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Monday 16th February, 2026

THE ASSEMBLY met at 2:00 p.m.

(THE SPEAKER in the Chair)

PRAYERS

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SPEAKER'S REMARKS

MADAM SPEAKER (MS MANYENENG): Good afternoon Honourable Members. Let us start the business of today with questions. Again, note that question two has been removed from the Order Paper through corrigendum. I think corrigendum is sent to the group. *Ya ga* Honourable Mapulanga, it has been answered, then they agreed *gore e tswa*.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

WATERLOGGING AND WETLAND FORMATION

MR M. M. PULE (KGATLENG EAST): asked the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs if the ministry is aware of the problem of water-logging and the formation of wetlands in certain parts of Oodi Village in the Kgatleng East Constituency and further:

- (i) whether any formal assessment has been carried out (or is currently under way) to determine the causes, extent and risks of such waterlogging and wetland formation in the affected areas; and
- (ii) what concrete measures the ministry will implement to assist the residents of Oodi and within what timeframe these measures will be deployed.

Withdrawn.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES IN BOTSWANA

MR T. B. LUCAS (BOBIRWA): asked the Minister of Finance to state:

- (i) the current unemployment rates in Botswana as per Statistics Botswana Surveys indicating whether unemployment is increasing or decreasing;
- (ii) the total number of unemployed persons in Botswana including those considered as discouraged job seekers;

- (iii) the economic conditions that are required to create 450 000 to 500 000 jobs in the next four years and further, if such economic conditions are achievable in Botswana in the next four years; and
- (iv) if the current and projected economic growth rates could support the condition of full employment in Botswana.

Later Date.

RECEPTION CLASS TEACHERS

MR T. FURNITURE (TATI EAST): asked the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education to update this Honourable House on:

- (i) progress made in terms of promotions or posts for reception class teachers; and
- (ii) the criteria used to determine progression and promotions.

MINISTER OF CHILD WELFARE AND BASIC EDUCATION (MS KGAFELA-MOKOKA): Thank you Madam Speaker. *Ke go dumedise, ke bo ke dumedise le* this Honourable House. *Ke dumedise le* Batswana *ka kakaretso, le ba* Kgatleng East.

Madam Speaker, entry grade for reception class is C4 salary scale. This position is referred to as Assistant Teacher for Early Childhood. After one years of satisfactory service they are upgraded to C3 salary scale. Reception class teachers progress to C2 salary scale after serving one year on C4 salary scale. They then progress to C1 salary scale after serving for two years on C2 salary scale. Reception class positions are multiple graded, C1/C2/C3/C4 to allow officers to progress up to C1 salary scale within one position. This assists in avoiding stagnation in one salary scale such as C4.

Madam Speaker, the next promotional position for reception class teachers is Head of Department Infant on D4 salary scale. Promotion to this level is determined by availability of positions and all eligible teachers at C1 salary scale including other portfolios, for example Senior Teachers Maths and Science, Languages etcetera are considered.

Madam Speaker, currently the ministry has a total establishment of 1083 reception class positions across the regions. The ministry has set the following criteria for the promotion of reception teachers across regions namely; availability of position, officers must possess

a minimum Diploma in Early Education or Early Childhood Education, we also consider the date of appointment, length of services, the year of attainment of the qualification and most importantly performance appraisal results or performance reviews. Thank you Madam Speaker.

MR FURNITURE: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga Madam Speaker. Ke a leboga Tona ka karabo eo. Gongwe motho o ne a ka batla go itse gore, ba ba sa kgonang *to progress* ba ka dira ka tsela e e ntseng jang gore gongwe ba tle ba kgone go thusiwa?

Se sengwe ke gone gore, mo khirong ya lona ba e leng gore gongwe le a ba hira, le ba hira le lebile gore ba feditse leng? Ka go na le ba gongwe ba saleng ba fetsa ka bo 2016, mme o fitlhela e le gore fa gongwe ba ba feditse ka bo 2024 ba bona diphatlha tsa mebereko tsa go hirwa.

Se sengwe ke gone gore, a le ba hira fela le tsaya mo seterateng Tona kana le ba tsaya kwa Human Resource Development Council (HRDC), e le go batla go itse gore ba e leng gore gongwe *did not register* le ba HRDC a le bone ba ka bona diphatlha tsa mebereko?

Sa bofelo ke gore, ba e ntseng e le bo *temporary teacher*, konteraka ya bone e fedile, jaanong ba mo malwapeng le hira ba basha. Le ya go dira jang ka bone kana go ile fela jalo? Ke a leboga.

MS KGAFELA-MOKOKA: Ke a leboga Madam Speaker. Ke a leboga Honourable Furniture. O ne o botsa gore ba ba sa kgonang *to progress* ba thusiwa jang? Le fa o sa supa gore ba sa *progress* go tswa fa kae. Ka ke sa tswa go nankola gore, fa e le gore gongwe o ne o ntheeditse ke re, *they progress* jaana; ba tswa kwa go C4, ba a emelela ba ya kwa go C3 *after a year*, go tsweng fa *they then progress to C1 salary scale after serving for two years on C2 salary scale*. So, go raya gore tota *they are not disadvantaged* fa ba santse ba suta *from their C4 up to C1*. Jaanong fa ba setse ba ya kwa *positions* tse di fa godimonyana tsa bo *head* jaana, *competition* e nna teng gore ba ye kwa D4. So, re a itse gore *positions* tseo fa di ntse di ya kwa godimo jalo, di a fokotsega Comrade Furniture, *and therefore*, ga se mongwe le mongwe yo o tlaa gorogang gone koo. Fa e le *to progress along* tsone tse nne tse, ga go diegiwe, *it is stipulated* fela sentle gore *after* dingwaga tse pedi ba ya kwa bokete. Kgang e nna fa ba tshwanetse gore ba ye kwa go D4 gone jaanong kwa ba phadisanyang teng.

Ke tsene mo go e nngwe ya *employment criteria* gore re tsaya kae *data* eo. O buile HRDC, gongwe ke tshwanelwa

ke gore ke rurifatse eo thata, *but what I know* ke gore go na le *database* e e leng gore e a dirisiwa go hira batho. So, tota ke ka go kopa gore gongwe o ntlogele ka e ya HRDC ke kgone go go fa karabo e e tsepameng.

MR KEKGONEGILE: *Supplementary.* Tanki Madam Speaker. Tona, re utlwa karabo, o tthalositse *multiple grading* C4, C3, C2, C1, mme motho o ka botsa gore kana mo borutabaneng, fela jaaka bodirelapuso ka kakaretso, batho ba eme fa go C1 morago ga *multiple grading* e sena go nna e diragala, ba le dipalopalo, e bile *a number of them* le gone kwa borutabaneng tota, le bone ba, ba ya go iphitlhela ba le gone foo, ba tsamaya kwa go bo 20 years. Ba sale ba ema fa go C1 ka 2006, gompiano ke 2026 ba ntse ba le fa go C1. Potsotse e nna gore, le dira go le kae *within the ministry* gore gongwe le ka nna le *restructuring* ya gore batho ba ka kgona go tswelela *beyond* C1?

E bile gape Directorate of Public Service Management (DPSM) e kile ya bua thata ka PEMANDU gore PEMANDU ke yone e e tlaa tlang e thusa, *and all the sorts*. Lona le bokgakala bo kae ka koo mo go diragatseng PEMANDU le gore fa e tla e diragadiwa kwa borutabaneng, e ya go thusa ka tsela e e ntseng jang *stagnancy* se sa bo 20 years? Tanki.

MR FURNITURE: *Point of procedure.* Ke a leboga Madam Speaker. O lebetse go araba e nngwe ya bofelo ya *temporary teachers* ba e leng gore fa konteraka ya bone e wela, go raya gore ba nna mo malwapeng, gore a bone go na le thulaganyo e e leng gore gongwe ba ka e dira e le lephata gore ba ka boela, ka gore ba bona go hirwa ba bangwe ba basha bone ba ntse ba ne ba le teng foo, gongwe *for* dingwaga tse di ntsi.

MS KGAFELA-MOKOKA: Ke a leboga Madam Speaker. Honourable Furniture, ke ne ke sa go lebala, e rile fela ke santse ke go araba, go bo go go nna le *supplementary question* mo go e ke neng ke e araba. Ya bo e le gore jaanong e nkgaupetsa gore ke fetele kwa potsong ya gago *sir*; e ne e ntse e le gore ke tlaa goroga kwa go yone.

Gongwe ke boele kwa go Rre Kekgonegile ke re, kgang e ya *stagnation* ga e tshwenye lona fela, le rona e a re tshwenya. Jaaka o simolola, re buile fela kwa tshimologong gore re baya setena fa godimo ga se sengwe. Ga re ka ke ra dira sengwe le sengwe fela ka letsatsi le le lengwe. Tsone dikgang tse gape tsa *restructuring* le go buisanya ka khiro ya barutabana, *they involve other stakeholders*. Ke ka se ka ka tla fa

fela ke bo ke tla go bua dikgang dingwe tse e leng gore ke itse gore ga go na kwa di kileng tsa kopanelwa teng, e bo e re kamoso ke bo ke *attract backlash*. So, ke tlaa nama fela ke e tshwere foo gore e a re tshwenya, mme re tlaa e lebelela.

Le yone eo ya bo PEMANDU, re tlaa tshwanelwa ke *to appreciate it* ka gore kana ga o ka ke wa solofela gore kwa ntleng ga *ministry*, mongwe le mongwe gongwe o dumalana le yone. Ke sone se ke reng e tlhokana le *stakeholders* ka nako e re tlaabong re ka tsena mo go yone. Kgakololo e e ya gago re a e lebogela *sir*.

Mma ke tsene kwa go ya...

MR KEKGONEGILE: *Point of procedure. Madam Speaker*, nna fa gongwe ke atle ke akanye gore *Honourable* Maele o mo kgaoganye le batho ba. *Honourable* Kgafela o ne a ya go araba fela sentle gore ba ikaeletse go dira eng, PEMANDU e ya go thusa jang, a bo a sebediwa ke *Honourable* Maele gore a tswe mo tseleng fela a arabe o kare go maloba. Kana karabo e *Madam Speaker*, e nna o kare go santse go le kwa *court*, ga re ka ke ra bua sepe kang e le kwa *court*. Kana *stakeholders* go tewa gotwe wena o na le mogopolo, ba o dirisanyang le bone le bone ba na le mogopolo. Se re batlang go se itse ke gore mogopolo wa mohiri, mogopolo wa ga Goromente le *ministry* ke eng fa go tla mo bathong ba. Ke sone se re batlang go se itse fela, e seng gore ba ya go dira jaana, ba ya go ba pateletsa go dira jaana. *No, we want to know* gore ba ikaelela go dira eng ka seemo se se maswe se se ntseng jaana, e seng re a itse fela, *it is not enough*.

MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION (MR MAELE): *Point of order*. Nnyaa, ke ne ke re o nkgalemelele rre yo, o mo kgaemelele fela thata, e seng g ole go nnyennyane, *because I never said anything with respect to the question* e e ntseng e botswa fa. Jaanong ga ke itse gore o a bo a tla fela mo go nna; ke ne ke re ke bua lefoko le lengwe lele, ga ke itse gore mathata a gagwe ke eng. O tswe fela mo go nna rraetsho, ga go na sepe se ke se buileng ka potso ya gago, ga ke itse gore go buiwa ka ga eng, ke itlela fela ke fitlhela potso ya gago e ntse botswa fa. Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*, mme o mo nkgalemelele thata.

MADAM SPEAKER: *Honourable* Kekgonegile, o rumola *Honourable* Maele ka gore ga o itse le gore o ne a bua eng, le go seba ga gagwe go raya gore o eletsa go itse gore o ne a seba a reng ka gore ene o ne a sa bue se o se akantseng. Lesa go rumola yo mongwe. *Honourable Minister*; tswaledisa.

MS KGAFELA-MOKOKA: Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker. Honourable* Kekgonegile, ke ntse ke a go leboga ke re, mo bojaanong, ga re ise re ko re le Puso e ntšha le *ministry* o, re tsene mo kgannyeng e. Jaaka ke buile kgantele, re ntse re lebelela dilo jaaka di tlhagoga mo lephateng, mme e re ne re ise re tsene mo go yone *sir*: Ke go netefaletse gore re tshwengwa ke *stagnation* yone e, ya gore babereki ba bo ba iphitlhela ba le golo go le gongwe bo 20 years. Ka bokhutshwane, re fe nakonyana rraetsho re sutelele mo go tse dingwe le yone re tlaa boa re e lebelela.

Go ne go ntshitswe dikgang tsa bo HRDC ke *Honourable* Furniture ke re, nnyaa rra, tseo re tlaa di batla. Ga ke nke ke rata go bua dikgang tse di tlhagoga *on the floor* ke sena dikarabo tse di tsepaeng tsa tsone. So Rre Kekgonegile, mma ke go leboge gore o bo o supile letshwenyego leo, mme gape o supa *urgency* ya teng. Re tlaa e sekaseka rraetsho. Re a leboga.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Supplementary Madam.

MS KGAFELA-MOKOKA: Mma ke feteleng kwa go e nngwe tlhe bathong go ne gotwe ga ke a e araba, le tlaa botsa *supplementaries* tse dingwe ke feditse le Rre Furniture.

O ne a botsa ka ya *temporary teachers* gore fa ba fetsa ba na le gore ba seegelwe kwa, gongwe go tsewe ba bangwe. Ke re bagaetsho, *there was actually a savingram or a letter*, e tswa mo nngweng ya *regions*, e le yone ya *compliance with* melao ya *Public Service Act*. Mo *Public Service Act* ke ne ke bala jalo gore ba ka nna fela *temporary up to one year*. So, ke tsaya gore fela *like any other ministry and department, those who comply* le yone tshetlana e, le *Ministry of Child Welfare and Basic Education* is no exception. So, a re se ka ra tla fa bagaetsho re bo re re *ministry* one o tlole molao, nnyaa bagaetsho, *regardless of the sentiments*. Ke a leboga.

MR AARON: *Point of procedure*. Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*, ke a leboga Tona. Gongwe ke tlhaganyane se, ga o bone e le *exploitation*...

MADAM SPEAKER: *Honourable* Aaron, o *rile* procedure.

MR AARON: Yes madam.

MADAM SPEAKER: *Procedure* e fa kae? O a mmotsa jaanong ga o mo *procedure*.

MR AARON: Ke botsa wena *Madam Speaker*.

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

MR MOTAOSANE: Supplementary. *Tanki Madam Speaker.* Thank you, Honourable Minister.

O arabile, gongwe pele ke tsene mo go e o neng o e araba la bofelo ya ga *Honourable Furniture. Honourable Furniture* se a se buang ke gore, barutabana ba ntse ba tshwara *temporary* fela jalo, go ya ka go farologana ga dikgwedi le dingwaga tsa teng. Fa go tsewa ba e leng gore gompiano jaana ba ka tswa *in the system already* ba le *temporary*, bale ba ba ntseng ba nna *temporary* ka lebakanyana, re ya go dira jang ka bone? A re tlaa bona go le *fair* gore re tseye ba, re tlogele bale ba e leng gore *they have been there long before especially that* ba sa le ba feditse sekole go fapaana le ba?

E nngwe ke ya HRDC; mma ke go tlhomamisetse gore ya re, ga e lebe *the list* jaaka go ne go dirwa kwa DPSM kana Teaching Service Management (TSM), ka fa batho ba neng ba tsena mo ga Goramente. Bone ga ba rialo, ba thusa fela gore a o na le *qualification*, a bo bahiri e nna bone ba itlhophelang mo bathong bao *regardless of* dingwaga tse o di ntseng o feditse sekole.

Ya bofelo e ke batlang go e botsa ke gore, *Honourable Minister*, kgang e ya *early childhood*, *do you not think it is high time* re nna le a Head of Department (HOD) yo o lebaganeng fela le yone? *What I have noticed* kwa dikoleng, HODs ba ba lebaganeng le *lower class*, o kare *they take less care about the Pre-school Department*. Ke ne ke re, *you can take* motho fela yo o itebaganyang le *early childhood* e le HOD. *Thank you Honourable Minister.*

MS KGAFELA-MOKOKA: Ke a leboga *Honourable Madam Speaker* le *Honourable Motaosane*. Ke tlaa tsaya metsotso e e sa feteng bobedi. Ke santse ke boelela ya *temporary teachers* bagaetsho. Re tsaya *temporary teachers* ba bangwe *three months*. Ke tlhalositse ke le fa *last time* gore fa gongwe motho o a bo a ya *maternity leave*, yo mongwe a firwa ka gore yo mongwe o mo *study leave*, *that is why* go farologana. Ba bangwe ba tsaya *three months, six months or* ngwaga. *Honourable Motaosane*, re le mo Ntlong e, re tle ka Tshutiso nngwe ya gore go fetolwe molao ka gore boammaaruri ke gore, *temporary employment* ga e ame *teachers* fela, e ama mmereki mongwe le mongwe wa ga Goramente. Fa e le gore go na le *problem* e e ka tlogang ya re pateletsa go sa *comply*, gongwe ba rotlhe re le mo Ntlong e, a re tleng re lebelele *Act* eo, re e fetole. Ke a leboga.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure Madam Speaker. Do or die.

MS KGAFELA-MOKOKA: Ke ne ke ise ke fetse go araba ya bofelo *Madam Speaker*.

MADAM SPEAKER: *Honorable Kgafela, I think you are taking too much time now.* Rona fa re re o feditse, ra re o a wela.

MS KGAFELA-MOKOKA: Nnyaa, mma ke fetse ka gore ke bone ba botsang dipotso *Honourable Speaker*. Mma ke wetse ya bofelo, ba se ka ba botsa. E nngwe ke ya gore *heads tsa Childhood Education*, ke tlhalose gore ka fa tlase ga Puso e e fetileng, go ntse go sena *any formal anything about early childhood except per-primary schools*, gongwe *per-primary levels*. Re farologanye mme ke go solofetse *honourable* gore ka *programme* ya rona ya Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM), re tlaa *focus* tota mo go *early childhood from zero to three*. *If we have come up with a new education curriculum*, go raya gore go tlele go *affect* le *structure* sa ditiro tse di itebagantseng le *curriculum* eo. Ke a leboga.

MR PULE: *Procedure*. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. O tlaa nkgakolola mma fa ke dule mo tseleng. Ke kopa o nkgalemelele Mma Kgafela gore a se ka a tlhola a dumedisana batho ba Kgatleng East.

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

MR PULE: A dumedisana ba Mmathubudukwane kwa a tswang teng.

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

MR PULE: Fa a batla go dumedisana ba Kgatleng East, a rome nna. Ke a leboga.

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

MADAM SPEAKER: Nnyaa, *Honourable Pule*, madume ke madume fela...(Laughter!)...

CEDA FORENSIC AUDIT

MR A. K. KHAN (MOLEPOLOLE NORTH): asked the Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship to state:

- (i) the number of forensic audits that the Citizen Entrepreneurial Development Agency (CEDA) has undertaken since its inception and whether the findings were presented to this Honourable House; and if not, why not; and (ii) if he will not consider undertaking a comprehensive forensic audit covering the last 10 years and present the report to this Honourable House with recommendations.

Later Date.

FUNDING MULTI-RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS

MR M. BAGAISAMANG (SHOSHONG): asked the Minister of Finance to explain why Government is not funding multi-residential projects through its Government Employees Motor Vehicle and Residential Property Advance Scheme (GEMVAS) since employees pay their mortgage directly from their salaries.

Later Date.

RETICULATION OF ELECTRICITY

MR K. K. KAPINGA (OKAVANGO WEST): asked the Minister of Minerals and Energy when the reticulation of electricity to Tsodilo and Chukumuchu villages will be completed, and if she is aware that:

- (i) public servants serving in a number of villages in Okavango West are living without this basic necessity such as electricity and that this terribly degrades the quality of their lives; and
- (ii) most of the solar power plants built in primary schools are unserviceable due to failure to solve the battery problems; and if so, how will she address the problem.

MINISTER OF MINERALS AND ENERGY (MS KENEWENDO): Thank you Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I know we are well into February, but let me wish you all happy new year since I have not seen you, since the year started. Thank you very much to Honourable Member for this question.

Madam Speaker, I am happy to report that the village of Tsodilo in particular, has already received electrification and we successfully concluded these works in November, 2025. The village is now connected to the national grid and we can confirm that to date, we have over 21 households that have done some connections.

As for Chukumuchu Madam Speaker, the project is currently at tender procurement stage and upon conclusion of the procurement process and award of the contract, implementation will commence in line with the approved project schedule. Regarding the broader situation in the Okavango West, Government is fully aware of the number of public servants that continue to serve in remote villages without access to grid and to electricity.

Madam Speaker, I can confirm that the ministry is working tirelessly around rural electrification and we do recognise that effects that it has on both service delivery and the quality of life. Electrification of additional villages in the district remains a priority. We have also engaged the private sector to this and divert because where we stand Madam Speaker, we are relying heavily on budgetary availability and competing national infrastructure demands.

(ii) Madam Speaker, I wish to defer this question to the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development as it is the custodian of solar plants that have been built in primary schools. Madam Speaker, I therefore submit. Thank you.

MR KAPINGA: Supplementary. The first part may be more of a procedural issue that people who are in the same Government, you cannot ask Parliament to defer a question to another ministry, when you could easily have requested that information from your counterpart and give a holistic answer as you have been asked. I think that *ke go itsapa fela go batla* information Madam Speaker.

Number two; *o buile mo karabong ya gago* madam *gore* already 21 households have benefited. *A o raya ba tsenyeditse motlakase kana ba tsentse dikopo tse di santseng di tlaa lebelelwa ke ba* Botswana Power Corporation (BPC).

Ya bofelo, o ne o bua gore go tsenya motlakase ga lona kwa dikgaolong, you treat it as a priority. There is a village called Gani, in the same route that I am talking about, e e leng gore it is now almost 12 months go ntse gotwe go isywa motlakase teng but there are challenges of lay-bys. Can lay-bys really delay a project for that length of time gore ga re bone fa re fetang teng, go bo go ka tsaya sebaka se se kanakana se se tserweng ke project e e yang kwa Gani gotwe ga re bone diphatlha fa thoko ga tsela? Ke a leboga Mr Speaker.

MS KENEWENDO: Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker*, ke ka tlhomamisa *gore metse e le 21, malwapa a le 21 a setse a gogetswe motlakase, e seng di ikopetse, di tsentswe motlakase.*

E bile ke itumelela potso ya bofelo e ka gore ke ne ke kile ka e araba kwa Ntlong ya Dikgosi, ke tlhalosa *gore re na le mathata kwa Okavango a wayleave ka gore it is such a sensitive area ya diphologolo le naga e e tlhokometsweng, poles tsa rona ga di wele gongwe le gongwe. Re e tla re apply re kopa gore re tsene fa, re tla*

re busetswa kwa morago gotwe ga se fa *poles* tsa rona di tshwanetseng go nna teng. Jaaka ke kile ka e araba kwa Ntlong ya Dikgosi mo kgwedding e e fetileng, ke ne ke supa jalo gore dikgang tsa rona di ntse di gatela pele. E bile re emetse *approval of wayleave application* e re e tsentseng *for a bridge mounted solution* le go bona gore re goga jang motlakase botoka mo lefelong le gotweng go *protected*, kana re kgoreletsa diphologolo. Ke dilo tse re di tsibogelang.

Ke wela ka ya bofelo e ke neng ke supa gore jaaka re re rona, *we have prioritised rural electrification* madi a ema fa a emang teng. Re tsweletse ka *to engage the private sector*, ba meepo segolobogolo gore ba re thuse. Fa ba ntse ba ikopela gore ba kgone go itirela *solar electrification*, re bo re ba kopa gore go na le *villages and settlements that we have identified*, tse re berekisanang le bone gore re kgone go ba gogela motlakase. Ke a wela *Madam Speaker, thank you.*

MR KAPINGA: *Procedure.* Ga a a araba kgang e ke neng ke e bua ya *solar plants* tse di suleng *batteries* gore *why did she not first get the information from her colleague and answer as one Government?* Ga a araba eo, gore go ne go pala eng?

MADAM SPEAKER: O na le karabo *Honourable Minister?*

MS KENEWENDO: ... (Inaudible) ...

MADAM SPEAKER: A re ga e yo.

STRUCTURED RETREATS AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SUPPORT PROGRAMMES

MR M. M. MOROLONG (KGATLENG CENTRAL): asked the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to state Government plans to introduce structured retreats and psychological support programmes, including emotional therapies or mindfulness; based stress reduction for frontline workers such as the police, social workers, nurses, doctors and other health practitioners to address occupational stress and trauma.

Later Date.

EVER-ESCALATING COST OF LIVING

MR O. KEDIKILWE (SEROWE WEST): asked the Minister of Finance if he is aware that the cost of living has gone up to a point where many families are struggling to have a meal for the day, leading to rising

poverty levels and increased food insecurity; if so, to state:

- (i) whether he has plans to stabilise the ever-escalating cost of living;
- (ii) specific immediate and long-term strategies Government will implement to mitigate the inflated prices of essential commodities; and
- (iii) actionable steps the Ministry is taking to address the high unemployment rate in the current economic climate.

MR KEDIKILWE: Dumela *Madam Speaker.* Mogolo o kopile gore e nne *later date.*

MADAM SPEAKER: Ga o a utlwala sentle.

MR KEDIKILWE: *Ka re* later date Madam.

MADAM SPEAKER: Okay.

Later Date.

GOVERNMENT'S POSITION ON CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

MR L. LESEDI (SEROWE SOUTH): asked the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services to state:

- (i) Government's position on capital punishment and if a moratorium has been imposed on capital punishment in Botswana;
- (ii) the number of individuals currently on death row and why no death warrants have been signed since October 2024, even for those found guilty of murder who have exhausted the legal process;
- (iii) why the number of heinous crimes and murder cases has risen exponentially since a moratorium was imposed;
- (iv) why the Government seems to place more value on the rights of murderers and killers over those of their victims and their families; and
- (v) what is being done to protect the rights of victims of murder and their families.

MR LESEDI: *Madam Speaker,* mma ke go dumedise. Ke na le potso e ya bo 11, mme e kile ya re fa ke ipaakanya *Minister* a letsa. Ke ne ke re gongwe ka ga ke a mo utlwa sentle, ke mo kope fa pele ga gago gore a tlhalose gore o ne a reng.

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

MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES (MR RAMAOTWANA): *Good afternoon Madam Speaker, colleagues.* Ke a leboga. Re buile le Mopalamente, o ne a kopile potso e mme fa ke tsena ka gore ke gorogile letsatsi leno, ke tswa kwa go sa botsweng teng, ke fitlhela bana ba re e ne e seyo mo Notice Paper, ba e bone fela mo Order Paper. Ke bo ke leletsa motlotlegi gore potso ya gago go raya gore ka fa go ntseng ka teng, e tsile *late* e santse e baakanngwa. Ka jalo ra dumalana gore e ka tla ka Laboraro *Madam Speaker.*

MR MOTAOSANE: *Procedure.* Ke a tshwenyega *Madam Speaker,* gone jaana re na le dipotso di ka nna *four if not five,* tse e leng gore *are later dated.* Gape fa o utlwa *Honourable Minister* ka fale a re karabo e tlaa tla ka Laboraro, ga ke itse gore ka gore ke wena fela o ka buang gore e tle leng, jaanong *Minister determines* gore jaanong ka gore Order Paper ya gago ka fa e tsamayang ka teng, o tlaa ba a e tsenya fela mo go Laboraro go ya ka fa ene a akantseng ka teng, kana o raya *through your consultation?* Ga ke tshaloganye ka gore o kare golo fa re tlola tsamaiso fela mo go feteletseng *Madam Speaker.*

MADAM SPEAKER: *I think* ba ka bo ba ne ba re *later date,* ba se ka ba bua letsatsi. *Thank you.*

Later Date.

CATTLE RUSTLING AND CROSS-BORDER CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

MR G. DISHO (OKAVANGO EAST): asked the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to apprise this Honourable House on:

- (i) the number of cattle and other livestock which have been illegally driven out of Botswana from the Okavango East over the past four years as a result of cattle rustling and cross-border criminal activity;
- (ii) whether Government has intelligence indicating who is responsible for these acts, and to state whether the perpetrators are local criminals, cross border syndicates or nationals of neighbouring countries;
- (iii) the number of stolen cattle which have been recovered and where they are currently secured;
- (iv) the number of cattle-rustling suspects who have

been arrested and successfully prosecuted during this period;

- (v) the security, border-control and victim-support measures Government is implementing to protect affected communities; and
- (vi) when compensations will be paid to victims in fulfilment of the state's obligation to safeguard citizens and their property.

MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT, DEFENCE AND SECURITY (MR MOHWASA): O tlaa intshwarela *Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker,* tla ke simolole ke tlhalose gore dipalo tsa leruo le le neng le utswilwe mo lefatsheng la Botswana di tsena kwa lefatsheng la Zambia di feta ka Namibia, mo kgaolong e e bapileng le *constituency* ya Okavango East di 350. Ke tsa ngwaga wa 2022 go fitlhelela 2025. Meshwedile e re e utlwalelang ke gore bontsi jwa batho ba ba dirang tiro e ke ba e seng Batswana.

Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, dikgomo di ka nna 83 di kgonne go bonwa.

MADAM SPEAKER: Intshwarele *Honourable Minister.* Potso e e telele thata, karabo le yone e telele thata?

MR MOHWASA: ... (Inaudible) ...

MADAM SPEAKER: *Alright,* go siame.

MR MOHWASA: *Madam Speaker,* o nne o gakolole *Chief Whip* gore ga se Mothusa Motsamaisa, o tsenya dingalo thata. Ke raya *Opposition Whip.*

Ke ne ke re mo dikgomong tse, di le 82 di ne tsa lemogwa, beng ba tsone ba itsisiwe mme di ne tsa felela di rekisiwa ka palobalo kwa Zambia fa dikgang tsa bogodu jwa leruo di sena go wela. Mo nakong ya gompiano go na le e nngwefela e e santseng e emetse gore mong wa yone a e supe. Batho ba ka nna *nine* ba ne ba tshwarwa ka dikgomo tse 83, ba le borobabobedi ba ne ba sekisiwa ba bonwa molato, a le mongwefela ga a ka a sekisiwa ka bosupi bo ne bo tlhela.

Se se teng ke gore masole le ba sepodise ba tswelsetse ka go nna ba *patrol* mo meletwaneng. Ke tshwanetse ke tlhalose gape go leka go tshwaraganya go lwantsha dikgang tse tsa borukutlhi mo gare ga mafatshe a rona, e tlaa re ka di 24 go fitlhelela di 26 *February* go tlaabo go na le phuthego ya baeteledipele ba sepodise ba Botswana, Zambia, Namibia, Zimbabwe, Aferika

Borwa le ba Angola, go leka go bona gore dikgang tse tsa tshenyho tse di diragalang bogolo jang mo meelwaneng, go itebaganngwa le tsone jang.

Goromente ga a na maikaelelo ape a *to compensate* bape ba e leng gore ba utswetswe leruo mme se se teng ke gore ba ba utswetsweng leruo ba tlaa fiwa sebaka sa gore ba rekise dikgomo gone kwa leruo la bone le tlaabong le bonwa teng jaaka mo sebakeng se e le kwa Zambia. Ke a leboga.

MR DISHO: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker.* Ke a leboga Tona ka dikarabo tseo mme ga ke a kgotsofala ka gore dikgomo di sale di simolotse go utswiwa ka 2022. Gompiano kana ba tsaya 25, 30, 50 or 100 every day mme re a *report and nothing is happening.* A mme o a tlhomamisa gore Bahambukushu, Bayei le Basarwa ba ba utswelwang dikgomo *are part of this country? It is a criminal case* mo e leng gore maZambia *are crossing every day, re report every day but nothing is happening.* A mme o a tlhomamisa gore batho bale *are part of this country? For five years* re ntse re *report* o sa tsibogeke kgang e.

Malobanyana go ntshitswe P97 million go tsibogelwa kgang ya Francistown mme rona re sale ka re *report for five years, nothing is happening. More than 300 cattle have been driven out of the country.* Ke sone se ke botsang gore a mme o a tlhomamisa gore batho bale kwa, ba kgaolo ele, ke Batswana ba ba tlhokanang le thuso ya gago o le *Minister* kana jang? *That is question Number 1.*

Number 2; dipalo tse o di fang Tona ga se boammaaruri. *From 2022* go ntse go utswiwa dikgomo *every day.* Le batho ba gotweng ba tshwerwe ba, batho ba kgaolo ya rona ga go na ope yo o itseng gore go na le motho yo o tlhlotlhomisitsweng, yo o sekisiwang kana yo o sekisitsweng. *Not even one has been caught or apprehended and brought* fa pele mo Batswaneng ba kgaolo yone ele. Ke sone se ke reng e tlhatswe fela sentle Tona mo letsatsing la gompiano gore mo dipegong tsotlhe tse re ntseng re di dira mme le sa tsibogeke dikgang tse, a mme re Batswana jaaka Batswana ba bangwe? Ke a leboga.

MR MOHWASA: Nnyaa rra, se dire ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. Dikgang tsa bogodu jwa leruo, ke dikgang tse di tshwenyang mme e bile ga se ba thota eo fela. Le maabane re letse re le ka fa kgaolong ya Borolong, go ntse go na le kgang e e ntseng jalo. Maloba ba ne re le kwa bo Sepako, go na le kgang e e ntseng jalo. Ntate

yo o ntseng fa morago ga gago yoo wa kwa kgaolong, Motlotlegi Moalosi, le ene ba a lela.

Ke sone se re buang gore gompiano go na le phuthego ya mapodise ba mafatshe a Aferika Borwa, Botswana, Zambia, Angola le Zimbabwe go leka go ya go itebaganya le kgang e. Kana ke kgang e e tshwenyang. Jaanong gore e re ka gore ba kgaolo ya gago ba utswetswe, o bo o re nnyaa, ba tsewa e le Batswana ba ba kwa tlase, golo moo ga se mowa o montle wa go aga, ke mowa o o tshwanetseng gore o kgalwe. O a itse gore ke wena maloba o neng o leboga fa o re masole ba a bonala mo kgaolong go botoka. Jaanong gompiano fa re tsena mo Palamenteng, o bua e sele. A re se ka ra dira jalo bakaulengwe.

MR DISHO: *Further supplementary.* Tona ga a arabe. Ke mmoditse fela gore a mme batho bale ke Batswana kana ga se Batswana? *For five years,* re ntse re tselwa dikgomo *and nothing is happening.* Ga go na gope fa ke lebogileng teng gore masole ba a bonala mo kgaolong. *They went there once and that was it.* Le gompiano jaana ba a lela. Ke gone ke gorogang fela *now, like less than 20 minutes* ke tswa kwa kgaolong, ba a lela gompiano. *There is not even a single cow in* Gudigwa, di tserwe tsotlhe. Ba tseetswe dikgomo *and there is nothing happening.* Mme ke kopile, ke tsene kwa ofising ya gago, ke tsene kwa Ofising ya ga Tautona, ke tsene gongwe le gongwe mme ga le ba thuse. Potso ke gore ba ikuele kae? Kwa Namibia kana kae kwa ba tlaa ikuelang teng go bona thuso? Ke sone se ke se botsang.

MR MOHWASA: Dikgang tse re di buang fa gongwe re le baeteledipele, re tsaya gore e tshwanetse gore fa re tsena fa pele ga batho re bo re di bua. E ne ya re fa re bua ka bo ka mo fa sekai gore maloba fa re le kwa Sepako go na le dikgang tsone tse, re ne re ntse re na le dikgang tse re neng re ntse re potologa le kwa dikgaolong tsotlhe tse di bapileng le molelwane, go na le mathata a go nna jalo. Mo dikgaolong tse dingwe jaaka e e tshwanang le ya ga *Honourable* Furniture, o fitlhela e le gore ke dikgang tsa bogodu tse di amanang le ditswammung. Mathata a teng mo meelwaneng bakaulengwe. Se se teng ke gore re tshwaragane. O a bona gompiano jaana kwa kgaolong ya ga Rre Lucas, batho ba a tsewa ba ya koo, ba ya go tsaya malebela ka gore Goromente o batla gore re tseye mowa o o tshwanang le wa bone go leka go lwantsha tshenyho re tshwaragane le Puso.

Kgang ya gore a ke Batswana, ga ke tseye gore ke kgang e e siameng. Re tsaya bangwe le bangwe ka go lekalekana. Ke a leboga.

BONNO HOUSING SCHEME

MR B. B. MABEO (GAMALETE): asked the Minister of Water and Human Settlement to state:

- (i) the name of the company which has been awarded the tender to construct Bonno Housing Scheme houses in Ramotswa/Gamalete Constituency;
- (ii) the number of plots/land which will be given to the said company;
- (iii) the number of plots which have been given to all private property developers (companies) that are constructing Bonno Housing Scheme throughout Botswana; and
- (iv) the estimated cost of all the land that has been given to the said property developers.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR MOTSAMAI): Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Mma ke dumedise morafe o o fano, ke bo ke dumedise le Batswana kwa gae, le wena ke go dumedise *Madam Speaker*. *Madam Speaker*, potso e ne e botsa gore kompone e e neng ya fiwa go aga matlo a Bonno kwa Gamalete e bidiwa mang?

- (i) Leina la yone *Madam Speaker*, ke GAP Infrastructure Corporation. Le fa go ntse jalo, re tshwanetse ra rurifatsa gore e ne e filwe mme e rile go bonwa madiadia le disana nkgopa, ga felela e le gore go bonwa tiego yone ele, go sa kgotsofatseng dingwe dilo mme ga tshwanelwa ke gore lephata le tseye kgato ya gore le kgaogane le yone ka kagiso.

Re tshwanetse ra rurifatsa gore lefatshe le le beilweng monwana gore e nna lone le go yang go agiwang mo go lone matlo a Bonno, le santse le le teng. Ka jalo, lephata le tseuletse ka go ngoka bape ba ba nang le bokgoni, bogolo jang jwa madi, botsipa le boitseanape gore ba supe dikgatlhago tsa go ya go tsewedisa. Bangwe ba simolotse go bothabotha le go kokota fa diofising ba batla go ya go tsewedisa kana go tlhoma jalo tiro e *Madam Speaker*.

- (ii) *Madam Speaker*, kompone e e neng e abetswe lefatshe le le kana ka 9.81 *hectares*. Fa go sobokiwa palo ya ditsha, sekidi sa ditsha tsa Bonno, ke yone eo *Madam Speaker* e ke e e fang gone fa.
- (iii) Go bo go nna le kgang ya gore mo lefatsheng ka bophara go abilwe dikidi tsa go aga matlo a Bonno

di le kae *Madam Speaker*? Re lekile gore re tseye dipalo tse re bo re soboka. Palo ya rona e ile kwa go 19 344, e le dingwe tsa dipalo tse e leng gore ke tsa kabo ya lefatshe le le ntseng jalo.

- (iv) *Madam Speaker*, ke tshwanetse gore ke go itsise gore go na le potso e nngwe e e latelang mme go lateleng ga yone, e botsa ka gore lefatshe leo le lopile bokae. Ke tshwanetse gore e re ke ise ke ye kwa go yone ke re mo go abeng lefatshe le *Madam Speaker*, dipalo tse ke ntseng ke di bua, jalojalo, ga gore batho bao ba ya go tsewedisa, lengwe la lefatshe le gongwe re a balelang mo, le ka tswa le dule mo teng. Kana e tlaa re letsatsi le phirima le lengwe le bo le tsena mo teng ka mabaka a a leng teng a a diragalang gompiono. Ka gore re a ne re re abetse motho, fa re sena go nna re re re mo abetse, letsatsi fa le tsamaela go phirima, o boela kwano a re ke ka se ke ke kgone kwa Kgalagadi, bogolo ntshekatshekela mo Gaborone mme palo eo rona re setse re supile gore e filwe *Madam Speaker*. Ke sone se ke neng ke re ke se sedimose.

E ke neng ke bua ka yone ya tsa madi *Madam Speaker*, ke tshwanetse ke supe fela gore kana go ne gotwe lefatshe leo le *cost* bokae ka madi mme ga re dire jalo ka lefatshe fa re le neela batho ba dikompone gore ba age mo go lone, ga re le lebelele gore lefatshe leo le ja bokae ka gore ga re ise re rekise lefatshe. *We sub-lease* lefatshe *to* batho ba dikompone, ba aga mo lefatsheng la ga Goromente. Lefatshe leo re tlile go le tsaya jaaka le ntse re le neela Batswana mahala. Se ba dikompone tse di agang ba tlaabo ba se lebile, ke go aga ntlo fela le go bua gore ntlo ya bone go ya ka ditumalano e ja bokae, e bo e le sone se beelwang *price* *Madam Speaker*. Ka jalo, lefatshe la Bonno le le tshwana fela le jaaka Motlotlegi Saleshando wa tsala ya me a kopa lefatshe kwa Maun, *land board* ya mo neela, ya se ka ya mmolelela gore mme kana lefatshe le rra ke bokana le rekisiwa bokana. Morago fa a batla *to value* lefatshe la gagwe, o tlaa bona *value* ya lone gore ke bokae. Ke a leboga.

MR KAIZER: *Supplementary*. Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker* le Mothusa Tona ka go leka go araba dipotso tse. Mongwe o ne a ka eletsa go itse gore ke kompone ya kwa kae; a ke ya mo Botswana kana ke e e tlang e tswa kwa ntle? Fa e le gore gongwe ke kompone e e tswang kwa ntle, ke ne ke batla go tlhaloganya gore a go na le Batswana ba ba berekang le yone?

Sa bobedi, fa kompone e e tlaa tla e neelwa tiro ya go aga matlo a, a e hirilwe e le *direct appointment* kana e

ne e le *open bidding*? Fa e le gore gongwe e ne e le *open bidding*, ga ke itse gore a o ka tswa o tshotse dipalo tsa gore mme dikompone di le kae tsa Batswana *have submitted*. Fa le tlaa tla le tlhopho kompone e, le ne le bone eng se se pharologanyo mo go yone se e nang le sone le dikompone tsa bana ba Batswana? Ke a leboga.

MR MOTSAMAI: Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Mma ke leboge moemela Mopalamente yo e leng ene a boditseng potso. Ke mo leboge go leka go botsa jaaka a re o ntebogela go leka go araba.

Ke tswelile *Madam Speaker*, ke supe gore dipotso tse pedi tse a feletseng ka tsone, di di sha tse ke tlaa le kang gore ke ye go mmatlala dikarabo tse di tsepameng, e se ka ya nna e kete ke mo neela dikarabo tse di sa nonang sentle. *Madam Speaker*, fa ke garela, rona mo dikgannyeng tsa Bonno tota re lebelela batho ba ba tlang ba tsamaelana le mokgosi o re o kuileng, *competency*, boleng le *background* ya bone gore a e seng gore kwa ba tswang teng ba di dirile ka madi a ba reng ba ka tla go re direla ka one. Ditshekatsheko tseo di a diriwa. Gore ke ba ba kae, fa gongwe e nna kgang ya go lebelela gore a mme motho *qualifies*, a gone jaaka a ntse a bereka jaana, Batswana ba bona ditiro, mme e bile ba tlaabo ba duelwa bokae jalojalo, o solofetsa gore o ka fetsa tiro eo. Ke sone se tota re lebaganyeng le sone. Ke a leboga.

MR KAIZER: *Procedure*. Go na le dipotso tse pedi tse a sa di arabang; ya gore a e ne e le *competitive bidding* kana *direct appointment*. Ke se o tshwanetseng gore o se itse seo. Kompone ke ya Batswana kana ga se ya Botswana, ke golo mo o tshwanetseng gore o ka bo o go itse. Ke tsaya gore tse pedi tseo ga o a di araba, a ko o leke rraetsho.

MR MOTSAMAI: Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Kana re ne re kopa, mme e bile re santse re tswelitse ka go kopa gore ope yo o nang le bokgoni jwa gore o ka tla go aga ka Lenaneo la Bonno, a tle a supe *interest Madam Speaker*. Motlhale o ke one o re tsamayang re o setse morago re leka ka bojotlhe re nna re bula fa gongwe re boa gape go tswalelwa jalojalo, e le go leka go sosoetsa Motswana, motswakwa kana mang gore a tsenye letsogo mo kgannyeng ya Bonno.

Ke tsaya ke re e nngwe potso ke e arabile. Ke supile gore ke batla gore ke tle ke neele mong wa dipotso karabo e e nonneng. Fa e le gore Mopalamente jaaka a mo emetse o batla dikarabo tse di bopamang, seo ke sone se se tlaa mpalelang *Madam Speaker*. Ke batla gore ke boele morago ke ye go batla karabo e e nonneng sentle.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Point of order.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure.

LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION (MR SALESHANDO): *On a point of order. Madam Speaker*, tota ke batla go kopa gore re nne re tsaya dikarabo ka tlhwaafalo. Fa o bodiwa potso fela e e tlhamaletseng o le Tona lantlha, la bobedi o ntse o sa e arabe, ga o ka ke wa re re tsamaya re ngoka mongwe le mongwe gore a o ka tla go re thusa, gotwe a ke *competitive* kana *direct*. Tsotlhe ke tse gotweng go na le tsela ya go bitsa batho gore re batla mongwe mme ke *competitive* kana ke *direct*. Ga se se Tona a ka reng go batliwa dikarabo tse di bopameng, Goromente ga a bereke jalo, mo gotweng re ne re tsamaya ka segoagoe re laletsa batho gore yo o ka tlang gore thusa a tle fano. Tlhalosa gore a ke *competitive* kana *direct*. *I think it is a very straightforward question.*

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Minister, *e arabe*.

MR MOTSAMAI: Ke a utlwa *Madam Speaker*, mme ke tsaya gore fa gongwe *points of order* le *supplementaries* tse dingwe tse tota tse ke di le kang fela gore go bolodiwe lesotlo le ditlhaselo.

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

MADAM SPEAKER: *Honourable Members*, nnyaa, mo reetseng.

MR MOTSAMAI: Mma ke tsepame. Fa o utlwa ba goa jaana ke *outcome* ya *meeting* gore ga ke arabe jaaka ba dumalane kwa *meeting*.

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

MR MOTSAMAI: Ke batla gore ke tswelile jaana *Madam Speaker*, kana Rre Saleshando o mpotsa gore a motho yo o ne a tomolwa fa gare ga ba bangwe kana go nnile le phadisano ya gore a tle a fiwe. Se jaanong ke se buang ke gore ga ke batle go fa karabo e e bopamang. Gone gompieno jaana fa ke sa tlhomamise sentle gore a ke yo o tomotsweng kana yo o sa tomotswang ke bo ke re tla ke boele kwa ofising ke ye go tla ka karabo ya gore o tomotswa kana ga a tomolwa, ga ke itse gore ga go a lekana eng.

Kgang ya segoagoe, fa e le gore e rile a ntse a tsamaya...

MADAM SPEAKER: Nnyaa *Honourable* Motsamai, nna fa fatshe.

MR MOTSAMAI: ...ke dikgang tsa gagwe, ga ke a umaka segoagoe, ke ne ke raya *to publish* fela jaaka go

tseengwa mo Gazette le go diriswa *advertisements* tse di farologanyeng. Ke a leboga.

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Members *nako ya dipotso e sale e fetile*, we are now going into the Second Reading of the Appropriation Bill.

APPROPRIATION (2026/2027) BILL, 2026 (NO. 1 OF 2026)

Second Reading

(Resumed Debate)

MADAM SPEAKER: The debate on this Bill is resuming. When the House adjourned last week Thursday the 12th February 2026, Honourable Mokgwathi was on the floor debating and he is left with 16 minutes 16 seconds.

BRIG. MOKGWATHI (LETLHAKENG): Betsho, mme ke le dumedise kwa kgaolong, ke bo ke le dumedise mo Ntlong e ya batlotlegi ba ke ba tlotlileng bobo.

E re la ntlha fela ke ise ke ye kgakala ke supe mo Ntlong e gore, bakaulengwe ba dirisa *metaphors, similes and figurative speech*. Go raya gore fa o ka e tsaya *in the literal sense*, o tlaa tlhoka go tlhaloganya gore Brigadier Mokgwathi fa gongwe fa a bua o a bo a reng. Ke bua kgang e ka gore fa ke eme fa ke amogela e bile ke ema nokeng pego ya madi ya ga Mothusa Tautona, ke kile ka utlwa *President* a bua gore maloba fale o kile a ruta molao, ka itumela. Maloba fale ke ne ke ruta ba bangwe go ruta, fa o simolola o ruta ngwana o tshwanetse go dira mo gotweng *first cut is the deepest. The way you preamble your statement, your lecture should actually prove* gore bana ba gago go tswa fa ba tlaa tlhaloganya gore o bua ka ga eng. Ke leka go tlhalosa ka gore go ntse go na le ketsaetsego fa ke re dipelo tsa me di pedi, ke bo ke re ke moemedi wa nnete yo ke buang ka pelo. Ke bua ka mafoko le go dira, ke bua ke itheeditse go feta jaaka mongwe a ka akanya.

Maloba fale ka 2019 go ne go na le *debate between two Presidents*, wa Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC), Botswana Democratic Party (BDP) le wa Botswana Congress Party (BCP) *I guess*. Go na le *journalist* mongwe e ne ya re *President Boko* a sena go araba a re ga o a nkaraba, a mmolelela gore, go raya gore go tsaya lebaka gore batho ba tlhaloganye gore fa ke araba ka reng. A leka go supa gore, fa o araba motho ga re a reetse thata gore e re kamoso le ene a nne mosupi wa se o se buileng.

Betsho mma ke bue ke riana, ke ne ka utlwa Mothusa Tautona a bua a re maikaelelo a rona ke go aga itsholelo ya lefatshe le, re fetola matshelelo a batho. Ka mo reetsa ka ditsebe tse pedi, la ntlha re simolola go busa mo lefatsheng le. E rile *on his first State of the Nation Address (SONA) Mr President, I still repeat* o ne a bua maloba a re, fa batho ba sa tlhaloganye sengwe o se bue *until it sinks into their brains. I will say this so that everybody understands, he actually talks of five things that always ring in my mind*. La ntlha o ne a bua gore re tshwanetse go busetsa serodumo sa puso ya batho ka batho mo lefatsheng le. A re re tlise tshepho ya baeteledipele mo lefatsheng le, re dire gore meamuso ya lefatshe le e jewe ka go lekalekana, *equitable distribution of resources*. A bua gore re tshwanetse gore le rona re le tšhaba ya Botswana re tsewe ka tekatekanyo. Sa bofelo a re tshenyetso-setšhaba e tlaa nna *history*. Maloba ke ne ke reeditse Mothusa Tautona a bua, a bo a bua *poetry* gore mo lefatsheng le ene ga a na go ja sepe se se dirilweng sa Batswana, kante makgetho a Batswana. Ke batla gore kgang e le e tseye e ntse jalo, *therefore* ke batla gore le itse gore *my debates are premised on the strategic intent of every leader that I listened to when they speak in this Chamber...*

MR MOTAOSANE: *Clarification. Thank you, my biggest friend. Statement* fela se o sa tswang go wela ka sone, a mme o ne o sa bone go lebagane gore Mothusa Tautona o ka bo a ne a se ka a inopola fela a re, “nna ga ke na go ja sepe”, a sa akaretse ba a dirang le bone mo Pusong? A o bona *statement* seo se siame, a se ne se sa tshwanela go akaretse ba ba tshwereng Puso?

BRIG. MOKGWATHI: Betsho, potso e e botlhale e tlaa arabiwa ke General yo o botlhale. *A leader has his people, therefore when he says something he is actually in inference making a statement to say, even the people that I lead, will not do exactly what I am talking about.*

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

BRIG. MOKGWATHI: Ke batla gore go nne *clear* mo go lona *ladies and gentlemen* mo Ntlong e, gore golo fa ke ne ka bua gore ke ema pego e nokeng. Ke ne gape ka bua gore, mo botshelong *we live in the world of scarcity*. Ke itse gore fa ke bua jaana ke ema nokeng, *somebody will say I am saying all is good, all is well. I am saying when we inherited this Government, there were lot of economic trials and tribulations*, mongwe le mongwe o a itse gone fa. Fa re bua gompiano *at the state that we are*, re tshwanetse go tlhaloganya selo se fela *from the beginning*.

Betsho ke bue ka *highlights tsa budget* e e neng e buiwa, la ntlha e ne e bua ka *export led economy and diversification*. Bagaetsho, le a itse gore teemane ya rona ga e sa tlhole e rekwa kgotsa e ile kwa tlase. Go tshwanetse gore jaanong rona re le Botswana, Mothusa Tautona o buile gore re tshwanetse gore re ipelege, re dire gore meamuso ya Botswana re e dirise re bo re kgone go dira dilo tse di tshwanang le mo mafatsheng a mangwe. Re itse gore dilo tse fa re di dira, ke gone fa re aga *economy* ya lefatshe le. Botswana ka bontsi re a itse gore ba itse dilo tse dintsi, gompiano jaana *we have to tell our own story*, re tshwanetse gore batho ba itse gore Botswana ba dira jang. Ke ne ke utlwa maloba yo mongwe a bua gore mo Botswana, *culture* ya rona re ja nama *as opposed to* phaletšhe. Motho mongwe fa a tsentse nama mo *plate* a e ja, o ka gakgamala wa botsa gore *what is this that is I am seeing, but* fa o ka ela tlhoko *all over* Botswana, Motswana o ja nama. Gatwe e kile ya re nako nngwe bangwe ba ile kwa England ba le bararo, mongwe a newa nama ka fa thoko e le ntsi, e rile a ntse a re ba ne ba itse jang gore ke Mokgalagadi gore ke tshwanetse go ja nama ba isitse *plate* ya nama fela kwa go nna. Jaanong fa re re *export led economy* re *export* sengwe le sengwe se re se dirang, matlalo. Re dire gore sengwe le sengwe se se dirwang mo Botswana re kgone go se rekisa, *even* melemo ya rona re dire gore e rekiswe kwa mafatsheng a mangwe.

Re ne ra bua ka *human capital, human capital investment, I know it is a process, it takes a long time but with short term strategies*, re tshwanetse go nne le mo gotweng *low hanging fruits*. *If you look at the capital that we have in* Botswana gompiano, bana ba bantsi ba ba rutegileng ba re tsayang gore ka fa ba ntseng ka teng re kgona go dira gore ba rutege le go feta. Kana fa o dirile *your junior degree* o kgona go dira *masters* le *doctorates* tse di farologanyeng, e re kamoso le wena o bo o itse gore o ka nna le go rekisiwa kwa ntle.

Le *informal sector education*, re buile ka yone bagaetsho gore *you will have to make sure that* batho ba ba kwa ntle ba rutege ba itse gore Botswana e tshwanetse go nna jang, e tlhoke eng.

Ya boraro re ne re bua ka *healthcare system*, le a itse bagaetsho gore Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) No. 2 ya botsogo e bua gone gore, Botswana jaaka mafatshe a ditšhabatšhaba tse dingwe o tshwanetse go tsaya botsogo tsia. Fa o ka ela tlhoko, *there has been crisis. When we inherited this Government, there was a lot of corruption. Remember the statement by the President that, corruption should be something*

of the past. We realise that, go ne ga nna le a heavy hemorrhage, ke gore economic and health hemorrhage. Kana fa o tsaya melemo ya batho, go tshwana fela o batla go ba bolaya. Dilo tse obviously in the process of us trying to come up with transformation, go tlaa nna le mathata fale le fale, mme fa re eme re le Botswana re re we will overcome, we will do it.

MR FURNITURE: *Clarification.* Ke a leboga Madam Speaker. Ke ne ke kgatlhega thata ke utlwa o bua ka ntlha ya *corruption* Brigadier, gore gone mme ga o bone gore gongwe e ya go lwantsha *corruption* selo sa ntlha fela se o tshwanetseng go se dira o le puso ya UDC ke gore Directorate on Corruption and Economic Crime (DCEC) e ikemele ka bonosi?

BRIG. MOKGWATHI: Wa re e ithemile ka bonosi, Setswana sa gago ga ke a se utlwa sentle? O ne o re e ithemile ka bonosi kana e ikemele ka bonosi?

MR FURNITURE: Ke raya gore *independence* ya DCEC, gore kana gompiano e ka fa tlase ga Ofisi ya ga Tautona. Lekalana le le lwantshang tshenyetso-setšhaba a ga se sengwe se e leng gore gongwe wena le Puso ya gago le ne le bona go le botlhokwa gore e ka ikemela ka nosi?

BRIG. MOKGWATHI: *A very good question may be answered by a great General. Mma ke go bolelele sengwe ke se, there is something that is called forensic audit. You know, after forensic audit we will be in a position go bona gore what is it that we have to do. We have to separate chaff from the wheat, so that we can be able to know exactly* gore a e ka ikemela ka nosi kana e ka se ke ya ikemela ka nosi.

Jaanong betsho ke ne ke batla go bua ka... bogolo jang ka nako ya me e siile, *infrastructure integration*. Bagaetsho *I have a dream and a dream is something that when I talk about, I have always said the moment you inculcate infrastructure development into your brain that is the beginning of economic development instantly.* Fa ke re, *if you were to have an aviation hub in Botswana, I am thinking of something that will actually enhance economy* ya Botswana. Ke mo gotweng *dramatically, drastically and spectacularly. You know what we should be thinking of is something that, ke ne ke utlwa gore re tshwanetse go tokafatsa airline* ya Botswana, *if we were to have an international airport in Central Kalahari it will be in a position* ya gore e kgone *to link Francistown, Maun, Ghanzi and Gaborone very easily. It will improve a lot of things.* Go tlaa nna le mo gotweng *the*

international flights, di tlaabo di nna cheap. Go tlaabo go nna le railway lines tse di tswang gone foo di tsena mo ditropong tse go nna cheap. Go tlaabo go nna le some logistics businesses from that particular airport to different destinations in Botswana. This is what I am thinking. To improve our economy there must be a deliberate effort of actually improving or intensifying infrastructural development mo kamoso e tlaa reng within three years re bo re le kwa godimo thata.

Digital transformation; Fa re bua ka dilo tse ke tse e leng gore fa re di dirile... gompiano re ne re bua gore re tshwanetse go kgethisa batho. You know, the only way to monitor somebody who is tax evading, tax avoiding and so forth we should be in a position as Botswana to make sure gore our digitalised system is apt. Re tshwanetse ra itse gore sengwe le sengwe, ke gore fa motho a tsenya madi kana a tsena mo bankeng there must be an office or a system that will be in a position to monitor each and every coin that goes out of Botswana and comes into Botswana, so that our taxation system can be monitored to a point whereby the economy e tlaa gola. O tlaa bona le gone even to regulate taxes it is going to be very easy, because o kgona go bona gore madi a a tsena mo Botswana kana ga a tsene, mo gotweng flipflopping system, whereby re nna re tswala, re bula, re tswala re ntse re bula. Ke sone se ke buang ka sone fa ke bua ka digital transformation. Fa re bua ka economy e e digitalised, re tshwanetse ra itse gore gompiano go bo go sena dipampiri gone fa sengwe le sengwe se dirwa ka madi. Ke dilo tse re buileng ka tsone.

La bofelo bagaetsho ke batla go bua jaana, when I said pelo tsa me di pedi, e nngwe ya re ke iphatlakanye, e nngwe ya re, I am a leader tried and tested through times, through years. Ke ne ke itheeditse tota, I was telling you gore, I did not say it is enough, my Government is doing everything it can under the circumstances. Jaaka ke ne ke bua ka ditsela, le bona tsela ya Letlhakeng fela le Kaudwane, fa re e dirile I am telling you this is a gateway to economic development. Re tlaabo re tsena into the Central Kalahari, Nhabe, Ngami. Letsatsi le letsatsi the tourists will be passing through, go le efficient and proficient. O bona tsela e fa e kare e ntse go akanngwa gatwe e a tsennngwa, batho ba Letlhakeng I can tell you UDC will be here for the next 58 years. That road fela.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Next what?

BRIG. MOKGWATHI: 58 years plus. If you can do another tsela e e tswang fela fa Hatsalatladi e tsena kwa Diphuduhudu to make sure that balemi ba

dikgomo ba ba koo ba kgone gore ba access market wa ka kwano go tlaa nna le gone...Ke ne ke batla go bua selo se bagaetsho, ke batla go bua sengwe ke se, Nehemiah 2 vs 2-7 ya re, “Kgosi ya nthaya ya re, o thunyeditseng sefatlhego,” Brigadier Mokgwathi a re, “Ke thunyeditseng sefatlhego Morena Nkosinathi.”

MADAM SPEAKER: *E tshaile* Honourable. Order! Order, Honourable Members. I understand Leader of the House has a business Motion to move.

BUSINESS MOTION

LEADER OF THE HOUSE (MR MOHWASA): Thank you Madam Speaker. I beg to move in terms of Standing 27.1 (a) for a variation to the sitting hours of Parliament that on Tuesday 17th and Thursday 19th February, 2026 this Parliament should sit from 0900 hours in the morning. Madam Speaker, this is to allow the House to conclude the Appropriation (2026/2027) Bill, 2026 (No. 1 of 2026) well on time, that is before the 24th March, 2026 to allow sufficient time for authentication and assent of the Appropriation (2026/2027) Bill. I move accordingly Madam Speaker.

MR MOTAOSANE: *Procedure Madam Speaker.* Madam Speaker, o tlaa intshwarela, o tlaa ntsenya mo tseleng fa ke dule mo tseleng. *Issues like this one* ke dumela gore ke kgang e e tshwanetseng go ya pele kwa *General Assembly. We have said this before* gore, kgang e ga e a re ema sentle, ga e a re siamela re le batlotlegi. E bile go lebege o kare jaanong *it is becoming a norm* gore Palamente e tsena phakela, e bo e tsena le maitseboa. *This equates to two sittings.* Ke kopa gore re ye go e bua kwa *General Assembly before you can put the question, because e tlaabo e patika Ntlo e.* Ke a kopa Madam Speaker, a re ko re nne fela jaaka re tshwanetse go dira re le batlotlegi.

MADAM SPEAKER: *Batlotlegi nnang fa fatshe,* Honourable Modise. The question is that the Motion be agreed to.

MR LEKAU: *Point of order Madam Speaker.* Madam Speaker, ke ne ke tseetse gore *you are going to rule* mo kgannyeng e e tlisitsweng ke Rre Motaosane *before we debate.*

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Member, *nnyaa* I am putting the question, *le tlaa ikgaoganya.*

MR MOTAOSANE: *Nnyaa,* Madam Speaker, procedurally, if you allow me Madam Speaker...

MADAM SPEAKER: Nnyaa, iketle pele *Honourable* Motaosane. Kana General Assembly e ne ya tsena, kgang e e bo e sa wele, *that is why* ke tsaya gore jaaka le le mmogo fa, le ne le le mo General Assembly le ba ba neng ba seyo, lona ke lona le ka ikgaoganyang, e ne e tsene, mme ga e a wela.

MR LUCAS: *Point of order. Madam Speaker,* ke a go utlwa, mme o kare se re neng re se dumalane se tsamaya se fapaana le se Rraetsho Mohwasa a tlang ka sone. Se re neng re se dumalane e ne e le gore, fa go tsewa *option* ya 20 minutes, go raya gore jaanong re oketsa nako fela *from 6 o'clock to 6:30* mo maitseboeng. Ke sone se re neng re se dumalane. Fa e le gore go na le sengwe se se tlang se le sesha, ke dumalana le Rre Motaosane gore gongwe se ne se ka batla gore re tseye metsotsonyana fela re tle re se tlhatswe se tlhamalale re tle re nne le a *common understanding*. Ke a leboga.

LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION (MR SALESHANDO): *Point of procedure.* Ke a go leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Gongwe re ne ra e tlhakatlhakanya ka bo *order*, le bo *procedure* ba bantsi ka gore *once the question has been put*, re a letlelesega *before voting* gore re ka e akgela. Kakgelo ke gore Rre Lucas...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Point of order.

MADAM SPEAKER: Nnyaa, *Honourable* Lekau, a re reetsaneng, golo fa re bua ka kgang yone e, a re reetsaneng gore re batla go wela kae. A re se ka ra kgopakgopetsana ka *points of order please*.

MR SALESHANDO: Kgang e re neng re e dumalane, mme tumalano ya rona e ne e le gore jaaka Rre Lucas a bua, fa re fokoditse nako ya batho ba ba buang, ka tsela e re e dirileng, re bo re boa re oketsa ka bo 30 minutes ba re ba dirileng *last week*, ga go tlhokafale gore Palamente e tsene mo mosong. *So*, ke ne ke ka kopa gore gongwe sengwe se sesha se dule se Rre Mohwasa a se itseng, rona re sa se itse. A mme o ne a sa e boele kwa morago ra tla ra e bua kwa bothokong ka gore jaanong re tsaya yone nako ya *debate* re bua kgang e re ka bong re e feditse kwa General Assembly? E le kopo fela gore a o ka e boela morago ra tla ra e buisanya kwa bothokong gore re se ka ra ja nako ya *debate* ya Budget.

MR MOHWASA: Nnyaa, mme ke tsaya gore batlotlegi ba bua selo se sengwefela ka gore tota ke tsaya gore kgang e ke ya rona rotlhe. Ke dumela gore ka fa go ntseng ka teng, gongwe ke e tlhalose *Madam Speaker*. Ba Palamente ba ne ba supa gore fa ba dira *calculations*,

re ne re tlaa felela re boela kwa morago. Ke ne ke re a re dumalaneng gore a re e busetseng kwa morago re ye go nna fa fatshe re tle re e buisanyeng gape re tle re lebelele dipalo. Ka gore tota nako e ke ya rona rotlhe, re tshwanetse gore re goge re le mmogo, *so* ke ne ke re gongwe ke e boele kwa morago jaaka batlotlegi ba bua, re tle re e buisanye mo General Assembly.

MADAM SPEAKER: *Point taken.* Go raya gore re tlaa e busetsa kwa morago. *Let us continue with the debate, the floor is open. Honourable* Mabuse Pule.

MR PULE (KGATLENG EAST): Nte ke dumedise Motlotlegi Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke bo ke leboegele gore *Minister* Gaolathe o gorogile. *I got my fingers crossed* gore o kare o ka se ke a tle ka gore gantsi fa ke bua ke mo lebeletse mo matlhong, o fitlhela ke tlhomoga pelo...

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Laughter!)

MR PULE: Fa a seyo, ke kgona go bua fela, jaanong o tlile go ntirela mathata. Ke tswelela ka go dumedisa batlotlegi mo Palamenteng, bogolo jang ke dumedise le Batswana thatathata ba kgaolo ya me ya Kgatleng East, e seng Mmathubudukwane; Kgatleng East.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Laughter!)

MR PULE: *Madam Speaker,* fa o gakologelwa mo nakong e e fetileng, e rile fa Motlotlegi Mothusa Tautona e bile e le Tona wa tsa Madi a ntsha *speech* sa gagwe sa *budget*, ke ne ka akgela, mme ka se ka ka akgela ka lebaka le le leele. Fa o gakologelwa sentle, ke ka nankola ke re, ga ke batle go akgela ka gore *budget* e ke e ntšha, Puso e ntšha, e santse e le *mafikizolo*. Jaanong tota re tlaa akgela re sena go nna re bona gore madi a ba a neetsweng ba a dirile jang. O kare letsatsi la gompiano kakgelo ya me e tlaa tsena thata mo go botseng dipotso kana go gakolola fa ke lemoga gore dilo dingwe di ne tsa se ka tsa diragala ka fa go tshwanetseng.

Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke tlhalose gore tota mo mafokong a a neng a buiwa ke Tona maloba, a a neng a bua a papametse, fa ke sa ake ke mo temaneng ya bo *six*. Fa a ne a bua a re, go lebega Puso e e fetileng gongwe e ne e dira dilo e sa rerise Batswana. *He wants to come with a budget* e e leng gore *it is people driven, and not Executive driven*. O tlaa tla a gakolola fa e le gore ke mo phara ka mafoko a a sa buang, ke mo nopola *out of context*.

Ke ne ke re ke tlhalose fela gore ke bone *budget* ya

ngwaga wa 2026/27. Go ya ka nna ke *budget* e e leng gore e remeletse thata mo Nationala Development Plan (NDP) 12 le Botswana Economic Transformation Plan (BETP) e le *principles* tse ke itseng gore di remeletse thata mo mananeong a a fetileng a re neng re ntse re a dirisa re le phathi ya Domkrag. E bile ke na le go dumela ke bo ke gatelela, *and I declare and decree* gore *all the statements* tse e leng gore di a buiwa le mo *budget* e, le yone NDP 12 e remeletse mo *the foundations* tse e leng gore *they have been laid out* by BDP.

Fa ke le gakolola, phathi ya Domkrag e ne e dumela thata mo go bidiwang gotwe ke *stability and gradual development*. *It was not in our DNA* gore fa re le phathi ya Domkrag e re fa re dira *Budget Speech* kana moalo o o tshwanang le o, re bo re dira re le mahega, kana re dira re batla go supegetsa ba bangwe ba ba neng ba le fa pele ga rona kana ba ba tsileng pele ga rona ka gore le rona re ne re ntse re na le *regimes* tse di farologaneng, gore kana lona le paletswe, jaanong rona re tlile go dira sesha.

The 39 Budget Speeches tse ke di reeditseng *during my time when I was a public servant* le fa ke le Mopalamente, ga re ise re dire *projects* tse e leng gore fa o di leba fela o a bona gore tse ke tse re lekang go ithatisa batlhophi e le gore tota di mahega, gongwe re tlalelane, re budulogile *because* re kwatisitswe ke gore gongwe ba ba neng ba le mo setilong ga ba a dira sentle. Re bo re solofetsa batho magodimo a le rona re ka sekeng ra goroga kwa go one. Jaaka re itse e rile phathi ya UDC fa e ipapatsa, e ne ya solofetsa batho magodimo le mafatshe gore re tlaabo re oketsa *old age pension*, re tlaabo re e fa batsetsi madi, re tlaabo re fa bana ba dikole P2 500, re tlaabo re e fa ba Ipelegeng madi e gompiano e bidiwang Ikageng, madi a a kana ka P2 500. Dilo tseo go ne ga bonala fela go tlhamaletse Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente le wena Tona wa tsa Madi gore di ne di dirwa re budulogile, re batla go bontsha setšhaba gore rona *we are a new broom that sweeps better*. Ke tsaya gore le phofile, ga le sa tlhole le budulogile, jaaka o bona Motlotlegi Mothusa Tautona e bile e le motsamaisi wa Ofisi ya Madi a ne a baya *speech* sa gagwe ka fa a neng a se baya ka teng, ka bontle. Ke mo akgola ka gore o se beile ka bontle ya bo ya re kwa bofelong a ntsha leboko.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ... (Laughter!)

MR PULE: ...le e neng e le santlha ke le bona mo *Budget Speech*. Motho wa Modimo ke belaela gore, gore a bo a ntsha leboko le la gagwe, o pelo botlhoko...

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ... (Laughter!)

MR PULE: ...ka gore o nna le matlhalerwa a e leng gore o tshwere bothata jwa gore matlhalerwa ao o ka a lwantsa jang. Ke utlwile a bua a re ke a ikana gore ga ke na go ntsha le fa e le thebe, *not a coin, not even a note from the Government coffers*. Ba bantsi ba tsaya gore o ne a raya ene, o ne a sa itheye, o ne a raya le lona maUDC gore o ya go tshwara bothata gore a le bontshe gore madi ga a utswiwe, jaaka re setse re utlwa menahune ya gore ba bangwe ba setse ba le letsogonyana. Jaanong ke dilo tse e leng gore ke tsaya gore fa a ne a bua jalo, le mo utlweng sentle, o ne a sa bue ka ene *in particular*.

Ke a itse gore ke ngwana wa Domkrag yo o itseng ditsamaiso tsa teng. Re letse re na le ene koo. E bile *at one point his father, may his soul rest in peace*, o ne a mo ruta *principles* tsa *party* ya Domkrag. Ke tsaya gore le mo tlhologanyeng jalo gore *Mr Speaker, party* ya rona ya Domkrag, e...

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Mabuse Pule, *ga ke Mr Speaker*.

MR PULE: *Sorry* mmaarona, ke go tlotla thata. Ga ke itse gore ke eng ke gakiwa, kana ke gore...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure Madam Speaker.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: O a simolola.

MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INNOVATION (MR TSHERE): *Procedure. Madam Speaker*, ke a leboga. Ke a utlwa *Honourable Pule* gore o dule mo setlhogong. Ke a itse gore gatwe o isitse *application* kwa Alliance for Progressives (AP), mme ga a tlhoke go lopela mo Palamenteng, a a boele fela mo setlhogong. Ke a leboga.

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

MR PULE: Fa ke batla go ya kwa AP, ke tsamaya ka bogaaka fela, ga go na motho yo o ka nkemang pele. Ga se gore ke boka Rre Gaolathe ka mabaka a. O ntlhomola pelo ka gore o tshwere bothata motho wa Modimo, o boka a bo a boka.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ... (Laughter!)

MR PULE: Fa ke bala *Budget Speech* ele, ke e bala fela ka fa e ntseng ka teng, e a supa gore tota maikaelelo a yone a remeletse thata mo go baakanyeng mananeo a ke tsayang gore fa o a lebelela, ke a Domkrag. Re ne re bona go dirwa Temo Letlotlo, go baakanngwa Thuo Letlotlo, Chema Chema le a mangwe fela jalo.

Se se ntshwentseng thata Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke lenaneo la *one hectare* la 'A re Lemeng.' Ke le Mopalamente wa Kgatleng East, le a nkutlwa ka re wa Kgatleng East, ke ne ke palelwa ke go le tlhalosa mo *farmers* gore tota *yield* ya teng ke eng. Ke utlwile *Minister* a nopolwa mo maranyaneng gore ga le phakise madi. Ke makatswa ke gore le ntse le dumalane gore ga le phakise madi, Tautona wa rona wa lefatshe la Botswana, yo ke mo ratang thata, o ne a bua *in the public* gore o ya go tsaya Chema Chema a e ntsha e le *grant*. Rona re le ba Domkrag, re mo reile ra re, a re fe batho *a certain amount and charge them a certain interest* ya gore ba busetse madi mo Pusong. Ga ke itse gore a golo moo Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente le wena *Minister*, a ga se phakiso ya madi? Ke tsaya gore ka fa o neng o e tlhalosa ka teng, *your budget is based on return on investment*. Ga le na go phakisa mme re na le mananeo a a farologanyeng a re neng re a dira re le *party* ya Domkrag *to encourage* se o se buang thata sa *a private sector growth and investment*. O a itse o ne o le teng le fa gongwe nako eo o ne o santse o le dingwaga tse di kwa tlase.

Re ne re na le mananeo a Financial Assistance Policy (FAP), Citizen Entrepreneurial Development Agency (CEDA), a a tswang kwa a tswang teng e le a Domkrag. E le mananeo a a neng a sigilwe sentle, re batla go dira *an investment* kana *economic diversification*. Ka re ne re tshwere bothata, lefatshe la Botswana le lebagane le lehuma le le ntsi, dilo tse di ntsi di ne tsa se ka tsa fitlha fa re neng re di batla teng. Ga se mo e kareng gompiano le le *party* e e busang, e bo re re Domkrag e paletswe. Domkrag ga e a palelwa, e bile ke batla go go netefaletsa Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. *Party* ya Domkrag fa o bona o apere boshibidu jaana, e supa gore re teng, re a tshela. Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, re tsile go tswelera re gakolola baeteledipele ba lefatshe le, ka tsotlhe tse re ka kgonang ka tsone. Re dirisa boitseanape jo re nang le jone bogolo jang ba re kileng ra nna pele mo Palamenteng, re tswelera re gakolola.

O ne o utlwa maloba fa re le kwa *workshop*, go tlhalosiwa gore mafatshe a a tshwanang le France, Kenya le United Kingdom (UK), ga ba sa tlhole ba dira *budget* ka *system* e re e dirisang ya *briefcase*. *Budget* ya bone *goes through an oversight* ya *Parliament*. *Finance and Estimates Committee* is given a *Draft Budget* well in advance, ba bo ba tla go e present. *We discuss it* e le *draft* re le Palamente, *so that when we debate, it is a finished product*. Re itse gore go na le eng mo teng.

Ga re ka ke ra tla fa re le Mapalamente, re bo re tla go bua *wish lists* tsa rona tse e leng gore bontsi jwa tsone, ga di yo mo *budget*. Ke tlaabo ke batla sepatela kwa Mmathubudukwane kwa ke tsalwang teng, mo e leng gore tota ga seyo. *I think* re ithutile go le gontsi mo *workshop* ya maloba.

Party ya Domkrag *upholds traditional values and social cohesion*. Ke dingwe tsa dilo tse re di dirang. Ga e ise e ko e re ka nako epe fela, ra solofetsa Batswana dilo dingwe tse e kareng kamoso, re bo re fetoga. Bo Tshere le fa o utlwa a bua jaana a re, "ga re a ikgolega." Re tlaa le tshepha jang fa e le gore fa le le mo tlase ga ditlhare mo, le solofetsa Batswana se, e bo e re fa le tsena mo Palamenteng, le bo le re ga le a ikgolega. Batswana ba tlaa le tshepha jang? Ba tsile go le tshepha jang Caesar fa le a ne le bua jaana, kgantele le a fetoga le tsaya dikgang ka mokgwa o o farologanyeng le bo le re, "ga le a ikgolega."

Go ya ka nna Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente le wena Tona, *budget* e, *actually embraces a lot of aspirations* tsa BETP. *I am happy about that* ka gore *I can give you a positive* monwana gore e tsentse *aspirations* tsa BETP. Tsholofelo ya rona jaaka o ntse o bua, o re solofetsa gore o ya go dira eng le eng, dilo tseo di diragale. O ne o bua gore *you saved* madi a Puso. *You talked about Government Purchase Order (GPO) restraint, and raised funds* tse di over P500 million. Potso e ke nang le yone ke gore, madi ao a dirisitswe mo go eng *because that was cost savings? Cost savings is something that we are used to. Even in the previous Government*, re ne re na le mo gotweng *cost saving measures*. Madi a teng a tsewa a dirisiwa kwa go tshwanetseng. Ke one a ke neng ke ipotsa gore re dirile eng ka one motlotlegi?

Tona, ke batla go tsaya nako e gape, go go gakolola gore e kare o tsamaya pila. *I want to emphasise this*, mathata ke gore o tsenya khokho mo mothong yo o sa tsholang bolo. Ke bona e kete UDC e dira jalo. Mo lebaleng ga o ka ke wa gata motho a sa tshola *ball*. O tshwanetse o gate motho yo o tshotseng *ball* gore o mo tsietse a palelwe ke *to score*. Fa o gata motho a sa tshwara *ball*, BDP ga e buse, ga e sa tlhole e le mo setilong. E ntshitswe ka gore le ne le buile bontle, borethe ka teng. Le bua ka fa UDC e atlafetseng ka teng, la rethefatsa batho. Jaaka o ne o bua le *marinate* dikgang tsa lona *in such a way that people see that my sweet star*. Batho ba bo ba tlhoboga BDP, ba e ntsha ba tsenya lona. Ke a le kopa lona Mapalamente a UDC, tswang mo BDP, busang, gakololang Rre Gaolathe jaaka a tshwere

sepatšhe sa lona gore a dire jang. *BDP has actually initiated and implemented several policies tse e leng gore they have positively impacted mo Batswaneng, le a di itse. We had a lot of programmes tsa economic diversification, reducing dependence on diamonds. Ke mogopolo o o tswang kgakala, e se ka ya nna e kete fa ke o utlwa mo Budget Speech, e kare ke selo se sesha gore rona ba re neng re le mo setilong, ga re ise re diversify the economy, we have tried to do that. Sectors di tshwana le tourism, agriculture, manufacturing, including beneficiation programmes. O a utlwa Ararat, you were there, o ne o le teng o le ngwana o re reeditse, o ref, o reng, o le monana. We have also invested mo infrastructure development, same resource development tse di tshwanang le tsa work...*

MR LESEDI: *Clarification.* Mma ke go leboge *Madam Speaker*. Ke go leboge *Honourable Mabuse Pule*. Ke go utlwisise sentle, ga ke go tshware, wa re UDC e tlhophetswe ditsholofetso tse e di dirileng? Fa mongwe a ka bua *statement* a re, ba tlhophetswe ditebego, tse pedi tse o ka di tsamaisanya jang *sir*?

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

MR PULE: Kana Motlotlegi Tautona yo ke mo ratang thata o buile jalo gore fa gongwe batlhophi ba tlhophi ditebego. Ga ke itse gore a ba raya gore ke phala kgaitadiake, gongwe ba bona ke le botoka, ba bo ba sa mo tlhophe ba ntlhophi gongwe ba lebeletse ditebego tsa me.

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

MR PULE: Ke dingwe tsa dikgang tse di neng tsa buiwa fela thata gore fa o kare go lebelelwa ditebego. Jaanong o tlaa fitlhela ka e bile Tautona wa rona ke motho yo montle, *jealous down*, e bile o a kgaba...

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

MR PULE: O montle o a kgaba, gongwe go tlhophetswe ene, UDC e tlhophilwe ka gore e eteletse ke motho yo montle. Bagaetsho kana dilo tseo ke tse e leng gore ga di ka ke tsa re isa gope.

Ke ne ke bua ka *infrastructure development* gore Phathi ya Domkrag, *we did road networks, airports, telecommunication projects, improving connectivity, bo SmartBots; fibre-optic networks. These are projects tsa BDP tse re di bonang, se o tshwanetseng go se dira Tona wa tsa Madi ke go di feleletsa. Feleletsang projects tsa rona le tlogele go lela le re le a fufegelwa. Ga ke*

itse gore e kare motho a bereka a fufegelwa. Kana fa o bereka o a bereka, jaanong we must see return on your efforts. Fa motho a ema fela a ba a re le a re fufegela, le a re fufegela, ke utlwile batho bangwe ba ntse ba bua gone fa ba re ba a fufegelwa. Ba reye ba tlogele go tlhola bs lela ka gore ba a fufegelwa.

Bagaetsho, ke dingwe tsa dilo tse ke neng ke re le phuthologeng Tona. Rona re batho ba re batlang go thusa, ke sone se o bonang fa gongwe re ipitsa re re ga re baganetsi, re bagakolodi.

BDP has implemented a large spectrum of social welfare programmes; Old Age Pension e gompiano re e fitlhelang. I must acknowledge gore mogopolo wa Old Age Pension re itse gore ke nngwe ya Ditshutiso tse di neng di dirwa ke Motlotlegi Rre Koma a gakolola phathi ya Domkrag, a re we must come up with Old Age Pension. Ya nna e kete re a ngomola e le gore re bona sepatšhe e kete se tla se le makgwakgwa, mme re e tseye. E rile fa le goroga le bo le re le ya go e oketsa le bo le tsaya quantumly. Rona re ne re sa dire jalo, re ne re lebelela gore sepatšhe se ntse jang... (Inaudible)... able to put it up to P1.8 because le ne le bona gore madi a teng a ka se ke a goroga sentle, a tlile go felela a tlaetse, le bo le dira P1.4. What you have failed to do ke gore le ne le dumalane in the same spectrum gore le ya go feletsa age ya Old Age Pension from 65 to 60. Ga le a dira jalo. A mme Batswana ba tlaa le tshepha, fa le ba raya le re no, you end up, ke gore robbing Peter to pay Paul. Le tsaya ka fa le bo le tlaedisa ka fa, le bo le baakanya ka fa. Golo moo ke go bona e le tsietsa Motswana Madam Speaker, ka gore tota ga go supe gore re ya golo gongwe kwa go tlaa re isang teng.

BDP has always invested in education and vocational training, no doubt about it. We have done that and it has worked for this country. Re dirile jalo re le Phathi ya Domkrag. Healthcare system ya rona is the best. Re a itse gore the components tsa healthcare system, especially Primary Health cCare (PHC) system, ke brain child tsa bo the first President of this country, Sir Seretse Khama le ba a neng a na le bone at that time. Ke bone ba ba neng ba tla ka this PHC system, which is a robust one. Re berekela mo go yone. Selo se se ntshwenyang fela ke gore mo go se sebaka le lela ka gore madi ga a yo, mme a a tshwanetseng gongwe a ka ba a reka melemo le a isa go sele. We want a very good healthcare system e e tsenyang le theko ya melemo mo teng.

Ke ne ke utlwa *Minister* fa e le gore ke mo utlwile sentle, a bua mo maabaneng gore melemo jaanong e a

kgatlhisa mo dipateleng; re a itumela, a go nne jalo. Re tshwanetse gore fa re ...*(Inaudible)*... re utlwe *response from the people* ka gore fa gongwe go buiwa fela melemo e seyo. A ko re nne re bua nnete nako nngwe, re bua dilo tse di siameng. Re solofetse Batswana dilo tse di ka diragadiwang, e seng go dira fela ka gore re batla go ithatisa batlhophi.

Maloba fa re le kwa *workshop*, mongwe wa Mapalamente o ne a bua ka *budget process*, e ke neng ka bua ka yone *earlier on* ke re *it is high time that the process becomes very transparent and it emphasises on oversight*. Ke dingwe tsa dikgang tse ke neng ke batla gore ke di...

Madam Speaker, I must acknowledge the Minister of Finance for what he has done because when I read this budget, I see that it is anchored on fiscal discipline, institutional reform, on private sector-led growth, NDP 12 and BETP jaaka ke ne ke bua. *Let us refrain from overextending the budget and focus on realistic social policy commitments*. Fa re ka dira jalo *Minister*, re ka tsamaela golo gongwe.

Madam Speaker, inflation is already high, it might even increase. Ke raya ka fa ke neng ke utlwa *outlook* ya ga *Minister* a bua ka teng, *very soon maybe the inflation will go up. At one point we are saying we want to increase tax. Last week I did caution Honourable Minister, caution* e re ne ra e fiwa ke Tautona Boko, *I remember some of the statements that he made gore when the economy is shattered like this one, you reduce tax. O ne a rialo, and now Government is planning to increase tax. The same person remembers gore when you increase tax when the economy is not doing well, it is equal to stripping a naked man. Are we planning to strip a naked man? That is a sign* e re tshwanetseng *Madam Speaker*, re e lebelele gore re dira jang.

Ka nako ya rona fa ke wetsa *Madam Speaker*, fa *budget* e fiwa mo Palamenteng re le badirelapuso, re ne re nna re reeditse. Fa re reetsa re batla bo *Former Ministers of Finance*, bogolo jang *the late Mr Baledzi Gaolathe*, e ne e re fa a dira *speech* sa gagwe ka nna ke motho yo ke neng ke mo sala morago, *he made sure* gore o ya go bua ka *salaries* kwa bofelong. Ga ke a utlwa wena o bua ka *salaries*, *instead* kwa bofelong o dule ka lebaka...

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

MR PULE: Ga o a bua ka *salaries*. Ntsalaka yo ke mo ratang thata, gongwe o ka bo o kile wa bua sengwe ka *salaries*. Legale ka gore o santse o le teng o tlaa tla o

araba, ke batla o bolelela badirelapuso gore go diragala eng.

Ke ne ke utlwa o dira *commitment* ya P5 *million* ya go duela masole, a ko go nne jalo ba a lela.

Kwa kgaolong ya me *we have challenges, and I will debate some of these things* ka nako ya fa ke dira *Committee of Supply statement. Our challenges* kwa kgaolong ya me ke *road networks, telecommunication, power, water and general developments* tsa kgaolo ka gore ke na le metse mengwe e e kwa tennyanateng.

Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke ema nokeng Tshutiso e ya ga *Minister* ka mowa wa me otlhe. *We will be watching* go bona gore a dilo tse di buiwang motlotlegi, a o ya go di diragatsa. *We will be watching you very closely, especially that* re bona gore dilo dingwe e kare ga di tsamaisane. Ka mafoko a a kalo, ke boele morago kakgelo ya me *Madam Speaker. Thank you.*

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

MR BOGATSU (LENTSWELETAU-LEPHEPHE): Mma ke go leboge *Madam Speaker*. Le nna ke latlhele mo *Budget Speech* ya ga Mothusa Tautona. Ke e lebile jaana ke re ke lebelela ...*(Inaudible)*... jaaka e ne ya buiwa ke *Honourable Barongwang* fa a ne a e tlhalosa ka fa e buang ka teng gore ke *economic transformation*, go fetola itsholelo kana go e tokafatsa, *moving from diagnosis to implementation*. Mo go neng go buiwa ke ntsalake Motlotlegi Mabuse Pule, *they were diagnosing*, ba ne ba lebelela mathata mme go sena *implementation*. Jaanong rona *that is where we are going to differ with them*.

Vice President (VP), *do not listen to the naysayers and have your eyes fixed on the bigger picture, which is the transformation of this economy*, re e ntsha fa e leng teng, re e isa kwa pele.

Re utlwile *speeches* tsa bagogi ba le babedi. Re utlwile *the Leader of Opposition (LOO)* fa a ne a a kgwa Mothusa Tautona dikgaba, a bua ka tse ba yang go di dira. Ke utlwile a bua gore ba ya go tla ka molao wa *Public Finance Management*, o o tlaa tlang ka *Honourable Furniture*.

Fa re ne re ka gakologelwa, maloba fa re le kwa *Pre-Budget Session*, kgang e e builwe ya gore go tlaa tla diphetogo tse di tlaabong di lebile gone mo, re e tokafatse, e seng go tswana le ya Southern African Development Community (SADC)-Parliamentary

Forum, e tle e tshwane le *other international bodies*. Ke re nnyaa, e a re name re e emetse pele re bone gore e e tlaa tlang, e tlaa tla e bua ka tsela e e ntseng jang go na le gore re e tabogele thata. Le ene *Accountant General*, o e buile gore diphetogo tsa *Public Finance Management* di etla. Gongwe re ka e emela go sekaenyana.

Fa ke ntse ke lebile tse di neng di buiwa ke LOO, o buile gore re Goromente yo o senyang madi phetelela, mananeo a rona otlhe a re a tshotseng ke a a senyang madi. Nna ke bona o kare Goromente wa rona *is a cost saving Government* ka gore ke bona go na le diphetogo tse dintsi ka fa re dirisang madi ka teng. Phetogo ntlha e ntile go laola GPO, ga e sa tlhole e tsamaya jaaka e ne e tsamaya mme e supile ka dipalo gore *to declare that moratorium on GPO, go boloketse Goromente madi a a kae*. Le ka bona gore Goromente yo ke Goromente yo o bolokang madi. Mesepele ya Mapalamente go ya kwa ntle ga lefatshe, go ne go tsamaya *entourages* tse di seng kana ka sepe mme malatsi a go fokoditswe. Ke kile ka kolokotega fela ke le nosi, batho ba tla ba tswa kwa mafatsheng a mangwe, nna ke bo ke itidimalela ka gore ke ne ke ile fela ke le nosi, e le tsone dilo tsa *cost saving measures*. So, ke bona go na le tswelopele gone foo. Fa le lebelela le *delegations* tsa ga Tautona *going outside, they have been reduced drastically*. Fa o lebelela *their motorcade, drastically reduced*. So, ke dumela gore re mo tseleng ya *cost saving*. Re ka tswa re sa dumalane *but it is how I see it*.

Mo puong gagwe, LOO o bua gore *the Cabinet is too large* mme ka kwa go ene ka kwa, *everybody is a shadow Minister*. Mo go rayang gore fa a ne a na le 18, *he would be having 18*. O ka bo a *lead by example* a supa gore nnyaa mme fa re bua ka gore re a *curtail, this is what we mean*. Mo go yone e, o ntse o ka tla ka *Bill* a tla a e tsenya mo Palamenteng ya gore a re tleng ka molao o o fokotsang gongwe go tswa koo, re felele fa, gongwe re re 10 *or six*, re tlaa e *debate*, re tlaa e dumalana.

E nngwe e a ratang go re sotla ka yone ke ya gore re Goromente wa mataese. Kana golo mo re go dirang mo, ga go dire rona fela. Mma re simolole jaana, re na le Botswana Gambling Authority (BGA), *which is the regulator, and then re bo re nna le Goromente a own certain percentage; 40 per cent wa Grand Palm and Casino and 40 per cent wa kwa Sedibeng Casino ya Francistown*. Maloba fa re ne re le kwa Jwaneng, *it was for the first time re utlwa gore the Government is the majority shareholder* kwa dihoteleng tsa Marakanelo. Re ne ra itumela thata *because that is another revenue*

generation mechanism that the Government can exploit. Every avenue that can generate the county's income, has to be exploited and tsone those...

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

MR BOGATSU: *Those mechanisms are a few tse re ka di dirang go bona gore re direla Goromente madi. Jaanong tlogelang go re shaota ka dikgang tsa bo gore re tshaya mataese, a a tshaiwa! Take example of countries like the Unites States (US), Canada, Norway le a mangwe fela jalo, they have state owned lotteries and they do it. Ga se rona fela ba e leng gore re bonwa foo.*

E nngwe e e buiwang gatwe Goromente *is the referee and the player. It happens, even in international arena gore the Government can be the referee and the player at the same time because it is the responsibility ya ga Goromente go bona gore economy e a function.*

Dikgang tse dingwe di dintsi. Fa gongwe o le rre yo motona jaaka Rre Gobotswang, o fitlhela ke palelwa ke gore fa o ntse o itiya *jabs* ka fa thoko ka fa ke arabe ke reng ka gore ke tloga ke go fosetsa go bo go sa nne sentle gape, ke le ngwana yo o maitseo mo go kanakana. Fa o tsaya...

DR GOBOTSWANG: *Point of procedure. Madam Speaker, letsatsi leno ke itidimaletse go didimala, ga ke itse gore tota honourable a re o nkutlwa eng. Honourable Mohwasa o kile a re o a nkgotla mme ka mo itima ka gore ke santse ke le mo boitumelong jo ke neng ke phaketse ke le kwa go jone kwa Maape Primary e tshwere 100 per cent pass rate. Jaanong ga ke itse gore a ke jealous kana ke eng. Ke a leboga Madam Speaker.*

MADAM SPEAKER: Continue.

MR BOGATSU: Tanki *Madam Speaker*. O na le go nthumola a bo a re o itidimaletse. E e neng e buiwa gotwe *the Government* ga a ka ke a nna *the player* a bo a nna *referee*, go a kgonagala. Ke ka fa re itekang ka teng. *We have Government through National Development Bank (NDB), it owns gape Botswana Savings Bank (BSB) le Botswana Development Corporation (BDC), e le regulator. Re bo re own BSB le NDB. Ke companies tsa ga Goromente, tse e leng gore di tsamaisa madi.*

Goromente *is everywhere* mo maikaelelong a gore a *raise* madi a a yang kwa go thuseng lefatshe le. Go na le Meat Industry Regulatory Authority (MIRA) kwa Botswana Meat Commission (BMC), Goromente o *own* BMC. Ke ditsela tsa go direla lefatshe madi. Go diragala

gongwe le gongwe. *So, the country can be the referee and the player at the same time.* Ga se sepe fela se se thata mo go kalokalo.

Kgang e nngwe e re kileng ra bua ka yone ke ya *youth unemployment*. Re a dumalana gore *youth unemployment* e kwa godimo mme e bile re a e fitlhela, re e ja boswa mme re eme ka dinao go bona gore mo mathateng a a tshwanang le one a, go ka dirwa eng. Fa re batla go ntsha *youth unemployment*, a re lebeleleng gore *our environment* e ka *provide* eng, re bo re nna le *inventory* ya the *range resources and other resources* tse e leng gore di a bonala mo lefatsheng *so that we can tap into those* gore re direle bagarona ditiro.

Madam Speaker, go na le kgang e re neng re tla re e bua gone fa ya makgetho mme re e bua fa re santse re tsena mo Palamenteng e, re re a re itholeng dilo tse dingwe tse dintsi; *sitting allowances and everything*. Makgetho *are raised from the public*. *Honourable VP*, o ka leba, wa putla fela jaaka o batla *because we want to lead the country of this nature* ya *our economy*, e e leng gore lefatsheng le humanegile ka fa le humanegileng ka teng. Ke se ka ka re e ne e buega *from across the aisle* ya gore a makgetho a reng, gongwe le gompiano *they will support you* fa o oketsa ka o rile o tlaa oketsa; *those who are earning about P30 000 and above*. Nna o lebe fela rra mme fa go kgonagala o reme o tsenye ka kwa.

Ke utlwile maloba rona ba gotweng re *pensioners* fa re tlhapadiwa gotwe re *pensioners*. Nna le *Honourable Lucas* re *pensioners*. Le fa o ka tsaya gotlhe, re tlaa sala ka *pension*. Re tlaa bona gore re tsamaya ka tsela e e ntseng jang.

Go ntse go ntse jalo *Madam Speaker*, ke batla go lebogela kgang e ke e utlwileng e buega fa gore re tlaa agelwa tsela ya *Medie-Lentsweletau*. Re lebogela tsela eo thata go menagane ka gore fa e ka nna teng, e tlaa leka gore e ye go rotloetsa tse dingwe gape tse di teng mo kgaolong ya rona. *We will see people travelling more and manufacturing sprouting in those areas*.

Re na le moepo, gongwe tsela eo fa e ka tsenngwa sekonetere, *we will be able to attract other manufacturing industries* ba ba ka tlang ba re thusa. Tumelo ya me ke gore fa re ka agelwa tsela e, e ka dira gore moepo ole wa *Medie* o bereke, o ntshe magala a mantsi. Fa moepo ole o ka *operate*, gongwe re tlaa bona *power station*. *That power station* fa e ka agiwa, *it will power* metse yotlhe e e *south of Dibete*. *Molepolole is a bigger market*, ka bo one fela *can actually ensure* gore *that power station works and makes profit*. Ke tumelo ya me, e ntse jalo.

E nngwe e ke neng ka utlwa o e bua ke ya gore re kgonne go bonela dinamune tsa rona *market outside*. Kana le fa o di bonetse ka kwa, rona *around that area* ya *Lentsweletau-Kgope*, ke *a horticulture hub*. Go na le di le dintsi tse di diriwang ka kwa tsa mofuta wa dinamune. Gongwe *market* o re o atolose, mme e sa nne *market* wa go rekisa kwa ntle, re bone gore *even manufacturing takes place in this country* re dirisa tse re nang le tsone, di ka re thusa *to diversify economy* ya rona.

E nngwe e ke kileng ka bua ka yone ke ya melemo e re nang le yone, re a itse re tlhola re bua ka yone. Re na le sengaparile, le sone o ka bo o ne wa se bonela *market because* ke na le metse e le mebedi ya *Boatlaname and Kweneng settlement* ba ba nang le sengaparile *in abundance* se se rekiwang ke monna wa *Mojeremane* ka ditlhwatlhwa tse di kwa tlase, a bo a se rwala a se isa kwa ga bone, batho ba *Modimo* bone ba sa boelwe ke sepe, go bo go boelwa moreki go gaisa bone.

Thuto e ke ntseng ke utlwa tsala ya me *Mabuse Pule* a bua ka yone, *it needs to be revamped*, re e lebelele, *it needs to meet the expectation of today's economy* ka gore thuto ya rona ka fa e ntseng ka teng, ga e thuse ka sepe mo bogompionong. *I am looking for the type of education that will immediately make people productive in their own environment*. E se ka ya nna thuto e e leng gore fa o sena go nna o tsena mo go yone, go tswa foo o tlaabo o simolola o rwala ditlhako o tla mo *Gaborone* o re o tlile go batla tiro, o tlile *to escalate* mathata a a setseng a le teng mo *Gaborone*. Fa re ka tsaya thuto ka manontlhotlho, *we are going to reduce the rural/urban migration*. *I think* thuto ya rona e nne ka tsela e re lebelelang gore *the Kgalagadi area* e na le eng, *and then we have the type of education that is suited to that environment so that people immediately become productive in their own environment*. Ke se ke se kopang. E re re tlhabolola thuto, re lebelele *the infrastructure in those schools*.

Fa o tsaya dikole tse di mo kgaolong e ke e emetseng, *more especially secondary schools, they have the same population, over 1000*. *If you go to Kopong Junior Secondary School (JSS) more classes are taught outside under trees*, go nniwa mo *corridors* le fa kae. Fa go ntse jalo, ga re ka ke ra re *we are on the way of improving education*. *I am still hopeful* gore ka madi a o neng o a bua o re a teng, go tlaa ya go baakanngwa dikole tsele bogolo jang sekole se se kwa *Macheng*, *it is a boarding school but it is so dilapidated*. E ka re madi ao a tsena le sone sa gakogelwa. *Kopong JSS, there are over 24*

classes there, they were receiving about 350 Form 1s this year. Go go bontsha gore *if we are receiving 350, we are talking of seven more classes that might be taught in the open* jaaka ke bone. Ke ne ke ba etetse maloba; *I have seen a lot of classes that are being taught outside. These are some of the things tse re tshwanetseng go bona* gore re a di baakanya.

The human capital; it is very important for the development of every country, it is the people ba lefatshe ba ba ka tlhabololang lefatshe la bone. Jaanong *we need to look into our education* gore a ke e e ka reng fa motho a fetsa mo go yone a bo a ka tla a tsena...

Ke ya kwa bofelong; *social welfare*. Ke rata mafoko a re a buang gore *we are looking beyond the dependency to empowerment* jaaka go ntse, go ntse. *For many years, re ntse re le batho ba re tshediswang ka gore go bo go ntse gotwe social protection; go buiwa ka go phakisa le go reng*. Ka lenaneo le le tlang la ga *Honourable Motshegwa*, ka fa le ke le lebileng le bua ka teng la *Ikageng which is going to impart skills* mo bathong gore le bone ba tle ba nne *more efficient in the work that they do*. Ke a le amogela e bile ke le opela legofi gore batho ba tle go nna le *skills* tsa gore ba tlaabo ba rutiwa go aga, go betla *and all that could be done*. Foo ke bona go tshwanetse gore go diriwe *so that people effectively participate in the economy* ya *this country*. Ka a le kalo Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo...

MR BARONGWANG: *Elucidation before o nna fa fatshe. O e tshwere sentle mokaulengwe, ke ne ke eletsa gore ke se ka ka go kgaupetsa ke ne ke utlwa o kare o a wela. O ne o fetile ka kgang ya makgetho o supa gore o amogela koketso ya makgetho. A o itse gore over 90 per cent ya our revenue comes from makgetho in form of mineral tax, Southern African Customs Union (SACU) revenue, customs and excise? Ga go tlholontsha gore Goromente a tshwana le wa Botswana jaana a bo a leka ka bojotle go netefatsa gore o tsaya bontlha bongwe jwa madi a gagwe kana tiriso ya letsatsi le letsatsi mo makgethong. Only very small amount, 10 per cent ke ene a tswang from non-mineral revenue kana non-tax revenue. Ke a leboga.*

MR BOGATSU: Ke a go leboga *Honourable Barongwang*. Le nna ke tlhaloganya jalo gore mo Botswana, re bona madi ka makgetho, *but now all I want to see happening again, is the Government effectively taking part in the economy in line of manufacturing and mining*. Goromente a dire ditiro tseo a sa depend fela mo makgethong, Goromente le ene e nna *owner* wa

businesses e bile gape e le *shareholder* mo *businesses*. Ke gone ke ka reng *the Government is making a lot of money*. Tota fela De Beers e ka bo e setse e le gore *we own it rather than being a shareholder*, re bo re depend fela mo makgethong. Ka jalo, ke a go leboga mokaulengwe.

MR KHAN (MOLEPOLOLE NORTH): *Madam Speaker, Honourable Members of Parliament, Bakwena, batho ba Molepopole ba ba nthomileng kwano, ke ba dumedise le lona ke le dumedise mo leineng la Modimo. A kagiso ya Modimo e nne le lona.*

Motlotlegi Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke ema jaana, go ema nokeng pego ya madi ya 2026/2027 e re e beilweng pele ke Motlotlegi Mothusa Tautona Rre Ndaba Gaolathe, e bile e le Tona wa tsa Madi ka maikaelelo a gagwe e le go tlhabolola itsholelo le go dirisa madi a Puso ka boikarabelo.

Vice President (VP) pele ga ke tsena mo dikgannyeng tsa me, ke ne ke batla go feta ka dintlha tse pedi thata tsa ditlhabololo tse di tlang kwa Molepolole. Re kile ra leboga thata gore Puso ya UDC e beile metsi e le *priority* gore ba a isa kwa Molepolole. Re a bone gore a etla, mme ke ne ke kopa gore ga o tla go re araba, o tle go re fa *timeframe* ya gore tsholofelo ke gore a ya go simolola leng, a ya go fela leng. Ga ke batle go ya go boela kwa Molepolole e nna o kare ke nna ke opela pina e le nngwefela fela gore, metsi a etla, metsi a etla. Ke boe ke na le karabo ya gore metsi a ya go simolola leng, tsholofelo ke gore Bakwena ba tlaa simolola go bona metsi leng.

Ke tsena mo go ya bobedi, ke a utlwa gore le neela *bus rank* P4 *million* gore e baakannwe. Ke sebetse se molangwana ka P4 *million* yo VP, ga ke gane gore go se ka ga ya *to renovate bus rank*. Kana e kile ya re ke bua fa, ka re re tshwanetse gore re le Puso ya UDC re simolole *to deploy our... (Inaudible)...* ba ba yang *to implement Manifesto* wa UDC. Fa re tsaya P4 *million* re mo isa kwa khanseleng kwa e leng gore *bus rank* e tlike ka 2014, go raya gore mo dingwageng tse di kanakana tse *it was not renovated*. A le raya gore *for over 10 years*, khansela ga e ise e tle ka maano ape a go leka *to generate* madi a gore e ka simolola ya ipaakanyetsa *bus rank*? O e lebelele VP.

Dikhansela tse di tlhwaafatseng ba itirela madi ka *bus ranks*, kwa Kweneng mo Molepolole re na le *landfill*, dikhansela tse di tlhwaafatseng di dira madi a a seng kana ka sepe ka *landfills*. Fa re tsaya one madi a re a isa

kwa Khanseleng ya Kweneng e go nang le *investment wing* ya Kweneng District Ventures (KDV), e e nang le *payroll* ya about P100, 000 kgwedi le kgwedi. Fa e sale e nna, ga e ise e bo direle le fa e le Khansela ya Kweneng P2. Nnyaa, go tlaa re re tle re sekaseke gore a fa re tsaya P4 million yo re ya go tlhabolola *bus rank*, a ba ba kwa bale ba na le tlhologanyo e e tsepameng ya gore e tlaa re fa go ntse go tsweletse, ba kgone go dirisa madi a gore re se ka ra re Goromente nna o thusa *bus rank* fela. *We need capable people*, ke boela kwa mafokong a me ka re a Puso ya UDC e *deploy cadres* tse di tshwanetseng kwa dikhanseleng, ba ba ka tsamaisang Puso sentle.

Motlotlegi Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke tlhalositse gore ke ema nokeng kabo ya madi a monongwana. E supa maitlamo a go aga motheo o o nonofileng ya tsamaiso ya madi go tokafatsa taolo le go fokotsa go ikaega thata ka diteemane. Maikaelelo a go tswakanya itsholelo ke kgato e e siameng ya Puso ya UDC e ke e netefaletsang gore lefatshe le la rona le eme ka dinao tse di thata tse re mo go tsona. Le fa go ntse jalo Motlotlegi Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo, go aga motheo o o nonofileng fela ga go a lekana, ga re ise re lebagane le dikgwethlo tsa konokono tse di amang Batswana letsatsi le letsatsi, ke raya letlhoko la mebereko, lehuma le *rural underdevelopment*. Ke dilo tse re tshwanetseng go itebaganya le tsona, fa re baakanya lefatshe.

Re lebogela tse dintle tse o kwadileng, *we are acknowledging the positives*. Re lebogela gore *the review of the Public Finance Management Framework and rollout of e-procurement will enhance accountability and reduce wastage*. Kgang e ya go beela kwa thoko P1.85 billion, re a e lebogela thata. Fa o tsaya seemo bogolo jang se se kwa Molepolole, dikole tsothe go simolola kwa *primary school* go ya go felela kwa Molepolole College of Education (MCE), di tlhoka go baakanngwa. Re a leboga gore Puso e bo e beile madi a gore e tle e thuse thata mo dikgannyeng tse, e tlaa re thusa thata kwa Molepolole Bokone. *Modernisation of the tax system* le yone re a e lebogela.

Seemo sa itsholelo; Motlotlegi Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo, le fa re itemogetse go koafala ga itsholelo ya rona ka 2024/25, segolo jang ka ntlha ya go ikaega ka diteemane, tsholofelo ke gore mo ngwageng wa 2026 jaaka go builwe go tlaa nna botoka. *When diamonds slow down, Botswana slows down*. Le fa go ntse jalo, a re oketseng maitenko thata kwa temothuong, bojanala, *manufacturing, renewable energy and services*. Fa re ka se ke re dire jalo, toro ya go tswakanya itsholelo e tlaa nna toro fela.

Le fa dipalopalo di bontsha gore tlhatlogo ya ditlhwatlhwa e a laolesega, malwapa a santse a utlwa botlhoko ka ditlhwatlhwa tse di kwa godimo tsa motlakase, leokwane le dijo. Tlhabololo e ya itsholelo e tshwanetse go fetola matshelo a batho, fa e sa fetole seemo sa malwapa ga e ise e fitlhelele maikaelelo a yone.

Re na le bothata jo bo kwa godimo thata jwa mebereko, letlhoko la ditiro ke kgwethlo e kgolo go feta tsothe bogolo jang kwa Molepolole Bokone. Re na le baithuti ba ba alogileng ba se kana ka sepe kwa Kgotleng ya Borakalalo, ba ba emeng lebaka le le telele gore ba tle ba bone ditshono, le gompiano ga gona se ba se bonang. Re na le banana ba le bantsi kwa Magokotswane, ba ba sa boneng ditiro, seriti sa bone se kwa tlase. *To translate this budget into jobs I suggest the following*; gore a 30 per cent fela wa *Government procurement* o *target* dikgwebo tse di potlana. *Public works programmes must be expanded to absorb unemployed youth*. Re na le dikole tse di *underutilised* tse di tshwanang kwa Molepolole jaaka Kweneng Rural Development Association (KRDA), fa re ka e *turn into a vocational training centre* go ka nna botoka. Ke dumela gore ditiro ke seriti, botshelo e bile di fa tsholofelo. Fa ngwana wa Mahatlwe a sa bone ditlamelo jaaka yo o mo Gaborone go raya gore re santse re le kwa morago thata. Fa tsela ya Mahatlwe e santse e le kwa morago thata gore e dirwe, le fa re itse gore NDP e kgaogantse ka dingwaga gore tsela ele e ya go dirwa leng le leng, ke kope *Vice President le Tona* wa Ditsela Rre Salakae ke khubame ke re, tsela ele ke 20 kilometers (kms). Fa kwa Molepolole le re file metsi le bo le ya go dira tsela ele, le bo le dira *internal roads*, re ka leboga thata gompiano. Re tlhologanya kgwethlo e le lebaganeng le yone ya go tlhoka madi, gore fa le ntse le tabogile le riana a re simololeng go baakanya tsela ya teng.

Fa ke wela, dikgang tse ke neng ke re ke tlaa tla go di bua ke tse di builweng ke Rre Bogatsu, ke dumalana thata le tsona. Kana beke e e neng e feta ele, go ne go na le dikgang tse di neng di supa gore Puso ya UDC e simolotse go tsena mo ditirong tsa *to gamble*. Go le boammaaruri gore go ntse go ntse jalo mo Pusong go diragala, jaaka Rre Bogatsu a tlhalositse gore go diragala jang kwa Gambling Authority le Casino. A bo a e atolosa ka bo Bank of Botswana le BSB gore le fa Goromente a *regulate*, mme go na le dikgwebo di tsweletseng. A re nneng re tlisa dikgang tse di nang le boammaaruri mo Palamenteng...

MR BARONGWANG: *Elucidation.* Ke a go leboga, o e tshwere sentle Mokwena, le Bakwena ba go reeditse ba a go utlwa. Tota ke ne ke batla gore o gatelele kgang ya gore, mo *budget* ya ga Mothusa Tautona, o supile gore go na le madi a a kana ka P1.35 *billion* a a seegetsweng fa thoko go tla go thusa dikgwebo tse di potlana, tse ka tsela nngwe di yang *to generate* ditiro. Di ya *to replace* Chema Chema, e Batswana ka bontsi ba itseng thata ka yone. Go molemo gore selo se tshwana le Chema Chema e le *an informal sector*, se bo se le *budgeted for*.

Sa bobedi se ke batlang gore gongwe Mothusa Tautona o ka se *note* ke gore, go lebega e le gore mo *power independency* kana *to generate* motlakase o *enough to support ourselves*, re nne *very recognizant* ya gore South Africa *has been for the past 4 or 5 years* ba le mo *programme* ya go netefatsa gore le bone ba nna *sufficient when it comes to power*. Fa e le gore re na le keletso ya gore golo gongwe mo *market* mongwe wa rona e nne wa Aferika Borwa, re ka nna ra iphitlhela e le gore ka nako nngwe *market* o re neng re o solofetse kwa Aferika Borwa ga o sa tlhole o teng. Re lebelele *beyond* South Africa, ke a leboga.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR MOTSAMAI): *Elucidation.* Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ke re Mopalamente fa ke go tlatsa kana ke tlatsa puo ya gago ke utlwa o le motho yo o buelelang batho ba ba dikobo dikhutshwane, le ditirelo o batla gore di ye kwa bathong bao gore le bone jaaka o buile bo Mahetlwe, ditsela le tse dingwe, gore ba nne le tshiamelo. Ntlha e nngwe e o tshwanetseng wa remelela thata mo go yone ke gore, ditsela tseo kana fa jaanong di tsamaega batho ba ba ruileng ditswatshimong ba tlaa tshwanelwa ke gore ba di ise kwa mmaketeng o o maleba. Go raya gore matshelo a batho ba a ya go tokafala, ka gore ba ya go tsamaya mo ditseleng tse di siameng. Ba ya go felela *business* tsa bone di tsamaya sentle go ya go gotsa molelo wa malwapa a bone.

Kgang e nngwe ke ya gore, mo dikgaolong ga go na botshelo, mme fa go sena botshelo jaana fa gongwe go dirwa le ke seemo sa ka fa e leng gore Goromente yo o fetileng o ne a tlhokomolositse go tlhabolola dikgaolo ka teng. Golo mo go oketse lehuma le lengwe le le senang boleketso. E bo e le gore dikgaolo tseo di itsege fela e le gore lehuma ke mokgabo wa kgaolo eo go sa re sepe fela mo Goromenteng yo o fetileng, ka gore golo moo e ne e le gore *year one, two*, go ya go tsena ka ngwaga wa bofelo Goromente o bua fela gore Kweneng, Ghanzi, Kgalagadi, Okavango jalojalo, ke mafelo a a beilweng foo go bua gore lehuma le tlhasetse koo, mme

go le rarabolola go pala. Ke re ke fete ka dikgang tse rra gore o e tshwere sentle thata.

MR KHAN: Ke re ke leboge thata Mopalamente wa Mogoditshane Rre Barongwang le Mopalamente wa Charles Hill Motsamai Motsamai, go atolosa dikgang tse thata di amang Bakwena le batho ba Molepolole. Ke a leboga.

Fa ke wela Motlotlegi Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente ke supe fela gore, le fa ke ema nokeng kabo eno ya madi go botlhokwa gore re lemoge gore Batswana ba tlhoka mebereko gompieno, e seng kamoso. Re e tlhoka ka pela. Ke na le tshepo e tona ya gore Mothusa Tautona e bile e le Tona wa Madi o tlaa re a sekaseka jaana re tlaa simolola go tlhamela batho ba Molepolole Bokone le Batswana ditiro. Lehuma le lone le tshwanetse gore le lwantshiwe ka ditsela tsotlhe. Mananeo a tshwanetse go lekalekana Batswana. Re tshwanetse go aga itsholelo e e akaretsang botlhe, e e netefatsang gore Motswana mongwe le mongwe o nna le dijo, tiro, seriti le tshono. Ke a leboga Motlotlegi Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

MR KAPINGA (OKAVANGO WEST): *Thank you very much Madam Speaker.* Ke lebogela sebaka se sa go akgela mo *budget* ya ngwaga o. Maabane ke letse ke kgweetsa ke tswa Shakawe ke ralala dikgwetlho tse di seng kana ka sepe.

MADAM SPEAKER: Hang on Honourable Kapinga. Let us swap first.

“EXCHANGE OF SPEAKERSHIP”

MR SPEAKER (MR KEORAPETSE): You may begin your debate. I will take the clock back to your 20 minutes. Good afternoon Honourable Members.

MR KAPINGA: *Thank you very much Mr Speaker. You came at the right time. Mr Speaker,* ke ne ke bua gore, maabane ke letse ke raletse kgwetlho ya go kgweetsa mo tseleng e e tswang kwa Shakawe e ya kwa Sehitwa, mo dipuleng. Ke tshwanetse go leboga *Comrade* Salakae, gore e rile ngwaga o simolola ya nna Tona wa ntlha wa puso e ya UDC go ya go tshwara phuthego kwa Kgotleng ya Shakawe ra ya go bua ka kgang ya tsela ya rona. A tswa fale ke na le tumelo ya gore jaanong o utlwile, e bile o tlaa bona seemo sa tsela ya rona, a bo a dira se se tshwanetseng.

Mr Speaker, go na le *a certain gentleman* kwa South Africa o tsamaisa *a company called* Trans Africa

Adventures. E rile a raletse tsela ele mo ngwageng o o fetileng a tsenya *clip* a tshameka pina e nngwe ya ACDC, go na le group e nngwe gatwe ACDC ke ne ke e reetsa ke le mosimanyana, e re, “*I am on a highway to hell.*” *That song really was apt in describing the experience of driving along that road, especially the Nokaneng/Gumare section, e ke sa itseng gore tota gatwe gore e tle e baakannngwe Mr Speaker ke fa go ka diragala eng. Ga ke beye blame mo go Honourable Salakae, fa gongwe re a itebatsa gore mathata a tswa kae. I do not want to fall in that trap of forgetting gore seemo gore se tle se nne jaana se tswa kae. Go dira jalo is to behave like somebody who has got a bout of amnesia. I am not suffering from a bout of amnesia.*

When Mothusa Tautona was presenting Budget ya gagwe in my mind I heard words, mafoko jaaka ke ne ke eletsa gore ke a utlwe a tswa a le very clear from the Budget Speech. Those two words are stabilisation and resurgence or revitalisation. I wished to have been convinced by the Budget Speech gore we have stabilised and now we are on the road to resurgence economically or to revitalisation. Mr Speaker, I am not fully convinced. Gape ka Honourable Vice President was quoting thata literature le nna ke ne ka telwa ke mafoko a literature a ke a e thutileng many years ago. In 1986 I was doing my first year at university and I was reading Julius Caesar again after reading it at secondary school. The following quote came to my mind Mr Speaker, e e reng, “There is a tide in the affairs of men / Which taken at the flood, leads on to fortune; / Omitted, all the voyage of their life / Is bound in shallows and in miseries.” There was a time we were riding the crest of the wave and we allowed the crest of the wave to drop us somewhere. Fa re santse re palame the crest of the wave Mr Speaker go ne go se thata gore lefatshe la Botswana le romele bana go ya go ithuta kwa Australia, Malaysia, Canada, Aferika Borwa, kwa bo Monash, bo kae, ba gasame throughout the world. Botswana a kgona to afford go dira jalo. There was a time when we were riding that crest of the wave. There was a time when those that were in leadership dropped this country from the crest of the wave into the shallows and now we are in miseries. Puso e e neng e busa e ne ya latlhegelwa ke tsela at some point, lefatshe la wela mo mathateng a jaanong re leng mo manokonokong a one.

Ga re a tshwanela gore re itebatse selo seo. *There is a defined time; 2008, until maloba ba tswa mo Pusong, re bona fela gore fa seporo se dule mo tseleng se tsena ka sekgwa. Bangwe ga ba batle gore re bue ka kgang eo*

gore seporo se dule mme ke sone se se bakileng mathata a re leng mo go one. *My son was sponsored to study in Malaysia, this country paid for his four years of study there go sena le fa e le bothata. Gompiano jaana o kare ke ditoro jaanong fa re gakologelwa dinako tseo, ka gore bangwe ba ne ba tsaya itsholelo ba e latlhela ka mokoti.*

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Applause!)

MR KAPINGA: Nna go fitlhelela ba ba dirileng jalo ba ya kwa setšhabeng ba re raya ba re bagaetsho, re lemogile gore re ne ra latlhela setšhaba mo mathateng, re itshwareleng, *I have no pardon to grant to anybody until setšhaba e le sone se bo se ba itshwarela gore nnyaa le ikopile maitshwarelo. Until then, I will always make reference gore ke mang yo o re tsentseng mo mathateng a.*

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Applause!)

MR KAPINGA: Gompiano re setse re opela pina ya ga Dolly Parton ya bo “*we used to*” ga re sa tlhole re ntse jaaka re ne re ntse, *it is “we used to.”* Ke a feta *Mr Speaker*, ke tlaa boela mo Pusong ya gompiano jaanong.

Bagaetsho, le fa le fitlhetse *economy* e le mo mathateng, go na le dingwe tse re di bonang mo go lona tse e leng gore fa re ka se ka ra di supa, ga re ka ke ra kgona go ntsha *economy* e mo mathateng a e leng mo go yone. Moeteledipele o bonwa ka selo se gotweng *stewardship* bagaetsho, go itse gore dilo tse ke di neetsweng, ke di neetswe *on behalf of the nation*, ga ke a di neelwa gore ke di itirisetse kgotsa ke di dirise ka fa ke ratang ka teng. *Financial prudence* ke sone se re batlang gore re se bone mo sengweng le sengwe se le se dirang mabapi le tiriso ya madi a setšhaba. *Mr Speaker*, ke batla go go lebogela gore o supile sengwe maloba fa re tswa mo *budget* ka go ka go fokotsa *costs* tsa go ipelela *budget*. Gatwe *one drop in the ocean makes a difference*. Fa *that kind of mindset* e ne e ka itshetlela mo Goromenteng *at all levels*, ke dumela gore re ka kgona go fokotsa *expenditure* ya rona e e sa tlhokafaleng, re bo re goroga mo *stage of stabilising and resurgence of the economy* ka nako e khutshwane. *These are the vices that I see in the current Government; glamour and glitter*. Ga se gore fa o le mo maemong o tshwanetse gore o bonwe ka maphatsiphatsi. Ga se gore fa o le mo maemong gongwe le gongwe fa o gatang teng go bonale gore golo fa go dirisitswe madi. Ga se sone se se supang gore o motho yo o nang le maemo gore go bo go dirisiwa madi a a seng kana ka sepe *only to show the glamour that surrounds you*.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Opang diatla banna.

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

MR KAPINGA: *Extravagance, conspicuous consumption, bagaetsho...*

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

MR KAPINGA: Bagaetsho, a re reetsaneng...

MR SPEAKER: Order! Honourable Members, Standing Order 58.4 “while a Member is speaking, all other members shall be silent and shall not make unseemly interruption.” *Tswelela* Honourable Ambassador Kapinga.

MR KAPINGA: *Extravagance and conspicuous consumption; fa le le baetedipele le ithlokomele, gore madi a a mmuso a, le a dirisa jang. Go fofa mo lefatsheng le go iwa kwa le kwa, go a tlhokafala, mme it should be done in moderation ka gore fa e feta foo jaanong e nna gone mo gotweng extravagance and conspicuous consumption.*

Lack of prioritisation and spontaneity; ke gore go nna spontaneous fela gore nnyaa madi ke a a mo budget ya me, ke a dirisa mo go eng. Re tsamaya mo re utlwa gotwe ditaello di dule gore bana ba je English breakfast, when there is no money, as we speak, for bana go ja ordinary meals mo dikoleng. Bana ba ikela kwa sekolong ba bo ba boa ba sa ja sepe, mme bagokgo ba filwe ditaello gore they must start supplying children with English breakfast. Selo seo Mr Speaker, ke sone se ke se bitsang ke re ke spontaneity.

Spontaneity gape ke e re go sena madi, re na le a serious budget deficit jaaka re na le yone jaana, e bo e le gore mongwe ene o tsamaya a bua gore Village Development Committee (VDCs) jaanong di ya go tswa mo allowance e di e tsayang gompiano ba ya go amogela P2 500. E bo mongwe a tsamaya a bua gore nnyaa Ipelegeng jaanong ka gore re a e fetola e tswa mo Ipelegeng e nna Ikageng, e bile go tlaabo go tsenngwa batho ba ba nang le skills, batho ba teng ba ya go duelwa P2 500. That is spontaneity, that is blinding yourself to the prevailing reality. Reality e e leng teng gompiano jaana ke gore kwa Okavango batho ba ema three months, six months go hirwa mo Ipelegeng a santse a file ba bangwe chance. Yet wena you are speaking of increasing the wage ya Ipelegeng to P2 500 rather than increasing the opportunities for more and more because of the poverty to get employed mo Ipelegeng; that is the spontaneity.

Spontaneity e nngwe Mr Speaker ke e, ke ne ke etetse dikole kwa kgaolong ya me, about nine classes are taught outside, they do not have chalk boards, and wena you choose gore you are going to issue a tender ya P662 million for some new fancy programme that you believe in bana go sena le fa e le chalk board in their class. Bana ba tlhaelelwa ke 11 classrooms, wena e bo e le gore o ya go dirisa madi in some fancy software e o e boneng somewhere. Mr Speaker, that is blinding yourself to reality.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR KAPINGA: Nnyaa, o tlaa tla o tlhalosa, re ya go tsena mo lephateng la gago comrade. O se ka wa re gongwe ke a go tlhasela, *I am discussing the budget.*

There is need for courageous decisions Mr Speaker. Fa lefatsheng le na le a serious budgetary challenge like this, there should be reduction in defence and security spending, mme nna fa ke le lebeletse, le e tshabela kgakala. When you talk about reduction in defence and security spending, ga re a re ma Directorate of Intelligence and Security (DIS) le masole ba fokodiwe, but there is a costly expenditure, everybody knows gore dilo tse di rekelwang masole di a tura. Everybody knows gore the history so far since DIS has come into place, dilo tse ba di rekelwang tse bone ba ipolelelang gore di botlhokwa thata mo tirong ya bone, di a tura. If you were a courageous Government faced with a situation e re leng mo go yone gompiano jaana, you would look at those areas and impose significant cuts in expenditure. Then I would be convinced that go na le golo gongwe kwa re yang teng.

You need to focus expenditure Honourable VP on refurbishment of Government infrastructure. Dikago tsa ga Goromente di makgasa, and you have only set aside or ring-fenced P1.8 billion.

From my layman's perspective and experience, since I have come into this Parliament, P1.8 billion is not going to get us anywhere significant, in terms of refurbishing our infrastructure and completion of continuing projects. Ke gore projects tse dingwe di sale di simololwa, di na le dingwaga. Go na le e nngwe kwa Sehithwa ya ga comrade Hikuama, e sale e nna foo gotwe go agiwa service center. I think that thing is nearing 10 years e ntse gotwe e a agiwa le ya Gumare ya the Agricultural Service Center. Let us finish the pending projects and only come up with new ones when the budget allows us to do so.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ke go senyetsa setšhaba.

MR KAPINGA: *Le tlaa ipona fa e le gore le phuaganya tsa Domkrag. It will be your choice. These are the projects that we need to focus on, so that they get completed. Batho ba bo ba thusega ka fa ba tshwanetseng gore ba thusege ka teng.*

Mr Speaker, *mafatshe a a fetileng ka mathata a a tshwanang le a rona a, a ke tshedileng kwa go one, a diegile go tswa mo seemong se ka gore go na le gore ba fokotse expenditure ya ga Goromente, ba bo ba duela dikoloto tse di tswang kwa morago. Ba bo ba ipolelela gore nnyaa, tse re tlaa tla re di bona ka nako e re di bonang ka yone.* We are addressing our priorities, that creates a very bad financial management culture Mr Speaker, *ya go itlhokomolosa dikoloto tsa badirelapuso. Lefatshe le ke neng ke nna kwa go lone, badirelapuso dikoloto tsa bone di ne di sa duelwe, di kgobokana fela di nna foo. Mme le rona re na le badirelapuso ba ba kolotiwang ke Goromente, ba e leng gore they have been owed for several years. Now the advice Honourable Vice President (VP), batho bao a ko le dueleng dikoloto tsa bone. Ga ke bue ka masole, ke bua ka badirelapuso bothe.*

Mr Speaker, *lengwe la maphata a le ka a lebang gore le fokotse ditshenyegelo, ke Lephata la Foreign Affairs. You will remember gore mo Pusong e e fetileng, go kile ga tswa kgang kwa Public Accounts Committee (PAC) ya mme yo o neng a bereka e le maid wa ga ambassador, a amogela P90,000 per month. Some of these benefits can be looked at. They can be reviewed and reduced without affecting or impacting on the welfare of our diplomats. Ga go pale sepe gore ambassador a bone maid kwa Brazil, a bo a duelwa rates tse maids ba duelwang ka tsone, teng rather than bring a maid all the way from Botswana, o ya go mo duela a foreign service allowance ya P90,000. It does not make sense at all. These are some of the things I would expect as a new Government to address.*

Ya bofelo ke ya corruption, e rile le tsena, la bo le set up forensic audit, people now are beginning to lose confidence gore kante gatwe selo se maduo a sone, a tlaa tla leng? Report ya yone, e tlaa tla leng? E rile le simolola, ka ithaya ka re le tlaa tla ka dikgato tse di bogale gore batho ba ba neng ba supiwa ka menwana gore ba senyetsa setšhaba mo Pusong e e fetileng, le tlaa ba tsaya le ba gogela fa pele ga molao...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ba palelwa ke Mzwinila bao.

MR KAPINGA: *I am still waiting go bona tota gore le tlhwaafetse go tseela batho dikgato tse di gagametseng, ba ba neng ba supiwa gore ba senyetsa setšhaba. E rile ke buisana le mongwe a nthaya a re, gongwe fa o bona ba tshaba go tsaya dikgato kगतलहानग le batho bao, ba lebile gore le bone e se ka ya re ba tswa mo Pusong, ba tseelwa dikgato tse di gagametseng. Gakere ka Setswana gatwe molayakgosi o a bo a itaela. Fa o bona le tsaya issues tsa corruption with such kid-gloves, ke gore gongwe le lona le tshogile gore le se ka la dira thata, ba tloga ba tla ba re gagamaletsa le rona.*

Ya bofelo ka gore nako e tšhaile, *Mr Speaker, I am not convinced about having NDP 12 le BETP ka fa and so many projects mo teng. My gut feeling, I am not convinced gore you have a clear plan ya gore BETP and NDP 12 le ya go di finance ka eng. Fa ke e lebile, ke selo se le batlang go baya setšhaba bobi matlhong gore le batla go tsisa ditlhabololo, mme madi a teng a seyo. Ke a leboga Mr Speaker.*

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

MR MOROLONG (KGATLENG CENTRAL): Ke a go leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Mma ke go dumedise. Ke bo ke dumedise batlhophi ba Kgatleng Central. Mo go bueng jalo Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke batla go simolola puo ya me ka go go leboga thata, wena le Clerk wa rona wa Palamente. Ke setse ke bona kwa o batlang Palamente ya rona e ya teng, le serodumo se o batlang gore o e beye mo go sone gompiano. E se Palamente fela ya Mapalamente, le bodiredi jo bo berekang mo Palamenteng ba thusa le ba Ntlo ya Dikgosi jalojalo. Ke batla ke go leboge sir. Ke bua ke ikutlwa tota, o a dira ngwana wa batho le Clerk o a bereka. Dithuthuntsho tse o re di diretseng, e bile o sa tlhaole bodiredi, o ba tsaya le ka maemo a bone o ba rutuntsha, o re isa kwa mafatsheng a mangwe gore re ye go ithuta koo ba botlhe le Dikgosi, ke go leboge. Ke dumela gore le fa madi a ne a le teng, o ka bo o dira go feta fa. Ke leboga thata le private sector e e re thusang mo mabakeng a a ntseng jalo.

Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, Tona le fa a dule, rraarona Ndaba Gaolathe, ke mo leboge ka puo ya gagwe. Ke supe mogopolo wa me wa gore a dikgang tsotlhe tse di buiwang ka go kgaola costs, megopolo e yotlhe e e tswang ka kwano le kwa, go se ka ga nna o a o ganang ka gore re bua ka madi golo fa. Megopolo e yotlhe e ka re thusa go babalela madi a setšhaba. Ke mo kope fela jalo gore megopolo e yotlhe, a e amogele, e thusang go babalela sekgwama sa Puso.

Ke simolole puo ya me ka go kopa Goromente wa me wa letsatsi, gore e kare ga re dire mo go lekaneng go lemoga rraarona Dr Kenneth Koma. Nako e tsile ya gore re lemoge rraarona Dr Kenneth Koma, yo mongwe le mongwe yo o mo Ntlong e, le Batswana kwa ntle, ba na le seabe ka fa ba mo akolang ka teng. Re se re leng sone ka rraarona Ngaka Koma ba rotlhe mo Ntlong e. Ledula le re sa bolong go nna mo go lone la puso ya batho ka batho *Honourable* Motaosane, ga ke bue fela, ke ka ntlha ya go etelelwa pele ke rraarona Ngaka Koma. Ke na le mogopolo ke tlaa o bua, mme ga ke batle gore o ntose le bagaetsho. Ga ke o bue ka ntwana, ke o bua ka mowa o montle. Ke eletsa gore mo mading a P10, re tsenye tlhogo ya ga rraarona Ngaka Kenneth Koma. Ke mogopolo wa me, gore ledi la P10 re le tsenye Ngaka Kenneth Koma, e le tsela nngwe ya go mo lemoga. Go bothokwa gore re dire jalo ka gore ka fa gompiano molao o reng P10 a dirisiwe ka teng, ke bona go le turu Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Tautona mongwe le mongwe yo o mo setilong, a bo tlhogo ya gagwe e tsena mo P10, ke bona go ka turela Puso. Fa re tsentse tlhogo ya ga...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR MOROLONG: Nnyaa rra ga ke amogele, ke setse ke itse gore wena o ya kwa ntweng fela. Fa re tsentse tlhogo ya ga Ngaka Koma fela mo P10...

MR LESEDI: *Point of procedure.* Ke a go leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke gakolole motlotlegi gore le fa a eletsa go alela kgang ya gagwe, mme o kare o tlaa tswa ka lebaka. Ke ne ke solofetse gore o tlaa bua ka *budget*.

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa mme karabo o mo *budget*. *Honourable* Morolong, Standing Order 57. 1.

MR MOROLONG: Ke mo *budget* Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Re letse re bona maabane go tsennwa ramabelo yo motona wa lefatshe la Botswana, ke a leboga. Ke kgang e ntle thata. Ke tsaya gore go ama itsholelo mo kgannyeng e.

Ga ke eletse gore kgang e ke e buang e re e potlakele ka ntlha ya itsholelo ya lefatshe, mme ke ne ke eletsa gore mogaka yo re mo lemoge ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. MaDomkrag ba kile ba leka go mo lemoga e santse e le Moeteledipele wa Kganelso mo Palamenteng e, fela a gana seetsele se a neng a re o se fiwa ke rraarona Tautona wa pele Rre Masire. Ke sone se ke reng *Honourable* Motaosane le lona ba Domkrag, le na le seabe mo go

dumeleng gore o dirile go utlwala a direla lefatshe le le ka kwano.

Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke kopa Ntlo e e dumalane le nna gore re le Mapalamente re kopa *full and total control* ya madi a Constituency Community Project (CCP). Re kopa gore madi a a ntshiwe kwa dikhanseleng, *Central Government* e na le maphata a ditsela, a *health* le dikole. Madi a *when budgeted* ka fa tlase ga Palamente, a *certain portion* fa re a batla gore e dirisiwe ke khansele, e tlaa ntshiwa mo *budget* ya rona ya Palamente e ya *at the district* go dirisiwa mo go se Mopalamente le ba a ba reetseng a re se diriwe fa se ama khansele. Ke kopa *total control* ya kgang e.

MR LEKAU: *Clarification.* Ke a go utlwa motlotlegi, a o raya gore o eletsa gore ofisi ya Mopalamente e nne le *budget* e e ka itsamaisang ka yone? E seng jaaka gompiano go beilwe bodiredi koo, e bo go feletse ka yone.

MR MOROLONG: *Exactly,* kana kgang e motlotlegi a e buang ke yone e e diragalang kwa mafatsheng a mangwe jaaka kwa Kenya, kwa thulaganyo ya mofuta o e saleng e simologile teng. Diofisi tsa Mapalamente teng *they are fully resourced* go feta tsa rona. Gompiano ka fa seemo se ntseng ka teng, go dumelwa gore *when chairing a meeting*, moo go lekane gore gotwe o na le seabe mo mading ao. Jaanong ke kopa *total control* ya madi a CCP.

Ke kopa go fa Palamente megopolo e e ka thusang go latlhela sepenyana mo letloleng la Puso. Mogopolo wa me wa ntlha ke gore re simolodise mo gotweng ke *community infrastructure levy*, e ka tsela nngwe le yone e tlaa boelang dikhansela. Fa re ntsha CCP kwa dikhanseleng jaaka ke dumela gore teng, go na le mo re ka go buseletsang e le *levy* ya *community infrastructure levy*, e e dirwang mo mafatsheng a le mantsi. Bomankge ba tlaa nna fa fatshe ba lebelela gore go ka tsewa *per cent* ya bokae mo *infrastructure* e e nnang foo e le *towards the levy* e e tlaabong e fiwa khansela gore dikhansela di kgone di dire ditiro tse dingwe tsa tsone.

Mogopolo o mongwe wa bobedi ke gore re simolodise *health promotion levy* or *sugary levy* le *beverage levy*. Gompiano go na le *drinks* tse re di nwang fa mme ba botsogo ba nna ba tlhagisa kgapetsakgapetsa ka tsone gore di re koafatsa go le kae, ditlamorago tsa teng ke eng mo botsogong jwa rona. *We must discourage our people* go dira jalo ka *levy* jaaka go ne go na le *Alcohol Levy*. Go bothokwa gore *beverages* tse dingwe re di

direle *levy* ka gore letseno le tlaabo le tsena mo mading a Puso. Re tshwanetswe go tsenya...

MR MOSANANA: *Clarification.* Ke a go utlwa *honourable*, ke a go leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke ne ke batla gore o ntlhalosetse fa gore, a ga o bone go le botlhokwa gore motsoko o nne le *levy because ga se necessity? Thank you.*

MR MOROLONG: Ke amogela gore o siame o ka nna le *levy* ya one.

Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, re begetswe gantsi gore itsholelo ya rona ga e dire sentle ka gore teemane ga e rekwe, mafatshe a simolotse go dira teemane ya fongkong, ke yone e rekwang. A re direng ya rona, di tlaa nna pedi fa di tlaa bapana. A re batleng bagwebi ba ba ka re direlang fongkong tsa diteemane gore fa e le gore ke *line* e mafatshe a yang ka yone, le rona re tsamaye ka yone. Re tlaabo re re re emetse eng? *How long will we take* re sa itse gore teemane ya rona e e tswang ka fa mmung e tlaa rekwa? A re nneng le diteemane tsa fongkong *Mr Speaker*; re di rekise, itsholelo ya rona e tsoge e ye kwa pele.

Re na le seemo sa botsogo mo lefatsheng la Botswana jaaka mang le mang a itse. Ke na le mogopolo Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ba botlhe re a itse gore batho ba latlhegelwa ke matshelo ka ntlha ya kgang e mme ga go batle re tlaopa ka yone. Mogopolo wa me ke gore re tshwanetse re nne le a *Health Ombudsman*, yo o itebagantseng le dingongora tsa batho tse di amanang le ka fa gongwe batho ba sa tsewang sentle ka teng. *Crisis* e re leng mo go yone e re tlhokana le motho fela a le nosi *who specialises* ka tiro e e le a *Health Ombudsman*.

MR KWAPA: *Clarification.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*, ke go leboqe *Honourable* Morolong. Ke dumalana le wena mo kgannyeng e o buang ka yone ya gore go nne le mongwe yo o ka tsibogelang dintlha tse tsa botsogo. Se o se buang seo ke na le bothata jwa sone kwa kgaolong ya me, e le gore fa motho a ya kokelwaneng a ya go ikopela molemo, go bo gotwe ga se ya Sese ke ya Jwaneng. Ke a leboga.

MR MOROLONG: *Thank you honourable.* Batho ba bangwe *Mr Speaker*, ba iphitlhile e le bodiredi ka kgang ya gore melemo ga e yo mme fa gongwe e le teng. Ke a itse gore ga e yo, ke a amogela mme go na le *some officers* ba e leng gore ga ba re direle sentle mo mabakeng a a tshwanang le a. *We need a Health Ombudsman.*

Ke kopa rraarona Gaolathe a amogele gore nako e tsile, fa re leng teng ka fa itsholelo e ntseng ka teng, *design* tsa *projects* a di dirwe *inhouse*. Re na le bomankge mo maphateng, Lephata gongwe le tshwana le la Ditsela ke e fa sekai ka lone; kwa dikhanseleng ba ka kgona go dira ditshwantsho tsa ditsela, ba ka *design projects* tsa rona. A re name re di dira *inhouse*. Le *consultancy that we can outsource*, a re name re e emisitse. A re name re emisitse go reka melemo re e rekelwa ke bo Mpho Morolong, go fitlhelela seemo se siama. A re dire tiro e *inhouse*, fa re dira jalo re a bo re fokotsa ditshenyegelo. Ke mo go thuseng Goromente wa me gore re emise ditshenyegelo.

Go utlwisa botlhoko *Mr Speaker*, kgang e ke e bua ka pelo e e botlhoko, re emise dikonteraka *that provide supervision to rakonteraka on site*. Se se ledisa monngwame Motlotlegi Mabuse Pule kwa tseleng ya Modipane-Dikwididi. Re emise motho o gotweng *is supervising*, e tlaa dirwa ke lephata. Re fokotse ditshenyegelo ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. Go utlwisa botlhoko *Mr Speaker*, bana ba rona ba bangwe mo diofising motho o tlaabo a bereka. *For instance*, kwa Lephataeng la *Roads*; fa a sena go nna a aba *tender* o tlogela tiro, o ya go e pota ka kwa e nna ene a *supervisor*, a fentse *tender* ya *supervision of rakonteraka* yo o mo *site*. E bile ke gone mo go re tsalelang *costs* tse di kwa godimodimo tsa *projects*. A golo moo go eme, bana ba rona e nne bone ba *design projects and supervise* go fitlheleleng seemo sa itsholelo se siama.

Re tswa kgakala re bua re le Goromente ka kwano gore Scale A re tshwanelwa ke gore re se phirimetsetse letsatsi. Nako e tsile ya gore re emise Scale A, se kwa tlase thata bagaetsho. Ke ne ke re ke e bua fa, ke tlaa tla ke akgela thata ka nako ya fa jaanong *Ministers* di bega fa pele ga rona.

O ka hutsafala *Mr Speaker*, o bona motho a filwe *project*, ke ratile go lebala ntlha e. Motho a filwe *project*, gongwe e le ya tsela, fa a ntse a tsweletse go le *January* jaana o a ema, kgantele o kopa madi a motlaleletsa a bua gore kana pula e ne e na. Motho fa a fenywa *project* mme e tsaya sebaka o tshwanelwa ke go itse gore go na le dikgwedi tsa dipula. A re emise go jewa ntsoma ke borakonteraka ka dikgang tse di sa bonaleng bagaetsho. Ga gona yo o sa itseng gore paka ya dipula ke leng, jaanong a le rona re se ka ra itetlelela go amogela sengwe le sengwe se rakonteraka a tlang a se bua. Dikgang tse ke gone kwa madi a felelang teng Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

Kgang e nngwe e ke batlang go e bua ke ya dipuisanyo

tša rona re le Puso tša babereki, Puso e emetswe ke Directorate of Public Service Management (DPSM). *Mr Speaker*, gangwe le gape fa o reeditse ka fa dipuisanyo di tsamayang ka teng, o a ne o utlwa gotwe *Director* o santse a kopile gore go enngwe pele o ile go kopa bogakolodi. Ke tsaya gore *Minister* wa rona wa *Labour* o na le *experience* e e seng kana ka sepe ya gore fa batho ba buisana, go buisanwa jang, *otherwise* AP e ka bo e se mo UDC fa e ne e se ka ga gagwe. Ke ne ke re a re se ka ra bofelela *Director* matsogo ka fa morago, a re mo gololeng gore a ye go bua le *unions*, ba rarabolole dikgang tša bone. Dipuisanyo tša *unions* le Goromente tse di sa feleng, ga di njese monate. Ke ne ke re ke kope jalo gore a re se ka ra mmofelela matsogo ka fa morago, nako le nako a nna a ipata ka rona gore o santse a ya go kopa bogakolodi. A selo seo se eme Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tša Palamente.

Ke tshwenngwa ke dikgang tse dintsi tse e leng gore *they are unresolved*. Ke tsaya gore ke se se neng se buiwa ke *Comrade* Kapinga, tse di amang le babereki bagaetsho. Dikgang tša babereki di tswa kgakala. Dikgang tša borutabana ga di kana ka sepe Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tša Palamente. Ga di rarabololwe bagaetsho e bile golo moo go setse go nna mo setšhabeng jaaka e kete barutabana ba leletse ruri, *whereas* ga se gore ba leletse ruri, dikgang tša bone tša bogologolo *are unresolved*. Ga ba duelwe *transfer allowance* le *leave concession*. Botswana Examination Council (BEC) le yone e ka foo, ga e ise e ba duele mo nakong e ke buang le wena ka yone *for invigilating examinations* tša *last year* le *to mark* Mma Mokoka. *So*, re le Goromente, re tlhomamise gore re nna le tsela e e leng gore dikgang tša rona tša babereki, re nna le ledula gangwefela mo botshelong, le bone ba nne le ledula ka tsela e e ntseng jalo.

Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tša Palamente, batswakwa ba bantsi thata mo dikgwebong tse di ikemetseng ka nosi mme batho ba rona ga ba bereke. Nnyaa, a Goromente wa me a ke fela a tseye a *bold step* a tlhomamise gore bakgweetsi, eng, ba re bonang e le batswakwa mo *private sector*; ba sutele batho ba rona ba bereke. Batho ba mo tlaleng jaaka *Honourable* Khan a ne a bua.

Nako e tsile gape Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tša Palamente gore *petrol attendants* le bone ba fiwe madi a seelo se Goromente wa me a ikanneng gore batho ba ya go duelwa ka sone. E se bone fela ba le nosi, le ba dikgwebo tse rileng tse ditona, tse di rekisang dikoko tse re di jang tse di monate tse letsatsi le letsatsi. Dikgwebo tse ditona

tse nnyaa, go tlile nako ya gore batho bao jaanong ba duele madi a a tshwanetsweng ke gore ba a duelwe.

Se se tshwenyang Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tša Palamente ke gore madi one a jaaka rraarona a ntse a a aba, re a itse gore o aba dipampiri tse di iseng di nne madi mme nna letshwenyego la me le letona ke gore a ntshiwa *very late* kwa maphateng *Mr Speaker*. Kgang eo ga se kang e e monate, re ne re re o baakanye seo.

Mmaarona Nono Kgafela-Mokoka ke yo, kana o a itse gore kwa Kgatleng ke na le dikole tse e leng gore di na le batlhoka pono, tse matsana mangwe a a tswang mo *ministry* wa gagwe a tshwanelwang ke gore a ye kwa. Jaanong fa go nna le tiego ya go mo duela, le ene o diega go neela sekole sa batlhoka pono se e leng gore babereki ba teng mma ba ba sa amogeleng sepe, fa go nna jaana, ba nna mo mathateng, ba bo ba adime madi kwa kerekeng. *Imagine!*

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ... (Laughter!)

MR MOROLONG: Ke bua boammaaruri, ba bo ba adime madi kwa kerekeng ya Dutch Reform. Nnyaa *Mr Speaker*, ga go a tshwanela go nna jalo, re kopele *Minister* gore a golole madi ka nako, a a seyong ao, batho ba thusiwe, ba amogele sentle. Kgang e e botlhokwa tota, e losa *Minister* le rona mme go sa tlhokafale, e se gore o molato.

Ke ne ke kopa gore *Ministry* wa *Agriculture* bagaetsho o ka bo o bone *share* ya boraro e e botoka mme ke sa re wa *Local Government* o ntshiwe foo, le one o siame. Gompiono ke dumela gore bagaetsho re mo leubeng. Le fa re ka itibisa go sele, re mo leubeng. Go setse go tswaletswe temo mme batho ga ba ise ba leme. Re mo leubeng *Mr Speaker*. *Ministry of Lands and Agriculture* o tshwanelwa ke gore o bone madi a a botoka.

E seng *for* ditemo fela, le yone kang ya lefatshe. Batho ba batla lefatshe mo go Goromente wa rona mme ga re thuse gore *ministry* o o bone madi gore o tle o reke lefatshe, o abele batho bale. Ga se gore ga ke le fa o fitlhela ke gagasela ka dikgang tša *land board*, ga ke itse dikgwetlho tša bone, ke a di itse, ke batla gore Goromente wa me a ba thuse, e re ke ba omanya ke bo ke itse gore ba thusitswe gore ba thuse batho. Batho kwa kgaolong ya me ba emetse ditsha mo e leng gore ga ke itse gore ke tlile go ba pota ka kae.

Ministry o mongwe ke wa ga *Honourable* Tshere o ke neng ke dumela gore le one o tshwanelwa ke gore o bone sengwe, *Ministry* wa *Communications and*

Innovation. Ke dumela gore fa o ka thusiwa gangwefela ka madi a a botoka, mathata a otlhe a bo *system* e rile, kwa *Transport* go rile, e ka nna sengwe sa maloba Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. E tlaabo e nna dikgang fela gongwe tsa *maintenance*, o tlaabo o thusitswe.

Mr Speaker, ke kopa gore o ntlelele ke bue e nngwe kgang ke e, re mo mathateng kwa Kgatleng Central. Goromente yo wa me ke ipotsa gore a o tlhwaafetse gore o batla gore ke *support budget* ya ga Ntate Gaolathe ka gore ga go na le fa e le *a single project* e e buang ka Kgatleng. Ga go na le fa e le sepe. A ke tletse fa *Mr Speaker* go tla go direla Mapalamente *quorum*? Ke tletse eng? Dingwaga tse tlhano tsa *plan* tse ke tlileng go di nna fa, ke tlaabo ke tletse eng bagaetsho? A ke gone gore e re fa re bua go bo gotwe re peipile motokwane fa re batla *projects* kwa kgaolong ya rona?

Dikole tsa me di mo seemong se se sa nngang sentle. Bana gompiano ba *pre-school* kwa Kgafela ba tsenela mo *storeroom*. Fa e ne e le motho fela kwa ntle a dirile sekole sa bananyana a ba tsenya mo *storeroom*, khansele e ne e ka tla ka šhamboko e ba ntsha foo. Motlotlegi o tlaa ya go se bona, ke seemo se se sa kgatlheng.

Re batla borogo ba letsibogo la Phalane jaaka re kopile. Re batla *relocation* ya sepatela sa Deborah Retief Memorial Hospital (DRM). Mo *plan* go kwadilwe fela gotwe *upgrading of* DRM Hospital. Ga se ya rona eo, rona re batla sepatela se fudugela kwa setsheng se se bonweng.

Re a lela, sekole se agilwe kwa Ithuteng se bidiwa Ithuteng Junior School, *literally* ga se na *kitchen*, ga se na *hall* le *lab*. Ke gore ke go bolelela boammaaruri. Sekole seo se agilwe jalo mme mmami wa sone e leng Sedibelo, o na le dilo tseo. Fa go kwalwa *exam*, ke bothata fela *Mr Speaker*.

Ke ne ke re bagaetsho, a ko le re tseyeng tsia re le Bakgatla, re lapisitswe ke go nna *sub-constituency* ya Gaborone. Ga ke a fetsa mme ka ntlha ya nako, tla ke eme fa *Mr Speaker*.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INNOVATION (MR NTLHAILE): Thank you Mr Speaker. *Ke dumedise Ntlo, ke bo ke dumedise bathlophi ba bantle ba Gaborone yo o Bokone.*

Mr Speaker, *ke ema fano gompiano* to support the Appropriation Bill (No. 1 of 2026). In doing so, I am aware of that we gather in this August House at a

defining moment in our nation's history. A moment that demands both candour about our circumstances and conviction, about our capacity to overcome them.

Mr Speaker, let me begin with an observation that frames everything that I will say today. The 2025 budget was as the Minister rightly stated and I quote Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: Please do.

MR NTLHAILE: “A statement of truth, further, a clear-eyed diagnosis of where we stood as a nation.” Now, the 2026/2027 budget before us today marks the deliberate transition from diagnosis to delivery. It moves us from identifying our ailments to administering the cure. This budget is anchored in three fundamental realities that we must all acknowledge; first, our economic model, one that is heavily dependent on diamonds and Government-led development has run its course. It set us well for decades, but as the Minister noted, it cannot carry through the next decades in the same way. *Sa bobedi* Mr Speaker, our fiscal buffers have been depleted, fact. The Government Investment Account (GIA) which stood at 37.2 billion in 2014, has been reduced to critically low levels. This is not an accusation, it is a fact we must confront. *Go kgaritlhega ga matlole a rona ga go simologe gompiano, go tswa kwa go dingwaga tsa bo 2014.* Let us appreciate that.

Number three and most importantly, the people of Botswana placed their trust in this administration in October 2024 with a clear mandate and that is to restore integrity, create opportunities and transform our economy. The UDC mandate on the other hand themed, “inclusive growth, quality lives” was not merely an election document, it was a contract with the people of Botswana... (Interruptions)... Every Pula allocated in this budget must be measured against that contract. Just in case you did not hear me, contract, I said.

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

MR NTLHAILE: Honourable Speaker, I will structure my response around four pillars:

- Fiscal Discipline and Governance,
- Economic Transformation through the BETP,
- Social development and human capital and
- the critical missing pieces we must address as we move forward.

Fiscal Discipline, Governance and the Fight against Corruption

Honourable Speaker, we provide a fundamental concern and without public sector reform, Government will lose credibility. I could not agree more with the Minister of Finance. The Minister has demonstrated that he understands this imperative. The fiscal strategy for 2026/2027 places consolidation, discipline and rebuilding buffers at its centre. This is not austerity for its own sake, it is a deliberate choice to secure the basics that define a functional state.

Honourable Speaker, let us examine the results; following the centralisation of GPOs in July 2025, average monthly spending declined from approximately P1.1 billion to P584 million. A 49 per cent reduction in monthly expenditure levels. So, the opposition, check yourselves, *le nna le bua gore Goromente o senya madi* and here the Budget Speech clearly states and shows that Government is doing everything to ensure that expenditure is reduced. This is not theory, this is tangible evidence that disciplined systems work.

The travel moratorium, tighter controls on overtime payments and the strict enforcement of the GPOs have demonstrated that expenditure containment is possible without compromising service delivery. Most importantly, for two consecutive financial years (2024/2025 and 2025/2026), no supplementary budget requests have been approved. *Le a utlwa bagaetsho?*

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

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Bua ka Setswana ga re utlwe.

MR NTLHAILE: This marks a decisive break from past practices where supplementary budget had been routine with damaging consequences for fiscal sustainability.

Development Manager (DM) Review

Honourable Speaker, the review of the DM models reveals that what many of us suspected but could not prove, comparative assessment showed that under the DM approach, the construction of new primary schools was approximately 34 per cent more expensive. A principal hospital projected recorded a cost variance of over 56 per cent (more than P630 million). Road projects were on average 11 per cent more costly. *Jaanong* my fellow friends, comrades on the other side, *ba recite dilo tsa kwa freedom square gore Puso ya UDC e dira se se neng se diriwa ke BDP*, please inform yourselves.

Of the 448 projects reviewed, only 16 were sufficiently advanced, continued the implementation, 132 projects have been suspended at conceptual stage. This represents hundreds of millions of Pula that would have been wasted had this administration not acted decisively. *Le a utlwa bakaulengwe.*

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

MR NTLHAILE: Governance and Anti-corruption

Honourable Speaker, let me speak plainly about corruption and I am very happy *gore* His Honour the VP *o umakile kgang ya* corruption to show you *gore rona kwa* UDC, this Government *ga e fitlhe sepe*. Whether it is corruption, we acknowledge yes, because we know *gore BDP e dule ka* Batswana *ba ne ba lapisitswe ke* corruption. Every Pula stolen from the public purse is a clinic not built, a school left to decay, a road that becomes a grave. The Minister himself echoed these sentiments in his speech and I commend him for his forthrightness. The budget before us takes concrete steps to strengthen oversight.

The review of the Corruption and Economic Crime Law is underway and expected to be finalised during this financial year. The operationalisation of the DCEC independence is being fast-tracked. The National Coordination Office on Anti-Money Laundering (AML) and Counter Financing of Terrorism (CFT) has been established. Mr Speaker, *re tshwanetse ra gatelela, ra rotloetsa, ra kopa Mothusa Tautona e bile e le Tona wa Madi, ka dikgang tse dingwe tse di bothokwa gore the DCEC reforms di tshwanetse go diragadiwa ka bofelo jo bo ka kgonegang ka gore ke tsone tse di ka thusang gore di somarele madi a a leng teng. Re tshwanetse gape ra gagamatsa the Whistleblowing Policy e e ka dirang gore ba ba lemogang tshenyetso-setšhaba ba kgone go e report ba sa tshabe gore matshelo a bone a ka tshosedwa.*

Mr Speaker, *re tshwanetse ra gatelela, ra bo ra kopa gape gore the declaration of assets and liabilities ke boikarabelo jo bo tona. Ke serodumo sa phathi kana Goromente wa UDC yo Batswana ba mo tshephang. Tiro e re tshwanetse ra e emela ka dinao, ra tlhomamisa gore re le baeteledipele, we declare our assets and liabilities. I urge the Minister and the entire Cabinet to treat these matters with the urgency they deserve.*

The Forensic Audit gave citizens hope that their concerns will be addressed. We cannot allow that hope to be undermined and this is why the President came to

this Parliament *a tla a tlhomamisetsa Ntlo e gore* the Forensic Audit is expected *gore* by end of March *e bo e setse e weditswe*. So, let us stop *go nna le raya batho le re ga le itse gore* Forensic Audit *gatwe e ile kwa kae* when we know *boammaaruri*, Honourable Kapinga.

Economic Transformation Through BETP

Honourable Speaker, the BETP is the engine room of this budget. With 186 projects across six economic priorities and three social sectors, BETP represents our most ambitious attempt yet to diversify our economy and create sustainable employment.

On agriculture, we move from the subsistence to export orientation. *Goromente yo o tlhwaafetse, re batla go ntsha* Batswana *mo lehumeng, ra ba isa kwa khumong, kwa botshelong jwa letlotlo*. The repositioning of agriculture from subsistence and import dependence to a modern export-oriented sector is long overdue.

The 2026 transformative agriculture projects under BETP focus on crop and livestock production, agro-processing, coal chain logistics and market access. I am particularly encouraged by the cluster-based approach, the first confirmed export of Moringa to Germany this month, February 2026, validates the strategy. This is not just about income for farmers, it demonstrates Botswana's ability to meet stringent international quality standards.

Here Mr Speaker, I want to add *gore kwa* Gaborone *Bokone re bone* Botswana citizens, company led by women *ba* Batswana, identified six high end commodities *tse ba setseng ba bone* offtakes overseas. They have registered clusters all together, that is about 500 farmers *ba ba tlaabong ba* export these high-end crops. We are talking about strawberries, dragon, it is about seven high-end commodities *tse e leng gore le kwa* Stock Exchange the plan is *di ye teng*. They need your assistance because here *le na le letlotlo la* foreign exchange resource, *tse lefatshe la* Botswana *le tlaabong le tswa mo go ikaegang ka diteemane*.

The citrus export achievement deserves special mention, from 2, 700 tons in 2024 to 13, 000 tons in 2025. Growth of over 390 per cent with market access secured to 17 international destinations. This is what effective trade diplomacy looks like.

On manufacturing and value addition Mr Speaker, the 22 manufacturing projects prioritised under BETP focus on intensive assembly-based manufacturing, resource

base, heavy industry and clean technologies. The P714 million investment in 4 advance 30 units at Sir Seretse Khama International Airport Special Economic Zone and the P63 million grain dryer at Pandamatenga represent tangible infrastructure for industrialisation. *Bagarona ba nna ba opela pina ya kwa* freedom square, *ba lebala gore dinako di fetogile*.

Honourable Speaker, the manufacturing sectors contribution to Gross Domestic Product (GDP) stands at 5.2 per cent, the target is 9 per cent by 2030. This is ambitious but achievable, if we maintain our focus on value chains that is linking agriculture, mining and energy into higher value goods that retain value domestically.

On energy and security and the green transition Mr Speaker, our domestic electricity generation currently stands only at 63 to 70 per cent of national demand. Imports cost approximately 3.4 billion annually, this is unsustainable. The revised integrated resource plan targets an additional 1.5 Gigawatts (GW) of renewable energy by year 2027. The 100 Megawatts (MW) solar PV plant in Mmadinare is complete. The 100 MW plant in Jwaneng is scheduled for commissioning in March 2026. Maun 600 MW solar project is under procurement. Mr Speaker, *ke dikgakgamatso tse bagarona ka kwa di ba tseisang sedidi, ba palelwa ke go bolelela* Batswana *boammaaruri gore Goromente yo o fitlhelang go sena sepe o a leka, o dira go tlala ka diatla*. Big up to you Honourable Vice President (VP) and Honourable Kenewendo.

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

MR NTLHAILE: Honourable Speaker, the goal of achieving 50 per cent renewable energy contribution by 2030 is not just an environmental aspiration, it is an economic imperative. Every megawatt generated locally is foreign exchange saved and jobs created.

Tourism and creative industry; the allocation of five tourism sites in Ngamiland and Makgadikgadi attracting P362 million in capital investment and creating over 500 jobs Honourable Disho, demonstrates tourism's potential as a driver of employment and citizen participation.

The planned State Theatre, National Art Gallery and the Film Commission are not luxuries, they are infrastructure for the creative economy. When Letsile Tebogo brings glory to our nation, he reminds us that talent properly nurtured can achieve global recognition. If the budget

provides the platforms for that nurturing..., Pillar 3 quickly, a social development and human capital..., this is very important Mr Speaker, an economy is only as strong as its people. The social sector allocations in this budget reflect that understanding.

Botswana allocates 7.1 per cent GDP to education among the highest for upper-middle income countries in the region, yet outcomes have historically not kept pace. This efficiency gap must be closed. The new Tertiary Education Financing Policy, Higher Education Act, dedicated Technical and Vocational Education Training (TVET) Act represent a comprehensive reform agenda. The goal of reducing the youth not in employment, education or training from 41 per cent to 22 per cent by 2030 is ambitious but essential.

Mr Speaker, the Ikageng Public Works Programme modernising Ipelegeng into a skills focused national public works initiative, represents a shift from welfare to empowerment, linking remuneration to productivity, adherence to quality standards and measurable outputs. This is the right approach, *e seng* to recycle *lehuma mo re bonang bagarona ba galaletsa* the past administration *ka gone*.

The single-social registry and proxy means testing will ensure that resources reach the most deserving beneficiaries and minimising double dipping. The digital Identification (ID) platform as mentioned, integrated with social services is critical for this targeting. Mr Speaker, thank you.

MR DISHO (OKAVANGO EAST): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*, ke leboge Palamente, ke dumedise Batswana mo ngwageng o mošha wa 2026. Le nna ke leboegele sebaka se le se mphileng sa go ka tshwaela mo *Budget Speech* ya 2026. Pele ga ke simolola ke supe gore, ke leboga *Honourable* Moswaane ka gore o dirile tiro e ntle maloba. Dilo tse dintle o tshwanetse go di leboga, ke ne ke na le ene kwa kgaolong maloba, *the first Minister for this year to visit my area*, a le mo tirong ya gagwe ke bo ke mo kopa gore a tsene fa sekoleng a ye go bona mathata a re nang le one le kwa dipateleng tse tsotlhe. A dira fela jalo *on his busy schedule*, e bile a sa gane. Rre Salakae o boile mo Shakawe, *you did not even get to my area*, mme ke a go leboga le wena gore o tsamaile o gorogile kwa Shakawe *after our request*. Ga o a goroga, o paletswa ke metsi fela fa o tsena fa borogong o bo o boa gone fale, o tshabile metsi. Gone ke a leboga gore o bo o gorogile kwa Shakawe *Honourable Minister*, ba go boleletse o tswa go bona mathata a kgaolo.

Ke supe gape gore mo leetong ke na le Moswaane kwa sekoleng, batsadi ba supile gore ga ba a itumelela dilo tse pedi. *Honourable Minister* wa *Education* o ne a ile kwa Eretsha, *she landed on the other side of the same school* se re buang ka sone, *drove past* fa pele ga sekole. A sa tsene, a sa iphe matsapa go bona sekole se ke ntseng ke bua ka sone a ya kwa Eretsha. Ba re ga ba a itumelela seo. *Honourable Minister* wa *Finance* wa gompiano yo e leng gore *budget* e mo go ene, kana *the one we are responding* mo go yone, *he did exactly the same, a replica of what the Minister of Education did*. O dule mo *the same airstrip which is on the other side of the school* *drove past* fa pele ga sekole *not even saying good morning* or go dumedisa fela, a tlhola mo Seronga *and flew back twice* a sa tsene mo sekoleng seo. Jaanong batsadi ga ba a itumelela seo *Minister of Education*, ke re *improve* mo go sone. Ga se ka lepe fela ke re gongwe re buisane foo.

Ke utlwa kgang gotwe, nnyaa UDC e botoka, e dira bontle *on the budget*. Gongwe ke ka tlhalosa *budget* e ya lona ka ditsela tse pedi, tse tharo. Gongwe ke supe gore, Batswana se ba se dirileng mo ngwageng wa bone wa bo 58 ba le mo Pusong go tswa Domkrag to UDC go tshwana le Jonah a ne a rongwa kwa Niniveh, a bo a ya Tarshish. Ke gore go tshwana le fa o tswa Gaborone o ya Gudigwa *from the tarred road and you end up in the dust*, o felela mo phefong. *The road is becoming unclear*, le go bonala ga e bonale fa re le mo Pusong ya UDC gompiano. Mo BDP re ne re betswa ke *potholes*, gompiano mo UDC le tsela ya teng ga e bonale, *it is already covered by* bojang. *You struggle to see the road*. Go tshwana gape le... fa e le gore o molatedi wa *football*, *from second division to dust, relegation*. Ke dumalana le mongwe yo a neng a supa fa maloba gore Puso e ya UDC e tsere *ungraded*. Ke *ungraded* tota, ke boammaaruri. Ke mo reeditse ke le mo makgobokgobong. *It has been relegated* gompiano, e kwa leroleng. BDP e ne e le botoka fela thata *even though* e ne e tsere “D”, e ne e le botoka fela thata. *Everything* se o se bonang se dirilwe ke BDP. Lona ke ne ke le boleletse maloba gore le fa e le *setenge* ga le a se reka. *Nothing* se le se dirileng. Ga le na le fa e le *not even* lenaneo le le lengwe le le tlisitseng, le o ka le supang gone fa. Mananeo otlhe ke a e leng gore le leka go kgomakgoma ale a a neng a dirwa ke BDP.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: O a e rata Domkrag.

MR DISHO: Nnyaa, ga ke a re ke rata Domkrag. Domkrag e tsere “D”, lona ke “U” jaaka sebui se se

neng se bua maloba. “U” jaaka UDC fela le simolola ka “U”, thaka ya lona ya ntlha ya *party* ke yone ya lona, *ungraded*.

Mo *this budget I expected three things*, kana ke ne ke solofetse dilonyana tse pedi, tse tharo. Molelwane wa rona wa Botswana, *the boundary* ya rona ke ne ke tseela gore gongwe Tona o tlaa bua ka yone ka botlalo, e bile a menne phata. Gompiano re mo mathateng a a seng kana ka sepe. Fa o bona *Foot and Mouth* e goroga kafa le kafa, *very soon this country is going to be* mo mathateng. E tlaabo e le mo mathateng tota a a seng kana ka sepe. *Foot and Mouth* e kafa, e nngwe e tlhaga ka fa *the North West, this whole country is in crisis*. Gompiano re mo mathateng a a seng kana ka sepe. Ke ne ke solofetse gore mo *budget* e le tlaa tsibogela molelwane lantlha *to protect* Batswana le tse ba nang le tsone. Fa e le kwa North West re ithobogile, re ya go tsewa ke maNamibia le maZambia. Go itsamaelwa fela, ga go na le fa e le *passport*, mme gotwe go na le *borders*, go na le eng, tse di senang mosola. Go itsamaelwa fela. Magodu ba tsena bosigo le motshegare, ba tsena ka ditlhobolo ba tsaya dilo tsa rona *and you are there*. BDP e ne e sa dire dilo tse, e ne e le botoka. Lona le kgakala thata, le se ka la itshwantshanya le BDP.

Ke ne ke solofetse gore gongwe le tlaa tsibogela kgang ya *unemployment* e e leng gore kwa Okavango kwa ke tswang teng *it is at 98 per cent. 98 per cent*, motse mongwe le mongwe o o yang mo go one o fitlhela fa gongwe *three or four people out of 1 700* ba ba berekang. *All my 15 villages* tse ke di emetseng ga go na motse o o nang le *more than 10* ya babereki, *which is 98.1 per cent or nearly 99 per cent unemployment* mo kgaolong ya me. Ke ne ke solofetse gore *budget* e e tlaa itebaganya le seo. *Minister wa Finance* tota go utlwa botlhoko gore a bo a siile a seyo mo setilong sa gagwe gompiano re bua ka dikgang tse a tshwanetseng go di tsibogela. *He was there* mo Kgotleng ya Seronga a bolelelwa dikgang tse.

Ya boraro e ke neng ke e solofetse gore gongwe o tlaa bua ka yone a menne phata *is infrastructure. All the infrastructure in this country is dilapidated*, di sule, di kgautlhane, *nothing!* Ke ne ke solofetse go utlwa a bua ka tsone gore, nnyaa mme tse re ya go di dira jaana kana re eletsa go dira jaana kana re ya go dira jaana, *plan* e e tsepaemeng. Ga go na nako ya Fortuner, jaanong re bua dilo tse e leng gore ke matshelo a batho. *If you go to my area, this budget* ya lona *it does not say anything*. Ga e bue sepe ka kgaolo ya me, *nothing besides the Recurrent Budget* ya go ka duela babereki

ba Puso, *nothing!* Legale re tlaa tla re utlwa ka wena Salakae gore o tlaabo o re tshwaretse eng, tsele ya rona gore a mme o e tsentse mo teng. Fa e le gore o tlaabo o sa e tsenya mo teng *then* ke mathata. Le lemoge gore *this country is heading for disaster already*. Ke dilo tse ke neng ke di solofetse tseo mo go lona gore gongwe Puso e tlaa di tsibogela. Jaanong ka le paletswe ke go ka di tsibogela, ke dumalana le ba ba reng *this budget* tota *you have to go back and redo it*, ga ke dumalane nayo.

Tourism; ke utlwa go buiwa ka Maun Airport, re tlaa oketsa *classroom*-nyana kana *room*-nyana e nngwe kwa Maun Airport, nnyaa re tlaa oketsa *room*-nyana e nngwe gape ya *cargo, room*-nyana e nngwe fa Sir Seretse Khama International Airport ya *cargo*. Nnyaa, ke dipuo tsa molomo fela, *but that is not enough*. Salakae, o a itse, fa re bua ka *this infrastructure*, re tshwanetse go tlhwaafala. *There is no how we can grow the economy of this country* fa re sa age mabala a a siameng mo lefatsheng la Botswana. Jaanong baakanyang mabala, tsibogelang mabala. Ke sone se re se solofetseng mo *budget* e gore Maun Airport, e seng go oketsa *room*-nyana e nnyennyane, dirang lebala le le utlwalang le e leng gore *it will accommodate big aircrafts, long haul aircrafts* tse di tlaa tlišang bajanala mo lefatsheng le. Go na le gore bajanala ba ye kwa South Africa, ba ye go tswa kwa Aferika Borwa ba ye go tla maitseboa ka *ngorongoro* motshegare otlhe. Dirang lebala le e leng gore *people will come* ba tlhamalela *straight* mo Botswana. Re reke *flying machines* tse di utlwalang Rre Salakae, e seng mo ke go bonang mole ga Air Botswana mo go dirileng gore ke tsene *late*. Kana ke sone se se dirileng gore ke tsene *late* jaana, *because of a flight, it has been delayed for hours and hours*, go palelwa le ke go bereka. A ko le tlhwaafaleng bakaulengwe gore *our economy* e tsholetsege. Nteng ga jalo *we are heading for disaster* e ke buang ka yone. Ga go na kwa re yang teng.

Ke ne ke solofetse mo *Tourism as the Shadow Minister* ya *Tourism*, ke ne ke solofetse gore le tlaa kabakanya *tourism, because* gompiano diteemane tsa rona di sule, di ole, *there is nothing. Tourism* ke yone e e leng gore *it can take over the economy of this country. It is a not a sector* gompiano, ke yone e re ipelang ka yone *at the moment, because the diamonds are gone*, ga di rekiwe. Ke ne ke solofetse gore gongwe le tlaa bua ka dilo tse di tshelang *about our tourism. When you are in the national parks go to Central Kalahari Game Reserve which is 52 000 square kilometres of land*, jaaka ke ne ke le boleletse *last year, right in the middle of Botswana*,

nothing is happening there. Gongwe o ka fitlhela re na le tourists di le three or four as we speak because of poor roads, poor infrastructure, no water, nothing! E bile jaanong gompiano go tlisa magodu, they are doing some poaching mo teng because ba bona gore ke sekgwa fela se e leng gore nothing is happening.

Dilo tse e leng gore e ka bo e le tsone tse di tlišang itsholelo ya lefatshe le, *to build our infrastructure and everything* se dirwe mo lefatsheng. Jaanong le latlheletse mohama o wa bojanala.

Skills development ke nngwe ya dilo tse re batlang gore di dirwe mo lefatsheng le. *Budget* e tshwanetse go itebaganya le go rutuntsha batho ba rona, e rutuntshe batho ba *tourism*. Gompiano jaana mo Botswana ke *housekeepers* fela, *few guides* ba ba gwebang ke batho ba ba tswang go sele, rona re ba ba tlhatswang *sheets* fela *all the time*, ba re apayang. Re ya go tswa leng mo dilong tse *Mr Barongwang? When are we going to come out of this situation?*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR DISHO: Nnyaa, re ya go tswa leng mo dilong tse, ke a go botsa gore re ya go tswa leng mo mathateng one a? Ntsha madi o rute bana ba rona gore ba nne le *lodges* le bone, ba tseye karolo mo mohameng wa bojanala *at higher level, not housekeepers*. Ke dilo tse re di solofetseng mo *budget* yone e gore *at least* mo mohameng wa bojanala le tsibogele dikgang tse.

Still in the parks, ga go na le fa e le didiba. *In three months' time* metsi a dipula fa a kgala jaana, go tlaabo go sena le fa e le metsi. *So, all those animals will be suffering, and this is the reason why* fa o le kwa Central Kalahari Game Reserve (CKGR) *in eight months* e tlaabo e ikemetse fela go sena sepe, diphologolo di swa le sa di phunyetse metsi gore di kgone go nwa, di nne foo, le tsamaisa *our tourists* re tsenye madi mo lefatsheng la Botswana *throughout the year, and benefit the entire park* ya 52, 000 kilometres *for only four months*.

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

MR DISHO: Ga go na molato, mma ke go fe ke utlwe gore wa reng.

MR BARONGWANG: *Point of clarification*. Ke go lebogela sebaka sa gore golo gongwe ke tlhalose. Mokaulengwe, a mme o a tlhaloganya gore selo se *budget is centered around two things; expenditure and allocation of resources?* Wena o ganeletse mo go

expenditure fela, ga o lebelele gore one madi a tswa kae, le sone seemo sa madi ke eng. *If you can shift away from expenditure a lot, and concentrate on* gore one madi a ka dirwa jang, gongwe ke gone Batswana ba ka go tlhaloganyang botoka. Ke a leboga.

MR DISHO: *Thank you so much*. Ke ne ke tsaya gore gongwe o ne o reeditse ke go raya ke re gore re dire madi, *okay*; ga ke itse legale gongwe Sekgoa se a go tšietsa mokaulengwe fa o bua ka *the expenditure and allocation of resources*. Ke a bona gore bothata bo teng kwa UDC jo bo batlang gore bo baakanngwe. O se ka wa tsaya Sekgoa kwa *and try to take chances*, nnyaa Sekgoa re a se bua, *if you want us to speak English, we can talk the entire day*. O bua ka selo se sengwe fela, e bile gape ke ntse ke leka go le tlhalosetsa gore *from last year I have been telling you* gore *find ways of making money*. Le gompiano *I am telling you* gore *by opening up roads, boreholes*, ke ditsela tsa go ka dira madi. Ga ke itse gore *what part of my language are you not understanding*.

MR LESEDI: *Point of clarification*. Nnyaa, mma ke go leboge *Mr Speaker*; ke go leboge mokaulengwe. Nnyaa, ke dumela gore o e tshwere, ga ke dumele fa o setse o feletswe. Ke re gongwe re tle fa mo goreng fa o bua bogolo jang ka diphologolo tse, bogolo jang ka gore o *Shadow Minister*; fa o lebile, fa e ne e le wena, diphologolo gongwe di tshwana le ditlou, a ga o reye gore ke mo o kabong o rulaganya *in your budget* kana o tsentse mo *budget* ya gago go di rekisa go di fokotsa gore gongwe kgabagare lefatshe le le bone madi gona le gore jaanong di bo di gobeya jaaka di bonwa le ke ba ba sa di itseng jaana?

MR DISHO: Ke a go leboga Rre Lesedi. Fa o ka mpha *two hours* ke bue ka dikgang tse, ke ka bua motshegare otlhe. Kgang e o e buang *Mr Lesedi*, ke e e nonofileng thata. Ke boditse potso maloba ya dikwena, gone fa *last week*, Wynter o paletswe ke go e araba. Dikwena tsone tseo *they are more than 6 000 in the Okavango River* tse e leng gore *they are there, and they do not benefit* Batswana. Ke tsone tse di re jang letsatsi le letsatsi, ke tsone tse di fetsang dikgomo. Ke ne ke botsa gore *how many crocodiles do we have. A crocodile lays about 80 eggs every year, and we have got more than 6 000 of them in the Okavango Delta sitting there* di ja diphologolo tsa rona. Mosola wa tsone ke eng?

Ke sone se *Honourable Lesedi* a botsang gore a mme ga re ka ke ra rekisa diphologolo tse, re di fokotse, *at least five each and every year to benefit* Batswana, di

tsenye letseno. Ke tsone dilo tse ke buang ka tsone. *Five every year* re dire mabante. *If you go right across* kwa Victoria Falls, o ya go ja nama ya kwena mo hoteleng. Mo Botswana o ka e e ja kae? Ga go na. Ke utlwile bangwe ba tshega gone fa, *but for you to control and know your stock, you need to know their numbers.* A re 2 000, *it is so disappointing to hear a full Minister* a bua a re dikwena tse re sale re di dirile *study* sa tsone ka 2007 *and we are sitting here* ka 2026. 2007 *and now it is 2026; more than a decade* o sa dire a research, *and you are there as a Minister, that is so disappointing.* Ke sone se ke le kopang bakaulengwe gore *go back to the drawing board* lotlhe *Ministers* le ithute dilo tse. Le se ka la tla fela fa ka dikgang le re nnyaa re dira jaana, *whereas...*

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

MR DISHO: *No, go back to the drawing board Ministers.* Gape ke a le kopa gompiano *all the Ministers*, yang kwa dikgaolong *before this budget* e dirwa, tsamayang le dikgaolo le ithulaganye, le lemoge mathata a kgaolo *before the budget is done.* Maloba re ne re le *in a seminar* ka kwa, *you were not there all of you, you were not understanding what was happening.* Ke sone se o bonang gompiano *even your budget* ka fa le buang ka teng, ga le bue dikgang tse e leng gore di tsamaelana le...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Point of procedure.

MR SPEAKER: Procedure Honourable Lekau.

MR DISHO: Go wela, ke supe jaana gore...

MR SPEAKER: There is a point of procedure Honourable Disho.

MR LEKAU: *Point of procedure.* Nnyaa, ke ne ke re mokaulengwe o tloga a sa bue sentle. Kana o bua mo *radio* ka batho ba ba neng ba sa bonale fa go le kwa *conference.* Gore a bue fela gore go ne go sena le fa e le *Minister* kwa, rotlhe re a itse fa gore ga a bue nnete. Jaanong a ko a baakanye, o ka bua ka seemo sa gone jaana e seng sa maloba.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Disho.

MR DISHO: Nnyaa, mme ke a mo leboga...

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

MR SPEAKER: Order! Honourable Members.

MR DISHO: Mma ke go leboge gore o bo o supile *that point* because le wena o tseneletse *two days, so you did*

not know what was happening. You only came for two days...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Point of order.

MR DISHO: Mma ke wele jaana...

MR SPEAKER: There is a point of order by Honourable Lekau.

MR LEKAU: *Point of order. Mr Speaker,* a ko o nkgalemelele *honourable,* o dule mo tseleng fela gotlhelele. *I attended workshop* ele *Monday* go ya go tsena Labotlhano. Ga e ka ke ya re a goroga a tswa Shakawe a bo a tla gore ke ne ke seyo mo *workshop.* O tsile *late,* re a itse gore o tsile ka *day two,* jaanong a se ka a re ke ne ke seyo. Le gone a goroga ka *lunch,* jaanong a ko o mo nkgalemelele gore a se ka a dira jalo.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Disho, se rumolane, a ko o feleetse nako ya gago ya *debate,* o setse ka *a minute and 20 seconds.*

MR DISHO: Mma ke wele jaana, Lekau o ditori fela, o a itse le ene gore re ne re le mmogo.

Mma ke supe gore maloba fa re ne re romilwe kwa China, re tswa go rutiwa dilo fela tse di ntle tse e leng gore *this budget* fa re ne re biditswe, nna le *Honourable Phologolo, Rre Kekgonegile* le *Honourable Kwapa,* *we were taught very good things* tse di ka tswelang *this budget* mosola. Fa re ne re rerisitswe mo mosepeleng wa rona gore tota kwa re le romileng teng le tswa go ithuta eng. Jaanong go re rolela *budget* e e tshwanang le yone e, ke matlhotlhapelo, ke matlhabisaditlhong. Nna ke le Mopalamente wa Okavango ke tlhabilwe ke ditlhong mo *budget* yone e. *Even though it is my second budget in this Parliament,* e ntlhabisitse ditlhong mo ke kopang gape gore *the Minister maybe the next budget he should send all these Ministers, all of you must go to China* le ye go ithuta tsamaiso e re neng re tswa go e bona kwa China, *so that you change the system because we are heading for disaster. I am telling you the truth.* Salakae o le mo teng le wena, o tshwanetse gore o ye kwa China o ye go ithuta tsamaiso e, le ditsela o ye go bona gore ditsela tsa China di ntse jang, tse tsa rona ke mathata. Ke a leboga.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR DISHO: I yield for you.

MR SPEAKER: Nine seconds.

MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE (MR SALAKAE): *Point of clarification.* Ke ne ke re ke botse Motlotlegi Mopalamente a ise a nne fa fatshe.

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

MR SPEAKER: Nako ya lona e tšhaile, *the floor is open.*

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

MR SPEAKER: Nna fa fatshe nako ya gago e tšhaile.

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

MR SPEAKER: *Order! Honourable Members,* ke rile nnang fa fatshe, *the floor is open, unless e le gore you are debating.*

MR DISHO: Mr Speaker, I yielded for him *ke saletswe ke 10 seconds.*

MR SPEAKER: The floor is open. Honourable Leepetswe Lesedi, Member for Serowe, *ke Serowe mang, go na le mongwe.*

MR LESEDI: *Floor e ne e le ya ka kwa Mr Speaker.* Ke bona *Honourable Modise,* ke raya Tokyo a batla go bua, gongwe ke ka ba fa *chance* fela ka boikokobetso.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Tokyo Modise.

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

MR SPEAKER: *Order! Honourable Members. Nna fa fatshe pele Honourable Modise. Mma ke le gakolole,* Standing Order 57.1. “please restrict your observations to the subject under discussion and do not introduce matters that are irrelevant.” Most importantly, Honourable Members, also address the Chair. *Le se ka la rumola ba bangwe le ba address, address the presiding officer.* Standing Order 51.1, “a Member shall speak standing and shall address his or her observations to the Speaker.”

Lastly Honourable Members, *le tsosa modumo o montsi thata,* Standing Order 58.4, *gore fa yo mongwe a eme a debate, le tshwanetse le mo reetse thata,* “while a Member is speaking all other Members shall be silent and shall not make unseemly interruption. So, *tsweetswee,* observe those Standing Orders that govern your rules of debate.

MR J. T. I. MODISE (K GALAGADI SOUTH): Tanki *Mr Speaker.* Mma ke go leboge mongwame, go nneela

sebaka *to debate* mo *Budget Speech* ya 2026/2027. Ke simolole ka go lemoga batlotlegi ba ba fano gompiano, le go gopola Kgalagadi South Constituency e ke emetseng.

Ke tlaa simolola *debate* ya me *Honourable Speaker* fela ka *to appreciate budget* e e beilweng pele ke *our VP,* Motlotlegi Rre Ndaba Gaolathe. Ke simolole fela ka gore fa o le moeteledipele, o tshwanelwa ke go tsaya ditshwetso dingwe tse bangwe di tlaa ba tlhabang mo pelong ka puo ya Seeng re e tle re re, *unpopular decisions.* Ke se a lekileng go se dira, go leka go babalela itsholelo ya lefatshe la Botswana. O buile ka GPO tse a neng a tsaya sebaka sa go di emisa motsotsonyana jaaka re itse gore di dirwa kwa maphateng. O ne a di tsaya a di baya mo *central place to be controlled in one place.* Seo se lekile go bolokela lefatshe la rona madi a a neng a ntse a dutla.

Sengwe sa dilo tse ke mo rolelang futshe *Mr Speaker,* ke go fokotsa *trips* tse e neng e le metselsetsele. E re fela ka Mosupologo, badirelapuso ba tsena mo diofising, re bo re bona go duwa go iwa *local and international trips.* O ile a leka go fokotsa ka a ne a lemoga fa madi bontsi a felela mo *trips* tseo.

E nngwe e a ileng a leka go tsaya kgato e e maleba, ke ya *overtime expenditure.* Re ne re itse gore *overtime* go diragala go se monate, mongwe le mongwe a ipatla foo gore a bereke *overtime.* Fa gare ga beke re sa bonale re le bantsi, mme fa gotwe *weekend,* o ya go fitlhela mo *Government premises,* batho ba theogetse. A leka go fokotsa seo gore *overtime expenses* di fokotsego go boloka madi a setšhaba. Ke mo roletse futshe mo go tseyeng *decisions we know that they were very unpopular* but di kgonne go boloka lefatshe la rona.

Fa ke fetela fa pele, ke utlwile mo *budget* ya ga Mothusa Tautona, a gatelela ka dikoloto tse e saleng di nna dijarajara. Ke ne ka itumela ke utlwa maphata a tshwana le Botswana Defence Force (BDF), ba e saleng ba nna le dikoloto, ba taboga ba ya kwa makgotlatshekelo ba lela gore dituelo tsa bone di ne di sa wela sentle. Mothusa Tautona o supile fa *Ministry wa State President, Defence and Security,* o neetswe *that budget* go lwantsha dikoloto tseo. Bodiredi jwa rona jwa sesole jo bo neng bo kolotiwa, bo duelwe. Ke tsaya gore Tona ya Madi fa a tsere kgato eo, o siame, o tsamaya mo tseleng ya tshiamo. Ba re ba kolotang, re nne re ba duele, le fa ba bangwe ka go tlhoka lesego, gongwe ba setse ba biditswe kwa motseng wa bone wa bofelo. *Families* tsa bone di tlaa sala di iphimola keledi ka se se ba lebaneng.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarity.

MR J. T. I. MODISE: Ke tlaa tla ke go neela kgantele mokaulengwe, mma ke ngathe tse pedi, tse tharo. Fa ke tswelela mongwame, e nngwe ke ya bodiredi jwa *temporary teachers*. Ke utlwile kwa *Ministry of Education* gore batho ba ne ba ntse ba kolotiwa bontsi jwa bone, ba saletse kwa morago. Ba duelwe dituelo tsa bone di tshwana le *severance*. Ke utlwile Mothusa Tautona a supa gore madi a tlaa bonala gore a ye kwa *Child Welfare and Basic Education*, go duela ba dituelo tsa bone di saletseng kwa morago. Bontsi jwa bone ba santse ba kolotiwa *severance*. Fa e le gore madi ao a tlaa bonala, a nna teng, ba ya go duela batho ba Modimo, ba ka gomotsega kwa ba teng gore le bone le fa e ne e le *temporary employees*, mme go na le yo o gakologelwang gore ba tshwanetse ba baakanyediwe se e leng sa bone.

Fa ke tswelletse *Mr Speaker*, ke itumelele gore dingwe tsa *projects* tse di saleng di ntse *for a long period of time* di sa wele, re bona di tsamaela kwa motsubong le fa gotwe ke tsa BDP. Rona ga re gane fa e le gore BDP e beile ditena tse dingwe kwa tlase. Re tlaa pega tse dingwe gore re tswelile kwa godimo. Pharologanyo ya rona ke *implementation*. Go lebega UDC e leka go tsholetsa mosepele, e tsholetsa dikakanyo gore *projects* tse di saletseng tseo, di fediwe. Nngwe ya *projects* tse ke itumeletseng tsone kwa kgaolong ya Kgalagadi South, Tsabong Multi Species Abattoir e e tsamayang mo *stage* se e tlogang e simolola go nna *operational to create employment for* bana ba rona ba ba ntseng ba sa bereke. Ke sengwe se ke se akgolang thata mo Pusong e e tshwereng gompiano.

Sengwe sa dilo tseo ke Tsabong Mini Stadium e le yone *last week*, ba ne ba ile kwa *khanseleng* go supegediwa *Councillors* gore *project* e sale e ntse lebaka, le yone e a wela. *Projects* fa di saletse kwa morago jaana, Puso e e tseneng e di feleletsa, e di dira selo se sentle. Ke ne ke utlwa mongwe a bua gore *party* ya UDC e itlhokomolositse *projects* tseo. Le rona re Batswana, ke tsa Batswana di ya *to serve* Batswana. Ga re ka ke ra di itlhokomolosa. *Party* e e segakgale e tlaare e tsena, e tlaa emisa tse e di fitlhelang gore e tswelidise tsa yone.

Ke fetela kwa pele *Mr Speaker*, fa ke lebeletse *Budget Speech* ya gompiano, ke lebelela *manifesto* wa UDC, NDP 12, BETP, ke bona e tsepame, e setse thulaganyo eo morago gore dilo tseo o tle o di *align*, di tsamaye sentle. E tle e re kwa morago di tswelile Batswana maungo a a molemo. Ke selo se se ntle. Ke itumelela gore fa o lebeletse dilo tse, o kgona go bona maboko a a neng a le

foo, *the brains behind all those documents*, gore e ne e le banna le bomme ba ba nang le boikarabelo. Ba bona gore ba baakanya *economy* ya lefatshe la Botswana e re ntseng re bona e kare e a phutlhama. Ba baakanye dilo tseo, ba tsholetse *economy*, e tle e re golo gongwe tšhaba e, kana bana ba rona ba ba santseng ba tla ba tutuga, ba itumelele gore go na le *party* e e kileng ya re e tsena, ya tokafatsa maemo a botshelo a lefatshe la bone.

Ke ntse ke tswelletse *Mr Speaker*, sengwe sa dilo tse ke lemogileng e le *the green light*, ke ya tsela ya Kokotsha-Tsabong-McCarthy's Rust e ke boneng Mothusa Tautona, e bong *Minister of Finance*, a rurifatsa fa e ya go simolola ka *financial year 2026/2027*. Ke nngwe ya dilo tse e ntseng e le gore le fa ke re ke a tsamaya ka nako ya *campaigns*, batho ba kgaolo ya me ba ne ba re, "tsela ya Kokotsha-Tsabong." Ke itumeletse seo gore e bo e fetile. Ba reeditse ba kwa kgaolong gore Mothusa Tautona le rona o re gopotse, re na le *project* e e tlaa reng fa e simolola, e leke go tokafatsa seemo sa kgaolo ya rona.

Fa ke ntse ke tswelletse *Mr Speaker*, ke itumelele gore *economy* ya lefatshe la rona jaaka re ntse re ikaegile ka diteemane, *His Honour the VP* o ntse a rurifatsa gore *sectors* tse dingwe tsa *economy* di tshwana le bo *agricultural sector*, *manufacturing sector* le *tourism sector* o di emetse ka dinao gore le tsone di kgone go ya go fetilha khumo ya lefatshe la rona. Fa *sectors* tseo di ka bereka, e tlaa re fa re ya go tsamaya fa go bo 2028, dikgang tse dintsi di bo di fokotsegile. Re itse gore re ya kwa *economy* ya rona e re tlaabong re tsaya gore e setse e siame. Le leshekere le re santseng re le mo go lone, gongwe le tlaabo le boitse fa morago e le boitumelo fela, le bodirelapuso jo re ntseng re bo kolota bo phatsima.

Ke fete ka ya Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD), e le yone mogolo a fetileng ka yone. Le rona kwa Kgalagadi South e re tsentse tsebetsebe. Re bona *provinces* tse re bapileng le tsone; North West Province kwa Aferika Borwa le Northern Cape, e kare e ntse e atumela *towards our country*. Fa o ya kwa Northern Cape fa motseng wa Kudumane, re setse re utlwalela gore go setse go na le matlhasedi a gore FMD e tsamaela gone fa. *It is about 240 kilometres (km)* go tsena fa kgaolong ya rona. Gongwe fa re ntse re lela ka dikgang tsa bo *cordon fences* ka re ne re itse e le kwa kgaolong ya *buffaloes* di bonwang teng, le rona ka ke eo e ntse e a atumela, e tlaa re fa go ntse go buiwa ka tsone ba re gopole kwa Kgalagadi South gore e simolole kwa Tlhareseleele, e ye go kgoma le kwa Two Rivers. Ke sone se re tlaabong re se kopa.

Fa North West e tsena fa torotswaneng e bidiwa gotwe Tosca. Kana Tosca jaanong e a bo e atumetse thata, bo 80km go ya go tsena fa metseng e tshwana le bo Bray. Ke diemo tse le rona di re tshosetsang, ka bolwetse jo go lebege e kare bo borai. Re ikantse leruo thata kwa Kgaolong ya Kgalagadi South. Le rona re tlaabo re ntse re beile tsebe gore fa FMD e ntse e lwantshiwa, gongwe le rona re akanyediwe ka *cordon fences* ka gore terata ya rona ke makgasa fela mme balemi-barui ba kgaolo ya rona ba leka go thusa Puso ka fa ba ka thusang ka teng. Ke selo se sentle.

Go lebege go ka tlisa tsholofelo ya gore re ka bona *the economy of our country* e ntse e tokafala ka gore fa FMD e ka tlhasela, re tlaabo re boela *two steps backward*.

Fa ke ntse ke tswelela mongwame ke lebeletse lenaneo le re neng re bua ka lone la Ipelegeng Skills Development Component (ISDC), e e rileng maloba ka *Friday* ke bo ke seyo mo Palamenteng ke tabogetse go ya go bona *graduates* di ka nna 78. Ba ne ba ntse ba rutiwa ba neelwa *projects*, ba neelwa ntlo e e rileng fa ke ya go e supegediwa, ka fitlhela e le gore re na le Batswana ba ba nang le diatla tse dintle. Ke tsaya gore dikhansele tsa rona jaaka ba ntse ba neelwa *skill* se gotwe ba dire, ISDC di eme ka dinao. Tsabong District Council ke e akgole gore e bo e ntse e ntsha dialogane tse e tlaa reng kamoso ba bo ba na le *skills* tsa tiro ya diatla, e le *plumbers* tse di duleng diatla ba itse go tsenya metlakase.

Sengwe sa *skills* tse ba neng ba di rutwa di le disha e ne e le ya *pavement* ya ditsela, *they did paving* ya tsela kwa motseng wa Tsabong. Fa re ntse re bona badiredi ba ntse ba aloga, Puso ga e a lebelela *youth*, le borre ba re ka bong re re ba tsamaela go nna *pensioners*, le sone *skill* seo ba kgonne go rutwa.

Ke tsamaela go wela *Mr Speaker*, *projects* tse ke ka reng ke *economical and productive roads*, e e tshwanang le ya Werda-Bray-Mmathethe, e tlaa re fa seemo sa itsholelo se ntse se tokafala, tsela eo e lekwe go baakannwa. Jaaka ke ne ke bua ka Tsabong Multispecies, re solofetse gore dihutshane di tlaabo di tswa kwa Kgaolong ya Borolong le Kgaolo ya GaNgwaketse di isiwa teng gore e se ka ya re re bula *project*, e bo e nna *white elephant*, go sena *who can boost us* ka dipotsanyane le dikonyana. Ke dumela gore fa tsela eo e ka kgaramediwa, e ka re thusa go leka *to support the economy* ya kwa kgaolong ya rona.

Ke boa ke bona e nngwe e re a tleng re lele ka yone nna le *Honourable* Lekutlane ya Tsabong-Hukuntsi

up to Charles Hill. Le yone re tsaya gore ke nngwe ya ditsela tse re ka di bitsang re re ke *productive roads*. Re eletsa gore e re fa go ntse go tswelletswe, le yone re bone e phatsima e nna teng, e kgone go nna gautshwane. Gompiano fa ba tswa kwa kgaolong ya bone ya Matšheng ba ya go boa fa Sekoma, *distance* ya teng e bokgakala jo bo seng kana ka sepe. Fa tsela ya Tsabong-Hukuntsi-Charles Hill e ka nna teng, e tlaa leka go ngotla *distance* le gore dihutsane di tswa kwa Kgalagadi Bokone le Charles Hill di kgone go goroga motlhofo.

Ya bofelo e e tlaabong e *boost tourism* ke ele ya Bokspits-Struizendam-Two Rivers. Re a itse gore kwa South Africa Two Rivers re bona e kare e siame, e ikadile sentle, e na le tokafalo e e kwa godimo. Fa batho ba ya teng ba bo ba ikanya gore ba dirise tsela ya Aferika Borwa *than* ya rona ya Botswana, e e leng gore *it is a gravel road*, e *bumpy*. Gongwe tsela e fa e ka baakannwa, *tourism sector* kwa Transfrontier e re saleng ka 2001 re bona bo Tautona ba rona ba pele Tautona Rre Mbeki kwa Aferika Borwa le Tautona Rre Festus Mogae mo Botswana, e ba neng ba ile go bula *project* ya Transfrontier. Re bona e kare e phophoma thata kwa Aferika Borwa *than* mo lefatsheng la rona la Botswana. Fa tsela e e ka nna teng, re tlaa bona mo *side* ya rona le yone e phophoma go leka go tokafatsa seemo sa *tourism*.

MR DISHO: *Clarification.* O e tshwere sentle *Honourable* Tokyo Modise. A ga o bone go tshwanela gore mo Transfrontier Park, go ka tlhongwa *an international airport* ka gore bajanala ba tswa mo Gaborone ba bo ba *drive* 900km? *Do you not think that it is productive* mo Pusong ya rona, ba beye lebala le Makgoa ba ka gorogang gone fale kana ba tswa kwa Aferika Borwa, ba bo ba dirisa... *All the wildlife are in the Botswana side*, bajanala ba kwa Aferika Borwa ba akola go na le rona re le ba Botswana. Ga ke itse gore a o ntshwara sentle mokaulengwe.

MR MODISE: Ke go tshwara 100 *per cent* mokaulengwe. Ke tsaya gore fa o bua selo se se molemo se se ka tswelang lefatsho la rona mosola, ga ke ka ke ka go ganetsa. Ke dumela gore Mothusa Tautona le *Minister wa Environment and Tourism* ga se se ba ka se ganetsang. Ke go kopa fela jaaka re tsenya dikopo, gore lebala leo la *airstrip* le ka tsenngwa gore bajanala ba rona ba kgone go goroga koo. Fa o rialo mokaulengwe ke sengwe se sentle, ga e ka ke ya re ka gore re farologana ka diphathi, re bo re re e re o bua se

se molemo, re bo re ka go tshela metsi a a belang. Re amogela seo mongwame.

Fa ke tsamaela go wela, Phathi e ya UDC betsho, tsotlhe tse e di tsereng le *Budget Speech* ya rona ya 2026/2027, ke dumela ka pelo ya me yotlhe gore *budget* e e tlaa re isa golo gongwe. Le fa golo gongwe bomaitseanape bangwe ba ne ba re *it is just dreams*, rona ba bangwe ga re bone e le *dreams*, re bona e le dilo tse di *real*. Mothusa Tautona o ne a bua ka dilo tse di *real*, tse di ka tokafatsang matshelo a rona a Batswana, tsa isa lefatshe la rona golo gongwe. Ke re ka matswe a a kalo *Mr Speaker*, ke ema Tshutiso ya ga *His Honour the Vice President* nokeng 100 per cent. Thank you so much.

MR SPEAKER: The floor is open.

MR LESEDI (SEROWE SOUTH): Mma ke go leboge Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke leboge sebaka se o se mphang se rraetsho. Mma ke re ke emelela fano ke go lemoge, ke lemoge bogolo jang ba Serowe South, ke bone kana ba ba mpeileng fa. *Mr Speaker*, ka fa go ntseng ka teng, go raya gore ke tlaabo ke timana *clarifications* thata, ope a se ka a itshwenya fela ka gore ke bone ba a bo ba ntshimolola go tlhoka go mpha *clarification*. Ga ke e efe ope fela. Ke raya gore ke ba tsibosetse ruri, ba se ka ba nna ba diya nako ka dikgang tsa bo *clarification*.

Mma ke supe jaana gore *budget* e, ke nngwe ya *budgets* tse go bueng boammaaruri, ke neng ke sa di solofela gore e ka tla ka sebopego se se ntseng jaana. *Mr Speaker*, lefatshe la Botswana ke lengwe la mafatshe a a nang le batho ba ba nang le bogole. Mo nakong ya *budget* e tshwana le e, tsholofelo e ne e le gore re ka bo re bona *budget* ya bone fela e le *outlined*, go sa belatse le fa e le sepe. Gakologelwa gore banalebogole ba *Mr Speaker*, kana ba farologane ka bogole jwa bone.

Gone jaana fa o gakologelwa *Mr Speaker*, *last year* re kile ra nna le letsatsi le le neng le tsitsibanya mme le babalela thata banalebogole ba bidiwang gotwe banale boswafe. Batho ba ba Modimo ba ne ba tshela bokete jo bo gagamatsang mme fa *budget* e santse e tlaa jaana e sa ba tsenya mo teng *Mr Speaker*, o a bona gore tota ga re ise re ye gope kgakala.

Banalebogole ba *Mr Speaker*, bogolo jang ba ba dirisang dikolotsana, ga ba na maitiro ape a a ka tshwanang a gago *Mr Speaker*, fa ba le kwa diofising tsa Puso kana tsa dikompone tse di ikemetseng ka nosi, fa ba bidiwa ke tlhologo, go ba tlama gore ba boele kwa malwapeng a bone. A ko o bone fela botlhoko jo re tshedisang batho

ba ka jone. Mme fa re santse re ise re tle mo seemong sa go itebaganya ka *budget* le batho ba, go raya gore re santse re le kgakala go atumela kwa goreng re tshela nabo jang.

Mr Speaker, ke tsaya gore e ya banalebogole, Tona wa tsa Madi o tlaa ya go lebaleba jaaka fa maloba ke ne ke utlwa *Honourable* Tshere a re go santse go ka sukunyediwa, go sukunyediwe ba direlwe *budget* ya bone. Ga ke itse gore ba tlaa tsaya kae madi mme yone e botlhokwa ka gore le tse dingwe tse ba di tsentseng mo *budget*, ga ba ye go di dira.

Fa ke rialo *Mr Speaker*, fa o gakologelwa *budget* ya *last year*, re ne re filwe P10 million wa *constituency* yo o sa gorogang. Madi a *Constituency Fund* a ne a le teng *last year*. Gompieno gape go lebega a teng ka puo ya molomo. Fa o gakologelwa, madi a a *constituency Mr Speaker*, o mongwe wa ba ba neng ba sukura le ba o neng o na le bone ka nako eo gore madi a a tle kwa dikgaolong ka gore ke one madi fela a e leng gore re bona ditlhabololo ka one kwa dikgaolong.

Ke a tlhomamisa gore ga a ye go nna teng gompieno. Ke belaela gore fa a ka nna teng, ke ka dira sengwe mo Palamenteng se tshwana le mokete. A a tle ke tle ke o dire *to celebrate* P10 million. Madi a kana a botlhokwa. Tsholofelo ya me e ne e le gore madi a mo ngwageng wa gompieno, re a bone a *double*, P10 million times 2. Re ne re solofetse P20 million ka gore madi one a, ke one a a kgarametsang ditlhabololo kwa dikgaolong tsa rona.

Rraetsho, fa o tsamaya kwa dikgaolong tsa rona, go tlhabisa ditlhong mo e leng gore le fa batho ba tsaya dikgang, o itibisa go sele mme dikgang tse di lebane wena, ba botsa gore a dikgaolo tse ga di na baemedi. Diemo tse, di re tshedisa bokete ka *budget* e e leng gore fa o e leba, o tlaabo o bona *Ministry* wa *State President* o filwe matshebetshebe a a kanakana. O a felwa fela gore a bo DIS e tshwanelwa ke gore e palelwe ke go *account* mme e dirisa madi a a kanakana.

Fa re tsaya *ministry* o, re o bapisa le *Ministry* wa *Transport and Infrastructure*, o ka bo o ne o neetswe madi, ditsela tsa lefatshe la Botswana *Mr Speaker*, ga di tsamaeage. Ditsela tsa lefatshe la Botswana le dikago tsa teng, ke tse di tlhabisang ditlhong. Gone jaana, *Ministry* o tshwana le wa *Local Government*, o rwele bokete, re solofela gore batho ba ba 60 years ba go tliileng ba tlaa ya go ja *tandabala*, ba ka bo ba ne ba ya go fiwa madi. Fa *budget* ya *ministry* o e santse e le kwa tlase ka tsela e e kwa tlase ka yone, ga re solofele gore a ba tlaa bona

mme kana ke *plus one*. Tota e bile re tsamaela kwa go *plus two* Mr Speaker ka gore ditsholofetso tse di sale ka di dirilwe. Nna ga ke mo go ele ya *social contract*.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: O tswela eng mo go yone?

MR LESEDI: No, se ke se buang ke gore ba dirile ditsholofetso tse, ke tsone tse ke tswelletseng ka tsone. Ke tswelsetse ka tsone gore kana re gogela kwa go *plus two* Mr Speaker. Go raya gore batho ba ba saleng ba digetse 60, ba na le 62, ba kolotiwa madi ao a dingwaga tse pedi tse di setseng di fetile, *plus* ba re solofetseng jaaka fa ke le gaufi le go *turn* 60 jaana gore ba tlaa bona sengwe. Le nna ke dumela gore ke tlaabo ke kolotiwa mo nakong e khutshwanyane.

Tota gone fa o bua kgang e kwa tshimologong, o a bo o sa e bua o leka go itirelela ka bowena. O a bo o leka *to cover* o lebile le gore batho ba tle ba kgone gore kwa phelelong ya letsatsi ba akole mofufutso wa phatla.

Kana lenaneo le la go duela bagodi, o gakologelwe gore Domkrag e tlele ya tla ya le tsenya mo tirisong. *Party* ya Domkrag, e re neng ra e tlhoboga ra e kgwa mathe. Domkrag fa e tsenya lenaneo le mo tirisong, e ne e lebile gore ke bagodi, ba bereketse lefatshe le. Letsatsi leno o ka bona gore re tshwere bothata, re setse e bile jaanong re bua ka bo *double dipping* gore batho bangwe ga ba a tshwanelwa ke madi a mme e le bagodi. Ga se gore fa o le mogodi yo o iseng o ko o bereke kana o kile wa iperekela ka diatla tsa gago, jaanong go ka raya gore e bo e le gore fa o setse o tla mo seemong se, o rontshiwa ditshwanelo tsa gore o godile. Ke a a batla madi ao fa ke tsena mo go 60 years. Ke a batla fela ke ntse ke kile ka nna Mopalamente jaana.

MR MOROLONG: *Clarification. Thank you honourable.* Nnyaa, ke ne ke re motlotlegi o bua kgang e e botlhokwa. Ke batla go itse gore a jaanong o dumela gore bagodi ba re nang le bone mo Palamenteng e le sekai fela, a le bone ba tswelile ba fiwa madi a bagodi le a kwa ba neng ba bereka teng tota? A go tswelile go ntse jalo kana *they should be exempted? Thank you.*

MR LESEDI: Nnyaa, ke kgakala le kgang ya *exemption*, ga ke itse gore jaanong wena o e tsenya fa kae. Nna ka re fa o le mogodi, ke tshwanelo ya gago gore o je madi a. Ga ke a itsa ope gore ke bo ke le fano, ene a bo a ise nke a tle kwano. Fa ke le fano ke le mogodi, ke tshwanelwa ke lemme leo le yo o tlaabong a ntse kwa a ntseng teng ka gore re bagodi. Kgang ke bogodi. Ke dumela gore gongwe fa re tsena mo kgannyeng e, le ka bo e ne e rile

le fa le leba ba BDP ka tsela epe, gongwe le ka bo le ba boditse gore tota fela ba ne ba tswa kae ba ya kae, ba ne ba leka *to achieve* eng.

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

MR SPEAKER: *Order Honourable Members!* Standing Order 58.4, le tshwanetse gore le nne ka tidimalo e e kwa godimo thata le mo reeditse.

MR LESEDI: Ke a leboga Mr Speaker. Ke lebogela tshireletso eo.

MINISTER OF SPORT AND ARTS (MR KELEBENG): *On a point of order.* Tanki Mr Speaker. Ke dumela gore motlotlegi o dule mo seporong, gongwe re mmusetse mo seporong ka gore ga ke gakologelwe gope Puso e bua gore jaanong e simolola go thaola batho ba e ba neelang madi a bagodi.

MR SPEAKER: *He is debating,* o ntsha la gagwe. A re bangwe ba lona ka koo le bua ka bo *double dipping* ya gore bangwe ga ba a tshwanelwa ke madi a bogodi. Tota o mo go yone eo, ga a tswa mo setlhogong.

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

MR LESEDI: Mma ke go leboge Mr Speaker. Sengwe sa dilo tse ke ka kopang gore o bo o ne o di etse tlhoko ke nako ele, ke tsaya gore o ne o tshwanetse go ka bo o e dirile jaana. Ke raya fela ka boikokobetso ka gore...

MR SPEAKER: Owaii! e simolotse gone koo.

MR LESEDI: Ehe, ke setse ke e jele thata. Ke a leboga Mr Speaker. Mma ke siane jaana. Khansele ya Serowe, fa o utlwa ke bua gore *Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Affairs* o ka bo o filwe letsogwana, e kolota bagwebi madi a a tsitsibanyang mmele, go ijelwa fela mo bagwebing. Jaanong fa re bua ka letlhoko la ditiro Mr Speaker, bagwebi bogolo jang ba e leng gore *they have supplied* badiri kana *beneficiaries* tsa Khansele ya Serowe, ba palelwa ke go duela babereki. Re bua jaana bagwebi ba ba le mo seemong sa go kgaola babereki ba bone mo ditirong. Jaanong akanya Goromente a tliša seemo se se ntseng jaana mo go ba ba neng ba iteka, a diga dikgwebo tsa bone mo leshekereng le le kana la letlhoko la ditiro.

Gone jaana re santse re solofetse 100 000 jobs mo go Goromente, bona gore mo godimo ga moo go tla eng gape. Go na le kgang ya gore ba ba kileng ba tsewa *fingerprints* ba amanngwa le melato, ba ka ikopela ka tsela ya go kwalela kwa Ofising ya ga Tautona. I

understand Mr Speaker, re setse re le mo ngwageng wa boraro kana wa bone e le gore ga go saenelwe ba ba ikopelang *pardon*. Gone moo go baya batho ba le bantsi ka fa mosing ka gore kwa ditirong tse dingwe ba kopilwe gore ba tle ka dikwalo *that cancel these fingerprints so that* ba tswelela ka ditiro kana ba a hiriwa. Jaanong fa e le gore o mo tirong, mme o kopiwa jalo, kana go raya gore le tiro ya gago e a tsamaya. Ke kope ba diofisi tse di maleba gore a ba tsibogele seemo se go babalela ditiro tse di setseng di le teng go na le go oketsa ka tsela... (*Interruptions*)... mo go tsone.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Elucidation.

MR LESEDI: Nnyaa, akere ga o ise o ke o mphe *elucidation*, ema pele.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ... (Laughter!)

MR LESEDI: Ke go boleetse gore ke fa ba ba mphileng fela. *Mr Speaker*, go na le kgang kwa *Ministry wa Lands and Agriculture ya land boards* bogolo jang kgang e e seyong ya *allocation of plots*. Kana Goromente wa Puso e e fetileng o tllile ka thulaganyo ya *Secure Land Title (SLT)* e e leng gore go ya ka nna *it has failed*. Ke ne ke akantse gore Puso ya UDC, bogolo re lebile gore e tlaa fetola matshelo a Batswana, e ya go tllisa *some changes*, ke sengwe sa dilo tse e tlaa di lebang gore go bonwe gore Batswana ba ka akanyediwa jang gore ba tswelile ba fiwa ditsha, ba busediwe ditlankana tsa bone *Mr Speaker*. Tota golo mo *has failed*, re tshwanetse rotlhe ra dumela gore *it has failed and* Puso e sentse madi a a seng kana ka sepe. Batho ba na le ditsha, ga go na le fa e le gope kwa ba yang teng, le fa madi a a neng a solofeditse gore a tlaa adimiwa ka ditlankana tseo, ga a yo ka gore ditlankana ga di tswa. Selo se se utlwa botlhoko fa e le gore re santse re leba fela e kete go siame.

Mr Speaker, kwa Serowe go sale go bewa setsha sa bofelo ka ngwaga wa 2005, bangwe ba batlotlegi gone fa ba santse ba tsena dikole, ba santse ba tshameka bo *black-mampatile*, bo 2002. Bona gore gompiano ke ba ba fano ba tllile go buelela batho mo dingwageng tse di kalo tseo e le gore go eme fela. Mpolelela gore motho yo o saleng a kopa setsha ka 2005 a ise a bewa letsatsi leno, letsatsi le a yang go bewa ka lone o ya go dira eng *Mr Speaker*? Dilo tse di botlhoko re tshwanetse go bona gore Puso ya UDC jaaka e ne e solofeditse, e fetola matshelo a batho. E seng go a fetola fela, go a fetola ka ponyo ya leitlho.

Mr Speaker, fa re le mo *budget ya State President* ka gore ke yone e e filweng fa godingwananyana, ke utlwa e re fa go buiwa ka yone e bo e kete go amiwa gore go

ye go duelwa dituelo tsa ba sesole fela. Hei, lephata le le a kolota ka gore mo bontsing jwa nako, ga le ise le le fenye epe *case* e e neng e isitswe kwa *court*. Jaanong a e re ba ya go duela ba sesole, ba gakologelwe gore go na le *officers* kwa DIS ba ba saleng ba kolotilwe, go na le *court orders* gore ba duelwe, mme e le gore le letsatsi leno jaana ba itlhokomolositse ditaello tsa lekgotla. Ke gone re tlaa bonang gore ka fa tlase ga Puso e, ditshwanelo tsa *these officers* ga di ka ke tsa gopolwa.

Akanya, gompiano fa o bua ka *police*, batho ba ba saleng ba ile bolwetseng jwa lekgwafo ka 1996-1997 ba santse ba kolotiwa...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: O a itsheka.

MR LESEDI: Le fa ke ka itsheka ga go molato akere ke ne ke berekile teng... (*Interruptions*)... Akanya fela gore go sale ka go nna le *court order since* 2018 gore batho ba ba duelwe. Jaanong a e re fa lephata le jaaka le filwe matshebetshebe a madi jaana, go se ka ga lebiwa ntlha e le nngwefela, go lebiwe gore dikoloto tsa *these officers* di a duelwa ka gore le bone ba sale ka ba solofeditse ke *court order* e, ba bo ba nna le moko, ba nna le tse ba di akanyang tsa gore lemme le fa le ka tsena ba tlaabo ba ka tshwara fa kae le fa kae. Ke sone ke reng lephata la ga Rre Mohwasa le lebe diemo tse, mme e re ba tswelela, ba akaretse dikgang tse.

Kana Puso e kgologolo e ne e e tle e re fa go ntse jaana mo *budget*, ba supe gore mananeo a a ka tshetsang Batswana ke afe. E le gore mananeo a a dire ditiro a bo a fetlhela ba bangwe ditiro. Jaanong re bona mo Pusong e go sena le fa e le lenaneo le lengwefela.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Wena o moDomkrag...

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

MR LESEDI: Kante lona le solofetse gore ke nne eng?

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ... (Laughter!)

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable Lesedi*, ba go gogela mo tlhaelong, tswa mo *side remarks*, tlhamalalela mo go se o se buang. Le lona le se ka la mo itaya tsebe *Honourable Members*.

MR LESEDI: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. O tlaa intshwarela ka gore jaanong *they are tempting me*, mme gone ga gore sepe gore motho o ka nteba ke le eng.

MR HIKUAMA: *On a point of clarification*. Ke a leboga *Honourable Member*. O ne o tlhalosa gore kana

mebuso e tshwanetse gore e itshupe ka mananeo a yone. A se o se buang wa re le gompiano go santse go ise go bonale le fa e le lenaneo le le *one* le re ka le supang gore phathi e e busang ya ditshwanelo tsa setho, ke le? O raya gore golo moo le fa o ka sekaseka ga go yo?

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

MR LESEDI: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Gongwe fa re ne re bua re tlhwaafetse, ke palelwa ke gore ke re go na le lenaneo ka gore mananeo a a neng a le teng a re neng re a ikantse, o ka gakologelwa gore go ne go na le Temo Letlotlo *that was cancelled* e e leng gore e tlare go tsweletse gatwe e tlaa bidiwa Lemang Dijo. Ke belaela gore lenaneo ke go fetola leina la Temo Letlotlo go nna Lemang Dijo, mme kana fa o utlwa, gone go ntse go tshwana fela, Lemang Dijo le Temo Letlotlo ke selo se le sengwefela. Kwa ntleng ga moo, re bone ba fokotsa ditema tse nne tse di neng di lemelwa Batswana go isiwa kwa go *one*, go bo gotwe ntlha e nngwe go ka ruiwa dinotshi. Ke lone lenaneo le le teng, fa e le gore ke lenaneo, ga ke ise ke dumele thata gore ke lenaneo.

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

MR LESEDI: *Mr Speaker*, mma ke siane o kare nako e tlaa mpitlaganya. Ke ne ke dumela gore fa Puso e e ka bo e tlile ka mangwe mananeo *Mr Speaker*, Batswana e ne ya re ngogola ba felelwa...

MR SPEAKER: Order! Order! Honourable Members, as it is now 6:30 p.m., I now call upon the Leader of the House to move a Motion of adjournment.

MOTION

ADJOURNMENT

LEADER OF THE HOUSE (MR MOHWASA): Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Tla ke sutise gore dipuisanyo tsa letsatsi leno di ye bokhutlong, ka re feditse tse re neng re di kopanetse. Ke a leboga.

Question put and **agreed to.**

The Assembly accordingly adjourned at 6:30 p.m. until Tuesday 17th February, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.

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