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Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2025

THE ASSEMBLY met at 9:00 a.m.

(THE SPEAKER in the Chair)

**P R A Y E R S**

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**MR SPEAKER (MR KEORAPETSE):** Pray be seated. Leader of the House, we were just looking at the daily routine of business. It would mean immediately after the statement by Minister Hunyepa, then you can move your procedural Motion. Order! Order! Honourable Members, let us start the business of today with Minister's questions.

**MINISTER'S QUESTION TIME**

**MINISTER OF MINERALS AND ENERGY**

**THEME: BOTSWANA GOVERNMENT AND DE BEERS AGREEMENT**

Asked the Minister of Minerals and Energy to present the main highlights of the agreement that was signed between the Government and De Beers. The Minister should further state the following:

- (i) key areas of improvement to the agreement that the previous administration had secured in principle;
- (ii) the composition of the Government negotiating team engaged by the previous administration and changes made to the negotiating team post October 2024;
- (iii) if any fees were paid to any of the members of the Government negotiating team;
- (iv) if there was a tax dispute between the parties; and if so, how the dispute was resolved; and
- (v) details of the agreement with members of the relevant portfolio committee.

**MR SPEAKER:** I have a letter from Minister Kenewendo that she is outside the country and that she is unavailable to deal with this question. I think it is something that she feels could be dealt with by herself, as the substantive Minister.

**MR SALESHANDO (MAUN NORTH):** Ke go leboge Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Pele ke bue gore, ga ke itse gore go a bo gotwe re reng fa go ntse jaana. Potso e e na le dikgwedi e beilwe pele, e boditswe ka *March*. Go fetile *April, May, June, July*, re mo go *August*. *Five months later* ke kobakoba ka go arabiwa, Tona gotwe ga a yo, re na le dibeke a seyo. *Minister Mmolotsi* o ntse a araba dipotso tsa *Ministry wa Minerals*. Fa e tshwanetse go arabiwa ke ne ka tewa gatwe, e Tona wa teng o rile o kopa gore e se ka ya arabiwa ke Rre Mmolotsi ene o batla go e ikarabela, e bile o goroga mo lefatsheng maabane. Jaanong *here we are*, letsatsi la bofelo la Palamente *the Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC) Government* ga e batle *to be held accountable*. *That is what I am getting*. Ga le batle go araba dipotso le le Goromente, ka gore Tona o tsamaisa jaana mo boemong jwa lona. A ke tshwanetse ke tseye dikgwedi tse tlhano ke botsa potso, ke dikolosiwa ke Puso e ntšha. A ke ene Botswana yo mošha gore, *it can take five months* Mopalamente a kopa go arabiwa go dikologwa e bo Palamente e tswalwa. Kana fa e tswalwa go raya gore tsotlhe tse di *pending before the House*, *they fall off*.

*Mr Speaker*, tota ke kopa gore o re buele le Matona gongwe wena ba ka go reetsa, ka gore kwa bothokong re ba sala morago. Ke kwadile melaetsa, ke lekile go ikuela kwa go Tona gore ke kopa Karabo, go a pala. Re kopa gore gore re kgone tiro ya rona, re buele le Matona gore re kopa dikarabo. Ga re ipoletse dipotso tse, ka gore re fetisa nako, re batla dikarabo. *It is most unfortunate* gore *it takes five months to get an answer from this Government*, *it is one Government*. Ga ke amogele go tshosediswa Rre Mokgware, kana wena ke gore fa o re bona o bona ma-civilian-nyana a a senang order. Ga go bereke jalo fa.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** *Nnyaa*, point of order.

**MR SPEAKER:** *Nnyaa*, *Honourable Members* se direng jalo. A ko re tsweleng fela sentle, go nne le kagiso. *Honourable Leader of the Opposition (LOO)* kgang e ke tlaa e sala morago, ga go amogelesege gore Mopalamente o ka tlisa potso go bo go tsaya dikgwedi di ka nna tlhano gore karabo e nne teng, gotlhelele ga go amogelesege. Ke tlaa e sala morago le Tona yo o maleba gore potso e e tle e arabiwe.

Jaanong ga ke batle le kgotlana ka mafoko, ga ke batle le dia nako ka bo *point or order and procedure*. Tona ga a yo fa, mme e tlaa re fa a tsile ke tlaa mo lebisa kang e. Ke e lebise *Leader of the House* gore, fa dipotso di le teng, bagaetsho potso fa e amogetswe ke *Speaker* e a arabiwa, ga gona gore e ka tilwa ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Fa o e bona fela *in the Order Paper*, e a bo e le *assessed* e tshwanetse gore e arabiwe.

**MINISTER OF LABOUR AND HOME AFFAIRS (MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE):** *Point of order. Thank you Mr Speaker, motlotlegi fale should withdraw mafoko a gagwe ka nna a re ga ke ba bone sentle, ke ba tsaya sentle botlhe fela jaana. Ga ke ba bone e le simple civilians, gape ke ne ke mo gakolola ke re e se ka ya re a bona motho a le mongwefela a sa mo tsaya sentle, a bo a re UDC Government kana ba rotlhe ba. Go na le wa lona yo o kwa o utswile dikgomo kwa, mme ga ke ise ke re lotlhe le a utswa, gakere. Ga ke a re lotlhe le magodu a dikgomo, Mokhanselara. Ga ke a rialo, that is wrong.*

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

**MR SPEAKER:** Honourable Mokgware, *ke a go utlwa. Order! Honourable Members, Honourable Mokgware concept e nna le wena re neng re e ruta bana ya the notion of collective responsibility kwa university, ke yone e in practice. Fa a le mongwefela mo Cabinet a dirile jaaka fa a dirile jaana, ke Goromente. Ga gona jaaka le ka tsena ka fa tlase ga tafole.*

Honourable Members, *gakere le tsamaisa ka Westminster Style. E ka tswa e le hybrid, but se se topegetseng ke the Westminster. Fa o ipona fela o batla go farologana le Goromente, resign first. Fa o ipona o le Tona o tsaya tshwetso, o itse gore o tsenya Goromente mo mathateng. Ke sone se o bonang e re fa Honourable Mokgware a seyo, a bo a ka arabelwa ke Honourable Mmolotsi. Fa Honourable Modise le Honourable Ookeditse ba seyo, ba ka nna ba arabelwa ke Honourable Motsamai. Ke Goromente, ke yone notion ya collective responsibility. Le e tlhaloganye jalo bakaulengwe.*

Honourable Members, *ke batla go tsena mo kgannyeng ya bobedi. Ke kang ya potso ya..., remember I had deferred a ruling ka potso ele ya kwa Ministry of Basic Education. So, this is the information I have, and the legal advice which I verily accept. There is an interdict*

application which was filed by the applicant through its attorneys, on the awarding of the tender by the ministry and the matter is now at an advanced stage. Sometimes last week, the applicant through the attorneys, filed their founding affidavit. On the 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2025, the respondents through the Attorney General filed the answering affidavit. On Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2025, the applicants are expected to file their replying affidavit. Sometimes next week both parties are expected to file their heads of arguments. The matter is expected to be heard before Maun High Court on the 25<sup>th</sup> of August, 2025. Now Honourable Members, in light of the above, this matter as I consider is much sub judice as the filling of the papers touch on the merits of the subject. So, I shall therefore invoke Standing Order 38.1 (h) *gore* if we proceed this is likely to prejudice the case pending before the courts. So, that is my ruling. Thank you.

**MR SALESHANDO:** May I seek clarification from him?

**MR SPEAKER:** Leader of the Opposition.

**MR SALESHANDO:** *Point of clarification. Ee, re a go utlwa Mr Speaker. It is not my intention today go ngagisanya le wena ka kang e, mme this issue ya sub judice I think le wena o a itse gore you once raised it o le LOO, ka fa e kgoreletsang ka teng Mapalamente go dira tiro ya bone. President Duma Boko o e buile le ene phatlalatsa, a re golo mo ke seipato, ga a dumalane le gone go ne go dirisiwa gore one arm of Government e ka kganela e nngwe gore e ka dira. I think it was a public statement made by President Boko. Ke ne ke kopa gore re tle re batle nako re le Mapalamente kwa bothokong, re ko re bueng kang e. E kare kamoso go tlisiwa National Development Plan (NDP) ke le Mopalamente, ga go na se se nkganelang gore ke ye go pega kang kwa court, gore ga ke dumalane le sengwe mo NDP. Ga ke itse gore a go tlaabo go raya gore Palamente e a ema ka gore Dumelang o pegile kang, ga re ka ke ra bua ka NDP. I think it is in the interest of the nation gore re ye go batla nako go bua kang e, re e digele once and for all gore tota re tsena fa kae, ga re tsene fa kae re le Mapalamente. Ke a leboga.*

**MR SPEAKER:** Ee, ke kgakololo Honourable LOO and indeed I have my own views. As you say, I have also made them public when I was sitting on the very chair that you are sitting on. Jaanong, jaaka le ne le

buu maphakela ka go baakanya ditsamaiso tsa lona, *you may also want to consider reforming your rules of order and procedure, so that le se ka la ipofelela, le le lekalana le le independent. I said so in the past and I made reference to the United States (US), I have referred to South Africa. Gone this is not the time, kopanang le baakanye ditsamaiso tsa lona di se ka tsa le bofa matsogo. Jaanong kana gompiano ke tlamiwa ke ditsamaiso tsa lona batlotlegi.*

**MR HIKUAMA:** *Point of procedure. Mr Speaker, kgang e, you made a ruling mo go yone. Ga ke batle go tsema mo go ngangisanyeng le ruling. Potso e e leng gore Palamente e tlaabo e fela gone fa, tsothle di tlaabo di e swa. A mme ka gore ke potso e ke dumelang gore setšhaba le Mapalamente le Komiti ya Thuto, e lemoge dikgang tse di diragalang. O ka gakolola gore morago ga di 25<sup>th</sup> fa re ka bo re ka e tsenya gape, ke ya ntlha eo; a mme go tlaabo e le ka fa tsamaisong? Se sengwe, jaaka o le mantswitswidi le wena fela wa ditirelo tsa process ya Palamente le dithuto tsa gago tsa sepolotiki, a mme re ka se ke re seege Standing Order sone se? Jaaka re etle re dire and attend the answer.*

**MR SPEAKER:** Order! Order! Honourable Hikuama, the challenge as I say *gone jaana ke gore*, I have made a ruling and the Standing Orders are that, that ruling is final. In terms of the outcome of the court process, we will cross that bridge when we get there. There is nothing that precludes you from bringing this question if at the time it would not in my assessment prejudice the case. Pursuant to Standing Order 38.1 (h). *Jaanong a re yeng kwa potsong e nngwe batlotlegi.* I think there is a second theme by Honourable Simasiku Oscar Mapulanga.

## MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

### THEME: AIR BOTSWANA

Asked the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to state:

- (i) how much (budget) has been allocated to Air Botswana from 2019 to 2024;
- (ii) how many airplanes were bought by Air Botswana during the same period and the total cost;
- (iii) whether the planes were bought as new; and

(iv) how many are in operation and the challenges associated with the planes not being in operation.

**MR MAPULANGA (CHOBE):** Ke a go leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke go dumedise. Ke dumedise batlotlegi mo Ntlong yone e. Potso e ke *number two* mme ke e e le kang go sedimosa ka lekalana la rona la kwa difofaneng gore re utlwe gore gone botsogo jwa bone bo ntse jang, go tsamaya jang, go thata fa kae? Re ka bona thuso e e yang kwa pele mo dingwageng tse di tlang, ka gore setšhaba ga se kgone go bona *service* e e tlhamaletseng sentle. Ke re gongwe ka bokhutshwane, potso ya teng e lebile gone koo *Mr Speaker*.

**ACTING MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE (MR TSHERE):** Thank you very much Mr Speaker. I stand for the Minister of Transport. Thank you Honourable Mapulanga.

- (i) Mr Speaker, Air Botswana is not covered under the Government Recurrent Budget as it is expected to operate on a commercial sound manner as per the Air Botswana Act. However, the airline development projects are included in the Government Development Budget. Furthermore, the airline has received assistance from Government amounting to:-

2019/20 BWP17, 000, 000 to support the re-fleeting exercise programme following acquisition of one Embraer E170 and two ATR72-600 aircraft.

2020/21 BWP116, 000, 000 for COVID relief.

2021/22 BWP76, 200, 000 for COVID relief.

2022/23 BWP58, 000, 000 to cover accumulated debt and BWP33, 000, 000 for aircraft maintenance.

2023/24 BWP86, 305, 745 for major aircraft maintenance. BWP86, 604, 300 for operational budget shortfall and engine maintenance. BWP149, 952, 698 for re-fleeting exercise.

2024/25 BWP195, 532, 187 for re-fleeting exercise, BWP37, 171, 480 for engine overhaul. BWP20, 410, 000 for the November 2024 and February 2025 salaries.

In 2025/2026 this current financial year, the airline received P10 million for March 2025 salaries and P13 315 447.00 for reflecting exercise.

The national airline is hard hit by the current economic challenges, and experience reduced number of passengers, and as such affects its revenue as most of Government and parastatal organisations clamp down on travelling as a result of austerity measures put in place due to our economic situation.

(ii) Mr Speaker, between 2019/2020 and 2024/2025 financial years, Air Botswana purchased three aircrafts in 2024, being one Embraer E175 jet (88 seats) valued at USD9.5 million, and two Embraer ERJ145 jets with a capacity of 50 seats, each valued at USD4.650 million and USD4.350 million respectively.

(iii) These aircrafts were all pre-owned.

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

**MR TSHERE:** They were pre-owned, you could say second hand, it could be a third hand.

The E175...

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Ke eng o batla a re *second hand* fela?

**MR TSHERE:** The E175 is aged 14 years, while the ERJ145 are 15 and 16 years respectively. All procured aircraft have a life span of 30 years.

(iv) These newly acquired aircrafts adds to the already existing three aircrafts that were procured in 2018 being the two ATR72-600 which were bought new; this time there were bought new, and one Embraer E170 jet that was bought second hand; here they are specific, it is second hand, bringing the total fleet size to six aircrafts. All newly purchased aircraft are flying. Out of the six aircrafts, the E170 jet is due for a compulsory maintenance of 15,000 hours; a compulsory maintenance that ought to happen after flying 15 000 hours. The airline has financial challenges Mr Speaker, as I mentioned to maintain the E170 as it requires P57 226 845.00 for this maintenance. Thank you Mr Speaker.

**HONOURABLE MEMBERS:** Supplementary!

**MR SPEAKER:** E ke e le tsapogang fela mo ditilong batlotlegi.

**MR MAPULANGA:** Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke a go leboga Tona ka karabo. Ke dumela gore go re neetse lesedi le le ntsi thata gore ke eng re kgona go kalela kwa bo OR Tambo dioura tse di kana.

Ke latedise fa, ka gore o wela o supa gore ga go na *profits* ntateng ya gore badirisi ba difofane ga ba di palame, fa le nna fa fatshe le bone, a ba kgona go supa gore *these high value low volume*, ga ba dumele gore ke yone *that is costing* gore jaanong *profits* di felele di sa bonale mo go kalokalo? Fa *prices* tsa bone ba ne ba di lekanyetsa le *the economic status* sa rona re le Batswana, re ka bo re fokoditse mosuke mo go bo A1, le mo ditseleng tsa rona re dirisa bone ka gore *price* ya Air Botswana ke dumela gore ga se rotlhe Batswana ba re e kgonang. Re felela re dirisa Government Purchasing Order (GPO) fela. *Will they consider* gore go nne *this low value high volume system*?

Sa bobedi, o supa gore go na le e nngwe e e leng gore *probably is grounded* ka gore wa re *it is due, it is on compulsory service*. Ba solofetsa gore e tlaa wela leng mo tseleng ka gore ba re e gorogile mo *service level* ya yone?

Gongwe ya bofelo ke kgang ya gore, ke eng re sa bonale mo *routes* ka bontsi ka gore re a lemoga gore jaanong *we are dominated by flights* kana *airlines* tse di tswang kwa ntle? *Agreements* tse ba di saenang go kgona *to dominate the domestic market*, di kae kana go thata fa kae? *Routes* tsa rona fela mo Botswana o fitlhela e le gore *they are dominated* ke tsa mafatshe a sele, ba tlaa itsosa leng gore ba kgone go atologa re ba bone ba ya kwa mafelong a re solofelang gore re ka kgona go goroga mo go one?

**MR TSHERE:** Thank you very much Mr Speaker, and thank you very much Honourable Mapulanga for your questions.

Mr Speaker, I think first let us note that in this financial year, *Goromente ga a ka a tsenya madi a mantsi* kwa Air Botswana, *e bile o fokoditse madi a teng, o ne a reject proposal ya teng ya gore ba fiwe madi jaaka ba ntse ba fiwa go tswa kwa* mainly because *go tsentswe board e ntšha*, and they have changed the management. The new management is now tasked with the responsibility

of turning the airline around; that is their mandate, and that is why *Goromente a fokotsa go ba neela madi ka fa a ntseng a ba neela ka teng*. We have to appreciate that, that is the position of Government now.

*Jaanong fa re lebelela yone airline jaaka o bua ka low value, high volume, I think fela le nna ke se Tona kwa lephateng le, ke ntse ke bona Air Botswana...*

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

**MR TSHERE:** Ee, *vice-versa*, gakere o batla gore ba tseye batho ba le bantsi gore ba kgone go dira madi, ke sone se ke batlang go se araba. Ke ntse ke bona le nna mo *advertisements* tsa Air Botswana on Facebook gore *they are really going in that direction, they have reduced the costs. Even internal, domestic flying* o kgona go e bona gore tota *they are trying to tap on especially* le lona ba e leng gore le ya kwa bo Kasane, Francistown, Maun jalo, o kgona go bona gore ditlhwatlhwa tsa teng di lekanetse, e bile e le *a return trip*.

*Also re lebelela the flying market reach* ya bone to bo Namibia le yone South Africa tota, Johannesburg, Cape Town, o a kgona go bona gore ke batho ba leka go tsena mo mmarakeng *to compete* le bone e bile *to increase number of passengers* gore ba kgone go nna le *benefit* jalo.

*Let us give the benefit to the new board and the new management to turn around this airline. Gongwe we are not going to be seeing this amount of money being given to them in terms of Recurrent Budget* jaaka re sa tshwanela go dira. Ke na le tshepo e tona mo go bone gore ba tlaa dira fela jaaka o bua.

Jaanong o ne o botsa ka sefofane se ke reng se *due for maintenance, as such maintenance cost is over P57 million*. Jaanong ga ke na karabo ya gore se tlaa boela leng mo phefong ka gore jaaka ke bua, *it is dependent on the airline raising these requisite amounts* gore ba kgone *to service* sefofane se pele se boela mo phefong. Ke yone thulaganyo e ba *board* le *management* wa Air Botswana o tshwaraganeng le dikgang tsa teng. *I think I have answered the question in relation to the regional market. Thank you.*

**MR LEKAU:** *Mr Speaker*, ke a leboga *Minister*. Ke na le dipotso fela tse pedi tse e leng gore fa o ka di nkaraba, ke ka ya go robala.

Potso ya me ya ntlha ke gore *in the recent times* re lemogile gore Air Botswana *is losing both the pilots and the engineers* to South Africa kana *other countries*. *Why* go ntse jalo, e bo e re kwa morago ga teng re bo re bona e tsaya difofane tse e di isa kwa *engineers that we lost* di leng teng, di boa di ya go baakannngwa ke bone? Ke eng go pala gore re kgone *to retain these staff* ka gore kwa bofelelong jwa letsatsi, re bona e bile ba bangwe ba kgona *to be hired on private* mme ba ne ba le fa go rona? Mabaka a bakwa ke eng?

Ya bofelo; ke ne ke re a ga o bone gore Air Botswana gongwe o bona e kare e dira *losses*, tsaya sekai Maun; e kare dithoto tsa Air Botswana di iphakelwa fela ka gore go na le *plots* tse re neng re itse e le tsa Air Botswana. Re gola re itse e le tsa Air Botswana, gompiano o fitlhela e le gore jaanong di tserwe di neetswe *a certain individual* jaanong o a *develop* e bile *it is private*. Go dirisitswe mofuta ofe *to identify that person* e bile a neelwe *plot*? Go simologane re gola re itse e le ya *transport*, ga rekisiwa *asbestos* tse di neng di le foo go bo gotwe ke ya Air Botswana, kgantele Air Botswana ya re ga se ya yone, e bo e neelwa *an individual* mme e kare ga gona motlhala ope. A ga o bone gore yone eo fela ka e bile go agiwa mo mmolong mongwe le mongwe a lebile gore golo mo e ne e le ga Air Botswana jaanong go neetswe mongwe, e ne e le gore e ka bo e ka kgaratlha ya tshela, jaanong e gopelwa fela re ntse re e lebile? Ke a leboga.

**MR TSHERE:** Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ya gore *pilots* le *engineers* ba a tsamaya, gongwe ga ke na karabo ya yone *Mr Speaker*; ka gore mo potsong e *it was not specified* gore re bue ka dipalo tsa *engineers* le *pilots* tse di tsamayang. Fa e ka nna potso, ke ne ke ka tla ka botsa dipalo tsa teng.

**MR LEKAU:** *Procedure*. Nnyaa, gongwe go tlaa re o boe o nkise *workshop*. Kante *theme questions* ga se gore *Minister* o tshwanetse go ithuta *anything surrounding that question*, a se ka a re o tshwanetse gore a botswe sennanne? Ke a leboga.

**MR SPEAKER:** Gone ke boammaaruri *Honourable Lekau*, o tshwanetse gore a ba a ipaakanyeditse bophara jwa potso. *I think* gongwe *let us be considerate* ka gore *the substantive Minister is not here. I know he is answering on behalf of Government, so let us accept that there might be that limitation. You also have an option* ya gore fa a sa tshola bontlha bongwe jwa karabo, e bo

e le gore o ka tla a thusa mo nakong e e tlang ka bontlha bongwe jwa karabo e e ka bong gongwe e ne e sa wela.

**MR TSHERE:** Thank you Mr Speaker. O *bolelela ruri ka gore gakere potso e e na le megatlana ya dipotso tse five tse di neng di botswa, jaanong gongwe ya engineers, gone ga ke batle go abelela ka gore ke tloga ke senyetsa ba ministry. Jaanong mme ke tle ke ba bolelele gore ba e tlise* as a written question to supplement.

*Kana ke ntse ke bua Mr Speaker, gore Air Botswana is undergoing reforms, and the President is very clear gore we have to transform it. I think he mentioned it as one of the State-Owned Enterprises (SOEs) that ought to make profit very soon. Jaanong how we are going to achieve that; one of the reforms is that we are going to separate. Akere o a utlwa gore o bua ka assets tsa Air Botswana tse di kwa Maun, ga ke itse gore a di a itseelwa le gone, gongwe ga ke ka ke ka supa.*

*Se ke ka se supang ke gore as part of the reforms that are coming to Air Botswana, we want to separate the airport and form a separate entity that will govern the airport as in dikago tsele tsa airport. Have an airport authority e e tlaa itebaganyang le go baakanya airport fela and managing of the airport and separate it from the airline.*

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

**MR TSHERE:** No, they are not separated by law at the moment. *Jaanong that is the plan. And also separate the regulation e nne a standalone. O kgona go bona gore reforms tse di tlang tse di leka to maximise the...*

**MR LEKAU:** *Procedure. Mr Speaker, ke ne ke re Minister gongwe o ka tswa a fapogile go le gonnyennyane, se a se buang se e kare ga se a nna jalo. Yone ya gore go kgaogantswe, kana molao ke one o o dirang gore go nne le molao wa gore o kgaogane. Mo a go buang ke ne ke re gongwe le yone ke eng a sa e beye, e ya go tla e patile ele ya engineers e le karabo e e feletseng, e le correct because information e a e buang e kare golo gongwe ga e link sentle le se ke se itseng.*

**MR SPEAKER:** *Ke tsaya gore gongwe o bua ka the best practice ya gore go nna le the airport company, fa e le gore ke Airport Company Botswana, it manages airports. Go na le a national airline e le foo, then you have a Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) which regulates civil aviation. I am sure o bua ka tsela e.*

**MR TSHERE:** Thank you very much, *o nkutlwile sentle* Mr Speaker.

*Jaanong what I am talking about right now is not happening. I am telling you that it is reforms that are coming, aimed at ensuring that the airline is profitable so that ga e simolole by incurring costs of maintenance wa airport, maintaining planes and incurring regulatory aspects. So we are going to amend, ke tsaya gore melao ya teng e tlaa tla gone fa fa board e setse e wetse, e tsepame gore e batla to run the airline jang. So this over encompassing role of Air Botswana ke gone mo go e gogelang kwa tlase gape. Gongwe ga re kgone go bona e tswelala ka gore some of the costs tse e ka bong e di dirisa to maintain its wings e fly jalo and make profits, some of them have to go into the maintenance of the airport itself and the infrastructure e gotweng e gasagasame gongwe le gongwe e itseelwa ke batho. Ke a leboga.*

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Procedure.

**MR SPEAKER:** O botse potso *Honourable Aaron, o tlogele procedure.*

**MR AARON:** *Procedure. O tlaa intshwarela, ke ne ke re Minister o latlha setšhaba. A supe gore Air Botswana jaaka nne Honourable Lekau a leka go mo thusa, le CIA ga se selo se le one, go na le CAA, ke yone ya airports. Air Botswana does not maintain airports. O ne a leka go gakolola your colleague jalo. Thank you.*

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Supplementary Mr Speaker.

**MR SPEAKER:** *Honourable Jacobs, e ke e o emelelang fela, jaaka o bona Honourable Nkawana le Honourable Lucas ba eme ka dinao. You catch the Speaker's eye.*

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Ke eme Mr Speaker.

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

**MR LUCAS:** Thank you Mr Speaker.

**MR SPEAKER:** Honourable Jacobs, resume your seat *re reetse* Honourable Lucas.

**MR LUCAS:** Ke a leboga Mr Speaker. Ke ne ke re rraetsho, kana go supagala gore ka dingwaga le dingwaga Air Botswana e neelwa madi ke Puso ka gore

ga e kgone go diragatsa se e neng e le maikaelelo a yone kwa tshimologong le mo mekwalong ya Puso ya gore e itirele madi. O badile madi a mantsi thata, mme re a utlwa gompiano gore Air Botswana go ya ka Tautona *Advocate* Duma Boko, ke nngwe ya tse nne go balelwa le Botswana Meat Commission (BMC), Railways le Botswana Agricultural Marketing Board (BAMB), tse e leng gore e tlaa re fa ngwaga o o wela, di bo di dira dipoelo. Fa o lebile *trend* e o neng o re e balela ele, a mme o bona o kare se se buiwang ke Tautona Boko sa gore e ka dira dipoelo *by the end of this financial year*; a o bona se ka diragala? Ke bua se gape ka gore ya BMC yone, *Minister* yo o amegang o ne a supile gore nnyaa, o kare go boketenyana, mme ke re e le yone o e tlhamalitse gore a mme go ka kgonagala fa o lebile *trend* yone eo?

Sa bobedi ke gore o buile gore Air Botswana e tshentshile *management*, mme se re se utlwang ke gore o kare Chief Executive Officer (CEO) *has been suspended* mme ga re ise re utlwe gape gore *change* ya teng kwa nteng ga yo o seegetsweng fa thoko ke eng. Ke re gongwe o ko o e tlhatswe e tle e re kaetse sentle gore gone go ntile le *change*. Fa re bua ka *governance* ya yone, kana re utlwa gore ene yo e leng gore *chair* ya *board*, o kare o tshwere maemo *at a competing airline* mo Southern African Development Community (SADC), a golo moo e ka tswa e le nnete? Fa go ntse jalo, a seemo se a se ka re berekela?

Sa boraro ke *second-hand airlines or aeroplanes*; a mokgwa o wa go reka difofane tse dikgologolo, a o bona o lebane ka gore tota sone selo se segologolo, fa e setse e gola jalo, le fa e le motho tota, koloi kana baesekele, e simolole *to perform* ka maduo a a kwa tlase, a o bona mo difofaneng golo mo go siame? Fa re lebile gape gore fa selo se le segologolo, *maintenance* wa sone o nna kwa godimonyana, a mme o bona e le mokgwa o o siameng? A ga o bone e le mokgwa o e leng gore kwa morago o re kgobokanyetsa ditshenyegelo mo *airline*, o bo o ka *compromise profits*?

Sa bofelo ke kgang ya Air Botswana gompiano; a o a itse gore babereki ba Air Botswana ba mo tshotlegong e e kae ya gore kgwedi le kgwedi ba nna le go amogela morago ga nako? A o itse *implications* tsa go amogela morago ga nako mo babereking, bogolo jang ba ba rentisitseng, ba ba nang le *stop orders* le ba bangwe? A

selo se o a se itse, mme le ikaelela gore le se baakanye leng? Ke a itse gore o motshwareledi, go ka nna ga nna boketenyana. Ke a leboga.

**MR TSHERE:** Thank you very much and for appreciating that I am holding fort Honourable Lucas. You mentioned *gore* Comrade President Boko mentioned Air Botswana as one of the State-Owned Enterprises that ought to make profit by end of this year. *Kana* that is the instruction that the President has given. Overly ambitious as he is *gore* this is what he envisions for this country or he wants the country to be. So, you cannot stop him from being ambitious. So, he is so ambitious that he wants these things turned around and he instructed his Ministers to do the same and there is no problem in the President being ambitious and wanting to turn the country around. I do not think it would be prudent for the President to come and say “ah, *go padile, ga go na sepe se se ka kgonagalang*,” then what will he be telling the nation? So, that is what he is saying. He is very ambitious, he wants this country to turn around.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** He is being unrealistic.

**MR TSHERE:** No, unrealistic or not, it is his ambition. Now, that is his vision. So, *rona* as his Ministers... he has told me to turn around the economy and digitalise by the end of this year. Do I sit and say I cannot? Then I have to resign. You see the problem. So, that is what we are doing, we are following the President's vision and that ambitious vision to turn around the airline and we are up to game on that one.

In terms of the board, *kana* as a Minister, you appoint the board, obviously in consultation with the President and the board in terms of corporate governance, it is the one that actually deals with the CEO and other staff. CEO and his or her team, runs the airline. So, what the President and the Minister did, they appointed the new board and put it to the board that they should turn around the airline. That is what they did and in the board's wisdom of turning around the airline, they can take decisions administratively to suspend or otherwise the workers and that is what they did, you cannot question them by way of corporate governance. So, that is what they did.

I am telling you the principle of what happened and transpired. So, whether or not we should tell the

board to reinstate or what, it will be against corporate governance. So, let the board deal with the airline. We want it profitable by end of this year, that is what the President's instruction is and he is instructing the board. It is now the discretion of the board as what to do now to achieve that which the President wants and this is corporate governance at its best. So, do not ask the President to step in now into the CEO and now entangle himself on issues of the CEO, it is the board that took that decision. It is not even the Minister, the Minister will rectify.

You are talking about the board chairman who has been appointed in another area or jurisdiction. Of course, but we see it is on a short-term basis, *gongwe e bile term ya teng e fedile*. So, do not worry about it.

You are talking about a second-hand airline; of course, everybody wants to buy a new car, even yourselves Honourable Lucas, but because of budget, you end up buying fonkong.

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

**MR TSHERE:** Correct? So, we want to buy new cars, but because of budgetary constraints, we will end up buying a second-hand. But you look for a good second-hand, that is why they bought a second-hand which was on half-life, 14 years but the 30-year life span, so that is what they did. I think it was considerable and if they were to buy *e e leng gore e na le 25 years*, only left with five years, then I would worry. But it is an issue of budget.

Workers earn their salaries late; it is very unfortunate, but look at my answer that I gave earlier on today. The only time UDC Government in 2025/2026 that it disbursed money was not for re-fleeting, maintenance of fleet, anything relating to operation, but for salaries, that shows how much considerate we are with the workers and we feel that, we know what it means and that is why Government only issued money to cover salaries. I thank you.

**MR JACOBS:** Supplementary. *Ke a leboga* Mr Speaker. Tona, kana we are all aware that Air Botswana has been a non-profit making entity, but like you said, it is the vision of our President to try and see that this entity *tota* starts making profit. Can you maybe tell this Parliament a few of the ways that you are going to transform Air

Botswana into becoming a profitable airway? I thank you Mr Speaker.

**MR TSHERE:** *Thank you very much Honourable Jacobs. I think I mentioned earlier on fa re bua ka gore airline ke e re a e bona mo maranyaneng, e a advertise, e a supa gore go ya kwa Maun gongwe ke bo P3000 or so, golo moo ke go leka go ngoka batho ba le bantsi. But nna ke ne ke re a re feng airline the opportunity and the new board gore e tle e turn around the airline, that is the vision of the President and he has placed that obligation. What we have done as Government like I am saying in 2025/2026, we have rejected giving them money except for salaries and the figure that I have mentioned. So, a re emeleng board kana Minister yo mosha a tle a tlhalose, the...*

**MR JACOBS:** *On a point of procedure. Tona, can you give us some wisdom gore how are you going to turn around the airways? Jaanong o sale o tlhalositse ga ke utlwe gore wa reng. Explain to us gore how are you going to try to implement and change that airways gore e kgone go nna profit-making entity. Ke a leboga rra.*

**MR SPEAKER:** *Ga se procedure.*

**MR TSHERE:** Mr Speaker, I think I have explained it, in the body of my answer, they spoke about low-value-high-volume as one of the strategies and Air Botswana's ability to spread its wings into our neighbours and enhancing its fleet domestically, that is what they are doing. We can all see through their social media platform that they are doing exactly that, this is another turnaround strategy but I am saying the rest of the strategy, *jaaka ke ne ke ntse ke bua ke the reforms that are going to come, some of them involve the change of law and the act itself. So, e tlile go tla gone fa mo Palamenteng* in order to implement such reforms. That responsibility, the President has placed it on the Minister and in extension, he has placed that obligation on the new board. I thank you.

**MR NKAWANA:** *Ke a go leboga Mr Speaker. Tona ke a go utlwa, o leka go araba. A ga o ka ke wa dumalana le nna gore seemo se re leng mo go sone ka Air Botswana and other parastatals, re tsamaela go tshwana le seemo sele sa BCL? Letsatsi le letsatsi ba kopa madi ba batla dithuso mo go Goromente. A re ka dumela gore go tshonwe? A ga re tsamaele kwa seemong sa gore*

jaanong le bo le palelwa ke go ntsha madi a *salaries*, kgantele le a *petrol* tota tsa difofane? Ke tsaya gore le setse le le mo seemong seo.

Kgang e nngwe e e leng gore o e arabile, mme ke santse ke na le lesokolela. Ke eng se se neng se re pateletsa gore re reke sefofane se se tsamaileng *half its lifespan*? Ke eng bogolo re ne re sa batle e e ka tshelang botoka go na le e e setseng e lapile e bile tse dingwe di batla ma P57 million? Ke madi a mantsi thata.

E nngwe potso, kana *we are a very small population*, sekai, go ya kwa Maun, wa re ke P3 000. Ba kae ba e leng gore fa re tlhoafetse Air Botswana e ka dira *profit* go duela P3 000 go ya Maun? A ga o bone *pricing* ya difofane go ya kwa Maun ka Air Botswana e le kwa godimo thata? Ke dumela gore *to push volumes*, o ka iphitlhela o wetse fa go siameng teng go na le gore o beye *prices* kwa godimo o kganelele mongwe le mongwe kwa ntle.

Ya bofelo, ga o ise o goroge mo seemong sa go akanya gore gongwe o batle sefofane se e seng *second hand*, se se siameng se se ka yang go rwala batho kwa mafatsheng ba ba nang le madi sa ba tlisa mo Botswana ka gore rona mo Botswana ga re na madi? Re se ka re bua ka bo *new management will turn around*.

**MR TSHERE:** Thank you very much and thank you very much Honourable Nkawana. A Air Botswana e nna the new BCL; no, I do not think so. With the ambition and what the President has placed on the board to turn around this organisation, we do not think it will close anytime soon, we certainly hope not, we want it to continue to fly.

Pricing; they have revised the pricing *jaaka ke bua, re tlhola re bona mo maranyaneng* gore go a bit competitive in terms of how much you take to drive and the convenience that comes with it. Flying to Maun under an hour from here, the convenience and the return, you did not mention *gore* it is a return ticket for P3 000, maybe we should state so that we market as well. So, it is essentially P1 500 to go to Maun and it takes you an hour. *Ao!* Honourable Saleshando, comparatively, how much fuel do you put on your land rover to go to Maun? It is probably a lot of money. So, you can see how considerate they are and they are trying to reach and push this low-value-high-volume strategy. I think

it is for us Batswana now to see low-cost-high-volume approach. Even going to Shakawe, I think it will be much better *gore o ye go fologa kwa* Maun an hour later and then travel to Shakawe.

Kasane as well, it is a considerable amount or less. In fact, if you compare it with driving, it will be better to take Air Botswana, looking at the fuel and the maintenance cost that will come. It is really competitive, otherwise if we go very low Honourable Nkawana, then you will force the Government to subsidise. There will be no option but to subsidise.

**MR LEKAU:** *On a point of procedure. Mr Speaker,* ke ema ka letshwenyego le le tona ke lebeletse Standing Order 40 ya *Ministers' Question*. Kana mo molaong *if something is not pronounced*, fa gongwe *it provides a challenge and the interpretation may vary*. A go relevant tota *to this House and benefit the House that the Minister* yo o bodiwang potso a bo a ka bo a seyo, a bo a emelwa ke mongwe? Ga ke nyatse bokgoni jwa ga Rre Tshere, ke jo bo kwa godimo thata, mme dipotso tse fa gongwe e kare *they are too technical*, go ne go batlile ene yo o berekang le lephata leo letsatsi le letsatsi. Fa Rre Dikoloti a seyo re bo re kopa Rre Motsamai go araba dilo tsa *agriculture* kana tsa ga Rre Tshere, a go tlaabo go le *productive to the House*? Ke botsa *with sincerity* gore a re ne re sa dumalane gore fa e le *Minister's question* e arabiwe ke *substantive Minister* ka *the substantive Minister encounters those issues* letsatsi le letsatsi? Ke a leboga.

**MR SPEAKER:** Honourable Lekau, mma ke tseye fela gore *you are making a suggestion but* ditsamaiso di ntse jaaka di ntse gore fa Tona yo mongwe a seyo yo mongwe a mo arabele. Ke yone e ke neng ke e bua ya *the notion of collective responsibility, one Government, any minister* o ka emela yo mongwe. *Of course, there may be that deficiency* e o buang ka yone *but it was not envisaged, but one way around it* ke gore *sometimes Ministers* ba bangwe ba kgona gore ba re mme mo go e, ke batla e le nna ke e ikarabelang, *there is also that provision. I am sure you can liaise with the Minister to say* gongwe *I prefer* gore ke wena o neng o ka e araba ka gore *you are the substantive Minister but this is in line with your rules of order and procedure*. Ke raya gore *your Standing Orders* di a letla gore Honourable Tshere a bo a ka arabela Honourable Salakae.

**MR TSHERE:** Thank you very much Mr Speaker. Again, this answer comes from the ministry itself, *go raya gore* I will be sharing the answer as they come from the ministry, *ga ke di ntsho mo tlhogong. Kgang e ke neng ke wela ka yone ke gore, kana fa ba ntse ba kopa gore* Air Botswana *e ye kwa tlase gongwe e tlaa tsenya batho ba le bantsi* to almost the charge *jaanong ya bus*, it would be a problem *ka gore* we will end up having to subsidise it.

*Jaanong potso e e boelelang ya gore*, why did we opt for second hand, *ke ne ke e tlhalositse* earlier on, it is really a factor of budget *ya gore* do you afford. I do not think *o ka reka* second hand when you afford a new one, so that is the issue. Of course, *fa o setse o rekile eo*, that is what we are seeing, maintenance will kick in sometimes, but I am sure they would have weighed the two and settled for a second hand. It is not a new thing in the airline industry to buy a second hand by the way. It is because of the lengthy lifespan of the aircraft itself, so it is considerable.

*A Air Botswana ga e lebelele* the possibility *ya gore e ye go nna e itseela, sekai, ke tsaya gore o raya gore gongwe re emelele gone fa re bone gore* most tourists *ba tswa kae, re bo re ya go ba tsaya gone koo ka airline ya rona*. I think that is the ambition *e re lekang* to achieve *le rona* as an airline. Like I am saying, we have a new board that is tasked with the responsibility of turning around the airline. Some of those reforms will come here as amendment of the laws that are establishing and governing our air space. Let us give them that time because it is just relatively new that we have deployed a new board there, with a specific task to turn around the airline by end of this year. Thank you very much Mr Speaker.

**MR SPEAKER:** *Order! Order! Honourable Members, ya dipotso e tšhaile. Dipotso tse le di bonang mo Order Paper ke tse di neng fa e le gore di theme di ka se ke di tsene, bogolo go bo go na le dipotso tse di ka arabiwang.*

## STATEMENT

### STUDENT INDISCIPLINE

#### ASSISTANT MINISTER OF CHILD WELFARE AND BASIC EDUCATION (MR HUNYEP):

Thank you Mr Speaker, *ke go leboge go mpha nako e*. Mr Speaker, I rise to address the Honourable House

on an issue that has become a concern to Members of Parliament and strikes at the heart of our education system, the growing challenge of student indiscipline in our schools. This week some Members of Parliament expressed serious concern about this particular subject. As the Ministry of Child Welfare and Basic Education, we condemn in the strongest possible terms all forms of student misconduct; bullying, harassment of peers and teachers, vandalism, violence, drug abuse and other disruptive behaviours that threaten the safe and respectful environment in our schools. We have seen some students recently, especially after pronouncements on the abolition of corporal punishment, going viral on social media platforms either ruthlessly beating other students or saying expletives and profanities that embarrassed the whole nation. *Ba bua ditlhapa tse di neng di tlhabisa batsadi ba bone le setšhaba ditlhong*. This is unacceptable and action will be taken against wayward students. In fact, this is a small number that is causing all these indiscipline incidents. In 2024, total enrollment was 569, 450 students and there were 2,088 indiscipline cases. In 2025, the total enrollment is 580, 284 with 1, 958 cases so far. These are enrollments in public schools for both primary and secondary schools.

Mr Speaker, this statement today seeks to be balanced to acknowledge the rights of the learner under our laws and international conventions, but also to remind every learner of their responsibilities, because every right has got a responsibility.

#### Rights of the Child – Guided by International and National Standards

Mr Speaker, Botswana's obligations are clear. We are a signatory to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), ratified in 1995, the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACRWC), and we are bound by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights of 1948 in as far as education and dignity are concerned.

Domestically, our Children's Act of 2009 and the Education Act safeguard the child's right to education in an environment that is safe and conducive to learning. But rights cannot exist without responsibility. Every learner must remember that they are not only future leaders, they are current leaders whose behaviour influences the tone and culture of their schools.

### The Weakening of Parenting Roles

Mr Speaker, allow me to address a reality that we can no longer ignore. We have to say it as it is. Parenting is the first line of discipline. The home is the first school. Parents are the first teachers. If we get it wrong at home with parenting, we will not get it right at schools with teachers as loco parentis.

Mr Speaker, it is a matter of grave concern to the ministry that in some households, parenting roles have weakened drastically. Where parenting is weak, this will inevitably reflect in the conduct of children. A child's values, discipline, and respect for authority begin at home, and if these foundations are not laid firmly, no school system in the world can fully compensate. Even the best teacher will not win the battle. *Lore lo ojwa le sale metsi.*

Mr Speaker, we urge parents and guardians to reclaim their central role in raising disciplined, respectful, and responsible young citizens. According to a researcher Leapetswe Maletse in Journals.Sagepub.com, February 2007: Aggressive and Antisocial Behaviours Among Botswana Secondary School students in Botswana: The Influence of Family and School Based Factors - where he studied students aged between 12-20 years and concluded. I quote...

**MR SPEAKER:** Please do.

**MR HUNYEPA:** "Results showed significant prevalence of self-reported aggressive tendencies and antisocial behaviors among secondary school students in Botswana. Boys rated themselves higher on aggression, use of alcohol and drugs and using dangerous weapons compared to girls.

The high scores on anti-social and aggressive behaviours were significantly related to poor parent-child relations and low parental monitoring. The results are consistent with findings from previous studies".

### 4. Public vs Private School Paradox

Mr Speaker, there is a troubling paradox we must address: serious cases of student indiscipline seem to occur more frequently in public schools than in private ones. This is not to say that private schools are free from challenges, far from it, but it raises questions

about the different learning environments, levels of parental involvement, resource availability, and perhaps the expectations and cultures within the two systems. This is a challenge not only for educators, but also for researchers to study and provide insights that can guide long-term solutions.

### 5. Drug abuse as a contributing Factor

We cannot speak of indiscipline without confronting the growing concern of drug and substance abuse among learners. Drugs erode judgement, fuel aggression, and undermine the capacity of students to focus on their studies. We have seen clear links between substance abuse and rising cases of violence, bullying, vulgar language, absenteeism, and academic decline.

The ministry is working with law enforcement officers, the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Youth and Gender Affairs, Ministry of Sports and Arts and Local Government and Traditional Affairs, community leaders, and civil society to address some of these challenges. Prevention starts with awareness, parents, teachers, and learners must all be educated about the dangers and legal consequences of drug abuse.

### 6. The Role of stakeholders

This fight is not for the MCWBE alone. We are all in it one way or the other, Parents and Teachers Associations (PTAs), Village Development Committees (VDC), Teacher Trade Unions, student leadership bodies, local authorities, Dikgosi and Councillors, faith-based organisations, civic groups, Professional Counsellors, communities, private sector and Members of Parliament (MPs) Mr Speaker, we have to emphasise that discipline starts at home, is reinforced at school and is sustained by the community. We must pull together to reverse this trend of gross indiscipline. It is a collective responsibility.

### 7. School-Based Interventions

Mr Speaker, to strengthen discipline, the ministry will be scaling up guidance and counselling services and revitalising positive student engagement through clubs such as Scripture Union, Scouts, Girl Guides, 4Bs, Debate, etc which you are aware Mr Speaker that they have all collapsed within our education system, and now we want to resuscitate all this.

Later today, I will be officiating at Batanani Junior School in Mapoka, where they have a bootcamp to capacitate students, including discipline issues. I would like to applaud teachers around the country, who have started such clubs. Leadership structures including School Representative Councils (SRCs), Prefects, Monitors, and Peer Action Counselling Teens (PACT) are also being resuscitated and empowered. Sports and cultural activities to channel energy into constructive avenues. Some of these negative youthful exuberance are due to idleness.

Mr Speaker, these interventions will be supported through inter-ministerial collaboration with other ministries. The ministry also continues to support the National Children's Council and the National Children's Forum which are very active as we speak.

### 8. Historical Perspective

Mr Speaker, Student indiscipline is not new. Even in the days when corporal punishment was common, we saw severe cases of "to treat". *Rre Gobotswang o ne a treat ba bangwe kwa Moeding kana ke kwa Moeng.* "To treat" was very popular in the past, initiation-style bullying of new arrivals in schools, and "go tswala ka mongwe" at term-end. *O fitlhela motho a emetse yo mongwe kwa gate ya sekole, Rre Kapinga a eme gone kwa a re,* "ke tlile go tswala ka wena." *Jaaka o bona Rre Saleshando a batla go tswala ka rona, go tswalwa jaana.*

These Mr Speaker, have been there all along. These acts sometimes led to injury, even death, and permanent school dropouts, some students ran away from school and never returned. Teachers have not been spared as they have been attacked, and in some cases, killed. Some today carry permanent scars today. Teachers morale is very low, and this is so historical as this was even captured by the 1994 Revised National Policy on Education (RNPE). The student indiscipline is now worsening their working conditions.

Mr Speaker, what has changed today about indiscipline in schools is visibility. Today, social media amplifies these incidents in real time, making them more visible, but also providing an opportunity to respond faster. There have been many cases of student's indiscipline, and some going on social media and showing off their foul conduct on social media, including bullying.

### 9. Law Enforcement and Accountability

Mr Speaker, while I do not have immediate statistics in some areas as it is being worked on, criminal matters have been referred promptly to the social workers and police. Teachers, parents, and professional counsellors play key roles in managing early signs of indiscipline. Every case is taken seriously, and we will continue to ensure schools remain safe learning and teaching spaces.

### 10. Future Interventions

These would include, National Indiscipline Response Framework; for prevention, early detection, and case management. It also provides mandatory leadership training for student leaders on rights, responsibilities, and peer mentorship. Faith-based partnerships to promote values education. Integration of life skills education, conflict resolution, emotional intelligence, and responsible use of digital media. Community dialogues-at Kgotla level to unite parents, learners, and leaders in solutions.

### 11. Call to Action

Mr Speaker, we call upon researchers, academics, and policy specialists to join this effort and help us find long-lasting, evidence-based interventions. We call upon every citizen, parent, teacher, leader, and learner to commit to making discipline a shared national value.

### 12. Conclusion

The challenge of student indiscipline is not insurmountable, but the solution lies in a united front, homes, schools, communities, and Government working together. Let us act together now with urgency and commitment, to raise a disciplined generation worthy of Botswana's future.

The Book of Proverbs 22 verse 6 reads; "Direct your children onto the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it". We have a duty to direct our children on the right path.

In Nancy Van Pelt little book series: 2008: A Short Guide to Good Parenting, she writes about what sort of example as parents we are. She says "a boy once wrote this to his mother and father, "you parents start wars and set a terrible example regarding morals and honesty, yet

you expect us to be angels. We are only copying you, why don't you practice what you preach?"

I thank you, Mr Speaker. *Ga ke itse gore mo motsotsong a ke ka soboka ka Setswana?*

**MR SPEAKER:** Fa o setse o *respond*, o tlaa soboka ka Setswana

**MR HUNYEPA:** Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke bone o letleletse Rre Saleshando maabane a dira jaana.

**MR SPEAKER:** You can summarise quickly *ka* Setswana, Honourable Minister.

**MR HUNYEPA:** Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke ema fa pele ga Ntlo e tlotlegang e, ka bothata jwa setlhophana sa bana ba rona mo dikoleng. Se e leng gore boitshwaro jwa bone, ga se jo bo kगतhang gotlhelele. Re le ba tlanelo ya bana go tswa moding, re kgala boitshwaro jo bo sa siamang jo; go tlhapaola ba bangwe, go bogisa barutabana, go senya dithoto tsa Puso, le mekgwa e mengwe e e senyang kagiso mo dikoleng. Re a itse gore bana ba na le ditshwanelo Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ka melawana ya mafatshefatshe e e leng teng, e e tshwanang le African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child le United Nations (UN) Declaration of Human Rights ya 1948 e e sireletsang bana.

Mo Botswana go na le melao e e leng *Children's Rights*, e e sireletsang bana ba rona. Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, re kopa gore botsadi jwa rona, bo thuse fela thata mo kgodisong ya bana. Ditshekatsheko di supa gore ngwana gore a dire sentle, o tshwanetse a bo a rutilwe sentle kwa lelwapeng, a godisitswe sentle kwa lelwapeng. Barutabana kwa sekoleng ba ka se ke ba kgone go simolola ba rutuntsha ngwana, mme e le gore o ne a sa bona kgodiso e e siameng sentle kwa lelwapeng.

Re na le letshwenyego gape Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ka ditagi tse bana ba mo go tsone, tse ba di dirisang mo dikoleng. Ke tsone tse di felelang di dira gore ba felele ba rogaka ba bangwe, ba betsa ba bangwe jalojalo. Go na le bosupi *Mr Speaker* jwa gore go na le bana ba ba setseng ba tsentse ba bangwe dikgobalo tse di seng kana ka sepe. Ba biditse le barutabana ba e leng gore le gompiano ba santse go supega ba santse ba na le

ditlhabi tsa go betswa ke bana. Re le Puso, re simolola mananeo a mangwe mo dikoleng a bo 4B, *scouts*, Scripture Union (SU) jalojalo, go ruta bana boitshwaro jo bo rileng. Ke re, ke one mafoko a mangwe a ke setseng ke fetile ka one. Mokwadi yo gotweng Nancy Van Pelt, yo o kwadileng a re, "mosimane o kile a kwalela mmaagwe le rraagwe a re, lona batsadi, le rata go simolola dintwa, le bo le nna dikai tse di maswe ka boitsholo le go sa bue nnete. Le bo le solofela gore rona bana ba lona re nne baengele, re ithuta mo go lona. Ke eng le sa dire se le se rerang." Ngwana yo o supa gore bone ba ithuta se batsadi ba se dirang. Mo bukeng ya *Proverbs* ke setse ke tswala Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, *Proverbs 22 verse 6* ya re, "tsenya bana ba gago mo tseleng e e siameng, mme e tlaare ba godile, ga ba kitla ba tswa mo go yone." Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

**MR SPEAKER:** *Order! Order! Honourable Members*, Standing Order 41.3; le se ka la nganga, le ka botsa dipotso fela tse di khutshwane gore a le kgwe dikgaba. Ga ke itse gore *do you prefer* go di tsaya se *one, one?*

**MR HUNYEPA:** ...*(Inaudible)*...

**DR DOW:** Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke a leboga *Honourable Minister*. Ke na le dipotso tse pedi fela. La ntlha ke ne ke re fa re ntse re bala batho ba ba phoso gore re le fa re leng teng fa, a ga o itsenye mo teng? Ke lebile gore maloba o ne wa kgaola tsela nngwe ya *discipline*, o bo o sa e emisetse ka sepe. Batsadi le bana le mongwe le mongwe yo o neng a itse *corporal punishment* e le nngwe ya tsamaiso ya *discipline*, ga ke dumalane le yone. A o ka e kgaosetsa fela *without transition, education, training*, gore tota wa re batsadi jaanong ba reng? A golo mo ga o bone gore ke gone go fileng bana marapo a go tsaya gore gompiano *anything can go?*

Ya bobedi; o ne o tshwantshanya dikole tsa Puso le tse e seng tsa Puso. O bo o lemotsha gore gantsi maitseo a a makgasa go fetelela, a nna thata kwa dikoleng tsa Puso. A ga o lemoge gore gape mathata a ntse a mo go rona babusi? Ke raya wena *Minister*; ga o lemoge gore *environment matters*. Ke gore fa o le kwa Artesia Junior School, *toilets* di penologa, go sena difensetere, dijo di tlhela, ke gore *environment* e le makgasa, golo mo go dira gone gore o se ka wa tlotla *environment* le batho botlhe ba e leng gore *they are overseeing that environment*.

Golo mo gore go baakannngwe, go tshwanetse go tswe mo go rona babusi le mo lephateng. Fa sekole se se ikemetseng *toilet* e penologa, ga o fiwe *licence*. Fa *dustbin* e sena sekhurumelo, ga o fiwe *license*. *Toilets* tsa gago di kgona go penologa mme go bo go siama fela. A ga o bone gore gone mo, tota mathata a mo go wena o le *Minister* gore baakanya dilo tse gore gongwe maitseo a tle a nne botoka? Ke a leboga.

**MR PHOLOGOLO:** Thank you Mr Speaker. Minister, *mma ke go leboge* statement. *Ke bo ke re, o dirile go tlala ka diatla gore re leke* to identify the root cause because the examples that you gave *tsa go tswala ka ba bangwe*, they are totally different from the current scenarios *gore* perhaps there is need to bring in experts, to find the real cause *ya dilo tse*. Would you not in your analysis or investigation of the root cause, agree *gore* the family fabric could be another cause whereby *ga re sa tlhole re na le* that extended family set up *le* the advent of social media? Would it also not be a cause of what we are experiencing? Perhaps also bring into the picture lack of activities *tse di tlhokafalang kwa dikoleng*, especially *fa re bona* school sport *se sa bolo go nyelediwa*. *Ke tsaya ke re*, with just those few, it might point out to where we need to go as a Government in trying to deal with this matter. I thank you.

**MR HIKUAMA:** Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*. Re lebogela tekodiso *Honourable Minister*. Ke na le dipotso tse tharo. Sa ntlha mma ke supe ke re ke ratile ka fa o tsibogileng ka teng. Ke supe jaana gore le fa ntswa ke dumalana le go emisiwa ga thupa, gore gongwe *it is not the best way to instill discipline* ya sennelaruri mo baneng. E tsamaelana le ya *Mother of the House*, a mme go e emisa go sena morero, go sena thulaganyo ya go e emisa, le go baakanyetsa ba ba amegang mo go diragatseng *disciplinary policy in schools*, ke nngwe ya mabaka a dirang gore go runye mo go feteletseng ga phutlhamo ya *discipline* mo dikoleng? Ka Sekgoa re ka bua gore *it has created a vacuum of authority* gone mo boeteledipeleng ka gore e tsisitse le gone go digela *morale* wa barutabana le ba ba amegang kwa tlase. Go bona gore *now they remained powerless*, ga go na sepe se ba ka se dirang. Ga o bone e le mo go bakileng thata le go tlhama *excitement* e tona mo baneng gore ba itseele molao ka sepiti? Ke ya ntlha.

Ya bobedi, ga o lemoge Tona gore letlhoko la metshameko kana *weak extra-curricular programme in*

*schools that can engage* bana go tswa mo dikgannyeng tse di makgwakgwa tse? O a itse *as a teacher* gore *extra-curricular activities* le go tsenya bana mo metshamekong, le mo *other activities*, di itsa bana go akgega ba nna ba sa dire sepe. Tlhaloganyo ya bone e nna *occupied*, go bo go ba itsa gore ba ka nna le dikgang tse tsa *indiscipline*.

A ga o bone gore gone mo le gone go na le seabe se se tona mo e leng gore Puso e tshwanetse e dire ka bonako gore metshameko le *to engage* bana mo dikoleong e boeile gore e tle e leke go lwantsha kgang e ya tlhokotsebe mo baneng?

Sa boraro, go na le seemo se se bifelang pele mo kgaolong ya Boteti, bogolo jang mo Letlhakane mo e leng gore ntswa jaanong e fetoga go nna ngwao. Go na le eng se le se tsibogetseng le le Puso le lephata le le amegang go tswala kgang e e ise e jwelelele? Maloba e ne e le kwa Letlhakane Senior, maabane e ne e le kwa dikoleng tse pedi, Motsumi Junior Secondary School ba etetse ba Letsweletse Secondary School, go lwa bana ba dikole tse di farologaneng. Seemo se, a ga o bone gore fa le sa tsiboge ka bonako, se ka jwelelela jaanong e nna *a crisis within the whole region* ya Boteti? Ke a leboga.

**MR SPEAKER:** O ne a re a di tseye o tlaa tsaya *another round*.

**MR HUNYEPA:** Nnyaa, di wetse *Mr Speaker*.

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

**MR HUNYEPA:** Le rona *our programme is very ambitious Members of Parliament*. Ke lebogele dipotso tseo *Members of Parliament*, di botlhokwa. *In my speech*, tse dingwe tse di builweng fa, *I have covered them*, ke ne ke setse ke di arabile, mme *I take that they are very emphatic*.

*Honourable Dow* o ne a botsa gore go emisa *corporal punishment* a ga re bone e le sone gongwe se se bakileng mathata one a, gape le gore ga re na *replacement alternatives*. Ke re jaaka ke ne ke tlhalositse gape, *we have alternatives to corporal punishment* tse e leng gore *we will continue to engage and consult other stakeholders*. *Other alternatives* tse di leng teng ke tsone tse re buang ka tsone tsa gore *we want to strengthen our Guidance and Counselling department* gore ba kgone go nna le gone go ka rarabolola mathata one a fa a ka diragala. *I also talked of preventing such cases*.

Gape ke re kana ga se Puso fela e dirileng jalo, Puso e dira jalo gape e lebile melao ya mafatshefatshe. *I take that you are aware that corporal punishment e emisitswe kwa Zimbabwe, Namibia, South Africa le mafatshe a mangwe. So, these conventions that we ratified and even domesticated, di bua ka tsone dikgang tsone tse. Kana this was an announcement that was made, consultations are ongoing as well, go ntse go tswetse.*

Gape ke tlhalose gore, kana ga se Puso fela e emisitseng *corporal punishment, you will recall* gore le *union e nngwe ya barutabana ya Botswana Sectors of Educators Trade Union (BOSETU), mo congresses tsa bone...*

**MR HIKUAMA:** *Procedure.* Ke dumela gore Tona *missed* potso, potso e ne e le gore “go emisa ga potlako;” “*abrupt stopping,*” not gore ga go dumalanwe le go emisa. Gore go emisa mo, *announcing* fela, ke gore go tshwana le o emisa koloi e ntse e tsamaya ka 140km/h, wena o bo o re *stop!* Ke sone se se bodiwang gore a mme gone go emisa mo ga potlako mme batho ba ba ntseng ba tshwere tiro ba se *prepared,* gape go sena *any replacement,* a go emisa mo go ne go siame. Potso ke yone eo, ga e kgatlhanong le go emisa.

**MR HUNYEPA:** Ke a go utlwa *honourable.* Ke ne ke gogela thata gone koo mme...

**MR SPEAKER:** *Honourable Minister,* o se ka wa tsena thata mo *microphone* oo.

**MR HUNYEPA:** Ke a go utlwa *honourable,* ke a leboga. Mma ke re gongwe go ka tswa go dirilwe jalo, mme ke sone se ke se buang gore re leka gore re baakanye rotlhe re le Batswana go tla ka tharabololo ya mathata one a. Re na le tumelo ya gore mathata a ga se a a ka re palelang rotlhe *if we put all our hands on the deck.*

Re tsile ka ditsela tse dingwe bagaetsho go leka gore mathata one a re a bonang mo dikoleng, re a rarabolole. Ke sone se o bonang re bua gore *there are some forth coming workshops* tse e e leng gore School Representative Committee (SRC) and *peer groups will be capacitated.* Go na le *National Children's Council,* baetedipele le bone bana ba dikole ba e leng gore le bone *they formed that as part to help solve problem of student indiscipline.*

Ke tlhalositse gape gore *we are resuscitating some clubs that were not there before, you will recall that clubs tse di tshwanang bo scout ke dingwe tsa tse di rutang discipline mo dikoleng, but they are not there. They will help enforce discipline* e le bana ba dikole ka bo bone.

Ke tlhalositse gape gore barutabana ba *Guidance and Counselling and even the general teachers* mo dikoleng, le bone *they will also be engaged as a continuous process.* Ke dumalana le wena gore gongwe go ile ga begwa, *and then immediately some implemented that.* So, re leka *to solve* mathata one ao. Gape jaaka ke tlhalosa, ke kgang e e leng gore e ne e ntse e le teng. E rile *pronouncements* tse di dirwa, *some unions had already passed the resolutions* gore bone *they are abolishing corporal punishment.* E ne e se kgang e ntsha e e tlang ka Puso ya UDC.

Jaaka ke ne ke tlhalosa gore bo 4B, *scouts, PACT, Girl Guides, these are some of the clubs that will help.* E nngwe ke yone kgang ya gore *sporting activities,* ke dumalana le wena, *I also mentioned it* gore kana mo gongwe go dirwa ke *youthful exuberance,* bana ba rona ba bangwe ba ba nang le...

**DR DOW:** *Procedure.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker,* kana *Minister* jaanong o boelela *statement* sa gagwe, ga re gane gore go ye go nna le bo 4B. Potso e ne e le fela gore a ga o bone gore go e putlela fela jaana go dirile gore bana ba dumele gore ga go tihole go na le *authority and discipline;* fela, *yes or no.* Jaanong fa o boelela *statement* fela, *you are out of procedure.* Re utlwile gore o tlaa *consult* kwa pele, jaanong ra re a ga o bone gore go e kgaosetsa fela jaana ke gone go dirileng gore bana ba huhule? Ba ne ba bina gore gatwe ga ba tile gotwe sepe, re ba bone mo Facebook. A ga o bone gore golo mo e ne e le phoso?

**MR HUNYEPA:** *Honourable,* mme kana ke ithaya ke re ke arabile ...

**MR SPEAKER:** *Honourable Minister,* o emela gore ke go hese. Ke ne ke santse ke reeditse *Mother of the House* gore a wele.

**MR HUNYEPA:** Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker.* Ke arabile gore go ka tswa e le gone mo go bakileng jalo, mme re tla ka ditselana tsa gore re leke go baakanya one mathata one ao, a e leng gore *that announcement* e ile

ya dira gore go nne jalo. *I did say it even before.* Re tlaa baakanya *Members of Parliament*, mme re le mmogo gape, le re thuse ka gore mathata a re leng mo go one ke a a tswang kwa morago.

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

**MR HUNYEPA:** Re tlaa baakanya.

E nngwe bakaulengwe e e neng e boditswe ke *Honourable Dow*, e ne e le kgang ya gore...

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

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

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

**MR HUNYEPA:** E nngwe e e neng e boditswe ke *Honourable Dow* ya gore kana le *toilets* tse dingwe go senyegile, difensetere di thubegile, ka gore ke ne ke tshwantshanya dikole tsa Puso le tsa dikompone tse di ikemetseng ka bo tsone, mme e bile a tlhalosa gore a ga ke bone mathata e le nna ke le mo Pusong gore go bo go na le seemo se se ntseng jalo. Ke re nnyaa, gone mathata a teng go ntse jalo *classrooms*, matlo a barutabana, *toilets* tsone tseo go maswe. Re fitlhela go ntse jalo ka gore go tsere dingwaga go sa baakannngwe. Jaanong ke dilo tse e leng gore le tsone gongwe di ka tswa di baka mathata one ao. Re tshwanetse gore re amogele. Re eme ka dinao re leka go baakanya. Kana le *Honourable Dow* e ne e le *Minister* kwa *Education*, go raya gore mathata a teng ga a ka a kgona go a rarabolola otlhe ka gore re fitlhela go ntse go penologa fela go ntse go ntse jalo.

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

**DR DOW:** *Procedure.* Ga o ka ba wa bua ka dikai tsa batho ba ba kwa morago, kgantele o ne o bua ka *parenting* gore *part of the reason* ya mathata a ke gore bana ga ba godisiwe sentle.

Ke tloga ke e fa dikai ka batho ba ba teng gone fa, ba e leng gore ga ba godise bana ba bone gotlhelele, e seng sentle. A re se ka ra bua ka gore mang o dirile eng, re tloga re ipotsa gore a ngwanake fa a senya kwa a ke teng. *Part of the reason* e mathata a Batswana a leng teng ke gore bana ba godisiwa ke bomme banna ba seyo. Ke tloga ke e fa dikai, a ke le fe dikai?

**MR SPEAKER:** *Nnyaa Mother of the House, certainly it cannot be that way. It is a fact that we are part of the Government and that is what he is talking about.* Ke sone se a se buang. Le a itse le lona gore le nna le ntse le bua ka ba bangwe le re ba ne ba le mo Pusong ba paletswe ke go dira eng kana ba kgonne eng, go mo tseleng. *I am not ruling for a proper procedure.*

**MR HUNYEPA:** Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Mathata a mantsi fela thata a re tlaa le kang go a rarabolola re le mmogo. Tota o utlwa le fa re bua le ka mathata a barutabana le babereki ba bangwe gore ga ba amogele, ke dikgang tse re di fitlhelang di le teng. Bagaetsho, re tshwanetse re bereke mmogo re ye kwa pele re rarabolole mathata a ka gore re le mo Pusong e ntšha, ga re ka ke ra a kgona re le nosi ka gore *solutions* tse dingwe re tshwanetse re boele kwa morago re ye go di tsaya teng gore mathata e ka tswa e ne e le eng.

Rre Phologolo, gore a mme re a itse gore mathata a a dirwa ke eng; re a itse gore mathata a *student indiscipline* a dirwa ke eng. A mangwe le setse le a buile, a mangwe ke setse ke fetile ka one gone fa. Mo gongwe *ke drug abuse* mo dikoleng tse ditagi di tletseng teng. Mo gongwe re tlhalositse gore le gone go emisiwa ga *sports*, mo Puso e ntšha e ne e tsena e fitlhela di emisitswe, go feletse go dira gore go kopakopane go nne *worse. Some of these students as a teacher as I speak from that angle,* bana ba bangwe ba o fitlhelang ba dira jalo ka bontsi jwa bone, ke ba e leng gore *they are very good in sports. So ga gona sepe se ba se dirang gompiono, jaanong energy* yotlhe ba felela ba e isa gone koo.

E nngwe kgang ke rile *the cause of indiscipline*, mo gongwe re tshwanetse re lebelele rotlhe re le batsadi, re godise bana go tswa kwa malwapeng gore e re ba ya go tsena kwa dikoleng, ba bo ba setse ba siame. A re berekeng thata re le batsadi. Ke sone se se dirang mathata a *Honourable Rre Phologolo.*

Gore a re ka se ke re tlise baitseanape ba thusa; go na le *researches*, e nngwe ke ne ke e *quote* gone fa. Ba tla ka ditharabololo gore go ka rarabololwa mathata a a ntseng jalo mo dikoleng jang. Tota *we are all to blame as a nation*, mathata a o bonang a le teng a ke rona re paletsweng ke go thusa bana ba. Ke dumela gore gape fa re bereka re le mmogo re tlaa a rarabolola jaaka o bua gore *even the social structure ya extended family has collapsed.* A re boneng gore re ka dira jang re tle re thuse bana ba.

*Honourable Hikuama*, ke tseela gore tse dingwe di ne se setse di tlhalositswe, ke go leboge mokaulengwe gore dikgang tse e rile o tla ka tsone ra di tsibogela. Ke sone se re tshwanetseng go bereka mmogo.

Ya *extra curricula activities* le yone re a dumalana gore tota *it could be a contributory factor*. Re tlaa kopa le *researchers* gore di tswelele di ntse di dira *researches* gore ba tle ba thuse go rarabolola mathata a.

Ya Boteti *Honourable Hikuama*, *our education officers and experts are on the ground compiling and engaging on these matters*. Tse dingwe e bile dikgang tsa teng *are very criminal*, mo di setseng di tsentse le ba *law enforcement* mo teng *and even Councillors*. *So the matter is being handled*. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

**MR KAPINGA:** Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Potso ya me e khutshwane, *very brief*. *Honourable Minister*, go supa le tshwenyegile ka ditiragalo tse di diragalang tse. E bile re lebelela tiragalo e e diragetseng bosheng kwa Letlhakane mo bana ba ratileng go bolaya yo mongwe, a wena o le Mothusa Tona kana Mopalamente wa kgaolo, a le tswa go gata kwa kgaolong ele go bona gore go tsewa dikgato tse di gagametseng *to deal with this situation*? Go tlaa supa eng gore *you are taking decisive action* fa e le gore dilo tse di a diragala *and the only thing you can do is to come and make a statement in Parliament*?

**MR BOGATSU:** Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ya me potso ke go botsa Tona fela gore ba dira go le kae go nonotsha botsamaisi kwa dikoleng? O ka lemoga rra gore *over the years, their powers and roles* di tserwe mo go bone mo ba ntseng fela jalo. O dira go le kae go ba okeletsa dithata *because* ke dumela gore ke bone ba e leng gore *they are the immediate* jaaka ba ka thusa *in facing indiscipline*?

Ya bobedi; o dira jang rra mo *the new entrants*, ba ba gorogang mo dikoleng gore o ba tsenye *into the culture of the school because a school must have a culture* e e reng fa bana bao ba goroga, ba bo ba tsena mo go yone? Ke tsaya gore fa re ne re ka itse gore go na le *the school-culture*, e re fa go tsena bana ba bo ba nna *captured into the school culture, these issues of indiscipline* di ne di ka fokotsega.

Ya boraro rra ke nna fa fatshe gape, kana gatwe le a tle le tšhome, gatwe, *“an idle mind is the devil’s playground.”*

Gakere ga tualo. Re ya go dira go le kae go oketsa mowa wa *the spirit of hard work and excellence in schools*? Fa o bona bana ba kgona *to challenge* ba ya go lwa, go raya gore gotlhelele *that spirit of hard work and excellence does not exist in the schools*. Mma ke eme go le kalo.

**MR MOSANANA:** *Thank you very much Mr Speaker*. *Minister*, re a itse bagaetsho ka fa ditiragalo tse di sa siamang di diragalang ka teng mo dikoleng. A ga o bone go tlhokafala gore go dirisiwe *some detectors because dithipa and screw drivers* tse bana ba gobatsanang ka tsone, di a tsena mo dikoleng?

*Number 2*; ka gore go na le barekisi, bagwebi ba ba gwebelang mo pele ga dikole ba bontsi jwa nako go dumelwang gore ke bone ba ba rekisetsang bana ditagi, a ga o bone go le botlhokwa gore *randomly* batho ba *they can be raided* ga bonwa gore tota mme a tse ba di tshotseng, a ke tse di siameng? *Do they camouflage* fela ka *sweets* tse di a bong di le foo mme tota e le gore ba tletse go rekisetsa bana ditagi?

Ke dumela gore kwa Seepapitso Secondary School Rre Mophuting *is equally disappointed* gore o bo o sa ama kgang ya seemo sa dijo kwa dikoleng ka gore ke selelo se se kwa godimo mo go maswe gore ga di yo. Ke dumela gore o tlaa tsaya kgato. Maabane ke ne ke bua le wena re tlhaeletsana ke go bolelela gore ke kopa go kopana le wena, mme e ne e le yone kgang e ke neng ke e go batlela mongwame ke re o e ame, o bolele gore go diragala eng ka dijo tsa dikole. *I thank you*.

**MR KWAPA:** Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke botse Tona mo kgannyeng ya gore a ga a bone tlhaelo ya barutabana e le nngwe ya tse di bakang gore bana ba tlhoke go rutiwa jaaka *Honourable Bogatsu* a ne a bua? Go dira gore e re fa ba ile dikoleng, e bo ba nna le go ka tshameka ka lebaka la gore ga gona sepe se ba se dirang?

Potso ya me ya bobedi e bo e re tlhaelo ya dikole mo dikgaolong, ke e fa sekai ka kgaolo e tshwana le ya Jwaneng-Mabutsane, e e leng gore gongwe ga e na sekole se segolwane. Kana go ntse go buiwa ka gore kgodiso ya bana e dirwa ke botsadi. Botsadi ke raya batsadi ba bone ba ba ba tshotseng, go bo go nna le botsadi kwa sekoleng. Go tlhela ga dikole tse dikgolwane mo dikgaolong tse jaaka ke bua go felela go baka gore bana ba romelwe kwa dikgaolong di sele, ba felela ba sena batsadi kana ba hirisediwa matlo teng. A

ga o bone gone mo e le mabaka mangwe a a dirang gore bana ba felele ba ithuta mekgwa e e seng yone?

Ke bo ke boa ke botsa potso e nngwe ya bofelo; ke dumela gore dikole tse tsotlhe di na le Establishment Registers (ERs) tse di supang gore bodiredi mo sekoleng sengwe le sengwe bo tshwanetse gore bo nne ka palo e e rileng.

Re a itse gore go na le barutabana ba ba bidiwang *temporary teachers*, re bokgakala bo kae *to absorb them* mo dikoleng tse gongwe go nang le tlhaelo mo go tsone? Ke tlaa ema fa *Mr Speaker*. Ke a leboga.

**MR KEDIKILWE:** *Supplementary*. Tanki *Mr Speaker*. Ke ne ke re e ka bo e rile o eme jalo wa lemoga gore gongwe bontlha bongwe jwa gore re bo re le mo seemong se ke gore jaaka nne motlotlegi a bua ka tlhaelo ya bodiredi, gongwe le *accommodation* mo dikoleng, o bo o fitlhela modiredi kana morutabana a tsamaya 85 kilometres (km) mme a re o ya tirong. Kana go raya gore kwa tirong o ya go tshaisa *early* ka gore o tshaba gore o tlaa tshwarwa ke lefifi a ntse a tsamaya 85 km. Fa gongwe o ya go tsena *late* kwa tirong, a bo a fitlhela e le gore nako e a ka bong a e dirisitse go ruta bana, jaanong o e dirisitse mo tseleng fa gare fa. Ke gore fa o tsaya *hours* tsa maphakela a ya tirong le tsa maitseboa a boa, o tlaa bona gore morutabana yo wa Modimo jaanong fa maduo a tswa, ga o ka ke wa mo tshwaya phoso ka gore tota motho yo ga go na fa a nnang teng, o nna mo tseleng. O ruta a berekela mo tseleng mme ba bangwe ba berekela mo diofising. A ga o bone seemo se e le sengwe sa dilo tse di tsalang gore go bo go nna jaana?

Mo gongwe mo go nang le dikole tse e leng gore bana ba a *board*, fa gongwe ga go na *Boarding Master* kana *Matron*. Bana ba ba nna ba le nosi fela mo *hostel*, ga go na yo o lebaneng gore a bone gore bana ba ka nako e ba seng *at the classroom*, tse ba di dirang ke tse di ntseng jang. Motho o ka botsa gore kwa ntle ga gore go tshwaraganela bana le batsadi, e a re nako e bana ba seyong kwa batsading ba le kwa sekoleng, ba a bo e le gore ba *idle* fela ba le bantsi jaaka nne motho a re *idling minds* yone ke *playground* ya ga saatane, a ga o bone jaanong saatane a tlaa tshamekela ka nako e ntsi mo ditlhogong tsa bana ba?

**MR SPEAKER:** Di arabe re bo re tswala *Honourable* Hunyepa.

**MR HUNYEPA:** Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Tota ke lebegele dipotso le dikakgelo tsa Mapalamente tse di supang tota gore mathata a ke a rona rotlhe *and* re tshwanetse gore re a rarabolole rotlhe. Rre Kapinga ka kgang ya kwa Letlhakane gore a mme re kile ra etela lefelo lone lele mathata a sena go tlhagoga? Go na le *officers* tse di isitsweng gone kwa, di ne tsa etela lefelo leo. Gantsi fa mathata a tlhagoga a a tshwanang le one a, re etela mafelo a a ntseng jalo. *So*, gompiano ke gore re ne ra tshwarega fela mme re ne re eleditse go ya gone kwa, mme ka nako e e rileng re tlaa ya go boa teng.

Malobanyana fela jaana, go ile ga tlhagoga mathata e bile a a fetang one a, a ngwana yo o ileng a tlhokafala kwa Khwee. Ke ile ka emelela ka ya gone kwa kgaolong ya teng ya Letlhakane. Ke ne ka tsaya malatsi a mabedi ke le gone koo go supa gore tota ga se gore re ntse fela.

Maloba gape go ile ga nna le mathata ka kwa Kudumatse kwa Dikgatlho, ngwana a tlhokafetse. Ke ile ka emelela gape ka ya gone koo go supa gore re a kgathala mokaulengwe, ga se gore re nna fela. Ngwana yoo o ne a tlhokafetse a le gone kwa sekoleng.

*So*, kwa Letlhakane tota mo kgannyeng ya gompiano, re ne re sa kgona go dira jalo mme re tlaa ya go boa teng. Ga se gone koo fela, go na le dikgaolo tse dingwe tse e leng gore re ntse re di etela, mathata a ntse jalo. Go ile ga nna jalo. Le fa o ne o bone dikgang tsa teng di dule mo dikgannyeng, ga o ka ke wa bua ka tsone wa akgola. Ke a leboga gore o lemoga gore ke dilo tse re tshwanetseng gore re di dire, mme re a di dira tota mokaulengwe jaaka ke go neela dikai tse pedi tse gore ke kgang e re e dirileng.

*Honourable* Bogatsu o boditse le ene ka kgang ya gore *how do we empower teachers* ka gore *they are powerless?* Kana *consultations are ongoing*. Ga re a tlogela fela mokaulengwe, re nna fa fatshe le baemedi ba bone. Re setse re kopane le *unions*, re santse re tlile go kopana le bone go ya kwa pele. Gape go na le Parents Teachers Association (PTA) tse e leng gore le tsone *have been empowered* gore di thuse go tsamaisa dikole. Ke kgang e e leng gore re a e dira.

Dikole fa di bulwa nako le nako, bana ba dikole ba a bitswa le batsadi ba bone go tla go buiwa ka tsamaiso ya sekole. Ke lenaneo le le dirwang gore ngwana a rutwe ka *culture* ya mo sekoleng.

Jaaka ke tlhalositse, ke gatelele gape ke re le SRC tse *are trained. They are going to be trained further* gore ba tle ba rute le bana ba ba gorogang ka *culture* le tsamaiso ya sekole.

Ke buile ka mekgatlho e mengwe ya bo 4B le Scout. Ke dilo tse e leng gore ka botsone di ruta ngwao le *discipline* mo sekoleng. Ke tlhalositse gore re a di tsosolosa. Ke tshwanetse gore ke gatelele kgang eo le nna jaaka a ne a bua ka *spirit* sa *hard work and excellence* gore re tlike go dira jang. Tota re tlike go kopana le barutabana *and all other stakeholders* go tshwara *workshops* go dira gore *that spirit* se nne teng. Jaaka ke tlhalositse gore *right now* dikole di setse di simolotse go dira jalo. Ke tlhalositse kgantele gore *there would be a boot camp* kwa Batanani, e le nngwe ya ditiro tse di tlisang mowa wa *hard work* le *excellence* gore di dirwe. So, ke kgang e e leng gore e tswetse mokaulengwe. Re tlaa tla re nna re ntse re le lekodisa le lona le bona gore ke dilo tse di dirwang.

*Honourable* Mosanana; gore ke eng re sa tsenye *detectors* mo dikoleng gore re tshware dibetsa tse di borai jaaka dithipa jalo *and other weapons? Resources permitting*, ke selo se se neng se ka dirwa. Re batla gore re dirisanye bakaulengwe mo metseng e ya rona. Re le *communities*, a re boneng gore PTAs di a bereka. Dimausu tse re buang ka tsone tseo, re bone gore le rona fa re tlhotlhomisa, re nne le boikarabelo *as part of our civic duty*. Ke boikarabelo jwa Motswana mongwe le mongwe gore fa re itse gore go rekisiwa ditagi kana go dirwa gore bana ba di rekise, re tshwanetse gore dilo tse di ntseng jaana re di ntshetse mo setšhabeng, le mapodise ba bolelelwe. O fitlhela batho ba le bantsi ba itse. Dikomiti tse di teng mo metseng tsa bo Village Development Committee (VDC), PTA, mapodise le dikomiti tse dingwe tse di leng teng, re batla gore di tle di thuse gore re lwantshe borukutlhi jo bo ntseng jalo.

**MR MOSANANA:** *Procedure*. Ke a go utlwa *Minister*, mme kana ga go motlhofo gore e ka re le fa o ka tswa o itse, o bo o ka ya *to search* motho o le motho fela, o le *civilian* fela, *an individual* le fa o ka tswa o itse gore o rekisa dilo tseo. *Thank you*.

**MR SPEAKER:** Nnyaa mme ga se *procedure*.

**MR HUNYEPA:** A re direng jalo *Honourable* Mosanana, bogolo a re begeng kwa sepodiseng, Dikgosi,

Makhanselara le Mapalamente tota. Re eme ka dinao re bone gore kgang e ka gore re a itse gore fale go rekisiwa ditagi... *it is part of the civic duties and responsibilities as a responsible citizen* gore re tshwanetse re *report*. O ka se ke o ye go tshwara selalome se gongwe se ka go gobatsang, mme sengwe sone re tshwanetse gore re se dire e le bongwe jwa boikarabelo jwa rona.

Kgang ya dijo mokaulengwe, ba eme ka dinao. Le fa e sa tsamaelane le nnetlu e, mme ke kgang e e botlhokwa gone. Re na le komiti e e lebaganeng le kgang ya dijo. Ba ba ne ba kopane le maabane tota ba lebeletse kgang ya dijo mo dikoleng Botswana jo jotlthe ka gore ke mathata a a leng teng. Ke dumalana le wena mokaulengwe gore ke kgang e e leng gore ga e a siama tota mo dikoleng. Ke melaetsa e e leng gore re a e bona le rona, re a e romelwa mo dikoleng lefatshe le lotlthe la Botswana mme re tlaa ema ka dinao, re taboge fela thata gore mathata a a rarabololwe mokaulengwe.

*Honourable* Kwapa, gore *shortage of teachers* a ke sengwe se se dirang gore go nne le *indiscipline* mo dikoleng, ke re gongwe go a dira. Kana bana ba bantsi mme barutabana kana bodiredi mo sekoleng bo a tlhela, ga ba kgone go kgalema sentle, mme golo moo le gone go ka tswa e le gore ke sengwe se se ka bakang mathata a a ntseng jaana mo dikoleng. Ke dumalana le wena mokaulengwe.

E nngwe ke kgang ya dikole gore le tlhoka *senior school* kwa Jwaneng-Mabutsane *constituency* ka gore jaanong go felela e le gore bana ba isiwa kgakala le batsadi ba bone. Ke re mokaulengwe, go tswa kgakala bana ba ntse ba isiwa kgakala le kwa ba nnang teng. Kgang e nngwe e e teng ke gore go agilwe sekole sa Mahupu le Tsabong Unified School e le gore go leka go rarabolola mathata one a Jwaneng-Mabutsane gore bana ba bangwe ba tlaa isiwa gone kwa dikoleng tseo.

Mokaulengwe kgang ya *boarding* e ntse e le teng. O a itse gore go na le bana ba ba neng ba tswa kgakala ba ya go tsena kwa Seepapitso, ba bangwe ba tswa kwa bo Maun ba ya go tsena kwa Seepapitso, ba bangwe ba tswa kwa Kanye ba ya go tsena kwa Shashe River School, ba nna mo *boarding schools*. Eo ke kgang e re ka bonang gore re oketsa *disciplinary measures* mo baneng ba rona kwa malwapeng ka gore *boarding* e ya go felela e ntse e nna teng *and* bana ba ya go felela ba isiwa kwa dikoleng tse di kgakala ka gore kwa go nnang le phatlha teng, ngwana o tlaabo a isiwa gone koo gore a ye go ithuta.

**MR KWAPA:** *On a point of procedure.* Minister ke ne boditse potso ya gore ka go na le tlhalelo ya barutabana, mme go na le *temporary teachers* ba re itseng gore mo mafelong a mangwe ba na le dingwaga ba ntse ba le foo, ba tsaya le lemnyana, ke eng go sa hirwe barutabana bao *now on permanent basis*? Thank you.

**MR HUNYEPA:** *Honourable* Kwapa, ke a go utlwa mokaulengwe, ke potso fela e e maleba sentle ka gore kana fa o hirile barutabana bao ba ya go thusa le gone go tlhokomela bana ba sekole ka gore *like* ke ne ke bua, dipalo fa di le kwa godimo ga go kgonagale tota gore le barutabana ba ka kgona *to manage* sekole. Go tswelletswe go ntse go a hirwa mokaulengwe, ba mo *line* go nna go ntse go emiwa gotwe ga go na madi jaaka e le kgang e o e itseng ya malatsi otlhe. Tota sengwe se tshwanetse gore se dirwe ka gore *student-teacher ratio* e kwa godimo fela thata, ga se yone sentle. E felela e paledisa barutabana ba ba teng go laola bana mo dikoleng. Go tlaa tswelela go ntse go hirwa.

*Honourable* Kedikilwe, le ene ke kgang e e ratileng go tshwana le ya ga *Honourable* Kwapa ya *shortage of manpower*. Go tswelletswe go a hirwa, go ka felela go thusa.

O bo o tlhalosa le kgang e nngwe ya *shortage of accommodation* gore barutabana ba tsamaya bo 85 kilometres (km) ba bangwe bo 100km. *It is a serious concern* ka gore morutabana o kgona go goroga kwa a lapile, le go ruta a sa kgone go ruta sentle. Go tswa kgakala *accommodation* e tlhalela fela mo go *serious*, le gompiano go ntse go tswelletswe e bile go *worse* jaaka re bua jaana. Gape *accommodation* e e teng, o fitlhela go pataganetswe ntlo, mme e e *substandard*. Le wena ga o ka ke wa eletsa go nna mo go yone ka gore a bitswa *semi-detached*, fa morutabana a na le moeng, kamoso mongwe le mongwe o a itse gore morutabana o ne a na le moeng. *Even sound proof* ke *quality* e e kwa tlase. Ka bontsi e bile a a wa...

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

**MR HUNYEPA:** Ke supa gore ga a mo seemong se se siameng. A mangwe e bile a tlhoka *renovation* e e *serious* jaaka *Honourable* Dow a kile a tlhalosa ka diemo tse dingwe tse di leng teng. So, ga a mo seemong se se siameng gotlhelele.

O buile ka kgang ya gore bo *Boarding Master* le *Matrons*; ba a tlhalela, ke dumalana le wena mokaulengwe. Bana ba *hostels* ba robala ba le nosi, ga se gone sentle gotlhelele.

Go na le *teachers' aides* le bone ba a tlhalela mo dikoleng. Ke kgang e e leng gore tota re eme ka dinao, ga re robale, re nna re tabogile *to solve* mathata a. Go ntse jalo mokaulengwe, ke kope fela gore re le batsadi, barutabana le Mapalamente a re berekeng mmogo go leka go rarabolola mathata a. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

**MR SPEAKER:** Order! Order! Honourable Members. Honourable Members, I understand that the Leader of the House has a Motion to table.

### BUSINESS MOTION

**LEADER OF THE HOUSE (MR MOHWASA):**

Thank you Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, I beg to move in terms of Standing Order 130.1 for the suspension of Standing Orders, 95, 96 and 97 in respect of the tabling and discussion of the Draft National Development Plan (NDP) 12 as agreed at the Business Advisory Committee meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2025. I accordingly move Mr Speaker.

**MR SPEAKER:** Order! Order! Honourable Members, you would recall your discussion this morning at the General Assembly where the Business Advisory Committee made recommendations which you accepted. So, the idea is to give facts to what you have agreed this morning through this Business Motion.

Question put and **agreed to.**

**MR SPEAKER:** Order! Order! Honourable Members, I understand that Honourable Moraedi Reason Lekutlane has an urgent Motion to table. He wants to move a Motion in terms of Standing Order 50. So Honourable Lekutlane o tlaa ema ka bokhutshwane o tlhalosetse bakaulengwe ba gago gore wa re ke eng fa o batla ba ka emisa sepe se se fa pele ga bone ba bo ba itebaganya le Tshutiso e o tlang ka yone, mo nakong fela e khutshwane pele ga ke ka ba botsa gore ba a dumalana. O ba fatlholole fela gore wa re o tla ka eng.

**DR GOBOTSWANG:** *On a point of procedure.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. *Mr Speaker* kana e rile fa Honourable Noah Salakae a le fa a re rolela dikgang tsa

gagwe tsa Development Manager (DM) Model o ne a solofetsa gore o tlaa re neela *list ya projects* tse 16 tse di tsweleng. Ga ke itse gore e eme fa kae. O tlhokomele *Honourable* Noah Salakae *Mr Speaker*, o mo tsenye leitlho. Ke a leboga.

**MR SPEAKER:** Ke tlaa mo tsenya leitlho thata. O ne a itoka. *Honourable* Salakae le *Honourable* Atamelang ba na le tiro nngwe e ba e tshwereng, ga ba yo fa, ke jaaka o bona ba ne ba arabelwa potso. Seo se ne se sa ba itse gore ba ba romileng kwa diofising ba ka le rulaganyetsa karabo eo. Jaanong se se tlaa diragalang ke gore e rulagangwe e bo e ka romelwa mo maranyaneng gore *list* eo le e bone le le batlotlegi. *Honourable* Tshere ke wena motshwarateu, go raya gore o e rulaganye.

**ACTING MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE (MR TSHERE):** *Yes, Mr Speaker*, ke tlaa mo tshikinya fa ke tswa fa.

### MOTION FOR THE ADJOURNMENT – DEFINITE MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

#### Withdrawal from Special Funds to Prioritise Health Crisis

**MR LEKUTLANE (KGALAGADI NORTH):** Mma ke eme ke go leboge *Mr Speaker*. E re pele ga ke ka tlhalosa botlhokwa jwa *Motion* wa me, ke supe pele gore wa reng, ke bo ke ngatha tse pedi tse tharo.

Bakaulengwe, *Motion* o ke o tsenyang fa ka lepotlapotla wa re *that*, “*this Honourable House resolves to request Government to prioritise resolutions of the current health crisis by tapping from the special funds and avail those funds to the Ministry of Health to buy essential medication, to pay for outstanding health bills and resume all suspended life-threatening operations.*”

Bakaulengwe, lefatshe la rona le wetswe ke seru se se utlwisang botlhoko sa botsogo. Re setse re na le dintsho tse di supang gore go tlhoka melemo le *oxygen* mo dipateleng tsa rona go setse go le kana ka eng. Gape re tswala Palamente, mme fa re tswala jaana, *Ministry of Health* ga o na le fa e le thebe yo o ka rekang melemo. Re tsibogeke kgwetlho eo ka gore bontsi jwa rona fa re tswa mo dikgaolong tse di utlwisang botlhoko tse go senang le fa e le *private clinics*.

Se sengwe bakaulengwe jaaka fa go emisitswe *operations* tsa dipatela jaana, *especially* tse di dirwang kwa Marina fela, go utlwiswa botlhoko ka gore go raya gore dikgaolo tsotlhe *that refer* batho kwa Marina, ga go na kwa batho ba tlaa tlholang ba isiwa teng. Ke sone se ke reng a re o tsibogeke ka bonako bakaulengwe. Ke kopa fela go le kalo, ke tlaa tla ke tlhalosa go fetisa. *Thank you Mr Speaker.*

**MR SPEAKER:** *Leader of the House*, ga ke itse gore ba kae ba *Health*, go na le mongwe yo o ba reeleditseng?

**LEADER OF THE HOUSE (MR MOHWASA):** Ke kopile mokaulengwe gore a ba tlhole fa ntle, ka ke ne ke ntse ke bona ba le gone fa. Rre Ookeditse ke ene yo o neng a laetse a re o sianela golo gongwe, ke tsaya gore Rre Modise o tshwanetse a bo a le fa ntle.

**MR SPEAKER:** Le tlaa nama le mo reeleditse gakere?

**MR MOHWASA:** Ke tsaya gore ka *it is a matter* e e amanang le dikgang tsa madi, Tona wa Madi o teng, *His Honour the Vice President and Acting President* o tlaa kgona go itebaganya le dikgang tse di tlaabong di ntshitswe.

**MR SPEAKER:** *Ehe, kana* when you look at the Motion, it is really about tapping from special funds. *Go raya gore ba Finance ke bone ba ba* more relevant. Honourable Members, the Motion is in terms of Standing Order 50, as you know, I will put the question.

**MR PHOLOGOLO (KANYE WEST):** Thank you Mr Speaker, this is my day. *Ke ne ke re* I stand to agree with the mover *wa* the Motion, *gore* this is a national crisis. As the chairman of the committee that deals with fiscus matters, I totally agree that we need to give this special attention and allow the Minister of Finance to look into this matter and tap into the special funds *gore re boloke matshelo a* Batswana. I thank you Mr Speaker.

**MINISTER OF FINANCE (MR GAOLATHE):** Thank you Mr Speaker. I also agree that the discussion ensues on the basis that it is always good to discuss so that we get clarity, we can clarify that what we are experiencing is indeed a national crisis. Also explain that the solution is not through special funds, and I will explain why the solution is not through special funds. I think it is important that we discuss it so we all have clarity.

**MR HIKUAMA (MAUN WEST):** Ke dumalana le gore go buisanwe, ka gore go bothokwa. Re bona seemo se se leng teng mo dipateleng tsa rona mo seemong sa botsogo jwa lefatshe la rona, gore batho kwa *clinics* ba na le bothata. Ke dumalana le gore o buisanwe. Mme gongwe a tlhalose thata go gaisa, gakere Tona o ne a bua gore *life threatening* ga di a emisiwa. Gongwe re itebaganye le tse di emisitsweng, ka gongwe o ya *to distort the whole essence, because the life-threatening operations, according to the Minister of Health*, o supile gore ga di a emisiwa. Gongwe fa re ka baakanya gone foo. Le gape gore o ka *specify* gore *what kind of those special funds* tse a akanyang gore *we can tap* mo go tsone. Go nne *clear* gore *what are we discussing about*, a le melao e a letla gore re ka tsaya kwa go eo kana jang. Gongwe tse a neng a di akantse a di nopole, re tle re di utlwe sentle gore o raya dife *special funds* tsa teng. Ka mantse ao, ke dumela gore o buiwe, re tle re tlhaloganye *in details*, ka seemo se a letla gore re dire sengwe se se ka sireletsang setšhaba. Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*.

**MR DIGWA (BOTETI WEST):** Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Tshutiso e e tlile ka nako e e lebaneng gore tota e tseelwe ditshwetso gone fa. Tota seemo sa gompiano se se mo lefatseng ga se se se monate, o ka ipotsa gore fa ba ba mo Gaborone ba na le letlhoko le, ba ba mo metseng e e tshwanang ya bo Kedia, Makalamabedi, Toromoja, ke seemo se se ntseng jang? Ba bangwe e bile gore ba bone thuso, fa e se *through the mobile clinics* di etela kwa ba leng teng... Ke bona gore tota e tlile ka nako e e siameng gore Goromente a tsenye leitlho mo go yone, a bone gore o ka re hupetsa kae, e seng mo botsogong. Botsogo bo tla pele mo botshelong jwa motho. Ke a leboga.

**DR DOW (KGATLENG WEST):** Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. La ntlha ke re, ga gona yo o ka ganetsang gore kgang ya botsogo mo Botswana e mo diphatseng, e bile re tlhaloseditswe maloba gore go na le mathata. Ke na le mathata gore re simolole *discussion* e, kgang e e *urgent* ga re gane, mme ke belaela gore re tlaabo re dira maokaneng ka mabaka a mabedi. La ntlha jaaka *Honourable Hikuama* a setse a buile, tota *Motion* ka boone *assumes* selo se go sa nnang jalo. Re boleletswe ke *Minister* gore, *certain operations are not suspended*, jaanong fa re re go *urgent* gore re bue ka dilo tse go sa diragalang go nna mathata gone foo, *unless* a tla go

baakanya nako nngwe. Gape kgang ya bobedi ke gore, *special funds*, ke tsaya gore molao wa teng mosutisi o a o itse, Public Finance Management Act. E a re bolelela gore *special funds* ke eng, di dirisiwa jang, gore a o raya gore re dire molao gompiano gore re ye go tsaya madi...ke gore *it is an impossibility* ya *performance*. *My concern* ke gore, re ya go bua Botswana ba utlwa gore ra re *health* e na le mathata, ke boammaaruri, re bo re tla kwa bokhutlong gore mme se a se kopang ga re ka ke ra kgona go se mo neela. Ke bo ke ipotsa gone foo gore a e ne e se gore a o akanyetse gore *it is impossible* for him to get what he wants and therefore question ke gore, *should we debate* re ntse re itse gore ga go nke go diragala jalo. *I rest Mr Speaker*.

**MR SPEAKER:** *Le fa o ne o debate urgency, o kare* you are raising a procedural matter. I do not remember Parliament making a different law when the COVID... (inaudible)...capital was up with special funds. I think to the tune of P2 billion, I do not remember Parliament convening to make a new law to that effect. What I recall was a reminder to MPs that the Minister of Finance can in terms of the Public Finance Management (PFM) Act, repurpose the funds for a purpose other than what it is stipulated in the fund orders. That is how the decision to withdraw from the special funds to set up a COVID special fund was reached. *Ba le neng le le kwa PAC, gakere le a e gakologelwa, o kae Honourable Lucas? Ke kgang e re neng re e setse morago thata kwa PAC*, if you recall. I am saying this because, what you have said Mother of the House raises a procedural issue *ya gore, a mme re ka tsena mo maokaneng*, and I would not want to preside over *maokaneng*. I am saying that I differ on the basis that *e tlaabo e se tlholontšha*, it is something that happened and we need not convene to make a law, if I recall. *Ba le neng le le teng gongwe le ka thusa*, mme that is my view. The floor is still open to debate the urgency. You want to clarify something Mother of the House?

**DR DOW (KGATLENG WEST):** Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke a go utlwa, gongwe se o se buang ke gore *perhaps the Motion is for asking for a resolution of Parliament for the establishment of a special fund*. *It is quite possible that what he is saying here* ke gore, *there are special funds* tse di dirilweng ka fa molaong e bile di diretswe mabaka a tsone. Jaanong a re *withdraw* mo go tsone, go bo go isiwa kwa *Health*. *Or is he also*

asking the Minister to go and set up a new special fund, e e itebagantseng le e. *If that is the import of the Motion, then I defer to your guidance Mr Speaker, gore ga se maokaneng, se a se buang ke gore tsamayang le ye go dira madi a masha.*

**MR SPEAKER:** *Nnyaa, re tlaa tla re utlwa mabaka a gagwe, mme Motion ka fa a o kwadileng ka teng ke gore, to withdraw from the special funds gore go rekiwe melemo go bo go duelwa le dikoloto tse di leng teng le go dira procedures tse di tlhokafalang gore di diragale.*

What I am saying Honourable Mother of the House is that, what he is simply asking for because you are alleging the impossibility *ya* performance. So I am saying, *nnyaa ga ke dumele go ntse jalo* because this has happened before where money was withdrawn from Alcohol Levy, Tobacco Levy, Roads Levy. I had a list somewhere during the Public Accounts Committee (PAC), I cannot remember, but *go ne go na le a long list ya special funds le madi a a withdrawn. I think a ne a ya kwa go P2 billion. That money ke one go bo gotwe this is the COVID-19 seed capital. Ope yo o ka tlang a koleka o tlaa kolekela fa godimo ga P2 billion yo o tswang from special funds.*

*Jaanong* the query by Members of Parliament (MPs) at the time if I recall was that, *le reboletswe ke mang to repurpose this money le a dirisa for a purpose other than that which is stipulated in the fund orders. Gakere Alcohol Levy e na le fund order e e reng this is the purpose. Roads Levy e na le fund order e e reng this is the purpose. Sugar Levy fa e le gore go na le Sugar Levy, e na le fund order e e reng this is the purpose. Jaanong* the answer which was provided was that the Public Finance Management (PFM) Act empowers the Minister of Finance to repurpose *madi* for the purpose other than that which is stipulated in the fund order. That was the answer. So I am saying *ka mabaka ao, go raya gore Motion o o ka buisanngwa, ka gore go utlwala o kare ke sone se motlotlegi a se kopang.*

**MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM (MR MMOLOTSI):** Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Fa ke bala *Motion Mr Speaker* ke a utlwa gore go na le dikgang tse mo go one, di dirang gore e nne o kare go ka nna bokete gore re tswelele ka one o ntse jaana. Se e leng maikaelelo le dikgang tsa botsogo re di tlhaloganya ka botswerere, mo ke dumelang gore re batla go dira

sengwe ka tsone. Ke sone se ke dumelang gore gongwe fa re ka tsena mo kgannyeng, e ka kgona *to be shaped* gore e bue se re batlang gore se diragala. Fa o lebelela Tshutiso ka fa e ntseng ka teng jaaka mongwe a ne a bua, *life-threatening conditions* ga di *suspended*, mme *Motion* one wa re *they are suspended*. Ka tsela e e ntseng jalo ke sone se ke akanyang gore, fa re ka letla gore o tsene re o bue, o ka kgona gore gongwe o baakanyesege re bo re ka kgona go tsena mo kgannyeng ka fa tota re batlang e diragala ka teng.

Le kgang e ya gore go ye go tsewa madi mo *special funds* gore re itse gore di na le *fund orders* tse di laolang gore di dirisiwe jang, fa re tsena mo kgannyeng jaanong re ka kgona gore re bone gore fa e se kwa *special funds* go na le kwa kae gape kwa gongwe re ka bonang thuso teng, *in terms of mobilising resources for this emergency* e re leng mo go yone.

Ka kgang e *Mr Speaker*, ke batla gore ke dumele gore re itebaganye le yone ka diamaramara, gongwe *we will find a solution around what we can do in order to achieve that which is a problem*, e leng kgang ya botsogo jo re leng mo go jone gompieno.

**MR SPEAKER:** Order! Honourable Members, let me now put the question. The question is that the proceedings be suspended to allow for the discussion of the definite matter of urgent public importance in terms of Standing Order 50.

Question put and **agreed to.**

MOTION FOR THE ADJOURNMENT  
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Prioritise Health Crisis

**MR SPEAKER:** Order! Order! Honourable Members, this Motion is in accordance with Standing Order 50.4. The debate on this Motion shall be limited to maximum of 2 hours. I now call upon Honourable Moraedi Reason Lekutlane to present his Motion.

**MR SALESHANDO:** *Point of procedure. Mr Speaker,* ka re a itse gore gompiano ke letsatsi la bofelo, *Motion* o letlelelwa 2 hours, a ga se gore re dumalaneng gore go setse 1 hour re o fetse in 50 minutes. *Otherwise* go tlaabo go sena mosola gore re re tlaa o bona re boa.

**MR SPEAKER:** Le na le tshono *under* Standing Order 55.5 le 56.1 gore e kare *debate* e ntse e tswetsetse, ra bona gore le ka emisa. *I think tentatively that is the agreement.*

**MR LEKUTLANE (KGALAGADI NORTH):** Ke go leboqe *Mr Speaker*; ke leboqe Ntlo e go ntetlelela gore ke beye *Motion* o fa pele ga yone. Ke ba kope ke khubame ka mangole gore, ke kopa gore le ntetle ke fe se ke se bonyeng le se ke se utlwang mo Batswaneng, gore lefatshe la rona le wetswe ke seru sa botsogo.

Gompiano fa o lebelela mo dipateleng tsa rona ga gona melemo, dikaro tse di farologanyeng ga di sa tlhole di dirwa ka mabaka a gore kwa di neng di tshwanetse gore di ka isiwa teng, dipatela tsa ga Goromente ga gona madi a a ka hirang dingaka tsa gore di dire jalo. *The referral hospital* ya Marina, se tletse mo e bileng se setseng se penologa. Maloba re ne ra nna le tshono ya gore re boe teng re le Mapalamente a *backbench* le Matona a mabedi; *Honourable* Motsamai Motsamai le *Honourable* Butale e bile e le Mopalamente wa kgaolo, re ye go bona seemo gore se ntse jang. Re fitlhetse e le gore gone fa gotweng ke Accident and Emergency teng, e setse e le *clinic*, bana le bagolo ba tletse gone foo, *because the problem is that* dingaka ba ba tshwanetseng gore ba ba tlhokomele, palo ya bone e kwa tlase. *They are few in number; but* balwetse ba bantsi.

O ele tlhoko gore kana jaanong Marina *is a referral hospital*, mo go rayang gore batho ba ba tswang kwa

Tshokatshaa, Mokgenene le Mogogobo ba robegile ba batla *special treatment*, ba tshwanetse gore ba isiwe koo. Tota e bile go utlwisa botlhoko ka gore Marina e ne e ntse e thusiwa ke *private hospitals*, mme ga di sa kgona jaaka maloba Tona a ne a supa gore ba a kolotiwa.

Ga go na gore go ka romelwa kwa go bone ka mabaka ao. Ke kopa ke lebile gone fa gore *Minister of Finance*, o na le mo re go bitsang re re *Special Funds*. E e leng gore golo gongwe go ka tsewa madi mo go tsone, gore go duelwe melemo eo. Go duelwe *outstanding bills* tsa dipatela, *that relief* dipatela tsa ga Goromente *for special operations*. Tota *referral hospital* ya rona, *most of* maaro a mangwe a diriwa fela kwa Marina. Fa a se yo kwa Marina, o isiwa kwa *private hospitals* gore ba duelwe, go bo go nna le *that leeway to relieve* Goromente.

Se ke neng ke se lebile ke gore, molao wa rona wa madi, o letlelela *Minister* wa *Finance* gore o ka tsaya madi mo *Special Funds* tsa *Road Fund Levy, Alcohol Levy, Tourism Levy, Fuel Levy* le tse dingwe. Kgang ke gore, gompiano jaana fa o tsaya tsela ya Jwaneng-Sekoma, ke ne ka fitlhela go kgaolwa bojang gone foo. Go dirisiwa a *Road Fund Levy* go kgaola bojang gone foo. Gompiano jaana batho ga ba na melemo. Golo gongwe re ka seega *those activities*, bogolo re bo re ka tsaya madi ao ra a isa go reka melemo. Batswana ba kgone go nna le melemo kwa *clinics* le dipatela.

Gompiano dipatela, *clinics* le *health posts* melemo ga e yo. Rona ba re kwa dikgaolong tseo, o fitlhela go nna bokete. *Medical aid* ga ba itse gore go tewa eng. Karata ya teng ga ba itse gore ke eng. Ba ba mo ditropong ba botoka ba ka di dirisa go tsena mo *private hospitals* kana o tewa kwa *clinic* gore ga go na molemo, a bo o ka tsena mo *pharmacy* o ya go reka. Fa o tsena mo teng ga motse o o tshwanang le Bogogobo, Gani, Xere, ga go na *pharmacy* koo. Fa go sena molemo mo sepatela, o ka ya go reka dipilisi ka gore mo *clinics* tsa ga Goromente ga go na melemo. *Totally, there is nothing*. Ke sone se ke se supang gore a re tseye kgang e, e bokete. Re tshwanetse re e tsibogege ka bonako jo bo tlhokafalang.

Sengwe se ke neng ke re ke se le beye pele bakaulengwe ke gore, golo mo jaaka *Mr Speaker* a ne a gakolola, ga se tlholontšha. Gape re bona gore tota re setse re tlhasetsewe ke segajaja sa gore ga go na melemo mo dipatela. Batho ba sale ba romelwa kwa Marina *for operations*, ba boa ba busediwa kwa dikgaolong. Ga go na ope yo o

seegang *the pain they encounter* gore ba tlaa tla ba bona *operations after six months*. Ba filwe bo *six*, gompiano go raya gore e ya go nna *12 months*. Motho a sale a robegile gotwe o emetse gore a tle a dirwe *operation*. Fa a dirwa *prostate cancer operation*, o busediwa kwa morago. *Prostate* eo ga e emisiwe. *Those are the things* tse ke reng ke le di supegetse gore di teng di a diragala kwa Marina. Marina ke ene o batho ba romelwang kwa go ene ke *clinics* le dipatela tse mo dikgaolong tse tsotlhe. Selo se, le se ele tlhoko bakaulengwe.

Ke kope *Minister of Finance* gore Goromente ka boene, a lebelele e le *recommendation* mo go nna gore go dirwe a *Solidarity Fund*, e e leng gore Goromente *can tap* madi mo teng ga *Special Fund*, a bo a tsenya. E bo e re go kopiwa bangwe ba nang le bokgoni, ba bo ba ka tsenya madi ao mo go yone. Ke tsaya *for example* jaaka re ne re dirile ka COVID. Maloba go ne go dirilwe ka *disaster* e e neng e diragetse gone fa. Mo Office of the President (OP), maphata ka go farologana le ba ba ikemetseng ka nosi, ba tsentse madi koo. Dilo tse dingwe tse di motlhofo. Fa o lebile gore gompiano *Honourable* Kekgonengile ke mongwe wa baeteledipele ba *trade unions*, o kgona go kopana le *unionists*, o ka ba raya a re, go na le *crisis* ke e, re kopa P5 re mo tsenye kwa melemong. A kope Labour Party, e tsenye gone foo. *Honourable* Kedikilwe le ene a kope Mongwato gore ba a ba itseng ba latlhele koo. Morafe o mongwe o o humileng go gaisa merafe e mengwe wa Bakgatla, *Mother of the House* o ka kopa gore *they can tap* P5 gone koo. Ba dira *donations to the fund* e e tlaabong e dirilwe ke Goromente. Ba ba tlaa e dirang, e tlaabo e le kgang ya ga Goromente fela jalo...

**DR DOW:** *Point of clarification. Thank you Mr Speaker.* Sa ntlha ke dumalana le wena. Ke tsaya gore ke boammaaruri, *there is absolutely no doubt* gore *we are in crisis*. Re tshwanetse re tle ka matlhale a masha. Kgang ya gore re ye go tlopolwa kwa, re tlopolwa kwa, ke tsaya gore *Minister* o tlaa tla a re tlhalosetsa gore a o na le madi mo teng, e bile go ka tlopolwa kae. Fa re lebile fela, re itse gore ga go na madi tota mo Botswana, re ka tlopolwa mo go efe. A re ne re lebile *Fuel Levy*, a re ne re file ya Human Resource Development Council (HRDC), kana kae kwa go senang *crisis* mo go kalokalo kana mo re ka go tlogelang mo go *Minister*.

O tsene mo kgannyeng e ntšha ya gore fa re tswa, re bo re ya go kopa mo go ba bangwe. Ke tsaya gore eo ga e

mo *Motion*. O ne o re fa maele gore fa re sena go nna re fetisa *Motion* o, re bo re ya go kopa go tlaaleletsa.

La boraro ke re, re lebile nako, o se ka wa re tima nako ka gore re batla go go ema nokeng gore re tlhophe pele ga 12:30 p.m. *So*, o se ka wa buela ruri, o tle o re fe nako re tle re go tlatse. Ke yone *clarification* ya me eo.

**MR LEKUTLANE:** Tanki *Mother of the House*. Ke sone se re nang le wena fa gore o tle o tshware thipa ka fa bogaleng le go re kaela ka fa go ntseng ka teng. Tota tse dingwe tsa madi gore a ya go tswa kae, ke ne ke fa *guidance* ya gore ke a itse gore go na le *Special Fund*. *Special funds* di di ntsi. Ke bone *Fuel Levy* jaaka ke bua, *Road Fund Levy* le *Alcohol Levy*, di di ntsi *madam*. Madi ao ba *Finance* ba itse gore go setse bokae mo teng, a ka tsewa fa kae, ga diragala eng. *The crisis* e re nang le yone gompiano jaaka ke ne ke supa *example* ya gore re ka seega dilo tse di tshwanang le *grass cutting, roads*, ra boloka matshelo a batho, re reka dipilisi.

Go kopa mo bathong ba bangwe ke *gesture* tse di leng teng. Bogologolo o a itse *Mother of the House*, gore go ne go na le boipelego. E re fa batho ba lemile, ba bo ba tsaya ka ditlatlana ba isa kwa Kgosing. Jaanong kwa Kgosing ga rona e tlaabo e le gone kwa *Ministry of Finance* gore re tle re bone gore re ka dira jang. Go le kalo bakaulengwe, mma ke kope fela ka tsweetswee gore nkemeng nokeng, re leke go boloka matshelo a batho. Tanki *Mr Speaker*.

**MR SPEAKER:** *Honourable Members*, gongwe le akanye gore mongwe le mongwe a ngange *five minutes*. *The floor is open*.

**MINISTER OF FINANCE (MR GAOLATHE):** Thank you Mr Speaker. Thank you *Motlotlegi Lekutlane*. I think it was important that this matter be discussed so that we can clarify. It is a pity that you did not come to us, we could have discussed and clarified these things.

First, appreciate the fact that our health situation is indeed a crisis. I do not think there is any citizen who can agree with that, but the problem is that your Motion if fatally flawed on a number of fronts. It is flawed, first by assuming that the life-threatening operations have been suspended. They have not been suspended as Madam Dow has pointed out. It is also flawed in the sense that when you look at the Special Funds, they are Special Funds that Government would have completely

no control over, including Guardian Funds, which means they do not belong to Government at all. So, the solution would not apply.

There are special funds such as the alcohol which already fall under the Ministry of Health, and which I submit to you, they have already been explored, and neutralized, and then you would have the fact that the special funds themselves are not ring-fenced so, they are really book entries which means that when Government says *madi a a thaela*, it means *madi a a thaela* across board because all of it is under the Government Investment...

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

**MR GAOLATHE:** ... Investment Account. Now, the Minister of Health has already explained everything that we have explained, the crisis that we are in, shortages in certain types of medicines and supplies, tablets particularly hypertension, diabetes and so on. The health problem is not only that of shortages and medical supplies, it is also a systemic lapse in the system. We have a systemic lapse of the whole ecosystem, so, even if you were to put money into it, there are leakages, there are broken components of the ecosystem including service providers that have not been paid for a long time. So, there is a whole comprehensive fixing that needs to take place. So, there has been tremendous effort and initiatives that we are currently gripped with, trying to fix the different components of the eco system not just medical supplies. We have mobilised, and we are in the process of mobilising the international community. The Ministry of Finance is particularly involved in this process, and there have been different experts, different stakeholders across ministries and the health sector that have provided input. One of the governments that we are engaging and we have completed submission of that engagement is the Government of Japan, but there are other foundations and other people in the industry. So, a lot is already being done, and what is being done goes far beyond what you are asking for.

I do not know whether I should further explain how funds operate, but I think the gist here is that the solution that you are prescribing either is already being applied where it is possible, as I say some of the funds it would not apply, and also there are issues of the fact that when we say that there is a cash flow crunch, it is an overall cash flow crunch that entails even the funds themselves.

So, *rra ka bokhutshwane fela ke go reye ke re, fa noka e elela...*

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Clarification.

**DR GOBOTSWANG:** *Clarification. His Honour the Vice President, ka fa o buang ka teng, o raya gore e re ntswa madi a ne a tsentswe mo special funds, fa le ntse le tsweletse le tlhaelwa ke madi kwa le tlhaelwang teng, e ka tswa e le a salaries, or projects, le feletse le a tsaya one a a mo special funds le ya go a dirisa kwa ditirong tse dingwe tsa Puso? Is that what you are saying Your Honour?*

**MR GAOLATHE:** What I am saying is that all the special fund monies, almost all of the special fund money, it is not all of them, go into the Government Investment Account, and the investment account is not necessarily reinforced. There are monies that Government will ensure that they are not used, but from a cash flow point of view, there are book entries which means that the monies are used in many cases.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Ke kopa tlhaloso.

**MR SALESHANDO:** *It is a very short question gore as Minister of Finance, se o se gakololang Ntlo e ke gore, le fa re ka fetisa Motion o, ga go fetole sepe essentially, that is what you are saying?*

**MR GAOLATHE:** *That is absolutely correct, Honourable LOO, even if we were to pass this Motion, it does not change anything. Ke sone se ke neng ke tlhalosa ke re, le ntswa maikaelelo e le a a siameng, e bile re utlwa selelo se mongwe le mongwe a leng mo go sone, tharabololo e a e tsisang mo Ntlong ke e re ka reng kwa re e kgonang teng e setse e dirilwe, a mme e bile ga e a lekana gona le tse di ntsi tse di dirwang tse di fetang kgakala se a se kopang.*

*Ke sone se ke neng ke feleletsa ke re, go tshwana le fa noka e elela e feta mo motseng mme e sa ye go goroga mo motseng wa gago, o e bona e feta o bo o lela o re o a e kgalemela noka e gore e se ka ya tsena mo motseng, mme e ntse e sa ye go tsena mo motseng, which means that your idea and your cry is well heard, and we appreciate that, but the solution is not applicable. That is really the crux of the argument.*

*So, ka tsela e e ntseng jalo motlotlegi, re amogela sengwe le sengwe se o se buang gore lefatshe la rona*

le mo mathateng ka kgang ya letlhoko la melemo le letlhoko mo dipateleng, mme tharabololo e o e bayang Palamente ga se yone, ditharabololo tse di leng teng re setse re inakantse le tsone, re lwa le tsone, e bile re na le tsholofelo e ntsi ya gore maungo a tlaa nna mantsi.

**ACTING MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE (DR DIKOLOTI):** *Mma ke go leboge* Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, the Motion before this House is both urgent and necessary. We are starring at the half price that is not only claiming lives today, but eroding the public confidence in our entire health system. Medicines are scarce, oxygen is in short supply, surgeries suspended, and citizens have died while waiting for health.

Honourable Members, let us be clear, this is not simply a shortage of commodities, this is a shortage of people skilled available and supported health professionals without whom no health system can function.

Botswana currently Mr Speaker, has 0.37 physicians per 1000 people fewer than four doctors for every 10000 people. WHO recommends one doctor per 1000 people, that is 10 per 10000 for safe and effective care. *Dipalo tseo* Mr Speaker, *fa o lebelela fela lefatshe la rona kwa bo Seronga, o fitlhela e le gore dipalo tsa maloba di ne di supa gore batho ba 3,170 mme o fitlhela mo go ene 3,170 wa teng ngaka a le nosi mme ngaka e yotlhe e le gore* handles outpatient care, emergencies, maternity and referrals; every single day without no relief or backup. So this chronic under staffing has a domino effect, and rural clinics and primary hospitals cannot manage routine or emergency cases locally. All these patients Mr Speaker, *ba felela ba le* referred to Princess Marina, Nyangabgwe, creating an artificial surge, *tse e leng gore* they clog the specialist units and stretches booking times into months, and compromises service delivery, and patients end up paying more to travel further and trust in our local services is collapsing Mr Speaker, and system efficiency is destroyed.

Honourable Speaker, this is not a once-off event, without desire, Human Resource (HR) reform, this crisis will recur and each time it will be worse. Our population is growing, global health threats are accelerating, and in each future emergency Botswana will again scramble for medicines but without enough hands to deliver care.

We see medicines expire unused in storerooms while patients die untreated in clinics. Without strong rural staffing, urban referral hospitals will be perpetually overwhelmed Mr Speaker, forcing us into panic crisis mode rather than sustainable use.

Part of the problem is structural, the department of Directorate of Public Service Management (DPSM) oversees over 100,000 public servants across all sectors, and this central arrangement is too slow and generic to respond to the urgent specialist staff in need of health. *Mafatshe a a tshwanang le bo Rwanda* Mr Speaker, addresses *dikgang tse go farologane*. Their Ministry of Health has direct authority over HR affairs, enabling them to deploy doctors within days not months.

Therefore, while I support mobilising Special Funds under Public Finance Management Act as we did during COVID-19, where we managed to mobilise P2 million. Mr Speaker, I submit that funds alone will not solve this. This Motion must also mandate structural HR reform. We need to deploy contact specific and equitable staffing norms with higher staffing ratios for remote and hard to reach areas. We need to grant the Ministry of Health direct HR management authority covering recruitment, deployment and retention. We need to establish staffing buffers, relief cover and leave replacement systems to protect against burnout and ensure continuous service.

Honourable Members, the choice before us is stuck, we can fix these ones or we can meet again in two years to debate the same crisis, except with longer queues, more funerals and a public that has lost faith in us. Medicines without health workers are like water without a cup, the people cannot benefit. Let us fix both, not just to survive today's emergency but to secure tomorrow's health security for our nation. I thank you Mr Speaker.

**MR KEKGONEGILE (MAUN EAST):** Tanki *Mr Speaker*. Mme re dumedise setšhaba, re dumedise batlotlegi. Re kope setšhaba go emisa kgokgontsho kgalhanong le bomme le basetsana.

*Mr Speaker*, ke boammaaruri ke emela fa go ema nokeng mokaulengwe *Honourable* Lekutlane ka *Motion* o. Ke boammaaruri botsogo jwa rona bo mo mathateng lefatshe ka bophara, go sa kgathalesege gore o kae. Ga re bone maiteko a go leka go hema seemo se mo go Goromente. Re utlwile *statement* sa ga Tona a bua

gore ke boammaaruri go ntse jalo mme dingwe ba di beetse ka fa thoko, dingwe ba a di dira. Le rona *on the ground* le fa bakaulengwe ba bua gore Tona o rile *life-threatening operations are not suspended, on everyday basis* batho ba a re leletsa *to say* kana ke na le mathata mme *operation* e isitswe *to ngwaga* o o tlang. Gone moo *is a systematic suspension and deferral of these life-threatening operations, therefore there is need for action*. Ke dumela gore *Motion* o *is calling for action*. O ka tswa o itebagantse le *Special Funds*, Minister o na le *authority* ya *to divert* o ka di dirisa *like Honourable Dikoloti has been saying now*. Mo go rayang gore *Honourable Dikoloti is clear* mo go reng *Special Funds* di ka kgona gore di ka dirisiwa fa go nang le bothata teng *like they were used in the past within the Act* fa ba lebile COVID-19.

Seemo se re leng mo go sone sa *health crisis* se tsamaela gone koo *because now we are saying to people* gore lona ba le kwa dikgaolong ba le leng kgakala; kwa bo Chobe, Okavango, North West, Kgalagadi, Gantsi, Boteti le Letlhakeng ba mo mathateng a gore *one*; Goromente jaanong ga a kgone gore o ka ba thusa ka ditsompelo tsa botsogo.

*Secondly*; ga gona *pharmacies* le *private hospitals* kwa ba leng teng, *unlike* mo mafelong a mangwe mo e leng gore fa Goromente a sa kgone batho ba na le *medical aids*, ba a bereka *they can access the private institutions because they are there*. Batho kwa dikgaolong tse di kgakala fa Goromente a seyo ke mathata. *Therefore*, fa Palamente e e ka se ke e tseye tshwetso *acting*, e ya go tsaya gore ka gore seemo ke se jaanong a re direng jaana, batho ba mo legoeleleng, ke mokang *we are sentencing people to death. We cannot sentence people to death* le le Goromente wa UDC, *unless you are saying so*. Madi a ka tswa a seyo gompieno mo *Special Funds* but a tshwana fela le a Botswana Unified Revenue Service (BURS). Re bua ka bo *roads, alcohol* le tse dingwe fela jalo tse madi a teng a tsenang kgwedi le kgwedi.

*The Honourable Member of Parliament (MP)* wa Kgalagadi North *is saying* fa madi a tsena jaana, *let us prioritise health crisis* re tswa mo go yone re le lefatshe. Go na le dilo tse dingwe tse di ka dirwang *but health* e tshwanetse go tla pele. *If it goes to* gore go siame *you cannot prioritise through Special Funds, then prioritise through other projects* tse e leng gore are

*not life threatening*. Tse di ka namang di tlosolotswe pele ga rarabololwa mathata a, *crisis* e ya botsogo, dipilisi le melemo ya goroga kwa dikgaolong batho ba kgona go tshela. *It is not an issue* ya gore *let us just confine ourselves to the writings of the Motion. If we feel there is a crisis and need to act, we cannot just confine ourselves to decisions within life-threatening operations or within Special Funds* fela, le *projects* di teng *they can be prioritised* madi a a tsena kgwedi le kgwedi *from different angles*. A re diragatseng jalo batho ba kgone go tshela, *otherwise we as Parliament we are part and parcel* ya gore jaanong re bo re atholela Batswana *to death just like UDC Government has decided to do that*.

**MR MOROLONG:** *Procedure*. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke ne ke re gongwe o ntlhalosetse gore mme jaanong morago ga tlhaloso e e neng e buiwa ke *Minister* wa tsa Madi, le fa le nna ke ne ke *support* mogopolo o montle o, a mme re mo tsamaisong gore re ka tswela le *Motion* o re ntse re itse gore o ya go wela ka tsela e a neng a araba ka yone? Ke ne ke re o ntlhatswetse sone seo fela, *but otherwise I do support* kgang ya ga *honourable*.

**ACTING MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE (DR DIKOLOTI):** *Procedure*. Ke a go leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke utlwa mokaulengwe *Mr Speaker*, mme ke ne ke re ke re kana re santse re *debate* mme ditsamaiso tsa Palamente di a letla gore *Motion* o re o fetole ka fa re bonang o *suit* ka teng ka gore rotlhe re a dumalana fa gore re babaletswe mo go seng kana ka sepe. Ke solofela gore bakaulengwe ba ba tlaa emang, ba tlaa o fetola gore o kgone go wela sentle mo forong le mo seporong jaaka mokaulengwe a o eleditse.

**MR KEDIKILWE (SEROWE WEST):** Mma ke go leboga *Mr Speaker*. Le nna fela tota go bua boammaaruri ke *support Motion* le fa e le gore e rile motshwara sepatšhe sa lefatshe a bua gore le fa re ka dumalana mme ga gona se re ka se fetolang. Jaaka motlotlegi fa a wela gore kana le fa e le gore ga re bue ka *Special Funds*, a re le beng fa e leng gore gongwe re ka nama re go emisitse pele, kwa go sa ameng botsogo jwa batho. Mma ke le boleleleng gore fa gongwe rona ba kwa dikgaolong; motlotlegi o bua ka bo Okavango a re gongwe ke gone go nang le bothata, le kwa Serowe re na le bothata joo. Maloba ke ne ke ile kwa Sekgoma e le gore batho ba tlaabo ba ntelets, “Mopalamente

kana go ne go tilwe ke ithekele lemao, nna go tilwe ke ithekele *bandage*.” E le gore dilo tse ba ka bong ba di tsaya kwa sepateleng gatwe ba ye go reka pele, ke gone ba bo ba ya kwa kokelwaneng ba ya go hapisa kana go kentiwa. Fa ke tsena teng ke fa baoki ba nthaya ba re batho ba ba go boletse sentle Rre Kedikilwe. Fa o bona re le fa re kile ra bo re koleka maP100 re leka go bipa Goromente gore go se ka ga bonala gore... ka gore fa re raya motho re re tsamaya o ye go ithekela lemao, ga se botlhe ba ba tlaa kgonang go ithekela. Tsamaya o ye go ithekela *bandage*, ga se botlhe ba ba tlaa boang. Re feletse le rona batho ba Modimo fa o bona le setse le utlwa o kare go a simologa jaana. Go supa gore tota ba re tshwaraganetseng le bone botsogo, bone babereki ba botsogo, le bone ba lekile fa ba lekang teng betsho. Ke raya gore nna ba mpoleletse jalo ba re “re feletswa Rre Kedikilwe.” Ke ne ke tsamaya ke ipotsa gore a ke batho ba ba latlhelelang tiro, ba latlhelela batho, mme ba mpolelela gore re lekile fa re lekileng teng, leka le wena ka koo Mopalamente.

Ke ne ke ile kwa go bone, ba solofela gore nna ke le Mopalamente, ke tshwanetse ka tla ka ba tswa thuso. Jaanong fa ke ka tlogela tshono e e ntshitsweng ke motlotlegi ya *Motion* o o ntseng jaana, e tlaabo e le gone fa re latlhileng teng kgang. Kgang ya me ke gore ke dumalana le...

**ACTING MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE (DR DIKOLOTI):** *Clarification.* Mo motsotsong o Rre Kedikilwe ka gore e bile o a dumalana, ke ne ke re pele ga o nna fa fatshe, o tle o thuse *to amend Motion* o gore o bue sentle gore re re, “*prioritise revolving the health crisis through mobilisation of funds in all possible ways and forms so as to buy essential medicines, pay for outstanding health bills and restore to normalcy all medical procedures for patients.*” O o baakanyetse ruri gore re tle re kgone go o *debate* jaaka o o batla.

**MR KEDIKILWE:** Nnyaa, gone mme jaaka o bua, kana wena o kwadile, nna ga ke a kwala se o se buang seo. Kgang ya teng fela ke gore a re o baakanyeng re le Palamente, re se ka ra o ntsha ka fensetere ka gore ra re ga go na madi. Rotlhe re a lemoga gore ga go na madi e bile re a dumela gore ga go na madi mme fa o utlwa badirelapuso ba go raya ba re rona re kolekile, nna ke ise ke koleke ke le Mopalamente, e bo e le gore

ke dumela gore bone ba dirile ga bone, rona ga go na jaaka re ka ba thusa. Fa ke boela kwa go bone ka gore seemo se se tlaa tswela se le teng, le maabane jaana ba bangwe ba ne ba re gatwe re ye go tsaya melemo ya *insulin* kwa *pharmacy* nngwe kwa Francistown. Go supa gore kwa Serowe ga go na sepe. Ga ba na madi a a palamang, ke batho ba ba tswang kwa dikgaolong kwa bo Malatswai kana Majwanaadipitse mme fa ba ba goroga kwa Serowe gatwe ga go na, tsamayang le ye go tsaya kwa Francistown. Le gone fa ba le mo tseleng, ga go na *guarantee* ya gore... ba bangwe ba tla ba tswa Letlhakane ka kwa, ba bangwe ba tswa kwa Tutume, *sides* tsele tsa Bokalala, ba ntse ba ya kwa *pharmacy* yone eo. Fa o le mo tseleng o re o ya Francistown, go ka nna ga fela o ntse o le mo tseleng, e bo e re fa o tsena kwa o bo o fitlhela e le gore jaanong wena o ne o palametse mahala, o tsena kwa o fitlhela molemo oo o fedile, e le gore o ne o o solofeditse fa o emelela kwa Serowe.

Nna ka re a re dumalaneng ka go baakanya, *let us source funds somewhere*. A re tlogeleng ka *special funds*. Koo ga ke go nyatse, e bile ke a dumela ga go na, ga e ka ke ya re se le teng wa re ga se yo. A re direng sengwe mo nakong yone e, re santse re emetse dikgato tse ke utlwang gore wa re le tswelletse le a leka. Le nna ke a dumela gore le a leka le tswelletse ka gore maloba fa re le fa re ne re fetisa *Bill* o supa gore o batla go adima. Nna ke ne ke tsaya gore madi ao fa le a adima jalo le a a adimela gore le thibe tsone dikgang tse. Mme e re *process* fa e ntse e tswelletse jalo, a re direng sengwe se se ka dirang gore batho ba tshela tlhe batho. Batho ba a fela, ke a le kopa ka kgang yone e. Ke raya gore nna ke a go *support*, ke dumalana le kgang eo.

**MR BAGAISAMANG (SHOSHONG):** Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Le nna ke ema fa go supa fa ke ema mokaulengwe nokeng, Rraetsho Lekutlane. Tota o ne a bua e bile a tsentse le kgaolo ya me ya Mokgenene mo teng ka gore re ne re bua ka yone maabane bosigo gore ke na le diemo fela tsone tse a di supang tse e leng gore *our health sector* mo nakong ya gompieno e aparetse ke mathata, batho ba rona ba setse ba direlwa *booking for* dikgwedi tse di kwa pele. Ba bangwe ba ba neng ba sale ba diretsewe *booking for* ngwaga o o fetileng gotwe ba tlaa thusiwa mariga a, gompieno gape jaanong go oketsegile, go ile kwa pele. *So*, tota ke gone mo go neng go nkgwetlha. Jaaka

*Honourable* Dikoloti a ne a supa, ke emela fa gore re tle re dire *amendment* ka gore bogakolodi jwa ga *His Honour the Vice President* jaaka a supa, go supa gore ga re ka ke ra goroga kwa *special funds* jaaka re ne re eletsa. Gongwe jaaka Rre Kekgonegile a ne a supa, go ka lebelelwa kwa bo *road levy, fuel levy* le *plastic levy*.

Se ke ka se supang ke gore kana go ne ga dirwa thulaganyo, ga seegelwa fa thoko (*suspend*) dingwe ditiro tsa Puso ka nako ya COVID. *A typical example* ke gore Constituency Community Projects (CCP) tsa 2021 *were suspended*, ga tsewa madi ao gore a ye go thusa kwa COVID. So, ke dumela gore *Honourable* Lekutlane o ne a bua sengwe se se tsamaelang gone koo.

Ke ne ke re gongwe ke tle ke fetise paakanyo jaaka nne *Honourable* Dikoloti a supa. *Through you Speaker* re kope *Honourable* Lekutlane gore re dire *amendment to this Motion* gore o tle o balege jaana, “*that this Honourable House resolves to request Government to prioritise resolving the current health crisis through mobilisation of funds in all possible ways and forms so as to buy essential medication, pay for outstanding health bills and restore to normalcy all medical procedures for patients.*” *I so submit and move accordingly. Thank you.*

**MR SPEAKER:** Ee. Romela *amendment* eo ke tle ke e bale sentle.

**MR BAGAISAMANG:** Thank you Mr Speaker.

**MR SPEAKER:** *E romele fela* electronically, I will see it. *Ga ke itse gore le emetse eng ka gore re mo amendment.*

...Silence...

**MR SPEAKER:** Order! Honourable Members, let me read out the amendment as proposed by Honourable Bagaisamang. The Motion will read, “that this Honourable House resolves to request Government to prioritise resolving the current health crisis through mobilisation of funds in all possible ways and forms so as to buy essential medication, pay for outstanding health bills and restore to normalcy all medical procedures for patients.”

Honourable Members, when I look at the Standing Order on amendments *sa re*, “a Motion may be amended subject approval by the House. No amendment to Motion

shall be permitted if it introduces a new matter or seeks to achieve a different object than the original Motion.” It is my considered opinion that the amendment does not seek to achieve a different objective, but that it seeks to achieve the objective of the original Motion. So, I shall put the question on whether the amendment should be agreed to.

Question put and **agreed to.**

**MR SPEAKER:** Honourable Members, looking at the time, *ga ke itse gore le santse le ka tsaya ba le kae* until you call the mover to reply to the debate. *Go raya gore e tlaa nna one ka fa, one ka fa gakere.*

**MR JACOBS (LOBATSE):** *Ke a leboga* Mr Speaker. *Ke ne ke re gongwe gompieno o nngaletse*, that is why *o sa ntshupe.*

Mr Speaker, *jaaka re ne re utlwa* the Vice President *a re* the levy funds have been depleted, *ke ne ke re kana* we must be aware of the fact *ya gore kana* our population is not a big number. *Jaaka maloba re ne re ile* Marina, *ke tswa go bona ka matlho a me gore tota* we have a health crisis in our hospitals.

Therefore, I would urge our Vice President *jaaka a ne a bua a re* they are in talks with the international community, maybe for them to try and speed up these talks. *Tota* we cannot be going on for another six months and we are going to find our population maybe depleted in half. So maybe try and come up with more of a robust way to engage the international community *gore ba re thuse ka melemo fa e le gore rona ga re na madi a teng jaaka go buiwa gore madi ga a yo a fedile.* We have to find another approach because most of our people in this country, *kana ba tshela ka melemo.* We have people *ba e leng gore ba tshela ka melemo ya HIV, diabetes, high blood, asthma le dilo tse dintsi.*

*There is no way we can say we go on for another three months* re santse re batla madi, a seyo. *We are not going to sit back* re tlogela batho ba rona gore ba swe, *we cannot allow that.* Le rona tota re le Palamente *we cannot allow such.* So, *I am appealing to the hierarchy of this Government,* bagaetsho batho ba rona ba a lwala, ba tlhoka melemo. *We cannot wait for another three months.* Look at the situation *ya kwa dipateleng kwa go ariwang teng, batho ba sa bone melemo.* *It is time* gore le le Goromente le ye go kopa *donations* tsa melemo

kwa ntle le ye go bua le mafatshe a mangwe. *We cannot sit as if* ga go na madi mo *levies* kana kae re tlogela batho ba rona gore ba swe, *that is not acceptable*. Batho ba me ba Lobatse ba tlhoka melemo.

**MINISTER OF FINANCE (MR GAOLATHE):** *On a point of elucidation*. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke a leboga rra. Ke batla go go rurifaletsa gore jaaka ke bua, go na le dilo tse dintsi tse re di dirang; melemo le tse di tlhokafalang ka lepotlapotla di mo tseleng. Se re se buang ke gore dilo tse re tshwanetseng go di dira di dintsi di farologanye, go na le tse di mo tseleng jaaka re bua. Ke ne ke re gongwe ke go rurifaletse gore selelo sa gago re sale re se utlwile se ise se goroge. Ke a leboga.

**MR JACOBS:** Fa e le gore go ntse jalo Motlotlegi Vice President (VP), ke a leboga. Jaaka ke go bolelela, maloba ke tswa go bona ka matlho a me kwa Marina, batho ba a swa. Ke fitlhetse bananyana ba bannyennyane gotwe ga ba na melemo, ga go na *drips*. Seemo se ga se a re ema sentle *especially* rona Mapalamente, re apara *suits*, mme batho ba a swa kwa mo dipateleng. Ga go a tshwanela go nna jalo rra. Ke a leboga.

**MR AARON (NGAMI):** Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Letshwenyego le, le nna ke na le lone. E bile re le ba Botswana Congress Party (BCP), re dumela gore seemo se re leng mo go sone gompiano se tlhokana le gore ba rotlhe re tshwaraganele tiro e, re sa supasupane ka menwana. Tsela ya gore re dire jalo ke gore ba rotlhe re dumalane gore re mo serung.

Jaaka mokaulengwe mongwe a sa tswa go bua, re setse re utlwile gore *Special Funds* ga di na sepe, mme keletso ke gore re bone gore ke efe metlhale e re ka bonang gore re a e dira.

Ke ema fa ke le gwetlha bakaulengwe dintlheng tsotlhe tsa Ntlo e ke re a re simololeng go bonwe ka rona. A re boneng gore re ka dira jang ka seemo se re leng mo go sone. A re lebeng gore a ga go na tsela nngwe e re ka bontshang setšhaba gore re na le lona. A re dumalaneng gore re ithola *sitting allowance* go fitlhelela seemo se se tla mo tseleng e e leng gore se a laolesega e bo e le gone re ka simololang ra boela dilo tse.

Fa godimo ga moo, a re kopeng gore ba ba nang le *allowances*, ka gore ba rotlhe re kile ra bo re bua selo se se tshwanang...

**DR DOW:** *On a point of elucidation*. Ke a leboga mokaulengwe, o e tshwere sentle. Ke dumalana le wena gore sengwe le sengwe se kgaolwe, mme fa re kgaola matseno a rona ke kopa gore re kgaole *salary*, e seng *sitting allowance* ka gore go na le ba ba se keng ba tla Palamenteng gotlhelele, ga e ke e ba ama. *So*, fa o ka kgaola 10 *per cent* ya mongwe le mongwe e re ama rotlhe. E seng jalo rona ba re tshwarang *quorum*, go na le ba ba sa tlang gotlhelele...Gongwe o e baakanye foo.

**MR AARON:** O e tshwere sentle *Mother of the House*. Kana gore e re ame ba rotlhe jaaka *Mother of the House* a bua, *sitting allowance* e tlaabo e ama ba ba leng teng. Jaanong fa e nna 10 *per cent*, ke rona rotlhe. A go simolole go tswa fela *from the Head Office*, ke kopa gore *our President* a ithole *constituency allowance* ka gore *allowance* ya gagwe ke Botswana jotlhe.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Elucidation.

**MR AARON:** Ke kopa gore *Mr Speaker* le botlhe ba ba ithophetsweng, e ka tswa e le Mapalamente kana Makhanselara ba ithole *constituency allowance*. A go simolole ka rona. A go bonwe gore re tsaya kgato. E tlaare fa seemo se boela mo taolong dilo tse re tlaa simolola go akola.

Betsho fa re tswela re re *human rights first*, mme re sa *prioritise health*, moo e tlaabo e nna *just a hollow and rhetoric statement* se se senang boleng. Ka ra re ditshwanelo tsa batho, ga go na ditshwaelo tse e leng gore motho o ka di akola fa botsogo jwa gagwe bo le kwa tlase. Le ke letshwenyego la rona, mme e bile ke dumela gore setšhaba le sone se ka bona fa re le mmogo. Fa e le gore go na le ditsela dingwe kwa ntle ga tse ke sa tswang go di bua tse, tse e leng gore le lona le a bona gore di ka thusa, a re tseyeng kgato go fitlhelela go riana.

Se *Honourable* Kedikilwe a se buang ke boammaaruri go ntse jalo. *Minister* le ene o buile a supa gore *there are shortages of dressings, dressing* o ne a raya *bandages*. Ke tsholetse kwa lefatsheng lengwe la mabapi le rona, e ne e re fa o isa motho sepatela, ke nnete o ne o ya go reka *syringe* le molemo o tlang o kenta. Jaanong a re boneng gore re dira jang pele ga re tsena mo seemong se se ntseng jalo. Go simologa ka rona pele.

Betsho ke le kgotlhatsa gore re tseye kgato, mme ke lebogela gore ba rotlhe re bo re dumalana, re bua puo e nngwefela ka gore BCP ga e bolo go ntsha *statement* se, e dumela gore re tseye kgato...

**MR SPEAKER:** *E go tshwere rra*, order! Honourable Members, at this point in time, I will now call upon the mover to reply to the debate. Honourable Lekutlane *o bo o lebeletse nako ka gore* the idea is to vote for this Motion before *le ka phatlalala* in nine minutes.

**MR LEKUTLANE:** Tanki *Mr Speaker*. Nte ke eme fa ke re tota ke ya go tsaya *five minutes* ka gore ke lemogile gore bakaulengwe ba me ba ne ba ntse ba dumalana le nna. Ga ke itse gore a o raya gore *five minutes* wa teng ke mmale fela ka na ke kgwe molelo.

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

**MR LEKUTLANE:** *Mr Speaker*, mme ke simolole fela ke leboge Ntlo e e fa e yotlhe go tswa mo dikhutlong tse nne tsa yone gore re a welelana tota...

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Elucidation.

**MR SPEAKER:** Ga a ise a simolole go bua. O *elucidate* eng?

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

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** *Mr Speaker*, ka gore mokaulengwe o ne a supa gore o tlaa tsaya metsotso e le metlhano fela, ke ne ke re gongwe o mphe e metlhano gore ke...

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

**MR SPEAKER:** Resume your seat General. Tswelela *Honourable* Lekutlane. Kana ke go biditse gore o *reply to the debate*, ga ke itse gore o nneetse eng fa fatshe. O nneetse eng fa fatshe?

**MR LEKUTLANE:** Tanki *Mr Speaker*. Nna fa ke utlwa a re *elucidation*, ke ne ke re ke a mo sutela gore ke tle ke...Ke go leboge mo go faphegileng *Honourable* Mmusi gore le wena *you contributed* le fa o didimetse go supafala gore o ne o dumalana le Tshutiso e ke e beileng.

Ke leboge ka fa *Honourable* Bagaisamang a sutisitseng ka teng *Motion* gore o balege, gore re tle re kgone go dumalana le one. Ke dumalana le Tshutiso eo le ka fa *amendment* e ntseng ka teng gore, bakaulengwe kana golo fa re mmogo ka go tla go dirisana. Ke gone go supa tirisano mmogo. Ke leboge *Honourable* Vice President (VP) ka fa a neng a re baya ka teng, a re supegetsa ka teng gore *special levies* di setse di dirisitswe. Tota ke ne

ke bua gore, *we can put this as a seed ya fund levy*, re tsaya fale tse pedi ka gore *those funds* di tsena letsatsi le letsatsi. Ke gore ga di a felela, ke tlhalose gore madi a teng ga a fela, ke madi a a tsenang letsatsi le letsatsi, gore le one re tlaa nna re ntse re tswelela ka one. Ke tswelile ke leboge ka se ba se beileng pele, mme bakaulengwe re mmogo mo kgannyeng e ya go lemoga gore lefatshe le aperwe ke seru sa go tlhoka melemo.

Le tsone tsa bodiredi jaaka *Honourable* Dikoloti a ne a supa gore ga se gone fela foo, ga re re tswelile ka go bona gore le fa melemo e ka tla e ya go dirisiwa jang, ke bomang.

Ga gona sepe se se kalokalo se ke ka se buang fa, *let me move Motion* ke re, “*That this Honourable House resolves to request Government to prioritise resolving the current health crisis through mobilisation of funds in all possible ways and forms so as to buy essential medication, pay for outstanding health bills and restore to normalcy all medical procedures for patients*”. *I so move.*

Question put and agreed to.

**MR SPEAKER:** *The Motion is adopted. Order! Honourable Members, there is nothing much we can transact in the three minutes remaining.* Jaanong ke ne ke re *Honourable Members*, ke tseye nako e go le leboga gore mo phuthegong ya lona ya boraro ya setlha sa ntlha sa Palamente ya bolesome le boraro, le dirile ka botswapelo. Ke a itse gore le ne le goga ka bokete, fa gongwe le kopana mo dinakong tse di okeditsweng, mme le ne le se ke le ipona tsapa, le ne le nna fa. Jaanong ke le leboege seo, gore le bo le berekile ka bonatla jo bo kanakana le fetisitse melao, *policies* le boditse dipotso le ntshitse Ditshutiso le go buisana tsotlhe tse le neng le di buisana. Go ne go na le dikgwetlho tse di neng di le teng, jaaka le bona gompiano go sena mabotlele a metsi le *sweets*, go ne go le bokete, mme le fa go ntse go le bokete jalo le ne le sa ipone tsapa. Jaanong *Honourable Members* ke ne ke re ke le leboge le ikopele legofi ka fa le dirileng ka bonatla ka teng.

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

**MR SPEAKER:** Jaanong *Honourable Members*, le letse le sutisitse maabane, le dumalane gore e re Palamente e khutla gompiano, e bo e le gore e ya khutla go fitlhelela nako e e tlaa bolelwang, *adjournment sine*

*die.* Go raya gore e tlaare fa *Leader of the House* a sena to move Motion oo, *the Assembly will stand adjourned sine die.* Jaanong ke re, le tsamae sentle kwa dikgaolong tsa lona le ye go bua le batlhophi, le ba lekodise ka tse di diragetseng mo Palamenteng. Se sengwe ke gore le ipabalele thata batlotlegi mo ditseleng le kwa le tlaabong le le teng, ke re a Modimo o nne le lona, le pula e le nele.

*Honourable Members*, kgakololo e tona ke gore, e tlaare gangwe le gape ba bodiredi jwa Palamente, *Clerk's office*, ba tlaa nna ba leka to communicate le lona. Group e le leng mo teng, ga ke mo teng, ga ke itse gore ke eng le nkitshitse mo teng, le tlaa nna le bona dipuisano mo teng, *your e-mails*, *tsweetswee*, *check your e-mails*, *check your groups*. Sa ntlha se le tlaa se romelelwang ke *summary* ya *meeting* o gore go diragetse eng mo go one. Ke tlaa kopa *Clerk* gore selo se se dirwe ka bofefo jo bo ka kgonagalang ka gore go a le thusa fa le ya kwa diphuthengong.

*As it is now 12:30, I shall now call upon the Leader of the House to move a Motion of adjournment.*

## MOTION

### ADJOURNMENT

**LEADER OF THE HOUSE (MR MOHWASA):** Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke tsaya gore ga gona se se kalo se motho a ka se buang, ke tsaya gore o a sobokile ka botswerere. Ke tsaya gore le tirisano le fa go santse go na le matlhasedi a go tlhoka go nna sentle, ke tsaya gore *generally* re tsamaya sentle. Re leboge tirisano e re neng re na le yone, e ke tsayang gore e tlaa nna e tokafala Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ka mafoko a a kalo, ka re setse re itse gore re tswala letsatsi leno, tla ke sutise gore dipuisanyo tsa *session* e di ye bokhutlong, le tsa letsatsi di ye bokhutlong. Ke a leboga.

Question put and **agreed to.**

The Assembly accordingly adjourned at 12:30 p.m. *sine die.*

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