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Friday 18th July, 2025

THE ASSEMBLY met at 9:00 a.m.

(THE SPEAKER in the Chair)

PRAYERS

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SPEAKER'S REMARKS

MR SPEAKER (MR KEORAPETSE): Amen. Pray be seated. I hope you had a restful night. Today is Friday before the long weekend.

Let us start the business of today with questions. As you can see in the Order Paper, there are no Ministers' Questions. I know there are some which have been submitted, they have not matured. There is one that, I think it is by Honourable... I cannot remember, but it has to be reworded, we have to discuss it, so that is why today there are no Ministers' Questions.

DR GOBOTSWANG: *Procedure.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker.* *Mr Speaker,* ke ne ke re kana Ntlo e ya gago e kile ya solofediwa ke *Honourable* Salakae gore o ya go dira ditlhotlhomiso mabapi le Development Manager (DM) *model projects,* a bo a e solofetsa gore e tlaa re a feditse a tlise pego mo Palamenteng. Jaanong re ne ra utlwalela gore pego e kwa go ene mme re bona o kare nako e a diega. Re palelwa ke go araba gore fa ba Ramokgonami ba mpotsa gore *primary school* ya bobedi e kae, ba Chadibe le bone ba batla *primary school* ya bobedi. Ba Letoreng le bone ba emaema fela, *clinic* ya Pilikwe le yone e eme. *Projects* tota tsa dikgaolo tsa rona di eme di rile tsii! mme di emisitswe ke *report* ya ga *Honourable* Salakae. *So,* ke ne ke re o re thuse *Honourable Speaker* gore re dira jang. A re mo kope gore a e tlise kana a tlhalose gore seemo ke eng ka gore tota fela *projects* di eme? Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: Order! Honourable Members, I have not checked the assurance made by Honourable Salakae, I will have to look at the Hansard to check exactly what he said in terms of making that assurance. However, Honourable Salakae, maybe you should take this as a request to you to make a statement and maybe you could just inform the Honourable House when you can make that statement if indeed you will.

MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE (MR SALAKAE): *Thank you very much Mr Speaker.* Ke tseela gore *concern* ya ga Motlotlegi Mopalamente Dr Gobotswang *is genuine,*

e a tlhologanyesega. Re sa tswa go bua ka yone *just now before* a emelela a bua, gore *this is a very complex matter.* Ke gautshwane le go fetsa, *I will be bringing it to this Parliament once necessary steps have been followed.* Ga ke dumele thata gore *two weeks* o ya go wela ke ise ke tle Palamenteng.

Gone mme ke boammaaruri, *the report is with me,* e dirilwe, mme e bile e teng, ga go na sepe se ke ka se sutlhang mo teng. Ke gore fela gore ke e tlhotlhe ka tsela e e leng gore e ka re e tla Palamenteng gongwe ka kgona go araba dipotso tsotlhe tse Mapalamente ba nang le tsone, *but I will bring it Mr Speaker.*

MR SPEAKER: *Thank you Honourable Minister.* Go raya gore re tlaabo re lebeletse mo dibekeng tse pedi. *Let us go to questions.*

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

LACK OF TARRED INTERNAL ROADS

MS H. P. MANYENENG (MMOPANE-METSIMOTLHABE): asked the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs if he is aware that there are no tarred internal roads at Metsimotlhabe, except the pavement by the entrance of the school and the Kgotla and that the road is in a bad state; and if so, when he will attend to this.

Later Date.

CHOBE CROWN LAND

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

- (i) the total area of the then Chobe Crown Land between 1889 and 1964;
- (ii) the total area of the Chobe District between 1965 to date;
- (iii) the total variation area of the then Chobe Crown Land and today's Chobe District with a total area of 22 560/22 500 kilometre squared (km²);
- (iv) the justification for the reduction of the total area of Chobe Crown Land to the current 22 560/22 500 km²;
- (v) when consultations with the natives of Chobe were conducted and what their sentiments were regarding the reduction in the total area of the Chobe Crown Land to the current constricted Chobe District;

- (vi) the net effect of the reduction of the total area of the Chobe Crown Land on the total areas of the bordering Central and North West Districts;
- (vii) the present parameters and boundary of the Chobe District;
- (viii) if the continued designation of land in some districts such as the Chobe, North East, Ghanzi, Kgalagadi as state land whilst land in the eight (08) main tribes' districts as tribal territory is not outdated and ethnically prejudiced in a modern state and Republic;
- (ix) whether it is the position of the UDC Government that some tribes have group rights to land through tribal territories while Basubiya and Basarwa in the Chobe District are Government guests in a state land; and
- (x) the requirements for tribes in the state lands of Chobe, North East, Ghanzi and Kgalagadi Districts in exercising group/tribal rights to land or tribal territory that have been accorded other citizens since independence.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Minister of Lands and Agriculture, can you summarise that answer?

ACTING MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE (MR TSHERE): *Good morning Mr Speaker and good morning to Honourable Members. Mr Speaker potso e is six pages, jaanong ke ne ke lekile go e lebelela gore a ke ka e soboka ka bonako. Ke bone gore e tsosa diletseng, e ne e batla ke tlaabo ke e araba yotlhe, jaanong ke kopa gore ke mo e neele a ye go bala fela sentle. E tona thata, fa ke ka re ke a e soboka, ke tlaabo ke sa e direle justice ka gore it is dating back to 1889. So, o kgona go bona gore ke lebaka le le lee jang. Ke a leboga Mr Speaker, mma ke mo fe karabo.*

MR MAPULANGA: *Procedure.* Ke a leboga Mr Speaker. Ke ne ke re gongwe mo go yone ka a re e telele, a a nkarabele Number 5 le Number 9 mo go tsone then we summarise it.

MR SPEAKER: *Nnyaa*, once Standing Order 38.4 is invoked, it will cover the whole question, the entire question.

SANITATION IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS

MR K. C. HIKUAMA (MAUN WEST): asked the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to apprise this Honourable House on the current assessment of the state of toilets and overall sanitation in all primary schools within Maun; and further:

- (i) provide a school by school breakdown on the condition of these facilities more especially in the Maun West Constituency;
- (ii) if there are any primary schools in Maun West Constituency that still rely solely on pit latrines, and if so, which ones, and what is the time frame for their upgrade to waterborne systems; and
- (iii) measures currently in place to ensure that existing waterborne toilets in the Maun West Constituency are consistently functional, given reports of frequent nonfunctionality due to water shortages.

Later Date.

MANYANA-MOSHUPA ROAD

MR K. S. GARE (MOSHUPA-MANYANA): asked the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to provide an update on the progress in the construction of Manyana-Moshupa Road; and to further state:

- (i) if it is true that the contractor threatened to suspend the construction due to non-payment of the works done; and
- (ii) if he can assure this Honourable House that the project will be completed within time and budget.

MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE (MR SALAKAE): Thank you Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, the construction of the Manyana-Moshupa road was awarded to Heinsite Construction (Pty) Ltd on 20th September 2024 at the contract sum of P376.410,494.94. This project commenced on 18th October 2024 and its planned completion date is 17th April 2026.

The project's physical progress stands at 19 per cent versus 36 per cent. Bush clearing, roadbed preparation and process of fill material are ongoing. Acquisition of land for the road servitude is also ongoing.

The contractor is currently procuring gravel from private sources while waiting to acquire permits for his borrow pits.

- (i) Mr Speaker, the contractor indeed gave notice to suspend as per the contract as a result of the delay of payment of two invoices and eventually suspended the works from 9th May 2025. These invoices were paid on the 5th June 2025 and the 17th June 2025 respectively. The contractor thus resumed works on the 9th June 2025 following payment of the first invoice.

(ii) I can assure this Honourable House that the ministry will closely monitor this project to ensure that it is completed within time and budget. Thank you very much.

MR PULE: *Supplementary.* Ke lebogile Tona ka fa a arabileng potso e ka teng. O e arabile ka botswerere. Ke ne ke re ke mmothe fela gore *are you aware Minister* gore *construction* ya ditsela, gongwe e seng fela kwa Kgaolong ya Moshupa, lefatshe lotlhe ka bophara, e diiwa ke *acquisition ya burrow pits* and *permits tsa burrow pits*? Fa e le gore Tona o a itse, o tsaya kgato efe ka gore tota ga go na mosola wa gore re bo re *award* konteraka, tsela e bo e palelwa ke go nna le *resources which can facilitate* gore a fetse ka bonako? Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MR SALAKAE: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke a leboga Motlotlegi Mopalamente. Dipotso tse di botlhokwa motlotlegi, mme mo gongwe o fitlhele ke eletsa gore di ka goroga sentle gore ke di baakanyetse dikarabo tsa tsone. *Gone to the best of my knowledge*, dikgang tse di amanang le *burrow pits, permits* le *licences* tsa tsone di tsewa kwa *a different ministry*. *This is why* ke ne ke kopa Motlotlegi Mopalamente gore a tsenye potso *so that* ke tle ke kgone go kopana le Mma Kenewendo re kgone go bona gore dikgang tse re di tsibogela ka tsela e e ntseng jang *to the appreciation of the Honourable Member of Parliament (MP)*. *Thank you*.

MR LEKAU: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga. Dumelang mo mosong. *Minister*, ka gore *you are aware* gore tsela ya Moshupa-Manyana e sutisa dingwe dijarata tse di mo motseng, ka tiego ya *payments, are you helping* batho ba ba mo motseng ba ba tshwanetseng go sutela tsela gore le bone dikatso tsa bone ga ba tle go jewa ntsoma? Ke a leboga.

MR SALAKAE: *Thank you Mr Speaker.* Ke a leboga Motlotlegi Mopalamente ka potso e e botlhokwa eo, e e amang matshelo a batho. Boammaaruri ke gore *that process is there* ya gore fa go na le thulaganyo e e tshwanang le ya go dira ditsela, go buisannngwe le batho ba ba tshwanetseng gore ba atswiwe. *So, are we on top of the issue Mr Speaker?* Ke rurifaletsa Motlotlegi Mopalamente gore sepe fela se se amanang le gore ope yo o tshwanetseng *to be compensated*, go tlaa nna jalo. Ke a leboga.

SHORTAGE OF ACCOMMODATION

MR L. BARONGWANG (MOGODITSHANE EAST): asked the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education if Government will consider subsidising rentals for teachers living in the Greater Gaborone area

so as to alleviate severe shortage of accommodation while awaiting the implementation of the Government Housing Scheme.

ACTING MINISTER OF CHILD WELFARE AND BASIC EDUCATION (MR MAELE): Mr Speaker, teachers occupying all institutional houses within and outside the schools' compasses, in the Greater Gaborone area, enjoy subsidised rental rates compared to the real market rates.

Consequently, the Ministry of Child Welfare and Basic Education is unable to subsidise rental rates for teachers living in the Greater Gaborone area. Again Mr Speaker, the subsidising of teachers' accommodation relates to conditions of service for all teachers throughout the country and as such we cannot have operational inconsistencies. *Ke a leboga sir*.

MR LEKAU: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga *Minister*. Kana re na le seemo se kwa Mogoditshane, mme go utlwagala gore go na le matlo a a kwa Block 8 a e leng gore e sale a nna, a nne barutabana ba ka tswa ba le teng. Go pala eng gore barutabana ba kwa Mogoditshane ba isiwe kwa matlong ao? Ke eng re iphitlhela go na le seemo sa gore *families* tse pedi di nna le *teenagers*, ba bo ba *share* mo dikoleng tsa Mogoditshane? Ke a leboga.

MR MAELE: Ke ne ke kopa motlotlegi gore ke tle ke mo tlhotlhomisetse sentle ka matlo a a kwa Block 8 a a buang, ga ke na kitso sentle ka o itse tota ke laetswe fela gore ke tle go araba potso e. Ga ke a ka ka botsa thata ka matlo a a kwa Block 8. Ke dumalana le wena thata ka *to share*, o fitlhela e le gore fa gongwe motho o na le bana jaaka o bua e le *teenagers and shared with* le *families* tse pedi.

Mathata a a leng teng tota jaaka o itse, ke one a *accommodation*. Fa gongwe o fitlhela go sena gore go ka tweng, e le fela gore motho a tsenye tlhogo ka fa tlase ga disankenyana. *It is one issue* e e leng gore tota *it causes concern across Government in terms of sharing* ya badirelapuso, ka one mathata a letlhoko la boroko. Ke a leboga motlotlegi.

MR MOALOSI: *Procedure.* Ke a go dumedisa *Mr Speaker*. Ditilo tse o itse gore ke mathata fela. Ga se gore gongwe le re direle *orientation* ya gore di bereka jang ka gore di dingalo *Mr Speaker*.

MR SPEAKER: *E tlaare* in our next General Assembly, we will call the company which fitted the chairs to help you.

SEROWE DAIRY MILK PLANT

MR L. LESEDI (SEROWE SOUTH): asked the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to state:

- (i) when the Serowe Dairy Milk Plant will be operational;
- (ii) how much was spent to construct the plant, why it was closed, the litres of milk it produced on a daily basis before closure and the areas and villages it supplied; and
- (iii) the level of community involvement in terms of partnerships with the community and dairy associations in and around Serowe and whether they were consulted when the Ministry decided to close the plant.

ACTING MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE (MR TSHERE): *Good morning again Mr Speaker. Potso e ke ya ga Honourable Lesedi, e bua ka the Serowe Milk Collection and Processing Plant. Plant kana madirelo a a ne a agiwa, tota la ntlha ke maikaelelo a lephata gore madirelo a a boele mo tirisong.*

Re lebeletse thata mo *budget* e e tlang ya 2026/2027 go bona gore a madirelo a a ka busediwa mo tirisong, tota fa madi a ka letla, *it is one of the top priorities in the ministry.*

Madirelo a agilwe ka ngwaga wa 2006/2007 *financial year and it was completed in 2010 and started operating in 2010. The cost ya go a dira e ne e le P8 629 037.00* Madirelo a e rile fa a sena go nna a fela ka 2010 a simolola go dirisiwa, a ne a neelwa ba Serowe Milk Marketing Agricultural Association ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. Jaanong *this association* e ne e tsaya mashi mo *institutions* tse di kwa Serowe, Mahalapye le Palapye.

Sebe sa phiri e ne ya nna gore e ne e tshwanetse gore e *process* mashi a le kana ka 400 *litres* ka letsatsi, mme re ne ra bona e ntsha mashi fela a 500 *litres* ka letsatsi. Ke sone se e rileng ka 2015, ga lemotshega gore *plant* e e setse e tsofetse, ka jalo jaanong e ne e nna e senyega kgapetsakgapetsa. Ke sone se tshwetso e neng ya tsewa gore gongwe go botlhokwa gore e shafadiwe. Tlhwatlhwa ya go e shafatsa e akanyediwa mo go P8 *million.*

O tlaa lemoga gore go raya gore ke go leka go ntsha *machinery* otlhe o o kwa gore go tsenngwe o mesha, gore re kgone go tsewelela ka *plant* e. Fela se lephata le se buang ke gore ba eletsa gore fa e setse e ya kwa

pele, gongwe ba ye go e tsaya mo go ba *association* e ke ntseng ke bua ka yone. Ba e batlele *another mode of operation so that it operates* e le *more profitable*, re bone gore e tlaa wela jang.

Se sengwe gape se lephata le se dirang ke gore jaanong le tsoolose mo gotweng *the National Forder Strategy and deployment* ya sone. Se ke kakanyo ya gore re bone gore re atisa dikgomo tsa mashi mo kgaolong yone e ka tsela ya kgodiso ka seatla, le gore e re fa re godisa ka seatla jaana, re tlhophe meroto ya dikgomo re batle e re tlhomamisang gore e tlaa tlisa manamagadi.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Peo ya dikgomo.

MR TSHERE: Peo ya dikgomo.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Kgomo e kile ya nna le peo kae?

MR TSHERE: Ba batla go tlhomamisa gore e re fa go gwediswa ka seatla jaana, ka Sekgoa go bitswa *sexed semen and embryo transfer*, o tla o le *sure* gore go tlaa tswa manamagadi ka re batla go di gama. Ke thulaganyo e e teng go leka *to sustain this project in the Mahalapye, Serowe, Palapye area for the milk processing plant to continue operating. Thank you Mr Speaker.*

MR KEDIKILWE: *Supplementary.* Tanki *Mr Speaker*, ke leboge *Minister* gore o arabile potso e ka boleele. Ke re ke mmotse potso e nngwefela fela gore, a o itse gore madirelo a kwa tshimologong go ne go tseintswe *second hand machines*?

Sa bobedi, o itse gore e rile fa a sena go a tswala *second hands* tse a neng a di tseitse tseo, kana ke bone ba ba neng ba di tsenya k na ke ba ba tswang kae, ba tlile ba tla ba utswa sengwe le sengwe mo teng? O a itse gore mo gompionong batho ba utswile sengwe le sengwe ka gore e rile fa go sena go tswalwa ga go a ka ga nna le *provision* ya gore go nne le yo o tlaa lebelelang gore batho ba se ka ba sala ba senya? Ke a leboga.

MR TSHERE: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*, ke dikgang tsa Domkrag. *Mr Speaker* jaaka ke a tle ke tlhalose kana tota Goromente ga a ke a reka *second hands*, ga go letlelesege, *unless* e le *donations*. Goromente o reka dilo tse di sha. Ga ke tlhomamisa gore e ne e le dilo tsa kapolelo, ka gore go ya ka potso e ke e filweng fa e supa gore go rekilwe ka madi a a fetang P8 *million.*

Jaanong e e buang ka tshenyo e e diragetseng, ke boammaaruri *Mr Speaker*, dithoto tsa ga Goromente di a senyega tota, batho ba itseela dilo. E seng fela kwa Serowe, jaaka re bona mafelo a mangwe otlhe.

Ke sengwe se se tshwenyang, ga se tshwenye lephata fela, se tshwenya Goromente ka kakaretso. Ka gore go a lekwa, go a agiwa go tsenngwa madi a a kalo, mme fa gongwe fa re tswala batho ba tlaabo ba tla ba itseela dilo foo, mme fa gongwe re ntse re na le *attempt* gore go nne le badisa dikago jalo, mme go a ne go ntse gana. Jaaka maabane ke bua ka ya *solar panels* gape gore di a tsewa. Ke kgang e e leng gore *I think we will address it* le *Minister* yo o lebaneng *how to better police*. Thank you very much.

DR GOBOTSWANG: *Supplementary*. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. *Honourable Minister*, ga ke a utlwa sentle karabo ya potso ya boraro gore, a mme morero o ne wa nna teng le botlhe ba ba amegang, ka gore seemo se e leng gore Goromente a bo a tswala fela a bo a phuaganya, ke tsaya gore fa go ne go nnile le morero gongwe go ka bo go dumalanwe gore mme jaaka re tswa jaana, go sala mang, a tlhokomela jang. A morero o nnile teng *Honourable Minister*?

MR TSHERE: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Morero o ne wa nna teng, jaaka ke ne ke tlhalosa gore e ne e ntsha mashi a 500 litres, e bile didirisiwa di setse di le mo seemong sa go ka se ke di dirisiwe, Goromente o ne a tsaya tshwetso ya gore go tswalwe. Mme go ne ga rerisiwa balemi ba dikgaolo tse di amegang. Ke a leboga.

MR MOTAOSANE: *Supplementary*. Thank you *Honourable Speaker*, tanki Motlotlegi Mopalamente. Motlotlegi *Minister*, ke na le dipotso di le pedi; ya ntlha o ne o re ke dilo tsa Domkrag. Gongwe go na le se se ka baakanngwang, fa o re ke dilo tsa Domkrag o bo o ema fela foo o re tlogela re le mo phefong, jaanong ke ne ke kopa gore o tlhalose kgang e o e buang gore fa o re ke dilo tsa Domkrag o raya jang?

Kgang ya bobedi, *Minister* go na le kgang e e tshwanang le e kwa Lobatse. Tota go leka go tokafatsa seemo sa *self-sufficiency* ya mashi mo Botswana, gatwe mathata ke eng ka gore dikgomo di ka rekwa kwa ntle ga Botswana le fa e se kwa South Africa fela? A MilkAfric e eme fela *because of this* kana e a bereka mo gompionong, o re tlhalosetse?

Ya bofelo ke e kopa fela mo go *Mr Speaker*. *Mr Speaker*, gona le kgang e re ntseng re dirisa lefoko le gotweng “moroto,” mme fa a e tlhalosa ka Sekgoa a re *semen*, ga a re *urine*. Ke kopa gore ba tle ba tlhalose lefoko le? Ba itse gore *we have to use Parliamentary language* mo teng ga Ntlo e, e seng gore nako le nako go bo go ntse gotwe “moroto wa dikgomo.” Tota re isa Batswana kae

gone jaana. Ke kopa a tlhalose gore fa a bua ka moroto wa dikgomo o bua ka eng, ka gore fa a bua ka peo re ka tlhaloganya? Ke kopa gore a tlhalose.

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

MR MOTAOSANE: Ke batla gotwe peo.

MR TSHERE: *Thank you very much Mr Speaker and tanki Honourable Motaosane*. E ke neng ke re ke dilo tsa Botswana Democratic Party (BDP) ke mongwe o ne a bua fa ke emelela ke araba, a bo a re, “ke dilo tsa BDP.” Jaanong ke ne ke mo etsa fela. E ne e se *part* ya karabo ya me.

MR MOTAOSANE: *On a point of procedure*. *Mr Speaker*, *Minister* ka gore o tshwere *floor*, o araba ka tlhwaafalo, fa e le gore golo mo a neng a go bua o ne a go tsaya mo go ba bangwe, ke kopa gore a boe mafoko ao morago ka gore a tsene mo Hansard gore a re ke dilo tsa Domkrag. Jaanong a a boe morago fa e le gore ga se mafoko a gagwe.

MR TSHERE: *Mr Speaker*, ke tsaya gore fa a re ke dilo tsa Domkrag o ne a raya fela gore *programme* e e simolotse ka fa tlase ga puso ya Domkrag. Ke ne ke mo tlhaloganya jalo, *that is why* ke ne ke re ke dilo tsa Domkrag. Nna ke ne ke tlhomane mo karabong, e ne e le *programme* e e neng e simolotswe ke Domkrag, jaanong *it failed* ka fa tlase ya Domkrag, rona re leka go e tsosa.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure Mr Speaker, procedure.

MR SPEAKER: I am satisfied by the explanation given by the Honourable Minister. *Le fa a ne a etsa mongwe* but the context is that this happened during the previous Government, that is his explanation. I do not think there is any malice in that, because *se a se buang ke gore* this programme was under the previous Government.

MR MOTAOSANE: On a point of procedure. *Mr Speaker*, honourable *o leka go sia ka ditlhogo tsa rona rotlhe*, because *ga a ise a ko a re e ne e le programme ya Domkrag*, a re “ke dilo tsa Domkrag,” go buiwa ka *tshenyo golo fa*. That is a negative statement. So, he must withdraw the statement unconditionally *fa e le gore ga e tswa mo go ene*. He must withdraw the statement and take the office *ya ga Minister yo o arabang*, not side remarks.

MR TSHERE: *Mr Speaker*, ke tsaya gore ke e tlhatswitse, mafoko a a neng a re ke dilo tsa Domkrag a ne a raya fela gore thulaganyo e e diragetse ka nako ya puso ya Domkrag, ya ba ya tswalwa ka nako ya ga Domkrag. Ke sone se ke neng ke re, ee, ke a dumela, mme e bile ke a di tsaya, re tlaa baakanya Rre Motaosane.

MR SPEAKER: *Araba dipotso Rre Tshere*, we have moved past that point.

MR TSHERE: Potso ya bobedi ya Lobatse MilkAfric...

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

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

MR SPEAKER: Order! Order! Honourable Members.

MR TSHERE: ... (Laughter!)... *Mr Speaker*, ke kopa gore o ntshireletse, *Honourable Motaosane* a re ke a inelela. Kgang ya MilkAfric kwa Lobatse ga ke a tla ka *report* e e buang ka yone. Ka kakaretso didirisiwa tsa go tlhotlha mašhi fela mo Botswana, di na le mathata a gore *most of them lifespan* ya teng e fedile. Ka jalo, di tlhoka a *total replacement*. Ke gone fa lephata le leng teng foo, gore re tsosolose ke gore re *replace equipment* e e tsofetseng. Mo ga go ame fela *the milk processing plant*, go ama le Botswana Meat Commission (BMC), *the equipment is old*, e setse e rusa, e setse e ntse jang. Jaanong go tlhoka madi a a tlaa tsenngwang, ke sone se ke reng lephata le a di *prioritise* fa go ka bonala madi, ke tiro e e tllileng go dirwa, Puso e e tseela kwa godimo thata.

Ya bofelo jaaka a ne a bua ka peo le moroto wa dikgomo, ke tlhalositse ka Sekgoa gore e raya *the sexed semen and embryo transfer*. Ke peo e e tlhotlhweng ka tlhomamiso ya gore e tlaa ntsha manamagadi, ka gore rona re batla go di gama. Ke yone thulaganyo e e dirwang ke Lephata la Temothuo. Ke a leboga.

IDPC

MR M. M. MOROLONG (KGATLENG CENTRAL): asked the Minister for State President to state:

- (i) why the contact details and resources of the Information and Data Protection Commission (IDPC) are not yet publicly available despite the Act being in effect;
- (ii) when the public can fully access the Commission including a functional website, official contact details and public engagement channels; and
- (iii) measures in place to ensure that the IDPC is operational and fulfilling its mandate.

Later Date.

MR SPEAKER: *Order! Order! Honourable Members*, nako ya dipotso e fedile. Dipotso tse ke tse di *later dated*, jaanong ga ke itse gore fa le ntse le dira *further later dating* go tlaa nna jang.

LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION (MR SALESHANDO): *Procedure. Thank you, Mr Speaker.*

Fa re simolola dipotso o ne wa supa gore dipotso tse gantsi di beelwang letsatsi la gompiano la Labotlhano, go ne go sena tse di *matured* tse di setseng di na le nako ya gore di ka arabiwa. Ke sa tswa go rurifatsa le ba *office* ya me gore, ke na le potso e nngwe e e saleng e tsene ka kgwedi ya *March* e le *Minister's question*. Ke ne ke kile ka kopa gore ke itsisiwe gore e tlaa arabiwa leng go bo gotwe gompiano. Fa e le gore le ba *office* ya gago e kare re sena go tswa fa ba tlhomamisa, *I have just checked my schedule* gore *Friday next week* o tlaabo a sa ntshiamela, ka re ne ra *displace Friday* wa gompiano. Fa e le gore go a letlelesega ka fa dithateng tsa gago gore e ka dirwa beke e e tlang ka Laboraro re boa, gore re e ntshe mo tseleng ka gore e bile ke bona Tona yo o maleba wa *Minerals* a le teng, e tsere lebaka e tloga e *lose relevance*. Ke kopo ya me, ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: I was advised, but there is no Minister's question for today. Let me just defer that ruling, so that I go and check with the Clerk or notice the status of Minister's questions. Let us talk about it on Wednesday or after Parliament, I am sure the Clerk is listening, they will check.

DR GOBOTSWANG: *Procedure.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker*, kana ka Laboraro ke ne ke na le potso fa e ke neng ka e botsa mabapi le dikgang tsa National Agricultural Research and Development Institute (NARDI) le *equipment. Honourable Minister* a solofetsa gore e tlaa re ka Labone a tliša dikarabo tse dingwe tse ke neng ke latedisa. Karabo e letse e tlile maabane jaaka *Honourable Minister* a ne a solofeditse, mme ga e a itebaganya le se ke neng ke se botsa. Ke ne ke botsa ka *equipment* le diterekere tse di rekilweng kwa *Agriculture* ke NARDI, di ne di rekwa kae, tse di neng di le di šha di ne di le kae, tse di kgologolo di kae. Jaanong karabo e e tllileng e bua ka *equipment* le diterekere tsa Temo Letlotlo tsa *Ministry* otlhe fela wa *Agriculture*. O nthuse gone foo, karabo e o kare ga go a ka ga arabesega jaaka ke ne ke kopile. Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: *Ga ke a bona karabo ya teng.* Honourable Minister, I think the questions were very clear, one of the questions if I recall was on whether the tractors were new and also on the make of the tractors, and this was in respect of NARDI, not the entire programme.

MR TSHERE: *Mr Speaker, thank you very much. Ke amogela gore gongwe we might have misinterpreted the question. Rona re ne re soboka diterekere tsotlhe fela tse di neng di dirwa kwa lephateng.*

Se ke ka se tlhomamisang ke gore, Goromente ga a reke diterekere tse di kgologolo. Go ne ga diragala phoso ya gore go rekiwe diterekere *especially the make* ya Massey Ferguson, tse di neng tsa busiwa tsotlhe e bile motho wa teng *was backlisted* gore a se ka a tlhola a rekisetsa Goromente, ka gore ba ne ba rekisa diterekere tse di neng di tswa kwa Pakistan *which were refurbished*. Goromente ga a dire jalo, e bile mo godimo ga moo Goromente fa a go rekela terekere ka lenaneo lepe fela e nna *Government property for 5 years*. Go nna le *Government financial interest* mo teng, mo e leng gore ga o kgone go e rekisa.

Jaanong ke kopa gore o mphe nako *until next Parliament, I will bring the specific answer* e e buang ka NARDI. Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: *Okay, go raya gore your deadline would be Friday, gakere go iwa long weekend, o bo o tshwere that information o mo file karabo.*

MR HIKUAMA: *Procedure.* Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*. Kana re na le seemo mo lefatsheng, sa bana ba DDT College of Medicine, *and* ba ne ba kopa gore ke bale *petition* ya bone mo Palamenteng. Go dibeke tse pedi ke ntse ke e isa, re e baakanya le gompieno ga go bonale gore e tlaa balwa mme seemo sa teng se bifela pele. Ga ke itse gore re tlaa ba tswa maoto leng, re tsibosa setšhaba ka dikgang tse di ba amang tse ba kopileng gore Palamente le yone e di utlwe? Le gompieno ga go bonale sepe se se tlaa tsweleng, a mme re ba direla sentle?

...Silence...

MR SPEAKER: Order! Order! Honourable Members, yes, indeed Honourable Opposition Whip approached my office intending to present the petition on behalf of the graduates of DDT College of Medicine.

Honourable Members, the petitions are regulated under Order 35. 35 (1), "a petition may be presented to the Assembly only by a Member." 35 (2), "every petition shall be in a form set out in the Schedule to these orders

and shall be signed at the beginning thereof by the Member in charge of it. It shall be deposited for at least one clear day with the Clerk who after examining it shall submit it for the Speaker's approval. No petition shall be presented until such approval has been given and evidenced by the Clerk endorsing the petition "Passed by the Speaker".

35.3. No speech shall be made by a Member presenting a petition beyond a summary statement of the number and description of the petitioners and the substance of the petition."

So Honourable Members, Honourable Hikuama, the point where we are, the Clerk is waiting for this part "Passed by the Speaker". I am in possession of the petition here, but I am advised that the full compliance of the petition in terms of Schedule on 35.2, Form of Petition to the National Assembly, found in page 99 of the Standing Orders, the compliance was only reached yesterday. That is why you cannot read the petition today. I am sure, because when I look at the Clerk's notes, now the petition is in order and at the earliest convenience, possibly on Wednesday you shall present the petition. *Re a utlwana* Honourable Hikuama?

MR HIKUAMA: Ke a utlwa *Honourable Speaker*. Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: Let us go to the Motions.

MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION (MR MAELE): *Procedure Mr Speaker.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke re gongwe *before* o fetsa ka ele ya DDT, *on Wednesday I took the Chair of Education* Rre Hikuama, *I took him through* ke mmolelela gore go diragala eng kwa DDT *and the steps we have taken*. Ke mmolelela *in his capacity as the Chair* ya Education. Ga ke itse gore a *besides that*, a ga go botoka gongwe ke mo direla *statement* kana o ntse o batla *petition* because some of the issues that were raised there, ke mmoleletse fela gore mo go diragala eng, mo go diragala e, mo go diragala eng? Kana gongwe ke fela gore a ise thomo? Ke a leboga *sir*.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Maele, *go tlaa tswa mo go ene mme* petition *e setse e le fa*. The Clerk advises that it conforms to our rules of order and procedure, and we are just waiting for Honourable Hikuama to read out the petition.

MR HIKUAMA: *Procedure Mr Speaker.* Ke a leboga. Ga ke ganane le tlhaloso ya gago. Re ne re re gongwe re tlhalose jaana gore le yone tsamaiso ga e itse, e bile go ka nna mosola thata gore *after the petition or even before the petition* ka fa a batlang ka teng, *he can still make that statement. It will still be a welcome development because it will inform the public.* E tlaabo e tlhalosetsa setšhaba gore ba dira eng, ba dira eng. Ga ke bone go offend sepe kana go senya sepe fela.

MR SPEAKER: Let us go to the Motion, Clerk.

**GOVERNMENT TO NEGOTIATE WITH
THE LIQUIDATOR ON BEHALF OF
THE FORMER BCL EMPLOYEES**

Motion

(Resumed Debate)

MR LEKAU: *Procedure Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker,* ga ke itse gore a go tlaabo go lebega go siame, *Motion* o o tsentsweng o e leng gore ke *resumed debate*, o kile wa nna le dipotso tsa metlaleletsa tse di arabileng se se mo *Motion*? Ga ke itse gore a re tlaabo re kgopakopetsa *Honourable Kaizer to withdraw Motion* o ka gore o siilwe ke nako? Dipotso tsotlhe tse a neng a di batla di arabilwe, le se se diragalang gone jaana, se araba one *Motion* o. Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: *Nnyaa, mme emela gore ke tsenye potso, ke bo ke bitsa Honourable Kaizer. Order! Order!* Honourable Members. Honourable Members, the debate on this Motion is resuming. When the House adjourned last week Friday, Honourable Reuben Wame Kaizer was on the floor responding to the debates and he is left with 15 minutes 46 seconds. Honourable Members, yes, indeed you tried on numerous occasions to persuade Honourable Kaizer to withdraw the Motion on account of the response given by two Ministers, one being Honourable Kenewendo, the Minister responsible for what is being debated, in a way also Honourable Minister Ramogapi. The other side was satisfied that the answers provided were adequate enough to persuade the Member to withdraw the Motion because it is a matter that in your own words, you said the Motion was redundant in the sense that what he seeks to achieve, has already been achieved. There can never be any further negotiations with the liquidator. Negotiations were closed. The only thing that we are left with is the transfers of the properties. As the debate ensued, when issues became a little murkier, the Minister responsible

for Housing then also added a weight. So, Honourable Kaizer is holding the floor and as I have ruled, it is entirely up to him whether he withdraws this Motion or he continues and persuade you to vote for the Motion in the affirmative.

MR KAIZER (SELEBI PHIKWE WEST): *Ke a leboga Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker,* I take note of the stance of the Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC) Government on the move not to debate this Motion, instead render it redundant. However, Mr Speaker, it is without guarantee as I have said and certainty that indeed the negotiation that the UDC Government is talking about, there is no clarity. There is no guarantee that their negotiations really satisfy the Motion that has been put forth on the floor.

Mr Speaker, this Motion did not miraculously appear on the Order Paper. It has been there for the past eight months. If really indeed there has been progress with regard to negotiating with the liquidator, why did the relevant Minister not engage with myself as I am the one who submitted this Motion, so that they can clarify that already they have moved steps ahead in terms of negotiating. Just like what my colleague Honourable Dumelang Saleshando did with his Motion *wa Commission of Enquiry, go ne go lebega go na le consultation e a neng a e kgotsofalela. Le nna ke dumela jalo Mr Speaker fa ke ne ke kile ka itsisiwe sentle, ga bewa clear plan, ke ka bo ke sa nna le bothata jwa go ka withdraw Motion. Jaanong Mr Speaker, ke tswelela ka Motion.*

MINISTER OF MINERALS AND ENERGY (MS KENEWENDO): *Thank you Honourable Member. Mr Speaker,* re ne re le mmogo kwa Selebi Phikwe Tautona a tshwere Kgotla *meeting*, a bo a tlhalosa gore ba *Ministry of Minerals* ba tswa go bona madi a e leng gore ba tlaa duela matlo a. Ke ne ke ntse go bapa le *Honourable Kaizer.* Ke raya gore le bone ba ikutlwetse kwa Kgotleng...

MR SPEAKER: O bua ka dilo tsa leng?

MS KENEWENDO: *Ka April 17th 2025* gore we have concluded, we have found the money, and we are starting the transfer.

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

MS KENEWENDO: April 17th o ne a le teng. Thank you.

MR KAIZER: Ke a leboga *Minister* ka karabo e. Jaanong tlaa ke go beye mo dinakong, go lebega o se mo nakong. Ka di 24 tsa ga *June* re kopane le *the liquidator herself*. Clearly, she indicated gore there is nothing binding on the side of the liquidator gore a neele Goromente kana a le rekisetse matlo. Jaanong *that nullifies whatever that has been said, either by yourself or the President prior to this meeting*. Mr Speaker...

MS KENEWENDO: Point of clarification. Mr Speaker, *tota* while I rise on clarification, it has to be clear that when we go through a sale process, till the day we sign and the transfer is done, and you know this because *ke a itse* you own properties; until that very moment where you have signed and the transfer is happening, you do not own those houses, but we have started the process, and that is what I am saying. When he announced *kwa Kgotleng o le teng*, he said we have found the money to ensure that we process this payment. So even though you may have had an engagement on the 24th of June, the process was still ongoing. What we have said here is we have negotiated. You are asking us to negotiate, and we do not need to. Thank you.

MR KAIZER: Mr Speaker, *kana* Honourable Minister *o bua* ka intent, and as we speak the deal is not complete, and this is what the liquidator clearly outlined at the meeting that we had on the 24th of June *gore* even the 1 642 houses that you have proposed to purchase, it is very much possible that at the end of the day there is literally nothing that the Government would purchase if the deal is not complete. Currently, the houses are being sold as we speak.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR SPEAKER: Do not heckle him, *fa a batla go tsaya* clarification...

MR KAIZER: Fa e tsamaya fa go 10, ga ke sa tlhole ke ntsha *clarifications*.

MR HIKUAMA: Point of clarification. Ke a leboga Honourable Kaizer. Mo sebakeng se re leng mo go sone se, ka gore Tona yo o shwegashwegang Rre Motsamai o fa wa Matlo, ga go reye gore gongwe o ka nna le sone sebaka sa go ka tlhalosa gore ba dirile *that commitment, now they are going to buy...*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Point of order Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: *Nnyaa*, hang on Honourable Minister. *Ke ne ke bua gore* the substantive Minister Honourable Ramogapi *o tlhalositse*. *Yone tlhaloso fela e o reng o a e batla* Honourable Hikuama *e o reng e ka dirwa ke* Honourable Motsamai, *e dirilwe ke* Minister Ramogapi in terms of the commitment. At least the Hansard is there, what he said is recorded, but he augmented what the Honourable Minister of Minerals was saying regarding the commitment to refurbish the Houses and integrate that into the newly announced programme. So, I do not think Honourable Motsamai *go ka twe a eme a bue*.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification honourable.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Kaizer.

MR KAIZER: Tlaa ke mo neele *clarification*.

MR LEKAU: Point of clarification. Ke a leboga Honourable Kaizer. Ya me e khutshwane fela, ke re *the Motion* o leka gore go rekiwe. Jaanong ke re o ntlhalosetse gore *in your context, negotiation* ke fa go ntse jang, go farologana jang le *negotiation e Minister* a reng o e dirile? Gongwe re supe gore nnyaa fa ba *negotiate* jaana ga se gone, nna *negotiation mo Motion* ke ne ke raya gongwe go dirwa jaana. Ke a leboga.

MR KAIZER: *Ke a leboga Mopalamente wa Mogoditshane*. *Kana deal ga e ise e wele*, that is where the problem is. *Fa deal e ne e wetse*, perhaps yes, I would understand, but *kana jaanong gompieno deal ga e ise e wele*, but you are asking us to withdraw the Motion. So, *ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, ga ke boele morago Motion*.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR KAIZER: Mr Speaker, *ke tlhalositse gore fa e tsamaya fa go 10 minutes ga ke sa tlhole ke bulela* clarifications so that I present my response.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Members, *mo reetseng*.

MR KAIZER: Mr Speaker, go na le karabo e e neng ya ntshiwa ke *the Minister* wa Metsi le Matlo a bua gore kana matlo a, a ya *to be refurbished*, gongwe e bo e nna gone go ka sekasekiwang gore a ka rekisiwa. Jaanong kana seemo se re buang ka sone se Mr Speaker, ke sa gore re lebile gore matlo a a neelwe babereki ba pele ba BCL ka ditlhwatlhwa tse di kwa tlase. Jaanong fa e le gore matlo a ya go boa a tsewa a ya go baakanngwa, go raya gore tlhwatlhwa ya teng e ya go oketsega. Jaanong

kana fa tlhwatlhwa e oketsega, e baya bone babereki ba pele ka fa mosing. Jaanong ke yone kgang e ke e buang, *the value* e ya kwa godimo, fa e ya kwa godimo, *it kicks out this special group that you are talking about*. Jaanong ka tsela e e ntseng jalo *Mr Speaker*, ga re dumalane le se ba se re beileng pele.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Elucidation.

MR KAIZER: Mr Speaker, Motion *o ke o ntshitseng* o is very clear on the objectives and what it intends to achieve if adopted by this House.

The Motion seeks to recognise, appreciate the former BCL employees and their families for their contribution towards building the economy of this republic. Paramount to it, is to devise or come up with a specialised programme that would allow them to purchase these houses.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR KAIZER: *Nnyaa, ke rile ga ke tseye* clarifications. So, that is what this Motion intends to achieve.

Mr Speaker, *go bothokwa* for this Parliament to adopt this Motion. Adopting this Motion Mr Speaker, *go dira gore Palamente e e diragatse* mandate *wa yone wa go dira melao*, adopting the resolutions, *le gone gore dikomiti tsa Palamente* like Committee on Government Assurances *e kgone go dira gore Goromente a diragatse* resolutions *tse e di tsayang mo Palamenteng*. So, *jaanong fa re ka iphitlhela re sa neele Palamente e kgang ya gore re dumalane ka Motion o, re tlaabo re sa direle Palamente e sentle*, only based on the facts that the Motion is already redundant.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification Kaizer.

MR KAIZER: *Mr Speaker*, Goromente wa UDC o tshwanetse a letlelela Palamente e *to put the public into confidence* fa go tla kwa goreng mme Palamente e e tseye tshwetso ya gore matlo a a neelwe kana a rekisediwe babereki ba pele go na le gore go buiwe fela gore nnyaa re setse re tswelsetse pele go sena seitlamo se Palamente e se tsayang le boikarabelo go netefatsa se. Ka jalo *Mr Speaker*, sengwe sa selebego sa se...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Elucidation.

MR KAIZER: ...re setse re kile ra se bona mo nakong ya pele ka gore Goromente wa pele le ene o kile a gata mo dikgatong tse tsa gore re rekile matlo mme go sa nna jalo.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR KAIZER: Jaanong ga ke itse gore a le lona le setse le batla go tsamaya mo go yone tsela e, le sa letlelele Palamente gore e itseele tshwetso ya gore matlo a a rekisetswe babereki ba pele.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF HEALTH (MR OOKEDITSE): Clarification. Thank you Honourable Kaizer. *Ga ke itse gore gongwe go na le go sa utlwana sentle*, which is what makes it still as though Motion *wa gago* is opposed or what. *Ga ke itse gore* between what the Minister *wa Minerals* has said and what you are saying, what you see to be the difference, are you saying *gore* they have not started the process, *ka jalo ba simolole?* I think we need a bit of clarity so that *re tle re itse gore re support jang, ga re support jang*. It is not very clear what the worry is with what they are doing.

MR KAIZER: Kana ke setse ke e tlhalositse gore *what is not clear* ke gore *negotiations what were they intended for*, tse e leng gore *already* le setse le simolotse ka tsone. *That is where we need clarity. That is why I am saying* gore ka le le Puso le ne le itse gore *this Motion* o teng mo Palamenteng mo Order Paper, *why did you not consult* gore kana mme re setse re gatsetse pele, *this is what we are doing so that re dumalane before re tla mo Palamenteng. That is where the contention is*.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR KAIZER: *Mr Speaker*, jaaka ke setse ke tlhalositse, ka di 24 tsa ga *June* re ne ra nna le bokopano le *the liquidator* yo o neng a tlhalosa gore ka gore Goromente ga a ise a *complete transaction*, o tlaa tswelela a dira se Goromente *has mandated, which is go rekisa matlo a BCL*.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR KAIZER: E bile o tswelela a tlhalosa gore *it is very much possible...*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR KAIZER: ...gore matlo a a felele otlhe a rekisitswe, jaanong ke ka mo re ka sekeng re tswelere re re Goromente o rekisitse matlo.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Point of order Mr Speaker.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MINISTER OF MINERALS AND ENERGY (MS KENEWENDO): Point of order. Mr Speaker, I think this House is getting out of order in that some of the questions *tse a ntseng a di bua*, we thoroughly explained them last week; the process, what the motive is and all of this. *Go ile ga bo ga nna* le question from Honourable Kapinga. *Jaanong gone jaana* why I called for point of order Mr Speaker, is because I feel even the Honourable Member Kaizer is back tracking on what he said, one minute he said they met the Liquidator and he said nothing is binding, now he is saying we are negotiating. The liquidator cannot sell the houses while we are in active transfer. It is not possible when we have already negotiated and a transfer is happening. So, *re kopa gore re se ka ra bolelela* Batswana *dilo tse e seng nnete* Mr Speaker, because this is our responsibility as Honourable Members *gore re bue* the truth and properly inform the House.

What the Honourable Member is worried about is that we did not consult him and we will take that *gore* we did not consult you but he was sitting next to me when the President made this announcement. Thank you Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: *Order!* Ntlo ga se gore e dule mo tseleng, ke gore ga le dumalane. *You have stated your facts in terms of where the negotiations are* gore le tsamaya kgakala, tota *negotiations* di fedile, mo go setseng fela ke *transfer*. Ga a dumalana le seo, ga a kgotsofalele ka fa go tsamaileng ka teng. Tota fela ke go tlhoka go dumalana.

Honourable Kaizer, you are left with 2 minutes 19 seconds to finish your response.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: *Clarification* Kaizer, gongwe e ka go thusa.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR KAIZER: *Mr Speaker*, fa ke tsamaela kwa go digeleng puo ya me go supagala gape le gore Goromente yo ga ke mo tshephe. Ka *February* go ne go na le *delegation* e e neng e eteletswe pele ke *Honourable Mohwasa* le *Honourable Minister Kenewendo*, e ne e ile kwa Selebi Phikwe go reetsa matshwenyego a banni ba toropo le babereki ba pele. Se se neng sa dumalanwa gape kwa bokopanong jo e ne e le gore e tlaa re ka *April* mo go one ngwaga o, *this very same delegation* a bo e boetse kwa Selebi Phikwe go isa dikarabo tsa matshwenyego a babereki ba pele ba BCL. O foo ke

fano. *It was just a promise*, le gompiano re santse re ba emetse kwa Selebi Phikwe, ga ba ise ba tle *with one of the promises*. Le gompiano se ba lekang go se dira fa *Mr Speaker*, *is another promise* ya gore re reka matlo, e tlaa re fa re tswa fa re ye go a neela babereki ba pele ba a reka. *Why* le sa letlelele Palamente e *to take a resolution*...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR KAIZER: ...a commitment by agreeing to this Motion and not requesting us to withdraw it. *Fa e le gore le batla go ganana le Motion o ganeng fela gone fa*, do not ask us to withdraw it.

Mr Speaker, I therefore now move that this Honourable House requests Government to negotiate with the liquidator on behalf of the former BCL employees to be awarded a special programme of subsidised purchase of the BCL houses, including but to limited to rent-to-buy, Turnkey and any other social welfare housing scheme to enable them to continue to occupying these houses. I therefore move Mr Speaker. Thank you.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you Honourable Kaizer.

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

MR SPEAKER: Order! Order! Honourable Members.

Question put and **Division called for.**

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Members, we shall do the electronic voting in terms of Standing Order 62 and 63. Honourable Members, I am activating. So, the “ayes” is two, the “noes,” you press three, “abstain” four, but you start by activating. Press one to indicate your presence.

...Silence...

MR SPEAKER: *A le tlhophile* Honourable Members, I am going to deactivate.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: Yes!

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Members, present, you are 40, “ayes,” 16.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: No, 41!

MR SPEAKER: Ee, go raya gore go na le yo o sa tobetsang.

CLERK: ... (Inaudible)...

MR SPEAKER: Ee, 41, e bala le nna ...*(Laughter!)*...

Le 40; the “*ayes*,” 16, the “*noes*,” 24. So, the “*noes*” have it. The Motion is negated.

Question put and **negated**.

MR SPEAKER: Let us go to the next Motion, Clerk.

**GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE
TO FARMERS FOR DRILLING
BOREHOLES IN FARMS**

Motion

MR SPEAKER: The Motion is by Honourable Mopati Mabuse Pule.

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

MR SPEAKER: Order! Order! Honourable Members, let me just ascertain whether the Minister of Lands and Agriculture is here.

ACTING MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE (MR TSHERE): Yes, Mr Speaker, I am standing for them.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Tshere is acting.

MR PULE (KGATLENG EAST): Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*. Ke leboge Ntlo e e fano bagaetsho gore ke bo ke le bona le tsogile, bogolo jang lona ba Domkrag ya bobedi.

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

MR LEKAU: *Point of order. Mr Speaker*, ke ne ke re ka re re beye dilo mo tsamaisong. Fa e le gore Motlotlegi Pule ga a na *Motion*, a a boele morago, a lese go re senya leina. Ga go na gope fa UDC e amanang teng le Domkrag, mme e bile ga go na gope fa leina la UDC le fa o ka le bapisa, le *resemble* BDP. A a ipuelelele fela mongwame ka *Motion* wa gagwe o a kileng a o gana.

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa, *Honourable Pule* fela o rile o dumedisa le Domkrag ya bobedi, jaanong ga ke a utlwa gore o ne a raya bafe. Kana le raya ka gore o lebagane le lona ka koo?

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

MR PULE: Nnyaa, yang kwa Hansard, ga ke ise ke bue ka UDC.

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

MR SPEAKER: Tswelela *Honourable Pule*.

MR PULE: *Mr Speaker*, ke fano letsatsi la gompieno ke tlile go kopa Ntlo e gore e nthuse gore re dumalane re le...

MR MOALOSI: *Procedure. Mr Speaker*, setilo sa me se a wa, ga ke ka ke ka nna fa, ke ka golafala.

MR SPEAKER: Nama o fudugetse fa go se se bapileng le sone.

MR MOALOSI: Mme ga se na *microphone*.

MR SPEAKER: Tswelela *Honourable Pule*.

MR PULE: Ke fano go tla go ikopela gore, *this Honourable House requests Government to consider providing financial and technical assistance to farmers across Botswana for the drilling of boreholes in their farms to enhance water access for agricultural purposes*. Ke bua jaana ke ikutlwa *Mr Speaker*, ke tlhaloganya, e bile ke sa tshosiwe ke sepe, ke buelela Batswana, ke buelela kgaolo ya me, ke re metsi *is a very vital natural resource* e e tlisang ditlhabololo mo lefatsheng lengwe le lengwe. Jaaka gompieno re bona e le gore mafatshe a mantsi ba thusa balemi ka metsi. Ke ka bua mafatshe a tshwana le Kenya, Ethiopia, Djibouti, South Sudan, Uganda, Malawi and Ghana, *they have done exactly what I am requesting today*. Ba dira jaana ba lebeletse gore metsi *as a resource*, ke one a ka tlisang ditlhabololo mo lefatsheng la Botswana, ke one a ka tokafatsang *the livelihood of the people*. *It is a very brilliant idea that can be done by Government* gore re kgone *to improve agricultural productivity*.

Request ya me *is premised on a lot of things*. Maabane ke letse ke utlwa monna yo mongwe a bua mafoko a mantle yo ke letseng ke mo ema nokeng, e le *the former Commander of Ground Forces*, Motlotlegi Mokgware, a bua boammaaruri jwa gore o batla gore re dumalane le ene gore a nne le molao kana *Policy* e e bidiwang gotwe *Productivity and Competitiveness*. Jaanong gore Batswana ba nne *productive*, ba kgone *to compete*, ba tlhabolole *economy* ya bone, ba tshwanetse gore ba thusiwe ka metsi, *especially farmers so that* re fitlhelele *food security*, e re buang ka yone re le Batswana gore re batla gore re *promote food security* mo lefatsheng la rona, jaaka re na le lenaneo le le bidiwang gotwe Thuo Letlotlo le bo Temo Letlotlo. Mananeo ao a bothokwa thata mo lefatsheng le le batlang go itlhabolola. Batswana fa ba na le metsi e le *farmers*, ba kgona gore ba *resist drought*. Nako ya *drought* fa re na le didiba, ga re na go nna le mathata.

Programme e e ka thusa gape mo dilong tsa *irrigation*. *Farmers* di tlaabo di sa tlhole di baya fela mo metsing a pula, re lema *throughout the year because* re na le metsi *at our farms*. Selo seo se bothlokwa thata Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

Jaanong ke ne ke re ga ke batle go ya lolololo ka kgang e *Mr Speaker*; ke ema fela gone fa ke le kopa le le Ntlo e e bothlokwatlhokwa, e e dirang melao e gore le dumalane le nna *that we should consider providing financial...*

MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION (MR MAELE): *Clarification sir*. Ke ne ke utlwa a setse a tsamaela go fetsa, jaanong ke re gongwe ke ne ke eleditse gore o ka atolosa thata *so that in terms of financing*, o re bolelele gore *how do you want these things to be financed*, go ya go *benefit* jang batho ba e leng gore ke ba didiba, ba ba epang ba Batswana *and all those kind of things?* So, ke utlwa o e latlhela fela jaanong go nna go khutshwanyanenyana. Le fa ke ne o kare ke tlaa go *support*, go mpaledisa gore jaanong ke bo ke ka go ema nokeng.

MR PULE: Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke ntsha mogopolo. Mogopolo o ke o ntshang, tiro ya rona re le Palamente ke go dira melao le *policies*. Re bo re di dumalana jaaka ke kopa Ntlo e gore e dumalane le nna, fa re sena go nna re dumalana, baitseanape ke bone ba ba lebelelang gore a lenaneo le le ka kgonagala kana jang, ba bo ba tla ka *detail* ya gore le ya *to be implemented* ka mokgwa o o ntseng jang, go bo go gakololwa *Executive* gore e bone gore *programme* e ka dirwa jang.

Ke raya gore ke dilo tse e leng gore ga go tlhokafale gore ke eme fa ke tilhalose ka botlalo gore ke batla gore go dirwe eng, ke kopa gore Ntlo e jaana e dumalane le nna gore mogopolo o re o dumalane. *Farmers* ba ntheditse kwa ba leng teng. Ke mogopolo o ba nkopileng ba bua le nna ba nthaya ba re rraetsho, tsamaya o ye go re kopela Puso gore e re direle jaana, e re thuse ka metsi a didiba. Jaanong ke fano go tla go dira jalo. Batswana ba ntheditse. Selo sa ntlha ke go dumalana mo Palamenteng, *then* gore *the modus operandi* ya teng *will come later* ka *experts*. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

MR SPEAKER: Move.

MR PULE: I therefore move that this House request Government to consider providing financial and technical assistance to farmers across Botswana for the drilling of boreholes in their farms to enhance water access for agricultural purposes. I submit Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: Order! Order! Honourable Members. The floor is open.

ACTING MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE (MR TSHERE): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke leboegele *Honourable* Pule jaaka a tswa go kopa *Motion* wa ga *Honourable* Wynter Mmolotsi. A bo a o baya o kare ke wa gagwe. Jaanong o siame o tsile ka wena mo Palamenteng ya bo 13.

Mr Speaker, mogopolo o o montle, e bile ke keletso ya ga Goromente gore balemi ba nne le metsi kwa masimo le meraka ka gore tota metsi ke one konokono mo *agriculture*. Fa go sena metsi ga go na gore re ka nna le dijo jang. Ke mogopolo o montle o re o atlang. *Mr Speaker*, ke tilhalose jaana gore kwa Lephatheng la *Agriculture*, go mo tseleng ya go sekaseka mananeo otlhe a dithuso tsa temothuo. Temo Letlotlo, Thuo Letlotlo, Majaaikgorosa, ke mananeo a a lebelelwang. Go sekasekiwe, go tle go bonwe sentle tota gore mananeo a, a ka sologela Motswana molemo jang. Fa o lebelela dipalo *Mr Speaker*, go a supagala gore Goromente o dirisa madi a a fetang P400 *million* ngwaga le ngwaga a thusa ka mananeo a *agriculture* a go lemela, a go thusa *to plant*, go phakisa dipeo le tse dingwe ka tsele e e ntseng jalo.

Go a supagala jaanong fa o bapisa thobo ya madi a a kalo a P400 *million*, thobo ya teng e kwa tlase mo e leng gore ga e tsene mo seatleng. Selo se se tshwentse Goromente, ka tsela e e ntseng jalo go tserwe tshwetso ya gore go sekasekiwe mananeo otlhe a *agriculture*, mme e bile fa re a sekaseka jaana, re tle re lebelele gore a mongwe le mongwe o tshwanetse a tseye fela le yo e leng gore tota ene ga se gore ke molemi. Gongwe go batla re lebelela balemi totatota ba ba ntshang maduo jaaka re ne re bua ka *productivity and competitiveness*.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR TSHERE: Ke ka bo ke *yield honourable*, jaanong ga o a nna mo setilong sa gago. Ga o letlelelwe go bua o se mo setilong sa gago.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ... (Laughter!)

MR SPEAKER: Order! Order! Honourable Tshere, hang on. *Batlotlegi*, ditilo tse go lebege di re tshwarisitse *bothata*. Jaanong we will engage further. I do not want to open debates on the matter. Just to request Honourable Kaizer to do what he did last time. Standing Order 130.1 to suspend 58.6. *Akere* you invoked 130.1 to suspend 58.6 in respect of the Honourable Member.

MR KAIZER: I beg to move according to Standing Order 130.1 to suspend Standing Order 58.6 in respect to Honourable Moalosi. I move accordingly.

Question put and **agreed to.**

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Moalosi can participate from that chair.

MR MOALOSI: *Clarification.* Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker.* Ke a leboga *Honourable Kaizer.* Mantswitswidi wa go kopela batho *seats.*

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ... (Laughter!)

MR MOALOSI: Honourable Tshere...

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa, go diphatsa go mo tlhasela ka gore jaanong e tlaare nako e e tlang a bo a sa go kopele.

MR MOALOSI: Ke kopa maitshwarelo *comrade.* *Honourable Tshere,* o ne o bua gore le santse le tlaa sekaseka mananeo a a leng teng a *agriculture,* go bona gore ke afe a a ka berekang. Jaanong motho o ka ipotsa a le kwa Marapong gore a lona le le Puso ya UDC ga le na mananeo a le tlang ka one, fa e le gore *approach* ya lona ke go sekaseka a a leng teng? Ke dumela gore *as a new Government, you should come up with new policies* tse e leng gore *they do not necessarily have to be related to tse di leng teng.* Jaanong ke botsa gore a lona tota ga go na epe *booklet* e ke ka e kopang kwa UDC fela *based on your manifesto, your promises* e e leng gore e bua ka *agriculture* gore le batla go e fetola jang? Ke a leboga.

MR TSHERE: Nnyaa, jaanong o nketsha mo tseleng... (*Interruptions*)... Kana ke arabela Lephata la *Agriculture* golo fa. Jaanong fa e le gore o batla ke tla kwa *manifesto* le gore UDC ya reng, ga ke itse. Jaanong se ke lekang go se tlhalosa ke gore go na le tshekatsheko *at the ministry position,* e e tlang e e akaretsang le mananeo a UDC e a tliang (*propose*). Tshekatsheko e ka baka gore go tlhabololwe, go tliwe ka mananeo a masha kgotsa go bolawe mananeo ao gotlhelele. Ke tshekatsheko e e tseletseng. Jaanong ke go bolelela ka fa lephata le e lebang ka teng.

Selo se se dirwa ke gore jaaka ke tlhalosa gore madi a a fetang P400 *million* a a dirisiwang mo *subsidies* tse ka ngwaga ke gore jaanong ga go na madi. Ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, ga re re sekaseke *and have a high output with minimum funds* e re eletsang thata gore go nne le maduo kwa *agriculture* e e yang go sekaseka *further* gore le ba re ba fang ke bo mang. A ba ntsha maduo a

eletsegang jaaka re bua gore madi a a P400 *million,* a re a tsenyang, a tshwanetse a ntshe thobo e e ka re thusang re le ba *agriculture.*

Ke sone se se ntirang gore ke palelwe ke go dumalana le mogopolo o ke emetse Lephata la *Agriculture.* Re santse re sekaseka *and* keletso ke gore fa re sekaseka jaana gotlhe, re tle re tswe ka mananeo a a tsepameng, a re tlaa begang mo setshabeng jaaka letsema le goroga jaana. Re eme ka dinao, go setse *two months* fela letsema le bo le goroga. Ke sone se e leng gore re eme ka dinao go sekaseka.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR TSHERE: Mma ke wele gore le tle le e *debate* sentle. Se sengwe gape *Mr Speaker,* kwa lephateng, kana le tlaa itse gore Goromente o setse a thusa ba temo ya merogo ka mo gotweng Horticulture Accelerator Impact Subsidy. Ka fa tlase ga *subsidy* e balemi ba a thusiwa ka go gokela didiba le go tsamaisa metsi mo tshimong, ka madi a o fiwang *50 per cent* a o sa a buseng (*grant*). So ke nngwe ya dithulaganyo tse di santseng di le mo tirisong re itebagantse le ba *horticulture.*

Se sengwe gape *Mr Speaker,* gongwe ke go fa dipalo gape, dipalo tse re di tshwereng kwa *agriculture* ka ngwaga mo letsemeng le le lengwefela, go na le balemi ba ba kwadisang ba le 100 000, ba ba kopang go tla go lemelwa, ba re tsayang gore le bone ke balemi. Mme fa e le gore re ka dirisa palo e ya 100 000 *Mr Speaker,* e le yone e e ka tshwanelwang ke go epelwa didiba jaaka mogopolo o bua, go tlaabo go se *economically viable.* Ke sone se ke reng, tshekatsheko e tshwanetse e tle e sekaseke gore go ka neelwa bomang, ka gore *if we are going to drill for 100 000 farmers* ba ba setseng ba ikwadisa le lephata gompieno jaana boammaaruri ke gore, *it might not be economically viable.* Ke sone se o bonang tshekatsheko e le botlhokwa, segolo jang ka gore mo nakong ya gompieno ga go na madi. E bile gongwe mogopolo fa o ne o re, fa madi a bonala re tle re epe didiba tse, gongwe Goromente o ne a ka tla a lebelela. Mme fela kgang e tona *Mr Speaker* ke gore, Lephata la Temothu o le mo tseleng ya tshekatsheko mananeo otlhe a *agriculture.*

MR LUCAS: *On a point of clarification.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker.* Tona kana le batho ba moonoo. Ke re kwa ntle ga go tshwara kwa le kwa, a moonoo wa go epela *farmers* ba ba supang tlhwaafalo didiba, o dumalana le

one? Fa e le gore o dumalana le one, a ga o bone go le botoka gore Ntlo e e dumalane le moono, gore *specifics* e tlaa nna eng tseo di tlaa tlang di lebiwa go lebilwe sepatšhe le tse dingwe. Ke a leboga rraetsho, moono!

MR SPEAKER: Ga ke itse gore a o ne o mo reeditse fa a simolola, *you can repeat Honourable Tshere.*

MR TSHERE: *Mr Speaker,* wena e bile o ne o ntheditse. Ke simolotse ke re metsi ke selo sa konokono mo *agriculture*. Re le ba Puso e ntšha re lebelela metsi jalo, e bile re eletsa jalo ka gore ba batla go tokafatsa *yield* e ke buang ka yone gore, gompieno re lebeletse madi a a tsennngwang, e nnyennyane thata, ga e tlale mo seatleng. *So* metsi ke konokono, foo re a dumalana, jaanong kgang ke gore re tshwanetse re ye go sekaseka ka kakaretso mananeo a otlhe re lebeletse le madi a a tsennngwang mo go one, gore re ka dira jang. Re se ka ra re mongwe le mongwe ba palo e e ke e buang gore e tsamaela kwa go 100 000 ba ba setseng ba ikwadisa, gongwe *we should target high impact farmers* ba ba tlaa re thusang gore e re fa re ba epetse didiba jalo, e bo e le gore *production* e a bonala e re tlaa jesang lefatshe ka yone. Ke one mogopolo.

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable Minister,* gongwe o ne a batla o bolelela e o neng o re mogopolo o a o atla, kana le a o atla.

MR LUCAS: *Mr Speaker,* nnyaa ga ba o atle.

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

MR SPEAKER: Ka re gongwe *Honourable Lucas* o batla a boelela eo, e o neng o simolotse ka yone.

MR TSHERE: *Yes, Mr Speaker.* Ke rile mogopolo wa go epela batho didiba ka kakaretso re a o atla ka gore o tlaa thusa go tliša maduo le thobo e re e tlhokang re le Batswana le Goromente. E bile re dumela gore go epela batho didiba go tliša thusa. Mme kare a re sekaseke pele, re tle re bone. Ke gone fa Goromente a tsamayang teng.

MR HIKUAMA: *On a point of clarification.* Ke a leboga *Honourable Minister,* ke leboga thata ka gore o atla le moono o o siameng o. Potso ke gore, le mo tshekakatshekong, e le selo se se amogelelang, tshekatsheko e go ya ka lona le ipeetse seelo se se kae? Le sekaseka mo *the first quarter of the year* kana *second quarter*? *What is the timeframe* ya tshekatsheko e? Motswana yo o nyoretsweng go tsena mo go epeng didiba tse a nne le tsholofelo leng? Karabo e ka tla leng ya gore re sekasekile jaana, re eme fa, gore re tle re simolole go thapolola mosepele? Ke a leboga.

MR TSHERE: *Thank you very much.* Mme ke ne ke e arabile kgantele ke re, re kopantse go sekaseka le go taboga mo go yone kgang e ka gore letsema le etla mo dikgweding tse pedi. Re setse re le mo tseleng eo, re solofela gore letsema la monongwaga le tlaabo le tla ka thulaganyo. Letsena kana ke raya *the November/December ploughing season* e e tlang e. Bo *October* re tlaabo re na le lenaneo le ba *agriculture* ba tlaa tlang ba le bega gore tsela re tsaya e. Gongwe e bile ka nako eo re tlaabo jaanong re dumalana gore, re bone gore *we should target the farmers* tse le tse, gore re tle re kgone go oketsa *yield*, gape re lebeletse le madi a a tsenang mo teng. Jaaka ke bua, ke madi a a fetang P400 *million* a a dirisiwang *in this subsidy*. Fa re lebelela jaanong kwa disigong, kae, ga go supafale gore re tsenya madi a a kalo. Selo se se a tshwenya, ke sone se se gwetlhleng Goromente go sekaseka mananeo a otlhe a a amanang le temothuo.

Mr Speaker, ka mafoko ao ke ganana le mogopolo gore re ka o amogela o ntse jaana, re emetse thulaganyo e e tsweletseng. Ke a leboga.

MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT (MR MOHWASA): Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Tla ke simolole fela kwa ntlheng ke tlhalose gore, mogopolo o ke o e leng gore ga go na jaaka yo o tlhaloganyang se se diragalang a ka o gana. E bile se mongwe a ka se buang gongwe ke gore re tlhalose gore o ka bo o nontshitswe. Gongwe Rre Pule fa a batla didiba o di utlwalela fela, ga a tlhaloganye gore go diragala eng. Mathata a a teng ke gore, batho ba tlhoka metsi ga se gore ba batla didiba. Metlhale e e teng, tla ke go fe sekai, maloba re ne re le kwa Tsabong, Tautona e rile fa re e fa *cluster* nngwe sediba o ne a tlhalosa gore, re tshwanetse go lebelela kgang ya go fa batho metsi, re emise kgang ya go nna motho a botswa gotwe o nosa kae. Jaanong fa o ka lebelela bangwe ka bontsi ba epa didiba, mme ba felela ba itaya *blank*. O fitlhela e le gore motho o nna mo polaseng e o reng go epiwe didiba mo go yone, a bo a itaya *blanks* di le bo *five*, kana a fitlhela metsi a le letswai. Mme fa o ka lebelela mo nakong ya gompieno re na le seemo se e e leng gore... tla ke tseye kwa go lemiwang dinamune teng kwa Phikwe, go na le metsi a a tsewang kwa *water utilities* e le *raw water*; a bo a thusa go nosa.

Mengwe ya metlhale e re ka e dirisang ke go bona gore le fa gongwe fa go nang le didiba... mongwe o ntse a bua gompieno gore, o fitlhela go na le didiba tse dintshintsi tse di neng di epiwa nako e go neng go dirwa ditsela, tse e neng e le tsa bo *roads*. Didiba tseo di kgona go tsewa,

metsi a a tswang mo go tsona a bo a ka kgona go thusa batho *to reticulate* metsi ao. Jaanong go pitlaganya gotwe re ye go epa didiba le mo polaseng e e leng gore gongwe ga go na le fa e le fa go ka bonwang metsi teng, ke tsaya gore go tlaabo go sa nna sentle. Jaanong fela se ke neng ke re ke se bue ke gore, ga ke bone gore mogopolo o go na le mongwe yo o ka o ganang, ka e bile o tsamaelana le se Tautona a neng a se bua maloba gore ke maikaelelo a Puso gore re dire gore batho ba nne le metsi.

Ga se metsi fela; re a itse gore balemi ba batla gore ba nne le ditlhaeletsanyo, ditsela tse di siameng le metlakase. Tse ke tsona tse di tlhokafalang. Ke re Rre Pule e le mogolole ke mo kopa, e bile a ka tsaya sekai gone kwa a goletseng teng kwa Tsabong, gongwe ba ka mo tlhalosetsa ka fa ba neng ba dira ka teng. Jaanong se ke neng ke re ke se kope ke gore, a re lebeleleng dikgang tsa metsi, re se ka ra nna le thulaganyo ele ya bogologolo ya didiba, e ke tsayang gore gongwe le Rre Pule o a tlhaloganya gore go bo gompiano go na le matamo, ke fa re sa bolo go nna le gakolola *party* ya gagwe ka mosola wa go dira matamo, ba sa dumele gore matamo ke selo se se botlhokwa. Jaanong fa re dirile le matamo, ke nngwe ya selo se re ka se dirisang gore metsi a a foo, re bo re ka neela batho ba kgone go nwa le kwa masimo. Le gompiano jaana batho ba tsaya metsi mo magaeng, ga gona motse ope kwa motho a ka ganetsang gore ga o ka ke wa bona dikoloi le dikara tsa ditonki di rwele *drums* tsa metsi go isiwa kwa masimo. Golo moo ka bogone go supa gore go na le letlhoko, mme re le Puso e e nang le maikarabelo re tlaa tshwanela ke go arabele seemo seo.

Jaanong ke ne ke re a re se ka ra lebelela didiba fela, go na le methale e mengwe, jaaka gompiano re na le metsi a a tlang a le leswe, re kgona go tlhatswa metsi ao. Re bo re tsaya metsi ao re a tsenya mo *pipes* re ya *to supply farms* gore batho ba kgone go nna le botshelo. Ke tlhalose gore rona re le ka kwano ga re ganane le mogopolo, mme re tsaya gore o tsamaelana le se re dumelang mo go sone. Jaaka e kile ya re ngogola ra bo re ntse re bua ka mogopolo o, o Rre Mmolotsi a neng a o baya fa. Ga re boele kwa morago, mme se se teng ke gore re tshwanetse go nonotsha mogopolo wa gago Rre Pule, re se ka ra bua ka didiba fela.

Ke gore fa o lebeletse ...(*Inaudible*)... e na le sediba se na le 5 hectares, o betsa *blanks*, mme go ne go na le tsela e madi ao a ka bong a dirisitswe ka tsela e sele, e e neng e ka dira gore go nne le metsi. A ga go botoka gore o ka bo o dirile thulaganyo ya go nna jalo, e bile o tla ka

metsi a a supang gore a ka dirisiwa a nowa. Ke utlwana le seo, mme ke ne ke re mogolole a *consider* gore a re ka se ka ra nonotsha mogopolo o, gore tota o kgone go araba dilelo tsa Batswana e bile o lebelela gore letlhoko la madi, re dirisa madi a rona sentle re le setšhaba. Ke a leboga.

DR GOBOTSWANG (TSWAPONG SOUTH):

Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke emela fa go ema nokeng mogopolo wa ga Rre Pule, o re kileng ra o ema nokeng fa re le mmogo re ise bagarona ba je semenogane mo dikgannyeng ka bontsi. O kare e setse e le selo modiro gore, bontsi jwa dilo tse re neng re dumalana le tsona mmogo le bakaulengwe, e rile fela ka *October* ba sena go neelwa Puso ba bo ba ja semenogane mo dikgannyeng ka bontsi. Ga ke gakgamale gore gompiano ba bo ba bua ka diteme tse o ka se kang wa itse gore ba reng. Re a dumela, ga re dumele, ke diteme tse re kileng ra bo re di utlwa gone ka koo. O kare ga go ise go fetoge, re a dumela, ee, nnyaa. Ke gore go fetogile, mme ga go a fetoga sepe.

Bagaetsho, kgang e e buiwang fa pele ga rona fa ke kgang e e tlhwaafetseng, ka gore re dumalane re le lefatshe le gore maikaelelo a rona ke gore re ntshe dijo tse di lekaneng go ijesa, ga re ka ke ra emelela ka go kopa. Ga se gone fela, re itlamile ka Malabo Protocols gore re tshwanetse gore 10 *per cent* ya *budgets* tsa rona, re tlhomamise gore e ya kwa temong. Jaanong re tshwanetse gore le ka ditiro, re supe gore mme maikaelelo a rona ke gore la bofelo re bo re tsenya madi a a lekaneng mo temong gore re ntshe dijo tse di lekaneng. Dipatlisiso di supile go le gantsi gore, temo ya rona mathata a yone ke eng e ritarita golo go le gongwefela. *Number one, extension*, ga go na *extension, number two*, ga gona metsi a a nosetsang. Balemisi, le lona le a itse gore balemisi tota ke moka ba sa tlholeng ba le teng, ke one mathata a ntlha. Mathata a bobedi ke gore ga gona metsi, dipula tsa rona ga di tshephagale, mme metsi one a teng ka fa tlase ga lefatshe. *Number three* ke ditlhwatlhwa tse e leng gore fa re sena go bolaya mabele re a tsenya mo dikgetsing Botswana Agricultural Marketing Board (BAMB) jaanong e re neela madi a e seng a sepe. Ke tsona dilo tse tharo tsa mmangmang.

Fa re lebelela mananeo otlhe a a kileng a dirwa a temo le leruo, a re neng re tsenya bo 500 *million* ngwaga le ngwana mo temong; Accelerated Rainfed Arable Programme (ARAP), Integrated Support Programme for Arable Agriculture Development (ISPAAD) *and so forth*, re a itse gore re ne re sa kgone go tswa ka sepe.

Ka go reng, ka gore dipula tsa rona ga di tshephagale. Gompieno ka phetogo ya loapi ke *extreme weathers*, ngwaga o go nna leuba le le gakgamatsang, ngwaga o o tlang go nna merwalela. Jaanong re tshwanetse gore dinako tsotlhe re bo re itse gore metsi a tshwanetse go nna teng, go nosediwe gore re leme dijo tse di lekaneng.

Ke o ema nokeng, ka gore kwa kgaolong e ke tswang mo go yone ya Tswapong South, ke bona maiteko a balemi ba re ba bitsang *emerging farmers*. Le maloba ke ne ke bua le bone ke ba biditse re bua ka dikgang tse, gore ba dira maiteko a go epa didiba gore ba tle ba nosetse. Bontsinyana jwa bone ba a nosetsa mo kgaolong ya Tswapong South. Jaanong ga ke ka ke ka tlhoka go ema mogopolo o o reng re tshwanetse go nna le lenaneo le le ka thusang balemi ba rona go phunya metsi ba kgone go nosetsa.

Re tshwanetse re ikemisetse gape gore...

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR MOTSAMAI): Procedure. *Ke kopa to move amendment Mr Speaker, ka Standing Order se se maleba.*

MR SPEAKER: E tlaa re fa o tshwara *floor*; o bo o ka *move amendment*.

DR GOBOTSWANG: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Kgang e re e buang e ga se kgang e e leng gore ga e yo. Le ene *Honourable Minister* o buile gore go na le lenaneo la ISPAAD le le thusang balemi ba *horticulture* gore ba thusiwe go epa didiba ba nosetse, *50 per cent grants* ba fiwa madi, a mangwe e le gore ba ka a busa. Ke yone kgang e re e buang re re, jaanong lenaneo le a le atologe le kgone go tsenya balemi ba bangwe ba ba lemanang mabele, ditloole le mmidi, gore le bone ba nne le go thusiwa gore ba epe didiba, gore ba nosetse ba ntshe dijo gore lefatshe le le nne le boipuso jwa boammaaruri.

Ga re ka ke ra tswelela ka seemo se re nnang re leletse kwa godimo fela gore pula e tlaa na leng. Ba bangwe ba e tla ba tshogile, ka gore gongwe fa e na e tlile go nna morwalela, dithapelo tsa rona di thulana. Ba bangwe ba re rapela gore e ne, ba bangwe ba e tla ba rapela gore e se ka ya na. Re tshwanetse go itse gore fa pula e nele ka nako ya merwalela, go raya gore metsi ka fa tlase ga lefatshe a nna mantsi mo e leng gore jaanong e kare re phunya, metsi a bo a ka nna teng gore batho ba kgone go thusiwa. Ke lenaneo le re tswang kgakala re le dumalana, ga se mo e ka reng gompieno e bo e le gore re ka fetoga fela motlhofo jalo ka mabaka a gore re re a re atoloseng. Jaaka *Honourable* Mohwasa a ne a bua a re,

a re atoloseng re bua ka metsi ka kakaretso. Ga ke itse gore o a itse gore, go na le kgang ya gore re ne re eleditse gore go ka nna le matangwana mo dikgaolong tsa rona ka go farologana. Kgang ya matamo le lenaneo la one le sule, ga le yo, ga le diragale le sale le sule bogologolo. Gompieno batho ba teng ba gotweng ke ba *dams*, ga ke itse gore letsatsi le letsatsi fa ba tsoga ba dira eng kwa *dams*. Ga go sa tlhole go na le lenaneo la teng, ka gore le padile, *equipment* ya teng e sule. Gompieno kwa kgaolong ya me metse ka bontsi ba sala ba fodile, ke a itse gore go na le *group* kwa Chadibe le Rasesa, go na le *groups* tsa matamo tse ba neng ba ikaelela go dira matamo. Go padile, go a twe yang go kopa kwa Palapye, ba Palapye ba re ke jaaka le re bona, *equipment* go sale go tilwe di ya kwa North East kwa Tati East di ya go epa letamo koo dingwaga tse di fetileng. Ga go sa tlhole go na le matamo a a diragalang, *so* ga re ka ke ra bua ka matamo a re neng re ka eletsa gore a dirwe.

Fa e le gore Goromente wa UDC o ikaelela go tsosolosa kgang ya matangwana a re batlang a dirwa, a manyennyane a a ka thusang mo temong ya nosetso, a a tle ka one re a utlwe. Fa godimo ga moo, re bapile le Limpopo, re batla gore fa re ntse re tswelitse, le tle ka thulaganyo e e fetogileng. Re kopile gore bulang Limpopo gore le rona re bewe masimo fa tlhoko ga Limpopo gore re nosetse.

Ke lenaneo le re eletsang gore ba tle ba re bolelele gore ba reng ka kopo e re sa bolong go e kopa mo go Goromente gore a re bulelweng, re nne le *access to* Limpopo e e neng e dumalanwe ke Puso e e fetileng. Ao! Le a bo le ka gaisiwa ke Puso e e fetileng, la palelwa ke go bula Limpopo gore re ye go bewa masimo gore re nosetse. Ke lenaneo le lengwe le re tlaabong re le emetse gore le tle ka lone.

Gompieno re bua ka go epela le go thusa balemi ba ba botlana gore ba phunya metsi, ba nosetse, ba ntshe dijo, ba ijese, ba jese lefatshe le. Ga e ka ke ya re re itlamile ka ditiro tsa rona, a bo re e tla e kare re a ikganetsa. Fa mogopolo o tla o o ka thusang gore re atumele kwa re batlang go ya teng, e bo e le gore le batla go tla ka mabaka a manyennyane fela a e leng gore ga ke itse gore le batla gore le reng. Motho a bo a simolola fela a re nnyaa mogopolo ke a o atla, fa a fetsa a bo a re ga ke dumalane le one. Thulaganyo e e ntseng jaana, re tshwanetse re se ka ra tlhola re tswelidisa seemo seo. E bile fa o bua jaana, o re gakolola malatsi a maloba ale a re neng re lebagane le monna gone fa. Ga ke itse gore setilo se o nnang mo go sone se, se ntse jang. Batho ba teng fa ba se nna fela ke bo "a re ganeng." Kwa bofelong

motho o a dumalana. Fa gongwe ba ne ba ka dumalana, ra dumalana rotlhe fa gotwe a re tlhopheng, ba bo ba gana. Jaanong golo moo ga ke itse gore a go a tshelanwa kana jang. Ditilo tse di di sha tse, ga ke itse gore mathata a teng e ka bo e le eng. *Honourable Speaker*, ke ema mogopolo o nokeng ka one mafoko a. Ke boela morago. Ke a leboga.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR MOTSAMAI): Ke a go leboga *Mr Speaker*. Mma e re la ntlha fela ke supe gore le fa gotwe re a gana re a dumela, nna ke a dumela. Ke bo ke dumela le gore e tlaare fa ke sena go nna ke ala go se kae, ke kope gore re *amend* mogopolo kana re o baakanye. Re o betle, o tle o sologele setšhaba molemo.

Se sengwe *Mr Speaker*, ka gore ke gone ke tsayang serala, ke supe fela gore...

MR MOTAOSANE: *On a point of procedure Mr Speaker. Thank you sir.* O tlaa mpaakanyetsa *Mr Speaker*. *Honourable Motsamai* a re, o batla gore re betle *Motion* sessa. *Would it be prudent for* nako ya Ntlo e fa e le gore re ya go o baakanya a sena go nna a bua? Ke eng a sa baakanye *the version* ya ka fa a e batlang ka teng, re bone gore a re dumalana le yone? *So that it guides us as to how we present our debates.* Ke kopa kgakololo mo go wena *Mr Speaker*.

MR SPEAKER: O kare ka fa ke mo utlwang ka teng, o batla go ntsha mabaka a a tlaa mo gorosang kwa goreng a sutise paakanyo ya Tshutiso. Mma re mo reetse, re utlwe gore o wela a reng.

MR MOTSAMAI: Ka gore ke gone ke tsayang serala *Mr Speaker*, mma ke tseye nako e le fa ke sa boele kwa morago mo dikgannyeng tsa maabane, ke tswelele fela ka go eletsisa Moeteledipele wa Kganetso, Rre Dumelang Saleshando gore a robalelwe ke ditlhokwa. Ke mo eleletse pholo ya bosakhutlheng. Ke bo ke supe fela gore selo se a se dirileng, ke thuto e e botlhokwa mo go ba bangwe ba e tlaa dirang gore ba itlhatlhobe, ba bo ba ikele tlhoko. Motswana a re, “bodiba jo bo jeleng ngwana wa ga mmaago e re o bo atumetse, o bo kakologe.”

Mma ke tsene mo kgannyeng *Mr Speaker*, ke re, fa o utlwa ke bua jaana, ke ka leboga gape le montshi wa *Motion* le fa a tswetse kwa ntle gore a bo a tsile ka one. Le fa tota e le *Motion* o o sa bolong go tswa ba o gana, ba bo ba itshuputsa ba re, ga ba ise ba ko ba bone go diragala mo lefatsheng, gore go tsamae go phunngwa lefatsho jaana gotwe go phunyetswa batho didiba. Ba ne

ba re, ga ba ise ba ko ba bone selo seo. Go a gakgamatsa gore gompiano go ise go ye kae fela, a bo go raya gore, legale ka go a tle go nne le bosigo, go nne le go sa ga bosa. Fa a setswe *Mr Speaker*, re tshwanetse re mo akgole gore a bo a aperwe ke lesedi la gore se ke sone se se tshwanetseng se direlwe Batswana.

Mr Speaker, mogopolo o o tla jaana e le gore mosekaseki wa one wa pele, o ne a lebile gore go turu go ralala naga fa gongwe o *survey* metsi, o dira ditsela tse e leng gore diboro di tlaa tsamaya mo go tsone go ya go go phunyetsa. Go turu gape go itse gore a metsi ao a letswai, kana a bolele kana boraka, tsone dilo tsa Setswana se se ntseng jalo. Cater o ka se nthusa, o fitlhela ke bona gore o kare o itse Setswana botokanyana.

Mr Speaker, dilo tse di raya gore Motswana a thusiwe go mo atumetsa le matshelo. Tiro ya ga Goromente wa gompiano wa UDC, ke go bona gore batho ba phatsimelwe ke botshelo ka letlotlo, e seng gore go thatafalele pele gore re kgone go rua batho. Re dumela mo setšhabeng se se tsabakelang, se se itirelang, se se ikgonang, e seng se se kgonwang ke Goromente jaaka go ne go ntse go ntse. Ke atla mogopolo ka yone tsela e e ntseng jalo.

Mr Speaker, jaaka Rre Gobotswang le ene a atlile mogopolo, o senya fela ka gore re tsamaya re gana. Ga a itse gore go tsene eng gareng mo go rona re sena go nna re tsaya mme re ne re dumela re le mmogo. Rona re mo lebile fela gore ao! motho yo o ne a ntse a lemoga gore re bua jang re le mmogo, gompiano fa re sena go nna re kgaogana, o re pateletsa sengwe le sengwe. Ga re itse gore go letse ga reng fa gompiano a re pateletsa sengwe le sengwe. Re ne re mo itse e le motho yo o sa re pateletseng. Re ne re utlwana rona le ene. Le rona re ipotsa fela jalo ka ene *Mr Speaker*.

Go botlhokwa *Mr Speaker* gore go dirwe lenaneo le le fitlheletsang metsi ka bonolo kwa bathong le kwa masimong. Go nosetsa mo masimong le go nosa leruo le le botlana. Go bona gore ba ntshe ditswatshimong tse di rileng. Fa o ka lebelela mogopolo wa rona mo *manifesto*, o bua ka dikgang tsa gore Lekalana le la Temothuo, re ijese. Re se ka ra baya mo go jesiweng ke mafatshe a sele. Go tswa bogologolong re ntse re bua *language* e, e bile thata re le mo Botswana National Front (BNF), mo dikatakasimeng tsa rona. Re supa gore ga e ya tshwanela gore pula e sena go na, re bo re tlogela metsi a feta. Fa a sena go nna a feta, re bo re simolola re re re bolawa ke lenyora. Re tshwanetse ra nna le menagano ya go tsaya metsi ao re a boloka, re a dirisa. Re thusa setšhaba sa

rona gore se itshetlele. Re dumela gore go nne le lenaneo le e leng gore ga re bue ka metsi a go phunya didiba tse di ntsintsi. Re bua fa o ka fitlhela sediba se le sengwe, se ntsha maphatšhaphatšha a metsi. Sone sediba se, go tsewe metsi a teng a isiwe kwa *reservoirs* kana mabeelo a matona a metsi. One mabeelo ao, a bo a ka phatlalatsa metsi fela ka dipompo go a isa kwa ditshimong tsa batho. Batho ba kgona gore ba ithuse.

Re dumela mo go reng *food security*, ke pilara e tona ya setšhaba sengwe le sengwe. Le a itse gore maabane jaana, re letse re ntse re na le dikgang ka South Africa, Botswana jalojalo. Tumelo ya rona e tona ke gore, ga re a tshwanela go ikaega ka mafatshe a mangwe mo dikgannyeng tsa go ijesa. Ke ka go solofetsa *Mr Speaker*, gore thulaganyo e fa e ka diragala, e bile jaaka e tlaa ya go diragala, o bona batho ba ba tshwanang le ba kgaolo nngwe ya me, e bidiwa Karakubis, go na le bomme ba bantsi koo ba na le masimo, ba a iteka. Ba mo maitekong a a fetang selekanyo. Gone mo, e tlaabo e le go ba rotloetsa le go ba emela ka dinao gore totatota ba kgone ka metsi a mantsi. A ba kgonang gore ba a fitlhelele.

Mr Speaker, gongwe re se ka ra bua fela ka go nosetsa, batho fa ba le kwa ditshimong, ba nna le dikgomo tse tihanonyana, dipodinyana tse tharo. Dipodi tse tharo tseo, go bo go raya gore o tshwanetse go gama mashi a a nwa tee ka mashi a tsone, e le kgang ya gore ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, go bo go na le fa di nwang teng.

Fa ke tsamaela go wetsa ka paakanyo *Mr Speaker*, mo Standing Order 47.1 ke supe fela gore a Palamente e baakanye mogopolo o gore batho ba lefatshe la Botswana, Goromente a dire ditshekatsheko tsa go bona gore metsi a fitlhelela kwa go bone. *Being* metsi a e ka tswa e le a didiba, a e ka tswa e le a eng, kwa ditshimong kwa ba lemelang teng *Mr Speaker* gore a fitlhelele. Ka gore fa re ka re go epa didiba fela, *what if* go ka tsamaya ga epiwa go itewa *blanks Mr Speaker*? Jaanong paakanyo eo *Mr Speaker*, ke yone tota ke neng ke re e tlaa re fa ke ntse ke tswetse ke buisa mogopolo o, ke bo ke feta ke e fapha, ke e tsenya mo teng gore Palamente e wele mo go yone gore balemi ba kgone gore ba sielwe metsi, ba neelwe a a lekaneng go dira ditiro tsotlhe tsa temo kana tsa botshelo jwa temo kwa ditshimong tsa bone.

Ke wela ka paakanyo eo *Mr Speaker*. Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: Ee, e kwale re tle re e bone *Honourable Motsamai*.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Point of order *Mr Speaker*.

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa, iketleng pele, ke batla go utlwa gore e balega jang pele.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Point of order.

MR PULE: Point of order. The same Standing Order 47.2 *Mr Speaker*.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Pule...

MR PULE: Sir?

MR SPEAKER: *Ke ne ke re a re weleng pele*, do not jump the gun, *a re weleng kwa goreng* amendment *yone ya reng*. *Ke batla gore* amendment *e wele*, but as I understand Honourable Motsamai, *o mo go reng* the Motion must be about provision of water in the farms to enhance water access for agricultural purposes. *Tota* that is essentially what he wants, but he did not put it in writing *gore o tlaabo o balega o reng*. As I said, that is the objective *gore* the...

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

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa, le tshwanetse gore le e kwale o bo o e bala. *Honourable* Tshere o tlaa go atumela le *Honourable* Mathoothe le tle le baakanye *amendment* e. E baakanyeng e tle *Honourable Members*.

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

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa, ka re ke emetse *amendment*, ba atumele *Honourable* Motsamai *and draft amendment* eo e tle.

...Silence...

MR SPEAKER: Ga le ise le fetse?

...Silence...

MR SPEAKER: Ga e a wela *Honourable* Motsamai.

MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT (MR MOHWASA): Ga se gore o e bale *Mr Speaker* gore re e...

MR SPEAKER: *Ee. Ka bokhutshwane e balega jaana*, "that this Honourable House prioritises provision of potable water to the farms."

MR DIGWA: Point of order. *Ke a leboga* Honourable Speaker. *Mr Speaker*, *ke re gongwe* you should have allowed us to debate first *ra supa* components *tse di farologanyeng tse di tsamaisanyang le one* Motion o, e

tlaa re after that *ke gone jaanong re ka kgonang* to come up with a Motion *o e leng gore* is well encompassed. As it is now, he has just suggested, *le nna* I have my other version. If we can coin *ka fa o ntseng ka teng, o ya go tlogela* a number of aspects *tse e leng gore* they can help.

MR SPEAKER: O ka nna fa fatshe *Honourable Whip*. Ke utlwa *your concern*, mme kana ga re ise re tsene kwa goreng *I am putting a question on whether the amendment should be agreed to*. Ka gore ka fa e ntseng ka teng jaana, ga ke e amogele ka gore ke dumela gore ga e...

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

MR SPEAKER: Yes, so...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Point of order Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: Ke tlaa tla kwa go wena *Honourable Pule*. *So, I think lona ba le batlang to move the amendment, e lebeleleng, but le se ka la tswa thata mo mogopolong in accordance with Standing Order 47. So, nnang le e lebelele, it is up to you, I have an idea, but it is up to you because it just needs an incremental change.*

MR MOHWASA: *Mr Speaker*, ke re fa e ntse jalo, ke tsaya gore *the only thing* se re ka se tsenyang mo teng, e ka nna gore *“that the Government prioritises provision of water for agricultural purposes.”* Ke tsaya gore e tlhamaletse fa e ntse jalo, ga e tlhaele sepe, *the only difference* ke gore ga e a ikganelela moo. *What I am saying is fa re bua gore o dirisa provision of water for agricultural purposes, it is adequate.*

MR SPEAKER: Let me just check something.

MR MOHWASA: E bua gone foo, mo go yone eo, o ntsha *“potable.”* Ke ne ke reela gore fa o re *potable*, yo mongwe o tlaa e ganetsa, go bo go nna le *problem*. Fa o re *“water”* ke tsaya gore e siame, *but then* e tshwanetse e bo e nna *question ya purpose*. *“That this Honourable House resolve to provide water in farms for agricultural purposes.”* Ke tsaya gore e siame.

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable Pule*, o batla go akgela mo go yone?

MR PULE: *Mr Speaker*, o setse o e tlhalositse. Ke ne ke re ke ba dira *aware with the same* Standing order 47.2, se se buang gore, *“No amendment to a Motion shall be permitted if it introduces a new matter or seeks to*

achieve a different objective than the original Motion,” Ke ne ke tsaya gore *Motion* o ka fa o ntseng ka teng o bua ka *access to water for agricultural purposes, and includes a lot of things*; e ka nna go nwa, go nosa batho ba ba nnang *at the farms*. Ke tsaya gore fa e ntse jalo *it is all encompassing*. Gongwe se ke ka se amogelang ke se se akantsweng ke *Honourable Mohwasa; Leader of the House* fa a re *“prioritise”*, ka gore ke ne ke sa bua ka *priority*. Kana fa o re *prioritise* o raya gore *you are going to consider putting at the top of the list of priorities* tsa Puso. Ke raya gore fa e ntse jalo ke ka e amogela.

MR SPEAKER: I will put the question, “that this Honourable House prioritises provision of water to the farms for agricultural purposes.” The question is that the amendment be agreed to.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: *Ke a e utlwa e buiwa*, I think it should not leave this part *ya request* Government to prioritise, *e bo e tswela jaaka e ntse*. *Akere* it is not this Honourable House that prioritises, it is requesting Government to prioritise.

MR SALESHANDO: Point of procedure. I think it will help Mr Speaker, *gore re se ka ra iphitlhela re le* at cross purposes *gore re tlhalose tsamaiso*. There is an amendment that has been proposed, *jaanong fa re leng teng* we are debating the amendment *gore a re a e amogela*. We are allowed to take the floor if we debate the amendment. *Gape re se ka ra lebala gore go na le* Standing Order *se se letlelelang* an amendment to an amendment. *Fa re ka di tsaya jalo*, I think the debate will flow. *Ke a leboga*.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you Honourable Saleshando. I was just reminded here by the Clerks to read the amendments again; “that this Honourable House requests Government to prioritise provision of water to the farms for agricultural purposes.” That is how it must read.

ACTING MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE (MR TSHERE): *Thank you Mr Speaker*. Jaanong re dumalana le one *Mr Speaker*, gore Goromente a dire jalo. Ke tsaya gore ke thulaganyo e ke neng ke bua gore go ya go sekwasekwa mme re dumalana le Ntlo e gore re dumalane gore go tsisa metsi jaaka ke ne ke bua gore a bothokwa, ke one konokono mo *agriculture*, go netefadiwe gore Goromente a e beye e le *priority* e le kwa godimodimo. Gore a tla jang ka matamo, didiba kana mesele a go nne jalo, mo go tlaa lemotshegang re a dumalana, le lephata le a dumalana. Ke a leboga.

DR GOBOTSWANG: *Ke a leboga Mr Speaker. Ke tsaya gore re tlaa welana mme ke na le issue le concept ya farm. Ke ne ke akanya gore fa re ntshitse farm ga e senye sepe because fa o re farm o kare o raya polase or some sort. Jaanong kana rona re ba temo ... (Inaudible)... integrated farm and staff like that. So ke tsaya gore fa re ntshitse lefoko farm, ga go senye sepe, just prioritise water for agricultural purposes. Government to consider prioritising water for agricultural purposes. I have an amendment, if we can delete farm, then it will be more inclusive. Thank you Mr Speaker.*

MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION (MR MAELE): *Ke a leboga Mr Speaker. Honourable Gobotswang o batla go dira an amendment on an amendment, which is provided for under 47.6. Ga ke dumalane le ene before he moves it. Ke dumela gore fa re tlhalosa sentle fela gore re batla metsi kwa masimong kana at the farms, it is very clear. All what we are saying ke gore metsi ao e bo e le for agricultural purposes, whether it is an integrated field or horticulture, fela fa e le gore ke kwa farm. That is what we are saying. In terms of whether re ya go epa didiba kana re ya go reng... Ke gone mo o neng o utlwa kgantele ke raya Motlotlegi Pule ke re ga a a atolosa because fa re re didiba fela, ba bangwe didiba tsa rona kana masimo a rona, o a itse gore o ya go betsa blank all over. Therefore, kgang ya didiba will not work fa e le gore ra re re dirisa that method. So ke dumalana le amendment Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, gore a re reng go isa metsi at the farms. Gore re a isa jang jaaka bangwe ba ne ba bua, e tlaa nna detailed. Ke a leboga.*

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable before you sit, Honourable Dr Gobotswang's discomfort is on the word farm, a re e kare go tewa dipolase. Gongwe e tlaabo e nna e kare ba masimo ba tlogetswe kwa ntle, jaanong ke ne ke ithaya ke re o tla a tlhalosa eo gore farm kana e a akaretsa.*

MR MAELE: *Mathata a me ke gore fa re ka tlogela farm re bo re re Government to provide metsi for agricultural purposes, kana go raya gore we are going to have a problem ya gore jaanong re tswa mo objective ya Motion wa ga Rre Pule. Rre Pule in terms of the objective and essence ya Motion ke gore re thuse batho la farm, now everyone o tlaabo a re ke batla metsi. Le fa e le gore gongwe ke backyard garden, o tlaabo a batla metsi ka gore o tlaabo a re he is doing something that is agricultural. His essence of the Motion is that we should*

actually assist that those are at the farms. Ke gone fa ke reng Motlotlegi Gobotswang e kare ga ke ka ke ka dumalana le his amendment on the amendment. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

MR SPEAKER: *Mma ke mo utlwe; Honourable Dr Gobotswang, enlighten on what you were saying.*

DR GOBOTSWANG: *Mr Speaker, tota ke ne ke re re welane ka definition ya farm gore a mme e ka re kgotsofatsa gore it includes masimo. Le gore fa re e ntshitse e senya eng because agricultural purposes go ka tswa go raya le backyard gardens, le tsone di tlaabo di ntse di siame fela. Ga ke bone e tlaabo e le mathata. Ke ne ke tsaya gore fa re e ntshitse ga e senye sepe mme fa re e tsenya e kare ga e wele sentle gore arable agriculture e mo teng sentle. Ke gone fa ke nang le bothata teng; definition fela.*

MR SPEAKER: *I am convinced that the amendment to the amendment e tlaabo e re ntsha mo objective ya Motion. It will alter its objective. So, the floor is still open on the original amendment.*

MR HIKUAMA: *Ke a leboga Honourable Speaker. Ke dumalana le paakanyo mo Tshutisong e tona e e ntshitsweng ke Honourable Pule. Fa re bua gore go netefatswe gore Puso e a thusa gore go nne le metsi kwa masimong, dipolase le gotlhe kwa go tlaabong go batliwa dijo teng. Fa e ntse jalo ke bona e siame ka gore ga e fenyee e bile ga e hekeetse maikaelelo a mosutisi wa ntlha, e bile go lebega rotlhe re le comfortable le tlhaloso eo. Fa re nna comfortable e bile re wela re e kgotsofalela, fa e se fela gongwe letshogo le lengwe e ne e le gore a mme ploughing field, tshimo e ka bidiwa farm? Gongwe technically, a ga gona go tla go hekeetsa fa go tla go tlhalosiwa gore a ploughing field is not a farm. Mongwe a bo a rialo a re ga o ka ke wa thusiwa ka gore we are now talking about a ploughing field not a farm. Gongwe ke lone letshogo gore fa re ka e baakanya gore e se ka ya tlogela seo kwa ntle, ga ke dumele gore e ka nna le borai bope, re ka dumalana le yone.*

Fa e le gore farm e akaretsa le the ploughing field, then it is fine ka gore ke lone lesokolela which Dr Gobotswang was raising. Rotlhe ga re na bothata le sone seo. Fa e le gore ke yone kutlwisiso ya rona rotlhe, le one maikaelelo a molao ke one ao, re tshwanetse re dumalane, e bile re bo re o adopt jaana re emisa to debate, re o adopt otlhe jaaka o ntse re bo re fetela kwa go e mengwe ka gore go lebega re dumalana ka bongwefela jwa pelo go sena sepe se se... e bile re ka fokotsa nako. Ke a leboga.

MR DIGWA: Le nna tota ke dumalana le *amendment*, but I am very uncomfortable fa gotwe 'farms,' unless there is an explanation of what a farm is. Gompieno jaana re na le seemo sa gore bana ba rona ga ba na farms mme they want to go into farming. Go raya gore fa a ka itirela moraka gongwe fale... o kare we concentrate mo arable farming, re lebala ka livestock farming. Re lebile livestock farming e le ya batho ba ba nang le farms. Jaanong ke ipotsa gore fa o itiretse moraka fale, o sena lefatshe, a go raya gore Motion o ka fa o ntseng ka teng o bitsa farms, go raya gore you are excluded? So, ka jalo, ke dumalana le Dr Gobotswang gore we must leave out the word 'farm.'

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: Before you come in, kana Honourable Digwa... legale gongwe Honourable Maele o tlaa thusa.

MR MAELE: Procedure. Mr Speaker, kana fa o amend Motion, you must always look at the spirit of the original Motion. The spirit sa original Motion o o neng o bewa ke Motlotlegi Pule wa re go epiwe didiba in the farms. So, bo meraka, bo eng, ga di mo teng, that is not the spirit sa Motion wa ga Motlotlegi Pule. Therefore, ka fa go ntseng, ka teng, kana the question has been put to Motion wa amendment wa ga Motlotlegi Motsamai, nna ke ne ke re gongwe re deal le yone kgang yone eo. Fa re sena go nna re tsena mo go yone, fa e le gore go na le yo o baakanyang (amend) on an amendment, o tlaa dirisa 46.5.

MR SPEAKER: O tlaa tlisa, mme kana I have ruled on the point ya ga Honourable Dr Gobotswang. It is the same point that is raised by the Government Whip. So, I am going to put the question on the amendment. The question is that the amendment be agreed to.

MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT (MR MOHWASA): Mr Speaker, can I request before o tswala, if you may. Nna ke ne ke re Mr Speaker, issue e tona fa ke tsaya gore ke ka fa re bitsang ka teng. Mme ke ne ke re maybe instead of gore re bo re re 'farms,' gongwe re re 'farming areas,' because a kere le fa o dira e le half a hectare, you are farming. But the problem ke gore fa o re 'farm,' go na le ka fa e categorise ka teng, jaaka motho a kgona go go shauta a re, 'motho o tlhola a re diya a re o ya kwa farm kante o ya kwa masimong.' But fa o re 'farming area,' gongwe le gongwe le fa e le half a hectare le fa o reng, ke tsaya gore e ka nna acceptable, e tlaabo e se kgakala le mogopolo.

Kgang e mongwe a neng a e botsa gape kgantele ke gore yo mongwe o tshwanetse a duele ka gore mo toropong ke maikarabelo a Water Utilities Corporation (WUC). Jaanong fa motho a na le backyard, go tlaabo gore a ride mo mogopolong, but o le one re ya kwa go nang le gore it is a farming area.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES (MR NYATANGA): Point of order. Mr Speaker, ke a bo ke sa itse gore gongwe ke tlaabo ke tlaa duba. Mr Speaker, when we look at this issue, a re lebelela masimo fela? Motho kgantele fa a botsa o ne a re go batla go okediwa gore go lengwe, mme somebody can even argue further and say le ba e leng gore ba na le meraka e e leng gore ga se farms, fa a na le naga e e leng gore o ka lema teng, le ene o ka batla access to water. So, fa o bona ke ne ke riana, ke ne ke batla gore re se ka ra lebelela kwa masimong fela because when you want to be serious when it comes to agricultural produce, go na le batho ba ba nang le meraka. Kana golo mo fa o lebelela, go batla gore even going into the future, re bo re lebelela le yone meraka gore a ra re meraka e bo e tswelela not being recognised. My argument ke gore no, meraka e tlhokana le to be recognised, gore fa o na le naga o le kwa morakeng o bo o ka lema gore o bo o oketsa food production. Thank you.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Nyatanga, wena you can amend the amendment in accordance with Standing Order 47.6 and you are allowed to do so before that amendment can be concluded. So, how do you want it to read?

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification Mr Speaker!

MR SPEAKER: Iketleng pele, ke reeditse Honourable Nyatanga.

MR NYATANGA: Ba tlaa nthusa ka gore ke a ba thusa, ke thusa le batho ba bone. The amendment is now going to say, let us seriously look at definition ele ya 'farm,' re bo re re, 'farming area' because you will just need to demonstrate that the area is a farming area o bo o ka nna le access to water reticulation.

MR SPEAKER: So, you want it to read...

MR NYATANGA: So, I move my Honourable Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: ...(Laughter!)... So, the amendment to the amendment is "that this Honourable House requests Government to prioritise provision of water to the farming areas for agricultural purpose?"

MR NYATANGA: Yes, Mr Speaker.

MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION (MR MAELE): *Point of order.* Nnyaa, re tlaabo re dule mo tsamaisong ya Ntlo motlotlegi ka gore kana *the amendment* ya ga Motlotlegi Motsamai *has not been adopted as yet. So, there can be no amendment on an amendment which has not been adopted. So, we need to deal with amendment* ya ga Motlotlegi Motsamai *first.* Fa re sena go nna re *deal* le yone, *then we can amend on an amendment ... (Interruption)...* re dule mo Standing Order, re tlaabo re itirela ga rona.

MR SPEAKER: No, *a re bale* Standing Order 47.6, “an amendment to an amendment which a Member wishes to propose may be moved at any time after the question on the original amendment has been proposed,” not adopted, proposed, “and before it has been put at the conclusion of the debate of the original amendment.” So, we are perfectly in order, we will deal with that. We cannot conclude Honourable Motsamai’s amendment before we deal with amendment to an amendment in accordance with the Standing Order.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF TRADE AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (MR MATHOOTHE): *Thank you Mr Speaker.* Ke ne ke re ke tseye sebaka se ke dumalane le *amendment* e e tlisitsweng ke Honourable Nyatanga, e tlhamaletse fela. Fa o ya kwa tlhalosong jaaka a bua, *o propose* gore go tsenngwe ‘*farming area.*’ Fa o ya kwa tlhalosong ya *farm*, e tlhalosa gore “*it is an area of land and its buildings used for growing crops and rearing animals.*” So, ke tsaya gore e tlhamaletse fela, *it is well covered, I support the amendment.*

MR LEKAU: Ke ema fela ka boripana ke *support* Honourable Nyatanga ka fa a e beileng ka teng. Ke a leboga.

Amendment to amendment **agreed to.**

MR SPEAKER: So, the Motion is accordingly amended and it reads as follows, “that this Honourable House requests Government to prioritise provision of water to the farming areas for agricultural purposes.” That is the Motion. The floor is open.

MR MONAGENG (MOLEPOLOLE SOUTH): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker.* Mme fela pele ke re ke tsaya gore *the 13th Parliament* e dule mo tsamaisong ele ya bo “a re ganeng re a busa.” Re dule mo dinakong tseo, mme e bile re tshwanetse gore re amogele gore tota rotlhe jaaka re le mo Ntlong e maikaelelo a rona le dikeletso tsa rona

ke gore re dire se Batswana ba se eletsang. A le ka tswa le le ka koo, re ka tswa re le ka kwano, Batswana ba re romile gore re dire se ba se eletsang, re dire se se ka tlhabololang matshelo a bone. Ka jalo mogopolo o, ke a o amogela fela ka pelo ya me yotlhe, go sena mathata ape, ka e bile o kile wa ntshiwa ke mongwe wa rona e bong Honourable Mmolotsi, gore madi a teng kana ga a yo, mogopolo ke mogopolo, fa e nna molao, e tlaa re fa madi a nna teng, go epelwe batho didiba.

Ga go na ope yo o ka ganang kana yo o ka akanyang gore Batswana kwa ntle ga ba eletse go epelwa didiba. A o di epa *at the farm*, masimo, mme fela Batswana ka bontsi ba eletsa go epelwa didiba. Ke ka go bolelela *Mr Speaker* gore mo diphutheng tse ke di tsamaileng kwa Molepolole South, fa ke ba botsa gore dikakanyo tse ke ka di isang kwa Palamenteng ke dife, ba buile yone e ya gore re eletsa gore re epelwe didiba. Ba bo ba bua gore kana re a gakgamala gore ke eng Goromente wa nako ele a ganne gore re epelwe didiba. Jaanong tsamaya Honourable Shima Monageng o ye go kopa gore go epiwe didiba kwa masimong le matamong a rona.

Ke ne ke ile kwa lefatsheng le le kgakala le Honourable Pule, ke ne ka nna ka mo tlhatlhelela ka o ne a setse a nthaya a re o akantse go dira mogopolo oo.

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

MR MONAGENG: Nnyaa, o ne a setse a o kwadile, ke santse ke re ke tlaa o kwala. Jaanong tota ka ke nnake ka dingwaga, ke ne ka mo tlhatlhelela gore a o dire jang, fa re le kwa France, ga a ka ke a ganela. Bagaetsho, re tshwanetse gore re amogele gore re busa mmogo, *we are all legislators.* Ga go na mo gotweng yole ga se *legislator* ka gore o mo *opposition.* Re dira melao rotlhe, mme a nako e nngwe le e nngwe re lebeng gore fa molao o tla, a o tla ka kae, a o tla ka kae, fa o siame o ka sologela Batswana molemo, a re o amogeleng, re se ka ra ne re leba thata dikeletso tsa rona ampo le sephathi.

Didiba jaaka go setse go boletswe, di ka thusa ka ditsela di le dintsi fela thata. Ga re a tshwanela gore re nne fa re leka go bua gore di ka thusa jang ka gore Motswana mongwe le mongwe o a itse gore didiba di ka thusa jang. Ga go na sepe se se ka diragalang metsi a seyo, ka gore rona e bile ba Molepolole re itse botlhokwa jwa metsi go gaisa bontsi jwa batho, ka gore ga re na nao kwa Molepolole.

Jaanong kana fa o na le sediba gongwe fa Mosokotso fale fa masimong a garona, a e leng gore fela fa o feta fa Institute of Health Sciences (IHS), *within 15 minutes*, o tsene kwa masimong a Goora Monageng. Jaanong ke kgona gore e re fa ke na le sediba gone fa Mosokotso fale fa masimo, fa e le gore metsi a teng ke a a ka nwegang, e bo e le gore ke kgona gore jaanong ke tshele mo tankeng ya me, ya ga motlogolo kana moagisanyi. Ka jalo, didiba di bothokwa thata, a re dumeleng mogopolo o ka o tla ka pelo e namagadi fa e le gore ke Setswana. O tla sentle ka maikaelelo a a tlhamaletseng. E bile mogopolo o, Batswana botlhe jaaka ke setse ke boletse, ba a o atla.

Gompiano fa o ka botsa fela gore a le dumalana le mogopolo o Batswana, *yes* wa teng o ya go diga Ntlo e. Jaanong jaaka *Honourable* Mohwasa a ne a bua, ga go na ope yo o ka o ganang, mme e bile jaaka a ne a bua, re o atolositse gore matamo a ka diriwa. Fa e setse fela Goromente a ka dira metsi, a o a dira ka sediba kana matamo, mo go ka kgonang gore leruo le bone metsi, a go nne jalo. Ke tsaya gore ka ke setse ke boletse gore tota fa, ga go na yo o ka o ganang, gongwe fela mafoko ke one ao, a rotlhe re dumalaneng. Ke setse ke tlhalositse, le ba ba emang ba re re dumalana le *Honourable* Monageng. Tanki *Mr Speaker*.

MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION (MR MAELE): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ga ke na go nna moleele ke lebile gore fa re ntse re bopa *Motion* o, go ne go lebega e le gore o kare jaanong re moonongwefela. *Maybe* ke dumalana le ka fa *Motion* o o beilweng ka teng, o tokafaditsweng kana o baakantsweng, ke go supa gore kana bogologolo fela e rile Botswana a tswa kwa a tswang teng, e bo e le gore temothuo tota ke yone mokwatla wa itsholelo ya rona. *Obviously*, ka e ne e le mokwatla wa itsholelo ya rona, re e bone e ya kwa tlase jaanong e sa tlhole e *improve* kana e nna *very critical* thata mo Gross Domestic Product (GDP) ya rona. Mabaka tota a le mantsi, mangwe a one e le ka fa *the weather conditions* tsa rona di ntseng ka teng; dipula ga di sa tlhole di na jaaka bogologolo, ke mathata fela a a gakgamatsang. Sone se, se bo se dira gore *agriculture* ya rona tota e ye kwa tlase.

Ke dumela gore ka metsi ke nngwe ya dilo tse di neng di dira gore go nne le mathata a, *Motion* o o ka re thusa ka fa o ntseng ka teng gore jaanong *agriculture* ya rona gongwe re leke go e tokafatsa, re e tsholetse, re e beye fa e tshwanetseng gore e ka bo e le teng.

Fa e le gore re e bua jaana Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, re dumalana gore a re lekeng go bona gore balemi barui ba thusiwa ka metsi, go sa kgathalesege

gore a re epa didiba, a re dira matamo kgotsa jang, golo mo go ka re thusa thata. Mathata a a leng teng a balemi barui ba ntseng ba kopana le one ke gore fa gongwe fa a re o a ikepelanyana kwa tshimong ya gagwe, *blank*. Ba bangwe ba betsa *blanks* di ka nna bo 10 mo tshimong e le nngwefela. *So*, o bo o fitlhela e le gore kgantele jaanong o a itlhoboga, o ipotsa gore ke reng.

Ba bangwe ba tshaba le go simolola *agriculture* because ba ipotsa gore ka gore metsi ke one a a *critical* mo *agriculture*, ke ya go lala ke a bone kae. A madinyana a me a bofelo, P50 000 kana P100 000 wa me wa bofelo, a ke leke go epa sediba se ke itseng gore ke ka nna ka itaya *blank and therefore* ke gone mo go ntseng go dira gore batho o kare ba nna bonyanyana go tsena mo dikgannyeng tsa temothuo.

Ke dumela gore *Motion* o ka fa o ntseng ka teng jaanong, ke bona o siame thata, re tlaabo re leka go rotloetsa temothuo, re isa metsi kwa masimong le kwa go ba gongwe ba tlaabong ba dira fela merakanyana, ba atumelediwe metsi ba tle ba kgone gore ba ithuse, *then agriculture* ya rona e bo e nna yone e e ka tokafatsang matshelo a rona.

Ke batla gore e re fa ke wela motlotlegi, ke supe gore *agriculture* mo Botswana, tota ke yone e re e itseng bontsi jwa rona. *Majority* a Batswana tota ba itse go lema le go rua, *so* ke yone *industry* e tota re tshwanetseng gore fa gongwe fa re ntse re leka go tokafatsa itsholelo ya rona, re sokele dirope kwa go yone ka mabaka a gore Batswana ba le bantsi ba kgona yone. Tse dingwe tse dintsinsi, o fitlhela e le gore di a re palela, re re re a leka, go a pala, mme *agriculture* ke yone e tota Batswana re e itseng ka bontsi *and therefore*, ke yone e re tshwanetseng gore re *concentrate in terms of trying to see* gore re ba thusa ka fa re tlaabong re ba thusa ka teng.

Ke dumela gore *Motion* wa ga Rre Pule jaaka o baakantswe, ke a o *support*. Jaanong ka e bile o beilwe sentle, o sa tlhalose fela gore didiba, o tlhalosa gore metsi *at farms*, ke gone fa ke reng foo ke dumalana le ene tota thata, gore re ka atla *Motion* wa teng, re tle re bone gore e kare go ya kwa pele, go diriwa ka tsela e e ntseng jang.

Motion o ga se lantlha o tla mo Palamenteng jaaka o ne o ntse, ke dumela gore re a itse gore e kile ya re ka di 12 tsa ga *November* 2021, wa tla mo Palamenteng yone e, mme *was rejected* ka di 19 tsa ga *November*. O ne o tlele ka Rre Mmolotsi. Wa tla gape ka di 16 tsa ga *August* 2024, *and negated* gape ka di 27 tsa ga *August*. *I think*

the problem was the manner in which it was couched, gore go epiwe didiba, because it was prescriptive, but now fa o bua gore a re boneng gore re isa metsi kwa balemi baruing, kwa masimong le merakeng, jaanong o botoka thata, o kgona to be implemented motlhofo, unlike lantlha jaaka o ne o le prescriptive.

Le ene Rre Pule e rile a re o a kopa, a bo a kopa fela gotlhe mo go neng go buiwa ke Rre Mmolotsi, a sa lebelela gore *arguments* tse di neng di le mo *those two sessions* di ne di ntse jalo. Le ene o ne a ganne nako ya teng, a sa dumalane le one. Mme re batla go mo supegetsa gore, ga re bao, fa re bona gore *Motion* o ka sologela Batswana molemo, re dumalana le ene. *So*, re dumalana le ene re ntse re itse gore o ne a o ganne *the other time*. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MR FRENZEL (SHASHE WEST): Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*. Ke simolole ka go go lebogela gore o bo o mphile sebaka. Ke bo ke tsaya le nako e go lebogela le *amendment* e e sa tswang go dirwa ya gore metsi a isiwe gongwe le gongwe kwa a tlhokafalang teng, segolo bogolo mo dilong tsa temothuo le leruo, go sa lebagane fela le go epa didiba.

Ke simolole pele ka gore, polotiki ke polotiki; maabane motlotlegi o ne a ganana le mogopolo, mme ke a itumela thata gore a bo a bone gore se a neng gana maabane, letsatsi jeno ke sone se se tlaa falodisang batho, re balela le bone ba kwa Kgatleng. Go tsalwa sesha ke selo se se molemo thata. Re a leboga go bo motlotlegi a tsetswe sesha, a kgona go tlhologanya gore metsi a bothokwa mo matshelong a rona.

Ke tseye sebaka se ke re, fa o lebelela kwa dikgaolong tsa rona, go na le didiba tse dintsi tse di neng di dirwa ke ba ba neng ba batlana le go epa ditswammung le ba ba neng ba dira ditsela. Didiba tse di neng di nosa metse e mengwe mme di tswetswe, jaaka kwa kgaolong ya me go na le tse dingwe kwa Japane tse di neng di nosa bo Natale, tse dingwe mme di ija fela. Didiba tse tse di anameng lefatshe ka bophara, ba ba nang le kgatlhego ya *to apply for them* ba di neelwe, metsi a o re a dirise mo temong le leruo. Ka nako ya dipula matamo a rona a bo Shashe le Dikgathong a a tlala, noka tsa bo Ramokgwebana di tsaya metsi di a isa koo, ga gona fa a kgamiwang teng. Di ya go kopana le Shashe ka kwa Zimbabwe, di tsaya di ya go kopanya le Limpopo di fetela kwa Mozambique. Metsi a a tla a tswa mo lefatsheng la rona. Kwa kgaolong ya me ke na le melatswana ya bo Mphane le Bomdela, fa re ka kgama metsi ao, a ka sologela molemo batho ba masimo

a bo Shashemooke le Jamataka ka tsela e e kwa godimo thata. Ka go rialo ke a dumalana gore, ga re a tshwanela go letla metsi a a tswang mo lefatsheng la rona a fete, kana fa a tswa fa a tlaabo a ya kwa lewatlang. Kwa kgaolong ya me gone go *worse*, dinoka tsa bo Matsitama di tshela metsi mo lekgadikgading. Fa re tshwere metsi a le batho ba Matsitama ba tlaa itumela ka gore jaanong a tlaabo a sa tlhole a ya kwa lekgadikgading a ya go nowa ke letsatsi. A tlaabo jaanong a ya go berekela balemi le barui ba metse ya bo Matsitama, meraka ya bo Zezepa, gotlhe fela mo dikgaolong tse le lefatshe ka bophara. Fa motho a tla a le mongwe kana e le *syndicate* ba batla didiba tseo, re ba neele gore re kgone go fokotsa ka fa re tsayang dijo ka teng kwa mafatsheng a sele. Fa o lebelela gompiano jaana, bontsi jwa dijo tse re di jang ke tse di tswang kwa mafatsheng a sele. E nna o kare ga re kgone go itirela dijo mo lefatsheng la rona, mme e se gore ga re kgone, kgang e le gore ga rena se re ka se dirisang go ka dira nosetso.

Backyard gardening; fa o lebelela gompiano jaana, *projects* tse Puso e neng e di neetse Batswana e direla gore ba tle ba itshetse ka go itemela gautshwane, kwa kgaolong ya me bontsi di setse di ole, tsa bo Mma Special le bo mang, mabaka e le gore *bill* ya metsi ga se e motho a ka e kgonang. Mo nakong ya gompiano re leboegele Puso ka *amnesty*, ka gore bontsi jwa batho... fa ke tsamaya kwa bo Mabesekwa kwa bangwe ba ne ba ntelela ba nthaya ba re, "kana *Bills* tsa rona di tsamaya kwa bo P20 000 le P30 000, re re re leka gore re itshetse." Mme fa e le gore Puso e ka kgona go thusa ba ba kgonang ya ba phunyetsa didiba, re ka bona go itirela dijo mo lefatsheng la rona go le motlhofo. Jaaka ke sa tswa go supa, gore mo nakong ya gompiano re bo re e ja dijo tse di tswang kwa mafatsheng a sele, e nna o kare ga rena bokgoni, mme e le gore Puso e ne e sa fe Batswana *support* e e tlhokafalang go ka bona metsi a a tshwanang le ao.

MR FURNITURE: *On a point of clarification.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*, ke a leboga *Honourable Frenzel*. Motlotlegi, ke utlwile o ntse o bua ka meraka thata, *are you aware* gore gompiano *land board* ga e beye meraka? Fa e le gore gongwe megopolo o ka tselela o ntse ka tsela e e ntseng jaana, kana go raya gore fa e le gore Puso e epela batho didiba, go tlhokana le gore go nne le ditlankana kana *the compliance documents* tse di tlhokafalang. Ga se gore nako e tlele ya gore ba Lephata le la *Lands and Agriculture* ba bone go le bothokwa gore ba beye meraka?

MR FRENZEL: Ke a leboga *Honourable* Furniture. O e tshwere sentle, kgang ke yone eo. Tota e bile re tshwanetse gore e re fa go ntse go tswelsetse re tle re sekaseke le peo ya didiba. Fa o re o a lebelela gompiano jaana batho ba neetswe lefatshe le lentsi; bo *six by six*, ba bangwe bo *eight by eight*, mme o bo o fitlhela lefatshe leo le ija fela. Jaanong re le Puso e ntšha re tshwanetse go sekaseka, *more so that* Batswana re balemibarui. Ke a tle ke bone le mo *programme*, le fa motho a ne a sa dire tiro ya go tshwana le eo, kwa bofelong fa a sena go tlhokafala gatwe e ne e le molemi morui. E le molemi morui ka lebaka la gore ke ka fa re tlwaelesegileng ka teng, gore re balemi barui. Jaanong re tshwanetse go sekaseka dikgang tseo, go dirwe jalo. Fa o re o a lebelela kwa makgadikgading a bo Mopipi kwa, sediba se sengwe se fale, se sengwe fale, mme mo dikgaolong tse dingwe gatwe gore o bewe sediba o tshwanetse gore o bo o le *six kilometres away from* sediba se se fale. Gone moo go ka rontsha Batswana lefatshe.

MR MONAGENG: *On a point of elucidation* Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Mo go eo, ga o bone re tshwanetse go kgothatsa banana gore, kana jaanong fa Goromente a ya go epa didiba kwa masimong le dipolase, a jaanong ba eme ka dinao ba leme merogo gore ba kgone go itshetsa? Kana fa o lemile *cabbages* le ditamati o kgona gore o itshetse.

MR FRENZEL: Tanki; kgang e tona ke banana, kana banana ke bone bokamoso jwa rona mo lefatsheng le. Re tshwanetse gore e re fa re dira dilo tse re bo re lebeletse bone thata. Go se ka ga itebelela rona ba re a bong re setse re na le bokgoni. Mananeo a a tshwanetse gore a bo a lebagane segolobogolo le banana. Rona ba dingwaga tse di setseng di le kwa godimo gongwe re emetse gore re ye tlhokomela banabana, re bo re tswa mo go tsone. Se se botlhokwa *is to empower* banana. Le Tautona wa lefatshe o rotloetsa gore re rotloetse banana, ba kgone go tsena mo dikgannyeng tsa go tshwana le tse.

Tota maikaelelo ke go leka go godisa tsa temo le thuo. Fa go ntse jalo, ke gone go tlaa dirang gore dikgomo tse o tlaa fitlhelang di tletse gongwe le gongwe, nako eo jaanong Batswana ba tlaabo ba tsaya temo ka tlhwaafalo. Go tlaa gongwe le gongwe ke raya mo ditseleng le go tlhokomela gone moo. Jaanong dinako tseo re tlaabo re tsaya temo ka tlhwaafalo, ka go rialo ke *support amendment* ya *Motion* o e e sa tswang go dirwa, ke bo ke o sala morago ke re a Puso e thuse bao ba ba tlhokanang le thuso ya go nna jalo. Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*.

MR SEDOMBO (TONOTA): Tanki *Speaker*. O mogopolo ke o ema nokeng, ka gore e bile gongwe o tlaa tla o dira le gore mo kgaolong ya me mo motseng, kwa go senang metsi teng, Kgotla e tshwana ya Mhakamme, Leloto le Lephane di tlaa tla di bona metsi, ka jaana mo nakong ya gompiano ga gona metsi mo motseng wa Tonota. Jaanong fa a setse a atologa a isiwa kwa merakeng le masimo, go tlaa dira gore gongwe go itlhaganedise gore motse wa Tonota re tle re bone metsi.

Tota jaaka mongwe le mongwe a itse e bile a lemoga, re tlhokana le leruo le le ntsifetseng, ka gantsi fa o ikopela mananeo potso e e neng e botswa segolobogolo mo kgaolong ya Tonota e nna gore o nosa kae. Go tlaa dira gore didiba tse di neng di epiwa ke ba ditsela di tlogetswe di sa tlhatlhelwa di le foo mme di na le metsi, go tlaa thusa gore jaaka *Honourable* Monageng a ne a supa ka bone banana, ba kgone gore di tle di gokelwe gore di tle di dirisetswe go atolosa thuo. E ka nna ya dihutshane, dikgomo kana temo e ope o ka batlang go tsena mo go yone go e dira. Ke gone mo ke emang ke dumalana le mogopolo o.

Sengwe se tota re tshwanetseng go se tsaya ka mašhetla ke gore, mo nakong ya gompiano fa o lebelela temo e wetse kwa tlase. E le ka mabaka a gore metsi a a bo a seyo kwa go lengwang teng, mme kwa tlase ga lefatshe a le teng, fa go tla mo go reng a ka epiwa a pakiwa mo ditankeng, jaaka mongwe a ne a supa gore metsi go sa kgathalesege gore a ka tla ka tsela e e ntseng jang, fela fa a le teng a kgona go dirisiwa. Fa o lebelela malatsi a, masimo bontsi ke matlotla, batho ba ya magaeng ba ya go batla metsi ka gore kwa masimo ga a yo. Fa e le gore ba a a latsiwa, moo go ka godisa le thobo mo temong e e tlaabong e dirwa. Go ka godisa le koketsego ya leruo le re tlaabong re na le lone. E le mogopolo o e leng gore jaaka o ntse jaana, o montle thata. Motswana mongwe le mongwe o o iteela legofi, jaaka mongwe a ne a supa gore mo diphuthegong tsa gagwe tsa Dikgotla ba ne ba botsa gore tota ka le bua ka go atolosa temo le leruo, jaanong tse re ka di fitlhelela jang ka re na le letharakgofa le re kopanang le lone la lenyora.

Jaanong se se tlaabo se araba selelo sa Motswana yo gompiano a ntseng mo gae a tlogetse masimo, dithlare di godile, diterata di ole e le ka ntlha ya gore metsi ga a yo. Fa a le teng, o tlaa fitlhela le yone temo jaaka batho ba ne ba lema diekere di ka nna tharo kante *five* tse Goromente a di duelelang, go tlaa rotloetsa gore motho a epe tshimo ya gagwe yotlhe. Fa e le gore ke 16 hectares (h) a e epe yotlhe ka gore o na le nako e e ntsi ya go nna mo masimo, e bile a itse gore fa e le gore ke dira temo ya nosetso ke tlaa e dira ka gore metsi a teng.

Se se tlaa kgoreletsa le leruo le o fitlhelang le sasankega mo motseng. Fa ke e fa sekai sa motse wa Tonota, motse o fa gare, noka e ka fa botlhaba, masimo kwa Bophirima. O bo o fitlhela e le gore se se tsala kgotlhakgotlhamo magare ga baagi ba motse. Leruo le le tswang kwa masimo le latela metsi kwa nokeng, jaanong le tsamaya le ralela le e ja ditlhare tsa batho le thula *gates* tsa bone. Fa e le gore metsi a tlaabo a le teng kwa masimo, ga re na go bona leruo le le sasankega le tsamaya mo motseng, le khansela e tliša *charges* tse di bothoko mo bathong. Leruo le gape, le lengwe o fitlhela e le dipodi tse ba neng ba di tsaya ka lenaneo, mme ba di baya le mo gae ka ntlha ya gore ga gona sepe se di se nwang di le kwa masimo. Ke ema jaana ke dumalana le mogopolo o gore a o fete, go sena sepe se se o kgoreletsang. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MR HIKUAMA (MAUN WEST): Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*. Ke ema jaana ke ema nokeng mogopolo o o beilweng pele ke *Honourable Mabuse Pule*. Fa o ka lebelela mo Order Paper ya gago, o ka bona gore ke ne ke tsentsa mogopolo o o tsamaelanang le one o. Fa o ka ntetlelela gore ke o bale, *“That this Honourable House requests Government to introduce a rural water supply scheme, in order to promote economic and social upliftment of the rural communities”*. Fa o ka o tsenya leitlho thata *Motion* wa ga *Honourable Mabuse Pule* o bo o lebelela le o ke neng ke o beile fa pele ga gago le wena o o sekaseke gore o tle o ntetlelele gore ke o buise, e a tsamaelana. Mo go ntseng jalo, go ntlama gore ke eme mogopolo o nokeng gore o fete. Fa o sena go feta o ka re neela le tshono ya gore le wa me ke ka o busetsa kwa morago, ka gore o tlaabo o ntse o tsamaelana le one o.

Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, *a reliable source of clean water* ka boyone fela *can be described as the lifeline of progress*, mo matselong a setho fela. Go tlhoka metsi ga batho kwa ba nnang teng, ka bogone fela go rotloetsa lehuma, tlala le *unemployment*, go šhakgatsa dilo tseo. Batho fa ba tswa kwa ba nnang teng ba re ba latela mafulo a matalana kwa ditoropong le dikgaolo tse di rileng tse di tlhabologileng, ba re ba batla dijo. Ba tlogela kwa mafelong a ba neng ba ka dira dijo teng, ba bo ba atolosa itsholelo ya bone le ya lefatshe ka bophara. O bona fa o dira dijo kwa o leng teng, kwa masimo le kwa merakeng, *you are contributing to the local economy, and even the national economy of the country*. Ga se selo fela sa gore o a bo o itirela foo, selo sa ntlha o fokotsa batlhoki le letlhoko la ditiro, ka gore motho o tlaabo a na le tiro e a e dirang. O tlaabo a ntsha dijo, a kgona go itlamela.

Re fokotsa le yone palo e e yang kwa go bo mmaboipelego. Palo e e kanakana fa le utlwa Puso e tlhabela ka madi, ke gore le tse dingwe tse e neng e ka di fokotsa ka metlhale ya mofuta o, e di oketsa ka go bolaisa batho lenyora kwa ba tshwanetseng go nna teng, ba itirela dijo. Ba bo ba ya go kgotlhagana golo go le gongwefela, kgantele ba fetoga go nna ba ba phakisiwang, ba ba tlamelwang ke Puso. Madi a bo a tlhabela. Go bo go buiwa ka dipatšhe tse di makgwakgwa. Go itša sepatšhe gore se se ka sa nna makgwakgwa, nngwe ya ditsela tseo ke ya go isa metsi kwa a tshwanetseng teng. Batho kwa ba leng teng, ba a tle ba ntshiwe ke lenyora fela la lenyora. A bo a itlhoboga a re, bogolo ke ye kwa Bodibeng. Mma ke ye kwa Rakops a tswa kwa *...(inaudible)...*, a ne a tshwanetse a nne teng. A dire dilo tse a ka di dirang, tse di ka mo direlang botshelo. O felela a ya kwa Rakops. Fa a ya kwa Rakops, *he becomes unproductive*. Ga go na se a se dirang, se se tlišang botshelo. Ga go na se a se dirang, se se agang itsholelo ya lefatshe. Go raya gore metsi *Mr Speaker*, ke konokono mo botshelong jwa motho, e bile mo go tlhabololeng lefatshe.

Ka mantšwe a a kalo *Mr Speaker*, ke ema mogopolo o nokeng. Mogopolo o kwa ntle ga go oketsa lehuma le go shakgatsa letlhoko la ditiro, go tlhoka metsi fela ka bogone a a phepa *Leader of the House*, le tlhaloganye, ke itse gore lona le a tlhaloganye, gore malwetse fela a malwetse, a oketswa ke seemo se. *Clean water* e a thusa. Fa re ka nna le metsi a a siametseng go dirisiwa, kana...

MR KWAPA: *Clarification Mr Speaker*. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke a go leboga motlotlegi. Ke re, o *qualify statement* se sa *clean water*. Ke raya ka lebaka la gore dikgaolo tse re tswang mo go tsone, fa o lebile fela ka matlho, metsi a a epiwang o tlaabo o bona gore a phepa mme boammaaruri e le gore ga a nwege, a letswai le le feteletseng. Ke sone se ke reng gongwe re *qualify statement* se gore ga se kgang ya metsi fela, re batla *potable water*. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

MR HIKUAMA: Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*. Ke a leboga *Honourable Member*. Fa o bona ke gatelela kgang ya *clean water*, ke ne ke bona gore bakaulengwe ba ba buileng pele ga me, ga ba e gatelele thata. Ba tloga ba re re tlhoka metsi fela. Re tlhoka metsi a a tshwanetseng go dirisiwa ke motho le diruiwa tsotlhe. Metsi a tshwanetse gore fa a dirisiwa, a nne *clean*. *Clean in the sense that* ga se a a ka dirang gore fa o ntse o apaya ka one dijo, o a nwa, a bo a go tsenya malwetse a re ka sekeng ra a tlhalosa.

Madam Deputy Speaker ka ke motho wa botsogo, o ka dumalana le nna gore fa batho ba ka bo ba sa nwe metsi a a leswe, e bile go dirisiwa a a siametseng botsogo, le dipalo tsa batho ba ba yang kwa dipateleng, di ka bo di fokotsegile. Go ka bo go sena dipalo tse di kana, malao a dipatela a siame fela sentle. World Health Organisation (WHO) e a supa gore balwetsi ba ba amogelwang mo dipateleng, *more than 50 per cent of them* ba bakiwa ke malwetsi a a amanang le go dirisa metsi a a siamelang go dirisiwa. Fa re bua ka *this water* gone fa, a go tsene mo ditlhaloganyong tsa rona re le babusi, babusi ba Palamente e, *the Executive*, re itse gore ga re reye metsi a a sa tshwanelang go ka dirisiwa ke motho. Re eletsa go bona le metsi a a siametseng botsogo jwa motho, a a siametseng botsogo jwa diruiwa le tsone tse di tlaabong di hephiwa ka metsi a. Ke sone se se tshwanetseng se nne *at the back of our mind*. *Then we need* gore *whatever programme*; jaaka ke utlwile Tona a tlhalosa gore ba loga maano. Ba sekaseka dithulaganyo tsotlhe le go tla ka tsa bone ka gore ke Puso e ntšha. Ba tshwanetse le bone ba se ka ba nnela *to review*, ba nne le *programmes* tse di tseletseng, tse di supang gore *they knew what they want*. E seng gore ba thulathula, ba tshwenngwa ke mananeo a a leng teng. *They should also define their programme* go netefatsa gore thulaganyo ya go isa metsi a a siametseng botsogo le go dirisiwa ke batho mo magaeng, a mo seemong se se siameng.

Go na le masimo a mantsi a a dikologileng metse e tshwana le Bodibeng le Sehithwa. Masimo ao batho ba ka nna *productivity* koo, *supplying* dikole tsa bone ka dijo. Ba kgona *to support the local economy*. Fa o dirile semausu Rre Mathoothe ka gore gatwe o wa dimausu, ba reke se o se dirileng, ba na le letseno le le tsenyang madi. Ba kgonne go lema go dira dilo tse tsotlhe, ba rua, ba na le madi. Fa ba ya kwa motseng ba ya go reka kwa Mahalapye, *Honourable* Tshere ba tla ba eme sentle, ba tla ka borena, ba sa tle e le bakopi. Ba tlile *to exchange* se ba se ntshitseng kwa ba nnang teng. *Now they go there with pride*, ba ntshitse sehuba, ba ntshitse sengwe le sengwe, ba a ja, ba akola mefufutso ya matsogo a bone le phatla ya bone. Ka mantswe a a kalo Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke eme nokeng *Motion* o, ke sa oshaoshe, ke papametse. Ke a leboga.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF TRADE AND ENTERPRENEURSHIP (MR MATHOOTHE):

Thank you Mr Speaker. Ke simolole ke supe jaana gore ke ema nokeng *Motion* wa ga *Honourable* Mabuse Pule. E bile ke bo ke mo lebogele gore a bo a amogetse gore *Motion* o ka baakannwa. Jaaka mongwe a ne a bua,

o tsetswe sesha. Goromente wa UDC *is demonstrating* gore fa go na le sepe se se mosola se se ka thusang batho, re tshwanetse ra nna fa fatshe ra se baakanya re le mmogo, re sa lebelela gore o wa *party* efe. Kwa bofelong, e bo e le gore thulaganyo eo e tswela Batswana molemo.

Go na le kgang e nngwe e e setseng e tsene mo *fashion*, go buiwa gotwe Goromente wa UDC, o bua fela a sa diragatse, mme go sa lebelelwa gore o setse a na le lebaka le le kae mo Pusong. Dingwe tse ke tshwanetseng ke di leboge thata ke gore, Goromente wa UDC e rile a tsena, a baakanya lenaneo lele la Constituency Community Projects (CCP). Le ne le tserwe go tilwe le ye kwa ditseleng fela, mme a fetola gore kwa dikgaolong batho ba nne fa fatshe ba akanye mo dikgaolong tsa bone gore ke dife tse ba ka di dirang, tse di ka ba sologelang molemo. Dingwe tsa dikgang tseo ke gore e rile go sena go nna go nna jalo, nna mo kgaolong ya me e e rileng mo Palamenteng e e neng e feta...

MR PULE: *Point of correction Mr Speaker*. Ke a leboga ntsalaka. Ke a itse gore o motho yo o pelontle thata. Ke go baakanyetse, CCP ga go ise go ke gotwe e ya ditseleng fela. *It was prioritised for that year alone because* lefatshe la Botswana le ne le lela ka ditsela. Go bo gotwe a re ise madi a CCP *for this financial year* mo ditseleng. Ke a leboga.

MR MATHOOTHE: Ga go na boammaaruri jo bo ntseng jalo. Go ne go sa nna jalo. E tlile e le *a directive* e laola gore madi a a lebagane kwa ditseleng. E rile Puso ya UDC e tsena, ya fetola seemo se. Ke gone mo e rileng go nna jalo, kwa kgaolong e ke e emetseng, ke ne ke tsewetse ka go phunya didiba, ka go gokela didiba ke dirisa madi a CCP. Mo e leng gore mo nakong ya gompiano, ke tsamaya mo sedibeng sa bothano. Jaanong go fetola gone mo, ga bo go dira jalo gore le ba dikgaolo tse dingwe, ba bone gore mogopolo o ba ka o akanya ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Ke gone mo ke batlang gore ke leboge Goromente wa UDC gore a bo a ne a itlhaganela gore golo fa a go baakanye. Go ne go le bofelo gore o ka baakanya jalo nako e letla. E bile re na le tsholofelo e ntsi thata gore tse dingwe re a itse gore ke tse di tsayang mogoga moleele. Go santse go le mo tseleng gore go tle go baakannwe. Go fetola one mogopolo o, go dirile jalo gore re le kwa Serowe, re le *constituencies* tse tharo, re dumalane gore ngwaga le ngwaga re e tla re tlopolo madi a re reka *earthmoving equipment*, dilo di tshwana *graders and douzers*. Mo dikgaolong tsa rona go na le matamo a a saleng a dirilwe ke Magosi bogologolo.

Mo kgaolong ya me ke na le matamo a ka feta lesome, mme e bile a kategetse. Gongwe jaaka *Honourable Gobotswang* a ne a bua, o fitlhela e le gore ba lephata la matamo ba santse ba dirisa *machines* tsele tsa bogologolo. Re ne ra tsaya tshwetso ya gore re le *constituencies* tse tharo re pataganele mogopolo o gore tsone *graders* kana *dozers* re tle gape re di dirise mo go katololeng matamo a. Ke gone mo ke batlang gore ke supe jalo gore go tsaya tshwetso e e le UDC gore mongwe le mongwe yo o kwa kgaolong a itebelele gore o ka dirisa madi a CCP, go dirilwe jalo gore go tle go nne le koketsego ya gore didiba di tswelile di gokelwe. Go dirilwe jalo gone gore bangwe ba tle ba kgone go reka *equipment* tse di ka kgonang gore di ye go katolola matamo. E bile gape go ya go thusa thata gore *equipment* e, e ye go dira gore ba masimo jaaka re rotloetsa *cluster farming*, go ya go dira gore *equipment* e e tsamae gape e ye go ntsha disana batho ba tle ba kgone go lema jaanong gongwe ba patagane e le dikoporase.

Fa o tsaya karabo ya ga *Minister* ka fa a neng a bua ka teng, gore re ya go sekaseka dilo tse go bona gore a mme mananeo a a neng a ntse a le teng a ne a thusa. Re kgone go bona jalo gore mo go leng botoka mo re ka go tsayang ke eng. Fa ke ka go fa sekai, gompiono go na le lenaneo le le la *subsidy* ya terata. Fa o ka lebelela, bontsi jwa batho ba ba neng ba tsaya terata, ba ne ba ya go teratelela masimo a e leng gore go na le disana mo teng. Go ne go sena *programme* e e itebagantseng le gore ke ya go epa disana. Fa *programme* eo e seyo, kana go raya gore temo e a bo e seyo. Fa go ntse jalo, re tlaabo re re *fertilizers*, mme re ya go di reka ka madi a mantsintsi, batho ba bo ba sa di tseye ka gore ga re na *programme* e e tlhamaletseng. Jaanong jaaka *Minister* a ne a bua, dilo tse di ya go lebiwa gore *the basic things that we can do* ke gone go lebelela gore jaanong disana di ya go tswa ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Ke gone mo ke reng, re ne re setse re tsere kgato re tsamaela kwa pele ka thuso ya lenaneo lele, le UDC e tsereng tshwetso mo go lone gore re bo re tswelela re ya go dira ka tsela e e ntseng jalo.

Go botlhokwa thata gore jaaka *manifesto* wa UDC o bua o tla o tsere *packages* tsa gore re ya go dira jang, ga o a tshwanela gore o bo o itebatsa gape gore mme kana fa o dira lenaneo, o tshwanetse gore o ye kwa bathong o ye go tsaya maikutlo a bone, gore bone e le balemi, barui, ke sefe se ba ba batlang gore se tsenngwe mo lenaneong. Fa o ka dira lenaneo o le nosi o sa tsenya batho mo teng, lenaneo le ya go faapana le batho, ke gone mo o tlaa tlang ka bo mokgokolosa, maja a ikgorosa, makgadikgadi, ka gore o a bo o ne o sa ya kwa bathong go utlwa bone gore

ba tshwere eng. Ke gone ka fa e leng gore Goromente wa gompiono o tsamaya ka teng gore o ye kwa bathong, o se ka wa dira nkgosakgosa. Ke gone mo Tautona a buileng a tlhamaletse gore e tlaa re *the first three years* re bo re dirile dilo tse tsotlhe tse, gore e se ka ya re ka dingwaga tse pedi tsa bofelo e bo e le gore re a siana jaanong re tla ka mananeo a re sa itseng gore maina a teng a tswa kwa kae. Ke gore batho ba nnile thata, mme ba nnile le sebaka sa go nna le seabe gore mananeo one a le rona re tsaya karolo mo teng re le setšhaba gore e tle e re fa a tswa kwa bofelong, re bo re itse gore a re amile e bile a na le *impact* mo go rona. Ke gone mo ke dumelang jalo gore mogopolo o, o o tlang ka Mopalamente wa Kgatleng, o botlhokwa thata ka gore o tlaa tla o tsenngwa mo dikakanyong tse re tlaabong re tla re di rolela Palamente gore ke lone lenaneo la batho.

Fa o lebelela metsi a a neng a le teng mo ngwageng o, fa o ya kwa Mochudi mo dikgaolong tsa gagwe, metsi a ne a setse jaanong a tsaya batho. Fa go na le matamo a *agriculture*, a ka kgona gore jaanong a boloke metsi a go nna jaana, batho ba bo ba ka ithusa ka one. Fa o ya kwa dikgaolong tsa bo Tutume, Matsitama, o ya go fitlhela e le gore go na le melapo e mentsi e e leng gore metsi ka nako e yotlhe a nna a siana fela. Jaanong fa mogopolo o o ntse jaana, o bo o tla o tsenngwa mo lenanaeong o ntse jalo, re bo re itse gore jaanong re nna le matamo a a lebaganeng le tsa temothuo, ke gone ka fa e leng gore re ka boloka metsi ka teng.

Le gone gore lenaneo le fa le tla re sena go nna re le dira, le kwa merakeng o fitlhela ele gore le one metsi fela a a tswang mo disenkeng, ga re nne le ka fa e leng gore re a somarela ka teng. Ke dingwe tsa dikakanyo tse e leng gore *Motion* fa o ntse jaana, o beilwe jaana, morwarre e bile a dumetse, e bile ke bona a nyenya, a tshega, a supa gone gore nnyaa mme ka fa re tsamayang ka teng, re tsamaya sentle. Jaaka mongwe a kile a bua, fa e ne e le pele, o ka bo o utlwile go bo go emelelwa fela gotwe bakaulengwe a re ganeng, fa go nna jalo go a bo go ganwa. Jaanong ke gone mo e leng gore Goromente o mosha o baakanya sengwe le sengwe gore re nne le neelano gore kwa bofelong re bo re kgona gore lefatshe le la Botswana le bo le felela e le gore batho ba teng ba tshela botshelo jo bo botoka. Ke gone mo ke dumelang jalo *Mr Speaker* ke re ke dumalana le paakanyo ya *Motion*.

MR SPEAKER: *Order! Order! Honourable Members,* ke le reeditse lotlhe, lotlhe ka kelotlhoko thata. Jaanong *before I invoke* Standing Order 56.1 mma ke boneng gore jaaka le ntse jaana, ke mang yo o eletsang gore o ka ganana le Tshutiso...

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

MR SPEAKER: Ke batla yo o ganang.

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

MR SPEAKER: Ke wena Honourable Kekgonegile?

MR KEKGONEGILE: Ga ke itse gore ke tlaa wela jang *Mr Speaker*, mme ke santse ke le fa garenyana.

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

MR SPEAKER: *Nnyaa, ke ne ke sa batle o le fa gare, ke batla yo o clear, who wants to negate the Motion. So, I invoke Standing Order 56.1 and call the mover to reply to the debate ka gore ke a bona gore le a dumalana Honourable Members. Honourable Pule, please reply to the debate.*

MR PULE (KGATLENG EAST): Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke eme fela ke simolole ka go leboga bakaulengwe gore ba bo ba bone bothokwa jwa mogopolo o, mme le bagarona “the Fours...”

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

MR PULE: Nnyaa, ka re “the Fours” ka kwa, gakere golo mo ke *coalition* ya diphathi di le *four*? Le bone “the Fours,” ba bo ba dumalane le nna. Ke selo se se ntle, go simolola fela ka *Minister* Rre Tshere, o ne a tlhalosa gore tota lephata le tsweletse go sekaseka dikgang tse di ntseng jalo. Ga se gore ke ne ke bua Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente ke sa itse gore sepatšhe ga se makgwakgwa ka gore re bolelelwa letsatsi le letsatsi gore sepatšhe se makgwakgwa.

Rre Mmolotsi fa a ntsha mogopolo jaaka *Honourable* Maele a ne a bua, o o ntshitse a ntse a itse gore sepatšhe se ne se le makgwakgwa, kana ke nako ya re tswa mo COVID-19. Megopolo fa re e ntsha, ke megopolo, gore a e tlaa neelwa madi, *it is another thing*. Le kwa lwapeng la gago o na le dikeletso tse o batlang go di dira, mme gore *you will finance them, is another thing*. Go na le gone gore *you can slate all the things that you want to do as a Government, put them on record, and then prioritise them based on how fat the wallet is*, ke ka fa go ntseng ka teng. *Minister* o dumalane le rona.

Rre Mohwasa le ene ke a mo leboga ka fa a akgetseng ka teng, tota a bua gore ga gona ope yo o ka go ganang. *Indeed*, ga go na ope yo o ganneng, le fa ba bangwe ke ne ke bona e kete ba iphitlhile ka monwana Motsamaisa

Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ba etle ba re re dumalana le phetogo ba sa re le mogopolo, re dumalana ka fa o fetotsweng ka teng. *So*, Rre Mathoothe ke mongwe wa batho ba ba neng ba rialo a re o dumalana le ka fa o fetotsweng ka teng.

Dr Gobotswang, *I am very happy*, ke itumetse thata rraetsho, kemo nokeng, ka fa o ngangileng mogopolo ka teng, go a bonala gore tota o itse mathata a Batswana, e bile go a bonala gore o a tlhologanya gore metsi ke one botshelo jwa sengwe le sengwe. O tladitswe gape jalo ke *Honourable* Hikuama, yo le ene a neng a tlhalosa gore metsi ke botshelo, mme e bile a ntshitse mogopolo o o batlileng go tshwana le one o, ene le fa a ne a gatelela a re *rural water supply*. Ke raya gore ke mogopolo fela o e leng gore go ya ka nna, o bothokwa.

Bagaetsho ...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Elucidation.

MR PULE: I yield.

MR KEKGONEGILE: *Point of elucidation*. Tanki *Honourable* Pule ka mogopolo o montle jaana. Kana ka fa o buang ka teng e bile o gatelela mafoko a ga *Honourable* Hikuama gore metsi thatathata kwa *agriculture production areas*, rona re ganelela thata kwa masimong le meraka, gore gone koo ke gone kwa a tlhokafalang thata teng ka ga ba na ditsompelo tsa go nna jalo kwa dikgaolong tsa rona kwa bo Thamalakane, Xobe, Samedupe le Daoga.

O fitlhela e le gore le fa *Motion* o ntse jaana o atliwa, go nna le bothata jwa gore metsi o tlaa fitlhela a le letswai fa a ka epiwang teng mme didiba tsa bo Water Affairs di le teng foo gore fa go setse go ya go diragatswa, a dilo tse *be taken into consideration*. E bile gape e le gore dikgaolo ga di tshwane, *uniformity of* mananeo ga e berekele dikgaolo tse dingwe. Kwa go rona jaaka *Honourable* Pule a bua, go na le dikgang tsa ditlou gore fa go setse go ya go dirwa, go nne le *elephant proof projects* tse di ka tlisang metsi mo dikgaolong. Ke a leboga *Honourable* Pule, ke ne ke re ke go tlatse fela.

MR PULE: Ke lebogile thata mokaulengwe, kana nna le wena re batho ba re *progressive*, re tswa kgakala. Kana ga le itse Kekgonegile go nkgaisa, o ka tswa a ne a na le lona mo nakong e e fetileng mme ke mo itse go le gaisa lotlhe. *He is a very progressive man*.

Ke utlwile le *Honourable* Motsamai ka fa a neng a bua ka teng, kang e a nkgatlhileng ka yone a tlatse *point* a re ga re a tshwanela go ikaega ka mafatshe a mangwe.

Mafatshe a ke neng ke a bala a six a Africa, ke mangwe a mafatshe a a tswelentseng *in terms of water supply especially to rural areas, special to farming areas* jaaka mogopolo o ne wa fetolwa.

Uncle Shima tota o ne a ipoka fela fa a re o ne a nthusa ka megopolo. Kana mogopolo o ke sa le ke o tsisa ka *session* ya ntlha ya Palamente ya State of the Nation Address (SONA). Go fetile *sessions* tse pedi, e ke ya boraro. So tota Shima le go mo itse ke ne ke ise ke mo itse. Ke ne ke sa itse Uncle gore o tswa Molepolole, jaanong ke makala fa a re o ne a nthusa ka mogopolo o ke sa leng ke o tsentse ka *November last year*.

Honourable Maele ke a mo leboga le ene ka fa a buileng ka teng, mathata a gagwe fela ke gore a re ke kopile mme ga ke a kopa. *Mr Speaker, if you allow me, mma ke go balele mogopolo wa ga Honourable Wynter Mmolotsi.*

MR SPEAKER: *Yes do. O nopola mo go eng?*

MR PULE: Mo Order paper, ga ke itse gore ke ya di kae golo fale. Ya re, “*Government to consider assisting farmers to drill boreholes. A bo a re that this Honourable House requests Government to consider assisting farmers to drill boreholes in their farms in order to encourage food security and food self-sufficiency.*” Ga o tshwane le wa me le a nkgolega. Go ka tswa gongwe *concept* e tshwana *but it is not constructed* jaaka wa me. *Gape as a progressive leader...*

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable Pule, re setse ka six minutes before re tswala. Fa go ne go kgonagala ka le a dumalana, e ne e le gore mo nakong e e setseng we vote.*

MR PULE: Nnyaa mme ke feditse Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

Honourable Frenzel le ene o akgetse a dumalana. Jaanong ka mafoko a kalo *Mr Speaker, I move*. Ga ke a tshola *copy* ya o o baakantsweng.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Elucidation.

MR SPEAKER: Move accordingly.

MR PULE: I want to move accordingly Mr Speaker, considering that there has been amendment to the original Motion that this Honourable House requests Government to consider...

MR SPEAKER: You do not have to read the one in the Order Paper. I will read out when I put the question.

MR PULE: I want to move that this House supports me in this Motion Mr Speaker.

Question put and **agreed to**.

DECLARATION OF LESHIBITSE VILLAGE AS A HORTICULTURAL ECONOMIC ZONE

Motion

MR HIKUAMA: *Procedure.* Le fa gongwe a sa go laela, *Mother of the House* o ne a re go na le *show* e a laleditsweng kwa go yone, e a neng a tshwanetse *to attend*.

MR SPEAKER: *Mme kana* Standing Order 16 *se clear batlotlegi, ke nna ke le gakolola ka sone gore any Member who is unable to attend a meeting of the Assembly, shall acquaint the Clerk as early as possible of his or her inability to attend. Ke a go utlwa mme ka nako ya rona e setse e wetse kwa go 12:30 p.m. I shall now call upon the Leader of the House to move a Motion of adjournment.*

MOTION

ADJOURNMENT

LEADER OF THE HOUSE (MR MOHWASA): Thank you Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, there seems to be a lot of indiscipline in this House. That was on the lighter note. Mr Speaker, I beg to move that this House do now adjourn.

Question put and **agreed to**.

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable Members,* nnang le mafelo a beke a okeditsweng le *holidays* tse di babalesegileng. Modimo a nne le lona a le etelele pele, a le babalele. Ba le yang kwa diphuthogong tsa lona tsa sepolotiki sa diphathi, le tsamayeng sentle re le eleletsa masego le matlhogonolo. A re boeng fa ka Laboraro. *We adjourn. Thank you.*

The Assembly accordingly adjourned at 12:30 p.m. until Wednesday 23rd July, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

WRITTEN ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 5

Mr Speaker; I would like to indicate that the question seeks answers on some of the occurrences that dates back to 1889, when the administration of the country's affairs was based in Mafikeng. From then to now, several reforms on land governance and management occurred. Furthermore, during the relocation and transitioning period to Gaborone, some of the information could have been lost or misplaced.

- (i) Mr Speaker; I am not aware of the then area called Chobe Crown Lands, but there was an area called Northern Crownlands according to information obtained from our records (map BP 173 dated 15.1.1964), which included the current Chobe District. Therefore, my response will be based on this area.

In the context of Map BP 173, the Northern Crown lands was an area generally defined by Latitude 21°S and bordering Bamangwato Tribal Territory around Makgadikgadi pan to the south and extending all the way to Kazungula in the North (above Latitude 18°N). To the west, the area is defined by Longitude 24°W bordering Batawana Tribal Territory along the Mababe depression and extends all the way to the east until the Botswana Zimbabwe border on Latitude 26°E. To the north, it is defined by the current boundary with Namibia and that of Zambia. However, this map has no specific coordinates to assist in the determination of the exact total area of then Northern Crown Lands. The approximate then Northern Crown Land is excess of 50 000 square km.

Mr Speaker; The current Chobe District measuring 20 800 square km falls within this area.

- (ii) Mr Speaker; from 1965 to 2006, the Chobe district was not in existence as the area now called Chobe District was part of North West District. I am therefore unable to inform this house about the area of Chobe District from 1965.

However, the Chobe District as established in 2006 has a total area 20 800 Km². The District boundary follows the 19° Latitude on the southern part of the Chobe National Park until it intersects the North West District at around Mababe depression on the western side. To the east, the southern boundary of the Sibuyu forest reserve until it reaches the Botswana - Zimbabwe boundary. All the area north of this latitude is the Chobe District.

- (iii) Mr Speaker; Based on the estimated area of then Northern Crown Lands, the area of today's Chobe District is less than half of then Northern Crown Lands.

- (iv) Mr Speaker; my understanding of the sub question regarding the reduction of the total area of the alleged Chobe Crown land is premised on the assumption that the northern crown lands is supposed to be the now Chobe District. I, therefore cannot provide justification for the reduction as the information relied upon shows that the boundaries for the then Northern Crown lands are not the same as the current Chobe District boundaries.

- (v) Mr Speaker; as per my earlier submission on the same subject regarding, whether the northern crown lands and the Chobe district refers to the same area, In the same vain I am not able to speak on any consultations regarding the alleged reduction of the total area of the current Chobe District.

- (vi) Mr Speaker; When the Northern Crown Lands ceased to exist part of the land went into Central District and the other into North West District. I wish to emphasis that by then the Chobe District was not in existence.

- (vii) Mr Speaker; as indicated above, the total area of the Chobe district is 20 800 sq. Km whose boundaries and parameters were described and spelt out during the Gazettement of the district boundary in 2006.

- (viii) Mr Speaker; the designation of tribal areas and tribal territories in the schedules of the Tribal Land Act is a legacy that this Government is committed to addressing through the ongoing legal reforms including the constitutional review.

Mr Speaker; I wish to explain that the whole of the Chobe, North East, Ghanzi, Kgalagadi are not state land. However, there are pockets of lands which are state land within these districts in particular national parks and game reserves.

- (ix) Mr Speaker; It is not the position of the UDC Government to discriminate against any tribe as far as land rights are concerned.

The Tribal Land Act was amended in 1983 to remove the word "tribesmen" and replaced it with "citizen". Hence according to the provisions of the Tribal Land Act, tribal

land is held in trust for the benefit and advantage of the citizens of Botswana and for the purpose of promoting the economic and social development of all the peoples of Botswana. Furthermore, the UDC government has currently set up an inter-ministerial committee to look into the injustices of the past in issuing land rights to Batswana found in wildlife-protected areas. Additionally, the UDC Government has committed to the review of the land related acts and land management systems with the intention to ensure equitable access to land by Batswana.

- (x) Mr Speaker; The question of naming some territories after certain tribes will be put to Batswana at the appropriate time. I thank you, Mr Speaker.

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