tsaya kae.

Gompiano fa o lebelela *shops* tse di mo toropong fela ya Gaborone, e go nang le *Judges* tse di mo Gaborone le bo Mmakaseterata, *at least half of this House* ba a itse gore *Judge* semanmang o rata go ja kae. Fa o itse gore yo ke ka mmona kae, a o raya gore dirukutlhi tsone ga di itse gore batho bao ba reka kwa shopong efe, kae, nako mang, le fa a ntse a le mo kgolegelong? Ke ne ke re gongwe kgang e le nna ke eme ke dumalane le yone gore e botlhokwa.

E bile e sa felele fela foo, e felela mo go reng fa o ka lebelela, le mo Mapalamenteng, e a tlhokega. Ke ne ke sa bue ke tshameka gore e a tlhokega le mo *security* sa Mapalamente. *Motion* o be amended gore o tsenye *the arms of governance* because fa o lebelela, *Executive* ba tshwere dikgang. Mo mafatsheng a mangwe, o kgona go kgamelwa fela gore re batla *information* kwa go wena. Mapalamente ba bangwe ba tshwere *information*, fa o ka ya go kgama Motlotlegi Dr Gobotswang gompiano, o ya go fitlhela a na le *information* e ntsi thata e a setseng a akantse gore o tlaa e tlisa. Ga ke reye gore le ye go

mo kgama, *but* ke leka go supa gore go botlhokwa gore a sirelediwe ka gore a bo a tshwere dikgang tse di ntsi.

Ke batla go supa sengwe, 2004 kwa *court* e e mo Village, Mmakaseterata o tshetswe ka metsi a ba a bayang fa pele fa gore gongwe ba a dirise. E rile fela a ntsha katlholo, motho a ba a emelela fa a bo a ya go tsaya galase fela a re o mo kolopa ka yone, a bo a mo tshela ka metsi. Golo moo o a lemoga gore *security* sa bone se a bo se le *compromised* go le kanakang.

Gape fa o ya kwa ba nnang teng, o ya go fitlhela e le gore ba katilwe ke dikompone, tse re sa di nyatseng, e le *private securities*, *but* ba sa rutelwa go ka kata motho. Ene a emetse fela foo go kwala *register* gore go tsile mang, go dule mang. Mo e leng gore le fa ke ka tla ke le Motlotlegi Lekau jaana ke bo ke ipitsa leina le sele, o kgona go ntetlelela gore ke tsene. Ke ne ke re dilo tsa mofuta o o ntseng jalo, fa gongwe ga re re di tseye tsia gore *security* mo nakong e re tsheleng mo go yone, *you can imagine* gore batho ba ba neng ba tsieditswe ka madi a go neng gotwe o tobetse o re *working*, o tlaa bona madi a tsena mo *phone*. Fa le tshwara motho yoo a le kwa mafatsheng, a o tsaya gore o ne a le nosi fela fa ga a na *syndicate* e a neng a bereka le yone? Fa ba batla go mo golola, ba ka dira jalo. Le lemoge gore *security* se, re a bo re bua *security* fela jaana sa *physical security*, mme kana ba na le dikgwethlo tse di ntsi.

Fa o ka ya kwa lekgotleng la bo Rre Kekgonegile kwa Maun, e kgona gore *Judge* a ntse fela foo, o bo o utlwa gotwe o ne a tlisetswa *judgement* ke noga...

**MR KWAPA:** *Clarification.* Mma ke go leboge motlotlegi. Fa o santse o le mo dikgannyeng tseo, a o ne o sa bone go le botlhokwa fa re bua ka itshireletso ya Baatlhodi le bo Mmakaseterata jalo, gongwe ba tlhokana le *a little bit of training such that* fa e le gore *it calls for a push*, ba ka neelwa *pistols* gore ba iphemele mo mabakeng a e leng gore ba a bo ba le kwa ba leng teng?

**MR LEKAU:** Ee, go ntse jalo. Jaanong ka gore re setse re re *June*, e bile re bua kgang e *sensitizing*, kana jaaka re le fa *doing planning*, le magodu kwa bone ba *busy are planning*. Ke ne ke re gone jaana, gongwe go dirwe *an intervention* ya gore go nne le *a review* ya gore go ye go lebelelwa gore *what can we provide* re santse re emetse *report*. Re a itse gore Dipuso di fetogile gompiano, rona re tlaa itlola. Fa go ka tshokane go *...(interruption)...* e bo gone mme go na le sengwe se se dirwang ka selo se se ntseng jalo. Ke a leboga.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** O a leboga kana jang?

**MR LEKAU:** Ke neela Mma Mokoka.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Okay.

**MINISTER OF CHILD WELFARE AND BASIC EDUCATION (MS KGAFELA-MOKOKA):** Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ke badile *Motion* o sentle, mme ke tshwenngwa ke kgang e le nngwefela. Ke reeditse Tona yo o ntseng a bua ka *budget*, yo o okametseng lephata le le amang *Judicial officers*, a tlhalosa sentle gore o kwadile gore ba na le lenaneo *already* la *to address* kgang e. *So*, fa e le gore lenaneo le teng, *Motion* tota one o batla eng fa?

Sa bobedi, ke tshwenngwa ke gore, e re ntswa re itse sentle fela gore *security* sa batho ba se *at risk*, potso e ke ka e botsang sentle fela ke gore, a re na le bosupi jwa gore *Judicial officers* di kile tsa rialo? Fa re bua ka *Judicial officers*, re bua ka batho ba ba nang le boikarabelo, *if they had this problem, which we perceive and may know that it exists*, ke eng ba ise ba ko ba ikatumetse lephata le le lebaganeng le dikgang tse ba ba neela dikgang tse di tlhamaletseng, *so that* ba tle ba kgone go di sekaseka sentle? Ke gore ga ke rate re phauletsa dilo mo phefong, a re di simolole fela kwa moding, go na le tsamaiso, bo Mmakaseterata *and Judges* ba itse tsamaiso fela. Fa go na le yo o tshwenyegileng, o itse kwa a ka yang teng. Ba na le *procedures* le *units* tse ba ka begang kwa go tsone. Ke tsaya gore e bile jaaka Tona a setse a lemogile, e siame sentle fela.

Se sengwe gape se se ntshwenyang ke mo gotweng ba nne le *a dedicated arm or unit, unless* ke sa bale Sekgoa sentle, *'dedicated, arm or unit!'* *What is wrong with our security officers and our police*, mo e leng gore re tshwanetse gore mo nakong ya gompiano, re bo re re go nne le mohama o o kgethegileng? Nnyaa, batho ba Modimo, fa mapodise a le teng fela gompiano, ba tlaa kata mongwe le mongwe.

Ke batla go le bolelela gore maabane a letsatsi *I got a report here* mo Palamenteng go na le mongwe yo o neng a batla go mpona ke le mo Palamenteng mo, ke fa a kgothakgotha bo *security* ba ba mo Palamenteng, *do we need a dedicated arm to protect this Parliament?* Kwa *ministry* go kgona go tla motho a bo a nna fale a gana go ntsha Identity Document (ID) gore ke mang, mme a batla go bona Tona, mme go beilwe *security* fela se se tlwaelegileng. *Do we need a dedicated arm or unit to protect Ministers?*

A re tsene kwa malwapeng bagaetsho, le rona re tshotse *information*. Kwa malwapeng a rona *security companies* tse di *private* ba rutilwe. Fa o tsena ka kgoro fela ba bula, ba na le *camera* e ba bonang gore go tsena mang. Fa ba bona *camera* eo, ba a go botsa o le *Minister* kana o le *Judge* e e nnang foo gore kana golo fa go tla mokete, a o a mo itse? *Let us not set precedent* ya gore mongwe le mongwe kamoso yo o tsayang gore o na le *information* jaaka rona jaana, o tlaa batla gore le ene a sireletswe ke *a dedicated arm*.

Fa e le gore *Minister* o setse a na le lenaneo mo *budget* e ke letseng ke e *debate*, ke e *defend* maabane, nnyaa batho ba Modimo, a re weleng fela mo seporong sa teng, re tle re bone gore re dira eng, jang, *holistically to determine* gore ra re *beef up security*. Fa o nthaya o re *beef-up security, it is different from saying, let us establish a dedicated arm*. Ke raya gore ke *semantics*, ga ke ka ke ka wela mo go eo. *Motion* o ga re batle go buelela boagente le *Judges* ba ba nonofileng go ipulelela, ba ba itseng *procedure*, re sena *evidence* ya gore ba kile ba *complain* kwa go mang. Nna ke o biletsa loso fela le tatolo. Ke a leboga.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Order! Order! Honourable Members, I now call the mover of the Motion to reply to the debate.

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

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

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Honourable Members, ke kopa gore jaaka go le Labotlhano jaana, re dirisanye sentle.

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

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Ee, a ko re dirisanyeng sentle fela, le lese go dira dilonyana. Tswelela *Honourable Member*.

**DR DOW:** Thank you Madam Speaker. Ke emela go nna ke gatelela gore fa ke araba Tshutiso e, ke ntse ke eme ka yone e bile ke dumela gore mo Ntlong e, ba ba pelotlhomogi ba tsile go ema le nna. Mma ke simolole la ntlha fela, ke utlwa *Honourable Mmolotsi* a re ng-ng. Ke a go utlwa motho wetsho.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Procedure.

**DR DOW:** I withdraw. There is no reason for procedure. I withdraw.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Okay. Apologise.

**DR DOW:** *I withdraw that you were saying* ng-ng, ga ke itse gore go ne go bua mang ka koo.

**MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM (MR MMOLOTSI):** Procedure. Madam Speaker, ke ne ke kopa gore *Mother of the House* a ko a tswelele ka kgang ya gagwe, a nketshe mo teng. Ga ke ise ke ko ke re ng-ng gotlhelele. Ke ne ke kopa gore a *withdraw*. Fa a sa boele mafoko morago Madam Speaker, ke ne ke kopa gore o ye kwa Standing Order 60.3, gore re tle re mo lebaganye le sone mo letsatsing la gompiano ka gore *I am not going to accept that*.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** *Mother of the House*, a ko o busetse mafoko, o se ka wa rumola *Honourable Mmolotsi*.

**DR DOW:** Modumo wa teng o ne o tswa ntlha ele, go raya gore o tswetse mo go ene. *I withdraw*, ga o tswe mo go wena, o tswa ntlha eo fela. *I withdraw sir*.

Ke tsile go bua ka boleejana. Mma ke simolole ka kgang ya bofelo ya ga *Honourable Kgafela-Mokoka*, yo o reng ga a tlhloganye gore ke eng ke bua ka kgang e, a Baatlhodi ba ka tla kwano. Go raya gore o ne a seyo fa ke simolola puo e. Ke tlhalositse ka botlalo gore *as MPs, we have constituents and our job is to amplify their voices, including Judicial officers*, barutabana, bana kana bomang fela. *I am here to amplify the voices of these particular constituents* ke le Mopalamente yo o tlhophilweng kwa Kgatleng West. Ke ne ka tlhalosa gone nako ya teng gore *my constituents*...

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

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nnyaa Honourable Members, Standing Order 58.4. Honourable Kgafela-Mokoka, *ke kopa gore le reetse* Honourable Dow a reply.

**DR DOW:** Ke ne ka tlhalosa ka nako ya teng gore *your constituents* ga se ba ba go tlhophileng fela. *Your constituents are also people around the country whose views you want to amplify. That is why* ke ne ke tlhalosa fa ke bua la ntlha gore ga ke buelele batho ba Kgomodiatshaba fela, ke buelela mongwe le mongwe yo e leng gore fa ke eme gone fa, ke dumela gore lentse la gagwe le tshwanetse go atolosiwa. Ke kgang e ke e buileng fa ke simolola.

Gape mma ke tlhalose gore, ba bangwe ba re ao! Lona ba *opposition* le ka dumela jang gore go tlaa tlhophiwa

le lona ka le palopotlana? Tshutiso e na le dikgang tse pedi, la ntlha ke go tlisa a *policy position* ya party ya gago, gore *our party position* ke gore Baatlhodi ka bophara jwa bone ba tshwanetse go sirelediwa. *That is our party position*. Re bo re tla kwano go tla go leka go rotloetsa kgang e gore ba ba dumalanang le rona, ba tle ba tlhophe le rona. Ke sone se re leng gone fa.

Fa gongwe o a palelwa *to persuade people to your party position and policy position*. E ke leka go ngoka ba ba kwa, ba botlhe gore a re dumalane gore la ntlha Baatlhodi ba tshwanetse go sirelediwa. La bobedi ke gore ke na le mogopolo gore ba ka sirelediwa ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Ka re ba ka sirelediwa ka *creating a dedicated arm or unit* mo *police* gore e nne *protection* ya bone. Gongwe batho ba bangwe ga ba tlhologanye. *A dedicated arm or unit* ga go reye gore tiro ya yone ke go ipotsa gore yo o kwa Mahalapye re mo thusa jang. *A security threats* tsa motho yo o kwa Mahalapye a di tshwana le tsa yo o kwa Lobatse kana kwa Takatokwane? Ga se go ema fa gore isang mapodise ka ditlhobolo. Nnyaa, *it is to say that unit or arm will now assess* gore batho ba tlhoka eng. Go na le kgang e gotweng go tlaa nna le ditshekatsheko dingwe tse go tlaa nngang le *study*. Ga ke gane ka *study*, *it happens all the time*. *That study* ka gore Palamente e tlaabo e sutisitse...

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Elucidation.

**DR DOW:** Ema pele. Ga e ntsi nako o se ka wa bona gotwe ke 16 *minutes* jaana. *The particular study* e tlaa soboka dilo tsotlhe gore Palamente e rileng, *Cabinet* e rileng, gongwe makgotla a Setswana a rile. E bo e nna fa fatshe e re mme fa re lebile dilo tse tsotlhe *including the clear political will* ya Palamente, *this is what we need*. Ga go reye gore go ka se ka ga nna *study*, ga ba ga nna le Tshutiso ya Palamente.

Gape mma ke tlhaloseng; golo mo ga gore fa Palamente e bua go bo gotwe dilo di a dirwa, kana go raya gore *I cannot leave the Motion* gore *there should be an increase in the budget or for example, maintenance* ya dikole. Ga gona Tshutiso epe e e sa ameng sengwe se se dirwang. Ke ne ke re ke tlhalose kgang eo.

**MR HIKUAMA:** *Clarification*. Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ke a leboga Mma Dow. A fa *Government position* e le go sekaseka kgang e, a mme *to adopt Motion* o kana go o fetisa, go ka kgoreletsa tshhekatsheko eo?

**DR DOW:** Gotlhelele ga go ka ke ga e kgoreletsa, e

bile go a e nontsha ka gore ba tlaabo ba lemoga gore Palamente le yone e dumalana le rona. Mma ke fete fa ke re bontsi jwa batho ba dumela gore *there should be protection*, mme *they are going to fall in a Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Motion trap*.

**MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES (MR RAMAOTWANA):** *Procedure*. *Procedure* ya me ke gore *the study is taken out of context*. *Study* ga se sekaseke *whether to establish security*. *Study* se sekaseka *the adequacy of the existing security* se se teng, gore *can they beef up*, ba siame kana *inadequacy*. *They have identified the inadequacies*. Jaanong fa gotwe se tlaa sekaseka se bo se tla se bona, ga re a re re ya go *establish a unit*, ra re *there are existing ones*. Ba *quote out of context of what I said*. *I said they resolved* gore...

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

**MR RAMAOTWANA:** Ka re, *it is out of context to say* go santse go ya go sekasekwa. *The study* se rile *there is inadequacy* mo *security* se se teng gompieno, *the securities* a a leng makatane a teng kwa metseng ya *Judges*. Jaanong go sekasekwa eng; *the inadequacy* gore se ka baakangwa jang, *how can it beef up*, e seng *whether to establish it*. Ke bona gore ba a di kopanya ya *to establish or to beef it up*.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** *I think* ke *clarification*, gore o *clarify* gore o ne o raya jang. Ga se gore o dule mo *procedure*.

**DR DOW:** *Thank you very much Madam Speaker*. Boammaaruri ke gore, potso ke gore go sutisa Tshutiso e re bo re e fetisa, go ya go senya jang? Re gakologelwe gore *we are a separate arm of Government*, re Palamente. *We are here to show* gore a re na le *political will in a particular issue* kana jang. *That is our policy position*. Jaanong ka re Tshutiso em ga e senye sepepe.

Gape mma ke riane; ke ne ke seyo maloba mme ke ne ke lebile Hansard, e rile fa *Honourable Mohwasa* a emelela a re pabalesego e lekane. Hansard ya rialo, o bale *from pages 26 to 33*. Jaanong o ya *to study* eng ka gore o setse a rile pabalesego e lekane?

Rre Mokgware o rile “ga go na mathata,” ke mo nopola *in the Hansard*. Fa e le gore ga go na mathata, o ya go *study* eng; page 26 to 33?

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Point of order, correction.

**DR DOW:** *No, I am continuing.* Ke mafoko a gagwe.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Ka re *point of order*.

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

**DR DOW:** Mma ke mo nopole ka botlalo fa a neng a bua teng a re, “fa ke reeditse mosutisi wa *Motion* le Tona, go lebega Rre Mohwasa a re ga go na mathata.” *I am quoting you for sure from the Hansard.*

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Point of order.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** *Honourable Mokgware*, ga o ka ke wa re *point of order* o bo o re *clarification* gape. Ga ke ka ke ka go bitsa fa go ntse jalo. O dule mo taolong.

**DR DOW:** *Honourable Gobotswang* o ne a tsiboga in response to those comments, ke mo nopola a re “*why should we wait for a disaster to strike?*” *Honourable Ramaotwana* ene e rile fa a bua re, *we should use nako ya Palamente profitably*. Ga ke itse gore *profitably* o raya eng; a o raya *profit* ya madi?

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Madam Speaker, correction. I think go na le distortion e ntsi.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** *Correction* o e tsaya kwa go ene.

**DR DOW:** *I can quote* him fa e le gore ga a *sure* gore o ne a reng.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** A re a ke raya ya madi.

**DR DOW:** I am not yielding.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Procedure Madam Speaker.

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

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Correction Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** A le bona nako gore e tsamaya fa kae? Ke tlaabo ke le kobile le le bantsinyana *before* re tshaisa fa. Ke tlile go le koba *on a serious note because* ke a bona gore jaanong le go nnyatsa le a nnyatsa. Ke tlile go le koba, ga ke le aketse. Le itse gore Standing Orders gore di bereka jang, *so* ga ke itse gore fa le tsoa modumo o kare ga le itse gore le dira eng; ga o ka ke wa re *procedure* o bo o boa gape o re *clarification* o bo o boa gape o nna gape o bua dilo, ga go na golo mo go

ntseng jalo. Fela fa o ka ba wa boeela wa dira jalo, o tlaa ya go go dira golo gongwe kwa o tlaa bonang *procedure* teng kwa ntle. Le a nnyatsa. *Honourable Dow*, tswelela.

**DR DOW:** Thank you Madam Speaker. To put this particular issue *ya* profitability to rest, with your permission Madam Speaker, can I quote from the Hansard *gore* Honourable Ramaotwana *o ne a reng?*

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Quote please.

**DR DOW:** “Re ka bo re tla ka melao e e leng gore *we use parliamentary time profitably*. Ga re ka ke ra bo jaanong re tla gape ka go nganga dilo tse e leng gore *they are already in place*.” *Study* se ya go dira jang fa e le gore *things are already in place?*

*Honourable Mokgware* o ne a bua gore *we are dealing with operational matters*. So, tota fela boammaaruri ke gore fa re lebile ...

**MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES (MR RAMAOTWANA):** *On a point of order. Madam Speaker*, ke yone e ke neng ke re ke ema ka yone kgantele. *Honourable Member* o ne a re a ke bua ka *profit* ya madi *but now* o tlhalosa gore ke ne ke bua gore *it is already in place*. Re ka se ke re re *we request Government* go dira se se *already in place*, *we should use our time profitably by coming* ka melao. Kgantele o ne a re a ke bua ka madi kana ka eng, *so she was imputing improper motives* a re ke ne ke bua *profits* ya madi, *which I did not say* mo Palamenteng. Ke sone se ke buang gore *those are not my words*, a re nopole *in full that particular submission in context*, e seng re dira *selective* re bo re ntsha selo *out of context*.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Ke belaela gore le itlhaganelela gore le tsene. Motho ga a ise a wetse le se a se buang, a ko le reetse gore gatweng. Le a itlhodia.

**DR DOW:** *Thank you Madam Speaker*. Boammaaruri ke gore kwa...

**MR HIKUAMA:** *On a point of procedure. Madam Speaker*, le dirile *ruling* fa re simolola Palamente e le re fa motho a emelela gabedi kana gararo a sa bue ka *order*, le a mo ntsha. Go a supafala gore *Honourable Ramaotwana* ga a bue ka *order* kana *procedure*, o farologana le mosutisi. Golo mo ga se *procedure*; o go dirile gabedi kana gararo, o tshwanetse gore a bone tsela.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Honourable Dow, continue.

**DR DOW:** Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Jaaka ke ne ke bua, mafoko a ga *Honourable* Mokgware a ne a sa dumalane e mogopolo o, ga ke reye a *bad way*. O ne a bua gore *we are getting into operational matters* fa re re go nne le *arm or unit* e. Fa gongwe gatwe melao e teng, go setse go dirwa. Fa gongwe gatwe *it is operational*, mabaka otlhe a a tla ka go farologana.

*Honourable* Motsamai ene e bile tota mafoko a gagwe ke gore ke fitlhela difela di opelwa ke le kwa phitlhong ka re motho a bolokwe, ke mafoko a gagwe. O ne a nyatsa kgang e mo e leng gore *everything is in place*. A re ke tsena mo dikgannyeng tse e seng tsa me. E bile o ne a re lesa la teng le kwa Chadibe ka mokgwa o a neng a bua ka teng.

*All the arguments Madam Speaker*, di nkgopotsa nako ya gore go tliwe ka bo okapi le dinyantshaku *figuratively* fa go tliwe go tlhaselwa *Motion* wa 363 wa GBV. Le batho ba ba se keng batla Palamenteng, ba ne ba tliile letsatsi la teng. Go simolotse *Honourable* Ramaotwana fa re gakologelwa ka GBV, a le fa gare, a se *sure* gore a o a dumela kgotsa ga a dumele. Le gompiano fa o ka ya kwa Hansard, *it is not clear* gore *Honourable* Ramaotwana o ne a dumalana le *that particular Motion*. *Honourable* Chombo a tla fale a o rema ka selepe gore golo moo go a dirwa, ga go tlhokafale. Fa ke santse ke re o gone foo, *Honourable* Kenewendo ene a tla ka dinyantshaku. O dule fa o sule, ba re go a dirwa. Ba ne ba re ga ba itse gore ke dira eng mo Palamenteng, go a dirwa.

Gompiano jaana potso ke gore wena mme yo o mo Gaborone, Takatokwane, kae le kae, a se ba neng ba se bua gone fa ba re *we are rejecting the Motion* ka gore golo moo go a dirwa, a go a dirwa *as a matter of fact?* *Are you getting the service?* Kana tiro ya Palamente fa gongwe ke go tlatsa se e leng gore *Executive* e a se dira, go fokotsa se e se dirang kana go gakolola.

**DR GOBOTSWANG:** *On a point of clarification. Madam Speaker*, ke a leboga. A fa o ba reeditse bone ba ba buang dikgang tsone tse, tse o ka reng di na le boitemokanyi mo teng, ga ba go gopotse bo rre ba ba neng ba le fa pele ga gago fa go ntseng bo Rre Tshere ba bidiwa bo Kabo Morwaeng? Ga ba go gopotse batho ba teng?

**DR DOW:** O raya bo “ke a busa *sir*.” Mme ba ga ba tshwane le bone, go na le ba ba reetsang mo go bone.

**MR MOTAOSANE:** Point of order. Thank you Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I think it is very unfair for

*Honourable* Dr Gobotswang, *a rutegile jaaka a rutegile jaana, a bo a tla go bua fela jaana ka former Minister a seyo fa a ka se ka a ikarabela*. I do not think it is fair, so *ke ne ke kopa gore a boele mafoko ao morago ka former Minister, Honourable Morwaeng*.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** *Honourable Members*, a ko le reetseng, ga ke a utlwa *Honourable* Gobotswang gore o ne a re mang leina la teng. O ne a supa a re *Minister* mongwe...

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

**MR MOTAOSANE:** O rile *Honourable* Morwaeng *Madam Speaker*, jaanong re ne re re ...

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Mma ke e tlhatswe gape gore ga o ka ke wa bua le Gobotswang, gakere o a itse gore *access to* ene ga e yo. Wena o ka fetolana le Mma Dow, e seng ene.

**MR MOTAOSANE:** He was on the floor *ka nako e a neng a bua*.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nnyaa, nna fa fatshe Taosi.

**DR DOW:** Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Kgang e ga nke ke tsamaya ke fetsa fa go diragala jaana. Ke ne ke re boammaaruri ke gore fa o lebile mafoko a ga *Honourable* Mmolotsi, *Honourable* Tshere, batho ba bantsi, bontsi jwa batho ba eletsa gore go nne le *protection of Judicial officers*. Ke tsaya gore ga go na yo o ganang kgang eo, potso fela ke gore a mme Palamente e tshwanetse go nna fa fatshe e lebelele *Executive* go dira yone fela? *The reason we exist as a separate arm of Government is to make sure that the public knows where we stand on important issues. In addition, to provide to offer solutions to those issues. We are saying it is possible to set up an arm or unit within the police force to say this is a unit that deals with Judicial officers.* Fela jaaka go kile ga nna le batho ba e leng gore gompiano ba tlhoma ditante mo ba bo Kgomokhumo. Ke tsaya gore *Judge* gongwe o feta kgomo ka boleng *and the need for a special attention*. Fela jaaka go kile ga nna le bo *Diamond Squad* when diamonds were being stolen at a particularly alarming rate. Gompiano jaanong *we are saying there is absolutely no doubt* gore *there is a reason for...*

**MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM (MR MMOLOTSI):** *Clarification*. Ke ne ke re gongwe *Honourable* Dow, *dedicated arm or unit* eo, a e ya go tlhoka *resources* dingwe, *budget* jalojalo?

**DR DOW:** Ke dumela gore gompiano jaana *there is a budget for protection ya Judges, there must be. The only thing is that it is not centralised, there is absolutely no doubt gore there is, if there is not, then we are in trouble. There must be somebody who is paying mapodise a a tlholang gone kwa. I am just saying gore let be a centrally dedicated unit or arm e e leng gore ga se gore kamoso go tsamaya semangmang, kamoso go tsamaya semangmang, so there should be something centralised. Gape it is more than that fa e le gore le ne le nkutlwile maloba fa ke bua. Kana security is not just about personal security, it is also about court house security, chamber security, home security and cyber security. Those are some of the things. Gompiano jaana, look at myself, I was a Judge of the high court at one point, fa ke tsamaya, ke tsamaile ka laptop ya bone. There was no security e e reng let us actually clear everything in your laptop, that is security threat. I am saying gore there are many other aspects gompiano, gakere o a e reka, le gompiano ya bo Judge fa o fetsa le yone re a e reka, ga go na yo o tlang a re then surrender it, so that it can be wiped out, so you do not go now as a private citizen with our nnetlane. Gompiano gongwe ke e fa ngwanake kana kgaitadiake, le a ntshologanya, ka gore ke a bo ke e rekile. So, it is not about security, it is broader than just personal security. If you have a dedicated system, it is going to look at those things, when you get married as a Judge, who are you getting married to, it is vetting. When your kids go to school, there are so many other aspects of it, it is not just personal security. Therefore, if you actually move this Motion, it will now dovetail with what it is saying about setting up go tlhotlhomisa gore go tshwanetse go dirwa eng.*

*I am just saying gore they are not mutually exclusive, a re se ka ra ithola marapo re le Palamente. Tiro ya rona ke gore setšhaba se itse gore what we stand for and how do we say things to be done. You do not sit down and say because the Executive is doing it, our jobs is actually to suggest another way of doing it. Also, because ke bone ba ba nang le resources, they can sit down and say, what should this arm or unit look like. Why should it be set up and where should it be located. How does it now work with the BDF, intelligence, IT systems kwa le kwa. At the end of the day, it is not to say gore give them more people to guard them, it is saying look at their protection. Sometimes it is just a case, I remember I was doing a case once fa ke le Judge, I was given special security for that particular time because it had been assessed gore I need more security. It was withdrawn when I did not need it, but there is no centralising, ke*

nna ke neng ke ile go ikopela gore *I think case e borai jalojalo. So, if there is a centralised unit within the police then ... (Inaudible) ... will know gore a re lebeleleng gore Mochudi is more dangerous or maybe less dangerous than Molepolole, we do not know.*

*That is what I am asking. If we start small, we can grow and decide what additional resources do we need. Ke ne ke re unless... (Inaudible) ... not fall into trap ya GBV Motion. The other problem e e leng gore Batswana ga ba tlhologanye gore fa gongwe things are partisan in this House because fa Palamente e fela, go tlaabo go nna le list ya gore Motions tse di fetileng ke tsa bo mang. Jaanong fa gongwe... (Interruptions)... golo mo go dira gore le se ka la batla go fa Mma Dow Motions tse pedi mo ngwageng. Ke raya gore gongwe le fetisitse wa maloba wa Leshibitse jaanong e tlaabo e le wa bobedi. Fa gongwe it is a political decision. Ke sone se ke neng ke re let us be beyond politics here. Let us be beyond partisan politics...*

**MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM**

**(MR MMOLOTSI):** *Point of order. I think Mother of the House is now imputing improper motives on us, this side of the aisle. Gore a bo a akanya gore re ka gana Motion fela ka gore o kile a fetisa Motion and therefore re ba diretse quota, she is imputing improper motives. Kana o batla to assume gore ditlhaloganyo tsa rona are so narrow mo e leng gore even something that can help setšhaba, re ka se gana fela ka gore Motion wa gagwe wa Leshibitse o ne wa kgona go amogelesega. Ke ne ke kopa gore a boele morago mafoko ao, a bo a re leba re le Mapalamente ba e leng gore ditlhaloganyo tsa rona di mmogo go ka lebelela Ditshutiso ka fa di tshwanetseng go lebelelwa ka teng.*

**MADAM SPEAKER:** *Mother of the House, se ba tlhoboge wa ba latlhela kwa ntle thata.*

**DR DOW:** *Thank you Madam Speaker. I am going to withdraw because tota fela in the interest of time and gore re se ka ra... Before I withdraw, o nkgopotsa gore fa Honourable Tshireletso a ka bo a le fa, o ka bo a re batho ba Modimo, le se ka la re sulafaletsa Palamente. Ga se gore sengwe le sengwe fela fa o sa dumalane le nna o bo o emelela, ga re a tla go bina Cheek to Cheek golo fa wa bona, we are debating. So, fa gongwe ga o nke o rata se ke se buang ...*

**MADAM SPEAKER:** *Nnyaa, Mother of the House, le wena jaanong...*

**DR DOW:** *I withdraw Madam Speaker.*

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

**MR MMOLOTSI:** *Point of order.* Ke ne ke re *Madam Speaker*, ke batla go tsaya *Mother of the House* gore ke *Mother of the House and therefore*, ka fa e leng gore o tlaa buisa ba bangwe sentle ka teng, go tlaa *reflect even the status* se a se tshwereng sa *Mother of the House*. Jaanong *I have realised* gore o batla go kgamphuletsa mafoko fela ka fa a ratang ka teng. Ke kopa gore bakaulengwe ba *respect* dingwaga tsa gagwe, botona jwa gagwe le *the status* se a se tshwereng. E re a ntse a re phasha ka mafoko, re tlaa tswelala ka go go tlotla, mme ke ne ke re eme fela gone foo.

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

**MADAM SPEAKER:** *Mother of the House*, ke ne ke rile a boele morago gakere ya *cheek to cheek*?

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

**DR DOW:** *Madam Speaker*, la ntlha mma ke *withdraw*, gatwe go ne gotwe ke *withdraw* gore ke ne ke re...

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Cheek to cheek.

**DR DOW:** Nnyaa, eo ga ise a bue ka yone. Ke *withdraw* mo gotlhe mo go tilweng ke go *withdraw*, e bile go ntshiwe mo Hansard. *The point I was trying to make before I move, this is a debate...*

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

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Heelang! Banna ke lona ba babedi le a tlhodia. Ramogapi le Tshere, le a re tlhodia.

**DR DOW:** *Madam Speaker*, ga ke itse gore o emisitse nako ya me...

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Tswelala, *I am protecting you*, ga go na ope yo o tlaa buang sepe jaanong go fitlhela re wetsa.

**DR DOW:** *Thank you Madam Speaker.* Ke fetse ka gore ke amogela mafoko a otlhe a a ntseng a buiwa fa. Fa ke sa bua leina la gago ga se gore..., *Honourable Pule for example I acknowledge your support. I acknowledge support ya mongwe le mongwe yo o buileng, bo Honourable Lekau jalojalo. Boammaaruri ke gore...*

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Le nna.

**DR DOW:** *Le wena ke a go amogela gore o dumalana le gore* you are going to vote yes. You are going to vote yes, because you want the world to know *gore* you are

not going to wait for disaster to strike. You are going to vote yes, because you do believe *gore Palamente* it has a special role, it works dovetails with that of the Executive, but it is not mutually exclusive. You are going to vote yes, because *golo mo ga go nna gotwe tla ka molao, ke gore* when you put forward a Motion *o bo o tsewa*, what happens next, either it is calling for a budget, for *molao*, a policy or structural change *jalojalo. Ga o ka ke wa re tla ka* policy, you are saying this is what you want to do and therefore go and look at it using your structures to make sure that it is delivered.

With that because I have got 41 seconds, Madam Speaker I hereby move, “that this Honourable House request Government to establish a dedicated arm or unit of the Botswana Police Service for the protection of Judicial officers.” I so move. I thank you Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Honourable Members, the question is “that this Honourable House request Government to establish a dedicated arm or unit of the Botswana Police Service for the protection of Judicial officers.”

Question put and **Division Ordered.**

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Sergeant-at-Arms, close the doors and ring the bell for 2 minutes.

**MR KEKGONEGILE:** *Procedure.* Tanki *Madam Speaker.* E tlaare fa re sena go nna re tlhophya, ke tlaa kopa *procedure* nngwe. Ke re, gone re a itse gore Matona ba a tsamaya ba fiwa dilo kwa ba ileng teng. Fela gore jaanong batle go re ikgantshetsa mo Palamenteng ga se selo se se siameng *Madam Speaker.* Ke raya gore o bone fela *Honourable Mmolotsi, flask* e a e tshwereng o nwa ka digalasyana tse di kananyana, tse di sa diriwe le fa e le mo Botswana. Naare go jela mo Palamenteng go simolotse go letlelelwa leng batho ba Modimo?

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Honourable Members, 2 minutes is over. I will put the question again. Honourable Members, the question is “that this Honourable House request Government to establish a dedicated arm or unit of the Botswana Police Service for the protection of Judicial officers.” I now activate. Are you finished?

**HONOURABLE MEMBERS:** Yes, we are.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** The results Honourable Members; total was 50, “yes” 16, “no” 29 and abstain four, no vote; one. The noes have it.

Motion **negated.**



**MR KEKGONEGILE:** *Procedure.* Tanki. *Madam Speaker,* go na le mathata mo lefatsheng, batlhoki ba na le dikgwedi tse pedi lefatsheng lotlhe ka bophara ba sa je. Fa re bua ka batlhoki, re bua ka batho ba ba sa fiweng madi a bone a dijo, ba sa kgone go phaka jaaka ba tshwanetse. Jaanong ba tshela fela ka gone moo. *I wish to invoke Standing Order 130.1 with 50.1 to move an urgent Motion* gore re bua ka kgang e. Tanki *Madam Speaker.*

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Further procedure.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Let me consult first.

...Silence...

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Order! Order! Advice is 50.2 Honourable Kekgonegile, “a Member who wishes to ask leave to move adjournment of the Assembly shall, before the commencement of the sitting, hand to the Speaker a written notification of the matter which he or she wishes to discuss. The Speaker shall refuse to allow the claim unless he or she is satisfied that the matter is definite, urgent and of public importance.”

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Further procedure Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** *Hand a written one to the Speakership, so that* re sekaseka gore a e ka tsena.

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

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Yes, before the sitting.

**MR KEKGONEGILE:** *Through you Madam Speaker,* ke ne ke tsaya gore wa re *the last paragraph* ya re *unless Speaker* a bona go le *urgent,* e bile a dumela, o ka kgona gore o ka dumela *without a written* kgang. Ke re gongwe o raya gore o wela gone foo *and then* o a ...(inaudible)...o bua gore batlhoki ba tshwanela ke gore...(inaudible)...

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Madam Speaker, point of order.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nnyaa iketle pele. *Before sitting* o kwadile, ke bo ke lebelela kana *Speaker* a lebelela, re bo re fetola. *Honourable* Taosi.

**MR MOTAOSANE:** *Point of order.* Thank you *Madam Speaker.* Gone mme ke gore *the issue itself* e *Honourable* Kekgonegile a buang ka yone, kana jaaka re bua jaana, go na le lesa kwa Kaudwane le le amanang le kgang e ya gore batho ga ba je, ga ba fiwe dijo. Batho

ba bo ba tsamaya ba ya go ja motsotsojane koo, wa bo o mo tshwara. Ke gore *it is a very serious matter that needs to be addressed.*

**MADAM SPEAKER:** *Nnyaa,* I have ruled Taosi.

**MR HIKUAMA:** *Point of procedure.* Nnyaa mme ke a leboga *Madam Speaker.* Ke dumalana le *ruling* ya gago...

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Order! Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** *Honourable* Jacobs, iketle pele.

**MR HIKUAMA:** Ke dumalana le *ruling* ya gago, e maleba. Jaanong a mme ga gona se o neng o ka re kopela Tona e le tsamaiso gore, bogolo ba bua sengwe. Ba tlhalose sengwe gore batho ba tsene mo dinakong, gore tota go diragala eng, ba ya go fiwa leng ...(inaudible)... se ba ya go se rarabolola jang ...(inaudible)...ba palelwa.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Order! Madam Speaker...

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Honourable Jacobs, I am not happy *ka fa o dirang ka teng.* I asked you to listen to what somebody is saying.

**MR JACOBS:** ...(Inaudible)...

**MADAM SPEAKER:** *Honourable* Jacobs, a o a itse se *Honourable* Hikuama a buang ka sone... (*Interruptions!*)...O tloga o sa *present Motion* wa gago. *Honourable* Hikuama *is talking about something different from* se *Honourable* Kekgonegile a neng a se bua.

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

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nnyaa fa o lapile o ka tsamaya.

**MR HIKUAMA:** Ke ne ke re *Madam Speaker,* ka gore *Motion* jaaka o supa le ka ditsamaiso tse o nang le tsone, le marapo a o a fiwang ke Palamente, ga go ka ke ga letlelesega gompieno? A mme ga re ka ke ra kopa Tona yo o maleba go tlhalosa seemo se gore se ka potlakelwa jang, ka gore batho ba eme kwa dikgaolong, ga ba na tse ba di dirisang, dijo le melora ga di yo. Dilo tse dingwe tse ba di dirisang mo matshelelong a bone ga di yo.

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

**MR HIKUAMA:** Re emetse batho *Honourable* Mokgware, re gokagana le batho, ba re bolelela diemo tse ba leng mo go tsone letsatsi le letsatsi. Dilo tse ke tse re di itseng *through our electorates,* gore gompieno ga

gona sepe se ba se ... Ke dikgwedi tse pedi go ntse go sena kgang e. Jaanong gongwe fa Palamente kana Tona yo o maleba a ka tsiboga o ka ba baya mo dinakong.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Ee, ke a go utlwa *Honourable Hikuama*. Gakere *it should wait for* mokwalo wa ga *Honourable Kekgonegile* gore re tle re o bone, re bo re sekaseka *way forward*. Ke a go tlhaloganya gore wa reng. *Honourable Jacobs, present the Motion.*

...Silence...

### AMENDMENT OF SECTION 201 (A) OF THE PENAL CODE NO. 18 OF 2018

#### Motion

#### (Resumed Debate)

**MADAM SPEAKER:** The proceedings on this Motion were suspended in terms of Standing Order 54.2 for further consultation. Therefore, the debate on this Motion is resuming. When the proceedings were suspended on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February, Honourable Mabeo was on the floor debating and he is left with six minutes 55 seconds. Honourable Mabeo, continue.

**MR HIKUAMA:** *Procedure Madam Speaker. Motion o ka tswelela, gakere you adjourned ka mabaka a gore go iwa consultations, re bo re tla re bo lelelwa gore tsamaiso ke eng. Gongwe fa re ka simolola gone foo, gore le bone jang consultation process, they yielded this, gore re nne mo dinakong. Gongwe ke gone mo go ka n nang le tsel e e tswelentseng kwa pele. Just a procedure, gore ka go emisitswe gotwe there is suspension for consultation purposes, what is the outcome of the consultations? Ke tsamaiso fela e simple Rre Mmolotsi, ga se mo go ka go ntshang mokola.*

...Silence...

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Honourable Members, what we were saying Honourable Jacobs can just confirm if he consulted, so that we can proceed. *Ga o tseye nako e ntsi fela honourable, ke go tlhalosa fela consultation then we move.*

**MR JACOBS:** *Madam Speaker, ga ke a itumela tota. Ga ke a itumelela kgang ya gore o a bona gore go na le batho ba ba batlang to deter Motion wa me. Madam Speaker yes, I further consulted le ba ke neng ke consult le bone. We wanted to amend the sentence part of it.*

**MADAM SPEAKER:** ...(Inaudible)...Honourable.

**MR JACOBS:** We want to amend the Motion Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** *Honourable Jacobs, you cannot amend your Motion. What you should know ke gore, o dule fa o ya to consult go baakanya kakanyo e le neng le na le yone. Jaanong re batla go itse gore a o dirile that consultation? Ke gore e tshwanetse go tsena on record.*

**MR JACOBS:** Yes, we have consulted, *re a tswelela.*

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Honourable Mabeo, you can continue.

**MR MABEO (GAMALETE):** Mma ke go leboge *Madam Speaker*. Ke bo ke go dumedise. Ke dumedise le Ntlo e. O tswetse kae Rre Ramogapi, ke ne ke re ke a mo akgola, o apere bontle gompieno. O apere sentle thata. Ke ne ke re mo akgole. *Tota I support Motion o...*

**MR LEKAU:** *Point of order. Madam Speaker, ke ne ke re a re se ka ra tshabisiwa go tla Palamenteng ke moaparo. Jaanong a e se ka ya re fa wena o na le kgalhego ya go apara mo go ntseng jaana kana o kgona go apara mo go ntseng jaana, o bo o tlaopa ba bangwe. E bo o kare golo ga teng re batla go go dira normal fela gore, fa ke tla ke thaisitse ka e ntseng jaana re bo re re gompieno o botoka. Nako le nako mongwe Mopalamente yo o tsenang mo Palamenteng tumelo ke gore you are keeping the decorum ya Palamente, and ga go a tshwanela gore go buiwe jalo.*

Ke ne ke kopa gore motlotlegi a boele morago mafoko a, e bile a *excuse fashion* ya mongwe le mongwe yo o tlang mo Palamenteng a bo a *maintain* ya gagwe. Le rona re ka bua ka meaparo ya bone.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Go siame *Honourable Lekau. Honourable Mabeo, a ko o tsene mo debate o lese go sotlakaka batho ka fa ba aparang ka teng, kana o akgela ka meaparo ya batho. Ntsha eo mo dikgannyeng tsa gago fela ka gore o a itse gore you are following se se diragetseng leng, jaanong se dire jalo. Ntsha dikgang tsa meaparo fela, a ko re se ka jaanong ra simolola go bua dilo tse re sa di tlelang kwano.*

**MR HIKUAMA:** *Further procedure. Madam Speaker, ke batla guidance ya gago le Parliamentary Counsel (PC) gore jaaka Honourable Kamal a bua gore o batla go tsisa paakanyo mo Motion wa gagwe, a mme yo o tlaabong a debate, o tlaabo a debate jang a ise a tlhaloganye gore paakanyo ke eng? Ga se gore gongwe re tseye advice gore re o debate sentle? Ga o ka ke wa debate Motion o go tweng o fetotswe.*

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

**MR HIKUAMA:** ...*(Interruptions)*...*from the Speaker and the PC not you.*

**MADAM SPEAKER:** A re reetseng. *Honourable Hikuama, ke akanya gore jaaka a ne a bua gore he consulted, a re tsweleng, if e kare go ntse go tsamaya ga nna le that issue of amendment, let it be. A re leseng.*

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

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nnyaa, *Motion* o tswelela fela jaaka o ntse jaana.

**MR MABEO:** Tota ke ipotsa gore fa ke bua bontle jaana ka tsala yame Ramogapi, gatwe phoso yame e fa kae. Ao! Bona gore o apere bontle jang! Ao! Motho a kgabile, *please.*

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Point of order! Madam Speaker.

**MR MABEO:** ...nna le ene re siame, le batla go re tsena ka bogare. Ao! Ramogapi, *nice one.*

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Point of order!

**MADAM SPEAKER:** *Honourable Mabeo, nna fa fatshe. Ikatle pele Honourable Lekau. Batlotlegi, this is not right* gore re bo re ntse re balolola meaparo ya batlotlegi ba bangwe, *we know gore it is trending in the social media* gore o ne o sotla ka fa a aparang ka teng, o bua le ka Botswana Housing Corporation (BHC). *So, ke kopa gore o emise go bua ka kapari ya any Honourable Member mo Palamenteng Honourable Mabeo, tsweetswee.*

**MR LEKAU:** *Point of order. Madam Speaker, fa o dirile ruling, a bo go nna le go tswelela go ntse go dirwa, ke batla go botsa fela potso e khutshwane gore naare honourable yo o kgalemelwang gabedi, gararo ka selo se le nosi, ga o kgone go tsaya floor ya gagwe ra tswelela ka ba bangwe? Go raya gore ga a reetse instruction e o e fileng gore go dirwe jalo?*

**MADAM SPEAKER:** *Honourable Mabeo, ke go emetse ka kgang ya kapari ya Mopalamente.*

**MR MABEO:** *Withdrawn! Withdrawn! Lekau! Lekau! Lekau! Motion* o ke dumalana le one, ke dumalana le gore ...*(Interruptions)*...

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Point of order.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** *Nnyaa, I am not going to allow that.*

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

**MADAM SPEAKER:** *Honourable Mabeo! I am giving you the last chance to debate. A ko o lese dilo tse o di dirang, fa o ntse o re Lekau! Lekau! o mmiletsang ke go reile ka re o debate? A ko o debate Honourable Mabeo. Honourable Nkawana, face your front. Continue to debate.*

**MR MABEO:** *Try hard to push me, I am not going to lose it. I support* gore batho ba ba fitlhelwang ba tshotse dirwe tsa batho ba ba suleng, ba tseelwe dikgato. Ke dumalana le kgang ya gore ba atlholwe jaaka *someone who committed murder.* Fa o fitlhela o tshotse dirwe tsa motho, go supega gore motho o tlhokafetse, jaanong a atlholwe selekanyo sa motho yo o bolaileng, ka gore tumelo yame ke gore...

**MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM (MR MMOLOTSI):** *Correction.* Nnyaa, mme ke ne ke re ke *correct* mokaulengwe fela gone gore fa go fitlhelwa motho a tshwere serwe sa motho, ga go reye gore o sule.

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

**MR MMOLOTSI:** Gakere go ne go na le kgang ya *circumcision* e e leng gore fa gongwe o ka nna wa fitlhela e le gore go tshwerwe yone thulaganyo, mme motho yoo a santse a tshela.

**MR MABEO:** O a utlwala rraetsho. ...*(laughter!)*... dirwe ke raya tse mo teng, *organs,* e seng lenala, ga ke bue ka manala. Tota kgang e ya polao ya batho re tshwanetse gore re e emele ka dinao. Ke tsaya gore ke dumalana le *atleast the spirit of this Motion because* ke bona gore *Honourable Member* o batla gore a re polao ya motho ke selo se se tshwanetseng gore re se kgale gotlhe le botlhe ba ba tsayang karolo mo teng, ka gore ke belaela gore ba ba tshotseng dirwe, tlaa ke dirise lefoko le, ke re ke *value chain* ya polao ya batho, gore *value chain* e yotlhe re tsamaye re ba atlhola go tshwana *at all levels. Whether* o bolaila kana o tshotse serwe sengwe, o tshwanetse gore o tseelwe dikgato tse di kwa godimo thata.

*Madam Speaker,* ke dumalana le golo mo ka gore polao ya batho ke selo se se tshwanetseng re eme ka dinao re tshwaragane. Ke sone se o bonang ke ema fa *to support Motion* o gore *those who are trading* ka tsone dirwe tse,

ba itse gore mo Palamenteng e, re batla gore ba tseelwe dikgato tse di kwa godimo thata, tse di tshwanang le tsa ba ba bolaileng.

Tlaa ke eme foo, tota *Motion* o ke ne ke sa solofela gore a o tlaa tsena gompieno. Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*.

**MR MAPULANGA (CHOBE):** Mma ke go dumedise Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa gompieno. Ke go leboge mosutisi Rre Kamal Jacobs. Kgang e *Madam Speaker* e a tshwenya.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** *Honourable* Ramogapi, ga o a nna sentle.

**MR MAPULANGA:** Ka, *I think around February 2025* re ne ra mekamekana le go taboga le dikgwa kwa kgaolong. *Just recently fela two months ago, two cases* mo kgaolong ya Chobe, re bona batho ba nyelela re sa bone gore ba fa kae, ba feletse kae, go tla go tsena gompieno. Kana dikgang tsone tse tsa gore motho o ne a le fa, ga go itsiwe gore o tsene fa kae, re gola re ntse re utlwa gotwe go na le ba ba dirang ditiro tsa go nna jalo mo motseng, kana mo dikgaolong, kana bo radikgwebo ke e fa dikai ka fa re utlwanng ka teng.

Sengwe se se tshwenyang thata *Madam Speaker*, ke kgang e o fitlhelang gore fa gotwe re belaela mo Ntlong e, a bo ba molao ba re re batla mosupi. Le ba maemo a re itseng gore ka fa tsamaisong ba letleletswe gore ba ka tsena ba *search* go sena pampiri e ba e tshwereng e tla a tla e tsiswa morago, ba bo ba itibisa go sele. Go simolola go re belaela, go re bontsha gore golo mo go raya gore ke kgang e tona e e leng gore fa e sa tseelwe kgato ya kgalengwa, ya emisiwa, batho ba tlaa fela. Re ne re taboga maloba ka batho ba tshwere sengwenyana gotwe jaanong ke bone ba ba bonang, go tla go tsena ka jaana, batho ba nyeletse ba tsamaile. Ke dumela gore a go nne ka fa tsamaisong, e bile re dumalane re le Ntlo e gore sepodise le batlhotlhomise ba letlelelwe le bone gore jaanong ope monahune o o utlwalang ba nne le thata le bone ya gore *they can summon* motho yoo.

Fa e le gore go na le ka fa ba ka dirang ka teng gore ba ye go tsaya *information* eo, e ye go tsewa. Dikgang tsa seterata le fa re ka di nyatsa gore ga di na bosupi, golo gongwe fa re ka neela sekai ka ba *Wildlife*; fa ba utlwalela gotwe go na le nama nngwe, kana ke ya mmutla kana phala, ka kgangnyana eo ya go sebediwa, ba a goroga. Fa ba ya *to search*, dilo tseo re ya go di fitlhela. Ke eng e re mo dikgannyeng tsa gore motho o nyeletse kana o bolailwe, go bo go nna gotwe re batla bosupi kana ga go na yo o ithaopang gore o ka neela

bosupi mme ba lomilwe tsebe? *Something is fishy*, e bile go a belaela gore golo mo ke *value chain* ya bao ba ba nang le madi, ba ba nang le dithata. Go a belaela gore lesa la motho le tsewa motlhofothlofo mo go kanakana. Mo e leng gore re tsile go ema fa, re bo re batla *technicality* tsa gore Penal Code ya re, a re e *amend* ee. Go tlaa belaela *Madam Speaker*, gore gone fa, ke sa re ke supa mongwe, gongwe ba mo teng. Ke eng e re dikgang di bewa fa pele, re bo re batla *technicality*? Ke eng re batla *technicalities*? Batho ba ntse ba a nyelela rona re nnetse *technicalities*.

Ke ema fa ke dumalana gore ope yo o tlaa fitlhelwang le yo o tlaa belaelang *be searched* go fitlhelwa kgang e wela. Yo o tshwarwang ka dirwe tseo, go tlhamalalwe ditshwetso di tsewe. A tlhalose le gore o di tsaya kae? Go tlhotlhomisiwe *chain* yotlhe. Fa e le gore go na le ba ba rekisang, re ye go mo tshwara le ene, a tle fa gore ke eng a *negotiate* polao ya motho kana o a mo rekisa? Dikgang tse, di a tshwenya. Re batlisiwa batho letsatsi le letsatsi. Go a kolekiwa, go tshelwa *fuel*, go ntshiwa *helicopters* tsa sepodise, *wastage* ya *resource* e e tshwanetseng re ka bo re tlhabolola batho. Re nna fa re ya go dikologa, re batla batho. Ba ba dirileng mo metseng, go belaela ba itsiwe, ba kgona go buiwa ka maina, go bo gotwe “nnyaa, molao ga o re letle.” A molao o tlhamaladiwe fela gore yo o fitlhelwang ka dikgang tse, a kgang e tlhamalale a tshwarwe. Fa e le gore ke yo o ka kalediwang, a Tautona a saene le ene a tsamaye. Fa e le gore ke yo o ka yang mo kgolegelong dingwaga tsotlhe tsa botshelo, a a tsamaye gore bana ba bana ba tle ba itse gore rraabomogolo kana nkukuabone o kwa kgolegelong ka mabaka a eng. Ga re ka ke ra kgona, batho ba a nyelela, ba fedile *Madam Speaker* and ga go monate. Go sa bolokiwa ga lona, a go fele. *It is trauma in you*. Go latlhegelwa ke ngwana ka ditsela tse e leng gore ga o a mmona, wa mmaya mo lebitleng, ga go monate. Gotwe motho o tserwe ke kwena, o ipotsa gore e ka mo tsaya fa kae gone fa?

**MR AARON:** *Elucidation*. Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ke a leboga motlotlegi. Ke supe gore o e tshwere sentle. Re supe gore ga go motlhofo gore motho o ka fitlhelwa ka tlhogo ya motho, gongwe re bo re re o e bapetse, motho yoo o tlaa boa a tshela, a nna le tlhogo e nngwe gape. *We are certain* gore motho yoo o sule. *What we are advocating here* ke gore, a batho ba ba fitlhelwang ka *parts* tsa motho, ba fiwe *sentence* e e tshwanang le ya mmolai. Motho yoo o a bo a sule, go fitlhelwa ba ka re fa *lead* ya gore ke mang yo o bolaileng ka nnete, fa e le gore ba re, ga se bone.

**MR MAPULANGA:** Ke a leboga *Honourable* Aaron. Kgang e, ke batla ke e atolose go ya kwa pele *Madam Speaker*. Dikgang tse o fitlhelang bosupi bo bonetse, e nna sephiri. Go *mention* ga bone, e bile le mo *radios, televisions*, o fitlhela le Botswana Television (Btv) tota bana ba kganelwa gore ba se ka ba ya *to attend court*, go tloga go a go tswa mo *television*, ka gore go dirile mogolo. Jaanong a go phatlaladiwe. Yo o tshwarwang, go phatlaladiwe le lefatshe la Botswana *Honourable* Jacobs, re mmone gore raboko ke yo o tshwerwe. O tshwerwe ka *the parts*, le *television* e bidiwe. Le fa a *mention* kwa *court*, setšhaba se lalediwe ba ye go mmona. Ga re ka ke ra tswelela ka batho ba e reng fa go robetswe, ba akanya bosula jo bo kanakana. Dipeo tsa ditamati le mmidi di le teng, o palelwa ke go lema, o nmetse gore o ya go tsaya bana ba batho. Ke go ema nokeng rra. A re tlhwaafaleng re bone gore, *Honourable* Minister, re dumalane. Tse di *technical* tsa molao, le tlaa di baakanya lona ba molao, rona yo o bolaileng, a a tshwarwe, a lebiswiwe kgang. Fa re belaela gore mo ntlong e bana ba a bua, gotwe motho o dirile jaana kana ba utlwile motho a lela mo go yone, se emeleng gore go ye go tsewa *warrant of search*, le re diela nako, batho ba bo ba fudusa motho.

**MR DISHO:** *Clarification*. Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ke go botse mokaulengwe gore pharologanyo ya diphologolo le batho ke eng? *Section 70* ya *Wildlife and National Parks Act* e supa gore fa o tshwerwe ka lenaka la tshukudu, *you are punished* fela *exactly the same* le yo o bolaileng tshukudu. Pharologanyo ya motho ke eng fa, ke raya gore *something like that*? Ke a leboga.

**MR MAPULANGA:** Ke a leboga. *Comrade*, ga go na pharologanyo. Kgang ke gore go dirilwe molao go itshirelediwa, ke yone pelaelo ya me *Madam Speaker*. Ke belaela gore molao o ne o dirwa go itshirelediwa ka gore dinako dingwe, o fitlhela e le gore badiri ba dilo tse, ke rona ba re nang le maemo. Re dira molao o o re sireletsang. Ka gore yo o batlang nama ya phologolo, ke mohumanegi yo o sa kgoneng go ithekela dijo. Ga re a ye go thaisa mmutla *and* ke ene yo o tshwarwang ka bonako. Magodu a *billions* gompieno, ke bone baeteledipele mo lefatsheng. Ba ba utswang dijo ba kwa dikgolegolong, *so* le molao o dirwa ka ditsela tse.

Ka jalo, ke ema Tshutiso e nokeng *Madam Speaker*. Yo o tshwerweng ka *parts*, a a late le ene, e bile le *value chain* yotlhe. Ba ba rekisitseng, ba ba belaesegang, a ba tshwarwe *and be searched*. Go emisiwe kgang ya gore

ga re na *search warrant*. Ke a leboga.

**MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES (MR RAMAOTWANA):** Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ke emelela *to support the Motion*. *At the end, I will be moving an amendment in terms of 47(1)*. Ke tlaabo ke sutisa. Ke batla go alela gore *why* ke ya *to move amendment* ya molao o. Santlha, ke tlhaloganya matshwenyego a ga *Honourable* Kamal Jacobs. O batla gore kgang e ya dirwe tsa batho, e nne bontlha bongwe jwa gore motho yoo a atlholwe mo go gagametseng, a ba a a fa lereo la polao ya motho. Ke sone se ke reng, ke o ema nokeng. Ke dumela gore *Section 201* e e buang ka *punishment, punishment* ya teng ga e a gagamala. Ba re, o dirwe jaaka *murder*. *Already Section 202* ya Penal Code e bua gore, “*any person who of malice aforethought causes the death of another person by an unlawful act or omission is guilty of murder.*” *Section 203* ya re, “*any person convicted of murder shall be sentenced to death.*” *Already murder, the sentence is death*. Go raya gore e teng. Lereo la gagwe ke gore fa o bala 201 ya re, “*ope motho yo o fitlhelwang ka dirwe tsa motho, o atlholelwa 10 years e le minimum, maximum e le 30 years.*” Go raya gore go fitlhelwa ka dirwe tsa motho, go bokete. Rona ba re fa, re lwantshitse *murder* gongwe le gongwe. Bo Segametsi re ne re tletse fa re tsile mo Palamenteng e. Ga se *technicality* kana ga se gore re tshaba dilo tseo. Re ne re re molao *already on murder is covered*.

Fa e le gore *you participated*, ka gore o ne a batla *to participate* mo molatong oo, o atlholwe ka *murder*. *Section 21, 22, 23* of Penal Code e e buang ka *principal offenders*, gore ke bo mang ba ba tlaa atlholelwang molato wa *murder*.

Ke gore fa o bala *Section 21.1(a)* ya re, “*mmolai ka sebele o ka atlholwa ka murder.*” *21.1(b)* ya re, “*every person who does or omits to do any act for the purpose of enabling or aiding another person to commit an offence,*” ke gore fa o thusa le wena o ka atlholelwa *murder as the principal offence*. E bo e re, (c) “*every person who aids or abets another person in committing the offence.*” Ke gore ope fela yo o ka thusang mo go direng tsone tseo, o ka...

**MR NKAWANA:** *Procedure*. O tlaa nkgakolola *Madam Speaker* ka gore ga ke na bosupi jwa gore a *Honourable* Ramaotwana ke ene *the responsible Minister* yo o neng a *respond after the presentation of the Motion*. Fa e le gore ke ene, ke dumela gore ga a tshwanela gore a bo a *debate*.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nnyaa, mme ga se ene, *the right one* ke Minister wa State President.

**MR RAMAOTWANA:** Ke ne ke re fa o ya kwa 21.1(c), e bo e re, “*every person who aids or abets another person in committing the offence is also charged with the principal offender as the committer of that offence.*” Ke gore fa ke thusa motho go bolaya motho, le nna *I will be charged* jalo. (d) E bo e re, “*any person who counsels or procures another person to commit the offence.*” Ke gore fa ke ka reka mongwe gore a ye go mpolaela semangmang, nna ke sa ya go bolaya, ke rekile mongwe a ya go bolaya, le ene o atholelwa *murder* ka gore *he or she has participated* mo molatong oo.

Jaanong fa o ya kwa go 21 (2), e bo ya re, “*any person who procures another to do or commit to do an act of such a nature that if he had himself done the act or made the omission, the act or omission would have been constituted as an offence on his part, is guilty of the same kind of the offence.*” Ke gore le ene se a se dirileng, se se neng se dirwa ke ene yoo, o tlaabo a le *guilty and is liable to the same punishment*. O tlaabo le ene a ka atholwa jaaka ene yole, yo e leng gore o ne a mo reka gore ya go mpolaela motho.

Section 22 e bo e re, “*when two or more persons form a common intention to execute an unlawful purpose in conjunction with one another; each of them is deemed to have committed the same offence.*” So, if you read, 21, 22 and 23, e cover all matshwenyego a batlotlegi gore ope yo o dirileng kana a romile motho, a hirile motho kana a thusitse, le ene o molato jaaka ene yo o bolaileng kana yo a mo hirileng go dira jalo.

Letshwenyego le letona la ga *honourable* ke ba ba fitlhelwang ka *parts*. *That is why Section 201 (a) e ne ya dirwa*. E ne e dirwa ka gore go ne go fitlhetswe bangwe ba tshwere *parts* ka fa Mokwena ka fa tse go neng go belaesega e le tsa motho mme go sena ope yo o nang le bosupi gore motho yo o bolailweng ke mang. *In terms of the law fa o charge* motho ka *murder; there must be person who is dead and the accused who caused the death*, ke sone se o tshwanetseng gore o se tlhalose lantlha.

Go bo go nna le *element* ya fa o fitlhelwa ka nama, gongwe o tswa go bolaya moZimbabwe kwa Zimbabwe go sena ope yo o itseng gore nama e ke ya motho, motho yo ke mang, ga go na ope yo o begileng gore o bolailwe. *This Act e ne e address this lacuna in law*. Batho ba ne ba tswa *scot-free* gotwe kana o fitlhetswe ka nama ya

motho mme ga go na yo o begilweng gore o bolailwe, ga go itsewe gore ke mang yo o mmolaileng. O tshwanetse gore fa o ya kwa *court, report e tshwanetse* gore e supe gore...

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Clarification.

**MR RAMAOTWANA:** Ke ne ke re ke tlhatswe gore e tle fa ke *move amendment* le e *support* le itse gore re tswa *from which basis*. 202 e cover *murder* le *the Sections 21, 22 le 23* gore ope yo o nngang le seabe, yo o thusang, *one that counsels*, kana yo e leng gore o romile motho go ya go bolaya motho, yoo *already is covered* by gore *he or she has participated* mo *murder*.

*With that Madam Speaker* ka gore ke buile le motlotlegi gore ke bona letshwenyego la gore ya dirwe tsa bathosentence ya teng e kwa tlase, ka jalo, re e oketse gore e ye kwa godimo. E nne gore fa o fitlhelwa ka dirwe tsa motho, e re reng *minimum of 10*, e nne *minimum of 20*, e bo e nna *life imprisonment*, e seng 30 *as a maximum* ka gore o fitlhetswe ka dirwe tsa motho.

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

**MR RAMAOTWANA:** So, fa o fitlhetswe ka dirwe tsa motho, ga re ka ke ra itse gore o bolaile mang, *there must be the body of the person killed*. Re a bona gore ga a yo mme re go bona gore o tshotse dinama tsa motho ke tse mme ka sone seo, o tshwanetse gore o otlhaiwe gore o fitlhelwa ka dirwe tsa motho le fa re sa itse gore o bolaile mang...

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Elucidation.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Nako e tšhaile.

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

**MR RAMAOTWANA:** Therefore, in terms of Standing Order 47.1, which says “a Member who has risen to speak on any Motion may propose an amendment to that Motion,” and since I am that Member who is on the floor who has risen to speak on the Motion, I therefore move to amend the Motion *wa ga Honourable Kamal*...

**MADAM SPEAKER:** *Order! Order! Honourable Member; because nako e ne e tšhaya, tsamaya o ye go kwala amendment* ya gago sentle o bo o tla ka yone e kwadilwe, re bo re e fetisa e kwadile, mongwe le mongwe a e utlwa e tlhaloganyesega. *It is now 12:30 p.m. and I now call upon Honourable Ramogapi to move a Motion of adjournment.*

**MOTION**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR RAMOGAPI):** Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Jaaka nako e tšhaile, batlotlegi ba dirile tiro ka botswerere, ke ne ke re o ba rebole *Madam Speaker*, ba ye go dira ditiro tse dingwe tsa Puso ka *weekend*. Ke a leboga.

Question put and **agreed to.**

The Assembly accordingly adjourned at 12:30 p.m. until Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.

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