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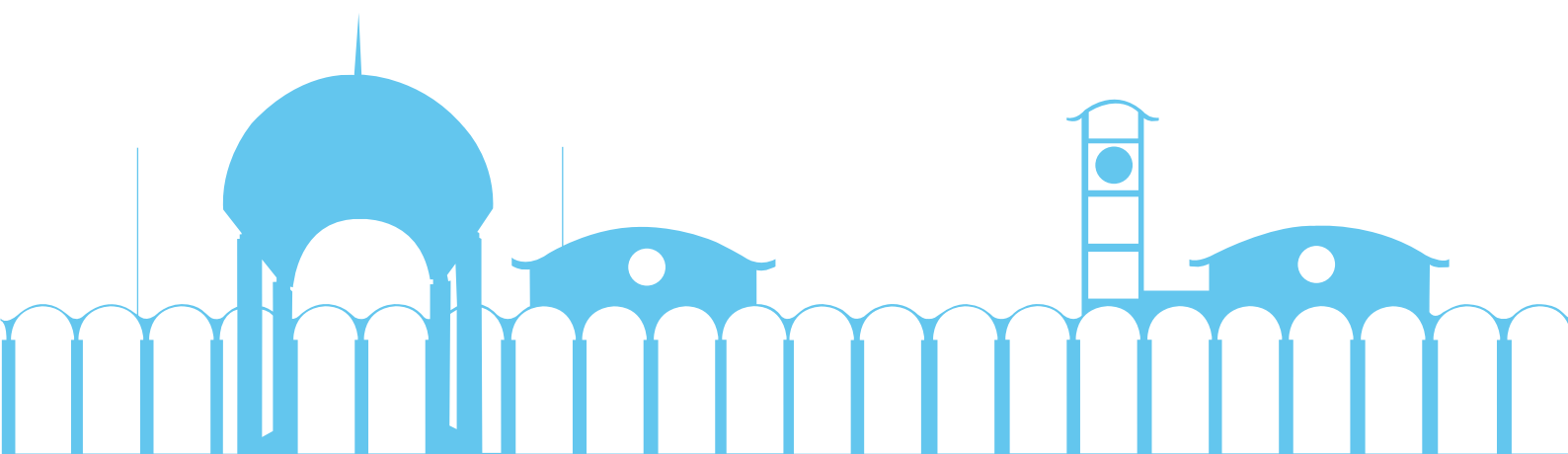
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Friday 14th March, 2025

THE ASSEMBLY met at 9:00 a.m.

(THE SPEAKER in the Chair)

PRAYERS

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MR SPEAKER (MR KEORAPETSE): Honourable Members, we are quorated. Good morning Honourable Members. I know it has been a very long week with extended sitting hours. I hope you had a restful night. Let us begin the business of today with Minister's questions.

MINISTERS' QUESTION TIME

MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION

THEME: SPONSORSHIP CHALLENGES FOR BOTSWANA STUDENTS IN RUSSIA

Asked the Minister of Higher Education:

- (i) to provide an update on the status of sponsorship disbursements for Botswana students studying in Russia, particularly regarding their living allowances, in light of the complications arising from the ongoing war between Ukraine and Russia;
- (ii) what mechanisms are currently in place to ensure that students receive their funds efficiently and without complications;
- (iii) if there any identified obstacles in the disbursement process, and if so, what strategies are being implemented to mitigate these challenges;
- (iv) if the ministry explored alternative methods to safeguard the timely transfer of funds to students studying in conflict affected areas; and
- (v) what assurances can the Government provide to ensure that students abroad can focus on their studies without financial disruptions.

LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION (MR SALESHANDO): *Point of procedure Mr Speaker.* Ke ne ke re ka re santse re le basha, gongwe go bothlokwa gore re nne re gakololana gore dipotso tsa Friday

Honourable Morolong jaaka a e boditse, a itse gore fa a ratile o na le sebaka sa gore o ka e motivate. O ka fa more background information gore ke eng e mo gwetlhile, but he is not compelled to. Mme fela ke re, for the benefit of new Members, just be aware.

MR SPEAKER: *Thank you* Leader of the Opposition (LOO). Ke ne ke re ke ya koo. *Honourable Morolong, o ka e tlhalosa potso e gore ya reng, e gwetlhiwa ke eng, mo sebakeng se se sa feteng five minutes.*

MR M. M. MOROLONG (KGATLENG CENTRAL): Ke a leboga LOO. Ke a leboga bagaetsho. Ke na le dikgang tse di mmalwanyana tse di amanang le batsadi ba e leng gore bana ba bone, ba tsena kwa Russia. Ba supa gore fa Goromente a ba fa allowance, o fa bone batsadi ba allowance, batsadi ba bo ba a fa agents gore agents tse madi a felele a goroga kwa baneng. Tsamaiso yotlhe e nne Goromente a e dirisa ele, e kgoreleditswe ke ntwana e e tswelentseng kwa Russia. Ke sone se nne ke re, a Goromente selo se o a se itse? O dira eng ka sone go baakanya seemo botoka go na le gore madi a bo a felela mo agents, tse e leng gore obviously ba na le a certain percentage e ba e lopang mo process e ya allowance tsa bana ba? Ke raya gore basically ke sone se se nkgwetlhileng gore ke bo ke tsenya potso e e tshwanang le e. Ke a leboga Mr Speaker.

MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION (MR MAELE): Ke a leboga Mr Speaker. Ke batla go simolola fela ka go leboga motlotlegi gore a bo a boditse potso e. E bile e tlaa thusa ba le bantsi gore e tle e arabe matshwenyego a a ntseng a a supa.

Ke batla go supa fela from the word go Mr Speaker, gore go na le fa e tlaareng fa ke bua, e nne o kare ke tlaa thamega ka dilo dingwe tse re di dirileng go thusa bana ba. Jaaka o itse, re ne re na le mathata a gore ntwana e, e ne e dira gore go nne le bolwang, fa gongwe fa re re a riana, go a kgaolwa, re re re a riana, go a kgaolwa. Ke gore ga re re re deal le banka e, go a kgaolwa. Ke ya go bua ke hepele mafoko ka gore se re se dirang gone jaana, se re thusang bana ka sone, ga ke batle e nne o kare se ka phatlalala thata. Ba tloga ba re latela gone fa re boneng phatlha teng. Ke ne ke raya gore ke ale fela jalo Mr Speaker, so that people understand gore ke ya go bua ke hepele mafoko. Ga ke batle gore gone foo fa re boneng phatlha teng, go tle go thibiwe. Ke tsaya gore Palamente e tlaa dumalana le nna, e bile e tlaa ntlhaloganya gore for the interest ya bana, ke hepele mafoko.

Ke simolole jaana *Mr Speaker*, ke re, re na le bana ba le 62 ba ba *sponsored* ke Goramente kwa Russia. Bana ba ba dira *courses* tse e leng gore *they are Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) based*. Bo *Science, Engineering, Mathematics and so forth and so forth*, ba 62. *As I speak now*, a le mongwefela *absconded, now they are 61*. Bana ba ba mo *scholarship* sa Botswana-Russia *Scholarship*. Go raya gore mo *scholarship* se, *tuition fee* e duelwa ke Russia. Rona se re se dirang ke mo gotweng *maintenance cost; accommodation* le *living allowance*. Madi a re a duelang bana ba, ke 750 USD ka kgwedi. *Meaning that* ka madi a rona ke P10, 285.00.

Ke batla go fa *background* motlotlegi ke re, bana ba re ntse re ba duela *through* First National Bank (FNB). Fa re ba duela jaana, e ne e re fa re isa madi kwa, *sanction* di bo di dira gore go pale gore ba bone madi a. Dibanka tse jaaka o itse, go na le selo gatwe Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication (SWIFT), jaanong bone bao, e ne e re fa re isa madi kwa, ba a kgaola, fa re isa kwa, ba a kgaola.

MR LEKAU: *Procedure Mr Speaker*. Ke ne ke re, *for security reasons* jaaka a ne a buile lantlha, a ga se gore gongwe *that introduction was much efficient because it would force* gore a ye gone kwa *channel* eo. Gongwe potso e mo pitlaganya gore a bue.

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa mme o tsamaya sentle. Ene o a itse gore fa a tlaa hepelang mafoko teng, ke fa kae. Tswelela *honourable, but consider that caution*.

MR MAELE: *Thank you so much sir*. Ke a leboga Rre Lekau. O mpolokile rra ka gore ke leka go hepela mafoko. Jaanong go bo go raya gore fa ba ntse ba kgaola jaana, re bo re bona banka nngwe mo Botswana e e neng e dirisana le ka fa re ka duelang ka teng kwa Russia. Re bo re kgona go bona phatlha eo, re bo re ba duela jalo. *Unfortunately* go bo go raya gore le yone banka eo, go bo go lemosega gore re duela bana jang. Le gone ga bo go nna le mathatanyana ao a gore go kgaolwe. *So*, re tsere tshwetso ya gore bana ba re ba direle sengwe mo Botswana. Re ba duela *every three months*, mme re ba duelela mo Botswana, re ba duela mo bankeng. Re bo re rulaganya le ba *Foreign Affairs* gore bana ba ba bone tse di ka ba thusang gore ba *access* madi a mo Botswana. E siame akere? Mma ke se ka ka tsenelela kwa teng thata.

Re bo re dira gore bana ba, ba bone madi ba le gone kwa mme re duela mo Botswana. Selo se re se dirang *now*, re ba duela madi *every three months*. Ke gore gone jaana re duetse *up to the end of March*. Ka di 31st *March*, re tlaabo re ba duelela *April, May* le *June*, mme re ba duelela mo Botswana. Fa re ba duela jaana, bone ba bona gore ba a bona jang ka kwa, mme ga re duelele mo *agents* jaaka ke ne ke utlwa, re duelela mo bankeng nngwe mo Botswana. Ga ke itse gore gongwe go tlaabo go na le mathata fa kae ka gore *as far as I am concerned, embassy* ya rona e e kwa Sweden, ke yone e e nnang e ba thusa, mme ba supa gore bana ba ba bona madi sentle.

Se ke se belaelang, ke raya gore *so that* motlotlegi a tle a tlhologanye. Se ke se belaelang ke gore, bana ba e leng gore *are not sponsored by* Goramente, gongwe ke bone ba ka tswang ba na le mathata. Thulaganyo e rona re e dirileng gore re duele ba rona, gongwe bone batsadi ga ba na yone. Go na le bana ba le 65 ba re itseng kwa ba leng teng, ba re ba itseng ka maina, ba e leng gore *they are privately sponsored*. Jaanong ka re le *ministry* o o itebagantseng le dikgang tsa bana gore ba ye kwa dikoleng, ga se gore re ba itlhokomolositse, re a itse gore ba teng. Ke belaela gore gongwe ka gore ba rona bone re a itse gore ba siame re ba rulaganyeditse, ke belaela gore ba e leng gore *they are affected*, ke *the 65 people that are privately sponsored*.

Motlotlegi, ke ne ke tsaya gore ke e arabile yotlhe fela ka bophara *Mr Speaker*. Ke dumela gore fa go na le tse e leng gore o tlaabo a batla *specifics*, ke ka di bua. Ka bokhutshwane, bana ba rona ba ba kwa ba duelwa sentle, ga go na le fa e le mathata. Re ba duela *every three months* jaaka ke bua.

Madi a re a isang kwa *every three months* re duela bana ba rona *is about* P1.9 million. Re ba duelela mo Botswana, mme go na thulaganyo e re e dirileng ya gore bana ba tseye madi ka kwa e re sa batleng gore re e phatlalatse thata ka gore go tloga go thibiwa motswedinyana wa teng ka gore re tswa kwa re sokola. Fa re re re a riana, go a thibiwa, re re re a riana go a thibiwa. *So* re bone motswedinyana o e leng gore *currently* o santse o re berekela. Re tshaba go o tlhalosa, *but* kwa *General Assembly if Members of Parliament want to know, I can disclose* gore ke bua ka ga eng. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MR MOROLONG: *Supplementary.* Re a utlwa, re a tlhaloganya. Gongwe fela ke amogele gore ka mabaka a Motlotlegi Minister a a buang, a tle a ye go e thalosa sentle kwa *General Assembly* ka gore dipotso tse dingwe tse ke nang le tsone gongwe di tloga di gwetlha gore a tlhalose mo a neng a sa batle go go tlhalosa. Ke re ke bue fela go le kalo.

MR MOALOSI: Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*. Minister, ba ba 65 ba e leng gore le a ba itse ka maina, *with this new information* ya gore go ka tswa go na le bana ba ba sokolang, ga o bone go le mosola gore gongwe o ikgolaganye le bone gore le ka se ke re dire *arrangement* e le nang le yone ya ba ba 61 ba e leng gore go a bereka gore le bone gongwe madi a bone a tsenngwe kwa go lona, lona le bo le a fetisa ka *channel* ya lona e le e boneng e e le thusang? Ke a leboga.

MR MAELE: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Fa re ipaakanyetsa karabo e le *my staff*, ke nngwe ya dipotso tse re neng re di ipotsa gore go ka se ke go thuse gore *probably* re kopane le bone bana ba ba rona kana botsadi jwa bone jo bo mono gore re ba sebetse gore mme kana ba e leng gore ba mo go Goromente bone re ba thusa jaana, gongwe le ka dira jaana. Jaanong re etla re tshoga gore kana gongwe re tloga re dira jaana re bo re *compromise* seemo se e leng gore re thusa bale ka sone, yo mongwe o ya go ntsha sephiri, yo mongwe o ya go reng. Gone mme *we are willing to assist*; le gore re ba ka ba bolelela gore rona re dira jang. Mathata ke gone fela gore *we are trying to strike a delicate balance in terms of* fa re ba bolelela, a go tloga go sa *compromise* bana ba rona ba e leng gore gongwe re setse re bone sephirinyana se re ba duelang ka sone. *I stand to be guided by Parliament* fa e le gore kwa *General Assembly* will guide me gore *just tell them, there is no problem. We can tell them* gore rona re dira jang gore gongwe ba ka tsena mo phatlheng ya teng. Re tshosiwa ke *the compromise* ya teng fela gore a go tloga go sa tsewele kwa ntle, go bo go thibiwa phatlhanyana e re thusang bana ba bangwe ka yone. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MR PHOLOGOLO: *Thank you Mr Speaker.* Le nna ke dumela gore *this is a highly sensitive matter to openly deal with.* Fela ke re mo baneng ba bangwe ba ba 65, dikgang tsa bone ga se fela gore madi ga a kgone go goroga kwa go bone. Bangwe *genuinely* diemo tse di leng teng di tlogela batsadi ba bone ba sena bokgoni.

I am aware gore go na le tsamaiso ya DTEF. Gongwe *because we would not want as a country to have education refugees* kwa mafatsheng a bo Russia, ke re le yone mongwame, *case by case* gongwe go botlhokwa gore batsadi bone bao, bangwe re a ba itse, re ba go biletse o tle go nna le bone fa fatshe *and then understand the challenges they are going through in terms of upkeep* ya bana ba bona kwa Russia. *I am ready any day any time; if you are ready to meet the parents* ba ke ba emetseng, o tlaa mpha *date*, ke tlaa ba bolelela ba tle go go bona. *It is a very dire situation for most of these parents. Thank you very much Mr Speaker.*

MR MAELE: Ke a leboga. Motlotlegi o ne a raya ke kopana le botsadi, gongwe ke ba sebetse gore re dira jang go thusa bana ba rona? *Is that what you are saying?* Ga ke tshware potso sentle.

MR PHOLOGOLO: *Not just that,* ba bangwe ba na le mathata a ba iphitlhelang ba le mo go one go kgona yone *upkeep* ya bana. Ntle le gore ga ba itse gore ba ka dira jang, ba bangwe ba feletswe ke go kgona go tlamela bana kwa *to a point whereby* bana ba bangwe ba sale ba tsamaya *many years* ba le kwa, *the parent cannot afford* go ba tliša mo gae ka *school holidays.* *Thank you.*

MR MAELE: Ke mo utlwile sentle *Mr Speaker.* *Mr Speaker,* re na le mathatanyana a e leng gore gongwe ke tlhoka go a tlhalosetsa Palamente gore ba tlhaloganye. Fa gongwe re na le ka fa e leng gore re tlaabo re tlhalosa gore *we sponsor* bana ba *points* tse di kana, *we sponsor them* jaana, bana ba bo ba *apply.* Wa me ene gongwe *points* tsa gagwe di kwa tlase, gongwe *course* e re reng *we can sponsor* ene ga a e batle, e bo e re kwa morago a bo a re ke setse ke isitse wa me kwa, fa gongwe a ne a sa *qualify in terms of the points,* fa gongwe e ne e le *course* e e leng gore rona re ne re sa e duelele (*sponsor*). Ke setse ke itse wa me kwa, nthusang. Ke utlwa se Mopalamente a se buang. Golo mo go re tseya dingalo *Mr Speaker* ka gore kgantele o fitlhela e le gore mongwe le mongwe ke yo o reng ke na le mathata ke a palelwa, mme e le gore phatlha e re ka bong re ne re tsentsa yo mongwe, jaanong o batla gore re mo tsenye fela ka gore wa gagwe o ne a na le bokgoni mme a sa *qualify* ka *points and so forth,* o mo isitse. Fa a sena go nna a mo isa, a bo a re ke duetse *two years, take over.*

Ke batla gore fa re tswa ke tlhalosetse Motlotlegi Phologolo ka botlalo a tle a tlhaloganye thata. Fela re

na le batho ba e leng gore *in other words*, o fitlhela e le gore jaanong ba itaya *curveball* jalo tsa gore gongwe ngwana wa gagwe a bo a setse a le fale, a bo a re ke duetse *two years* kana ke duetse ngwaga, nthusang. Gakere re ka bo re tsentse yo mongwenyana yo o neng a le fa moragonyana, gongwe wa gago a ne a le kwa moragorago. *Those are the issues that we are grappling with.* Ke tlaa di tlhalosa thata ka botlao kwa *General Assembly* ka gore re tlaabo re le kwa sephiring gore le tle le tlhaloganye thata gore *these are the kind of situations that we are facing.* Sometimes batsadi ba tlaabo ba tla kwa go rona ba tla go tlhomogelwa pelo, mme e le gore kwa morago dilo tse dingwe ga ba a di dira sentle, ba di boleletswe, go rileng. *We really need to be open about them* re bo re le bolelela gore *this is what we are going to do.* Ke tsaya gore o a ntlhaloganya *Mr Speaker.* Ke a leboga.

MR HIKUAMA: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*, ke a leboga Tona. Ke dumela gore e ga e na bosephiri jo bo kalokalo. Ke e re tshwanetseng gore re itebaganye le yone fela re le lefatshe, Palamente, re le Puso. Kana moonogolo wa Puso ke go lwantsha go tlhoka kitso le go neela bana ba Botswana botlhe *the skills.* Fa e le gore *institutions* di amogetse bana gore ba ye go dira *courses*, batsadi ba bo ba leka fa ba lekileng teng, go bo go pala, o ka ema fela o re *cutting points that we sponsor* di ne di sa letle, ga re ka ke ra tlhola re ba duelela (*sponsor*)? Re tshwanetse re le Puso kana re le lefatshe re dire *assessment* ya gore mme motsadi yo a ne a lekile go ka thusa ngwana, re bo re bona ka fa re ka mo thusang ka teng gore a tsewedise thuto ya ngwana wa gagwe. Ke a leboga.

MR MAELE: Ga ke dumele gore fa ke araba *Mr Phologolo* o ne o ntheditse thata. Fa o ne o ntheditse thata o ka bo o nkutlwile gore ke ne ke bua ka *issues tsa equity and fairness.* *This is what I am talking about.* Fa ke filwe P10 gotwe *sponsor* bana ke ba, *then what I am going to do*, ke ya go leka gore ke bo ke re mme ba ba ka lekanwang ke P10 ke fa ke kgaotse fa. *Currently cut-off* ya rona ke *36 points*, mme re na le Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVCs) ba ba *under privileged*, re rile *they will go to 31.* *So exactly what you are saying* gore a re lebile fela gore motsadi a itekile mme re e tle re lebelele le ba ba *under privileged*, OVCs le gone gore fa motsadi a itekile *on a case by case*, re kgona *to assess situation* ya gagwe re bo re ka mo thusa. *The issue is*, fa

e le gore ke filwe P10 mme go na le ba ke tshwanetseng go ba thusa e bo e ya go nna P15, *there is little that I can do.*

Ke ne ke bua le mongwe maabane ke re fa le ka mpha madi a a *enough* le le Palamente, *we will sponsor* mongwe le mongwe yo o tlhokang *to be sponsored*, re tlaa ya *even to 20 points.* *The problem is we are constrained by* madi a re nang le one. Ke one a a dirang gore re bo re ntse re re *36 points*, *31 points* ba ba *under privileged.* Fa madi a ne a le teng *I would sponsor*, le ba ba nang le bo *20 points* tota, *but the problem is the money.* Ke one a re nang le *shortage* ya one. *At the end of the day* issue fela e re e lebileng ke *fairness and equity* gore e se ka ya tloga e re kamoso e bo e nna o kare bana ba bo Motlotlegi Hikuama ka gore bone ba na le madi, o ne a na le *20 points* a bo a mo duelela kwa Russia *now the Government has to take over.* *I am just giving you the example.* *Otherwise we are not going to be fair and there is not going to be equity* because yo mongwe wa 35 re mo tlogetse *because* madi a ne a tlhaelela gone foo. Jaanong ka gore Rre Hikuama ene o na le madi wa gagwe o na le *20 points*, a bo a mo isa kwa Russia a bo a re *take over.* *This is the predicament that we are going through.* Fa e le gore le ka kgona go re thusa ka fa le ka re thusang ka teng, *please we are willing to* gore re ka thusiwa. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker.*

MR LEKAU: Ke ne ke re o e ntlhatswetse fela gone foo ka gore le nna ke godile ke sokola ka kitso ya gore fa o ka tsena ngwaga o bo o pasa, ngwaga o o latelang go na le *possibility* ya gore Puso e go tseye mo tseleng. Ke re o tlhatswe yone eo.

Fela gongwe ka ke eme ka dinao ke se ka ka tloga ka ema la bobedi ke go botse, ke utlwa o bua ka *points*; a ga o ise o akanye go di fokotsa mongwame o lebeletse *fail* e e tseneng gore gongwe di ye kwa go 34?

MR MAELE: *Let me start with the last one;* Motlotlegi Lekau, keletso ya me ke gore tota le fa ngwana a le *20/21 points* we can sponsor. *The problem is the funds* because le fa ke ka re ke ya kwa go 34, *then do I have the funds?* *The answer is no.* *That is why even this year we are still at 36 for* bana botlhe, mo re reng *mainstream* and then *31 for* ba ba *under privileged.* *It is not really about* gore ga re batle *to sponsor* bana *because* ba bangwe *even at* bo 25, ba a dumelelwa *to some universities.* *The issue is*, fa e le gore ba dumeletswe o bo o mo sponsor a le

25 o tlogetse yo mongwe wa 35, *is there equity and fairness; the answer is no. That is why* re batla go leka tota mo dikgannyeng tsa *equity and fairness. Next week Wednesday* fa re *present Committee of Supply* ya rona le bo le nthaya le re *we are going to give you money to be able to sponsor* bana ba ba *even ka bo 25, 20 points, I will gladly do it. The problem is that the funds are not enough to go down to bo 34. If you give me money, I will be able to sponsor* mongwe le mongwe yo le batlang ke mo *sponsor* kana yo o ka lekanwang ke letlole le ke nang le lone. *At the moment* letlole le lekana 36, *it is not rona as Ministry of Higher Education to determine* gore re batla gore re bo re ema fa go 36, re patikiwa ke sepatšhenyana se re nang le sone. Le fa e le gore se nna sennyennyane re tlaa nna re ntse re re jaanong 37, 38, *depending on it. Fa e le gore le re fa mo gontsi, we will go down even to bo 30, 25 and so forth.*

E nngwe e o neng o e botsa motlotlegi ya ntlha o re o ne o itse gore fa motho a le *privately sponsored* a na le ngwaga, *then the Government takes over. No, it is not automatic. We obviously would assess because* ke yone kgang e ke neng ke e bua ke araba Rre Hikuama ke re ka gore o na le madi, o ka nna a isa ngwana wa gagwe ene a na le 20 points. E bo e re *after a year* a bo a re *take over. The question* e e tlaa botswang ke Motlotlegi Rre Mabuse Pule ke gore jaanong ka wa me o na le 30 points mme ga ke na madi a go mo isa, la reng ka ene? *Is there equity, is there fairness, the answer is going to be no. Kgantele* le bo le simolola le re *favoritism*, mole le mole, go bo go sa nne sentle. *We assess*, re bo re lebelela gore a mme yo o ka kgona gore re *take over* ka mabaka a a tlaabong a a beile *on a case by case*. Ke a leboga Mr Speaker.

MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT

THEME: AWARDING OF CONTRACTS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF BROADCASTING SERVICES

Asked the Minister for State President to state:

- (i) if he is aware of the contracts awarded by the Department of Broadcasting Services (DBS) to Total Music Group;
- (ii) how much Total Music Group has received from DBS;

- (iii) if the Minister is aware of Botswana Music Union's (BOMU) conflict over financial transparency and artists' concerns over lack of gains as the contract only benefits the owner than the industry;
- (iv) whether a P10 million direct appointment tender to Total Music Group/Events Lab (Pty) Ltd was issued and the criteria used to select the company and also if he is aware of the 13 episodes direct appointment to the Glitz Awards at the expense of other BTV Productions; and
- (v) if the Minister will consider investing and auditing the suspected companies, including their compliance to Botswana Unified Revenue Service (BURS) clearance.

MR S. O. MAPULANGA (CHOBE): Ke a leboga Mr Speaker, ke le dumedise batlotlegi. Potso ya me ke ya bobedi Mr Speaker, mme gongwe ke tlaa baakanya sengwe mo go yone. Moalo wa kgang e ke gore re tshwenyegile re le bodiragatsi Mr Speaker, gore kwa Lephatheng la *Broadcasting Services* go lebega o kare ga re utlwisise dilo sentle teng Tona. Re bona o kare go batho ba le bangwefela *who are rotating there*, ba sa le ba tsene mme ke bone ba ba gogang madi *from the sponsors*, ba bo ba nna ba re ba dira dithulaganyo tsa go dira *projects* tsa go kgaoganyetsa badiragatsi. Fa o ntse o ya o di sala morago, *direct appointments* tse di a re ngongoregisa, ditshupegetso tse re di bonang kwa di nna di boelela golo go le gongwefela. Ke sone se re neng re kopile gore gongwe Tona a tle a re atolosetse gore o itse boteng jwa dikgang tse go le kae tsa gore *companies* tsa bo Total Music Group di bo di le koo lebaka le le kanakana mme ba bangwe ba le teng ba sa tsene? Le madi one a re a bonang, le fa gongwe ke kopile gore ke ka baakanya *figure* eo ka gore e supa e bile e le fa godimonyana, *it is close to P29, 393, 755.92*, e fetile e bile a re neng re neela sekai gone foo. Tona a re atolosetse se a se lemogileng kana se a se itseng se diragala kwa lephateng le la gagwe.

Ka bokhutshwane e bile re kope gore fa e le gore go a kgonagala, a re tlhalosetse gore mme ba itse eng fa ba dupa ka Lephata le la BURS mo dikomponeng tse di ntseng di amega thata? Ka bokhutshwane, ke e ale go le kalo. Ke a leboga.

MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT (MR MOHWASA): Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Tla ke simolole ke alele ka gore ke ne ke tlhologanya Motlotlegi Leader of Opposition (LOO) kgantele fa a re re alele dipotso. O ne a sa reye gore re tswe mo setlhogong sa potso ka gore potso e tlaa felela e sa tsamaelane le se se mo mokwalong, e bo e re fa dikarabo di tla, e bo e nna e kete motho jaanong o iphapaanya le potso. Ga ke tseye gore ke one maikaelelo a rona go araba dipotso ka gore tse dingwe tota re araba dikgang tse re di fitlhelang ka bontsi.

Tla ke simolole fela ke re...

MR SPEAKER: *Mma ke clarify sengwe Honourable Minister. Tota this is a new tradition ya gore themed questions di bo di na le pointers. The reason why e nna themes it is just a general theme like Awarding of Contracts by the Department of Broadcasting Services, in the past that is how they used to come.*

The assumption was that *go raya gore* in answering the questions, any question around the theme can be asked. *Gongwe ga se gore o dule mo tseleng ka gore o buile tse di tsamaelanang le theme, mme specifically a sa di kwala mo question. Ke batla o tlhalose eo.*

MR MOHWASA: Ee, mme ke raya gore go se ka ga nna le tsholofelo le fa a sa tswa mo tseleng ya gore ke arabe dipotso tseo ka gore ga ke a tla ke di ipaakanyeditse. Ke tsaya gore se se teng fa motho a tla fa a botsa potso Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, o na le tshwanelo e e tlhamaletseng ya gore se a se botsang a se arabiwe. Jaanong e se ka ya re motho a araba e bo e le gore fa a tshwere gongwe ka fa a tshwereng ka teng, e bo e nna e kete motho o tshabile potso. Se ke ka se tlhalosang ke gore kwa lephateng ga re itse fa go na le konteraka epe e e neng e filwe ba Total Music Group ke Lephata la Broadcasting Services. Le fa go ntse jalo, ke ka tlhalosa gore konteraka e neetswe ba Events Lab, ke *subsidiary* ya Total Music Group. Konteraka e neetswe Events Lab.

Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke ne ke re ke kope ka boikokobetso gore fa motho a araba, fa gongwe jaaka o bua ga re a tshwanela go ya le se se buiwang ka fa thoko, mme le bone gape ga ba a tshwanela gore ba nne ba dira *comments* ka fa thoko. Ke a kopa...*(Interruptions)*...Jaanong se ke neng ke se

bua Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, Events Lab e tsere maikarabelo ka gore ke yone e leng *subsidiary* ya Total Music Group, e le gore e tsaya *rights* tsa BOMU, Gospel Awards le Local Music Programme. Events Lab e setse e neetswe madi a a kana ka P17 795 837.28, a konteraka ya dingwaga tse tharo e e simolotseng ka 1st September 2023. Ka konteraka e supa gore dituelo di tshwanetse go dirwa kgwedi le kgwedi, go ntse go na le tiego ya go duela mo dikgweding tse tharo, mme e bile dituelo di ne tsa emisiwa. Lephata le tsere tshwetso ya gore go tsweng fa go yeng kwa pele, dituelo di tlaa dirwa fa tiro e sena go dirwa. Mo nakong e e fetileng go ne go duelwa kgwedi le kgwedi.

Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ga re itse fa e le gore ba BOMU ba na le dikgang tse ba nang le tsone, tse di neng di tlhalosiwa mo potsong. Le fa go ntse jalo, lephata le bone mokwalo o o tswang mo go Tautona wa BOMU o o kopang gore go emisiwe dituelo mo go rakonteraka fa go santse go baakanngwa dikgang dingwe.

Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, *direct appointment* ya Events Lab e e dirilweng ka madi a P29 393 758.92 e diretswe mo dingwageng tse tharo. Madi a *programmes* tse pedi, e leng a *Gospel* le BOMU *Awards* a tsentse disupiwa kana *episodes* tse 13 tse di yang go tsenya le *grand finale* le tse pedi tse di tsenang morago ga *the grand finale*. Tse tsotlhe ka bophara di masome a matlhano le bobedi, di tsentse tsa moopelo wa ngwao, *contemporary* le badiragatsi ba ba fathogang. Re tshwanetse go lemoga gore *broadcasting rights for events* di tshwanetse go tsewa mo dikomponeng tse di amanang le thulaganyo ya *to appoint* ka tlhamalalo. Gape ke ka tlhalosa gore Events Lab e neetswe ditshwanelo kana *exclusive rights* ke ba BOMU gore ba ka buisana e bile ba ka tsena mo ditumalanong le Lephata la Broadcasting Services mabapi le *rights* tsa go supa ditiragalo tsa BOMU. NMT Productions e ne ya neelwa *tender* ya go supa 13 *episodes* di ya kwa go ya *the GLITZ* go dirisitswe *direct appointment*.

Mr Speaker, fa ke fetsa, dikompone tsotlhe tse di felelang di supa kgatlhego ya gore di ka dira *business* tsa thapiwa ke ba Broadcasting Services di tshwanetse gore di bo di tsamaelana le thulaganyo ya Puso ya gore ba bo ba duetse makgetho. Le fa go ntse jalo, le fa re eletsa gore go ka dirwa dilo ka tsela e e tlhamaletseng,

lephata ga le na thata ya gore le ka laela gore go nne le *audit* mo maphateng kana mo dikomponeng tse e leng gore e a di dira. Se e ka se dirang ke gore re tlile go dira kwa ntlheng gore a *tender* eo fa e dirwa, motho o duetse lekgetho le tsotlhe tse di batliwang. Fa go sena go nna jalo, re tlaa duela batho ka tiro e e dirilweng go sireletsa madi a setšhaba.

Ke tshwanetse go tthalosa gore go na le dingongorego di le mmalwa tse di tswang kwa morago tsa *tenders* tse di ntshitsweng tse di amanang le ba Broadcasting Services. Ke sengwe se re se lebelelang jaaka re supa gore gompiano go ne ga emisiwa go dira dituelo. Ke tsaya gore re mo tseleng ya go baakanya diemo tsa go nna jalo. Le fa re tlaaelang teng, ke tsaya gore Mapalamente le setšhaba ba tlaa gakolola gore re baakanye. Mo nakong ya gompiano re mo tseleng ya go baakanya tseo tse di amanang le go kopa ditirelo mo dikomponeng tse di ikemetseng. Re a leboga.

MR MAPULANGA: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke a go leboga Tona. Ke utlwa ditlhaloso tsa gago, mme ke ne ke re ke latedise gore ka o supa gore golo fa go ne go dirisiwa *prepaid payments*, mo motho a duelwang le tiro a ise a e dire, ke *payments* tse kae tse di neng tsa ntshiwa tiro gongwe e bo e sa dirwe mo kgwedding eo? Kana ke re ke *events* tse kae tse di nnileng *successful*, mme go dirilwe *prepayment* mo go tsone le gore di kae *to date* tse ba di kgonneng?

Sa bobedi ke utlwa o supa gore go na le *complaints* tse di ntseng di tla kwa morago. A mme o ka phuthologa go di baya fa pele fa, kana tse pedi tse tharo fela, gore ke *complaints* dife tse di setseng di tlisitswe fa pele ga gago, o setse o di itemogetse, ba go di boleletse gore ke tsone tse di dirang gore jaanong ba bone o kare ga ba ka ke ba dirisanya sentle mo tumalanong e e beilweng fa pele?

MR MOHWASA: Ke tsaya gore rraetsho o a itse gore go na le thulaganyo e e ntseng e le teng ya ga Steve Harvey e e neng e na le dikgang, e ke sa tswang go itsisiwe gore lekgotla le le go tlisitseng fano la Botswana Congress Party (BCP) le isitse kgang ya teng kwa *court*. Sa bobedi, go na le e nngwe e e amanang le ba Miss Botswana e le yone e nang le dikgang. Jaanong se se teng se ke sa se tlhalosang ke gore mo nakong ya gompiano, re ne re itebagantse le e. Batswana ba ba dirang difilimi ba a ngongorega gore ga ba a fiwa sebaka

sa gore le bone ba nne le seabe mo go neeleng Botswana Television (BTV) *content*.

Fa re bua jaana, fa re araba karabo e, re ntse re bua gore re tshwanetse go lebagana gape le ba Botswana Football Association (BFA) go bona gore re ka thusana le bone jang gore se ba se neelwang e le ditshwanelo tsa go gasa metshameko ya bone, re e tokafatsa jang gore le bone re ba thuse ba nne le letseno. Ke thulaganyo e re tshwanetseng go e lebelela gape. Gape re bo re gakologelwe gore re mo thulaganyong ya gore jaanong kana Puso e tsere tshwetso ya gore re batla go emisa gore e bo e le yone e laolang BTV. Re na le tsholofelo ya gore jaaka mo nakong e e seng kgakala re re batla go dira *public broadcasting* go tlaa re thusa gore re kgone gore ditshwetso dingwe di tsewe ka tsela e e botoka e e bofefe.

Fa o gakologelwa, ga ke itse gore a o ne o setse o ntse o fatlhogile, go na le nako e e neng e le gore fa go tsena bo SABC 2, SABC 3, nako e di neng di simolola di supa *content* e eme fa, go na le badiragatsi ba ba neng ba fiwa *platform to flourish*. Ba bo ba felela ba fiwa *platform* fa go tsena *the advent* ya bo MultiChoice, Digital Satellite (DStv). E bo e kgona gore jaanong e ba godise. *So*, re tsaya gore BTV e tlaa nna yone e e tlaa fang Batswana sebaka sa gore ba kgone go gola, e bo e ka re nako e e tlang ba kgone go phadisanya le mo mafatsheng a sele. Ke tsaya gore ke go arabile.

MR SALESHANDO: Ke a go leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Tona, o ne o tthalosa gore *tender* e o buang ka yone e ntshitswe e le *direct appointment*. Mo go rayang gore go ne go sena kgaisano le bape. Ga go a iphiwa sebaka sa go bona gore a go na le bangwe ba ba neng ba ka re fa tiro e e botoka ka madi a a botoka. Gongwe go ne go na le mabaka mo tshakatshekong ya lona gore ke eng go dirilwe *direct appointment* ka gore go le gantsi o dira *direct appointment* e le gore gongwe go lepotlapotla, go ka nna thata go ipha nako e re e tlwaetseng ya gore ba ba batlang go tliša ditirelo tsa bone mo Pusong ba itshupe. Mabaka a a dirileng gore *direct appointment* e nne yone e e dirisiwang mo sebakeng se ke afe?

MR MOHWASA: Ka boikokobetso, gongwe fa re botsa, *follow-ups* tse dingwe di ne di ka kgona gore di arabesege fa re ne re ka reetsa. Ke tlhalositse gore thulaganyo e ke ya BOMU, mme e nngwefela. Fa e le

nngwefela, re tshwanetse ke gore re supe maiteko a... Go tswana le BFA. Fa e le gore BFA *appoints company* nngwe *for production on its behalf*, ke yone e dirileng ditumalano le *company* ya go nna jalo. Jaanong *in that regard*, ba a patelesaga gore ba ka dira le kompone eo e le thulaganyo e e dirilweng fa gare ga BOMU le kompone yone eo. Jaaka ke tlhalositse, ke sone se re neng ra emisa dituelo fa ba BOMU ba tlisa ngongorego. Ga se e e neng e le gore *it was an open tender, it was specific to* kgang ya baopedi ka gore go ne go na le tiragalo e e diragalang ngwaga le ngwaga ya go iteisanya borathana jaaka gompieno go na le tiragalo e e teng ya *football*.

So, situations di a farologana, fa BFA e re e na le a *production house* e e leng gore ke yone e tlaabong e dira jalo, *we are bound to engage that company because it is doing that on behalf of BFA. So, the rights rest with BFA, the rights fall with BOMU, it may delegate, ya accede its rights to that company. So, in this instance, BOMU sealed its rights to kompone yone e re buang ka yone e.*

DR GOBOTSWANG: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Kgang e ya *direct appointment Honourable Minister*, ga e wele sentle. Ga ke wele sentle fela gore a wa re madi a e leng gore ke makgetho a Batswana, o a ntsha o a neela *organisations* tse o buang ka tsone, bone ba bo ba dira ka fa bone ba batlang ka teng ba sa tsamaisa ka fa e leng gore Puso yone e e ba neetseng madi go tshwanetse go tsamaisiwa ka teng gore go nne le *competition*? Ga e wele sentle *Honourable Minister*, a ko o e tlhalose sentle.

Ya bobedi, dikgang tse tsa kwa BTV fa o di leba sentle, o tlaa fitlhela e le gore o kare di wela mo *Sports and Arts*. O ipotsa gore golo kwa tota sentlentle di batla eng? Ke eng Office of the President (OP) e tshwanetse go iphitlhela e araba dipotso tsa *music, arts* le eng? Ga le bone gore gongwe sebaka se gorogile sa gore le ithole morwalo o o kanakana le o neele *Honourable Kelebeng* a o tsamaisa? Ke a leboga.

MR MOHWASA: Tla ke simolole ka gore o bona nako e go tlaabong go simolola go nna le *public broadcaster*, ga re bue ka go rotloetsa kana go dira *the production* kana *policies*, re bua ka go reka *content*. Fa wena gompieno Rre Gobotswang o ka nna lesego wa nna le *television station*, ga o na go ya kwa go Rre Kelebeng,

o ithekela *content* eo. Le tshwanetse gore le farologanye fa, *the procuring entity* fa ke BTV *that falls under* OP. Ke tsaya gore eo re a e tlhaloganya, *but as for issues* tse dingwe tsa *policy and others*, ke tsone tse e leng gore di kwa go Rre Kelebeng. Ke tsaya gore re fetile ka eo.

Ke boele mo go ya ntlha e o reng ga e tlhalosege sentle. Go na le BOMU, *it owns awards. Awards* go tewa letsatsi le go tlaabong go phuthaganwe go itisitswe foo. Rona ga re ka ke ra bolelela BOMU gore e dire jang ka *rights* tsa yone, e tsaya tshwetso ya gore *rights, production and everything* tsa yone e di neela *company*.

Gompieno go na le tsa bo Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) le BFA, ga o tsamaye o bo o ya kwa FIFA o bo o reka, FIFA e na le *company that it mandates to negotiate and* e bo e dira tsotlhe *on its behalf*. Ke sone se se diragalang, ga se diragale fela mo go ntseng jalo, ke ne ke tsaya gore golo mo ke mo go *basic* mo o tshwanetseng go kopana le gone.

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

MR MOHWASA: Ee, ka re ke ne ke tsaya jalo, ke gore ga o ka ke wa nkganela gore... go bua nna. Ke gore ga o ka ke wa mpolelela gore ke akanye gore wa reng. Ke a go bolelela gore nna ke akanya jang. *So*, ka re ke ne ke tsaya gore go *basic* gore o ne o tlaa tlhaloganya gore gompieno...

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

MR SPEAKER: A ko le reetseng *Minister*.

MR MOHWASA: Ga o ye kwa FIFA o bo o re ke batla konteraka le FIFA, nnyaa, *it delegates*, e bo e le gore motho yoo *is the one who negotiates* le go rekisa *content and everything on its behalf*. Jaanong go ntse ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. Ke sone se o bonang gompieno go na le *company* e *that was appointed because* ke yone e e filweng ditshwanelo tsa gore e ka rekisa *content* ya BOMU. Ke gone ka fa go ntseng ka teng, gongwe le gongwe fela go ntse jalo, le gone kwa bo BFA, Confederation of African Football (CAF) le FIFA. *That is how they do it. Whether it is the right thing to do or not*, ke tsaya gore seo ke se o tlaa tlang o se ithuta gore a tsamaiso ke yone. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo.

MR FURNITURE: *Clarification.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*; mma ke go leboge Tona. O bogale thata

gompieno, e bile ke setse ke go tshaba. Tona, thulaganyo e e neng e bidiwa Mokaragana e dirwa ke mang?

MR MOHWASA: Ga ke itse gore e dirwa ke mang, ga ke na karabo.

MR LUCAS: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker. Honourable* Mohwasa a re dikgang tse di buiwang tse di *basic* re tshwanetse gore re di tlhologanye, mme di thatanyana, go batla a nna *patient*-nyana.

Ka fa ke neng ke utlwa o bua ka teng, o bua ka matshebetshebe a madi, ga bo ga ntshiwa P17 *million*, ya re go ntse go tswetse ga bo ga ntshiwa P29 *million*, ke batla go botsa jaanong ke botsa Tona wa Puso e ntsha gore wena ka fa ditsamaiso di tsamaileng ka teng go ntshiwa madi a maP17 *million* le maP29 *million*, lona le bona go ne o kare go tlhamaletse fela e bile ga go na sepe se se ka belatsang gore gongwe go ne go dirwa boferefere golo gongwe? Ke raya ke botsa lephata la gago o le mo Pusong e ntsha ka gore ke dumela gore o tsere sebaka gore o ikgotsofatse ka diemo tse? Ke botsa se ka gore go batho ba le bantsi ba ba mo *music industry* ba ke dumelang gore gongwe le bone ba ka bo ne ba neelwa sebaka sa gore ba tseye karolo mo dikgannyeng tse mme ba lebea o kare *they are in the dark* mme e bile ba tshelala mo tshotlegong mme maP17 *million* le maP29 *million* a a tswa. Ke a leboga.

MR MOHWASA: Kana fa o utlwa gotwe motho o bogale fela Mokaulengwe Furniture, o a bona gore gompieno Rre Lucas a re go duetswe P29 *million*, mme kgang e e buiwang fa, re ne re re *the contract sum* ke P29 *million*, mme go duetswe P17 *million* mo go P29 *million*. Jaanong fa re ne re reetsana, dilo tse re ka bo re kgona gore re di utlwe. So, ga go a duelwa P17 *million* le P29 *million*, go setse go duetswe. Jaanong ra re re emisitse gore go duelwe kwa ntleng ga fa tiro e sena go dirwa. Se se teng ke gore ra re *event* e nngwefela ya *awards*, ke gore fa *event* e le nngwefela ya *awards* e le ya BOMU le bo le batla gore le e supe kana go na le letsatsi la bo mmabontle le le lengwefela, o tlaabo o reela gore o batla go supa letsatsi le kana go na le *game* ya *final*, ga o ka ke wa re, nnyaa *finals* di dintsi tsa bo *top eight* o batla go supa eo. Jaanong fa o supa eo Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, o tlaabo o itebagantse le tiro eo fela. Jaanong motho yo o e tshwereng a bo a re, nnyaa, ke tlaa neela *company* e gore e dire mo boemong jwa me, ga gona se o ka se dirang.

Fa e le gore golo gongwe fa ke araba Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ga ke a araba sentle mo bakaulengweng ba intshwarele, e ne e se ka maikaelelo. Mme ke ne ke kopa gore le rona a re reetseng gore re se ka...

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

MR MOHWASA: ...ra tloga re bua *figures* tse di ... (*inaudible*)... mme se se teng ke gore tse di neng di le teng ke madi a a neng a fetisiwa ke bo Rre Lucas mo ditlhophong...re fitlhela madi a e le bone ba a fetisitseng, e le Mapalamente a ba neng ba a fetisa ngwaga o o fetileng.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Members, there is a Question Without Notice by Honourable Galenawabo Lekau.

MR LEKAU: Ke a dumedisana mo tshokologong ya gompieno...

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

MR LEKAU: ...Good morning Mr Speaker, in the House...

MR SPEAKER: Re mo mosong!

MR LEKAU: Re mo mosong, ga ke a lala...

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

MR LEKAU: Mongwame, potso e e ne e le potso *without notice*. Mme ditiragalo tse dingwe go raya gore di setse di fetile, mme go na le tse dingwe tse di santseng di le teng. Jaanong ke ne ke re ka re...e ne e le go botsa fela ka bana ba...

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa, fa e le gore o batla e arabiwa o tla e bitsa fela. E bitse fela o re *question number three*...

MR LEKAU: Question number three *mongwame*.

MR SPEAKER: Fa e le gore ke *later date* o re *later date*.

MR LEKAU: *Nnyaa*, question number three!

QUESTION WITHOUT NOTICE

RESTARTING OF BOTSWANA GENERAL
CERTIFICATE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION

MR G. LEKAU (MOGODITSHANE WEST): asked the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education:

- (i) to apprise this Honourable House about restarting of Botswana General Certificate of Secondary Education (BGCSE) when Form 4 students open next week; and
- (ii) if the Minister would consider temporarily suspending the Outcome-Based Education (OBE), so that the current Form 5 students seat for BGCSE not OBE as it requires a lot of funds to implement.

MINISTER OF CHILD WELFARE AND BASIC EDUCATION (MS KGAFELA-MOKOKA): Thank you Mr Speaker. *Mma ke dumedise Ntlo e e tlotlegang e, le Batswana ka kakaretso, baithuti le barutabana.*

Mr Speaker, Phase II of the Outcome-Based Education Curriculum was only implemented in March 2024 and this, therefore, means that the legacy Botswana General Certificate of Secondary Education (BGCSE) syllabuses were still being taught in schools. In fact, the 2024 Form 5 cohort wrote BGCSE examinations. The ministry took a decision to revert to the BGCSE curriculum for the 2025 Form 4 cohort, in full knowledge that the syllabuses are still available in schools and that teachers would not have a challenge to teach the same, because this is what they have been doing over the years. The discontinuation of the BGCSE syllabuses in 2024 therefore should not be viewed as synonymous with this disposal.

It must be noted Mr Speaker, that the school and regional education leadership were consulted before this decision was taken, and the action was unanimously agreed upon. Let me say at this point that, I held an online meeting with heads of schools to discuss the issue and the unanimously agreed that the current Form 4 cohort should revert to the BGCSE curriculum.

Mr Speaker, the Outcome-Based Education (OBE) Curriculum has indeed been suspended while an urgent review is being instituted to ensure that the curriculum is STEAM-driven as per the priority of the new

Government. However, the suspension does not affect the 2025 Form 5 students.

This is because the cohort only has six months before they write examinations, therefore, reverting to the BGCSE curriculum now would seriously hamper their progress, because they have already done part of the OBE curriculum throughout the last year and it is not practically possible to do a two-year BGCSE syllabus within six months. In addition, the students would have to do a new selection of subjects.

In terms of assessment Mr Speaker, the Botswana Examinations Council (BEC) has already prepared for the 2025 examinations, therefore, we do not anticipate challenges in this regard. However, the ministry will endeavor to support the schools in whatever way possible to ensure that students are adequately prepared. I thank you.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Supplementary Mr Speaker.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Supplementary.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ke buile pele.

MR LEKAU: *Supplementary.* Ke re...

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable* Jacobs, nna fa fatshe pele ke tlaa boela kwa go wena.

MR LEKAU: Ke ne ke re ke bue se, e le potso fela kana go kopa tlhaloso gore...maduo a a yang go tla ngwaga o o tlang, le ka betšha le nna ka le jela madi...OBE e ne e le *disaster*; e e tllileng ka bo Rre Pule, mme maduo a teng fa a tswa e tlaabo e se a UDC e tlaabo e le a Botswana Democratic Party (BDP), ka gore bana ba ya *to fail drastically*. *In my own opinion* nkabo gongwe ba kwala BGCSE. Potso ya me ke gore, *given the circumstances* ya gore re pitlagantswe ke Domkrag go le kae, a o raya gore ga gona mothale ope o re ka o dirang *to save* bana ba, ka gore re tlaabo re bolaile *group* e ya gompieno?

MR SPEAKER: Ke ne ke ithaya ke re o e tlhalositse.

MS KGAFELA-MOKOKA: *Honourable* Lekau ke ka dumalana le wena gore, go na le kgonagalo ya gore bana ba bayang go kwala *examination* ya OBE ba se ka ba dira sentle. Se se dirwa ke gone gore, re tla re tsena mo Pusong re fitlhela *syllabus or curriculum* e e tsentswe.

Mme fela kwa tshimologong go na le dikgang tsa gore, *it was not budgeted for. Without being budgeted for, infrastructure* ya teng ga e ise e nne teng, ke gore fa re tla go tsena mo goreng jaanong *the syllabus should be implemented* e go duwang mo *theory*, go sa kgathalesege gore go dirwa eng, ga gona. Le gone fela gore bana ba isiwe kwa dipolaseng gore *practically* ba ka dira eng, ga gona. Jaanong ke sone selo se se re gwetlhleng bogolo go tsotlhe gore, *at some point* re kile ra ba ra *suspend* ka *savingram* Phase III ya yone, re bona gore ga go ka ke ga kgonagala, bogolo re tlogele bana fa ba setseng ba le teng. E ya go nna *disaster* eo rra. Mme kana ga re ka ke ra phutha mabogo fela, ka gore bana bao tota *child welfare* ke *the core of the ministry*. Jaaka ke buile mo karabong gore, re tlile go leka ka bojotlhe gore mo *cohort* e e yang go kwala ya maForm 5, re tseye sengwe le sengwe, ditsompelo tse re ka tswang re na le tsone re itebaganye le gore baithuti ba ba bo ba nne ba thusiwe tota, gore gongwe *disaster* e e tilwe ka tsela nngwe.

Jaanong ke boele mo go reng, o ne o botsa gore, a go ka se ke go nne gore ba boele kwa BGCSE, kgang e ke e ke neng ke setse ke e tlhalositse gore, nako e khutshwane, gore ba boele koo, go tlaabo go raya gore *they should cover material* wa *two years in six months*. E tlaabo e se go ba ruta, e tlaabo e le *to drill them for examination*, mme ga se *approach* ya rona e re e itseng ka thuto ya bana.

Sa bobedi, go tlaabo go raya gore, ka barutabana ba santse ba le mo Public Service Act, ba tlaabo ba tshwanelwa ke go bereka *overtime*. Fa le ne le lebeletse *budget which was approved* maabane, le ka bo le lemoga gore ga ke ka ke ka kgona go duela *overtimes*. So, ke tlaabo ke *sacrifice the learning process* ya bana jaanong ke ba *re-tool* fela ka tshoganetso, ba bo ba tswa fa ba sa ithuta, e le gore *they were just prepared for examination*. *Therefore skills* tse ba di ithutileng mo BGCSE eo tota di tlaabo di sa ba tswele mosola *long term*. Ke a leboga.

MR JACOBS: *Supplementary*. Tla ke tseye sebaka se ke go dumedise *Mr Speaker*. Ke tseye sebaka se ke go dumedise le wena *Minister*. *Minister* kana ke utlwile o re go kile ga nna le *consultation between* wena le *headmasters* tsa dikole. Ke re ke go reye ke re, sekole sa rona sa Lobatse, maForm 5 le barutabana ba ba rutang Form 5, ba a lela ka *syllabus* ya OBE. Ba kile ba nthaya ba re ke tle go bua le wena *so that it be reflected*,

bana ba boelele ba ye go kwala BGCSE, *because* ga ba tlhaloganye *syllabus* e.

Se sengwe *Minister*, a ga go botoka gore re busetse bana ba rona ba ye go kwala BGCSE, bogolo ba pase ka *marks* tse di botokanyana? Jaaka o ne o utlwa Rre Maele a go raya a re kana gompiano ga ba na madi a *to sponsor* bana, jaanong ke ipotsa gore bana *who are going to fail* Form 5 re a go ba isa kae ka boketeketete jo bo kana? Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MS KGAFELA-MOKOKA: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. *Honourable* Jacobs, o tliša dintlha, dipotso le ditshwenyego tse le rona re mekamekaneng le tsone. Ke gone mo e rileng pele re ka tsaya tshwetso e, ra bitsa bagokgo gore a re lebisisaneng kgang e. Bontlha bongwe jwa bone bo ne bo re, nnyaa a bana ba busetswe kwa *syllabus* e kgologolo ya BGCSE. Jaaka ke bua fela tota le nna ke le morutabana, *practically it is impossible*.

Ke sone se ke solofetsang gore, *I am optimistic that* fa re tswa fa re le lephata, jaaka ka *April* fa a simolola re tlaabo re nna le matsana a, go raya gore re tseye botlha bongwe jwa one *and deliberately* re a lebaganye le *cohort* e ya *Form 5*. Re tabogile lepaapaa re buisana le ba Botswana Examinations Council (BEC) gore sengwe le sengwe ka bonako se busetswe mo mannong, bana ba ba neelwe ditsompelo ka bonako, ba tsweledise se ba se ithutileng gore maduo a se ka a ntsha dipholo tse di tlhabisang ditlhong.

Ke boikarabelo, fela jaaka re itse gore bana ba kgona *to fail Form 3 or Form 5*, bogolo jang ba *Form 5*, o bo o mo neela *tutor* e bo e re *in six months* ngwana yo a ba a tla a dira botoka. Ke tsaya gore *if we adopt a model which intensifies* dithuto tsa bone, e se fela gore re ba neela *extended period* tsa go rutwa, bana ba mo OBE *all is not lost*, re santse re ka ba tshegetsa *and intensify* thutego e ya bone, ya baya *resources and infrastructure in place* ra thusa bana ka *affirmative action*. Ke gore ra dira *positive discrimination to say, this is a special cohort that needs to be helped* ka sengwe le sengwe se re nang le sone.

So I would like to allay the fears of the nation, students, barutabana le bagokgo gore, re tlile go emelela re ba thusa ka sengwe le sengwe se re nang le sone gore re somarele bana ba. E se ka ya re kamoso ba bo ba wela mo mebileng, ba sa kgona go dira..., bogolo ngwana

mongwe le mongwe a se ka a pasa fela jaaka go a tle tlhokwe go pasa. Ke a leboga.

MR KEKGONEGILE: *Supplementary.* Tanki *Mr Speaker*, mma re dumedise setšhaba ka kakaretso. Tona, re a utlwa o batla go boela kwa go e kgologolo *curriculum*. Motho o ka botsa gore, fa re ne re tlhaloganya *curriculum* e *when it was introduced, it was principle* ya *education with production*. Jaanong la re le boela kwa go ele ya *theory*, ke eng le dira jalo, a ga se gore le tsholola ngwana le metsi? Ga se gore *issue* ya *budget* ke yone fela e e ka dirang jalo, ka gore *budget* ke selo se se nna teng *it is improved* ngwaga le ngwaga go diragatsa dingwe? A ele ya OBE e na le bothata bongwe jo botona, jo re tshwanelwang ke gore re boele kwa morago, kana le e fetola fela ka gore le mo Pusong e ntšha?

MS KGAFELA-MOKOKA: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke a leboga *Honourable Kekgonengile*. Mo karabong ya me re rile, *we want to institutionalise the Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) curriculum*. Fa o ka lebelela *STEAM curriculum*, dikgang tse o buang ka tsone tsa *education with production, aspects* tse dingwe tsa OBE di teng mo teng. Ga re batle *situation* e re yang go feletsa re ntse re re OBE, STEAM. A re tseye STEAM fela *holistically*, re tle re bone gore mo go yone ka gore le *education with production* e mo teng, dilo tse di kopana fa kae, di nonotshana jang. Di le *under the umbrella of the STEAM curriculum*. Ke a leboga.

MR PULE: *Further supplementary.* Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke lebohe le Tona, ke bo ke leboga le mmotsi wa potso. Mmotsi wa potso fa a botsa *Mr Speaker*, o ne a botsa potso a re, “*Minister should consider temporarily suspending Outcome-Based Education (OBE), so that the current Form 5 students sit for BGCSE not OBE, as it requires a lot of funds.*”

Ke batla go itse gore, *is it a question of unavailability of funds* kana ke *question* ya gore OBE, e ke tsayang gore e *designed by experts* tsa *Education* e bile *it is approved by the ministry*, a ra re *it is not the right model* o re tshwanetseng gore re o dirise gone jaana, *as opposed to BGCSE?* Kana *that is where I am*, ga ke kgone go tlhaloganya gore gatwe mathata ke eng. A ga se mogopolo o o dumalanweng ke *experts and*

was budgeted for, ke utlwa gotwe ga e na madi, gore e tshwanetse *to be implemented* ka bokana. *Is it a question of funds or is it a question of OBE not being a good programme?* Ke a leboga.

MS KGAFELA-MOKOKA: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*, ke lebohe *Honourable Pule*. Ke tlaa boela kwa mafokong a ga *Honourable Ramogapi*, ke ja boswa jo bo botlhoko le mo thutong. *Yes*, OBE e ne e le *programme* e e neng e tla ka fa tlase ga Puso ya Domkrag. Fa e tlele jalo, Domkrag ka sebele ya palelwa ke *to budget for it*. *I have to disclose here* gore, fa go iwa ditlhophong go dirwa *budget cuts* *Ministry of Education and Skills Development* o ne wa fokoletswa *the already budgeted funds* ya P605 million.

Ke tsone dilo tse e leng gore *they contributed* gore, go bo go feletsa e le gore *programme* e e neng e le molemo eo e bo e feletsa e sena sepe. *At this point in time, we managed* gore *at least phase one and two* di kgone *to be implemented*. Ke buile kgantele gore *phase three* e ne ya ntshiwa mo ngwageng one o, re bona gore ga re ka ke ra kgona go tswelelela koo, ka gore ga re na *resources*. Se sengwe gape se teng se re tshwanetseng gore re se tlhaloganye, le bone barutabana *were not recapacitated and retooled* go ruta *programme* e. So le ka bona gore *apart from* madi, le barutabana ga ba a nonofela go tsweledisa *programme* e. *So why should we keep OBE when it failed*, re bo re palelwa ke *to implement* STEAM *which certain aspects and concepts of OBE* re tlaa di tsaya koo, ka gore tota *education with production has never been a baby* ya BDP, ke ya rona. Re a itse gore re tlele go e tsenya jang mo STEAM. Ke a leboga.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: *Supplementary.*

MR SPEAKER: Ke ne ke rile ke ya bofelo, nako ya dipotso e sale e tšhaile batlotlegi. Jaanong ke itse gore *today is a Private Members Day*, *that is why* ke ne ke le letlelela gore le botse dipotso jalo.

I understand that Honourable Member for Sefhare-Ramokgonami, a mme e santse e bidiwa jalo?

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ke Tswapong South.

MR SPEAKER: Ee, ke Tswapong South, *ke bona ba kwadile fa jalo*. *Honourable Dr Kesitegile Gobotswang* has a petition to present. Let me just indicate that, *Honourable Dr Gobotswang* has conformed with

Standing Order 35 that the petition may be presented to the Assembly only by a Member. I am reading this so that..., I understand this is the first petition during the 13th Parliament *gore le tle le itse gore tsamaiso ke eng.*

Standing Order 35.2, “every petition shall be in the form set out in the Schedule to the Orders and shall be signed at the beginning thereof by the Member in charge of it. It shall be deposited for at least one clear day with the Clerk, who after examining it shall submit it for Speaker’s approval.

No petition shall be presented until such approval has been given and evidence by the Clerk endorsing the petition passed by the Speaker.

35.3, no speech shall be made by a Member presenting a petition beyond a summary statement of the number and description of the petitioners and the substance of the petition.” So, I have seen the petition, I have read it, it is signed by 42 people and it is in order. So, I will take this time to ask Honourable Dr Kesitegile Gobotswang to present the petition.

PETITION

AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION GRADUATES

DR GOBOTSWANG (TSWAPONG SOUTH): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. *Mr Speaker*, ke emela fa go rola boikuelo jwa dialogane tsa Botswana University of Agriculture and Natural Resources (BUAN). *Mr Speaker*, baikuedi ba supa gore e rile ka 2011, *university* ya simolodisa *programme* ya *Agricultural Extension*. E rile ka 2015, dialogane tsa ntlha tsa aloga. Ba ne ba aloga ka tsholofelo ya gore ba tlaa bona ditiro, bogolo jang thata mo Lephateng la Temo le Leruo. Ke bua ka balemisi ba maemo a a kwa godimo ba *Degree*. Ba ne ba solofela gore ba ka bona maemo kwa *districts*, kwa dikgaolwaneng tsa rona tsa selemisi, *extension area*. *Mr Speaker*, ba supa gore go ne ga se ka ga nna jalo, ba feletse ba le mo sebakatsatsing, ba sa hirwe...

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR MOTSAMAI): *Procedure*. *Mr Speaker*, fa ke ntse ke reeditse, o kare kgang e ya *petition* e, e ne e tlhoka gore *Minister* wa Temothu, le ene a bo a le fa. Ka gore e kare di a tsamaelana. Legale ga ke itse *Mr Speaker*. Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa mme *Honourable Motsamai*, se Dr Gobotswang a se dirang, o *present petition in terms of* Standing 35. Le sone *schedule* se o ka se bonang mo *page* 99. Jaanong, o tlaa gakologelwa gore fa a sena go nna a *present petition*, ga go na dipotso tse di nnang teng. Gape ga go na kakgelo ya Tona yo o ka tswang a lebane le se se buiwang. Ke *petition* ya baikuedi. Ba ikuela mo Palamenteng gore e itse kgang ya bone. Jaanong ka gore ditsamaiso tsa rona ke gore sepe se se buiwang se a gatisiwa, le yone *petition* e kwadilwe. Ke tsaya gore Tona o ka e neelwa. O ka leba le Hansard gore go na le eng mo teng. *So, it is perfectly in order that* Dr Gobotswang *proceeds notwithstanding the apparent absence of the Minister*. Ke utlwetse?

MR MOTSAMAI: E a utlwala *Mr Speaker*, ke gore mafoko a monate matlhong.

DR GOBOTSWANG: *Mr Speaker*, ngongorego e nngwe ya bone ke gore, le fa ba sa hirwe jaana, ba fitlhela gore ditiro tse ba neng ba tsaya gore ke tsone tse di tshwanetseng di dirwe ke dialogane tsa *Agricultural Extension*, di dirwa ke ba *Crop Science* le *Agronomics*. Ke sengwe se ba se ipelaetsang le ba *General Agriculture*.

Sengwe se ba se ipelaetsang ke gore, kutlwisiso ya bone ke gore ba BUAN pele ga ba simolodisa *programmes* tse, ba ne ba tsere gore ba dirile mo gotweng *market survey*. Ba dirile dipatlisiso, ba bo ba tlhomamisa gore dialogane tsa bone di tlaa nna le *market*. Ba gagamalela gore e bo e re go sena go nna go dirwa jalo, *programme* e simologa, ba bo ba aloga, ba bo ba fitlhela e le gore ga ba na ditiro. Ke sone selo se ba se ipelaetsang thata sone seo.

Sengwe se ba se ipelaetsang ke gore, ba gagamalela gore e re go sena go nna go nna jaana, e bo e le gore Puso e tswela fela e ntse e duela, baithuti ba ntse ba ya kwa BUAN ba aloga mme ba sa hirwe. Ba lephata la ga Maele kana Department of Tertiary Education Financing (DTEF), ba tswela fela ba ntse ba ntsha madi. Ke selo se se ba gagamaditseng gore go bo go tswela fela *sponsoring the course*. Sengwe se ba se ipelaetsang gape ke gore, fa ba setse ba itela, ba leka gore ba buisane le ba lephata le Puso, ba akgelwa diatla. Mabati a tswetswe mo e leng gore ba feletse e le gore ba tla kwa Palamenteng gore bogolo le setšhaba se tle go utlwa gore ba reng.

Fa ba soboka mafoko jaanong ba re, ba dumela gore *Agricultural Extension* tota ga e tlhokafale ka fa go dirwang ka teng mo Botswana. Ga e tlhokafale gotlhelele ka gore *ministry* ga o lebege o na le kgatlhego mo dialoganeng tsa teng. Ba dumela gape gore BUAN e dirisa thulaganyo ya *programmes* go dira madi. Ba e bitsa a *cash cow*, gore ka fa ba ntseng ka teng, ba a itse gore dialogane tsa bone tse ba di rutang tse, ga go na kwa ba yang teng. Jaanong e bile ba gakolola bo monnaabone gore ba se ka ba iphitlhela ba tsene kwa *Agricultural Extension*. Fa ba dira jalo, ba itse gore ba itielana nako. *Four years* wa bone ke yo o senang mosola, ba iphitlhela ba le mo seterateng. Ba dumela gape gore seemo se sa bone le selelo sa bone, ga se ka ke sa arabega go fitlhelela Puso e ntsha e fetola boeteledipele jwa lephata.

Demands;

- Kopo ya bone ya ntlha ke gore, ba batla go hirwa gone jaana. Ba batla go simololwe ka dialogane tsa 2015.
- Ya bobedi ke gore, ba kopa gore go nne le Lepthata la *Agricultural Extension*, le boele jaaka go ne go ntse pele, e bile le eteletswe pele ke *Director* wa dithuto tse di tshwanetseng.
- Gape se sengwe ba kopa gore, go ntshiwe boeteledipele le bogogi jwa lephata, ba phatlaladiwe, gore hiriwe sesha. Fa e le gore ba a *apply*, ba tlaa *apply* gore go felele go hirilwe batho ba ba nang le maikaelelo a go reetsa le go thusa dialogane tsa *Agricultural Extension*.
- Selelo sa bone e ne e le gore ga ba reediwe, e bile fa ba kwala, ga ba fetolwe. Ba re, go patelediwe lephata le gore ba tle ka lenaneo la *turnaround time* ya go fetola Motswana yo o itelang mo lephateng. *Standards* tsa bone di tshwanetse di tlhomame gore mongwe le mongwe a itse gore mme *turnaround time* fa o ba kwaletse, e tshwanetse gore o bo o ka fetolwa ka nako e e ntseng jang.

Mr Speaker, summary kana ka bokhutshwane fela, ke sone selelo sa balemisi ba dithuto tsa *agriculture* ba e leng gore *they say they are being side-lined by the ministry and Government*. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MR SPEAKER: *Thank you Honourable Dr Gobotswang. Honourable Members,* ke tsaya gore

mokwalo o wa *petition*, *Clerk* o tlaa o arogana (*share*) le ba Lepthata la Temothuo ba eteletswe pele ke Tona Dr Dikoloti yo o santseng a tshwere maemo ao e le *Acting Minister* le gore gongwe tharabololo e tlaa bonwa. Jaanong *Honourable Members...*

DR GOBOTSWANG: *Procedure.* Ke ne ke re *Mr Speaker*, ga ke itse gore go tlaare gongwe re baakanye ditsamaiso tsa rona mabapi le *petition*. Ke ne ke akanya gore fa *petition* jaaka e roletswe Palamente, Palamente e tshwanetse e e tseele dikgato. Re baakanyeng gore fa e tswa fa, e ye kwa Komiting ya *Agriculture*. Komiti ya *Agriculture* e ye *to apply its mind*, ba e sekaseke, gongwe ba ka boela kwa Palamenteng ba tla go fa bogakolodi gore ba akanya gore go dirwe jang. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MR SPEAKER: *Ee, thank you Honourable Dr Gobotswang. In fact,* ga go na se se itsang gore *petition* e, *actually* e ka ya kwa komiting e e amanang le tsa temothuo. *Chairman* wa teng ke mang?

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Bogatsu.

MR SPEAKER: *Ehe! Go raya gore Honourable Dr Gobotswang o ka kopana le ene a mo rolela kgang e, go bo go raya gore formally e nna a matter before the committee.* Ga go na le fa e le sepe se se itsang gore go ka tsaya *route* yone eo.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE (DR DIKOLOTI): *Nte ke go leboga Mr Speaker, mme ke re kana kgang e Dr Gobotswang a e tlišang, e maleba, e bothoko, e bile ke kgang e e tshwanetseng.* Mr Speaker, *o tshwanetse go itse gore kana posts are created at Directorate of Public Service Management (DPSM) which is at Ministry for State President. Go raya gore in terms of him aligning, he must align right. Again, this is a very important matter that I feel this Parliament at some point in time must discuss because we are the legislators, we are the ones who should come up with policies. We have said this before that unemployment is a big elephant in the room, and if we do not come up with policies and laws tse di tlaa kgonang to facilitate for proper job creation, we will always be where we are now. Ga go na ope yo e leng gore ka tsela epe o gana go hirwa.* It is upon us to make sure that that which we come up with here is facilitative enough to solve the problem that we are all sitting *mo*

go one. Ke tsaya gore kgang e is a big challenge to all of us here legislators to make sure gore melao e e teng e re e dirang, kana melao e e teng e re tshwanetseng gore re e dire, re dire e e tlaa kgonang go rarabolola bothata jo re nang le jone.

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

DR DIKOLOTI: E bile *Mr Speaker*, golo mo go tlisa kakanyo ya gore a mme ka fa re tsamaisang Palamente ka teng, ka fa e leng gore Standing Orders di ntse ka teng, a go maleba go emelana le dikgwetlho tse re nang le tsone. A 45 minutes yo re mo dirisang go botsa dipotso, a nako ga e a tla ya gore re fetole 45 minutes gore re bue dikgang tse e leng gore di tlaa kgona to impact positively mo matshelong a Botswana. Ke dumela gore golo mo Rre Gobotswang a tlang ka gone is a big thing mo e leng gore go batla gore re go address sentle rotlhe re le Palamente e gore mo re go tlhophetsweng ga go fetola matshelo a Botswana, re go diragatse. I so submit *Mr Speaker*.

MR SPEAKER: Ke a go utlwa *Honourable* Dikoloti. Kana ke gore mo petition ga go na gore go ka botswa dipotso kana ga nna le dikakgelo. As I said, there is nothing se se itsang gore this petition e ka ya kwa the relevant committee gore e bone gore e bitsa all key stakeholders e bo e tla to report mo Palamenteng, and then any member can move that that report be debated. That is when now gongwe ditlharabololo le dikakanyo ka tlharabololo di ka nnang teng.

Morago ga boikuelo joo jwa dialogane tsa BUAN, a re yeng kwa Ditshutisong.

REGULATION OF INTERNATIONAL SELF-DRIVE CUSTOMERS

Motion (Resumed Debate)

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Members, the debate on this Motion is resuming. When the House adjourned last week Friday the 7th March, 2025, Honourable Moalosi was on the floor debating, and he is left with eight minutes and 39 seconds.

MR LEKAU: On a point of procedure. *Mr Speaker*, ke ne ke batla go utlwa tlhaloso kwa go wena. Kana maloba e rile fa re re re bua Motion o, go bo gotwe bo

Tona ga ba yo, and o ne o ntse o le kwa pele ga wa ga Rre Kekgonengile. Ke ne ke botsa gore o ya go tsena leng mongwame ka gore o nna o sutisetswa kwa morago; kana ke dilo tsa December?

MR SPEAKER: O tlaa tsena *Honourable* Lekau. Kana Motion o, o ne o na le just about six minutes after presentation. Nako e o neng o tshwanetse gore o tsene, go na le nako e o neng o seyo, go na le nako e e neng Minister a seyo. Ke gone mo go neng ga felela e le gore *Honourable* Kekgonengile o kwa pele ga gago. Motion wa gago is immediate after wa ga *Honourable* Kekgonengile. O se ka wa tshwenyega.

MR MOALOSI (NKANGE): Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*. Ke a leboga *Honourable* Kekgonengile ka Motion o o tlileng ka one, o o botlhokwa thata mo go lekeng go godisa dikgwebo tsa Botswana.

Re a dumela rotlhe gore tourism ya Botswana e mo diatleng tsa batho ba e seng Botswana; bontsi jwa batho ba e leng gore ba dira madi tota mo Botswana ga se Botswana. Jaanong re tshwanetse gore re le Palamente kana re le Goramente re leke go tla ka metlhale e e ka dirang gore Botswana ba ungwelwe mo field e ya tourism.

Ke kile ka nna lesego go bereka le batho ba Botswana Guide Association (BOGA). Ke na le business that tracks dikoloi, so I tracked dikoloi tsa BOGA mme go ne ga felela go phutlhama ka gore ba ne ba sa kgone go dira madi ba bo ba sa kgone go ntuela. Fa ke ba botsa one by one, ba bua gore businesses tsa bone are threatened ke gore bontsi jwa batho ba tla ba tswa mafatsheng a sele ba tla ka dikoloi tsa bone tse ba di kgweetsang, tse e leng gore most of them are rentals.

Fa o ka lebelela dikoloi tse di fetang di goga trailers, ka gore tsela ya me ke A3, di ya kwa bo Maun le Kasane, bontsi jwa tsone ke number plates tsa South Africa. Motho o tlaabo a tswa Belgium, China kana wherever they come from, then land mo South Africa ba bo ba tsaya koloi teng ba goga le trailer. Mo go rona ba tsamaya ba tshela fuel fela gongwe ba reka metsi fale le fale. Kana rental ya dikoloi tse o fitlhela e le bo R 3 000 to R5 000 per day, fa ba tla ba ya go nna two weeks, madi ao a sala kwa South Africa. Gongwe re dire gore motho a tle to rent mo Botswana, mme re ka dira jalo fela fa e le gore re ka tla ka melao e e leng gore e

sireletsa *the local industry* e e tshwanang le ya *Motion* o o tlang ka Motlotlegi Kekgonegile.

Se a batlang gore re se lwantshe ke gore mongwe fela yo o kwa South Africa yo e leng gore ke *guide*, o itse Botswana, o kile a tla gabedi, gararo, o tlaabo a *set up company* kwa South Africa a bo a kgobokanya makgoa a bo a a hirisetsa dikoloi, e bile gongwe e se tsa gagwe e le tsa a *rental company*. Makgoa ba bo ba gorogela kwa O.R. Tambo, a bo a ba tsaya ka *shuttle* a bo a ya go ba neela dikoloi, a bo a tla ka bone le ene o kare ke *tourist* ka gore ene o itse gore fa o batla go ya Khutse, Mabuasehube kana Moremi Game Reserve o tsamaya jang. O tlaabo a tla ka bone a tsamaya a ba *guide*, selo sa ntlha a se na *licence* ya *to guide* mo Botswana e bile a sa letlelelwe ka fa molaong gore *he can guide*. Go bo gotwe *they are self-drives* ka gore ga o ka ke wa tla wa botsa motho gore wena o le mo South Africa o kopana jang le batho ba ba tswang kwa China, Switzerland *or wherever they come from*. So gongwe re leke go gatelela gore fa go pala, bone ba *car rentals* ba tseye dikoloi tsa bone *and set them* kwano gore bogolo motho a di tseye mo Maun a bo a nna le *guide* e e *local* mo Maun kana *wherever they want to go*.

Ke dumela gore ke kgang e re tshwanetseng go e lebelela *Honourable Minister* re bone gore re ka e dira jang re sa gotlhagotlhane le batho ba re ba batlang. Ke gore re bone gore re ka thusa jang mohama wa rona wa *tourism* gore madi a teng a felele mo Batswaneng. Fa o ka lebelela le tsone *camp*s tse di mo *deltas*, *I have been lucky enough to have visited some* ke le *spanner boy* ke nna le babereki re ile go dira sengwe *at the delta*. Bontsi jwa dikompone tseo ga se tsa Batswana ba sekei Batswana bo Mapulanga le Hikuama, sa bone fela ke go nna ba gotlhagotlhane le ditlou mme *the money that is derived from economy* ya *tourism* ga e ba tswele mosola. Le babereki ba teng ga se gore ba duelwa madi a a kalo. Fa re ka dira gore dikgwebo tsa bone tse di leng teng gone jaana re di godise *Honourable Minister*, tota re ka thusa gore *economy* ya rona e nne mo matsogong a rona. Fa o ka lebelela, Botswana *is one of the countries* tse di nang le *a very big income inequality*. Batho ba bangwe ba dira madi a a seng kana ka sepe, ba bangwe go sena sepe se ba se dirang. Jaanong fa re ka bonang teng ra leka go thusa Batswana, re tlaabo re dirile mo go ntle thata. Gape re lebile gore *there are over 5, 000 guys* ba ba *trained* mo Botswana mme ga ba na ditiro, ke gore ba

ba leng teng ba kgona go bereka ke ba ba mo dikampeng tse mme e se gore ba bantsi. *If we can make sure* gore motho fa a tla a tsena o nna le *guide* go ka thusa.

Ke ne ke bua le mogwebi mongwe wa mo America maloba, o batla go tla *to set up for hemp* mo Botswana. A nthaya a re o kile a dira *business* kwa *one of the eastern European countries*, gore go kwadisa *company* o tshwanetse gore o bo o na le *a local*. A nthaya a re re tshwanetse go dira gore fa motho a tla go gweba *at least* a nne le *a sponsor* mo Botswana. Gongwe molao wa teng re o dire gore go se ka ga nna motho a le mongwefela a *sponsor* mongwe le mongwe, go bo go raya gore *only one person is benefiting*. Ke gore re bone gore Batswana ba ka *benefit* jang *because we are a very small population*. Fa o ka lebelela Gross Domestic Product (GDP) *per capita* ya rona e kwa godimo thata *compared to other African countries* mme *poverty* ya rona e kwa godimo thata. Ke dumela gore ka le mapolotiki, bontsi jwa lona fa le ka dira *house to house* kwa dikgaolong tsa lona, le ka bona botlhoki jo bo leng teng mo lefatsheng le le humileng jaaka la Botswana. Dilo tseo di dirwa ke gore ga re na melao e e sireletsang Batswana. Re tshwanetse gore gongwe e bile re se ka ra lebelela *tourism* fela, re lebelele le mehama e mengwe *which can benefit* Batswana. Ke gakologelwa re ya kwa ditlhopong *Honourable Moswaane* a bua kwa *rally* gore motho ga a ka ke a tswa kwa China a tla go rekisa mmankateng. Gompiano go santse go diragala, fa o tsena mo dishopong o fitlhela go rekisiwa dilo tseo ke maChina. Ka gore re a busa, a re tleng ka melao e e ka sireletsang Batswana gore ba *benefit* mo *economy* ya bone.

As the state, re na le *power* ya go dira jalo, ba bangwe ba tlaa ngongorega ba re *we are anti-business but the state also should contribute in uplifting its citizens*. *We should be selfish about our people*, re tlaa gotlhagotlhane le batho fale mme *eventually they will accept* gore, gore o tle kwa Botswana *for a game drive*, o tshwanetse e re o tsena o bo o na le *guide* e e *local*. E bile...

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INNOVATION (MR NTLHAILE): *Clarification*. Ke a leboga *Mr Chairperson*, ke a leboga *Honourable Member*. Ke ne ke re mokaulengwe, a ga o bone go le botlhokwa gore *Tourism Fund* e Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC) *manifesto* e buang ka yone,

dikompone tse o buang ka tsone gore di tla mo lefatsheng la Botswana di tla go dira tiro ya *to guide* bajanala mme Batswana ba le teng ba ba ka dirang jalo, e kare fela fa ba tsena ka *gate* go bo go na le lekgetho le *specifically* le lebaganang le gore le tsene mo letloleng? Ka gore *this Tourism Fund* e tlaabo e lebagane le *businesses* tsa *tourism* tse e leng gore *tour guides* e tlaabo e le dingwe tsa *businesses* tse di ka thusiwang. A ga o bone moo go ka sologela Batswana molemo?

MR MOALOSI: Gongwe ke go reye ke re kana *most of these people are coming in illegally*. Ga ba *declare* gore ke *guides*, ba tla fela o kare ke *tourists*. So ga gona gore ba ka duela jang mo *fund* ba sa ipua (*declare*) gore ke *guides* *because they are not allowed to guide* mo Botswana o sena *license*. Thank you Mr Speaker.

MR MAPULANGA (CHOBE): Ke a leboga Mr Speaker. Tla ke leboga *Honourable Kekgonengile* go re baya Tshutiso e fa pele. Gongwe ke supe Mr Speaker, kana re tlaa nna o kare re *conflicted* ka gore *I also have a background* ya bo *guide*, *I am a professional guide*. Jaanong e se ka ya re gongwe ke *debate* e bo o kare ke a ipuelela. Fela kwa bofelong jwa letsatsi se re se eletsang ke gore a Batswana re ba bone ba gola mo itsholelong ya bone. Ke batla gore re ye fa Tona; dinako tse tsotlhe fa re ka akanya go itirela melao re bo re kgaoga pelo, lefatshe le ntse le a tsamaya re tsaya gore ke gone jaaka re sireletsa *foreign investors* mme bone ba sa re sireletse. Bohumanegi jo bo mo *tourism* gompieno bo dirwa ke *the low salary structures*, kana ga gona *salary structure* kwa *tourism*. Fa re re tsenya Batswana mo itsholelong ya *tourism* go bo gotwe Makgoa ba tloga ba sia kana ba ngala ga se gone, ga gona Makgoa a a tlaa siang e bile ga ba ka ke ba ngala. A re dire molao o re o tsenye e bile re dumalane, *one*; a go diragale gore re *manage the ungazetted camping*. *The self-driving* gompieno jaana ba kgona go ema gongwe le gongwe fa ba bonang setlhare teng. Ke *cases* tse di setseng di le teng, ba kgona go ema gongwe le gongwe ba bo ba *camp* gone foo, ba bo ba sa ye go duelela *camping* ba robala gone foo. Ba gotsa melelo ba bo ba tswa ba tsamaya, fa gongwe e bo e sala e tuka dikgwa di bo di sha. Fa re sa ba laole re sa itse fa ba tsamayang teng re itse fela gore ba duetse ba tsena, ga go a nna sentle.

Sa bobedi; re tshwanetse go itse gore *self-drives* fa re di laola (*control*) re re dikoloi tse o di dirisang mono

ke tsa Batswana, re a bo re godisa bone Batswana. Ba tlaa kgona go ya go adima madi kwa dibankeng, kwa bo Citizen Entrepreneurial Development Agency (CEDA) ba reke dikoloi, re a bo re atolosa itsholelo mo go bone. E bile golo mo o a itse gore re na le kgang ya *congestions* gompieno e re e lwantshang, a re beyeng dikoloi tse re itseng gore re di beile leitlho e bile re a di laola go fokotsa mesi. *Reduction of emission*, re bua ka *environment*. Maabane o ne o bua ka *environment* e re tshwanetseng go e sireletsa mme fa e le gore re ya go nna le dikoloi di tlaa ka lefatshe le *for self-drive* di tswa kwa ntle le gone e se tsa rona, go raya gore kgotlelesego ya tikologo e ya go nna ntsi...

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM (MR MMOLOTSI): Clarification. Ke a leboga. Kana jaaka re dumalana gore re tlhoka go ya go sekaseka, ke ne ke re gongwe o e atolose gone foo gore yone *this practice*, bontsi jwa nako batho ba ba tswang koo, *driving* mo go bone *is an experience which they enjoy* and golo mo *is very common* mo *region* e re leng mo go yone. Jaanong ke ne ke batla gore o e atolose gone foo gore kana mme re na le *competition* ya gore kwa mafatsheng a re bapileng le one ba re phadisanyang le bone, *this thing* ke nngwe ya *experiences* tse bajanala di ba natefelelang, ba a di rata. O e atolose gore rona ka kwano re akanya jang ka yone?

MR MAPULANGA: Ke a leboga Mr Speaker. E tlhamaletse, *the concept and bottom-line of this one* ke gore ga re batle koloi ya *plate numbers* tsa mafatshe a sele e feta ya tsa rona. Ka jalo *they will be contacting our guides or agents* ba ba nang le dikoloi. A bo a ya go kopana le ene fa Martin's Drift a tsena ba bo ba mo neela koloi a bo a kgweetsa, fa e le gore se a se lelang ke *experience* ya go kgweetsa mo metlhabeng ya rona, a ikgweetse mo teng, mme a dirisa *plate number* ya Botswana. Kgankgolo e gone fa.

Sa bobedi, re a itse gore nngwe ya dikgang tse di re tshwereng ke go tlhoka *international airports* mo go dirang gore ba felele ba *land* kwa mafatsheng a mangwe ba bo ba tla ka tsone. *Improvement* ya *status* sa rona le yone gore fa ba tlhamalela ba bo ba tsaya dikoloi tse gone fa *airport* kana mo *ports* tsa rona tse di tsenang, *our borders*, re a bo re oketsa letseno. E bile re a bo re sireletsa kgotelelele go ya loapi. Kgang ya *self-drives*, kgankgolo mo go yone ke gore a dikoloi ka bontsi, ka

bokete jwa tsone tse di kgweediwang mo lefatsheng la rona, e nne tse ba di hirisanngwe mo Batswaneng. Batswana ba reke Land Cruisers ba di ise di baakanngwe di tsenngwe *fridges*, sengwe le sengwe di nne *ready* letsatsi le letsatsi gore ba tle ba di kgweetse ba nne le *experience* e ba e eletsang.

Go ya kwa pele, golo mo re santse re ka *add* le mo teng gape Tshutiso ya gore mme fa o sena kgololesego sentle ya go kgweetsa, re *ready* re na le *trained guides* kana *self-drives* tse ba adime bana ba rona ba ba tsamaisa. Ba teng gompiano ba ke ba itseng ba ba ntseng ba dira jalo, ba ba nang le dikoloi mo lefatsheng lone le. Jaanong a re dire gore dikoloi tse di tlang go kgweediwa *in our parks*, re bo re na le *monitoring* mo go tsone ka gore selo sengwe se re se lemogang *there are vehicles* tse di tlang fa di bo di kwalwa gotwe *research vehicles*, *Honourable* Lucas, dikoloi tseo dingwe tsa tsone jaaka maabane ke ne ke tlhalosa *Mr Speaker*, ke tsone tse di dirisiwang *for poaching*. Fa re sena *management and monitoring* re ya go nna le *leakages*. Jaaka ke bua ka *the ungazzeted campings, self-drives* tsone tse ba kgona go rwalela le fa go sa rwalelweng teng. Re na le melawana ya gore *inside the park* ga go rwalelwe dikgong, ba a rwalela, akere ga ba itse tsamaiso ya teng, ga go na yo o ba lebang (*monitoring*), ga go na yo o ba kaelang. *Managing* dikoloi tse di tsamayang mo lefatsheng la rona go ya go re thusa ka *anti-poaching also* ka gore dingwe re a lemoga gore ga di dirwe sentle.

Ke dumela gore kgang e ga e tona, ke ya gore a re baakanye molao gore fa e le gore o a ikgweetsa, *the price* ya go ikgweetsa o dirisa koloi ya gago e se ya *plate number* ya Botswana *should be more expensive than* o dirisa *local vehicles, to attract* gore jaanong ba itse gore ba tle ba hirise dikoloi tsa Batswana. Batswana le bone ba tsene mo itsholelong. E bile gompiano jaana *we are having more than 4 000 freelancers* ba ba mo malwapeng, ba ba tlhokang tiro, ba ba nang le bana le malwapa, mme ba tlhoka gore malwapa ao ba a tshegetse. Fa e le gore mongwe le mongwe o ya go tla fela a bo a ikgweetsa, a bo a timela, re ntshitse *helicopters* makgetho a le mantsi kwa kgaolong go ya go batliwa *self-drivers* ba timetse ka gore GPS ga se gore mongwe le mongwe o a e utlwisisa. *Routes* tse re nang le tsone ga se mongwe le mongwe yo o di tlhaloganyang. Ba felela ba tsaya ditsela di sele ba ya go kalela koo go tsaya dibeke re ntse re ba batla. A re lekeng go ba

sireletsa, e bile le rona re sireletse gore jaanong itsholelo ya rona e boele mo diatleng tsa Batswana le bone ba tle ba gololesege ba kgone go ya kwa pele.

Cultural exchange, ga se gantsi o fitlhela e le gore fa ba le nosi ba kgona go dirisa *activities* tsone tse. Fa ba na le *guide* a tsamaya a ba tlhalosetsa ditlhare, dinoka, ditsela, metse go na le metse fela e o kgonang go e tlhalosa fa o goroga mo go yone. Ba bo ba re re emenyana re utlwisise le bo le ya go tsena mo basadibagolong ba ba dirang gongwe ditatananyana gone foo ba rekisa disupiwanyana, re a ba binela, ba tlogela ma P5 gone foo. Jaanong fa ba ikgweetsa ba le nosi bone ba lebelela GPS fela, go bo gotwe *our next stop* re ya go felelela kwa Tsetsejwe, ba tlhamalelela kwa Tsetsejwe, fa gare fa ga ba bone. Re batla gore ba kgone go nna mo motseng o o tshwanang le one o.

Tota bowelo jwa kgang ya me ke gore a re dumalane gore *we need to regulate these self-drives* gore ba kgone go dirisa dikoloi tsa Batswana mo lefatsheng la Botswana. *They will book*, re tlaa ba latela fa ba tsenelang teng, fa e le gore ke *boarder* ya Tlokweng ke tlaa tla ke ba neelela koloi ya teng gone foo ba bo ba tsena mo lefatsheng la Botswana ba ya go e *drop* fa ba e tlogelang teng, ke tlaa ya go e tsaya gone koo a bo ba tsamaya. Fa e le gore ba batla ke ba pata, *I will do*. Se re se lwelang ke gore a re fokotse tiriso ya *foreign numbers into our activities* mo lefatsheng la Botswana. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM (MR MMOLOTSI):

Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Tota fela *Mr Speaker*, ke tsaya gore bakaulengwe ba a dumalana gore tshekatsheko e tlhoka gore e dirwe gore re tle re kgone go tsena mo seemong mmogo sa go itse gore ke eng se se re siametseng, ke eng se se sa re siamelang. Mo nakong ya gompiano gongwe re bua dikgang tse re sa bolelelwe ke sepe. Dikgang tsa rona *are not evidence based*. *Therefore*, go mosola gore re bo re ka tsena mo seemong sone sa tshekatsheko e re dumalanang le yone gore *we should consider* re tle re bone gore kwa bofelong jwa letsatsi ditshekatsheko tse di re raya di re *are self-drives* re dire sengwe se se kalokalo ka tsone kana jang. Mo nakong ya gompiano *self-drives* ke dingwe tse e leng gore bajanala ba ba tlang mo Botswana ba di dira, ba re direla matsananyana a a botoka ka tsone. Gape *self-drives is another part of tourism* e e leng gore ba ba di dirang e le gore ba batla *driving experience*, ba

ikgweetsa bone ka bo bone. *Some of them for example* ba e leng gore fa gongwe ke ba ba tswang kwa bo South Africa, ba batla go tla ka *their personal vehicles* gore ba tle ba di utlwe mo *terrain* ya *parks* le *game reserves* tsa rona gore dikoloi tsa bone di ka *perform* ka tsela e e ntseng jang, *combining enjoyment of their cars* le go bona bojanala jwa lefatshe la Botswana. Le gone mo Botswana, re na le bajanala ba ba tswang ba ya kwa mafatsheng a mangwe, bo Namibia, Zambia e le gore ba ya go dira *self-drives* koo. Mo ditlhaloganyong tsa bone *because they like their cars so much*, ba bangwe ba di dirile ka tsela e ba di dirileng ka yone ba batla go ya go ya go di *test* kwa *terrains* tsa mafatshe one ao, ba akole *driving experience* ya dikoloi tsa bone.

This concept ya *self-drive* in the region is very common, it is very popular. We are not the only country e e dirang. Ke itumelela gore ra re re ye go dira ditshekatsheko go bona gore go ya go re thusa go le kae gore re reye batho bao re re nnyaa, o se ka wa tsena ka koloi ya gago. Akere jaanong fa o raya motho o re o se ka wa tsena ka koloi ya gago, ene e le gore o batla *to experience* koloi ya gagwe in different terrains go raya gore ke *choice* ya gagwe gore a mme ka gore kwa Namibia kana Zambia ke tsene ke ye go akola koloi ya me go tlaabo go le mo go ene jaanong gore a tseye tshwetso gore go raya gore ba ba nkganelang ba, ke tlogele ke ye kwa ke sa kganelweng kana ke dire ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Kwa bofelong jwa letsatsi, *the most important thing* Honourable Kekgonegile ke gore re batlisisa re tle re bone se se ka re berekelang re le lefatshe la Botswana, re le bojanala jwa Botswana, re leke go bona gore ke eng se e leng gore *can divert tourists* tse re di tlhokang le se e leng gore se ka di tsisa. *Therefore*, mo ditshekatshekong...

MR LUCAS: *Clarification Mr Speaker.* Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Tota kgang e ne ya tswa ka ene Mapulanga a bua gore golo mo ga *self-drive* go kgona gore bone ba ba ikgweetsang ba timele ba bo ba felele ba batlwa dibekebeke fa gongwe ba sa bonwe. Jaanong ke e lomaganya le ya *driving experience*, wa re batho ba teng ba rata gore fa gongwe ba ka *test* dikoloi tsa bone.

A go timela le gone e ka nna *part of the experience*? Kana ke gore nna makgoa ga ke ba tlhaloganye sentle. Go timela le gone e ka nna *part of the experience* e o buang ka yone gore gongwe fa ba timetse jalo, le gone

ke *experience*, gongwe ba bo ba kwala buka ka kgang ya teng. Ke re gongwe e re o ntse o bua ka *experience* ya *driving*, o bue ka *experience* ya go timela gape e e neng e buiwa ke Honourable Mapulanga. Ke a leboga.

MR MMOLOTSI: *Yes, that is part of the experience* gore “we got lost, spent days re epa koloi fa gongwe e tibile, ra tla go bonwa morago ga malatsi.” *It is part of the experience* e e leng gore batho ba ba a e batla, e bile fa gongwe fa a emelela kwa o rapela gore a tle a timele. Kana ba tla fa e le gore tota ga se gore ba itse lefatshe leno, *they are coming to explore*. Jaanong ka tsela e e ntseng jalo fa gotwe *experience*, go tewa selo se se bophara jo bo seng kana ka sepe.

Jaaka ke bua bagaetsho, ga ke gane gore re ye go batlisisa. Ke a dumalana *to consider* golo mo mme kana jaaka ke bua, go ya go tlhoka dipatlisiso tse di tseneletseng tse e leng gore Batswana ba ya go boelwa, lefatshe le ya go boelwa, *industry* le yone e ya go kgona go re e itshetlele ka lebaka la gore re tsere ditshwetso tse di siameng.

MR HIKUAMA: *Point of clarification.* Ke a leboga Mr Speaker, ke a leboga Honourable Minister. Fa o ka lebelela ba ba neng ba bua, ba ba tlisitseng dikakanyo tsa bone pele, ba re kana fa o ka dira *in a such a way that* ba *self-drive*, re se ka ra e dira mo gotweng o kganela gore go se ka ga nna *self-drive* mo Botswana, mme go tlaa nna le ditlhwatlhwa tsa batho gore mme fa o tsamaya ka koloi ya gago o ka duela bokana. Mo gongwe go na le *package* e e ka rotloetsang ba dikompone tsa *guides* mo Botswana, a ga o bone gore ke selo se se *feasible* se se ka kgonagalang, se bo se kgona go laola *self-drive* jalojalo e bile se *benefit* Batswana?

MR MMOLOTSI: *Well, on the face of it, it looks attractive, but unfortunately, we are dealing with* seemo se e leng gore *market* ka boone in the region ga o dire jalo. *Therefore*, fa *market* o sa dire jalo, we are competing, we are in stiff competition in the region with other tourist destinations. Jaanong fa go ntse jalo Honourable Hikuama, fa re dira gore ditlhwatlhwa di nne kwa godimo thata, *tourist* ga a patikiwe ke sepe go tla mo Botswana, *because* fa a batla go bona tlou, o ya go e bona kwa Namibia, Zimbabwe kana Zambia. Ga go na sepe se se mo patikang. *So, if we make it difficult for that particular tourist, they will find better places where they can see whatever experience they can get here.*

I am very open minded and that is why I am saying all decisions that we should take, should be evidence-based so that we do not find ourselves in a situation where we have lost everyone ka lebaka la gore ke rona ba re itsentseng in a cocoon e e re tsenyang dingalo. I am amenable go sekaseka gore re tle re kgone go tswa ka tshiamelo e e ka siamelang Batswana. I am also agreeable mo go reng re leke ditsela tse dingwe tsa go bona gore our professional guides mo Botswana ba ka kgona to benefit ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. I am immediately thinking gore kana sengwe sa dilo tse re eletsang go di dira ke to diversify tourism product ya rona gore e se ka ya nna ya the parks fela, re kgone to open up dikgang tsa bo cultural heritage, city tourism and if you do that, then you are sure gore there will be guides gone koo in the cities and cultural heritages. E tlaabo e le to create jobs and more jobs for our professional guides...

MR MOALOSI: *Point of clarification.* Ke a go utlwa Honourable Mmolotsi. Tanki Honourable Speaker. Ke botsa gore a ga o bone gore gongwe Goromente a tle ka lenaneo la go thusa Batswana to set up businesses tsa car rentals? Kana gongwe the reason why batho ba adima dikoloi kwa South Africa ke gore gongwe ga di yo mono. Bone ba le ba thusitseng, le bo le ba thusa gore fa go na le events tsa tourism kwa mafatsheng kwa bo Germany, kae le kae, ba bo ba tsamaya go ipapatsa (market) gone koo. Gore motho fa a emelela kwa Jeremane a bo a itse gore mme ke batla go ya Victoria Falls, ke batla go tsena kwa Central Kalahari Game Reserve (CKGR) mme ke ka tsaya koloi kwa Francistown kana kwa Maun ke bo ke kgweetsa jalo. Ke belaela gore fa go ka nna le sengwe se se ntseng jalo, gongwe we do not even have to talk about this because people will come straight to Botswana ba sa land gope ka gore ke dumela gore ba ba kwa South Africa ba a ipapatsa le bone gore we can organise for you gore o tsene ka parks tsa South Africa o bo o feta o kgweetsa o ya Botswana o bo o ya Victoria Falls o bo o boela kwa South Africa.

MR MMOLOTSI: Thulaganyo e o e buang eo Motlotlegi Mopalamente e teng gore mo international fairs go a tle go tsewe bangwe ba Batswana ba bagwebi, e ka tswa e le operators kana bone ba o buang ka bone go ya go leka to market product ya bone. Ba Botswana Tourism Organisation (BTO) ba dira jalo all the time. Ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, golo moo go teng, ke fela gore people have got personal preferences tsa gore maybe

they would like to land in South Africa because ga re ise re nne mo seemong se e leng gore we have direct flights tse di ka tswang from the United Kingdom (UK) or America to Botswana where tourism is being consumed. Go raya gore if they fly into South Africa and they like driving, they will get vehicles in South Africa tse di ba tlisang kwano. If we had direct flights, which is something that we are working on right now to try and attract more and more airlines into Botswana, kana go raya gore that market will thrive fa re ka kgona gore re goroge mo seemong seo. Go raya gore that business re ka kgona go e tshegetsatsa.

Ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, ke tsaya gore what we should immediately do ke gore as a country, re bo re ka leka go bona gore ka gore re na le professional guides, what opportunities are there, what opportunities can we create that they can immediately get into ba bo ba sa sokole.

Like I said, one of the things tse re dumelang gore di tlaa re tlhabolola ka bofelo, ba thusa ka bofelo is the concept of city tourism...

MR KEKGONEGILE: *Point of procedure.* Tanki Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, ga ke itse o tlaa mpaakanyetsa, o kare le mo file 20 minutes, jaanong he is responding, mme Honourable Dikoloti acted on his behalf and responded. A ga se gore gongwe le tlaa kganela ba bangwe gore le bone they can contribute?

MR SPEAKER: Ke ne ke lebeletse your interest. I am looking at the time, this debate e ka fela ka 12:00 p.m. Fa ke lebeletse kgatlhego ya lona ya to debate, ke ne ke bona o kare ga le bantsi ba le emelelang.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Nnyaa mme ke teng.

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

MR SPEAKER: Ke ne ke re bontsi, ke ne ke bona o kare ga le bantsi. Jaanong ke bo ke re kana ke ene the substantive Minister wa lephata. Jaanong gongwe e kare a ntse a debate a tlhalosa dikgang tse dintsi tse e leng gore last week fa Honourable Dikoloti a respond, gongwe di ne tsa salela kwa morago. Ke ka lebaka lone leo, but you are correct that response was done Honourable Dikoloti as he then was Acting Minister. Ke go arabile gakere Honourable Kekgonengile?

MR MMOLOTSI: Fa e le gore *Honourable* Kekgonengile o dumela gore ke babalele nako, ke ka babalela nako.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ee, mme ke batla to clarify sengwe.

MR MMOLOTSI: Ee, you can clarify.

MR SPEAKER: Clarification Honourable Mapulanga.

MR MAPULANGA: *Point of clarification.* Ke a leboga *Minister*. Gongwe mo dikgannyeng tseo, a mme o setse o lemogile gore *some of the content* gompiano tse di latlhegetseng Botswana di tla ka dikgang tsa *self-drive because we are not controlling the cameras* tse ba tsamayang ka tsone? Fa ba tsena *in these parks*, ba simolola go dira *films* kana *videos*, o ya go di bona kwa MultiChoice, mme kwano re sena se re se tsereng mo teng. Ke re le yone eo o e ele tlhoko kana a mme o a e itse kgang ya teng gore jaanong *self-drives* di setse di kgona go tsaya *content* ya lefatshe le, ba bo ba ya go rekisa ba itirela madi?

MR MMOLOTSI: Ke sone se ke reng, re tlhoka go batlisisa, *so, that decisions that we make are evidence-based*. Mo nakong ya gompiano ke dumela gore le wena o a akanyetsa, ba bangwe ba re, ditawana di a utswiwa le belaela bone, *and* mo nakong ya gompiano ga gona bosupi bope jo bo re rayang bo re ditawana tse di utswiwa ke batho ba *self-drives*. Ka tsela e ntseng jalo *it will be wrong to make conclusions on the basis of* dikakanyetso fela tsa gore ka batho ba ke batswakwa e ka tswa e bo e le bone ba ba dirang jalo. Ke sone se ke reng, ga re gane, ra re re tshwanelwa ke go dira ditshekatsheko tse di tseneletseng, mme e re fa re tla re tsaya tshwetso ya gore a re a tswela kana ga re tswela ka se motlotlegi a se kopang, e bo e le gore re boleletswe ka ditshekatsheko tse di tseneletseng, tse di nang le boammaaruri. *We need to collect data* e e ka re thusang go tsaya ditshwetso tse di ka sologelang lefatshe le molemo.

Kana re mo seemong se e leng gore *we are dealing with a market*, o o mo kgaisanong e e tseneletseng. Mme fa re deal le *market* o o mo kgaisanong e e tseneletseng, re tlhoka gore ditshwetso tse re di tsayang bakaulengwe ba ba rategang, e bo e le tse e leng gore ga di ka ke tsa re ntsha mo kgwebong. Re mo seemong se teemane ya rona e nang le mathata, *and* go raya gore bojanala ke jone jo gongwe re tshwanetseng go siela thata kwa

go jone. Re tshwanelwa ke go lekalekanya gone gore dikgatlhego tsa Botswana di nne teng, mme gape le *tourists* di kgone go bona *comfort* mo lefatsheng leno jaaka ba tlile. E bile re tshwanelwa ke go dira sengwe le sengwe gore, mojanala fa a emelela kwa a emelelang teng, *even if they wanted to go to South Africa*, ba bo ba re, mo mafelong le fa ke ya kwa South Africa, mme ke tshwanelwa ke gore ke ye go feta kwa Botswana. Ga re a tshwanela gore jaanong re bo re ka tsenya dikgoreletsi tse di ka mo kgobang marapo, a bo a re ke tlaa ya kwa South Africa, Namibia le Zambia, bale ba ba nang le dilonyana tse dintsi go raya gone gore ba ka ntiya, ke ye go sele.

That is why mo nakong ya gompiano dikgang tsa *visa* tsa ga *Minister* General Mokgware, e le nngwe ya dikgang tse e leng gore *we need to attend to them expeditiously, because if we do not do that, we will lose tourist to other countries* kwa e leng gore bone *visas* ga se *problem*. *Most of the countries in the region...*

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

MR MMOLOTSI: ...rra..

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR MMOLOTSI: Kana go a bo go ntse go le kagiso mokaulengwe a seyo, jaanong o a bo a tlile.

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

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INNOVATION (MR NTLHAILE): *Elucidation.*

Ke a leboga *Honourable Minister*. Kana rraetsho kgang e ya gago e ke e ratang thata ya go dira dipatlisiso tse di tlaa thusang lephata la gago kana Goromente go dira ditsamaiso tse di ka kgonang go somarela Botswana gore ba se ka ba jewa ntsoma, kana di tsamaelana le maitlamo a UDC e a dirileng e bua gore e ya to *develop a comprehensive and inclusive tourism plan*, e dingwe tsa *outcomes* tsa yone e tlaabong e nna Tourism Equity Fund, *specifically* gore Botswana ba mafelo a a amegang a na le *tourism*, a na le khumo e e kana kana, ba nne le seabe se se tona ba thusiwa ke *fund* e. Ke ne ke re ke tshwaele gone foo.

MR MMOLOTSI: O e tshwere sentle, mma ke neele *Honourable* Lucas ke tle ke di pataganye.

MR LUCAS: *Clarification.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke ne ke re kgang e re ntseng re bua ka yone fa moragonyana ke ya gore, re na le batho ba bantsi ba *skilled* mme ba sa bereke. Gape go sa bonale diphatlha tsa gore ba ka bona mmereko. Mongwe o ne a bua gone fa, yo e bileng ke tshepha gore ke ba ba tswang gone ka kwa, a re gongwe re ka tswa re na le *about 4, 000 guides* ba e leng gore *they are idle*, ga ba na ditiro gotlhelele. Ke re Tona, fa o ntse o bua jaana a go na le *possibilities* tse gongwe le wena o ka di akanyang gore, mme batho ba fa re santse re le fa re leng teng fa, ba ka bonelwa ditiro ka tsela e e ntseng jang ka gore, tota kgang e ya letlhoko la ditiro e tshwenya thata, e bile ke bona gore ke yone e e neng e *motivate* gape le gore *Motion* wa mofuta o o tle. Ka re a utlwa gore, fa batho ba tsena re dira madi, mme batho ke bale ga ba bereke, re ka bereka jang le bone kana *possibilities* tse o di akantseng ke dife rraetsho? Ke a leboga.

MR MMOLOTSI: Ke a leboga. Sengwe se e leng gore *we are working on right now*, jaaka ke ne ke ntse ke bua kgantele ke kgang e ya *city tourism* le ya *cultural heritages*. Mo nakong ya gompiano *we have already given a provisional licence to mongwe yo o tlaabong a tsena mo city tourism*. *City tourism*, Honourable Lucas, kana o motho yo o etang thata, yo o etelang mafatshe a a tllhabologileng, o tlhola o bona batho ba le mo dibaseng motshegare otlhe ba nna ba tabogile ka *turn* e feta fale, tota mo nakong ya gompiano re batla go tsena gone foo, gore re bo re ka kgona gore mo Gaborone jaana dibase di tlhole di tabogile di tsere bajanala ba kwa ntle le ba mono. Ba bona *museum* wa rona, ba tswa fa ba ya kwa Dikgosing, ba tswa fa ba ya kwa Gaborone Game Reserve, ba tswa kwa Gaborone Game Reserve ba ya go lebelela *places of interest*. Mme kana *those places of interest* go raya gore maikaelelo ke gore go nne le *guides that will be explaining* gore Kgosi Bathoen o ne a dirile jaana, Kgosi semangmang o dirile jaana. Jaaka o tsena kwa South Africa kwa Ntlong ya ga Nelson Mandela *you see so many guides*. Fa le tla le le bantsi, yole o tsaya *team* ele, yole o tsaya ele. *We want to start and encourage that, so that bontsi jwa bana ba ba ka tsena mo go one mafelo a. Ultimately, infact within a short period of time we want to introduce that* kwa Francistown, Maun, Kasane, *so that banana ba kgone gore ba tsene mo go yone thulaganyo e. I have said*, re ya go ntsha ditseseletso tse e leng gore maikaelelo ke

gore, *and I am saying this* mo Palamenteng, re ya go ntsha ditseseletso tsa ba batlang go tsena *into this city tourism thing, to offer that service, because* fa re ka leka go ba neela ditseseletso *we can immediately create* ditiro tse di seng kana ka sepe *for these professional guides*. Kana go tlaabo go raya gore bana kwa dikgaolong tsa bone jaaka kwa Francistown, ba tshwanelwa ke gore ba bo ba ka tlhaloganya toropo ya bone, toropo ya *mine*, fa go na le...*(inaudible)*...e tllile ka tsela e e ntseng jaana, mo ke Tachila Nature Reserve, fale ke kwa bonnanne, batho ba African National Congress (ANC) ba ne ba bolaelwa fa, *you see, all that*. Kwa Maun le gone go na le *areas* tse di ntseng jalo, *and we would like that to produce* ditiro tse di botoka *for these young people*.

Mr Speaker, ke ne ke re ke leke go e tlhatswa ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. Fela gone go supa gore, ga re gane, mme ga re ka ke ra tsaya ditshwetso ka tsela e e leng gore ga re a batlisisa tshiamo mo ditshwetsong tse re di tsayang. Ke a leboga.

MR DISHO (OKAVANGO EAST): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ga se gore le nna ke fiwe 20 minutes, ke ikopele 20 minutes...

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

MR DISHO: Ka ke *shadow*. Ga ke itse, mma le nna ke tsene mo kgannyeng e ke dumalane le Tshutiso ya ga mokaulengwe Honourable Kekgonengile, tota re bua ka *to regulate in the parks, not in Botswana*, gongwe ke arabe potso ya ga Rre Mmolotsi pele ga ke tsena mo go tsone. Bajanala fa e le gore ba ka batla go ka ikgweetsa mo Botswana *they can come and drive themselves in Botswana*, ga re gane, *but in the parks*, ke gone fa re ganang teng. *Just in the national parks, the 17 per cent or 19 per cent* ke ene yo re ganang ka ene gore, *we do not want them to drive themselves in the parks*. Ke tlaa go fa mabaka a gore ke eng re rialo. Gongwe ke supe gore go ya ka fa le bolelang ka teng mokaulengwe go na le batho *that advise you and they are not advising you properly*. Ke supe gore *based on the information that you are giving, it is different, you are contradicting yourself* le *tourism concept, which is low volume-high value, which is the concept that is adopted by tourism*. Sorry ka lentswe la me le a gwasa, ga ke itse gore ke jele eng maabane. Fa o ka tsena mo Chobe o tlaa fitlhela e le gore *there are more than 50 cars driving around and made a circle* fa nkweng e le one, one leopard, more

than 50 vehicles. Ke characteristics tsa Kenya, Zambia, Zimbabwe kana other countries, not in Botswana. Botswana, we have adopted low volume-high value concept. Jaanong fa e le gore le batla go fetola seemo se le se tshwantshanya le sa Kenya sa Masai Mara, mo le kgonang go nna mo nkweng le le 52 kana 100, dikoloi di le 100 jaaka kwa Chobe, then tell us.

Se re le kang go bua ka sone gape mokaulengwe ke se, mo Chobe National Park go na le lodges, and people have paid lots of money, thousands and millions of money to come and see this pristine environment. Fa ba tsena ba kopana le self-driven cars di le 70 ba ya go lebelela nkwe e le nngwefela, ba go raya ba re, "you are cheating guys, you told us this is the product." Ga ke itse gore o a e tshwara mokaulengwe? Ke yone complaint ya bone, eventually all these lodges which people are paying lots of money for ba a tshaisa mo go tsone, jaanong ba ya kwa self-drive kwa e leng gore you are not making even a cent le le Botswana.

MR MMOLOTSI: Clarification. Ee, ke a utlwa gore you are even dropping numbers in that debate. Jaanong se ke neng ke batla go se botsa fela mokaulengwe ke gore, a go na le dipatlisiso dingwe tse di dirilweng tse le rona re ka kgonang gore re bale. Like I am saying, kgang ya rona ga se gore se o se buang se wrong, but kgang ke gore we need proper research gore re kgone go tsaya ditshwetso.

MR DISHO: Tanki. Nnyaa, dipatlisiso di teng mokaulengwe, fa o di batla re ka go thusa ka tsone. I have more than two decades in this industry, and we feel bad fa re bona these kinds of things happening mo lefatsheng la rona la Botswana, re le teng. Re ka go thusa ka dipatlisiso, we can make and give you a comprehensive report if you want it.

Ke utlwile o bua ka the experience to come and drive in parks, this country is 582,000 Square Kilometres of land, and a bit of that is national parks. A ba ka ikgweetsa mo lefatsheng la Botswana le lotlhe, o bo o batla gore ba ye go ikgweetsa kwa mafureng a rona kwa re beileng dilo tsa rona which are benefiting this country? O bo o batla gore ba ye go nna koo, kwa ba ka ithutelang go kgweetsa teng? Re le Batswana for us to go there and drive, ba batla re nna le a professional driver's permit. They will not allow me to go in the park ke ikgweetsa ke ye go tshamekela mo go yone ke le Motswana, and

you allow someone from Spain, who does not know the behaviour of an elephant and the terrains tsa rona. They then end up getting stuck and damaging the environment e o buang ka yone. Ke sone se o se batlang e bile o se rotloetsa o le Minister.

Rona ra re if they want to come into the parks ka dikoloi tsa bone ga re gane, a ba tle ka dikoloi tsa bone, then there are 50 or 5,000 people waiting who have professional driver's permit, who are eligible to guide and drive in the parks. Ba ba tlhaloganyang the behaviour of the animal and the terrain, gore how can it be handled. It takes us months to learn how to drive in those parks, you cannot allow someone coming from Spain, a sa itse the terrain and the behaviour of the animal to drive in the park. That is negligence.

Ke sone se re kopang gore, fa o tla mo Botswana book with a professional guide and he will lead and guide you ka koloi ya gago e o e ratang, if o sa batle go ka tsena mo sekgoropeng sa rona Batswana, ka gore ga re na dikoloi kana madi a go ka reka dikoloi tse di ka tsamaelanang le bone. Book a guide, go na le list ya the freelance guides in Botswana, a line of them, more than 3,000 of them roaming around, ba kgweetsa taxis gompiano, who could be leading these people in our pristine environments. Ke sone se re kopang gore, a molao o nne regulated gore fa o tsena in the park, you can drive yourself from Namibia, come to Moremi Game Reserve. Fa o tsena fela in the park you should be driven by a professional guide yo o nang le a driver's permit. Not go ya go tshamekela kwa mafureng a rona, you cannot allow someone to go a ya go tshamekela mo Jwaneng Mine, that is our diamond. Fa o tsena mo Jwaneng Mine there are restrictions and regulations, o apesiwa tsotlhe tse di supang gore that is an area of concern.

MR SALESHANDO: Elucidation. It is a very brief one. Le fa Tona a gatelela gore ene o batla reports, a ga go boammaaruri gore le rona ba re tsheleng kwa re tshela le diphologolo, re bona dilo tsa game drives, experiences tsa rona le tsone le fa di sa kwalwa, e ka nna sengwe se Tona a ka reng nte ke ye go reetsa ba ba tsheleng gone fa ba a di bona. Le fa re le mo game reserves, in other places for example fa o tswa Sankoyo o ya go felela kwa Khwai, just that stretch you are able to experience the Big 5 mo Botswana. These tourists ba bangwe ba felela gone mo mafelong ao, ba

dikologa gone foo, ga ba itshware ka boitshwaro jo bo letlelesegang gore go itshwarwe ka bone fa pele ga diphologolo, jaaka go ne go buiwa le ka dikoloi tse o tlaa fitlhelang di le 20 di dikologile tau e le nngwefela.

MR DISHO: Ke a leboga Leader of the Opposition (LOO). Ke laletse *Minister* pele ga nako e wela, ka *Easters* jaana a tsamaye le nna kwa Khwai a ye go bona gore *what is happening* mo Khwai, *it is about to close*. *There was a lodge* e e neng e e fa batho ba Khwai madi a a botoka, *now they have packed up because there are too many self-drives in the area*. Le diphologolo *have left the concession*. Ka *Easters* jaana o ka ya go bona, *they all crossed the river to the other side into the Moremi Game Reserve, that is where they are*. Di bo di tlogela batho ba botlhe *who have paid lots of money in the parks*, go sena le fa e le sepe, *because of the self-drive*.

Le bone ga ba tshabe diphologolo, ba kgona go fologa mo diphologolong *because they do not know anything*. Go gantsi re bona *self-drivers* re lebeletse ditau *and they come walking* ba go botsa gore tsela e e yang kwa legaeng ke efe re ye *to book the camp site*. *They walk to you* ba tla go botsa, *while we are watching lions, leopards or potentially dangerous animal*. Se ga se a siamela *tourism* ya rona.

Ke arabe potso ya gago e o neng o e bua ka ya go latlhega. Mokaulengwe, ele fa o e bua ke utlwile moriri wa me o kare o ka tswa. *We have lost many people in this country*. Nako nngwe kwa *ZweZwe* a couple got stuck mo tseleng e e sa tsamaegeng, *but the Global Positioning System (GPS) told them* gore *to go from Kasane to Savuti* ke e. A ba a tsaya tsela e e leng gore *totally* ga e dirisiwe, e na le *more than three, four months* e sa dirisiwe. *They used that road and got stuck on a bend, 41kms from Savuti*. Monna a ba a ipolelela gore o a *walk to the area and he got eaten by lions*, go bo go sala mosadi mo tseleng. Ba mo fitlhetse *after five days*, jaanong a le *disgruntled*. Ke dikgang tse re buang ka tsone.

Ba bangwe ba ne ba re ba tla Savuti, *then they got lost*. Ba bo ba tsaya tsela ya Ngoma, *and they went to Namibia*. Re tsamaile lefatshe lotlhe re batla batho ba latlhegile, *eight days later* ba ne ba bonwa ba itlhobogile, ba setse ba ya kwa Walvis Bay. *They had booked* ba dirile tse tsotlhe. Jaanong go latlhega mo, ga re bue ka go latlhega

mo re yang go go bona *the next morning*, ba bangwe ba a latlhega *and you do not see them, but* wena *you are entertaining* gore *it is part of experience*, batho ba a swa *completely*. *Minister*, ke ne ke re *that one* o e boele morago. ...*(Interruption)*...eo ke re ...

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM (MR MMOLOTSI): *Point of order*. *I think he is imputing improper motives* mo go nna, kana ga ke re ke nna yo ke rialong. Ka re *those people* ke bone ba ba buang gore, *they want to enjoy the driving experience exploring the unknown*. Basically ba rialo mokaulengwe, ga se nna, nna le go kgweetsa ke a go tshaba.

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable Mmolotsi, you are right in the sense that adventure*, ba bangwe ba a ne ba ya kwa go senang *oxygen* teng kwa godimodimo ga di..., motho a ba a tlhokafala. Ba bangwe ba tsena kwa tlaselase ga lewatle kwa tengteng, a ba a felela le ene fa gongwe a tlhokafetse. E bo rona batho ba ba ntsho re re o ne a re o dira eng ene. Jaanong ke dumalana le wena gore, *experience* eo bajanala fa gongwe ba e leba jalo, e se gore tota wena ke se o se buang gore *you entertain* gore batho ba ka felela ba tlhokafetse. Ke tsaya gore gongwe o e tlhologanye jalo *Honourable Disho*.

MR DISHO: Ke a leboga. *No*, ke ne ke utlwa *Minister* wa me yo ke mo ratang thata a re *I enjoy it, that is why I am emphasising it*. He said he is enjoying it, I took it from that angle.

Ke arabe ya bogodu jwa diphologolo. *There was a Gaboon Adder*, e e neng e tswa go tsewa kwa the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), *self-drivers* ba e tshwere fa Kasane. Go to Kasane o tlaa e bona mo *snake handling*, o tlaa e fitlhela le *the date* e e tshwerweng ka yone. Ba batla go ralala ka yone to South Africa, ba bo ba e tsaya. *It is a very rare species, a Gaboon Adder; it is a massive snake*.

Jaanong le ditawana mo Khwai *have disappeared, little leopards have disappeared*. These ...*(Inaudible)*.. *tortoise*, mo go nnye *they pick* ba tsenya mo dikoloing tsa bone and go.

Dilo tsa rona di a nyamela *Minister*. Ke go kopa gore mme tota ya *self-drive* fa e le gore gongwe o batla a *comprehensive report*, ke tlaa e go fa gore o tle o e lebelele, kana re nne fa fatshe re e lebelele kana re ye kwa *park* ka...

MR SPEAKER: E go tshwere nako.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Mmolelele gore *researches* di dirilwe.

MR DISHO: *Researches are there*, di dirilwe mokaulengwe. Re tlaa go thusa ka tsone.

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND HOME AFFAIRS (MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE): *Thank you very much Mr Speaker.* Le nna mma ke tsene mo kgannyeng e e buang ka go sekaseka kana go bona go le botlhokwa gore re tswe ka ditsamaiso dingwe tse di ka dirang gore bajanala ba ikgweetse mo *park*, mo mafelong a diphologolo tsa rona. Fa ke ntse ke reeditse bakaulengwe ba bua fa, ke gone ke lemogang gore go a tlhokafala tota gore go nne le dipatlisiso tse di tseneletseng. Botlhe ba bua ka diteme tse di farologanyeng kana *different experiences*. Mo go rayang gore tse dingwe tota o a bona fela gore o kare fa gongwe ga re tlhaloganye. Fa gotwe *self-drive* mo lefelong le diphologolo, go tewa eng. Gakere go tewa o le mo koloing o tereba mo motlhabeng? Ee, ke bona ba bangwe ba rona ba tsaya kgang e, ba e isa go sele. Ke ne ke utlwa motlotlegi yo mongwe a re, e re batho ba tla ka dikoloi tsa bone, fa ba tsena mo Botswana, ba bo ba di fetola ba tsenya *plate numbers* tsa Botswana. Nnyaa, ga go ka ke ga nna jalo. *We are going way, way off the line.* Ga go a nna jalo.

Fa dipatlisiso di nna teng, di tlaabo di lebelela gore a o ikgweetsa jaana mo koloing e o tlang ka yone. Re bona ba kgweetsa *from Cape to Cairo*, ba tsamaya ba bona diphologolo. Ga o ka ke wa tsena mo koloing ya motho a tswa kwa ntle, o bo o e kgweetsa ka gore go na le dilo tse di tsamayang le *insurance*. *Insurance* ya koloi gongwe ga e na go go letla. Go tlaabo go tsamaya le *experience* ya koloi eo. Ga go na go ya go nna jalo. Go na le gore e re fa o tswa kwa, o bo o renta koloi mo Botswana, o bo o kopa go ikgweetsa mo lefelong la bojanala. Fa e le gore o hirisitse koloi eo, ke wena o batlang go e kgweetsa, le gone go na le ditsamaiso tsa teng. Ditsamaiso tsa mong wa koloi kana mong wa bojanala yo o hirisang koloi e, o tlaa tlhalosa gore o e tseye, o e kgweetse. Mo teng o bo o na le moitseanape wa koloi e, kana yo o itseng lefelo le. Ke tseela gore fa re dira jalo, gongwe ke gone re ka tlhaloganyang sentle gore re bua ka eng.

MR HIKUAMA: *Clarification.* Ke dumela gore o e tshwere sentle. Gakere ga o farologane le ba ba reng fa o ntse jalo, le fa o ne o lebeletse sebui se se neng se sa tswa go bua pele ga o tsaya *mic*, o ne a bua gore *you book a guide*. Ke gore o batla mokaedi wena o ntse o le mo koloing ya gago. Go na le mokaedi gore a sireletse le *to guide you* gore fa go tsamaiwa jang, fa go tsamaiwa jang. Gakere moo ga o na bothata le gone, kana a kgweetsa fa pele ga gago?

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: Tanki mongwame. Ke tsamaela koo mongwame, ka rialo. Ke leka go supegetsatsa batlotlegi gore fa gotwe ditshekatsheko tse, go tewa gore o ka nna a tsamaya ene a ikgweetsa, wena o mo setse morago. Molao o tswa o re, a go nne le yo o itseng lefelo gore a bo a katile batho ba. *Experience* le *to enjoy* go kgweetsa mo motlhabeng ole wa ga rona o o kwa ole, kana seloko se se thata sele, mojanala o tlaa bona bothitho jwa teng, wena o le kwa morago, *escorting him or her*, melao e ntse e le teng.

Ke batla go raya mokaulengwe yo o neng a bua jaaka o kare batho ba ba ikgweetsang ba le nosi ba a senya, go bonwa diphologolo jaana mo go bone, nnyaa. Fa o lebelela dipalo tsa batho ba ba senyang thata mo *park*, mo bojanaleng, go utswa diphologolo ga se ga batho ba ba ikgweetsang ka bontsi. Ee, go na le bangwe ba ba tshwarwang fa go ntse jalo, mme fela dipalo fa o di lebelela, o tlaa fitlhela go na le bangwe ba ga rona mo teng e le bone ba ba oketsang. Ga go na motho ope yo o ka tlang go re senyetsa a tswa kwa ntle.

Sa bobedi ke gore, mo *parks* tsa rona tse, go na le melao le melawana. Fa koloi e tsena e a setshiwa, motho *then briefed* ka melao. Fa e ya go tswa fa, le gone gape e a tlhatlhabiwa go bonwe gore ga ba a tsaya sepe mo dibekeng tsa bone, dikoloi tsa bone le tse e seng tsa bone. Dilo tse tsotlhe di supa gore re na le tsamaiso e e rileng. Ke sone se ke dumalanang le lona gore go tshwanetse go nne le ditsamaiso gore re bone gore go ka nna jang. Re gakologelweng selo se le sengwefela bakaulengwe, fa re tlhotlhomisa dilo tse gore *over regulation is dangerous*. Fa re ka tsaya ra nna le melawana e mentsi thata *to control* dilo tse, re tlile go ikobela bojanala jwa rona jo re bo batlang. Re dire dilo tse re tlaabong re sireleditse mme re kgona go bona madi, gape re bona batho ba le bantsi ba ba tlaabong ba tsena mo ga rona.

MR DISHO: *Clarification.* Mokaulegwe, o ne o tla o e tshwere sentle. Jaanong o a e ntsha gape mo tseleng. Ke ipotsa gore o e senya fa kae, e bile o e senyetsa eng. Ke akgele mo go yone e ya go ikgweetsa e o e buang. Mo mafatsheng a mangwe, ke go fe a relevant example; fa o tsena kwa Namibia le Zambia, koloi ya gago *you park it*, a bo o tsewa ke a guide gone foo. *You cannot drive yourself. You can drive your vehicle* o bo o ema, o bo o tsewa. Mo Namibia, *just go very close to Etosha, you will see this. Go to Hwange National Park, you will see this. It is only in Botswana where* motho a ka kgona go ikgweetsa fela, a bo a tsamaya a ya go utswa dikhudu tsa rona.

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: Ee rra, ke tlaa leka go go baakanyetsa. O se ka wa re batho ba tsena mole, ba bo ba tla go utswa dilo tsa rona, o ba senya maina. *This Parliament is being listened to by a lot of people internationally, so, do not blame* batho ba ba ikgweetsang. Re a utlwana? Jaanong rona ra re dipatlisiso di nne teng. Re tseye mo re bonang go re siametse, re tlogele mo go sa re siamelang, mo re go bonang go dirwa kwa mafatsheng a sele. Ba o bonang ba dira jalo gompiano, gongwe ba bona go ba siametse. Re se ka ra kopa fela re bo re re, re ne re ile *benchmarking in Zambia*. Ga re itse gore ke eng fa go ntse jalo. Fa o bona bojanala jwa rona bo le botoka go na le jwa bone jaana, go raya gore re dira sengwe se se botoka go na le bone. *Bone they have overregulated. There is a reason for that.* Ga re itse gore ke eng ba dira jalo. Re batla gore batho ba tle fela jaaka re a tle re bone Dikgosi tse di tona.

Motlotlegi Disho, o a itse gore Dikgosi tse di tona tsa maArabia di tsena mo *parks* tsa rona di tla di ikgweetsa. Di a letlelelwa go tsena kwa, mme kwa ga bone kwa le go tsamaya fela mo sekonotereng jaana, ga o ka ke wa ba bona. E le la ntlha ba bona motlhaba o o kanakana, seretse se se kanakana pula e nele, ba ikgweetsa koloi e *stuck*, ba menne diaparo, ba tsewa dinepe. O a bona, *they want to see that*. Fa re batla gore re re, re tlaabo re neetse bo Mokgware ka ke bone ba ba itseng go kgweetsa fela mo teng ga motlhaba, *that fun will never be there*. Ga ba na go itumela. Ba bangwe go raya gore ba tlaa boa jaaka ba tsile fela jaana. Go bona ba le *stuck* fela jalo, e bile go kgweetsa bone ka sebele, go bo a go raya a re, ke a e ntsha koloi e. O a bona, o fitlhela e le selo se ba se ratang. Ke sone se ke reng, *let us not overregulate. Let*

us bring things which will actually encourage tourism in Botswana. So, mme gone, re ntshitse melao e e rileng, e re tlaabong re bona e siame, e sireletsa bojanala jwa rona gore go se ka ga nna le ope yo o tlaa bo kgotlelang. We have to make sure gore ga go na ope yo o utswang diphologolo tsa rona, a tsamaya ka tsone.

Ke tlaa kopa re itse gore e se ka ya re re dira melao, ra dira e e tlaa supang gore re palelwa ke tiro gore re e dire. *If we are failing to police our game reserves, then do not do it through laws. Do it through the appropriate structures, appropriate resources* jaaka go nna le *guides*, mapodise a a katang, *rangers* ba ba tlaa bong ba dira jalo. *So go botlhokwa* gore golo moo go nne teng.

Ke a dumalana, mme ka re e re fa re ntse re akgela, re lebeleleng thata tota gore a re a tlhaloganya gore fa gotwe *self-drive* go tewa eng, re se ka ra iphitlhela kgantele re bua le dikgang fela tse di thata tse e leng gore re a itse fela gore ga go na ope yo o ka fetolang koloi ya gagwe a tsaya *license* ya Botswana. *It has to be done through transport not anywhere else*, ke molao o ntse jalo.

Gape fa re re dikoloi e bo e le tse di tswang mo Botswana fela, re tlaabo re sa itirele sentle, *what about people* ba ba tswang kwa ba tla ba kgweetsa dikoloi tsa bone? Motlotlegi fa a re ba tlogele dikoloi tsa bone ba tsene mo go tsa rona, ke mang yo o tlaa tlang ka tsa bone?

MR SPEAKER: *E go tshwere* Honourable Mokgware. Honourable Members, let me invoke Standing Order 26.2 for the convenience of the House and go for a health break. Let us reconvene at 12:00 p.m. *Le boe le se ka la ba la sia.*

PROCEEDINGS SUSPENDED AT 11:35 P.M. FOR APPROXIMATELY 25 MINUTES

PROCEEDINGS RESUMED AT 12:04 P.M.

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable Members*, ke akantse gore by 12:30 p.m. re bo re setse re e feditse, le e tseetse tshwetso. Go raya gore yo o tlaa bong a tsena, a tseye *seven minutes* fela.

MR FRENZEL (SHASHE WEST): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MR KEKGONEGILE: On a point of procedure. I will just need 10 minutes, gongwe o ka ba fa ba le babedi. Tanki Mr Speaker.

MR FRENZEL: Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*. Ke leboge Tshutiso e re sa tswang go e bewa pele ke motlotlegi ka fa a reng Puso e ye go lebelela. Kana go ya go lebelela, go raya gore go tlaabo go ama mabaka a mantsi. Kana Goromente fa a ya go tsaya tshwetso ya gore e re *the tourists* di goroga, go bo go nna le *guides* tsa rona mo Botswana, o tshwanetse a bo a lebeletse mabaka a mantsi.

Bangwe ba rona re ne re bua gore kana *tourists* tse e rile fa di tsena, ditau le dikhudu tsa nyelela ka gore ba ne ba sena *guide*. A re se ka ra iphitlha ka monwana fa re tsena mo dikgannyeng tsa go tshwana le tse. Ga ke reye gore ke ganana le *Motion*, mme o ya go fitlhela *guides* tse e leng gore re di tsenya gone fa, di na le seabe mo dikgannyeng tsa gore diphologolo tsa rona tse e leng gore di a bo di le teng mo tikologong moo...

MR DISHO: *On a point of clarification.* Gongwe bakaulengwe fa re bua, ga ba re utlwe sentle. Re ne re re *there is a likelihood*, e bile tse dingwe *cases are there*. *There is a likelihood* ya gore fa o tsenya motho mo mokoting o o tshwanang wa Jwaneng, a itsamaela fela ene ka bo ene, *there is a likelihood* ya gore o ka itseela teemane. Fa a na le motho yo o itseng, yo o rutilweng jaaka re ne re tsamaisiwa maloba mo Jwaneng re na le *protocol*, ga re ka ke ra utswa teemane. Ke sone se re buang ka sone. Ga ke itse gore a o ntshwara gore ka reng?

MR FRENZEL: Ga ke go tshware gotlhelele.

MR DISHO: Ke ne ke re...

MR FRENZEL: Nnyaa, ke go utlwile, jaanong ke tswelela *debating Motion*. Fa re ya go tsaya ditshwetso re le Puso, re tshwanetse re bo re lebeletse mabaka a mantsi ka gore golo fa re na le *competitors*. Re na le mafatshe a re bapileng le one a e leng gore le one a na le bojanala jaaka rona. Re tshwanetse ra itse gore bone ba ba ngokang gore ba tle kwano, ba batlana le eng thatathata. Re se ka ra tsaya gore re nosi fela ka kwano.

Fa o re o lebelela mafatshe a re bapileng le one, go na le bo Victoria Falls, fa ba tsena gone fa, e bile ba a tlola. Fa o ne o itse gore mafatshe a a tshwanang bo Zimbabwe le bo South Africa ba *attract tourists* tse kae, o ka bo gongwe o ka tlhaloganya kgang e.

Ke dumalana le mong wa *Motion*; kana fa re ya go nna le *guide* mo mafelong a rona mo lefatsheng le, e tlaabo e le tsela nngwe ya go thama mebereko, mme re tshwanetse re lebelele mabaka a mantsi a gore mme bajanala ba batlana le eng. Fa gongwe o tsaya *tour guide* o bo o re o mo tsenya mo koloing ya mojanala, ene ga a batle gore a bo a na le *guide* mo teng ga koloi ya gagwe. O batla *privacy*, o batla gore a bo a tsamaya a le nosi a kgona go ema fa a emang teng, a ikiteise phefo. Dilo tse ga re re di lebelele pele ga re ya go tsaya ditshwetso tsa gore *guides* di tsamae le bone jaaka ba tlaabo ba tsamaya gongwe le gongwe. Re bone gore gone mme fa di ya go nna teng, re ya go di dira ka tsela e e ntseng jang.

MR FURNITURE: *On a point of clarification.* Ka bokhutshwane, ke ne ke re ga o lemoge gore le bone bajanala gongwe ba ithontsha thuto fa gongwe fa ba tsamaya ba le nosi ba ikgweetsa gona le fa ba na le *guide* a ntse a ba ruta diphologolo le yone *environment* ya rona gore e ntse ka tsela e e ntseng jang?

MR FRENZEL: Ke a leboga. Mosutisi wa *Motion* a re *“to consider regulating international self-drive customers to utilise local companies in undertaking their game drives...”* Ga a re Goromente a ye go dira, a re Goromente a ye *‘to consider.’* jaanong fa re ya *to consider*, re lebelele mabaka a mantsi jaaka ke sa tswa go bua. Re lebelele *the competitors* tsa rona selo sa ntlha. Sa bobedi, re tshwanetse gore re lebelele gore a bone ba tlaa rata gore e re fa ba tsamaya, ba bo ba tsamaya ba pakile Batswana fa tlase ga bone. Kana le bone ba batla *safety* ya bone, re tshwanetse gore selo seo re se lebelele. Fela gone re tshwanetse gore kwa bofelong jwa letsatsi re bone gore *guides* re di dira ka tsela e e ntseng jang gore di tle di kgone go thusa bajanala ba rona gore ba tle ba tsamae ba phuthologile.

Kgang e tona ke gore ba rate, mme ba tsamae ba phuthologile; jaanong potso ke gore ka tsela e e ntseng jang? Kana ke gore Batswana ga re ete, gongwe o bua jaana o itse diphologolo kwa o tswang teng fela, ga o ise o ke o tsene mo mafatsheng gautshwane fela jaaka Zimbabwe kana mo South Africa. O tlaa bua ka diphologolo tse o sa lebelele gore fa ba ya go tla, ga re re lebelele mabaka a mantsi. Re tshwanetse gore re lebelele dilo tsone tseo, ga re ka ke ra tla fela re bo re re ka gore la re le nna kwa diphologolo di leng teng, go raya gore re dumalane le sengwe le sengwe se e leng

gore le tla ka sone, *no*. Re tshwanetse gore re lebelele mabaka a mantsi.

Fela gone ke dumalana le mosutisi wa *Motion* gore Goromente a ye go sekaseka, kgang ke go sekaseka. Re ye go sekaseka gore re bone gore re baakanya ka tsela e e ntseng jang gore re bone gore *guides* tse di a tsena re ka di dirisa gore di tle di kgone go thusa bajanala jaaka ba tlaabo ba tswa kwa mafatsheng a sele jaaka re itse gore fa ba tla, ba tla ka dikoloi tse ba tswang ka tsone koo, mme kgang ke gore re ba direla ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Jaanong ke tsaya gore re tlaa ya go sekaseka go bona gore *guides* tseo re di dira ka tsela e e ntseng jang, mme re dumalana le *Motion* jaaka o tla mme re tlaa o baakanya. Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*.

MR AARON (NGAMI): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke leboga *honourable* gore a bo a tlisitse *Motion* o. Jaaka re sa tswa go bua, kana ga se gore *Motion* o wa re a bajanala ba *self-drive* ba kganelwe go tla mo Botswana. *Motion* e ne e le gore a re lebelele ka se se diragalang, re ithutile eng, re ka tokafatsa jang seemo se bogolo jang re lebile gore meamuso ya rona e mo seemong se se ntseng jang? Le rona Batswana fela diemo tse re leng mo go tsone tsa letlhoko la ditiro ke nngwe ya dilo tse di ka re thusang. Ka jalo le nna ke bona go tshwanela gore ke eme fa ke supe gore go maleba ka gore re ba re tlhaloganyang gore go diragala eng mo *industry* e ya *self-drives*. Re ne re bua ka malwapa gongwe a ka nna mabedi; *Honourable Mmolotsi* fale le *family* ya me re re go ka nna jang gore mo nakong e e tlang re ye go itlosa bodutu fa Chobe, go bo go raya gore re a tswa ka dikoloi tsa rona ka bobedi. Jaanong gompiano re bua ka seemo se e leng gore *it has gone beyond self-drive, I want you to notice* se re buang ka sone. *Self-drive is where two or three families* re re a re pataneng mosepele re ye go itlosa bodutu. *We are talking of a convoy of vehicles*, a o santse o re ke *self-drives*? *We are talking of businesses which are being run outside Botswana mme markets Botswana*. Ke tlaa go fa *all the information*, o tsene mo *websites* tsa bone ba *market* mo gotweng *departure dates*, ba supa gore ka *July* e le di kana e tlaabo re tswa re ya Botswana. Re tlaabo re ya *for so many weeks* re ya go boa ka di kana *so mongwe le mongwe* yo o nang le keletso, *you can slot yourself into that. When you go into that, it is not even a business, a company that is existing in South Africa. Are you happy with that? It is not a company that is even existing* mo Botswana. *So what is happening*

here, one; letseno la dikompone tse di mo Botswana di kwadisitswe mono tse di duelang lekgetho, tse batho ba neng ba ka tsena ka tsone ba felela ba tsere *business* ya bojanala. Ga re na *problem* le *self-drives* tse di neng di le *intentional* jaanong re a go tthagisa, ga go buiwe ka *self-drives*. *Those vehicles tsa convoy* eo, se se diragalang betsho, *you will find* gore ba na le *walkie-talkies*. Ga ba na *antennas* tse o ka di bonang mo dikoloing, ba tshwere mo gonnyennyane, yo o kwa pele yole ke ene *guide*. Ke ene yo o ba bolelelang *everything* gore go diragala eng jalojalo. *When they come in they pretend* gore *they are all tourists*. Fa o amogela gore go nne jalo, a go tswelele go nne jalo mme se re se buang *is being recorded*. *We are warning you and the country, and we are saying let us find a way to regulate this*.

Kgang ya ditiro, gore re bo re na le batho ba le kana ba ba sa boneng ditiro mme go na le bojanala jo bo tsenang mo lefatsheng la rona go utlwise botlhoko. Kgang ya tlolo molao, ke ne ke utlwa *Honourable Mokgware* a bua a re gatwe *they are searched* fa ba tsena le fa ba tswa. Ke gore fa motho a ipuela fela ka gore o batla go kgatlha setšhaba go tlabisa ditlhong. *I am so sad* ka gore ga a yo fa, ke ne ke kile ka re ke mmotse a bo a sa mphe sebaka sa gore *where are they searched* ba tsena le fa ba tswa? Ga go a nna jalo. E bile dikoloi tsa batho bale rra tla ke go bolelele, di tla di le *fully packed from South Africa*. *I am sorry, through you Mr Speaker...*

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM (MR MMOLOTSI): *Procedure*. Ke ne ke re gongwe *Mr Speaker*, o gakolole motlotlegi gore a bue le wena. Kana jaanong o ntebile tota nna e bile ke setse ke roroma.

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

MR SPEAKER: Address the Speaker Honourable Phillimon Aaron.

MR AARON: O tlaa intshwarela. *Through you Mr Speaker*, kana tota *Minister* ke motho yo re dumalanang mo dikgannyeng mme fela ke gore ke lemoga gore batho bangwe ba a mo latlha.

Ke ne ke bua ka kgang ya gore se se utlwisang botlhoko gape mo dikoloing tse, motho yo o *advertise departure dates* kwa South Africa, o ba bolelela gore sengwe le sengwe se se kwa Botswana, *you cannot trust supplies* tsa Botswana. *They get everything*, o a nkutlwa gore ka reng; *everything*. Fa ba tsena *they make sure* gore *they*

have got supplies, fa e le gore it is for two weeks, all is bought and packed from South Africa. They buy zero, other than fuel. I can reassure you, fa e ne e kare ba tsena fa Martin's Drift o bo o check trolleys tsele, you will be very surprised. We are benefiting very little from those. You are being misled. Ke dilo tse ke neng ke batla go di bua...

MR MAPULANGA: *Elucidation.* E bile kana ke ne ke re ke tlatse mo kgannyeng eo, ga ke itse gore fa ba ntse ba re *we are benefiting*, kana kgang e e diragalang *Mr Speaker*, fa ke duelela go tsena mo park ke P70, fa motho a tsena ka *self-drive*, I think it is P120. Jaanong mme gone fa la re re sireletsa Botswana mo go kae? Ke a leboga.

MR AARON: Ke a leboga. Kgang e ke neng ka e bua mme ka se ka ka wela sentle ke ya tlolo molao, ga gona batho ba ba tlolang molao jaaka *self-drives*. *Our Act regulates professional guides because gakere we license them gore if you are off road re ka nna ra go tseela license. Ga e apply mo self-drives, you can find them anywhere mo park and ba itsamaela jaaka ba batla, ba reng. Dikgang tse ke tsone tse Honourable Kekgonegile a di buang gore let us make sure gore ba na le mongwe. Ke eng re dumela gore go nne le escort kwa go ba hunting mme re bua gore ke conservationists ba tla fela ba pick nnetu? E bile ba na le professional hunter and we still insist gore ba bo ba nna le escort wa wildlife. Why do we say gore we are encroaching on these people fa ba nna le escort ya a licensed professional guide, go bo gotwe o encroach mo privacy ya bone? Ga gona boammaaruri, fa e se fela go na le mongwe yo o nang le interests tse re sa kgoneng go di lemoga. Rona re thusa gore batho ba bone ditiro. Kgankgolo golo fa ke gore a re sireletseng parks tsa rona mme e bile re bone gore bana ba Botswana ba bone ditiro.*

Feleletsa, o ne o re o a bua.

MR MMOLOTSI: *Clarification.* Ke ne ke re gongwe o tle o e tlhatswe thata gone foo mo kgannyeng ya *privacy*. Fa motho a tla a na le *spouse* sa gagwe ba batla *privacy* ya bone, ba batla go ikgweetsa, wa re gone foo ba ye go bitsa motho a tle go ba bona?

MR AARON: *Thank you.* Fa o re go ba bona o raya jang? Kana ga a robale le bone mo tanteng ya bone, *this is already what is happening* le mo go bitswang *mobile*

safaris. O tshwanetse go bua dilo tse ka tlhoafalo, *we should not be joking when we are in this House.*

MR SPEAKER: *Before I move,* ke tsaya gore o *clear*, kana o bua ka *privacy* ya *tourism* ka fa ke mo utlwang ka teng. *Honourable Kekgonegile* ke tsaya gore o a e tlhaloganya. *Honourable Kekgonegile*, e re fa o *reply to the debate* o bo o itse gore tota keletso ke gore *by 12:30* re bo re kgaogane le kgang e. *Honourable Kekgonegile, please reply to the debate.*

MR KEKGONEGILE (MAUN EAST): *Thank you Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker,* e ya ga *Honourable Mmolotsi* ya motho a na le motho wa gagwe o e ratile ...*(Laughter!)*...

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

MR KEKGONEGILE: *Mr Speaker, Motion o o ganeletse thata mo economic inclusion of the locals. O ganeletse thata mo go reng a ditiro mo bojanaleng di tsene mo go benggae. Ga o gane gore bajanala ba ka se ke ba tle mo lefatsheng la rona, ba akole se ba batlang go se akola mo lefatsheng la rona. Ke lefatshe la rona, re beng ba lefatshe, the economic benefits of whatever sector must first go to us pele ga re akanyetsa batho ba bangwe. South Africa is taking advantage of us mo go feteletseng. Jaaka go buiwa bajanala ba ba tswa kwa mafatsheng koo, ga se gore botlhe fela ba tswa mo South Africa. Ba bangwe ba tswa kwa mafatsheng koo. Fa re ka kgona to diversify ba ka kgona go itse gore mme le kwa Botswana re ka tlhamalela teng ra ya go dira self-drives tse teng. Ga se gore re ka di dira fela through South Africa jaaka South Africa e ipapatsa.*

Guides tsa rona ba bantsi, le malwapa a bone. Re ntshitse dijo, madi le ditiro mo go bone re di file batswakwa mo lefatsheng la bone. The local communities ba ba bapileng le these parks ga ba kgone go tshela ka meamusu e ba tshwanelwang ke gore ba ka bo ba tshela ka yone. Ke sone se Motion o o buang ka sone. Motion ga o bue ka go kanela self-drives, nnyaa, ga re ka ke ra kanela self-drives totally. Ra re we can diversify portfolios tse di farologaneng tse e leng gore ka tshekatsheko go ka supafala gore mme fa go se ka ga ikgweetswa, fa a go ikgweetswe, fa a go dirisiwe guides, fa a go dirisiwe dikoloi tsa go nna jaana having incentives, le batho re ipapaditse mo go bonalang.

Gone moo fela ka bogone go buiwa thata ka Tourism Fund gore a ga go ka ke ga nna le Tourism Fund. Ga e re sepe e ka nna teng, ba ba batlang go tsena ka dikoloi tsa bone ba duele lentswenyana le tsene kwa Tourism Fund. Ba e leng gore ga ba batle go tsena ka dikoloi tsa bone *then* ga go tlhokafale gore ba ka duela lentswenyana. Batho ke batho, *they know* gore fa madi a leng kwa godimo teng, go na le fa a leng kwa tlase teng...

MR LUCAS: *Clarification Mr Speaker.* Ke gakgamaditswe ke kgang e e nenge buiwa ke Mapulanga, a re fa wena fela o le mono o batla go tsena *in the park self-drive* ke P70.00 bone ba ba tswang kwa ke P120.00. Jaanong ke utlwa o re go latlhelwe lentswenyana. E tshwanetse gore madi a okediwe thata *comrade*.

MR KEKGONEGILE: Tanki. Go ntse jalo, ke kgang ya *semantics*. Lehuma le le kanakana le le mo lefatsheng la rona thatathata le le kwa dikgaolong tsa rona, mo khumong e e kanakana ya bojanala, le tshwanelwa ke gore le le Goromente wa ditshwanelo tsa batho, le itse gore batho ba na le tshwanelo ya botshelo, e bile ba tshwanelwa ke gore ba nne le ditiro.

Ka go rialo *Mr Speaker*, ke lebile nako, ke leboegele bakaulengwe ka thuto e e farologaneng e re e ntshitseng mo Ntlong e ka kgang e. Ke dumela gore kgang e ga e na go felela fa, re ya go tswelela re ntse re e *debate*. Ke dumela gore gompiano, kwa ntle kwa go ya go buiwa ka kgang e. *This is what Parliament is for, to bring Motions here that can change the lives tsa batho ba lefatshe la rona. I so move Mr Speaker.*

Question put and **agreed to.**

MR SPEAKER: Order! Order Honourable Members! Let us go to the second Motion.

MR LEKAU: *Procedure Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker*, mo ke buang *two minutes, one and half seconds*...ke ne ke re ga go na...

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

MR LEKAU: Emang pele se mpheleleng pelo. Ke ema ka Standing Order 4 gore a ga se ka ke sa go letla gore mo nakong e e setseng re phatlalale.

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

MR SPEAKER: *Order! Honourable Lekau*, Standing Order 4 ke sa go tlhophiwa ga ga *Speaker* le *Deputy Speaker*.

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

MR SPEAKER: Jaanong ga ke itse gore a o na le Tshutiso ya go tlhophiwa ga ga *Speaker* le *Deputy Speaker*.

MR LEKAU: Bagaetsho, e rile fa re neng re kgaogana ka *December*, ke tlhotse ke le dumedisitse gantsi. E rile fa re ne re kgaogana ka *December*, re ne re bua ka...

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa, ga re ise re go bitse kana gore o *debate Motion*. Wa re o ema ka Standing Order 4. Jaanong ke ne ke go raya ke re Standing Order 4 se bua ka go tlhophiwa ga ga *Speaker* le *Deputy Speaker*. A mme ke sone se o neng o se batla kana jang? Ke santse ke le foo.

MR LEKAU: Nnyaa, tla ke *withdraw*. Ke ne ke sa se bona sentle mongwame.

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

MR SPEAKER: *Ee, o ne a sa se bona sentle.* Order Honourable Members! Honourable Members as it is now 12:30 p.m. I shall now call upon the Leader of the House, Honourable Moeti Caesar Mohwasa to move a Motion of adjournment.

MOTION

ADJOURNMENT

LEADER OF THE HOUSE (MR MOHWASA): Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke ne ke re ke kope gore Ntlo e e fano e eme gone fa ka ditsamaiso tsa letsatsi.

Question put and **agreed to.**

The Assembly accordingly adjourned at 12:30 p.m. until Monday 17th March, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

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