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Monday 17th February, 2025

THE ASSEMBLY met at 2:00 p.m.

(THE SPEAKER in the Chair)

PRAYERS

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SPEAKER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

MR SPEAKER (MR KEORAPETSE): Pray be seated! Order! Order! Honourable Members, good afternoon. Clerk, I hope we quorate.

Honourable Members, I am in possession of two letters, one is a letter from the Leader of the Opposition, Honourable Dumelang Saleshando, he is informing me that he will be absent from Parliament from the 17th to the 21st and that he appoints Honourable Motlhaleemang Moalosi, Member for Nkange as Acting Leader of Opposition, from the 17th to the 21st February 2025, during his absence.

Secondly, this one has implications on the Appropriation debate, it is a sick note of Honourable Brigadier Domcaza Mokgwathi. I know he was on the floor, so it has to do with that, he will not be here to continue his debate.

Having said that Honourable Members, let us start our business of today with questions.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

MOCHUDI STORM WATER DRAINAGE MASTER PLAN

MR M. M. MOROLONG (KGATLENG CENTRAL): asked the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs:

- (i) if he is aware of the abandoned Mochudi Storm Water Drainage Master Plan Project that has not been funded since 2003/2004 Financial Year (District Development Plan 6); and
- (ii) when this project will be funded and implemented.

MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS (MR MOTSHEGWA): Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Mma ka tlhamalale ke neele karabo ya potso e e boditsweng ke motlotlegi.

Karabo ke gore, re na le kitso kana le tlhomamo ya gore melatswana ya kgopho ya metsi e ne e rulaganyeditswe go nna teng gone kwa Kgatleng ka Moalo wa Ditlhabololo wa Borataro, mme ga go a ka ga nna jalo ka mabaka a tlhaelo le leshekere la madi. Go ya pele se e bileng se ka nonang pelo ke gore bone ba Khansele ya Kgatleng ba rometse ditshekatsheko tsa dipaakanyetso tsa go agiwa ga molatswana one wa kgopho ya metsi wa seelo sa 25 kilometers (km) mo Mochudi, e le nngwe ya tse di tlaa dirwang ka fa tlase ga Moalo wa Ditlhabololo wa Borobabongwe wa Khansele le moalo mogolo wa lefatshe wa lesome le bobedi; ke gore DDP 9 le NDP 12. Ke ne ke supile gore fale e ne e le tlhaelo ya madi, jaanong tsholofetso ke yone e ke welang ka yone. Ke a leboga.

MR MOROLONG: Supplementary. Ke a go utlwa Motlotlegi Tona. Ke ne ke re o ntlhalosetse fa gore a mo go yone thulaganyo e ka fa o arabang ka teng, go tsentswe *redesign ya project* e ka gore jaaka o bua gore ke ya bogologolo jo bo kalo, fa re setseng re le teng fa gompiano motse o godile ka fa o godileng ka teng, le botshelo bo tura go feta ka nako ya fa e akanyeditswe, gompiano *project* e o tlhomamisa gore e ya go dirwa e na le *design* e e lebeletseng seemo sa gompiano?

MR MOTSHEGWA: Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke ne ka e khutswafaletsa kwa Setswaneng, mme ka Seeng fela ke gore *the District Council has submitted the review, design and construction ya yone the 25 km storm water drainage system for consideration le projects* tse dingwe tsa DDP 9 le NDP 12. Jaanong ka gore e tlaabo e le tse disha ka meallo yone eo ya ditlhabololo, mme e bile jaaka ke re *review, design and construction*, go raya gore e akareditse diemo tsa gompiano.

OLDEST PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN SEROWE

MR L. LESEDI (SEROWE SOUTH): asked the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to state:

- (i) the 10 oldest primary schools in Serowe and which years those schools were built;
- (ii) whether the stated schools' capacity and occupancy and standards the schools were initially built to accommodate;

- (iii) the number of classrooms and the number of standards those schools now accommodate;
- (iv) when last classrooms were increased at Simon Ratshosa and Grace Kgari Primary schools and how many they are now as compared to the school's inception;
- (v) the ministry's plans for expansion of classroom blocks from 10 in most old schools to cater for new demands; and
- (vi) the ministry's plans to renovate old primary schools in Serowe and build new classroom blocks.

MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS (MR MOTSHEGWA):

Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, mma ke leboge motlotlegi ka potso eo.

Karabo e ka tsela e e ntseng jaana; dikole tsa thuto e potlana di le lesome gone kwa Serowe di agilwe mo magareng ga dingwaga tsa 1967 le 1975, e le sekole sa Newtown Primary School ka 1967, Riverside Primary School ka 1967, Central Primary School ka 1967, Simon Ratshosa Primary School ka 1967, Tshekedi Primary School ka 1967, Khama Primary School ka 1967, Saint Gabriel Primary School ka 1969, Masokola Primary School ka 1967, Motetshwane Primary School ka 1971 le Saint Augustine Primary School ka 1975.

Jaanong Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, se se leng teng ke gore kwa ntlheng one matlwana a borutelo a a neng a agilwe ka tsela e e leng gore a ne a le mo seemong sa go ka akaretsa fela bana ba dikole ka nako eo, go ya jaaka dipalo tsa lefatshe di neng di ntse ka teng jaaka gompiono re bua ka Serowe. Ka jalo, go raya gore dikago tsa matlwana a borutelo ka fa di neng di ntse ka teng, di ne di lebagane fela le bana ba ba mo seemong sa go tsena gone foo kana *catchment area*. Jaanong gone ka dinako tsa teng, go ne go amogelwa bana ba ba ka fa tlase ka masome matlhano e le ba ba akaretsang lekwalo la ntlha go ya go tsena kwa go la bone. Ya re dingwaga di ntse di tlhatloga, ga bo go raya gore go nna le koketsego ya bana ba ba amogelwang gone mo dikoleng. Ka jalo Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, mo seemong sa gompiono, dikole di akaretsa dithuto go tswa kwa legatong la ntlha go ya go tsena

kwa lekwalong la bosupa, gammogo le ba ba kaiwang gotwe ke ba *reception classes* ba dikole tse di kwa tlase tsa ba ba fatlhogang.

Matlwana a borutelo a tswa mo dipalong tsa borobabongwe go ya go tsena kwa lesome le boraro, mme di kgaogantswe ka tsela e e latelang. Fela jaaka ke ne ke di badile, go na le kgaoganyo ya gore sengwe le sengwe sa tsone se na le matlwana a borutelo a le kae, ke gore *classroom streams* le *reception class*. Jaanong ke mokgakgathiba fela o o motelele, ke tlaa o neela motlotlegi a baya matlho go feta jaaka ke tlhalositse.

Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, Simon Ratshosa e le sekole sa dithuto tse dipotlana se ne se na le matlwana a borutelo a le borobabongwe. Ya re fa dingwaga di ntse di tsamaya ga nna le matlwana a mangwe a a oketsang ao a le borobabobedi go itebaganya le dipalo tse di oketsegang tsa bana ba ba amogelwang mo sekoleng. Ka jalo go raya gore sekole se se na le matlwana a borutelo a le lesome le bosupa, gammogo le ya ba ba simololang kwa tlase e le nngwe e e agilweng ka ngwaga wa 2022.

Grace Kgari Primary yone e na le matlwana a borutelo a le lesome go tswa ka ngwaga wa 2003. Go ne ga okediwa ka 2021 ka ya ba thuto e e fatlhogang.

Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, mo dikoleng di le lesome *ministry* o ne wa dira thurifatso ya gore go ye go tsenngwa mo re go bitsang re re *one by two classroom* kwa Saint Gabriel Primary school ka tsamaiso ya ditlhabololo ya madi a kgaolo kana Constituency Community Programme (CCP). Mo bogompionong kago e e tsamaya kwa seelong sa 18 *per cent*. Ka ntata ya tlhalelo ya ditsompelo go raya gore lephata ga le na bokgoni jwa go oketsa matlwana a borutelo ka go rutlomologa ka nako e nngwefela. Go tlaa nna go ketlolwa ka bongwe ka bongwe go ya ka letseno ka fa le tlaabong le ntse ka teng.

Re tlhalose gore go atolosiwa ga matlwana a borutelo go laolwa gape ke gore gone mo kgaolong go a bo go lebeletswe gore letlhoko le lentsi le kwa kae thata. Gape go lebelelwa le gore dipalo di ketemelesega di le dintsi ka tsela e e ntseng jang tsa bana ba ba amogelwang mo sekoleng ka ngwaga. Go nna le gore tsamaiso ya ditlhabololo a bo e le gore re kgarametse tse di neng di tswa kwa morago thata, mo re kareng *backlog eradication* ya dikago go akaretsa matlwana a borutelo, boiteketo le a barutabana.

Kwa bofelong Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, mo ngwageng o wa madi wa 2024/2025, Serowe District Council e ne ya dira gore e tseeletse kwa godimo thata go shafadiwa ga matlwana a boiteketo a le lesome mo dikoleng. Mo dikoleng di le lesome mo borarong jo re buang ka jone re bua ka Masokola, Saint Gabriel le Newton Primary School. Madi a a rulaganyeditse go itebaganya le go shafadiwa mo ga ditlhabololo ke P2, 650, 000.00.

Ke wetse ka gore ntlwana ya borutelo e le nngwe e a agiwa kwa Saint Gabriel Primary School. Ba khansele ba rulaganyeditse gore go tlaa okediwa matlwana a borutelo mo moalong wa District Development Plan (DDP) 9 le wa National Development Plan (NDP) 12. Ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

MR LESEDI: *Supplementary.* Mma go ke leboge Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Mma ke go leboge Tona. Mo dikarabong tse o ntseng o di dira tse, gongwe ke latedise rraetsho gore mo leshekereng le o neng o le tlhomamisa le la madi, a mme o lemoga gore bontsi jwa dikole tse ke neng ke batla go tlhaloganya ka tsone, bogolo jang fa re bua ka dikago tsa *classrooms*, bana mo dikoleng tse tsotlhe ba na le *classes* tse di tsenelang kwa ntle? Kwa ntle ke raya e seng mo teng ga *classroom building*. Jaanong fa go ntse jalo, a kwa sekoleng sa Simon Ratshosa Primary jaaka o ne o tlhalosa, a o a itse gore go na le bana ba ba tsenelang mo *structure* sa *kitchen* e kgologolo? Seemo sa bone se mo diphatseng, fa dipula di na jaana *obviously* ga gona jaaka ba ka tsena.

Gongwe potso ya bofelo ke re gone mme le fa go ka bo go le tlhoko la madi, *classrooms* tse dikgologolo tse kana ga di sa tlhole di kgona go rutela gotlhelele ka gore kana ke tse di neng di agilwe ka ditena tsele tse di neng di fiswa ka molelo. Jaanong ditafole di setse di sethile, *classrooms* tse ga di sa tlhole di le mo seemong sa go ka ruta mo seemong sa gompiano. Ke re diemo tse Tona o ikaelela go dira eng ka tsone mo *budget* e o e filweng rraetsho?

MR MOTSHEGWA: Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke go nna mokhutshwane fela gore ke diemo tse di lemotshegang. Ga se mo dikoleng tseo fela, ke belaela gore lefatshe lotlhe ka bophara. Ke ne ke ntse ke tsamaya dikgaolo di le

mmalwa, sekai; kwa Kgaolong ya Mmadinare ke fitlhetse e le gore *ceilings* di tletse ka bommanthwane di a wa. Tse dingwe ke dikole tse di saleng di agiwa ka dipolwane tsa mmu bogologolo. Ke dumalana le wena gore seemo seo se teng. Jaaka batho ba a tle ba re re se ka ra buela ruri ka mathata ke dumalana le gone, re tshwanetse ra amogela gore mathata a re tsamaya mo dinakong tsa go ola go palelwa ke go tsamaisa itsholelo ka fa e neng e ntse ka teng. Jaanong re mo seemong sa gore re tsamaele kwa pele. Ke sone se ke reng fa re lebelela moalo wa ditlhabololo wa khansele wa DDP 9 le dikeletso tsa kgaolo gore mo NDP 12 go bo go akarediwa eng, go na le tsone tsa gore go bo go okediwa tlhabololo ya dikole. Go itebagantswe le jaaka ke ne ke tlhalosa matlwana a borutelo, a boiteketo le a bonno jwa barutabana. Ke dumalana le wena ka seemo seo. Ga re a tshwanela go ema fela fa go dumalaneng, ke gone mo ke reng ditlhabololo re solofela gore di tlaa nna di ketlolwa go ya ka go nna teng ga madi. One kana ga a mantsi, go sa nna mantsi ga a kgoreletse gore re nne re leke. Re tlaabo re ntse re le mmogo re rerisana ka tsela e e ntseng jalo.

TLOKWENG STORM WATER DRAINAGE SYSTEM

MR P. M. SEGOKGO (TLOKWENG): asked the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs:

- (i) if there are any plans to address the Tlokweng storm water drainage system as an urgent matter within this year's financial budget; and
- (ii) if he is aware that this issue has been an ongoing problem for 20 years, particularly since the development of internal roads which were constructed without storm water drainage system.

MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS (MR MOTSHEGWA):

Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ka bokhutshwane ke gore fa re leng teng ga gona madi a a leng teng go ka aga melatswana ya kgopho ya metsi kwa Tlokweng mo ngwageng wa madi wa 2025/2026. E le seemo ka fa se ntseng ka teng ka gore tse di neng di le teng ke tse di neng di dirwa ka tsamaiso ya Tlokweng Infrastructure Projects. E re le mororo go le jalo, go tsamaela kwa pele ke sone se re ka tlhalosang gore kana Tlokweng e le motse o godile fela ka lebelo le le kwa

godimo, mme gone moo ga bo go dira gore go nne le go nna teng ga batho mo go lopang ditlhabololo ka tsela e e kwa godimo. Gone moo go babaletse ka fa metsi a elelang ka teng, go tlhoka gore go nne le melatswana ya kgopho ya metsi ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. Diemo tse di supa gore go tlhoka gore melatswana ya kgopho ya metsi e bo e le e e lomagantsweng kana *Integrated Storm Water Management System* go itebaganya le seemo se e leng gore re a se tlhalosa. Gompiano Goromente o itebagantse le go aga tsela ya seelo sa 25 kilometres (km), gammogo le tse di tsamaelanang le yone, di akaretsa melatswana ya kelelo ya kgopho ya metsi go ya ka mealo e e beilweng ya kago.

Ke tshwanetse ka amogela gore dipalo tsa rona di supa gore go na le tlhalelo ya kago ya kgopho ya metsi ka seelo sa 15 km. Mo bogompionong e re go ntse jalo, khansale e dirisa ditsompelo tse di leng teng go leka go tsibogela dikgwetlho tsa kgopho ya metsi ka diemo tse di tlhagang gompiano. E bile khansale e tsere tshwetso ya gore e tlaa nama e dirisa lenaneo la Ipelegeng go nna ba kgarametsa kana go thusa seemo ka fa se ntseng ka teng.

Kwa bofelong Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke supe gore kgang e e tswa kgakala kana e mogoga moleele mme e ntse e kgorelediwa kana e ngotliwa ke seemo sa madi jaaka se ntse se ntse, sa bo se dira gore go nne le tiego jalo.

E re go na le kgwetlho eo le tiego, ke supe gore ba khansale ba akareditse mo re reng *Storm Water Drainage Master Plan Project* gore nne teng e le balebiwe kana e nne le tiragatso fa go lebelelwa moalo wa ditlhabololo wa khansale wa boroba bongwe (District Development Plan (DDP) 9) gammogo le tse di tshwanetseng tsa tselwa kwa godimo fa go agiwa moalo wa ditlhabololo wa National Development Plan (NDP) 12. Re dira jalo ka go lemoga gore Tlokweng jaaka a le gaufi le toropokgolo mme e bile ke tlhalositse gore o godile, o mekamekanwe ke ditlhabololo tse di babalelang kelelo ya kgopho ya metsi. Go raya gore le rona kgang e re e beye leitlho mme go nyalana le gore ledi le tlaa re kgontsha ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Ke a leboga mme ke bona gore o a shwegashwega Mopalamente.

MR SEGOKGO: *Supplementary.* Ke a shwegashwega *Minister* ka gore fa o bona ke tla thari jaana, Tlokweng o a na. Bana ba dikole ga ba a ya dikoleng gompiano ka

gore go na thata. *Minister*, o a itse ka madi a a kana ka P62 million a lephata la gago le kileng la re a solofetsa mo ngwageng o o fetileng e le madi a *Road Levy* gore gongwe ba ka re tlopolola ra simolola *storm water drainage*? E bile gape a lephata la gago Tona ga le na mogopolo wa gore e re fa re santse re emetse *storm water drainage*, bogolo re kotule metsi ao go tswa kwa Mabutswe ka gore a tla a tswa ka kwa Suping ka kwa a bo a elela a tswa ka kwa Mabutswe ka kwa a bo a phashegela otlhe mo motseng wa Tlokweng, bogolo re a kotule?

Ya bofelo ke gore ditsela tse o di buang tseo tsa 25 km Tona, le tsone di setse di simolotse go itshupa gore di a na mo e leng gore gongwe re a ne re belaela gore gongwe *quality* ya tsone di ise di fele, a mme ke yone e e leng gore o a e batla? E bile ga go supege gore gongwe golo foo go ka nna le *storm water drainage* se e leng gore gongwe o a se tlhoka. Legale ka gore re gaufi le Gaborone, gongwe e ka re ka 7 p.m. re bo re nonoela o tle o iponele ka matlho pula e e santse e tsorotla jaana.

MR MOTSHGWA: Nnyaa mme ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ya ntlha ya ditsholofetso, ke tlaa lomagana le ba garona go ya go dukula gore e ne e le ditsholofetso tsa mofuta mang le gore a di santse di le teng ka fa di neng di solofeditse ka teng gore a go santse go ka kgonagala. Ga ke tseye gore ke se se tlhokang gore re bo re tla re emela go boela mo Palamenteng. Mosepele o o ntaletsang maitseboa, ke tsaya ke re gongwe ke ka bo ke tshwere karabo ra tsamaya re bua le ka yone.

Ya bofelo ya ditsela, re tlaa nna le sebaka sa go di leba, mme ke garele fela ka gore *projects* tsotlhe tse di mo *Local Government* fa re ntse re tsamaya le lefatshe re di bona, le phuthego e ke nnileng le yone le *Council Mayors* ba kopane le *Council Chairmen* le *Council Secretaries* kwa *leadership forum* ya bone, re gateletse gore fa madi a setšhaba a rebolwa, re tshwanetse ra netefatsa ra tsaya boikarabelo kwa lephateng le ba ke ba badileng gore *we deliver quality durable projects that are delivered on time and within budget*. Go raya gore *we are all obligated from leadership to supervisory level* go netefatsa gore madi a Puso fa a rebotswe a dira ditiro tsa tlhwatlhwa ka manontlhotlho ka nako le ka madi a a neng a rebotswe. Ke yone tsela nngwe ya go lwantsha tshenyetso-setšhaba yone eo. Ke tlaabo ke le teng rra maitseboa rra, ga gona molato.

CONSTRUCTION OF DIBETE-OTSE ROAD

MR M. BAGAISAMANG (SHOSHONG): asked the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to apprise this Honourable House on the construction of Dibete-Otse Road.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE (MR ATAMELANG): *Ke a leboga Mr Speaker, ke a leboga Honourable for potso ya gago.* Mr Speaker, allow me to preface the response to the Honourable Member's question by reaffirming to this Honourable House that the ministry is fully committed to delivering infrastructure projects as aligned with the Umbrella for Democratic Change's (UDC) accelerated infrastructure development plan as noted in their manifesto.

Mr Speaker, with reference to Paragraph 186 of the Budget Speech, it is worth noting that the Dibete-Otse road has been included in the budget provision. *Go raya gore o ye go bolelela ba Shoshong gore tsela ya bone e tsentswe mo lenaneong.*

Mr Speaker, the project entails the design and construction of 87 kilometre road from Dibete to Otse at an estimated cost of P750 million.

Mr Speaker, Stage 1, which involves inception/prefeasibility of the project started in June 17th 2024 and was completed on the 19th of July 2024. The project was assessed and granted approval to proceed to the next stage of implementation which is stage 2 which involves concept development and viability/feasibility.

Currently, the project is at stage 2 and all the site or field studies, such as geotechnical investigations, topographical and cadastral surveys and hydrological studies are ongoing. These activities will be followed by preliminary designs and the costing of the project. All the works started on the 26th of July and are scheduled to be completed *ka* March 2025.

Mr Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity also to just emphasise that the ministry has taken an initiative to embark on a countrywide tour of national roads just to assess the conditions so that we can be informed in terms of prioritising *ditsela* and *re bone gore re ya go aga dife*. *Ke a leboga Mr Speaker.*

MR BAGAISAMANG: *Supplementary. Thank you Mr Speaker. Ke a leboga Minister. Ke lebogela karabo. Minister, gongwe ke botse gore a project jaaka o supa o e tlhalosa le mo Budget Speech, a le ntse le tswelitse le ya go e dira ka Development Model (DM) ka fa ke utlwanng o tlhalosa ka teng? Maloba le kile la bua gore go na le review e e dirwang, a le yone e mo go tsone tse ka ke ne ke ise ke bone official correspondence gore a ya sekasekiwa kana jang? Thank you.*

MR ATAMELANG: *Ke a leboga Mr Speaker. Ee rra, ke batla go tsaya sebaka se gore ke tlhalosetse Batswana gore the Development Manager e sekaseka konteraka kana tumalano ya ga Goromente le bone ba ba tshwanetseng gore ba tsise tsela, ga go emise tsela. So, re tshwanetse go tlhaloganya pharologanyo eo. Dikgang tsa gore tsela e ya go lopa bokae le ditshetlana tsotlhe tsa tumalano, ke tsone tse e leng gore di ya go sekasekiwa. Ga go emise ditsela tse e leng gore di mo lenaneong la go nna jalo. E tlaa re re report ya teng e e leng gore re e solofetse mo bogaufing e tla, e tlaa tla e re boelela gore jaanong re le Goromente re tsaya tsela efe. Jaaka ke sa tswa go bua gore jaaka paragraph 186 e supa, tsela ya kwa Shoshong e tlaa goroga mogolo. Ke a leboga.*

DELAY IN ALLOCATION OF RESIDENTIAL PLOTS

MR J. J. FRENZEL (SHASHE WEST): asked the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to state:

- (i) the cause of delay in allocation of residential plots in villages such as Chadibe, Matsitama, Borolong, Shashe Mooke and Makobo; and
- (ii) if he is aware that, prior to Jamataka being gazetted a village, there were some residents with residential plots that to date had not been adopted for official allocation and documentation; if so, when this will be done.

ACTING MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE (MR TSHERE):

Ke a leboga Mr Speaker. Mma ke go dumedise le Mapalamente fa. Ke leboge Mopalamente ka potso. Kgang ya kabo ya ditsha re a dumela gore e tsere lebaka, go na le mathata gone foo ka gore go re o felele o aba setsha, ga re pele o simolole o batle kwa se teng o bo o plan, o se survey, o bo o se register le land board. Jaanong tsela e ke

yone e e mogoga moleele *Mr Speaker*. Se sengwe se se tshwenyang thata ke gore fa o sena go nna o bona masimo jaaka e le one gantsi a tsewang, le buisanya le beng ba masimo, ke sone se se tsayang lebaka gape fa gongwe le sa dumalane ka dituelo le gore re ka tsaya setsha seo jalo. Ke sone se gantsi dilo tse di diegang *Honourable Member*.

Go setse go ntse go tswetse, go bonwe sekidi sa setsha kwa Chadibe, se se bophara jwa 87.46 *hectares* se se setseng se lebeletse go santse go buisanwa le beng ba lefatshe leo gore le tle le tsewe mo go bone. Re tsaya gore go tlaabo go feletse ka *March 2025*. Fa re feditse jaanong re tsaya gore go tlaa tswa *plots* di le 700 gone kwa Chadibe.

Kwa Matsitama le gone go setse go bonwe, *layout* e setse e dirilwe ya *plots* di le 393, tse mo go tsone di le 378 ke tsa bonno. Jaanong go setse go tswetse, *layout* le *survey* tsa teng di tlaa wela ka *April 2025*. Tsholofelo ke gore *plots* tse di tlaa abiwa go simolola ka *June 2025*.

Kwa Borolong, *we have identified an extension area* ya 71 *hectares*, dipampiri tsa teng di ile kwa Tonota District Council *for detailed design*. Re tsaya gore fa e setse e wetse, kwa Borolong ba tlaa bona *plots* di le 560. *Meanwhile consultation with affected property owners is ongoing and is expected to be completed* ka *March 2025*.

Kwa Shashe Mooke, *the Phase 1 layout is being redesigned because at the surveying stage, it was realised that it was adversely affected by the streams*, go raya gore go na le melapo gone foo go ya go lebelelwa gape sesha. *The layout will be redesigned inhouse due to lack of funds to outsource. The estimated yield, plots* tse go lebelelwang gore di ya go tswa kwa Shashe Mooke di 530 fa go setse go fedile.

...Silence...

MR TSHERE: *Kwa Makobo, go setse go bonwe lefatshe le lekanang* ka 151.07 *hectares* le le tserweng mo ploughing field. The acquisition is expected to yield 700 plots. The preparation of the base map is to be commenced in April 2025 and after the cancellation of the land rights. The whole process including base mapping detailed lay out, surveying, subsequent allocation is expected to be complete by the end of the third quarter of this financial year.

Mr Speaker, I am aware that prior to Jamakata being declared a recognized settlement. There were some residents who were in occupation of puzzle of land that had not been allocated by the land board. For clarity, it is necessary to set out a context for the benefit of my Honourable colleague and Member of Parliament (MP) for Shashe West in this August House, regarding this matter. Per the National Settlement Policy Land boards are not empowered to allocate residential plots in areas which are not declared villages. The lawful position is that once a settlement is declared a village via the Government Gazette, residents can with the assistance of the village *Bogosi* who would have verified and adjudicated such occupation starts to apply for plot regularisation.

Jamakata was gazetted as a settlement in November 2005, effective the gazette date all resident of Jamakata who have not regularised their plots are encouraged to apply for registration of plots following the normal process. They are further encouraged to approach the Marapong Sub-Land board for guidance and assistance as appropriate if they are not regularised.

...Silence...

MR TSHERE: *Mr Speaker*, fa go buiwa gore kana fa motse fa o ise o bewe, fa e le gore o setse le ne le ipeile ka tsela eo jaaka le simolola motse, e tshwanetse gore fa o setse o beilwe and *gazette*, e bo e le gore bone ba ba setseng ba ipeile bao, ba tshwanetse ba *apply* sesha kwa *land board* jaanong mo go bidiwanag *regularisation*. Jaanong ke sone se tshaloso e nnang gore a ba ye *to apply to regularise* ditsha tsa bone di tle di tsene sentle mo tsamaisong ya Puso ka gore tse di beilweng koo ba thusiwa ke Magosi. Kakanyo e ka tswa e le gore ba ne ba bewa ke Magosi. Ke a leboga.

MR FRENZEL: *Supplementary*. Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*. Tla ke tle ke re tsa metse e mengwe ya bo Matsitama ke di utlwile, go raya gore re mo tseleng. Ke batla go tsena mo karabong e o neng o e ntsha mabapi le dikgang tsa Jamataka. Kana e rile fa o a araba o bo o supa gore ba ka ya kwa Marapong Sub-Land Board go ya go dira *new applications* tsa *plots* tse di sha jaaka motse o ba fitlhetse. Jaanong kgang ya Marapong Sub-Land Board e supile fa batho ba e le *squatters*, motse wa Jamataka o na le *squatters* di le *more than 100*, motse e le gone o bewang. Ke batla o

mpolelele jaaka e bile o ne o umaka dikgang tsa Bogosi mo teng gore fa Kgosi a ka tsaya tetla batho bale ba bewa semmuso, ka gore batho ba fitlhetswe ke motse. A ba ka bewa semmuso, fa Bogosi bo ka tsena mo kgannyeng e, ra se ka ra bidiwa gotwe re *squatters*? Gongwe for your own information, ba Marapong Sub-Land Board ba kile ba tla ba supa gore batho bale ba thube metse ele yotlhe. Jaanong ke batla gore kgang e, re e tseye re le mmogo. A o dumalana le nna gore fa Kgosi re ka mo tsenya, batho bale ba ka bewa semmuso mo ditsheng tse motse o di fitlhetseng? Ke bua ka batho ba ba neetsweng *plot numbers*, mme gatwe ke *squatters*. A fa Kgosi a ka re ba bewe ba ka bewa? Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*.

MR TSHERE: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Jaaka ke ne ke tlhalosa, kana o bua ka bomaipayafela, fa a re *squatters*. Jaanong ka fa molaong, go raya gore go ne go sena motse o gotweng Jamakata, ba ne ba ipeile foo. Kgang ke gore fa motse wa Jamakata ka gore motse o tshwanetse *to be declared* motse fa o sena *to reach population* ya 500. Jaanong ba feletse e le banni ba motse o, ka gore ke motse, thulaganyo ke gore ba tshwanetse gore ba ye kwa Marapong Sub-Land Board e e *cover* motse o. Ba bo ba ya go kopa gore kana go raya gore ke ne ke ipeile fa, ke kopa gore setsha se se ke se neelwe, akere ke bone ba agileng motse. Thulaganyo ke gore e batla ba Bogosi. E ka nna go raya gore Kgosi o ne a leng teng golo foo a ba neela. Jaanong go na le ba gongwe ba neng ba sa neelwa ke Kgosi, foo go ka nna ga nna dingalo ka gore thulaganyo ya teng le ditsha fela tsa bogologolo tse di neng di bewa ke Bogosi, fa molao o o neng o tla wa peo ya ditsha ka fa molaong. O ne o ya kwa Kgosing, a bo a go pakela gore motho yo ke monni wa golo fa, o sale a nna fa, nako e nneng go baya Dikgosi. Ka jalo ba *land board* ba tlaabo ba ntsha setlankana sa tshimo ka fa molaong o mosha. *So*, ke sone se ke se buang se.

Ba Marapong Sub-Land Board ba ka bua jalo gore ba tlaa thuba matlo, akere fa e le gore ga ba a *regularise*, ga ba a tsamaya ka thulaganyo e ke e buang e, ya gore ba ye go direlwa ditlankana tse disha, jaanong e tlaa nna bo maipayafela. Fa o le bo maipayafela o tlaa amiwa ke kgang ya gore go ka nna ga thubelwa matlo.

Ya *plot numbers* ga ke itse, ka gore *plot number* e neelwa fa o tshwere setlankana se o se filweng ke ba *land board*. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

DR GOBOTSWANG: *Supplementary*. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. *Honourable Minister*, karabo e o e balelang Palamente gompiano wena o a e kgotsofalela? Ke raya ka gore, *for* motse *to be gazetted* ke gore batho ba bo ba ntse foo, ba nna, mme ba bewa ke Magosi a bone. Jaanong fa ba beilwe gone foo ke Magosi a bone motse o bo o tla *to be gazetted* kwa morago, *after 20 years* go bo go santse go na le batho bangwe ba e leng gore ga ba a baakanyediwa gore seemo sa bone ba bewe ka fa ditsamaisong tsa *land board*, e le gore go ka tswa go diragetse jang, ba bo ba bidiwa bomaipaafela? *Honourable Minister* ga o lemoge gore bomaipaafela e tshwanetse e nne batho ba ba tllileng kwa Jamataka morago ga *gazettement*. Ba ba ntseng mo Jamataka *before gazettement*, a mme ga o lemoge gore ke bone re tshwanetseng gore gompiano botlhe e bo e le gore ba thusitswe? A mme gone karabo e o a e kgotsofalela gore e araba dipotso tse re di ipotsang gore *why, why* gompiano ba bo ba santse ba ka bidiwa bomaipaafela mme ba ne ba le foo *before gazettement*, mme e bile ba ne ba beilwe ke Dikgosi? Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MR TSHERE: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. A karabo e ke a e kgotsofalela; ke a e kgotsofalela *Honourable Member*, Dr Gobotswang. Kgang e fa kana, fa e le gore batho ba re buang ka bone botlhe e ne e le gore ba ne ba le teng pele ga 2005 motse wa Jamakata o supywa...

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

MR TSHERE: Jamataka! mma ke bale fa e bile. Jaanong fa e le gore ba ne ba le teng thulaganyo ke gore ba ye kwa bogosing, bogosi bo ba supele gore ba ne ba le teng *indeed* ke ne ke mmeile fa. Moo ga go a tshwanela gore e bo e le bothata. Bothata bo ka tswa fa e rileng *after 2005* go na le *land board*, e bile e le motse go tshwanetse go beiwe sentle, bangwe ba bo ba ipaya fela. Jaanong foo ke gone fa bothata bo ka nnang teng, fa e le gore o ipeile *after the gazettement* ya motse. Jaanong foo ke maipaafela. Fa e le gore o ne o le teng e le lona ba le bopileng motse Kgosi o tshwanetse a le supele, fa a le supela le neelwa ditlankana tse disha. Fa e le gore o ipeile fela *after 2005*, jaanong go tshwana le fa e le gore o ka ya go ipaya fela kwa motseng wa Mahalapye o bo o tla o re o bewe, foo ga go ka fa molaong. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

HEALTH FACILITIES IN OKAVANGO WEST

MR K. K. KAPINGA (OKAVANGO WEST): asked the Minister of Health to inform this Honourable House on how many health facilities in the Okavango West Constituency do not have access to the national electricity grid and what those facilities are using to carry out duties which require electrical power.

ACTING MINISTER OF HEALTH (MR OOKEDITSE): Thank you Mr Speaker. The question is answered as such. Mr Speaker, in response to the question regarding access to the national electricity grid of villages, there are three facilities *tse e leng gore ga di na motlakase wa Botswana Power Corporation (BPC) kwa Constituency ya Okavango West*. Clinics *kana* health posts *tse ke* Nxaunxau, Gani *le* Chukumuchu. *Mme ka se sebaka* Chukumuchu Health Post is connected to *maranyane a solar a letsatsi a a kwa* primary school. *Kwa* Gani *le* Nxaunxau health posts *tsa teng di dirisa motlakase wa marang a letsatsi kana solar jalojalo*.

Mr Speaker, once the BPC grid is affiliated to these villages our ministry will facilitate the connection of these facilities to the grid. I must say I have never been to Gani, Nxaunxau and Chukumuchu. I am hoping Honourable Kapinga will take me there some day. So the report is as such. Thank you.

MR KAPINGA: *Supplementary*. Tona, potso e ne e le gore *facilities* tse tse e leng gore ga di na motlakase o o tswang *from the national grid*, ga go ame ditiro tsa tsona tsa go aba ditirelo tsa botsogo? Fa o araba potso ya gago *you did not give us any idea* gore *solar plants* tse di kwa Nxaunxau le Gani *produce power* e e kae, *that can power* eng in a medical facility? Go supa tota gore batho ba dikgaolo tseo ba na le *access to quality medical services*? Gongwe o ne o ka re bolelela gore, *solar plants* tseo, le yone e e tswang kwa *primary*, *what do they power in those medical facilities* tse di thusang batho?

MR SPEAKER: What do they power Honourable Minister?

MR OOKEDITSE: Thank you Mr Speaker. So I think sometimes we need to look into how the questions are asked. The question to me is, “to ask the Minister of Health to inform this Honourable House about the number of health facilities in the Okavango West

Constituency that do not have access to the national grid and what those facilities are using to perform tasks that require electrical power.” *E gabedi, ke tse kae tse e leng gore ga di na motlakase wa BPC; ka fa ke e bonang ka teng, ke rile ke tse tharo*.

Ya bobedi that follows *e bo e nna gore*, facilities *tse di dirisa eng* to power *tse di tlhokang motlakase; ke sone re e araba re re di dirisa solar*. *Jaanong ke a utlwa gore fa motlotlegi a dirisa supplementary go supafala fa gongwe a ne a batlile go itse gore ke eng tse di dirisang motlakase kwa facilities tseo, le gone re ntsha motlakase o o kae, jalolalo?* So I do not have that part of the answer, because the way the question was asked *e ne e batlile fela tseo*. *Ka seno sebaka ga ke na karabo ya gore output ya the solar panels ke bokae*, and what do we power and what do we not power *ka tsona*. I think that is an answer that I can provide to the Honourable Member at a later stage, since *ke bona gore o batla* that part of the question, or rather an answer to that effect. Thank you.

MR DISHO: *Supplementary*. Mma ke go leboge Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Gongwe ke akgele mo sepateleng sa Gani, ka gore le nna se a nkama, *we share it le Honourable* Kenny Kapinga.

MR SPEAKER: O se ka wa akgela, o botse.

MR DISHO: Ke supe gore, *Minister are you aware* gore gongwe karabo ya gago *you wanted to address the school* e seng sepatela, *the solar* e o buang ka yone e mo sekoleng, e seng sepatela? *Are you aware* gore sepatela sele ga se na le fa e le motlakase *at all, nothing!* e seng *solar* e o buang ka yone? *The solar is in the primary school not in the clinic*.

MR OOKEDITSE: Thank you honourable for pointing that out. Like I have said, I have never been to Gani, Chukumuchu and Nxaunxau. *The answer that I have is that, kwa* Chukumuchu the health post is connected to the solar plant *e e kwa primary*. That is the answer that I have. *Fa e le gore* that is incorrect I will be happy to take the correction.

Then in the answer that I have from our professionals, Gani and Nxaunxau, they each have independent solar systems *tsa bone*. *Fa e le gore* the correction from the neighbouring constituency is that the answer is incorrect,

then I will take it back to those that inform us, so that we can get clarity on that part.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: Supplementary.

MR SPEAKER: *Nnyaa, nako e tshaile.* What I want to understand from Honourable Disho... Honourable Disho, *a se o se buang ka* the solar panels is that they are connected *kwa* Primary, but they do not power the health facility *kana o ne o raya jang?* Because the answer given by the Minister is that, yes there is no solar power plant in the health facility, *e goga motlakase* from the primary, that is the answer he has. *Jaanong* what I want to understand from you *ke gore, a le wena* is that your understanding *kana* your understanding is that there is no connection whatsoever?

MR DISHO: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker.* Ke supe gore sekole le sepatela *they are literally 1.5 kilometre apart, the solar* e kwa sekoleng, sepatela ga se na le fa e le *solar at all.* Nurse maloba o ne a mpegela gore o dirisa *phone to operate,* kana go ka...kana go ka dira motho bosigo, *phone!*

MR SPEAKER: So *ga go na* connection from the...

MR DISHO: *There is no connection,* e bile ke motse otlhe, *completely* ga go na motlakase.

MR SPEAKER: That is what I wanted to hear. But the Minister is amenable to that correction. Minister, you still have the leeway under Standing Order 41.2 to correct part of the answer.

MR OOKEDITSE: Thank you Mr Speaker. I do not know, at a later stage, I think I will also get in touch with Honourable Kapinga, so that we establish exactly what the issue may be there. Thank you.

MR SPEAKER: Order! Honourable Members, *nako ya lona ya dipotso e feletse gone fa.* I am informed by the Clerk, Dr Gabriel Malebang that the reason why the Order Paper was heavily loaded with question for Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Affairs was because these are later dated questions from the ministry. *Ke ne ke re ke e tshalose jalo.* Honourable Members, we now go to the Appropriation.

**APPROPRIATION (2025/2026) BILL,
2025 (NO. 2 OF 2025)**

**Second Reading
(Resumed Debate)**

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Members, the debate on this Motion is resuming. When the House adjourned on Friday the 14th February, 2025, Honourable Brigadier Domcaza Mokgwathi was on the floor debating and he is left with 17 minutes 28 seconds.

Honourable Members, when we started this afternoon, I indicated that I have a sick note in respect of the Honourable Member Mokgwathi and that he will be away for three days *a santse a ikoka. Jaanong re tlaa nama re beile 17 minutes yoo wa gagwe le 28 seconds. Fa ke rialo,* I have a list here from the ruling party. I do not have a list from you Dr Gobotswang, *go raya gore* you will catch the Speaker's eye. Is that the case?

DR GOBOTSWANG: Ee.

MR SPEAKER: Okay.

MR MMUSI (GABANE-MMANKGODI): Tanki *Mr Speaker.* Mma ke go leboge mongwame go bo o mphile sebaka se. Ke bo ke dumedise Mothusa Tautona, e bong Tona wa Madi. Le ene ke bo ke mo leboegele go bo a begetse Palamente e pego ya gagwe ya madi. Ke le dumediseng Mapalamente. Ke dumedise ba ba nthomileng kwano ba kgaolo ya Gabane-Mmankgodi. Ke bo ke dumedise le Batswana ka kakaretso. *Mr Speaker,* ke leboga gore o bo o mphile sebaka se rraetsho. Le nna ke akgele mo pegong e re neng re e bewa pele ke Mothusa Tautona, e ya madi.

Ke eletsa gore e re fa ke simolola pego ya me, gongwe le nna ke bue kgang e e ntseng e le teng, e e leng ya moruthutha, e e ntseng e buiwa ke ba ba re busang, bone ba Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC), gore e rile fela fa ba tsena mo Pusong, ba lela selelo sa gore ba fitlhetse sekgwama se le makgwakgwa. Fa o itse gore fa selo se le makgwakgwa, go tewa gore se *rough* kana se fedile kana jang. Ba ne ba re fa ba bua gore sekgwama se makgwakgwa, ba kaya gore ditsholofetso dingwe tse ne ba di neetse Batswana, ga ba a ka ba kgona go di diragatsa ka mabaka a gore ba fitlhetse sekgwama se le makgwakgwa. Le nna ke tshwanetse ke akgele mo ditsholofetso tse ka gore di re amile rotlhe. Le nna bangwe ba ba neng ba tshwanetse gore ba ntlhophe, ba ne ba se ka ba ntlhopha ka ba ne ba bona e kete ditsholofetso tse di nonisa pelo, di itumedisa mewa ya bone, mme ba fokotsa *margin* wa me.

Ke sone se o bonang ke bona go le botlhokwa gore tota ke bue dikgang tse. Le ba ne ke na le bone, balekane ba me ba bangwe ba Botswana Democratic Party (BDP), gompiano jaana ba kwa malwapeng ka gore ditsholofetso di ne tsa dira gore ba se ka ba bona tshono ya gore ba boele kwano. Fa sepatšhe se le makgwakgwa, ke ipotsa gore bone ba ba busang ba UDC, ba ne ba bona ba dira eng se ba neng ba tshwanelwa ke gore ba se dire gore gongwe ba baakanye, kana ba supegetse Batswana gore re tsene mo Pusong mme re fitlhela sekgwama se le makgwakgwa. Le rona gore re boele kwa morago, re bontshe re tlaa dira se. Ke batla go bua se ke kaya gore se ke se lemogileng fa UDC e fetsa go tsena mo Pusong, ba ne ba tsweledisa sengwe le sengwe fela, e bile ba dira go feta e kete sekgwama ga se makgwakgwa.

Ke ne ke solofetse gore e bo e ne ya re fa ba fitlhela sekgwama se le makgwakgwa jaaka ba ne ba bua, bo Tona gongwe ba ithola dikoloi tse dintsho tse, tse di nnang di le *parked* fa ntle fa, kamoso di bolawa ke letsatsi, gompiano di nelwa ke pula, ke mathata fela. Jaanong ke tsaya gore ba ka bo ba ne ba di ithola ba re nnyaa, sekgwama se makgwakgwa mme re solofeditse Batswana se. Rona re beye dikoloi re sale ka koloi e le nngwefela. Ke ne ka bona Mothusa Tautona dikoloi tsa gagwe di okediwa, *motorcade* wa gagwe gompiano o tsamaya ka madi a a kana ka P5 million. O tsaya dikoloi fela tsothle tse a di dirisang, tsa ga Tautona *it is around P8 million*. E le gore ke tsone dikoloi tseo. Ke ne ke solofetse gore fa sekgwama se le makgwakgwa ka fa ke itseng go tshwanetse gore go dirwe ka teng, re ka bo re ne ra dira gore re fokotse dikoloi tse.

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND HOME AFFAIRS (MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE): *Point of order. Thank you Mr Speaker.* Ke dumela gore fa re ka tsamaya re sa baakanya dilo, motlotlegi a re *convoy* ya ga Tautona *is worth about P8 million*, ya ga Vice President (VP) *is P5 million*. O bua *figures* tse e leng gore *he is certain about*. Ke ne ke re, mo Motswaneng yo o kwa gae, yo a mo reeditseng, o ka dumela gore dilo tseo di boammaaruri. Mme gore fela a intshe mo kgannyeng eo, a a tlise bosupi jone joo, gore fa a di bala, o *calculate* eng gore di dira P8 million, ya ga VP o ne a bala eng gore di kwa go P5 million. Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: *Ke a e utlwa.* Honourable Mmusi, *o ne a re o ntshe bosupi. Se ke leng worried ka sone*

fa, ke to discuss motorcade wa ga President le wa ga VP because it has far reaching security implications. I would have abdicated on my responsibility as the Speaker to allow the details of the motorcade to be discussed publicly. That is why I have a problem and I am quite aware that you were a Minister for Defence and Security and the reliability of what you are saying in Parliament could be true, but as I say, my problem is on the security implications. So, o e ele tlhoko thata Honourable Mmusi. Ee, ke yone e e ntshwenyang eo. Wela, ke tle ke go utlwe.

MR MMUSI: *Thank you sir.* Dikoloi tse ga di kgakala *Mr Speaker*. Fa o ya fela fa Motor Centre, *prices* tsa tsone di teng, ga o tlhoke go ya gope.

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable Member, kana you were the Minister of Defence.* Gakere o aitse gore dikoloi tse ga di tshwane le e Motlotlegi Lucas a ka tsenang fela fale a bo a e reka, di tlaa nna le tse di tsennngwang mo teng? Ke sone se ke reng fa re ka tswelela ra bua ka tsone fa, re tlaa iphitlhela e le gore re bolelela ba ba ka nnang le maikaelelo mangwe foo. Ke yone e e ntshwenyang eo. Ga ke batle go kgopakgopetsa *the political part of your debate*, mme fela *let us be aware of the security implications*.

MR MMUSI: Tanki *Mr Speaker*. Tota fela jaaka le nna ke bua *sir*; ga ke bue sepe se se maswe, e bile *I am not in the security features of the cars. That is why I say if you just walk in the floor* wa Motor Centre gompiano, o bo o tsaya *prices* tsa dikoloi tse, *we will have them*. Legale mma ke tswe mo go yone ke tswelele *Mr Speaker*.

Sengwe se ke neng ke se solofetse gore *Executive* e ka bo e ne ya se dira *Mr Speaker* fa ba fitlhela sepatšhe se le makgwakgwa, ke *salary cuts*. *At least* fela fa ba ne ba rila *we are going to reduce our salaries* re le *Executive* ka 10 per cent go supa gore tota le rona re amegile, jaaka ke bua ke re bone ba ba neng ba ba solofetsa ba ba sa kgonang go ba neela ditlhwatlhwa tseo, go ka bo go supile gore mme sengwe re a se dira.

Lifestyle ya bo *Minister* e ntse e golela kwa pele. Re ne ra bona maloba *Mr Speaker*; Tona mongwe a palama, ga ke itse gore a ke *first class* golo fale kgotsa ke *business class*, a itsaya senepe *or video* mo teng a bo a *circulate* mo maranyaneng gore nna ke fano mponeng, o tla mmona P1 800 fa Jesu a tsoga, fa a ise a tsoge ga o ka ke

wa mmona. Ke dikgang tse re di bonang. O bona Tona fa a palama koloi e ntsho a bula fensetere kwa morago a bo a ntsha sekgono. Re ka bo re ne ra bona dikgang tse di ntse jalo gongwe ba itshupa gore bagaetsho, tota ga re a dira sentle. Kana re bua ditsholofetso tse di tshwanang jaaka bagodi ba solofediwa maP1 800, ba Ipelegeng ba solofediwa maP2 500, *student allowance* sa bo P2 500, *minimum wage* tsa P4 000. E rile go ntse go tswelotse, ga solofediwa gore e tlaa re ka *December 2024* badirelapuso ba tlaa bona 13th *chegue bonus*.

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

MR MMUSI: Ba bangwe fa ba le ka kwano ba ne ba etla ba bua gore Matona a BDP ba duelwa *dog allowance*. Jaanong ke ipotsa gore lona le e sutlhile, ke eng le sa e sutlha?

E nngwe ke ya gore e re batho ba jelwe ke ditlhopho, ba bo ba tsamaya ba ya go tlhophiwa ba nna bo *specially elected*. Ke ipotsa gore a golo moo go ne go tlhokafala *Mr Speaker*...

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

MR MMUSI: Nnyaa, ga ke arabane le ope, *I am addressing Mr Speaker*. Ke ipotsa gore a mme golo moo go ne go tlhokafala *Mr Speaker* ka gore...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable Members, order!* Le tsoseditse motlotlegi modumo o montsi thata, o ke ipotsang gore le go ikutlwa gore a reng o a ikutlwa. Ke buile le lona thata *Honourable Members*, le bale Standing Order 58 le ye le sone fela jaana, se tlaa le tlhalosetsa gore le tshwanetse gore le itshware ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Jaanong le se ka la mo tsosetsa modumo bakaulengwe, mme ga ke re le nne jaaka o kare le mo phitlhong.

MR LUCAS: *On a point of clarification*. Tanki *Honourable Mmusi* tsala ya me tota. O ne o re ba UDC e rile ba sena go tsena e bo e le gore jaanong ba ba neng ba latlhegetswe ke ditlhopho ba re itseng maina a bone ba ba tsenya le bone e nna Mapalamente. Ke re ka go dira jalo rraetsho, a ba ne ba tsweledisa seDomkrag kgotsa jang? Ke a leboga.

MR MMUSI: Rraetsho, ga ke itse gore ba ne ba tsweledisa eng, mme fela bone ba ne tsweledisa tsamaiso

e e seng yone. Kana golo fa ke bua ka gore sepatšhe se ne se le makgwakgwa *Honourable Lucas*, ke ne ke solofela gore ba ka bo ba bolokile madi ka gore batho ba teng fela ba ba ka bong ba tlhomilwe bo Tona ka gore ba ne ba tsaya le mo go bo BPF, mogwe wa me ke yo o fa, le ene ba ka bo ba ne ba mo tlhoma Tona.

Fa ke tsena mo *Budget Speech Mr Speaker*, tota ke bona e bua le nna ka gore dilo dingwe ka bontsi tse di buiwang mo go yone, ke tse re neng re ntse re di dira kana tse re neng re solofetse gore re ya go di dira. Dingwe re ne re setse re simolotse go di dira. Ke ka tsaya yone kgang ya *absorption of Special Constables into the Botswana Police service (BPS)*. E ne ya re ngwaga one o wa madi ke santse ke le Tona wa mapodise, ka isa kopo e kwa Khuduthamageng, mme ya feta ya e atla, ba feta ba amogela mapodise, ga tsewa 50 *per cent or so* ya bone go bo go dumalanwa gore ba bangwe ba tlaa tsewa mo ngwageng one o re o kopelang madi o. Ke sone se o utlwanng ke go raya ke re nna ke bona e bua le nna.

Re bua ka bo Khoemacau Copper Mine *in the northern part* ya Botswana, re bua ka bo *batteries* e le *projects* tse di neng di ntse di le teng. E ne e le mo kgaolong ya ga *Honourable Kwape*, e gompieno e leng mo go *Honourable Phologolo*, o ne a taboga bosigo le motshegare ka yone.

600 *megawatts* ya Jindal Coal Power Station; ke *projects* tse di neng di ntse di dirwa mo Pusong e e sa tswang go feta. Ke sone se o utlwanng ke re ke amogela *Budget Speech* e ka gore dikgang tse di ne di le teng, ke di itse fela thata, ke a di tlhaloganya.

Fa o tsaya *Budget Speech*, gona le gore e ka bo e lemogile gore re dirile *projects* tse sotlhe tse, e bo e lemoga *project* e le nngwefela fela, e bo e le yone e e golaganyang le Puso ya ga Domkrag, ya Citrus Project e kwa Selebi Phikwe *initiated by the previous administration*. Ke tsaya mafokonyana fela one ao a le manyennyane, gore *projects* tse e ne e ntse e le tsone tse di neng di tla ka Puso ya ga Domkrag, e ne e sa bolo go nna e ntse e di dira, e di bereka, e di baakanyetsa. Le fa re ne re sa latlhegelwa, ke ditlhopho ka mokgwa o di re latlhegetseng ka teng ka ditsholofelo tse di neng di le teng, re ka bo re ne re kgonne.

MR FURNITURE: *On a point of clarification*. Ke a leboga *Honourable Mmusi*. Ke ne ke utlwa o bua gore

budget e ka fa o e lebileng ka teng ga e farologane thata le ya lona ba le e neng la busa pele. A o raya gore *budget* e le ne le e tshwaraganetse Domkrag le UDC, le e dira? Rona kana re tloga re tsaya gore re fetotse Goromente kante Domkrag e boetse gape ka mmala o sele.

MR MMUSI: Nnyaa, tota fela se ke batlang gore ke se le bontshe ke gore, kana dilo tse go dira bodirelapuso. Tsamaiso fela e e kwa Pusong ke bodirelapuso. *That is why* e rile UDC e tsena ka gore ba fitlhetse badirelapuso, ba bo ba ba neela tsone tse gore tsayang jaanong le iseng. Ke gone fa go senang pharologanyo teng.

Ke batla go tsena mo kgannyeng e nngwe e ke dumelang gore e tona, e tlhokana le kelelelo e tona. Ke kgang e ke e bonang mo *Budget Speech* e bua ka *negotiations* tsa Botswana le De Beers. Dikgang tse ke a itse gore di tswa kgakala ka Puso ya ga Domkrag, ka boeteledipele jwa ga Tautona wa maloba Dr Eric Mokgweetsi Masisi. A ne a eme ka dinao a batla gore tota Batswana ba bone dipoelo mo *partnership* ya lefatshe la Botswana le kompone e ya De Beers. Ke ne ke bona maloba e bile ke a bona le mo *Budget Speech* gore tota jaanong dipuisanyo di fedile. Ke kopa gore ba Phathi ya UDC le *negotiate* kgang e le itse gore diteemane tse ke tsone fela tse Batswana ba nang le tsone. Batswana ga ba na sepe gape, ke diteemane tse, ba beile mo go tsone. Ke ne ke kopa gore Mothusa Tautona ke go tshepha mongwame, a re bone gore tota diteemane tse *negotiations* tsa teng di tlaa berekela Batswana. Setswana sa re, “bojwang jwa pitse ke jo bo mo maleng, jo bo kwa ntle e swa e bo lebile.” Ke a itse gore mo *Budget Speech* ya gago o bua gore le tlaa ya *to negotiate partnerships* tse di ntšha tse di farologanyeng. Kana tseo ke tse di santseng di le fa pele mme e ya De Beers ke yone e re e tshotseng, e bile mmangmang e e leng ya rona. Le diteemane tse le fa ba ka tsamaya re tlaa sala ka tsone re le Batswana, re di tsentse mo *volts* re itse gore e tlaa re kamoso re bone moreki yo o ka di rekang tsa re sologela mosola re le Batswana mo lefatsheng le. Ke sone se ke kopang ke khubama gore a *negotiation* re bone gore e re sologela mosola thatathata go menagane. Re se ka ra e dira fela ka bofelo go batla re re *we have achieved these negotiations*.

Mongwame, ke dumalana le wena thata mo kgannyeng ya gore le batla go baakanya ditsamaiso mo Pusong ka fa dilo di neng di dirwa ka teng. Ke ntse Tona dingwaga

di le tlhano, ke a itse gore Tona ga a nke a tsena mo thekong le mo thekising ya lephata, e bile dilo tseo ke tsa bodirelapuso. Kwa lephateng le ke neng ke le okametse ke ne ke itse gore dilo tsa *tenders* ga di goroge kwa go nna. E ne e re mo letsatsing le ba neng ba kopane ka lone, kamoso ba bo ba ntlela *report* ya gore *we have approved* tse di kana, *we have rejected* tse di kana, tse di kana re santse re di busitse re a di sekaseka. Ke a itse gore go na le kgang e tona e e ratang go buiwa ke bangwe gore re ne re e ja madi, re sentse. Ke ne ke le Tona ke okametse sepodise, sesole le dikgolegelo mme badiredi bao botlhe *Mr Speaker*, ba santse ba le teng. Ke santse ke ema fa ke re ke ne ke tsaya gore fa e le gore go na le fa go ka tweng re ne re senya re le Matona, ba ne ba ka ya go botswa ba teng ba santse ba berekela Puso e. Bo Permanent Secretary (PS) ba me ba teng, yo mongwe wa ntlha yo ke mo fitlhetseng ke Mme Bokole, ke *Deputy Permanent Secretary to the President (PSP)*. Ga a kgakala o mo ofising ya ga Tautona. Wa bobedi o teng ke *Director* wa Directorate on Corruption and Economic Crime (DCEC) ke Mme Makgekgenene. Yo mongwe o ne a tlogela tiro maloba mme o teng o ne a sa bolo go bereka fa. Ke sone se ke tleng ke gakgamale ke re fa e le gore go na le fa ke sentseng teng, batho bao ba teng ba ka ya go botswa. Ke a itse gore Matona ga a bereke, ke sone se o bonang ke gakgamala. Ke a tle ke utlwe Tona a re motho o utswile madi mme Tona ga gona gope fa a tsenang teng.

Fela ke batla go dumalana le Mothusa Tautona a re *oversights* o batla go di baakanya, o batla go baakanya ditsamaiso le *procurement process*. Dilo tse dintsi tse di sa diragaleng mo Pusong ga di diragale ka gore bangwe ba kgona go di emisa kwa tlase, e bo *implementation* e sa diragale Mothusa Tautona. Ke sone se ke dumalanang le wena thata e bile ke batla go go ema nokeng gore a dikgang tse mongwame di emelwe ka dinao, di diragadiwe. Fa rona re sa kgonang teng, lomaganyang le tle le bone gore ditlamelo di a goroga kwa Batswaneng ka nako. Le kgone go bona gore fa *budget* e dirilwe e ntse jaana e kgona *to complete cycles* ya teng yotlhe, e se ka ya re go tsenwa kwa e bo e le gore *projects* dingwe o ya go fitlhela e re ka *April* di bo di sa dirwa *because* bangwe ba di emisitse kwa tlase. Matona ga ke itse ba Puso e e ntšha gongwe ba a tsena, mme ke itse gore ga ba tsene mo *tenders* e bile ga ba a tshwanela go tsena.

Mma ke tsene kwa kgaolong ke leboegele *projects* tse di ntseng di le teng mme di tsweledisiwa, di sa emisiwa

mo kgaolong e ke e emetseng ya Gabane-Mmankgodi. Ke lebogele *access road* ya Mmokolodi e e setseng e simolotswe. Mothusa Tona o foo mongwame, ke ne ke ntse ke bua le Tona gore go tswa mo Kgotleng ya Mmokolodi go ya go kopanya tsela ya Tloaneng e e dirwang ya Mmankgodi, go setse sekgethe sa 4 kilometers (km) sa tsela. Re a se kopela kwa Gabane-Mmankgodi gore se tshelwe seknotere. Go ka nna turu *for* Puso gore rakonteraka yole a ntshiwe mo *site* a tlogela sekgethe sa 4km, e bo e re morago go nna le *tendering* go simolola *project* e ntšha. Ke sone se ke se kopang gore le tle le e lebe mongwame. Ke tlaa nna ke ntse ke le tshwenya ke bua le lona.

Ke lebogela yone tsela ya Mmankgodi-Tloaneng-Gabane e re sa bolong go e lwantsha re e lwela. Re lebogela le yone *dual* ya Mogoditshane/Gabane/Kumakwane/Mmankgodi junction. Le yone ke a e lebogela gore e tsweletse e a dirwa, e tlaa re thusa go fokotsa *traffic* go tswa mo Gaborone. Golo mo Gaborone go na le batho ba ba theogelang ba tswa kwa bo Kanye, Moshupa le Thamaga ba tla phakela ba boa maitseboa. Tsela e *is long overdue but we thank that your Government* wa UDC o tsweletse ka tsone o a di dira.

Mr Speaker, ke batla go leboga gore Khansele ya Mogoditshane/Thamaga e ne ya tthatlosiwa maemo go nna Mogoditshane/Thamaga Council. Kana khansele e e ne e tswa kwa Molepolole Council e e neng e le *sub-council*, e bo e tthatlosiwa maemo mme Mothusa Tautona mongwame ke bone mo pegong ya gago o re o ya go fokotsa madi a dikhansele. Ke re akanyetsa tse di neng di tthatlosiwa maloba gore tsone o di okeletse madi gore di kgone go nna dikhansele tsa sennelaruri. Gompiano khansele ele ga e na le fa e le diofisi le fa e le *Chamber*, re tsenela mo teng ga *caravan* fa re ile *leadership meetings* gone kwa. Bodiredi ga bo yo, *equipment* ga di yo tsa go thusa fela. Gompiano jaaka pula e na e le kanakana, fa o tsamaya mo kgaolong kwa bo Mmankgodi, Lesirane, ga gona ditsela. Bale ba khansele fa o re o ba kopa *grader*, ga gona. Ba re e rile fa ba fuduga kwa ba thotha dithoto tsa bone ba *inherit graders* tse di neng di sa bereke, di teng, di koame fale, di eme fela. Ke sone se o bonang tota ke batla go kopela khansele e madi. Gompiano jaana re fudusa *clinics* go tswa kwa Goromenteng yo motona re di isa kwa khanseleng mme *clinics* tse tsa kgaolo e; a o tsena mo

Gabane, Mmankgodi kana Tloaneng, ke makgasa fela. Jaanong ke sone se ke kopang gore re okeletse madi mo khanseleng e ya rona ya Mogoditshane-Thamaga Batswana ba tle ba bone ditlhabololo mo dikgaolong tse. Ga ke buelele kgaolo yame fela, ke buelela ya Mogoditshane le Thamaga-Kumakwane; ke di buelela tsotlhe.

The internal roads mo kgaolong ya rona ke mathata. Fa o re o tsamaya kwa Mmankgodi, ga go na ditsela. Gompiano fela jaana jaaka re bua ka pula e nele mo go kanakana *Mr Speaker*, ga go na le fa e le ditsela. Ke kopa gore a ko re thusiweng mme e tlaa re fa maphata a ntse a tla go bega, ke tlaa nna ke ntse ke tsenya.

Kgang e nngwe e e leng gore e re utlwiswa botlhoko thata tota, e e leng gore e re letsa bosigo le motshegare, ke ya metsi. Ga go na metsi mo kgaolong ya rona ya Gabane-Mmankgodi. Beke le beke ga go na metsi. Maloba re ne re tabogile le ba Water Utilities re tshwara diphuthego. Metse ele ya rona yotlhe jaanong, bo Gabane le Mmankgodi, Batswana ba tloga ba felela ba a nwa mo dijojong ka gore setse jaanong re kopile dijojo gore di bewe fa, ke tsone tse ba tshelang ka tsone. Tota ga ke itse gore gatwe matsapa di a tsaya kae? A ko re thusiweng bagaetsho, ba Water Utilities ba eme ka dinao. Ke ne ka utlwa maloba Tona wa teng a omana le Chief Executive Officer (CEO) a mo raya a re, “metsi ke eng a sa tlale kwa Gaborone Dam, gongwe legale ba Domkrag ba tsentse *pipe* kwa ba utswa metsi kwa tlase.” ...*(Laughter!)*... Legale tota ke ne ke feta fela ka eo. Fela ke kopa gore bagaetsho a re thusiweng ka metsi.

Re ne ra nna le ditsela kwa Gabane tse re neng ra di direlwa. Go raya gore e rile fa ditsela tse di dirwa ga se ka ga elwa tlhoko a metsi a a fologang mo lentsweng le le kwa Gabane. Kana ga ke re metsi ao a fologa a tswa kwa ka mmetela jaanong fa a ya go tsena mo ditseleng tsone tsele a tsena mo malwapeng a batho, a a re tsenelela, a a ba senyetsa. Re tlaa nna re ntse re kopa fa jaanong re tla kwa maphateng gore go tsewe madi mangwe e re fela fa a ya go tswa mo lentsweng go bonwe gore a ga go ka ke ga diriwa *storm water* gone foo se e leng gore se ka kgona gore se tshware metsi a fa a tswa mo lentsweng le a bo ke a le a laolwa gore a tle a kgone gore a ye go goroga kwa Gaborone Dam. Metsi a fa a tswa mo Gabane a ya go tsenelela le ba ba kwa Mmokolodi

mo dijarateng, a ba betelela mongwame. Jaanong re ne re kopa jalo gore re thusiwe, metsi a re a thusiwe thata.

Jaaka ke ne ke bua le ka gore tota gongwe Puso e ka bo e ne ya dira gore e fokotse *costs*. Ke ne ke bua e se gore tota ke tlaopa Matona. Fa re le Matona mo Pusong e e neng e sa tswa go feta ele, e ne ya re ka nako ya COVID, Tautona wa lefatshe o ne a dira gore re kgaolelwe madi. E ne e le 10 *per cent* Matona. E bile re ne ra tselwa dikoloi tse di ntsho *during that period* ya COVID. Dikoloi di ne di tserwe di beilwe re dirisa tsa rona. Re ne ra tselwa 10 *per cent of our salaries*. Fa go le mathata *Mr Speaker*, go diriwa sengwe le sengwe gore madi a tsewe gore go bonwe madi go thijwe. Go ne go lekwa gore go rekwe melemo. E ne ya kgona go kenta Batswana gore ba bone botshelo. Ke sone se o bonang bontsi jwa rona re le gone fa le bo *Honourable* Lucas, re ne ra se ka ra tlhalela mo nageng. Melemo e ne ya goroga ya tla go re thusa bontsi jwa rona le boradipudi re le mo teng.

Gompiano jaana re na le mathata a dikole. Dikole tsa rona ga di na dibuka, le fa e le *exercise books*. Maloba fa *pre-schools* di bulwa go ne go sena dibuka. Ke gakologelwa e bile Mokhanselara Annah kwa Mmankgodi a nthaya a re, “Mopalamente, a re ko tlhe re taboge re bone gore re ka bona kae dibuka.” Re ne ra taboga ra leka ra ya go kopa dibuka, e bile e tlaa re ka Laboraro re bo re isitse dibuka kwa Letlole gore bana ba kgone gore ba bone thuto.

Ke raya gore gompiano fa re ka itlhaganelela go itumelela gore re okeditse madi a bagodi *to P1, 400.00* mme bone ba e leng gore kamoso re tsaya gore ke bone bokamoso jwa lefatshe le bone ba sena thuto, ba sena dibuka mme re setse re tsamaya mo kgwedeng yone e. Madi a e leng gore gongwe *we are approving* gompiano a a kwa *Ministry* wa Thuto, a ya go simolola *to be approved* ka *April*. Fa e le gore ga go ka ke ga fetolwa *the procurement processes* e e ntseng e le teng, owaii! bana ba ba ya go bona dibuka fela ngwaga o setse o fela.

Mr Speaker, ke setse ke wela, ke lebogela kgang e nngwe e re e beilweng pele ya *Budget Speech*. Ke kgang ya matlo a gotweng a tlaabo a agelwa batho. Ke dumela gore Tona o tlaa tla. Maloba o ne a bua fa a *debate* mme o ne a sa wele sentle gore o tlaa tla a tla go re bolelela gore matlo a a ya go re thusa jang. Rona re na le metse e e sa tswang go rurifiadiwa kwa Mokolwe le Fikeng.

Batswana koo bone ba lebeletse gore tota matlo a a ya go ba thusa jang. Ba tshwanetse *to access facilities* gore ba agelwe matlo gore ba ko ba kgone gore ba bone fa ba nnang teng.

Mr Speaker, ke tabogile fela ke re e nngwe e ke batlang go e bua ke ya *land board*. Re na le Mogoditshane Sub-Land Board kwa Mogoditshane. Ke batla go kopa gore gongwe Mogoditshane Sub-Land Board le yone e tlhatlosiwe e nne *main land board* ka gore dikgang tse di kwa tsele tsa *land board* di di ntsi thata e bile di tlhakatlhakane. Gongwe fa e ka tlhatlosiwa ya nna a *main land board*, re ka kgona gore dikgang tse di rarabololwe sentle tsothle, Batswana ba kgaolo e ya Gabane-Mmankgodi ba reediwe, *especially* mo Gabane. Dikgang tsa masimo ke mathata *Mr Speaker*. Ke ne ke dumela gore gongwe fa re ne re ka nna le *main land board* ya tla ya ya go thusa gore e tle go reetsa dikgang tse, ditshwetso di tsewe ke *main land board*, ba atumele kwa go boTona ka bofefo jo bo rileng. Go se ka gatwe re tswa kwa *sub-land board*, re ya kwa *main land board* e bile re ya kae. Ke dikgang tse e leng gore nna ke ne ke di kopa.

Fela ka mafoko one ao, ke rurifatse gore Mothusa Tautona e bile o le Tona ya Madi, re tlaa go ema nokeng re le ba BDP rraetsho mo kopong e. Re tlaa nna re ntse re totoba le wena. Re tlaa nna re ntse re go gakolola. Ga re di ntshe ka bosula, ga re di ntshe ka sepe, re di ntsha ka lorato jaaka re ntse. *Tanki Mr Speaker*.

MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION (MR MAELE): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke re le nna ke kgwe Mothusa Tautona dikgaba mo mafokong kana mo kgannyeng ya gagwe e a re e beileng pele ya *budget*. Ke supe jalo fa ke simolola gore kgang ya me e ya go remelela thata mo mafokong a a neng a buiwa ke Mothusa Tautona e bile e le *Minister* wa *Finance* le Leader of the Opposition (LOO). Ka gore tota fela jaaka o itse, *budget* gantsi o tshwanetse gore o reetse gore bone ba ba e begang, beng ba yone ba reng, o bo o utlwa gore ba bangwe ba e leng gore ba ne ba batla gore ba ka bo ba le foo bone ba reng. *That is why* ke re kgang ya me e ya go remelela thata mo mafokong a ga Mothusa Tautona le a ga LOO.

Ke batla go akgela mo kgannyeng e nngwe e e ntseng e buega, gongwe ke tlhamalatse kgang ya teng; e go nnang go ntse gotwe, “e le gore le ne le dira *budget* e

le ne le ntse le bona *reports* tsa Bank of Botswana, le ntse le bona gore *economy* e ya kwa kae,” jalojalo. *Mr Speaker, you will agree with me that kana reports* tsa Bank of Botswana tsone tota di supa *balance sheets, foreign exchange reserves*, di go supegetsa gore tota o na le madi a a ka tswang a le kae. Se bakaulengwe ba me ba lebalang go se ela tlhoko ke gore *these reports* tsa Bank of Botswana (BoB) ga di supe *the cost structure* gore re ka tswa re na le madi a a kanakana, *but in terms of expenditure, the cost structure* e eme jang. Ke gone fa ba e latlhang teng, jaaka go ntse gotwe hee! *Reports* tsa BoB le ne le sa di bone? Re ne re di bona, *but we did not know the other side which is the cost structure. The cost structure* o ka e itse fela fa e le gore o mo Goromenteng yoo akere o tshwanetse gore o itse...Kana mananeo a a neng a ntse a buiwa a bo Chema Chema, bo mang, *those are costs. So, in order for you to know* gore BoB *in terms of the balance sheet and foreign reserves, we also have to know on the other side* gore *the cost structure* e ntse ka seemo se se ntseng jang.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR MAELE: O dire ka bonako tsala ya me.

MR FURNITURE: *Clarification.* Ke a leboga *Honourable Maele.* Gongwe mo ntlheng yone e o neng o e bua, o ropame o tilhalosetse Batswana gore mme lona fa le dira *manifesto* le bo le tla ka dipalo tse le neng le di manega mo bukeng ya *manifesto, what informed you?*

MR MAELE: O itse gore e tlile gore fa ke ntse ke tswetsetse, o ithlaganeletse go botsa potso ya teng, *you are going to get that answer. Let me just quickly wrap up on this one because* ga ke batle go ja nako ya me thata. *When you do a budget, of course reports* tsa BoB di a thusa *in terms of informing you* gore madi o ka tswa o na le bokae. *The fact of the matter* ke batla gore e buisanwe ke batho ba ba *on the other side of the aisle*, ke ya gore *how do* UDC kana bone as Botswana Congress Party (BCP) *manage to get the cost structure* jaaka mananeo? *Mananeo are costs like I said. So, you must be able to cost* mananeo a gago a bo e le gore jaanong o bo o re *okay, reports* tsa re go na le bokana, mananeo a me *costs* ke bokana, *therefore, it means that* ke tlaa kgona mo, kana ga ke na go kgona mo.

This is where all members of the BCP ba ba neng ba *debate budget, this is where they failed. I know* gore Rre

Saleshando o ne a re re tshwere *three out of 12.* Rona e bile re botoka re tshwere *three out of 12*, bontsi jwa lona ka koo lona le tshwere *one out of 20.* Ke gone mo ke neng ke batla gore le gone e re fa le ntse le bua jaana, le tle le re thuse thata.

Mr Speaker, fa ke itebaganya le ka fa Mothusa Tautona a neng a re baya *budget* pele ka teng. Lefoko le ke ka le dirisang le ke batlang gore Batswana ba le utlwe sentle *to describe what he has done*, ke mo gotweng ntšanyana ya maitaya sebatana o e bona mabotobotong. Ka mafoko a mangwe, e tlaare o tlaa bona gore selo se se tlile go tswa ngwana yo o botlhale, o bona a santse a gola. *I am saying this Mr Speaker,* ka gore kana re tsere Puso ka di 1 tsa ga *November*, Mothusa Tautona o sale a simolola *budget because you know* gore *budget* ke golo mo go akaretse (*involve*) jang. O sale a simolola *budget* gone foo, go fitlhelela *three months 10 days*, a bo a ntsha *budget* ya selebego se se kanakana. Tota ke gone mo ke reng Batswana ba tshwanetse go lemoga gore seane se se reng, ntšanyana ya maitaya sebatana e bonwa mabotobotong, go tewa sone se a se dirileng. Ba kgonne go bona gore ngwana yo, kana Puso e e tla sentle. Bona se e se dirileng *within three months 10 days to prepare a budget, it does not take three months. Preparing a budget* ke golo mo e leng gore *it takes over a year* le ntse le dira *budget, but he took three months 10 days* a bo a re neela *budget.* Ke gone mo ke reng...

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

MR MAELE: E dirilwe ke mang? *Look at the language* o bale, kana ke gore ga le bale, ga le tshwantshanye. Fa le bala, le bala gone mo le go filweng fela, le tshwantshanye, *you must read the previous budgets* o lebelele *language. The language* e, o a kgona go bona gore ke e sele, ga se ya bo Rre Mmusi ya Domkrag... (*Interruptions*)... e o neng o fitlhela go netlwa ka fa go neng go netlwa ka teng. O reetse *language* ya teng, o a utlwa gore e ke ya UDC. *That is why* ke re ke bona e le gore tota fa a dirileng ka teng Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, o dirile se tota ke dumelang gore le Batswana ba a se lebogela, *within the shortest possible time.*

Jaanong mo *budget* ya gagwe Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, o buile dilo tse di botlhokwa tse ke dumelang gore gongwe ba bangwe ba ka bo le bone ba di buile ba ba leng ka kwa, ba supa gore di botlhokwa

jaaka re bona di le botlhokwa. Kgang e tona e a e buileng ke ya go aga itsholelo e akaretsang botlhe, gape e nonofile. *Why is UDC saying so?* UDC e bua jalo ka gore e fitlhetse mathata a re neng re sa a solofela. *Of course, I do not want* gore ke bo ke re ke ikgatholosa kgang e ba e buang ya gore *the BoB reports were there. They were there, but re ne re sa itse the expenditure side, the cost structure side...*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR MAELE: ...and therefore...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR SPEAKER: Clarification Honourable Gare.

MR GARE: *Clarification. Thank you Honourable Member.* Ke tlaa se ke ke tseye nako e telele. Gongwe ke tlhalose sengwe kana o ntihalosetse sengwe. *As far as I know, the balance sheet* ke yone e re e dirisang *as a health check* ya any organisation. *If you want to know if the business is doing well or not, you look at the balance sheet not the cost structure.* Ke ne ke bona o tswelela o ntse o boelela kgang ya gore *information* ya BoB *may be irrelevant*, gongwe o e baakanye *because that is not true. The cost structure feeds to the balance sheet, balance sheet* a bo e felela e supa gore a *business* e a dira *or not.* Ke utlwa o kare jaanong *your statement seems to say the balance sheet* ya BoB *was irrelevant in your preparation for your manifesto. Thank you so much.*

MR MAELE: Owaii! Ga ke itse gore ke a bo ke tlaa go araba ke reng...*(Interruptions)*...*Report* ya BoB ga e tshwane le *a financial statement of a company, where you are going to have the expenditure, the cost of sales and all those kinds of things. There is no way you can put the cost structure* ya ga Goromente *in a BoB report. There is no way.* Ke tlaa go tlela yone *because* ke ne ke di lebile *for the past years*, ke batla go bona gore golo mo le ntseng le go bua mo la re le bua eng. *There is no way you can see the cost structure.* Moo wena o bua ka *companies probably* tse o neng o di eteletse tse di tshwanang le bo Citizen Entrepreneurial Development Agency (CEDA) *that is why you can actually see the expenditure* le *the revenue that particular company can do. Not with the Government.*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Elucidation.

MR MAELE: Nnyaa, le a ntia borra ga ke le fe sepe jaanong. Ke gone mo ke neng ke batla go go bua Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, gore fa a bua ka go tsosolosa itsholelo e, ke mafoko a e leng gore mang le mang ga go na ope yo o ka tlhokang go a rata. Le fa ke utlwa ba bangwe ke sa utlwe gore ba reng, mme ga go na ope yo o ka tlhokang go rata mafoko a motho kana *Minister* wa *Finance* a bua gore o batla go tsosolosa itsholelo.

Then listen to this: go emisa tatlhago ya madi a Puso, *because* go ntse go na le diphatlha tse madi a tswang ka tsone, a mangwe re sa itse gore a tswa ka ditsela tse di ntseng jang, ba reka dipoo, bo eng tse e leng gore ga o ka ke wa itse gore a dule fa kae a sa rebolwa ke Palamente.

This is what the Minister or the Vice President (VP) is saying o ya go di emisa. *For someone to come here* a bo a re *budget* ya lona ga e utlwale, ga ke itse gore tota ba badile fa kae.

O buile thata le ka mafaratlhatlha gore o ya go a ntshafatsa, re ya go fetola dikgang tsa mafaratlhatlha; ditsela, ditlhaeletsanyo, diporo, metlakase, metsi, dilo tse di mo teng. *This is the life of* Motswana. Tota fa re bua ka matshelo a Batswana, re bua ka dikgang tse.

Jaanong o bo o ipotsa gore fa go ntse gotwe *budget* e rona ga re utlwe gore gatweng. Batho ba ba ntsejang? Rona fa e ne e le kwa Tswapong re ka bo re botsa gore batho ba fa re ba lebile jaana go ka twe ba rileng. Re etle re botse jalo kwa Tswapong, motho fa re sa mo tlhaloganye, re etle re re ke gore motho yo o ka tswa a bo a rileng? Ke bone batho ba ka fa ba ntseng ka teng.

Dilo tse dintsinsi tse a di buileng tse e leng gore gongwe o ya go tokafatsa matshelo. Utlwa gore a re go tlhabolola ditiro tsa diatla, TVET, *subject* e *is close to my heart* and Rre Hunyepa, ke yone e re e kgweetsang ya go tlhabolola ditiro tsa diatla, ya go dira gore bana ba Botswana ba itirele se ba ka se dirang gore ba kgone go iperekela, ya go leka go fokotsa ...

MR MOALOSI: *Clarification.* Ke a leboga *Honourable* Maele. Ke utlwa o bua ka TVET, ke botse gore a o a itse gore *development budget* e o e neetsweng mo lephateng la gago *for* TVET ke P3.9 *million?* A mme o raya gore e ka dira ditiro tse o buang gore o tshwanetse go di dira o tlhabolole? Tanki.

MR MAELE: Ee rra, *the total budget* ya rona ke P4.6 billion. *Of course*, ya TVET ga e mo seemong se re se batlang rona gore e bo e le mo go sone. *The fact of the matter is that we are showing you that we are putting emphasis* mo TVET *that is what we are saying*. *As a result* go ya go nna motlhofo gore e re fa re kopa se re se kopang...ga go felele fela foo, mo dikgannyeng tsa TVET *sir*: Kwa *ministry* wa rona re na le dilo tse gotweng *collaborations and partnerships, do not just look at that budget*. Batho *that we are collaborating with*, ba re nang le *partnerships* le bone, ba bangwe ba re rekela *equipments, so do not just look at the money allocated on the budget*. Jaaka ke go tlhalosetsa *collaborations* kwa *ministry* wa rona di re thusa thata. Ke ne ke santse ke re ke bua ka yone ka gore *it is close to my heart*, ke re ke go bolelela gore ke gone kwa Mothusa Tautona a gateletseng thata. *I think paragraphs* tsa gagwe mo teng *are four*, a bua ka kgang ya go tlhabolola ditiro tsa diatla, golo mo go ya go fokotsa lethoko la ditiro la banana, go ya go dira gore banana ba kgone go iphira. Go ya go dira gore le *diversification* ya itsholelo e nne teng. Ka gore yo mongwe fa ke ka go bolelela kwa bo Oodi jaana ba dira *jewellery, bo multimedia, a lot of things*, tse e leng gore fa e le gore ga o ise o ele tlhoko dikgang tsa TVET ga o ka ke wa di ela tlhoko, *but there are beautiful things happening there*. Mothusa Tautona o ne a ile teng kwa Oodi College of Applied Arts, a ile go bona, *beautiful things, beautiful stuff. I have travelled the lengths and breadths of this country* ke leka go bona gore go diragala eng. *You will not believe it*, ke ne ke le kwa Maun kwa Maun Technical College ka *weekend*, ngwana fela ngwana o dirile tlhobolo, *a gun, just a gun!* Santse ke tlaa le e supegetsa *at some stage*. A dira tlhobolo fela e e ka hulang, ke gore re ne re tshaba fela dilo tsa *licensing. What I am trying to say* ke gore, *budget* e ka fa Mothusa Tautona a e beileng ka teng, o e beile tota e le gore *if you like* o ka nna wa e bitsa wa re *this is a pro-poor budget*, ka gore *it touches* dipalo le maikutlo a motswana mongwe le mongwe kwa a leng teng. Ga gona fa ke kileng ka re ke lebelela teng ka fitlhela e le gore o tlogetse *a sector* ya Batswana. *Look at* go oketsa *tandabala, I mean, yes we said* P1, 800.00 *and we are not shying away from that, but budget* ya rona re lebile se re se tlogetsweng ke ba ba tlogetseng, *we could only manage* P1,400.00. Nna ke utlwa basadibagolo kwa Kgaolong ya Tswapong North ba duduetsa ba bona gore mme tota bagaetsho, re ne re sa solofela go feta gone fa, le lekile.

Batsetsi; *we have honoured our promise* ya gore re tlaa tla re bona gore batsetsi re dira jang ka bone. Bona ka *sanitary pads*, ke gone mo ke reng, tota ga ke itse gore fa go ntse gotwe *budget* ya rona ga se yone, ga e a tsamaya sentle, ba bangwe ba re *we have inherited from* Domkrag, Domkrag e kile ya bua ka *pads* leng? Fa gongwe fa le bua o fitlhele ke sa itse gore le bua ka dikgang tse di ntseng jang.

Look at madi a a isitsweng kwa botlhaming le boranyane P1.47 billion. Nnyaa bagaetsho, tota le tlaabo le gana fa e le gore le na le dikgang tse e leng gore le ka tswa le na le tsone, ka go ya ka rona re dumela gore *budget* e e dirilwe sentle.

Jaaka ke ne ke bua, ga ke ka ke ka tlhoka go bua gore *Leader of the Opposition* le ene ya gagwe e ne e ntse jang. Ke gakgametse, *Leader of the Opposition* o ne a eme fale a bua gore, *we have been dishonest as* UDC, mafoko a ka utlwa a gatelelwa ke Mopalamente wa kwa Maun East Rre Kekgonegile. Ba bua gore UDC *has been so dishonest*, ba paletswe ke go dira tse ba neng ba di buile. *You know what I did, I felt so bad*, fa ke ntse ke bala ka fitlhela e le gore *no, in fact*, bo Rre Saleshando ke bone batho ba e leng gore *they are so dishonest to the extent that even the court has announced that they are dishonest...*

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ... (Applause!)

MR MAELE: *Imagine! I am saying this because I am holding a judgement here. The judgment* e e leng gore Rre Kekgonegile, Rre Dumelang Saleshando le BCP ba ne ba isitse Attorney General, Kabo Morwaeng, Tautona Lodge, Christian De Graaff kwa *court. If you want the citation, CVHMN 000018-22, if you want* gore ke bua fa kae *just go to page* 14 o bale, tota o e simolole mo 13. Ke kopa *to quote judgement* e *sir*; e e supang gore tota batho ba ba *dishonest* ke bomang mo dikgannyeng tseo. Ke kopa *to quote Mr Speaker*.

MR SPEAKER: Please do.

MR MAELE: *Mo* page 13, “the very office and/or place where the plaintiffs got the information that they attached to their declaration about the shares of the third defendant is the very place where it is specified that the shares were obtained on the 18th March 2021, this is apparent from the company extract which is public record and readily available for inspection or could

be easily obtainable. In our view, if the plaintiffs had done basic information search, the information could have been immediately apparent to them, to either fail to ascertain this information or ignore it is highly reprehensible and highly dishonest.” *Go ne go tewa Rre Kekgonegile le BCP le Rre Saleshando kwa court. Jaanong fa go buiwa jaana, gore batho are dishonest go bua court, re bo mang ba re ka tlang ra ba glorify either way. So fa ba tla fa, “hey you guys were dishonest”, no! look at yourself...*

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR MOTSAMAI): *Elucidation. Ke a leboga Mr Speaker. Mma ke go leboge rre ka bofetshwana. Kgang e ya go nna dishonest, fa o e tsaya o e golaganya le go tsamaya ga ga Leader of the Opposition, e re go na le maloko a motiya ba phathi ba re ba itseng e le mekwatla ya BCP ba ke ka se keng ke ba ntshe ka maina a bo ba tlodisiwa matlho mo dipampiring mo, le mo setshabeng, setshaba se lela gore, batho ba Modimo gatwe ba a tweng? A kgang e fa o e golaganya ga e supe dishonesty mo Leader of the Opposition?*

MR MAELE: *Ke a leboga Mr Speaker. O a buile otlhe rra, ga go tshephanwe, le court ga e ba tshephe, le bone ga ba tshephane. O raya gore motho a tshwana Rre Lucas, motho yo o botlhale mo go kanakana e le Vice President a bo a tlolewa mo go kanakana...(laughter!)*...

MR LUCAS: *Point of order. Mr Speaker. O mongwe wa batho ba ke ba tshephang thata, e bile ke itse gore fa batho ba tswa mo tseleng o tsibogela go ba kgalema. Tota letsatsi leno kgang e tona ya rona ka kwano ke budget. Jaanong ke ne ke kopa gore rraetsho fa a itebaganye le the budget that was presented by Rraetsho Gaolathe. Rre Skelemani o ne a tle a re eyes on the ball, a re itebaganye le budget, re tlogele go tshwara kwa le kwa. Mr Speaker, ke ne ke kopa gore o tsenye monna yo mo tseleng a bue ka budget. A tlogele Lucas, Saleshando le BCP, e kare di mo tshwenya thata. Ke a leboga.*

MR SPEAKER: *Ke mo reeditse thata ka kelotlhoko Honourable Lucas. O kare o tsibogela mafoko ale a gore la re ba dishonest. Mme ke mo reeditse thata gore a o ntse o mo setlhogong sa budget.*

MR MAELE: *Thank you for your protection Mr Speaker. Ke tsaya gore re a buile. Kana Tswapong North le Bobirwa ke neighbors, ke nna ke utlwa botlhoko se se dirwang mo go Lucas ka gore ke motho wa gaetsho...*

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

MR MAELE: *Jaanong e rile fa ke bona e le Mothusa Tautona wa phathi a tlolewa ke fa ke utlwile botlhoko. Wa bobedi ke utlwa botlhoko ka ba ka batla go wela fa fatshe ke yo e leng moka ngwana wa ga mme Rre Gobotswang, le ene a tlolewa fela ke sa itse gore... (Laughter!)...*

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

MR MAELE: *Anyway, Mr Speaker, tota ke ne ke re ke tsene mo go yone, bogolo jang what was presented by the Leader of the Opposition. Ke batla go... (inaudible)... Mr Speaker gore, the BCP ba supile fa e le gore ke shadow Government ba na le the shadow ministers, gone mo go ka bo go re raya gore, e ka bo e rile when presenting, ba bo ba re neela an alternative view ya budget. Ka weekend e, ke ne ke ntse fela mo speech sa ga Rre Saleshando le Rre Gobotswang, ke batla go bala ke bona gore, ke gore banna ba, what is it that they are presenting e le alternative Mr Speaker, zero! ke raya gore... not even to go into the financials, sone sa ga Leader of the Opposition. Not to even go to the financials gore, tota rona re ka bo re bona jaana le jaana. Nnyaa this was just a composition, essay fela e e neng e le gore wa bala a bo o e beela two out of ten.*

...Silence...

MR MAELE: *Ke gone mo ke reng, I really do not understand gore fa batho ba re ke shadow Government and Ministers, why are they not shadowing the budget? Go padile eng for them to shadow the budget, only to come and give us a composition like this one, no.*

Well, he did well. Ga ke batle gore ke se ka ka supa seo, when he talked about the areas of convergence. Fa ke bala I think there were about eight points, tse a neng a bua ka tsone e le areas of convergence tse re dumalanang. Foo gone he did very well, but the rest really ga ke itse gore go ne go pala eng, because ga go gaufi le fa e le alternative budget, go kgakala thata le alternative budget.

Secondly, ke ne ke tsere gore gongwe o tlaa supa policy differences. A supa gore rona fa e ne e le rona, instead of doing this, we would do this, zero. Ke ipotsa gore batho ba tota le raya gore, have we not been scammed ka dikgang tsa banna ba. Priorities, ke ne ke tsere gore

they will prioritise *gore rona fa e ne e le rona*, these were going to be our priorities, zero. *Le bo le bua gore golo mo ke budget ya ga LOO*, I have a problem. Projections, *ke ne ke re gongwe* they will project *dikgang tsa* Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth, inflation and so forth, zero. *Jaanong* they have the audacity to come here and say, out of the 12 that we have actually talked about *le tshwere* three out of 12. How do you say to somebody *o tshwere* three out of 12, *wena o tshwere* one out of 20. *Nnyaa, ga se gone* Mr Speaker. *Ke ne ke re gongwe ba ba tlaa tlang ba bua kwa morago ba* Botswana Congress Party (BCP), *tota ba leke go bona gore dikgang tsa budget bogolo ba leke* to shadow budget *ya rona, gona le gore jaanong ba bo ba tla ba re neela* compositions *tse re sa itseng gore ba reng*.

...Silence...

MR MAELE: Ke ne ke solofetse thata gore *that slogan* ya “Save Botswana” ke tlaa e bona *being translated into something* se se botoka go araba *budget ya rona, zero, nothing*. *They did not even mention it*, ke tlhodile mo go Rre Saleshando, ka tlhola mo go Rre Gobotswang, *nothing, zero, they did not even talk about that*. Ke gone mo ke reng, tota gone go padile, go padisitswe ke eng *Mr Speaker*, go padisitswe ke gore *the budget that the Vice President (VP) and Minister of Finance has presented, is the best under the circumstances that one could do*. Ke gore fa re ne re neetse bone gore ba dire *budget*, e ka bo e le mathata. Ka fa ke bonang ka fa ba neng ba kwala ya bone ka teng, e ka bo e le mathata. E rile fa ke bala *response* ya bone, *I have friends* ba bidiwa Disho le Aaron, ke fa ke ba utlwela botlhoko ke re *my friends* ba latlhegile. Go tlaa re re tle re ba ikatumetse, bogolo ba tle kwa e leng gore gongwe e kare re le teng ba bua dilo tse di utlwalang. Go ne go pala tota ke re ke a bala, ke utlwa gore go a pala tota.

Ke gone mo ke neng ke batla go supa *Mr Speaker*, gore *budget* e e neng e bewa pele ke Mothusa Tautona, ke dumela gore *it is very solid*. Ke *budget* e e neng e itebagantse le mongwe le mongwe, ga gona fa e sa tshwarang teng, e tshwere mongwe le mongwe. *That is why* ke e bitsa ke re *pro-poor*; e tshwere gongwe le gongwe, ga gona fa e sa tshwarang teng.

MR BARONGWANG: *Elucidation*. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. *Honourable Maele*, o a reng ka *the level of simplicity* ya *the language*

that has been used mo *Budget Speech* ya ga Mothusa Tautona? Ke a leboga.

MR MAELE: O kare ke ne ka bua ka yone kgantele, fa mongwe a batla go e tshwantshanya le ya Domkrag. Ke tlhalosa gore utlwa *language* e e mo *budget, completely different from* mo o neng o fitlhela e le *cut and paste-cut and paste*. *This one is not cut and paste*, fa o e bala le wena o kgona go utlwa gore golo fa go ne go dira batho ba itse gore ba dira eng.

Le fa go ntse jalo *Mr Speaker, going forward I think budgets* tse re tshwanetse gore re itebaganye thata le dikgang tsa *storm water drainage*. Tota lefatshe le la rona le fa re setse re tsena mo dipakeng tse di ntseng jaana, go nna bokete jo bo gagkamatsang *because of lack of storm water drainage*. Fa e le kwa kgaolong ya Tswapong North gone ke mathata a a gagkamatsang, ke gore fa go ntse jaana ga gona fa re bayang lenao teng. Kana rona re tlhoka lesego ka gore re ka fa tlase mantswe kana dithaba, fa metsi a tla a kgokologa a tswa gone kwa a tsena mo metseng, e nna mathata a a gagkamatsang. *My view is that, I think moving forward* tota re tshwanetse gore re bone gore dikgang tsa *storm water drainage* re di emela ka dinao lefatshe lotlhe la Botswana.

The other point that I also want to mention, e ke dumelang re tshwanetse gore re itebaganye le yone ke kgang ya *maintenance of our buildings*. *Mr Speaker*, ke tsamaile thata le *brigades, technical colleges and universities all over* mo Botswana. Go gabedi kana gararo, fa ke fitlhetseng e le gore *buildings* tse di ka tsamaya lebakanyana. Ke mathata a a gagkamatsang dikgang tse tsa *infrastructure* *Mr Speaker*. Ke dumela gore Palamente *at some stage, must make a deliberate decision* ya gore jaanong re tseye madi fela a mantsintsi re a ise kwa *maintenance of buildings*. Fa o ya kwa kgaolong ya me, gone *it is even worse*. Ba a tle ba nthomelele dinepe tsa *classrooms*, o bona fela gore *this is not a classroom*. Ke gore e le mokoti mo teng, mesima, ga ke itse gore lefoko la Setswana, ka Setswapong mosima re raya go epegile o kare *pothole*. Ga ke itse gore tota re tlaa dira dilo tse re di kgone go rileng, *that is why* ke re *I think* Palamente e tshwanetse gore jaanong e nne le kakanyo ya gore *at some stage*, re lebelele dikgang tsa *maintenance* fela re bo re nna *biased towards trying to maintain infrastructure* ya lefatshe la Botswana, *because* ke mathata. Fa e le dikole

tša ga Mma Mokoka tša *primaries*, it is worse not only in my constituency, all over. Fa o re o a re *maintenance*, ga gona eng, ga gona eng mo dikhanseleng. *My view is that*, re tshwanetse gore *sometimes* re tseye *very bold decisions*, re bo re bona gore re leka jang ka dikgang tse di ntseng jaana.

Fa e le ditselanyana, fa go ntse jaana kwa go rona jaana ke mathata. Ke gore tselanyana ya rona ya *gravel* go tswa mo Seolwane, o tsena mo Mosweu, o tsena mo Mokokwana, o ya kwa Maunatlala eo e a bo e le mathata. Fa o tswa kwa Lesenepole o ya kwa Maunatlala, mathata a a gakgamatsang fa go ntse jaana, ga go tsamaege. Ke gone mo ke reng tota dikgang tse tša *infrastructure including roads*, bogolo jang ditsela tse di tshwanang tse di kopanyang metse tse e santseng e le *gravels at this point in time*, ke dumela gore *at some stage budget* ya rona *must be very, very deliberate*, re bo re leka go bona gore re ka thusa batho ka tsela e e ntseng jang.

Kwa Tswapong, re dumela gore mo *budgets* tse di tlaa tlang dikgang tša sepatela jaana, ke rona fela ba o ka reng ga re na sepatela mo kgaolong. Go ne go ntse gotwe se fa, kamoso se fa. Ke dumela gore re tshwanetse gore jaanong re bone gore dikgang tse, re di dira gore di nne *real*.

E nngwe ke ya Tswapong District Council, maloba ngwana wa ga mme e rile a bua fa wa kwa Tswapong South, ke fa a bua gore tota e bile e siame thata e ka isiwa ka kwa go bone, a lebetse gore dipalo tse dintsi di kwa Tswapong North. A lebetse gape gore kana tota re bo mogoloabone, *so the best place to put this* Tswapong District Council *will be* kwa Tswapong North, ka dipalo tša rona di dintsi e bile re bo mogoloabone...

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Laughter!)

DR GOBOTSWANG: *Procedure. Mr Speaker*, jaanong o ya go sele. Ga ke itse gore fa a re ke bo mogoloarona o raya ka lefe, ka gore ke ne ke bua ka *supporting infrastructure, physical and social services* gore di sekametse kwa Tswapong South, gona le kwa Tswapong North. E ya gore ke bo mogoloarona, ga ke itse gore o e tsaya kae. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MR MAELE: Nnyaa, ke e boela morago. Ene ga re a tshwanela go nna le dikgotlhang, kana re batho ba le bangwe fela. Se se leng teng ke gore dipalo re ba feta ka tsone, *that one is a fact*. Ke raya gore fa e le gore ga

a batle go dirisa *fact* ya dipalo, *then* ke tlaabo ke sa itse gore o batla efe, ka gore ya gore re bo mogoloabone ke e boetse morago, ntswa e le boammaaruri. ...(Laughter!)

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Laughter!)

MR MAELE: Ka dipalo rra, re a ba feta *Mr Speaker*. Ke a leboga *sir*.

MR SPEAKER: Hang on, Government Whip between you and Honourable Jacobs go *tsena mang?*

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

MR DIGWA (BOTETI WEST): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*, go mpha sebaka se go tla go bua ka *budget* e re neng re ntse re e fiwa maloba fa. Bagaetsho, mma ke tseye sebaka se ke dumedise batho ba Boteti kwa ba leng teng. Ba ba boneng go tshwanela gore fa go buiwa *budget* jaana, ke bo ke le gone fa. Batho ba Makalamabedi, Motopi, Moreomaoto, Kumaga, Tsienyane, Xere, Toromoja, Mmadikola, Xhumo, Kedia, Mokoboxane, Mopipi le Orapa, ke re dumelang kwa le leng teng.

Bagaetsho, mma ke tseye sebaka se ke amogele *budget* e re e beilweng fa pele ke Mothusa Tautona. Ke *budget* e e nonneng thata. Fa e le gore go na le fa e bopamang teng, gongwe re ka botsa bo The Fours. Ke bone ba ba ka arabang gore fa e bopama, e ka bo e bopamisiwa ke eng. Re lebogela *budget* e ka fa e dirilweng ka teng. E dirilwe fela mo seemong se se arabang matshwenyego a Batswana. Re a utlwa fela gore e bua thata e itebagantse le matshwenyego a Batswana ka fa a ntseng ka teng. Mathata a matona ke gore, *budget* e, e dirilwe go na le dikgwetlho tse di tseneletseng. Dikgwetlho tša gore re fitlhetse kgetsi e dutla. Kgetsi e sena sepe, e bile re ka kopa *Honourable Mmusi*, a re thuse fa re dira *forensic audit*. Ka gore gongwe ke ene yo o ka itseng gore madi a ile kae. Ke a utlwa a ntse a ngongorega fa, ga ke tlhaloganye gore ngongorego ya gagwe e tsalwa ke eng ka gore ke ene yo o itseng kwa itsholelo ya lefatshe le e ileng teng.

Re tsere Puso e, re fitlhela e le gore e na le dikoloto tse di seng kana ka sepe. Go pala gore go duelwe *suppliers*. Ke ne ke le *on trip*, ya re ke tshwere Kgotla *meetings* le badirelapuso, go supafala gore tota kgetsi e a dutla, *to an extent* ya gore badirelapuso ba bangwe ba ituelelele mo *lodges* go sena madi. Ke raya nako e re neng re tsaya

Puso. Jaanong ga re itse gore bo The Fours ba tlaa re bolelela gore madi a a kanakana a ile kae.

Mothusa Tautona o buile le rona bagaetsho mo *Budget Speech* ya gagwe, a re, “*we must build our economy together.*” Tota o ne a gwetlha The Fours, a gwetlha le Batswana kwa ba leng teng gore ka fa itsholelo ya rona e leng kwa tlase ka teng, a re tlhwaafaleng go aga itsholelo re le mmogo. Bagarona ba Congress, a re tsenyeng letsogo mo go ageng itsholelo mmogo. Puso ya rona *is open*, e *welcome ideas* tsa lona. Tota ka tshwanelo, e ne e tshwanetse gore *response* ya lona mo *budget*, e arabe dikgang tse gore a re ageng itsholelo mmogo. Mathata ke itsholelo, mathata ga se *Budget Speech*. *Budget Speech* e siame, e na le ditsholofetso tse di tlhamaletseng, tse di tlhwaafetseng. Ke ne ke re ke tlatse mafoko a ga Mothusa Tautona gore a ko re tsene mo kgannyeng ya gore le tle ka megopolo fa e le gore e teng. Megopolo ya gore re aga itsholelo ka tsela e e ntseng jang go ya pele, fa e le gore ga le dumalane le ka fa e kwadilweng ka teng.

Bagaetsho, ke bua jaana ke itse gore le a lemoga gore lefatshe le, re ne re tlhola re ipoka ka diteemane. Diteemane e ne e le tsone tse di tshwereng lefatshe le. Di ne di tlisa madi. Sengwe le sengwe se re neng re se dira, se ne se tswa mo diteemaneng. Jaanong fa o bona diteemane letseno la tsone le fetwa ke Southern African Customs Union (SACU), le bo le fetwa ke *tax* tsa *non-monetary tax*, o bo o itse gore lefatshe la rona le mo mathateng. Re tswa kgakala re aga lefatshe le ka diteemane. E rile fa go supafala seemo se sa gore letseno le le tswang kwa diteemane ke *number three* mo lefatsheng le, ke bo ke bona ke nna le matshwenyego a mantsi. Ke ipotsa gore lefatshe le ya kae. Ke bo ke nna le mowanyana wa boitlhobogo, wa gore a re tlaa kgona go tlhabolola lefatshe la rona. Ke leboga ka gore *Budget Speech* e supa e re tshwaretse ditsela tsa gore re ka aga itsholelo ka tsela e e ntseng jang.

Bagaetsho, ke tshwanetse go bolelela Batswana gore ga re a boela morago maikaelelo a rona. *Manifesto* wa rona re ntse re o setse morago. Re mo go one fela le jaaka The Fours a ntse a re supegetsa fa gore re tswetse ka go aga ditsela kwa kgaolong ya gagwe. Mma re leboge Mothusa Tautona go bo a tsile ka tshwetso ya gore re okeletse bagodi; P1400. Re bo re e fa *the new-born babies* P300 ka kgwedi le *sanitary pads for students*.

Dilo tse ke ditshwetso tse di tserweng go lebilwe *manifesto* wa rona. Ke tsone tse di arabang maikaelelo a rona gore...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR DIGWA: Ke tlaa *yield* kwa morago tsala ya me. E tshware fela jalo. Gone golo mo go araba dipotso tse di bodiwang gotwe re latlhile *manifesto*. Ga re a latlha *manifesto*, re mo go one. Re tswetse ka one. Ka mathata a gore letseno le ile kwa tlase, theko ya teemane e ile kwa tlase, ke sone se se re paledisitseng gompiano jaana go ka diragatsa maikaelelo mangwe a rona. Fa letseno le ntse le siama, re tlaa sekaseka seemo re bona gore re ka baakanya ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Mabaka a ke one a a dirileng gore *obligations* tsa rona kwa bofelong, re felele re palelwa ke go di diragatsa.

Mothusa Tautona, ke bonye golo fa *agriculture* e filwe P2,44 *billion and it is the seventh* mo kgaoganyong ya madi a. Seemo se bagaetsho, se ne sa nkama thata fa ke bona temothuo e le yone...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR DIGWA: Ke tlaa go bona go ntse go tswetse mokaulengwe. Tshwara fela, o se ka wa fufula. Fa ke lebelela gore kwa Boteti botshelo jwa rona bo ikaegile ka temothuo. Fa go senang temothuo teng, botshelo jwa Boteti bo ya kwa tlase fela thata. Ke ne ke re mongwame, fa go ntse go tswetse, gongwe letseno le nna teng, re akanyetse Lephata la *Agriculture*. *Agriculture and Lands*, le a bona gore e dikarolo tse pedi. *Budget* e, fa o lebile *Agriculture* fela o tlogela *Lands*, ga e a lekana, e kwa tlase fela thata. Ke sone se ke tlaa kopang gore ka bo The Fours ba tsamaile, gongwe morago ga lebakanyana ka gore kgetsi ga e sa tlhoke e dutla, fa go siama, re kgone go baakanya, re bone gore re a thusa mo tsamaisong ya temothuo.

Temothuo bagaetsho kwa Boteti ke yone *the source of livelihoods*. Fa ngwana wa gago a lwala, o akantse gore letseno o ya go le bona mo kgomong. Dijo mo lwapeng di tsenngwa ke yone temothuo. Dintsho re fitlha ka madi a a tswang mo dikgomong, gore bana ba tsene sekole, ke kgomo, gore o leme ke kgomo. Jaanong kopo ya me fela ke gore, fa go ntse go tswetse, itsholelo o kare e a tokafala, re kgone go akanyetsa go thusa ka go tsosolosa temothuo ka itsholelo e tlaabo gongwe e okeditse.

Bagaetsho, re ne re ke mathata fa go lengwa kwa Boteti; batho ba ne ba lema dipula di na. Re a itse gore Temo Letlotlo e bua ka gore re se ka ra gasa, re dirise polantere, mme dipolantere *Mr Speaker*; di ne di sa bereke. Beke e fedile di sa bereke, peo e gana go tswa mo teng. Mmu wa rona o mongwe o selokonyana, gape go ne go na le metsi, pula e nele thata, go le bothata gore o ka dirisa polantere jang. Balemi ba feletse ba tsaya tshwetso ya gore ba gase, ba sa dire ka bomo, ba bona gore nako ya temo e a fela. Jaanong ke batla go fetisa mo e le kopo gore lenaneo fa le simolola le duela batho, le se ka la dikologa batho ba ba gasitseng. Ba ne ba sa dire ka bomo, e ne e le bothata jwa gore fa o sa gase, o ya go felela e re bangwe ba a ja letlhafula wena o bo o sena se o se jang ka gore kwa dikgaolong tse dingwe dipolantere di ne di kgona go bereka fela sentle, di e kgwa peo fela jalo. Kwa go rona go ne go sa kgonagale. Jaanong ke kopa gore *Minister of Agriculture* fa o tsena kwa Boteti, o akanyetse ba ba lemileng ka go gasa gore ga ba a itira, se se botlhokwa ke gore ba itirele dijo tse di ka ba tshetsang.

Mr Speaker, re na le bothata kwa Boteti, re na le dikgomo kwa Maun tse di nnang di tlhagile fela di tsena mo kgaolong ya 4B. Terata e e re kgaoganyang le Maun ya matlhoko a leroo e senyegile, ga go kgonagale gore e baakangwe, ga ke itse gore bothata e ne e le eng, e tsere lebaka e sa baakangwe. Gompiano jaana re paletswe ke go isa dikgomo kwa Artificial Insemination (AI), terata ya rona e sentswe ke ditlou. Ke seemo se se botlhoko fela thata se re tshwanetseng gore re se akanyetse, re bone gore re ka dira jang go thiba bolwetsi go ka tsena mo Boteti.

Fa Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) e ka tlhagelela mo Boteti, Goromente o ya go nna le ditshenyegelo tse di seng kana ka sepe. Ke kopa gore seemo se se fefogelwe ka bonako jo bo kgonagalang.

“EXCHANGE OF SPEAKERSHIP”

MR DIGWA: *Storm water drainage* kwa Boteti *Madam Speaker*, re na le bothata, dipula di nele ka tsela e re neng re sa e tlwaela, e re sa e itseng. Ga go tsamaege mo metseng e e tshwanang ya Mokoboxane, Mopipi, Kedia, Toromoja, Xhumo, ga go tsamaege. Ke seemo fela se se botlhoko. Re feletse kwa Mokoboxane re thusiwa ke *company* ya Debswana le ya Lucara. Ke tsone tse di

feletseng di goga metsi di a ntsha mo motseng di a tshela mo moseleng o o bapisitseng tsela gore bana ba sekolo ba kgone go tlola ba ya sekoleng.

Ke dumalana tota le mogopolo wa gore *we need storm water drainage master plan* e e ka re thusang, ya re imolola mo mathateng fa pula e nele thata jaana. Seemo se se botlhoko. Re tshwanetse gore dinako tsotlhe re nne re se ipaakanyeditse ka gore kwa ntle ga jalo, go ya go nna le bothata jo e leng gore re ya go felela fa gongwe re nna le dintsho ka gore fa o ntse o gata jaana go na le metsi a mantsi, fa gongwe o ya go gata fa go nang le sediba teng, go bo go baka lesa. So a seemo se *Mr Speaker* re se emele ka dinao.

Mo kgaolong yone e go nang le bothata jone jo, re na le letamo la Mopipi le e leng gore fa re ne re ka nna le ba ba ka re thusang go goga metsi ba a isa kwa Mopipi gore letamo lele le kgone go tlala, gongwe e kare kwa morago re bo re le dirisa *for tourism*. Le nna le kgadile, le tletse malobanyana jaana, mme fa metsi a re ne re ka a dirisa, ra a tsaya ra a gogela kwa letamong lone le, a ne a ka re thusa go ya kwa pele ka gore fa re tshetse metsi a mantsi mo letamong, *it will be a tourist area of attraction*, mo e leng gore fa batho ba batla go itlosa bodutu, ba kgone go ya kwa go lone. Le ditlhapi re ka di tsenya mo teng. Re na le botlhoko gompiano jaana, ga go na ditlhapi mo Boteti ka gore noka e kgadile. Fa re na le thulaganyo e e ntseng jalo, fa o mptomsa tlhapi, ke tlaa kgona go go tlela tlhapi ka thulaganyo e re tlaa bong re e dirile.

Ditsela; ke tshwanetse go leboga *Minister* gore e rile a aba madi, a bona go tshwanela gore a tsewedise tsela ya Makalamabedi-Motopi e gompiano re sa tlhaloganyeng gore go diragala eng ka yone. Ke kile ka bua le *Minister* ka yone, mme ke dumela gore o tlaa tsamaya a ya go bona seemo sa teng ka gore tsela eo e eme, ga go supagale e berekwa. Ke lebogela gore Tona o e tsentsa *on the budget* gore e ye go tsewedisiwa.

Tsela eo ga se yone fela e e botlhokwa. Fa o tla ka *bus* o tswa kwano o tshwanetse go ya Kedia, o felela mo nageng ka gore tsela ya teng ga se yone sentle. Tsela ya teng ke mahuti fela, e nna e tletse metsi ka nako ya dipula jaana. Ke nngwe ya ditsela tse re kopang gore Goromente a di tsibogele, a dire tsela fela e e tswang mo Mopipi e feta ka Kedia, e tsena ka Xhumo gore dibase tse dingwe fa di tla, di kgone go feta jaana di folosa

batho kwa ba yang teng. Tsela ya Tsienyane e e tswang kwa Toromoja, ke nngwe ya ditsela tse di tshwanetseng gore di tsibogelwe.

Re leboga *budget* e bagaetsho e e tsibogetseng lethoko la motlakase. *Minister* o supile gore *there is need for solar energy* mo Botswana, re itirele *solar energy*. Boteti ke kgaolo e e nang le letsatsi le lentsi thata, fa re ka dira *solar energy* ra kgone *to produce* motlakase mo kgaolong ya rona, re tlaa kgona go thusa le balemi-barui, ba tlaa kgona go nna kwa merakeng. Gompiano jaana fa go senang motlakase, batho ba ba tlwaetseng motlakase, bana ba rona ke ba *televisions*, ba gana go nna kwa merakeng ka lebaka la seemo sone se. *So* go dira *solar energy*, go tlaa re thusa *even to lure investors to reduce rural/urban migration*. Fa *these investors* ba ka ya kwa ba dira ditiro tse di farologanyeng kwa Boteti, bana ba rona ba tlaa fokotsa go tsamaya thata bay a Gaborone, Francistown ba tla go batla ditiro. Le yone *production of agriculture* e ya go ya kwa godimo ka gore batho ba tlaabo ba nna kwa masimong le kwa merakeng.

Thuto *Mr Speaker*, re na le bothata jwa madi a go tlholwang go buiwa ka one ka nako ya bo Fours ba supa gore ga gona madi a a ka thusang kwa dikoleng. Ke leboga tshwetso e e tserweng ke *Minister* ya go fa ba *Basic Education* P11.68 billion. Ke *budget* e e supang tlhoafalo, e supa gore maikaelelo ke go tlhabolola. Ke kopa gore *Minister of Education* fa a lebile *budget* e a akanyetse *hostels*. Bana ba rona ba a sokola ka *hostels*, fa o ya kwa Mokoboxane bana ba ba tsenang kwa Mokoboxane Secondary ba tsamaya 20 kilometers (km) ka gore ga gona *hostels*. Fa go ne go na le *hostels* ba ka bo ba nna kwa Mopipi, ba sa tlhole ba tsamaya letsatsi le letsatsi. Ba a sokola, boraboko ba le kalo. Ke seemo se Goromente a tshwanetseng go se tsibogela gore bana ba ba agelwe *hostels*. Go nne le *accommodation* ya barutabana, kana fa o bona maduo a wetse kwa tlase jaana ke *welfare* ya bone. Fa ba ka bona boroko jo bo siameng gore motho fa a le mo ntlong ya gagwe a lale sentle, e bile fa a batla *to mark a mark* sentle, e seng gompiano jaana ba sena boroko. Ke seemo se se bothoko se gongwe ke tlaa kopang gore *Minister* wa *Education* go tswa kwa Moding a lebelele dikgang tse.

Bagaetsho, ke tshwanetse go tswelala ke leboga *budget* e ya ga Mothusa Tautona e bile e le *Minister* wa Madi,

go bo a bone go le botlhokwa go akanya ka *development of TVET Policy, to review it* gore e kgone go tokafala. Fa a ka *review policy* e ya tokafala e ka re thusa. Gompiano jaana ga re na *vocational schools* kwa Boteti; fa re ka nna le tsone, *curriculum* ya bone ya *include* dithuto tse di amanang le *mining*. Gompiano jaana gore bana ba rona ba ye go ithutela dilo tsa *mining*, ke fa ba ya kwa bo South Africa mme re na le *mines* di ka nna *four* kwa Boteti. Fa re ka nna le dithuto tse di ntseng jalo di dirwa kwa Boteti, go ka tokafatsa itsholelo ya kgaolo e. A seemo se se lebelelwe, se bone gore kwa bofelong se kgona go re thusa.

Re na le bothata bagaetsho mo Boteti, fa molelo o o sha o tshuba naga yotlhe, ga gona dikganedi tsa molelo. Ke dilo tse di botlhokwa thata gore re di akanyetse, re bone gore re ka tokafatsa seemo se se ntseng jalo. Gompiano pula e re netse fela thata, bojang jo botona ke ipotsa gore fa go sena dikganedi tse jaana, nako e molelo o shang re ya go felela re nna mo leubeng. Le itsholelo ya lefatshe e bo e wela kwa tlase ka gore dikgomo di ya go felela di swa, tsone tse di nyeletseng thata mo nakong ya leuba le le fetileng.

Se sengwe ke gore a madi a itebaganye gape le go tlhabolola ditsela tse di yang kwa merakeng le masimo. Kana ke gone kwa itsholelo e leng teng. Jaanong fa ditsela tse di kgoba molemi kana morui marapo, fa a akanya go ya kwa morakeng kana masimo a gagwe go raya gore *production* e ya kwa tlase.

Re na le bothata jwa bogodu jwa leruo *Mr Speaker*. Ga bo a re ema sentle bo a re lotlhanya, bo dira gore re tlhoane mo kgaolong. Bo dira gore bana ba rona le bone ba se ka ba kgatlhegela go rua ka gore ba a bona gore motho fa a ruile jaanong o ruetse ba bangwe. A seemo se go lekwe go tlhabololwa mapodise ba ba dirang ditlhotlhomiso tsa bogodu. Re tsene mo seemong se e kareng kwa morago ra fokotsa tshenyo ya dikgomo, ra oketsa keletso ya bana go rua dikgomo. *I think I should give this time to my friend, let me yield comrade*; kana o *comrade* kana o eng.

MR PULE: *Clarification*. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke gore jaanong o kgarameditse kwa kgakala thata. Ke ne ke re ke tlile go botsa fela gore go ya ka wena, *knowing you as* moemedi wa batho, a o bona P300 yo o ntshitsweng e le madi mangwe a re ka a bitsang re re a *sustainable for* bone

batsetsi, go le botoka gore *instead* gore ba ka mo fiwa *for 12 months*, a *stretch to about* bo *five years because those are the formative years* tse ngwana a godisiwang ka tsona? Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

MR DIGWA: Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. O bona fa o ne o kile wa akanya jalo ka nako ele sepatšhe sa lefatshe se santse se lekane, jaanong go utlwa botlhoko ka gore o feditse madi a lefatshe le jaanong o batla go re bolelela gore re dire dimakatso tse re ipotsang gore re ya go di dira ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Sejo sennye *honourable* ga se fete molomo...

MR PULE: *Point of order. Madam Speaker*, kana ke gana sone se, gore jaanong ke a bo ke botsa potso fela ka maitseo a a kanakana, motlotlegi a bo a nthaya a re ga o ka ke wa senya mo go kana. Jaanong o kare o lebagantse le nna gore ke sentse. Mafoko a *Madam Speaker*, ga a siama, ke kopa gore motlotlegi a a boele morago a se ka a nthaya a re ke sentse.

MR DIGWA: Fa motho a tshwere sepatšhe itsholelo e e sena letseno o bo o fitlhela go sena sepe, go bo gotwe go molato. Legale ka gore gongwe go ka nna botoka gore ke boele morago mafoko ao, mme fela ke dipelo tse pedi. Ke ne ke re...

MR LESEDI: *Clarification*. Mma ke leboge *Madam Speaker*, ke leboge motlotlegi. Tota fa ke neng ke batla go latedisa teng, kgantele o kile wa bua dikgang tse dintle thata fa o bua ka go lema ga go gasa. Ke ne ke batla *clarity* gone foo gore a ke ne ke go utlwa sentle fa o re ba Boteti fa go setse go tliwa mo dituelong, ba duelelwe gore ba gasitse?

Fa e le gore ke ne ke go utlwa sentle, mma ke botse gore jaanong bone ba Boteti ba ba gasitseng ka mabaka a go palelwa ke go jwala ka polantere le ba ba neng ba eleditse fela bone ka bobone go gasa, ba ya go farologannwa jang?

Ya bofelo ke gore jaanong fa e le gore e ka nna ba Boteti ba le nosi, wa reng ka ba lefatshe lotlhe? Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*.

MR DIGWA: Re tswa kgakala re sa gase kwa Boteti, re tswa kgakala re lema ka ditselana. Re na le balemisi ba ba ntseng ba re rotloetsa jalo. Ga go na ka fa o ka ba farologanyang ka teng ka gore gompieno jaana go

ne ga tsewa tshwetso fela batho ba bona gore temo e a tsamaya. Ke sone se ke ba kopelang gore Tona wa *Agriculture* a ba akanyetse. Ga go molato go akanyetsa le ba dikgaolo tse dingwe ka gore le bone maikaelelo ke go ijesa. Maikaelelo a matona fela ke go ijesa, e seng gore temo ke ya mofuta ofe. Fa seemo se ntse jaana o itse gore o ya go tsaya bo kgwedi yotlhe temo e bo e fela o sa leme o bo o *broadcast* o bo o tla o otlhaelwa fela gore gongwe ga o a lema ka tsamaiso, mme wena o kgona go ijesa, ke bona gore golo gongwe re tlaabo re sa akanya sentle.

Ke tsaya gore ke saletswe ke metsotsonyana. Ke re ke lebegele *budget* e. Ke re ke e amogela tota ka pelo ya me yotlhe. Ke tseye sebaka se ke kope Tona ya *Wildlife*, re na le mathata a *compensation*. Diphologolo di bolaya batho, di ja mo masimong a rona, di bolaya dikgomo tsa rona. A *compensation* e lekane le se se senyegileng. Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*.

MR DISHO (OKAVANGO EAST): Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ke dumedise Mothusa Tautona e bile e le Tona wa Madi. Le nna ke tshwaele kana ke akgele mo puong ya ga Mothusa Tautona e a re e bileng pele ka 10th February, 2025.

Madam Speaker, gongwe ke simolole ka go gakolola bagarona ba *side* e e ka kwa pele ga ke tsena mo puong ya ga Tautona. Ke ba gakolole gore ka ba a busa, ke babusi, gongwe ke supe fela gore kana fa o le mmusi o le moeteledipele, go reetsa ke selo se se botlhokwa. Go reetsa fela jaana ke selo se se botlhokwa jaaka o bona re filwe matlho a le mabedi le ditsebe tse pedi. Fa o le moeteledipele o tshwanetse gore o reetse thata, e bile o ele tlhoko thata. Go ela tlhoko ke selo se se botlhokwa. Jaanong o kare ba ganetsa thata go feta baganetsi. Ke buisiwa se ke kgang ya bakaulengwe ka fa ba akgelang ka teng, ka fa ba buisang ka teng LOO wa rona gore o ba tshwentse kana kgang e e ba tshwentse, mme kana ke tshwanelo ya gagwe gore a akgele mo puong yone e. Lona sa lona le le babusi, le tshwanetse gore le reetse fa le bolelelwa. Reetsa fela mme o bo o amogela gore nnyaa mme fale ke dirile phoso kana fale go ntse jaana le jaana. *That is important.*

Gongwe ke fete ka e nngwe gape gore kana nna ke tswa kwa Angola ka kwa. Gore le ntlhaloganyane o tshwanetse gore o bo o itse Sepotokise, Sekgoa, Setswana le tse tsotlhe tse. *Therefore, Setswana is my fourth language.*

Ke ithutile Setswana ke le kwa *primary* ke na le bo 10 or 15 years. So, ke tlaa dirisa Sepotokisi fale le fale ke bo ke dirisa Sekgoa fale le fale gore le kgone go ntshwara sentle.

Mo puong kana mo kgannyeng ya ga Mothusa Tautona, ke tlaa nopola kgang ya letlhoko la madi e bakaulengwe ba lelang ka yone gore ga re na madi, lefatshe ga le na madi. *That is false ladies and gentlemen.* Lefatshe le, *there is no how* le ka tlhokang ka teng madi *unless* le sa itse gore Botswana ke eng, re fa kae. Gongwe ke supe fela jaana *as a solution to that* gore lefatshe la Botswana, *we are blessed* re le Batswana; *we are only 2.5 million people or less* mo lefatsheng le e leng gore *it is 582 000 square kilometres of land.* Ga go na tšhaba e e *blessed as* Batswana. Ke simolole ka kgang yone e. *We are blessed with the natural resources, very much blessed.* Ke supile gore *we are blessed with the surface area* ya Botswana *which is 582 000 square kilometres of land.* Re na le batho ba le *less than 2.5 million, half* ya batho ba Cape Town. *Cape Town has got only 4.9 million people as a city.* Rona re le Botswana, *we are less than 2.5 million, half of that.* A bo re nna mo *an area* e e leng gore *it is 582 000 square kilometres.* A bo o re ga go na... Ke bue ke reng? Mo *natural resources* ke bua jaana e bile ke le *Shadow Minister.* Gore gongwe o tle o ntlhaloganye sentle, *I will take five minutes and explain this to you so that you get its importance.*

Botswana again, *we have got more than seven different national parks and game reserves* tse di tlisang madi a a tsitsibanyang mmele. Gongwe ga re itse gore *parks* tse di ka tlisa jang itsholelo. *Gape on top of that, we have got the largest game reserve in the world.* Utlwa fela dilo tse re nang natso, *in the world.* Central Kalahari *is the biggest game reserve in the world which attracts* Makgoa, bajanala, sengwe le sengwe. *We have got the largest inland wetland in the world which is the* Okavango Delta, *the swamps* tse di ka isang itsholelo ya lefatshe le kwa godimo.

Besides the national parks and the game reserves, we have got diamonds. We are rich. The biggest in Southern Africa if not in the world. We have copper, largest in Southern African if not in the world. Gongwe re gaisiwa ke bo Zambia, *I am not sure. We have got coal mines, tonnes and tonnes of magala* mo lefatsheng la Botswana. *You can see how blessed we are as a nation. We have*

got bo uranium. We have got soda ash, the largest in Southern Africa.

Ke gore ga go na sepe se o kareng re kwa tlase kana re kwa morago mo go sone. *Everything, we are blessed with natural resources, national parks, game reserves and water. We have got three major rivers* tse di tlisang itsholelo ya lefatshe tse di tlisang *about 73 billion cubic metres* ya metsi; Okavango River, *the Zambezi and the Kwando* tse e leng gore *they attract thousands and thousands of tourists. We have thousands of insects, birds coming as far as the steppes of Russia* di tla kwano mo itsholelong ya Botswana. Re bo re palelwa, re bo re iphitlhela re le mo seemong sa gompiano le nthaya le re *we have got P1.9 billion.* Mo ke tshameko bakaulengwe. *Let us find ways of generating money,* re tlogele go lela. Le babusi ba pele ba e leng gore *they have led this country for 58 years,* selelo se re se utlwang gompiano, se ke se utlwileng *in the last three months,* se gaisa batho bale *for 58 years.* Se a ba feta e bile se a ba fapaanya. A re emiseng go lela bakaulengwe, re berekeng. A re tlogeleng botete, re emiseng selelo, re emise seipato...

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

MR DISHO: I am just giving you a highlight, an overview ya Botswana before *ke tsena mo puong ya ga Tautona.*

MR BOGATSU: *Point of order. Thank you Madam Speaker.* Gongwe re nne *mindful of the language,* go bua le bagolo ba ba kana ka rona jaana o ba raya o re ba tlogele botete, ga go ntseye sentle. A re tlhopheng mafoko, bangwe re ba tona mo go ba bangwe, re tlotlane *in this House* ka gore le rona *we address them,* mme ga re nke re bua dipuo tse ba di buang. Tanki.

MR DISHO: Ke a go leboga *Honourable* Bogatsu. Ke tlaa le boela morago lefoko leo ga le a go tsaya sentle mokaulengwe. Ke tlhalositse kwa ntlheng gore ke tswa Angola...

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

MR DISHO: I will use Setswana, Sembukushu, Sexhereku le Portuguese...

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

MR DISHO: E bile wena ka ke utlwa o kare jaanong e go amile thata...

MADAM SPEAKER (MS MANYENENG): Honourable Disho, ke kopa gore o tswelele ka *deliberation* ya gago, *ignore side remarks*.

MR DISHO: *Okay, thank you Madam Speaker. Thank you for protecting me.* Ke supe gore Rre Bogatsu kana ke ene a neng a rogana maloba mo Palamenteng, gongwe fa a ka e boela morago kgang ya gagwe pele. Ga ke a mo tshwenya mo kgannyeng ya maloba a rogana. *Anyway, mma ke tswelele ka puo ya me.*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Point of order.

MR DISHO: O ntiela nako mokaulengwe, *we have to deliberate.*

MR BOGATSU: Point of order. He might be deficient in the Setswana language. I am not the one who is naming places and things that grow in our environment. I am not going to change *maina a dilo fa* to please some certain individuals who do not to speak our language. *Fa a re kwa ga lona. Go na le mafoko a a morogano a e leng gore ga ke a itse a language ya gaeno, mme o sa roge ope. So, ga ke ise ke rogane mo Palamenteng, ke ne ke bua dilo jaaka di bidiwa. Fa e le gore ga o di itse...*

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

MR BOGATSU: Akere *Madam Speaker* o ganne ke di bua...

MADAM SPEAKER: Thank you Honourable Bogatsu, *o utlwetse.*

MR BOGATSU: Ee, *in short* ga ke ise ke rogane mo Palamenteng.

MR DISHO: Tanki *Madam Speaker* again for letting me back in the floor. Ke ne ke santse ke supa gore *we have got 73 billion cubic litres* ya metsi a a tshologelang mo lefatsheng la Botswana a a tlang sengwe le sengwe, a a okang bajanala. *We are the only country in Southern Africa* ba re nang le dilo tse di tshwanang le tsone tse, *so we are very much blessed.* Ke batlile gore ke supe jalo bakaulengwe.

Ntlha e nngwe e e bothokwa e ke neng ke re ke kgabole ka yone, ke boele kwa Okavango, ke leboge batho ba Okavango gore ba bo ba nthomile fa, go tla go ba buelela. Ke wele jaanong ke tsepame ke tsene kwa

Okavango East. Mo polelong ya ga Mothusa Tautona ke utlwile a umaka tsela ya Mohembo to Gudigwa jaaka ke ne ke buile maloba gore *it is the only thing* se se ntsisitseng mo Palamenteng, *or it marks 50 per cent of why I am here in this Parliament.* Ke tsela ya Okavango East e e tswang kwa Mohembo to Gudigwa. *That road* ke yone e e ka tlhabololang kana e e ka tsisang itsholelo. *It is not only to connect,* kana batho ba Okavango le bone ba tsamaye ka tsela. *It can unlock...the potential of that area is enormous* gongwe ga le e lemoge. Jaaka ke ne ke supa, e na le sengwe le sengwe; diphologolo, *minerals. By constructing that road, I have emphasised* ka gore ke utlwile a e umaka maloba. Ke mo leboge gore o e amile *even though* a sa bitsa sentle Gudigwa a e re ke Gudingwa, ke mmaakanye gone foo. Ke supe gore fa a ka re thusa go ka dira tsela ele o tlaabo a thusitse Batswana botlhe, *not only* batho ba Okavango East, le bodirelapuso jo bo kwa. Gompieno *they feel like they are in prison...*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR DISHO: Granted.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification. Ke a leboga...

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Lucas, ga ke ise ke go supe, mme o setse o eme ka dinao. *Continue Honourable Lucas.*

MR LUCAS: O bua ka tsela ya Gudigwa, o bua ka tsela ya sekonotere kwa Okavango East. Okavango East fa ke ntse ke re ke leka go ikgakolola, ga se yone fela *constituency* e e senang le fa e le *one metre of tarred road?* Fa o tsaya lefatshe lotlhe la Botswana, *I think it should be,* ke yone fela e e senang le fa e le sekonoterenyana.

MR DISHO: Thank you Honourable Lucas. Ke tshalose fela sentle, ke e tlhatswe gore mme ke boammaaruri mo lefatsheng la Botswana, *out of the 61 constituencies,* Okavango East ke yone fela e senang le fa e le *even a metre of sekonotere.* Jaanong ke leboga Mothusa Tautona a e umakile mo *speech* sa gagwe. Gongwe ke mo kope ka o emeletse, batho ba Okavango East ba nthomile kwa go ene gore mo malatsing a a sa fediseng pelo, *the 21 000 people who are suffering there,* ba kopa go bona Mothusa Tautona kana Tautona ka sebele. *That is their*

request, ke kopane le Dikgosi, because they have suffered for so many years, mme ba ntse ba tlhophisa, ba dira tse tsotlhe and pay tax and every thing that comes into this country. Developing this country, all the resources tse di tswang kwa di tla kwano. Jaanong ba kopa go mmona, gongwe le mmolele ka gore o setse a emeletse. Tota mo puong ya me, ke ne ke tsaya gore gongwe o tlaabo a le teng gore ke mo kope gore batho ba Okavango ba a mo kopa mo malatsing a a sa fediseng pelo gore a kgabaganyetse fa Seronga, Ngarange kana Kauxwi ba ye go buisanya a ye go bona seemo sa tsela ele ka gore gompiano the road is impassable. You cannot drive on that road gompiano, dikoloinyana tse di nnyennyane, you cannot go anywhere. Anything se se single ga se tsamaye, the whole road is full of water. O bo o ipotsa gore if molwetse mo sepateleng kana ngwana, kana ope fela yo e leng gore needs to be rushed to the hospital, how would that person get there. E bile re sena le fa e le dipatela, le fa e le eng, the road is flooded for more than 100 kilometres (km). Rre Ookeditse, o mpolelele because ga go na le fa e le airport. How would you take someone from Gudigwa gompiano jaana fa re bua, not kamoso, gompiano jaana when the road is flooded as we speak? If a le moimana kana whatever the condition is, you know much better than me, how would she get to Kavindama Hospital for that person to be assisted? Ke potso e ke e botsang Palamente e kana bagolwane gore ba re fe tlhaloso ka rona ka kwa re paletswe jaanong re buile go padile batsadi ba me.

Re bua ka *education system* e e leng gore *they are blaming the BDP*, mme kana ke rona babusi ba letsatsi la gompiano, *we should be accountable. As soon as we take the oath*, o lemoge gore mathata a otlhe a lefatshe a mo go wena, a saletse wena. Rona kwa gaetsho fa motho a tlhokafetse, ga go buiwe ka ene...

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

MR DISHO: *No, it is out of the system. What I mean is it is out of the system. So, if it is out of the system, you do not need to blame maDomkrag, ke nako ya lona ya gore jaanong le bereke.*

The education system has collapsed. Ke ne ke bua le Tona wa Education mo puisanyong ya rona maloba, and the response ya gagwe le nna, of which ke emetse batho ba Okavango East. When you hear from me ke bua, e a bo e le batho ba Okavango East ba ba buang, e seng

nna. I went to the school se sengwe se se bidiwa Gowa Junior Secondary School which is dilapidated. Ga se na motlakase for more than six to seven years, not even one bulb like this. There is nothing. Motlakase otlhe is collapsed. No sewage system in that school. Ga go na le fa e le sepe. There is not even a pit latrine. Ke ne ke utlwa Rre Bogatsu maloba a bua gore e bile o na le pit latrines tse a neng a bua ka tsone. Sekole sone sele ga se na sewage system; water system ga e yo, ga go na le fa e le pit latrine where bana ba sekole ba ka yang kwa go yone. Mo puisanyong ya me le Tona ke mo raya ke re tsamaya o ye go bona. I made a comprehensive report e ke e rometseng to the Director le Minister wa Education gore a tsibogele kgang eo. Le gompiano ga a ise a ye go bona mathata one a. Ke ipotsa gore when is he going to react. Are we going to sit here in Parliament and start blaming BDP, when we cannot even stand up or go and see and assess the situation?

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR DISHO: *Sekole sele gongwe ke wele ka sone, there is no running water at all. Ke bua ka sekole se e leng gore sale jaaka se dirwa, more than a decade ago, ga se ise se bulwe semmuso, but it is the highest school in Okavango East. The best result it has produced ga se a feta le fa e le 15 per cent mo botshelong jwa sone. E se gore bana bale ba dimatla kana jang, e se gore barutabana ga ba rute. There are no classrooms, everything is broken into pieces, ga gona dijo. The budget ya P1.4 million ya gore ba rekelwe dijo, ba rekelwe se, ba fiwa P41, 000.00 what is that? P41, 000.00 cannot run a junior secondary school. Mme fa ke leka go le thusa ke re tsamaelang kwano bakaulengwe re tle go bona diemo tse re thusane, the response ga di jese diwelang. Ke sone se ke reng, bakaulengwe a re tlogeleng go lela thata, re lebelele, re bereke lefatshe le lotlhe, re tsamaye le lefatshe le lotlhe, re bone mathata. Ke feditse ka sekole, ke tseela gore Honourable Nono Kgafela o tlaa ya teng a ya go bona. Tota ke ne ke ngadile mo e leng gore gongwe ga re na go kopanela tsela, ka gore bana bale ba nkutlwisa botlhoko. Bana ba ba nnang fa ntle gompiano...*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR DISHO: *No, ke tlaa go fa clarification on the last minute. Bana ba e leng gore hostels tsa bone, kwa ba lalang teng, ga ba na le fa e le mabati le difensetere, both girls and boys. There is no fence kwa sekoleng, and*

that school is set right in the prime area ya diphologolo. Ditau di itsamaela fela, dikgomo di lala mo sekoleng, di tsalela mo sekoleng, ke nthagaraga fela. *Donkeys are dying in the school, and because there is no food jaanong bana ba setse ba simolotse go ja ditonki...*

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

MR DISHO: *Yes, there were two donkeys which were eaten mo sekoleng, di jewa ke bana. Ga ba na le fa e le dijo, they have got no water. Le batsadi ba lapile ke go koleka madi a bone, ba koleka gore ba reke borotho, of which I have never seen such a school in this part of the region. I have never seen a school like that mo Gaborone se se senang ablution, I have never seen that in Kgatleng, I have never seen it elsewhere. Yes, le ka tlhoka classroom, le ka tlhoka mole le mole, but seemo se se ka kwa sele se batla gore se tsibogelwe. Ke kopile Ministers tse tsothle mo speech sa me sa ga Tautona gore le tsene on a bus le ye kwa le ye go bona. You thought maybe re a clown, but re ne re bua boammaaruri, and dilo tse ke matlhabisaditlhong bakaulengwe. The Minister of Education totally... gongwe solution e ke e isang kwa go mothusa Tautona in his speech ka gore o ntshitse the biggest budget maybe the second or third budget to this Ministry wa Education, ke supe fela gore dikole tsele ka fa di senyegileng ka teng ga di ka ke tsa kgonwa ke motho a le mongwefela. Re na le bo Rre Barongwang fa le ba bangwe, a ko go go dirwe Minister yo mongwe yo o tlaa itebaganyang le dikole tsa north. Yo mongwe a bo a nna ka kwano, because motho a le mongwefela e le Mme Nono Kgafela ka a fa a re bolelelang ka teng, e bile ka fa a re buisang ka teng, she will not take us anywhere. She is not going to take us anywhere. Ke kope fela gore this ministry go simololwe from the top, go baakangwe the system all the way down, because ke yone peo ya rona, sekole ke peo ya rona. That is where we are investing the seeds...*

MINISTER OF CHILD WELFARE AND BASIC EDUCATION (MS KGAFELA-MOKOKA): *Point of order: Ke tlaa simolola ka ya clarification ke ise ke tsene mo order. Honourable Disho, mma ke go thuse ka go go botsa gore, a gompieno jaana ka wa re o nna kwa kgaolong, a batho ba ba kwa kgaolong ya gago ga ba ise ba go bolelele gore Deputy Permanent Secretary wa Basic Education o tsere kgato efe ka mathata a o ntseng o re bolelela ka one? Ke sone se ke batlang go se go*

botsa. Sa bobedi ke gore, you are attacking my person, you are attacking my person and I cannot take kindly to that. Do not attack me. Ke a leboga.

MR DISHO: *Mma ke go leboge Honourable Nono Kgafela for your corrections. Ke supe fela gore I am not attacking you. Ke utlwa botlhoko and you went and responded to people, nna ke go tliseditse selo mo tafoleng gore, here is the document, read and give me an answer. O bo o ntlolaganya o ya to a junior, that is the level of incompetence that I am talking about. You cannot do that, maybe these... the level of incompetence is insane. You need to be taken out...*

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

MR DISHO: *Se ke le kang go bua ka sone ke se, I made a comprehensive report, batsadi ba mpiditse, I went to the junior secondary school. Ke kwala sengwe le sengwe.*

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

MADAM SPEAKER: *Order! Order! Honourable Mokoka, please can you listen. Continue Honourable Disho.*

MR DISHO: *Honourable Mokoka, ke ne ke re ke ikope maitshwarelo mo go wena...*

MADAM SPEAKER: *Order! Order! Honourable Disho. I think now you are making it a dialogue, can you please continue ka deliberation ya gago. I said before ignore side remarks please. Otherwise o ja nako.*

MR DISHO: *Ke a leboga Madam Speaker. Ke ne ke re ke tshwaele jalo because ke yone peo ya rona. Education is the foundation for everything. So I cannot come here and waste time and talk about dilo tse di senang mosola. Education is the foundation, lotlhe fa jaana le tsene dikole, ga gona yo o sa yang kwa sekoleng mo go lona. So, you are not doing fair and justice to those people out there. That is why I am expressing myself even bitter like this, I am not attacking ka tsela nngwe. Mma re e tlogele. Ke tseela gore...*

MADAM SPEAKER: *A o santse o batla go bua kana ke neele o mongwe?*

MR LEKAU: *Point of order Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, good afternoon. I think the Honourable*

Member on the podium is imputing proper motive to the Minister and is out of order to be frequently also using the name which is not even in the records of this House. May I kindly request that he desist or withdraw such. Thank you very much.

MADAM SPEAKER: I ruled over it, I think he should continue. Otherwise if Honourable Disho is going to continue, that is when I will take action.

MR DISHO: Mma ke tswelele ka puo ya me, re kgaogane le Rre Lekau, ke tsala ya me, ke a mo itse. Gongwe ke tsene mo *agriculture Madam Speaker*. Ke utlwile Mothusa Tautona a bua thata ka go tsibogela *the agriculture sector*. Gongwe ke mmusetse fa moragonyana fale fa a neng a bua teng ka... *he is contradicting himself* le se a neng a se buile maloba. *What he said maloba is perfect, I liked it in his speech*. Gongwe ke mmusetse fa moragonyana fale ka se a neng a se buile ka *vegetables*, gore ga di tsamaelane. *You cannot grow the economy of this country... this is the reason why we find ourselves re sena madi, it is because of decisions tse dingwe tse di tshwanang le tse, we cannot grow economy ya Botswana re sena the investment ya mo bathong, ke raya rona the citizens. The involvement of the citizens. It is important that we invest in our citizens*. Re ba fe madi ba dire dilo tse, ba bule dikgwebo, ba dire dilo tse tsotlhe. *So, go reka vegetables kwa South Africa ke ne ke re ke bule le ene fa a setse a le fa gore, speech se a neng a se buile sele gongwe a se boele morago, because ke nngwe ya dilo tse di sa njesang di welang, ga ke a kgotsofala tota, le gompieno ga ke mmona ke utlwa e le Mothusa Tautona a bua kgang e e tshwanang le ele, ke a tshoga gore a mme re tlaa ya golo gongwe re le lefatshe.*

Jaanong kwa Okavango East re tshenngwa ke bogodu jwa dikgomo. Re tshenngwa ke bogodu jwa leruo, le *the Zambians* ba tsenang ka *border* ele, *there is no fence*. Ba rora dikgomo tsa rona *day and night* re ba bona. Ga re na ditlhobolo ga re na eng. Di bo di isiwa *through Namibia into Zambia, but the Government of this country is doing nothing to stop that*. Gone fale dikgomo tsa rona tse dingwe di fula *right on the boundary*, fa di tsena *on the Namibian side there is no how you can take them back, or otherwise they shoot you* ba Namibia. Ke ne ke re gongwe mo *budget* e le e dirileng ya *agriculture*, e e ame terata ele e tsosolosiwe, e dirwe fela sentle *as it was meant to be. There is a fence e tlhamalalang all*

the way up to Xoromo e sentse ke ditlou, gompieno gongwe le gongwe fela diphologolo di itsamaela fela, the Zambians are coming through to collect our cattles day and night, re ba lebile. Minister wa Agriculture ga a yo fa Honourable Chimbombi, a e tsibogele mo mading a a tlaa a fiwang.

With tourism, the entire tourism in the country ke mathata. Gompieno jaana Central Kalahari and Moremi Game Reserve is blocked, makgoa kana tourists ba mo teng ga gona gore ba ka ntshiwa jang. As we speak currently, ga ke bule ka dilo tsa maabane kana tsa maloba, as we speak makgoa ba teng mo Central Kalahari gompieno. Dipula tse di neleng tse, di tswetse ditsela tsotlhe, because our roads are terrible in the parks. Sale re kopile gore just put a gravel that links the destination from the gate, so that people can leave easily fa go na le bothata, go padile. This system e teng mo Namibia, you cannot find this kind of situation mo Namibia, Zambia or South Africa. Just put gravel, gore when the rains kana diemo tse di tshwanang le tse di le teng, batho ba kgone to be evacuated ba tsamaya. Gompieno ke bothata fela jo e leng gore...

MR MAPULANGA: *Elucidation*. Ke a leboga, ke go tlatse gone foo mokaulengwe. Seemo se o tlhalosang go raya gore re tsamaelana fela le se re ntseng re bua ka sone sa gore, *let us link tsela ya Kachikau go ya go tsena mo dikampeng tse di tswang kwa Mababe gore re se ka ra nna re fitlhela batho ba le stuck*. Re na le *cases* tse e leng gore *people are losing their lives*, a le *stuck* a sena melelo, a sena eng, a ba a jewa ke ditau. Dikgang tse ke tse di tsamaelanang le tse o di buang.

MR DISHO: Ke dikgang tse di tsamaelanang, ke dilo tse dingwe fela mokaulengwe, *our people are in trouble*. Rona ba re *in the north* ba re bonang seemo se re mo mathateng, ba ditsela gongwe ba tlaa di tsibogela, *even though di le in parks, gongwe di tsewa ke Wynter Mmolotsi, ga ke itse.*

Ke tlaa tsibogela kgang ya metsi pele ga nako ya me e tsamaya. *Water is a problem as I said Minister of...*, botlhe ga ba yo ba metsi. Honourable Motsamai, re mo bothateng. Honourable Motsamai, ke go itatola o tshela. Le tsibogele dikgang tse le di tlhodumele sentle, *because people are suffering*, ga ba na le fa e le metsi, mme re dikaganyeditswe ke metsi. *As I said maloba, re na le billion cubic litres tsa metsi Honourable Motsamai*

kwa kgaolong ya rona, mme batho ba bolaisiwa lenyora le le kana. *What is the problem?* A mme go gelelela batho metsi fela, le go a tlhatswa le bo le ba fa ba a nwa, kana ga ba tshwane le batho ba Gaborone kana batho ba dikgaolo tse dingwe tse ba senang metsi, *we have water. It is just to purify it and give people clean water; go bo go pala for all these years?* Re kope gore ka lona le bašha, le tsibogele kgang e le se ka la tshwana le *the old system* e e neng e le teng.

Kgang ya me e nngwe ke ya Dikgosi. *Minister* wa Dikgosi o a itse gore ke mang, ga a yo fa Rre Motshegwa. Re na le Dikgosi ba le 56 ba ba sa hirwang, mme ba beilwe foo gotwe ke Dikgosi. Kgang ya Dikgosana, 56, *and out of 56 only one* ke yo o hirilweng yo o kgonang go tseno fa bankeng a ba a ikopela madi, *the rest they cannot even go to the banks*. Tota la reng ka bone ba le reng ke Dikgosana, rona re ba bitsa Dikgosi ka gore *they are doing a maximum job*, e bile tiro e ba e dirang e gaisa ya rona ba bangwe gone fa, ba dira tiro ya bone ka botswapelo. *What are we doing to those people*, mo *budget* e *please make sure that you employ them*, ka gore re sale re ba tshwarisitse, ba bangwe ba na le 18 years e ntse e le Dikgosana foo, *but he cannot go to the bank*. Le fa a tlhokafala gompiano *he does not have any benefits*. *So let us improve on that system* bagolwane kana batsadi ba me.

Ya bofelo pele ga ke wela ke ne ke re ke kope Mothusi Tautona, jaanong ga a yo fa. Go na le kgang e nngwe e e ntshwentseng ya gagwe, fa ke e bona mo maranyaneng ke le kwa Namibia ke tsamaisa morero le tse dingwe ka koo, *which is circulating* thata gore o a amega mo mading. Pele ga re tseno mo go yone, gongwe o ka re e tlhatswetsa. Fa a tla mo Palamenteng, le mo kope gore a re e tlhatswetse le Batswana, ba tshwenyegile ka madi a *pensions*, gore go diragetse eng ka ene. *I was not in the country, but this issue is circulating around and it is irritating* fa ke e utlwa. Ke ipotsa gore *what is going on*, gongwe fa a tsile mo Ntlong e *Madam Speaker*, le mo kope *to clarify* kgang e gore Batswana ba tlhatswege dipelo, re utlwe gore go diragala eng. Re tlogele *to blame the LOO* le bale le bale. A ko re ageng Botswana fela rotlhe, re le fe bogakolodi jo bo tletseng rona *who are coming from private sectors, we may have something, you never know*. Le se ka la re nnyaa ke rona fela ka gore re babusi re tlhophilwe, *ask* batho ba bangwe *maybe they have something to assist with, they will assist you*. Bakaulengwe ke ne ke re ke fete ka tseo.

Ke wele ka *primary schools*, go na le *primary schools* mo kgaolong ya me tse e leng mathata. Ke boela kwa *primary schools* gape, kana ke ne ke emisitswe ke sa di fetsa. O kile wa bona *primary schools* tse pedi *being headed by one Head Teacher?* Mo kgaolong e e ka kwano e, *one Head Teacher is heading primary schools* tse pedi, ke seemo sa Okavango East. *There are three Head Teachers, who have been paired with two schools each*. Jaanong mathata a a tlang, maloba ba a nteletsa ba re *we cannot register standard 7* gompiano gore ba kwale, *because they need a Head Teacher; and the Head Teacher* o kwa sekoleng se sengwe. Ba mo raya ba re *we cannot register the same Head Teacher twice*, jaanong bana ba sekole ga ba na go kwala *exam* ya *standard 7*. O bona mathata a re nang le one, *so* a re tsibogele dikgang tse di tshwanang le tse bakaulengwe. Go na le dikgaolo dingwe tse di tshwanang le Gudigwa, *which the primary school results are 13.5 per cent*, a re tsibogeleng dikgang tseo.

Tota *my deliberation* e ne e le ya gore *Minister* pele ga a tobetsa madi a gagwe, kopo ya rona e ne e le nngwe fela kwa Okavango ya go kopa tsela. Tse dingwe tse *you will solve*, re tshepha gore le bašha le tlaa di tsibogela. Ya tsela re a leboga, fa e ka dirwa le rona ra itumela *it will unlock the problems* tsa kgaolo ele.

Ke a leboga bakaulengwe. Ke supe gore *the Budget Speech* ke a e amogela, le fa ke sa e amogele sentle. Re tlaa bona gore e tsamaisiwa jang, re tlaa le sala morago. Ke a leboga.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Applause!)

MR PULE: *Procedure. Madam Speaker*, ke sebetse se molangwana ka tota ke tlotla Ntlo e. Ke la ntlha ke bona *with my experience* ya *the five years* tse di fetileng ke ntse ke le mo, ke bona Puso go buiwa ka *Budget Speech*, e seyo mo Palamenteng. Ga ke itse gore a golo mo ga go go tshwenye *Madam Speaker*, *because if you look at it all Ministers are not here, including the Minister of Finance*. Jaanong ga re itse gore re bua le bomang. Kana *this is a very serious discussion*, e e batlang gore Matona a ba a le fa ba botlhe ba reeditse, ka gore fa re tswa fa re a go tseno mo Committee of Supply e ba tlaabong ba tshwanelwa ke gore dilo dingwe ba di tsibogele. Jaanong ga ke itse gore a ba re tsaya tsia, nna ke tlhabiwa ke ditlhong ka gore...

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR MOTSAMAI):

Order. Motlotlegi *Speaker*, Motlotlegi Mabuse Pule ga a bolelele setšhaba boammaaruri, ga ke itse gore rona ba re fa ba re bantsintsi ba re tletseng ka Palamente Matona, o re bitsa eng a re ga re yo gotlhelele ba re reeditseng. Ke go leka go re senya leina. Nako e ke neng ke le mo Palamenteng ya 12th *Parliament*, go ne go sala Matona a BDP ba le *two* ka monwana, go sena le kwa ba ileng teng. Ba rona ba bangwe ba kwa mafatsheng, ba bangwe ba mo dikomiting...

MADAM SPEAKER: Order! Honourable Motsamai, *ke a go utlwa*. I wanted to say something to Honourable Mabuse Pule, to say, saying *ga go na* Ministers in the House *ga se gone*, unless you were talking about maybe Leader of the House of which maybe *le ene o ka tswa a tswetse kwa ntle*. But saying *ga go na batho ba Puso*, I think *ga se gone* sir.

MR MOTAOSANE: Point of order Madam Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: Nnyaa betsho, ke kopa re tshwareng nako. *If you are going to talk about issue yone e ke ntseng ke e rule, am I going to go fela jalo kana ke reng Honourable Motaosane?*

MR MOTAOSANE: Ee mma, ntheetsa motho wa ka. Go gobedi; go na le pharologanyo ya gore gotwe Matona a ka tswa a ne a seyo kana a le teng, *but the issue that we are debating* e tlhoka gore *either the Minister of Finance or the Leader of the House, unless* a supile mongwe yo e leng gore ke ene a mo tselang *notes*, go ka bo go utlwala. Jaanong kgang tota *is a concern* ya gore gone mme *how is the Minister going to respond* fa go sena yo o mo tseetseng dikgang. Ke raya gore ga se ka lepe fela. *We are thinking* go na le *Minister* ba bangwe, e seng bo Motsamai.

MADAM SPEAKER: Point taken Honourable Motaosane. It is noted by all the Ministers *ba ba fa*. They are not just here for themselves, they are also listening. *Ke tsaya gore e o e buang ba tlaa bua le* the relevant Ministers. Thank you.

Leader of the House *ke yo o a tsena yo*. Like I said, *o ka tswa a ne a tswetse kwa ntle* like anybody. Continue Kamal Jacobs.

MR MOTSAMAI: Madam Speaker...

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Motsamai, please.

MR MOTSAMAI: Nnyaa, ke ne ke re o *call* Rre...

MADAM SPEAKER: Hei batho ba Modimo!

MR MOTSAMAI: Ke ne ke re o *call* Rre Motaosane...

MR JACOBS (LOBATSE): Madam Speaker, *nako e a tsamaya*.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable continue.

MR MOTSAMAI: Call Motaosane to order, *reetsa gore a reng*.

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Motsamai, please switch off your microphone and sit down.

MR JACOBS: Rre Motsamai, nako e ke ya me rra.

MR MOTSAMAI: Honourable Motaosane ga a ka ke a ntlhapatsa o le teng *Madam Speaker*, o bo o re ke didimale.

MADAM SPEAKER: A go tlhapatsa a reng Honourable Motsamai?

MR MOTSAMAI: Ee, mma ke go bolelele gore a reng.

MADAM SPEAKER: Hee batho!

MR MOTSAMAI: Fa a bua ka Matona, a bo a wela a re, o bua ka Matona, ga a bue ka bo Motsamai. Ke tlhophilwe go nna Tona *legitimately*. Ga ke tlhoke gore a *endorse* ene gore ke nne Tona ya lefatshe la Botswana. O a nkutlwa?

MADAM SPEAKER: Ee, *thank you Honourable Motsamai*, ga ke a e utlwa eo Fa a wela, ke ka bo ke mo kgalemetse.

MR MOTAOSANE: *Correction Madam Speaker. It cannot go* e ntse jaana Honourable Motsamai a e bua.

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Motaosane, *I think* le batla gore jaanong ke supe mebala ya me. *No...*

MR MOTAOSANE: *No*, o ka itshupa...

MADAM SPEAKER: O supilwe ke mang gore o bue Honourable Motaosane?

MR MOTAOSANE: Madam Speaker, the Honourable Member...

MADAM SPEAKER: *Honourable* Motaosane, o supilwe ke mang gore o bue?

MR MOTAOSANE: Honourable Member is imputing improper motives.

MADAM SPEAKER: *Honourable* Motaosane, o supilwe ke mang gore o bue?

MR MOTAOSANE: I am standing on a point of order.

MADAM SPEAKER: O supilwe ke mang gore o bue?

MR JACOBS: Hei Motaosane! Ke nako ya me nna fa fatshe rra.

MR MOTAOSANE: I am standing on a point of order.

MADAM SPEAKER: *Honourable* Motaosane, o supilwe ke mang gore o bue?

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Mo kobe.

MR JACOBS: Bagaetsho, ke a leboga. Dikgang tsa me di di ntsi mme batho ba batla go nkutlwa.

MR MOTAOSANE: Point of order Madam Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: I am not going to allow you.

MR MOTAOSANE: Madam Speaker, *jaanong o batla gore ke bue fela ka gore* the Honourable Member *ga go diriwe jalo*. Madam Speaker, I am standing on a point of order as per the Standing Order. Give me a chance *o nkutlwe*.

MADAM SPEAKER: I am not going to allow you because you have been speaking without my permission.

MR MOTAOSANE: *Nnyaa*, you allowed him without your permission.

MR JACOBS: *Rre* Motaosane, it is not fair. I am on the podium now.

MR MOTAOSANE: Ikettle pele.

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Jacobs, can you switch off your microphone?

MR MOTAOSANE: Point of order.

MADAM SPEAKER: Can you switch off your microphone Honourable Jacobs, first.

MR MOTAOSANE: Point of order Madam Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: No, no, you are not going to speak.

MR MOTAOSANE: If am not going to speak Madam Speaker, *kana jaanong o tlaa emisa Palamente ka gore*, I wish to clear my name.

MADAM SPEAKER: *Go raya gore o re sutele* because now you are rendering the House out of control.

MR MOTAOSANE: *Madam Speaker*, re tseye ka tekatekanyo.

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Motaosane!

MR MOTAOSANE: Re tseye ka tekatekanyo.

MADAM SPEAKER: *You cannot*. Ke kopa gore o re sutele *sir*.

MR MOTAOSANE: Ke kopa o re tseye ka tekatekanyo.

MADAM SPEAKER: Can you please go out.

MR MOTAOSANE: You want me to go out, I will go, but Motsamai *se nne a se bua ga se boammaruri*.

MADAM SPEAKER: Can you go out? You are going to go out Honourable Motaosane. Sergeant-at-Arms, can you take *Rre* Motaosane out.

MR MOTAOSANE: Then I will take that *jaaka tsamaiso...*

MADAM SPEAKER: *Rre* Motaosane, you are going to go out.

MR MOTAOSANE: *The way* ka fa a ipuelelang ka teng o bo o mo letlelela.

MADAM SPEAKER: Sergeant-at-Arms, can you take *Rre* Motaosane out, he is disturbing. He should just go out.

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

...Silence...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ke Fours efe, e fa ... (inaudible)...

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

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Kamal Jacobs, can you start on deliberations.

MR JACOBS: *Ke a leboga* Madam Speaker. People of Lobatse and Batswana at large, I greet you all *ka pula!*

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: Pula!

MR JACOBS: Madam Speaker, let me take this opportunity for participating in the budget proposal for 2025/2026 financial year. As you are aware, the budget presented by the Minister of Finance, Honourable Ndaba Nkosinathi Gaolathe, is not the final budget but a proposal that we should scrutinise and approve.

Madam Speaker, the Minister in his introduction, he stated clearly about the surge of misuse of public funds for personal gain, that has led this country to deteriorate in scoring on the Corruption Perception Index. The Minister did not state on how the individuals linked to these corruption crimes are going to be dealt with. My belief is that, if the Minister has managed to reveal these individuals, then these people must face the wrath of the law. That is how the current administration will not fall into the same trap as the previous administration.

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

MR JACOBS: Madam Speaker, I stand by the new administration in reviewing the National Policy on Disaster Management of 1996. Madam Speaker, on the other hand, I stand by the idea of revising and approving the Draft National Anti-Corruption Policy.

Madam Speaker, building an inclusive deep and progressive economy, halting financial hemorrhaging in Government is long overdue. The correction indeed needed immediate attention. Many Batswana businesses have closed down or went into bankruptcy because of the past regime, public financial management systems. The businesses were given Government Purchase Order (GPOs) but when it comes to payment, they were told the Government Accounting and Budgeting System (GABS) system is down. The one million question used to be asked, how can a GPO be processed without money on the vote? The system was designed in such a way that if the vote is depleted, you cannot raise a GPO?

Strengthening the oversight institutions; Madam Speaker, under strengthening the oversight institution,

I totally agree with the Minister, but something comes across my mind that if you are going to use the same personnel, I doubt if the new administration will be able to achieve the growth it set. *A seme se lele rraetsho.*

Private sector and society; Madam Speaker, under private sector and society, I totally agree with you because only a few individuals enjoyed these opportunities. They dominated the market and turned it into a monopoly which indeed exposes the inefficiencies in the market. Currently we cannot differentiate between supermarkets, wholesalers, retailers since these businesses are owned by one individual. The only thing that they do is change the names regularly.

State-Owned Enterprises (SOE) Madam Speaker; I urge the Minister not to hesitate transforming the SOEs into high performing organisations. For example, Botswana Meat Commission (BMC) used to perform very well and deliver its mandate. Currently, BMC is a disaster, but the Government keeps pumping funds into it. We do not know what is happening. At some point the Government should take a bold decision by firing the top management at BMC. It is the only way, the incoming new management will know what they are being employed for; that is, to deliver. If there should be progress in our parastatals, then delivery should be a goal.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification *tsala yame, ke nna red machine.*

MR JACOBS: *Mpha sebaka ke bue, o tlaa ipuelelela go tswa foo mongwame.*

Madam Speaker, under the Initial Tangible Steps of Change, I want to emphasize on manufacturing especially on the mills that can produce textiles. When you look at our neighbour South Africa, they produce locally-made uniforms. How can we achieve this if we are still importing fabrics from Japan, China and elsewhere?

As a country, we have to take a bold decision to establish such kind of mills so that our police force, the Botswana Defence Force (BDF), the hospitals, the retailer, the schools and the construction companies can purely originally source uniforms locally in Botswana.

Under Housing Madam Speaker, let the new administration come with ideas of contracting high

straddle buildings. These kind of buildings are not only for the high-class, but they can help to accommodate many families especially where there is no land. Instead of constructing one house in a plot of 500 square metres, you can build a high storey building that can accommodate four families and many more. In that way, our people in no time, will be having houses.

The rate at which the people of Botswana are trading with the mindset of old ages, we will soon have no land to build houses for the future generation.

The financial year budget proposal; Madam Speaker, let me take this moment to thank the Minister of Finance for outlining the financial year proposal.

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Ministry for State President

Madam Speaker; I am happy that the special constables will be absorbed into the police service. I also hope that the Community Policing Volunteers will be adsorbed into this initiative. They similarly deserve a permanent employment also.

Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Affairs; Madam Speaker the proposal budget also caters for food for primary schools, and my concern here is the type of food provided to our primary schools. For decades now, the community has been complaining about the meal that is provided at these schools since it is not similar to those of junior and senior secondary schools. I wonder if any thought was put into making the budget proposal Madam Speaker. We are happy that you stood by the Old Age Pension promise even though it is not the proposed P1 800. I believe it will increase in the next financial budget. Our parents have already made a budget for the P1 800 and they were hoping for back pays, but it is what it is Madam Speaker; *fa go se na madi mo kgetsing go tlaa tweng*.

Madam Speaker, I am also happy for the New Born Allowances *tsa* maP300 which my new born baby will be one of these beneficiaries.

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

MR JACOBS: Madam Speaker, I welcome the transfer of primary health to Local Government. It clearly appears like when clinics were transferred to

Central Government, they were given ambulances, but currently these ambulances are nowhere to be found ... (Interruptions)...

Our Development Budget; Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure; Madam Speaker, I looked into it with bigger interest here to check if Phase 2 Gaborone/Lobatse dual carriage is included. I must say I am not impressed because by the time Phase 2 is going to be developed, Phase 1 will be destroyed already by these rains. We must re-think our approach to the development of the Phase 2 dual carriage.

Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Affairs - Madam Speaker under this ministry, we stated that the budget is catered for Tribal Administration. I hope Motswedi Kgotla in Thema is included because it was budgeted for in National Development Plan (NDP) 12.

Madam Speaker, again, I realise Ministry of Health was not catered for, of which I thought I will find our Athlone Hospital which has long been overdue for maintenance or upgrade.

As I said earlier during the State of the Nation Address (SONA) Athlone Hospital needs immediate attention. It cannot be seen as a referral hospital because of its state now. Remember Athlone Hospital is a multi-constituency referral hospital and it accommodate the entire nation, but the hospital is very old and dilapidated. It caters for over 100 000 patients annually in the Southern side of Botswana.

Madam Speaker, note that the technical assessment examination was done at Sbrana Psychiatric Hospital. As per the examination report, Sbrana Psychiatric Hospital does not fully meet the international psychiatric standards. However, the notion and option for switching Sbrana and Athlone Hospitals should be erased from our minds. Both Sbrana and Athlone are on risky setups and status. For now Madam Speaker, the Government must deliver its decade promise; the promise of building a new hospital in Lobatse, a promise of the century. Lobatse needs a new hospital, and it should be part of the Financial Year 2025/2026. Madam Speaker, the Vice President, Mr President and the people of Lobatse are part of the multitude that voted us in power. Let us not forget that.

Madam Speaker, under public expenditure efficiency, I totally agree with the Minister of Finance and the Local Authorities. We can adopt proactive approaches to maximise the diversified revenue streams. It is time that the Local Authorities are included in the Constitution rather than to be left in the hands of the Minister of Local Government for them to be autonomous. That needs a serious revamp in that way. The communities will be able to pay their service levies and rates with the understanding that the revenue collected are for their development. Currently, it is difficult as they depend on the Minister to approve any idea they want to employ, hence the dependency on revenue support grant.

Madam Speaker, under Public Finance Management Reform, I agree with the Minister of Finance that the maintenance can be done by the brigades, but the installation of water and electricity meters in all BDF, police and prisons housing to reduce subsidy, I feel the initiative is going to affect the works and morale of the police and the army itself, that they were fully subsidised and assisted because of their low salaries.

Total expenditure and lending; Madam Speaker, according to the budget, total expenditure and net lending is estimated at P97.61 billion. Of this recurrent expenditure, it is projected at P72.61 billion while development is estimated at P23.75 billion, with net lending at a P142.1 million. This shows that our country is a consuming country compared to a development orientated country. Let there be budget allocations for more developments in the budget of the year 2025/2026.

Statutory expenditure Madam Speaker, I realised that the statutory expenditure is budgeted at P22.70 billion, which resulted in a decrease of P2.76 billion or 10.8 per cent decrease to 2024/2025. It gives us hope that there is light beyond the tunnel as it shows that it can keep decreasing.

Development Budget; Madam Speaker, the Development Budget shows a decline of P6.32 billion or 21.02 per cent which I appreciate though it has negatively affected our dreams. We have promised our people that the new management would bring a new development but looking at the budget, there is not much development to be carried out in this financial year. I expect the following developments to be included; Milk Afric, servicing of Lobatse evergreen plots that await allocation and

completion, and two football pitches at Lobatse Sport Complex to meet the Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) standard, and finally the construction of Institute of Health Science (HIS) and health workers' houses in Lobatse which were part of the National Development Plan (NDP) 12. Nevertheless, I appreciate a development project revised for Lobatse Constituency scheduled in this budget proposal. P193 million for the Leather Park development compared to the P373 million for NDP 12, and the P15 million for BMC development compared to the P230 from the NDP 12. I thank this Honourable House and its Members, and I thank you Madam Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Members from the ruling party, I understand that Bagaisamang is supposed to come in or Honourable Khan. Where is Honourable Khan? Honourable Whip, can you advise.

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

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Bagaisamang, I am looking at you.

MR BARONGWANG: *Procedure.* Ke a leboga Madam Speaker. Ke ne ke ikopela a health break ka gore seemo se re mo go sone o kare go molelo fa re leng teng. Seemo sa bosa o kare ga se a re ema sentle. Re ne re kopa 15/10 minutes health break. Ke a kopa.

MADAM SPEAKER: *Nnyaa* I would not accept because looking at the time, kana Honourable Members re tswa fa ka seven. *Go okeditswe nako* because we felt *le bantsi le batla go akgela. Ka fa go ntseng ka teng* I do not know *gore go raya eng* amongst you. You cannot be going for a health break...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification Madam Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: *Nnyaa* Jacobs, switch off your microphone (mic). Honourable Bagaisamang.

MR BAGAISAMANG (SHOSHONG): *Thank you Madam Speaker.* Le fa ke ne ke sa ipaakanyetsa go akgela gompieno, ka fa ke neng ke rulagantse ka teng. Mma ke tseye nako e ke dumedise bathophi ba Kgaolo ya me ya Shoshong yotlhe ka bophara. Ke bo ke leboge Modimo gore a bo a le babaletse batlotlegi gore le bo le boile kwa malatsing a Nnibijara. Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa

Palamente, mma la ntlha ke leboge Mothusa Tautona e bile e le Tona wa Madi Rraetsho Ndaba Gaolathe ka pego e a re e beileng fa, e e nonneng fa re lebeletse fa re tsamayang teng. Ke leboge thatathata nako e a e tsereng go rulaganya pego eo. O tlaa gakologelwa Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, gore Tona Rre Gaolathe o ne a le dikgwedi di le kwa tlase ga bone. Go tsamaelana le ene Goromente wa letsatsi e leng wa Umbrella for Democratic Change, le ene fela jalo o mo Pusong ka fa tlase ga dikgwedi tse nne. Go botlhokwa gore dilo tse re di beye fa pele ga batho ba di tlhologanye, ba di utlwisise, ba se ka ba itewa tsebe ke diphefo tse di fokang re sa itse kwa di fokelang teng, go tsamaelana le ka fa Mothusa Tautona a neng a re baya pego ka teng. Re tshwanetse gore rotlhe re amogele gore...

MR MOALOSI: *Point of order Honourable Speaker.* O kare re a tlhabela fa.

MADAM SPEAKER: Let the Clerks check. Thank you Honourable Moalosi.

...Silence...

MR BAGAISAMANG: Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke ne ke santse ke supa gore pego ya ga Mothusa Tautona e goroga jaana le go baya dibeke re ise re di beye fa fatshe. Go a leboga gore bangwe ba batla go itaya Batswana tsebe ka fa ba batlang go ithatisa batho ka teng mme go na le tse di molemo tse di supang tota fa re le Goromente yo mosha, re tlhoafaletse go bona matshelo a Batswana a fetoga, go tsamaelana le ka fa re neng re ipapatsa ka teng. Ke rata ke leboge gore mo sekgwameng se se tshonng, se se phaphaletseng se re se fitlhetseng, Mothusa Tautona o lekile go bona gore mme dingwe tse re lemogang fa di ka tokafatsa matshelo a batho ba rona kwa dikgaolong, go le botlhokwa gore go nne le motlhala wa kgang go bona gore di a diragadiwa gore go tle go supafale gore jaaka Dr Gobotswang a supa, *we are hitting the ground running*. Kwa kgaolong e ke tswang kwa go yone go mogolokwane ka gore bone ke ne ke ntse ke ba tlhaloseditse, ke tla kwano jaana ke ntse ke ba boleletse gore ga gona madi, lefatshe le tshonne mme se se botlhokwa ke gore rona jaaka re le Goromente jaana, gore a bangwe ba omeleditse sekgwama, moo ga se bothata jwa batlhophi ba rona, ke jwa rona mme ba re fe nako ya go bona gore re ya go baakanya dilo ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Kwa kgaolong e ke tswang kwa go

yone, ba itumeletse, go megolokwane gore P1, 400.00 o gorogile, ba mo amogetse *under* seemo se se ntseng jaana sa itsholelo. Ba lebogile thata gore ka fa tlase ga maemo a itsholelo e e ntseng jaana, Puso e bone go le maleba gore go nna jalo. E bile ba gakolotse gore re se ka ra itewa tsebe ke dipuo tse di buegang kwa thoko. Ba na le tumelo ya gore P1800.00 e tlaa re re ya go tsena kwa 2029 a bo a gorogile ka gore ke basupi ba gore lefatshe ga le na madi. Le bone ba mpoletse gore ba sale ba kolotiwa diapole ka *April* ke Puso e e fetileng, go supa gore lefatshe le tshonne. Ba leboga Puso gore *under these economic conditions* e bo e tsere tshwetso ya gore e okeletse bagodi madi e nne P1, 400.00. Jaanong yo o nang le ngongorego ya gore ga re dire sepe a itse gore batlhophi ba mo lebile ka leitlho le le ntshotsho.

Ke supe gore kwa kgaolong e ke tswang kwa go yone ba lebogile thata, ba lebogetse P300.00 yo re neng re dumalane le bone gore re ya go tlhokomela bana go fithelela ba nna mo dingwageng tse di rileng. Re dumalane gore seemo sa itsholelo ga se letle gore re ka ya teng gone koo. Jaaka Mothusa Tautona a ne a supa fa gore e tlaa re fa seemo sa itsholelo se ntse se tokafala, mananeo a rona re bone gore re a tsenya jang mo tirisong go lebagana le one a maP300.00 a bana ba ba tlhokomelwang *at birth* go ya go tsena ba le 12 *months*. Kwa kgaolong re letsa megolokwane, re a leboga ka maiteko a Goromente wa UDC.

Ke rata ke supe gore ke ne ke reeditse bakaulengwe fa ba ntse ba *deliberate* ba ntse ba akgela, ba kgala thata ka fa UDC e palelwang ka teng. Gatwe e tshwere 3 *out of 12*. Ke batla gore ke supe jaaka ke ne ke supa kwa diphuthegong tsa Kgotla tse ke di tshwereng kwa kgaolong ya batlhophi ya Shoshong gore re Goromente yo e leng gore re ya go ikamanya thata le go sala tsamaiso ya molao morago. *We are human rights based Government*. Fa re le Goromente yo o tlotlang thata a bo a lemoga ditshwanelo tsa batho, ga go na jaaka re ka dira dilo re ikgatholosa ditshwanelo tsa batho. Ke utlwa thata o kare bakaulengwe ka kwa, ke ntse ke supa gore re mo dikgweding tse *four* re le mo Pusong, ba re re tlole tsamaiso ya molao, re bo re gatake ditshwanelo tsa batho ka dinao. Ga re ye go dira ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. Ke dumela gore bakaulengwe jaaka ba le ka fale, ba a itse gore Goromente wa letsatsi wa gompiono o tsamaisiwa ka melao e e setseng e bodile e na le 58 *years* ka fa tlase ga Puso ya ga Domkrag. Jaaka re le

Puso e e ikamantseng le go sala puso ya batho ka batho morago, re ya go bona gore melao e e a fetolwa re e baya mo seelong se e leng gore rona re le UDC re a se batla. Re ya go dira jalo go setswe tsamaiso ya molao morago. Batswana ba se ka ba itewa tsebe ke dipuo tse di buiwang.

Ke leboegele pego ya ga Mothusa Tautona. Ke leboegele *projects* tse pedi tse di ka fa tlase ga Transitional National Development Plan (TNDP). Nngwe ya tsone ke *project* ya kago ya sepatela kwa kgaolong ya Shoshong. Go botlhokwa thata ka gore kgaolo ya Shoshong jaaka ke ne ke bua batho betsho *is almost equivalent to the Kingdom of Lesotho*. Re leboege gore sepatela seo go a supafala gore se tlaa ya go tswela ka fa Tona wa Madi a tlhalositseng ka teng. Ke legofi kwa kgaolong ya Shoshong gore sepatela seo fa se ka dirwa, re dumela gore se tlaa tlisa pharologanyo e e bonalang ka gore batho ba kgaolo yame ba tswa kwa ba ntse ba sokola dingwaga tse tsotlhe. Ke bo ke leboege le tsela e ntseng Tona fa a e supa gore e mo togamaanong ya gore e ya go dirwa. Re sale re leletse thata go utlwa gore tsela e go tsamaya fa kae ka yone ya Dibete-Otse.

Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke supe gore Tona wa Madi o buile thata mo pegong ya gagwe ka madi a a yang go a tsenya thata mo Lephatheng la Thuto. Ke supe gore ke dumela gore Tona yo o lebaneng wa Lephata la Thuto o tlaa sheba ka leitlho le le ntšhontšho kgaolo ya Shoshong. Ke na le seemo ka fa kgaolong ka fale, segolo jang se se amanang le boroko jwa barutabana. Fa ke ka go bolelela jaana Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke na le motse o o bidiwang gotwe Poloka fela fa o tswa fa Dibete fa. Kwa motseng o wa Poloka ke na le badiredi ba sekole ba le masome a mabedi le bobedi fa ke sa fose. Mo go bone jaaka o bona ba ntse jaana ba ba dirang mo sekoleng, ba nna mo matlong a le *four*. *There are only four staff houses* kwa Poloka. Ke gore mogokgo *shares* le ba bangwe ba le bararo mo LA2, bale le bone ba le mo thulaganyong e e ntseng jalo, bale bone ka thulaganyo e e ntseng jalo. Ke seemo se e leng gore se ngomola pelo, se ama mo go tlhoafetseng. Badiredi ga ba na sephiri, ga ba a phuthologa. E bile se bo se ama le maduo a bana ka gore go ama le *the level of productivity* ya bone batho ba. Ga se bone fela, kgaolo yotlhe ya me go botlhoko thata mo Lephatheng la Thuto. Jaaka ke bua jaana, ke a lela, ke a kopa kwa Lephatheng la Thuto gore kgaolo yame ga e na *junior secondary*

school. Jaaka o bona mogolole Rraetsho Gobotswang a ntebile jaana, ke mo pitagantse kwa kgaolong ya gagwe. Bongwanake botlhe mo kgaolong ya Shoshong ba ile majako, ba jaka thuto e kgo lwane ya *junior secondary* kwa dikgaolong di sele; kwa kgaolong ya Mahalapye East le kwa dikgaolong tsa Tswapong. Ba tsena kwa Lecheng, Maunatlala, Ramokgonami, Kudumatse le Dikgatlhong.

DR DOW: *Clarification Madam Speaker. Thank you very much Madam Speaker. Ke a leboga mokaulengwe for your generosity by yielding. Ke re ke botse gore mme fa o lebile budget jaaka re e bona gompiano, o lebile plan le gone se re tlileng go se fund in the next financial year; a o a se bona sekole mo teng? Keletso ya gago le se o se bonang fela mo dipampiring tse di fa pele ga gago, a se kwadilwe golo gongwe gore se etla?*

MR BAGAISAMANG: *Thank you Honourable Dow. Ke lebogela kopo tlhaloso eo. Se se diragalang ke gore mo the budget under review that we are to approve, ga go na fa sekole seo se bonalang teng ka gore Goromente yo o fetileng o sale a ikgatholositse go ka araba selelo se sa rona. Rona jaaka re le Goromente yo mošha, ke a dumela mokaulengwe re ya go tlhomamisa gore mo plan e e tlang ya NDP 12 bogolo ka gore ke na le junior secondary schools tse pedi, ke tsenyediwe boarding facilities mo go tsone e le priority 1, number 2 e le go agelwa another boarding facility. Ke a dumela gore Goromente yo ke leng mo go ene, yo ke busang nae o tlaa reetsa selelo se sa me se ka gore ga go a nna sentle, bongwanake ba jaka thuto kwa dikgaolong tsa Tswapong. Ba tswa kwa dikgaolong tse Goromente wa Domkrag a di fileng leina a re ke tsa tennyanteng. Mo go rayang gore jaanong kana bana fa ba fetsa mo junior schools, go raya gore ba ntse ba tswela kwa pele ba ya go tsena secondary schools kwa bo Moeng, Palapye kwa bo Lotsane. Ke gore jaanong ba a re latlhegela. Golo mo go bo go raya gore batsadi fela generally ga ba nne le kamano le thuto ya bana mo tsamaong ya nako. Bana ba ba tsena kwa Moralane, ba bangwe ba jaka thuto kwa kgaolong ya ga Rre Lesedi Leepetswe kwa Moiabana kwa Mothamo, mo e leng gore ga go a nna sentle gotlhelele Tona yo o lebaneng.*

Fela jaaka o utlwa Palamente e lela jaana, dikole tsotlhe ke makgasa, ke matanta. Re a lemoga gore golo fa go nnile le go tlhoka go dira dilo ka kebelele *in the last*

58 years. Mo go tlaa rayang gore re le Goromente wa UDC re itsolopanye re ye go bona gore diemo tse re di baakanya ka tsela e e ntseng jang *in the five-year period* e re e filweng e Batswana ba santseng ba re adimile yone. Ke dumela gore bakaulengwe ka kwa rona le bone re ne re le mmogo re tlhasetse, ba goga Domkrag ka fa re e goga ka fa.

Re dumela gore ba tshwanetse gore ba tle ba re thuse gompiano ka maano a a ka tsayang lefatshe le a le isa kwa pele. Go na le kgang e gotweng ga re a bua boammaaruri, re itatotse maikano a rona. Batho betsho go boammaaruri gore ga re a fitlhelela dilo tsa rona kana jaaka e ne e le tsholofelo Mothusa Tautona ga a akaretsa dilo tsotlhe tse le neng le solofetse gore o ka di akaretsa. O kare bangwe ba re re jele semenogane gatwe re ne re di bua dilo tse re re di tsaya mo go eng. Gatwe a re ne re sa lebelela madi a Banka ya Botswana gore go a reng.

Ke batla ke tlhalosetse Batswana fela jaaka ke ne ke tlhalosetsa ba Kgaolo ya Shoshong. Re ne re le mo lebelong la ditlhopho, re na le batho ba ba tshwereng sepatšhe ba ba neng ba tletse go tlhoka boammaaruri. Re ne re baya maitlamo le maikemisetso a rona fa pele ga rona, go ne go tabogilwe jaaka *Honourable* Wynter Mmolotsi a bua, go tletswe naga, go dirwa *ground breaking* letsatsi le letsatsi, gongwe le gongwe. Go bo go re raya gore madi a teng kwa Domkrag, gore a Tona wa Madi o ne a tsile fa a tla a bua, re ne re sa itse boammaaruri jwa seo ka gore Goromente yo o neng a le teng, o ne a sena boammaaruri mo Batswaneng.

Golo mo go tshwanetse gore go tsene mo bathong. Mokaulengwe ke ntse ke utlwa fale *contradicting* LOO a re ga re ka ke ra tla go lela fa re re lefatshe ga le na madi. Kwa *Manifesto* wa BCP ba ne ba supa gore ba ya go aga itsholelo ka gore ga go na madi. LOO o tlhalositse fa a re e rile fa re dira maitlamo a rona re bo re re re ya go aga itsholelo, lona le bo le re le ya go neela batho P1 800. Re ne re dira le Goromente yo o *very unpredictable and very disloyal*. Jaanong *we based on* ka fa re neng re bona a dira ka teng re bo re re go raya gore Goromente yo madi a teng. Fa o bona batho ba ya go dira *ground breaking* le kwa Dikwididi, go bo go tsenngwa le dipone mo *gravel*...

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

MR BAGAISAMANG: Go ne go re raya gore madi a teng, re bo re re pharologanyo ya rona le bakaulengwe ke gore *their priorities are misplaced*, rona fa re fiwa boikarabelo ra re re ya go dira jaana, P2, 500 wa bana ba sekole, P1, 800 wa bagodi. Mo ke gone mo go ka rarabololang seemo sa gompiano sa ka fa re bonang go ntse ka teng. Jaanong Batswana ba tshwanetse gore ba itse gore re gorogile jang mo thulaganyong ya gore re bo re beile maitlamo a rona jaaka re ne re a beile. Ke a tlhomamisa ke fano gompiano ke le mo Pusong, re ya go tswela re dira dilo tse re bo re tlhomamisa gore *in the next five years*, dilo tse di tlaabo di diragetse ka gore Goromente wa rona, Mothusa Tautona, Tautona le Matona a a latofadiwang a ntse a le teng a, ga go na ope wa bone yo o robalang. *We have mandated them* gore ba tsamaye, ba ye go re batlela madi a a ka tlang a *fulfil promises* tsa UDC.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR BAGAISAMANG: Ke tlaa go neela go setse *five minutes* mokaulengwe. Ehe, ke Furniture? O tlaa tla o tlhabologa nnaka o sena go nna o reka *furniture*.

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

MR BAGAISAMANG: Jaanong ke tsone tse re neng re re re a di bua tsone tse batho betsho. Jaanong re tshwanetse gore re bo re le fano, re lemoge gore re fitlhetse sekgwama se phaphaletse. Kwa kgaolong e ke tswang kwa go yone, ke ne ke ba bolelela gore ba re itshwarele ka gore re ne re bona ntlo e tshweu e galalela re re go raya gore sengwe le sengwe se siame mo teng. Fa re tsena mo teng, re fitlhela e le gore le fa fatshe bodilo ga bo a tsenngwa *cement*. E le *the status* sa itsholelo ka fa re se boneng ka teng. Re a leboga, re leboge thata gore Batswana ba re file tshepho, re leboge Mothusa Tautona gore mo nakong e khutshwane a sena go nna a fiwa boikarabelo jwa go nna Tona wa Madi, a bo a ya go tla ka *budget* e e ntseng jaana. Le ka fa a supileng ditshetlana tsa go ya go lwantsha metswedi yotlhe e e leng gore madi a rona a nyelelela mo go yone. Re a di leboga thata, *it is a great progress and we are going to assist Minister* le Puso go bona gore thulaganyo eo e a dirwa. Ditsela tsa gore go tsamaiwe kwa bathong ba e leng gore go a kgethisiwa. Re a bona dishopo mo tsa batho ba ba gwebang mono gore *tax*... le wena o tlaa fela jaana ke le mosupi, le yone sutu e ke tswang go e

reka e, ke bone ke e reka fela a bo e bile gotwe o dire *e-wallet* go se ka ga kwalwa.

Ka bona gore metswedi e ke yone e Mothusa Tautona a buang ka yone e e leng gore ga go na lekgetho la rona le e leng le a ...Dilo tse ga di ka ke tsa bewa o kare ke rona. Re di lemogela gore re ye go baakanya diphoso tse di saleng di dirwa ke ba ba ntseng ba le mo Pusong *in the last 58 years*.

Go na le dikgang tsa tshenyetso-setšhaba jaaka bakaulengwe ba supa fa, gore go na le batho ba re dumelang gore gongwe ba bangwe ba dumela gore ba ka bo ba setse ba kobilwe ka gore ba amanngwa le tshenyetso-setšhaba. Batho betsho jaaka ke supa, ga re ka ke ra dira sepe re sa sala tsamaiso morago. Batho botlhe ba re dumelang gore ba ka bo ba kobilwe letsatsi la gompiano, re tshwanetse go gakologelwa gore ba fa ba leng teng ka gore ba ne ba hirilwe ka tumalano le mohiri. Re tshwanetse go ya go ba ntsha re setse tsamaiso morago, e e ba beileng teng gone foo. Ga re batle go iphitlhela re le Goromente yo e leng gore kamoso re tlaabo re na le dikgang tse di seng kana ka sepe kwa makgotlatshekelong tse Goromente a yang go latlhegelwa ke madi mo go tsone ka gore ga a sala ditsamaiso tsa khiri morago go ntsha ba re ba belaelang gore ba ka tswa ba le dinalanyana ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. *I can yield for you Honourable Furniture.*

MR FURNITURE: *Clarification.* Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker.* Nte ke go leboga *Honourable Member of Parliament (MP).* Ke batla *clarity* mo go tse o neng o bua ka tsone tsa ditsholofetso gore le fitlhetsa Ntlo e bile e sa dilwa fa fatshe. Ga ke itse gore gone mme lona le le Phathi ya UDC, le ne le na le baitseanape ba ba neng ba le thusa go dira ditshekatsheko tsa gore mme itsholelo e fa kae, fa le tsena le ya go e fitlhela e le fa kae, fa le dira ditsholofetso. Kana Batswana ba le neetse Pusong ba setse morago ditsholofetso tse le neng le di ba baya pele. Jaanong ditshekatsheko tsa lona di ne di le raya di reng? Fa o re le ne le bona ba tsamaya ba dira *groundbreaking* le lebile ba *next door* ba Domkrag tse ba neng ba di dira. Ga ke dumele gore o ka tsaya tshwetso ka gore o bona motho *next door* gore o rekile koloi le wena o bo o ya go reka koloi. O tshwanetse gore wena o bo o dirile tshekatsheko ya itsholelo ya mo lelwapeng la gago gore a mme e a go letla gore o ka reka koloi.

MR BAGAISAMANG: Ke a leboga *Honourable Furniture.* Rraetsho, re sale re dira ditshekatsheko ka 2019, tse di neng di dirwa ke LOO, Rraetsho Dumelang Saleshando tsa gore itsholelo ya lefatshe le e ka goroga gone foo. *Manifesto* wa rona wa 2024 *was just a duplicate* ya 2019. Pharologanyo ya teng fela fa o ka o lebelela ke *variation* ya dipalo. Re sale re dirile ditshekatsheko tsa gore itsholelo ya lefatshe la Botswana e ka *sustain* Batswana ka 2019 re na le LOO, Rraetsho Dumelang Saleshando. Jaanong ga go na sepe se se tshwanetseng go itaya batho tsebe ka kang eo, ditshekatsheko re sale re di fetsa nako eo.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR BAGAISAMANG: Jaanong ke sone se ke ka se tlhalosang. Jaanong ke fano ke emela go tla go amogela Tshutiso ya madi jaaka e beilwe ke Mothusa Tautona, gore re tsamayeng re e amogele e ye kwa bo *Committee of Supply*, re ye go bona gore mo ngwageng o wa madi, re ya go simolola lebelo fa kae. Tota ga re a tlela ka kwano bontsi jwa go tla go bua *because the public has a lot of expectations from us in terms of delivering on our promises.* Acting LOO o ne o kopa *clarification.*

MR MOALOSI: *Clarification.* Ke a leboga Rre Bagaisamang. Ke utlwa o bua gore le dirile ditshekatsheko ka 2019 tse di neng di diriwa ke *Honourable Saleshando.* Jaanong go a gakgamatsa gore le ka ya kwa ditlhophong ka dipalo tse di nang le *more than five years.* Ka 2019, Rre Wynter Mmolotsi o ne a bua a kgala ditshekatsheko tseo, a bua gore *it will be irresponsible* gore e re le sena go tsaya Pusong, le bo le neela batho maP3, 000 le ntse le itse gore ga go na madi. Ke ipotsa gore wena ka kitso ya gago, o ne a le bokgakala bo kae fa go setse go dirwa *manifesto* wa 2024, go gakolola ka kgakolola e a neng a gakolola ka yone ka 2019?

MR BAGAISAMANG: O ne o re o a ipotsa akere mokaulengwe, ke tlaa go araba kwa ntle...

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ... (Laughter!)

MR BAGAISAMANG: Ke tlaa go araba kwa ntle, *listening is a skill*, go tlaare fa ke tswa fa ke leletse LOO a tseye maemo ao. *You are misrepresenting him today.*

Ga go na *Honourable Saleshando* yo o ka botsang potso eo, o ka bo o gakologetsewe la ntlha gore *you are Leader of the Opposition today*, ga o ka ke wa botsa potso eo.

Mma ke tswelile Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke supe gore ke ne ke re ke tlatse, ke bo ke amogele *Appropriation* ya ga *Minister*, e bile e le Mothusa Tautona, gore re tsamaye re ye *to debate it*, re e amogele e fete. Re tle re bone gore ngwaga o wa madi jaaka o tlaabo o ntse jaana re a go direla Batswana eng, ka gore jaaka ke ne ke supa ditsholofelo tsa Batswana di kwa godimo, e bile ba batla gore madi a a tsene mo tirisong go ye go bonwa gore gatwe go kgonwa eng, re simolola mosepele wa rona fa kae, jaaka re tlaabo jaanong re ipaakanyetsa go bona gore re ya *to attain* jang ditsholofetso tse dingwe tsa rona mo go bone.

Ke bo ke supe gape gore re na le kgwethlo, re na le tiro e ntsi re le Goromente o mosha ya go baakanya bontsi jwa melao, e e leng gore *it is catered for in this Budget*, e e tlaabong jaanong re e lebaganya le ka fa rona re leng Goromente wa UDC re eletsang go a go dira dilo ka teng. A ke dikgang tse di amanang le tsa *Ministry of Local Government* e le tsa Bogosi, jaaka e le gore jaana kwa kgaolong ya me jaaka o ne o supa *Honourable* Disho, seemo seo sa Dikgosi se teng kwa kgaolong ya me, sa Dikgosi tse di sa leng jaaka di nna foo mo *standby*, ga di duelwe, mme e le gore ba dira tiro ya segosi letsatsi le letsatsi. Ke dikgang tse re leng Goromente jaana re di tliang kwa go bo Tona gore ba di lebelele, ba bone gore ba baakanya diemo tseo.

Diemo tsa boroko jwa badirelapuso; a ke bone ba kwa *Tribal*, a mapodise, a ke ditsela tsa rona, dikgang tse tsotlhe... ke sone se re batlang gore *budget* e e fete re tsamaye re ye *to debate these issues thoroughly* kwa *Committee of Supply*. Kwa jaanong re tlaa kgonang go dira *variations* fa go tlhokafalang teng, go bona gore *how are we aligning this budget* le ka fa re batlang go dira dilo ka teng. Ke tshwanetse gore ke tlhalosetse Batswana ba se ka ba iteega tsebe...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR BAGAISAMANG: Ke tlaa tla ke go fa, nako ele e ntsi thata. Ema pele mokaulengwe. Ke tshwanetse go tlhalosetsa Batswana gore ba tlhaloganye la ntlha gore, fa re kgalwa jaana *budget* e re mo go yone *is a carry forward* ya Goromente yole. Re santse re feleletsa nthagaraga e e neng e ntse e diragala kwa morago. Ya rona e etla, e tlaa re dingwaga tse pedi, tse tharo tse di tlang e bo jaanong ba ka re kgala ka monwana gore mo go ne go le mo thateng ya lona, le paletswe kana le

kgonne ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Golo mo go tshwanetse go tsena mo bathong ba itse gore re tsamaya fa kae, Goromente o tsamaisiwa ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Ga a tsamaisiwe ka maikutlo a gore wena o ne o batla gore letsatsi leo go bo go ntse ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Ke gone mo ke neng ke re ke tle ke go tlhalose, ke bo ke go fa *clarification* pele ga ke fetsa.

MR DISHO: *Clarification.* Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker.* Ke re *let me clarify* mokaulengwe gore ga ke a re Dikgosi ga di duelwe, di a duelwa, mathata ga ba a hirwa ka fa molaong, ba fiwa *allowances* fela, *those kinds of things.* *That is what I said,* o se ka wa re ga ba duelwe.

Gongwe e ke neng ke re ke e botse e ne e le ya ga Motlotlegi Dumelang Saleshando e o neng o e umaka mokaulengwe, gore ka gore ke ene yo o le diretseng *manifesto*, le wena o a supa, kana ditshekatsheko tse o neng o bua ka tsone ka 2019, ke eng le tla le mo kgala fa a le bontsha gore nnyaa mme fa ga le tsamaise sentle, fa ga le tsamaise sentle, mme le a mo kgala gore ga se boammaaruri? Ke a leboga.

MR BAGAISAMANG: Nnyaa o tlhalositse kgantele wa re kana o tswa kwa Angola. Jaanong foo gone ke a itse ka le nna ke ne ke nna gone kwa. Ke wena o neng o supa gone fa wa re, Dikgosi tsa gago tse di kwa Okavango wa re ke a *one* yo o yang kwa bankeng, yo o duelwang. Jaanong ka nna gone ka ke a itse gore puo ya Setswana jaaka o bua...

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

MR BAGAISAMANG: Nnyaa, ga o ka ke wa re ka re. Jaanong ema gone foo, ke dumalana le wena, ke a itse gore Setswana se dingalo. Jaanong o ka bo gape... mma ke tle ke go botse fa, wa re ke...o ka bo gape e o ya go e botsa kwa *caucus* gore, ke eng fa *Leader of the Opposition* a re kgala, mme a tlhaloganya, mme e bile e le ene yo a neng a dira dilo tse? O ye go e botsa kwa *caucus* ya BCP.

Madam Speaker mma ke fetse. Ke fetse ke bo ke supa gore ke amogela *Budget Appropriation number two of 2025* jaaka *Minister* a ne a re e baya fa. Ke supe gore re a mo akgola, re dumela gore fa ba leng teng jaaka re ntse re buisana le bone ba tshwere ka thata. Ba tshwere ka thata go bona gore *how are they aligning the Government priorities alongside the UDC manifesto*, ka

le rona re batla 58 years re le mo Pusong gore re tle re bone gore Batswana ba tswa mo bokgobeng jo ba kileng ba nna mo go jone. Jaanong bakaulengwe ka fale, re a le leboga le lona bakaulengwe. Re tshwanetse gore re kgale mo go *constructive, especially* jaaka re ne re na le lona re kgala Domkrag. *It is very unfortunate* gore gompieno le bo le tla go itira...jaanong le tla go tsaya *the front seat* ya Domkrag, le re kgala jaaka o kare rona le lona re ne re sa kgale Domkrag. E le lona e bileng le neng le re gakolola gore mo go ka kgonagala, mo go ka se ke go kgonagale ka tsela e e ntseng jang. *If you want to become relevant in the political space* le tshwanetse gore le nne *constructive in your deliberations*, le supe gore le batho ba e ka reng fa UDC e kgopiwa Batswana *can entrust you ka power*. E seng fela go tla fa fela go tla go batla *mileage from the public*, moo ga re ka ke ra go letlelela. E bile ke dumela gore go ka dira gore jaanong ke fudugele kwa Gani ke ye go go jesa ditlhopho wena Disho. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Members, the floor is still open.

MR MOALOSI (NKANGE): Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ke lebogele tshono e ke e neetsweng e gore ke akgele, gape ke tshwere maemo a matona letsatsi leno ke le *Leader of the Opposition* mo Palamenteng e. Ke leboge thata batho ba Nkange go bo ba dirile gore ke bo ke le fa nako e. Ke bo ke leboga thata Batswana fela botlhe ka tshwetso e ba e tsereng go ntsha Domkrag mo Pusong, ka gore fa go ka bo go sa diragala jalo re ne re ya go nna le Zimbabwe yo mongwe, gongwe e bile yo o *worse*. So moo ke kakgolo e ke nang le yone.

Madam Speaker, fa ke ne ke reeditse *Budget Speech* ke ne ka nna le dipotso tse tharo tse ke neng ke di ipotsa ka *Budget Speech* e. Potso ya ntlha e ne e le gore *what is...*

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS (MR MOSWAANE): *Point of order Madam Speaker*. No, ke ne ke re re e baakanye re ise re ye kgakala. Re tsalana le mafatshe a mangwe mo re ka se keng re *label them* mo Palamenteng ka go tlhoka tshiamo, mme e bile re na le dikemedi tsa bone mo mafatsheng, re supa gore re dirisana le bone sentle. Gongwe mafoko a teng a betlege sentle, ga re ka ke ra re, “re ne re ya go nna le

mathata a a tshwanang a Zimbabwe,” golo gongwe re tloga re senya botsalano jo re bo agang jo bosha. *Thank you*.

MR MOALOSI: Nnyaa ga ke dumalane le rre wa kwa New York. Ga ke dumalane le ene gotlhelele, ka gore *we live in a society* e re bonang gore kwa go tshelwa jang, kwa go tshelwa jang. So fa go na le lefatshe le le sa tsheleng sentle, ga re batle go tshwana le Zimbabwe. Ke ithaya ke re batlhophi ba me ba dumalana le nna, ka gore re tlhorontshiwa ke Zimbabwe kwa molelwaneng ka kwa ba utswa dikgomo tsa rona.

Ke ne ke bua gore, ke ne ke eleditse go itse gore *budget* e e na le eng, e tshwaretse Motswana eng, gore a mme e ya go dira ditiro, gore e ya go dira jang ka seemo sa botsogo le sa thuto. E ya go nna le *impact* e e kae *budget* e mo seemong sa *poverty* kana sa botlhoki.

Secondly, ke ne ke reeditse, gape ke batla go utlwa gore, *budget* e e ya go dira eng ka *economy*, gore *it will be diversified* ka tsela e e ntseng jang, *will it grow our revenue base*. A madi a rona a a tsenang a tlaa oketsega, gore a mme e tlaa thusa *private sector*. *Budget* e ka fa e ntseng ka teng e tlaa dira jang go thusa Small, Medium and Micro Enterprises (SMMEs), *will it grow our export, will it attract* babeletsisi kana *investors*. Ke tsone dilo tse ke neng ke di reeditse. La bofelo ke ne ke reeditse ke batla go utlwa sentle gore *budget* e *what will it do to our planet*, e tlaa thusa jang ka seemo sa *our carbon foot print, how is it going to change that. How was it going to address issues* tsa bo *climate change*, gore e a *to address* jang *issues* tse ke nang natso kwa kgaolong ya me tsa *human* kana *human-wildlife conflict*. Ke tsone dilo tse ke neng ke di reeditse tse tharo, mme ke tlaa tla ke boela kwa go tsone.

It is in this context that my approach to this interrogation of the budget put before this August House, that I adopt an Ikalanga adage that says, “lembeleka kwe damba, a te iko wa kwalo.” Ke ne ke lebeletse *budget* e ke e bala ke re, *lembeleka kwe damba, a te iko wa kwalo. I adopt a consciously optimist view of what is attainable under the prevailing circumstances. My critique of the budget is not meant to ridicule, but...*

MADAM SPEAKER: Order Honourable Moalosi, tolokolola.

MR MOALOSI: “*Lembeleka kwe damba, a te iko wa kwalo.*” go na le fruit e gotweng “*damba,*” ga ke itse gore e bidiwa eng ka Setswana, ka gore ga ke Motswana thata. Ke gore fa e lepeletse jaana, ga se gore ke gone e wang. *So basically that is it, if you see the fruit e lepeletse ga se gore ke gone e tlaa wang.* Fa o re e ole, e a bo e ole. *That is what lembeleka kwe damba, a te iko wa kwalo means.*

Ke boela gape mo *speech* sa me, re a itse rotlhe gore UDC e ne e dirile ditsholofetso tse dintsi mo *manifesto* wa bone, ba buile ka *tandabala* ya P1.800, *which they promised* gore ka the 1st November madi a tlaabo a tsena. Ba ne ba bua gape ka P2 500 *tertiary allowance*, ba buile ka a National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS) e Tautona a neng a bua thata ka yone mo State of the National Address (SONA). Dilo tse bontsi jwa tsone fa o reeditse *speech*, di ne di seyo mo teng. The NHIS se Tautona a buileng ka sone *for more than five minutes*, se ne se seyo fa go buiwa *budget*.

Madam Speaker, fa o ntse o reeditse gape ka fa bakaulengwe ba UDC ba fetolang *budget* e ka teng, ba bua gore ba fitlhetse go sena madi *that is why* gongwe ba palelwa ke go dira dilo tse ba di solofeditseng, ba bua gore Domkrag e jele madi. *I believe that is very disingenuous* gore ba ka bua jalo, ka gore fa o dira *budget you use projected income*, ke gore o bua ka madi a a tlaa tlang. Ke boditse sentle maloba re le kwa *workshop* gore, *budget* le e dira ka eng, ga ba dire *budget* ka madi a a teng mo sepatsheng, ba dira *the projected money* gore diteemane di tlaa re neela bokana, Southern African Customs Union (SACU) e tlaa re neela bokana jalojalo. Fa o re o fitlhetse go sena madi o bo o palelwa ke go dira *budget*, mme *budget* e dirwa ka madi a a tlaa tlang, go raya gore *you are being disingenuous* ga o buene nnete.

If you look at the promises tsa UDC tse ba neng ba di dira, di ne di a go oketsa *budget* ya rona ka bo P20 *billion* fa di ka bo di diragaditswe tsotlhe. A re tseye *tandabala* ya P1,400, *budget* ya yone gompiano ke P3 *billion*. Fa e ka bo e le P1,800, *it was going to cost* P3.7 *billion*, fa o tsenya batho ba ba 60 to 65 go raya gore e ne e ya go ya kwa go P6.2 *billion* *tandabala* fela e tsentsa batho ba ba 60 to 65. Fa o tsaya Ipelegeng, *currently budget* ya Ipelegeng ke P1.1 *billion* fa e duela P871, fa e le gore e ya go duela P2,500, o ba palelwang ke go

o duela gone jaana, *budget* ya teng e tlaabo e nna P3.4 *billion*. Fa o tsaya *student allowance*, gompiano *budget* ya teng ke P1.3 *billion*, fa o tsenya o e isa kwa P2 500 o bo o tsenya bana ba *brigade* mo teng, e ya go nna *over* P2 *billion*. Fa o lebelela *these promises*, go raya gore *budget* ya Botswana e ne e tshwanetse gore e ye go ya kwa go P150 *billion*, madi a e leng gore *in the history of this country, we have never had any revenue close to* P150 *billion*. Go supa gore dilo tse di ne di buiwa e le *promises* fela, go sena maikaelelo a gore di tlaa tla di dirwa, e ne e le ntloedisa molatswana.

In 2019 actually Honourable Mmolotsi, o ne a bua jaaka ke bua jaana a kgala *manifesto* wa UDC *mo rally*. A bua gore *it is irresponsible* gore re ka bua gore e tlaa re sena go tsaya Puso re bo re neela batho P3,000. Jaanong fa o bona go pala, UDC ba ne ba itse gore dipalo tsa bone tse ba di buang tse tsa P4,000 le P2,500 ga se nnete ga go ka ke ga diragala. *Honourable Mmolotsi* o ne a itse le ka 2019, le gompiano o a itse.

Maloba ke ne ke reeditse *Assistant Minister Lawrence Ookeditse*, *in his response* a bolelela *this House* gore *the Government was not aware* gore *private hospitals* di a kolotiwa. Mo Palamenteng e ka 2022, *Honourable Dr Dikoloti* o ne a bua a araba potso e e neng e boditswe mo Palamenteng, a bua gore re kolota *over* P1 *billion*, jaanong ke eng gotwe UDC e ne e sa itse? Ke ka tlhaloganya ka gore Lawrence Ookeditse tota ene ga se mo UDC, ke majapolaelo ke mabina-go-tsholwa, ka Sekalaka ra re “*igalela ngothi.*” Ke gore o fitlhetse go bodule, *he was not there when those manifesto promises were made.* So ga a ka ke a itse, ke yo o tlang go setse go tsholwa fela.

Fa ke boela mo *speech* sa ga Mothusa Tautona, *it was an opportunity for the UDC to show* Botswana gore *there is a new Government. It was an opportunity to show a new direction*, gore re tsaya lefatshe le ne le lebile kwa ka Domkrag re le isa kwa, *and have failed at that.*

The Minister spoke at length, actually Honourable Mmolotsi o tlaa dumalana le nna gore *it was one of the longest Budget Speeches ever in this House, very big on poetry and very little on substance.* Fa o ka lebelela *some of the figures* tse di neng di buiwa mo *Budget Speech* e, *cannot be found on this book* ya *Estimates and Expenditure*, for example ba buile gore *they are going to make execution of major projects in the next financial*

year, then there is nothing in the budget itself se se supang gore *they budgeted for those major projects tsa rail, roads, networks, water*, ke gore go ne go buiwa fela e le poko fela.

Fa re bua ka kgang ya Technical and Vocational Training (TVT) *His Honour the Vice President (VP)* o ne a bua gore ba a go tsenya madi mo TVTs. *He spoke about the importance of our technical and vocational education, and ke dumalana le ene, it is very, very important.* Ka gore fa ke gola ke ne ke itse *very good artisans* ba ba neng ba tswa kwa Marapong Brigade, Marobela Brigade le Tutume Brigade. *These institutions have already collapsed, ka gore Goromente wa Domkrag decided to take brigades, then they collapsed.* Jaanong se ke sa dumalaneng le sone ke gore, o ntse o boka gore *I am going to grow these things we are going to build an economy ka vocational trainings, then you give the ministry kana department ya TVET P3.9 million wa Development Budget*, madi a e leng gore mo ngwageng fela fa o *budget* madi a e leng a ga *Honourable Mohwasa fela a to fly ka helicopter ya police* a dikologa lefatshe le, a feta P3.9 million. Go bo gotwe *the whole department* e e lebeletseng *brigades* di ka tshwara *over 30* mo lefatsheng, e neelwa P3.9 million. Ga a a lekana go aga *workshop* e le *one* kwa *brigade* ya Tutume, *comrade Honourable Hunyepa. Your hands are tight, you are not going to achieve* dilo tse *Minister* a buang ka lentswe le le kwa godimo gore o ya go di dira, *you cannot achieve them* ka P3.9 million.

Fa o lebelela *paragraph 99* ya *Budget Speech*, *Minister* o bua gore P1.47 billion is put aside to support innovation and digital transformation, fa o tla o lebelela mo dibukeng *ministry* wa ga Motlotlegi Tshere o neetswe P850 million *Development Budget*, o bo o ipotsa gore P1.47 billion o o ne a mmona kwa kae. Fa o lebelela *paragraph 1.9* ba bua gape gore *they are going to give ... (Inaudible) ... billion to support the agenda of private sector export led growth.* Fa o lebelela *ministry* o o lebaganeng o neetswe P316 million, so re ipotsa gore kante go diragala eng gone fa, *who made the budget and who made the speech, because speech* se bua se sele, *the actual budget* e bua se sele.

Ke leboqe UDC gore *at least* Mma Keliwe, o ya go bona *tandabalanyana* e e oketsegileng. Ke bo ke gakgamala gore batho ba ba tshelang ka bogole, ga ba

na *increment*, and ke bone batho ba ba tshelang botshelo jo bo bokete thata. UDC *says they are a human rights led Government, but* ba lebetse gotlhelele ka batho ba ba tshelang ka bogole. Fa re lebeletse gongwe a Specially Elected Member of Parliament (SEMP) and Minister of Labour and Home Affairs, Honourable Rtd. General Pius Mokgware, o tsaya *tandabala* ya P1.4. Fa ke tsaya Thapelo Malane, *a young blind man*, o tsaya P600. O bo o ipotsa gore motho yo o nang le *salary* ya bo *Minister*, a na le koloi e ntsho, o neelwa *tandabala* ya P1.4, mme motho yo o sokolang tota a sa bone, e le ngwana, o neelwa P600.

Go na le *retired civil servants* ba bantsi; rre wa maabane a rogana mo Palamenteng, o tsaya *tandabala* ya setitshara, mme gape o tsaya P1.4.

MR BOGATSU: Point of order.

MR MOALOSI: Ga ke a bua leina la ga ope.

MR BOGATSU: Point of order. It does not mean anything whether you have said it or not. Point of order. Madam, I think you should rein in on the guys on the other side of the House. *Ka gore le rona* we are capable *gore re ka ba buisa ka fa ba re buisang ka teng.*

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Moalosi.

MR MOALOSI: Ee, ga ke a utlwa gore go ne gotweng, *but* ke ne ke re...

MR BAGAISAMANG: Point of order Madam.

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Moalosi, I think you heard him *gore o a* complain, can you please mind your language.

MR MOALOSI: Ga ke itse gore o *complain* ka eng.

MR BAGAISAMANG: Point of order. Thank you Madam. Honourable Moalosi is imputing an improper motive on Honourable Bogatsu. *O tshwanetse o mo kgalemele, a bo a withdraw mafoko a a reng borre ba ba neng ba rogana mo Palamenteng.* That must be removed from the Hansard.

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Moalosi, *I think* fa o bua, *mind your language*, le se ka la kgopisa ba bangwe, *please!*

MR MOALOSI: Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*. Mma ke tswelele. Ke ne ke bua gore *a young lady called Chenzimo Maphorisa* kwa Tutume, o tsaya *allowance* ya P600, ya gore ke monalebogole. Kwa UDC ba bona go siame fela gore batho ba ba humileng ba ka tsaya *tandabala* ya P1.4 fa godimo, mme ba lebetse batho ba ba tshelang ka bogole.

Madam Speaker, ke ne ke lebeletse *budget* ya ntlha e re neng re e neelwa re le kwa *workshop, estimates and expenditure*.

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(MR MMOLOTSI): *Point of procedure. Thank you very much. I think Honourable Moalosi o ntsha Ntlo e mo tseleng ka gore tandabala e go buiwang ka yone ya P1.4, ga go ise gotwe banalebogole ga ba na go e neelwa. As long as o le 65, tandabala e o a e tsaya ya P1.4. Ga e kgetholole ope whether o motho wa mme, rre, monalebogole, tandabala eo wa e tsaya as long as o gorogile dingwaga tsa tandabala. I think o ntsha Ntlo mo tseleng, e bile o ntsha le setšhaba mo tseleng ka that understanding.*

MR MOALOSI: *I do not think there is anything out of procedure mo go se ke se buileng. Ke bua ka banalebogole, ba dingwaga tse di kwa tlase ga tandabala gore ga le a ba akanyetsa, le ba lebetse. Le okeditse tandabala ya basadibagolo, le bo le lebala batho ba ba sokolang mo go kalo.*

MR MMOLOTSI: *Point of procedure Madam Speaker. Ga ke tlhaloganye gore Honourable Moalosi fa a re banalebogole ba lebetsewe, o raya jang ka gore ba na le allowance tsa bone tse ba ntseng ba di tsaya. Ga ke itse gore a kgang ya gagwe ke gore re ba tlogetse, ga di sa tlhole di le teng kana ga re a ba okeletsa.*

MR MOALOSI: Ga le a ba okeletsa.

MR MMOLOTSI: Ee, ke sone se e leng gore *debate* e tswa mo tseleng ka lebaka la gore, kgang mo nakong ya gompiano e go ntseng go buiwa ka ga yone, ke ya gore go solofeditsewe gore go ya go okediwa sele, le sele, le sele. Go raya gore *Honourable Moalosi* kgantele o tlaabo a re ga go a okediwa madi a *destitutes*, ga go a okediwa madi a sele. Ke ne ke re o itebaganye le dikgang ka fa di ntseng ka teng mokaulengwe.

MR MOALOSI: *Honourable Mmolotsi, theories tsa lona ke tsone tse di dirileng gore le le bale banalebogole. It is a just debate on my side, gore I would have prioritised banalebogole before ba tandabala. Ke sone se ke ka bong ke se dirile ka gore tshokolo ya bone e kwa pele thatathata. Fa ke boela...*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR MOALOSI: Ga ke batle go go neela. *I would like to highlight Madam Speaker, gore mme madi a tandabala a P1.4 a tswa kae. Initially fa go dirwa budget, buka e ne e re supegetsa gore P1.6 billion was allocated. E rile after Budget Speech, go sena go buiwa gore tandabala e a oketsega, go bo go tla corrigendum, e e neng e bua gore madi ao a ya go oketswa to P3 billion.*

Ke ne ka lebelela dibuka tse ka ipotsa gore P1.3 billion o, o ne a tswa kae. Ke bo ke lemoga gore *Minister cut development budget mo ministries* dingwe gore a bone P1.3 a a ise kwa *tandabaleng. P6 million is cut* kwa *budget* ya Palamente. Go kgaotswe P385 million kwa *budget* ya *State President*. P300 million wa teng e ne e le gore *was going to strengthen* Directorate of Intelligence and Security (DIS) *capabilities*. P25 million o tswa kwa *Ministry of Finance*. P520 million o tswa kwa *Ministry of Lands and Agriculture*. Ke madi a e leng gore *initially, was budgeted for* P300 million wa *Agriculture Support Schemes*. P150 million o tserwe kwa *Ministry of Agriculture* gape a isiwa kwa *Doing Business Reforms*. P60 million o tserwe kwa *Agriculture* gape o o neng a beetswe gore go ya go dirwa *infrastructure*.

Jaanong *you complain* le ntse le bua gore balemisi ga ba na diofisi, ga ba na dikoloi, ga ba na eng, le itse gore madi a tserwe gone fa. Fa o bona batho ba *complain* gompiano gore ga ba a duelwa kana Temo Letlotlo, Thuo Letlotlo mananeo a ga Goromente o kare a tlaa pala, o bo o itse gore a ne a tsewa gone fa. P50 million o tswa kwa *Trade and Entrepreneurship*. P30 million o tswa kwa *Local Government*, P100 million o tswa kwa *Water and Human Settlements*. Ke madi a a *budgeted for water supply and sanitation networks*. Fa le ne le ntse le lela le re ga le na metsi kwa dikgaolong, kgang ke gore mangwe a madi a a *budgeted for* dilo tse a tserwe a isitswe kwa *tandabaleng*. P170 million fa le ne le lela ka ditsela, a tserwe kwa *Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure for road infrastructure* a isiwa kwa *tandabaleng*. Jalo...

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM (MR MMOLOTSI): *Point of order. Madam Speaker, Palamente e na le ditsamaiso tse di tlhamaletseng tsa gore, batho fa ba seyo, ba ka se ke ba ikarabele, ga go re motho a bo a ka ba romelela dikgang ka fa Honourable Moalosi a lebegang a tlhoile batho ba tandabala ka teng. Fa ba ne ba le fa, ba ne ba ka ikarabela gore rra, le rona re tlhoka P1.4 jaaka mongwe le mongwe. Le lona Mapalamente le na le ka fa le amogelang ka teng. Jaanong e bo e le gore ba a kgobiwa gore go tserwe madi kwa bonnanne, ga tsewa madi kwa bonnanne a neelwa bagodi, molato wa teng o fa kae gore bagodi ba neelwe madi. Ke ne ke re Madam Speaker, batho ba ga ba na ka fa ba ka ikarabelang ka teng, Honourable Moalosi a tlogele go tlasela bagolo ba tandabala.*

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Mmolotsi, thank you. It is noted.

MR MOALOSI: *No, Honourable Mmolotsi is out of order, o tlaa tla a debate. He is abusing his privilege.*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR MOALOSI: *Nnyaa, you are being abusive.*

MADAM SPEAKER: Ee, le a simolola le lona? Honourable Moalosi, tswelela.

MR MOALOSI: *Nnyaa, o se ka wa tlhola o dira jalo mokaulengwe. Bagaetsho, I expect gore batho ba kgaolo ya me ba ba neng ba batla tsela ya Goshwe-Mbalambi, Nswazwi-Kalakamati kana Mafungo...*

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

MADAM SPEAKER: Order! Honourable Members. Honourable Disho, please, *re tswelitse*, can you just keep quiet. We moved on, please. *Nnyaa*, side remarks *le re iketlele*.

MR MOALOSI: E re ba re ba batla ditsela tsa bone, e bo gotwe madi ga a yo. Metsi a re neng re a solofetse kwa Mabue, Dagwi, Changate, a nne go tilwe re tlaa neelwa, Maitengwe Reverse Osmosis Plant, ka gore P100 million o tserwe, *we expect* gore gongwe e bo madi ao re sa a bona.

Kwa kgaolong ya me re na le mathata a diphologolo tsa naga tse di tlhorontshang balemi. Fa o ya kwa Tutume kwa ofising ya *Wildlife*, o fitlhela go na le Cruiser tse

pedi parked gone foo. Gatwe *they have been parking* gone foo. E nngwe gatwe ga e na dithaere, e nngwe ga e na *alternator*. E le gore madi a tserwe. Ga ke ka ke ka gakgamala fa ke ka utlwa gotwe ga di kgone go baakannwa gape *for another financial year*; ka gore gongwe madi a tserwe.

Le ne le sa *budget for tandabala initially*, le tsentswe mo *pressure* ke batho ba ba neng ba le raya ba re tlisang dilo tsa rona tse le di solofeditseng, le bo le dira jaaka le dirile.

The informal sector contributes around 5 per cent of the national Gross Domestic Product (GDP). Fa o reeditse *Budget Speech*, ga go na sepe se ba buang ka sone ka *the informal sector*. Motho yo o kwa Mengwe, Dagwi, Nswazwi yo e leng gore o tshela ka go rekisa *sweets, Budget Speech* ga e bue sepe ka ene.

Go na le kgang ya Chema Chema; go na le batho ba ba tlhophileng UDC ka gore ba ne ba utlwile gotwe fa ba ka e tlhopho Chema Chema e tlaa tla e nna *grant*, mme go didimetswe, ga go na sepe se se buiwang ka kgang eo. Go na le batho ba ba saleng ba ikopela Chema Chema ba atlegile, ba na le *six months* ba ntse ba eme, *Budget Speech* ga e a bua sepe ka dikgang tse. UDC ga e a tla ka lenaneo lepe le le emisetsang Temo Letlotlo kana Thuo Letlotlo e ba rileng e emisewe, ba eme fela, ga go na sepe se ba se dirang.

Madam Speaker, fa ngwaga o simolola, ke ne ka tsena mo kgaolong ya me, ka ya kwa dipateleng, kwa dikoleng kwa go eng, ke makgasa, jaaka ba bangwe ba ntse ba bua. Jaanong fa ke reeditse *Budget Speech* e, ke bo ke lebelela Senete Primary School se e leng gore *it does not have even one chalkboard*, ga go na sepe se se ntsholofetsang mo *budget* e gore dilo tseo *will be attended to*.

We have seven junior schools in our constituency tsotlhe di tlhela *classrooms*. Fa ke reeditse *Budget Speech* e, madi a a neetsweng *Ministry of Education*, ga ke bone gore mo *financial year* e go tlaa agiwa *classrooms*. So ga ke dumele gore dikgang tse di tserwe *serious, the UDC Government is perpetuating the neglect of the education sector* e e neng e ntse e dirwa ke Goromente yo o neng a tswa. *If you are serious about becoming competitive in the global economy, then our education system should reflect that.*

Mafatshe a a tshwanang le bo China a e leng gore *they have grown on* Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR) ga se gore golo moo go diragetse *by accident*. *They invested money in education and they put resources to make sure that their children are competitive*. Fa ke lebile *budget* e, ga go na sepe se se tsentsweng mo teng se se ka dirang gore motho a le kwa Nkange a kgone go lemoga gore mme sengwe se tlaa diragala ka thuto.

The Development Budget does not show seriousness in addressing the issues tsona tse ke neng ke di bua lantlha ke re ke na le dipotso tse ke neng ke di ipotsa. *It is just the continuation of the status quo*. *We will continue for the next financial year* re ntse re se na *ambulances, classrooms*, re ntse re tlhalelwa ke barutabana, bodiredi, jalojalo, ka gore mo *budget* e re e neetsweng fa, ga go na sepe se se bontshang gore dilo tse di tlaa diragala.

Fa re boela kwa dipotsong tse ke neng ke di botsa, mongwe le mongwe yo o neng a reeditse *Budget Speech*, o ka dumalana le nna gore madi a a abilweng a, ga go na sepe *that can benefit majority of* Batswana. *It does not address youth unemployment, health care or education, it does little to reduce household poverty especially for youth and women*. *It does not address* matshelo a a bokete a bana ba Tirelo Setšhaba ba e leng gore ke bone ba ba tshwereng *offices* tsa ga Goromente gompieno, ba amogela madinyana a a seng kana ka sepe.

Ga e thuse sepe ka *temporary employees*; maloba ke ne ke na le *Honourable* Digwa mme yo mongwe a re bolelela gore o a tšhaisa kgwedi yone e a na le ngwaga a bereka. *Budget* e, ga e mo sologele sepe ka gore go raya gore o boleletswe fela gore a sutele ba bangwe.

MR MAPULANGA: *On a point of elucidation*. Ke a leboga *Madam*. *Honourable*, o raya gore dikgang tse go tweng jaanong *temporary employees* a ye go nna kwa lwapeng. Kana ke na le sekai gompieno kwa e leng gore kwa kgaolong ya rona ya Satau, batsadi ba tsere tshwetso ya gore ba koleke gore ngwana yo a nne mo sekoleng gore *at least* a rute bana ba bone ka gore Puso e tsere tshwetso ya gore yone e kgaola ma *temporary* otlhe. A seemo se se tlaa re isa golo gongwe?

MR MOALOSI: Ke mathata ngwana wa ga mme.

Gompieno jaana ba a bua gore Domkrag e ne e le botoka ka gore yone le fa e ne e sa ba duele kana e ba duela *late*, mme *at least* e ne e ba hira.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR MOALOSI: O tlaa nna le nako ya gagwe ya go bua.

MR MMOLOTSI: *On a point of order*. *I think it is okay to debate, but it is completely wrong* gore e bo e le gore jaanong Batswana *are misled* gotwe *temporary employees* ga ba ka ke ba hirwa, *and when the Minister responsible for the chapter wants to clarify, you refuse because you know* gore you are not telling the truth. Ke eng o sa mo neele *because he is the Minister responsible for that particular chapter to assure you* gore *indeed temporary teachers* ba a hirwa? Jaanong ke go latlha setšhaba fela gore setšhaba se tseye gore *temporary teachers* ga ba na go hirwa. Mo neele a tlhalose.

MR MOALOSI: O tlaa tla ka *statement comrade*. Gape ga ke a bua ka barutabana, ke rile *temporary employees*. Yo o re direlang tee fa ga se morutabana, ga a ka ke a mo arabela. Kana nna ke bua ka mme yo o neng a re bolelela ke na le Sam Digwa gore o a tšhaisa kgwedi yone e o ya kwa lwapeng, go tlike a sutele ba bangwe. Ga se morutabana, o tlaa mo arabela jang e se morutabana?

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

MR MOALOSI: Nnyaa, ga re bereke ka bo gakere fa.

Fa ke lebeletse *budget* e, ke ipotsa gore *what impact does it have on the people; I will give it two out of 10*. *The budget does nothing to improve the economy; no jobs will be created*, ga go na madi ... (Interruptions)... *no new farming ventures* ka gore madi a *farming* a fokoditswe, *no industrialisation*...

MR LEKAU: *On a point of order*. *Good afternoon Madam Speaker once again*. Ke ne ke eletsa gore gongwe le nna ke tsennngwe mo tseleng. Go ya ka kitso ya me e potlana ke gore, fa re le mo Ntlong e re le bo *honourable*, *we should give correct information*. *If by any chance* mongwe o ipelaetsa gore *information* e o e buang ga e *correct*, *you need to substantiate that what you are saying*. *By allowing the Honourable LOO* wa *today to continue giving information* mme a sa tle ka masupi a se a se buang, *and when he is challenged* re bo re bo re tlogela fela jalo, *I feel* gore *he is out of order*. *Thank you*.

MR MOALOSI: Fa ke re *there are no significant jobs, do you want evidence* ya gore ga go na ditiro *to be created by this budget?* Ao *comrade*, a ko o nne o nna *serious*, golo fa re *serious* fa.

Gongwe ka gore nako ya me e setse e tsamaya, fa re lebelela yone kgang e ke reng SMMEs ga ke bone go tlaa tokafatsa matshelo a *businesses* tse di nnyennyane.

Fa ke lebelela *the planet* e ke neng ke e buile ke re kgang ya *planets*...

MR MMOLOTSI: *On a point of order.* Kana mathata a bakaulengwe ke gore *you want to tolerate dishonesty.* Gompiano fa go na le *Development Budget* e e tswang, re itse gore *Development Budget* ke ya *new projects*, go bo gotwe ga go na ditiro dipe tse di yang go dirwa mme go na le *Development Budget; a budget for new project*, go tewa jang? Ke sone se ke reng golo mo ga *to debate* dikgang o latlha setšhaba, Palamente ga e go letlelele.

Fa gotwe go ya go dirwa ditsela, gotwe go ya go dirwa se sa gore, go tewa gore batho ba ya go hirwa koo, *Development Budget* e dira yone tiro eo.

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Moalosi, maybe talk about Development Budget.

MR MOALOSI: Nnyaa, ba tlaa tla ba bua ka yone *honourable*, ba tlaa tla ba bua ka ditiro tse ba yang go di dira, ba re bolelela dipalo gore ba ya go dira tiro tse kae. Le tlaa tla le bua *Honourable Mmolotsi because* mo *budget* e ga ke a bona gore gatwe go ya go dirwa ditiro tse kae, *there is no measure. So we cannot assume* gore fa gotwe go ya go dirwa tsela, go tlaa hirwa Batswana ka gore re bona maChina ba tla ba hira maChina. *So you cannot assume* gore ditiro di tlaa neelwa Batswana; maZimbabwe ba tletse mo e bile gatwe le ba neela *permits* gore ba bereke mo Botswana. Gongwe ba tlaabo ba bereka gone foo. *So I cannot come and say a lot of jobs will be created.*

MR LEKAU: *Point of order. I do not think we should let* re dige seriti sa Ntlo e ka dikgang tse di ntseng jaana. *He is misrepresenting, even what is in the budget. We cannot tolerate* ra tswelala ka seemo sa teng go bo gotwe rona re tlaa tla re *justify* ka nako ya rona. *We need to correct* gore fa *Honourable Member* a emela mo Palamenteng, a bue selo se se *relevant* se na le boammaaruri. *We cannot sit here* re bo re re re didimalela gore ga re ka

ke ra mo supa gore ga o bue nnete. Go sa bue nnete ka bogone fela ke kgwethlo le mo Batswaneng kwa ntle. Ba bangwe ba tlaa dumela gore se a se buang ke sone mme e se sone.

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Moalosi, please...

MR AARON: *Point of order.* Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker.* Tota ke eletsa gore e re fa re bua, a re bueng boammaaruri. Re itse gore le fa o ka ema mo Ntlong e o re gongwe mongwe ga a bue nnete kana o *mislead* ba bangwe, fa seemo kwa Batswaneng se ntse jaaka se ntse, mafoko a gagwe a ka se fetoge. Ga re na barutabana ba *temporary teachers* mo dikoleng ka bontsi, bogolo jang kwa nna ke tswang teng. Jaanong fa mongwe a bua jalo a bo a kgalemelwa gotwe ga a...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR AARON: ...go ntsha Ntlo e mo go bueng boammaaruri.

Gape *my point of order* ke gore a re se ganetseng boammaaruri gore e re fa go buiwa ka *ministry* go bo gotwe go buiwa ka motho, go sa bitswe leina la motho go buiwa ditiro kana bothata jo re nang le jone. Ke a leboga.

MR MOALOSI: *Gongwe ke feleletse ka to quote* Minister, Paragraph 11 *fa o ka ntellelela.* "Mr Speaker, it is no secret that the realities of our times are heart wrenching; there is a persisting unemployment crisis, with many graduates failing to secure meaningful occupations for years upon years. Even many of our citizens that are employed work without much pay and often under stringent conditions. Despite our collective resources, abject poverty continues to ravage in both our ghettos and forgotten places. We are almost like the nation which Dickens describes. We had everything before us, we had nothing before us". *Mafoko a ga* His Honour the Vice President (VP) *fa ke lebile* budget e, *ga gona sepe se se tlaa fetogang.* This budget will not change a situation which was described by His Honour the VP, and it does not have the potential to change this situation. *Jaanong ke ka fetsa fela ke re* we had a speech before us, we had nothing before us. I thank you Madam Speaker.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Applause!)

MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INNOVATION (MR TSHERE): *Thank you very much Madam Speaker.* Ke leboga thata gore o bo o mphile nako gore ke ka akgela mo mafokong a re ntseng re a bewa. Jaanong ke maswabi gore re ntse re reeditse LOO e bile gape e le *shadow Minister of Communications and Innovation* mme ga a itebaganya le dikgang tsa *communication and innovation*. Ke ne ke re gongwe o tlaa nthusa gone foo ka ke *shadow*, e bile ga a bua sepe ka dikgang tsa *connectivity* kwa Kgaolong ya Nkange le fa batho ba Nkange ba lela ka *connectivity* jaana. O itlhokomolositse moo.

Madam Speaker, kana e rile fa go simololwa puo e ke LOO o ne a re ba tshameka ma-*dice*, ba batla go bona gore *dice* e tlaa wela kae. Jaanong ke ne ke se mo gotweng go tshameka ma-*dice* *Madam Speaker*, re tla re tlhoafetse re lebeletse *budget* fa re tsamayang teng jaaka Batswana ba re file Puso jaana. Go na le dipuo tse di kgonang go buega, tse dingwe fa gongwe di fatlha *Madam Speaker*. Fa gongwe ba bua ka Tautona mme kana Tautona ga ke ka ke ka mmuelela, ke *Advocate* o a ipuelela. Fa re bua re le mo Ntlong e fa gongwe go tlaabo go sa tswe sentle, ba bangwe ba tlaabo ba re Tautona o tsamaya thata mme re re ga gona madi. *Madam Speaker*, ke lebeletse maeto otlhe a ga Tautona fa a neng a tsamaya teng. Ga a ise a ko a ye leeto la go itlosa bodutu le ke le boneng ka gore dinako tsotlhe fa a tsamaya a le kwa mafatsheng, ke nna ke mmona a bapile le Tautona wa South Africa, Zimbabwe, Tautona yole, yole, e le boTautona. Mo go mpontsha gore go raya gore Tautona o tsamaela dilo tsa boTautona tse e leng gore e le Tautona wa lefatshe la Botswana o tshwanetse gore le ene a tsamaye a ye go kopana le boTautona ba mafatshe a mangwe. E bile fa gongwe fa Tautona a bua a le gone koo o fitlhela e le gore boTautona ba mafatshe a ba mo reeditse, o bona gore ba a anywa mo go ene. Jaanong ke selo se sentle gore Tautona a bo a tsamaya ka mokgwa o go dirisa puo ya Tautona wa pele a re wa re tsamaela ka gore rona ga re kgone go tsamaya, re fano re mo emetse mo Palamenteng. O tshwanetse a re tsamaele, a tsamaele lefatshe la Botswana jaaka a dira. Ke a mo akgola gore a bo a tsamaya jaana. Ga ke ise ke bone gope gotwe o ile *vacation* le fa re le kae, e bile a tshwere *delegation* ka tsela e e ntseng jalo.

Ba bangwe ba tlaabo ba re o a ikganetsa ka gore o rile ga a ka ke a oketsa makgetho mme e bile fa a oketsa

makgetho, ka lereo la Sekgoa ba re *you are stripping an already naked man*. Go ne go bua Tautona jalo e santse e le Mopalamente ka nako eo a re re se ka ra oketsa makgetho ka gore Batswana ba setse ba humanegile. Jaanong mo puong e re oketsa makgetho ka 1.5 *per cent*, makgetho ao gatwe ke a *corporate cheques*. Go tewa makgetho a a duelwang ke dikompone fa di dirile dipoelo koo, e seng batho.

E nngwe ya re makgetho a batho ke ba ba dirang madi a mantsi, ba ba amogelang madi a mantsintsi. Ke bone ba ba yang go kgethisiwa. Ke sone se se buiwang ke *budget* e. Jaanong o bo o nthaya o re gone moo a go raya gore fa o kgethisa *corporate tax* le batho ba e leng gore *are top earners, are you stripping an already naked man? No, you are definitely stripping an overdressed man* jaaka re bona. *So he is stripping the overdressed ones, not the naked man*. Fa e le gore re bua ka go *strip a naked man*, re ka bo re bua a tsenya makgetho mo *Value Added Tax (VAT)* ka gore lone le tlaa ama Motswana. Re ka bo re bua fa a oketsa makgetho a motlakase le metsi. Ke yone *stripping the naked man* ka gore o a bo o tsaya mo mothong yo o sa tshwarang sepe. Jaanong dilo tse re tshwanetse re di tlhologanye. Jaanong mafoko a gore Tautona kana o bua dilo tse a kileng a di bua mo nakong e e fetileng ke ditsiabadimo. Ga gona lepele le morago mo mafokong ao, Tautona o tlhamaletse, *he is stripping a heavily overdressed man*, o tlaa sala a apere sengwe fa a sena go mo *strip* jalo. *I yield for elucidation*.

MR DISHO: *Clarification.* Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo. O e tshwere sentle mokaulengwe. Ke ne ke re ke botse gore fa o re ba ba duelwang madi a mantsi, madi a mantsi ke bokae? Gongwe o re fetise foo mokaulengwe. E ne e le yone fela.

MR TSHERE: Jaanong o botsa dipotso tse di maleba, ke gone mo e tlaa reng re tswa fa re go tlhalosetse gore yo o amogelang madi a a kae, ke ene a tlaa kgethisiwang lekgetho le le fetang 1.5 *per cent*. Wena o le Mopalamente o siame o santse o amogela madi a a kwa tlase, gongwe go tewa nna ke le *Minister*.

Jaanong o santse o amogela madi a a kwa tlase. Bagaetsho, ga se gore go ne go tewa gotwe go kgethisiwa Batswana jaaka puo e ne e bua.

Se sengwe, ke tlaabo ke reeditse *Madam Speaker*, ba bangwe ba bua gore UDC e ne e re e tlaa duela P4,

000.00, *then* o bo o reetsa bagwebi, ba tlaabo ba re, “*hei*, go tlile go diga dikgwebo tsa rona, *hei*, go tlile go reng, ga re ka ke ra kgona, ga go ka ke ga reng.” *Madam Speaker, this is very clear from the UDC pledges.* Ke nngwe ya tse re tlileng go di diragatsa. Gompiano re santse re bua ka molomo. Go ya go tla molao o o tlaabong o itebaganya o bo o dira gore batho botlhe fa gotwe o bereka *formal employment* mo lefatsheng la Botswana o tlaabo o ka se ke o duelwe madi a a kwa tlase ga P4, 000.00. Eo, re tshwanetse re e ntshe, e le *clear*. Ka gore fa ke reeditse bagwebi ba ba buang ba, ke utlwa ba nkakantsha bo *the slave owners* ba bo 15 and 16th century. Batho bao ba ba neng ba ruile makgoba ba ne ba eletsa gore dipoelo tsa bone di nne kwa godimo mo go gakgamatsang ka go sa duela makgoba. Ba ne ba duelwa ka dijo. Ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, wena jaanong *your labour costs are almost zero*. Jaanong ka tsela e e ntseng jalo wena o bo o nna le *profit* e ntsi. *That is how slavery* e neng e dirwa ka teng. E ne e le gone go kgaola gore ke se ka ka ntsha madi ke duela batho gore *profit* yame e nne kwa godimo. Jaanong ke utlwa batho ba bua jalo *this late in the 21st century. That cannot be acceptable Madam Speaker.*

Jaanong re ya go tla ka molao, ba ipaakanye ka gore fa re setse re tsena foo, *it is either you pay the living wage of P4, 000.00 or close shop. That is the reality e e yang go tla. It is not negotiable, that is how it is.* Ke yone *promise* e re buang ka yone e re yang go e *keep* ya UDC. A re se ka ra tsietsega mo dikgannyeng tse, go ya go tla nako eo. Fa e le gore *you are not ready, it is fine. Shops have closed before and others will open* tse e leng gore *they understand* gore batho ba rona ba tshwanetse ba amogele. Ga re ka ke ra re gompiano re bo re re wena o akanya o le mogwebi o bo o re UDC e batla go dira ditiro, jaanong mo P4, 000.00 yo ke tlaa hira batho ba le *four* ke ba amogedisa P1, 000.00, *then we should clap hands* gore nnyaa jaanong o tthamile ditiro. Nnyaa, rona re batla o tthama ditiro o bo o duela batho madi a itshetso.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS (MR MOSWAANE): *Elucidation Madam Speaker. Honourable Tshere, o e tshwere sentle. Ke ne ke utlwa o bua ka kgang e ya P4, 000.00. Let us say for example* motho yo mongwe o ntse a amogela P1,500.00 mme mo nakong ya gompiano *under UDC Government* a bo a

neelwa P4, 000.00, a ga go reye gore jaanong o tlaabo a okeditse *buying power* go tsosolosa bagwebi mo toropong kana kwa dikgaolong? Ka gore fa o amogela madi a mannyennyane, *buying power* ya gago e nna kwa tlase. Fa o amogela madi a mantsi, *buying power* ya gago e ya kwa godimo, go raya gore itsholelo e ya kwa godimo. Ke tsaya gore golo fa o e tshwere sentle fa o rialo ka gore bontsi jwa nako re bona batho ba ba tlang ka borampeetšhane e le bone ba ba sa batleng go duela mme ba reka Mercedes tsa bo P1 *million* le tsa bo P2 *million within a year's time*. A madi a ga se one a o buang ka gore ba ka bo ba duetse babereki ka one? *Thank you so much.*

MR TSHERE: O opile kgomo lenaka. Ke yone puo e ke e buang gore ga go na gore e kare o *declare huge amounts of profits* o bo o re ga o kake wa duela babereki. Kana go raya gore *you are going back to slavery*, yone e re sa e batleng, e e leng gore jaanong wena o tlaa *declare high profits at the expense of our people*. Jaanong fa motho a emelela a ya go tlhola kwa tirong ya gago, a go direla tiro, a go direla madi, re tshwanetse re re fa gotwe ga a amogele o amogela P4, 000.00. *Like I said, this one is not negotiable, it is either you pay P4, 000.00 living wage or you close shop. It is as simple as that.*

Madam Speaker, ke batla go wela mo dikgannyeng tsa kwa Mahalapye pele ke tsewelela ka tse dingwe. Kgang ya...

MADAM SPEAKER: Order! Order! Honourable Members, as it is now 7 o'clock, I shall now call upon the Leader of the House to move a Motion of adjournment.

MOTION

ADJOURNMENT

LEADER OF THE HOUSE (MR MOHWASA): Thank you Madam Speaker. I beg to move that this House do now adjourn.

Question put and **agreed to.**

The Assembly accordingly adjourned at 7:01 p.m. until Tuesday 18th February, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

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