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Tuesday 17th February, 2025

THE ASSEMBLY met at 2:00 p.m.

(THE SPEAKER in the Chair)

PRAYERS

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MR SPEAKER (MR KEORAPETSE): Order! Order! Honourable Members.

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

MR SPEAKER: *Afternoon Honourable Members.* A re simololeng tiro ya rona ya letsatsi la gompiano ka dipotso.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

STATE OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

DR K. GOBOTSWANG (TSWAPONG SOUTH): asked the Minister of Health to apprise this Honourable House on the State of Public Health Emergency that was declared by the President in August 2025; and further state:

- (i) the baseline levels of essential and non-essential drugs as well as Antiretroviral Drugs (ARVs) at the time the State of Public Health Emergency was declared and the levels of the same supplies at the time the State of Public Health Emergency ended;
- (ii) systemic operational failures that were documented during the State of Public Health Emergency; and
- (iii) corrective measures that were put in place and resultant improvements observed.

Later Date.

MODIPANE-MABALANE ROAD

MR M. M. PULE (KGATLENG EAST): asked the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to state:

- (i) when and how he plans to intervene as a matter of emergency, to protect public safety given the court interdict on the construction of the Modipane-Mabalane road and also noting that the current condition of the road, poses a serious and potentially fatal risk to road users;
- (ii) interim measures the ministry will implement while legal disputes are being resolved;

(iii) specific timelines on the planned interventions; and

(iv) when he intends to visit the project site to assess firsthand the severity of the road's condition.

MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE (MR SALAKAE): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker.* Ke a go leboga Rre Pule, Motlotlegi Mopalamente wa Kgatlang East.

Tlhogo ya dikgang tsa potso e ke gore, tsela e ya Modipane-Mabalane, ke *project* e e leng gore e dirwa *under* Development Manager (DM) Model. Jaaka re itse batlotlegi, kana Motlotlegi Rre Pule, kgang e e setse e le kwa makgotleng a ditsheko, mme e bile jaaka ke bua jaana, e emisitswe. E ne e le kgang fa gare ga *the* DM le *the Consultant. High Court* e ne ya ntsha a *temporary interdict* ka di 9 tsa ga *January 2026*, mme jaanong *the DM has since appealed the decision to the Court of Appeal.*

Jaanong kana kgang e tona ke gone gore, rona re le lephata, ra reng. Ke supe fa gore *we are equally concerned about public safety*, mme e bile gape re tlotla molao segolobogolo. Go bo kgang e e le kwa makgotleng a ditsheko, e re tsentse *chains* mo diatleng, mme e re ntswa re itemogela gore re na le gore re ka kopanya *the two parties*, ke supe fa gore e ne ya re *after issuing this temporary interdict*, ra nna le gore gongwe re *engage the two parties on what we can term continuous engagements with them.* Labofelo re kopane le bone, e ne e le maloba ka Laboraro. Re dumalane tse re di dumalaneng, *we agreed without prejudice on anything that we agreed.* So, go ya go nna thata gore gongwe ke supe fa gore nna le bone ka re kopane, re dumalane eng. Tota kgang e re e emetse ka dinao re le lephata. Re setse re kopane le bone ka bobedi, mme e bile re dumalane tse re di dumalaneng, ba tlaa tla ba re fa phetolo ka Laboraro.

Mo go rayang gore jaaka o ne o botsa motlotlegi gore re bokgakala bo kae le kgang e, re gautshwane fela thata. E bile re na le boitemogelo jwa gore *before engaging the two parties*, re ne re na le go lemoga gore bone ka bo bone, e ne e kete ga ba buisanye. E sa le maloba re kopana le bone, jaanong ba bone bothokwa jwa gore kgang e *is of high public importance, and therefore*, nna le bone re tshwanetse ra bona gore *outside the court process*, re dira jang gore jaanong re direle batho ba Dikwididi tsela. *So, it is true, we are aware of this road*, mme e bile *we have intervened*, re ntse re le aware gore

re se ka ka tsela epe ra babalela sepe se se dirwang ke makgotla a ditsheko. Ke a leboga.

MR PULE: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke bo ke leboga Tona ka botswerere jo a arabileng potso yame ka teng.

Gongwe e bile ke ka simolola fela ka go leboga gore nna le Tona le wena *Mr Speaker*; o a itse gore maloba *Minister of Finance announced* mo Palamenteng gore tsela ya Modipane-Mabalane e santse e le nngwe ya ditsela tse di dirwang. Jaanong ke re Tona, fela ga ke itse gore a o a itse gore jaaka re bua jaana, bana ba ba tsenang sekole ba tswa kwa Dikwididi, ga ba ye sekoleng sentle *because of the situation* ya tsela? Tota e seng bana ba sekole fela, le babereki ba ba berekang mo Modipane, Tlokweng, Gaborone, ga ba kgone go tla tirong.

Se sengwe sa bobedi ke botse Tona gore, a o a itse gore jaanong le yone tsela tota e gotweng ke yone e ka bong e baakanngwa, e senyegile, ka boitlhobogo jo bo neng jwa tsena mo badirising ba tsela eo ka gore le yone tsela e e ka fa thoko e e tshwanetseng gore e nne *alternative route*, ga e a nna sentle. Jaanong Bakgatla ba ba tsamayang ka koo kana Batswana ba ba dirisang tsela eo, ba ralala yone e e dirwang. Le gore kana Tona jaanong fa go nna jalo, go raya gore le yone fela fa e ya go simololwa e dirwa setsha, *costs* tsa teng *would be very, very high*. Ke dilo tse ke neng ke batla go itse gore Tona a o a di itse?

Ke bo ke botse Tona labofelo gore kana *last time* ke ne ka go kopa mongwame; ke gakologelwa gore go ne go araba Tona Atamelang, mothusi wa gago, Zero Tooth yo ke mo tlotlang thata. Ke ne ka mo kopa gore a romele *a team of experts* ba ba ka tlang *to assess* tsela eo gore e re fa re ntse re bua ka *the Rule of Law*, mme re bo re itse gore re bua ka tsela e e mo seemong se se ntseng jang. A o a itse gore fa e sale ke kopa seo, ga go ise go diragale gore ke bone go na le *experts* di tla kwa kgaolong go tla go iponela ka matlho? Ka gore ke solofela gore fa ba ya koo, ba tlaa mpitsa le boeteledipele jwa motse re ya go sekaseka tsela re le mmogo, go bonwe gore e kotsi fa kae. Ga ke itse gore a Tona o a itse gore kana le mesima e epilwe, e e leng gore go eme metsi mo go yone. Fa ke bua le wena jaana, dihudi tsotlhe tsa lefatshe di kwa. Ga ke itse gore a ke seemo se Tona a se itseng, mme kana Tona o ne a ka se itse fela fa e le gore gongwe o rometse *experts* ba mo fa *a full report* ya gore go diragala eng. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

MR SALAKAE: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke a leboga Rre Pule. Seemo sa tsela ya Modipane-Mabalane ke na

le kitso e ntsi ka sone. Nna le Mopalamente, ke ne ke tsere gore gongwe re buisantse ra bo ra dumalana gore ke bofilwe matsogo ke tshwetso e e tserweng ke *High Court, because that was an interdict* ya gore ope a se ka a bo a bapisa tsela ele *until the High Court, now the Court of Appeal* e ntsha *judgment* ya gore le rona lephata re ka ya teng ra ya go itebela ka gore ke bone ba kopileng lekgotla gore ope a se ka a bo a atumela fa tseleng ele. E nkutlwiswa botlhoko jaaka e go utlwiswa botlhoko, *but the problem* ke gore kana fa ke ka dira se o se kopang mo Palamenteng, ke ya go iphitlhela gongwe ke dirile mo gotweng *contempt of court* ke le mo toronkong e le gore go eleditswe gore batho ba se ka ba tsamaela kwa tseleng ele, nna ke bo ke re ka gore ke Tona, ke kopilwe ke Mopalamente e bile ke mo tlhaloganya, ke bo ke ka tlola gongwe se lekgotla le neng le sa eletse gore ke se tlole. Ke a leboga.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: *Supplementary.*

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa.

INHERITANCE OF PLOT ALLOCATIONS

MR S. O. DIGWA (BOTETI WEST): asked the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to state:

- (i) the policy or legal rationale for not transferring the rights of the plot to the deceased applicant's immediate family such as their children or siblings, in cases where an individual has applied for a plot (residential or commercial) but passes away before the allocation is finalised; and
- (ii) if he will consider revising the policy to ensure that families of deceased applicants are not unfairly excluded from benefitting from their relative's application.

ACTING MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE (DR DIKOLOTI): *Ke a go leboga Mr Speaker.*

- (i) Mr Speaker, there are no provisions regarding the inheritance of plot allocations under the State Land Act, the Tribal Land Act of 2018 or the Botswana Land Policy of 2019. An application for a plot does not equate to any kind of inheritance related entitlement. Should an applicant die while on waiting list for plot allocation, the names of the departed will be taken off the list.

Mr Speaker, it should be noted, however, that if a person dies after his or her application has been accepted for

offer, the offer is transferred to the applicant's estate for inheritance. Honourable Members, your understanding is drawn to the fact that prior to the Land Policy of 2019, our dispensation was unfavourable to spouses, particularly women because it restricted access to land rights to just one spouse. In this regard, the policy then allowed for the surviving spouse to be considered for the same spot on the waiting list. This approach continues in state land, where we have far older waiting lists. As for children, siblings, cousins, and other family members, they are not eligible for this practice since their ability to apply for land was not hampered in any manner.

- (ii) Mr Speaker, as stated above, an application for a plot does not constitute an inheritable right. Since everyone has equal, just, and fair access to land rights under the current policy framework, I do not see the necessity to modify it. Please find comfort in that, the same policy, at Chapters 71-76, provides substantially on affirmative action and land rights protection for vulnerable populations such as widows, orphans, and youngsters; the constituent that the Honourable Member is probably concerned with. I thank you Mr Speaker.

MR DIGWA: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker.* Ke a leboga Tona go bo o lekile go araba potso ya me mme o sa nkgotsofatsa. Ga ke tlhaloganyane gore fa ke ikopela setsha gompieno jaana, ke le mo *waiting list*, ke tshwanetse go se fiwa *in a month's period*, go tsweng fa go bo gotwe bongwanake ga ba na tshwanelo ya *to inherit that fela ka gore I was not allocated.* Le a itse gore seemo sa go bona lefatshe go thata go le kae. Fa ke tlhokafala, ke tlogela bana ba le mo seemong se e leng gore ga go na fa ba nnang teng, *and the next thing* fa ke tshwanetse go fiwa *plot*, gatwe ga ke na tshwanelo eo. A o bona golo mo e le tsamaiso ya ditshwanelo tsa setho? *Policy* e, e sale e dirwa leng e o buang ka yone? A ga o bone go tlhokafala gore *policy* e, e fetolwe, e kgone go tsamaelana le dikeletso tsa batho?

Se sengwe se ke batlang go se tlhaloganyane ke gore, fa o ikopetse jalo, o bo o fiwa *plot number* mme *process* ya teng e sa fela, a fa o tlhokafala, bana ba gago *plot number* e, ga ba e bone? Ke bua jaana bagaetsho, ke na le ngwana yo o seyong mo botshelong, o ntlogetsetse bana ba le bararo. *Plot numbers* tsa gagwe o di filwe a le gone moo. A ga go a tshwanela gore bana ba gagwe ba *inherit plots* tse ka gore *numbers* tsa teng di teng? Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable Members,* ke a go utlwa *Government Whip* gore o lela senajwa ka kgang e ya

ditsha mme le ele tlhoko thata Standing Order 40.3. Ke tlaa tswelela ke ntse ke le gakolola thata ka sone gore le botse dipotso fela, le se ka la *debate.*

DR DIKOLOTI: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker.* Ke tsaya gore ke ne ke tlhalosetsa mmotsi wa potso gore *application* ga e jewe boswa, mme selelo sa gagwe ke a se utlwa. Selelo sa gagwe se se tona ke *access to land*, sengwe se ke buile gore re le Puso, re se emetse ka dinao. Ke tlaa se atolosa go ntse go ya pele gore re le Puso, re se emetse ka dinao. Ke tlaa se atolosa go ntse go ya pele gore re tla ka mofuta o o ntseng jang wa gore botlhe ba ba sa bolong go babalelwa ke go ikopela lefatshe, ba nne le lone ka bonako jo bo ka kgonagalang. Ke dumela gore selelo se se tonatona ga se *application* ya go ja boswa, kganggolo ke gore, batho ba nne le lefatshe, ba nne le seriti se se ba tshwanetseng. Ke dumela gore *Honourable* Digwa, ke sengwe se re se tseetseng kwa godimo thata re le Puso, *through the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme (BETP).* *We have established labs to make sure that we accelerate to allocate plots. Thank you.*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Further supplementary.

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable,* e kare o ne a boditse gore a le na le maikaelelo a go e fetola *policy* e? Le e simolotse leng? A le ka e fetola golo gongwe?

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Further supplementary.

MR SPEAKER: Mma a wele ka dikarabo.

DR DIKOLOTI: *Mr Speaker,* fa ke re re na le mofuta mongwe o o farologanyeng, ke raya gore re setse re tsentse thulaganyo e mo *lab, in the BETP.* Go supa gore re simolotse go lebelela dikgang tse tsothle. Re fefosa jang ka bonako selelo sa gagwe sa gompieno. Se se teng mo bogompionong ke gore, *application* ga e jewe boswa. Fa o setse o na le *offer*, o bo o tlhokafala, go na le *process* e e teng, e re kgonang go e diragatsa. Ke a leboga.

MR SALESHANDO: *Further supplementary.* Ke a go leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke kopa go botsa Tona gore a mme o ka se ke o e sekaseke, gore e ka dirwa ka tsela e e farologanyeng ya go ja *application* boswa? Rona ba bangwe re tswa kwa dikgaolong tse go nang le batho ba ba nang le bo 20 years, ba eme mo *waiting list.* Go raya gore fa motho a na le 20 years a le mo *waiting list,* a ne a solofetse gore o a bewa ngwaga one o, fa a ka tlhokafala *before* a bewa, bana ba jelwe. Fa le santse le lebeletse gore le ka ya go fetola jang *and*

then by the way, it is very unfair ka gore ba ba bewang gompiano, a bo o tlhokafala kamoso, ngwana o ja boswa application ya teng. E e nang le *more than 20 years on the waiting list*, ke eng e re le santse le lebeletse gore le tlaa fetola eng, *what you can use as governance* gore le tseye tshwetso ya gore ba ba tlaa nnang le mathata a go tlhokafala ba santse ba na le *application*, bana ba ka *inherit that application*? Gona le gore ngwana a ye go simolola kwa morago, a itse gore motsadi wa gagwe o mo kgaotsetse 15 or 20 years. Goromente o ka latlhegelwa ke eng to change selo seo?

DR DIKOLOTI: Tanki Leader of the Opposition (LOO). Ke dumela thata gore mo karabong ya me, o nkutlwe *Mr Speaker*, selemo sotlhe sa Mapalamente, ke sa Batswana. Batswana ba lela ka go diegelwa ka go abelwa lefatshe. Ke sengwe se re le Puso, re se tseetseng kwa godimo thata LOO. Megopolo e le ka tlang ka yone, le ka e tlisa. Ke ne ke le bolelela mo Palamenteng e ka *the third-generation land delivery process* gore *the time for it has come. We have had the first generation, second generation and both processes have not led to equitable allocation* ya plots to batho ba rona ka bontsi, bogolo jang mo *state land*. In the *state land* ke gone kwa *waiting list* e fitlhelang e le dingwaga tse di ntsi teng. Mo *tribal land* ga re na 20 years yo o ka ba fitlhelang motlhofo. Gantsinyana mathata a matona a gone koo. Dikgakololo tsa lona bakaulengwe, le ka di tlisa. Re tle nne re di tlhotlhe, re bone gore ke gofe mo go re ka re berekelang, ke gofe mo go ka sekeng go re berekele. Jaaka re le kwa *lab* jaana, re tlhotlha dikakanyo tse tsotlhe go bona gore *what is it that can work better, faster* gore kwa bofelelong Batswana ba nne le ditsha tsa bonno.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: *Further supplementary.* Ga ke a arabiwa nna.

MR SPEAKER: Last supplementary Honourable Government Whip.

MR DIGWA: *Supplementary.* Ga ke a arabiwa. Potso e ne e le gore motho yo ke buang ka ene e leng ngwanake, o filwe *plot numbers* mme ga a ise a fiwe thata ya *to develop plots* tseo, a bo a re tlogela. Ke ne ke re mo *instance* eo, *what happens?* A *plot numbers* tseo ka gore ga a fiwa *opportunity* ya *to develop*, go raya gore go ile jalo kana bana ba gagwe ba tshwanetse *to inherit plots* tseo?

DR DIKOLOTI: *Thank you Mr Speaker.* Potso ya ga *Whip*, karabo ya teng e teng mo karabong e ke e

atolositseng. *When there is an offer* e setse e ntshitswe, e ka jewa boswa. Ke buile jalo fa ke araba. Fa e santse e le *application* go sena *offer*; ga go jewe boswa, go na le pharologanyo gone foo. Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Dikoloti, *go ne go na le ya gore* what do you lose as a Government, if you were to change the policy towards what the Honourable LOO is proposing?

DR DIKOLOTI: Melao e dirwa ke Palamente. Jaaka re le fa jaana, re gone fa gore re tle go dira melao yotlhe e e ka tlhfofaletsang Motswana gore a nne le thuso e e maleba. Ke ne ke bolelela *Honourable* LOO gore re le Puso, go na le ka fa re lebileng ka teng *through the BETP*, go bona gore re fefosa jang *allocation* ya ditsha. Jaaka re le mo Palamenteng, go dirwa melao. Ga go pale sepe gore ope a tle ka se a ka tlang ka sone e le mogopolo. Go na le *Motion* wa ga Lucas, ga ke itse gore a ke *number 12*, o le ene a tsileng ka mogopolo wa gore o akanya jang gore re ka fefosa kgang e ya go abiwa ga ditsha. Ke a leboga.

MR MAPULANGA: *Procedure.* Tanki Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke belaela o badile *one, two, four*; ga o a bala *three*.

LESEDI PROJECT

MR S. O. MAPULANGA (CHOBE): asked the Minister of Minerals and Energy to state:

- (i) the number of Batswana who benefitted from the Lesedi project under Botswana Power Corporation (BPC) by volume and the amount used;
- (ii) challenges that caused the project to fail; and
- (iii) where the purchased assets that were not used are and how much they cost.

MINISTER OF MINERALS AND ENERGY (MS KENEWENDO): Thank you Mr Speaker. Thank you, Honourable Member, for your question. It took a little bit of digging to find this information, so thank you for bringing it to our attention.

- (i) The Lesedi Project that was implemented through BPC Lesedi (PTY) Ltd, was initially aimed to provide renewable energy services, primarily Solar Home Systems (SHS) to rural communities across Botswana. As it stands and according to the closure report, there are no available records; for how many households were connected through

this project. Initially, this project was supposed to be a partnership between BPC at 55 per cent and the EDFI, which is the French company at 45 per cent. The agreed contributions were;

- Initial of US\$ 1.3 million from Botswana and something of equivalent from EDFI.
 - The Government of Botswana through BPC made the contribution that went into the start-up costs, registration, office equipment, legal fees, initial solar systems while EDFI made a contribution of only P1.8 million, which was received in August 2015.
- (ii) Mr Speaker, despite these initial investments, it is reported according to the company winding up January 2018 report that, no significant investments from EDFI were received and the project therefore, faced significant challenges; low revenue generation due to poor collection mechanisms, shortages of materials due to lack of investments, high staff turnover. By 2015, most operational activities had ceased, except for winding up and a few isolated installations.
- (iii) Regarding unused assets, offices in Gaborone and Maun were closed, and movable equipment, including some office furniture, wood stoves and vehicles were auctioned. The first auction happened in December 2015, it realised a miserly P127,000, with subsequent auctions in May and September 2017, disposing of the remaining vehicles and office equipment. Remaining items including laptops and furniture were transferred to BPC Corporate Services. Over 90 per cent of Solar Home Systems (SHS) were handed over to the respective customers at various periods.

In conclusion, while the conceptualisation of this project should have contributed significantly to Botswana's renewable energy efforts, it was unfortunately hindered by what appears to be disagreements between shareholders. It was also hindered by operational, financial and governance challenges, and therefore the company was declared unsustainable and wound up according to this report. I thank you Mr Speaker.

MR MAPULANGA: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga Mr Speaker. Tla ke go leboge Tona. Kana jaanong re tlaabo re beile mo go forensic audit. Le fa o re ga go na information, way forward re lebile kgang ya gore gompiono re tlhalelwa ke motlakase kwa dikgaolong tsa rona, o ya go dira jang go bona gore accountability

e nna teng? Madi a a ntshitsweng le dilwana tse o reng di rekisitswe ka palobalo, le ya go dira jang go rurifatsa gore a berekile ka fa go neng go tshwanetse ka teng? Le gore fa e tswala jaana, le fa o re gongwe information e a tlhaela, ke malwapa kana metse e e kae e e neng e le mo waiting list ya go gokelwa? Ka gore information ya gago e tlhaela thata Tona, gongwe mma ke tseye tse pedi tseo Mr Speaker.

MS KENEWENDO: Mr Speaker, we only have this report in regards to this project, nothing else. What I have shared with you is a high-level summary of this report, which I am happy to share. There is no other information that I am able to provide. We have looked, we have tried to find people that were around to account for this project, mongwe le mongwe ke yo o itatolang honourable. Since it is being brought to our attention, and we are about to roll out something similar, not exactly, we are going to tighten as we have already started around our mini grids, our household solutions to ensure that there is real accountability. There was no accountability here, we are seeing just reports around governance, the disagreements on how the company should be wound up, but other than that, there is no information on how many households got connected, how many were on the waiting list; nothing. Thank you.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Further supplementary.

MR SPEAKER: Le se ka la ba itaya tsebe.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Further supplementary.

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa.

DEPARTMENT OF CURRICULUM AND EVALUATION BUILDINGS

MR C. K. HIKUAMA (MAUN WEST): asked the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education to apprise this Honourable House on the state of the Department of Curriculum and Evaluation buildings, adjacent to the Mosque in Gaborone Central Constituency and if it is true that in 2012, the building was vacated for the purposes of renovation; and if so, to explain the following:

- (i) which company was awarded the tender to renovate the buildings and at how much;
- (ii) when the renovation was expected to be completed;
- (iii) how much has been paid to the engaged company to date;

(iv) how much the department is paying annually for the buildings currently renting in the Fair Grounds area; and

(v) when the department is expected to move back to its buildings.

MINISTER OF CHILD WELFARE AND BASIC EDUCATION (MS KGAFELA-MOKOKA): Ke a dumedisa Ntlo e e tlotlegang e. *Thank you very much Mr Speaker.*

Ke ne ke re gompiano *Honourable* Hikuama, ke se ka ka dirisa lefoko la 'later date' ke dirise kgang e sele. *Honourable Speaker*, potso e fa le nna ke e lebelela sentle, ke ne ka bona gore *Honourable* Hikuama o tlisa kgang e e bokete, e ke ka sekeng ka e araba ka *information-nyana* e e fa. E ntlhoka gore le nna ke tsenelele kwa teng, ke kgone go botsolotsa sengwe se le ene ke bonang gore o se setse morago. Ke kope Rre Hikuama le Ntlo e e fa gore gongwe ke boele kwa morago ke ye go epa mo nakong e e sa fediseng pelo, *by next week* ke bo ke tlile ka *report* e e tlaa re kgotsofatsang fa ke tla go e neela Ntlo e e tlotlegang. Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: *O re* later date. Honourable Minister, *o re* later date for the record.

MS KGAFELA-MOKOKA: Later date.

MR SPEAKER: *Later date.* A re o batla go ya go batla *information* e e tletseng *Honourable* Hikuama, *I am sure that should be understandable.* Mo nakong e e tlang tsweetsweeng Matona, le bue le Mapalamente pele, fa le tshwere dikarabo di sa le kgotsofatse, le kopa *later date.* Le e buisane le Mapalamente.

MS KGAFELA-MOKOKA: Re a leboga *Honourable Speaker.*

MR HIKUAMA: *Procedure.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker.* Ga ke ganane le kopo ya gagwe, *the first part* e ne e le ya gore gongwe re ka bo re buisantse, a mpolelela go na le nako. Jaanong se gongwe a se tlhomamisetsang Ntlo e ke gore o bona gore *information* ya teng o ka e batla lebaka le le kae?

MR SPEAKER: She stated next week, but *gore e tsena leng*, it will be subject to our internal processes *tsa* later dated questions. I do not want to promise anybody that this question will be answered next week, when the internal processes may say otherwise.

Later Date.

MR SPEAKER: Batlotlegi, *Honourable* Monageng le *Honourable Minister* Kgafela-Mokoka, fa go buiwa le *Speaker*; go emiwa ka dinao. O tlaa tsena mo mathateng fela a matona.

MS KGAFELA-MOKOKA: Ke kopa maitshwarelo *Honourable Speaker.*

MR SPEAKER: *Ee*, apology accepted.

MR MONAGENG: Ke tlaa e mo tseela.

STATE OF PLOT ALLOCATIONS

MR T. BOGATSU (LENTSWELETAU-LEPHEPHE): asked the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to update this Honourable House on:

- (i) the state of plot allocations in the villages of Gakuto, Mmatseta, Kopong, Sasakwe, Lentsweletau, Kgope and Ditshukudung where there seems to be discrepancies in the manner in which land is allocated; and
- (ii) whether there are some systems that the Minister would put in place to ensure seamless plot allocation.

ACTING MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE (DR DIKOLOTI): Mr Speaker,

- (i) I wish to update this Honourable House on the state of residential plot allocation in the villages of Gakuto, Mmatseta, Kopong including Sasakwe Ward, Lentsweletau, Kgope and Ditshukudu, and to outline the measures being implemented to ensure seamless, transparent and accelerated land allocation. For clarity and context, I will address each locality in relation to its 2022 Population and Housing Census population, current waiting list position, cumulative allocation status, last allocation undertaken, and the status of layout development.

Mr Speaker, Lentsweletau has a population of 6 665 according to the 2022 Census and currently has a waiting list of 10 082 applicants. To date, a total of 5 259 plots have been allocated in the village. The last allocation was undertaken in March 2023, reaching applicants who applied on 18th November 2009. Surveying and demarcation of 674 plots was completed in November 2025, and survey records are being compiled for submission to the Department of Surveys and Mapping by the end of February 2026 for approval.

Upon approval, allocation will proceed without delay. Mr Speaker, Kopong, inclusive of Sasakwe Ward, has a population of 13 823 and a waiting list of 13 564 applicants, reflecting demand that is nearly equivalent to its population size. To date, 5 517 plots have been allocated. The last allocation was undertaken in March 2023, reaching applicants who applied on 19th June 2007. The layout has been conditionally approved by the Kweneng District Physical Planning Committee, pending environmental clearance. Subject to such clearance, surveying and demarcation of 1117 plots is scheduled for April 2026. Mr Speaker, Mmatseta has a population of 2 120, yet carries a waiting list of 20 843 applicants, demonstrating extremely high demand pressure relative to its size. To date, 1 314 plots have been allocated. The last allocation was undertaken in March 2023, reaching applicants who applied on 5th June 2008. A base map was submitted in May 2023 for layout detailing, and finalisation of the layout design remains a prerequisite for further surveying and allocation. Mr Speaker, Gakuto has a population of 3 218 and a waiting list of 21 779 applicants, making it one of the most highly pressured villages in the district. To date, 1 744 plots have been allocated. The last allocation was undertaken in August 2020, reaching applicants who applied in June 2008. The layout remains at the design stage within Physical Planning, and expediting its completion is critical to unlocking further allocations and reducing the backlog. Mr Speaker, Ditshukudu has a population of 270 and a waiting list of 1 249 applicants. To date, 412 plots have been allocated. The last allocation was carried out in October 2022, reaching applicants who applied on 14th April 2011. Completion of the base map is scheduled from April 2026, after which layout planning, surveying and allocation processes will follow.

Mr Speaker, Kgope has a population of 534 and a waiting list of 5 927 applicants. To date, 533 plots have been allocated. The last allocation was undertaken in December 2025, reaching applicants who applied on 16th June 2008. Progress has been constrained by two ploughing fields overlapping with the surveyed layout. The land board will fast-track the repossession process in the first quarter of the next fiscal year in order to unlock the affected plots.

- (ii) Mr Speaker, across these villages, it is evident that residential land demand significantly exceeds available supply. The main constraints affecting

allocation include limited availability of readily serviceable land, delays in layout detailing and approvals, environmental clearance requirements, overlapping land rights, and lengthy repossession processes.

Mr Speaker, to address these challenges, the ministry has operationalised a War Room for Secure Land Title Production with effect from 16th January 2026. The War Room pools officers from Deeds Registry, Surveys and Mapping, the Geospatial Information Centre, Town and Country Planning, Land Boards and the Department of Lands to oversee the entire Secure Land Title value chain, from development planning and survey approvals to conveyancing and registration. Its immediate mandate is to deliver at least 48 569 Secure Land Titles within three months, beginning with priority areas including Mogoditshane, Ramotswa, Tlokweng, Palapye, Maun and Oodi. This intervention is designed to eliminate bottlenecks, compress processing timelines, and strengthen inter-departmental coordination to improve overall land administration performance.

Mr Speaker, in addition, the ministry is establishing a Land Lab, facilitated by the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme (BETP). The Land Lab is intended to drive systemic reform and long-term efficiency across the broader land administration ecosystem. It will accelerate residential plot allocation in high-pressure villages, improve response times to investors and citizen applicants, resolve bottlenecks in layout approvals, surveying, environmental clearances and conveyancing, and pool technical, legal and planning expertise into a structured rapid problem-solving platform. While the War Room focuses on immediate production outputs, the Land Lab will address structural inefficiencies to ensure that land allocation processes become faster, more predictable and more transparent over the long term.

Mr Speaker, through intensified planning, accelerated surveying, the operational War Room and the BETP-facilitated Land Lab, the ministry is taking decisive steps to unlock land, reduce waiting lists and improve service delivery. The ministry remains fully committed to orderly, transparent and equitable land allocation for all Batswana. I thank you Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: *Karabo e ne e le telele*, I would have invoked Standing Order 38.4.

MR BOGATSU: *Supplementary. Thank you, Mr Speaker. Ke tlaa kopa gore a mphe karabo Mr Speaker*

gore ke ye go e bala. *Honourable Minister*, mo kgannyeng ya *to unlock the land* jaaka o bua, ke ne ke batla go itse gore mme gone jaanong ka go a utlwala gore batho bale masimo a bone a tserwe e bile a duetswe, go lebega ba boetse kwa masimong ao, e le bone ba tlhaedisang lefatshe, o ya go thusa jang *land board* gore kgang ya mofuta o e e fetise?

DR DIKOLOTI: Ke a go leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke leboge Modulasetilo wa Palamente yo o okametseng dikgang tse tsa lefatshe. Karabo e jaaka e le telele jaana, ke tlaa go e neela gore e tle e go kaele sentle, e na le *supplementaries* mo teng. Kgang e o e mpotsang, ke dumela gore e batla nna le wena re e tshwaraganela go ya go bua le batho bao gore re kgone go tlhomola mutlwa oo gore re kgone gore re abe lefatshe, re beye batho. Jaaka o tswa kgakala o tshwaragane le rona mo lephateng rra, ke dumela gore o tlaa tswelala o ntse o tshwere jalo gore re kgone go fa batho lefatshe. Ke a leboga.

MINIMUM WAGE

MR T. B. LUCAS (BOBIRWA): asked the Minister of Finance to state if the current state of the economy can support a P4000.00 minimum wage across the board as it is the desire and wish of the current Government.

Later Date.

FATALITIES CAUSED BY RECKLESS DRIVING

MR M. MOALOSI (NKANGE): asked the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to state:

- (i) the number of reported cases of causing death by dangerous driving in the past 10 years;
- (ii) the number of people charged, prosecuted, convicted, respectively and the average sentence for those convicted;
- (iii) the minimum and maximum sentences for causing death by dangerous driving;
- (iv) whether the rate of prosecution and conviction for people who kill others on the road either as pedestrians or drivers and passengers is enough to deter people from driving in a way that can harm others; and
- (v) whether the statistics do not call for stiffer sentences and more robust investigation and prosecution for offenders.

ACTING MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT, DEFENCE AND SECURITY (MR TSHERE): *Ke a leboga Mr Speaker. Ke a leboga Honourable Moalosi for this question.*

- (i) Mr Speaker, a total of 3195 cases of causing death by dangerous driving were reported from 2016 and 2025 throughout the country.
- (ii) 1309 drivers were charged for the offence and 685 were prosecuted. Of that, 519 were convicted, out of those prosecuted, 166 were acquitted and 574 are still pending trial. Mr Speaker, the average sentence/imprisonment of the convicted culprits was five years or P10 000.00.
- (iii) Mr Speaker, if the accused is found guilty, he or she can be sentenced to a fine of minimum P5000.00 to a maximum P30 000.00 or to a prison sentence of a minimum of six months to maximum five years if you default on payments.
- (iv) Mr Speaker, my ministry is concerned with road traffic accidents and the Botswana Police in partnership with other relevant stakeholders have come up with strategies to ensure safety in our roads. Prosecuting these culprits is among the deterrence strategies and my ministry is confident that the rate of conviction has a positive impact.
- (v) Mr Speaker, as I have stated, strategies are deployed to address road traffic accidents. These strategies include public education, deployment of road blocks and road patrols. My ministry will continue monitoring the trends, and if need be, penalties for these types of offences will be revised considerably. I thank you Mr Speaker.

MR MOALOSI: *Supplementary.* Ke a go leboga *Honourable Minister for your answer.* Fa motho a bolaile motho, bana ba sala ba le mo tlang, ba le mo mathateng ka gore motsadi wa bone o tlhokafetse ka gore *somebody was driving recklessly*, a o bona *sentence* ya bo *six months* le gore fa o na le madi o duela P10 000 o bo o ya go godisa bana ba gago, e siame? A ga o bone re tlile mo sebakeng sa gore re tseye matshelo a batho *serious such that* fa o bakile leso *through dangerous driving*, o le *convicted*, go gagamadiwe *strop* jaaka kwa mafatsheng a mangwe? Kwa bo America *somebody can go to jail for 30 years for causing death by dangerous driving.* Kana mo gongwe motho o a bo a kgweetsa a sena *licence*, a nole kana *over speeding* fela fa gare ga toropo, a thula ngwana a tswa mo sekoleng. A ga o bone

gore *these sentences* ke go sutlha motho mo letsogong fela ga se go mo otlhaya? Fa motho a bolaile motho ka koloi go bo gotwe *six months*, ga o bone go tshwanetse gore le tle kwa Palamenteng ka Ditshutiso tsa gore go okediwe, go gagamadiwe *strop*? E re fa ke tsena mo koloing, ke bo ke itse gore ke tshwere sebeta, fa ke sa kgweetsa sentle ke bo ke golafatsa kana ke bolaya motho, *punishment* ya teng e kgone go ntira gore ke akanye go kgweetsa sentle. Ke a leboga.

MR TSHERE: Ke a leboga *Honourable* Moalosi. Ke a go utlwa, mme jaaka mo karabong ya me, lephata la re le tsweletse ka go sekaseka seemo seo gore re tle re kgone go bona gore a *penalties* tse *can be revised*. Gongwe ke boammaaruri, mme fela se se supafalang mo mokwalong fa, sa re *conviction rate* ya rona *is above 75 per cent in most of these cases*. Re tsaya gore go dira jalo, go sekisa batho bao le tse dingwe, ke go supa gore ga go letlelelwe jaaka o bua. Gongwe dikatlaholo di kwa tlase jaaka o bua, mme gape re tshwanetse re lemoge gore se sengwe se se bakang dikotsi mo tseleng, se amana le batsamaya ka dinao jaaka go tsamaya bosigo o sa bonale, o tsamaya ka diaparo tse di lefifi, go tsamaya fa e leng gore dikoloi di siana teng, go tlola tsela fa e leng gore ga go a babalesega teng. Ke dingwe tsa dikai tse di dirang dikotsi tse di bolayang batho mo tseleng *other than* fela gore fa gongwe o fitlhetswe o nole kana o ne o kgweetsa *recklessly*. Dilo tse tsotlhe di a lebelelwa, mme kana tsotlhe di ya kwa lekgotleng. Ke sone se e leng gore lekgotla le ya go kala mabaka le bo le kgona go fa katlholo e e lebaneng. *It can still be manslaughter* go thula motho ka koloi fa e le gore *circumstances allow* gore lekgotla le kgone go bona gore o ne o tla o itshietse, ka jalo e bile o ne o beile batho mo mathateng, o thudile motho a bo a felela a tlhokafala. *This is the statistics that we have. I thank you very much.*

MAINTENANCE OF TASHATA JUNIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL

MR T. FURNITURE (TATI EAST): asked the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education to state:

- (i) when the maintenance of Tashata Junior Secondary School is expected to commence; and
- (ii) what causes delays since it was indicated that maintenance would have been done by April 2025.

Later Date.

REPOSSESSING UNUSED LAND

MR A. K. KHAN (MOLEPOLOLE NORTH): asked the Minister of Lands and Agriculture whether he has

considered repossessing unused land around or within Molepolole Prison as well as some of the underutilised plantation areas in Molepolole, with a view to reallocating such land for residential plots to address the growing demand for land among residents.

ACTING MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE (DR DIKOLOTI): Thank you Mr Speaker.

Mr Speaker, the land around Molepolole Prisons is a civic and community allocated to Botswana Prisons Services. Currently Kweneng Land Board has no plans to repossess the land for village expansion. Land board will make thorough assessment to establish if the land is suitable for residential purpose before it embarks on any acquisition process of the area. Assessment for suitability and acquisition process if viable will be done in the next financial year 2026/2027.

Mr Speaker, for the plantation area, acquisition of the land was delayed by a court case between Bakwena Community Development Trust (BCDT) who took over from the Kweneng Rural Development Association and Kweneng Land Board registered at Land Tribunal by BCDT. Kweneng Land Board has in the past consulted with BCDT who are the owners of the plantation in view of repossessing the said piece of land to pave way for village expansion. During engagements between the two parties, BCDT did not agree with Kweneng Land Board on repossession of the area hence the former appealing to Land Tribunal to seek for a redress. Land Tribunal ruled in favour of Kweneng Land Board. We are in further negotiation with BCDT to finalise compensation issues to finally close the matter. This matter will be considered during Kweneng Land Board meeting of February/March 2026.

Mr Speaker, the current status of the said piece of land is that the land has been planned and approved by the District Council-Physical Planning Committee. The approved layout has 1774 plots. Kweneng Land Board survey team surveyed the layout in December 2025 and survey records are being finalised for submission to Department of Surveys and Mapping for examination and approval. Submissions will be done by end of February 2026. After approval, general plans will be registered with Deeds Registry and allocations will follow. Allocations to Batswana are expected in the second quarter of 2026/2027. I thank you Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you Honourable Minister. Honourable Members, *nako ya lona ya dipotso e fedile, a re yeng kwa Appropriation.*

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

Second Reading

(Resumed Debate)

MR SPEAKER: Order! Order! Honourable Members, the debate on this Bill is resuming. When the House adjourned yesterday evening, Honourable Leepetswe Lesedi was on the floor debating and he is left with 7 minutes, 24 seconds.

MR LESEDI (SEROWE SOUTH): Mma ke go leboge *Mr Speaker*, ke bo ke go dumedise. *Mr Speaker*, ke boammaaruri ke ne ke santse ke bua bogolo jang ka Puso e, e e senang le fa e le lepe lenaneo go kgatlhisa Batswana gore kwa phelelong ya letsatsi ba tlhamele ba bangwe mebereko.

Mr Speaker, kana kwa *Ministry wa Agriculture*, go lemetswe balemi tema e nngwefela di tswa kwa go *four*, mme ba tshwere bothata gore tema e nngwefela e Puso e ba e neetseng ba e lema ba ya jang kwa go yone. Ga go na ditsela, mo ke bua jaana madi a Puso fa e ka se ke e ele tlhoko, e tlaa nna madi mangwe a a tlaabong a latlhega. E re go ntse jalo, bo raditerekere ba tshwere bothata ka gore jaanong go dule molaetsa o mošha o o reng ba boele kwa masimo a ba lemileng tema e nngwefela eo, ba ye go tsaya *coordinates* gore ba tle ba kgone go duelwa. A ko o bone fela gore le fa ba ne ba lemetswe *one hectare (h)* yo e leng lenaneo, jaanong ba ya go felela ba ithobogile ba paletswe le ke go boela gape koo, ka gore ba ya ka eng koo ka gore ditshenyegelo ga di kana ka sepe. Molemisi o tshwanetse go ya *to measure*, jaanong o ipotsa gore ke eng a ka se ka a tsaya *coordinates* gore balemi ba ba tle ba bone dituelo. Golo mo *Mr Speaker*, a go elwe tlhoko, Puso e tseye tsia matshelo a ba ba gateletsweng ka gore balemi ba gateletsweng thata.

Gompiano fa o ka boela kwa morago, balemi bogolo jang barui, ba dikile ba swetswe ke dikgomo. E re fa ke santse ke le fa lenaneong le, ke tsaya gore Puso e ka bo e ba sekasetse gore e ka se ka ya nna le dikgomo tse e ka di ba adimang. Ya re gongwe motho a na le dikgomo tse a tlaabong a di adimilwe gongwe di le 10, ya re di sena go tsala a busa dikgomo tseo tse 10, ya re tse tharo di mo salela, ya nna tsone tse a ka simololelang mo go

tsone. Ke Puso fela e go lebegang e sa tseye matshelo a ba ba gateletsweng, bogolo jang balemi-barui ka gore go gateletsweng ba ba botlana. A ko o mpolelele gore batho ba ba dingwaga tse di fa gare go simolola ka 46 go ya kwa godimo go ya go ema ka 60, ka gore rona ba 60 re tlaa bona mofufutso wa bagodi, mpolelele gore botshelo jwa bone ke eng? Ga go na sepe, batho ba Modimo, a e re Puso e ntse e aba *budgets*, e lebe gore ke dingwe dilo tse e ka di elang tlhoko gore le bone ba tle ba bone go tshela le go tshetsa ba malwapa a bone.

Ke ne ke bua ka madi a ke neng ke re a neetswe *Ministry wa State President* a le mantsi. Ke ne ke supa gore madi a bontlha bongwe jwa one a ka bo a ne a fokoleditswe kwa go ba *Transport and Infrastructure*. *Mr Speaker*, ke ne ke utlwa go balololwa gore go tla ya go dirwa mangwe marogo. Go na le tsela ya Serowe/Mokgware e borogo jwa yone bo saleng bo kgaogile fa molapong wa Mogatsapoo. Ke ne ke beile tsebe thata gore ke tlaa utlwa e le gore tsela e ke nngwe ya tse di filweng madi. Ke utlwa go sena sepe se se buiwang, e seng go dira tsela, mme go dira jone borogo jo ka gore ke a itse gore ga e yo mo National Development Plan (NDP) 12. Legale ke tlaabo ke beile tsebe thata fa re setse re tsena kwa *Committee of Supply*, gore ba *Ministry wa Transport and Infrastructure*, ba dirile e le thulaganyo.

Mr Speaker, le fa go ntse jalo jaaka fa mongwe a kile a kgabola fa motlotlegi, Batswana ba bolailwe ke tlala. Batswana go lebeba ba tlaa tswelela ba bolawa ke tlala, ka gore *price* ya dijo, ke ne ke reeditse thata gore gongwe go ka bo go tla sengwe ka *budget*, e le go leka go fokotsa manokonoko a ditlhwatlhwa tsa dijo tse di tsholetsegileng mo go tsitsibanyang mmele. Jaanong gongwe motho o ka akanya gore, a ko Puso e lebelebe gore a go ka se ka ga nna le sepe sa go tshwana le bo *price control*, ka gore seemo se...

MR PULE: *Clarification.* Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo. Ke ne ke re motlotlegi, fa o bua ka tlala e e tlhaseseng Batswana, o raya le ba kgaolo ya ga Motlotlegi Mathoothe?

MR LESEDI: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. *Mr Speaker*, tota go boammaaruri, ga ke tlhaole, ke batla go supa fela fa ke re Batswana, ke raya Batswana ka kakaretso ka gore ditlhwatlhwa tse di amile lefatshe ka bophara. Ga di a ama nngwe kgaolo, di tlogela nngwe kgaolo, ka jalo, go raya gore le kgaolo ya gagwe e mo teng Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. E re ke santse ke le foo, ke supe gore, a Puso e lebe gore go ka tliwa jang gore le babereki tota e re ba tsena mo shopong

kgwedi e fedile, motho a kgone go reka dijo tse di ka jewang tsa ya go fetsa kgwedi, gona le gore gompieno e bo e re le fa o bereka, e bo ba lelwapa la gago ba ntse ba bolawa ke tlala.

Mr Speaker fa ke wela, o kare golo fa go na le tsietsego e ntsi thata e ke sa itseng gore e kabo e bakwa ke eng. Mma ke e tlhatswe *Mr Speaker*; ke eme fano ke le moBotswana Patriotic Front (BPF), ga ke moUmbrella for Democratic Change (UDC) e bile ga ke moDomkrag. Re kile ra batla go nna le tumalano le UDC, mme ga e ise e wele, jaanong...

MR LEKAU: *Point of order.* *Mr Speaker*, ka o motho wa go re ruta gangwe le gape, jaanong kana ditsebe ga di utlwele go tshwana. Ke re o nne o re gakolole gape gore, fa re bua ka *budget*, re ikganelele fela mo go yone. Fa e re o bona motlotlegi a dule jaaka Rre Lesedi a dule mo tseleng jaana, leka go mo ota a bue ka *budget*, a se ka a bua ka tsa phathi ya bone. Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa, kana *Honourable* Lesedi o ne a santse a simolola kgang ya gagwe. Ke ne ke batla go utlwa gore o wela kae, gongwe e lomagana le *budget*, ga ke itse gore di logamana fa kae. Lotlhe ba le buang tseweetswee, le ele tlhoko thata Standing Order 57.1.

MR LESEDI: Ke a go leboga *Mr Speaker*; mma ke wele. Tota ke gone foo ke lomaganye kgang e le *budget* gore, fa ke *debate budget*, batho ba se ka ba solofela gore ke tlaa *debate* jaaka bone ba akanya. Ba itse gore maikutlo a me gongwe bontsi jwa nako ke a ke a neetsweng ke bathlophi ba Serowe South, bogolo jang mo go bueng *budget*. Ke sone se ke neng ke re ke itlhwatswe, le kwa ntle batho ba tlhaloganye gore ke tlaabo ke bua jang. Ga ke moUDC, re kile ra batla go nna le tumalano, mme ga e ise e wele *Mr Speaker*. Re santse re le mo dipuisanyong, fa e wetse ke tlaa bua puo e e tlaa tshwanang le ya bone fa e le gore go tlaabo go ntlama. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS (MR MOTSHEGWA): Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Mma ke dumedise ba Mmadinare, Sefhophe, Tobane, Sokwe, Robelela, Damochutjena le metse yotlhe ya kgaolo, meraka le masimo ka koo, ke nna weno wa lona ka boikokobetso, boingotlo le tlotlo. E tlaa re kwa *Committee of Supply stage* ke tlaa nankola ka bophara tse le di nthomileng tsa ditlhabololo.

Mr Speaker, ke batla go bua puo e gore baditshaba le Makgoa ba utlwe gore itsholelo ya lefatshe la Botswana

e tsamaya sentle. Ke sone se ke reng, *Mr Speaker*; let me humbly thank Batswana for their trust and confidence in the UDC Government, which is highly committed to rebuilding this country, rejuvenating the economy for inclusive growth and prosperity for all, to create sustainable jobs...

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable Minister*, hang on. O ka dirisa tafolenyana e e fa e fa e le gore o bona go ka nna botoka.

MR MOTSHEGWA: *Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.* Let me thank Batswana for their trust and confidence in the UDC Government, which is highly committed to rebuilding this country, rejuvenating the economy for inclusive growth and prosperity for all, to create sustainable jobs and great conditions of service/welfare of workers, reform the social services among others by bringing quality education system and quality health system. Let me also acknowledge the dedicated leadership of President Comrade Duma Boko, Vice President Comrade Ndaba Gaolathe, the capable Cabinet, the passionate Members of Parliament and committed Councillors. Let me also greatly acknowledge and pay homage to the UDC activists who passionately with patriotism continue to explain Government policies and defend Government from unwarranted attacks of the opposition ranks who suffer from political malnutrition of ideas. I thank the UDC manifesto and strategy team for their great role as the think tank of the party. This Government is surely rising to the desired level of zenith and apogee.

We must look at the country's economy, not just to understand it but to change it. This approach is inspired by development economist Esther Duflo who worked with some of the poorest people in the world, trying to understand the characteristics of their economic environment which might prevent its development, so that they remain poor. She argued that poverty does not simply mean a lack of money, but rather a limited ability to command economic resources. In our context, we have an undertaking to correct this and economically empower the people of this country.

I wish to spotlight and accentuate the following snapshots from the Budget for entrenched appreciation by the people. The Budget talked about the theme,

- Theme: "A New Era of Economic Transformation and Fiscal Prudence"
- Focus: that is shifting away from public spending dependency towards private sector-led productivity.

- The context is, Rebuilding Financial Buffers.
- On Economic Transformation, the Budget marks a deliberate transition from diagnosis to delivery, as we advance reforms to restore stability, strengthen institutions, and lay the groundwork for inclusive and sustainable growth.
- On leadership the Minister said those in leadership are tasked with bringing the people's vision into reality, in a unique and unprecedented way.
- On agriculture he said agriculture is being modernised to become an export-oriented agro-industrial sector.

Now I wish to state Mr Speaker that the progressive UDC Government has put in place Botswana Economic Transformation Programme (BETP) which lays a solid foundation of the transformation of this country. This has been specified to National Development Plan 12, signalling transformational agenda for the next five years. It is worth punctuating that, now this Budget is the first instalment of the National Development Plan 12. *Ke yone ya ntlha ya rona ya National Development Plan (NDP)12.* This Budget reflects and endorses NDP12 and BETP.

When he was looking back at Adam Smith, the economist Maynard Keynes reminded the world that economic stability depends upon widespread confidence, trust and hope for the future. Looking at the erudite economist Ndaba Gaolathe's Budget it oozes widespread confidence, trust and hope for the future. We are reconstructing from the past in the present for the future.

ROLE OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR

While the thrust of the Budget Speech and NDP 12 is a private sector-driven economic growth...

MR PULE: *Procedure Mr Speaker.* Ke ne ke gacolola fela motlotlegi *with all due respect.* Ka re a itse gore Rre KFC ke lekomanisi, jaanong fa a e tla a ntse *quoting scholars* mme a sa kope *permission* kwa go wena, ga re ke re itse gore mafoko a gagwe ke afe, a e seng a gagwe ke afe. Ke utlwile a bua ka bo Smith *and others*, mme a ise a kope *permission* mo go wena gore *he can quote.* Ke ne ke tsaya gore *the culture of this House* ke gore, *when you are there, you have to ask for permission from the Speaker to quote some scholars.* Ke a leboga Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: Ee, le reetse *Honourable Pule* thata, kana e ne e le *Deputy Speaker*, o itse *the rules.* *When you quote* o kope *permission*, o gakologelwe *Honourable Motshegwa.* Tswelela le *debate.*

MR MOTSHEGWA: Thank you very much Honourable Pule. Obviously, I am highly flying above your head. While the thrust of the Budget Speech and NDP 12 is a private sector-driven economic growth and transformation...

MR PULE: *Point of order.* Nnyaa, ga ke itse gore jaanong KFC ka ke ntse ke ithaya ke re ke tsala ya me, jaanong fa...kana ke utlwile kgantele fa a bua *Mr Speaker* o bo o mo tlogela, fa a re, "*we are suffering from political malnutrition.*" Ga ke itse gore a ke ka ema fela fa ke le Mopalamente ke bo ke re, *he is suffering from political obesity.* A ke tlaabo ke bua sentle fa ke mo raya ke re, *he is suffering from political obesity.* Ka gompiano jaana o bua gore "*he is flying high above me,*" o raya batho ba kgaolo ya me a re, *I am stupid.* *This is what he is saying,* ke sedidi. O buile ka *peace Mr Speaker*, fa a batla kagiso le gore botsala jwa me bo tswelele, a se ka a bo a bua ka fa a buang ka teng. O mo kope gore a boele mafoko ao morago. Ke a leboga Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: Kana ke gore ga ke itse gore o raya jang. Tsweetswee *Honourable Members*, kana Standing Order 57.4 sa re le se ka la dirisa mafoko a a ka kgopisang ba bangwe. Jaanong tsweetswee *when you debate*, le babalelane *Honourable Members.* Kana le bagolo fa le le fa jaana. Le sekaseke mafoko a le a dirisang. Le se ka la tsoberana.

MR MOTSHEGWA: While the thrust of the Budget Speech and NDP 12 is a private sector-driven economic growth and transformation, the role of State-Owned Enterprises (SOEs) (Botswana Meat Commission (BMC), Botswana Vaccine Institute (BVI), Botswana Development Corporation (BDC), Botswana Power Corporation (BPC), Water Utilities, Botswana Agricultural Marketing Board (BAMB) etcetera, in strategic sectors are emphasised in the Budget, fully recognised and will be anchored on good governance, accountable and professional management.

Mr Speaker, I vehemently and rigorously dismiss the notion that Botswana should be strictly and rigidly tied to some magic number or statistics called Debt/Gross Domestic Product (GDP) Ratio. This is not mandatory and it changes from time to time depending on the

prevailing economic, political and social contributions including climate change. In fact, almost all Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) countries have on several occasions exceeded their target of 60 per cent and some have always been above the debt /GDP ratio of more than 60 per cent with positive economic growth. What is important is that borrowing must not be for consumption, but for productive and revenue generation projects.

Botswana Congress Party (BCP), the Opposition should humble themselves and appreciate that even the so-called Bretton Woods Institutions of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund (IMF) agrees about this so-called magic number. Their posture on this matter is backward and unintelligent.

The Government has adopted a move to increase...

MR MOALOSI: Procedure Mr Speaker. *Ke a leboga* Mr Speaker. I think the Honourable Member *o latlha setšhaba* are the debt/GDP ratio is not mandatory. *Mo Botswana* it is mandatory, it is established by law. There is a statutory limit. *Jaanong Motswana kwa gae o ka nna a akanya gore go raya gore ga go na molao* that limits the ratio *ya teng*. *Ke re gongwe* he should debate *a bua nnete, a se ka a ntsha* Botswana *mo tseleng*.

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa, *you could have corrected him*. *Gongwe gakere o raya fela gore it is not cast on stone*. *Mme o ka bo o kile wa kopa correction*.

MR MOTSHEGWA: Let me continue, *o tlhokile lesego la dikakanyo*.

The Government has adopted a move to increase the debt/GDP ratio to 60 per cent from 40 per cent as intended to address poverty, unemployment, low economic growth, low diversification, dilapidated physical and social infrastructure, and digital technology, rural development and empowerment of communities, etcetera. Almost all industrialised countries implement the debt/GDP ratios far above 40 per cent, and some even go beyond 100 per cent like Japan, to address the same challenges including climate change.

As I have already indicated Mr Speaker, the IMF has also supported Botswana for increasing the debt/GDP ratio beyond 40 per cent for Botswana. Of course, deficit financing like I said, is not meant for consumption expenditure but impactful investment. In short, the time and circumstances warrant for a bigger budget outlay.

Now let me respond to the BCP's substandard response to the Budget Speech. I listened to the BCP's supposed to be alternative Budget Speech through Leader of the Opposition which turned disastrous as he addressed a rally in Parliament. There is really nothing new he said. The Leader of the Opposition followed by his disciples, disagreed without bringing forth any ideas or solutions. He exhibited and demonstrated high level of incompetence in his assignment. His chants about the economy of this country are fatally flawed.

I wish to remind him and the BCP cohort that;

- The UDC Government did not know or have reliable information about the debts and outstanding payments to be made to suppliers, contractors and civil servants. In fact, the BCP leader is on record saying BDP had no obligation to have left funds for the people of this country. Interpreted, he says BDP was correct to have collapsed this economy through corruption and reckless spending, *jaaka re fitlhetse sepatšhe se se na sepe, re fitlhetse Omang fela mo sepatšheng sa lefatshe la Botswana*.
- When the UDC Government took over the reins, global geopolitical threats, and tensions intensified which adversely affected global economic growth and trade, and this affected among others the diamond market. Surely, no one anticipated these tensions and the global geopolitical challenges. We need to appreciate and explain objectively to the people, the realities of what is happening, without creating fantasies for the people.
- The punitive tariffs by President Trump affected global markets and financial flows. The UDC Government could not have anticipated this, which of course affected diamond sales.
- The financial recklessness that the UDC Government stopped through Government Purchase Orders (GPOs) and travel were not foreseen by the UDC Government until the latter took over, discovered clearly what happened and proactively put measures to stop the rot.
- This country experienced floods last year and now Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) outbreak. These are some of the unknowns just like the tariffs by President Trump.
- The economic growth of Botswana depends on many of the unknown factors especially externally, and

therefore, the UDC Government can manage and prioritise with limited policy landscape. Our external trade is definitely fragile and highly unpredictable, and yet our Government revenues largely depend on external conditions.

- Now, why is the Leader of the Opposition not grateful for the reduction of financial waste, review of the DM model, doing away with supplementaries and budgets which were wasteful?
- Does the Leader of the Opposition and BCP also not appreciative of the noble initiative of the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme (BETP) which was highly consultative and led to bankable projects under NDP 12? If he does not see these glaring and prominent things, then nothing will please him.

The difference between UDC and the BCP, the Opposition; for public consumption, it must be noted that while they chose despair, we chose hope. While they chose darkness, we chose light. While they chose *go boka mathata*, we chose to offer solutions. While they wish for the economy to fail and collapse under the UDC and thus the devastation of Botswana, we choose to focus and develop this country and its people, for now and for the coming generations.

Now as I am about to conclude, I wonder if the BCP Honourable Members of Parliament (MPs) read through the BETP strategy which is aligned to NDP 12. The two documents they adopted in Parliament, yet they despise and do not believe in them. BETP very much clearly outlines social protection priorities which highlight investments in education, health and social security among others. It also very much focuses on the revenue generating sectors like agriculture, energy, mining, infrastructure, manufacturing, tourism and financial services. Surely, they debate without studying these strategies, but they are just drilled and hyped to attack the Government of the people in the second Republic.

I must state also, that the BCP has failed to rise beyond the opposition tag, and thus they have failed to offer alternatives. How can we fault them? They just oppose without tendering alternative ideas. Then again it is them who said they do not owe UDC and Botswana any alternative ideas. They just ride on populism and sound bite politics (*politiki ya kgale, ya banyana mponeng* without substance). As Leon Trotsky will say and talk about “the grave digger of the revolution,” they are one,

but we soldiered on to hatch the revolution and liberated Botswana.

Mr Speaker, *go supa gore ke batho ba sena* prudent resource management, and therefore cannot run the economy, *bone ba BCP ba ne ba kgobokane kwa Mmadinare dibeke tse pedi tse di fetileng, ba dirisitse madi* on stages, sound system, *ditante, dijo* costing P300,000, *ba etse go amogela motho a le mongwefela, yo o bifelang batho mo motseng le gone, a tla ka baki ya BPF le gone e kalela.*

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Laughter!)

MR MOTSHEGWA: Jaanong mme ke a ba gakolola gore fa o tsena kwa...

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa, *Honourable* Motshegwa, *order!* *Honourable* Motshegwa, nnyaa, kana motho yo o neng a amogelwa...

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Laughter!)

MR SPEAKER: Tsweetswee *Honourable Members*, reetsang. Motho yo o neng a amogelwa yoo kana ga a yo fa go ka ipuelela. Jaanong se mo sotle jalo *honourable*, mo ntshe mo ngangisanong.

MR MOTSHEGWA: Ke a boela morago, ke tlaa gakolola matlho ame *next time* go sa bona tse e leng gore di a bo di diragala.

Ke ne ke wela fela ke re, ke ba gakolotse gore nnyaa, ka kwa fa o tsena teng, go tshwana le fa o bua tlou ka *nail cut*, kana o epa teemane ka leswana la tee. Jaanong sa bone ka fa ba ntseng ka teng...

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

MR MOTSHEGWA: ...nnyaa, gakere wena o tsering dingwaga di ka nna 20 go goroga fa, jaanong o goroga ka dibaki di thunya jaanong.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Laughter!)

MR MOTSHEGWA: Sa bone ba BCP...

MR SPEAKER: Ba tlaa go gogela mo thaelong *Honourable* Motshegwa, o se ka wa reetsa *side remarks*...

MR MOTSHEGWA: Sa bone ba...

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable Minister*, o se ka wa reetsa *side remarks* ka gore ba tlaa go gogela mo thaelong, mme ba ka se ke ba go golole mo go yo o bosula, tsweetswee.

MR MOTSHEGWA: Ke ne ke wetsa Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente ke re, tota UDC e tshegeditse boikarabelo jwa mathata a Batswana a ama melemo, ka mabaka a gore fa o tsaya dikgang tsa melemo, dikgang tsa ditiragalo tsa mo dipateleng, ga se dikgang tse di simologileng beke kana ngwaga e e fetileng, ke dikgang tse di tsereng dingwaga tse di telele mme ba bangwe bangogoregi ba gompiano ba ne ba didimetse. Jaaka ke buile, maikaelelo a rona ga se go...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR MOTSHEGWA: Mma ke feleletse pele. Jaaka ke tlhalositse, maikaelelo a rona ga se go boka mathata, ke go tsisa tharabololo. Mothusi Tautona yo e leng Tona wa Madi, o buile mo *Budget Speech* gore tharabololo ya rona e re tsenyang madi, re ya go dira ka tsela e e ntseng jang. *To demonstrate Government policy commitment*, go ntile le *decentralisation of primary healthcare*, ya bo e isiwa kwa *local authorities* gore ba itebaganye le yone. *Minister of Health* yo re mo emeng nokeng mo Pusong le ene o nankotse a bua le Batswana ka fa re yang go rarabolola ka teng seemo sa botsogo mo lefatsheng la Botswana se re se tshwaraganetseng.

Tsa Thuto fela jalo le tsone, Matona a Thuto ka bobedi, ba re ba emeng nokeng go shahadiwa ga dikole, go agiwa tse di sha, go itumedisiwa ga mabaka a pereko a barutabana le tse dingwe, ke tse re lebaganeng le tsone. Tona wa Mohama wa Lefatshe le Dikgang tsa Temothu, le ene o tlhalositse gore re ya go fetola temothuo ka tsela e e ntseng jang, bogolo re itebagantse le ba ba kobo dikhutshwane.

Ke tlhalose gape gore fa go tla mo dikgannyeng tsa *social protection*, go lemoga botlhokwa jwa bana, ke sone se Puso e tlang ka lenaneo la P300, go ema nokeng bomme ba ba tlaabong ba belega. Re tsaya tsia phetogo ya matshelo a batho kwa magaeng go aga *village economies*. Ke sone se re buang ka *rural industrialisation to curb rural-urban migration* gore batho ba kwa magaeng, ba se ka ba tla ditoropong ba re ba tsile go bapala botshelo jo bo botoka. Ke sone se re se diragatsang, ga re bue fela.

Transformation of Ipelegeng into Ikageng Public Works Programme e ba tlaabong ba neelwa dikitso, mme ba na le seabe se se tona mo itsholelong kwa temothuong, ba aga matamo, ba shafatsa dikago, ke one *maintenance*. Ba na le karolo fela mo itsholelong ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, e bile ba tokafalelwa le ka fa ba atswiwang ka teng.

Go supa *strengthening of local governance*, ke sone se e leng gore go na le Revised Village Development Committee (VDC) Guidelines tse di yang go dira gore VDCs fa di tshwaragana le dikoporase, *trusts* le makalana a mangwe a Puso, e bo e le gore re aga itsholelo ya magae go thusa Batswana.

Empowerment of councils to generate own revenue, e le tsela nngwe ya *alternatives*. Ke sone se dikhansele tsa rona di tse tsewang mo lenaneong la go itirela letseno la gore ba tle ba dire ditlhabololo, ba neele Batswana ditlamelo ka mabaka a gore *in terms of decentralization, councils have proximity to the people to offer quality services to the people*.

Ke buile gore dikgang tsa batho ba Mmadinare tsa ditlhabololo e tlaare mo *Committee of Supply*, ke di tlhalose ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. Batswana re ba reye fela gore ba nne le tshepo le tumelo ka gore mathata a lefatshe la Botswana, a a itsege. Ke one a Puso e mekamekaneng le one. Pharologanyo ya rona le ba bangwe ke gore, bone ba senka go tsaya nako e ntsi ba boka mathata, rona ra re go tsewe nako e ntsi go itebagantswe le ditlhabololo. Mme sa bone e tlaabo e nna kgang ya hee wee! Hee wee! UDC, fa Puso e le palela, le re e neele. Nnyaa, bakgalajwe, Puso ga se sekerese (*cigarette*) ga e neelanwe, ga e na *skeif*. Puso e ya kwa Batswaneng, o a ba ikaela gore maikaelelo a gago ke eng. Ba bo ba dumela mo go reng o ka fetola lefatshe ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. Ke sone se re tlaa tswelolang re ntse re rera le Batswana.

Ga re ka ke ra dira dilo tse re le Puso fela, re ya go rera le Batswana gore megopolo e e tlhabololang lefatshe le, e bo e le mo go bone. Mme le bone re tlaa tsaya megopolo ya bone. Re buile gore go nosetsa puso ya batho ka batho, ke Puso e ba kganetso fa ba tla ka megopolo e e tlhwaafetseng, re tlaa e tsaya tsia. Maikaelelo a rona ga se go gana fela ka gore re mo Pusong. Maikaelelo a rona ke go direla Batswana, ke go ba tlhabolola. Ka tsela e e ntseng jalo Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke tle ke eme gone fa. Ke kopane le BCP e tlhobotse, e ntshitse mokwatla. Ke ne ka nna fela mo mokwatleng le mo mangamung, jaanong ke kgaogane le yone e ye go ikoka. Ke tsaya gore ba utlwile. Ke a leboga.

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

MR SPEAKER: The floor is open.

MR MOSANANA (KANYE EAST): Ke a go leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke dumedise batlotlegi mo Ntlong eno. Le nna ke akgele mo *budget* e re e beilweng pele ke Vice President (VP), e bile le *Minister* wa *Finance*. Ke

simolole ka go leboga *Minister of Finance* ka se a se re beileng pele. Ka *theme* ya gagwe e e reng, “*A New Era of Economic Transformation and Fiscal Prudence.*” E e rayang gore re ya go tsosolosa le go fetlha itsholelo *to bring it back to where it used to be*, kwa e kileng ya bo e le teng. Re a itse gore itsholelo ya lefatshe le, e kile ya bo e phaphasela, e meletswa pelo ke mafatshe a mangwe. Re tlaa e busetsa gone koo. Re tsamaela gone fela koo.

Jaaka a ne a bua *Minister* wa rona wa *Finance*, a re bolelela gore itsholelo *is out of Intensive Care Unit (ICU)*. Go raya gore e dule mo *oxygen*, ga e sa tlhole e gateletswe mo go kalokalo jaaka re e fitlhetse. Ka jalo, le molwetse wa gago fa o utlwa gotwe o *out of ICU*, o a solofela, o nna le nametsego ya gore o tlaa tshela, ke yo o tsogile.

Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke boe ke tlotlomatse gape *budget* e e buang ka *honesty*. *It speaks honesty*, boammaaruri *and boldly*, ka seemo se se leng teng, e seng mo gotweng go okediwa marago ka maje. Ke rata gore Mothusa Tautona wa rona, re bona sentle kwa a re isang teng mo mathateng a re leng mo go one, o a re ogola, e bile ga re belaele sepe.

Ke akgole *direction* e e tsewang ke NDP 12 le BETP ka gore *it outlines direction* e re e tsamayang gore re ya golo gongwe, ga re boele kwa morago. E re ntsha mo go beyeng fela mo go Goromente go fetlha le go godisa itsholelo *by involving private sector*. *Private sector* ya rona mo bogompionong bagaetsho, e thantse mo e leng gore sengwe se a supafala. Ke rata gore *transformation* e re buang ka yone, ga re a tshwanela go e bua ka molomo fela, re tshwanetse re *e feel*, re e bone le kwa dikgaolong tsa rona le kwa magaeng gore se re se buang, se bonale. *Constituencies* tsa rona di tle di gatele kwa pele.

Mo *budget* ya rona ya *maintenance*, Mothusa Tautona o boletse gore go seegetswe fa thoko P1.8 *billion*, madi a a tlaabong a dira *maintenance* wa dikole, *clinics*, *buildings* tsa ga Goromente jalojalo. Ke batla gore mo ditirong tse di tlaabong di dirwa kwa Kanye, di dirwe ke bana ba Kanye ka gore re na le batho koo. *Artisans* ba teng, *they are sitting there*, ga ba na ditiro. Ga ke batle seemo se e tlaabong kamoso re bona *company* e bileditswe *maintenance* e tswa kwa Chobe. Bone ba re, ditiro tsa bone ba batla go di neela maNamibia. E se ka ya re ba di neela maNamibia jalo, ba tloga ba tla kwa go rona, ba tla go tsaya ditiro tsa rona.

Mr Speaker, ke rata gore fa ke tswelela, ke lebogele thata *National Fund of Funds* e e saleng e tswa kwa

morago e ntle Mothusa Tautona a re lekodisa ka yone. E tlaa re thusa ka ntata ya gore batho ba le bantsi ba na le kgatlhego ya go dira *businesses*. Ba na le maano a mantsi le dikitso tsa go dira *businesses*, mathata e bo e nna gore ga ba na *start* go simolodisa kgwebo, *otherwise* re ka bo re le kgakala fa re bua jaana *Mr Speaker*.

Go botlhokwa gore ditiro tsa *maintenance* tse di tlaabong di dirwa, ke kope thata gore bodiredi jwa ga Goromente e bong jwa khansela, bo tshwanetse *to supervise projects* ka gore fa go sa nne jalo, o ya go fitlhela go dirilwe sogosogwane fela, go bo go boa go *collapse* gape.

Ke ne ke eletsa fa *Minister* wa *Agriculture* o ka ba a le fa ka gore dilo di dintsi tse di ka fa tlase ga gagwe, le fa le ene re dumela gore *he is overstretched* gore a ba a tshwere *Ministry* o o kana ka wa *Agriculture* a o patagantse le wa *Lands*. Southern District e ke tswang mo go yone e na le balemi ba popota, mme fa ba sena go lema, ga go na kwa ba isang ditswatemong tsa bone teng. *Market* ga o *conducive*, dilo tsa bone di felela di tsewa mahala jaaka e kete ga ba a di sokolela. Botswana Agricultural Marketing Board (BAMB) ke tlaa kopa gore e tokafatse ditlhwatlhwa tsa yone. E bile go nne le BAMB e nngwe e e ka phadisanyang le yone *regarding* kgang e ya *prices* ya go reka *Mr Speaker*. Ke batla go laetsa Mapalamente kwa Kanye *Show*, e teng. Ke batla le ye go bona fa ke le raya ke re ka fa Kanye go a lengwa. *Honourable* Lucas ke a go laetsa gore o tle go bona.

Mo kgannyeng ya lefatshe bana ga ba le bone. Banana ga ba kgone go bona lefatshe, le fa o ne o re o ka mo tabogelatabogela wa mo agela, ga go na gone fa o mo agelang teng. Bana ba setse ba tlhatlagane le batsadi mo malwapeng. Kgang e ke e e sa jeseng diwelang.

Mr Speaker, re tshwanetse re le Goromente wa letsatsi, re a itse gore re na le bothata jo bo kana ka eng jwa Tlhako le Molomo, mo e leng gore fa re bua jaana mo manyalong le dintsho, go jewa *cabbage* fela. Ke sengwe se se siameng gore e jewe ka gore ke setswammung, ga go tshwane le nama ka gore e bolaisa *gout*, fa go duwa mo *weekend* o fitlhela ba kokobitla fela e ba...

Re le Puso re solofetse *investors* tse di tlaabong di tla mo lefatsheng la rona ba tla go re thusa. Ke rata *Minister* wa *Agriculture* le Lefatshe a emele *land boards* tsa gagwe ka dinao gore fa bagwebi bao ba goroga ba tla go re thusa, ba re direla ditiro, ba se ka ba diegelwa, ba fiwe lefatshe ka bofefo gore ba se ka ba tloga ba ngala ba tsamaya ka madi a bone. Kana madi ao e a bo e le

a bone, re rata gore a tle go nna mono a direle bana ba rona ditiro *Honourable* Kedikilwe.

Go na le kgang e nngwe e ke ka sekeng ka e tlogela ya gore *land boards* di tsaya nako e telele thata go rarabolola dikgotlhang mabapi le lefatshe. O fitlhela e le gore motho a tshwana le Mme Mma Thomas fa ga Kebuang fale, o na le setsha, motho a ba a *encroach* mo go sone a ngatha *piece* ya lelwapa la gagwe. Gompieno jaana ke kgang e e setseng e digela bo *four, five years*, go tla go supa fela gore wena o felela fa, wena o felela fa. Ke dilo fela tse di utlwisang botlhoko. Kana batsadi ba rona fa o le kana ka nna, ba a bo ba tsaya gore ke dilo tse dingwe tse dinnyennyane, kante di a ba ama mo botshelong jwa bone jwa letsatsi le letsatsi.

Ke rata gore ke bue ka *clinics*, ke leboge Puso gore e bo e di tsere e di ntshitse kwa *Ministry of Health*. *Ministry of Health* e ne e sa kgone go goroga sentle kwa bathong. *Local Government* tota ke mmammang, ke yone e itebagantseng le setšhaba kwa ntle. Se se botlhokwa ke gore e thatafadiwe, *clinics* tse di nne le dingaka, baoki le *supporting staff*, gotlhe le melemo. E kare kwa bofelong ra fitlhela maduo a teng a bonala ka gore go tlaa fokoletsa *referral hospitals* tiro e ntsintsi, mokgweleo o ba o rweleng. Go bo go fokotsa le tsone ditshenyegelo ka gore bolwetse fa bo kgalhantshitswe bo santse bo le boshwa, bo kgona go laolesega botoka.

Mothusa Tautona o ne a bua gape ka *Alcohol Levy* gore e tsewe gore e tle e re thuse go baakanya le go dira ditsela tsa rona. Ke batla go mo tlatsa ka gore go na le seshabo se se tsamayang le *alcohol* e bong motsoko, a o akanyediwe ka gore sa one ke go tla go lwatsa batho fela. A go alafiwe ka *levy* ya motsoko ka gore ke bolwetse. Ka Labotlhano, *I will be tabling Motion* fa, o o amanang le tsa botsogo *Mr Speaker*.

Alcohol Levy ke yone e re thusang kwa magaeng a rona jaaka bo Molapowabojang, Lotlhakane, Moshaneng, jalojalo go baakanya ditsela. Kana ditsela rona ba re tswang kwa magaeng a a mantswa le dithaba, go botlhoko mo go maswe ka gore fa metsi fela pula e na, e gogola mmunyana o o neng o le foo, mantswa a a ba a sala e le ditšhaka a eme ka dinao. Go raya gore le dikoloi tsa batho ga di bone boitekanelo gotlhelelelele.

Ke batla go feta ka e nngwe ke e ya batho ba ba 60 *years*, ba e leng gore fa o tshwara 60 gatwe o tswe mo tirong o godile. O bo o sa neelwe sepe sa gore o ka itshetsatshetsa o santse o emetse go ya go tshwara 65. A golo fa go akanngweng thata, re bone gore re ka tswala jang *gap* e.

Go na le madi a gotweng ke P5 *billion*, a beetswe gore a tle go duela masole. Mongwe o ne a mpotsa ka *weekend* gore, “ka gore le rona re a kolotiwa mme re utlwa le bua ka masole fela e bile le bua ka matshebetshebe a madi, a e seng gore le tshaba gore masole ba ka nna ba tsaya Puso mo go lona ba e neela ba sele? Fa re sa umakiwe gope mme le dikgang tsa rona di wetse, *ruling* e dule gore re duelwe, jaanong le bua fela ka masole, re bete se molangwana. Bogolo dirang ka pela gore *Constitutional Court* e fete, re tle re bone kwa re ka yang go ikuela teng.” Ke ne ka mo solofetsa gore ga se gore ke go tshaba masole, le bone ke bana fela jaaka lona.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR MOSANANA: Goromente o wa rona, o ikiteile sehuba gore o batla go neela bana ba ba *less than 12 months* madi a a kana ka P300.00 gore re ba beye botsetsi. Ke re selo seo ke kgallopele e bile ke go supa boikarabelo mo setšhabeng sa gago. Re a itse gore ba bangwe tota ga ba nang mme P300 yo e a bo e le sengwe. Ke rotloetse ba kgaolo ya me gore ka tswetswee, dirang gore le kwadise bana, se lomeletseng bana bao gore ba ye go tsaya maP300.00 ao.

Ke a leboga gore *Minister* wa *Finance* a bo a gorogile fa ke ntse ke le fa. Re kopa *confirmation* ya gore mo *financial year* e, *Constituency Community Projects* (CCPs) di tlaa nna teng.

Ke ratile mogopolo wa gore Goromente a bo a tsaya boikarabelo jwa gore *security* sa gagwe se tsewe ke ene, e nne ene a se hirang ka gore batho ba ba tshwere bothata bagaetsho ba ba hirwang ke *security companies*. Selo sa ntlha ga ba duelwe ka nako, mo e leng gore fa ba ne ba re ba ikwadisitse *at the mortuaries* gore ba ituelele dikesi, ba felela ba jelwe ka ntata ya gore ga ba duele mme go bereka gore go ntse gotwe ba a bereka.

Ke batla go bua ka e nngwe ke e e ke sa itseng gore a gongwe ke tlaabo ke gata mongwe khonse. Bagaetsho, re na le mathata le rona re le maUDC ka kwano. Fa gongwe o fitlhela e le gore go nna thata gore re ka bua le *Ministers* tsa rona. Batho kwa dikgaolong kwa, ba re ntse mo melaleng. Jaanong ke bona go le botoka gore fa go ne go ka diragala gore go nne le nako e e leng gore *Ministers* ba tlaabo ba ya fela kwa seromamoweng go nna le *lines* tsa bone, ba kgona go araba setšhaba ka gore go nna thata mo gongwe gore ba kgone go re araba. Fa go ka nna le nako fela e e leng gore e lebagane le gore ba bo ba araba batho, setšhaba, ba botsa dipotso, ba dira *follow-ups and so on*, golo moo go ka nna botoka.

Ke commend my Government wa UDC go beeletsa 7.1 per cent wa madi a GDP mo thutong. Se se supa boineelo mo go ageng setšhaba se se rutegileng.

Vice President o buile thata ka go nonotsha Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET), se e le maikemisetso a rona mo go tlhabololeng dikitso and empowering our youth. Se se botlhokwa ke gore le lecturers tse tsa kwa TVET, a di nonotshiwe, ba isiwe dikoleng, le seemo sa bone fela sa kwa tirong se tokafadiwe, mabaka a bone a pereko a tokafadiwe. Rona kwa Kanye, already we have a place e e siametseng TVET, go na le Rural Industries Innovation Centre (RIIC). Honourable Tshere can attest to this, re ne re mmiditse maloba ka January jaana a ile go bona lefelo leo la RIIC.

Goromente wa rona is working very hard on renewable energy. Le bona projects fa le ntse le tsamaya jaana kwa bo Lobatse kana Jwaneng. Ke projects tse ditonona, sengwe se a diragala mo lefatsheng la rona fa e sale re tsaya Puso. Ke ipotsa gore ke eng fa go ne go tlotha Kanye? Ke eng plant e ne e sa nne kwa Kanye ka gore space se teng se se ntsi fela thata?

Tourism sector e phutlame ka ntata ya mathata a a leng teng.

MR SPEAKER: A o lebile nako? Honourable Kagiso Thomas Mmusi, Member of Parliament for Gabane-Mmankgodi.

MR MMUSI (GABANE-MMANKGODI): Thank you Mr Speaker. Mma ke tseye sebaka se ke go dumedise. Ke dumedise Mothusa Tautona e bile e le Tona wa Madi. Ke dumedise batlotlegi fa, ba kgaolo ya Gabane-Mmankgodi le maDomkrag ba ba ntlhophileng gore ke tle kwano ka jeke o motona!

Mr Speaker, ke ema fa mo letsatsing le la gompiano gore le nna ke akgele mo budget e re neng ra e bewa mo Ntlong e ka di 9 tsa ga February 2026. It was a very long budget. E ne e sena thata sesupo sa gore tota re ya go tswa jang mo dikgannyeng tse re leng mo go tsona. Ke bolelele gore batlotlegi ba rata go bua gore ba fitlhetse go sena madi, ba fitlhetse go na le mathata fa ba tsaya Puso. Ke tlhalose gore Botswana Democratic Party (BDP) fa e tsaya Puso ka 1966 e simolola lefatshe le, go ne go sena le fa e le sepe, there were only five kilometres of roads. Go ne go sena le fa e le konteraka ya teemane e nngwefela e e neng e rekisiwa. Lona kana le fitlhetse go setse go rekisiwa diteemane. Go ne go sena sepe, le fitlhetse go na le sengwe le sengwe. Ke kopa gore e nne

e re le bua le gakologelwa gore le fitlhetse Puso e e dirile go le gontsi thata. Lona ga le ka ke la ba la goroga le fa e le mo percentage e nngwefela.

Mr Speaker, after listening to the Budget Speech, ke ne ka tlhomoga pelo fela thata. Ke ne ke tlhomolwa pelo ke lefatshe le la Botswana le Batswana ba ba leng mo go lone gore in 2027, it is anticipated that the overall budget deficit will be at P26.35 billion and the debt/GDP ratio will be far exceeding 40 per cent. Madi a kana a tlaabo a dirisediwa go tshedisa batho mo matshelelong a bone a letsatsi le letsatsi. Where are the projects tse e leng gore di ka generate revenue in the budget go thiba deficits tse?

Mr Speaker, dikgang tse di a tshosa fela thata e bile di tsenya bolwetse fa o le motho yo o itseng lefatshe le, o itse kwa le tswang teng. Batswana ba tlile go bona mo ba iseng ba ko ba go bone. Ntša e tlaabo e e ja ntšanyana mo nakong e khutshwanyane. Go tlaabo go le maswe ke fa nna ke bonang dilo ka teng Mr Speaker.

Ka ke le motho yo ke ratang lefatshe le, ke rata go bua dilo tsa go gakolola, ke leboga gore e bo e re fa ke le fa nako yone e, e bo ene Tona wa Madi e bile e le Mothusa Tautona, a bo a le mo Ntlong e ka gore ke batla go tla ka kgakolola e ke dumelang gore o tlaa e reetsa, o tlaa e lebelela, mme le go fetola fa a tla go fetola, o tlaa akgela mo go yone.

Mr Speaker le Tona, ke dumela gore we have to really take drastic measures to try and turn around this economy. We have to fight ka sengwe le sengwe se re ka se kgonang. I therefore, want to propose gore Your Honour, the Vice President, we should really come up with salary deductions mo lefatsheng le across board. Re simolole ka Tautona, Vice President, Mr Speaker, Chief Justice, Ministers le Judges, ba fokoletswe ka 20 per cent from their salaries...

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

MR MMUSI: Ga re lesa go balabala Madam Speaker, o tloga o re... Ntshireletse Mr Speaker mo go Deputy wa gago.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Mmusi, o se ka wa reetsa side remarks, wena o tthamalalele fela mo go se o batlang go se bua, address the Speaker, o tswa mo go bao.

MR MMUSI: O nkitaya tsebe Mr Speaker.

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

MR SPEAKER: Le lona le se ka la mo tsoetsa modumo. Tsweetswee *Honourable Members*.

MR MMUSI: Ke motho yo ke mo tlotlang, mme o nkitaya tsebe.

MR SPEAKER: Standing Order 58.4.

MR MMUSI: Members of Parliament (MPs), Dikgosi we should reduce by 15 per cent. We should cancel the President and the Speaker's constituency allowances with immediate effect. Terminate Specially Elected Members of Parliament (SEMP) contracts by 1st of April, 2026 and councillors, all of them. All civil servants at F0, F1 and F2, we should reduce their salaries by 15 per cent. All civil servants on E scale we should reduce by 10 per cent. We should cancel scarce skill and commuted allowances for E scale and above members. Chief Executives Officers (CEOs) and executive officers of all parastatals, their salaries should be reduced by 30 per cent, all board sitting allowances should be reduced by 50 per cent.

Honourable Minister, Your Honour the VP, *ke dumela gore* if you were to compute a spreadsheet, because I believe that you have all the resources around you and really look at what impact this would have on your deficit, *e tlaa re fa o ya go simolola budget e ka the 1st of April, a bo e le gore ga e na deficit*. The reason why I am saying this Your Honour is because we are anticipating that our revenues are going to come up on new ideas. We are saying we want to diversify tourism, we want to sell power, we are going to do big solar farms. *Ke dilo tse e leng gore gongwe di tlaa re tlisetsa madi*, we are going to export moringa. *Dilo tseo* are still trials, we need to go for another few years before *re ka tsaya gore di ka re tlisetsa madi*. Therefore, it is important that we reduce our costs because these costs were increased at the times when diamonds sales were high. Now we need to appreciate and accept that diamond sales and our revenues have come down, therefore we also need to reduce our expenses with immediate effect. We should not wait for another day.

We need to reduce these cost overruns *tse di dirwang ke Puso ya UDC*, we have a Minister *wa State President* who actually lives like a Prime Minister or a Deputy President. He is escorted *ka dikoloi tsa mapodise, a na le security sa mapodise ba ka nna bo four bosigo le motshagare*. These things need to come to an end Your Honour the VP. *Dilo tse o tshwanetse go di emisa, o lese go tlhola o bokiwa ke bo Mathoothe ba go raya ba*

re o morena, o Modimo. Kamoso ke bone fa itsholelo e e wetse kwa tlase...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Point of order.

MR MMUSI: *Sorry*, go siame.

MR SPEAKER: Se rumole *Honourable Minister* a itidimaletse.

MR MMUSI: Gakere maloba ke utlwile a mmolelela gore ba ne ba le kwa Domkrag mmogo.

MR SPEAKER: Ka re se mo rumole.

MR MMUSI: *Sorry*, ke a boela morago *Mr Speaker*.

MR SPEAKER: Tswelela le *debate* ya gago.

MR MMUSI: Ke dumela gore dilo tse, *some of your colleagues* ke bone ba ba tlaabong kamoso...

MR BARONGWANG: *On a point of order*. Ke a go dumedisa Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke emelelela fela gore ke baakanyetse kana ke tsenye mo tseleng Motlotlegi Mopalamente e bile e le Tona wa pele ya Puso e e fetileng *who was escorted* le ene, fa a buang gore *Finance Minister* e re ka 2026 a *cancel the SEMP*. Ke mo gakolole kana ke gakolole Batswana kwa ntle gore bone e le ba Puso e e fetileng e bile e ne e le *Minister*, ba kwadile molao mo *Constitution such that ga o kgone go nna le Palamente e e senang SEMP*. Ka fa le neng le o kwala ka teng, ga o kgone go nna le *specially elected* ...

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

MR BARONGWANG: *Ke e*, Section 58...

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Barongwang, what is out of order?

MR BARONGWANG: O latlha batho *Mr Speaker* gore go ntsha SEMP ke selo se se motlhofo fela. O itebatsa gore *they have structured* molao o *such that you cannot have a Parliament that does not have SEMP*. Jaanong o batla go re pega molato *as if* ke wa rona. Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: Ga se *point of order*, go raya gore ga le dumalane. *Honourable Mmusi* gakere a re le emise tsamaiso ya teng. Jaanong go mo go reng wena o ka bua ka bothata jwa go ka o emisa fa e le gore tsamaiso ya teng e ka nna motsopodia kana e ka nna thata le gore go tlile jang gore go bo go ntse jalo, ke tse o ka di buang *whilst debating*. *Honourable Mmusi*, tswelela le *debate* ya gago.

MR MMUSI: Tanki *sir*. Kana ke itse kwa a tswang teng, ke itse gore go diragala eng teng, ga ke na go ya kwa pele. *Mr Speaker*, ke ne ke kopa gore ba D Scale and below, Your Honour the Vice President (VP), kana golo fa ke go tlela ka mogopolo rraetsho, go se ka ga feretlhwana le letseno la bone. Go se ka ga fokodiwa gope mme e bile gongwe mo *savings* tse o tlaabong o di dira, o ba okeletse ka 10 *per cent* mo mading a bone kgwedi le kgwedi. Ke kopo e ke go e beelang ngwaga le ngwaga go tswa ka 1st April 2026. *Those are the changes as you have always said, bring ideas to us, se ganetseng fela. Therefore, I am bringing a solution which I believe can be very impactful to your deficit Your Honour the VP and can help us move forward. During tough times Your Honour the VP, tough decisions have to be taken for the better of the future. I am saying, let us do this.*

Ke ne ke santse ke re ke go bolelela gore bangwe kamoso ba re ntseng re go opela diatla bosigo le motshegare re sa kgone go go gakolola, *we will be the ones shouting, "crucify him, crucify him."* Ke bone ba ba tlaabong ba go bolelela dikgang tse dintsi tse di feteletseng. Jaanong lebelela itsholelo e rraetsho.

Mo pegong ya gago o ne wa bega gore lefatshe la Botswana le mo dipuisanyong le lefatshe la Dubai ka go reka melemo. *I believe we know that Dubai is a very expensive country. Fa ke sa fose, I recall last year the President of India was here and we know that India has got the biggest, the best and the most reasonable priced pharmaceutical companies in the world. I do not understand why your Government does not pursue discussions tse di tseletseng le lefatshe la India gore re bone gore ga re ka ke ra reka melemo koo, gona le la Dubai.*

I am very worried that everything we do, we do with Dubai as the UDC Government. A ke forensic audit, go tswa go tsewa company kwa Dubai, maloba go kile ga buiwa ka dilo tse dintsi thata, it is always Dubai and re a itse gore Dubai o a tura. Ke re ke le gakolole gore, le boneng e se ka wa re kamoso Dubai a bo a le tsentsa mo molelong o o sa feleng.

MR MOTAOSANE: Clarification. Thank you, Mr Speaker, and good afternoon. Thank you Honourable Mmusi. You have raised a very pertinent issue about Dubai, forensic audit *e go tswang go tsewa* auditors kwa Dubai, *a o raya gore* these international companies *tse di tshwanang le bo* Price Water House, Deloitte, KPMG, *a o raya gore e ne e se tsone tse di ka kgonang* with better prices *go dira* this audit? Do you see any

credibility in this audit, *e e nang le batho ba e leng gore* they are interested parties *mo teng?* I do not know Mr Speaker, *gore ke tlaabo ke dira sentle go bua maina a batho bangwe ba ba mo teng ga* audit team, *e e leng gore gatwe* it audits *mme* there are interested parties, *ba itse dikgang tse go tswa kwa di tswang teng. Ke raya gore ke kopa gore o farologanye dilo tse.* Thank you.

MR MMUSI: Thank you sir. Rraetsho, *o e buile, jaanong ke sone se ke se buang ke re Dubai yo Puso ya UDC e pasope, a se ka a ba golega.*

Mr Speaker, Your Honour the Vice President and Minister of Finance, *ke batla go tsena mo kgannyeng ya setlhogo sa* private sector-led economy. *Rraetsho*, this has been an ongoing discussion for many, many years, *le wena* you know that. I do not think that the Government is serious *ka kgang e*, and it is not necessarily the UDC Government, as I said, it has been like this for quite some time, it has been discussed for quite a long time. *Le wena fela fa o fetsa go e bua maloba, ke ne ke bona Lephata la Tourism le simolola dipuisanyo le dikompone dingwe tse di tona kwa makgobokgobong, gore Goromente o batla go reka seabe mo dikomponeng tse.* I said, *fa e le gore golo mo go ne go buiwa kwa* Budget Speech *gore* we want a private sector-led economy, why does the Government not facilitate for young Batswana entrepreneurs who are already in this business or who are looking to going into this business and arrange. I am not saying they should guarantee, but they should just arrange meetings with the relevant banks *tse o di itseng mongwame*, me and you have crossed paths in those banks *tse di tshwanang le bo* African Export-Import (Afreximbank) *le* Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA) who can fund at this magnitude *ya madi ba thusa gore le rona* we must develop our own young millionaire entrepreneurs. *Re lese go bona Goromente*, and I do not think that *Goromente* has got the capacity to do due diligence in such investments. *Golo mo jaaka le riana le reka sekgapha sa* company, certain assets have already been syphoned out, *le ya go fitlhela le eme fela le sena sepe se le ka se dirang. Ke dumela gore dikgang tse fa o akgela o re thuse o leke gore re busetse lefatshe...* I talk as a citizen who cares a lot about this country.

Your Honour the Vice President, *e nngwe e o neng o bua ka yone* which you have been talking about and people have ululated a lot *ke ya gore*, you are now controlling the GPO from the Ministry of Finance. To me, I can assure you sir, that was costing this country a lot of money. I can give you a very small example, in

2023 the Botswana Police Service gave three vehicles to Gabane Police Post, three brand new Hilux vehicles. Your Honour the Vice President, *gore dikoloi tseo di ye service*, it takes six months *gore di ye di bo di boe*. *Fa dikoloi tseo di ile service*, the crime exacerbates, Batswana *ba utswelwa dikgomo, ba bolaelwa dikgomo, ba a humanega*, power cables *le tsone di a utswiwa*. By the time you bring those vehicles because *di ntse* six months *kwa* Central Transport Organisation (CTO) *go emetswe* GPO, the cost has increased because other things have been taken *mo go tsone*. Out there where these vehicles should be servicing and doing jobs, *le gone o ya go fitlhela go senyegile*. I believe that you are not saving any money properly, maybe in your books you are, but in the books of Batswana *rotlhe jaaka re ntse jaana*, there is no saving at all.

Kgang e nngwe e e ntshwenyang *Your Honour*, ke go bona go adimiwa madi mme re sa bone dikgang tsa teng kwano. Eo ke e bua fela mongwame e bile ke tlaa tswelela ke e bua, *gore letsatsi le lengwe le wena ke go utlwe o itlhatlwa leina mo go tsone*. *Last year we saw a company* gotwe Al Mansour Holdings gotwe *it is Qatar based*, gotwe e adimile lefatshe la Botswana 12 billion US Dollars. Ga re ise re ko re bone madi a teng, ga re itse *gore a fa kae, gore go diragala eng, go tsamaya jang*. Phakela ke ne ke bona mo Tuesday Grill gotwe BDC e adimile *from an oil company almost P2 billion* koo gape. Kana gompiano fa BDC e adima madi fa ke sa fose, *legale you will correct me and I will apologise if I made a mistake, but I believe that BDC is a Government entity. As they borrow it means that they are using Government balance sheet, therefore, if they used a Government balance sheet it means that it should come to Parliament to get approvals every time when they borrow...*

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

MR MMUSI: Ke go reetse ka re fa e le gore ke latlhegile, *you will correct me*, mme...

MR SPEAKER: Bona, ke rile o ba tlhokomologe o bua le nna fela.

MR MMUSI: Ee, ke ne ke re ke tlhalose gore tota dikgang tse ke ne ke kopa gore o leke go di baakanya, o di tlhalose, ka gore fa lefatshe la Botswana le ka felela le tsena mo dikgannyeng tse di ntseng jaana, kgantele re ya go fitlhela re le mo *greylist, which is going to be a serious problem. You will not even be able to raise the debt which you want to raise to run this budget, if we get*

greylisted. We will be finished, ke sone se ke se buang gore lefatshe le ke bona ntša e ja ntšanyana phelelong ya teng. Re mo mathateng, tlaa e ya go nna ntsi fa le ka se ka la ema ka dinao le le UDC *Government*. Ke a go leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

MS MANYENENG (MMOPANE-METSIMOTLHABE): Ke a dumedisisa Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke dumedisise Batlotlegi Mapalamente le Batswana botlhe ke sa le bale Mmopane-Metsimotlhabe.

Honourable Speaker, pego ya kabo ya madi ya ngwaga wa 2026/27 e tla ka nako e e botlhokwa thata mo leetong la rona re le Batswana. Ga e latole dikgwetlho tse re le baganeng le tsone, *instead* e le bagane le tsone mme seo se botlhokwa thata. Ke ne ke re, *gore setšhaba se fole, boammaaruri bo tshwanetse go etelela tsholofelo pele*. Kabo e ya madi e tlhophile boammaaruri. Ke santse ke gagamadiwa ke *Honourable* Mmusi a bua jaaka a bua, ga a mo boammaaruring. Se ke le kang gore a se tlhaloganye ke gore, ga o ka ke wa bua ka *salary* ya... O kae jaanong?

HONOURABLE MEMBER: O tsamaile, o dira jalo malatsi a, ga o itse?

MS MANYENENG: O tlaa utlwa a ntse a le kwa ntle. Ga o ka ke wa bua ka *salary* ya motho, *salary* ya motho *is a right*. E bile ga o ka ke wa tla go tsena fela mo Palamenteng o bo o re o a e fokotsa fela jaaka ba ne ba kgona go dira. Puso ya ga Rre Mmusi e dirile melao ya go oketsa Mapalamente le Makhanselara ka *special election*. Jaanong o a makatsa gore gompiano a bo a bua gore ka goreng go na le batho bao, e bile ba fokodiwe. O lebala gore ka boikokobetso, e bile ke tlhophile le moswi Rre Rraagwe o ne a tsene mo Palamenteng ka *special election*, a latlhegetswe a sena go jewa ke Kenneth Koma...

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

MS MANYENENG: Jaanong ga o ka ke wa tla gore *after you have set Puso for 58 years, then you claim* gore ga o ka ke wa nna le go bona Mapalamente a a itlhophetsweng. Ene *Honourable* Mmusi o ne a fetlha gore o batla gore go nne le *Specially Elected* Members of Parliament (MPs) mo Palamenteng, a re ba nne 10. *Bill* eo e ne ya ganwa ka 2024. Jaanong o a mmakatsa gore fa a simolola a bua jaaka o kare gope fela go sentse mang kae, a ntse a itse gore kwa a tswang teng ba tla ba dirile jaana. E bile ke ne ke bua gore, *Honourable*

Finance Minister wa rona Vice President (VP) o a leka go fokotsa *costs*, fela jaaka le bone gore o fokoditse *travel expenses* ka go fokotsa batho ba ba tsamayang. *Delegation* e e tsamayang e kgaotswe fela thata, le a itse. Bo Rre Mmusi *had motorcades*, o ne a na le dikoloi tse dintsi tse di neng di mo sala morago. E bile a disiwa ke Directorate of Intelligence and Security (DIS) kwa ga gagwe, ba tsamaya ba na le maDIS ba le bantsi. Fa gongwe motho fa a bua o a bo a itebetse gore o tswa kae. Fa gongwe gare o sesele gore o batla go bua ka ga eng, o baakanye dilo o ntse o itse gore o tswa kwa o tswang teng le wena o di dirile. E bile fa e ne e le gore o ne a eleditse gore go nne jaana o ka bo a rile, o ne a eletsa gore kwa re tswang teng re tla re senya, re tsentseng batho ba le kana mo tseleng, re thuse re ba fokotse, e seng gore a nne o kare ke rona re tsentseng batho kana Puso e e tsentseng batho. Rre Mmusi o ne a le teng, e bile e le Tona, ga a ise a ko a gagamale gore ke eng maDIS a disa batho botlhe, e bile ba sala batho botlhe morago ka dikoloi. E ne e le mathata fela a e leng gore fa ke le ene, ke ka bo ke sa bua kgang eo, e ka bo e ntlhabisitse ditlhong, ka gore ke ne ke boelwa mo go yone.

Jaanong se ke lekang go se bua fa...

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF TRADE AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (MR MATHOOTHE):

Elucidation Mr Speaker. Thank you, Madam Speaker. Ke re fela ka bokhutshwanyane ke tlatsa mo mafokong a o a buang gore, e ne e le Rre Mmusi yo a neng a emeletsa dikoloi tsa sepodise, tsa metsi, ka madi a a gagamatsang di ya kwa Serowe di ya go kampa malatsi. A mme wena fa o lebile, ke ene yo a ka buang ka *cost cutting measures*?

MS MANYENENG: Nnyaa, ene tota fela ga go na sepe se a ka se buang. E tlaa re a tsena kwa lelwapeng a rapele Modimo wa gagwe, a kope maitshwarelo.

Ke re ke leboge Mothusa Tautona, e bile o le Tona wa tsa Madi gore, madi a ke bonang o a akanyetsa go a neela tsa *education*, ke lele gore a mannye, ka gore dikgwethlo tse re lebaganeng le tsone kwa *education* re le lefatshe, di dintsi thata. E le gore ga se gore go raya gore a teng golo gongwe. Ke re ke kope gore, *Budget* e fa e ntse e akanyetswa jaana, bale ba DIS ke akanya gore ba hafolelwe fela thata, ba kgaolelwe madi a mantsi thata. Batho ba ga ba na tiro epe e ntsi e e tlhokang madi. Madi a mantsi re a tlhoka kwa dikoleng le *health*. Ga re ka ke ra tla go nna re ntse re sala morago tsamaiso e re e fitlhetseng ya batho ba ba tlholang ba lelekile batho ka dikoloi. Tota go ne go batla

gore re kgaole *budget* gore ba fokoletswe madi fela ba nne lephata le le theogeletseng se ba se theogeletseng fela, ka gore jaanong ga re sa tlhole re tlhologanya gore *budget* ya bone gape e bereka jang, ka gore gatwe *they do not account*. Ke gore o bo o bona go sena madi, re bo re ntse re tla go lwa le gore batho ba sale ba neetswe madi *and they do not account* gore a dira eng. Jaanong ke kopa gore, *education* e okelediwe Mothusa Tautona ka gore, fa re re leba dikole, *classrooms* ga di yo, barutabana *are so demoralised*, bana *are failing*. Ke gore go setse go tlhakatlhakane kwa *education* mo re nang le bothata jwa gore...

MR MOTAOSANE: *Procedure Mr Speaker. Honourable Speaker,* ga ke itse gore a ke ka re ke *procedure or what*, fa e le gore bogologolo DIS *did not account*, ya gompiano *it accounts*. *They go to Public Accounts Committee (PAC) and account. I think it is a statement* se se tshwanetseng go baakanngwa. Go bua boammaaruri nnete e a tlhokega, DIS ya gompiano *they go to PAC and account*.

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa, mme ga se *procedure*. Gongwe o ka bo o kile wa leka *to clarify*. *Certainly, she is not out of procedure*.

MS MANYENENG: Go raya gore ga a ntlhologanya, o ka bo a rile ke mo tlhalosetse gore ke ne ke reng. Legale a re fete ka gore tota go raya gore ga o a ntheetsa Tausi.

Ke leka go supa gore, *project* ya Bula Buka go lebege e tlaa dirisa madi a mantsi ka fa e nankolwang ka teng ke *the Honourable Minister* fa a e bua. *Project* e se ke neng ke leka go se kopa ke gore, le e akanyetse ka gore ga ke bone gore a e ka thusa bana ba rona ba ba paletsweng fa e ka se ka ya neelwa sepe se se utlwalang. Kakanyo ke gore bana ba e leng gore *failed* ka gore *academically* o ne a sa kgone gongwe *skills* tse a batlang gore jaanong di ka mo tshetsa, di ka ya go tswa teng kwa Bula Buka. Ke re gongwe re e latlhelele go le gontsinyana gore, bana ba ba kgonang ka diatla ba kgone go tsewa, go se ka ga tlhabela. E bile gape re se ka ra lebala gore le Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) e ya go nna e batla tsone tsa bana ba tiro ya diatla kana *skills*.

Ke re *education* e latlhelwe botokanyana ka gore, le dikgang tse tsa tshenyo ya dikole kana ya *classrooms*, a ko re boeleng fela kwa ga maloba. Fa re tsena sekole re ne re itse gore fa o thubile fensetere o tla le motsadi a tla go baakanya fensetere. Ga go ise go baakanngwe, ga o tle sekoleng. Jaanong re leseditse fela, re setse re sa tlhologanye gore tota golo mo a ke tshenyo e e

letlelesegileng kana ke *wear and tear*. Ke re a re ko re akanyeng. Nngwe ya dingwe tse re ka di lehang tsa madi gore re buse, gompiano go setse go le thata, ga go na eng, ga go na eng, ga go sa tlhole go na le *classrooms*. A re lweleng gore re baakanye. Mme go bo go nna fela le go gagamatsa molao gore fa ngwana a senya ka e bile fa gongwe ba senya ka botoutu, batsadi ba nne *accountable*, gore batsadi bana ba sentse. Kana ke gore jaanong le kwa malwapeng bana ba setse ba palela batsadi ka lebaka la gore go thata gore gotwe bana ba sentse, e bile bana ba tseelwe dikgato. Re ne re itse gore re ne re betswa, o ka se ke o dire jalo kwa sekoleng.

Ke itumelele gore le batla *to absorb all the temporary teachers*. Go na le lesokolela lengwe fale *Honourable VP*, go na le batho ba ba neng ba le *temporary teachers* mme ba ne ba tswa *terms* tsa bone di fela, ba kwa malwapeng kana ba kae kwa ba itlhobogileng teng. Jaanong o kare go remeletswe mo go ba ba leng teng gompiano. O kare ke bone ba e kareng ke *temporary teachers* go feta ba ba saleng ba boela kwa malwapeng *terms* tsa bone di fedile.

Ke eletsa gape gore re bolaye kgang ya *double-shift* mo dikoleng. Fa le utlwa ke re ke kopa gore *budget* e o kare e ka nna ntsinyana. O bona kgang ya *double-shift*, e re okeletsa bothata mo boitaolong jwa bana. Bana ba fa ba tswa fela mo sekoleng jaaka go tlaabo go le leftshwana, ga ba ye lelwapeng, ba simolola go ema ka dikgwa, ba ema ka ditlhare, go simolola mo go sa nnang sentle. Go dirwa ke gore ga ba na *enough classrooms* le *teachers*. Fa le utlwa ke re ke kopa gore ba okeletswenyana, a re lebeng dilo tse, ka gore re e tla re baakanya le *moral decay* o o mo lefatsheng la rona. Le bone ba *welfare* ya bana ba sekole, ba palelwa ke gore ba ka thusa jang, bo *guidance teachers*, ba setse ba palelwa ke gore go katweng. Tota kgang e ya *corporal punishment* mo dikoleng, ke eletsa gore e sekasekiwe bagaetsho. Go na le ditshwanelo tsa bana re a di itse, go na le go otlhaya bana mo re neng re go otlhaiwa ga sekole, e seng go betswa, e seng go lwantshiwa. Bana jaanong ba setse ba itse gore ga ba betswa, ga ba kgalemelesege, e bile ba betsa barutabana. Mo go setseng go le *fashionable* fela gore ngwana fa a sa dira *homework* kana a sa dira sepe, fa gotwe o lebagannwa le molao, o a lwa, o betsa morutabana, go a kuakuiwa go tsewa *videos*, ga go molato. Morutabana wa Modimo go raya gore o sala foo a le *embarrassed*. Ke re, a re e lehang bagaetsho, bana ba *it is never too late*, ke bana ba rona. Fa re ka se ka ra ba leka gompiano, ga re itse gore kamoso go tlaabo go ntse jang.

Jaanong totatota fela ke wela gape mo goreng...re ne re rutiwa maloba gore go na le *Sustainable Development Goals* tse re batlang gore 2030 re bo re di tshwere sentle. *Education* ke yone e e leng gore totatota fa re tsamayang teng, 2030 re ya go goroga go ntse go sena sepe ka mokgwa o fela re bonang go ntse ka teng. Le one matsana a a tlaabong a abiwa a, a manyennyane thata *Honourable Minister*.

Ke tsene mo go ya botsogo, dikgang tsa botsogo di thata fela, jaaka le itse gore seemo se re leng mo go sone gompiano se ngomola pelo. Ka fa ke rutilweng ka teng booki jwame, ga o eme fela o bo o re motho o tlhokafetse ka gore ga go na melemo, ga go nke go nna jalo. Dikgang tsa lesa di di ntsi, go ka tswa gongwe e le nngwe ya tsone. Jaanong ke eletsa gore re le Batswana, a re ikiteyeng ka thupana gore bonnyennyane jo re bo bonang, jo re kgonang go bo dira, a re kopaneng, re thusaneng re le malwapa ka dikgang tsone tse. Melemo e teng, go na le kwa melemo fela e gorogileng sentle teng, go bo go nna le gongwe go e phatlalatsa mo bathong go tsere nako. Ga se gore gotlhelele ga go na eng, ga go na eng. Kwa e leng teng koo, go raya gore go tlhoafalwe go isiwe badirelapuso jaaka *pharmacy technicians* gore re se ka ra ngongorega mme re sa dire sepe. Ke eletsa gore *pharmacy technicians* tse di tletseng mo lefatsheng *Honourable Minister*, di hirwe. Ba bantsi ba ke ba itseng ba ba tlhokang tiro, mme tiro ya gompiano ke ya bone ya melemo gore e neelwe batho.

Ke ne ke eletsa gore tsa botsogo di ka remelela thata mo *prevention than cure* e e leng gore ke *primary healthcare*. Bogologolo re ne re dira gore *prevention* e nne yone e re e berekelang mo lefatsheng ka botsogo. Bogologolo re ne re na le...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MS MANYENENG: Nnyaa, nte ke wele pele, o a bo o tlile go bua dilo wena.

Ke ne ke re fa re ka simolola ka yone ya *prevention*, ra gatelela gore jaaka bogologolo, re ne re na le bommaboitekanelo mo dikokelong, *family welfare educators*, batho bale le fa o ne o bona ba ne ba felelwa pelo, ba ne ba tsamaya mo motseng ba ruta ka malwetse, go na le *community nursing and cleanliness* mo lefatsheng. Golo mo e le ditiro mo e leng gore *prevention* e ne e re thusa *by then*. Go ne go na le malwetse, mme go ne go sa nna jaaka pele ka gore ba feletse jaanong ba tswa, ga ke itse gore ba bereka eng. Jaanong mongwe le mongwe o kwa ga gagwe, le fa go na le bolwetse, ga

a kgone go itse gore mo ke eng ka gore ga go na ba ba ba tlholang, ga ba kgone go ya go gakololwa ke ope. Re felela re tsena mo ditshenyegelong (*expenses*) jaanong tsa *cure*.

Ke kopa gore ka kabo-kakanyetso ya madi, a re itebaganyeng le *prevention*. Re e leke gore re gatelele mo *research units*. Re na le bothata jwa malwetse a kankere, a mantsintsi mo lefatsheng la Botswana, a re feletsa batho. Re na le malwetse a mantsi a diphilo, *diabetes*, mme o kare a a re palela kana a palela bongaka. Ke dumela gore fa re kare re ntse re latlhelwa yone kabo ya madi a isiwa ka kwa *health*, re ka nna le *research units* tse di ka batlisisang totatota gore gatwe bothata ke eng. A ke letsatsi le le kanakana, a re nwa metsi a a sa siamang kana re ja dijo tse di rileng? Ke gore *we need a fully-fledged research unit* fela e e tlaa lekang gore e re thuse ka yone *prevention*, re se ka ra tloga ra tsena mo mathateng a re tseneng mo go one. Jaanong gompiano *we are curing*, go bokete, go a tura.

Fa ke tsena mo go Central Medical Stores (CMS); yone re tlhoka gore go fetolwe *line of operation* ya teng. Bogologolo fa ke santse ke le mooki, ke ne ke itse gore fa o bereka mo kokelong ya Extension 2, fa o kopa melemo kana o tsenya *order*; o *sure* gore o kopa melemo kwa CMS, e bile o *sure* gore o isa leng *order*; o *sure* gore e kwa go mang, a re o e tlhole leng e ye go tsewa e tle kokelong. *So*, ga ke itse gore go fetogile fa kae ka fa go tsamaisiwang ka teng. Jaanong go matswakabele a e leng gore o kare CMS *could be overhauled* fela yotlhe. Go na le bothata jo ke sa bo tlhologanyeng, ya dirwa *overhaul* ga tla ga tsenngwa *well trained procurement officers*.

Kana re santse re na le kgang ya ditsela, mme le yone ke nngwe e e tlhokang madi. Fa o ka tsena mo metseng, motse o tshwana le one wa Mmopane-Metsimotlhabe, ga o na ditsela. Pula ya maloba e na ya *December 2024* e dirile merwalela mo tseleng mo e leng gore ke nna ke tshogile gore fela jaaka maru a thiba jaana, ba ya go lala ba nteletsa, ga ke itse gore ke ya go ba raya ke reng. Ke re re kope madi bagaetsho one a le ntseng le a bua a *plastic levy* le *alcohol levy* gore le nne le re gopoleng re ye go baakanya *stormwater drainage* ka gore fa morwalela o ka tla, re mo mathateng, mme re ntse re itse gore ga go na madi, re kopa fela gore re gakologelweng.

Ke tsena kwa go ya *Youth and Gender Affairs* gore Gender Based Violence (GBV) bagaetsho o kare e ka fa mosing. Ke ne ke akantse gore go tlaa nna le letseno lengwe le e leng gore *specifically* re bua ka segajaja se.

Re eletsa gore ka gore go santse go le mogorogoro *to establish* gore tota GBV e tswa kae, e dirwa ke eng, re ka e reng, ga se gore mme re okeletse bomme ba ba nnang ba tlhasetswe ba, di *shelters* kwa ba sielang teng bagaetsho. Batho ba ba Modimo fa a setse a tlhasetswe ke selalome kana serukutlhi seo sa gagwe, ga go na kwa a yang teng. O kgona go tsena *at the shelter* a fitlhela go tletse, o tlaa lala a samile setilo fa a se samileng teng. *At the same time these shelters* re di kopela *security, budget* e e nne botokanyana. *Security* ga re reye *company* ya batho ba ba emang ka kepele mo kgorwaneng, re raya mapodise, *well equipped*. Re bone gore batho ba bolailwe ba le kae *at these centres Mr Speaker*. Ke gore fela se se supafalang ke gore o kare fa go buiwa ka *shelters*, gongwe ga re di tlhologanye, gongwe bo *Honourable Members* ba tsamaye mo Gaborone ba bone *shelters* gore fa gotwe motho o sietse fa, go tewa fela a potile ka fa morago ga ntlo ka gore motho yo o a mo latela, ga go na sepe se se mo kganelang. Ke a kopa *Honourable Minister* gore, a e re re ntse re dira kabo-kakanyetso e, re dire re lebeletse gore tota jaanong lethoko la rona re le bomme kana rona ba re leng *marginalized*, kana ba ba mo mathateng, ra reng ka bone.

Ke ne ke akanya gape le kgang ya gore, go na le selo gatwe *restraining order*; nna ke bona e le pampiri fela, mo e leng gore tota ga e na le fa e le mosola gore motho o neetswe pampiri gatwe o se ka wa ya go tsena mo jarateng ele. Motho wa teng o tsene, e bile o dirile tiro e a neng a batla go e dira, ga go molato fela *restraining order* e ntse e ntse fela jalo. E re fa re ntse re okelediwa madi bagaetsho ba *Justice*, a re lebeng dilo dingwe tsone tse, ka gore tota dikgokgontsho jaanong di tsere phekelo e sele. E re re santse re lwa le gore selalome se sa GBV ke eng, a dilo tse dingwe re di leke. Mosuke o o kwa toronkong *we understand Judges* ba a tlhabela, ba bannye, mme a re direng gore go nne go hirwe, kana bo Makaseterata ba okediwe, *cases* di sekwe go fete. Bone batho ba ba kwa toronkong ba ba bonweng molato bale, le bone ba a re turela, re a ba jesa ba a tlhapa, sengwe le sengwe. Madi a a yang kwa fa o ka a bala, gongwe fa a ne a fokoditswe ka go nna batho ba atholwa ba melatonyana e e seng bokete, re ka bo gongwe re ne re ntse re leka.

Ke wela fela ka gore, tota bagaetsho re le setšhaba sa Botswana kana re le UDC, kabo-kakanyetso e ya madi e, ke e bona e le gore le ene *Minister* o mo go lekeng go fokotsa *expenses*. Jaaka re itse fela gore le tsone di GPO ga di sa tlhole di le teng, tsone tse e neng e le diphatlha tsa tshenyo, le gone gore *supplementary budget* ga o sa

tlhole o tlaa e bona, fa o filwe P10, o filwe P10, o mo dirisa sentle o ntse o itse gore ga o ka ke wa a bona. Jaanong ke re a re se ka ra lebala khumanego bagaetsho mo Batswaneng ba ga rona. Khumanego e e dirwa ke gone gore ga re na itshetso, kana ga re na fa re ka tshwarang teng. BETP a e se ka ya lebalesega ka gore e supa gore e tlaa tla e na le ditiro tsone tsa dipalo tsa 512 000 gore a e emelele. Ke e bone gore e ntse e tlhoga diphuka, e tlaa emelela, re se ka ra e lebala, re nne re e beile fa thoko ga noka gore bana ba rona ba ba mo mekgwatheng ba ka leka.

Le yone gape ke rapele gore BETP e e kgone go nthusana banana ba kwa Mmopane-Metsimotlhabe, ba se ka ba nna ka fa mosing. Le fa kabo e ya madi e tlaabo e nna teng, re se ka ra tlogelwa ka fa mosing. Ke ikopela rra ke re, nnyaa mme rra ke go ema nokeng ka se o se dirileng thata. O berekile thata mo kabo-kakanyetsong ya madi e rra. Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Minister of Health, Honourable Dr Stephen Modise.

MINISTER OF HEALTH (DR S. MODISE): Thank you very much Mr Speaker. Good afternoon to you. Good afternoon Honourable Members. Mr Speaker, it is with profound joy and optimism, that I rise today, to respond to this very inspiring Budget Speech by His Honour the Vice President (VP) and Minister of Finance, Honourable Ndaba Gaolathe. At a time when our country stands at the crossroads of renewal and resilience, this Budget Speech emerges not merely as a financial blueprint, but a beacon of hope and a clarion call to restore vitality to our economy and breathe new life to sectors that have long yearned for robust support.

Mr Speaker, the Minister of Finance spoke candidly about the fragile state of our public finances, the erosion of fiscal buffers, the weaknesses in key Government systems and the lived realities of our people, particularly the heavy burden of unemployment by our youth.

The Budget Speech under the theme, “A New Era of Economic Transformation and Fiscal Prudence,” is a masterclass in balancing old recurring economic realities with a determination and zeal to overcome, no matter the circumstance. It is a roadmap that moves us away from the era of limitless consumption and towards an era of discipline production. It sets the stage and inaugurates the BETP and indeed the NDP 12.

Perhaps Mr Speaker, before I delve deeper into the substance of my debate, let me deal with some of the

unfortunate utterances by the members of the opposition. By so saying, I would like to catch your attention Honourable Mmusi. You want to talk about wastage Honourable Mmusi, wastage is using the police, DIS and the military to fabricate cases against citizens, innocent and ordinary citizens. We all know about the Butterfly case. How many millions were spent in fabrication Mr Speaker? How many millions that we will never recover were spent in this fruitless exercise? How many millions were spent in putting shackles into innocent men and women’s hands and legs in this country? How many millions were wasted in Presidential motorcades? How many millions? You talk about wastage, the BDP is the true reflection of wastage.

Mr Speaker, what was supposed to be an alternative rendition of the Budget Speech, turned into a mudslinging contest punctuated by goalpost shifting and narrow political posturing. Honourable Speaker, I know we are not all well-travelled, but I want to clarify this part because I heard the Honourable Member talking about it. Abu Dhabi is not Dubai. I know when most people hear the United Arab Emirates (UAE), they think automatically about Dubai. We are procuring medicines from Abu Dhabi and not Dubai. So, I want to set the record straight Mr Speaker, we are not buying medicines from Dubai. The UAE is made out of emirates, if I am not mistaken, they are seven in number. Let us familiarise ourselves with this geography.

Mr Speaker, the Leader of the Opposition (LOO) offered absolutely no hope, no direction. His response to the Budget Speech was at best, ignorance on a megaphone at a mega scale. Mr Speaker, to his credit, the Honourable LOO acknowledged some of the major reforms that were proposed and are being carried out by the UDC Government. That on its own Mr Speaker, is commendable. I commend you, whether it was done to save face or in abject surrender to the potency of the Minister’s Budget Speech, is a conversation for another day. What he was quick to point to as bad economics, fails to appreciate the budget, is a targeted investment towards the BETP. We are not spending on non-essentials Mr Speaker. We are funding more than 180 critical projects designed to break our mono-sectoral dependency on diamonds. A sector currently facing global pressure from lab grown stones and sponsored propaganda from the international media space.

Allow me to go medical Mr Speaker and say, the BETP is not just another Government policy or programme, it is a surgical intervention design to restructure the very

DNA of our economy. This is a programme, the likes of which has never been done before. In our field Mr Speaker, the VP would deem you a super specialist.

Mr Speaker, the LOO claims we are not bold or intentional. I asked this House, is it not bold to overhaul our entire financial framework? Is it not bold to reform and move away from common conservative economic practices and usher in new paradise? Is it not bold to confront institutionalised corruption and wastage, saving Government millions in just under 12 months? Honourable Members, if that is not bold, I do know not the meaning of the word. The LOO in his grasping at straws speech, says that we are mortgaging the country's future.

Hear us Mr Speaker, to appreciate a few elements I will outline before; the centralisation of GPO issuance under the Ministry of Finance implemented in July 2025, and to curb unfunded obligations and non-essential spending by Government, saved us a whopping P556 million from a pre-centralization budget of about P1.14 billion per month. So, if saving tax payer's money is considered mortgaging the country's future, then Mr VP, mortgage, mortgage aware!

Mr Speaker, we are modernizing tax administration. We are moving to Electronic Value Added Tax (VAT) Invoicing in April of 2026, as well as far advanced in rolling out our pre-e-procurement systems to further curb wastage and combat corruption. Interestingly, none of the members from the opposition seemed interested in this point, why not? Your guess is as good as mine.

Mr Speaker, we are rehabilitating our infrastructure with a dedicated P1.85 billion maintenance fund that strictly prohibits the diversion of funds. A first of its kind in this country and I could not be more delighted. We inherited a corrupt decade and dilapidated health system where hospitals were built at exorbitant costs by the BDP Government without any maintenance plans. The sad reality Mr Speaker, is that some of these facilities need only as little as P6 million to rehabilitate and bring them to a state where our people can access health care from dignified facilities.

During the rainy seasons as it is currently Mr Speaker, anxieties are through the roof at the Ministry of Health. We think about Sekgoma Memorial Hospital, a beautiful hospital on the outside but dilapidated in the inside. Water finds its way through the roofs, walls and threatens to damage the very investment made in theaters and in our bio-medical equipment.

I think about Kasane Hospital and the relic that is Athlone Hospital. I think about Thamaga Hospital and the struggles of our hard work, men and women who come to work every day to face these challenging conditions. Mr Speaker, the ring-fencing of P1.85 billion is therefore, not only a welcome development, but indeed necessary.

Mr Speaker, the BCP through Honourable 'Faka No Pressure' Moalosi, made the most absurd proposition that, by outsourcing medicines from manufactures, Government was in somewhere mortgaging the country's medical security. A claim that I reject with utmost contempt. It is a proposition grounded on nothingness and seeks to protect the very little man that had robbed this country millions of Pula for decades.

“EXCHANGE OF SPEAKERSHIP”

DR S. MODISE: Our position is clear Madam Speaker, there will be no middlemen doing business for the Ministry of Health. Absolutely not. Middlemen must give way to real manufacturing. Local manufacturing of medicines must rise, and it will rise. In the interim Madam Speaker, we will continue buying directly from abroad, and working with our partners on pooled procurement. To give you a candid example Madam Speaker, medicines that will ordinarily cost the private sector P200 to buy, cost Government a mind-bending P4,900. Why should we support such a practice? If you ask me, this is criminal. If I had my way, I will lock them up and throw away the keys.

The rest of the speech by Honourable Moalosi is just filled with ChatGPT decorated analogies, many of which were incongruent and left listeners confused at the use of the word 'wheelbarrow.' I have no idea what the infatuation with the wheelbarrow was. In the first instance, there was a woman who was in a wheelbarrow, he went to fetch a man in a wheelbarrow. Before we know it, the BCP was in the wheelbarrow, then the UDC Government was in the wheelbarrow. Then somewhere along the line, Batswana were in a wheelbarrow, and in an obscure sense throwing a Bible verse towards the end.

Madam Speaker, Artificial Intelligence (AI) is good but we should use it to augment our own intelligence and not surrender our intelligence to the machine.

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

DR S. MODISE: Honourable Members, I am

particularly heartened by the breadth of this budget, which weaves together threads of economic diversification, infrastructure development and human capital investment. It acknowledges the scars left by recent global shocks like inflationary pressures, supply chain disruptions and the lingering shadows of pandemics, while charting a course towards sustainable future and growth.

Madam Speaker, the Honourable Member, Honourable Lucas engaged in a shouting match with himself, finger pointing Honourable Members without any clear substance. The Honourable Member was able to obscure even points that were valid that he had with the most absolute pedestrianism.

Honourable Members, there is no doubt that through this budget, our country...

MR LUCAS: *Point of order. Madam Speaker, Ngaka Modise o kare o tletse go tla go re bolelela tshela fela. Ke ne ke re e re fa a re bolelela tshela jaana, a se ka a bua gore ke ne ke le mo shouting match ke le nosi, le ne le le teng gone fa. Fa e le gore e ne e le shouting match, ke ne ke goelela ka boatla jwa lona.*

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

DR S. MODISE: There is nothing to order about that, you were indeed engaged in a shouting match with yourself.

Honourable Members, there is no doubt that through this budget, our country is poised not just to recover but also to thrive. The budget gives confidence to all of us that every Motswana stands to share in the dividends of progress that the budget envisioned.

As I have already stated Madam Speaker, the UDC Government inherited a health sector that was on the brink of collapse; from hospitals, dilapidated infrastructure with cracking walls and falling ceilings, together with leaking roofs, not to mention non-functional equipment and a disgruntled workforce. In short, we inherited a public sector system that was on free fall, and despite Honourable Pule's assertion, the healthcare system was not working for anyone. They may have started right but they finished terribly. As we all know, the finishing is always important. From as far back as 2016, the Ministry of Health was sacrificed at the altar as the BDP fought internal political battles. Our people lost lives and their loved ones, as funds were arbitrarily redirected and verbal Directives became

order of the day. In some instances, Madam Speaker, coming from the highest office in the land, a dynamic we have since done away with.

Madam Speaker, the UDC Government is fully aware that our frontline workers; from the nurses, doctors in remote areas, in remote clinics and other healthcare workers like pharmacists, physiotherapists, healthcare assistants, including cleaners and drivers have laboured heroically amidst these challenging conditions and circumstances. Madam Speaker, they ask of me with expectant hearts every time they see me, they share with me concerns that are valid. They ask me, "Honourable Minister, how long must we wait for our circumstances to be changed? How long must we wait for our conditions of service to be improved?" My answer to them is short and it is pointed, not long. How long they ask me Madam Speaker, my answer to them is, not long.

The 2026 Budget Speech marks a pivotal turning point, a lifeline that will not only stabilise but elevate our health systems to new heights. The Honourable Minister of Finance's commitments to a healthy, health funding, both for the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Affairs will drive our primary care agenda, and is a master stroke of foresight.

Madam Speaker, with enhanced allocations for pharmaceutical procurement, we will eradicate medicine shortages that have denied patients timely care. Procurement pipelines, supply chains will be fortified through strategic partnerships and local manufacturing incentives, ensuring that lifesaving drugs like Anti-Retroviral Drugs (ARVs) for Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) management, antibiotics for infections and vaccines for preventable diseases are always within reach.

As the Honourable Deputy Speaker captured it very well, it is not just enough to buy medicines, it is important to work on the whole entire supply chain structure. What is the purpose of having medicines if you do not have the personnel? What is the importance of having medicines if you do not have the vehicles to transport them to their destinations? These are all factors we are working on and we will soon have under control.

Honourable Members, at the time, the President declared a Public Health State of Emergency in August of 2025, there was only about 17 per cent availability of most medicines and commodities across the country. As at the end of January 2026, our level of availability had grown steadily to about 60 per cent. Yes, we are not there,

yes, that means some of the medicines that our people require are still not available. Yes, that means some are available, and yes, we are working towards solving this. Week in, week out we continue to receive medicines that we have procured and we immediately dispatch to facilities, including Letsholathebe Honourable Leader of the Opposition (LOO).

Madam Speaker, I am also happy that this budget will help us reform the Central Medical Stores (CMS) into a fully modernised performance driven organisation. This will enable us to reduce unnecessary expenditure and do away with slow moving procurement processes that do not address the medicines' needs of our people. We will in the short term put in Motion, a legislative process that will modernise and transform the operating model of the CMS.

Madam Speaker, with this very ambitious budget and reforms that the UDC Government has introduced, I have no doubt that a mother in Mathangwane or a farmer in Ghanzi will no longer have to wait endlessly in order to access healthcare, especially specialised healthcare. Our bold decision to transition Sir Ketumile Masire Teaching Hospital (SKMTH) from a privately-run Government health facility to a fully-fledged public hospital is a master stroke of strategic shift that held an era of unprecedented access to specialised services for the ordinary Motswana.

Madam Speaker, I visit Sir Ketumile Masire Hospital and see first-hand, the sparkling in the eyes of the patients, the smiles on their faces, and I experience their warm embrace. I see in real time what the BDP Government did to our people. I see how the UDC Government is bringing back dignity to healthcare.

As we speak now, most specialist clinics that were housed in Princess Marina have relocated to Sir Ketumile Masire Hospital as Phase 1 of the transition. The UDC Government is on course to introduce the promised National Health Insurance (NHI) Scheme for our people. The NHI is meant to ensure that no Motswana, regardless of who they are, where they live or their socio-economic status is unable to access healthcare service due to financial hardships. The NHI will ensure that all Batswana have access to healthcare, wherever that care is. Consultations with stakeholders are already at an advanced stage.

Madam Speaker, the Ministry of Health stands ready to implement all these transformative changes with unwavering commitment, partnering with stakeholders

to monitor progress and adapting to the needs as they arise.

To the people of Botswana, I wish to once more emphasise that your Government hears you, acts for you and delivers for you. Soon and very soon, all these will be behind us. We will overcome and together we will rise.

Madam Speaker, I will come back in the coming days where I will now zero-in on the Ministry of Health budget to provide a detailed plan on how we intend to use the money allocated to us.

Having said that Madam Speaker, I want to thank you Honourable Members for your attention. God bless you and God bless Botswana.

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

MR MABEO (GAMALETE): Tla ke go leboge *Madam Speaker*. Ke bo ke dumedise bagaetsho kwa Gamalete. Ke dumedise kwa Ramotswa, Mogobane, Otse, Taung, Metsimaswaane gammogo le masimo otlhe a Gamalete.

Madam Speaker, ke itumetse thata gore o bo o mphile sebaka se gore ke eme fa. Ke utlwile maloba ngaka a kwadile a bua ka sengwe a re ke *champupudzi*. Gatwe ke sefelo se setona, ga ke a se utlwa.

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

MR MABEO: Gotlhelele ga ke a se utlwa. Sefefonyana se se sesanenyane se kgona go ralala lebala *match* o santse o tshameka kwa Gamalete. O bona se se sesanyanenyana se, phefo ya teng fa e tsena, re a e goelela ra re, "moloji ke yoo!"

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

MR MABEO: Ga ke a bona sepe nna, ke bone sefefonyana sone se se sesanyanenyana seo. *Madam Speaker*, tla ke tswellele, ke leboge Tona wa *Finance*, Rre Gaolathe. Ke go leboge rra, re utlwile *speech* sa gago mme *I am not too excited. I am not yet excited sir, I have to be honest. Ke utlwile plans le projections, I am not excited about that. We have heard that so many years, we keep on hearing that. I am concerned, there is too much talk, but no action, this is worrying.*

Tla ke go nametse jaana, kwa Gamalete re itumeletse tse pedi tse re di utlwileng o bua ka rona. O buile jalo gore metsi a tlaa tla kwa Ramotswa, rra, ba itumetse thata.

Re itumeletse kgang e ya gore wa re metsi a etla kwa Ramotswa. Ba ba kwa Magope-Disana, Selokwana, Tsokung le Dibatla, re itumetse thata, re lebogile thata, ga re a bolo go sokola. Ba bangwe ba kwa Magope-Disana ba na le bo 20 years ba ntse ba nna koo *with no water*. So, your pronouncements di re itumedisitse thata gore metsi a tlaa tla.

Le kwa Ntlha-ya-Godimo re itumetse. Gape re itumetse ka gore kwa goora Gaobotse, Sepitswana le goora Dimpe, dipompo di teng mme metsi a na le go kgala ka kgang ya *pressure*. Ke tsaya gore jaaka o rile metsi a etla, le *pressure* e etla. Rra, ke go tlela ka boitumelo jo botona jo bo tswang kwa Ramotswa ka kgang e ya metsi e. Re solofetse metsi ao thata.

Mme nna yo ke fa le fa re itumetse jaana, ke na le *concern* ka gore ngwaga o o fetileng re ne re bua ka CCP; P10 million. Rona kwa Gamalete re ne ra mo tswela ka *plan* ka jaana re na le bothata jo jwa metsi. E ne e le gore re tlile go baakanya kgang ya rona ya metsi. Le gompiano le fa e le Thebe ga a ise a goroge. *I am not too excited* gore le metsi a gotweng a etla kwa Ramotswa, a mme go tlaa goroga sengwe tota. Ke a belaela gore golo fa re bua fela, re *budget* fela, re dira *projections* fela mme ga go diragale. Ke tswelela gape ke wela ka ya metsi gore kwa Seuwane, Taung, Metsimaswaane, Otse le Mogobane ba santse ba na le bothata jwa metsi. Re lebogela a a tlang kwa Ramotswa mme re santse re na le bothata.

Madam Speaker, re itumeletse gape le gore Tona o buile ka *consultancy* e e tlang kwa Gamalete e e tlileng *to value properties*. E tlaa dira gore *council* ya rona e tsenye letsenonyana. Rra, re itumeletse seo. Ka maswabi, re felela fela foo, ga go na se sengwe gape.

Health sector; ngaka, re santse re na le bothata jwa letlhoko la melemo kwa Gamalete. Ke re ke go tsibose ka jone gore bothata joo bo santse bo le teng, o bo tsibogele rra. Tota ya *health sector*, go dingalo gore re ka *celebrate* morwaarre, gatwe le kgona go tliša *boxes* kante di na le *cleaning materials*. Re utlwile jalo. A re gakologelwe jaana Tona, ga o na le fa e le sepatela se sengwefela kwa Gamalete. *You do not have a hospital in Gamalete District* yotlhe. Ke kopa gore kgang e o e ele tlhoko, o itse gore dipatela tse tsa Bamalete Lutheran Hospital (BLH), Saint Conrad's le Saint Joseph's di a sokola. *Budget* e ga e a ba itumedisa ka gore tshokolo ya bone ya ngwaga le ngwaga e ke kileng ka tla kwa ofising ya gago ka tla go e go bolelela, ba ntse ba mo go yone.

Ke go fe *example*, *last year* le ne le okeletsa babereki ka P400 wa *Upkeep and Housing Allowance* mme bone

le gompiano le fa e le Thebe *Minister*. Dilo tse di a ba tshwenya tse. *So, they are not very excited* ka *budget* e ka gore ga ba ipone mo teng. Ga ba bone o kare ba berekela Botswana. Ke kopa gore kgang e e tsibogelwe, ga e a utlwala mo *Budget Speech*.

Even this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) that we signed with the Government and these institutions, tota we need to relook at it. Health ke maikarabelo a ga Goromente. *Health* ga se maikarabelo a kereke ya Lutere kana ya Roma. Dikereke tse di tshwanetse gore di re sokolole di re gogele kwa go Jeso, *health* ke ya gago. Ke kopa gore o tseye maikarabelo a, o tlhokomele babereki ba le *institutions* tse dikereke di sa bolong go leka go thusa. Ke kopa gore le baakanye dikgang tse *Minister*.

Madam Speaker, ke kopa gore o ntetlelele ke go bolelele ka banna ba batlhalefi ba ba neng ba le teng kwa Gamalete, ba eteletse pele ke Kgosi Seboko. Kgosi Seboko a ba kopanya, a bitsa morafe, ba kgobokanya madi mme ba tsamaya ba ya go ithekela lefatshe, le re le itseng rotlhe. Botlhale jo bo kalo mo bannabagolong ba ba neng ba sa rutega jaaka Puso e ya gompiano e tletse ka barutegi le Palamente e tletse ka barutegi jaana, mme bona gore bannabagolo ba ba tsamaya ba ya go rekela morafe lefatshe, le e leng gore gompiano *it is worth...*

MINISTER OF HEALTH (DR S. MODISE): *Procedure. Thank you, Madam Speaker.* Ke ne ke re gongwe o gakolole motlotlegi a tsene mo tseleng. Ga ke itse gore o fa kae mo *Budget Speech*, o nnetse go ratha sekgwa fela. Ke ne ke kopa gore o mo gakolole *Madam Speaker. Thank you.*

MADAM SPEAKER: Nnyaa, *Honourable Member*, gakere o a *debate*, mo reetse fela, ke *debating line* ya gagwe.

MR MABEO: Ngaka, nna ke Mopalamente yo o tlhophilweng kwa Gamalete, ga ke a phamola manyena fela ke bo ke tla Palamenteng.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Laughter!)

MR MABEO: A re a utlwana, ke Mopalamente yo o tlhophilweng kwa Gamalete.

DR S. MODISE: No, that is an old one, find a new joke.

MADAM SPEAKER: Nnyaa, *Honourable Mabeo*, se tlhasalaneng. *Debate*, le se ka la dira jalo.

MR MABEO: *Madam Speaker*, ke ne ke bua ka

bannabagolo ba ba botlhale thata, ba ba neng ba na le tebelopele, ba tla go bapalela morafe lefatshe ka fa, le e leng gore *it is worth money*. Ke gakgamadiwa ke banna ba ba rutegileng ba ba ka kwa, ba e leng gore ba tsaya lefatshe ba le neela maSouth Africa mahala, gatwe ba age Bonno. *What kind of thinking is that? Vice President, you need to stop that, please. This does not make sense at all. You need to correct this thing.*

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR MOTSAMAI): *Point of order. Madam Speaker, ke batla gore ke hemele thulaganyo e ya Bonno. Mopalamente yo ke mo tlotlang e bile e le nnake, o tswa kgakala ka dikgang tse tsa gore re neetse maSouth Africa lefatshe. Ga go na maSouth Africa ba re ba fileng lefatshe la Gamalete, lefatshe le mo Ministry wa Metsi le Bonno. Re letlelela ope, a o moAferika Borwa, moAmerica, Motswana yo o ka rurifatsang gore o ka tlhabolola lefatshe leo go direla Batswana boroko. Re bo re mo letlelela ka fa tsamaisong. Ga re mo neele lefatshe, lefatshe le ntse le mo go rona.*

MADAM SPEAKER: Jaanong o tsere nako yotlhe fela *Honourable Motsamai, o kare you are debating.*

MR MABEO: Ga se *point of order*. Ga a re sepe, re tlaa tla re e buisana ka nako ya gago go atolosa...

MADAM SPEAKER: Ke ne ke re ke go raya ke re tswelela le *debate*, le tlaa nna le ganetsana *debate* e ntse e tsamaya.

MR MABEO: Tanki mme. *Madam Speaker, kgang ya gore lefatshe la ga rona le tsewa mahala le bo le neelwa maSouth Africa, maNamibia le maZimbabwe, ke ntse ke ema ka yone gore golo moo ga go na botlhale mo teng gotlhelele. We need to go back and do something se se tshwanang le se se dirilweng ke bannabagolo ba ba neng ba dirisa botlhale jo bo kwa godimo jwa Setswana ba tla go bolokela tšhaba e lefatshe. E seng le le tsewang le bo le neelwa batswakwa mahala jaana, re lebeletse o kare ga re yo. I will not keep quiet about this one, never!*

MR MOTSAMAI: *On a point of order. Madam Speaker, ke ne ke kopa gore o rule, o tseye tshwetso ka gore lefatshe le tserwe le neetswe batho mahala ka gore golo mo go latlha Batswana le ba ba reeditseng. Batho e tlaa re ba kopana le ba land board kana ope yo o abang lefatshe, ba mo kgomogele ka melamu le dithobane gore o abile lefatshe la teng, kante ga se boammaaruri.*

MADAM SPEAKER: *Honourable Mabeo, kgang ya gore lefatshe le neetswe batswakwa, ke efe?*

MR MABEO: *Madam Speaker, le a bo le tlaa nkentsha mo debate ya me, kgang e e letse e arabilwe maabane, le maloba e builwe, even the name of the company is there. Can I continue with my debate because this one I think is trying to disturb my debate?*

MADAM SPEAKER: Ke kopa go bua sengwe. Ke ne ke re jaaka o bua gore lefatshe la Batswana le neetswe batswakwa, fa e nna jalo, o kare ke nnete batho ba neetswe. E bue gore Bonno Project, fa o re ba le neetswe o kare ba le filwe.

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

MADAM SPEAKER: Nnyaa, iketle pele. Maabane fa a araba o rile lefatshe le ne le beilwe go na le *tender* gakere, *not* gore go abelwe batho bao. Jaanong se ke lekang go se bua le gore fa re bua dikgang tse, a re di bueng di tlhaloganyesega sentle gore motho kwa gae a tlhaloganye gore gatweng. Fa o re maSouth Africa kana maNamibia ba tlile kwano ba bo ba neelwa fela, go sa tlhamalalwa gore ke Bonno Project, *to debate* ga go molato, mme a re e tlhalose gore go tewa jang. Fa e nna lehalahala, o tlile go nna fela a ntse a re *point of order* ka gore o kare o raya gore ba neetswe tsaya-tanki ba sa *tender* gore ba fa batho. A re e baakanye fela.

MR HIKUAMA: *On a point of procedure. Ke a leboga Madam Speaker. Kana tsamaiso ya Ntlo e ke gore fa e le gore Honourable Minister o batla go supa gore motho mongwe is out of order, o tshwanetse a supe gore ke tsamaiso efe e a duleng mo go yone, e bile ke Standing Order sefe se a duleng mo go sone. Jaanong Honourable Minister o tlisa argument mo go se se buiwang ke Honourable Mabeo, moo ga se point of order e bile ga e ka ke ya nna yone. Fa e le gore he feels gore there is a distortion mo go se se buiwang, o tshwanetse gore a baakanye, a beye se e leng boammaaruri, e seng gore re tseye gore ke point of order e bile e tshwanetse gore e kgoreletse Honourable Member go tswelela ka debate ya gagwe.*

Maabane Tona o supile gore ga a itse gore *tender* ke *direct appointment* kana ke eng. Jaanong *detail* e a neng a re ga a na nayo, o tswa go e tsaya kae gompieno e a tlaa reng o ka tlhalosa, e ntse le gompieno ga a na karabo? Mo ga se mo go ka re diang, ke *debates* tse a tshwanetseng gore a nne le tsone, o letlelele Motlotlegi Mabeo a tswelele ka *debate* ya gagwe.

MADAM SPEAKER: *Honourable Members, ke tsaya gore jaaka le ntse le exchange dikgang jaana, order e*

Honourable Motsamai a e buang ke gore lefatshe la Batswana, ba Gamalete ga le a fiwa maSouth Africa le maNamibia. Ke go tthamalatsa dikgang gore lefatshe leo le ile kae jang. *Honourable Mabeo*, tswelela.

MR MABEO: Tla ke go leboge *Madam Speaker*. Ke kopa go bua jaana ke wele. Kompone e e filweng kwa Gamalete e bidiwa Gap Infrastructure. Ke kopa gore Batswana ba tsene mo maranyaneng ba tlhole gore *Directors* tsa teng ke bomang, maSouth Africa ba teng moo. Ga ke e boele morago kgang eo e bile ke kope Vice President (VP) gore *please do not give this land for free, I have a solution*. Le le kwa Gamalete ba rile ba go fa 175 units; *if you sell each plot at P100 000, you are going to make P17 million*. O ya go tsaya P17 million o bo o agela ba Self-Help Housing Agency (SHHA) matlo, e le bonno. Bonno kana bo farologanye, Bonno ya thekiso e, *let us also make money as the Government, we cannot give our land for free and not make money, please*.

DR DOW: *Elucidation on that point*. Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ke a leboga mokaulengwe. *My apologies for standing before you gave me the permission to do so*. Ke *elucidate* gore ka mokgwa o o bonang ka teng, fa *company* e e sena go nna e fiwa lefatshe le, gongwe *project* e e bo e phutlhama *for whatever reason*, batho ba palelwa ke go duela kana jang, lefatshe le le mo diatleng tsa ga mang? A ga go reye gore batho ba o buang ka bone bao, ba setse ba utswile lefatshe la ngwanangwana wa gago ka gore *they are creating mini* Botswana Housing Corporations (BHCs) fa go phutlhama, *they are going to be owning this land*? A ga o bone gone moo, *unless* a re o na le kgang jaaka a e tlhalosa?

MR MABEO: Ke a go leboga *Mother of the House*. Ke dilo tse ke buang ka tsone...

MR MOTSAMAI: *Ke kopa procedure* Madam Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: *Honourable Motsamai*, ga ke na go go letlelela *because* jaanong ga re sute. Ke kopa gore o tle o *debate* kgang e o ganetse. *Honourable Mabeo*, *continue*.

MR MABEO: Ke a go leboga *Mother of the House*, Motlotlegi Dow. O bua boammaaruri, ke letshwenyego la me le le tona leo. Ke tshephile thata VP gore e o tlaa e emisa kana ba tlaa e baakanya sentle. *We need to make money from this deal, otherwise this is a very terrible deal* e e sa tshwanelang wena. Dilo di dintsi...

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM (MR MMOLOTSI): *On a point of procedure*. Madam

Speaker, I think Batlotlegi Mapalamente ba dira *allegations* tse di nang le *far-reaching consequences*. Jaanong ke ne ke re ka gore o kare *Assistant Minister is here*, gongwe o ka tlhatswa kgang e.

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

MR MMOLOTSI: Ga le batle a e tlhatswa? O ka e tlhatswa gore re kgone go utlwa boammaaruri jwa kgang...

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

MR MMOLOTSI: ...ke eng le gana go tlhalosiwa? Tota ke ne ke kopa *Madam Speaker* ka gore ke *Assistant Minister responsible for the chapter*, o ka e tlhatswa, batho ba se ka ba tloga ba ntshiwa mo tseleng ka *information* e e seng yone.

MADAM SPEAKER: Nnyaa, ga ke dumalane le eo. Ke ne ke akanya gore mongwe le mongwe ka fa a *debate* ka teng, fela jaaka mongwe a ne a fetsa *to debate*, ke bo ke *debate*, dilo tse ga re a tshwanela gore re bo re emisa ba bangwe ka *point of order*. E beye o e *note*, e bo e tla e tsena mo *debate*, re ja nako bagaetsho. *Minister* o letse a araba maabane, ke solofela gore o tshwanetse gore fa a leng teng, a tle ka karabo a tle go supa gore e a neng a sa e araba e kae. Ke solofela jalo.

MR MMOLOTSI: *On a point of procedure*. Madam Speaker, kana mo Standing Order sa rona, go na le mo gotweng *imputing improper motives*. Jaanong fa ba bua ka gore Goromente o neetse maSouth Africa lefatshe mahala, ba tshwanetse gore ba bue selo se se nang le boammaaruri. *Therefore*, fa re e tlogela mme e le gore Goromente o tshasitse leswe la gore o neetse maSouth Africa lefatshe mahala, ke sone se re reng fa *Minister* a le fa, go a tlhokafala gore fa a batla go tlhalosa ka *procedure*, a e tlhatswe, a a e tlhatswe, *because* fa gotwe o tle go *debate*, gongwe ga a na go *debate*. Ga e tsamaelane le kgang ya maabane, fa e le gore *Assistant Minister* maabane o boditswe sengwe a se ka a kgona go araba sengwe, e bo letsatsi leno ga a tshwanela go bua ka gore ga a araba maabane, *that is also not procedural because* dikgang tsa maabane le tsa letsatsi leno di a farologana.

MADAM SPEAKER: Ke kopa gore re riane, re lese *debate* e tswellele. Ke a itse gore jaaka ke le fa jaana, ke tletse *point of order* mo go lona, go ya go tshaisiwa e ntse e le *point of order* fela ka gore ga le ntheetse. Ke rile Mabeo a *debate*.

LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION (MR SALESHANDO): *Point of order. Madam Speaker, kana ke gore jaanong re ntshiwa mo tseleng ke ba ba itseng melao. You made a ruling o sa letlelele point of procedure ya ga Rre Motsamai. Father of the House Rre Mmolotsi, yo o itseng tsamaiso, o a emelela a re procedure, ke kopa gore o boele morago tshwetso ya gago, jaanong Rre Motsamai a bue. You cut it down, o a emelela gape jaanong a re o batla go bua ka impute improper motive, you cannot do this. A ko re letlelelele debate...*

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

MADAM SPEAKER: Nna fa fatshe *Honourable Saleshando*, ke go utlwile, re tsaya nako...

MR SALESHANDO: Rre Mokgware, *do not howl at me, you may be a General somewhere else, you are not a General here.* Ga o ka ke wa tla go nkgoelela jaaka e kare o bona motho a utswa. Nnyaa, o itshware sentle Rre Mokgware, rona re tlhophilwe, wena o tsena ka fensetere, ao!

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

MR MABEO: Ee, ga e na molato, ke tlaa tsenya a *question without notice or Minister's question* e telelele, e tlaa arabiwa ka Labotlhano.

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

MADAM SPEAKER: Heela! Gatwe go rileng jaanong o kare le dikokwana mo hokong jaana, le a re tlhodia. A ko le leseng motho a *debate*, a ko le ikgalemeleng bagaetsho.

MR MABEO: *Madam Speaker*, dilo tse dintsi tse ke ntseng ke bua ka tsone, ke a tshwenyega ka gore dikgang di mafaratlhatlha mme ga go na sepe se se diregang. Tautona Boko o ne a tlile kwa Ramotswa kwa Kgotleng, a bua gore o tlaa *raise USD600 million*. A bo e bile a bolelela batsadi ba me bagolo kwa Gamalete gore, e bile madi ao a tlaabo a na le *special fund* e e tlaa reng fa le tlhoka terekere kwa masimo a gore, a bo a ya go tsaya madi ao a ya go reka terekere e ya go ba lemela. Le gompiano re ntse re emetse diterekere tseo, dikgang tse di buiwa di le dintsi. Ke ne ke rile gongwe *Minister wa Finance* o tlaa e ama gore *USD600 million* yo re tsamaya fa kae *so far*, ka gore go ne go tulwe madi a teng a tlaa goroga ngwaga o.

Ngwaga o o fetileng go ne go tlile banna ba maArabea ba bua ka *USD12 billion*, ka reetsa sentle *budget* e ka re

banna, madi a matshebetshebe, golo fa re tlaa tswa mo mathateng. Le gompiano, na madi a a tsene kae? O kae *12 billion* yoo ke ne ke solofetse go utlwa sengwenyana gore re ya go tlhabolola jang. Ke itse gore rona BCP re ya go jewa ke ditlhopho fa *12 billion* a ka goroga, ba ya go dira sengwe le sengwe. E ya maArabea e a ntshwenya, ba bangwe ba kile ba supiwa kwa Kgotleng kwa gotwe banna ba bahumi ke ba. Ke lebile gore ka gore gatwe ke *shadow Minister wa Trade*, ka re ditiro di e tla, ba tlaa tla go dira sengwe, owaii!

Kwa Ramotswa ka *May last year*, Tautona Boko o buile a re, Air Botswana, BAMB, BMC, Botswana Railways, di tlaabo di le *profitable and flourishing by end of the year*. Ke ne ke rile o tlaa bua sengwe ka tsone nkgonne Mothusa Tautona, le gompiano abuti ga go a diragala le fa e le sepe, e bile ke itse mathata a mantsi a a mo go tsone tse, segolo jang Botswana Railways. A ko le tlogele go bua, tota puo le tiro, le fa kae? Ke palelwa ke go tshepha mafoko a gago *Minister wa Finance*, ka gore ba o nang le bone ga ba na boammaaruri. Ga ke *sure* ka wena, mme le wena o kare o sokamela koo malatsi a, ga ke *sure*, re ntse re fano.

Corruption; ke itumetse thata o bua gore Directorate on Corruption and Economic Crime (DCEC) e tlaa nna *independent, fully supported*, a go diragale. Ga e nosi, *Auditor General* le *Ombudsman* they must be *independent*, a *oversight institutions* tsotlhe di nne...

MR MOTAOSANE: Clarification. Thank you. Honourable Mabeo, institutions *tse o di buang tse tsotlhe fela* ka independence ya tsone, a ga o bone gore that can only be achieved *fa re dirile* a proper holistic Constitutional Review, *gore di kgone go fiwa* that status, *batho ba lese go supiwa ka monwana?* Thank you, sir.

MR MABEO: Utlwa tlhe bontle jo o bo buang, ke sone se ke se buang gore gatwe re setsetse *Con Court* morago eng, re sa lebelele Molaomotho ka kakaretso, re tle re kgone go lwantsha dilo tse. Re tle re kgone go bonala gore re *serious*, ka gore phathi e e neng e tswa ya ga Domkrag, rona ba BCP le ba ba ka kwa, re ne re e kgala thata ka dikgang tse. Gompiano ke yone e buang boammaaruri, ka gore ba a itse, go gana lona. Go diragala eng jaanong golo fa? O a bona gore golo fa ga go tsamaye sentle? Jaanong kgang e ya *corruption*, e batla go emelwa ka dinao tota, e baakanngwe.

DIS; fokotsang *budget* ya DIS, kante yone e dira eng sentlesentle? Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) le Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), re a itse gore

maabane jaana ba letse ba tswa go tsaya Maduro kwa Venezuela, re a itse dilo tse ba di dirang. Naare DIS yone e dirang sentlesentle? Tiro ya bone ke go sebeleka madi fela? Madi a e leng gore e bile *they do not account for*; tsaya madi ao mo bathong bao, re tle re bone gore a ba a bereka. Ba bangwe ba sale ba bereka mo ba sena madi, segolo jang madi a a tsamayang ka dikgetsana a. Ba sale ba ntse ba bereka ba leka go aba ditsha, mo dipateleng ba leka go bereka ba sena madi a a tsamayang ka dikgetsana a. Vice President (VP) tsaya madi ao mo bathong bao, o a ise kwa melemong. Ke ipotsa gore moeteledipele yo wa DIS, DIS ya maloba ke ntse ke ya gompiono, kana ya lona e fetogile? Fetolang boeteledipele jo, ke a le kopa.

Ke dumalana le wena mogolole fa o re madi a mangwe a fokodiwe a *salaries* tsa ba ba amogelang a a kwa godimo. Ga ke dumalane le wena gore botlhe, ga o ka ke wa nthaya wa re motho yo o mo *A scale* a fokole diwe madi, kana *B scale*. Ka re bale ba *E scale* go ya kwa godimo, a di fokodiwe *like they suggested, I support that Motion*. Ke sale ke kopile gore batho ba ba mo *E scale* ba neelwa *commuted overtime allowance*, ya eng, kae? *Take that away from them. Also, bona gore Permanent Secretaries (PS), bana ba bone ba tsewa kwa malwapeng ka dikoloi ba isiwa kwa dikoleng, petrol* e re e dirisang fa, *overtime* e e duelang bakgweetsi e, golo fa re senya madi. Bona gore le Mapalamente ga ba na *the privilege they have, I am not asking for that privilege by the way, mme ka re let us save money. Take this away from them, they do not deserve that. Le allowances tsa constituency tse di neelwang bo Honourable Modise, ba sena le fa e le constituency.*

Minister, through you Madam Speaker, gambling is becoming a very big industry. Unfortunately, re itse bothata jwa yone, addiction le gore e tlisa lehuma. Batho ba kgona go itaya ba tshwara fale le fale, mme on the whole, gambling e tlisa poverty. VP, take control of gambling, let gambling be controlled by the Government. Fa e le gore madi a a kgona go tlisa lehuma le tlala e e kanakana, segolo a Goromente a a dirise gore a tle go tlhabolola a tsenye ditsela, re dire dikole. A individuals di se ka tsa tla go huma ka madi a gambling e ntse e phutlhamisa malwapa, e tlisa lehuma le le kanakana. A segolo madi a a nne mo diatleng tsa rona. Lotto e go saleng gotwe e etla, a e dirwe ke Goromente, e nne ya gago rra, e go kokotletse madi. E se ka ya re Batswana ba sotlega mo go kanakana ka gambling, e bo e le gore bangwe ba ba humileng ba tswa koo ba tlile go ja madi a golo mo... take control of gambling.

VP, tswa mo go 2036 rra. Wa re o ya go dira ditiro tse di 500 000 ka 2036. Tswa mo go 2036, o tlaabo o seyo, ga o *sure*. O filwe *until 2029, please focus there*, o bue gore o ya go tlhama ditiro tse kae. A re tsepameng mo boammaaruring. *186 projects* tsa BETP, ao! VP *please why are you planning to fail?* 186! *I mean, a ko re bueng gore the last 10 years* mo Botswana, *projects* di kae fela tse di dirilweng, tse di dirwang ka nako le madi? *186 projects! Why o sa dire tse four or five high impact projects, come and change the landscape? The things tse nna le wena re kileng ra bua ka tsone, re kile ra tsaya mosepele re ya Serowe, ga nkitla ke lebala, se boele dilo tse dintle tseo morago! Please, 186 projects you will not be able to do them. Why are you planning to fail? We will support you, we are here to support you! But please we cannot support when you do not plan smart. That is not smart, 186 projects! Aowa! Ga e ka ke. Re palelwa ke go baakanya education. Re palelwa ke to organise distribution ya dipilisi. Please let us be realistic about all these things. I thank you Madam Speaker.*

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

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND HOME AFFAIRS (MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE): *Thank you very much Madam Speaker. Ke leboge thata gore o bo o mphile nako e gore le nna ke akgele mo ka bong ya madi e re e beilweng pele fa ke Mothusa Tautona, mme e bile gape e le the Minister of Finance. Santlha ke mo leboge fela thata gore o tlhalositse ka botlalo, e bile a araba dikarabo tse tsotlhe tse di tlhokafalang, tse e leng gore mongwe le mongwe fa a dira Budget ya setšhaba, o a di sekaseka, o a di lebelela. Ke batla gore ke re fa ke lebelela Budget e jaaka ke ne ke e sekaseka, ke e lebelele from the eyes of a young man or woman who is unemployed, finished his or her education around 2013. A young man or woman who is going towards the age of 40, never been employed in this country, and also look at older people ba ba berekileng gongwe ba tshwana le masole a a tlogetseng tiro ka bogodi, mme jaaka gompiono jaana, ba sa duelwa pensions tsa bone sentle. I think mongwame fa o dira Budget e, o ne o lebeletse from that angle, through the eyes of an ordinary Motswana. I have to commend you Mr Vice President gore you have been truthful, honest, transparent in your Budget. O ne wa supa ka botlalo jo bo tletseng kwa re tswang teng. O ne wa supa ka botlalo kwa re tsamayang teng kana se re se dirileng go tswa kwa re tswang teng. Wa ba wa feleletsa ka go supa kwa o batlang re ya teng. That was very good.*

Rotlhe fa mo Ntlong e kana Motswana mongwe le mongwe, gongwe le gongwe kwa a teng, re a dumela

gore re mo dinakong tse di thata, tse di batlang gore re le tšhaba ya Botswana, re bo re tshwaragane. Re bona gore re tswa jang mo mathateng a re leng mo go one. Mathata a ba rotlhe re a itseng gore re tsene jang mo go one, mme e bile gape re tsentswe ke mang mo go one. E bile ka fa go ntseng ka teng, ga go na jaaka o kareng mo kgweding tse 12 a bo o ka kgona go a fetsa. Re fa re duba thankga re le Batswana, re duba thankga e re tsentsweng mo go yone ke Puso e re neng re tsaya mo go yone ya Domkrag. E e leng gore fa o lebelela tshenyetso-setšhaba go tswa fela kwa e tswang teng kwa, e sale e agilwe ke Puso e ya ga Domkrag. Ke ne ke gagkamala ke bona Tautona wa bone a botswa dipotso maloba ka *Budget Speech* a bo a e tlhobosa. Fa a e tlhobosa ke bo ke re, *ah!* mme maloba mo teng ga dipampiri re re bala gotwe o rekisitse ditsha, a rekisetsa mmata wa gagwe ditsha ka P1.6 million. *Statements* tse di neng di tswa a re, “nyaa, ga se ene a neng a batla gore a duelwe *cash*, yole ke ene a neng a batla go mo duela *cash*.” Ke gore mo Batswaneng fela...ke gore le gompiano le fa ke ne ke le fa, mme ke ene yo o reng *Budget Speech* ya ga motlotlegi fa ga e na mosola, ga e a tsenya sepe, ga e a phuthela sepe, mme a dumela gore o amogetse P1.6 million *cash* a rekisa setsha.

MR MOTAOSANE: *Procedure Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I think the Honourable Member is out of procedure. He is talking ka motho yo e leng gore ga a yo fa, ga a ka ke a kgona go ikarabela. He is not a Member of this House. Fa a ne a ka tla kamoso o ne a ka ikarabela. Ke ne ke kopa gore these allegations tse a di buang ka batho ba ba seyong fano, tsweetswee he should withdraw them. A boele mafoko ao kwa morago otlhe fela a a neng a a bua, a bo a ntshiwe mo Hansard, ka gore motho yo a buang ka ene, ga a yo fa, ga a ka ke a kgona go ipuelelela. It is unprocedural. Thank you, Madam.*

MADAM SPEAKER: *Honourable Members, fa e re re bua, re sekasekele batho ba re buang ka bone, re dirise maina a batho sentle. A re se kang ra kgopakgopetsana le batho ba ba seyong fa. Let us debate fela re sa dire jalo bagaetsho.*

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS (MR MOSWAANE): *Procedure Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, ke ne ke re ba se ka ba go tsenya mo thaelong. Ga go na ope yo a kileng a bua ka ope...*

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

MR MOSWAANE: *Ka re ga a ise a bue ope ka leina. Fa motho are allegations a sa bue motho ka leina, ga go ka ke gatwe o sentse ope leina mo Ntlong e. Ke ne ke re ba se ka ba go latlhela mo gare ga legano la tau, nna ke go tshepha thata. Thank you.*

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: *Thank you very much Madam Speaker. Ke batla gore ke tlhalose jaana...*

MADAM SPEAKER: *Nnyaa, Honourable Mokgware, ke ne ke batla o lemoga e ya gore se bue ka maina a batho jaaka a ne a bua.*

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: *Ga ke a bua ka leina la ga ope, ke rile allegations tsa Tautona mongwe yo a neng a akgela kwa ntle.*

MADAM SPEAKER: *Ehe! o rile allegations?*

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: *Ee mma. Ka re wa party nngwe yo a neng a akgela kwa ntle, yo dipampiri di reng o amogetse P1.6 million. Jaanong mathata a teng ke eng? Golo moo go teng in the public domain. The statement is there in the public domain.*

MADAM SPEAKER: *Fa o bua, a o buile o re, President semangmang?*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: *O rile ya BDP.*

MADAM SPEAKER: *President ya BDP efe? Ke na le bothata jwa gore ga ke a wela sentle when he was quoting fale. Jaanong that is why ke re, ke kopa gore fa re le in the House, a re diriseng maina a batho sentle kana a re bueng ka batho sentle.*

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: *Madam Speaker, the reason why ke ne ke bua ke le careful jaana, ke ne ke sa batle go bua maina a batho. That is why I was very careful, ke sa batle go bua leina la ga ope.*

MR PULE: *Point of order Madam Speaker. Ke tsaya gore Honourable Mokgware is an old member of this House, e bile o itse Standing Orders tsa golo fa. It is very clear in the Standing Orders gore, you do not mention dilo dingwe o mara batho ka dipuo ba ka se ka ba kgona go ikarabela. Fa o bua ka a member of the National Assembly, starting from the President, o itse gore o tlaa bona opportunity gore a tle mo Palamenteng a tle go ikarabela. Jaanong motho yo a buang ka ene a re, “President ya BDP” o bua ka Rre Mpho Balopi, he is very clear. Ke ene a neng a tsile fa, e bile he was interviewed kwa ntle kwa re le teng. Jaanong ga a ka ke a e baya mo e keteng ga a ise a bitse leina la gagwe. That*

is why ke dumalana le *Honourable* Motaosane gore tota mafoko a a dirisang, fa e ne e le gore *this House wants peace*, e ne e le gore mafoko a a ntshiwe (*expunged*) mo Hansard *because* ga a ka ke a rumola ngwana wa batho a le kwa a leng teng ka gore ene o na le *protection* ya *Members' Rights and Privileges*. *No, it is unfair...*

MADAM SPEAKER: Nnyaa, *Honourable* Pule, ke ne ke re ke kopa gore re tswelele jaanong ka *caution* ya gore a re se ka ra dirisa maina a batho ba ba seyong mo Ntlong. Ke na le bothata jwa gore ga ke a wela sentle gore a o ne a rialo kana a re *alleged*. Jaanong ga ke batle mo o ka reng ke bua selo se ke seng *sure* ka sone. Le dia nako ka dilo tse di ntseng jaana.

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: *Thank you very much Madam Speaker*. Ke tlaa tswelala ke bua ke tlhamaletse ke re, re fa re leng teng fa, re mo mathateng mo Pusong ka ntata ya Puso ya ga Domkrag. Sepe fela se se diragetseng se e leng gore gompiano re fitlhela *the health system* e ole, *it is because of* Domkrag. Re fa gompiano fa re fitlhela e le gore *our security in this country is very low*, se ole, se kwa tlase, *it is because of* Domkrag. Ga go na ope yo o ka ganetsang, e bile le bone ba a itse. Re fa mo e leng gore Goromente o senyegetswe ke madi a mantsi, batho ba tshwarwa ba sekisiwa ba sena molato. Gompiano ba a itsheka, ba batla gore ba duelwe ka ntata ya ga Domkrag, mo go neng go ntshiwa ditaello gotwe tsamayang le go tsaya semangmang. Re fa, gone gompiano jaana ga go na *maintenance* wa dikole. Ba botse gore *for the past 10 years*, ba kile ba aga dikole tse kae, *not even a single school*. Ba kile ba baakanya dikole tse kae? Ba re reye ba re nnyaa, ke tse, re dirile di le kana dikole, ga go na sepe se se kileng sa agiwa.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure.

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: Jaanong dilo tse, re tshwanetse go itse gore re fa re duba thankga e re e fitlhetseng, e e leng gore le bone batho ba bangwe ba ba neng ba e dira, gone gompiano jaana, ba tsamaya ba ipoka ka yone. Ba bo ba re nnyaa, re batla go timetsa setšhaba re re re fitlhetseng go ntse jaana, *that is not true*. Selo se ke batla gore Motswana yo o kwa gae a se gakologelwe.

Le fa re ne re ya kwa ditlhophong ka 2024, rotlhe re ne re ntse re bua ka melemo gore ga e yo mo dipateleng. Re ne re ntse re utlwa gotwe melemo mengwe e a tshubiwa, e a senngwa gatwe e rekilwe e ntse e senyegile. Jaanong fa o ka bala dilo tse wa bona gore melemo e e rekilwe e ntse e senyegile eo e kae, ba a itse, ke Domkrag. Re fa

gompiano, jaanong mo e leng gore ga re ka ke ra tla go gakgamala re bo jaanong go nna o kare bone badiri ba ditiro tse, e bo e le gone fa gompiano ba reng ba ipaya botoka ba re re a palelwa.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure Madam Speaker.

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: Motswana o tshwanetse a itse kwa gae gore...

MR MOTAOSANE: *Point of procedure*. *Thank you, Madam Speaker*. *Madam, the procedure I am standing on* ke gore, *sometimes* go tlhoka gore batho ba nne ba bolelelwa boammaaruri fa re le mo Ntlong e re le Mapalamente. *Honourable* Mokgware ga a bue boammaaruri, fa a re ga go na dikole tse Domkrag e di agileng *in the past 10 years*. Ga a bue nnete e e tlhoafetseng. Legale *I am not surprised*, kana tota motho fa a sena kgaolo, a bo a ipona fela a le fa, o ka bua jaana. Jaanong *I can give the statistics* kamoso ke lebile *Local Government*. *Honourable* Moswaane ke yo ke *Minister*, o ka tla ka *statistics* sa gore *in the past five years or 10 years* go agilwe dikole tse kae ke *Local Government*. Kwa bo Metsimotlhaba, Kumakwane, Gaborone, Molepolole kwa kae le kwa kae. *That I can prove...*

MADAM SPEAKER: *Honourable* Motaosane, *nnyaa* jaanong you are debating...

MR MOTAOSANE: Mma?

MADAM SPEAKER: Ka re jaanong *you are debating*. Nna ke tsaya gore jaaka fela le tlhola le *debate*, *it is his line of debate*, o tlaa tla o dira fela o mo ganetsa. *Honourable* Mokgware, ke santse ke bua. A re lesaneng fela *to debate*, gakere le a itse gore *line of debates* tsa lona le le batlotlegi le dira jang?

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: *Thank you very much Madam Speaker*. Mme ba a itse gore tse ke di buang tse, ke boammaaruri jo bo tletseng.

Se ke se ratileng thata, se e bileng ke bona ke dumalana gore...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Elucidation.

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: I yield to *Rre* Moswaane.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS (MR MOSWAANE): *Point of elucidation*. O e tshwere sentle General Mokgware. Kana kgang e nngwe e ke

batlang go go tlaletsa ka yone, ke ya gore ka ngwaga wa 2023 *July to 2024 July*, bana ba bannye ba ne ba neelwa molemo wa sehuba o o bolayang. Balwetse ba *high blood pressure* ba ne ba fiwa melemo e e *substandard*, mme e bile le gone e sa tsene ka tsamaiso ya Botswana Medicines Regulatory Authority (BoMRA), e sukunyediwa ka difofane mo lefatsheng. Ke ne ke re a dilo tse o a di gakologelwa? Kana ke tshotse dikwalo tse di supang gore melemo mengwe ya balwetse ba HIV/AIDS le yone e ne e le *fake*, ba e neelwa ke Puso e e fetileng kabomo, Puso ya Domkrag e neela batho ba. Ke raya gore ke tshotse makwalo a a nang le bosupi joo, e bile ke tswa go bontsha Mopalamente Bagaisamang melemo e e fitlhilweng mo kokelong *from 2023* e e leng gore e *fake*. E fitlhilwe koo ke phathi ya Domkrag, re tswa go e tshwara koo. *Thank you.*

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: Nnyaa, ke raya gore kana dilo tse ke jaaka o bona ba leka ka bojotlhe jwa gore ba tle ba leke go ganetsa. Ba itse boammaaruri gore re fa *because of* Domkrag. Fa e ne e busitse sentle, e dirisitse madi a setšhaba sentle, re ka bo re itse gore re dira eng. Re ka bo re se fa re teng gone gompiano jaana fa. Re ka bo re le golo gongwe, ke lantlha *budget* e tswa *contribution* ya diteemane e le kwa tlase, *for a very long time*. Nako ya fa BDP e busa fale, nnyaa, diteemane tse e ne e le ntletsentletse, ba rekisa fela jaaka ba rata madi a le mantsi. *We are not even surprised.*

We give credit to the Vice President, e le *budget* e a e dirileng, *contribution* ya diteemane e le kwa tlase, a go supegetsa gore re batla go dira eng, e bile a go fa le tsholofelo ya kwa pele gore re batla go dira eng. *That is why* o bona a tsere dikole a di baya kwa godimo, *because we want to grow good and responsible citizens*. Jaanong ba bangwe bone fa ba tswa fa, ba tlaabo ba tsaya kgang e le nngwefela gotwe nnyaa, mma re rekeng melemo, tswayang fela mo go tsone tseo, kgaola madi a a kwa *State President*, re bo re reka melemo ka yone fela jaana. *State President* akanya gore ke *departments* tse kae, ke Botswana Defence Force (BDF), *police* e le tsa *security*, ke DCEC yone e re buang ka yone. Kana la re madi a kgaolwe, le tlhamalale le re a BDF e kgaolelwe madi ka gore ke a itse gore ga le rate BDF. Le batla gore madi a teng a tle a kgaolwe. Madi a masole ba a bereketseng dingwaga tse di kanakana ba se ka ba a bona. *We know that*, and le kwa *caucus* ya lona le bo le dumalana gore madi a BDF a kgaolwe, *the BDF should know that you do not like them.*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: Nna ke tlile go ema ke le *an ex-military man to defend the BDF.*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure Madam Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: Procedure Honourable Gobotswang.

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: Ke ya go ema fa ke emetse masole otlhe a a berekang le a a *retired.*

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Mokgware...

DR GOBOTSWANG: *Point of procedure. Madam Speaker*, go tlhoka boammaaruri ga UDC o kare jaanong go tlaa peta. Ke gore fa a re re kopane kwa *caucus* re bo re dumalana gore go ye go kgaolwa madi a masole, o ne a le kae, a o ka ntsha bosupi? *Madam Speaker*, fa e le gore ga a na bosupi jo a ka bo ntshang fa pele ga Palamente e, a boele kwa morago mafoko a, a bo a ntshiwe mo Hansard ka gore ga a na boammaaruri gotlhelele *Madam Speaker*. Ga ke itse gore o a tsaya kae. Fa e le gore o na le jone, a a ntshe bosupi. Ke a leboga.

MADAM SPEAKER: *Honourable Members*, a re reetsaneng. Rre Mokgware wa re di ne di tswa kae dikgang tseo?

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: *Thank you Madam Speaker*. Nako e nngwe fa o ka nna o reetsa batho *who lost value*, le fa a ka dirwa *auction* ka siki, ga go na ope yo o ka mo rekang. Siki ke raya madi a bogologolo a a sa rutiweng... *No one would want to part with that.*

MADAM SPEAKER: *Nnyaa*, Honourable Mokgware.

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: Ga ke tsene mo dikgannyeng tsa gagwe. Ga a nkutlwa sentle gore ka reng, *so*, ga ke a rialo. Ga ke bue jaaka ene a bua.

MADAM SPEAKER: Wena o ne o reng?

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: Nnyaa, e teng, nna ke a tswelala.

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Mokgware...

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: Mma?

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

MADAM SPEAKER: O ne o reng ka batho, o re *caucus* ya bomang e ne e reng, kae? Ke batla o tlhalosa kgang ya teng.

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: Ke rile ba ne ba kopane kwa *caucus* ya bone, ba re go kgaolwe madi. Ga go tlhokafale gore ke bue gore bomang. Le a ikitse gakere? Lona ba le jegang, ga ke a bua BCP.

MADAM SPEAKER: Continue honourable.

MR PULE: *Point of order. Madam Speaker, ke na le mathata tota, ga ke itse gore a General Mokgware o a go nyatsa kana jang. Ke gore o tlaabo o leka go mo kgalemela, a bo a nna a tswelela fela a bua ka fa a batlang ka teng. Ke bone le kgantele o eme ka dinao, a eme ka dinao le ene. A ko o kgalemele General Mokgware, le mafoko a a buang tota, ga se one. Ga a tshwanela go re lotlhanya le masole ka gore re ka kwano and ga re ka ke ra dira jalo. Maabane o letse o nkutlwa Madam Speaker, ke kopa Tona wa tsa Madi ke re, ke kopa gore P5 billion o a mo ntshitseng, o ba reng ba duela masole, please ba duelwe. Gompiano a re, ra re masole a se ka a duelwa. It is not correct.*

MADAM SPEAKER: E utlwetse.

MR PULE: A ko o bue le monna yo wa *General*, a go tlotle *Madam Speaker*.

MADAM SPEAKER: *General*, a ko o leke go tlotla nna.

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: Tanki *Madam Speaker. I respect this House very much. I respect you, ka tsothle fela. I respect bakaulengwe fa. Batlotlegi ke ba tlotla mo go maswe. Ke batho ba ke utlwanang le bone, mme ke batla go ba supegetsa gore fa ba re, the State President Budget e kgaolwe, what does it mean? Go tlaabo go raya gore re kgaole budget ya mapodise, a e leng gore fa re bua ka stock theft, se kwa godimo. Mapodise ga ba na dikoloi le uniform. Dilo tse e nne e re fa re di bua, re akanya pele.*

Ke ntse ke utlwa bontsi jwa bone ba re, go kgaolwe madi a *State President*. Ke leka go ba supegetsa gore fa go kgaolwa madi a *State President*, go affect eng. *State President* e raya eng? E raya *security* sa lefatshe le, re a utlwana? Ke batla re tlhologanye se gore *the security of the country is very important*. Gompiano jaana *all the borders are down*, ga go na diterata. Domkrag e paletswe, melelwane e ole. Go itsenelwa fela mo Botswana. Dilo tse re tshwanetse re eme ka dinao. Ke le boleleleng, ke batla go araba potso...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Elucidation.

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: I yield.

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

Ke mo tlatse *Madam Speaker* ka bonako, ke se ka ka mo jela nako. Fa e le gore ra re go kgaolwe madi a, bana ba ma*Special Constable* ba e leng gore *budget* e, e ba tsentse mo teng, go tlaabo go raya gore re boela morago tshwetso e e tserweng ke Puso ya gore re a ba fira *permanently*.

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: Tanki. O e baya sentle. *That is why* fa ke bua le batlotlegi ka kwa, *I want to be practical*. Ke batla go nna *simple* gore ke le supegetse gore *budget* fa le ntse le bua ka yone, go raya eng, ditlamorago tsa teng ke eng, fa re ntse re re nnyaa, kgaola kwa. Ke le supegetse fela gore le itse. Ke utlwa potso e botswa gore le ya go tsaya kae madi? Le bua gore *this is just a dream*, madi a ya go tswa kae? *Let me give you an example*; se se tsileng go diragala, ke tlaa le fa *example* ka *ministry* o ke leng kwa go one, o re reng re batla go dira *digital Identity Document (ID)*. Goromente ga a tle *to spend* Thebe mo mading a. Fa o bona di kwadilwe jaana *projects*, Goromente ga a tle *to spend* Thebe. Re tsile go dira gore *the project should be self-financing itself and Government is going to make money out of it*. Ditsela jaaka re bua jaana, Goromente ga a tle go tsaya madi a bo a dira ditsela. Go ya go dirwa gore ditsela tse di ka itirela madi jang ka *tollgates* jaaka go dirwa kwa mafatsheng a mangwe. Ke dilo tse le tshwanetseng le di tlhologanye. Le sa re gongwe go ya go tsena mo teng ga *budget*.

Goromente o tlaabo a tla a tshotse *budget* jaaka ba bangwe le batla gore le dire, le botsa yo. Ke le kopa ke re, bakaulengwe, re ne re le mmogo gone fa, *you approved the BETP le NDP 12* lona. Ga e ka ke ya re le sena go nna le di *approve*, e bile di bo di tsenngwa mo teng ga *budget* go dirwa *implementation*, e bo le fetoga le re, “ga le mo teng, *budget* e, ga le e tlhologanye. Ga go na sepe mo teng, ke ditsholofetso tse le sa itseng gore a di tlaa diragala kana jang.” Ke kopa a re nneng le boammaaruri. *Let us make sure* gore re bolelela Batswana boammaaruri. Mathata a re leng mo go one a, re tshwanetse re a tshwaraganele rotlhe. Re tshwanetse re bone gore re ntsha lefatshe le, jaaka go dirwa mo mafatsheng a mangwe.

Look at what is happening in Zambia; gompiano Zambia e kgonne go tswa moo. *Zambia depended on copper for a long time, prices tsa copper* a bo di ya kwa tlase. *Look at Singapore*. Jaanong *before* le ganetsa bakaulengwe, a re nneng le tseye dibuka tse, ka fa di ntseng ka teng, le di bale sentle, le bo le tsaya ditshwetso gore...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: Nnyaa, o tlaa tla o tla fa o tlhalosa. Ke tlaa go tlhalosetsa kwa ntle ka kwa teeng.

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

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: A re direng gore dilo tse, re di baleng rotlhe, re bo re tlhaloganye, e bo re bolelela Batswana. Ke a le utlwa la re, ga re bue boammaaruri. O bona kgang e re ntseng re e bua fa ya Bonno, *what the Government is doing is that ga a fe company epe lefatshe. Go and look at the contract before re tla go akgela. Eo ke a le kopa ka re, go and read it. Contract ya teng le kgona go tsena kwa ministry wa ga Rre Motsamai, e bo le e kopa, e e saennweng ke companies tse. Go kwadilwe le mo teng gore fa ba hira batho, ba se ka ba duela not less than P4,000, sa bone ke investment, ga ba own lefatshe. They were not given a certificate to own the land, ke boammaaruri. So, that is not true. A re baleng dilo tse. Re leke go bala all these contracts, e re re tla go tsena mo Ntlong e, re bo re badile re re quote so and so, e e re rayang e re le file batswakwa lefatshe ke le. Ke kopa gore dilo tse bagaetsho, e nne e re fa re di bua, re se ka ra batla go tshosa Batswana. Re ba fa dikgang tse di tshosang gore e kare lefatshe la bone le a tsamaya le ya go neelwa bangwe batho. No, that is not true.*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ke kopa tlhaloso.

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: Jaaka mongwe yo o neng a ne a botsa. Nnyaa, ga o na botho.

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

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: E bile wena kwa maloba o ne o bua ka *agriculture*. Ya re...

MR HIKUAMA: *Point of order.* Nna fa fatshe. *Madam Speaker, it is unparliamentary for the Honourable Member go raya yo mongwe a re, "ga a na botho," ga go letlelesege. Fa e le gore Ntlo e o ka tswelela o e laola, o kgalemele, e bile a bo a withdraw lefoko leo gone gompiano re ise re ye gope, ka gore it is unparliamentary.*

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: *Sorry Madam Speaker, no, I withdraw that word. Gakere yole re tlwaelane. Nako e nngwe re tlwaetse go bua jalo. I have done that. Ke kopa re tlhaloganye dikgang tse. E se ka ya re fa re tswa fa, re bo re ya go gogomosa batho maikutlo gore UDC e tsere lefatshe e le neetse batswakwa, that is not true. What we have done is that Batswana ba ba sa bolong go emela lefatshe for 20 years, now we are saying to them gore ba*

tseye lefatshe le Ntlo ya tlhwatlhwa e a e batlang. E ka nna ya re fa a sena go nna a e reka, a bo a extend a dira double-storey, which is a plus rather than Motswana yo o sa bolong go emela the land for 30 years, land board ya ga Domkrag e gana go mo fa setsha. Re mo raya re re, gompiano he or she will buy this house at a cheaper price, ke setsha, ke ntlo. Ga a tshwane re mo raya re re, tsaya, ema fela, ya go fola line gape for another 20 years, no, that is not true. You should be taking this as an advantage. So, educate Batswana. Le se ka la rontsha Batswana ditshwanelo tsa bone tse ba tshwanetseng ba di bone.

Lenaneo la Bonno le empower Motswana, le mo fa seriti se a ntseng a sena naso. Fa a bereka jalo a bo a re gompiano ke batla a high cost house, a bo a ya go e ithekela e na le setsha. *Certificate* se a go tswa se kwadilwe ka ene, ga se tswa se kwadilwe ka company ele, go ntse jalo. Ke kopa gore fa re bua re le fa, le fa gone re ka bo re batla ditlhopho, a re emiseng go tsaya dilo tse di ka gogomosang batho maikutlo, re ba bolelela tse e seng tsa boammaaruri.

Re itse gore se o tlaabong o se eleletsa motho yo mongwe yo o mo Pusong gompiano jaana, itse gore le fa e le wena le fa o ka tsena letsatsi leno, seemo se re leng mo go sone re tsentswe ke Puso ya ga Domkrag, le lona le tlaabo le le teng gone fa. Ke nako ya gore ba rotlhe Batswana re tshwaraganeng Motlotlegi Nkawana, Member of Parliament (MP). Re tshwaraganeng, re sa eme fela re re re batla go dira, o bo o kgala sengwe le sengwe o bona gore ga se a siama. Ke ne ke batla go ema fa *Madam Speaker*. Ke a leboga.

MINISTER OF SPORT AND ARTS (MR KELEBENG): Tanki *Madam Speaker*. Le nna ke tseye sebaka se mo nakong e ke tle ke lebe pego ya madi e re e beilweng fa pele ke Mothusa Tautona, e bile e le Tona wa Madi, Rre Ndaba Gaolathe.

Bagaetsho, fa ke lebile pego e ya madi e tlhamaletse, ga e na dibelebejane. Mothusa Tautona o leka go re bontsha gore re le lefatshe, re tswa fa kae mme re ya kae. E papametse e supa gore e lebagane e bile e itsetsepitse thata ka NDP 12 le BETP. Mothusa Tautona o adile dikgang tsa gagwe a tlhalosa gore re tshwanetse ra itse gore ke boikarabelo jwa rona rotlhe. A tlhalosa a tlhamaletse gore, go raya gore lefatshe la rona le tshwanetse la nna *decisive* ka re le ntsha mo go ikaegeng fela mo go reng Goromente. Ke ene a dirang ditiro, re tshwanetse re le ise gore le *private sector* ba nne le seabe, segolo mo go tswakatswakanyeng itsholelo ya

rona. Tiro ya rona re le Goromente ke go baya moalo, ke mo go buiwang ka Sekgoa gotwe *to enable environment*. Ke go kgaola disana kana mo gotweng *bottlenecks* gore ba *private sector* ba kgone go nna le tshono ya go gweba mo lefatsheng la rona gore re tle re kgone go dira ditiro. Re tshwanetse *to coordinate delivery*, ra fokotsa *risks* tse e leng gore fa re dira kgwebo, batho ba rona ba se ka ba iphitlhela ba na le dikgoreletsi. Jaaka re tswa mo Pusong e e neng e setse e gopetse Puso thata le ditsa Batswana, re bona mo nakong ya gompiano lefatshe la Botswana le mo seemong se e leng gore ga re na se re nang le sone. Fa re bua ka botsogo, re itse gore re fitlhetse bo ole fa Puso e fetoga. Go tsenya melemo mo dipatela, mo nakong ya gompiano ga re na le fa e le se re nang le sone, CMS ga e bereke.

Re a itumela fa Mothusa Tautona a re fa pego gore go na le tsamaiso e e tlaa dirwang gore re tokafatse seemo sa melemo jaaka *Minister wa Health* le ene a setse a supa, go tlhalosega gore go na le madi a a batliwang gore re kgone go baakanya. Dilo tse re a di amogela mo pegong ya ga Mothusa Tautona. Re a itse gore seemo sa botsogo se ama Batswana, mme re tshwanetse re dire ka thata go netefatsa gore re le Puso, re kgathala ka bone. Ke sone se re ntshitseng Sir Ketumile mo *private* jaaka a ne a dirilwe ke Puso e e fetileng, jaanong re dira gore e nne sepatela sa Batswana. *It is a welcome development*.

Jaaka re raletse dikgwetlho tsa bo Tlhako le Molomo mo nakong ya gompiano, Puso e dira maiteko a go bona gore seemo seo re baakanya jang. Ke golo mo re go itumelelang thata. Mothusa Tautona o tlhalositse gore mo dingweng tsa dilo tse re tlaa di dirang, ke go netefatsa gore ga re latlhegelwe ke mebaraka e e tshwanang le ya mafatshe a Europe. Re leka ka bojotlhe gore Tlhako le Molomo re e kganele, e se ka ya jwelela mo lefatsheng la rona.

Sengwe sa dilo tse mo pegong ya ga Mothusa Tautona ke bonang se siame e bile se le molemo, ke go tlhalosa gore go na le *budget* ya P1.8 *billion* e e yang go lebagana le go baakanya ditsela, dikole le tsa botsogo. Bangwe ba ka re ga e *enough*, le nna ke a dumalana mme re tlhaloganye seemo sa rona sa itsholelo mo lefatsheng. Se re tshwanetseng go se itumelela ke gore Puso e supile gore e kgathala ka makgasa a re a fitlhelang a diragetse a tswa mo Pusong e e fetileng. Puso e kgathala ka gore re tshwanetse re tlhabolole dikago, ditsela le botsogo re bo beye mo seemong se se siameng. Le rona re a itumela e bile re a rokotsega gore tsela e ya Letlhakeng-Motokwe, e tlaa nna le tshono ya gore e baakanngwe. Re a itumela gore diemo tse re di bonang kwa bo Mahupu, Lempu le

kwa Mphuthe jaaka re bona go le makgasa, fa re ntse re bona sengwe, *Honourable* Mme Kgafela-Mokoka le ene a bona sengwe se se ka lekang go thusa dikole, golo moo go tlaa fetola diemo kwa dikgaolong tsa rona.

Mothusa Tautona o tlhalositse mo pegong ya gagwe gore se se botlhokwa thata ke *stabilising economy* gore go tle go nne le *take-off* le *steps* tsa diphetogo. Re tshwanetse *to correct the fiscal hostility by restoring stability*. Golo moo re a go tlhoka.

Maiteko a go fema GPOs gore re kgone go sireletsa e bile re boloke madi a a *more than P500 million*, go a supafala gore Puso e e na le maiteko a go leka go dira *cost savings*. Re bona Puso e setse e dirile gore fa Mapalamente, *Ministers* le Tautona fa ba tsamaya, go fokoditswe thata ka seelo se se kwa godimo, le batho ba ba tsamayang le bone ba ya ditiriping ba fokoditswe. *Those cost saving measures* re a di amogela ka gore ke tsone tse re kgonang go boloka madi.

Le bone gore Development Manager (DM) *Model* e ratile ya kgautlhanya Puso le go feta ka gore e ne e ya go lopa go feta P15 *billion*. E ne e le madi a a seng kana ka sepe ka gore gatwe a ne a feta ka 34 *per cent*. Go raya gore go ne go ya go tsenya Puso ya rona mo mathateng. Puso e ne ya tsaya ditshwetso tsa gore mo *projects* tse dingwe, e di lebelele and *suspend them*. Fa e di emisa re a itse gore go tla ka *cost*, ke sone se go tlhalosegang gore go ya go *cost P500 million*. Kana fa o boloka madi a a fetang P50 *billion* ka go duela P500 *million*, go nna botoka ka gore re tlaabo re sa jewe ntsoma.

Re amogela *projects* tse Mothusa Tautona a re di begetseng tse di tshwanang le bo *digital identity* e e tlaa tlang ka Rre Mokgware. Re a di amogela gore di tlaa re thusa go dira dithulaganyo tse di tshwanang le *infrastructure* jaaka gompiano re ne re bua ka Trans-Kalahari *railway* e re e solofetseng. Ke sone se gantsi o fitlhelang ke bua gore fa re simolola re tlhabolola go gokaganya ga lefatshe, bogolo jang ditsela, re solofetse gore kgaolo e tshwana le Takatokwane e e nang le *coal*, mo dingwageng tse di tlang re tlaa nna le tsholofelo ya gore go tlaa ya sentle.

Mothusa Tautona o tlhalositse gore *our* SOEs, re tshwanetse re leke ka bojotlhe re le Goromente *to implement a comprehensive SOE transformation agenda*, e e tlaa lekang go tlhatlosa *governance* ya tsone, e bo e tliša le *ownership framework*. Re a itumela fa re bona BMC e le mo seemong seo jaaka Tautona a ne a tlhalositse gore re tshwanetse ra di bona di nna

profitable. BMC e kgonne go *stabilise*. Fa e ne e se ka Tlhako ka Molomo, re ka bo re bona jaanong re tswelela re ya kwa pele.

Le fa go ntse jalo, ke itumeletse *multi-species abattoirs*. Goromente o tlhalosa gore di tlaa simolola go bereka mo Gaborone le kwa Tsabong. Re solofetse gore mo nakong e e tlang, re bone re na le tsone kwa kgaolong ya Letlhakeng District ka gore go raya gore tlaabo re kgona go amogela dikgomo tsa kgaolo ya Kgalagadi. Golo moo go tlaa thusa barui ba rona. Go godisa BVI ke golo mo go siameng gore re e beye e le *a global company*. Ke dilo tse re di amogelang mo pegong ya ga Mothusa Tautona.

BPC; go tlhalositswe mo *budget* gore BPC e tsenye motlakase mo dikgaolong, bogolo jang tsa tennyanateng. Golo moo go raya gore go a re nametsa gore re solofele gore motse o tshwana le Tshwaane, re tlaa nna le thulaganyo ya gore re bone motlakase. Ke dumela gore Kgosi Motau o tlaa nametsega kwa a teng gore a itse gore re tlaa gopola Tshwaane re lebile gore dikgaolo tsa tennyanateng di baakanyetswe motlakase.

Re bua ka bojanala jo e leng gore bo teng le go *mobilise private investment*. Maikaelelo ke go tlisa ditiro mo dikgaolong tsa rona. Go raya gore golo moo re a go amogela fa e le gore go na le *concessions* kwa bo Makgadikgadi le Ngamiland. Ke dingwe tsa tse re di solofetseng mo nakong e e tlang gore e re re bua ka Khutse Game Reserve, re bo re bua e le gore bojanala le gone koo, Batswana le bone ba e leng gore ke bagwebi ba ba amanang le bojanala, ba tlaa ikatumetsa gone koo. Ke sone se Puso e tlhalosang gore e ya go lebagana thata le *projects* tse di sa bolong go ema. Kana *other projects that have been pending*, ke tse di sa bolong go ema dingwaga tse di fetileng di sa fele. Go botlhokwa thata gore Puso e netefatse gore *projects* tse di emeng di fele gore di tle di kgone go sutela ditsela di tshwana le tsa Letlhakeng-Kaudwane gore bo Kgosi Segwaba le Kgosi...

MR DISHO: *Clarification*. Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. O e tshwere sentle mokaulengwe. O tsamaya sentle, ga ke go senyetse. *Concessions* tse o buang ka tsone tsa Makgadikgadi le Ngamiland, gongwe o *share* le rona *because* ga re kgone go tlhaloganya gore *concessions* tse o buang ka tsone ke dife. Ke utlwa go buiwa ka tsone fela gone fa, *but* ga re kgone go lemoga gore ke dife mo makgadikgading e bile di filwe bomang. Ke ne ke re gongwe fa o ka *share* le nna mokaulengwe. *Thank you*.

MR KELEBENG: O ntietse nako mokaulengwe, ke ne ke tseetse gore o tlaa bua sengwe. Kana dikgang di tlhalositswe fa, jaanong fa o di batla mo go nna, e ne e le go ntiela nako. Tla ke tswellele ke amogele *National Fund of Funds*.

MR DISHO: *Point of order*. Ke ne ke re *Minister* a itshware sentle. Ke ne ke boletsa Batswana ba e leng gore gompiano *they are texting* me gompiano gore, “*as a Shadow Minister, can you please share with us concessions* tse gotweng di abilwe tse go buiwang ka tsone. *We do not understand these things* re le setšhaba.”

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

MR DISHO: Ga ke gane, *I am saying the Minister said that* mo *Budget Speech* sa gagwe *but you are emphasising that*. Ke sone se ke botsang gore, *can you please share with me*, gongwe wena go na le se o se tlhaloganyang.

MADAM SPEAKER: *Honourable* Disho, o tsere nako e ntsi, ga ke tlhaloganye...

MR DISHO: *No, Madam Speaker, when you say* ke go jela nako...

MADAM SPEAKER: Fa o kopa *point of order*, o tshwanetse gore o tsene *straight to order* eo, ke go reeditse, o kare o fetolana le ene, ke palelwa le ke go tsena. O nne o nna *brief, then* o bo o ntletlelela gore ke tsene.

MR KELEBENG: Tanki go ntshireletsa *Madam Speaker*. Ke dumela gore kgang ya *concessions*, Mothusa Tautona o e adile. Go ne go botswa fa ka *Presidential resort* e go neng gotwe e a agiwa, Rre Mohwasa a tlhalosa mme ga supafala gore Puso e tlaa tlhalosa. Ke dumela gore dilo tseo tsothle di tlaa senoga ka gore ke dilo tse di bewang fa e le dilo tsa Batswana, tse e leng gore di tlaa tlhalosega go ya kwa pele. E ne e le gore tota mokaulengwe o batla gore a akgele fela mo puong ya me e ke leng mo go yone.

Ke bue gore re amogela *National Fund of Funds*. Go raya gore bagwebi ba ba botlana jaanong ga ba thusiwe fela ka go neelwa dikoloto. Bangwe ba re ga re na sepe le bone. Thulaganyo e ya *National Fund of Funds*, fa o e lebelela, e bua ka *reform* ya gore re ya go dira jang mo bathong ba e leng bagwebi mo lefatsheng la rona. E tlhalosa gore re ya go tswa mo *loan interventions* tse di sa nnang sentle mme e bo e le gore re tlisa *approach* e ntšha, e e leng gore ga se ya *direct lending*. Re tlisa mo

e leng gore re kgona go *identify high potential business individuals* ba ba dirang dikgwebo tse di ka tlisang *impact* mo matshelong a Batswana.

Go bo go nna le *competitive processes* tse re tlaa di dirang go leka gore go nne le *structured development programmes* tse go nang le *mentorship* le *industry exposure facilities*, go leka go baya bagwebi ba ba botlana mo seemong se ba ka kgonang go gweba, ba dira ditiro jaaka re eletsa go dira.

Le fa go ntse jalo, ke ratile le e Mothusa Tautona a neng a bua ka *Agri-Based Cluster Projects*. A bo a bua ka moringa gore ba setse e bile ba simolotse gore ba a o *export*. Le rona kwa Takatokwane, re na le tsholofelo e e kwa godimo gore go tlaa nna jalo.

TVET jaaka Goramente a supa gore o leka go e gagamatsa, re solofetse thata gore *courses* di tlaa okediwa kwa Kweneng Bophirima. Golo moo go tlaa re thusa. Fa re bua ka *sustainability*, re bua ka batho ba thuto ya diatla, re bua ka batho ba e leng gore jaanong Puso e a ba tlamela, e baakantse melao. Dikgang tse di tokafatsang bo *quality assurance*, re a di bona mme go raya gore go tlaa tokafatsa matshelo a batho ba rona kwa dikgaolong tsa rona, bogolo jang kwa Takatokwane. Lenaneo la go tokafatsa Ikageng, re a le amogela ka gore fa re le tokafatsa mme e le gore *projects* tse di tshwanang le bo CCP re di dira ka yone, go raya gore mme re tlaa dira gone gore batho ba ithute fa re bua ka TVET. E tlaabo e golagana le lone lenaneo le ka tsela fela e e siameng.

Go builwe ka *rural development* le Khoena Empowerment Programme, e e tlaabong e lebagane le batho ba gotweng *the Khoisan*. Ke *programme* e e tlaa ba neelang seriti. E tlaa ba thusa jaaka re itse gore ba gateletswe ke seemo sa itsholelo. Ke batho ba e leng gore le *identity* ya bone e tserwe mo Pusong e e fetileng. Re tshwanetse re leke thata gore re ntshe batho ba kwa morago, re ba beye fa e leng gore ba bangwe ba teng. Dikgaolo tse di tshwanang le tsa rona tsa bo Kgalagadi, Kweneng West le Ghanzi, re lebagane le batho bao, re ba ntshe kwa morago, re ba beye fa ba bangwe ba leng teng gore re tle re kgone go dira.

Go na le fa *Honourable* Saleshando a neng a boka teng mme le fa a ne a ntse a tsenya dikgang tsa gagwe tsa gale le gale. O ne a tlhalosa gore o itumelela gore Puso e ya go *review* Public Finance Management Act. A bo a tlhalosa gore *Honourable* Furniture o ya go tla ka *Motion*. Kana *Honourable* Furniture o tlaabo a

tshamekisa nako ya Palamente ka gore go ya ka fa go tsamayang ka teng, molao o o setse o lebeletswe, o a diragadiwa. Ke sone se Puso e se dirang mo nakong ya gompiano.

Ke bone le *Honourable* Mabeo a fapaana thata le *Honourable* Leader of the Opposition (LOO), a supa tota gore kgang e ya *gambling*, Goramente o tshwanetse a tseye boikarabelo, a netefatse gore o nna le seabe mo go yone. Golo moo go itumedisa ka gore...

MR FURNITURE: *Point of order.* Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ga ke itse gore a Motlotlegi Kelebeng fa a tlisa *Bills* mo Ntlong e, a o a bo a tshamekisa nako ya Palamente. Ke dumela gore o itse tsamaiso ya Ntlo e. Jaanong *I do not think* mafoko a a dirisang ke a a siameng, gongwe a a boele kwa morago.

MADAM SPEAKER: *Honourable* Kelebeng, lesa go rumola yo mongwe, o *debate* fela o se ka wa dirisa mafoko a a kgopisang Motlotlegi Furniture.

MR KELEBENG: Ke a utlwa gore o a rumolana, mme kana fa o tlisa selo se se dirwang, o a bo o tshamekisa nako mokaulengwe...

MADAM SPEAKER: *Honourable* Kelebeng, ke ne ke go supegetsa gore lesa go rumola yo mongwe ka dipuo tse o di buang, jaanong o ntse o a boelela. A ko o *debate* o se ka wa rumola yo mongwe.

MR KELEBENG: *Honourable* Mabeo o mo mathateng ka gore o fapaane le mogolwane wa gagwe, a bua gore re itira *referee* re bo re boa re nna motshameki, mme e le tsamaiso e e leng teng. Fa o bua ka *national lotteries*, mafatshe a mangwe a dira jalo. Ke dumalana le *Honourable* Mabeo gore Puso e tshwanetse e nne le seabe mo *gambling*. Ke farologana le *the* Leader of the Opposition (LOO) mo kgannyeng eo ka gore e bothlokwa, go a diragala gore Goramente a dire kgwebo fa e leng gore o ka e dira teng. Ke sone se le bonang Bank of Botswana (BoB) *regulating* dibanka, mme re na le Botswana Savings Bank (BSB) le National Development Bank (NDB). *Honourable* Mabeo o ne a e tshwere sentle gone foo gore a bo a fapaana le mogolwane wa gagwe ka gore mogolwane wa gagwe jaanong o ne a latlha setšhaba a sa itse, go a letlelesega Goramente o kgona go gweba, go a diragala. Ke sone se le bonang go na le *meat regulator*, mme re na le BMC, Botswana Telecommunications Corporation (BTC) gape re *regulate networks*. Ke dilo tse di teng, di a diragala.

Rre Mmusi o re gagamaditse thata a setse jaanong a bua ka *escort* ya ga Rre Mohwasa, mme e le mongwe wa

batho ba ba neng ba katiwa thata ke masole le mapodise ba le bantsi thata, madi a Puso a senngwa, ba patagane mo go ene. Ga re itse gore kgakololo ya gagwe e ne e le eng ka gore ke bone ba ba re tlisitseng mo mathateng a re leng mo go one. Ga a na tshwanelo ya go akgela mo go se a se dirileng e bile a sa se dire sentle ka nako ya Puso ya bone e e fetileng.

Ke tlhalose gore re amogetse pego ya ga Mothusa Tautona, re a bona gore seemo se bifile bagaetsho. Moo go raya gore re tseye boikarabelo re le Puso, re le Batswana, re bone gore re dira jang ka gore diteemane ga di sa tlhola di rekiwa. Re tshwanetse re eme ka dinao, re netefatse gore tse tsotlhe tse re di epeileng pele, re a di diragatsa, mme re di diragatsa ka boammaaruri e seng sepe gape. Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*.

MR KEKGONEGILE (MAUN EAST): Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Re dumedise batlotlegi le setšhaba ka kakaretso. Re mo pegong ya madi, re tlaabo re sekaseka mafoko a ga Tona, Mothusa Tautona, jaaka a ntse.

Kabo ya Madi e e dira ditso, e ganeletse mo dilong tse tharo. Ke Kabo ya Madi e e sekoloto se kwa godimo go gaisa dikoloto tse re kileng ra nna le tsone. Ke Kabo ya Madi e e leng gore pharologanyo fa gare ga madi a a tsenang le a a tlaa dirisiwang, e kwa godimo go gaisa tse re kileng ra nna le tsone. Ke Kabo ya Madi e e leng gore ditiro tsa ngwaga ono wa madi, di ya go diragadiwa ka madi a a sa tsweng mo ditswammung. Gone moo fela go batla tshakatsheko e e tseneletseng gore naare Kabo ya Madi fa e ntse jaana, e raya eng mo matshelong a batho. A go na le tsholofelo nngwe ya phetogo mo matshelong a batho? Ke phetogo e e ntse jang, a ke e e digelang matshelo a batho kwa pele kana ke e e tsholetsang? Fa o e bala *budget* e, ga o bone tokafalo ya matshelo a batho gope fela *in all sectors* tsa botshelo le tsa itsholelo.

Madi a a kwa godimo thata a a tlaabong a ya go adimiwa go tla go thiba phatlha ya 18.6 *billion deficit* ya ngwaga o, e go solofelang gore ngwaga o o tlang e tlaabo e tsamaya fa go 26 *billion*. Motho o ipotsa gore phatlha e fa e thibilwe ka sekoloto jalo, a re tlaa nna le go bona gore sekoloto se se a duela, se a fokodiwa ka ditsela tse di tshwanetseng, ka bokete jo bo tshwanetseng mo bogaufing. Fa o bala *budget* e tota o bona e le gore ga go na fa go ka fokodiwang teng, se ya go oketsega. E bile fa se oketsega, go raya eng mo matshelong a bana le bana ba bana ba rona? Re dira mo gotweng go direla bana ba bana ba rona mosekelampeng, mme o sa jewa ke bone, o jelwe ke borraabonemogolo le bommaabonemogolo.

Tona o bua ka *increasing mismatch of spending* gore ke fa Goramente wa UDC a tshela madi mo ditirelong,

mme ga di ntshe maduo, ga di tokafatse matshelo a batho. Thuto le *health are the highest spending*, bo 7.1 *per cent*, fa o tsaya maduo a bana ba sekole ngwaga o o fetileng le ngwaga one o, ga a tokafale. Go raya eng golo mo? Go tshelwa madi mo motlhobodikeng. Fa o bala *budget* e le fa o tla o reeditse dikarabo di fiwa ke Matona a UDC, o bona gore motlhobodika o o ya go tswelela, ga go na karabo ya gore fa re ya go tswa jang teng.

Fa o reeditse Tona wa Botsogo, o utlwa Sekgoa sa dinko fela, ditharabololo tsa melemo, dipilisi le bodiredi gore di ya go tswa fa kae, di ya go tla di ntse jang, ga go na le fa e le sepe. Mo go raya gore *the mismatch* e ya go tswelela mo Pusong ya UDC.

Fa o lebelela dithuto tse di rutiwang, o di lebaganya le boitsaanape jo bo tlhokafalang gompiano gore a di a tsamaelana, ga di tsamaelane. A go na le maikaelelo mangwe a go fetola sengwe mo bogaufing? *Low hanging fruits* tse di tshwanang le bo go dirisa Setswana o re ke *core subject* mo dinakong tse e leng gore gompiano batho ba itirela ditiro ka bo AI le *digital monetisation*, ke mathata fela, ga go na le fa e le karabo kana tsela. Mo go rayang gore *the mismatch will continue under the UDC Government*. Ga go na *structural break*, mme Tona o bua ka tsholofelo e e feteletseng, mme e bile fa a bua tsholofelo e e feteletseng, o boa gape a bua gore mo Botswana, Goramente o palelwa ke go diragatsa ditlhabololo, ditlamelo, *poor implementation of projects*, mme o na le tsholofelo. Ke tsholofelo e e tswang fa kae, e tsalwa ke eng fa Goramente a palelwa ke go diragatsa *projects* tsa gagwe?

Mongwe o ntse a le fa a re bolelela gore re apotse o a re kgwathisa, motho yo o palelwang ke go *implement* Ipelegeng, motho yo VDC e tlhophileng gabedi, gararo, a re BCP e boka mathata. Re tlaa tlhoka go bua jang gore o palelwa ke go duela maVDC P800 kana a gompiano e leng *allowance* ya bone? O bo o simolola o re ka *April* o tlaabo o ba duela P2, 500, o palelwa ke P800. O simolola o re o dira Ikageng, hee wee! batho ba ya go tsaya *certificates*, o palelwa ke Ipelegeng...

DR DOW: Clarification. Ke a leboga. Ke ne ke re o *clarify*, o kare ga o bue batho sentle. Leina le fetogile, ga e sa tlhole e le Ipelegeng ke Ikageng. Jaanong *name change* fela, gakere o itse gore *branding* ke selo se se siameng thata, *so* o se ka wa lela thata gore dipalo di ile kwa tlase. *It is rebranded, that is the main thing*, ke ne ke re ke tlhalose.

MR KEKGONEGILE: Go ntse jalo *Honourable Dow*, ga ke itse gore a leina le la Umbrella for Democratic Change, bone lefoko “*change*” ba bo ba tseela gore ke gone mo go tlileng go busa mo Pusong. Ke gore fa e ne e le SHHA, o bo o e *change* o e dira Bonno, go siame fela. Fa e le Ipelegeng o e *change* o e dira Ikageng, Temo Letlotlo o e *change* o e dira Lemang Dijo, gone moo fela fa o dirile, Batswana ba itumetse, ke mananeo a mašha. Ke sone se se neng se buiwa kgantele gore, ga ba na lenaneo lepe le le šha, sa bone fela ke *to change* se se leng teng, ba tswa *from bad to worse*...

MR NKAWANA: *Clarification.* Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker.* Ke akgole *honourable* ka fa, gore o e tshwere sentle. Ene motho yo o bidiwang Ikageng yo, yo batho ba yang go fiwa ditlankana, ke gore le ba digarawe ba tlaa fiwa *certificates*? O re tlhalosetse gore batho ba ba sa itseng go kwala... go ya go tsamaya jang fa e le gore o a e tlhaloganya?

MR KEKGONEGILE: Tanki *Honourable Nkawana.* Kana e e dingalo ka gore kana le mong wa yone o palelwa ke go e tlhalosa. Le *guidelines* fela ga di yo, ke leina fela, ke *branding* fela e e tshwaretsweng kwa godimo. O tlaabo o dira eng ka Ikageng *Honourable Motshegwa*, “nnyaa, kana lona le boka mathata.” Nnyaa, tlhalosetsa batho gore ka gore Ipelegeng e dirilwe e le *a kind of unemployment benefit*, fa o tsaya ba ba *between 18, 35 and 45* e le bone ba o tlaabong o ba fa ditlankana, ba ba *between 35 and 60*, o ya go dira eng ka bone? Tlhalosa *Honourable Motshegwa*, “lona kana le utlwana le go boka mathata, apola ke a le kgwathisa.”

*Old habits versus an economy on transition. Economy maloba e ne e le diteemane, maduo a meepo gore o ne o tsena fela o rekisa teemane, gompiano ga e sa tlhole e rekiwa. Go raya gore jaanong le ya kwa makgethong, ke one a le tlaabong le tsamaisa itsholelo ka one. Kana makgetho a raya eng, a raya gore batho ba a bo ba bereka gore ba kgethe, ba tsene mo mabenkeleng ba reke go nne le makgetho. A lona tiro le a e dira? Ka le sale le tsena, le *figures* fela tota tsa gore go hirilwe batho ba le kae ba ba šha, *versus* ba ba latlhegetsweng ke ditiro, ga go na sepe. Kana fa go sena...*

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS (MR MOSWAANE): *Point of order.* Nnyaa, ke bona e kete yo ke mo ratang thata Rre Kekgonegile, o kare o tlaa *mislead* Ntlo e a re ga re a kgona sepe. Re kgonne go mo duela *salary for the past 14 months without fail* le bodirelapuso. Fa a re ga re itse go dira madi jaana, re

bua ka *P2.5 billion per month* yo re mo godisang rona re fitlhetse go sena sepe mo teng, re duela le dikoloto tsa phathi e e fetileng. Jaanong a se ka a latola fela e kete ga a bone gore le *pension* le *gratuity* tsa gagwe re di mmeetse. Le botlhe ba re ba hirileng mo Pusong, *pension* ya bone e ntse e bolokesebile. UDC e kgona go dira madi, e bile e itse go dira madi, *that is why* o bona re tswelsetse re duela *services* tsotlhe tse di lopang madimadi *for the past 14 months. Thank you.*

MADAM SPEAKER: Ee, ga se *point of order.* Ke ka fa a *debate* ka teng *sir*, mo tlogele fela a dire jalo.

MR KEKGONEGILE: Tanki, madi a makgetho a thata go tsena gona le madi a *minerals*, a dithoto fela go rekisa, mo go rayang gore a batla go dirisiwa sentle. *Honourable Moswaane* fa o mo reeditse, ke gore o kile wa bona motsadi mo lwapeng a kgonne go tliša phaletšhe, ke tshwanelo ya gagwe, o tshwanetse go dira jalo bana ba je, *otherwise*, bana ba bolawa ke tlala mo lwapeng. Jaanong ngwana o ka akgolela motsadi gore o tswa go reka phaletšhe gore ba je? Ke ka fa UDC e akanyang ka teng, ke mathata fela.

Madi a a tshwanelwa ke go dirisiwa sentle, gompiano fa le ya go a dirisa, *decisions* tsa *economic transition phase* e re leng mo go yone, *they are very paramount*, le gore le tlaabo le dirisa madi a jang. Fa le tswelela le a dirisa, gone ka gore Tautona *since December 2024*, ga a ise a ko a nne mo Botswana dibeke tse pedi. O nna mo phefong *every two weeks*, a dirisa madi. Fa re bua dilo tse gore ka gore la re ga le na madi, botoka ga le reye yo wa Tautona a fokotsa mesepele e e kana.

Constitutional Court...

MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INNOVATION (MR TSHERE): *Procedure. Madam Speaker,* ga ke buelele Tautona ka gore ene o a ipuelela fa a tla fa, *but* ga re ka ke ra reetsa a dirisa leina gotwe yo gotweng Tautona yo. O a itse gore Standing Order *prohibits that*, jaanong o tlaa tla a le ikarabela, mme fela ga re ka ke ra reetsa fa le bua jalo. Leina la ga Tautona le tshwanetse go dirisiwa ka tlotlo mo Ntlong e. Ke a leboga.

MADAM SPEAKER: *Honourable Kekgonegile,* ke buile gore a re tlotlaneng, re sekasekanele maikutlo fa re bua mo Palamenteng. A re se ka ra dira jalo.

MR KEKGONEGILE: Ga ke ise ke bo ke re yo gotweng Tautona, ke rile ke eng le sa bue le Tautona wa lona a riana. Mma ke se ka ka dirisa lefoko Tautona ka

gore o kare ke lone le le ba kgopisang, mma ke dirise, a ko le buisane le *my boy* a kgone go nna mo lefatsheng. A lese go tsamaya lefatshe le lotlhe, o senyetsa lefatshe madi.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure.

MADAM SPEAKER: Nnyaa, ga go na *procedure*. Nako e a tšhaya, a ko o feleletse.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: *Procedure*, ga o ka ke wa bitsa Tautona o re *my boy* mo Ntlong e...

MADAM SPEAKER: Ga go na yo o go supileng *Honourable* Moswaane, a ko o didimale.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Nnyaa, mme o e tseye sentle fela mmaetsho, o se ka wa letlelela batho ba gore ba senye leina la ga Tautona.

MADAM SPEAKER: Nnyaa, ga ke a go supa.

MR KEKGONEGILE: *Con Court*, tiriso ya madi a lona ga se yone. Madi a gompiano a le reng ga a yo, ga a letlelele gore le ka batla gore Molaamotheo le ye go dirisa P540 *million* go o sekaseka, kana go o baakanya, gona le go dirisa P270 *million*. Le na le *option* ya go dirisa P270 *million* le dire Molaamotheo o gangwefela. Lona le itlhophetse gore le ya go dirisa tsela e e turang. Ga go tlhokafale *Honourable* Moswaane gore o bo o tletse lefatshe le lotlhe gompiano, ngwaga o o ka kwa gape o bo o boa o tlala lefatshe le lotlhe o bua selo se le sengwefela, o senyetsa lefatshe madi.

Madam Speaker, pace ya economic transition le budget deficiency di a tsamaelana. Re tshwanelwa ke gore gompiano fa re lebile *budget* e, re bo re bona e lebeletse thata *high impact areas* di le tharo. E seng *shopping list* ya *priority areas* tse *nine*, e ntsi. *Priority areas* tse *nine* tse, fa le di labile, ga di ka ke tsa tsosolosa itsholelo. Tsayang *three high impact areas*, e bo e nna tsone *you deal with*.

Transport; economy value adding roads ke tsone tse le tshwanelwang ke gore le ka bo le ganelela mo go tsone. *Agriculture le bojanala, pick these three areas, deal with them, economy* e tlaa tsoga...

MADAM SPEAKER: Order! Honourable Members! It is now 6:30 p.m. I shall now call upon the Minister to move a Motion of adjournment.

MOTION

ADJOURNMENT

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM (MR MMOLOTSI): Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ke a leboga bakaulengwe lotlhe ba le leng fano. Jaaka re gorogile mo nakong ya masome a mararo morago ga nako ya borataro, ke ne ke kopa gore Ntlo e eme ka nakwana go fitlhela letsatsi la kamoso. Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*.

Question put and agreed to.

The Assembly accordingly adjourned at 6:30 p.m. until Wednesday 18th February, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.

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