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Wednesday 19th February, 2025

THE ASSEMBLY met at 2:00 p.m.

(THE SPEAKER in the Chair)

PRAYERS

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

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

MR SPEAKER: *Ee, magodimo a bulegile*, we are so, so blessed with the rains and are revealing all sorts of challenges we are having. Let us start our business of today with questions.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

STATE OF ACCOMMODATION FOR
TEACHERS IN SELEBI PHIKWE

MR R. W. KAIZER (SELEBI PHIKWE WEST): asked the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education to update this Honourable House on the state of accommodation for teachers in Selebi Phikwe and the number of houses availed to them for accommodation purposes, the Minister should further state:

- (i) the number of official houses available for junior and senior secondary school teachers and support staff;
- (ii) the total number of teachers housed in official houses versus those who are not housed;
- (iii) the number of teachers who share accommodation, inclusive of married couples; and
- (iv) the waiting period for those with no official accommodation inclusive of married couples.

MINISTER OF CHILD WELFARE AND BASIC EDUCATION (MS KGAFELA-MOKOKA): Thank you Honourable Speaker. Question No.1 reads; “to ask the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education to update...”

MR SPEAKER: Answer the question, do not read the question.

MS KGAFELA-MOKOKA: The question seeks answers on the number of official houses available for junior and senior secondary school teachers and support staff *kwa* Selebi Phikwe, a total number of teachers housed in official houses versus those who are not housed, the number of teachers who share accommodation inclusive of married couples and the waiting period of those with no official accommodation inclusive of married couples. Mr Speaker, I would like to acknowledge the critical shortage of accommodation faced by schools, including those in Selebi Phikwe. Efforts are continuously being made to provide institutional housing to staff with primary focus on allocating these houses on a sharing basis in order to address this shortage.

- (i) Mr Speaker, there are six junior secondary schools in Selebi Phikwe, which together have a total of 202 official houses available for teachers. In addition, the only senior secondary school, Selebi Phikwe Senior Secondary School, has 78 official houses. This is in comparison to the total number of teachers, which is 291 at the junior secondary schools and 124 at the senior secondary school.
- (ii) Mr Speaker, in total, there 415 teachers working across the schools in Selebi Phikwe. Of these, 365 teachers are accommodated in official institutional houses, while 50 teachers are currently on private accommodation as there is inadequate official housing shortage.
- (iii) Mr Speaker, a total of 190 teachers share accommodation across Selebi Phikwe’s secondary schools. This includes 15 married couples, 30 at Selebi Phikwe Senior Secondary school and 20 at the junior secondary schools.
- (iv) Mr Speaker, official accommodation is allocated to staff as and when houses become available. However, due to fluctuating availability of houses, I am unable to provide a specific waiting period for those who are not yet housed. Thank you Mr Speaker.

MR KAIZER: *Supplementary. Thank you Mr Speaker. Mma ke leboge Tona ka dikarabo tse a di re neetseng. Gongwe dipotso tsa me di tlaa nna tharo. Ya ntlha gongwe ke mo gakolole gore o kare ga a araba potso ya*

bofelo ya *waiting period*, gore a o ema go fitlhelela Jeso a tla gore o neelwe boroko kana o neelwa lebaka le le kae? E nngwe ke gore kana barutabana ba Phikwe le fa re ka lebelela *for the past 10 years*, ba ntse ba dira bontle thata fa go tla kwa maduong a bana ba dikole. Jaanong ke botsa *Minister* gore ga a lemoge gore gongwe golo mo go tlaa felela go dira gore maduo a bana ba Selebi Phikwe a wele kwa tlase?

Ya bofelo ke gore kgang e re a touta ya gore re na le matlo a a tletseng kwa BCL, maloba jaaka ke ne ke bua le molekane wa gagwe wa metsi gore a mme gase gore matlo a re a lebelele re a tseye re a neele bodirelapuso le bone barutabana ba le mo teng ba ba berekelang kwa Selebi Phikwe? Ya bofelo ke gore o ne a tlhalosa gore the *married couples* di 50 tse e leng gore *they are sharing* kwa Selebi Phikwe. Ke botse *Minister* gore ga a kgone go lemoga gore a golo mo ke go tsuolola ditshwanelo tsa bao ba e leng gore ba tsere ka fa molaong? *Even their privacy* ga e a nna sentle *Mr Speaker. Thank you very much.*

MS KGAFELA-MOKOKA: Mma ke leboge Mopalamente ka dipotso tse tota di leng maleba. Fa re araba dipotso *Honourable Speaker*, re a bo re di araba ka fa seemo se ntseng ka teng. Ke sone seemo se re iphitlhelang re le mo go sone sa gore banyalani ba bo ba santse ba kgona go kopanela matlo. Matlo a barutabana a a tlhabela. Le gone fela *generally*, babereki ba bantsi ba barutabana ba santse ba kopanela boroko. Golo mo go tsuolola tshwanelo ya bone *to privacy*. Re a amogela gore seemo se mo nakong ya gompiano re fitlhela se ntse jalo mme e bile se ntse jalo. Ke maitlamo a rona re le Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC) gore mmereki mongwe le mongwe o tshwanetse gore a nne mo lefelong e le tshwanelo, le le phuthologileng, le le nang le seriti, le le sireletsang *privacy* ya gagwe. Ke re tota ke matlhotlhapelo a seemo se re iphitlhelang re le mo go sone. Jaaka re ntse re atolosa kgang ya gore tota go a tlhokafala gore matlo a barutabana a okediwe, ba nne mo bodulong jo bo siameng, ke kgang e e leng gore re na le maitlamo a gore re diragatse jalo. Ke tsaya gore ke kgang e e leng gore ga re ka ke ra e tlogela fela e ntse jalo, re tlaa tswelela fela re e sekaseka jaaka tse dingwe, mme re bone gore re simolola kae ka gore kgang e le bothata jo bo aname lefatshe le lotlhe, o kare ga go ise go nne le Goromente *for 58 years*.

Jaanong ke tsene mo go ya *waiting period*; jaaka re setse re buile gore ga re kgone mo nakong ya gompiano go ka bua gore batho ba ema lebaka le le kae, ka kgang ya gore go ntse go sa agiwe matlo a barutabana. Jaanong kana gore go agiwe, madi a tshwanetse gore a tle a rebolwe fa a le teng foo, a rebolwe. Go dirwe thulaganyo e e tsamayang ka fa molaong ya go simolodisa go oketsa *infrastructure*, e seng fela yone ya matlo a barutabana, le gone go baakanya le *classrooms*, tsone tse e leng gore gompiano jaana di re pateletsa gore dikole di ka nna tsa tswalwa. Ke dikgang tse di bothoko thata.

O boditse kgang e tona thata *Honourable Member of Parliament* gore ka Phikwe e ntse e dira bontle thata, a kgang e ya gore barutabana ba bo ba sena boroko kana a nna fa go sa faphegang, a ga go nke go ame maduo a mantle a ba ntseng ba a dira? *Yes, there is a correlation between conditions of service le production.* Le nna ke a boifa tota, go tlile go ba ama. Ke sone se e leng gore seemo se se tshwanetse gore se tsibogelwe. Barutabana le bone ba kgone go lebiwa e le babereki ba ba nang le tshwanelo ya go nna mo bodulong jo bo faphegileng jo bo nang le seriti. Ya matlo a BCL, gongwe mo nakong e motlotlegi, ga ke ka ke ka nama ke tsene mo go yone, mme mogopolo wa teng o montle thata, gongwe ke e tlogelele ba lephata le le lebaganeng ka ga ke ise ke kopane le bone mo kgannyeng e. Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Supplementary.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Mosanana.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Mr Speaker, *ke a mo e tseela.* Mr Speaker, I beg your indulgence on the conditions outside. I do not know if it is by procedure or order.

MR SPEAKER: What about the conditions Honourable Victor Phologolo?

MR PHOLOGOLO: Mr Speaker, the entry into this House is very slippery and as a result of that, I just had a near miss. I think I am not in good state to continue today; I fell Mr Speaker...(Interruptions)... It is very slippery outside. I guess what needs to be done Mr Speaker is to change the slippery tiles on the entrance of this House. May I be very excused Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: Order! Order Honourable Members!

Ke a le utlwa le rona fa re tla mo procession jaana, go ne go utlwala gore go slippery tota. Le fa re tsena by the isle here. I was cautioning the Clerks to be very careful because the gallery is very slippery. Jaanong ga ke itse gore ba ka nama ba beile eng. I am sure the Clerk can hear us from his office, but a re e beeleng General Assembly re bone gore perhaps we can engage ergonomics to advise us about our premises. I am deeply sorry for that mishap Honourable Phologolo.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Further procedure Mr Speaker.

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

MR SPEAKER: *No. Ga go na procedure. Nako ya dipotso is 45 minutes. O rile o tlaa mo e tseela akere.*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: *Honourable Speaker, seemo se se maswe ga se jaaka o se tsaya, ke ntse ke ole gone jaana. Ga se jaaka o se tsaya gore go tlaa iwa General Assembly, kgang e e botlhokwa, fa nna gongwe ke sa gobala, akanya ba ba tlang le gore fa re tswa fa go ya go nna jang. Ke ne ke kopa gore re e lebelele.*

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable Khan o supilwe ke mang?*

MR KHAN: *Ke ne ke ithaya ke re o ntshupile, o tlaa intshwarela.*

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

MR SPEAKER: *Ga ke a go supa. Honourable Members, kana ka re le nna ke ratile go wa, le a utlwa gore ka reng.*

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

MR SPEAKER: *Jaanong ke gore le gate ka matsetseleko, ga go na gore Speaker o ka kgona to change tiles gompieno jaana. It is not possible. Ke sone se ke reng Clerk o reeditse a le kwa ofising, ga ke itse gore o ka ala eng ka gore ke ne ke kopile kwa... (Interruptions)... nnyaa Honourable Mokgware, kana wena o lesole. O ka itsetsepela botoka o General. I apologise most profusely Honourable Members, ke a itse gore go slippery totatota. Jaaka ke ne ke tlhalosa gore go bidiwe bomaitseanape ba tle ba bone because tile e e slippery tota mo go serious. Gongwe ba tsenye mat gore le kgone gore le itshutlhe dinao le se ka la wa. Ga ke itse gore go ka dirwa eng in the meantime.*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: *Ke kopa go bua gore go diriwe eng Mr Speaker.*

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa.

MOTOPI-MAKALAMABEDI ROAD

MR S. O. DIGWA (BOTETI WEST): asked the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to update this Honourable House on the construction of the Motopi-Makalamabedi road; and to further state:

- (i) the cost of the project;
- (ii) when it will be completed, relative to the project initial plan;
- (iii) the name of company engaged and how it was awarded the tender;
- (iv) the number of members of the local community employed and for which skills and professions; and
- (v) the number of sub-contractors, if any, and how many are from the Boteti region.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE (MR ATAMELANG): *Ke a leboga Mr Speaker. Ke a leboga Honourable Digwa.*

- (i) Motopi-Makalamabedi Road was awarded at P264, 173,790.18
- (ii) The project commenced on the 20th February 2024 and is due to be completed on the 19th August 2025.

MR SPEAKER: Government Whip, *tima* microphone oo. *Tswelela* Honourable Minister.

MR ATAMELANG: (iii) The project was awarded to Estate Construction (Pty) Ltd through an open tender.

- (iv) The project has employed a total of 199 people, of which 110 are from the local community (73 from Motopi, eight from Rakops, eight from Letlhakane and 21 from Makalamabedi). The people employed, four are professionals, 29 are semi-skilled and 77 unskilled.
- (v) Mr Speaker, currently there are two sub-contractors in the project involved with Materials

Testing and Construction of Engineers housing, office and laboratory. None of the sub-contractors are from the Boteti Region unfortunately.

Ke tshwere breakdown of the personnel e e hirilweng, e tlaare Rre Digwa a e batla, ke tlaa mo e neela, e telelenyana. Ke a leboga.

MR DIGWA: *Supplementary. Thank you Mr Speaker. Ke ne ke kopa go botsa Minister ka gore fa a supa gore tsela e tlaabo e fela ka August, mme gompiano go supagala gore ga go diriwe sepe mo go yone, e eme fela. E na le dikgwedi di ka nna two or so, go tsamaiwa fela ka dikoloi, go iwa kwa, go iwa kwa, go sa dirwe le fa e le sepe. O ya go dira jang Minister go bona gore tsela ele e a fela ka August as planned? Ke belaela le gore le ngwaga o ka nna wa fela e ise e fele, because ke ne ka ya kwa go bone ba bua problems tsa metsi le tse dintshintsi, gore ga go na metsi. Metsi a teng kwa Boteti, didiba di teng tse e leng gore fa ba batla didiba, ke ka ba supegetsa kwa ba ka tsayang metsi teng.*

MR ATAMELANG: *Ke a leboga Rre Sam Digwa. Go na le mabaka a fa a ntshiwa ke batho ba a gatelela, ba sa kgone go kopana le timeline, re tlaabo re lebelela the contractual obligations tsa bone. Fa e le gore ke tiego ya bomo, ba tshwanetse gore ba tle ba lebisibe molato, mme re setse re itemogetse gore mangwe a mabaka ke dipula tsa December, ga ke ba buelele. I am just saying fela gore le tsone tseo di na le go oketsa timeline. Fa e le gore bo rakonteraka, obligations or duties tsa bone as per the contract ga ba di meet, ba tshwanetse go tseelwa dikgato.*

Ke rata gape ke go itsise gore re mo leetong la go tsamaya re lebelela ditsela tse di setseng di agiwa, tse dingwe tse di mo seemong se e leng gore ga se letlelesege. Ke nngwe ya ditsela e ke yang go feta teng ke tla go bona gore seemo se ntse jang. Ke a leboga.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: *Supplementary.*

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable Boniface Bashi Mabeo, Member for Gamalete.*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: *Ke a mo e tseela Mr Speaker.*

MR SPEAKER: *O a mo e tseela.*

STATUS OF BULLS PURCHASED FROM TEXAS

MR K. NKAWANA (SELEBI PHIKWE EAST): *asked the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to apprise this Honourable House on the status of bulls purchased from Texas, United States of America and to further state whether:*

- (i) *farmers in the Eastern part of Botswana have benefited from the semen of these bulls; and*
- (ii) *he would make access to semen much easier for small scale farmers such as those in the SPEDU area.*

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE (DR DIKOLOTI): *Mma ke go leboge Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke leboge mmotsi wa potso. O ntetlelele Mr Speaker, ke alele potso e gore Ntlo e, e tle e kgone go nna le go tlhaloganya mo go tseneletseng ka kgang e.*

MR SPEAKER: *O lebelele nako Honourable Minister.*

DR DIKOLOTI: *Potso ya teng Mr Speaker, o bona ke e boditse ka bophara jwa yone, akere a re ke apprise Ntlo. Jaanong e raya gore ke e ba lekodise ka bophara gore ba tle ba nkutlwe sentle.*

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable Minister, ga go na bophara. Standing Order 38.4. Tlhamalela kwa karabong. Fa o ka tsaya lebaka le le telele ke ya to evoke Standing Order 38.4 ke bo ke go emisa. Tswelela Honourable Minister.*

DR DIKOLOTI: *Kana o tlaabo a sa tlhaloganye, ke ne ke re ke tle ke mo tlhalosetse. Ke a leboga Mr Speaker.*

Mr Speaker, kgang e ya go rekwa ga dipoo kwa America e tile morago ga gore go itemogelwe gore dipalo tsa dikgomo mo Botswana di ya kwa tlase. Dipalo tsa dikgomo ka bo 1984 di ne di tsamaya mo go bo 2.7 million, 2018 it was around 1.9 million, gompiano dipalo tsa teng di ile kwa tlase thata. Mme ka nako eo go ne ga bonala go tshwanela gore go itlamiwe gore go tlaa diragala jang gore dipalo tsa dikgomo tse di okediwe.

Mr Speaker, mo dipoong tse go rekilwe dipoo di ka tshwara 140 ka 2023 le heifers di le 21. Mme le ngogola go ne ga rekwa tse dingwe gape go tswa kwa lefatsheng la Australia. Go araba go tsenelela potso ya ga Rre

Nkawana, ga go na ope wa barui ba ba tswang kwa *the eastern* Botswana ba ba setseng ba akotse thulaganyo e ya gore ba ka reka moroto wa dipoo tse ke ntseng ke bua ka tsone tse. E re go ntse jalo re setse re kgonne go gama *straws* di ka tshwara 51,000 mo dipoong tse ke nang le tumelo e e tletseng ya gore barui ba ba ntheeditseng go tswa koo ba ke neng ke eleditse go ba alela kgang e ka bophara ba ka tla go tla go akola lenaneo le. *Mr Speaker*, moroto o o leng teng, o teng ka ditlhwatlhwa tse di kwa tlase, tse di ka dirang gore di thuse go tlhabolola letsopa la dikgomo tse di kwa kgaolong e ya SPEDU. Ke itumela thata ka gore gone kwa kgaolong e go na le Artificial Insemination (AI) ya Sefhophe, e ke dumelang gore e ntse sentle, e mo maemong a a siameng a gore e re fa go ntse go atolosiwa thulaganyo e barui ba kgaolo e ba kgone *to benefit* mo go yone. Ke ka itumela thata Rre Nkawana fa o ka ntshala morago ka dipotso tse di tseneletseng, gore ke tle ke go tlhalosetse gore jaanong Puso e e teng e e akanya jang ka thulaganyo e. Ke a leboga.

MR NKAWANA: *Supplementary.* Ke a go leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke leboge karabo ya gago le fa e ne e lebile go sele Tona, e sa arabe dipotso tsa me. Motho o ka botsa gore, a wa re dipoo tse di rekilwe e le go oketsa dipalo, se o neng o se bua, gore go ne go lebilwe gore dipalo tsa leruo la dikgomo di kwa tlase? Rona re ne re tewa gotwe ke *to improve quality*. Jaanong o leke *to reconcile* dikgang tse tsa gago tsa dipalo le *quality ya beef* ya Botswana fa o nkaraba.

Ya bobedi ke gore wa re re lebe kwa AI ya Sefhophe e e suleng, kana legale le e baakantse? O bo o re tlhalosetse gore a e siame, re tlaa ya go tsaya moroto wa dipoo tseo gone koo, le gore le ya go e isa leng?

E nngwe potso ke gore, fa e le gore barui ba SPEDU ga ba ise ba bone moroto go tla go tsena mo nakong e o fiwa bomang, bone ba a go o bona leng? Ke a leboga.

DR DIKOLOTI: Ke a leboga thata Motlotlegi Nkawana. Go rekwa ga dipoo tse go ne go le gabedi, kana kgomo e namagadi ga e ka ke ya tsala kana dikgomo ga di ka ke tsa ntsifala go sena poo mo go tsone. Kwa ga rona go a tle gotwe di tsala jang di sena poo. Jaanong ke tsaya gore go nna teng ga dipoo tse le go gama moroto wa tsone e ne e le gone moo go tlhabolola letsopa le go oketsa dipalo tsa dikgomo Motlotlegi Nkawana. Mo Pusong e ntšha kakanyo e e atologile go feta, re

na le tumelo e e tletseng ya gore re tshwanetse *to tap* mo boitseanapeng jo bo seng kana ka sepe jwa dingaka tsa leruo, gore re tlhatlhobe dipoo tse di ntseng di le teng le mo ditshoteng. Le tsone dipoo tse di kwa tsele re lebelele gore a mme di tshwanetse go nna kwa fela, kana re dirise metlhale yotlhe e e leng teng e e ka dirang gore re atolose go tlhabolola letsopa ka bonako, mme e bile re kgone go atolosa le dipalo tse rra ka bonako. *So it is an issue of quality and numbers. Even in terms of numbers* kakanyo e ntšha ke gore...ga ke itse gore mo gompionong fa ke go botsa gore gone mme *your weaning percentage* kwa morakeng wa gago ke bokae, o na le karabo ya yone. Ga ke itse gore gompiono fa ke go botsa gore la bofelo o dira mo gotweng *pregnancy diagnosis* ke leng, ga ke dumele gore ke golo mo o nang le gone. Mme kakanyo e ntšha e e tlang ke gore, mo mananeong a a tlang re tlaa netefatsa gore thota nngwe le nngwe go ya ka botona jwa yone thulaganyo e e atumediwe gore o itse gore ka nako e e rileng dikgomo tse di morotwana mpeng, di palo e e kae. Golo mo go tlaa re thusa gore re ikgobokanye go feta, gore re oketse palo ya dikgomo Motlotlegi Nkawana.

O ne o botsa gore moroto o o tlaa atumela leng kwa Sefhophe; ke tsaya gore o ne o boletsa gore ke lekodise ba Sefhophe gore go botlhokwa gore ba go rome fa go tlhokafala kana ba atumele, le rona re tlaa ba atumela. *We would want to engage extensively on a stakeholder engagement*, gore re bone gore ba atumela go tla go tsaya meroto e, go reka kwa, le rona re ba atumeletse, ka gore kana kwa ba beilweng teng, kana ka dikane go tshwanetse gore go nne le liquid nitrogen e mo bogompionong re santseng re e bona kgakalanyana. Ke na le tumelo e e tletseng ya gore *this will create a lot more opportunities* kwa Selebi Phikwe, gore go nne le ba bangwe ba ba ka dirang liquid nitrogen go e atumeletsa, gore *farmers* fa di le koo di kgone go boloka moroto o o botoka oo. Ke a leboga.

MORUPULE POWER PLANT

MR T. B. LUCAS (BOBIRWA): asked the Minister of Minerals and Energy to apprise this Honourable House on the state of Morupule Power Plant, whether or not it is operating optimally and what it will take for it to cease bleeding Government coffers.

MINISTER OF MINERALS AND ENERGY (MS KENEWENDO): Thank you Mr Speaker, thank you Honourable Lucas. Mr Speaker, in regards to the current state of Morupule B, Morupule B is a 600 megawatt coal powered station and it was commissioned in 2012 and it was commissioned with equipment defects with some challenges right at construction. To improve performance of the plant a technical audit or gap analysis was conducted in 2014 to determine the measures to address the defect and to render if the plant was fit for purpose. Arising from the gap analysis that was done Botswana Power Corporation (BPC) and the contractor who constructed the plant embarked on the ongoing plant remediation project. To date remedial works on the first unit, (Unit 4) have been completed and works on the second unit, (Unit 3) are in progress and the unit is expected to be back in service in November this year, 2025.

In addition to the remedial works BPC rolled out an operations and maintenance performance improvement strategy in October 2021, which significantly improved Morupule B plant availability from 33 per cent to the current 60 per cent. It should be noted that a properly constructed and well operated and maintained coal fired power station should operate at a minimum of 80 per cent. At this moment it fluctuates between 50 and 60 per cent.

The ongoing Morupule B remedial works project is expected to be completed by the end of 2027, after which period the plant is expected to achieve the industry standard of at least that 80 per cent availability. It is key to note that Morupule B contributes 50 to 60 per cent of the country's annual electricity demand despite its current fluctuating performance.

Lastly, regarding the cost burden the cost of remedying the plant is borne by the contractor and BPC meets the cost of operations and maintenance, it does not work on remedial. It was agreed that the contractor will do remedial works.

The cost of generating electricity from Morupule B Power Station is around 60¢ per kilowatt hour compared to over P1 per kilowatt hour by the new built coal fired power plant. I thank you Mr Speaker.

MR LUCAS: *Supplementary. Thank you very much Mr Speaker. Mo bekeng e e fetileng ke ne ke botsa ka*

alternative energy, motlakase wa marang a letsatsi. Ke supa gore e kile ya re re le gone fa mo Palamenteng e e fetileng, ga nna le tlhaloso ya gore go adimiwa madi kwa kae gore re tle re tlhabolole alternative energy. E rile re ntse re le gone fa gape mo Palamenteng e e fetileng, ga adimiwa madi a go baakanya Morupule B. A mme eo o a e itse, ke botsa jaana ke utlwa o re kana the contractor ke ene yo o baakanyang. Jaanong madi a re neng re a adima kwa mafatsheng, re ne re a adimela go dira eng fa e le gore jaanong contractor ke ene yo o baakanyang. E le potso ya ntlha.

Potso ya bobedi ke gore, ka fa Morupule B a leng sekotonko ka teng, *are we getting our monies worth* mo Morupule B? Kgotsa jaanong ke gore re setse re ikgolegile ka yone, ga gona se re ka se dirang.

Potso ya boraro e bile e le ya bofelo *Mr Speaker, scrap* se sa *power station* se, a mme kwa bofelong ga se sone se se dirang gore motlakase o re o rekang wa go tabolwa o, o ture mo go kanakana. Kana maloba ke utlwile botlhoko thata e le gore, fa ke reka wa P300, *units* tsa teng di *less than* 200 kwa Bobonong. Ga se gore bothata ke *scrap* sa Morupule Power Station fa motlakase o re turela ka bokete jo bo kana. Ke a leboga.

MS KENEWENDO: *Mr Speaker, tota Rre Lucas o botsa dipotso tse disha, segolo jang tse di itebaganyang le loans tsa Botswana Power Corporation (BPC), tsa World Bank. Ke kopa go bala potso e a e boditseng; to ask the to Minister apprise this House on the state of Morupule Power Plant, whether or not it is operating optimally and what it will take for it to cease bleeding Government coffers.*

Ke tlile ka araba gore e *operate* jang, ga e a botsa gore madi a a adimilweng *last year* le gore a dirisitswe jang. Fa re batla go araba eo, go batla re e boditse *so that I can go find out* gore *last year* go adimilwe bokae, a dirisitswe kwa kae, e bile a dirisitswe jang...

MR SPEAKER: Hang on Honourable Minister, the last part of the question is asking about when will this cease to bleed Government coffers. I think it is in that spirit that Honourable Lucas is asking about the guarantee which this House authorises to BPC. So I thought you would have elaborated more on bleeding Government coffers.

MS KENEWENDO: Mr Speaker, *ke ne ke santse ke wela ke re ya* specifically on the loans, I would have liked for that to be a separate question because I would have brought that. *Ya gore* when do we intend to cease bleeding Government coffers, I was going to say, actually we have started looking at whether or not this is a defunct asset, that we have started the work on that. I do not have any information Honourable Lucas, on all of the loans that were taken last year, because you should have asked that as a separate question. I can go and dig further on all of the loans that were taken *gotwe ke tsa* Morupule B, I am unaware of all of the Morupule B loans because as I said what I know is all of the remedial works are taken care of by the contractor and not by the Government. BPC is taking care of maintenance and operating the plant. We are also paying, which I think should fall within remedial, we are paying for importing electricity whenever the plant is down and we have been asking ourselves if this should not fall within the cost of remedial works, since we have taken out a loan in anticipation of being able to produce electricity ourselves. If we are not producing electricity, the cost of importing should be recognised as remedial. Therefore, we are going through a whole back and forth exercise of who should be taking care of those costs of importation. Thank you Mr Speaker.

MR LUCAS: *Point of order. Mr Speaker, point of order* ya me ke gore go a lebega jaanong Honourable Kenewendo fa dipotso di tla, o kaya gore o batla gore a tle a botswe tse dingwe tse disha, mme tota potso e batlile se e se batlang. Ke dumela gore Tona ga a bodiwa potso ya mofuta o, o tshwanetse *to apprise* ka *all aspects of the question related to the same question, particularly* fa ke botsa ka kgang ya *cost* ya Morupule B mo mading a lefatshe la Botswana, ka gore Morupule B e ja madi a Botswana fela jaaka mothwa o tanta saka. Jaanong ga e ka ke ya re go le gompieno...

MR SPEAKER: Where is the point of order?

MR LUCAS: The point of order *ke gore, ga a arabe dipotso*. She must answer questions.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Lucas, kana Tona a re o arabile gore go ya ka kitso ya gagwe mo karabong e a e tshwereng ke gore, *contractor* ke ene a lebaganweng ke *costs* tsa go baakanya *plant*.

Sa bobedi a bo a re, o *assess* gore *is this a defunct asset, the assessment* yone ya gore a e ntse e gogela kwa goreng *will the Government coffers be bled*. So o go arabile, ke gore gongwe ga le dumalane. Fa o kopa *additional information*, o ka go fa *additional information* Honourable Lucas. *Certainly there is no point of order*.

NUMBER OF REPORTED RITUAL MURDER CASES

MR A. K. KHAN (MOLEPOLOLE NORTH): asked the Minister for State President:

- (i) to update this Honourable House on the number of reported ritual murder cases in the past five years; and
- (ii) if there are any plans to decisively deal with this national problem, given Government's commitment to a human right-based approach.

MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT (MR MOHWASA): Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Lephata le nmile le dipalo tsa dikgetsi tsa polao di le sekete, makgolo a mane, masome a marataro le boraro (1463) mo dingwageng tse tlhano tse di fetileng, 2020 to 2024. Mo bathong ba ba bolailweng ba, ba barataro ba fitlhetswe ba sena dikarolo dingwe tsa mmele. Ka jalo, go sena bosupi jwa gore ke dikgetsi tsa go gopela batho go dirisiwa go ithatafatsa. Babelaelwa ba dikgetsi tse tsotlhe ba tshwerwe, mme di setse di ile fa pele ga makgotla.

Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, bangwe ba batho ba ba fitlhelwang ba bolailwe, ke batho ba ba begilweng mo sepodiseng e le ba ba timetseng. Ba sepodise ba mo ditshekatshekong tsa go tlhabolola ditsamaiso tsa go tlhotlhomisa melato ya go timela ga batho le dipolao. Mo go lebelela ka fa go tlhotlhomisiwa ka teng Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ka fa *information* e tshegetswang ka teng le ka fa go ikgolagannwang le ba malwapa ka teng. Ke a leboga.

POOR WORKING CONDITIONS AT BOTSWANA POST

MR K. C. HIKUAMA (MAUN WEST): asked the Minister of Communications and Innovation:

- (i) if he is aware of the poor working conditions for Botswana Post workers across the country; and if so,

- (ii) how his ministry intends to improve the situation in relation to the establishment of a clear scheme of service that recognises qualifications and work experiences of workers.

MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INNOVATION (MR TSHERE): Thank you very much Mr Speaker and good afternoon to my colleagues.

Mr Speaker, yes, I am aware of poor conditions under which BotswanaPost employees work under. The situation is aggravated by the fact that most post offices throughout the country have been constructed as early as 1960s and since then, most of them have not been refurbished or re-developed. Noticeably, National Development Plan (NDP) 11 did not include provision for post office infrastructure development. Please note that Government of Botswana is actually the only shareholder at BotswanaPost.

However, the new Government posture to leverage on Public Private Partnership (PPP) model for infrastructure development, BotswanaPost is looking forward to unlocking its commercial potential to its facilities especially in Gaborone Main Mall, Mochudi, Mahalapye, Bobonong and others.

Mr Speaker, BotswanaPost upholds comprehensive conditions of service designed to attract, retain and develop employees through a transparent and fair recruitment process. The organisation prioritises internal promotion to recognise and motivate employees contributing to a low attrition of only 2 per cent over the past five years. Additionally, BotswanaPost implements an annual staff development programme to enhance employee skills and career growth.

Despite these challenges and with the aid of Universal Access and Services Fund, BotswanaPost has successfully developed 15 post offices, including construction of seven new offices and refurbishment of eight existing facilities. In line with its vision to enhance commercial activities in villages, BotswanaPost has introduced mini commercial centres known as Poso Malls in Tati Siding including Mmopane Poso Mall and Palapye Poso Mall due to be completed this financial year.

In conclusion, we are in the process of re-constituting Board of Directors for BotswanaPost which once re-

constituted, will be aligned to the objectives of the Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC) Manifesto. I thank you Mr Speaker.

MR HIKUAMA: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker.* Ke lebogela karabo e o leakang go araba potso e ke e boditseng. *Emphasis* e tona, fa o ka lebelela ga e mo go ageng diposo, ga e mo go ageng *capacity* gore le *train* batho go le kae le dira eng, ga e koo. *Emphasis* ya re mabaka a tsa pereko, bogolo jang *Scheme of Service*, lephata le le okametseng diposo ga le na naso. *Scheme of Service* go raya gore *posts are created* jang. Ke go tlhalosetsa, go na le Mogokgo le Mothusa Mogokgo, jalojalo. Ga go supagale gore mo diposong go ntse jalo ka gore le *Form 5, Degree holder* le mongwe le mongwe fela ba amogela go tshwana fela. *They are not recognised by qualification. Experience is not recognised and what kind of an employment e o e okametseng Honourable Minister?* O ikaelela go e baakanya leng? Ke bona o dikologa o bua ka *workshops* gore *you are training and empowering* batho. *That is not what I wanted to know. I want to know* gore when *are you going to develop a clear Scheme of Service that recognises experience and skill?* Ke a leboga.

MR TSHERE: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker.* Ke a leboga *Honourable Hikuama.* *I think* ke dikgang tsa gore gongwe ga re utlwane ka Sekgoa. Fa a bua ka *Scheme of Service* o bua thata ka dilo tsa ga Goromente. *Jaanong here we are talking about private sector, they are talking about conditions of service.* Ke ne ke bua *in terms of conditions of service which are there in place.* *However, I admit* gore gongwe go ka tswa go tlhabela jaaka o bua. Rona kwa lephateng se re se dirang gone jaana, *we are reconstituting the boards. Remember as a Minister, I work with the board. It is the board that I will now talk to, and say, Honourable Hikuama a re, ga go na Scheme of Service or condition of services are not very clear. LeForm 5 le amogela jaaka motho wa Degree, what is going on? We are in that process of reconstituting the boards and as the Minister, that is where my attention is at the moment. I hope that will answer your question in the near future. Thank you.*

DR DOW: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker.* Ke a leboga mokaulengwe. Ka e bile o ne o gateletse thata mo dikagong, gongwe o ne o sa itse. Fa ke ka go bolelela gore ya Oodi poso e a nkg. E nkgisiwa thata

ke gore, e na le bommanthwane mo teng. Babereki bale ba bereka mo seemong se e leng gore ga se a tshwanela botsogo. Mo e leng gore bontsi jwa rona ga re e dirise, re a e tshaba. Ke ne ke re a o tlaa e tsenya mo go *others*, fa o setse o lebelela tse o tlaa tlang o di baakanya? Ke a leboga.

MR TSHERE: *Mr Speaker, thank you very much.* Ke sone se se ke neng ke se tlhalosa ka karabo. Ke amogetse fa gore ke dumalana le bone gore diposo tsa rona ba bontsi di sale di agilwe bogologolo. *Look at the Main Mall one*, yone e e mo Gaborone fela fa. Di sale di agilwe bogologolo, di ka nna tsa tswa di setse di ngokile bo mmamanthwane jaaka o bua. Thulaganyo e teng ya gore re shafatse diposo jaaka ke ntse ke tlhalosa gore tse re di shafatsang di kae. Ke tlaa etela le ya kwa Oodi. Ke tle ke bone gore e ntse jang le yone, gongwe re tlaa e tseya moo ka gore fale le fale re thusiwa ke madi le fa a sa lekane, *Universal Access and Service Fund to refurbish these plots.*

I want to encourage you members, when I bring the proposal for diposo under BotswanaPost kwa Committee of Supply, support me le itse gore ke madi a a tlhokafalang go shafatsa dipotso tsa lona. Ke a leboga.

BULLS QUARANTINED AT PANDAMATENGA

MR S. O. MAPULANGA (CHOBE): asked the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to apprise this Honourable House on:

- (i) what happened to the reported two bulls that were allegedly quarantined at Pandamatenga; and
- (ii) where they were coming from and where they were relocated to.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE (DR DIKOLOTI): Tanki *Mr Speaker.*

- (i) Mo karabong ya potso e, ke belaela gore dipoo tse pedi tse Mopalamente a botsang ka tsone, o raya gore *they were quarantined* kwa Pandamatenga mme di tla di tswa kwa Zimbabwe. *Mr Speaker, based* mo go reng dipoo tse di ne di tswa kwa Zimbabwe, selebego sa tsone sa Tlhako le Molomo se kwa tlase thata go re pateletsa go sala ditsamaiso morago gore dipoo tse fa di goroga,

be quarantined, di bo di kentiwe ka molemo wa Tlhako le Molomo.

- (ii) Dipoo tse *Mr Speaker*, go utlwala e ne e le mpho ya Tautona wa pele Dr Mokgweetsi E. K. Masisi. Di tla di tswa kwa baruing go tswa kwa Zimbabwe morago ga leeto la gagwe le a neng a ile kwa *the Agricultural Show* gone kwa Zimbabwe. Dipoo tse go utlwala gore di isitswe golo gongwe kwa morakeng wa gagwe o o kwa Gani *area in the Okavango District.* Ke a leboga.

MR MAPULANGA: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga. Mma ke leboegele karabo. Ke ne ke batla go utlwisisa gore tsamaiso ya *the hooved animal movement* go tswa Chobe e ntse jang? Ke lemoga gore dilo tse tsa dimpho, di kgona go rotloetsa gore bolwetse bo tsamae. Rona *Mr Speaker* fa re di bona, re ne re dumetse gore *we are going to benefit* mo go tsone ka gore e ne e le nako ya *campaign* e go neng gotwe re tsamaya re phakisiwa dipoo, di bo di nyamela. Di tsewa bosigo fela ka bo 3:00 a.m. Jaanong ka tsamaiso, le ne le lebile *movement* wa dipoo tse ka tsela e e ntseng jang gore o se ka wa anamisa *Foot and Mouth*?

DR DIKOLOTI: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker.* Ke leboege Mopalamente. Ke tsaya gore mo karabong ya me, ke ne ke supa gore Zimbabwe *is a red zone.* Dipoo tse di ne tsa tla, di bo di tla di kwarantinwa *in a red zone* mme moraka o ke neng ke o bolela le one *is in a red zone.*

O a bona gore mo go laoleng matlhoko a leruo, re sireletsa ka mo gotlhe gore sepe se se tswang kwa *red zone* se ka iphitlhela se le mo *the green zone.* Ke ne ke supa gore re lebelela *the place of origin* ya lone leruo leo gore re babalele gone moo. Jaaka o bua, le kwa Chobe re tlaa tswelela re ntse re akanya, dipatlisiso di tswelitse le tsone, go bona gore le tlaa akola jang go tseletse mo go tse tsa thuo. Re tlaa nna re ntse re di lekodisana motlotlegi. Ke a leboga.

DUAL CITIZENSHIP

DR U. DOW (KGATLENG WEST): asked the Minister of Labour and Home Affairs when, if at all, the dual-citizenship court win will be a real win to those affected and more particularly whether, in the spirit of being pro-family, spouses of beneficiaries of the dual-citizenship law will have a right to reside and work in Botswana.

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND HOME AFFAIRS (MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE): *Thank you very much Mr Speaker, mma ke leboge Madam Dow ka potso e ntle e. Ke potso e ke dumelang gore Batswana ba le bantsi ba a e botsa gore go a tweng. Gongwe ke tlhalose jaana ke re, fa gotwe dual citizenship court win go tewa eng, gore e re fa ke e tlhalosa ke tsamaelana le karabo ya ga Madam Dow, tota mme ke bo ke le mo setlhogong sentle.*

Kgang e e dule fa e leng gore Mme Sithabile Pauline Mathe le bangwe ba ne ba ya kwa *High Court* ba kopa gore lekgotla le seegele kwa thoko dintlha dingwe tsa Citizenship Act tse ba neng ba dumela gore ga di ka fa molaong kana di gotlhagotlhana le tsamaiso kana le melao mengwe. Jaaka *Section 13(1)* e ba neng ba dumela gore e gotlhagotlhana le *Section 3, Section 13, 14* le *15*. Le *Section 15(4)* e le yone ba neng ba dumalana gore le yone e gotlhagotlhana le *sections* tseo tsa Molaomotheo. Fa e le gore Kgotlakgolo e ne ya tsaya tshwetso ya gore *sections* tseo tsotlhe di seegelwe kwa thoko, jaanong mo go ne go raya eng. Go ne go raya gore ope fela Motswana wa rona yo o neng a ka bo a le kwa lefatsheng le sele kana a na le boagedi go sele, go raya gore fa dingwaga tsa gagwe di nna 21, ga go tshwane le pele kwa a tshwanetseng go ya go ithola *citizenship* ya lone lefatshe leo. Sa bobedi, go ne go raya gore fa o le Motswana kana o ne o nyetse kana o nyetswe ke motswakwa, le gone jaanong go raya gore ga o latlhegelwe ke Botswana jwa gago, o ntse o a tswelela o le Motswana.

Re le ba Lephata la *Labour and Home Affairs* re ne ra dira gore tsotlhe tsa molao jaaka lekgotla le ne le laetse, re di sale morago. E bile re bo re tsamae re baakanye tsotlhe tse di maleba tse di tlhokafalang. Ke batla go tlhomamisa gore le gompiano jaana fa o tla o na le seemo se se ntseng jaana, re sala katlholo e morago. Ga re sa tlhole re go busetsa kwa morago re re tsamaya o ye kwa o ye go ithola boagedi jwa lefatshe leo.

Batswana ba le bantsi ba a botsa, ba a letsa ka kgang, mme ke ba rotloetsa gore tlang kwano lotlhe ba le nang le seemo se re tle go baakanya re le neele boagedi ba lona ka fa tshwanelong. Le se ka la ithontsha seo. Fa o ka lebelela, Batswana ba bantsi ba letsa thata ba re nnyaa, mme o ne a ntse jaana kana rre o ne a tswa kwa, jaanong gatwe ke tsamae ke ye go ithola boagedi. Nnyaa, ga go

a nna jalo. Ba bangwe e bile go ne go emisitswe gore ba neelwe bo Omang. Ke a kopa ka re fa le na le bone koo, ba rotloetseng, le fa le tshwere diphuthego tsa Dikgotla, ba boleleng ba tle kwa go rona re tle go ba baakanyetsa. Batho bao ke Batswana ka tshwanelo ka gore re sala Molaomotheo morago, re utlwana le yone kgang e ya katlholo e e tswang kwa lekgotleng le legolo la molao.

E a neng a e botsa Mme Dow ke gore, *are we pro-family*, ke gore a re rotloetsa lelwapa. Ka boammaaruri mmaetsho, re dira jalo. Ke ka go bolelela gore mo makgethong a mantsi ba ba neng ba amega ka dilo tseo monna le mosadi, kana ngwana gotwe o kwa, re dira jalo re ba neela boagedi ka fa tshwanelong. Ga re batle go bona go na le kgang ya gore bangwe ba rontshitswe boagedi. Ke a leboga.

DR DOW: Supplementary. La ntlha ke a go akgola, e bile ke a go leboga, Batswana ba reeditse, *I am sure* ba phaphatha diatla. Ke la ntlha Tona a tlhamalala fela a papamala ka kgang e ya *citizenship*. Ke a go leboga.

E ke neng ke e botsa ya bobedi, ke ne ke bua gore kana *pro-family, human rights* gakere ke gone fa re tsepameng teng, gore a ga se nako ya gore fa o le Motswana o nyetswe ke motswakwa, ga ke re mo fe boagedi, ka re mme *once you recognise* gore lenyalo le ke la tlhomamo, a a fiwe *automatically the right to reside and work* mo Botswana. A tlatse *forms* mme a itse gore o tlaa di bona. A se ka a ema jaaka mongwe le mongwe fela, gore gongwe o tlaa fiwa, gongwe ga a nke a fiwe. Gompiano jaana ke go bolelele Tona, go na le batho ba e leng gore basadi kana banna ba bone ga ba nne mo Botswana ka gore ga ba na *residence permit, or* fa ba e filwe, ga ba fiwe *work permit*. Ke ne ke re le baakanye golo fa malwapa a tle a bopagane. Ke a leboga.

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: *Thank you very much.* Tanki Mme Dow ka gore o e boditse, ke e tlhamaletse. Ke bo ke le kope le le Mapalamente ke re fa go na le bangwe ba ba ntseng jaana ba le mo seemong seo, ba tlise kwano. Re tlile go ba neela *residence permit* ka fa tshwanelong. E tlaa re fa nako e tsena ya gore ba ikopele boagedi, ba bo ba ikopela fela sentle. Ke a le kopa, fa le na le bone ba ntse jalo, ba boleleleng, le diphuthego fa le di tshwara, anamisang molaetsa o tswe. Le utlwile gore kana *we are a pro-human rights Government*, jaanong dirang jalo le ba bolelelele jalo. Ke a leboga.

MR KAPINGA: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker: Honourable Minister*, ke ne ke solofetse gore lephata la gago *after this very important decision by our superior court*, le ne le tlaa ntsha letsholo go ya kwa bathong, gore bagaetsho, jaanong molao o baakantswe re tlile go le baakanyetsa seemo sa lona sa boagedi ka fa molaong. Ga ke ise ke bone letsholo lepe le le duleng kwa lephateng la gago.

Ya bobedi, ke bona lephata la gago le goga dinao, batho ba re ba romelang kwa lephateng la gago gore ba ye go thusiwa, go tsaya sebaka se se leele gore ba thusiwe. *Even the cases that I have personally referred*, go tsaya sebaka gore ba thusiwe. Ga go supe le na le mafolofolo ao a gore le baakanye seemo se se neng se sa siana ka fa tlase ga Puso e e suleng ya Domkrag. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: Tanki *Mr Speaker*, tanki mongwame. Kgang e o e buang rraetsho, go lebega jalo, mme boammaaruri bo teng. Kana re bereka ka ditsompelo, ka *budget*, jaaka re simolotse ka *October* jaana, re santse re baakanyetsa letsholo la go tsamaya le lefatshe lotlhe, re eme ka dinao re le *ministry*. Pele ga ke dira jalo, ke tlaa kopa gore le lona le anamise molaetsa o. Kana dilo tse dingwe tse fa selo se le sesha jaaka se diragala jaana, se batla ditsompelo, jaaka go tshela dikoloi le gone go tsamaya naga e yotlhe. Re ya go dira fela jalo, o tlaa re itshwarela fa e le gore tota wena o lemoga o kare re bonya. *We will avail resources so that we can make sure* gore batho ba rona ba *ministry* ba tsamaya ba gasa molaetsa o. Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: *Order! Honourable Members*, go na le mathatanyana a motlakase, le nna ke a khinkhela fa o bona ke tshwere tukwana e jaana. *Honourable Minister Kgafela-Mokoka threw me a curve ball*, fa le ntse foo, *it is a matter that I entirely agree with her that it is an emergency because* go lebega re na le mathata a dipula. Jaanong o ne a kopa go dira *statement* mabapi le go tswala ga dikole. *In terms of Standing Order 41, the Learned Parliamentary Counsel is here, "a Minister who wishes to make a statement under this Standing Order shall, (a) inform the Speaker of his or her wish," which she has done. (B) that is where we have a stumbling block, "submit to the Speaker a copy of the statement before the beginning of the sitting at which he or she wishes to make a statement."* Lona ba le ntseng le le fa, le a itse gore *there is a way around that*.

Honourable Kgafela-Mokoka o ka kopa mongwe wa bakaulengwe ba gago *maybe to move in terms of Standing Order 130.1 and suspend (B)* fa ba ka dumela, fa ba sa dumele go raya gore re tlaa ya kwa *Appropriation*.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Order Mr Speaker!

MR SPEAKER: Ga go na *order*. O nkutlwile fela sentle gore ka reng.

BUSINESS MOTION

MINISTER OF CHILD WELFARE AND BASIC EDUCATION (MS KGAFELA-MOKOKA): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke dumedise Ntlo e e tlotlegang e gape le Mapalamente a a tlotlegang. Ke bo ke ye kwa Standing Order 130.1 *to suspend the business of the day at the end of question time*, ke neelwe metsotsonyana ke ntshe *statement* sa tshoganetso mabapi le go tswalwa ga dikole ka ntlha ya merwalela. Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: Hang on Honourable Minister. Your wish is to make a statement right at the end of questions?

MS KGAFELA-MOKOKA: Yes Honourable Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Members, the question is that the Honourable Minister wishes to invoke Standing Order 130.1 so that we suspend Standing Order 41.1(b), which requires that she ought to have submitted a statement to the Speaker.

Question put and **agreed to**.

MR SPEAKER: Order! Order! Honourable Members. Honourable Members, I understand that the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education Honourable Nono Kgafela-Mokoka wishes to make a statement.

MR LEKAU: Point of order. Thank you very much Mr Speaker. *Ke re ka re* I wish *fa* the Minister *a dira* that statement, simultaneously we can have the same statement through the State President Minister to also make a statement about the readiness of the Disaster Management, and also to come up about the seriousness of the water levels in Mogoditshane. My request is maybe he can simultaneously make such statement. Thank you.

MR SPEAKER: O go reeditse. Fa a na le keletso ya go dira *statement* o tlaa dira.

STATEMENT

TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF SCHOOLS

MINISTER OF CHILD WELFARE AND BASIC EDUCATION (MS KGAFELA-MOKOKA): Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*. Ke dumedise Batswana kwa gae, ke dumedise boeteledipele jwa dikole kwa dikgaolwaneng. Ke dumedise Bagokgo, barutabana, batsadi le bogogi jotle mme bogolo jang ke dumedise Ntlo e.

Ke tsaya sebaka se Batswana betsho ke le Tona ya Lephata la Tlamelo ya Bana le Thuto go tswa kwa Moding go ntsha pego e e faphegileng. E le pego ya go laela Bagokgo ba dikole tsotlehe lefatshe ka bophara la Botswana le batsadi gore dikole tsotlehe go tloga fela kwa go tse dipotlana go ya go tsena kwa *senior secondary schools* gore go tloga kamoso di bo di tswetswe ka Labone go fitlhelela ka Mosupologo ka 24 February 2025. Tshwetso e re le lephata re e tsere morago ga boitemogelo jwa gore dipula di ntse di na ka matsorotsoro mme go lebege di santse di tlaa tswelala ka bokete jone jo le mo malatsing a a mmalwanyana a a tlang. Re itemogetse gore dikole di tletse metsi, matlo a borutelo a tletse metsi, ditsela ga di tsamaeage, mo go rayang gore bana ga ba ka ke ba kgona go tla sekoleng. Gompiano go bifile mo e leng gore ba ba setseng ba le kwa dikoleng re na le letshwenyego la gore tota ba tlaabo ba tswe mo teng jang.

Jaanong re dira jalo re le lephata go somarela matshelo a bana, a ba ba direlang mo dikoleng tse, dikoloi tse di tshwanetseng gore di ba ise le go somarela le botsadi jwa ba ba tlhokometseng bone bana ba. Ke one molaetsa o motona wa letsatsi. E tlaa re ka Mosupologo ka tshokologo lephata le ntshe taelo e nngwe gape re sena go sekaseka le go kanoka gore seemo sa dipula tse se ntse jang. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

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

MR SPEAKER: Order! Honourable Members, *le utlwile Tona jaaka fa a ne a supa gore seemo se befle ka teng*. In terms of Standing 41.3, no debate may arise on the Minister's statement but the Speaker may in his or her discretion allow short questions to be put to the Minister making the statement for the purpose of

elucidating it. Honourable Members, I will allow a few questions for the purpose of elucidating the Minister's statement.

MR HIKUAMA: Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*. Ke a leboga Tona. Ke lebogela tsibogo eo. Kana Tona jaaka o setse o buile ditsela ga di tsamaeage, di tletse metsi, le bana ba ka tsewa ke metsi. Ke sone se ke dumalanang le sone. Ka gongwe gape go a supafala gore le gone kwa dikoleng tsa gago, bogolo jang tsa Puso le tsone dijo tse di jewang ke bana di ntse di seyo, gongwe ke sebaka se se siameng gore o tswale o tle o ipaakanye sentle. Dijo ga di yo.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Point of order.

MR HIKUAMA: Fa e le gore kwa go tse bana ba lona ba di tsenang tsa *English Medium* dijo di teng, go siame. Rona re buelela...

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Kgafela-Mokoka, you shall only address questions which relate to the statement you made.

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

MR HIKUAMA: Nnyaa mme ga ke ise ke utlwe sentle *Honourable Minister*. Fale ke ne ke alela fela ke re ke go tsibosa gore o dirile sentle, ke go akgola. Jaanong ke gore Ramogapi ene o babega fela, mme ke ne ke go akgola.

Potso ya me ke gore ga ke ise ke utlwe sentle *Honourable Minister* gore o ne o re o tlaa tlosolosa go fitlhela le bona seemo kana go na le lebaka lefe? Ga ke ise ke utlwe sentle, o tlaa intshwarela fa e le gore o buile gore go ya go ema leng. Kana le tlaa tsamaya *doing evaluation* letsatsi le letsatsi?

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable Minister, let me just ask* gore o batla go di tsaya di le mokawananyana, o bo o di araba?

MS KGAFELA-MOKOKA: Ke kopa go tsaya di le mokawana *Honourable Speaker*.

MR SPEAKER: How many would you be comfortable to take? Is five reasonable?

MS KGAFELA-MOKOKA: Five is reasonable Mr Speaker.

MR DIGWA: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Tota mma ke leboegele Tona go bo a tse re tshwetso e a e tsayang e. Ke mongwe wa batho ba ba amegang thata ka metsi a. Fa o ya Mokoboxane, Xhumo le metse e mengwe, ke seemo fela se se bothoko thata. Jaanong se se nkamang thata ke gore fa di sena go nna di tswalwa jaana, bana ba ba tshwanang le ba ba tswang kwa Kedia, ba ba nnang mo *hostels* kwa Mopipi, ba ya go tsamaya jang ka gore tsela ya teng e tletse metsi fela? *So*, ke ne ke batla go botsa gore fa dikole di tswalwa jaana, a ba nnang mo dikoleng (*boarding*) ba ba tswang kwa magaeng a a kgakalagakala e bile batsadi ba bone ba na le seemo sa itsholelo, go ya go dirwa jang gore ba tsamaye ba bo ba boa? Ke bua ka kgaolo e e tshwanang le ya bo Kedia le Makalamabedi; ba ba tswang kwa Moremi ba tsena kwa Makalamabedi ba nna teng (*boarding*), ke seemo se ke ipotsang gore go ya go dirwa jang? Ke a leboga.

MR BOGATSU: Mma ke go leboge *Mr Speaker*. Mma ke go leboge Tona ka kgang eo. Le nna ke dumalana le wena gore a di tswalwe. Fa o bona ke tsene thari jaana, ke ne ke tabogetse gone kwa kgaolong, mme a ntse a nkganeletse ka koo, ga go tsamaege, marogo a gosomane. Potso ya me ke e, ke ntse ke romelwa molaetsa ke mogokgo wa sekole sengwe gone fa, o tshogile ka gore o ne a busa bana a le bile seemo ka fa se ntseng ka teng. Kgang ya gagwe ke gore o kwaletse lekwalo ke *supervisor* ya gagwe a mo raya a re, “Tona ke ene fela a nang le tshwanelo ya go ka tswala sekole, bula sekole seo o bitse bana bao.” Ke ne ke re o mo raya o reng ka gore ngwana wa batho o a roroma?

DR GOBOTSWANG: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Kgang e e buiwang ke *Honourable* Bogatsu, ke yone e tshwanetseng e re tsibose gore golo gongwe go na le bothata. *Honourable Minister* wa Thuto go tswa kwa Moding, kana re tshela mo nakong ya dipaka tse gotweng phetogo ya loapi. Fa o lebile seemo se *Honourable* Bogatsu a se buang, le nna ke amogetse molaetsa wa motsadi mongwe a botsa gore, “ke gore fa barutabana ba ntsha bana, pula e na e le kanakana ba ba ntsha mo sekoleng, ba re ba dire jang, ba tsamaye jang, ba ye go goroga kwa malwapeng jang?” Potso ya me ke gore a mme le le lephata kana Puso, a go na le kakanyo ya gore le tle ka tsamaiso fela e e tsepaeng ya gore fa re nna le diemo tse di ntseng jaana, mo nakong e e tlang kana mo nakong e khutshwane re ya go dira jang? Ka gore ga go a tshwanelwa go nna le ketsaetsego

gore re tshwanetse gore re dire jang, re se ka ra dira jang, yo mongwe a lesa bana ba tsamaya, yo mongwe a ba baya mo sekoleng, yo mongwe a emela *Minister*, yo mongwe a sa mo emele. Gongwe o re fetise gone foo gore maikaelelo a lona ke eng *going forward*? Ke a leboga.

MR PHOLOGOLO: *Thank you Mr Speaker*. Mma ke go leboge Tona ka kgato e o e tsereng. Ke na le dipotsonyana di le pedi. Potso ya ntlha ke gore a fa o re dikole mongwame, a o raya tsa Puso fela kana *the same applies to private schools*? Le tsone kana ke ntse ke bana ba rona, mme le bone ba ka amega fa e le gore tsone ga o di tsenye mo teng.

Se sengwe mongwame ke gore ntleng le metsi fela a a ka ba kganelang, dikago di le di ntsi tsa dikole di makgasa; *ceiling* di wetse bana, a mme seemo se, a le sone ga se baakanngwe pele ga bana ba ba ka boela sekoleng? Mongwame, gongwe le yone ya ba ba leng kwa dikoleng, a go tswe taolo ya gore dikoloi tsa Puso di ba tseye di ba ise kwa malwapeng a bone, botshelo jwa bana ba bo tshwanelwa ke gore bo sireletsege ka dinako tsotlhe. Ke a leboga.

MS KGAFELA-MOKOKA: Ke a leboga Motlotlegi Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke leboegele Mapalamente a a tlotlegang dikakgelo, dikgothatso, ditebogo le dipotso. Ke simolole ka ya ga *Honourable* Hikuama, o lebogile thata gore ke bo ke tse re tshwetso e, ke a leboga mongwame. O ne a boa a bua gape gore fa re re dikole di tla a tswalwa go fitlhelela ka Mmantaga ka di 24, a ra re re tlaabo ntse re lebeletse seemo, mme ke solofetse jalo ke re re tlaabo re ntse re lebeletse seemo, re tlaa tshwaragana fela jaaka gale le ba Tepo Loapi. Mme e seng bone fela, kana go na le ba ba itebagantseng le dibetso tsa tlholego, ba e reng fa go nna jaana ba bo ba emelela, ba sa thuse dikole fela, ba thusa Motswana mongwe le mongwe mo mafelong a a amegileng.

Sengwe se gongwe ke tshwanetseng ke se gatelele mo nakong ya gompiano ke gore Lephata le ga se la Thuto fela, ke Lephata la Tlamelo ya Bana (*Child Welfare and Basic Education*). Ke mpa ke akgela gompiano ka dikole fela mme ke ntse ke nna le kgwetlho ya gore kana le maphata a mangwe a a welang ka fa tlase ga Lephata la *Child Welfare*, le one a amegile. Ke tsaya gore mo nakong ya gompiano, Lephata la ba Dibetso tsa Tlholego le eme ka dinao go bona gore ba thusa dikole jang, ba

thusa *clinics* jang, ba thusa gongwe le gongwe kae. Jaaka re bona ditsela di tletse, dikoloi tsa batho di tsewa ke metsi, Batswana ka kakaretso ba ka thusiwa jang? Mme fela jaaka Batswana ka kakaretso, rona re tlaabo re ntse re eme ka dinao, re lebeletse seemo sa dipula, merwalela, *clinics* le gongwe le gongwe kwa bana ba leng teng gore ba amega jang, mme re nne re ntshe dikgang tse. Mo nakong ya gompiano, re itebagantse le dikole, mme e tlaa re fela letsatsi la kamoso le ise le phirime, ke bo ke setse ke na le pego e nngwe gape ke lebagane le gore naare jaanong bana kwa maphateng a mangwe kwa ke tshwanetseng go tlamela teng, bone ba diragaletswe ke eng? Ke raya gore re e beile leitlho le le ntšhotšho mongwame, *monitoring and evaluation of the situation* gore re kgone go ntsha pego e nngwe gape ka tshwetso e re tlaa e tsayang ka Mmantaga, ke a leboga.

Mma ke ye kwa go *Honourable* Digwa, yo o supileng ka kutlobotlhoko gore dikole tse di kwa kgaolong ya gagwe di mo mathateng. Ke tsibogele kgang e e botlhokwa ya *hostels* rra. Kana go na le bana ba ba nnang mo *hostels*. Ke supe gore go tlama ga dikole le *classrooms*, go raya gore go ama le tsone *hostels*. Ke re ke lebogele kgakololo eo rra, kana fa o setse o dira dilo ka tshoganetso, se se tlang ka pele ke *classroom*. Go raya gore gone jaana fa ke sena go fetsa pego e, ke bo ke ema fa ntle fale ke bua le ba ba lebaganeng mo lephateng lame gore ba bone gore ba itshwaraganye jang le tsone dikole *sir*, re tle re bone gore bana ba ba mo *hostels*, ka gore le bone metsi a a ba kgama, go ka dirwa jang ka bone. Ke lebogele kgakololo eo *Honourable* Digwa.

Ke tsene kwa go *Honourable* Bogatsu, yo o sa tswang go batla go tsewa ke metsi le ene. O mpegela kgang e e botlhokwa ya gore mogokgo mongwe kwa sekoleng sengwe koo, o ne a tsaya tshwetso a lebeletse seemo sa go tlama ga dikole le ditsela tse di sa tsamaegeng, a busetsa bana kwa lelwapeng mme go tsweng fa mogolwane wa gagwe a mokwalela a re nnyaa mme o tlaa senyegelwa ke tiro, ga o na thata ya go dira jalo. Bagaetsho, ke ka tlhomamisetsa Mopalamente o o tlotlegang gore a mogokgo yo o a ritibale ka gore fa re bua ka dibetso tsa tlhologo, ga di itse ope, ga di itse molao, ga di itse *boss*, ga di itse ope fela, ke leroborobo le tla fela, mme se se botlhokwa se e leng gore ke tsaya gore le *Constitution* ya rona e a se gatelela ke go somarela, go tlamela le go hemela botshelo. Fa a hemetse botshelo, ga gona jaaka a ka tshwenyega, ke tlaa e sala morago le *Permanent*

Secretary. Fa e le gore lekwalo le teng rra, re tlaa leka go baakanya seemo seo ka tshoganyetso. *So*, a dige makgwafo fela, o dirile boikarabelo. Ke solofela gore kwa dikgaolong ka gore re na le Balaodi, bo Kgosi, Makhanselara le barutabana, ke kope bogogi jo botlthe le boetedipele gore se se tlang pele mo nakong ya gompiano ke tshomarelo ya matshelo. Ba se ka ba emela *Minister*, ba tseye ditshwetso tse di somarelang botshelo.

Ke ye kwa go *Honourable* Gobotswang, ka kgang ya phetogo ya loapi; loapi le fetogile thata mongwame. *Climate change* le rona e re makaditse, o setse o kare jaanong re nelwa ke pula *every day*. Kana lefatshe la Botswana jaaka re le itse, go raya gore mo dingwageng tse 58, *when they planned*, ga go ise ko go akanngwe gore go ka nna le phetogo e e kana, go ne go itsiwe, mme ga nna *late*. Jaaka re ne re bua maabane gore mealo ya *storm water drainage* e teng mo dikgaolong tse dintsi, mme *plants* tsa teng ga ise ko di tlhomiwe. Ke seemo se re iphilhelang mo go sone gore metsi a ga a kgophege.

Ke tsaya gore mo *manifesto* wa rona, dikgang tse di teng; tlhokomelo ya loapi, tepo ya loapi le phetogo ya *weather*, re tsepame re le UDC, re tsile *to address* dikgang tse ka potlako ka gore batho ba rona e seng jalo ba ka nyelediwa ke merwalela e.

Ke tsene mo go ya bofelo ya ga *Honourable* Phologolo. *Private schools*; ke le Tona ke ntse jaana, ga ke na *direct control over* dikole tsa *private*, mme ka gore ke Tona ya tsa Tlamelo ya Bana, *Child Welfare* e mpha monyetla wa gore ke okomele *private school* nngwe le nngwe, ke okomele lelwapa lengwe le lengwe ke kokote, ke bone gore ngwana o tlamelesegile go le kae mo go sone. O bua nnete gore jaaka re bua jaana le *private schools* di tlamile, mme kana go na le Business Botswana. Ke tlaa *step out* gone jaanong jaana, ke laele Permanent Secretary (PS) gore a itshwaraganye le Business Botswana. Business Botswana e utlwe gore Tona ya Lephata le a reng, le bone ba leke go sala mafoko a Tona morago ba a diragetse. Ke a leboga.

MR LEKAU: Order Mr Speaker. Order. *Ke ema ka Standing Order 37. 4. Ke eletsa go botsa potso* Without Notice *kwa* Minister *wa* State President.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: *Ke kopa procedure* Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: Ema pele o santse a kopile *point of order*, unless e le gore *it is related and you want to assist*.

MR KAPINGA: Nnyaa *Mr Speaker*, ke ne ke re gongwe re ise re ye kgakala o rute kana o gakolole *the Honourable Member there*, gore yo e ka reng a bua mo Palamenteng a bo a re, "Order! Order!" ke *Speaker* fela, ene o tshwanetse gore a re *point of order*. Jaanong ene o tlaabo a re *order* fela, e ka re o ntsha ditaelo.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Laughter!)

MR SPEAKER: O utlwile akere *Honourable* Lekau.

...Silence...

MR SPEAKER: Order! Honourable Members! Honourable Lekau wishes to request permission of the Speaker to ask a question for oral answer without notice. Your question must satisfy the following requirements:

- (i) that it has to be a matter that is of urgent character
- (ii) relates to a matter of public importance and
- (iii) you must give sufficient private notice of the question to the Minister concerned.

MR LEKAU: *Thank you very much Mr Speaker*. Ke a itumela tsotlhe ka boraro jwa tsone di a kgotsofatsa. Potso ya me ke gore...

MR SPEAKER: *Ke ne ke re a o di kgotsofaditse?*

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

MR SPEAKER: Before *o e botsa*, you must first satisfy me *gore* is this a matter of urgent character and public importance. Then the third part *ke gore o bo o file* Minister sufficient notice.

MR LESEDI: *Procedure*. *Mr Speaker*, kana jaanong ga ke itse gore re fa kae, Ntlo e e tswa mo tseleng. Kana re ne re santse re le mo *statement* sa ga *Minister*, re ne re solofetse gore jaaka a ne a tsero dipotso tsa ntlha tse *five* go rurifale gore a go wetse, e bo e le gone re ka yang kwa kgannyeng ya *point of order*. Le gone ga go ka ke gatwe *point of order Mr Speaker*, ya ne e kete go tewa gore o dule mo tseleng. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable* Lesedi, ke ne ke tsaya gore dipotso tse tlhano tseo di ne di digela dipotso tse di neng di ya kwa go Tona. Ke tsaya gore *matter* wa teng o tswetswe, o fedile, ke sone se o bonang ke letlelela *Honourable* Lekau. *Honourable* Lekau, o batla go botsa potso ka eng? Ke batla go kala sekale seo.

MR LEKAU: Ke eletsa go botsa potso ka seemo sa gompieno, sa merwalela e e leng teng, e re e bonang rotlhe mo maranyaneng, gore seemo se ntse jang kwa dikgaolong tsa rona.

MR SPEAKER: Ke a go utlwa *Honourable Member*.

MR LEKAU: Gongwe ke ne ke akanya gore *it is of public importance and it is urgent*. Ya *sufficient notice*, ke tsaya gore ga ke bolo go mo *appetise* gore ke etla kgantele.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Laughter!)

MR SPEAKER: Let me just confirm from the Minister.

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

MR SPEAKER: Order! Honourable Members. I am quite satisfied that the matter is urgent and is a matter of public importance. *Sa boraro, ke batla go utlwa ka Tona gore a mme ene o mo seemong sa gore o ka araba potso e e tlaabong e bodiwa ke Honourable Member*.

MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT (MR MOHWASA): Ka bokhutshwanyane fela, rre ke gone a buang gompieno, ga ke sure gore Standing Orders tsa re fa gotwe o mpoleletse ke fa go ntse jang. O tlhalosa fa a mpoleletse, ke tsaya gore o mpoleletse mo...le lona le teng le reeditse.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Mohwasa... (Interruptions)...Order! Leader of the House, the last part which I sought your assistance on, it is whether you will be able to answer the question because the ... (Inaudible)... you have to be given sufficient notice is for the purpose of enabling you to answer the question. Will you be able to answer the question by the Honourable Member? That is what I want to establish.

MR MOHWASA: ...(Laughter!)... Ke kopa gore *if you allow me Mr Speaker*, ke tsaya gore kgang e rre a e buang ka fa go supiwang ka teng, go supa e le kgang e e tshwenyang thata. *I do not know if you will allow us*

gore ke eme fa ntle, a ntlhalosetse gore kgang ya gagwe tota ke eng. Fa ke leng teng go thata tota gore ke ka a fa karabo e e nang le boamaruri gore nka kgona go araba potso ya gagwe.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: *Point of order.* O setse o eme ka dinao.

MR SPEAKER: *Nnyaa, ga go na point of order. Go raya gore ka fa go ntseng ka teng, mo nakong e re leng mo go yone e,* the attempt by Honourable Member, you have not satisfied the latter part. So, *go raya gore* the question will not be allowed, until you have given sufficient notice to the Minister and he is able to answer the question. We will now go to the Appropriation.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure Mr Speaker.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR SPEAKER: *Ga go na clarification.* Procedure Honourable Mopati Mabuse Pule.

MR PULE: *Procedure Mr Speaker.* Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke go leboga ka ke itse gore o motho yo o tsebentlha go utlwa. Tota kgantele ke kile ka rata go ema ka *procedure*, mme tota ke re ke botsa fela gore, ka gompiano re amogela *reports* re le Mapalamente gore dikgaolo tsa rona ga di a nna sentle, ke re ke tlile go go kopa ka bogolwane gore a o ka se ka wa re sekegela tsebe fa re ka akanya gore re ka dira jang mo go se sebaka. Ga se gore ke raya gore gongwe Palamente e ka phatlalala ka ke a itse gore go na le nako. Re ka dira jang gore re kgone go dirisana le batho ba dikgaolo tsa rona? Fa ke bua le wena ke ntse ke utlwa gotwe mo Gaborone matlo mangwe a wele kwa bo Block 5 le kae le kae, metsi a tsene mo dijarateng. Gongwe Mapalamente a dikgaolo tse fa ba ne ba ka bonala setšhaba se ne se ka bona gore tota Palamente ya rona ke e e kgathalelang matshele a Batswana. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MINISTER FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (DR BUTALE): Further procedure Mr Speaker. *Ke ne ke re* just to buttress the point raised by Honourable Mabuse Pule, *re mo mathateng.* I have been receiving *melaetsa e mentsi go tswa kwa go Molaodi gore kana jaanong* disaster management teams *di tletse* Gaborone *otlhe, e bile jaanong ba kopa Mapalamente gore ba tle go ba thusa ka seemo se dule mo tseleng.* Metsi a

tseneletse batho mo matlong. Jaanong fa re ntse fa re le baemedi ba setšhaba fa gongwe o kare we are insensitive and disinterested, when we are supposed to be actively assisting these people. I do not know what we can do in terms of balancing the much important work of this House and the matter of life and death of those that brought us here in the first place. Whether in your wisdom Mr Speaker we could find some balancing act. *Mme fela* the situation is really-really untenable, it is only unfortunate *gore bo Ommluk ga ba ka ke ba kgona go tsamaya ka gore ditsela ga di yo, mme rona re ne re ka tabogela fa kgaolong.*

MR MONAGENG: *Elucidation.* Le nna *Mr Speaker* ke ne ke re, *much as* melao e le teng gore go tsamaiwe jang le jang, a mme fa motho a ka tla fa a bo a re, kana lefatshe lengwe le a re tllhasela, masole a tsamaya golo gongwe fale, a re tlaa re re lebe melao yotlhe e e tlhokang gore re tsibogele seemo seo? Ke gore ke tsaya gore *Minister* o teng, re bua ka *disaster* e e leng gore *it is eminent*, e etla, *and* potso e ne e le gore, a gone mme o *aware* ka yone, a *ministry* wa gago o a ipaakanya. Ke tsaya gore ke selo se e leng gore ga se potso *that is farfetched, it is a question* e e...

MR SPEAKER: *Nnyaa* Honourable Monageng, I have made a ruling on that point. Can I request that Leader of the House and the two Whips, I do not know if... Leader of the Opposition is not here. Leader of the House, Government Whip, Opposition Whip, Mother of the House, please approach the Speaker's bench.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Minority, *o lebetse* Leader of Minority...

MR SPEAKER: *Yes, and leaders of other political parties, please.* Lona ba bangwe nnang fela ka tshisibalo le didimetse.

...Silence...

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Members, *ke kopa gore le boele kwa ditlong tsa lona.*

Order Honourable Members! Honourable Members, after consultation with Leaders of Political Parties represented here, Leader of the House, all the Whips- Government Whip, Opposition Whip, Mother of the House, Leaders of minority parties, I have come to the conclusion *ya gore* it is untenable to continue with today's sitting.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Applause!)

MR SPEAKER: *So ba bangwe ba le leng fa le worried ka gore bana ba lona kwa dikoleng ba ntse jang, batlhophi ba lona kwa dikgaolong ba ntse jang. Ba e leng gore bana ba kwa malwapeng ba concerned gore ba ntse jang. So Honourable Members I shall invoke Standing Order 26.2 and adjourn today's proceedings for the convenience of the House, we adjourn.*

ADJOURNMENT

The Assembly accordingly adjourned at 3:37 p.m. until Thursday 20th February, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

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