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Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2026

THE ASSEMBLY met at 2:00 p.m.

(THE SPEAKER in the Chair)

PRAYERS

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**MADAM SPEAKER (MS MANYENENG):** Pray be seated. Good afternoon Honourable Members, let us start our business with questions.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

MMADINARE-ROBELELA ROAD

**MR R. W. KAIZER (SELEBI PHIKWE WEST):** asked the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to apprise this Honourable House on the status of the construction and upgrading of the Mmadinare-Robeleva Road; he should state:

- (i) the total budget allocated to the project, and how much has been expended so far;
- (ii) whether the project has experienced any delays; and if so, what are the causes of such delays; and
- (iii) measures the Ministry has put in place to ensure timely completion of the project.

**MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE (MR SALAKAE):** Thank you Madam Speaker. The contract for resealing of Damuchujenaa and Mmadinare Access, including surfacing of 40 kilometres (km) Mmadinare-Robeleva Road project was awarded to Ocean Cables (Pty) Ltd at the amount of P95,356,092.50. The project commenced on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024 and was due for completion on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026. To date, P27,644,811.93 representing approximately 29 per cent of the total project budget has been expended.

Project progress to date stands at 51 per cent against the planned 100 per cent and it is as outlined below:

- (a) Road marking of Serule to Selebi Phikwe road, which is 16 km is complete;
- (b) The Mmadinare access road, which is 13.6 km, representing 97 per cent is complete;
- (c) Construction of Mmadinare-Robeleva road, which is 40 km, only earthworks of:

- (i) 1.2 km base,
- (ii) 1.2 km sub-base;
- (iii) 2.5 km sub-grade are complete; and
- (d) Resealing of Damuchujenaa 6.5 km access road has not yet started.

Madam Speaker, the project experienced delays primarily due to the contractor's performance and rainfall, which affected consistent progress on site. Furthermore, a variation in the scope of works, specifically change of the base layer material from crushed stone to G5 resulted in the contractor submitting a claim for an Extension of Time (EOT). This claim is currently under review in accordance with the relevant provisions of the contract.

Madam Speaker, in an effort to compel the contractor to improve performance, the ministry issued Notices to Correct in October 2025 and January 2026. In addition, a notice was issued to charge the contractor delay damages for the delays incurred.

In response to the Notices to Correct, the contractor undertook such remedial actions as, provisions of bulk fuel storage facilities and the mobilisation of key personnel to site in October 2025. Further to that, in January 2026, the contractor mobilised additional resources to the site. Madam Speaker, the required EOT is likely to push project completion to August 2026.

Madam Speaker, despite these interventions, progress, particularly on the Mmadinare-Robeleva section remains slow and my ministry will continue to monitor progress with a view to coming up with a workable solution.

I thank you Madam Speaker.

**MR KAIZER: Supplementary.** Ke a leboga Madam Speaker. Ke lemoge Minister ka go araba potso e. Ke ne ke re gongwe ke mmotse gore fa a lebeletse madi a a setseng a dirisitswe mo nakong ya gompiano in this project, o bo o lebelela le the progress ya se se diragalang gompiano gore tse la go dirilwe eng ga go a dirwa eng, a o a kgotsofala kana le le ministry le a kgotsofala gore tiro e a dirwa fa le lebile bokete jwa madi a a setseng a dirisitswe? Ka bokhutshwane fela ke gore a mme o bona value for money mo go se se setseng se dirilwe?

*These variations tse o buang ka tsone, are there any mitigating factors tse e leng gore the ministry currently is engaged on in trying to help the contractor to ensure gore they deliver the project on time? Le gore variation*

eo e bakilwe ke eng se e leng gore *during the feasibility study* ga le a kgona go se lemoga? Se felela se dira gore go bo go nna le *that variation*.

Gongwe motho o ka kgatlhegela go itse gore *how do you engage communities* tse from Mmadinare go ya go tsena kwa bo Robelela? A o kile wa bitsa *meeting* go leka go ba *brief* gore go diragala eng ka gore tsela e ke nngwe ya ditsela tse ba ntseng ba di solofetse gore di ka tlhabolola matshelo a bone?

Ya bofelo ke gore kana Motlotlegi Rre Motshegwa o ne a le fa a re baya pele *Rural Development Policy*, *so in terms of socio-economic benefits*, fa o lebile bonya jo tsela e e tlang ka jone le se Motlotlegi Rre Motshegwa a batlang go se *achieve*, a o kgona go lemoga gore go tlaa nna le tiegonyana e ntsi mo go reng jaanong batho ba from Mmadinare *all the way to Robelela* ba enjoy *benefits* tsa go ka dirisa tsela e? Ke a leboga.

**MR SALAKAE:** *Thank you Madam Speaker; thank you Honourable Member of Parliament.* Ga ke sure *Madam Speaker* mme o tlaa nkgakolola gore a Standing Orders di letlelela gore Mopalamente a mpotse *opinion* ya me. Ke tsaya gore Mopalamente ga a ka ke a mpotsa *opinion* ya me. Ke lemoga gore *he could have shared his opinion* e ke lemogang gore ke ne ke ya go dumalana le yone ya gore ga ke kgotsofalele *performance* ya tsela e a buang ka yone. *So*, ga ke dumele gore o ne a tshwanetse gore a mpotse *opinion* ya me, o ka bo a mpoleletse fela re bo re dumalana. *So*, ga ke kgotsofalele *performance* jaaka ke dumela o sa e kgotsofalele.

O ne o botsa ka *variations and mitigations* le gore *am I engaging the community* ba e leng gore *they are interested parties?* Ke supe fa gore nna le Motlotlegi Motshegwa, re ntse re tšhotlha ka tsela e mme e bile o kile a ntaletsa ka ya go buisa phuthego kwa Mmadinare kwa Batswana ba fetileng ba supa gore fela jaaka nna le wena, ga ba kgotsofalele *performance* ya tsela e. Sengwe re a se dira, *because this is a contract that we have to manage between us and him.* Ga ke ka ke ka tsenelela thata gore tota re tserere kgato efe kana re tsamaela go tsaya kgato efe, mme ke dumela fela jaaka ke dumela jaana gore, gore o botse potso e, *you had concerns* tse ke nang le tsone tsa go bona gore gatwe go dirisitswe bokae, ga dirwa eng ka ga go lebege go dirilwe sepe.

Ke dumalana le wena, ga go na sepe se se dirilweng. Se se dirilweng ke ene *that 15 per cent* fela, mme sengwe sone re a se dira *and because you have shown interest*, *I will keep in touch with you* nako e re tsereng tshwetso

gore e re e tsereng ke e. Mo bogompnenong *we are still managing the contract* le *the contractor*. Re na le ene mo tafoleng go mmotsa gore ke eng re tshwanetse ra dira jaana.

*We engaged community*, mme ke dumela gore fa Rre Motshegwa ka e bile ke ene Mopalamente wa kgaolo ele, fa a ka boa gape a nkopa fa godimo ga se ke se mo solofeditseng, a re ke boele kwa Mmadinare, ke ya go dira jalo, mme sengwe sone re a se dira rra go bona gore kgang e *we reach a logical conclusion to it. Thank you very much.*

**MR KAIZER:** *Procedure.* Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Gongwe re tloga re latlha Ntlo e fa e le gore gongwe re ka letlelela *Minister* a bue gore ke ne ke mmatla maikutlo. Potso e ke neng ke e botsa e ne e sa batle maikutlo. Kana fa o dira *project, you have got deliverables* tse e leng gore fa *project* e ntse e tswelsetse, o a tick o bone gore *are you achieving what you had intended to. So, my question was based on that*, e ne e sa batle maikutlo a gago. E ne e le gore se ba se ipeileng pele e le *ministry*, a ba a se kgotsofalela ba lebile *the deliverables?* Ke ne ke re ke tshwaele go le kalo *Madam Speaker*. Ke a leboga.

**MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE (MR SALAKAE):** *Point of procedure Madam Speaker.* Ga ke itse, o tlaa ntsenya mo tseleng, *Madam Speaker*. Ga ke itse gore ke ka ema ka *procedure*, mme ke akanya gore ke *procedure* ka gore motlotlegi o ne a eme ka *procedure* a re ga a nkopa *opinion, but he literally said it*, ka ba ka kwala fa, a bua ka Sekgoa gore o batla *opinion* ya me. A re ga a re o batla *opinion*. Jaanong fa motho a ema ka *procedure*, a bo a nna *wrong* le go feta, o mo *correct* ka tsela e e ntseng jang? *Thank you.*

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Mma ke riane, ka fa a neng a botsa ka teng, ke itse gore o ne a botsa *on behalf of the ministry*, o ne a sa reye wena, *maybe* Setswana gore a wena o akanya jaana; o ka tsaya gore o raya wena. *I do not think* o ne a raya wena. Wena o ka tswa o sa mo tlhaloganya, *that is why* ke sa bue sepe. Ke tsaya gore ga se selo se se ka re tseelang nako.

#### ALLOCATION OF LODGES ALONG CHOBE RIVER

**MR S. O. MAPULANGA (CHOBE):** asked the Minister of Environment and Tourism to apprise this Honourable House on the planned lodges that were to be allocated along the Chobe River in the Chobe National Park; in particular:

- (i) whether Government considers the plan to be viable; if so, why; and
- (ii) how those who applied for the sites will be assisted if the plan has been abandoned.

**MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM (MR MMOLOTSI):** Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*.

Tota mogopolo wa *to develop tourism sites* kgotsa *lodge sites* kwa Serondela *area*, go leka *to improve citizen participation* mo bojanaleng, e ne ya akanyediwa mo nakong e e fetileng. Tota e ne e akanyediwa jalo go lebilwe gape gore le fa kakanyo eo e le teng, e ka siama thata fa go setse go feditswe go dira Chobe National Park Management Plan. E ne ya re le fa go ntse jalo, go supa kgatlhego ya *to develop* kgotsa go dirwa *lodge sites* di le *eight* gone mo Chobe River Front, mo Chobe National Park *was floated* ka 2022. E rile fa go sena go nna go fediswa kgang ya Chobe National Management Plan, baikopedi ba le makgolo a le mabedi, ba ne ba supa kgatlhego ka go ikopela gore ba nne bangwe ba e leng gore *can be considered* mo go yone thulaganyo eo ya *the eight sites* tsa *tourism*.

E ne ya re pele ga golo mo go ka fela, a bo e le gore jaanong go simolola go tsoga modumo le dingongorego tse di neng di tswa mo *groups* ka go farologana le *communities* jalojalo ka maikaelelo a go dirisa *park* ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. E bile e le gore dingwe tsa dingongorego e ne e le tse di reng o kare morero ga o a dirwa kgotsa fa e le gore o dirilwe, ga o a lekana. E bile ba bangwe ba ba neng ba tsositse modumo ba re golo mo go ya go dira *congestion* kwa *river front*, e e leng gore tota e ntse e le lone letshwenyego la gore fa go nna *congested* go tlaa bolaya boleng jwa bojanala. Go buiwa gore go ya go nna le medumo e e gakgamatsang gone koo *and to pollute environment, and this would have negative ecological impact* mo diphologolong tsa rona.

Go bo go raya gore ka mabaka a, lephata le bo le bona gore le name le eme, le se ka la tswelela, mme e le gore tota thatathata *the impact* gongwe e tlaa tloga e nna maswenyana mo *district*. Jaanong go raya gore go bo go emiwa gone foo. Go ema gone foo, go raya eng? Go raya gore go tswelelwe kwa pele kana gore dikgang tse di neng di tshwentse, di tshwanelwa ke gore gongwe di lebiwe ka bongwe ka bongwe, go bonwe gore a mme ke sengwe se e leng gore jaanong di ka baakangwa, a bo go ka kgona gore go tswelelwe, mme go tsamailwe go ise go dirwe jalo. Ke raya gore bagarona ba ba neng ba busa mo nakong ya gompiano, ba tsamaile dilo tseo di santse di le mo phefong.

Jaanong go ya kwa pele, go raya gore re tle re bone gore a mme mo nakong ya gompiano, ke sengwe se re eletsang gore re ka se tsweledisa kana re ka se sekaseka. Mme fa e le gore ke sengwe se e kareng mo ditshekatshekong tsa rona ra bona o kare se ka nna le maduo, fa e ka re mo ditshekatshekong tsa rona ra bona e le gore gongwe dingongorego tse go na le ka fa re ka di dirang ka teng ka gore gongwe letlhoko la gore golo mole go dirwe le tlaabo le le legolwane, re tlaa tswelela ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. *But what I want to say is that where we are right now, ga re ise re tsene mo tshekatshekong ya gore a re a tswelela kana ga re tswelele.*

Jaanong mme ya gore a maikaelelo ke gore *reimburse*, tota le yone ga se kgang e re setseng re kile ra buisana ka yone, e bile le bone ba ba fetileng, ba ba neng ba simolotse thulaganyo e, ke kgang e e leng gore ga ba ise ba ko ba bue ka yone. Fa e le gore ke kgang e e tshwanelwang ke gore e lebiwe, e ka lebiwa, mme go ne go supilwe jaana go ne go anamisiwa gore ba tlaabo e le gore *costs* tsa tiro yone totatota ke tsa bone. Jaanong fa e le gore kgang ya bone ke gore gongwe go eme mo tseleng, *maybe it is something* se e leng gore gongwe se ka bo se ne sa buisanngwa *then*, mme e bile le mo nakong ya gompiano, *I think it is something we can ... (Inaudible) ... Thank you Madam Speaker.*

**MR MAPULANGA:** *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Tla ke go leboge Tona. Ke ne ke re ke latedise ka o buile ka Chobe National Park Management Plan, e ke dumelang gore *either should have been concluded or before* go ya go tsweledisiwa dikgang tsa *applications*. Le bokgakala bo kae mo go yone, a e ne e fedile? Fa e le gore e ne e fedile, *recommendations* tsa yone di ne di reng tse di neng tsa tsala gore go ye go ntshiwa *Expression of Interest*? Fa e le gore *Management Plan* oo o ne o sa dirwa, le bokgakala bo kae gore o diriwe kana o fele?

Ya bobedi fa o lemoga 200 *applications*, go raya gore Batswana ba nyoretswe go tsena mo bojanaleng. Le dirile go le kae go bona gore le *communicate* le bone ba ba neng ba ikopetse le gore le dira eng go bona gore le atolose gore Batswana ba kgone go tsena mo bojanaleng jaaka o ne o bona ba ne ba ikopela ka bokete jo bo kanakana?

Ke tsaya gore ke ya bofelo, ke eng se o dumelang gore gongwe se ne se tsala mogopolo wa gore go ye go agiwa *along the Chobe National Park River*, se e leng gore *was a good idea then*, mme *after* ditshekatsheko go bo gotwe *it is not a good idea*? Go ka tswa go ne go tswalwa ke

eng gore gotwe nnyaa, golo mo re ka go tswaledisa go siame, mme kwa morago fa re utlwa *backlash* re bo re re re a ema? Re ne re rerisitse go le kae, *what informed us gore it was a good idea to move on* re bo e bile re *advertise*? Ke tlaa ema gone foo.

**MR MMOLOTSI:** Motlotlegi Mapulanga, go lebege e le gore fa go tsewa tshwetso ya go ya go dira *sites* tse, *Management Plan* o ne o santse a dirwa o ise o wele, e bo mo tsamaong ya nako o wela. Go raya gore ba ba neng ba batla go dira golo mo, ba ne ba etelela *Management Plan* pele, ka gore go raya gore ba ne ba na le kगतlhego ya gore ba dire jalo, one o bo o tla o tabogile kwa morago.

Jaaka o bua gore dipalo tsa 200 di supa gore Batswana ba na le kगतlhego ya go tsema mo bojanaleng, ee ke boammaaruri. Fa o e leba sentle, o tlaa fitlhela e le gore kगत e ya *congestion* ya *waterfront*, e tswa kgakala. Kana *site* nngwe le nngwe go ne gotwe ke 50 *beds*, *you can imagine* go raya gore *here we are talking* 50x8 *beds*. Palo eo fa *riverfront and the movement* le gore *already* go setse go na le *congestion, it was going to be problematic. Where I stand I still think* gore, gongwe ka gore go ne go sa lebiwa *plan* nako ya teng, go ne go akanngwa *before the plan*, ba ne ba se ka ba e akanya sentle ka nako ya teng, ka gore kana ga se *waterfront* fela e e ka dirang bojanala *within the park*. Fa e ne e le kakanyo e e neng ya neelwa nako, kana *even within the park somewhere outside the riverfront*, fa go ne go patika gore *sites* di nne *eight*, gongwe dingwe tsa tsone di ka bo di ne tsa tsena golo gongwe *in the park and not on the riverfront. Moving forward, if it is an idea that we really want to pursue, we will then have to look at what the Management Plan says*, re bo re ka bapisa le sengwe le sengwe se se tlhokafalang gore se dirwe *or be considered before* golo mo go dirwa. Jaaka ke bua, fa re leng teng gompieno, ga re ise re nne fa fatshe re tseye tshwetso ya gore *do we want to proceed with this or* re batla go ya kwa pele ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Ke a leboga.

#### APPROVAL OF GENERAL PLANS WITHIN KWENENG DISTRICT

**MR A. K. KHAN (MOLEPOLOLE NORTH):** asked the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to state:

- (i) whether the Deeds Registry has approved any General Plans (GPs) recently within Kweneng District, and if so, what factors are preventing the relevant land board(s) from proceeding with the allocation of plots in areas where such GPs have already been approved;

- (ii) the total number of GPs that have been approved in Kweneng District to date, indicating where possible, those awaiting plot allocation; and
- (iii) the expected timeframe within which a landboard is required to commence or complete plot allocation following the approval of a General Plan by the Deeds Registry in accordance with the ministry's prescribed standards, policies and procedures.

**ACTING MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE (MR MATHOOTHE):** Thank you Madam Speaker. *Ke go leboge* Honourable Khan *ka potso ya gago, o motho yo o gaufi thata le batho ba Molepolole*.

- (i) Madam Speaker, there is currently one General Plan (GP) registered at the Deeds Registry for Kweneng District, being the Shadishadi General Plans approved on the 19<sup>th</sup> August 2025. The Lephephe Sub-Land Board is currently transacting in respect thereof for the production of Secure Land Titles (SLTs). The General Plan comprises a total of 446 plots, including 425 residential plots, of which 415 have already been allocated. To date, 35 Secure Land Titles have been registered at the Deeds Registry.

Madam Speaker, General Plans for other settlements within the district are at various stages of development. In Molepolole, two General Plans for Magokotswane and Suping were submitted to the Deeds Registry on 20<sup>th</sup> March and 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026 respectively.

- (ii) Madam Speaker, in addition, five General Plans comprising of 917 plots are at different stages of approval by the Department of Surveys and Mapping (DSM), with final submissions having been made on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026 after addressing all comments. Upon approval, these will proceed with conveyancing and registration at the Deeds Registry.

In Lentsweletau, two General Plans comprising 658 plots are awaiting submission to Department of Surveys and Mapping, following clearance by the Department of Environmental Protection.

Madam Speaker, on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026, Kweneng Land Board requested for a waiver on the preparation of a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) for detailed layout plans covering Kopong, Boatlaname and Lentsweletau. The waiver was granted on the 9<sup>th</sup> March

2026, subject to conditions requiring the undertaking of a detailed geotechnical assessment to mitigate potential infrastructural defects, an archaeological assessment together with the implementation of a monitoring plan, as well as hydrological and flood risk modelling. However Madam Speaker, Kweneng Land Board does not currently have the budget to implement these requirements. This financial situation is likely to delay the finalization of detailed layout plans and consequently the allocation of plots.

With respect to Sojwe, a General Plan comprising of 200 plots is ready for submission for examination to the Department of Surveys and Mapping, following completion of survey records on the 10<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

- (iii) The prescribed timeframe within which the land board is expected to commence or complete plot allocation following the registration of a General Plan at the Deeds Registry is three months. I thank you, Madam Speaker.

#### CATTLE PRICING

**MR M. M. PULE (KGATLENG EAST):** asked the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to state what regulatory framework exists to protect livestock farmers from unfair cattle pricing by private abattoirs and butcheries, given that cattle are purchased solely on carcass weight while processors retain all by-products; and further state:

- (i) whether Government has assessed the fairness and transparency of this pricing model; and
- (ii) what measures are being considered to ensure equitable value sharing between farmers and private processors.

**ACTING MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE (MR MATHOOTHE):** *Mma ke leboge Mopalamente wa kwa Kgatleng East, Rre Mabuse Pule.*

Madam Speaker, there is no instrument to regulate or set a standard price for the sale of cattle, essentially leaving the local livestock market to be determined by economic forces of supply and demand.

- (i) Madam Speaker, our ministry in collaboration with Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), has conducted four studies to assess pricing models in the livestock sector. The findings show that farmers and other players are largely

excluded from these pricing processes. This lack of participation has exposed them to unfair practices, compounded by the absence of effective regulatory frameworks. It is against these findings that our ministry started the process of establishment of the Meat Regulatory Authority to address the identified gaps and challenges faced by the livestock industry.

- (ii) Madam Speaker, the Meat Industry Regulatory Authority (MIRA) which is being established to regulate, promote and develop the livestock and meat industry will address several issues including to ensure quality assurance, market access and regulatory certainty for producers. In addition, the Authority will deal with the issues related to licensing abattoirs, fostering investment to benefit the entire value chain, including primary livestock producers. Thank you Madam Speaker.

**MR PULE:** *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga motlotlegi, o nkarabile ka boammaaruri le botswerere. Ke ne ke re ke go lemose gore, kana ke romilwe ke *farmers* tsa Kgaolo ya Kgatleng East ba ba lelang ka *pricing*, gore o tlaabo a rekisa kgomo a bo a tsaya madi a *carcass*, mateng a teng, a bo a sa bone sepe, le fa e letlalo la yone. Jaanong ke re, jaaka o re ga go na *regulatory authority* ya *pricing*, a ga o bone gore go ne go re go itlhaganelwe...ke raya gore, *I know* gore *we have meat regulatory authority*, e ne e se gore e itlhaganele go leba seemo se? Le gore gongwe go nne le diphuthago tsa *farmers* le *abattoirs* gore barekisi ba nama ba tlhaloganye seemo se. Bontsi jwa bone ba a botsa ka ga ba tlhaloganye gore go diragala eng, ga ba itse gore *price* e laolwa ke *market*. Ba itse fela gore ba a tsiediwa. Ke gore ka bokhutshwane fela, *farmers* ba me ba re, re bona e kete re a tsiediwa. A nako ga e a tla gore *ministry* wa gago o leke *to make sure* gore *abattoirs* le *other meat selling outlets*, di kopane le *farmers* go bua ka kgang e go dumalanwe? Jaaka fela o ne o tlhalosa gore *they are largely excluded*, kana gore ba kgone go tsena mo teng ke gore ba bidiwe, ba kopane le *abattoirs*, go dumalanwe. Go buiwe gore, a mme re tswelela ka seemo se kana jang, ka gore bontsi jwa bone *feel* o kare ba a tsiediwa. Ke a leboga Tona.

**MR MATHOOTHE:** Go ntse jalo motlotlegi, ke gone mo o bonang re ne ra dira dipatlisiso tse di tlang di kwadilwe di supa ka fa seemo se ntseng ka teng. Sone se o neng o se botsa fa ke se le rona re se boneng morago ga dipatlisiso, ka gore di botlhokwa thata. Ke gone mo re neng ra lemoga gore, bontsi jwa batho ba ba *in this industry*, ba kgaphetswe kwa thoko. Tsela e nngwefela

e ba ka thusegang ka yone, e le bone ba dumalanang thata le rona mo go yone gore, *establishment of the meat industry regulator authority* ke yone e tlaa tlang e ba tswa thuso. E bile ke tlhomamise jaana gore, re siana lepotlapotla la gore thulaganyo e ke e tlhalosang fa e diragale ka ponyo ya leitlho, gore re tle re golole barui ba ba sa bolong go tshelela mo kgokgontshong ka lebaka le le leele. Ke tsaya gore karabo ya bone gompieno ba e bone mo Pusong e e ntšha ya gompieno. *Thank you Madam Speaker.*

**MR KEKGONEGILE:** Tanki *Madam Speaker*. Tona, re a go utlwa, mme kana karabo e o e fang e *for the past five years since* molao o o nna teng, e ntse e le karabo. Go raya gore barui kwa ntle kwa ba baba lebadi la gore, karabo e ba ntse ba e utlwa ngwaga le ngwaga. Gone mme ka gore ke karabo ya ngwaga le ngwaga, a ga le bone gore pele ga le diragatsa *meat regulator* ka ga le ka ke la go diragatsa ngwaga o, le nne le *some temporary measures* e e ka le kang gore le fa le dirile *regulations* ka eng kana eng, se se ka le kang gore botoka barui ba se ka ba jewa ntsoma? Ka gore ga se mateng fela, le bo *slaughter fees*, tlhogo, letlalo, dinaka, sengwe le sengwe, barui ba jewa ntsoma. A ga le ka ke la nna le *halfway measure, process* e le ka e dirang gore botoka *in the meantime* ba name ba akola sengwe le santse le emetse *meat regulator*?

**MR MATHOOTHE:** Ke dumalana le wena thata gore Batswana mo dingwageng tse tlhano tse di fetileng, mme e se dingwaga tse tlhano fela, e le dingwaga tse di fetang gone foo, ga ba a bolo go tshelela mo tshotlegong ka diemo tse o di buang. Ke sone se re reng, rona ba re filweng marapo gompieno, re ya go dira jalo ka bofefe jo bo kgonagalang gore *the meat regulator* e nna teng.

Ya gore ga e ka ke ya nna teng mo ngwageng ono, ga ke itse gore o e tsaya kae. Mma ke tlhomamise fela ke re, re siana ka bofefe go thusa *farmers, because that is only thing that we can do* ka bonako gore go nne le molao o o tlaa tsamaisang. *Thank you Madam Speaker.*

#### CEDA FORENSIC AUDIT

**MR D. SALESHANDO (MAUN NORTH):** asked the Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship to provide an update on the forensic audit of Citizen Entrepreneurial Development Agency (CEDA) and further indicate the following:

- (i) which company has been appointed for the audit and how the company was selected;

- (ii) to confirm if at any point he had written to CEDA demanding that the organisation should pay for the audit and the amount that was proposed and how it was determined;
- (iii) how much was paid to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and the caretaker CEO from the time that the suspension took effect;
- (iv) if the suspended CEO was ever made to face any charges; and if not, why; and
- (v) whether the board of CEDA was consulted before the CEO was placed on suspension.

**MINISTER OF TRADE AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (MR NTSIMA):** Thank you Madam Speaker.

- (i) Madam Speaker, no company was ever appointed to undertake forensic audit on CEDA.
- (ii) The original plan was for CEDA to fund forensic audit. However, as part of the cost saving, it was subsumed into the national forensic audit resulting in no funds been spent by CEDA.
- (iii) The ministry is constrained by provision of the Data Protection Act to openly share information relating to amounts paid to the suspended CEO and the caretaker CEO.
- (iv) The suspended CEO has not faced any charges as we all await the outcome of the national forensic audit. And lastly Madam Speaker;
- (v) The Board of CEDA was not consulted before the CEO was suspended. I thank you Madam Speaker.

**MR SALESHANDO:** Supplementary. Thank you Madam Speaker. Firstly, *go na le e o sa e arabang Tona*, (ii); “to confirm if at any point he had written to CEDA demanding that the organisation should pay for the audit and the amount that was proposed and how it was determined.” *Ga a e araba gotlhelele*. I also want him to explain *dikarabo tse dingwe tsa gagwe gore, a mme o le Tona*, can you suspend CEO without consulting board, *o sena charges, o tsaya tshwetso fela ya gore, nna kwa lelwapeng re tlaa go duela? O bo o bona go sena molato gore...re tshwanetse re bo re fetsa ngwaga* or so, still no charges, is this not wasteful, because *o a duelwa? A mme sepatšhe se makgwakgwa kana ke lona le leng makgwakgwa?*

**MR NTSIMA:** Mma ke leboge *Honourable Dumelang Saleshando* ka dipotso tsa tlaleletso. Mo go ya (ii), ke ne ke itheetse ke re *it is covered because* ga go na madi a a dirisitsweng, *but yes, I did write when we first conceptualised the idea* ya go itirela *audit*. *After we realised* gore re ka boloka madi ka go e tsenya mo *audit* ya lefatshe e e leng gore *was ongoing*, ga re a ka ra nna le madi a re neng ra a tsaya kwa CEDA. Ke ne ke ithaya ke re ke e arabile *within the answers*.

E nngwe ke e a reng, *why not consult the Board*, e bile a ga re bone gore *it is wasteful to keep the caretaker CEO and the suspended CEO*? Mo go ya ntlha *yes, I did not consult the Board* ka gore ditatofatso tse di neng di le teng mo tafoleng ka nako eo, di ne di sa bolo go nna teng pele ga re tla. Fa o gakologelwa, re fitlhetse go ntse go tsogile modumo, mme *Board* le yone e ne e le gore ga e ise e tseye dikgato dipe, le fa go ne go supafala gore ba ne ba itse ka tsone ditatofatso tse di neng di beilwe fa pele ga ga CEO *at the time*. Jaanong ke ne ka bona go sa tlhokafale ka gore ba ne ba sa dira tiro ya bone. Jaanong *on the part of the shareholder*, ka dira jalo, ka tsaya tshwetso eo ke sa ba bolelela. E ne e le gore ke dilo tse ba neng ba ntse ba di itse le pele ga re goroga.

*Was it not wasteful* gore yo mongwe a bo a duelwa, go na le *caretaker* a duelwa; *let me also state that contract ya the former CEO* e sale e fedile ka *December*. Go raya gore re ne ra kgaogana le ene, mme sebe sa phiri ke gore re kgaogane le ene *unfortunately forensic report* e ise e goroge. Kana molato ga o bole, ga se gore go raya gore le fa a le *out of contract*, go raya gore go ka le balesega.

Go ne go tlhokafala gore ditirelo tsa kompone di tswelere. Ke sone se go neng go tlhokafala gore re tsenye mongwe mo *position* eo a tsweledise lenaneo la go tsamaisa ditirelo tsa CEDA *in the absence of the suspended CEO*. Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*.

**MR SALESHANDO:** O ntse ga a araba *part of the question*; yone ya (ii). Ke gore *you are now confirming that at one point* o ne wa kwalela CEDA o re e duelele *an audit*, potso ke gore, madi a o neng o re ba a duele, e ne e le bokae ka gore o a rurifatsa gore o ne wa ba kwalela? *How was that amount determined? It is a part of the question*, mme ga o a e araba.

*Also, more importantly*, o ntse o bua gore o ne o tsaya ditshwetso ka gore ba bangwe ba ne ba sa tseye dikgato mme go na le dikgang, potso ke gore jaanong fa go na le dikgang, ke eng o ne o sa mo *charge*? Ga o ka ke wa re nnyaa, o ne o emetse *forensic*.

**MR NTSIMA:** Ke tsaya gore ke boelela selo se le sengwefela. Kana ke rile ga re a ka ra diragatsa. Tota jaanong ga ke ka ke ka bua *amounts* tse di *irrelevant to what you are asking...*(*Interruptions*)... Ga go a diragala. *Money not spent; be relevant to the question. That is why* ke re ga ke bone go na le mosola ka gore ga re a ka ra tswelera ka kgang ya *audit* e e neng e itebagantse le CEDA fela. Re ile ra e tsenya mo *the national one*. Ga ke a utlwa ya bofelo *Madam Speaker*, ke kopa gore a boelele *the last part*.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** *Let me chip in Honourable Minister*. Potso e ya re, *the money that you have proposed* gore a duelwe, ke bokae *and then* o ne o a bonye jang?

**MR NTSIMA:** Ke a leboga go e tlaleletsa. Kana fa o re dikakanyo tsa gago e ne e le eng tse di sa diragadiwang, e ne e le dikakanyo *at the time*, ga di a diragadiwa, ke sone se ke bonang go sena mosola wa gore 'e ne e le bokae' e tshwanetse gore e nne *an issue*. Ga go a diragadiwa. Ke sone se ke neng ke re kwa bofelong re ile ra lemoga gore ga go tlhokafale gore re dire *audit on our own when there was a national audit*. Re ne ra se ka ra tswelera ka kgang yone eo.

**LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION (MR SALESHANDO):** *On a point of order*. *Madam Speaker*, tsamaiso ya Palamente ke gore *we notice* dipotso, fa o bona e le mo *Notice Paper*, go raya gore e amogetswe jaaka e ntse. Fa e le mo *Order Paper*, *it is an order for you to answer*. *The question is*, ka gore wa re o ne o kwadile, gore go ne ga se ka ga diragala *is irrelevant, that is a different question; how much amount did you propose?* Le gore o ne o e tsere kae *amount* eo? *How did you determine it?*

**MR NTSIMA:** Ke mo arabile. *I still stick to my answer*. Kana go tshwana o re motho o ne a tshwanetse gore a bereke a bo a sa hirwe, o bo o re o ne a tlaa amogela bokae. *It did not happen*. Jaanong karabo ke gore ga go a diragala. Re ne re akanyetsa gore re ka dira *at the time, the idea did not go through*. Ga ke itse le *relevance* ya gore o tlaabo a botsa gore o ne o akantse sele jaanong ga o a ka wa se diragatsa, re bolelele gore o ne o akantse eng. *I still feel it is irrelevant*. Ke go file karabo e ke tsayang gore *is relevant*, e siame. Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*.

**MR LEKAU:** *Procedure Madam Speaker*. Ke ema ka Standing Order 130.1 *to request* gore a re ka se ke re *suspend* Standing Order 40.7 *in order to complete the questions* tse di mo *Order Paper*, ka gore ke na le potso? Ke kgatlhego ya me.

Question put and agreed to.

**MR AARON:** *Point of order.* Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker.* A mme ke tsamaiso ya Ntlo e gore fa Tona a boditswe potso kana dipotso, a itlhophele gore a o a di araba kana ga a di arabe? Ke tshwentswe bogolo jang ke gore fa re bua ka potso e e tshwanang le dikgang tsa CEDA, *it is of national interest*, Tona o tshwanetse a di tsaya ka level ya teng. A mme ke tshwanelo gore a itlhophele gore o a di araba kana ga a di arabe, *more especially* ya gore motho o athlotswe jang, a bo a felela a rialo? *I do not see it proper Madam Speaker, and I do not see it legal* gore motho go katwe o *suspended for* lebaka le le kalo a sena *charge. It is not procedural. It is not legal.* Ke a leboga.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** What is the point of procedure there? *Wela o bue* point of procedure.

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

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nnyaa, reetsang *Honourable Members*, a re reetsaneng. *I think Honourable* Ntsima o arabile, ke gore ga le dumalane, *Honourable* Saleshando. *I feel* gore fa o re duelang motho, a bo go sa tsewele, ba ne ba tshwanetse gore ba fetole ka gore re mo duela bokae kana re ya go duela jang, kana eng. Ke gore *I think* fa go sa tselelela kwa teng ka dituelo, ke tsaya gore go ne ga felela fela foo, ga nna *superficial*, ga go ise go tsene koo. *That is why* ke tsaya gore o arabile mme ga le dumalane ka fa o neng o batla ka teng.

**MR SALESHANDO:** *Further point of order.* Kana *Madam Speaker, the President has publicly stated an amount* gore kwa CEDA go tulwe *it will cost us* bokana. *I want the Minister to confirm* mo Palamenteng gore ene o ne a kwadile a re bokae, a kwalela CEDA a re e duele, le gore madi ao a ne a fitheletswe jang? *I am entitled to that information as a Member of Parliament.*

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nnyaa, jaanong ka fa Tona a arabang ka teng, ga go na gore re ka ya go mo tsenya teng kwa go ele ya ga Tautona. Fa a buang teng, e feletse gone foo fela. *That is why* ke re ga le dumalane. Ene o felela fa a reng ga go a duelwa. Jaanong *how would we dig it* a ntse a re ga go a ka ga tsewelela?

**MR AARON:** Order Madam Speaker...

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nnyaa, ga go na *order.*

**MR AARON:** Ga ke a utlwa *ruling* ya teng.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Ke ne ke e araba fela jaaka ke ne ke araba *Honourable* Saleshando a e botsa, ke potso e nngwefela.

## A1 SALARY SCALE

**MR M. M. MOROLONG (KGATLENG CENTRAL):** asked the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to state when he will phase off the A1 Salary Scale in the Government salary payment structure since it is very low and it degrades public service morale on the affected public servants.

**ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT, DEFENCE AND SECURITY (MS MOPHUTING):** Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker.* Ke leboge le motlotlegi for potso e...

**MADAM SPEAKER:** *Honourable Members,* ke tloga ke hupa tedu.

**MS MOPHUTING:** *Madam Speaker,*

- (i) Government currently has no immediate plans to phase out the A1 salary scale within the public service remuneration structure.
- (ii) The A1 salary scale forms part of a broader, structured grading system based on the Paterson Job Evaluation framework, which classifies positions according to the nature, complexity, and requirements of work. This scale is primarily applicable to semi-skilled roles that support core functions. Semi-skilled jobs include positions such as cleaners, messengers, security personnel, and gardeners.
- (iii) However, Government remains fully cognisant of the concerns relating to employee welfare, dignity, and morale across all levels of the public service. It is also important to note that, within the local labour market, Government remuneration for comparable roles at A salary grade remains competitive and, in many instances, provides greater stability and benefits than similar positions in other sectors.
- (iv) Notwithstanding this, Government has over the years made significant efforts towards enhancement of salary levels including conditions of service for low earning employees through the existing negotiations structures. I thank you Mr Speaker.

**MR MOROLONG:** *Supplementary.* Nnyaa, mme *Madam Minister,* ke a go utlwa. Ke a swabanyana ka gore, re tswa kgakala re bua ka *scale* se, re santse re le kwa kganetsong. Ke sengwe sa *scales* tse di kwa tlase.

Ke go botse gore a ga le na thulaganyo fela, *timeline* ya *review* ya *salary structure* fela ka moka? *By so doing, you will cater for A scale.* Ke raya gore ga le ise le akanye sengwe *along those lines?* *Typical cycle review* ya *salary structure* gore e ka nna morago ga nako e e kae? Re lebeletse dikgang tse di amanang le tsa pereko, *inflation*, jalo le jalo. Re tsamaye le dinako, *scales* di tsamaye le *conditions* tsa botshelo fela jalo. A ga go na dikakanyo tse di ntseng jalo *madam?* *Thank you.*

**MS MOPHUTING:** Ke a leboga motlotlegi. Gone kgang e ya *salaries* tse di sa kgotsofatseng motlotlegi, ke sengwe se se re tshwenyang. Re na le maikaelelo kana *to borrow your words, do we have intention to review salary structures?* Ke ka go rurifaletsa gore ba *team* ya rona kwa Directorate of Public Service Management (DPSM) *are busy reviewing salary structures, ba mo negotiations le unions. It is an ongoing process, very complex one of course, given where we are.* Ga re na *to focus, I am not going to lay the plan there, where we focus* gore madi ga a yo. *As it stands, we cannot go beyond where we have arrived at in terms of salary le salary structures.*

*In terms of timelines, ga ke batle go itsenya mo commitment* gore ke bue ke re, *six months or a year; we will have reviewed salaries* motlotlegi ka gore *I am on the floor of Parliament.* Ga ke batle gore kamoso go bo gotwe Mma Mophuting-Dikoloti o ne a riana, riana. *But please rest assured* gore *we are on it as a ministry.* Ke selo se se re tshwenyang.

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

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

**MS MOPHUTING:** *Madam Speaker,* ke kopa o ntshireletse. *Honourable Kekgonegile* ga ke itse gore a fa ke re *Honourable Mophuting-Dikoloti,* a go na le mathata golo foo.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nnyaa, *Honourable Mophuting-Dikoloti, stop listening to remarks, wena fela address me, o arabe.*

**MS MOPHUTING:** Rraetsho, dikgomo tse di 24 ga se thaka ya motho. Ke a leboga Motlotlegi Morolong. *Thank you for the question.*

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

#### REFUNDING SELF-SPONSORED TEACHERS

**MR P. M. MOSANANA (KANYE EAST):** asked the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education whether she is aware that a number of teachers who self-sponsored themselves for further education training have not been refunded their tuition fees; and if so, to state:

- (i) the number of teachers who have been affected;
- (ii) the total amount outstanding;
- (iii) when the refunds will be made; and
- (iv) steps that are being taken to upgrade these teachers to salary scales commensurate with their qualifications and length of service.

**Later Date.**

#### BOTSWANA OIL LIMITED

**MR L. LESEDI (SEROWE SOUTH):** asked the Minister of Minerals and Energy to apprise this Honourable House on Botswana Oil Limited (BOL) company; stating:

- (i) the number of fuel suppliers supplying BOL and those importing and exporting;
- (ii) which company was awarded the tender to construct Ghanzi Government Petroleum Reserve Storage;
- (iii) the number of companies supplying BOL which are owned by Government employees, former cabinet Ministers and anyone who has held a cabinet position, including any of these being partners and how many are owned by locals;
- (iv) the number of companies providing transportation of fuel to BOL and how many of these companies are owned by indigenous Batswana;
- (v) the number of companies that provide transport of fuel to BOL owned by former cabinet Ministers, their relatives and/or partners;
- (vi) the criterion that was used to appoint these companies and how BOL sources its fuel supply;
- (vii) measures in place for BOL to implement cost saving measures; and
- (viii) the current status of Tshela Hills storage, in terms of capacity and operation and how much was spent on its construction and maintenance costs.

**Later Date.**

#### WATER AVAILABILITY

**MR O. KWAPA (JWANENG-MABUTSANE):** asked the Minister of Water and Human Settlement to state plans in place, other than bowring, to ensure that water is available in villages at all times when repairs to the pump stations are being done.

**MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR RAMOGAPI):** Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ke leboge Motlotlegi Kwapa ka potso e e bothlokwa e. Nnyaa, re utlwile. Re na le tumalano gore re tla ya kwa Kanye, o se ka wa tshwenyega tsala ya me. *Madam Speaker*, mananeo a re nang le one, a go thusa batho fa go na le mathata a paakanyo kana a kgoreletsego ya metsi, a a akaretsa dikgang tse di latelang;

Kgang ya ntlha ke gore, re leka ka bojotle gore re nne le selo se gotweng ke *backup*. *Backup* e ka nna ya dipompo kana *pump*, *backup* le ya *generators* tota.

Ya bobedi, re leka ka bojotle gore fa go na le dipaakanyo tse di nnang teng, *the spares* tse di bothlokwa di nne di le teng *in stock* gore re se ka ra tsaya nako e telele re tsentse *order* ya tsone.

Ya boraro *Madam Speaker*, ke go netefatsa gore, fa go na le tiro e e ntseng jaana, re leke bojotle gore metsi a pompiwe mo *hours* tse di telele. Go bona gore go nne le *recovery* ka bonakonako. Metsi a nne a le teng, e re fa go setse go tla nako ya tshenyego, e bo e le gore *reservoirs* di santse di na le sengwe.

Ntlha ya bone *Madam Speaker*, ke go leka bojotle gore, metsi a nne a le kwa *storage* se se kwa godimo sa *about 15 to 18 metres around there, elevated*. *Storage* se, e bo e le gore le fa go ka nna le tshenyego, se kgona go tsaya *at least 48 hours*, one a bo a santse a le teng. *Madam Speaker*, ke santse ke le gone fa ka kgang ya gore metsi a bo a le teng, kgang e tona kwa Mabutsane, ka motlotlegi a boditse potso e e bothlokwa ke gore, metsi a a tlhokafalang, mo re ka reng ke *demand*, ke *2.7 mega litres per day*. Le fa go ntse jalo, re kgona *2.1 mega litres per day*. Go bo go raya gore go na le tlhalelo ya *0.6 mega litres per day*. Se se raya gore, le fa go ka nna le kgoreletsego kana go se na kgoreletsego, nako le nako re nna fela re ntse re sa kgone go kgotsofatsa *demand*.

Ntlha ya bofelo ke gore, re leka bojotle gore *stakeholders* sa rona re se itsise ka *notices* le go dira WhatsApp *group* tse re tsenyang *leaders* tsa Mapalamente le Makhanselara, go bona gore fa re na le kgoreletsego ya metsi jaana, re a ba bolelela gore ba boloke metsi ka gore a tlaabo a tlhalela. Ka jalo, ke a go leboga *Madam Speaker* le Motlotlegi Kwapa.

**MR KWAPA:** *Supplementary*. Ke a go leboga Tona. Ke utlwa dikarabo tsa gago. Ke botse jaana Tona gore, go na le metse e e leng gore gotlhelele ga e na *reservoirs*. Go ne go ka kgontsha baagi ba metse e e mo kgaolong ya

Jwaneng-Mabutsane, go nna le metsi. Bothata ke gore, fa go sena *bowing*, tsela e o e tlhalosang eo, go nna le bothata. O a itse gore kgaolo e, e tona, ke ya batho ba ba ikaegileng ka go temothuo. Potso e ke e botsang ke gore, a Tona o mo seemong sa gore e kare mo malatsing a a seng kalokalo wa ya *to address* dikgaolo tsa Jwaneng-Mabutsane? Kgang e, ke letshwenyego. Go nna dibeke, ke tsaya gore ke letshwenyego le o bonang gore ke selo se se tshwenyang. Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*.

**MR RAMOGAPI:** Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ke a leboga Motlotlegi Kwapa. Go boammaaruri motlotlegi, go na le mafelo kana metse e e leng gore *reservoirs* di kwa tlase e bile ga di lekane. Ke ka moo re reng ke tlhalelo ya madi. Maikaelelo ke gore re ka bo re setse re tokafaditse. Le fa go ntse jalo, mo potsong ya gore a re ipaakanyeditse go ya go tshwara diphuthego ka fa go lona; go boammaaruri rra, *we have planned* go kgabilelela ka fa go lona re lekodise Batswana ka mathata a re kopanang le one.

Re tlaa go laletsa, re tlaa nna teng. Ke itse gore ke a go kolota, le ba Kanye le ba Bobonong. Ba ba ntsinyana ba ke ba kolotang. Tota ba Molepolole e ne e le gore bone ka gore sengwe se nna teng, mo bogaufing ke ye go buisa phuthego jaanong e le gore ke tshwere sengwenyana jaaka le utlwile Vice President (VP) a bua gore madinyana a bonwe a a tlaa thusang ba Molepolole. Ke a leboga.

**MR FRENZEL:** *Supplementary*. Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ke utlwile Tona ka fa a neng a araba ka teng, o ne a araba bontle thata a supa gore mo *48 hours*, tota maikaelelo a bone a bo e le gore go gokeletse metsi. Jaanong ke batla go utlwa fela ka gore e nkgotsetse mo go reng o tlaa fitlhela *leakages* di tletse gongwe le gongwe le gone mo Gaborone, le mo dikgaolong tse re tswang kwa go tsone, o ya go fitlhela metsi e le maphashaphasha gongwe le gongwe. A mangwe a na le dikgwedi a ntse a dutla fela jaana. Maikaelelo a lona ke gore le bo le a tswetse leng kana le a thibile leng gore metsi a se ka a jewa ke dinoka le melapo? Botoka a jewa ke tiriso. Lephata la gago le ya go dira go le kae go bona gore seemo se le se busetsa mo taolong? Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*.

**MR RAMOGAPI:** Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ke a leboga Motlotlegi Frenzel. Bakaulengwe, go boammaaruri, metsi a dutla gongwe le gongwe mo lefatsheng la Botswana. Seemo se, le dira sentle gore le botse re tlhalosetse Batswana. Seemo se se bakiwa ke gore re sale re fitlhela *pipes*, fa e sale Water Affairs e

thaiwa ka bo 1970s. So, go bo go raya gore re goga ka *pipes* tse fela *right through*. Jaanong go bo raya gore tsa re ke feletswe ke botshelo gone fa, ga go na kwa ke tlaa tlholang ke ya teng. Jaanong fa o re o thiba fa, go phunyega fa, fa e le kwa Francistown gone le mo dikgaolong tsa lona go ya kwa, ke selelo le khuranyo ya meno. Seemo se, re lekile go se lemotsha ba garona ba *Finance* gore *when budgeting*, ba tlhaloganye ba re thuse. Bagaetsho, tota kwa ntleng ga go tshwaya ope phoso fela, lefatshe le re a itse gore re tsamaya mo sekakeng se se ntseng jang.

Fa ke tla ka selelo sa metsi, yo mongwe o tla ka sa thuto, dipilisi, go bo go raya gore tota re felela gotwe bogolo setoki, setoki. Jaanong setoki, setoki ke sone se se re bayang fa re tsamayang teng gore re bo re felela e le gore tota ga re kgone. Tota re leka bojotlhe go thibanyana, fa re sena go nna re thiba, kamoso go phunyega fa gongwe, e nna e le selo modiro fela. Jaanong jaaka ke bua gore tota mathata a matona ke gore go sale go tswa kwa go 1970s *up to now* go ntse go sa baakanngwe. Fa e ne e le gore re dira dilo sentle, jaaka gompieno e rile re tsena mo Pusong re bo re gakolola, re rile a go nne le mo go bidiwang gotwe ke *planned maintenance*, e e leng gore *at least maybe every five years*, *pipes* tse di ka baakanngwa tsa emisediwa gona le gore re bo re goga fela re re re tlaa utlwa ka yone fa e feletswe ke botshelo. *Thank you so much.*

#### ALLOCATION OF PLOT 3161, KGOSING WARD IN MOGODITSHANE

**MR L. BARONGWANG (MOGODITSHANE EAST):** asked the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to apprise this Honourable House on the allocation of Plot 3161, Kgosing ward in Mogoditshane (affectionally Known as GIPS Flats) on the following matters:

- (i) when the multi-residential development plot in Mogoditshane was allocated, and to whom with full trace of change of ownership, if any;
- (ii) if the allocation was ever publicly advertised, and if so;
  - (a) how many applicants responded;
  - (b) what were the reasons for rejecting those applications;
  - (c) was there any local applicant among those who responded;

- (iii) whether an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) was demanded prior to the allocation, given the location of the plot and its disturbance of the natural storm water and river flow; and
- (iv) what environmental impacts were identified before the allocation, and what mitigation plan was proposed to address such impacts.

**ACTING MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE (MR MATHOOTHE):** Madam Speaker, Plot 3161, Kgosing Ward, Mogoditshane, measuring 2.2409 hectares, was originally allocated to Malcolm J. Collett on 21<sup>st</sup> June 1973 for plantation (agricultural) purposes.

- (i) Madam Speaker, on the 21<sup>st</sup> March 1994, the Kweneng Land Board approved the transfer of Plot 3161 Mogoditshane from M. J. Collett to C. J. Steel Construction (Proprietary) Limited, a company owned by Mr Collett. Thereafter, the shareholding of C.J. Steel Construction (Pty) Ltd was transferred to Mr A.P. Singh and Mrs. H. Cheema, who were non-citizens, following an application submitted on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2007. The due process applicable at the time was followed, including the granting of Ministerial Consent, and the Kweneng Land Board subsequently approved the transfer on the 30<sup>th</sup> October 2007.

Madam Speaker, in addition to changing hands, the land also underwent changes in land use and ownership tenure. In 1990, the land right was converted from customary tenure to common law tenure, and the land use was changed from agriculture to residential and industrial purposes. Thereafter, the property underwent further planning changes, including approval in 2009 for mixed-use development comprising hostels and a multi-purpose hall. In 2012, a final change of land use was approved for multi-family residential development, which remains the current approved use of the plot.

- (i) Madam Speaker, at that time of allocation of the plot in 1973, there was no requirements for public advertisement of the agricultural plots.
  - (a) Madam Speaker, as there was no public tender, there were no applicants who responded, hence sub questions
  - (b) and (c) on the reasons for rejecting applications and the number of local applicants falls off.

(iii) Madam Speaker, concerning environmental considerations, no Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) was required at the time of the original allocation in 1973. Furthermore, the allocation was for agricultural purposes, being a plantation which was a land use activity compatible with the local environment.

(iv) Madam Speaker, when an application for change of land use was made in 2009, an environmental compliance was required through the planning approval process. Records indicate that, the Department of Environmental Affairs exempted the proponent from carrying out a detailed EIA study for the proposed change of land use of plot 3161 Mogoditshane, from Single Family Residential to Mixed Use (Hostels) and Multi-purpose hall.

Madam Speaker, in considering the subsequent change of land use from Hostels and Multi-purpose hall to multi-family residential development, the approval was granted in 2012, by the then Town and Country Planning Board without a requirement for an environmental impact study. I thank you Madam Speaker.

**MR BARONGWANG:** *Supplementary.* Ke a go leboga le fa ntswa tota karabo e sa nkgotsofatse, ka gore ke bua ka lefelo le ke le itseng, e bile le karabo ya gago *I can picture it* gore e tswa fa kae e ya fa kae. Ya me e ne e sa bue ka kwa o go buang teng kana ka kwa karabo e tlang ka gone. Karabo e bua ka lefelo le le kwa moragonyana, nna ke bua ka lefelo le le kwa pejana, gone fa ba supang teng. Fa go supiwang teng, fa go nang le *plot* ya 3161 e ne e le noka. Ga go na gore go ka tswa go ne go na le *a farm there*. *Farm* e ne e le fa moragonyana. Potso ke ye motlotlegi, a o a itse gore fa go beilweng *plot* ya 3161, go ne go feta noka teng, e bile noka e e ne e amogela metsi a a tswang kwa godimo kwa dithabeng tsa Gabane? Jaanong *allocation* e e bakile gore go nne le *floods* tse di amang, *primary school*, metse le Kgotla tota e tona ya Mogoditshane. *Are you aware of these things?*

(ii) A go kile ga nna le *report* epe e e amang *this plot* ya 3161, ya gore gongwe e ka tswa e sa abiwa sentle? Fa e le gore ga go na *reports*, *would you mind covering this plot* mo *Forensic Land Audit* e re e solofetseng?

(iii) Fa e le gore go dirilwe EIA ka 2007 ka fa o buang ka teng, mme jaanong re itemogela *flooding*. *These floods were supposed to be picked by EIA*

e e neng e dirilwe ka 2007. Re ntse re itemogela *these floods*, le ya go dira eng go netefatsa gore batho ba amiwang ke *floods* tse le sekole gore ba se ka ba tlhola ba amiwa ke *this flooding*?

Fa e le gore go na le *possibility* ya gore re ka *rectify*, a go na le *possibility* ya gore le ka fudusa batho bao le sekole, ka gore nako le nako fa go nna le dipula batho ba, ba a amega? Ke a leboga.

**MR LEKAU:** *Procedure.* Pele fa a araba tla ke kope gore, o kare fa e le gore go tlaa tswela go arabiwa mme go arabiwa ka *plot* e e seng yone, go raya gore re ntse re tswela re ntse re tsena mo sekgweng thata. Ga go kgone gore re kope gore gongwe karabo e ye go baakanngwa, e tle fela e tlhamaletse e araba se se boditsweng?

**MADAM SPEAKER:** *Honourable Minister* a ko o arabe, Lekau ene ga ke itse go araba efe.

**MR LEKAU:** *Procedure.* E se ka ya nna e kare e latlhelwa kwa ntle. Ke ne ke botsa ka gore *plot* e *Minister* a arabang ka yone, ga se e potso e leng ka yone. Kana re bua ka se re se tlhaloganyong *and what we are saying is, the answer is wrong.*

**MADAM SPEAKER:** O tlaa ikarabela, gakere *that is why* a araba.

**MR LEKAU:** *Madam Speaker*, re bua ka karabo e a setseng a e file gore ga se yone. Jaanong re ne re re a ga go kgone gore a ye go tla ka karabo e e leng yone? *The question should be deferred*, e ye go tla sentle.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** *Honourable* Lekau, gakere *Minister* o tshwanetse gore a arabe, jaanong *you are preempting*. O mo gakolotse ka go rialo, jaanong mo lese a arabe.

**MR MATHOOTHE:** Ke supe jaana gore, rona fa potso e ne e tsena, ra bo re tlhaloganya gore *plot* e neng potso e botsa ka yone, ke e re tlleng ka karabo eo, re neng re tlhaloganya jalo. Fa e le gore go na le sengwe se re sa se itseng, ke sengwe se re ka tlang ra se buisana. Re tlhaloganya gore *plot* e, ke yone e kgoreletsang motsamao wa metsi. *The concern* ya ga motlotlegi ke gore e thibela metsi, e re e tshwerweng fa re e araba le yone re lemoga jalo. E re reng e sale e abilwe ka 1973.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Procedure

**MADAM SPEAKER:** *Order! Honourable Members.* Ke tlhaloganya gore le na le *procedure* *Honourable* Monageng, *but* fa motho a santse a araba, re santse re reeditse gore o wela a reng e bo le re *procedure*, o kare jaanong se a se arabang ke zero fela.

**MR MONAGENG:** *Procedure.* Madam Speaker, re gakolole gore kana fa re re *procedure* re raya gore sengwe ga se tsamaye sentle. Ga ke tseye gore a re ka letela a fetse go bua, ke gone re bo re tla re re *procedure*.

*My opinion* ke gore, *Honourable* Lekau o gakolotse, *maybe* re ka bo re e tsaya *directly from* yo o botsang potso gore a go buiwa ka *the property* e ene a botsang ka yone. Fa a re *it is the wrong property, then there is no need to continue*. Re ka bo re botsa ene mong wa potso.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Procedure.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** *Honourable Members*, ke na le bothata jwa gore o santse a araba, ga a ise a wele, ga a ise a bo a tsene mo kgakololong e e neng *Honourable* Lekau a e bua, ga a ise a dumalane le *Honourable* Barongwang, le setse e bile le tsaya gore ga a ka ke araba dikgang tsa gore ga se *same plot* go ka dirwa jaana. Ke gone fa e ka reng le a nkgopakgopetsa, ke santse ke mo reeditse gore a wele kana ga a wela.

**MR FRENZEL:** *Procedure.* Ke leka gore le nna ke gakolole ka bokhutshwane. Go supile gore *plot* e ba buang ka yone ya 3161, ke e Tona a arabang ka yone, o supile gore ke yone e kganelang *flow* ya metsi go tswa kwa go ya kwa. Go raya ba bua ka *plot* e nngwefela, ke *plot* e re dumalaneng ka yone. A Tona a arabe a fetse, re tle re dire *follow-ups* mo go se a tlaabong a tla ka sone. Ke a leboga.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Clarification.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** *Honourable* Mathoothe. A ko o arabe *concern* ya ga *Honourable* Barongwang o wele, ka gore le ja nako.

**MR MATHOOTHE:** Ke ne ke batla go dira seo, jaanong go diegiwa ka bo *procedure* ka gore go motlhofo fa e le gore karabo e e fiwang fa, e fapaana le e a dumalanang le yone, e motlhofo, e ka nama e boetswe kwa morago go bo go iwa teng sentle go ya go lebelelwa. Rona re ne re araba se potso e neng e se botsa e re *plot* 3161, re ne re araba re ya go tsaya *records looking at the plot number*. Fa e le gore go nnile le phosego, go motlhofo, ke ye re ka boelang kwa ra tla ra e lebelela sentle.

*We were looking at the question, question* fa o e bala le mo Order Paper e, e bua ka 3161, ke yone e re neng re e araba. Ga go na mathata, kgang e tona dipotso tse fa di tla, Mopalamente o a bo a batla *to address* dikgang tse di leng mo kgaolong ya gagwe. Go motlhofo fela e ka nama e tshwerwe gore re ye kwa bothateng, go nganga

fa re ntse re re *procedure* ga go ka ke ga re thusa ka sepe. Se se leng mosola ke gore re bo re boela kwa re ya go e tsaya motlhala sentle gore batho ba Mogoditshane ba tle ba bone karabo e e tlhamaletseng. *Thank you*.

**MR BARONGWANG:** *Clarification.* Ke ne ke re ke thuse gore tota ke eng ke re *plots* di a farologana. Le fa ntswa tota ene o dirisitse *plot* e ke buang ka yone.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** *Honourable* Barongwang, kgang e ke e utlwanng fa ke gore o tlaa boela kwa *plot* 3161 le ya go bona gore a ke yone kana ke e sele, e bo le araba jaaka ke mo utlwa. Jaanong fa o *clarify* mme a ntse a re o batla gore le ye, o tla araba eng? A re dumalane gore le dire mosepele a ye go bona le ene pele ga a araba gore o bua ka ga eng, e bo e le gone jaanong a ka arabang.

**MR BARONGWANG:** Ke ne ke tsentsse *supplementaries*, tsone ga a di arabe ka gore ga...

**MADAM SPEAKER:** E ntse e se yone?

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

#### PURCHASE OF BULLS AND HEIFERS FROM TEXAS

**DR K. GOBOTSWANG (TSWAPONG SOUTH):** asked the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to state:

- (i) whether the utilisation of public funds to purchase bulls and heifers from Texas in the United States of America was consistent with existing laws governing public finance and budget allocations;
- (ii) the specific vote used for the procurement of the specified livestock; and
- (iii) the role played by the National Agricultural Research and Development Institute (NARDI) in the process, if any.

**ACTING MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE (MR MATHOOTHE):** Thank you Madam Speaker. Procurement of breeding cattle from Texas, USA was a component of the bigger project entitled The Refurbishment of Ramatlabama Artificial Insemination Centre, as presented in the Parliament Committee of Supply Speech in March 2023. The main objective of the project was to transform the facility to international standards in order to overcome the challenge of lack of readily available livestock seed stock in Botswana. As such, an approval was granted

through The 81<sup>st</sup> Tranche of the 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023 for a total budget of P93,411,680 of which P22 million was allocated for procurement of 162 breeding animals. That is the record we have here.

The procurement method used for the purchase was Direct Procurement Method as per Public Procurement Act, No. 24 of 2021, Section 53 of the Act read together with Public Procurement Regulations of 2023, Section 20(e) which states that, "A procuring entity may conduct procurement by means of Direct Procurement Method where the selection of a contractor is made on a sole supplier basis without competition and - (e) can be justified in any given circumstance." This procurement method was relevant and suitable since the procurement was of biological assets which required the selection of genetically superior animals.

A scouting team for selection was sent prior to purchasing and it comprised representations from the relevant disciplines (i.e. procurement oversight, animal breeder, veterinary, legal officer).

To that end, procurement of bulls and heifers from Texas, United States of America (USA) was done in accordance with the existing laws governing the public finance and budget allocations. Financial Instructions Procedures of 1993, Section II, Subsection 221 - Submission of Annual Development Fund Estimates read together with Public Finance Management Act of 2011, Part V, - Section 36 (3) Subsection 4 - Annual Estimates to be Prepared, requires that budget estimates be prepared to show the total cost of the proposed project.

- (ii) Madam Speaker, the specific vote used for the procurement of the specified livestock was 0500 (Ministry code), 4382 (Refurbishment of Ramatlabama AI Centre) and the Sub code being 11102 (Livestock Development Account).
- (iii) A Letter of Authority (LA) was prepared to the Embassy of the Republic of Botswana in Washington DC, USA, to facilitate payment.

Madam Speaker, there was no role played by NARDI in this particular procurement of the 162 cattle from Texas, USA. However, some officers from former Department of Agricultural Research were involved in the scouting process. I thank you Mr Speaker.

**DR GOBOTSWANG:** *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga Madam Speaker. Ke ne ke batla go botsa Honourable Minister gore, karabo e a e fang Palamente e, a o

dumalana le yone? A ene fela ka kitso ya gagwe e a nang le yone sentle, le bo *refurbishment* ka kwa Ramatlabama Centre le go reka dipoo, a tota o raya gore karabo e ke e o ka e amogelang?

Sa bobedi, *I want to put it to you* gore, *this procurement was illegal and not budgeted for*, ga ke go botse, ke a go bolelela. Kgang e e builwe kwa Public Accounts Committee (PAC) setšhaba se reeditse. Bo Honourable Lucas, Honourable Kekgonegile, *they followed up with the question, and the Accounting Officer* a re, theko e ya dipoo e ne e se ka fa molaong, e bile e ne e se mo *Appropriation Bill*. Jaanong fa e le gore e ne e se ka fa molaong, go raya gore mongwe mo go Goromente o dirile molato. Potso ke gore, ka mongwe o tshwanetse a bo a dirile molato, ke batla go itse gore kgato e a e tseetsweng ke eng? Honourable Deputy Speaker, golo fa re na le mathata, maUmbrella for Democratic Change (UDC) le tlaa ikgolega, ga re bolo go le bolelela gore le tlaa ikgolega...

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

**DR GOBOTSWANG:** Se tlang gongwe le tla go bala dikarabo tse di filweng ke Honourable Dikoloti a ntse golo gongwe gone ka koo, le tlaa ikgolega, le tlaa itsenya mo toronkong. Jaanong Deputy Speaker, ke kopa gore mo go e re e tseye fela gore a re feng Minister chance ya go re tlela ka karabo ya boammaaruri.

Araba dipotso tseo, mme o re bolelele gore ga se gore re go fe... potso ya bofelo ke gore, ga se gore re go fe sebaka rraetsho gore o ye go baakanya karabo e e siameng? O arabe dinnetlane tseo. Ke a leboga.

**MR MATHOOTHE:** Ke a leboga Mopalamente Dr Gobotswang. Karabo e ke ya dikgang tse di fetileng pele ga UDC e tsena. Mme fa o botsa potso, re ya go tsaya sone se nneng se dirwa ka nako eo, ga re ka ke ra se fetola ka gore, fa re se fetola re tlaabo re sa ntshe se se diragetseng. E bo e nna e kete jaanong re baakanyetsa ba ba fetileng. Re ntsha jaaka go ntse, gore bone e rile fa ba ya go reka, ba ne ba lebile *vote* e ba neng ba e lebile, gore a mme *vote* eo e ne e tshwanetse, *is another thing* e e ka tlang kwa morago. Rona re ntsha jaaka go ntse, gore fa ba ne ba dira jalo, ba ne ba ithaya ba re ba setse ofe molao morago. Ke one o re o bayang gone fa, ka fa ba neng ba tlhalosa ka teng. Jaanong le fa go ntse jalo, kana go na le *forensic audit* e e tsweletseng, e ke tsayang gore gongwe ka boyone ka gore e ne e tsamaya le maphata a Puso a a leng teng, fa e le gore go nnile le sengwe se se ileng sa diragala gone kwa, e tlaa tla e

se tshwere. Mme fa e le gore go ne go sena sepe se se molato, le gone e tlaa tla e tlhalosa gore ga go na sepe se se molato. Ke ne ke batla gore ke beye Palamente e ka fa go diragetseng ka teng. E se ka ya re fa ke tsaya dipampiri di ntse jalo, le ka fa go neng go diragala ka teng, e bo e re ke tsamaya mo tseleng ke bo ke fetola, ke jone boammaaruri jo re tshwanetseng gore re bo beye fa pele ga rona. Mme fa go ntse jalo, gore a go ne go siame kana go ne go sa siama, go mo Palamenteng e gore yone e lebelela ka tsela e e ntseng jang.

**MR LUCAS:** *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*, ke a leboga Tona. Tona ke itse e le motho yo o nang le boammaaruri, gape ke Mongwato. Ke re rraetsho, kana kgang e fa, karabo e re kile ra e neelwa, jaanong a se o se buang wa re, go ya ka... (*Inaudible*)... *of Government succession* go raya gore karabo e e kileng ya neelwa ke bale, le fa e ka tswa e fapogile o ntse o e neela jaaka e ntse? E le potso ya ntlha.

Ya bobedi ke gore, kana golo fa go buiwa ka *refurbishment* ya Ramatlabama Veterinary Centre le *procurement* ya dikgomo go tswa kwa Texas. A o a re *refurbishment* le go reka dikgomo ke selo se se tshwanang, kana ke selo se o ka se tshwantshang fa o batla? Ke a leboga rraetsho.

**MR MATHOOTHE:** Ke tsaya gore dikgang tse dintsi Modulasetilo wa PAC, di tlaa tla di tswa thata fa go dirilwe *audit*. Mo go tlhotlhomiseng le go tsaya dikarabo ka fa di neng di ntse ka teng, ke sone se ke se go tlhalosetsang fa gompieno, gore ba dirile *direct procurement* e e leng gore ba ne ba ya go reka dikgomo mme e bile ba tsaya madi mo *vote* yone e ya *refurbishment* of Ramatlabama. E ntse fela jalo. Gakere re bua ka madi a a duleng, potso ke gore madi a ne a tswa kae? Jaanong ke a tlhalosa gone fa gore madi a ba ne ba a tsaya fa, gore go molato kana ga go molato, *it is another thing*, nna ke go tlhalosetsa ka fa go tsamaileng ka teng. Go tsamaile fela jalo, go tserwe madi one ao, a go tokafatsa Artificial Insemination Centre (AIC). A tserwe gone foo, ke yone tlhaloso. Jaanong ka o Modulasetilo wa PAC, re tlaa tla re utlwa *audit* gore ya reng, le *forensic audit*. *Thank you.*

#### LAND OWNERSHIP

**MR T. FURNITURE (TATI EAST):** asked the Minister of Lands and Agriculture:

- (i) whether, acquisition and ownership of land is verified by a certificate of rights or title deed;
- (ii) if he is aware that when people are allocated plots at land boards they are given resolutions not certificates; and if so,
- (iii) what he is doing to remedy this anomaly.

**ACTING MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE (MR MATHOOTHE):** Mma re go leboge Rre Furniture.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Wena *Honourable* Mmusi, fa ke ka bo ka lebala go go koba gompieno, o re o laki.

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

**MR MATHOOTHE:** Madam Speaker,

- (i) The acquisition and ownership of land is not verified by a Certificate of Rights but by means of a title deed. A Certificate of Rights is in its shape and form not registrable in the Deeds Registry because the right so embodied in it does not constitute a registrable real right envisaged under the Deeds Registry Act. It only guarantees legal recognition of occupancy of the land and not conferment of rights of ownership to land.

However, following the promulgation of the Tribal Land Act of 2018, which commenced in April 2022, the un-registrable right contained in the Customary Land Certificates are now registrable as Deed of Customary Land Grants, commonly known as Secure Land Title (SLT). This right is now recognized as registrable under the Tribal Land Act of 2018 as well as other relevant laws such as the Deeds Registry Act.

Given the above position of the law, it is correct to state that acquisition and ownership of land is verified and confirmed by Deed of Customary Land Grant primarily because of the registrable limited real right embodied in it. The Deed of Customary Land Grant falls within the purview of a title deed, and as such, does not present any material or significant legal difference to a title deed. It is a very important legal document verifying legal ownership in land.

Madam Speaker, in terms of the Certificates of Rights issued by the Urban Councils for the SHHA plots, the Botswana Land Policy of 2019 has provided that these certificates be converted to Fixed Period State Grants, hence conferring ownership of land for a fixed period on the title holders.

- (ii) Madam Speaker, land boards issue resolutions to allottees upon allocation of plots, pending the production of SLTs by the Deeds Registry. These resolutions serve as interim instruments of allocation while the formal titling process is being completed.

Madam Speaker, the delay in the issuance of SLTs arises from the fact that a significant number of allocations are undertaken outside the Land Information System (LIS). This is largely due to operational challenges particularly relating to the uploading of approved general plans into the system, as well as the subsequent conveyancing and registration processes within the LIS. As a result, such allocations must later on undergo additional steps of verification, data capture, and regularization within the system before titles can be issued.

- (iii) Madam Speaker, the production of SLTs remains a priority of Government, as it is central to strengthening security of tenure, enhancing land governance, and unlocking economic value of the land. In this regard, a number of targeted interventions have been implemented to expedite the process and address bottlenecks.

Madam Speaker, a proactive approach to resolving incomplete documentation has been introduced through the Land Transaction Know Your Customer (KYC) tool, as well as the use of social media platforms to engage clients. These measures are aimed at ensuring that all required documentation is submitted timeously, thereby reducing delays associated with incomplete or deficient applications which have contributed to delays in the production of the SLTs.

Secondly, the ministry has established a dedicated WAR Room, which serves as a coordinated platform for monitoring progress, identifying bottlenecks, and facilitating rapid resolution of issues affecting SLT production. This mechanism has significantly improved oversight, accountability, and interdepartmental coordination, resulting in better performance in the production of SLTs.

Thirdly, to address challenges related to system accessibility and network instability, the ministry has leveraged the existing Virtual Private Network (VPN) facility to extend secure access to the Land Information System to authorised organisations within the SLT production value chain. This has enabled key stakeholders to access the system beyond the confines of the Government Data Network (GDN) where necessary, thereby providing a secure and flexible access channel, strengthening coordination across the value chain, and enhancing operational continuity and productivity, particularly in instances where network limitations would otherwise disrupt service delivery.

Additionally, to address issues related to connectivity, targeted operational measures have been implemented, including the deployment of officers during times when there is less traffic in the network. I thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MR KAPINGA:** *Supplementary.* O ntheetse thata *Honourable Minister*. Potso ya me ya ntlha ke e e reng, motho yo o tshwereng a *customary land grant* ka fa, le yo o tshwereng *title deed* ka fa, a botlhe ga ba na *ownership rights over the land* e ba e filweng? Pharologanyo ya *the ownership rights between a person* yo o tshwereng *customary land grant* le yo o tshwereng *title deed* ka fa, ke eng? A yo wa *title deed* o na le *more ownership rights than the one* yo o tshwereng *customary land grant*? Ke batla gore o e tlhatswe kgang e gore a *ownership of title deed is more superior to ownership* ya *customary land grant*, e bile lebaka e ka nna eng gore e bo e ka nna *superior to the ownership of customary land grant*.

Batho ba ba adimang batho madi go tlhabolola ditsha tsa bone, selo se ba tshwanetseng ba ikgotsofatse ka sone, ga se gore a o mong wa lefatshe le o batlang go le tlhabolola. A o tshwere *Customary Land Grant* kana o tshwere *title deed*, a ga go a fetelela? *Is the important consideration not the issue* ya *gore you are the owner of the land, you have ownership rights over that land? Should it not be the supreme consideration?*

*Lastly*, a ga se boikarabelo jwa ga Goromente gore a fetse kgang e ya *the dichotomy between Customary Land Grant and title deed* gore mongwe le mongwe a itse gore fa o filwe *Customary Land Grant*, o mong wa lefatshe? *You can deal with it as you please* go tshwana fela le motho yo o tshwereng *title deed*. A ga se boikarabelo jwa ga Goromente go baakanya molao gore go se ka ga nna le tsietsego ya gore motho yo o tshwereng *Customary Land Grant*, ga se mong wa lefatshe go tshwana fela le yo o tshwereng *title deed*? Ke yone potso eo ka gore tota pharologanyo e, e dirilwe ke gore, re ne ra tlelwa ke molao wa Sekgoa o o buang ka *title deed*, re bo re tseela gore *it is somehow better than Customary Land Grant*. A ko o arabe dikgang tseo *Honourable Minister*.

**MR MATHOOTHE:** *Thank you Madam Speaker.* Melao e e teng gompieno e e amang tsa lefatshe, go na le fa e kgoreletsang Batswana ka bokete bogolo jang fa o bua ka *Customary Land Grant* le *title deed*. Gompieno fa o tshwere *title deed*, ke gone o tshwereng tota *the real ownership* because e kgona gore e go gololele madi kwa o tlaabong o a kopa teng gore o tle o tlhabolole.

Mo nakong ya gompieno, Goromente o tsere tshwetso ya gore *ministry* o, o ye go lebelela melao eo yotlhe gore e e nang le dikgoreletsi ke efe, e bile e e berekelang Batswana, ke fa go dirilwe ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Le rona re itemogela gore melao e, ke mengwe ya melao e e tswang kwa bokoloneng e bo e tla mo go rona, re bo re sala re e kokometse. Mo nakong ya gompieno e re ntswa letsatsi le letsatsi re kopana le mathata a a ntseng jaana, Goromente o tsere tshwetso ya gore a dilo tse, di baakanngwe tsothle. Fa di se na go nna di baakanngwa, di tlaa di tla fa Palamenteng gore Mapalamente le bone ba tle ba akele mo go tsone. Ga re dumele gore go ka tsamaya sentle, go ntse ka fa go ntseng ka teng. Golo mo ke go kgarakgatsha Motswana, go mo isa kwa le kwa. Fa a sena go nna a tshwara lefatshe, o bo o mo raya o re, tsamaya o ye go dira *title deed*. Fa a tsena kwa, gatwe fa ga go a baakanngwa. *L* yo ga se ene sentle, tsamaya o ye go baakanya. Fa o pagama o ya teng, go dira gore Batswana la bofelo ba bo ba tsena mo ditshenyegelong tse di ntsi, tse e seng tsone. Ke tsaya gore fa re tsaya thulaganyo e ya gompieno ya SLT e e leng gore *right away* fela setsha se tlaabo se le mo *form* e e ntseng jalo, ke yone tharabololo e nngwe gape e e tlaa tlang e thusa madubadube a a leng teng. *Thank you Madam Speaker.*

**MR NKAWANA:** *Supplementary.* Ke a go leboga *Madam Speaker*. Potso ya ntlha ke gore, Tona, a o a lemoga gore *you are better placed* fa o tshwere *certificate grant* ya *land board* ka gore yone *is not timed, it does not expire* mme *title deed expires*? Fa o feta *50 years*, e fedile *and you apply* sesho. Ke yone potso ya ntlha.

Ya bobedi ke gore, ke eng fa *land board* e kete tiro ya bone ke go go kwalela *resolution* fela, gore tsamaya o tlaa bona kwa pele? Ke eng go tshwanela go nna jalo *Honourable Minister*. Ga ba dire tiro e yotlhe. Batswana ba a sokola fa ba tsaya ditsha. Ba kwalelwa *resolution* gatwe pampitshana e, ke lekwalo le yone. Gatwe ke yone e tlaa go gololang kwa pele fa e le gore o tla ya kwa pele. Ke a leboga.

**MR MATHOOTHE:** Ke tsaya ke re, motlotlegi o a tlhologanya gore mo letsatsing la maabane, re ne re fetisa molao gone fa mmogo. Molao oo, ke one o o baakanyetsang gore re se ka ra tlhola re bona batho ba neelwa *resolution letters*. Ke sone se maabane o neng o eme ka dinao, o ema nokeng molao o o neng o tla fa, gore batho ba ye go thusega. Se o se buang, karabo e setse e gorogile, o letse o fetisitse molao.

Mo go ya bofelo, ke ne ke tlhalosa ke re, le fa re ne re baakanya molao, re ye go golola batho ba *plots* tse di 830 000 maabane gore go tle go nna motlhofo, ba

bone SLT. Ke tlhalosa ke re, Goromente ga a felela gone foo. O setse a ntshitse gore go phuthiwe melao e yotlhe e e amanang le lefatshe. Re tle re e sekaseke ka gore mengwe mo teng, e setse e tlo dilwe ke dipeba. Nako eo, ke yone e e tlaa tlang e araba tse dingwe tse e ntseng e le sekgope kana legotlho mo go rona. *Thank you.*

**MR MAPULANGA:** *On a point of procedure.* Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ke latedise fa; ke lemoga sengwe fa *under 40.8*, le fa e sa tlhalosege sentle. Re na le dipotso tse o fitlhelelang gotwe *'later date'* mme o kare di setse di simolola go dirisiwa go ngwegela dipotso tse batho ba sa batleng di arabiwa. Ga ke itse gore a go na le tsela nngwe *your Speakership*, kwa e leng gore *we can time when we later date?* Potso e bo e boitse mo Order Paper *in how many days* gore e tle e arabiwe ka gore go tsaya lebaka? Fa o rile *later date*, e kgona go jewa ke *session*, o bo o felela *recrafting it*, o e botsa sesho. A ga go na fa le ka lebelelang teng *Madam Speaker*; gore potso fa re rile *later date*, e se ka ya tsamaela ruri, e boele? E tle e arabiwe ka gore go na le dikgang tse di ntsi tse di tlhokang go rarabololwa. Ke a leboga.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** *Honourable Mapulanga; 40.8 I think it is referring to* fa *Minister* a seyo. Ga go tshwane le *later date because with later dating*, kwa *Speakership* kana *clerkship* re dumalane gore di kgaramediwe ka Laboraro le Labone. Ke tsone tse di tsenngwang. *But* ya *Minister* a seyo, ke yone e e nnang dingalo fa a sa neela yo mongwe, e bile a sa dumalana le mmotsi wa potso gore o ka tla a e araba leng. Ke dilo tse pedi tse di sa tshwaneng... *Honourable Moswaane*, o tshubile *mic*, ga re itse gore o o tshubetse eng.

Ya bo *Minister* ke gore, e tle e lebiwiwe *Leader of the House but with us*, re leka go kgarametsa *later dates* di nne di tsenngwe. Fa o ka lebelela Order Paper, o fitlhela e na le *numbers* tse di ka fa thoko tse di supang gore di kwa morago, re a bo re leka go di busetsa.

#### ASSISTANT MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS

**(MR MOSWAANE):** *Further procedure.* *Thank you Madam Speaker.* Ke na le letshwenyego le nna mo tsamaisong e gore o kare re goga ka bonya thata mo dipotsong. Ke ne ke akantse gore gongwe re tle ka *measure* o re ka o dirisang go bona gore re fefosa jang go arabiwa ga dipotso. Ke gore ke tshwenngwa ke gore o kare potso ka boyone ka fa e boditsweng ka teng, go nna go khutshwane, go arabiwa ga yone go nna go khutshwane. Go tswa fa re ya go tsaya *20 minutes* mo

*supplementary questions and* re itse ka fa molaong gore di tshwanetse go nna *short* ka fa go ka kgonegang ka teng. O kare re letlelela gore batho ba botse dipotso tse di šha ba bo ba tswelera ka fa ba batlang ka teng, ke gore go goga fela go swelela. Ke ne ke re golo mo a ko o go baakanye *Madam Speaker*. Thank you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you Honourable Moswaane, noted.

## ADOPTION OF THE BOTSWANA NATIONAL YOUTH POLICY, 2026-2036

### Motion

#### (Resumed Debate)

**MADAM SPEAKER:** O kae *Honourable* Chombo?

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

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Honourable Members, the debate on this Motion is resuming. When the House adjourned yesterday, Honourable Atamelang had just concluded his debate, therefore the floor is open.

**ASSISTANT MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INNOVATION (MR NTLHAILE):** Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*, ke a leboga Tona. Mma ke tseye nako e bagaetsho ke dire dikakgelo tse di maleba...

**MR HIKUAMA:** *Procedure*. Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Go lebega e tshwanetse go nna kwa *side* ya rona mme ka gore o ne o setse o mo neetse *slot*, gongwe o ka mo tlogela a tswelera mme o bo o tla o re neela gabedi.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Ee, *sorry for that*. Honourable Members, *issue* ya gore Honourable Member a eme a araba le bo le ntse le re ga se monana, *I think* ga se gone.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Ke boammaaruri.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Ke mang yo o reng ke boammaaruri? Ke tlaa mo koba a digalase o kare o a *welder*.

**MR KWAPA:** *Procedure*. Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ke farologane le Honourable Hikuama gore a re o setse o neetse Honourable Ntlhaile. O ne a setse a dumedisitse fela, nako e ne e santse e le ntsi. Go ne go le maleba gore e ka boela kwa go bone jaaka a ne a tlhalosa gona le gore a re...

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nnyaa, nna fa fatshe, eo ga se ya gago, ke ya me gore ke batla gore gotweng.

**MR NTLHAILE:** Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Mma ke tseye nako e ke dumedisitse banana kwa kgaolong ya Gaborone Bokone. Ke simolole fela ka go supa gore ke ema nokeng Tona ka *National Youth Policy* e a e beileng Ntlo eno pele. *Policy* e e tla ka nako e e maleba. E senka gore Goromente wa Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC) yo o nang le kutlwisiso e e tseneletseng e e lebileng kwa pele, a tle ka ditharabololo tse re di bonang mo go yone *policy* e Tona a e re beileng pele. *Policy* e e tla ka nako e go nang le diphetogo tse di tona tse re di bonang mo lefatsheng le, *geopolitics developments* tse di diragalang, *the 4<sup>th</sup> Industrial Revolution* e re bonang gompiano e le yone e eteletseng pele. Dilo tse di raya gore fa re tla ka *policy* e tshwana le e, go raya gore re e *align* thata le go lemoga gore banana ba ka *play role* e e ntseng jang mo go diphetogong tse. Diphetogo tse di na le *advantages* le *disadvantages* tse di ka dirang gore labofelo banana ba iphitlhele ba le ka fa mosing. Ke tshwanelwa ke go leboga go menagane Tona ka *policy* e ka gore e lebile kwa pele. E senka go *align one of the challenges* tse re nang le tsone mo lefatsheng la Botswana tsa gore *our system* gompiano ka fa e ntseng ka teng, go na le *mismatch between* banana ba ba alogang mo dikoleng le se se batliwang ke *the industries*. Maikaelelo a *policy* ke go fedisa bothata joo.

Sengwe se re ka kopang gore re se tsenye leitlho thata ke go supa gore Goromente o tla ka lenaneo la *digitalisation*. *Digitalisation* e e raya gore re ka tsaya tshono go tlhomamisa gore re dira ditiro, re sekaseke gore *the different sectors* tsa *digitalisation* mo *economy* ya rona tse re ka dirang ditiro gore re kgone go *absorb* banana ba le bantsi mo go tsone ke dife. Ke lebelela gore re simolola kae ka gore ga re ka ke ra simolola kwa setlhoeng, re simolola kwa thutong e e kwa tlase. Re bona UDC e tsepame ka dithuto tse di ikaegileng ka tsamaiso ya Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM). Ke yone e e baakanyang bana gore ba simolole go mekamekana le dithuto tse di ba neelang bokgoni jwa go tlhama le go tla ka megopolo (*innovative ideas*). Di ka dira gore fa ba ya go fetsa *secondary school* le *higher-level education*, e bo e le banana ba ba ka tsayang *digital space* sa ga Goromente, re tsaya *services* tsotlhe tse Batswana ba di bonang mo go Goromente. Ke *sector* ka boyone, *policy* e e lebagana le go *address* seemo se. Ya re e re fa re bua ka *digitalisation*, e re ngwaga o o tlang re bo re bona e le gore Puso e bula diphatlha tse di gagamatsang gore banana ba ye kwa bo Mabutsane, Shakawe le Francistown, ba phatlalale le lefatsho go dira *digitisation* kana go tsaya ditlamelo tsotlhe tse

di bonwang kwa Dikgotleng, kwa *clinics*, gongwe le gongwe kwa Batswana ba bonang ditlamelo teng, di bo di tsenngwa mo teng ga maranyane. Goromente o tlaabo a remeletse mo go jone go bolotsa Batswana, go thapa banana gore ba ye go dira tiro eo ba *digitalise*. E se go *digitalise* fela, e le go dira le *applications* tse Batswana ba tlaabong ba bona *services* tse ka tsone. Gone moo ke mongwe wa mothale o Goromente a ikaelelang gore e re fa a simolodisa thulaganyo ya *digitalisation*, re bo re lebile tsone tseo.

Thulaganyo ya STEAM e Goromente yo a e tseetseng kwa godimo e le lenaneo la go nyeletsa dipharologanyo fa gare ga dithuto tse bana ba di ithutang kwa dikoleng le ditiro, tsholofelo ya rona ke gore go ya go tswa *the software developers* mo thutong ya mofuta o le *engineers* ba ba lebaganeng le tsa maranyane kana kgotetso ya maranyane gammogo le *infrastructure innovation*. Ke gore mafaratlhatlha otlhe a jaanong Goromente a tlaabong a dirisanya le Batswana le bagwebi ka one.

Jaanong one a a tlile go tlhoka babereki ba le bantsi thata mo lefatsheng la Botswana. Ke sone se e leng gore *targets* tse Puso e di ipeetseng tsa go dira ditiro tse di ka tshwarang *up to 400 000* mo dingwageng tse tlhano go ya go tsena ka bo 2030-2031, re lebile mo go gone gore *digitalisation* Goromente o tlile go dira ditiro tse di farologaneng.

Ke gatelele gore go na le letshogo le le reng *digitalisation* kana maranyane fa a tsena a tlaabo a tsaya ditiro. Goromente o lebile matshwenyego a a tshwanang le a gore go tlaa nna le ditiro dingwe tse di tlaa nyelelang, mme go tlaa nna le ditiro di le dintsi tse di tlaabong di tla ka maranyane. Ditiro tse e tlaabo e le tsa maemo, tsa *quality* e e kwa godimo, tse di duelwang dituelo tse di botoka. Jaanong kgang e e botlhokwa gore re bue ka yone *Madam Speaker* gore Goromente o tlaabo a itebagantse le tsone.

Dingwe tse e leng gore *policy* e e di lebile ke gore Goromente wa UDC mo maitlamong a rona, re ne re bua gore go tlaa tla go nna le *centres of excellence, especially* mo karolong ya *sport and arts*. Jaanong yone e kana e raya gore dithulaganyo tse, ditiro tse di ye go dirwa re lebile boanamo jwa lefatshe la Botswana, e seng mo ditoropong fela, le kwa dikgaolong tse di kgakala le toropo. *These centres of excellence* go raya gore di ya go dirwa teng koo. Go ya go tlhokafala gore maranyane e nne one a a tlaabong a dirisiwa thata. Jaanong karolo e e raya gore re tlhomamise gore go na le *infrastructure* e e maleba. *Digital infrastructure* re raya gore go bo

go na le *broadband*, 5G kwa dikgaolong. Jaanong ke morwalo o e leng gore *Ministry* wa *Communications and Innovation*, o ke o emetseng, o eme ka dinao thata go simolodisa kana go bolotsa *broadband internet* gore *internet* e nne teng mo dikgaolong tsa lefatshe. Ke sone se re tlhwaafetseng re tsenya *fibres* kwa dikgaolong tse di farologanyeng. Maikaelelo ke gore e re fa *digitalisation*, banana fa re ba romela gore jaanong ba ye go diragatsa tiro e tona e, a bo e le gore go na le *infrastructure* kwa dikgaolong tsotlhe tsa lefatshe la Botswana tse e leng gore banana ba tlaa fitlhela di le teng. Fa re ka dira fela gore banana re bo re re ba ka ya kwa dikgaolong ka gore ba tshwanetse gore ba ye go thusa batsadi kana Batswana teng, mme go sena *infrastructure*, jaanong seo e tlaabo e le poelo morago.

Nngwe ya *the digital tools* kana *infrastructure* e e tlhokafalang mo dinakong tsa gompieno *Minister* ka *policy* e ke gore go na le *artificial intelligence* e go setseng go itshupile gore ke mangwe a maranyane a a tlhokafalang thata. Jaanong go raya gore go nne le *centres, hubs* tse di lebaganeng le *to train* banana, le go ba suga gore jaanong ba tle ba kgone gore ba dirise maranyane ka tsela e e ka fefosang tiro ya *digitalisation*.

Ka mafoko a a kana, ke supe gore ke ema *policy* e nokeng gore ke nngwe ya ditsela tse di sha, *it is a revolutionary way* ya *to empower* banana mo lefatsheng la Botswana. *Thank you.*

**MR MAPULANGA (CHOBE):** Tla ke go leboge *Madam Speaker*. Ke leboge Tona wa Banana jaaka a ne a re neela tebelopele ya gagwe ya dingwaga tse tlhano. *Madam Speaker*, ke supe gore e siame, re tlaa e ema nokeng, mme re tlaa gakolola fa re dumelang teng gore e tshwanelwa ke gore e re amogele rotlhe.

Ke santse ke na le letshwenyego la go akanya gore fa go akantswe sengwe mo Gaborone, go raya gore se siametse mongwe le mongwe le yo o kwa Tshutuzamatakwa. Ga go a nna jalo. Tlang kwa go rona re gakolole. Megopolo e mentsi fela go tswa kwa *ground* thata gona le e e *debated* fela mo Gaborone.

*Honourable Minister*, ke kope dilo tse pedi tse; maabane re ne re rerisiwa ka *Rural Development Policy* e e supang *close to 90 per cent of this population* e le *unemployed* or e nna kwa magaeng. Fa e le gore ba nna kwa magaeng kana gone koo ke gone kwa e leng gore le *population* ya banana e gone koo *Madam Speaker*. Go raya gore re tshwanelwa ke go ya go bona gore fa e le gore *90 per cent* ya *population* ya lefatshe la Botswana

e mo dikgaolong, go raya gore *close to 50 per cent of that* o kgona go fitlhela e le gore ke banana ba le gone mo dikgaolong tseo. Fa o tlhola *the World Bank* kana Federal Reserve Bank e bile fa e bua ka *unemployment* ya banana mo lefatsheng lone le e bua ka *46 per cent*. Go raya gore ke palo e e kwa godimo. Kana *unemployment* e raya gore ke banana ba ba seng mo dikoleng le mo ditirong e bile ba se mo *institutions* dipe tsa thuto. Ke gone fa re dumelang teng gore re tshwanelwa ke go atolosa gore a ditirelo kana dikago tse di ka atolosang botshelo jwa monana, di ye mo dikgaolwaneng tse di kwa ntle.

*Primary schools* tsa rona le fa di le kwa *Local Government*, ga di na mabala a itloso bodutu. Ga di na *auditoriums* tsa *creative industry*. Ga di na *auditoriums* tsa batho ba ba opelang, ba ba itekang ka metshameko e ba e itseng, ka ditiro tse ba di neetsweng ke Modimo. Go raya gore *P200 million* yo re neng re mo utlwalela a tle, a se ka a nna mo Gaborone a bo a jewa ke *boards* tse di diriwang, a ye kwa dikgaolong a ye go thusa banana mo itsholelong ya kamoso.

Thuto *Madam Speaker*, *I think the junior pass rates* di ne di le kwa tlase. *The senior school pass rate* e ne e le kwa tlase. Kana batho ba go raya gore ba sala mo seterateng, ba tlhoka thuso. Sengwe se ke neng ke eletsa Tona a se lebisise ke go pateletsa *ministries* tsothe tsa Puso gore botoka kgang ya *experience* e gotweng fa o *apply* o bo o na le *experience* ya dingwaga tse di kana e kgaphela banana kwa ntle. A rerisanye le *ministries* tse di dirang *advertisements* kana ba batla go hira gore ba fokotse go batla *experience* tse banana ba senang natso.

Mo godimo ga moo, ke go kope Tona fa e le gore go a kgonagala, buisana le wa *Higher Education* gore jaanong re *introduce* mo e leng gore monana le fa a tsena sekole fa e le gore ke Mmadikole, a kgone gore o ka bereka, mme a ntse a tsena sekole, go a kgonagala gore a *gain that experience, by four years* fa a ya go fetsa thuto e a e dirang, o na le *experience* ya *three or five years*, o na le sengwenyana se a ka tsamayang ka sone a tsena mo mmarakeng a ya go ipapatsa. Fa e le gore go a kgonagala, lebagana le Tona yo o lebaganeng gore le buisane gore fa banana ba santse ba le mo *colleges*, ba letlelelwe gore ba se ka ba itebaganya fela le go ithuta ga dibuka, ba kgone gore fa go nang le phatlha teng, fa a ka bonang tiro teng, o ka bereka a ntse a le moithuti gore a *gain that experience*.

Kgang e nngwe e ke neng ke batla go tsena mo go yone ke ya *affirmative action* ya go bona gore kwa dikgaolong tse di nang le *brigades*, a go tsenngwe *courses* tse banana

ba di eletsang. Ke fa sekai gompiano *Madam Speaker*; Chobe Brigade *offers only carpentry, auto mechanics and bricklaying*. Bone ba batla go dira *tourism*, ga e yo, ba batla go dira Information Technology (IT), ga e yo, ba batla go dira *administrative courses* ga di yo. Lebagana le *ministries* tse dingwe di go thuse, gore banana ba tsene ka bokete mo thutong yone e ya *digitalization*, ba kgone go itshetsa kamoso.

Fa ke ya fa pelenyana ke kope jaana *Madam Minister Chombo*. Re kopa jaana kwa kgaolong, *stadium* sa Chobe se eme. Re tlhoka *P20 million*, o mo ise kwa Chobe District Council ka lenaneo le o ka le bonang, fa o ka a bona a ye kwa kgaolong. Re age *stadium* sele for *arts, for sports and creatives*. Re adime *P20 million* kana re mo neele, buisana le ba ba tshwereng madi gore ba re adime *that amount*, re tlaa busa, re *host activities and events* mo Kgaolong ya Chobe, re kgone go diragatsa e bile re buse madi ao.

Se sengwe se ke se kopang mo kgaolong *Madam Speaker*, go thusa banana gore ba e golo gongwe ke gore *Ministry of Higher Education through you Youth*, a ko go agiweng *one of the faculties* e ye kwa. Fudusang Botswana University of Agriculture and Natural Resources (BUAN) e ye kwa Chobe. Ke gone kwa go nang le *agriculture, fishery* le *tourism*. A ko ditirelo tse le dikago tse di fuduge fa gare ga toropo, di ye kwa di ka yang go diragadiwa teng. Dilo tse tsa *centralizing* sengwe le sengwe ka kwano, di a re ketefalela. *Even in the selection* ya *the national teams*, bana ba ba tswang kwa Gudigwa ba ba mabelo ba re ba boneng, ga ba *qualify because* go tlhophiwa batho ba ba gaufi gotwe o tla re *cost* gore re ye go mo tsaya kwa Parakarungu, mme talente e le teng. *Promote sports tourism* le kwa go wena. O phuthe banana ba, o ba thuse ka lenaneo lepe le o ka nnang le lone go bona gore ba tselelela merero epe ya metshameko, *whether it is sports and more importantly* ba ba mo *creatives*. Maloba re ne re bua gone fa re kopa gore a ko Botswana Television ba emise *to switch to France Television*, ba reke *content* ya banana, e tshamekiwe ba duelwe. Ke tsaya gore madi a *creatives* a mantsi, talente e ba nang le yone ba ka itshetsa.

Ke kope jalo *Madam Speaker*, a Tona a leke ka bojothe gore *in this Policy*, a re o bone *in the next two/three years* o kgona gore *safety shelters*... kana re na le seemo se e leng gore batho ba ba itsholofetseng, ke banana ka bontsi mme ba le *unemployed* e bile ba le *abused*. Fa go na le seemo kwa lwapeng, ga go na kwa ba yang teng. Chobe *as a whole* ga e na *shelter*, go raya gore

dikgang tsa Gender-Based Violence (GBV) go thata gore re ka di rarabolola. O busetswa gone kwa a tswang go itewa teng gape gotwe re buile le ene, maitseboa ngwana yoo o a itewa gape. Dira gore o re adime madi re age *these shelters*, batho re ba tshereganye. Matshele a a latlhegang a mantsi *Madam Speaker*, ka ntata ya go tlhoka *shelters*.

A ke se ka ka tseela ba bangwe nako, a re akanyeng *Madam Minister*. Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*.

**MR FURNITURE (TATI EAST):** Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Mma ke dumedise batlotlegi mo Ntlong e. Ke supe jaana gore ke emela go ema nokeng *Policy* e, e e tlang ka Tona Lesego Chombo.

Ka mabaka a gore ke dumela mo gore banana *should be empowered*, ba thusiwe ka tsela e e faphegileng, ba kgone gore ba tlamelwe. Ga ke dumele gore banana ba tshwanetse ba nna morwalo mo *economy* ya lefatshe la Botswana. E tshwanetse ya nna boikarabelo jwa mongwe le mongwe gore a bone gore banana ba a thusiwa ka ditsela tsotlhe tse di siameng. Banana kana ke bone bokamoso jwa lefatshe le, ke bone baeteledipele ba gompiano le kamoso. Go botlhokwa gore go diragale jalo. Ke batla go supa gore Goromente wa letsatsi la gompiano, o tshwanetse gore ka *Policy* e o leke gore o itebaganye le mathata a banana ba nang le one mo nakong ya gompiano. O leke go bona gore diphatlha tsotlhe tse di ka tswang di le teng tse di dirang gore banana ba se ka ba iphitlhela ba le mo itsholelong, Goromente yo, a a dire ka bojotlhe gore a dire jalo. Ntleng le jalo, go tla nna le mathata.

Tona, ke itumelela gore o supile gore go na le *a gap*, mo ga re sa kgoneng go bona banana ba *participate* thata mo itsholelong, e ka tswa e le mo maemong ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. Ke batla gore ke go reye ke re, gompiano ga re sa tlhola re tshela mo dinakong tsele tsa maloba. Dinako di fetogile gompiano, re bua ka monana yo o buang Sekgoa, o a tshoma fela jaaka o ne o tshoma maabane. O bua Sekgoa se se reng "*nothing for us without us*." Kgang e o e tseye ka tlhwaafalo *Madam Speaker*, e tsibogelwe. Maloba fela jaana re bone banana ba emeletse ba bopeletse ba tswaleletse Khuduthamaga ya lefatshe la Botswana kwa Ofising ya ga Tautona, ba le mo phuthegong ba batla ditshwanelo tsa bone. O kgona go lemoga gore re tsamaela kwa *security threat*, fa e le gore re tla nna le banana ba ba sa kgoneng go tsena mo itsholelong. Mafatshe a mangwe a tshwanang le Kenya, re ne ra bona banana ba dira ditshupegetso ba fetola mebuso ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. Ke batla go le

tlhagisa, le bone gore le a ipaakanya nako e santse e le teng. Ntleng le jalo le tla iphitlhela le le mo mathateng.

Kgang e nngwe gape e ke batlang gore gongwe e se ka ya nna puo ya molomo fela, ke ya *Youth Parliament*. A ko re bone e diragala, gongwe o tlogele *legacy* ka yone. Re lemoga gore *gap* e o buang ka yone, ga go na banana ba ba rutuntshiwang mo go tseneleng ka dipolotiki gore ba felele le bone e le Makhanselara le Mapalamente, ntleng le gore diphathi ke tsone tse di lehang ka *youth leagues* tse di farologanyeng. Re batla re bone Goromente a tsholetitse dinao, a leka gore a bone gore banana ba tsena mo dipolotiking. *Youth Parliament* e ka dira gore banana ba tsene mo teng, ba tle ba ithute dipolotiki.

**BRIG. MOKGWATHI:** Clarification. Thank you very much Honourable Furniture. *Ke go utlwa sentle gore*, maybe at institutions like University of Botswana and any other university, there are no programmes that actually teach a student politics? The way you have been presenting it, it is like there is nothing that is being done. So, can you clarify that please. Thank you very much.

**MR FURNITURE:** Ke a leboga. Ke ne ke utlwa o re *elucidation*, mme go supafala gore o batla *clarification*. Nnyaa, Student Representative Councils (SRCs) di teng. Se ke neng ke se tlhalosa ke gore, kana bana ba a bo ba le kwa sekoleng. *There is a difference* General, *ya student politics* le dipolotiki kwa ntle ga sekole. Jaanong se ke se buang ke gore, fa bana ba rutilwe dipolotiki kwa *university*, fa ba tswela kwa ntle go tshwanetse gore go nne le *platform* e e tshwanang le e, e ba ka ithutang ditsamaiso tsa Palamente. *That is why* ke dumalana le mogopolo wa *Youth Parliament* gore o diragadiwe, ka gore o botlhokwa thata. *Otherwise*, re ya go latlhegelwa ke batho ba le bantsi ba ba ka felelang ba nna baeteledipele ba kamoso, o bo o fitlhela e le gore jaanong re setse ka bo *Honourable* Motsamai Motsamai kwa Ghanzi.

Ke batla go tsena mo kgannyeng e nngwe e e latelang ya *initiatives* tsa bo Youth Development Fund (YDF), *internship* le Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET), gore kana mananeo a tota go bua boammaaruri...

**MADAM SPEAKER:** *Honourable* Furniture, o a bo o simolola go tobetsa *Honourable* Motsamai gakere. Le a bo le batla go senya nako. A ko o lese go rumolana, a ko le lese go dira dilo tseo. O a bo o batla gore le senye nako.

**MR FURNITURE:** Ee mma, mme ga go na molato ke tlaa ntsha leina la ga *Honourable* Motsamai, gongwe ke tsenye Motshegwa wa tsala ya me, ka ene re mmogo mo molelwaneng wa Patayamatebele.

Dikgang tse tsa bo TVET le bo *internship*, ke dumela gore fa gongwe dinako tse dingwe ga re di tshware sentle, mme di ntse di le teng *for* lebaka le le leele go buiwa ka tsone. Fa o re o a lebelela, o fitlhela e le gore maduo a teng fa gongwe ga a re berekele mo go kalo. YDF ke buile ka yone gore, ga se monana mongwe le mongwe yo o batlang go tsena mo kgwebong. *Mistake number one* o re o dirang, ke go akanya gore mongwe le mongwe o ka nna mogwebi.

Bothata jwa kgang e ke gore, fa o lebile Botswana ka fa a ntseng ka teng, *we are a small market*, jaanong fa banana ba le bantsi fa gongwe ba tsena mo dikgwebong go sena mmara, kwa ba ka rekisang teng, go nna bothata gone foo. Jaanong ke nngwe ya dilo tse ke dumelang gore *policy e Madam Speaker*, e tshwanetse go leka *to address* dikgang tse. Gape re itse gore a bothata ke *mismanagement* kana ke *poor oversight*. Ke nngwe ya dilo tse re eletsang gore re leke gore di rarabololwe. Go na le puo e nngwe e e buiwang thata ya *mismatch of skills*. Ke batla gore ke e tlhatswe, ke e tlhamalatse gore, bothata jo bo teng mo lefatsheng la Botswana fa go tla mo letlhokong la ditiro, ke go kabakanya itsholelo, ga se *mismatch*. *You have trained* barutabana gompiano, ba bantsi ba mo seterateng, ga ba kgone go bona diphatlha tsa mebereko. Re na le batho ba IT, bo *nurse*, le batho ba le bantsi, *a pool*, mathata a matona ke *diversification*. Go kabakanya itsholelo gore e kgone go fetlha ditiro, gore banana ba bone diphatlha tsa mebereko. Fa e le gore Puso ya UDC ga e ikaelele go kabakanya itsholelo, re tlaa tswelala re ntse re bua dipuo tsa bo *mismatch of skill, which is not true*. Banana ba a aloga, ba tshotse ditlankana, ba ntse mo malwapeng, mme Goromente ga a kgone gore a fetlhe ditiro ka lebelo le le kwa godimo, gore ba kgone go bona diphatlha tsa mebereko. Jaanong ke nngwe ya dilo tse ke dumelang gore, *policy* e e tshwanetse go leka go itebaganya le dikgang tse. Go botlhokwa thata gore go nne go ntse go rutunshiwa banana mo dikoleng tse di farologaneng. Mme e le tsela ya go leka gore re kgone go nna le baeteledipele ba kamoso, ba ba ka kgonang go tshwara ditiro tse di tshwerweng ke bagolo mo nakong ya gompiano. Ke santse ke dumela gore re tshwanetse re rotloetse bagolo ba ba santseng ba le mo tirong mo nakong ya gompiano gore, fa go kgonagalang teng, ba tseye *packages* tsa bone, ba leke go ya go simolola dikgwebi. Ba leke go

simolola dipodi, dinku, ba leke go bona gore jaanong ba sutela banana mo ditirong ka gore re tlhokana le *skills* tsa bone. Gape bone ba santse ba tsipatsipa, ba na le *energy* e e kalokalo, e ba ka tsayang lefatshhe le ba le isa golo gongwe. Jaanong ke tumelo ya me eo, ya gore re tshwanetse go nna re ntse re bona gore re dira ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Sone se re ka se kgona fela fa re ka leka gore le bone bagolo ba nne le *incentives* tse di ka ba rokotsang gore jaanong ba atumele thata meraka ya bone. Ntleng le jalo, re tlaabo re sena kwa re ka yang teng.

Jaanong ke kopa gore *policy* e, banana ba beile fela mo go wena, ba beile fela mo goreng ke wena o ka ba thusang, ka ba dumela gore lephata le ke la bone. Ba dumela gore madi a o a fiwang a tshwanetse go tlhabolola matshelelo a bone. Jaanong fa o ka se ke o kgone go dira jalo, e ka nna bothata, le bone ba tlaa latlhegelwa ke tshepho mo go wena. Ke ne ke kopa gore a ko re leke ka bojotle. Banana ba dumela gore o foo, o tlhaloganya dikgang tsa bone, o monana jaaka bone. Jaanong ba na le tsholofelo e ntsi mo go wena thata Tona. Tsholofelo ke gore, le wena o tlaa leka gore o tshematsheme, o leke go ba berekela, ka gore tota ba setse ba fedile pelo, ga ba tshwane le banana ba bogologolo, ba dipelo tse dikhutshwane. Fela fa o sa dire e bile ba go supetsa kgoro. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

**MR BOGATSU (LENTSWELETAU-LEPHEPHE):** Mma ke go leboge *Madam Speaker* go bo o mpona...

**MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS (MR MOTSHEGWA):** *Procedure*. Ke a leboga. Go na le tsamaiso ya go kabakanya diphathi, jaanong go ne go le botlhokwa gore le mantswa a banana a utlwale. Ke ne ke raya gore ke go gakolole jalo.

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

**MADAM SPEAKER:** *Honourable* Motshegwa, o batla ke go ntsha mo Palamenteng, mme ga ke na go go ntsha. O a nna fela fa, re tswa ka *seven*. Tswelala *Honourable* Bogatsu.

**MR BOGATSU:** O mo kobe *Madam Speaker*, fa e kete *he is welding* ka digalase jaana.

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

**MR BOGATSU:** Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ke re e re ke lebile *policy* ka fa e ntseng ka teng, re dirise nngwe e e kileng ya nna teng *as the benchmark*. Kana gatwe,

“e re bodiba bo jeleng wa mmago, e re o bo bona o bo kakobe,” ka gore go ne ga nna jalo. *Youth Policy* ga se golo mo go sha, *even the previous administration* e ne e ntse e le teng, mme ya tla ka mananeo a bo YDF, Young Farmers and Target 2000, fa ke gakologelwa sentle. E go neng gotwe e ne e le maikaelelo a *to inspire* bana. Mme *problem* ya teng ya tla ya nna gore, *the implementation le the way it was coined*, ga se ka ga bereka. Jaanong ke ne ke kopa gore Tona a dirise mo e le *to channel* ka fa a batlang go ya go dira ka teng, kana re na le keletso ya go dira ka teng gompiono, gore tse di neng tsa diragala mo nakong e e fetileng, di se ka tsa re boelela.

Go a utlwala jaaka e rile a bua, a bua gore, banana ba rutegile. Ka boammaaruri *they are educated*, mme *they are helpless, frustrated and dangerous*. Mo o tlaa go bona go ntse go dirwa ke *the recent demonstrations* tse di ntseng di tla mo Palamenteng. Tse bangwe e reng ba di leba ba bo ba di itumelela. Ke re *those demonstrations have the propensity to degenerate into something else that might be catastrophic*. Jaanong e re fa di ntse di tla ka kwano re di lebelela jalo, re itse gore *strikes* di na le mo gotweng ke *the ripple effects* tse e leng gore *we can suffer them for a period of maybe ten years or more*. Mme gore re tle re kgone gore *that situation* re tswe mo go yone ka bonako, re bone gore re tla ka mananeo a ka dirang banana gore ba bereke, ba tle ba kgone ba intshe mo lehumeng. Mogopolo wa me ke gore, a ba ye *into production*, mme e re go ntse go ya teng, *they should network*, go nne le *the producers and retailers*, re tle re kgone gore gongwe kgang ya go nna jaana, re tle re tswe mo go yone. Re se ka ra lebelela kgang fela ya *employability*, gore bana ba ka hirwa *because the current system as it is*, ga e sa tlhole e kgontsha Goromente gore o ka hira mongwe le mongwe. Jaanong boammaaruri ke gore, batho le bone ba lebe gore ba ka dira eng. Go motlhofo, yo mongwe o ka kgona gore a bo e le molemi wa ditapole, mme e re fa a di lemile jalo, yo mongwe a ye go di tsaya kwa go ene a ye go di rekisa. Le fa a ka di tsaya a sa ntsha madi, fa e le gore o tsere *a truck load* ya ditapole, a go reile a re ditapole tsele *maybe* ke P2,000, o ka di tsaya o sa ntsha madi wa ya go di rekisa. Fa o sena go nna o rekisa o tsaya P2,000 wa gagwe o a mo neela. *I think that is the way to go, ya networking*, gore re tle re bone gore re ntsha batho mo lehumeng.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Clarification.

**MR BOGATSU:** E nnyennyane nnaka ema pele. *Mission statement* ka fa o ntseng ka teng, o bua ka *to promote employability*. Jaanong ke yone e ke reng, a re se ka ra ganelela fela mo go hireng batho. E bua

ka *to develop inclusive and responsive laws*. Ke bona gore se se ka thusang gore banana ba tle ba tswe mo lehumeng, ke *targeted education*, ya go itse gore, mme re le mo lefatsheng se re se tlhokang ke eng. Re ka dira eng gore bana ba tle ba kgone, ba tswe mo lehumeng le le kanakana, le re leng mo go lone. *This is a long-term plan because it covers a period of ten years*.

Ka fa ke e bonang ka teng, e kare bana ba dikgaolo ba re ba emetseng, e ba kgapela kwa thoko. Gone e na le kgang e e buang ka gore *they have to be economically productive and globally competitive*. Ke gore e fa go buiwa ka *productive*, a re lebeleleng *what different environment provides*. A re lebeleleng dikgaolo ka fa di ntseng ka teng, re bo re ya go tsenya madi a rona kwa dikgaolo tse re bonang gore fa bana ba le kwa, ba ka dirisa tse di mo tikologong ya bone gore ba itshetse.

Re na le *settlement* ya Kweneng, ba na le *garden* e ba eletsang gore e *it can be expanded*, *problem* ya teng ke metsi. Gongwe ba ga *Honourable* Motshegwa ba tlaa re ka *water connectivity* re bo re ya go lwa le ba *agriculture* gore ba ye go oketsa *that plot, so that* bana *become productive in their own areas*. *I believe* fa go ka diragala jalo, ba tlaa ntsha tse ba neng ba ka di reka ba bo ba ntsha le madi kana ba kgona go hira bangwe ka bone, ga tswelala jaaka ke ntse ke bua gompiono.

Fa a bua ka *globally competitive*, go raya gore le rona re tshwanetse re kgone go rekisa dithoto kwa ntle, re se ka ra nna ba re rekang fela go tswa kwa ntle. Ke sone se e leng gore ke a se eletsang gore go nne ka tsela e e ntseng jalo.

**MR BARONGWANG:** *Elucidation*. O e tshwere sentle, e bile o bua ka *the employability* ya banana. Ke tswa mo kgaolong ya Mogoditshane e e nang le *high rate of unemployment* ya banana. Fa o re o a lebelela, go na le Choppies di le *seven* kwa Mogoditshane, tse e leng gore tsotlhe go na le *butchery, bakery*, e bile *they are transporting for themselves*. So, fa o bua ka *networking*, *Ministry* wa Banana o tshwanelwa *ke to network* le *Ministry of Trade* le *ministry* wa ga Rre Motshegwa *to unlock these opportunities for* banana gore ba kgone go bereka. Ke a leboga.

**MR BOGATSU:** O ka bo o mphile *20 minutes*. Ke tlaa go bona go setse motsotso *laitiyaaka* ema pela. *Madam Speaker*, fa ke sena go bua ka ya *garden* ya Kweneng, ke bo ke ya go bua gape ka kgang ya kwa Loologane, batho bale ba na le dilo tse dintsi, mme e bile go na le *business proposal* e ke tsayang gore ba setse ba

e file *Honourable Motshegwa kana wa Trade*, ya gore ba eletsa *to develop plant* ya sengaparile. Ke ne ke re fa madi o ne o ka isa koo *Honourable Minister, for those projects*, tseo *they are qualified enough* go ntsha banana mo lehumeng...*(Interruptions)*... ra di ema nokeng.

**MR MAPULANGA:** *Clarification.* Ke a leboga *Honourable Bogatsu*. Ke ne ke utlwa o bua thata ka kgang ya gore ba tsene mo *production*. Ka fa ke neng ke batla gore gongwe re welelane mo go sone, ke kgang ya gore, ka gore gantsintsi gompiano *agriculture e expensive to start up; tractor, to survey*, a o ne o sa bone go le maleba gore jaaka re ne re bua ka *packaging*, gore bone ba ba setseng ba le bo 60 years, fa ba na le *package*, gongwe Citizen Entrepreneurial Development Agency (CEDA) e bo e ba okeletsa ka bo 1 *per cent*, ba kgona gore ba ye gone kwa *production* kwa masimong. Banana ba bo ba tsena mo *value chain* ya gore *those produced products* ba tle go dira *fresh chips*, ba dire matlalo, ba dire eng. O ne o sa e lemoga ka tsela e ntseng jalo?

**MR BOGATSU:** Se se tlhokafalang ke gore go a tle gotwe *doing things right. That is the most important thing.* Fa o *train bana*, itse gore *you train for* eng, a *education* ya rona e nne *responsible to the people's needs. I do not think we will solve problem* ya letlhoko la banana ka gore re re bagolo ba tseye *packages* ba sutele bana ba tswe ba tsene, *that one would not work.*

Sa botlhokwa ke gore *let us target* gore re batla go dira eng. *That one we have tried it, many people have said it* gore gotwe bagolo ba tlaa tswa, *it does not solve the problem.*

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

**MR BOGATSU:** Bagaetsho, a re lebelele ka thuto ya rona.

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

**MR BOGATSU:** Ba a ntlhodia *Madam Speaker*, mme nako e tshaile. A re lebelele ka thuto ya rona gore e tsamaya ka tsela e e ntseng jang...

**MR HIKUAMA:** *Procedure.* Ga ke itse gore a ke *procedure* mo go kalokalo. A mme gore re dire gore *debates* tsa rona mo Palamenteng e kete di batla go rotloetsa *ageism whether young or old*, a mme la re ke yone tsamaiso e e leng gore e tlaa tswelala mo Palamenteng ya Botswana, a bo re bua ka gore *age*, kgantele re re re bolaye bommaarona, borraarona? A mme selo sa *ageism* se, *is that something that we should condone?*

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

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Eo e tswa kae jaanong?

**MR HIKUAMA:** *When people are talking about* gore batho ba batona, ba ba bannye, a mme lefatshe le Palamente e ka *discuss* gore re sutise ba bangwe? *Is that really correct as a Parliament?*

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

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Eo ke *debate* e e saleng fela go tsena *Youth Policy* fela, le e letleletse fela e ntse e buiwa go ntse gotwe re banana, ke ntse ke reeditse le sa re sepe.

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

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Ke tlaa le supa le tle le emele bannabagolo.

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

**MR BOGATSU:** E tswa ka kwa go bone *Madam Speaker.*

Betsho, ke ne ke kopa jaana gore, fa ke tsamaela kwa motsubong, ke kope Tona *to prioritise basing on the different environments* tse re nang le tsone mo ga rona. Ka gore fa o tsena kwa kgaolong e ke tswang kwa go yone, mananeo a mangwe a a buiwang a gore *digital whatever, we do not have that connectivity.* Rona re ka leba tse gongwe di tlaabong di tshwanetse gore di ka ya go diragadiwa kwa dikgaolong tsa rona. *Let us prioritise. Even just through the country, you have to prioritise, there are certain things that must come first,* tse dingwe a bo di tla kwa morago ga tse dingwe. Sa botlhokwa mo bogompionong, *I am for entrepreneurship* ya banana. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** *Madam Speaker*, o raya gore rona banana ga re tle go tsena le fa e le gope?

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Le bolawa ke yone eo.

**MR LEKUTLANE (K GALAGADI NORTH):** Mma ke go leboge *Madam Speaker*: Ke leboge *Honourable Khan* ka bonana jwa gagwe.

**MR BARONGWANG:** *Procedure.* Ke a go leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Golo fa go lebega o kare *both* banana le bagolo ba na le keletso e ntsi ya go *debate* mo *Bill* e. Ke ne ke go kopa ka fa ke go itseng ka teng o le bonolo gore ke emelela ka *Standing Order 130.7* gore re *suspend Standing Order*

sa 31.1 gore re oketse nako *at least* ka *two hours* gore re kgone *to cover* dikgang tsa banana ba e leng gore maabane ba letse ba tletse fa ba tlike go reetsa dikgang tsa bone. Jaanong ba kwa lwapeng, ke tsaya ke re ba tlaabo ba feditse go tlhatlhela dipodi, ba apeetse batsadi, jaanong ba reeditse dikgang tsa bone. Ke a go kopa *Madam Speaker*.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** *Honourable* Barongwang, go na le ya Public Accounts Committee (PAC) e e tshwanetseng gore e tsene le yone. Fa o re o batla go tshaisa ka 9:00 p.m. ga ke itse gore o e akantse jang. Ke raya gore ga ke itse gore le raya gore le *add two hours* go tsweng ka 7:00 p.m.? Le *add* mo go eng?

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

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Wa re *two hours*?

**MR BARONGWANG:** *Two hours* e kare o montsinyana ka fa ke ba bonang ka teng, gongwe *one-hour* kana 30 *minutes*.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** A bo PAC re e tsaya go fitlhelela leng?

**MR BARONGWANG:** Re tlaa ja nakonyana mo go yone. Re tlaa kopa Motlotlegi Lucas gore a nne *conservative* mo go yone.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Procedure. Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Iketleng pele. Mma ke wetse pele *Honourable* Hikuama. Ke akantshiwa fa gore, *looking at* go simolola maabane go fitlhelela gompiano, fa e re 5:56 p.m. ke gone e tlaabong e fela. Ke tsaya gore *it is within* nako e o neng o re o a e kopa. Ke raya gore re tlaa e tsamaisa gone koo. *Honourable Members*, ga ke itse gore la re le banana ka eng mo Palamenteng. A ko le tsenyeng dikgang sentle fela, le lese *to pass remarks*.

**MR LEKUTLANE:** Mma ke go leboge *Madam Speaker*. Le nna la ntlha, ke simolole fela pele ke eme nokeng *the Honourable Minister* Chombo, ka molao o wa gagwe o a o re beileng pele. Ke supe gore le nna ke leloko la *youth*, le fa *Honourable* Furniture a sa dumele kgang ya teng.

Ke simolole fela jaana ke re, tota go molemo thata fa o tla ka molao o. Re tlaa bua re lebagane le dikgaolo tsa rona, ka gore re tlhophilwe ke banana ka dipalo tse di kwa godimo. Re tle go ba buelelela ka re ne re ka se ke re tle go goroga rotlhe mo Palamenteng. Ba dira jalo,

gore re tle re ba sutele le bone mo dingwageng tse di tlang. Ba kgone go tla go nna Mapalamente. Ke supe gore *policy* e, a tota e nne. Go nne le tirisanyo mmogo le *Minister of Lands, Ministers* ka kakaretso, *especially* wa *Local Government* le *Education*.

Kgang ya me ke gore, banana ba Kgalagadi North ba ba kwa godimo ba ba bidiwang *upper* Macheng *area*, ba kwa Ukhwi, Zutshwa le Ncaang, ga ba bereke, e bile ga ba tsene dikole. *Madam* Chombo, ka segarona, re na le go intsha thata mo bathong. E se kgang ya gore ga re batle go kopana le batho ba bangwe, e le ka fa dilo di ntseng ka teng. Gompiano ke go kopele gore a ko o iphe nako o tsene gone fa go bone fale o ba buise, o ba supegetse bomosola jwa thuto. Bontsi jwa rona, re ne re gola re sa itse mosola wa thuto. O fitlhela re feta ka Kanye jaana, re itse gore go na le mosola wa thuto. Re ne re itse gore fa o tsene sekole fela o disa, *that is the only thing you need*. Go bo go nna le *stigmatisation* ya fa o tswa kwa kgaolong ele o le monana. Gompiano ke go supegetsa gore o kopane le ba *Education*. Banana ba kgaolo ya me, *especially* ba ba dirang *Form Two, Form Three, break* mo dikoleng gone foo, ba bo ba boela kwa morago ba ya go nna le batsadi ba bone, go sena se ba se dirang. Molao o ke neng ke o bala maloba, ke ne ke bona e kare go na le *inclusivity* mo teng ya gore, ga go na fa o kgaoganyang teng batho ka letso. Se ke le kang go se supa ke gore, o ka kopana le *Honourable* Maele, a ya go re direla *brigade* kwa Ukhwi. Banana ba Kang ba botoka ka gore *at least* bone go na le *brigade* le ba Lehututu. Ba *area* eo ba kopane sentle le merafe e mengwe. Ba tle ba kgone go bona bomosola jwa thuto, ba tswe mo bomosoleng jwa dikgomo, ka gore le gompiano jaaka o bona re tlhasetswe ke Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) jaana, ga re itse gore e ya go feleletsa kae.

*Minister of Sports* o ba kope ba re direle *stadium* gone kwa dikgaolong tseo. *Creativity* e bonale kwa dikgaolong tsa rona, banana ba tsene. Ke na le banana ba ba supang tota gore ba kgona go opela mo kgaolong ya me. *They are active on that*. Dilo tse dingwe ke *issues* tsa molao. Molao o, o se ka wa nna *shelved* jaaka re ntse re e bona. Goromente o o fetileng, o ne a na le melao e mentsi, e mentle le mananeo a teng a le mantle mme mathata e le *implementation*. Ke na le tsholofelo mo lephateng la gago gore *implementation* ga e ye go nna bothata. Ga e na go ganelela ka kwano fela *on the southern part* kana *northern part, along the railway line* ka fa go tlwaetsweng ka teng.

Kgang e ke buang ka yone, banana ba kgaolo ya me, *they are on the same corridor, same mentality*. Fa o tswa mo Kgalagadi North o tsena mo Charles Hill, fa o tsena mo Charles Hill ke Gantsi, mme tota o ne o gogile o tswa mo Kweneng West. Ke batho ba ba saletseng kwa morago. Kgang e ke go e bolelelang ke gore, ba santse ba tshaba batho. Ka *policy* ya gago, o ye go dira ofisi e e bonalang kwa Hukuntsi ya banana. Banana fa ba kopa selo, ba tswa mo Hukuntsi gape ba se latela kwa Jwaneng. A re direle ofisi kwa Hukuntsi. Banana ba rona ba ba tswang kwa dikgaolong tse ke neng ke bua ka tsone tsele, bogolo ba bo ba kgona go palama maP150 kana P200 ka gore gone kwa go kgakala. *Areas* tsele tsa rona tsa 200 kilometres (km) go tla go goroga kwa Hukuntsi. Ke yone *area* e ke reng ke bue ka yone. Banana ba kgaolo ya...

**ASSISTANT MINISTER OF CHILD WELFARE AND BASIC EDUCATION (MR HUNYEPA):**

*Elucidation.* Ke a leboga Mopalamente. Ka motsotsonyana o, tumelo ya me Mopalamente ke gore, o bona fa re ka lebelela thuto, ra gatelela fela thata mo go yone, re tlaabo re kgonne sengwe le sengwe. Thuto ka boyone, e ka re rarabololela mathata otlhe a re nang nao. Fa o ka bona TVET ya ga Rre Maele, ra e dira sentle. Tota le *informal education*, go na le batho ba ba itseng go roka le go opela. Fa ba ka rutwa ditiro tsa diatla, ke yone *solution* ya rona. Ngwana mongwe le mongwe o tlaabo a itlhamela tiro. Mogolo mongwe le mongwe a itlhamela tiro. Mongwe le mongwe o tlaa kgona go ijesa. Go tswa gone foo, o tlaa bona GBV e re buang ka yone e fela, ka gore mo gongwe ke kgang ya gore ga go na ditiro, ga go na dijo, ke sone se o bonang go lowa mo go kanakana. Mokaulengwe, ke tlaletse fela gone foo.

Rra, boammaaruri jwa gore re fetse mathata a rona, a re nneng le thuto e e nang le boleng, e e ka rutang bana ba rona go dirisa ditswammung. Thuto e e ka rutang bana ba rona gore temothuo e re nang nayo, e nne yone e e ka re thusang go tlhama ditiro le go tlisa dijo. Ke a leboga.

**MR LEKUTLANE:** Ke go leboge *Honourable Minister*. Tota ga o a ja nako ka gore o ne wa tsepama mo se ke neng ke batla go se supa. Ke sone se ke kopileng gore fa go ka ya go dirwa *brigade*, kgang ya gago ya TVET, e ka thusa dikgaolo tsa rona ka gore re saletse kwa morago ka dilo di le di ntsi. Banana ba kgaolo e ke e emetseng ya Kgalagadi North, ba botlhale, mathata ke tsamaiso le go goroga kwa dilo di leng teng. Mathata a batho bale fa o tsaya ba Hunhukwe, ga ba kgone *to apply for* tiro ka go tlhoka *network*. Ga go na *network*

*and radio stations* ga di tshware. Fa go ka buiwa gore go na le sennanne kwa boketeketete, *it ends up* le bone go ba busetsa kwa morago. DailyNews fa e le gore go Mosupologo, ba ya go e bona ka *Friday because* go goroga kwa go bone, go thata. *If you talk about* Information and Communication Technology (ICT) kwa kgaolong ya rona, ke ... (*speaking* Shekgalagari)... *Applying* ka maranyane mo go rona ga go yo, ga a tshware kwa dikgaolong tsa rona. A *policy* ya gago fa o sena go e dira, o bo o kopana le *Ministers* gore *visit our areas*. O ye go ba supegetsa gore banana bale, jaaka o le monana jaana, ke itse gore ga o na go tshaba go palama diteraka o ya go goroga kwa. Gatwe ba bangwe ba re, ba emetse *helicopters* gore di ba ise kwa Zutshwa. Ke tsaya gore o ka palama Land Cruiser fela gore o goroge fale, ka gore ke yone e ka gorogang kwa. Fa o ntse o dira jalo, le bone ba re ba lapisitswe ke go palama Cruiser, ba batla sekonotere. Ke tseye *advantage* ya teng fela ke gore, fa o kopana le bone, bua le bone ka kgang eo. *Policy* ya gago *Honourable Minister*, e siame, e bile gape e tlaa re fa re tswala jaana, ke ya go e romela kwa Makhanselareng gore ba nne ba e ba balela. Ba ba romelele mo maranyaneng *and print*, ba ba supegetse gore go diragala eng. Basarwa le Bakgalagadi hei! ba ... (*speaking* Shekgalagari)... *Honourable Minister*... (*speaking* Shekgalagari)... *minorities* ... A ko o eme ka dinao o bone gore le ... (*speaking* Shekgalagari)... *Amen!*

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nnyaa, *Honourable* Lekutlane!

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

**MR KAIZER (SELEBI PHIKWE WEST):** Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Gongwe tla ke simolole puo ya me jaana ke re, fa Palamente ya bo 13 e simolola, ke ne ka nna le monyetla wa go tsaya dikgang le Tona wa Banana. Nna le ene re ne re dumalana ka dilo tse pedi. Selo sa ntlha se re neng re se dumalana, e ne e le gore *there is no one who has got authority to speak on issues of the youth without the youth, that is number one*. Se se reela gore gongwe le gongwe fa go tsewang ditshwetso ka dikgang tsa banana, e tshwanetse gore e nne bone ba ba eteletseng pele dikgang tseo. Gongwe ke mo o utlwanng re ntse re bua mo Palamenteng re re a re tlogeleng banana ba etelele dikgang tsa bone, ba etelele *policy* e pele ka gore ke yone e e ba amang.

*For the longest time*, banana ba lefatshe la Botswana ba beilwe ka fa mosing ka ntata ya dishwetso tse di tsewang ke batho ba ba sa tlhaloganyeng dikgang tsa banana. Ke jaaka o bona mo nakong ya gompiano *time and again*,

banana ke bone ba dirang ditshupetso (*demonstrations*). *I think it is twice this month* re ntse re bona banana ba tla fa, ba *demonstrate*, ba sa itumelela ditshwetso tse e leng gore di ne di tsewa ke bagolo bangwe. *That is Number 1* e e leng gore re ne re dumalana ka yone le *Minister*.

*Number 2* e re neng re dumalana ka yone ke gore e re fa o tsena kwa *Ministry wa Youth*, o bo o kgona go bona gore *ministry* o ke wa banana. E seng o tsena fela o bo o fitlhela *more than 80/90 per cent* go tletse bagolo ba akanyetsa banana, *that is very wrong* and ga se selo se re se batlang re le banana ba lefatshe la Botswana *and we must start ka the Ministry of Youth*. E re fa o tsena kwa diofising tsa banana, o fitlhele banana e le bone ba eteletseng merero ya dikgang tsa bone kwa pele. Ke tsone tse pedi tse re neng re dumalana ka tsone mme e bile ke a dumela gore *Honourable Chombo* ga o ise o di fetoge, o santse o ntse o tsepame mo go tsone tseo.

*For this five years* yo batlhophi ba Phikwe ba santseng ba mo nkadimile, ke tlaabo ke santse ke go lebile gore a mme o gata mo dikgatong tse pedi tse nna le wena re dumalanang ka tsone.

Jaanong fa ke tsena mo *Bill* sentle jaanong, *Bill* e ya gago *sets so ambitious quantitative targets* tse e leng gore ga di na *any feasibility pathways* gore mme gone *how are you going to achieve that; you speak of 70 per cent vocational access ya banana*. Tla ke go bolelele sengwe kwa toropong ya Selebi Phikwe, kgang e ke neng ke e tshwere le *Minister* Maele maloba, re ka dumalana gore kwa Technical College ya Selebi Phikwe, *three months ago*, bana ba ba dirang *welding, electrical le auto electrical*, ga ba a kgona go fetela kwa pele. *You know what the reason was? These courses were not accredited. Even as we speak, they are not accredited* kwa toropong ya Selebi Phikwe. Jaanong ga ke itse gore fa o re *70 per cent access into vocational institutions*, o raya wa dipalo dife? *Kana you just threw the 70 per cent gone foo*. Ga e supe gore bokete sentlesentle gore ke dipalo tse di kae. Fa e le gore ke 100 000, kwala 100 000, *but fa o kwala 70 per cent, it can be 70 per cent of 10, which does not exactly show the extent of what you intend to do for these youth*. Re na le banana *currently* ba le *over 12 000* kwa Phikwe. Ke dumela gore *labour force* ya banana kwa Phikwe gompiano, e feta 7000 *because the last time I checked* ka bo 2024, e ne e tsamaya kwa go 6800. Banana ba e leng gore *they are unemployed* ba *over 2000*. Banana ba e leng gore *they are underemployed* ba *more than 300*. Gape fa o re o lebelela *in terms of* banana ba e leng gore ga

ba mo dikoleng e bile ga ba mo *training, currently, we stand at 38 per cent*. Fa o ya kwa *transitioning into employment* ya banana, *you just threw 80 per cent. 80 per cent of what? I think you need to be very clear so that we understand*, re itse dipalo.

Fa ngwana a tsa kwa *junior* a ya *senior, we have got leakage* ya *over 60 per cent*. Ao! Ga ke batle go dumalana le wena *Honourable Minister* mo dipalong tse o re di neetseng fa, *35 per cent youth in leadership positions by 2029. Again, 35 per cent of what? Into which leadership positions* tse e leng gore *already they have been identified, they are there, they are waiting for the youth to occupy them? I think you need to be very clear rather than having to throw numbers, percentages* tse e leng gore ga re kgone go di tlhloganya gore mme di emetse eng.

Se sengwe gape se ke batlang go se tlhalosa ke gore *this policy fails to provide* gore mme *in terms of capacity assessment*, o ya go dira ka tsela e e ntseng jang. *There is no clarity. The infrastructure, we all know* gore *infrastructure* ya lefatshe la Botswana e kwa tlase ka selebego se se ntseng jang. *Most of it is dilapidated*. Jaanong ga ke itse gore mme *how are we going to deal with this one, so that we ensure* gore banana *have been counted for?* E le go ba tsenya mo itsholelong.

Gape se sengwe se o tshwanetseng wa se tlhalosa ke gore *realistically, how do you intend to achieve the goals of this policy in an economic environment* e e leng gore *is very turbulent?* O bua ka dikgang tsa gore ga go na madi, jaaka le sale ka le tsena, ke yone pina e le e itseng yone eo ya gore ga go na madi. O raya jang o re *it is not permanent? So, go ya kwa go 2029, you must tell us* gore mme le ya go dira ka tsela e e ntseng jang? A mme le tlaa kgona gore *this policy* e se ka ya nna just a theory fela e e leng gore *it is presented in Parliament, but when it comes to implementation, it fails? You need to clarify that*.

*This one* ke belaela gore ke yone e o tshwanetseng o ka bo o simolotse ka yone fa *Minister*. *The past financial year, your ministry only used 3.6 per cent of the Development Budget*. Ke *the one you have presented*, o rile 3.6, jaanong ke kopa gore o mpolelele gore fa o filwe *Development Budget* e e kana, o bo o ya go dirisa *only 3.6*, go raya eng? A go raya gore o palelwa ke go dirisa madi go fetlhela banana mebereko kana eng? *I think you need to clarify that*. Ke yone e o tshwanetseng gore o fete ka yone *and in this financial year as we speak, budget ya youth*, re bone e ya kwa tlase, re ipotsa

gore mme e ya kwa tlase ka mabaka afe? A ke one a gore ga o itse go dirisa madi a o a neetsweng gore o ye go tlhabolola banana ka one kana ke ka lebaka lepe le lengwe le e leng gore le teng?

Fa ke fetela kwa go e nngwe ke tsamaela kwa go digeleng, kana *you can have a very good policy* mme fa e sena *an adequate funding, it is bound to fail*. Ke a kgona go lemoga fa gore o ne o tlhalosa gore *part of the Government budget* e tlaa ya koo *but already* o setse o itshupile gore le fa o filwe madi, o palelwa ke go a dirisa. *What confidence should we have in you* e e supang gore gompiano o tlaa kgona go dirisa madi ao sentle?

**MINISTER OF YOUTH AND GENDER AFFAIRS (MS CHOMBO):** Procedure. I thank you very much Madam Speaker. I think that it is not right for the Honourable Member to be misleading this Parliament and the public. I did note when I was presenting our Budget Speech that it was 3.6 per cent of ICT and infrastructure, *e seng ditiro!* Development Budget, *re dirisitse 3.6 per cent mme e bile madi ao a ne a diretswe gore re ye go reka computers le printers. Re ne re bona gore mo nakong e re leng mo go yone, ga re a tshwanela go dirisa madi* for such things but instead we should be prioritising and rationalising our budget.

I would also like to clarify Madam Speaker, that it is not accurate either *gore motlotlegi a bo a ka re re palelwa ke go dirisa madi* when the Ministry of Finance had put stringent measures on our spending and that was clarified in my presentation. *Ke a leboga.*

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Ke tsaya gore o e utlwile Honourable Kaizer.

**MR KAIZER:** E bile ke ne ke ntse ke batla go tla koo. O bona fela fa o ka simolola o tswelela ka go kgaola madi o dira...

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Honourable Kaizer, leba kwa go nna o se ka wa supa Minister, bua le nna.

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

**MR KAIZER:** Ke tsene jaana Madam Speaker, ke gorogile koo. Se ke batlang go se bua, a re madi a ne a ya kwa *infrastructure and what*, a gone kwa *infrastructure* koo ga go na ditiro? Ga se yone kgang ya *development* e, a ga go tlhamiwe ditiro fa o dira jalo? E le gore *printer* ya gago o e reka jang?

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

**MR J. T. I. MODISE (KGALAGADI SOUTH):** Tanki Madam Speaker. Ke leboge Tona wa Banana le Bong go bo a tlisitse *policy* e fa pele ga rona. Leba kgaolo ya botlhophi ya Kgalagadi South, ke tlaabo ke eme fa ke buelela banana bao. Ke simolole fela pele ka go alela ke re fa re ntse re reeditse *policy* e, re ntse re *debate*, re lebelela *background* ya yone, e supa fa Tona a tsere kgato e e tlhamaletseng go leka *to involve all the stakeholders*, e bong *the youth themselves*. Ba a itse ka *policy* le fa e se bone botlhe *because* nako le nako mo botshelong go nna le baemedi, mme baemedi ka fa ba rulagantsweng ka teng, ba ne ba tsewa mo dikgaolong tsotlhe tsa rona; 61 *constituencies*. Fa e le gore gongwe Mopalamente mongwe o kare ba gagwe ga ba a tsewa, go tlaabo go le *unfortunate*. Tumelo ya me ke gore banana ba rona ba ne ba emetswe *in all the 61 constituencies*, monana mongwe le mongwe o ne a itse gore o ne a emetse kgaolo ya gagwe. Go molemo gore go bo go ntse jalo.

Bodirelapuso jwa *Ministry wa Youth and Gender*, le bone re ba lebogele gore ba bo ba ne ba ba eme nokeng ka boitsaanape jwa bone go leka go baakanya *Youth Policy* e. Kana ke bone bomaitsaanape ba re berekang le bone gore ba re direle tiro ka gore *Minister* ene e ne e le *the facilitator, the coordinator*, a bona gore sengwe le sengwe se tsamaya ka fa maemong, a dira *checks and balances*. Ke tsaya gore Tona o dirile jalo, ke tiro e ntle.

Mo *debate* ya me ke tlaa itebaganya le ditsetlana di le tharo; *mental health, mentorship*, ke bo ke feleletsa ka ya *economic empowerment*. Tla ke simolole fela pele ka ya *mental health* gore bana ba rona fa o tsamaya mo seterateng, ba tlaa go bolelela lefoko gatwe re imetswe, ba supa fa ba na le *stress* se se kwa godimo. *Stress* se se rotloediswa ke letlhoko la ditiro, banana ba re ga ba bone ditiro. Selo se se ba tsenya *stress* le *depression*. Fa dilo tse di ntse di ba tsenya *stress* le *depression* jalo, re le Puso re ba tlele ka mananeo a a tshwanang le bo *Youth Policy* e e tsepameng, e e reng fa o e sekaseka, o bo o bona e na le *implementation plan*.

Gantsi re rata gore re dire *policies* fela di bo di sa supe *implementation plans* tse di kgonang go re *guide* gore fa re tsamaya fa re tlaabo re dira se ka nako e, se e leng gore se na le *timelines*.

Ke a tle ke utlwe bakaulangwe ba ntse ba bua ka *timelines*, mme ke itumelela gore *the Youth Policy* ka boyone e na le bananyana ba yone, e na le *implementation plan* e ke

tsayang gore e tlaa re fa e ya go digelwa, e bo e re fa *Minister* a ntsha pego, a bo a itse gore o tlaabo a itaya fela mo go se a se kwadileng *in black and white* kwa *ministry* wa gagwe. Seo re se lebogete thata.

Kana *mental health*, o tlhoka gore re bo re na le *structures* tse bana e reng fa ba imetswe, ba bo ba kgona go itse kwa ba ka tshabelang teng. Re se ka ra nna le diemo tsa gore banana fa e le gore ba na le *mental health*, ba simolola ba ya kwa gongwe ba ka itlosang bodutu teng, mafelo a tshwana le a nnotagi a a sa ka keng a ba tlisetsa sepe sa molemo, a a yang go oketsa mathata a bone ka gore fa o ya koo, ke go hupa fela o bo o tipa, fa o sena go tipa kamoso mathata a ntse a bapile le wena. Jaanong re batla gore re nne le *structures* tse di siameng, fa bana ba imetswe ba kgone gore ba ye go thusiwa koo, ba imololwe, ba kgone gore ba tsene mo ditirong tse di rileng.

Ke bo ke fetela fa go e e fa pele ya *mentorship*, bana ba rona ba lebile thata mo go rona re le bagolo gore ba ithute ditiro le ditsamaiso mo go rona re le *professionals* mo maphateng ka go farologana. Ba *entrepreneurship* le ba *business communities*, banana fa ba ntse ba tsena koo, ba ithuta tsa dikgwebo kwa go bone, mme re le ba ba fa pele ga bone. Motswana a re tlhako ya morago e gata fa ya pele e gatileng teng, banana ba bo ba ntse ba lebile mo go rona, ba tsaya dikgato tse di molemo tseo mo go rona ba re santseng re le *in the system* re le badirelapuso, mapolotiki, Dikgosi le ditiro tsothle tse di ka farologanang tsa *businesses*. Fa ba ntse ba ithuta mo go rona, ba tsaya kitso e e ntseng jalo mo go rona re santse re tshela, re dumela gore *the coming generation* e ya go fitlhela banana ba rona ba na le dikitso tse di kwa godimodimo, ba rutegile *academically, socially and spiritually*. O bo o fitlhela e le gore re na le banana ba e leng gore *all the departments* tse e leng gore re ka re *holistically* fa re re motho a bo a na le *all these things* tse re itebagantseng le tsone.

Ke bo ke wela kwa go ya bofelo ya *economic empowerment*. Tota banana ka bontsi ba eletsa gore re ba neele dikitso tse e leng gore di ka dira gore le bone e re kamoso a bo e le bone ba ba tshwereng *economy* ya rona, e le bone ba ba tlaabong ba tlhamela ba bangwe ditiro. Fa ke boela fa morago dingwaganyana di ka nna nne, tlhano, go kile ga nna le mo gotweng *under 30 millionaires* e e neng e le ya *the past regime*. E kile ya re nako e nngwe ke feta mo Gaborone ka fitlhela Gaborone a kgabile gotwe ke fa go tsamayang *millionaires* teng. Ga ke *sure* ka dipalo gore rona mo Botswana ba *Under 30* ba e leng gore ke *millionaires* ba kae, mme fela ka

nako eo seo se ne se kgatlhisa. Keletso ya rona ke go bone le rona re na le bana ba e leng gore *they are under 35* ba le mo *category* ya gore le bone ba nne *millionaires*.

**ASSISTANT MINISTER OF CHILD WELFARE AND BASIC EDUCATION (MR HUNYEPA):** *Clarification.* Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ke a leboga *Honourable* Modise. A mme o dumela gore ba ka tswa ba ile ba nna teng *millionaires* tsa ma *Under 30* mo Botswana? A fa ba ne ba le teng, o ka bo o sanke o ba bona gore ke ba *millionaires* kana e ne e le go tshamekisa madi a setšhaba?

**MR J. T. I. MODISE:** Ke a leboga motlotlegi. Eo ke tlaa tshaba go tsena mo teng ka ga ke a dira dipatlisiso, mme fela *from the outside* ka pono ya matlho a me, ke tsaya gore fa ke ka latedisa ka nna ka fopholetsa, gongwe re ka fitlhela bangwe ba le teng. Kana nako e nngwe bana ba bangwe ba tsaya *assets* tsa bagolo *and cover themselves* ka tsone. E tlaa batla dipatlisiso, nte ke se ka ka tsena thata mo go yone. Go ne go senngwa madi; tla ke se ka ka tsena thata, ke tloga gongwe ke etelela *Forensic Audit* pele ke re madi a sentswe golo gongwe. Ke boifa go tsena mo dilong tse ke tlaa tshwarang *penalties*.

Ka mabaka a a ntseng jalo *Madam Speaker*, fa re ka bona banana ba rona ba kgona gore ba hire balekane ba bone, ba tokafatse *economy* ya lefatshe la rona, e tlaabo e le selo se se molemo. Ke *support Honourable Minister*, a tshware fela jalo, *policy* e a re e beileng pele, e tlaa tswela banana le lefatshe la Botswana maungo. Ka mafoko a a kalo, *I rest my case*.

**ASSISTANT MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES (MR NYATANGA):** *Thank you very much Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker,* ke batla go ema ke *support this Policy* e e fa pele ga rona. Go botlhokwa gore ke supe gore *this is a policy, it is not a Bill* jaaka ke ne ke utlwa bakaulengwe ba bangwe ba tsamaya ba bua. *Honourable* Chombo, ke batla go tla ke go fa *support* ke rwele thoro e e mphang thata ya gore ke go eme nokeng, e bile ke sa tshabe sepe.

Ke moitseanape wa motho, ke ithutetse motho, ke na le bana le fa o bona e le gone ke kgabaganyang bonana jaana. Jaanong ke ne ke re *I have looked at this Policy*, se ke batlang go se bua ke *advice. When you look at the socio-economic cultural challenges that you presented, society* ka fa e ntseng ka teng gompieno, dikgwetlho tse monana a nnang le tsone, ke dife? Ke batla gape re lebelela gore matlhoko a a teng *Madam Speaker*, a a diragalang re a bona, ke afe? *Here I think I am supported*

by lot of empirical evidence that, golo mo re tshwanetse go lebelela gore go simolola kwa kgodisong ya ngwana. Matlhoko a re a bonang ke afe, re buile ka HIV, when you look at the infection rates di kwa godimo, when you look at issues of GBV, e kwa godimo. When you look at issues of substance abuse di kwa godimo, tse di amang banana.

Ke batla to offer you another counsel Madam Chombo ke re, you must look at prisons as well. This Policy ke bona e supile mathata a a diragalang mo setšhabeng. Re tshwanetse go lebelela dikgolegelo, fa ke go bolelela bontsi jwa batho ba ba kwa, ke banana. Go go supegetsa gore there is a problem ka society ya rona, ke sone se o bonang ke re ke na le tshwanelo ya go bua dilo tse, because re tshwanetse to fill gap e. Maikaelelo a matona Madam Chombo, ke go bona seemo se banana e le gore they enjoy bonana jwa bone.

Gompiano fa re ka tsamaya ka tsela e re tsamayang ka yone, we are sitting on a time bomb. Nna ke na le wena, what is our interest, o bona dilo tsotlhe tse re di buile, ke batla go bua ka capacity building. I have done a root cause analysis ke lebeletse what you have said and the problems as they exist gompiano. What is it that we are trying to solve, ke itse gore re review policies after policy and I think this is why sometimes I always say, dinako tse dingwe we must not follow a template e e nngang e ntse e le teng, ya batho ba re ba fitlhelang, ba go bolelela gore these are the problems. Re tshwanetse gore gompiano jaana, we should have interviewed banana gongwe le gongwe. Gompiano fa o lebelela maphakela fela o tsoga, bontsi jwa mafelo a rona banana ba a fola ba ya go batla tiro, so re bua ka unemployment.

I think as a Government, re tshwanetse gore Madam Speaker, re lebelele sentle, re itebelele gore tota mme gone fa go tla go tsena coordination, do we have proper coordination. Madam Chombo ka nako e, can you press a button o bo o lebelele constituency gongwe e tshwana Mahalapye East o bo o re, re na le banana ba le kana ba ba unemployed. O bo o re Mmopane-Metsimotlhabe, re na le bana ba le kana ba ba unemployed. I think we need gore re nne le a comprehensive information depository, golo ga teng go batla re dire golo mo go bidiwang gotwe skills audit ya banana. Mathata a matona gompiano jaana, re tlaabo re bua ka vocational brigades, but I will tell you gore fa o tsaya requirements o bua le Rre Maele, o ne a nkaraba mo Palamenteng ke bua gore kwa Mookane-Mmaphashalala a re fe brigade. A bo a re no, my interest is to enhance brigades tse di teng kwa

Mahalapye. When you look at the demographics gore bana ba ba fetsang mo Form 2, Form 3, Form 5 ba dira eng, not everyone of them ba ya kwa brigades. These are the people who are vulnerable Madam Chombo.

Ke batla go kopa gore as Government ka re bua ka Public Private Partnerships (PPPs), jaaka re simolotse gore bua ka trusts, a e re ministry wa gago o le teng Madam Chombo, o support metse gore ba itirele community vocational centres, tse di yang go thusa bana ba ba feditseng Standard 7, Form 3, Form 5. Fa o le youth, mathata otlhe a youth a a tla kwa go wena irrespective gore o na le dingwaga tse kae. There is that gap, which we need to close. Ke sone se ke batlang gore fa re tla go tsena mo kgannyeng ya access to education, re e lebelele gore we must be very deliberate and intentional and close this gap.

Department of Statistics, Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, Trade and Correctional Services di botlhokwa thata. Ke batla gore o lebelele your role Madam, when I looked at the Policy, ee you picked gore lack of coordination, but you must look at the structures. Kana lack of coordination, you must operationalise it, fa o lebelele dikhansela, is there a forum where you sit le dikhansela? Maabane ke ne ke le kwa Mahalapye e le gore I organised pitso ya bomme, because dikgang tse re tshwanetse go nna re bua le batho. When I checked the structures, ke ne ke bona gore youth we need to carry it along. E se to carry fela, they must play a very proactive role, because banana ba ka ba reetsa botoka. Ga ke batle gore re bo re ipolelele gore we have got office ya Youth and Gender, re sa tlhole gore a mme, do we have a system where they interact.

Madam Chombo ke batla to advise, gakere ke a advise, kana I fully support this and them, let us be accessible. Jaaka re na le bo Jindal, ke batla gore e re fa banana ba tshwenyega gore ga ba hirwe e bo ke bona offices tsa youth go na le close partnership to try and assist bana gore ba thusiwe. Nna gompiano ke bona o kare go na le those silos, yole o berekela fale, yole fale, but there is an opportunity.

In summary se ke batlang go se go bolelela gape ke gore, when you look at demographics fa re bua ka youth, let us also focus thata mo kgannyeng ya disability. Re na le banana ba ba nang le disability, mme fa o re o tlhola fela sentle gore what is there, o fitlhela e le gore these people re bua fela gore they can do this, but we have not subjected that to proper litmus test, go bona gore a services tsa bone ba a di bona. Go botlhokwa

thata gore batho ba, le bone *they feel they are part of the society*. I am confident gore if you make sure that there is implementation plan e e robust, jaaka through Botswana Economic Transformation Plan (BETP), kana one of the challenges of this country ke gore gatwe ga re implement...

**MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION (MR MAELE):** *Point of order. Madam Speaker, ke kopa gore gongwe o bue le rona rotlhe. Re itse gore tota fa motho yo mongwe a santse a le on the floor, we do not have to stand. Go teng mo Standing Orders, so ke bona o kare go ntse go sa kgalemelwe, mme ke bona o kare rona ba re batlang go obamela Standing Orders re mo mathateng, ka gore re ya go emelela a sena go nna fa fatshe. Ke ne ke re gongwe o kgaleme Madam Speaker.*

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Ee rra, ke a leboga. Ke buile thata ka kgang eo. Jaanong e bile ba ba dirang jalo fa o ka ela tlhoko, ga ke ba supe. Fa o ka ela tlhoko fela ga ke dire jalo, *because* ga ba tlotle yo o emeng, jaanong ke ipotsa gore ba batla go tlotliwa ke mang. Gape le go bala gore go tswa kae, go bua bomang, ba ema fela ga ba bale gore rona re buile go ya ka kwa, go emiwa fela. Jaanong...

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Clarification Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** O a ipona gore o dira eng? Ga ise ke fetse e bile o setse o tsene mo dinkong tsa me. *Honourable Aaron.*

**MR AARON:** Ke a go leboga *Madam Speaker*. Tla le nna ke tseye nako e...

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

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Ga se gore o ne o feditse?

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Nnyaa, gakere o ne a...

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Ee latswa, ga go a sala sepe.

**MR NYATANGA:** *Madam Speaker, ke tlhaloganya the frustration ya ga Rre Maele, ka gore golo mo go a tshwenya. Kana le wena fa o le mo floor fa o setse o tsamaela kwa bokhutlong batho ba bo ba emelela, o ipotsa gore what is the problem. Ke itse gore o tlaa e baakanya. Go batla go nna le consequence management, ka ke bona o kare this thing is recurring and recurring.*

Ke batla gore *Madam Chombo* ke re, *you have got our support, tsweetswee feel free*. Le ka kwa go na le ba bangwe ba e leng gore ke borraiboipelego, *they can*

*support you, because at the end of the day, we must do something for our youth. Ka gore banana ba rona have got the right again in terms of Section 3 of the Constitution of this country, gore ba tswelile ba je bo youth jwa bone. We must be seen to facilitate that Madam Speaker. Ke re ka a le kalo Madam Speaker, thank you very much.*

**MR AARON (NGAMI):** Ke a go leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ke re le nna ke tseye nako e ke akgele mo go se *Madam Chombo* a sa tswang go re se baya pele. Ke re *your speech was loaded Honourable Minister*. Tsholofelo ke gore, tse tsotlhe tse o neng o di bua, re solofela gore re ka di bona di tla go diragala, bogolo jang ka gore ka letsatsi le o neng o re baya pele pego ya gago, o ne o laleditse le banana gore a bo ba le teng, ba tle go go reetsa, ba sa go reetse ka diwaelese, ba go itseela kwa tsoopedi, le fa e ne e le gore ke ba ba mo Gaborone. Ga ke itse gore a mme a go na le mongwe yo a neng a tswa Gumare, Etsha, Nokaneng kana Xaxa, jaaka o ne o bua gore o lekile go tsaya banana go tswa kwa le kwa gore ba nne teng. Ke sone se ke reng, ka jalo ke solofela gore, go bo o tsere tshwetso eo gongwe ke nngwe ya dilo tse di ka fang tsholofelo ya gore se o se buang tota ke nnete, o ikaelela go se dira.

Kana *ministry* wa gago *Honourable Minister, through you Madam Speaker, ke ministry* o e leng gore o akaretsa *ministries* di le mmalwa. Ke gore, gore se o se dirang se atlege, se tlhokana le gore *ministries* tse di farologaneng, a bo di ka go ema nokeng. Ke gore, *it is an inter-ministerial ministry*. Ke sone e re gantsinyana fa re bua, a bo re felela re tshwara *ministries* tse dingwe, ka gore wena o lebile go aga motho, mme kana go aga motho, o ka se mo age ka *ministry* o le mongwe. Ke gore jaanong go tlhokana le tse, le tse. Ke sone se e tleng e re fa re ema re go botse gore, fa re itse gore re na le dikgang tse di tshwanang le tsa lefatshe, re ipotse gore mme o bokgakala bo le kae kana Tona wa *Lands* o bokgakala bo le kae le wena. E re fa re tla re lebile dikgang tsa banana, re bona gore di tlhokana le gore dithuto tse di rileng kana ditlhabololo tsa thuto tse di rileng, re go botse gore o bokgakala bo le kae le Tona wa tsa Thuto. Ka jalo, ke sone se ke reng, wena *ministry* wa gago ke go aga motho wa monana, mme o tlhokana le *ministries* tse tsotlhe gore a bo di na le wena, di go ema nokeng.

Gongwe fa ke bua jaana ke go fa sekai, ke go botsa gore, ke gore monana wa kwa Habu le Tubu yo e leng gore ga a na tshwanelo gotlhelele ya go ka nna le lefatshe, e bile fa a sale a tlhoboseditswe tshwanelo ya gagwe ya



**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nnyaa, mme seperuperu ga se tlhapa. Ke fa setshwabung, fa e reng o itaya teng, o bo o hupela.

**MR AARON:** O tlhabisitse batho ba kgaolo ditlhong.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nnyaa, *Honourable* Aaron, le wena o a bo o ka simolola gore go nne le ntwana. A ko o fetse, nako ya gago e fedile.

**MR AARON:** Ke a go leboga *Madam Speaker*.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** *Honourable Members*, let me clarify, gakere le utlwile gore e wela leng? E wela ka 5:56, mme fa e re 5:36 ke tlaabo ke neela *Honourable Minister to respond in 20 minutes to make 5:56*. Re tlaabo re e tswala.

**MR BARONGWANG (MOGODITSHANE EAST):** Mma ke garele dikgang tse di ntsi tse di builweng ke batlotlegi. Tota mma ke supe gone gore re di buile, e bile re supile *support* bontsi mo go supeng gore re go ema nokeng. Le fa ntswana re ne re bua ka banana, dikgang tsa rona bontsi re ne re supa gore ga se batho bangwe ba e leng gore re ka anywa sepe mo go bone.

Mma ke simolole fela ka go supa gone gore nnyaa, re a ba lemoga, mme e bile re leboga *performance* ya bone. Ka gore ke bone ba re emelang kwa *world athletics games*. Ba dira sentle banana ba Botswana, go raya gore golo gongwe fela fa re ka nonotsha yone *policy* ya gago, ke dumela gore ka 2036, re tlaabo re na le banana ba e leng gore re tlaabo re ema fa re bua ka fa ba leng bantle ka teng bontsi jwa nako, re sa bue ka gore ke batho ba di *drugs*, ba nna mo majalweng. Go nna le dilo tse di molemo tse di buiwang ka banana.

Mma ke tswelile ka go supa gore, ke go ema nokeng Tona mo *policy* ya gago ka gore e supa gore e na le tebelopele, e bile e akaretsa banana botlhe. Le ka fa o neng o e dira ka teng, e akareditse mongwe le mongwe. E supile *cohesion, coordination*, e bile e supa gone gore kwa re batlang go ya teng, re ya jang. *There is a pathway* e bile gone gore re ya go felela re dira tse re batlang go di dira jang ka go nna le *a full implementation plan*. Golo moo ke *priority*.

Se sengwe gape se se monate ka *policy* ya gago ke gore, *recognise diversity*, kana gore banana diemo le matlhoko a bone a a farologana. Banana ba Mogoditshane le ba Metsimotlhabe dikeletso tsa bone di a farologana. Banana *are not just a homogeneous group* fela, ke batho ba e leng gore mathata kana dikeletso tsa bone

di a farologana. Golo moo mme o lekile ka bojotlhe go supa dipharologanyo *between the rural, rural-urban and then the urban youth needs*. Gape jaanong go batla gore le yone *policy* e, e gatelele kana e itshupe *clearly* gore e ya *to decentralize programmes* tsa yone jang. Ka gore mathata le diemo tsa banana ka go farologana ga dikgaolo, a a farologana. Fa re ya kwa *district level*, gore jaaka fa re le mo Kweneng jaana, mathata a Kweneng a farologana le a bo Nhabe. Jaanong le gone *programmes* tsa teng fa re ya go di *implement*, di tshwanelwa ke gore di farologane. *It promotes independence* ya banana. E na le motlhala wa gore e tsaya monana go tsweng kwa bonyennyaneng go yeng kwa seemong se e leng gore jaanong ke motho yo o neng a sa ithe sepe, mme jaanong *we have made him not to be reliable, but* a kgone go ikemela. *It invests a lot in entrepreneurship*. E a leka ka bojotlhe gore e supe gore banana ba tlaa tsaya karolo mo go tsa kgwebo, e bile e oketsa kana e tsenya *skills* tsa gore ba ka ikemela ka *skills* tsa bone.

Mma ke riana fela ka gore bo morwaarre ba kopa *elucidation*, mme ke motsotswana fela.

**MR MONAGENG:** *Elucidation*. O ne o bua gore kana mathata a bo Kweneng ga a tshwane le a kwa bo Nhabe, ke dumalana le wena fela thata ka gore rotlhe jaaka re ntse jaana, re itse mathata a a leng teng kwa Molepolole. Ke gore banana ba a bolaana, ke metlholo e e gakgamatsang. *Policy* e, go lebega fa e ka tsennngwa mo tirisong sentle, e ka thusa mafelo a a tshwanang le one ao. Ke a leboga.

**MR BARONGWANG:** Nnyaa, mme o e tsere sentle. Mma ke wele ka sengwe se o se nngakolotseng, se ke se tsereng fa o ntse o bua *Honourable Minister*; ke gakologelwa o bua gore le na le thulaganyo ya go aga *rehabilitation centres* tse pedi; e nngwe kwa *north* e nngwe mo *south*. Fa ke gakologelwa sentle, o ne o supa o kare o e isa kwa Molepolole, mme ke ne ka supa *contention* tota, O ne o supa gore lebaka la gore o bo o aga kwa Molepolole, ke gore gatwe Molepolole e na le mathata a ditagi le *unemployment level* e e kwa godimo. Ke go gakolole *with facts*, gore nnyaa, boammaruri ke gore Mogoditshane ke yone e amilweng ke dikgang tse di feteletseng tsa banana. Ga se mo go tlhokang gore re ka akaretsa kana ra akabetsa. Se ke se kopang fela ke gore o ye *to revisit that arrangement* ya go aga *rehabilitation centre* kwa Molepolole o e ise kwa Mogoditshane. Ke a wela.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** *Nnang fa fatshe bontate.* Honourable Members, I now want to call Honourable Minister Chombo to respond, but before she does that, let me invoke Standing Order 26.2 for a health break of 10 minutes.

**PROCEEDINGS SUSPENDED AT 5:40 P.M. FOR APPROXIMATELY 10 MINUTES**

**PROCEEDINGS RESUMED AT 5:50 P.M.**

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Order! Order! Honourable Members. I now call upon Honourable Minister Chombo to respond to the debate, 20 minutes.

**MINISTER OF YOUTH AND GENDER AFFAIRS (MS CHOMBO):** *Good evening and thank you very much Madam Speaker.* Ke rata go tsaya nako e, go leboga batlotlegi ka dikakgelo le dikgakololo tsa bone tse di nang le boleng. Re di kwadilwe tsothle, e bile ke itumelela gore batlotlegi ka bontsi tota ba ne ba supa gore ba amogela moalo o wa banana. Ba tshwaya gore go amile dikgang tse di farologanyeng tse banana ba dikgaolo tsa bone, ba di itemogetseng. Ke tseye nako e, go ba akgola e le baemedi ba bone banana bao, thatathata ba ba kwa dikgaolong.

Ke simolola ka dikgang tse di builweng ke Motlotlegi Kedikilwe. O ne a bua gore moalo o le nosi, ga o a lekana. Ke kgang e re dumalanang le yone, gore re nna fela re na le mealo e e leng gore fa re lebelela, re eletsa go bona gore o pharologanyo jang mo go wa ntlha. *Youth Policy* ya rona pele ga ya gompiano, ke ya 2010. Ke batla go tshwaya gore ga se e e tshwanang le tse dingwe tse di fetileng. Re ne re tsere tshwetso fela e e tlhamaletseng ya gore e se ka ya tshwana le tse di fetileng. *Priority of this Youth Policy is to ensure that there is implementation. That is why we have presented it with the comprehensive five-year implementation plan.*

*Most importantly, ga se dikeletso fela tsa gore re batla go bona eng, se se bothokwa ke gore, we have put the relevant structures in place to ensure that implementation is different.* Ke ka tshwaya fela ka molao o e leng gore *policy* e, e ya go o tsisa, e le *the Youth Development Act.* Ke kgang e e supang gore *this policy is taking a complete shift from how youth policies have always operated.* Re itemogetse gore dikgang tsa banana di nna di feletse fela *in the policies,* mo mealong, mme *sectors* di bo di sa diragatse ka gore di ne di sa tlamiwe ke sepe. Ke ka jalo re tlisang melao mme gape re tsisa le *commission* e e leng gore *it is going to hold different sectors accountable.* Ke...

**MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION (MR MAELE):** *Point of correction.* Ke ne ke re *language* ya Palamente, *policy* ke molawana. Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker.*

**MS CHOMBO:** *Thank you very much Honourable Member.* Ke tswelile ka go tshwaela gore *this policy* e tsisa a *Youth Commission* which is going to be reporting directly to Parliament, and that is the leverage that Honourable Members of Parliament (MPs) can also have to ensure gore *policy* e e a diragadiwa.

O ne a bua ka YDF, a tshwaela gore ba kwa Serowe *office* ya banana *are not monitoring the projects.* Ke ka re tota ga se letshwenyego la kwa Serowe fela, ke kgang e e amang dikgaolo tse di farologanyeng. Maloba re ne re le kwa Thankane le dikgaolo tse dingwe jalojalo, tse re etleng re di etele. Ke nna ke rurifatsa gore ke bona banana mo dikgaolong ba e leng gore *are funded by YDF,* ke utlwa matshwenyego a bone. Kgang e ga e ntšha mo go rona, ke sone se re boneng gore re sekaseke *the YDF programme.*

Fa re lebelela *our officers* kwa dikgaolong, o ya go fitlhela *one youth officer.* *Previously they were tackling youth, sport and culture issues. That is why we are reviewing the programme to make sure that it is not going to be implemented by officers of the ministry, and we are funding different vehicles.* Ke tshwaele mo go yone eo ka gore e ne ya amiwa ke batlotlegi ba ba farologanyeng gore *in the review process, we received our final report from our partners and consultants on the 31<sup>st</sup> March and earlier this week Madam Speaker,* ba kwa ofising ba ne ba kopane to validate it. Ga re na go tswelile ka yone without validation by youth. *Obviously when we were reviewing it, we did sample some young people* ba kwa dikgaolong, ba ba farologanyeng ba ba ungwetsweng le ba ba sa ungwelwang gore ba re thuse go e baakanya. Re eletsa gore re boe re e busetse re dire a *mass consultation* ya banana pele fa re ka e isa kwa Khuduthamageng ya ga Tautona.

O ne a bua *about finding a balance between this digital economy as well as digitisation.* Tsa maranyane ga di yo kwa dikgaolong. Ke tsaya gore *I have noted that.* Re lemoge gore keletso ke gore, maranyane a, a goroge kwa dikgaolong. Ke tsaya gore ke kakgelo e e molemo go ka re re tlhame a *fine balance.*

O ne wa wetsa ka go bua ka banana ba kwa dikgaolong, o tshwaela gore ga o a itumelela dikgang tsa *teenage pregnancy and child marriages.* Ke dikgang tse *policy*

e buang ka tsone. Ke tshwaele gape gore re mo tseleng ya go ka baakanya *policy* ya rona ya *Gender and Development*, e le yone e buang ka dikgang tse di amang bomme le bana ba basetsana.

*Honourable Moswaane is very concerned about Form three and Form five students* ba e leng gore *are being spit out of the system*, e bile le rona *we share this concern*. Ke jaaka re tshwaetse jalo gore re bereka thata le lephata la ga Tona Maele, mo dikgannyeng tsa TVET. Re dumela gore TVET *is playing a critical role in addressing* dikgang tse.

Fa re lebelela *statistics*, dipalo tsa rona tsa banana ba e leng gore *are not in education, employment and training, over 60 per cent* ke ba ba kgwilweng ke *the education system*. Then *13.8 per cent* or there about ke banana ba ba feditseng kwa *university*. Fa o lebelela, o ka lemoga gore tota fa re re *Technical and Vocational Education* ke tsela e re tshwanetseng re e tseye, o ka tlhaloganyana. Banana ka bontsi ba feditse ka *Form three* le *Form five*, go bo go sena kwa ba yang teng. *So, this policy places high emphasis on TVET*, e bile re netefatsa gape gore banana kwa dikoleng *including in primary education* ba rutiwa *STEAM education*. Ba nne le *the relevant skills* jaaka e tlaabo e eteletsewe pele ke Motlotlegi Kgafela-Mokoka.

Go ne ga buiwa gore mo dikgannyeng tsa banana, bana ba basetsana ke bone ba ba amegang thata, mme re a dumalana. Ke sone se re netefaditseng gore *policy* ya rona e na le *gender parity*. Fa e le gore ra re, go diriwe ditiro, go nne le boeteledipele, e netefatsa gore bomme kana bana ba ba basetsana ga ba salele kwa morago. E bile ke fe sekai ka kgang e e re tshwenyang re le lephata, fa re ntse re bua gore banana ba e leng gore ga ba na ditiro ba kae, *majority of them are still young women, over 60 per cent are young women, and then under 40 per cent or there around 40 per cent* ke bana ba basimane. Fa re lebelela kwa dikoleng, gore go pasiswa jang, bana ba basetsana ba pasa go gaisa bana ba basimane. *Then when you look at the employment prospect*, bana ba basimane ke bone ba ba nang le ditiro go gaisa bana ba basetsana. *Madam Speaker*, kgang e tota...

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Clarification.

**MS CHOMBO:** Ee rra.

**MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM (MR MMOLOTSI):** *Point of clarification*. O e tlhalose thata yone eo ya go pasa ga bana gore a o e lebile sentle?

A ga e tsamaye ka *levels* because previously se se neng sa lemotshega ke gore, bana ba basetsana ba dira sentle *at primary*, fa ba tsena kwa *secondary school*, they drop and then ba basimane ba dira botoka go gaisa ba basetsana. Ga ke itse gore *is it something that is informed by a research* kana jang.

**MS CHOMBO:** Ke a go leboga motlotlegi. *There is a study* e re ne ra e dira *with the World Bank* that guides these statistics. *In this study*, re ne re bua ka *the necessity of gender equality or equity*, the social barriers tse bomme le bana ba basetsana ba di itemogelang. Sekai se o se buang sa gore gongwe fa bana ba basetsana ba ntse ba fatlhoga, ba salela kwa morago, *also speaks to these social barriers; teenage pregnancies and child marriages* tse re buang ka tsone. Se se botlhokwa gone fa ke gore, re lemoge gore bana ba basetsana ba amiwa ke dikgang tse di ntsi tse di ba busetsang kwa morago go gaisa bana ba basimane fa re lebelela mo dikgannyeng tsa mmereko le itsholelo. *That is why it is important for us to ensure* gore re nne *inclusive* mo baneng ba basetsana.

Go ne ga buiwa ka *youth centres* gore di ye kwa dikgaolong...

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Clarification

**MS CHOMBO:** One minute.

**MR HUNYEP:** Point of clarification. Thank you, Madam Speaker. Thank you Honourable Chombo. *Ke tlhalose fela* gore the recent results in some past few years and even the current ones, *di supa* gore kwa Junior Certificate in Education (JCE) and Botswana General Certificate in Secondary Education (BGCSE) *bana ba basetsana* are leading. So, it is based on the result that we have. Thank you.

**MS CHOMBO:** *Thank you very much Honourable Members for that clarity*. Ke tsaya gore ba e gateletse le bone.

*Honourable Atamelang* o ne a kopa gore *we leverage* thata *in the districts* tsa rona go ka thusa *not only to implement projects*. Go ka netefatsa gore re *collect data* e e ka re thusang gore re *program*, ke tsaya gore *that is a very incredible suggestion*. Re mo tseleng ya go ka baakanya gore *districts* tsa rona di *operate* jang, di *report* jang mme e bile ba re thuse ka *implementation* ya ditiro tsa rona.

O ne a bua ka *the procurement quota* gore e se ka ya nna *for Government procurement fela*, re netefatse gore re e *spread across areas of development*, a supa jaaka bo go abiwa ga ditsha jalojalo. Ke tsaya gore ke kgang e e molemo, e e leng gore re tlaa e tsibogela.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Clarification.

**MS CHOMBO:** Ke ka wetsa fa go *Honourable Atamelang, I will give you one minute*. O ne a bua ka *to support the creative sector*. Re tlaa itemogela gore mo *policy* ya rona, go na le *component* ya *creative sector* e re lemogang gore *this is a sector that is lucrative for young people*.

Fa o ka lemoga, *our True North* ga e bue fela ka *a diversified economy and export-led economy, it also talks about where every citizen is employed, empowered and fulfilled. So, fulfilment is a very important component*. Mo bananeng, *fulfilment* eo, e tswa mo go reng ba dire ditiro tse ba di kgatlhegelang, nngwe ya tsone e le *the creative sector*. O ne a kopa gore *15 per cent* wa *Alcohol Levy* a isiwe kwa *Youth Development*, ke ratile kakgelo eo.

**MR LEKAU:** *Clarification*. Ke a leboga *Minister*, o e tshwere sentle. Kana go ne go le bothokwa gore e ka bo e re o *respond* jaana, e bo re bona go tletse banana mo Palamenteng ba tla go go tsaya ka tlhwaafalo jaaka e re fa ba kgopisegile gongwe a bo ba tla go tlaa. Selo se re ka bo re se bona gore ba *provide a balanced opportunity for you* gore le wena o ba fetole ba le fa ba reeditse, e seng mo seromamoweng. Ke a leboga.

**MS CHOMBO:** Ga ke *sure* gore a o ne a tshwaela ka banana ba ba mo Palamenteng kana ba Botswana. Ke utlwa go buiwa ka bo *Honourable Kaizer*. Ke tseye nako e go lemoga gore banana ba ba neng ba tlile maabane mo Palamenteng go supa *their support for this policy and I want to thank and commend them*.

Ke tsena mo dikganyeng tsa ga *Honourable Ntlhaile*. O ne a *commend the technology and digitisation component* e e leng gore e bothokwa thata. Mo bogompioneng *technology is central to the economy*, ga se kgang e re ka e beelang kwa thoko. O ne a bua gape ka *Centres of Excellence* le *Youth Centres* kwa dikgaolong go netefatsa gore *we expand our services* e bile go nne le *that access* kwa dikgaolong, ke kgang e re berekang thata mo go yone.

*Honourable Mapulanga* o ne a bua ka *Technical and Vocational Training* kwa dikgaolong gore re atumele. Ke kakgelo e e molemo e leng gore rona le *Minister*

Maele re tlaa e baakanya. O ne a bua gape ka go kopa P20 000 000. Ke tlaa fetisetsa kopo eo ya P20 000 000 wa *stadium* kwa go *Honourable Kelebeng*. Gape ke dumalana le wena ka gore *the creative sector is the key sector* jaaka ke ne ke setse ke buile.

**MR SEGOKGO:** *Clarification*. Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*, ke bo ke go leboge Tona, o e tshwere sentle fela thata. Kana tota ga re a nna le *chance* ya go buisa *policy* e fa e santse e buiwa. Ke *ride* mo go *Honourable Maele* gore gakere mme o tlhomamisetsa banana ba lefatshe la Botswana gore *after this policy* gongwe re tlaa *transition into* mo gotweng ke *Youth Act* e e leng gore *it is a proper framework* jaaka kwa South Africa le bo Kenya kwa e leng gore go na le *a clear Act* e e leng gore ke ya banana? Mo godimo ga moo jaaka re ntse re tsamaya re baakanya melao jaana, re bo re tshwana le kwa bo Kenya kwa e leng gore *it is very clear and explicit*. Bone e bile ba e tsentsa mo Molaomotheong fela gore *youth as a distinct group, participation* mo *political social and economic life*, ke gore *committing ourselves* mo Molaomotheong gore banana re ba tseye re ba ise kwa mankalengkaleng. Ke a leboga.

**MS CHOMBO:** Ke a leboga fela thata. Ke dumalana le wena. Jaaka ke setse ke buile, *the Youth Development Act* e tlaabo e tla mo Palamenteng e. Ke ka supa gore re setse re simolotse *the process of requesting Cabinet to draft for Youth Development Act* e bile re tlaabo re ntse re buisana le Mapalamente fa re e aga gore le se ka la tla la e bona fela mo Palamenteng e goroga fa.

Ke tsena mo dikganyeng tsa ga *Honourable Furniture*, o ne a batla go *elucidate* but ke gorogile kwa dikganyeng tsa gagwe kwa e leng gore o ne a bua gore *the Youth Parliament should be followed through. Indeed, we should establish the Youth Parliament and I must note* gore *this is an initiative that young people have been calling for, for a very long time*. Ke kgang e e leng gore re e tsaya tsia. Re ya go netefatsa gore *we enforce it* ka gore o fitlhela ba dumela gore dikgang tsa bone ga di goroge *at the highest levels of development*. Kgang eo e ke nnete ka gore *the process of consulting young people up to the level of making decision, you find that sometimes* dikgang tsa bone di latlhega *down the cracks*. Ke itumelela gore re na le batlotlegi ba e leng gore *are youth conscious*. Ka dinako tse dingwe dikgang tsa banana di latlhega *down the cracks, that is why is it is important for us to establish the Youth Parliament and institutions* tse e leng gore ba ka itseela ditshwetso tsa bone.

## Motion

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Elucidation.

**MS CHOMBO:** *One minute. Sorry! I apologise Madam Speaker, I see that my time is running up. I am so sorry.*

Ke tsena mo dikganyeng tsa ga Honourable Bogatsu yo e leng gore tota o *support the globalisation component* ya gore *our young people should be globally competitive*. Ke kgang e e botlhokwa. *We have noticed our young people being globally competitive in the creative sector, case in point myself. An example is also with Letsile Tebogo in the sport sector. Re eletsa gore e nne across all sectors, e nne banana in business, creative sector and leadership, they should be globally competitive.*

Honourable Lekutlane o ne a re re fokotse *the stigma that is in rural areas*. Ke dumalana le kgang eo. Re tlaa tswelela ka go ruta banana botlhokwa jwa thuto kwa dikgaolong. Re tlaa itemogela gore *policy* ya rona e bua ka *rural inclusion*. E itemogela dikgang tse e leng gore ke tsa banana ba farologane, ba ba nnang mo Gaborone, ba ba mo ditoropong, ba ba kwa dikgaolong, ba basetsana le basimane ka dingwaga ka go farologana, ba ba nang le mmereko, ba ba senang mmereko jalojalo. Re ne re tsere nako go netefatsa gore re buelela banana botlhe.

Tsa ga Honourable Kaizer, *I will just like to advise him to revisit the policy. I think that fa a ka e bala sentle, o tlaa tlhaloganya gore statistics tseo tsa reng. Ke ka a fa sekai fela fa a bua gore statistics tsa rona ga di make sense a a fa sekai ka 35 per cent, it read that, "35 per cent of leadership positions across Government will be given to young people."* E tlhamaletse gore *35 positions of leadership* kae. Le dipalopalo tse a neng a botsa ka tsone gore di raya jang, ke tsaya gore fa a ka tsaya nako a bala *policy* e, o tlaa kgona gore a di tlhaloganye.

Ke mo rotloetsa gore le dikgang tse re di begang mo Palamenteng, go botlhokwa gore di se ka tsa ntshiwa *out of context, not for any reason at all*. Kgang ya gore *3.6 per cent of the budget was only used*, ke a tshwaya gape gore e ne e le *3.6 per cent* o e leng gore e ne e le wa *Development Budget* ya IT *infrastructure* gore re tsamaye re tsenya *printers and computers* jalojalo. Re bona gore mo nakong ya bogompieno, re tshwanetse gore re *rationalise the way we spend* e bile ke kgang e e leng gore e molemo. Le fa re ne re sena *Development Budget* ya dikgang tsa banana, *we went out of way to seek private sector partnerships. We have signed to the Lucara Botswana* gore re *develop Youth Centre* kwa Molepolole. *We have just completed refurbishing Youth Centre* kwa Gantsi le fa re ne re sa fiwa letlole la *development for those issues*.

*Madam Speaker*, ke rata go leboga le batlotlegi ba bangwe. Ke leboge Honourable Nyatanga, *as well as Honourable Tokyo Modise*. Ba ne ba bua thata ka dikgang tsa *economic empowerment* le *data*. Ke tshwaya ka go leboga batlotlegi botlhe *Madam Speaker* ka gore rotlhe re dumalana gore *policy* e tota e tlhoka *implementation above all else*, e tlhoka gore go nne le *structures* tse di yang go netefatsa gore mongwe le mongwe o a *implement*.

Ke wetsa ka gore ke *policy* ya rona rotlhe, ga se ya Lephata la Banana. Le mo Palamenteng, melao e e leng gore re a e dira, ke rotloetsa Mapalamente gore ba nne ba tshwaela gore molao o, o thusa banana jang. Melao e e leng gore ga e thuse banana le yone ba kgone go nna le tshono ya go ka e busa.

Fa go ntse jalo *Madam Speaker*, ke tsaya nako e go leboga banana botlhe ba Botswana ba e leng gore ba re thusitse gore re tswe ka *policy* e. Ke lebogela nako ya bone, ba boa kgapetsakgapetsa re e baakanya. Ke leboga ba Lephata la Banana le Merero ya Bong gore e bo le bone ba tsere nako e ntsi ba aga *policy* e. Ke leboga Mapalamente ka dikakgelo tsa bone le lerato la bone mo dikgannyeng tsa banana. Ke leboga Matona ka gore ke itse gore ba ya go tsaya kgang e, ba ya go lemoga *their priorities in their various sectors and they will implement them without fail*.

*Madam Speaker, before I move, I also thank God* ka gore ke ene a re tlisitseng fa re leng teng fano, mme e bile o ya go re thusa gore re wele kwa re tshwanetseng go ya teng. *With that Madam Speaker, I move for the Adoption of the National Youth Policy of 2026-2036 and its implementation plan. I thank you.*

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

Question put and **agreed to**.

**ADOPTION OF THE PUBLIC  
ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE REPORT,  
SIXTY FIRST (61<sup>ST</sup>) MEETING 2021-2022  
ACCOUNTS**

**Motion**

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Order! Order! Honourable Members, I now call upon the Honourable Chairperson of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) to present.

**CHAIRPERSON OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE (MR LUCAS):** Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Tota ga go na nako ya go shaba ka re bua ka dikgang tse gotweng seshabo.

*Madam Speaker*, ke tsaya sebaka seno go begela Palamente *report* ya Public Accounts Committee (PAC) ya bo 61, e e tlaabong e itebagantse le dingwaga tsa 2021 le 2022 tsa dibuka tsa madi tsa lefatshe la Botswana... (*Interruptions*)... Ke nnete e kwa morago.

Ke bo ke supe fela kwa tshimologong gore mo go yone komiti e ke na le bo *honourable* ba bangwe, ba se ka ba tla ba ikutlwa le bone e ka re ba tlogetswe kwa ntle. Ke na le *Honourable* Jacobs, *Honourable* Digwa, *Honourable* Monageng, *Honourable* Moalosi, *Honourable* Kekgonegile, *Honourable* Lesedi, *Honourable* Mabeo, *Honourable* Motaosane le *Honourable* Phologolo. Mo tirong ya rona re thusiwa thata ke *the three* AGs, ke bone ba *support* tiro ya rona, ke *Attorney General*, *Accountant General*, *as well as the Auditor General*. Ke ne ke re ke simolole jalo ke supe gore re tshela ka tsela e e ntseng jalo.

Tiro ya rona e tona ke go lebelela le go sekaseka dibuka tsa madi tsa Puso. Re sekaseka jalo re lebile dibuka tse tharo kgotsa menangwana e meraro e e leng gore ke yone e tsenyang dikgang tse di amang dibuka tsa madi tsa Puso. Re lebelela pele Annual Statements of Accounts e e kwa PAC re e bitsa re re ke ASA, ke buka fela e tona e batlile go lekana le Furniture a eme ka dinao. Go tswa foo re a bo re lebile *special funds*, *specific fund orders* tse o di fitlhelang di le teng mo lefatsheng la Botswana. Re bo re lebelela *the Auditor General's Report* ya ngwaga one oo. Gongwe go tlhlofatsa kgang e ke supe gore PAC e tsene, ke gore kwa tshimologong *Accountant General* o tshwanetse *to produce* ASA gore jaanong ba *Auditor General* le bone ba tle ba kgone *to produce Auditor General's Report*. *After they have produced Auditor General's Report*, go raya gore jaanong ke gone fa PAC e ka tsenang.

Tlhaloso mo bogompionong ke gore *Auditor General* o santse a ntshitse *report* ya 2021/2022 ka gore *Accountant General* o ne a ise a ntshe ASA ya dingwaga tse di latelang. *So* ba a bereka, ba *Auditor General*, mo go yone ya 2022/2023, tsholofelo ke gore re tlaa re re ise re phatlalale, ba *Auditor General* ba bo ba tlisitse *report* ya bone gore e tle e re kgontshe gore re le PAC re kopane. Fa ba sa e tlisa, go raya gore ga re ka ke ra kopana ka gore tiro ya rona e remeletse thata mo go reng re bo re lebile *reports* tseo. Fa ke tswela pele ke supe fela gore maikaelelo a matona a PAC ke one a gongwe lotlhe le a itseng a gore re sekaseke dibuka tsa Puso tsa madi, mme re tlhlofatsa gape gore dilo di direlwa mo pontsheng, mongwe le mongwe o tsaya boikarabelo mo tirong ya go dirisa madi a lefatshe la Botswana.

Re supa gape gore *mandate* o mongwe wa rona ke go tlhlofatsa gore madi a a ntshiwang mo lefatsheng la Botswana, a ntshiwa ke Puso gore a dirisiwa ka tsela e e leng gore maduo a teng a a bonala mo matshelelong a Botswana. Ke tiro e tona e re tshwaraganeng le yone re le PAC. Le gakologelwe gore komiti yone e ke *extension* ya lona le le Palamente.

Mma ke supe gore ke nnete gore re lebile dibuka tsa 2021/2022, kana go raya gore re saletse kwa morago ka dingwaga di le tharo. Go dirwa ke mabaka a ke neng ke a bua gore *Accountant General* le *Auditor General*, ba tshwanetse pele ba ntshe *report* gore re tle re kgone go kopana re le PAC, *so* re santse re le mo dibukeng tsa 2021/2022.

Mo tirong ya rona re ne ra sekaseka Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) di le 31. Re dupa dibuka tsa bone fela jalo, re sekaseka ka fa ba berekang ka teng. *Approach* e re neng re e dirisa ke e e neng e le gore ga re tsamaye fela re lebelela diphoso tsa gore thebe o o ne a ya kae, re ne ra tsamaya gape re lebelela ditsamaiso, *governance structures* tse di leng teng tse di laolang tiriso ya madi, melao e e tsamaelanang le tiriso ya madi a setšhaba. Melao e e simolola fela ka *Constitution of the Republic of Botswana* gore ya reng ka tiriso ya madi a setšhaba, go bo go tsena Public Finance Management Act, Public Audit Act, Public Procurement Act le *other financial regulations* tse di leng teng, re a bo re di leba gore re tle re kgone go supa, re bo re dupe re sekaseke dibuka tsa setšhaba. Ke tse e neng e le gore re itsheegile ka tsone fa re dira tiro ya rona e.

Sengwe sa dilo tse re di etseng tlhoko, tse ke dumelang gore le ba ba neng ba tla pele ga me e le Badulasetilo ba tlaa di supa, ke gore golo fa go dikgang di le mmalwanyana. Ba ba tlileng pele ga me e ne e le *Honourable* Dithapelo Keorapetse le *Honourable* Wynter Mmolotsi. *Honourable* Keorapetse 59<sup>th</sup> PAC, *Honourable* Mmolotsi ke tsaya gore ene ke wa 60<sup>th</sup> PAC. Tse ke di buang fa le bone ba a di itse, ke tsaya gore ba tlaa di tlatse bakaulengwe.

Sa nthla go lebelega gore MDAs ga di tseye thata PAC ka tlhwaafalo ka gore *recommendations and resolutions* tse di neelwang bodiredi jwa Puso, gantsi *are not attended*, kgotsa ga di salwe morago go fitlhelela fa gongwe dibeke tse pedi kgotsa tse tharo pele ga PAC e nngwe e reetsa kgotsa e *examine* dibuka.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Clarification.

**MR LUCAS:** Ee rra, tota mme *clarification* ke tlaabo ke ganeletse thata mo go ba ke nang le bone kwa PAC, mme ke a go neela motsotsonyana.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Ke ne ke re golo ga...

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nnyaa.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Mma ke go itumelele...

**MADAM SPEAKER:** *Honourable* Moswaane, o tshwanetse go emela gore ke go supe gore go gatisiwe gore go bua wena.

**ASSISTANT MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS (MR MOSWAANE):** Ehe, re bolokeng nako, ke a dumela. *Thank you.* Ke ne ke re ke go akgole thata Modulasetilo. O *clarify* ka gore maloba le ne le tshwere tiro sentle ka botswerere, mme jaanong Batswana ba le ba ntsi ba dumela gore diposo tse di bonalang kwa o kare ke tsa Puso ya UDC, ba sa tlhaloganye gore le dira dibuka tsele tsa Domkrag. Golo fa ke batla gore o go tlhaloganye. *Thank you.*

**MR LUCAS:** Ke e utlwile, ke nnete gore re dira dibuka tsa 2021/2022, fa o batla go di neela Domkrag, ka gone go lebege e le tsa yone, re ka dira jalo... (*Interruptions*)... Kgang e tona ke gore re buile ngwaga, ke tsaya gore Batswana ba a tlhaloganya.

Ke ne ke santse ke supa gore o kare bodiredi fa o lebile seemo sentle, ga ba tseye PAC ka tlhwaafalo, e bile ba *attend* dikgang tse di mo *report* ba utlwa gotwe PAC e ya go kopana, ke gone go tabogiwa jaanong gore go lekiwe go baakanngwa dibuka kgotsa go salwe morago *recommendations*, golo mo go a tshwenya fela thata.

**MR MONAGENG:** *Elucidation.* Tanki *Madam Speaker.* Kana eo ya gore *the Accounting Officers* le ba bangwe fela ga ba *attend issues* ka nako, a ga o bone *Chairperson* gore gongwe dilo tse dingwe di ka diragala botoka fa nne PAC e kopana kgapetsa-kgapetsa? Re kopana gangwefela mo ngwageng, re bo re fitlhela tiro e kgoane re sa kgone go e fetsa. O ne o nkisitse kwa South Africa kwa *conference*, mafatshe a mangwe a kopana gararo, ga *four* mo ngwageng. A ga o bone go tlhokafala gore re kopane kgapetsakgapetsa?

**MR LUCAS:** O bua nnete, le nna ke eletsja jalo gore re ne re ka kopana ga mmalwanyana. Se o ka se lemogang ke gore mo bogompionong, bothata jwa go kopana, fa gongwe e nna bothata jwa sepatšhe sa ga *Honourable* Gaolathe. Fa gongwe fa le kopa go kopana e nna kgang

ya gore, o kare jaanong madi a *sitting* ga a yo. Re bile ra ba ra kopa gore bogolo ke eng re sa tsene fela go sena *sitting* re santse re emetse karabo, mme ke nngwe ya dikgang tse di tshwenyang gore bodiredi ga bo tseye ka tlhwaafalo ya *resolutions* tseo.

Se sengwe sa bobedi ke gore, bothata jo bo supilweng ke *Honourable* Keorapetse, 59<sup>th</sup> PAC, jo bo supilweng ke *Honourable* Mmolotsi, 60<sup>th</sup> PAC, bo ntse bo a *re-appear* mo dibukeng. Ke gore bo ntse bo a *repeat* fela jaaka o kare ga go na PAC, e kete ga go na sepe se se diragalang mabapi le gore e re fa go sena go bonwa diposo di baakanngwe. Diposo tse di neng di ntse di le teng, *long standing weaknesses and challenges*, di lebege di ntse di le teng mo *report* ya 2021/2022. Ke sengwe se se tshwenyang thata, se re se etse tlhoko.

Go supafala gore, gore batho ba bo ba nna e kete ba nna loleya jalo, bogolo jang bodiredi, ke gore ba lemogile gore PAC tota ga e na dithata-semolao, tsa gore e re fa motho a dirile phoso a bo a ka salwa morago ke PAC ka sebele. Gore motho yoo a salwe morago ke gore dikgang tse di bo di isiwa kwa mphanteng a mangwe, PAC ka sebele e sena dithata tseo. Go raya gore ba bangwe jaanong ba lemoga gore nnyaa, ke PAC, e tlaa re omanyetsa sele le sele, e ba e leka go re kopa gore re dire sele le sele, mme fa re sa se dira, ga go na ditlamorago tse di kalo.

Mma ke supe gape gore kana re mo 2021/2022 *accounts*, ke nne ke e gatelele gore Rre Moswaane a itumelele thata. Re mo go tsone, mme go supa gore *accounts* tse tsa 2021/2022, *were qualified*. Ke gore fa gotwe *they are qualified*, ga go tewe gore di siame ka puo e ya madi. Fa gotwe *they are qualified*, go tewa gore ga di kgotsofatse, ke gore gongwe di feitse ka puo e nngwe. Fa e le *President* Boko ene o ka bua *language* ya kwa Maun, mme ga ke batle go e tsenya. Go supa gore ga di kgotsofatse, e bile ba *Auditor General's Report* ga ba di itumelele gotlhelele, ba supa gore di bokoa *accounts* tseo tse di fetileng mo dingwageng.

Mma ke supe gape gore, se se tshwenyang le go feta ke gore ba *Auditor General* ba supa gore e ne e le ngwaga wa bo *seven* ba tlhomaganya dibuka tse di ntse di le *qualified*. *Seven consecutive years*, e le gore dibuka tse *are qualified*.

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

**MR LUCAS:** Ee, ke tsaya gore *Honourable* Moswaane...

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Clarification.

**MR LUCAS:** Ee, mme ke ne ke batlile thatathata bale ba ke berekang le bone, lona le tlaa tla le bua morago.

**MR LEKAU:** *Clarification.* Ke batla tlhaloso fela gore, batho ba jaaka go supafala gore ga ba tseye tsia *recommendations*, le na le meno a le kana kang fela go loma lephata le le sa tseyeng tsia dikgang tse?

**MR LUCAS:** Tota go lebega meno a rona a se bogale, a ne a ka dirwa bogale ke molao o o re neelang dithata. Jaaka gotwe kwa mafelong a mangwe PAC ka boyone fela e kgona gore e re, nnyaa mme ka fa o sentseng ka teng wena o atholwa se le se, fela jalo go bo go raya gore go tsamaya jalo. Mo go rona ke gore re tshwanetse re ye *to report* kwa maphateng a a lebaneng, kwa *police* kgotsa kwa Directorate on Corruption and Economic Crime (DCEC), kgotsa re ye go *report* kwa *Ombudsman* fela jalo. Meno a rona ga se gore a bogale thata.

Ke batla gore *note* se bakaulengwe gore ngwaga o, e ne e le wa bosupa ka tlhomagano e le gore re nna le dibuka *which they are qualified*. Ke batla gore lona ba le seng ba madi, le tlhaloganye gore fa gotwe *they are qualified*, ga go tewe gore di siame, go tewa gore di bokoa, ga di kgotsofatse.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Clarification.

**MR LUCAS:** Mma ke fete ka e pele *Honourable Phologolo Auditor General* a re *the reason why* dibuka tse di le *qualified*, a re go na le mabaka a e tlaa reng moragonyana ke bo ke neela bakaulengwe. A re mo dibukeng tse, mo bukeng e tona ya Puso e ke neng ke e bua ke re e batlile go lekana le Furniture a eme ka dinao, ya ASA, a re mo teng go na le *assets* tsa Puso tse di sa kwalwang mo teng. Ke gore di seyo mo teng, e kete ga se dithoto tsa Puso. Nngwe ya tsone e le sekai fela, e ne e le Tautona Lodge. Go bo go nna le e nngwe ya Public Debt Participation Fund, e e leng gore ke Loan Book ya Puso ya 2012, ga e bonale mo dibukeng tsa Puso. Jaanong bale ba *Auditor General* ba re, nnyaa ga re ka ke ra fetisa re sa itse sentle gore Tautona Lodge ke eng a seyo mo bukeng e gotweng ASA e, ke eng Public Debt Participation Fund e seyo mo bukeng e. Ke dikgang tse re neng ra di sala morago ka boleejana.

Ba supa gape gore, fa gongwe go kgona go duelwa batho, mme go sena *documentation* e e lekaneng, ke gore *invoices* tse di tshwanetseng gore batho ba duelwe. Ba re ke sengwe se se tshwenyang thata, se ba se bonang mo tsamaisong ya dibuka tsa Puso. Ba supa gore gape

go na le *issues* tse di amang *the management of the payroll*. Ba supa gore go na le *overpayment of salaries* tse ba sa itseng gore tota jaanong fa di le kanakana, di dirwa ke eng. Ba supa gore *overpayment of salaries* fela ka ngwaga wa 2021/2022, e ne e le P19.5 million. Ke gore e le madi a e leng gore batho ba duetswe ba ne ba sa tshwanela go duelwa, mme ba duelwa madi a a kalokalo.

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

**MR LUCAS:** Go supafala gore *the main culprits* ba o kareng ba tshabelelwa ke *overpayment*, ke *Ministry of Education* le *Ministry of Health*. *Education alone around P10 million overpayment, Health ke P6 million overpayment of salaries*. Ke sengwe sa dilo tse ba supang gore, ga o ka ke wa fetisa dibuka wa re di *unqualified* di supa dikgang tse di ntseng jaana.

Go supa gore go na le batho ba le bantsi ba ba tsayang *imprest*, mme ba bo ba tsaya dikgwedikgwedi kana dingwagangwaga ba sa e duele, mme ba ntse ba le teng mo *circulation* ya Puso. Ba bangwe ba bo ba tswe mo tironng (*retire*), ba tlogela ba sa duela *imprest*.

**MR PHOLOGOLO:** *Elucidation.* *Thank you very much Honourable Chairperson of the PAC. Honourable Chairperson*, kgang ya gore o itemogetse eng, a seo se supa gore gongwe ga go na *consequence management*? Ke sone se e leng gore le motho a sa dira boikarabelo jo bo tseneletseng, ga go na ope yo o mo tselang dikgato.

Se sengwe gape se ke batlang se papamala ke gore, ka gore *this PAC* fa e le *in session* ke dumela gore e a bo e lebeleletse segolo jang ke maphata le *agencies* tse di maleba, a o raya gore mo tironng yotlhe e o neng o e dira, go ne go sena tse e leng gore gongwe re ka bo re utlwa ba sepodise ba tsiobetse dilo dingwe, e le gore *they picked them from the examinations* tsa PAC? Ba tlhodumela dikgang tse dingwe, ba bo DCEC fela jalo. Ke a leboga.

**MR LUCAS:** O bua nnete rraetsho gore dikgang tse di a tshwenya, ka gore ga go na *consequence management*. Ke sengwe sa dilo tse e tlaa reng fa ke tsweletse ke fete ka yone. Ka gore o kare *consequence management* ka fa re bonang ka teng mo PAC, e dirisiwa fela fa go ama bakgweetsi ba Puso. Ke bone ba e leng gore fa o thudile ka koloi o mo mathateng, mme fa o le modirelapuso yo o kwa *accounts*, e le gore *you made an irregular payment*, ga go na dikgato tse di tsewang. Ka jalo, go raya gore, jaanong batho ba tswelela ba dira diphoso,

*overpaying batho, not recovering imprest* mo bathong, mme go bo go tswelela fela e kete ga go na molato. Ke nngwe ya dikgang tse di bothokwa thata tse ke reng, re tshwanetse gore re di supe.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Clarification.

**MR LUCAS:** Mme re riane *Honourable Mmolotsi*, re tabogenyana.

**MR MAPULANGA:** *On a point of procedure.* Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*, ke kope maitshwarelo *Honourable Lucas*. Le fa ditsamaiso di letla *Madam Speaker*, *sometimes* ga re re letle *report to be presented* re kgone go tla *to debate*. Ke sa itse gore re ka kopa jang bakaulengwe, gore gongwe *these interjections* di ka nama di eme pele, re utlwe *report*, e wele sentle. Re tle re *debate with confidence* le *content* e re e amogetseng ka yone. Ka gore *there are too many interventions*, ga re kgone go utlwa *the flow*.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** *Honourable Members*, a re reetseng *report*, *otherwise* ga e na *to flow*, le lona ga le na go utlwa.

**MR LUCAS:** Tanki. *Madam Speaker*, fa o supa batho go bua, o se ka wa tlogela ba garona ba PAC kwa morago ka gore ba lebega ba batla go tlatsa.

Sengwe se ba *Auditor General* ba se supang ke gore, go na le *unaccounted Government stocks*, dithoto fela e le tsa Puso di rekilwe gongwe gotwe ke ditante kana eng fela jalo, e bo e re kwa morago o bo o fitlhela e le gore ga diyo, mme ga go na ope yo o itseng gore di ile kae. E bo e le gore gape ga go tsewe kgato fa go ntse jalo

Gape jaaka o ne o bua, go supafala gore *there is no consequence for irregular payments* fa batho ba dirile jalo. Batho fa ba duetse batho madi a ba sa tshwanelang go a ba duela, ga ba ke ba salwa morago.

Sengwe gape se se tshwenyang, se re se lemogileng ke gore, go nna go na le kgang ya gore *Government information systems* tse di tshwanang le bo Government Accounting and Budgeting System (GABS) e nna e nna seipato sa gore, ke eng dilo di sa dirwe sentle, ka gore go kile ga nna lebaka mo nakong e e fetileng mo go neng gotwe GABS ga e bereke. Go raya gore *Accountant General* o palelwa ke *to produce reports* tsa ASA. Golo mo ba *Auditor General* ba re go tshwenya fela thata.

Tse dingwe ke tse di amang *Special Funds*, mo o fitlhelang e le gore mo bukeng ya madi go supa gore *Special Fund* e kwadilwe gore e na le madi, fa go

tshwanetse gore go iwe kwa mading, go fitlhelwa e le gore *Minister has authorised* gore a dirisiwe mo go se sele. Jaanong go raya gore e nna mokwalo fela mme madi a seyo mo dibukeng tseo tsa *Special Funds*. E le dingwe tse di neng di supa di tshwenya fela thata.

Mo godimo ga moo, go supa gore ka one mabaka a a ditsamaiso tse di sa lolamang, tse di sa tlhapang, *projects* tse dintsi tsa Puso *across the* 31 MDAs, di a diega. Ga di nke di diragadiwa ka nako. *Actually*, fa e le gore go na le tse di diragaditsweng ka nako, *there are very few*. Bontsi jwa tsone ga di diragadiwe ka nako, *particularly infrastructure projects*. Gone moo go raya eng; go raya gore go nna le mo gotweng *cost overruns*. Go raya gore jaanong di nna turu le go gaisa jaaka di simolotse di ntse. *A case in point is a project in Kanye*, e e leng gore Rre Phologolo fa a re o bua ka yone, o putsaputsa dikeledi, e *originally* e simolotseng madi a yone e le *around P900 million*. Jaanong fa re neng re le teng e ne e tsamaya *around P2.7 billion*. Jaanong se se neng se re tshwenya le go gaisa ke gore, fa gongwe *these variations* tsa *scope* le *cost*, di dirwa jalo, mme go lebega *Ministry of Finance* go sena fa o tsenang teng, mme e le dikgang tse di amang madi a a boitshegang. *Permanent Secretaries* le *Directors* tsa bone *will authorise a scope variation*, go bo go duelwa, *Finance* e sa itse sepe. Ga ke itse gore a tsala ya me Ndaba Gaolathe o ka letlelela dilo tseo, mme fela gone go ne go diragala jalo ka nako eo. Go lebega dikompone di dirisa *variations* tse go dira madi. Ba diega ka bomo gore ba tle ba dire *variation, variation* e bo e le yone e ba duelang madi *more than double they quoted* kwa tshimologong. Bokwetsepe jwa teng bone bo nna jalo. Ke nngwe ya dingwe tse di tshwentseng thata gore *projects* di a diega.

Tse dingwe *projects across the MDAs are just abandoned*. *Project* e latlhilwe, go se na ope yo o supang kgatlhego mo go yone gape, mme e le *projects* tsa Puso. E re fa o botsa gore *project* e la reng ka yone, go bo gotwe, re ntse re a sekaseka, mme e na le *five, six years* e lebega e latlhilwe. Gone foo o sa itse gore gatwe go diragala jang.

Gape Puso e latlhelwa ke madi a mantsi ka gore e a sekisiwa ke *staff*, dikonteraka le batho ba ba tsayang gore ga ba a tsewa sentle le kwa dipateleng. Madi a teng a boitshega. Nako le nako fa ba mpolelela ba *Auditor General* ba re, madi a teng a *litigation* a a neng a buiwa ke *Permanent Secretary*, kwa *health* fela *amount into several millions*. Ke bua fela jalo ke re *several millions*, madi a teng le wena fa o a utlwa o tsamaya e kete ga o a dumele, mme e le gore ke *litigation*. Fa gongwe

gape ke dikonteraka tse di dumelang gore *tender* ga e a tsamaisiwa sentle. Dikonteraka tseo *then claim* madi a a seng kana ka sepe mo Pusong. E nngwe ya tsone ke e e amang Water Utilities Corporation, e e leng gore madi a teng *was over P100 million* e ba a duelwang ba ise ba ko ba kgome tiro epe fela. Ke re ke dingwe tsa dilo tse di teng, mme o di bona *across the ministries*. Ke dilo tse di tshwenyang fela thata.

Sengwe se ke batlang gore gongwe re se ele tlhoko ke gore, mo *the report* e ke dumelang gore re le e romeletse, *in each of the 31 MDAs*, re supile gore *challenge* ya nna eng, *we recommend* eng. Ga ke ka ke ka di sala morago ka bongwe ka bongwe, le tlaa di okomela ka bongwe ka bongwe gone foo. Re dira jaana ka tsholofelo ya gore, e tlaa re morago bontsi jwa tsone *recommendations* tseo, di bo di kgona gore di salwe morago, di kgone go diragadiwa ka tsela e gongwe re neng re e akantse. Re a itemogela gore, go na le bothata gore go tswa morago ga go ise go nne le *culture* eo ya gore dilo di diragadiwe. Ke sone se o neng o bona fa gongwe fa re solofela gore *Accounting Officer* ke ene *that we will be examining* kwa, o tliša mongwe fela yoo a tlaabong gongwe a mo kgethile, ene a bo a sa tle. Re ne ra nna bogalenyana mo dikgannyeng tse di ntseng jalo gore, *we are not going to examine* ope yo o sa saenang dibuka. Ke a itse gore go ne go ntse go na le dikgannyana tsa gore, go raya gore jaanong *we are reported* kwa go ba amegang gotwe, re bogale thata, go buiwa dikgang tse dingwe. *The Accounting Officers*, ka gore *the buck stops with them*, ba tshwanetse gore e nne bone ba ba tlaabong ba arabela dibuka tsa Puso. Re kwadile *in each of the MDAs* gore tota mme re akanya gore go ka dirwa eng. Ke dikgang tse bontsi jwa tsone re tlaa di salang morago.

Tse dingwe tsa tsone ga di salwe morago ke rona, re ka di sala morago *through our Secretariat*, mme gape tse dingwe di ka salwa morago ka dikomiti tse dingwe tsa Palamente. Go raya gore fa *report* e setse e fetile mme go na le tse re lemogang gore tse ke tsa Dikomiti tsa Palamente tse di rileng, re ka thusa gore dikomiti tsa Palamente ba sale dikgang tsa teng morago. Tse dingwe tsa tsone ke tse e leng gore *we have to recommend* gone *on the report*, gore e kgang le fa o utlwa gotwe dilo, ke ya DCEC. *Recommending* mo go yone *report* e re le e begelang gompiano. Ke nngwe ya tse re di dirileng. Tse dingwe ke tse o bonang fela gore mo ke lekwetsepe le le batlang *police*. Tse dingwe ke tse o bonang gore di batla go boela kwa *Auditor General*, ba dire mo gotweng *value for money audit*, ba tle ba re e neele, re tle re utlwe gore seemo ke eng.

**MR BARONGWANG:** *On a point of elucidation.* Honourable Lucas, tota ga me e ne e le kgakololo fela gore, jaaka o ntse o bua jaana, o tshalosetse bareetsi kwa lelwapeng gore kana re bua ka dibuka tsa 2020/2021, ka gore ba bangwe ba tloga ba tsaya gore ke dikgang tsa Puso e re leng mo go yone. Ke kgakololo fela...

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Honourable Barongwang, nna fa fatshe.

**ASSISTANT MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR MOTSAMAI):** *Elucidation.* Ke a leboga. Ka bofelo fela, ke ne ke re Modulasetilo wa Komiti, ke mo tlatse thata mo kgannyeng e a reng o kare ga ba na meno. Totatota ke a tle ke utlwe e re ba bua ba le kwa komiting, e bo e kete o ka supa fela jaana a re wena ka thata ya me, ya go lala *three days* o tle o tle go re araba ka letsatsi la bone. Ke a leboga.

**MR LUCAS:** Honourable Barongwang, ke dumalana le wena, Rre Moswaane o ne a setse a e buile gore dibuka tse ke tsa 2021/22. E bile re ne re tsamaya le fa re sa *recommend*, re akanya gore kana *we are an extension of Parliament*, gongwe Palamente e golo gongwe le yone e ka akanya go pateletsa gore dibuka tse di nne mo dingwageng tse di tshwanetseng. Ka fa re tsamayang ka teng, go raya gore ka 2029 fa go le ditlhopho, e tlaabo e le gone re simololang dibuka tsa Goromente yo mosha tsa 2024/25. O a bona gore jaanong golo ga teng go nna boatlanyana ka gore re tshwanetse gore golo gongwe dibuka tsa Goromente yo o tseneng, di lebelelwe a santse a le mo Pusong? Ga go na molato, eo ke kgang ya lona e le ka e sekasekang bakaulengwe. E se ka ya nna ya rona ka gore e bile re ne re sa e *recommend*, mme lona le teng, ke lona beng ba kgang, le ka dira tiro yone ya go nna jalo.

Rre Motsamai a re ka fa go ntseng ka teng, e ne e kete o kare re le mo PAC re na le bo Honourable Phologolo, Honourable Monageng, Honourable Mabeo, gongwe ra supa motho ka monwana gore wena ya toronkong *three days*; ga re na dithata tseo. Fela ba bangwe bone ka fa o fitlhelang o kare ga ba a tlhoafala ka teng, o fitlhela e kete o ka mo raya jalo. Ke gakologelwa yo mongwe a bua gore kwa Kanye ba ne ba tsaya gore bothata jwa lentswe la teng ke 0.08 *per cent*. A re mme e rile ba ntse ba tlhola gape ba bona gore ke 80 *per cent*. Ke mmotsa gore ao! o raya gore wa re o siame o *engineer* sentle, o ka dira phoso ya 0.08 *per cent to 80 per cent*? A bo a re nnyaa, re ne re bona go ntse jalo. Ke re ke dingwe tsa dikgang tse di neng di tsamaya di re tshwenya fela thata. E bile re eletsa gore re ka nna le dithata tseo.

Ke dumela gore maloko a PAC le lona fela Mapalamente ka gore *we are an extension of yourselves*, ke lona ba e leng gore fa go na le sengwe sa go batla go re neela meno, a re se kopaneleng gore PAC le yone e tle e kgone go nna le meno gore e tle e kgone go supa tlhoafalo ya yone gone foo gore le badirelapuso ba tle ba e tseye ka tlhoafalo.

*Honourable* Monageng, o sale jaaka o supile keletso e kgolo ya go batla go bua.

**MR MONAGENG:** *Elucidation.* Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Fa ke tlatsa ka bo *seriousness* jwa *officers*, ke gore *you can imagine* re botsa *officer* gore sediba seo se ne sa duelwa bokae, a bo a re P1 *million*. O a gakologelwa?

**MR LUCAS:** Ee, didiba re a itse gore di ne di tura thata ka nako eo, tse dingwe di ne di tsamaya bo P2 *million*.

Ke ne ke re ka one mafoko ao *Madam Speaker*; ke ne ke kopa Ntlo e e tlotlegang e gore e amogele *report* ya bo 61 ya PAC *which covers 2021 to 2022* ya dibuka tsa madi ya lefatshe la Botswana. Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*.

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

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

**MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM (MR MMOLOTSI):** *Ke a leboga Madam Speaker*, e bile gape ke lebogela gore o bo o sa neela *Honourable* Hikuama, o a ne a emelela fela ka dipampiri tse di *yellow* a akanya gore go *obvious* o tshwanetse go neelwa.

*Report* ya ga *Honourable* Lucas e nonofile thata, e bile ke lebogela maloko a PAC *for the sterling job they continue to do*. Tota fela *I think* fa re leng teng mo nakong ya gompiano *Madam Speaker*, sengwe sa dilo tse re tshwanetseng go di leba, re di tsenya matlho sentle, ke gore jaaka ba ntse ba bua, tota PAC e ka nonotshiwa ka tsela e e ntseng jang gore e bo e ka kgona gore go se ka ga felela fela gone foo, ba bo ba ka tsamaela kwa pele go bona gore ba boledisa dikgang tse go ya go felela kae. *Unfortunately*, jaaka a sena go baya *report* e, tota ke moka e feletseng gone fa. Kana go raya gore tsholofelo ke gore mongwe o tshwanetse ke gore *on the basis of what they have reported*, a bo a ka *pick* sengwe mo teng, gongwe DCEC *or* mang a bo a ka kgona go tsewedisa kgang e. Fa ba sa dire jalo, go raya gore *it is a report* e e nnang fela gone fa, ga go na go diragala sepe ka

yone. Ke sone se ke dumalanang le gore, *I think moving forward*, re tshwanetse ke go dira sengwe go e neela dithata dingwe tse ba ka tsewedising dikgang tsa bone ba ya go di boela golo gongwe, mo go ka sologelang lefatshe molemo. E se ka ya nna o kare ba galefa fela kwa PAC, ba omana ba re *passop!* go tswa foo dikgang tsa teng di bo di felela fela mo phefong.

Go a tshwenya, e bile go ne go tshwenya *Madam Speaker* gore tota fela jaaka Mopalamente a bua, e bo e le gore re kgona go nna le *overpayment of salaries* tsa over P16 *million*. Ke dumela gore *Ministry of Finance* gompiano ke dingwe tsa dikgang tse ba tshwanetse ke go di emela ka dinao go bona gore diphatlha tse di ka thibiwa ka tsela e e ntseng jang. E bile re tshwanetse ke go *investigate* le gone go bona gore naare phatlha e e bulegileng, e bulegile fa kae.

Kana mathata a a leng teng jaaka ke ne ke le kwa PAC ke gore, fa gongwe motho o a *retire*, o tlaabo a duelwa fela dikgwedi go sa itsiwe gore o *retired*. Jaanong go tswa foo gore madi ao a tle a boe, go fitlhelwa e le gore motho yole fa gongwe ke *destitute*, ga a sa tlhole a na le se a ka busang madi ka sone. Kgantele madi a setšhaba a tsamaile fela ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. Ke gore *system* ya teng e ntse e se mo seemong se e ka kgonang go itse gore semang mang *retires* kgwedi e e fela, mme jaanong go raya gore *salary* ya gagwe e tshwanetse go ema. *I think we need to perfect our systems* gore di tsene mo seemong se di ka kgonang go itse gore *so and so is retiring* ka kgwedi ya gore, *last salary* ya gagwe ke e. *Otherwise*, re tlile go nna re iphitlhela re le mo seemong sone se mme ke dumela gore ba *Ministry of Finance* ke dingwe tse ba tshwanetse ke go di emela ka dinao.

Tota fela mo go Goromente mo gongwe go ne go senngwa fela, mo gongwe o bona gore go senngwa ka bomo. *In other instances*, o tlaa fitlhela e le gore go rekilwe dilo, mme ga di a goroga, *file* e teng foo, dipampiri ga di yo mo teng mme dilo di rekilwe, di nyeletse, ga di bonwe. *Therefore*, e nna dikgang fela tse di gakgamatsang. Ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, ke dumela gore *we need to do a lot* go bona gore *systems* tsa rona re di tsenya mo seemong se se siameng.

Sengwe sa dilo tse ke batlang gore Goromente yo moshana itebaganya le tsone, tse e leng gore *to me were very, very unfair and they are still very, very unfair*, ke gore re bo re *insure* dikoloi tsa ga Goromente ka mebele ya bakgweetsi ba tsone. *It is very, very unfair*. Dikhansela tsa lefatshe la Botswana *insured* dikoloi tsa tsone. Ke dumela gore Goromente le ene o tshwanetse ke to

*insure* dikoloi gore di se ka tsa nna *insured* ka mebele ya bakgweetsi. Gompieno bakgweetsi ba bangwe ba *retire* ba humanegile ka lebaka la gore o ne a dirile kotsi, a duela koloi e e turang madi a a seng kana ka sepe botshelo jwa gagwe jotlhe. *That thing I think* ba *Ministry of Transport* bo Rre Noah Salakae ba tshwanelwa ke go e emela ka dinao go bona gore mo gone re a go emisa. *Otherwise*, le rona *it would be very unfair* to babereki ba ga Goromente fa re ka dira jalo.

Se se ntseng se diragala gape se re tshwanelwang ke go bona gore se a ema jaaka *Honourable Lucas* a ne a bua, ke yone kgang ya *variations*. Ke gore motho *will tender* fela a itse gore ga ke ka ke ka kgona go ya go fetsa tiro ka madi a, a kwa tlase. E bo e le gore o *dira tendering* a bo a neelwa *tender* ya teng ka gore gatwe o kwa tlase, *and then what do they do*, ba tlaabo ba boela kwa ba re ga ke ka ke ka kgona go dira tiro e ka madi a, go raya gore go dirwa *variations*, e bo e le gore *he won a tender beating* ba bangwe ka gore *he priced* kwa tlase. Go tswa foo o ya go felela a feta bone batho bale ba a neng a ba ja kwa ka *price*. *These things must stop* ka lebaka la gore e ne e le tsela fela ya go senya, e re tshwanetseng go e emela ka dinao.

**MR LEKAU:** *Clarification Madam Speaker.* O e tshwere sentle *Honourable Member.* Gone moo, o ne o fitlhela e le gore bodirelapuso le bo rra-*tenders were conniving.* O fitlhela e le gore fa gongwe *deliberately a tender was designed* gore e ye go nna jalo. E tle e re fela fa o sena go e fenyaa, ke gone re tlaa dirang *these variations.* Go bo go raya gore ke ntlha nngwe ya go gopela itsholelo. Golo moo fa go ya kwa PAC, o bo o fitlhela e le gore fa ba botsa, e kare ba a ba kgopisa, gotwe le tshwenya badirelapuso. Ke a leboga.

**MR HUNYEPA:** *Clarification.* Ke a leboga Tona Wynter Mmolotsi. Ka mokgwa o o tlhalosang ka teng, ka tebo ya gago, gape le *Accountant General* le *Auditor General*, ba ganne *report* e. A mme o bona gore le Palamente e amogele *report* e e ntseng jaana, e re bonang gore go senngwa ka bomo?

**MR KAIZER:** Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker.* E ke neng ke e batlile go e bua, *Honourable Lekau* o fetile ka yone *Madam Speaker.* Ke a leboga.

**MR MMOLOTSI:** Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker.* Ke tsaya gore *conniving* go kgona gore go bo go le mo teng. Mma ke go bolelele sengwe sa dilo tse di sa intumediseng, gape tse e leng gore mo *report* e *Honourable Lucas*, o ne a feta ka tsone. *For example;*

go tlaabo gotwe go dirwa *standards.* Fa gongwe *standards* tsa go dira tiro nngwe, di direlwa mo goreng semangmang o teng yo re batlang gore e nne ene yo o fenyang tiro eo. *For example; borehole drilling,* go tlaa dirwa *standards* gotwe re batla *drill rig* e e kana, e e ntseng jaana, e le gore tota go lebilwe gore semangmang le semangmang, kgotsa semangmang ke ene yo o nang le yone fela. A bo e le gore kgang e felela e le gore didiba tsa ga Goromente, di epiwa ka P4 million, P5 million, *because* ga go na *competition*, ke semangmang fela yo o nang le *that particular equipment.* Dilo tse di tshwanelwa ke gore di emelwe ka dinao. Ke gore yone e o kgona go bona gore go na le mathata a matona. *Whether drill rig* e kima kana e tshesane, kwa bofelong jwa letsatsi, re batla metsi gore a tswe *underground.* *I always said to* bagaetsho ke ba raya ke re, ke gore fa o ya go epa sediba ka P5 million kana P4 million se bo se ntsha metsi, ke bo ke se epa ka P40, 000.00 se bo se ntsha metsi, gatwe pharologanyo ya metsi a ke eng? Ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, dilo tse ke tsone tse o bonang gore fa gongwe *standards* di dirwa go lebilwe bangwe batho. *Tenders* tsa ga Goromente *will benefit* bo semangmang ka lebaka la gore ba le bantsi ga ba na tsamaiso yone eo.

Ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, ke dumalana le *Honourable Lucas* gore dilo tse di maswe, di tshwanelwa ke go baakanngwa. Ke dumela gore tota fela Puso e e neng e tswa, e ne e ntshitse matlho gotlhelele mo ditsamaisong tse di sokameng, mo e leng gore dilo di ne di sokame mo go feteletseng mme ba sa kgone gore ba di tsenye mo tseleng.

*Projects* tse di tlogelwang mo tseleng. Mo nakong e e fetileng go raya gore batho ba ne ba fiwa *mobilization fee.* Fa a sena go nna a fenyaa *a tender;* o fiwa *mobilization fee.* Fa a sena go nna a tsaya *mobilization fee,* o reka Range Rover, a bo a reka mo gongwe a bo a tlogela *project* e, a itsamaela. Go raya gore go ya go simolola go dirwa *tendering* sesha. Motho ene yoo, a bo a fenyaa *tender* e nngwe go sele *after abandoning* e nngwe. Ke one mathata a *system* e re ntseng re le mo go yone, a a tshwanelwang ke gore tota re a emele ka dinao *Madam Speaker.*

Ke raya gore ke amogela *report* e ya ga *Honourable Lucas.* Jaaka ke bua, keletso ya me e tona ke gore, re tshwanelwa ke go gagamatsa. *Honourable Lucas,* a o a itse gore le na le *powers* tsa *to subpoena* motho, gore o ka mo tsenya mo kgolegolong malatsinyana fa e le gore ga a kgone go araba sentle kana a na le dikgang? Re kile ra busa yo mongwe kwa *airport* e le Tona, e le gore

ra re, re ya go mo tlhatlhela, re santse re le kwa PAC. Dithatanyana tsone di teng. Ke fela gore tsa go bona gore dilo tse di ya go wela jang, ke tsone tse di seyong tse e leng gore *we need to deal with them*.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** *Le bona nako gakere.* Honourable Members, it is now 7 o'clock. I now call upon Honourable Mmolotsi to move a Motion of adjournment.

### MOTION

### ADJOURNMENT

**MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM (MR MMOLOTSI):** *Madam Speaker,* ke dumela gore ke buile, e bile ba utlwile. Ke tsaya gore fa ke buile, *Honourable* Gobotswang o kgotsofetse. Ke tsaya nako e, go kopa gore ka le yone ga e sa tlhole e le teng, re eme fa re tlaa tswelela kamoso. Ke a leboga.

Question put and **agreed to.**

The Assembly accordingly adjourned at 7:00 p.m. until Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.

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