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Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2026

THE ASSEMBLY met at 2:00 p.m.

(THE SPEAKER in the Chair)

PRAYERS

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**MR SPEAKER (MR KEORAPETSE):** *Order! Order! Honourable Members! Honourable Members, good afternoon!* Bangwe re kopane mo mosong mme go na le ditumalano tse re di dirileng. Di tlama le ba ba neng ba seyo. A re simololeng tiro ya rona ya letsatsi ka dipotso.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

COMMERCIALISATION OF SIKWANE  
BORDER POST

**MR M. M. PULE (KGATLENG EAST):** asked the Minister of Finance to state whether Government is willing to consider the commercialisation of the Sikwane Border Post in order to enhance economic activity, trade facilitation and service delivery for the Kgatlang East Constituency; and if so, to state:

- (i) whether the Ministry has conducted, or is willing to conduct a feasibility study or assessment to determine the viability of commercialising the Sikwane Border Post;
- (ii) the timeline within which such an assessment could be undertaken; and
- (iii) whether the Ministry will prioritise the Sikwane Border Post for future budget planning in recognition of its potential socio-economic benefits to the local communities.

**MINISTER OF FINANCE (MR GAOLATHE):** Le nna ke a dumedisa Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke dumedise Motlotlegi Pule le batlotlegi.

Karabo ke mokgekgenene, o kwadilwe ka Sekgoa, ke tlaa soboka ka Setswana.

Rra, ke leboga thata gore o lwela gore itsholelo ya kgaolo ya gago e ka tsosolosiwa. E bile o supa gore e ka tsosolosiwa fa *border* ya Sikwane e ka batlelwa lenaneo la gore e dirwe a *commercial border*, e neelwe bodiredi le ditlamelo tsa gore e nne *commercial border*. Jaanong ka bomadimabe rra, go na le dilo di le mmalwa tse di lebelelwang pele ga go ka dirwa jalo. Ya ntlha e e

lebelelwang ke gore a mme batho ba ba fetang, le dikoloi tse di fetang di lekanetse gore go ka letlelela gore go nne le ditshenyegelo tsa gore go agiwe *commercial border*. Go lebega dipalo tseo di santse di le kwa tlase. Go feta batho ba ka tshwara 4,500 ka kgwedi mme dikoloi go feta tse di 700 ka kgwedi. Palo e e kwa tlasenyana gore e ka letlelela gore go nne le ditshenyegelo tse di tlhokafalang gore go ka agiwa *commercial*.

Sa bobedi ke gore sepe se re se dirang mo melerwaneng, re tshwanetse re se dire le ba re bapileng le bone, e le gore le bone ba dumalana gore ba ka aga tse di tshwanetseng gore di agiwe. Bagarona ba santse ba supa gore ke nngwe ya *borders* tse di kwa tlase tse e leng gore ga ba ise ba nne mo seemong sa gore ba ka e akaretsa mo *commercial borders*.

Potso ya gago motlotlegi gape ke gore mme le fa go ntse jalo, a le ka se ka la akanya gore le nne le *feasibility study*? Ke re mo nakong ya gompiono, re lebile dipalo tse di buegang tse, ga e ise e goroge mme fela re na le keletso e bile re bulegile megopolo ya gore fa re bona dipalo di gola, re ka *consider feasibility study*.

Ya bofelo ke ya gore a mme le ka se ka la e eteletsa kwa pele fa le ntse le lebile kabo madi? Ke tseela gore o setse o utlwile mabaka a a leng teng gore re mo dipakeng tse di santseng di le bokete, tse e leng gore go na le matlhoko a mantsi a mangwe a re tshwanetseng re simolole ka one.

Ke wetse ka gore mme gone re go utlwile motlotlegi. O tlaa nna o re goga ka dijase, o re gakolola fa o bona o kare dinomere di ile kwa godimo. Ke a leboga.

**MR PULE:** *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke bo ke go leboga thata Motlotlegi Mothusa Tautona wa lefatshe la Botswana, Rre Ndaba Gaolathe e bile o le Tona wa tsa Madi. Ke a itse gore ba bangwe ba a tle ba leke go nkgaganya le wena mme ga ba ka ke ba kgona.

Ke ne ke re ke botse *some supplementary questions*, ke utlwile botswerere jo o bo mphileng. Ga ke itse gore a Tona o a itse gore go kile ga nna thulaganyo e e kileng ya dirwa dingwaga tse di fetileng, *about seven or eight years back* ya gore *border* ya Sikwane *has been considered* go okediwa? Dingwe tsa dilo tse di neng tsa tla mo go nna ke gore o kare lefelo le e diretsweng fa go lone, le le nnyennyane e bile go na le malwapa a a gaufi le *border*. Ga ke itse gore a Tona o itse kgang e? Fa e le gore o a itse, e tsamaya fa kae ka gore golo mo go ne go mpontsha gore re tsamaela mo go reng *border* e bulwe?

Sa bobedi, kana rona re bapile le noka motlotlegi. Mme jaaka re bapile le noka jaana, metse ya rona o a itse gore go tswa fela kwa Mabalane go ya go tsena fela kwa Oliphants Drift, re mo nokeng. Re jaka kwa Afrika Borwa ka sengwe le sengwe. Go jaka ga rona ke go bereka le go ya go reka ditsompelo, bogolo jang dijo tsa leruo le tse dingwe. Melemo ya leruo jalo e rekwa kwa bo Rustenburg, Thabazimbi, jalojalo. Ka mabaka one a, fa re tswa go reka dilo tse, tla ke go fe sekai, gongwe re tswa go reka dilo tsa go nna jalo kwa Makopa, re ya go tswa kwa Makopa, *which is next to Oliphants Drift*, re ya go tswa kwa Tlokweng, kwa e leng gore ke gone kwa ditsompelo tsa rona di letlelelwang go tswa teng, ga ke itse gore a golo mo o a go itse mongwame?

Sa boraro, *if my memory serves me well* gore ka 2017, go ne ga nna le tumalano mo gare ga lefatshe la Botswana le South Afrika *under Bi-National Commission* gore ditsela tse di yang mo melerwaneng mo mafatsheng a mabedi, di tsennngwe sekotere. Ga ke itse gore a Tona o itse kgang eo? Fa e le gore o a e itse Tona, gongwe le yone re e *check* gore e tsamaya fa kae ka gore mogopolo wa teng e ne e le gore go direlwa gore re kgone *to trade* le South Afrika mo ditseleng tse di siameng. Ga ke itse gore a o a e itse Tona?

Sa bofelo Tona, a ga o akanye gore *in the meantime while you are still looking for money to expand the border*, re oketse *hours* tsa go tshela (*cross*) foo? Kana gompiono e bulwa ka *six* e tswalwa ka *seven*. A ga go na gore e ka okediwa gongwe ya tswalwa ka bo 10? Ke a leboga Tona.

**MR SPEAKER:** Honourable Pule, Standing Order 40.2 le Standing Order 40.3, *o di ele tlhoko thata*.

**MR GAOLATHE:** Ke a leboga motlotlegi. Pele ke simolola, o ne o di supa bongwe go tsena kwa boneng, ke re ke dire 1(a), e o reng go na le ba ba lehang go re kgaoganyana. Jaanong kana go ka kgaoganngwa fela batho ba go nang le molelwane fa gare ga bone. Jaanong fa batho ba le babedi e le selo se le sengwefela, ga go na sepe se se ka ba kgaoganyang.

Nte ke di arabe tsotlhe ka bophara ka gore gakere botshelo ga se bontsho le bosweu fela. Ka Sekgoa, *life is not black and white*. Ka mantswa a mangwe o ne o ka tswa o ne o kopa gore go akanyediwe *commercial border*, mme ga go reye gore le fa *commercial border* e sa kgonagale, mo dipakeng tse re leng mo go tsone re ka se ka ra akanya tse dingwe tse e leng gore gongwe ga se *commercial border*, di re fa sengwe se se ka tokafatsang

tsamao le itsholelo teng koo. Jaanong re bulegile dipelo gore re ka buisana, re ka sekaseka gore go ka kgonagala eng, go ka se ka ga kgonagala eng. Ke a leboga.

#### FORENSIC PATHOLOGY DIVISION

**MR G. KEKGONEGILE (MAUN EAST):** asked the Minister for State President, Defence and Security if he is aware of challenges faced by Botswana Police Officers serving in Forensic Pathology Division in terms of remunerations, progression and welfare in general, in comparison to other workers within the same department; and if so, the Minister should elaborate on the challenges with emphasis on:

- (i) benefits received by other workers within the Division which Police Officers are not receiving and why;
- (ii) the number of police officers in the Division, their ranks and when the last promotion was made and for how many police officers; and reasons thereof; and
- (iii) qualifications of the police officers, their duration in the division and solutions being put in place to reward them accordingly.

**MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT, DEFENCE AND SECURITY (MR MOHWASA):** Ke a leboga Motlotlegi Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Lekalana la *Pathology* le ka fa tlase ga Lekalana la *Forensic Science Services*, le e leng bontlha bongwe jwa Botswana Police Services (BPS). Lekalana le le na le badiredi kana mapodise a le 176 ba e leng gore lebaka la bodiredi jwa bone bo simolola mo go dikgwedi tse tharo go ya kwa dingwageng di ka nna masome a mabedi le bothlano. Go tsenya ba bangwe ka fa tlase ga lekalana le ba *Ballistics, Chemistry, DNA and Administration*.

- (i) Mapodise ba ba tsenang ka fa tlase ga *Forensic Science* re tsentse le ba *Pathology*, ba fiwa *allowances* tsa *police overtime, water and electricity subsidy through accommodation* le *allowance* ya *plain clothes* ka go farologana.

Jaanong se ke ka se tlhalosang ke gore ba *Laboratory Scientists Technicians and Radiographers*, ba na le tse dingwe tse ba di tsayang jaaka *scarce skill allowance, police professional allowance and technical allowance*, tse di tsamaelanang le dithutego tsa bone.

Re a itse ka matshwenyego a mapodise a, mme e bile go na le se re se dirang, mabapi le go itebaganya le ba

*Autopsy Assistants*, mme maikaelelo ke gore fa seemo se letla madi a le teng, ba fiwe *crime scene examination allowance*.

(ii) *Mr Speaker*, go na le mapodise ba le 37 ba ba lebaganeng le *Pathology*, mme maemo a bone a kgaogane jaana;

- (a) Senior Superintendent - 1
- (b) Superintendent - 1
- (c) Assistant Superintendent - 1
- (d) Inspectors - 2
- (e) Sub-Inspectors - 6
- (f) Sergeants - 5
- (g) Constables – 21.

Mo *promotions* tse di ntseng di dirwa mo bosheng tsa BPS tse di dirilweng ka 2025, ba ba neng ba tsholediswa maemo kwa *Forensic Science* ba babedi, ba ne ba tswa mo Lekalaneng la *Pathology*, mme re tshwanetse go amogela gore tlhatoso maemo kwa sepodiseng, e lebelela fa gare ga tse dingwe gore a go na le diphatlha tsa gore bangwe *can be promoted across the structures* tsotlhe tsa sepodise. Ke tshwanetse ke tlhalose gore *unit* e *Mr Speaker*, e tsentsa ba *Forensic Pathology* jaaka ke tlhalositse le *medical officers*, mme dituelo tsa bone di dirwa go lebeleletse *the scheme of service* tsa *health practitioners*.

(iii) Ya bofelo karabo e tla jaana, *qualifications* tsa mapodise mo *unit* e, di ntse jaana;

- (a) Medical Laboratory Scientists - 5
- (b) Radiography Scientists - 2
- (c) Medical Laboratory Technicians - 2
- (d) Diploma in Law - 2
- (e) Certificate in Anatomical Pathology - 2
- (f) Certificate in Occupational Health and Safety - 1
- (g) BGSCE - 23.

Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

**MR KEKGONEGILE:** *Supplementary*. Tanki Tona. *Mr Speaker*, potso e Tona o a itse gore e ne e tshwanelwa ke gore e ka bo e remeletse fa kae, nna le ene re ne re

na le ditumalano tse a di tlhanogetseng mo goreng o a itse gore karabo ya gagwe e ne e tshwanelwa ke go remelela fa kae. Mma re botse fela. E ne e tshwanelwa ke go remelela mo *Autopsy Assistants*, gore *allowance* e ba e amogelang ka fa o buang ka teng, e nngwefela e e lebaganeng le tiro ya bone, e seng ya bo *overtime* le *plain clothes* jaaka lephata lotlhe. Ba tshwanelwa ke gore ba ka bo ba tsaya dikatso tse di tshwanang le tsa babereki ba bangwe, fa ba berekelang teng, tse di tshwanang le tsa bo *post-mortem*, *risk* le tse dingwe fela jalo tse dingaka le *Autopsy Assistants* tse di seng mo sepodiseng, ba a di tsaya. Ke eng ba sa di fiwe ka gore ba bereka tiro e e tshwanang fela le tse ba bangwe ba di tsayang? Ke potso ya ntlha.

Potso ya bobedi ke ya gore, gone bo *Autopsy Assistants*, wa re ba kae mo lefatsheng ba ba welang *under BPS*? Ba mo maamong afe? A go na le mongwe wa bone yo o *promoted in the last five years*? Ke eng bone ba sa kgone go bona *promotions* jaaka mapodise a mangwe ba kgona go di bona? Tanki.

**MR MOHWASA:** Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Rre Kekgonegile o botsa fela, o a itse gore potso ya gagwe e setse e arabilwe. Ke arabile ke re, re itse seemo se ba lebaganeng le sone mo nakong ya gompieno. Ke arabile jalo Rre Kekgonegile. Ka ba ka bua gore mathata a bone re a a tlhologanya, mme dithulaganyo di mo tseleng tsa gore ba fiwe *allowances* tse di tsamaelanang le *crime scene examination*. Ke e tlhalositse jalo.

E bile ke tlhalositse gore botlhe ba ba mo *Pathology*, ba 37 le maemo a bone. Ke bile ka tlhalosa gape *among those promoted, eight officers were from the Forensic Science Branch with two of them being from the Pathology Unit*. Ke a leboga.

**MR KEKGONEGILE:** Procedure Mr Speaker.

**MR SPEAKER:** Nnyaa, botsa *supplementary* e nngwe *Honourable Kekgonegile*.

**MR KEKGONEGILE:** *Further supplementary*. Tanki *Mr Speaker*. *Mr Speaker*, ke utlwa Tona, ke gore pharologanyo fa Tona o kopantse lephata (*Forensic Science*), then o bo o kopanya *section which is Pathology*, then o bo o ya kwa *unit which is Autopsy Unit*. Ke ganeletse kwa *unit*, wena dipalo tse o di fang ke tsa *section* thatathata, ga o fe tsa *unit* e bong tsa *Autopsy Assistant*. Go siame gore o mpaakanyetse dipalo tsa teng.

Potso ya bobedi ke ya gore, o ganeletse mo *crime scene examination allowance*. *Crime scene* gantsinyana re raya gongwe motho a tlhokafaletse foo, ba sepodise ba bo ba bidiwa go bo go tla *Autopsy Assistants* ba tla to *examine crime scene* le motho yo o foo. Tiro ya bone e feta foo, go na le kwa *post-mortem* fa ba mo tsere ba mo isitse kwa setsidifatsing, ba bo ba go mmua, foo gone ke eng *allowance* e sa fetelele go ya gone koo kwa go bueng, *post-mortem* le bo *risk allowance* fela jalo, e se ka ya ganelela fa *crime scene allowance*? Ke eng go sa fetelele go ya go goroga koo, jaaka ba bangwe ba ba berekang ditiro tse di ntseng jalo.

**MR SPEAKER:** *Honourable Members*, tse dingwe tse fa le di tlhalosa, le ele tlhoko thata Standing Order 58. Ke a itse gore Setswana se thata, mafoko a mangwe a dingalo mo go bangwe ba rona. Jaanong setšhaba kwa ntle fa se reeditse, ba tloga ba kgaoga pelo ba utlwa gore le bua ka batho, mme le...

**MR MOHWASA:** Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke boammaaruri maabane re kile ra ngunanguna le motlotlegi. Mo go ngunanguneng ga rona, o ne a mpotsa fela gore a kgang e ya bone, a ke e tsentswe. Tota re ne re e tsenya fela e se mo potsong, ka maikaelelo ke gore o re tsibose ka dikgang tse, ke tlaa ya go e tlhlotlhomisa ka gore ga e mo potsong e. Re nne fa fatshe le ba sepodise go bona gore re rarabolola seemo se. Se se teng re tshwanetse re bone gore batho fa ba berekang teng ba berekela mo seemong se se siameng, ba itumetse, tse di ba lebganeng ba di bona. Fa ba sa kgone go di bona e le mathata a madi, ba tlhalosetswe gore re santse re tshwaregile jaana, go na le *acknowledgment* ya gore tseo ba tshwanetse gore ba bo ba di neelwa. Ke a leboga.

#### ACCESSIBILITY OF LEGAL AID BOTSWANA

**MR G. DISHO (OKAVANGO EAST):** asked the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services to state:

- (i) strategies to make Legal Aid Botswana accessible across the country including to persons in rural areas especially in district service centres such as Seronga, Shakawe, Gumare, Sehithwa, Hukuntsi, Bobonong and Gudigwa; and
- (ii) why officers from his ministry cannot be seconded to District Administration Centres or main Dikgotla in towns and villages to distribute their services including in rural areas.

**ASSISTANT MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES (MR NYATANGA):** *Good afternoon Mr Speaker.* Ke leboge motlotlegi go bo a boditse potso e.

Karabo ya teng e ntse jaana; Legal Aid Botswana, ka maikaelelo a gore ba tseye ditirelo ba di ise kwa bathong, ba dirile moalo o o neng o simolola ka 2025 to 2030. Maikaelelo a moalo o e ne e le gore mo metseng ya *radius* ya 150 km, e bo go nna le gore o ka kgona go bona dithuso tsa Legal Aid. Ka re lemoga gore go thata gore gongwe go agiwe dikago, tshwetso e e neng ya nna teng ke gore mo metsaneng e e lemogilweng, go tlaa nna le batho ba ba bidiwang gotwe *Para-legal Professionals, who will be manning offices* tse di tlaabong e le Legal Aid posts. Maikaelelo a bone ke gore ba kgone go bua le batho, ba rute batho ka dikgang tsa molao.

Mo posts tse, mo moalong o go supafala gore re tlaabo re na le didirisiwa fela tse di tlhokafalang tsa segompieno, mo e leng gore fa o tsena, o tlaa kgona go tsennngwa mo *database* ya Legal Aid. Fa o tsentswe mo *database* ya Legal Aid, go tlaa lebelelwa gore a o a *qualify*, fa o *qualify* jaanong o tlaabo o nna *linked* le *office* kwa jaanong go nang le mmueledi gore o kgone go bona ditirelo.

Ke tshwanetse ke tlhalose gore, ka fa maikaelelo a a ntseng ka teng, o tlaabo o sa tlhoke go tsamaya lebaka le le leele go ya go bona ditirelo tseo, ka gore ba Legal Services Botswana ba tlaabo ba dira mo gotweng *virtual services*, fa o kgonang gore o eme o bue le mmueledi a le kgakala, a go lekola gore bothata jwa gago bo ntse jang. E tlaa re go tswa gone foo, fa e le gore go tlhokana le dipampiri, tseo di tlaa romelwa ka poso kana go dirisiwa boranyane jwa segompieno e le *electronic mail* gore di goroge kwa mmueleding wa gago.

Ke tshwanetse ke tlhalose gore tse tsotlhe *are covered* mo *budget* ya rona ya National Development Plan (NDP) 12. Re na le tumelo ya gore re tlaa simolola kwa Hukuntsi ka 2028/2029 le kwa Bobonong ka 2029/2030. Ke tlhalose gore *all is not lost; in the interim we have got an outreach programme which we have identified* Maun Centre Services, Seronga, Shakawe, Gumare, Sehithwa, Gudigwa, Tsabong, Hukuntsi, Francistown le Bobonong. *In this outreach programme*, ba Legal Aid Botswana ba tlaabo ba ntse ba tsamaya ba ya teng gore ba ise ditirelo kwa bathong.

Re santse re le foo, ke tshwanetse ke tlhalose gore, ka gore Legal Aid Botswana rotlhe re a dumela gore e tshwanetse e nne gongwe le gongwe, bothata jo bo santseng bo le teng ke gore ga re ise re kgone go fitlhelela ka fa re batlang ka teng, ka ntateng ya ditsompelo. Re na le tumelo ya gore *with time*, re tlaa goroga kwa Batswaneng. *Thank you, Mr Speaker.*

**MR AARON:** *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke go leboge Tona ka maiteko a o buang ka one. Ke utlwile o tlhomamisa mafelo mangwe oo fa di *dates* tsa gore le tlaa simolodisa ditirelo tsa teng leng. Ke re kana le fa gongwe maranyane a ka thusa, dikgaolo tsa rona tsone tsa bo Okavango, Gumare, Shakawe, Seronga go ya kwa Gudingwa, re bua ka dikgaolo tse e leng gore le fa e le thuso ya maranyane, e ka se tswele batho ba teng mosola. Go nna le motho yo o tlaabo a berekela gaufi le bone, go ka ba thusa.

Jaaka o sa tswa go bua Tona, bontsi jwa mafelo ga go tlhokane le gore go agiwe *offices*. Ke tsaya gore ba ka bona diphatlha mo diofising tse di leng teng, ka ke tsaya gore go tlhokana le motho a le *one*. Le sekasekela leng fa o lebile mo *dates*, gore mafelo a Okavango a ka bona Legal Aid *officer*?

**MR NYATANGA:** Ke tseela gore re a dumalana gore mo nakong ya gompiano go ka tswa go se na *offices* tseo, mme *I think* go botlhokwa gore ke gatelele gore jaaka o ne o utlwa ke nankola bo Gudingwa, kwa ke itseng gore tsala ya me Disho ga a kgale go bua ka gone, ke mafelo a go nang le batho e bile ba tlhoka ditirelo tseo. Ra re re dirile *outreach programmes*, tse re tlaa netefatsang gore batho ba goroge ba ye go thusa batho.

O botsa gore re tlaa akanyetsa leng gore re tlaa aga *offices* gone kwa? Kana potso ya gago fa o ka e lebelela sentle, ke e araba ka gore ra re re na lenaneo le le tsepameng le re gorogang kwa go bone. Keletso ya rona ke gore e re nako fa e fitlha, re bo re kgona gore go nne le a *physical presence* gongwe e le *structures*, tse re iseng re goroge foo gompiano. *I can assure you* gore ka fa re ipapanneng ka teng le ba Legal Aid Botswana, ba tlaa goroga. Le fa e le gore gongwe ga go na motho kwa Dikgotleng, *outreaches* tse, o tlaa lemoga gore ga re a di dira fela ka gore potso e e boditswe, le re ntse re tsaya dikgang le lona re utlwa, re ya go goroga. *Strategy* se se bidiwa gotwe “Re a ba Latela”, re ya go goroga gone koo.

### KADUWE LANDS

**MR O. KWAPA (JWANENG-MABUTSANE):** asked the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education whether she is aware that there are children in Kaduwe lands who are currently not going to school and are staying with their unemployed parents.

**MINISTER OF CHILD WELFARE AND BASIC EDUCATION (MS KGAFELA-MOKOKA):** Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke

dumedise Ntlo e e tlotlegang e. Ke leboge *Honourable Kwapa* go botsa potso e e botlhokwa e. *Mr Speaker*, lephata le na le maitemogelo a seemo se go buiwang ka sone kwa Kaduwe *lands*. Mo bojaanong baithui ba ba amogelang dithuso go tswa mo go Goromente, ba le *nine* ba nna le masika a bone kwa Sese, fa batsadi ba bone ba santse ba le kwa Kaduwe *lands*. Moithuti a le mongwefela o tsena sekole kwa Mokhomma Primary School ka gore, motsadi wa gagwe mo bogautshwaneng o ne a fudugela kwa Mokhomma. Baithuti ba le 13 ba ya sekoleng ba tswa mo malwapeng letsatsi le letsatsi go tswa kwa Kaduwe *lands* ba ya kwa Sese Primary. Mme ditshenyegelo tsa go ba isa koo le go ba busa di duelwa ke batsadi ba bone.

*Mr Speaker*, ke maikemisetso a gore Lephata la *Child Welfare and Basic Education* le rerisane le la *Local Government and Traditional Affairs*, gore fa e le gore go na le malwapa mangwe ba ba sa batleng go fuduga go tswa kwa Kaduwe, ba batla go nna teng, go raya gore Lephata la *Child Welfare and Basic Education* le tlhome *satellite school* gone kwa Kaduwe *lands*, gore re kgone go tsaya bana go tswa kwa go *Standard One* go fitlhelela kwa go *Standard Four*. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

**MR KWAPA:** *Supplementary.* Tona, ke lebogela karabo ya gago gore go na le kgonagalo ya gore go ka tlhomiwa *satellite school* kwa masimo a Kaduwe. Gongwe go latedisa kgang e Tona, ke go botse gore...kana sekgala se o buang ka sone go tswa masimo a Kaduwe o feta toropo ya Jwaneng, o ya kwa Sese, re bua ka *more than 30 kilometres*. Jaanong potso ya me e ne e le gore, fa re santse re emetse go tlhomiwa ga *satellite school* ke bua ka bana ba batsadi ba e leng gore gotlhelele ga ba bereke, thulaganyo fela e ne e ka nna eng? Ke lebile gore Tona, mo dikgaolong tse dingwe go ntse go na le bo sekotsekara jalo gore bana ba kgone go ya sekoleng, potso ya me ke gore, thulaganyo e e ka nnang teng ke efe go thusa ba ba senang madi ka lebaka la gore botsadi gone kwa ba ne ba thusiwa ke Ipelegeng e Puso ya pele e neng ya e kgaola, jaanong botsadi ga bo bereke? Jaanong potso ya me ke gore, ba ka nama ba santse ba thusiwa ka eng re santse re emetse *satellite school*? Ke a leboga.

**MS KGAFELA-MOKOKA:** Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Tota fela go raya gore ke boele kwa morago kwa lephateng ke ye go lebaganya *Accounting Officer* kgang ya gore fa re santse re emetse *satellite school* bana ba batsadi ba bone ba senang ditsompelo ba ka thusiwa jang. Go le gantsi fa go na

le bana ba ba neelwang dithuso go a bo go dirilwe tshekatsheko ke ba boipelego. Ba bo ba *recommend* gore ba ba tshwanetse go thusiwa. Mme ga re nke re emela go dikologa gone fa, ke ka go solofetsa Mopalamente yo o tlotlegang gore ke tlaa e tsibogela ka pela. E tlaare ka *Monday* kwa thoko ke bo ke setse ke go bolelela gore re tsamaya jang. Ke tlaa e tsibogela ka bonako rraetsho. Ke a leboga.

#### MOLOPO FARM AND TWO RIVERS ROAD

**MR J. T. I. MODISE (KGALAGADI SOUTH):** asked the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to state when the road along the border line from Molopo farm to Two Rivers will be made for effective patrols by security services, immigration and veterinary services personnel as well as other stakeholders.

**MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT, DEFENCE AND SECURITY (MR MOHWASA):** Ka fa ke utlwanng ka teng go tswa kwa ofising, ke tsaya gore Rre Modise, thulaganyo e ne e le gore potso e e nne *later dated*. Kutlwisiso e ke nang le yone *Mr Speaker*, e ne e le gore ba buisane le Rre Modise *to later date it*.

**Later Date.**

#### ALLOCATION OF PLOTS TO CHURCHES

**MR K. T. MMUSI (GABANE-MMANKGODI):** asked the Minister of Lands and Agriculture when his ministry intends to allocate plots to churches for worship in Mmankgodi, Lesirane, Gabane and Tloaneng villages as they have been promised such for so long.

**ACTING MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE (DR DIKOLOTI):** *Ke a leboga Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, in responding to this question (No. 157) in February 2025, e pharologanyo le potso e e e felelang ka “such for so long.” Ke yone fela pharologanyo ya tsone.* I informed this Honourable House that the Kweneng Land Board intended to commence the advertisement of non-residential plots by the end of that year.

Subsequently, the land board resolved that, instead of advertising only plots within the Mogoditshane Sub-Land Board area, which covers Mmankgodi, Lesirane, Gabane and Tloaneng villages, all available non-residential plots within the entire Kweneng Land Board jurisdiction would be advertised and allocated simultaneously. This revised approach has necessitated a shift in the originally anticipated timelines.

The decision to consolidate the advertisement process was taken to avoid issuing multiple advertisements within a short period. This approach will minimise financial costs associated with repeated advertising and reduce administrative pressure on the land board’s already constrained resources.

The Kweneng Land Board is expected to finalise the Invitation to Tender (ITT) documentation by the end of March 2026. The tender is expected to be issued during the first quarter of the next financial year, and it is envisaged that final allocations will be completed by the end of the third quarter of the year 2026/27 depending on the volume of the responses.

Mr Speaker, with respect to the availability of civic and community plots in the villages concerned:

- (a) A total of 17 non-residential plots have been designated for civic and community use across the affected villages.
- (b) Mmankgodi has 16 such plots, of which seven have been reserved for allocation to religious organisations.
- (c) Gabane has one civic and community plot available.
- (d) Lesirane and Tloaneng currently have no readily available civic and community plots.

Mr Speaker, the detailed infill layout plan for Tloaneng has since been approved by the Mogoditshane/Thamaga District Council in October 2025. The approved layout provides for 50 residential plots and does not include civic and community plots. The layout is expected to be surveyed by the end of June 2026.

Mr Speaker, the decision taken by the land board, is a clear indication that there was a need for a comprehensive approach to addressing this issue, hence the reason for the ministry’s decision to establish a land lab, facilitated by the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme (BETP). The land lab, as shared with this House, is intended to among others; to resolve any challenges in the land delivery process. Key to that, is the optimal utilisation of resources; resolution of bottlenecks and provision of a platform for engagement with all key stakeholders. I thank you Mr Speaker.

**MR MMUSI:** *Supplementary.* Tanki Tona, ke lebogela karabo ya gago e ntle eo. Baruti ba fa tlase ga diromamowa kwa Kgaolong kwa Gabane-Mmankgodi,

ke re gongwe fa o ne o ka nna *specific* gore fa o re *third quarter*; o raya kgwedi efe, gore ba tle ba utlwe sentle? Fa ba ntse jaana ba kokometse fa diromamoweng go reetsa gore tota gatweng. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

**DR DIKOLOTI:** Ke a go leboga *Honourable Mmusi*. Tota *Mr Speaker*, ke tsaya gore e ne e le malebogo fela gore go na le tsholofelo, baruti ba a utlwa gore *Honourable Mmusi* o tswetse. Tota fa o bona a botsa potso e labobedi, ka *February* gape, pharologanyo e le jaaka ke buile, mafoko a bofelo fela mo potsong e, go supa tota gore baruti ba mmeile ngakale gore rra kgothokgotsha ka koo lefatshe le tle le bewe. Ke dumela gore jaaka ke ne ke bua *Honourable Mmusi*, ka kgang e ya *land lab* e e leng gore e simolotse, ke tsaya gore e tlaa fefosa, le yone *third quarter* kgotsa e kgakala. Tlhomamisa matlho a gago kwa *the land lab* go bona gore re ntsha *bottlenecks* jang gore re fefose go bewa ga ditsha.

Rra, re a leboga. Golo mo ke dikgakololo, le ntse le tlisa megopolo. Kana golo mo ke matshwenyego a batho kwa dikgaolong. Ke dumela gore ba utlwile gore re tswetse jang go rarabolola mathata a.

#### FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE

**MR T. B. LUCAS (BOBIRWA):** asked the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to explain to this Honourable House measures his ministry is embarking upon to prevent the spread of Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) from South Africa and Zimbabwe into Bobirwa District; in particular to state what his ministry is doing with respect to the following:

- (i) cordon fences;
- (ii) deployment of personnel and other resources;
- (iii) the work of *Mephato*; and
- (iv) engagement with South Africa and Zimbabwe.

**ACTING MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE (DR DIKOLOTI):** Thank you *Mr Speaker*. Ke lebogetse *Om Luu ka potso*.

*Mr Speaker*, Government considers the threat of FMD from RSA and Zimbabwe, as an emergency. This is because this has the potential to become a national disaster. It is for this that Government has approved through Presidential Directive, a national FMD response plan with a budget of P97 million to implement immediate and short-term FMD prevention and control

measures. The budget covers logistical support of the various agencies involved in FMD control activities such as border patrols, debushing, repair of fences and mobilization of communities to participate in disease control measures, including livestock and movement control, repair of damaged cordon fences.

- (i) *Mr Speaker*, with the limited available resources due to the current economic downturn, my ministry is implementing a partnership model with border communities to maintain cordon fences, augmenting maintenance by formal staff. Whilst this still falls far short of the actual requirement, I am convinced that this is a more sustainable approach compared to the traditional approach where Government Department of Veterinary Services (DVS) solely bears the burden of animal disease control and prevention measures.
- (ii) *Mr Speaker*, over 240 personnel have been deployed to respond to the outbreak in Zones 3C and 6B. For other FMD free zones including Zone 7, disease surveillance is ongoing in accordance with the established surveillance plan. To supplement the ministry efforts, the police have deployed officers in camps along the border. *Mr Speaker*, at the request of the Member of Parliament for Mmadinare, my ministry has granted permission for use of Mmadikgaka Veterinary Camp for deployment of additional police and *mophato* to supplement existing deployments.
- (iii) *Mr Speaker*, 11 *mophato* camps are deployed on the fence working from Mabolwe Border to Gobe cattle posts. With increased Government support, additional camps are being established to attend to other parts of the border from Robelela/Dikgatlhong area to Motlhabaneng village. *Mr Speaker*, it is very gratifying that communities in other parts of the country namely in Morolong; kwa Magashula a neng a emelela maabane ka *mophato wa dipitse*. Kwa Kgatlang, Gamalete, Kgalagadi; ba eme ka dinao *mephato*, ba nna ba nhomelela videos. Kwa Serowe, Tonota and North East districts are following suit, mobilizing *mophato* and participating in the patrol and maintenance of both border and interzonal fences.
- (iv) *Mr Speaker*, Botswana and South Africa collaborate on security and regional stability through a Binational Commission (BNC), addressing cross-border crime, poaching, and

animal disease control. Admittedly, more should be done to take advantage of this forum, which is what my ministry plans to do. At departmental level, the Department of Veterinary Services (DVS) has acceded to a request for benchmarking visit on FMD controls by the Kwazulu Natal Provincial Government. The South African High Commissioner to Botswana has also invited the DVS to Mafikeng to meet the North West Provincial Government officials to discuss collaboration on FMD control.

In addition, Botswana collaborates with Zimbabwe through the Joint Permanent Commission on security matters, including combatting livestock rustling and control of FMD. The revival and success of the *mophato* in the Bobirwa area is a powerful example of using cultural structures, with Dikgosi involved, to solve modern, cross-border security and transboundary animal disease challenges.

Mr Speaker, as part of this collaboration, Botswana supplies FMD vaccine to both South Africa and Zimbabwe. Last year alone, the BVI supplied 4.9 million and 1.1 million FMD vaccine doses to South Africa and Zimbabwe, respectively. I thank you, Mr Speaker.

**MR LUCAS:** *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke a leboga Tona. E bile gongwe ke simolole ka yone e o supang gore le a thusa ka mekento kwa mafatsheng a Zimbabwe le Botswana. Ke re kana fa gongwe go thusa ka mekento fela, mekento ya teng fa e fitlhela go sena *infrastructure and personnel*, fa gongwe ga e kgone go dirisiwa ka tsela e gongwe re neng re ka e eletsa. A mme go ka tswa go le mo lenaneong la lona gore fa go kgonagalang teng, le ye go thusa ka namana go kentela Bolwetse jo jwa Tlhako le Molemo mo letlhakoreng la Zimbabwe? Ka gore mo nakong e e fetileng ka Puso ele ya phathi ya ga Sir Seretse Khama, go ne go atle go thusiwe go kenta ka kwa. A mme le a tle le e akanye go ya go thusa ka namana motho wetsho gore bolwetse jo bo se ka jwa nna bo ganeletse golo go le gongwefela gone kwa kwa North East? Kana Tlhako le Molomo e e fetileng e ne e ntse e tswa gone mo dintlheng tsone tsele tsa bo Moroka, Siviya, Butale le tse dingwe.

Ya bobedi, e ne ya re mo nakong e e fetileng fa batho ba ne ba *retire* ba ba tshwanang le ba ba neng ba tlhokomela terata, ba ba neng ba bereka *as pickets*, e bo e le gore ga go hirwe ope go ba emisetsa, gone moo go bo go tlogela phatlha e tona thata e e leng gore jaanong dikgomo di

kgona go tsamaya ka go rata *between Botswana and Zimbabwe*. Ke re mme jaanong fa seemo se ntse jaaka se ntse jaana, le fa go na le mephato, a mme ga le akanye gore gongwe le hire batho *at least on a temporary basis* ba e leng *fencers*, ba e leng gore *they could man pickets* gore ba tle ba kgone go lwantsha bolwetse jone joo ka gore go lebeга gore fa re ka baya mo mephatong fela seemo sa teng se tlike go re ketefalela go se laola? Le gone koketso ya bakenti mo dikgaolong tse di tshwanang le tsone tse di amegileng thata, a le a e *consider* ka gore go lebeга go na le tlhalelo e ntsi ya *extension workers*?

Ya boraro ke kgang ya mephato rraetsho, mephato e simolotse e le batho ba e leng gore ba bereka ka boithaopo jwa go etela kwa mafelong one a mme ba ya ba bo ba boa. Mo malatsing a gompiano mephato jaanong e a kampa gone kwa melalwaneng, gone kwa terateng e e laolang matlhoko a leroo. A mme le ka se ka la ba akanyetsa gore mo go one madi a P97 million bogolo ba bone malalantle fela, gore e tle e re motho fa a boa kwa kampeng, a tle a kgone gore le bana ba je sengwenyana rraetsho?

Ya bofelo ke e e amang *policy* e e neng e dirisiwa ke ba phathi e e duleng mo Pusong, e e leng gore fa kgomo e tloletse ka kwano Botswana e tswa Zimbabwe, e a bolawa, mme kgomo ya Botswana fa e ka kgoma ka kwa Zimbabwe, le yone e a bolawa. Fa kgomo, podi kgotsa nku e sena go bolawa, o ne o duelwa madi a a kana ka P700.00 gore kgomo ya gago e bolailwe. Golo ga teng ba ne ba go bitsa ka Sekgoa sa nako ya teng ba re ke *deterrent compensation*. Ke gore ke go phimola dikeledi mme gape o tsamaya o batla gore motho a dise. Ke re a mme le lona mo Pusong e ntsha ya UDC, a le santse le na le thulaganyo yone ya *deterrent compensation*? E tshwenya ka gore P700.00 wa teng e le wa kgomo, ga a ka ke a go rekela le fa e le yone podi tota kgotsa nku. Ke a leboga rraetsho.

**DR DIKOLOTI:** Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Potso ya ntlha e ne e le ya gore a re ka thusa ka namana go kenta. Rona re nna re le malala-a-laotswe. Sengwe se re se dirang go feta selekanyo gompiano ke gore, le BVI, re dirile gore fa ba ipapatsa le fa ba ya go thusa, ba supe gore *they will be offering a complete package*, because re na le bakenti le dingaka tse e leng gore ba tswa kgakala ba itse e bile ba tlhaloganya thata fa go tla go tsena mo dikgannyeng tse tsa go lwantsha dikgang tsa Tlhako le Molomo.

O utlwile gore mo karabong, ke ne ke supa gore baagisanyi bangwe, ba setse ba supile kgatlhego ya go

tla go bona kwano. Bangwe ba re laleditse gore re ye ka fale, gore re ye go nna re ntse re arogana dikakanyo. O tlaa gakologelwa gore bo ngaka gape ba a bua, ba arogana dikakanyo gore ba ka thusanya jang gore bolwetse jo, re bo fenye. *Vaccinated herd in the Zimbabwean area* e tliša tsholofelo e e seng kana ka sepe mo go rona ka kwano, including le kwa South Africa.

*It is very, very important* gore re bue le baagisanyi ba kente, gore kwa bofelong, re babalele leruo la rona. Ke a go utlwa thata, ke dumela gore mo gongwe mo e ne e le dikgakololo. Re sale re bua gore ka lebaka la letlhoko la madi, ke gone mo o neng o bona re palelwa ke go tswelera re hira *pickets*. Sengwe se ke se lebogelang ke gore, Batswana ba eme ka dinao. O bona go ema ka dinao mo ga Batswana, gore re thuse, re eme ka dinao, re baakanye diterata, ke dumela ke gone mo go nang le isago e e tseletseng.

Fa re ka tswelera ra nna le mowa one oo, o ke bonang ba na le one, ke dumela gore re ya go kgona go ya pele Oom Lu. Ke a itse gore o a ba rotloetsa le wena kwa kgaolong ya gago. Ke sone se o bonang mophato go tswa koo, e le one o tsamayang lefatshe le lotlhe, o ruta batho gore mephato e diriwa jang. Ke kopa o tswelera ka lentswe leo la go nna o ba rotloetsa thata, ka mowa one wa boithaopo ka gore ke wa Setswana, wa rona re le Batswana. Re tswa kgakala re itsege ka one mowa oo. Fa re ka tswelera ra o gatelela, re tlaa kgona. Re simolotse go tla ka methale e e farologanyeng. O tlaa bona gore le go ba rutuntsha fela, re simolotse go rutuntsha ba bangwe ka ditsela tse dingwe tse re ka lwantshang malwetse. Re na le dikgang tsa bo Herding 4 Health (H4H), *the rangers*, re simolotse go tla ka ditsela tsotlhe tse di farologanyeng. Ke dumela gore jaaka o gakolola, e bile o eletsa, fa madi a nna teng, ba bangwe ba ba ithaopang ba, ba nne ba atswiwa gore motho a se ka a tlhola fela ka leswe, a sena one madi a molora a go tsokotsa. Fa go santse go senang, go senang, re itse gore fa o babalela gore bolwetse bo se ka jwa tsena kgomo e bo e nna tlhwatlhwa kgolo, go tlaa go thusa gore fa o ya go rekisa kwa kallistori (*cold storage*), kgomo ya gago e bo e diga sekale. E bo e kgona go ya kwa mebarakeng e e babalesegileng thata rra. Kwa bofelong, re kgone.

Kgang ya gago ya bofelo ya *policy*, ga se *policy* ya Puso gore fa kgomo e tlolele ka fa, e boela ka fa, e a bolawa. Re na le *bible* ya rona e e re tsamaisang bogolo jang ya matlhoko a leruo. Re na le lekgotla le re nang le ditsamaiso tse re di ipetseng. Golo moo ga go bolaya Oom Lu, e a bo e le go sireletsa tse di ntsi tse di tshelang. Ke wena o tlhaloganyang thata. Kwa Bobirwa fa o bona

ba eme ka dinao jaana, ba tlhaloganya botlhoko jwa bolwetse jo, gore fa kgomo e ka tlolele ka fale, e bo e boela ka kwano, ga o a tshwanela go tsaya *chance*. O tshwanetse o sireletse tse di ntsi tse di ka kwano. Ke thotloetso. Ke dumela ka fa le ntseng le eme ka dinao ka teng, le leka go di busa gore di se ka tsa tlola terata, le di disa, golo moo fa Batswana ba ka dira jalo, re tsile go kgona.

Kwa Ngamiland ba a kgona ka gore ba sale ba babaletswe, mo gotweng “setlhako se babalela morwadi.” *This H4H*, fa o ka ya Ngamiland, o tlaa bona gore *they have mastered it. I am very happy that* fa o ka lebelele le mo *corridor* e ya rona, *the 2000 km fence* le gone go bolawa ga dikgomo, go fokotsegile thata ka gore Batswana ba a disa. Batswana ba utlwile molaetsa. Ba le utlwile le lona le le Mapalamente fa le ntse le ba gakolola gore ga re busang dikgomo, di atumetseng di tsweng kwa molelwaneng koo, di tseneng *inland* gore re babalele leruo la rona. Ke dumela gore Oom Lu, a re tswelera re rotloetsa tota. O tlhalositse madi a sentle gore *it is deterrent*. Ke madi a a tlang ka gore ga re batle o akanye gore o ka gweba ka gore kgomo e tlole, e bo e pota ka fa. O a tlhalositse bontle tota Oom Lu. O ne a tlhalosa tota, a supa gore o na le pelo e e teng ya motsadi, ya moeteledipele. O itse gore re tshwanetse re babalele leruo la rona. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Procedure Mr Speaker.

**MR SPEAKER:** Botsa *supplementary* e nngwe *Honourable Lucas*, tswaya fela mo *procedure*.

**MR LUCAS:** Tanki *Mr Speaker*...

**MR SPEAKER:** *E botse* for the record.

**MR LUCAS:** Tota ke tsena ka *procedure* ka gore, ke ne ke tsaya gore...

**MR SPEAKER:** *Ke ne ke re o re*, ‘supplementary’ for the record.

**MR LUCAS:** *Supplementary*. Ke ne ke re o a bua, ke a go utlwa o kgabisa puo. O batla go ntsenya mo *deterrent compensation*. Rraetsho, go na le kgang e e neng e buiwa ke Puso e kgologolo, ya *deterrent compensation*, e e leng gore kgomo ya gago e tsene ka kwano, e bo e bolawa, o neelwa P700. Ke botsa gore ka fa tlase ga Puso ya UDC, a mme kgang e ya *deterrent compensation* ya P700, a le lona le santse le e sala morago? A le ka e fetola ka mabaka a go lemoga gore fa o latlhegetswe ke leruo jalo, lehuma le tsene mo lelwapeng? Ke a leboga rraetsho.

**DR DIKOLOTI:** Ke a go leboga Oom Lu. Potso e, re e boditse thata mo Dikgotleng, e bile gape e tla le megopolo *Mr Speaker*. Ba bangwe ba ne ba gakolola gore e kete madi a a mantsi thata, ga a kgone go nna *deterrent* go feta. O ka a fokotsa gore re se ka ra feta. Dilo tse o tla o rerisa batho, ba bo ba gakolola gore mo go sireletseng gore bolwetse jo bo se ka jwa tla ka kwano, o tshwanetse o dire jang. Mo Dikgotleng ba ne ba ntse ba a e botsa, mme ba re gakolola gore e kete le ka fokotsa le go feta *because* ga ba batle gore dikgomo di ka felela di tlola ka fale. Re tlaabo re ntse re tswelletse re lekodisana le lona. Le tlaa tswelela le ntse le re gakolola gore a le batla go letlelela bolwetse bo tsena ka go duela gore kgomo e tlole, kana le batla go kganela go feta gore re babalele mohama o wa rona wa nama. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Further supplementary.

**MR SPEAKER:** *Nnyaa*, we have overshot the runway.

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

**MR SPEAKER:** Order! Honourable Members, in light of your resolution this morning from the General Assembly, I understand that the Leader of the House has a Business Motion to table.

### BUSINESS MOTION

**LEADER OF THE HOUSE (MR MOHWASA):** Thank you Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, I beg to move in terms of Standing Order 27.1 (a), a variation to the sitting hours of Parliament, that on Tuesday and Thursday next week, Parliament should sit from 0900 hours to allow the House to conclude the Appropriation Bill 2026/2027 before the 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2026. I move accordingly Mr Speaker.

Question put and agreed to.

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

#### Second Reading

#### (Resumed Debate)

**MR SPEAKER:** Order! Honourable Members. Honourable Members, before the debate resumes, let me just remind you of the following; (i) I have heard some murmurs from some of you sometimes about the presence or absence of His Honour the Vice President (VP), Minister of Finance. Let me assure you

Honourable Members that when His Honour the VP and Minister of Finance is not on his chair, do not think that he is not listening to you. Do not ever think that he will not respond to all matters that you are raising. He has made all necessary arrangements.

I am sure you will agree with me that sometimes it is not possible that all the time he will be seated here. You would agree with me that for the most part he is here, but when he is not here, be rest assured that he is with you and he will respond accordingly. Honourable Members, 42 Members have debated, and I am appealing to you, to please, please observe utmost decorum in the House and minimise disruptions.

Honourable Members, the debate on the Bill is resuming and when the House adjourned yesterday, Honourable Ignatius Mokwaledi Moswaane, Assistant Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs and Member of Parliament for Francistown West, was on the floor debating and is left with 8 minutes and 54 seconds.

**MR KEKGONEGILE:** *Procedure.* Tanki *Mr Speaker*. Kana re sa tswa go fetisa paakanyo ya dinako, ke tseela gore re dumalane le yone. Ke gore fela go batla re *caution* mme le wena o re thusa *Mr Speaker*. Ke gore fa o bona ba tletse jaana, go raya gore *President* o etla. *Caution* ke gore fa e le gore le mo fa *hour*, re je *hour* ya gagwe, re se ka ra tla ra oketsa nako gape morago ga fa. Tanki *Mr Speaker*.

**MR SPEAKER:** Certainly, that is not the procedure.

**MR KAIZER:** *Procedure.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. *Mr Speaker*, kana maabane fa Palamente e *adjourn*, go ne go lebega *Honourable* Moswaane a kgopisitswe ke gore ke ne ke tlhalositse gore ga ke tshele ka madi a Palamente. O ne a mphara ka mafoko mangwe a a senang boammaaruri. Fa Palamente e *adjourn* *Mr Speaker*, e ne e le gore a boele mafoko a a buileng morago kana a tsise bosupi jwa mafoko a a neng a a bua. Re ne re santse re le gone foo fa Palamente e tshaisa. Ke a leboga.

**MR SPEAKER:** Honourable Kaizer, you would recall that I was not presiding. What I would do, is to go and check the Hansard. *Fa e le gore mafoko a gagwe ke a a tsuololang ditsamaiso tsa lona, go raya gore ke tlaa tsena koo fa ke fitlha koo.*

**ASSISTANT MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS (MR MOSWAANE):** *Mr Speaker*, mma ke go leboge motho wetsho, ke re mo letsatsing la gompieno, ke

ikokobeditse ka leina le le maatla la Modimo wa rona o o kileng a re boloka. *Mr Speaker*, ke mo Pusong ya ditshwanelo e e sireletsang botshelo jwa motho go feta sengwe le sengwe. E e ratang go bona Motswana mongwe le mongwe a tshela dingwaga tse a ka di tshelang e bile a sa boife bosula bope.

Dikgang tse ke mo go tsone, ke batla gore ke go gakolole *Mr Speaker* gore ka *November 2024*, ke ne ka bua mo Palamenteng eno gore lefatshe leno ga le na go tsamaya sentle. O tlaa gakologelwa sentle gore ka 2017, ke ne ka kukiwa ka ba ka kgamiwa. O gakologelwa sentle gore ka *November 2023*, ke ne ka kukiwa ka bo ka kgamiwa ke bua ka dikgang tsa melemo. *Mr Speaker*, ke batla go go raya ke re lefatshe leno le Puso e ke mo go yone, le ikaeletse go sireletsa botshelo jwa Motswana go feta sengwe le sengwe se o ka se akanyang. Go na le kgang e e tswelatseng pele e ke ratang go e lemosa ka boikokobetso jo bo seng kana ka sepe gore ka ngwaga wa 2023/2024, go nnile le *an influx* ya melemo e e *sub-standard* e e tseneng ka lefatshe leno ka bokete. Seemo se ke rata gore ke se sedimotsetse Batswana gore Johane wa mokolobetsi o ne a kgalema baeteledipele bangwe gore ba ne ba sa dira sentle, ba kopa tlhogo ya gagwe mo mogotswaneng. Setefane le ene a supa, a kgalema baeteledipele bangwe ba gagwe a ba raya a re, seemo se se ne se sa siama, mme ba mo keteka ka matlapa go fitlhelela a tlhokafala. Jeso le ene ba mmampola, *they celebrated* a sena molato. *I am ready for any situation.*

**MR PULE:** *Procedure.* *Mr Speaker*, ga ke itse mongwame, o tlaa nkgakolola fa ke tswa mo tseleng, ke itse gore o motho yo o elang dilo tlhoko. Kana Rre Moswaane, kgang e o setse a e bua labobedi mo Palamenteng e, a dira *very serious allegations.* *Mr Speaker*, o kare o mo tlogetse fela. Gompieno re tshwere bothata, re a ipotsa gore a mme kgang e Rre Moswaane a e buang, a e na le boammaaruri. Ke eng re tlogela Rre Moswaane a tswelela a gogomosa Batswana maikutlo gore ba filwe melemo e e sa siamang? Kana go tletse le mo *social media* gore Rre Moswaane a rialo. Re tsile go ikgatholosa kgang e go fitlhelela leng *Mr Speaker*? A ko go tsewe kgato, a ko o tseye kgato *Mr Speaker*. Re a go kopa tsweetswee.

**MR SPEAKER:** Wa re o ne a reng gompieno? Ke ne ke utlwa o kare o mo Baebeleng...

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

**MR SPEAKER:** *Honourable* Moswaane, ke batla go go utlwa sentle gore wa reng.

**MR MOSWAANE:** Ke ne ke re ke dumela gore Puso ya me e tlaa sireletsa matshelo a Batswana mme e bile e tlaa dira gotlhe mo e go kgonang go tsisa botsogo jo bo siameng mo tshabeng ya Botswana, e seng jaaka go ne go dirwa pele. Ke sone se ke le kang go se bua. Seemo e ne e le se se sa siamelang matshelo a Batswana, dingaka di tshela *under frustration*, ba itse ka tlhoafalo gore melemo e ba e neelang balwetse, e mengwe e *sub-standard, counterfeit products* tse di neng di tsena mo lefatsheng leno ka bokete. *I have documentation that I can produce at any time* fa mang a e batla, e e supang gore melemo ya sehuba sa bana e ne ya goroga ka 2023, e e dirileng dikotsi tse di seng kana ka sepe mo baneng. Se ke se bua ka gore ke a itse gore batho ba bangwe ba a kgopisega fa ke bua jaana. Melemo e e tshwanang le ya *Panado*, e gorogile mo lefatsheng leno mme e sena boitekanelo jwa go ka nowa ke batho. Ke tswa go tshwara melemo eo, e bile ke tswa go e bontsha Mopalamente mongwe, e fitlhilwe mo *clinic* nngwe kwa sepateleng sa Shoshong. Ke tlaa go isa teng kana moeteledipele mongwe go ya go e bona. Ga ke bue dikgang tsa mabarebare, *I have seen those things by myself.*

**MR SPEAKER:** *Honourable* Moswaane, *nama o timile foo.* *Honourable Members*, let me confirm that I am in receipt of two letters from two *Honourable Members*. I think it is *Honourable Pule* and *Honourable Aaron* on the same matter. I have since responded to your letters.

On the matter that *Honourable Moswaane* is raising right now, *ke kopa gore o tle kwa ofising ya me ka bosupi jotlhe jo bo rurifatsang se o se buang Honourable Moswaane. A bo tle fela kwa ofising mme e tlaa re fa bo tsile Mapalamente, ke tlaa bo sekaseka mme ke dire tshwetso ya gore a mme ke jo bo lekaneng go support kgang eo kana ke jo bo sa lekanang mme e le gore fa bo sa lekana, ke go tweng.*

*Honourable Moswaane, ke taelo ya me ya gore simolola go phutha bosupi joo, e re by Monday, a bo bo setse bo le kwa ofising, re bo sekaseke ka gore* certainly they are very weighty and serious allegations you are making.

**MR LEKAU:** *Point of order.* *Mr Speaker*, gongwe le fa e le gore o *order* Rre Moswaane gore a rialo, e rile fa re tshwere diphuthego tsa Kgotla, *Matron* o ne a kopa mo Kgotleng gore botlhe ba ba tsereng dipilisi tsa Tuberculosis (TB), ba boele kwa sepateleng go ye dirwa *tracing* ka gore tse ba neng ba di neetswe ga se tsone. O ne a supa gore melemo e batho ba neng ba e neetswe ele, ga se yone. Melemo e ba neng ba ntse ba e neelwa

gotwe ke ya TB ke ya *fake*, jaanong gatwe ba boele kwa sepatela go dirwa *tracing*.

**MR SPEAKER:** *Honourable* Lekau, fa go na le bangwe mo go lona ba ba nang le kitso le bosupi jo bo ka tlaletsang jwa ga *Honourable* Moswaane, mmoneng le bo rulaganyetse kwa ntle, le tleng kwa ofising ya ga *Speaker*, le tsise bosupi joo.

*I have made a ruling. Honourable* Moswaane, tsweetswee, tswelela le *debate*, o setse ka *five minutes* 48 *seconds*.

**MR MOSWAANE:** Ee, *Mr Speaker*, ke fetile ka tseo, e bile ke go tlhomamisetsa gore se ke se tshotseng ke tlaa se baya fa pele ga ofisi ya gago, gonne ga ke boife bosula bope. Ke gakgamala fa Mapalamente ba kgopisega, ba tshwanetse ba itumelele gore rre yo o tlaare tlišetsa dikgang tse di ka re bolokang, le kamoso tsa re bolokela batho ba rona. E seng motho a *chika* fela a re, “ke moDomkrag, hei! ntsha bosupi.” Ga go bereke golo moo, o ne a ntse a le mo *Cabinet*, o ne a le kae Motlotlegi Mabuse Pule, a-a!

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

**MR SPEAKER:** Nnyaa, *Honourable* Moswaane, o se ka wa kgopisiwa ke gore *Honourable* Pule o batla bosupi jwa kgang e o e buang.

**MR MOSWAANE:** *No*, ke a mo itumelela, ka re o ne a ntse a le kae, e bile a le motona a bonala gore o itse ditshwanelo tsa batho e le mmaboipelego, mme a letleletse seemo se se ntseng jalo go diragala a le mo Pusong?

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Point of order.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Procedure.

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

**MR SPEAKER:** Nnyaa, tima *microphone. Honourable* Moswaane, se dire jalo.

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

**MR SPEAKER:** *Order! Honourable Members! Honourable* Moswaane, se dire jalo tsweetswee. Standing Order 58.11 e supa gore le tshwanetse le itshware jang ka *utmost decorum*, jaanong tsweetswee dira jalo. Se sengwe ke gore *Honourable Member*, se kgopise ba bangwe, o se ka wa dirisa mafoko a a *offensive. Do not impute improper motives* mo go *Honourable* Pule. Tsweetswee se dire jalo *Honourable Member*, a ko o baakanye.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Point of order.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Procedure.

**MR SPEAKER:** *Honourable* Pule, ke kgalemile.

**MR PULE:** Nnyaa, mongwame. Nnyaa, *Mr Speaker*.

**MR SPEAKER:** I did not recognise you, I recognised the Leader of the Opposition (LOO).

**MR PULE:** *Mr Speaker*, nnyaa mongwame, ke a go tlotla tota...

**MR SPEAKER:** I have recognised the LOO.

**LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION (MR SALESHANDO):** *Procedure.* Ke ne ke re ke leboegele *ruling Mr Speaker* gore re buisane sentle ka gore kgang e e gogomosa le ba ba kwa ntle ga Palamente maikutlo. Gongwe e re o kgalema, kana dinako tse dingwe go a bapisediwa, ka gore yo e neng e le *Minister of Health* ka nako e gotweng dipilisi tse di ne di goroga, o gaufi fale, mme ga se gore le ene o tseega sentle, Tona Dr Dikoloti. E re pele ga o dira *ruling*, gongwe le ene o mmiletse kwa ofising a tle go ntsha bosupi jwa gagwe, a itlhatswe leina mo dikgannyeng tsa ga Rre Moswaane. Ke a leboga.

**MR PULE:** *Point of order Mr Speaker.* Mongwame, kana ke a go tlotla, ke a go rata, e bile ke itse gore o tsamaisa Ntlo e sentle. Rre Moswaane *is actually*... Ke ema ka Standing Order 57.5, *he is imputing improper motives on me.* Ke raya gore fa a bua a re, *I was a Cabinet Minister*, ke ne ke le bokgakala bo kae, ke ne ke reng, mme a dira *serious allegations*, kana ga se gore ke *concerned because* ke fitlha sengwe. Ke *concerned because he is revealing a matter that happened two years back and he has been quiet about it.* Jaanong o a e ntsha gompiano, ke tshwenyegile ka gore batlhophi ba me ba a mpotsa gore, “gatwe le dirile eng Motlotlegi Pule ka o ne o le moDomkrag?” Ke batla gore kgang ya ga Motlotlegi Moswaane re e sale morago, e tlhotlhomisiwe go itsiwe gore boammaaruri bo fa kae. Ke raya gore ke sone se ke se batlang, a se ka a baya mo e keteng o kare ke natefelelwa ke dipuo tse a di buang...

**MR MOSWAANE:** Ga go na *point of order Mr Speaker.* Motho yo *is shooting a video*, ga go na se a se dirang.

**MR PULE:** Gakere o bona wena, o batla *mental health* ka fa ke go lebeleletse ka teng.

**MR SPEAKER:** *Honourable Members*, kana *I have*

*ruled on this matter.* Jaanong *Honourable* Moswaane, tsweetswee se dire jalo, fa yo mongwe a filwe *floor*, ga o mo tsenelele, go sa kgathalesege gore o ikutlwa jang. Welang dibete *Honourable Members*, a ko go nne le kagiso mo Ntlong.

**MR MOSWAANE:** Ke ne ka bua maabane ka re Dr Dikoloti o lole ntwane e e maswe e e bileng a tseelwa tshwanelo ya go ema, ka ntwane a nengane e e lwa. O lwele ntwane e e mashetla, a ba a tseelwa tshwanelo ya go ema a fentse ditlhopho, jaanong le e sekaseke gone foo.

Bagaetsho, mme ke ye kwa Toropokgolo ya Francistown. Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, kwa Francistown re na le lefatshe le le ka ntshang *more than 40,000 residential plots*. Seemo se fa e sale ka ngwaga wa 1988, re eme re solofetse gore re tlaa neelwa *plots*, go a pala kwa Toropong ya Francistown. Ke batla gore ke kope Puso e ntsha gore seemo se re se sekaseke go bona gore re ka thusa jang Toropokgolo ya Francistown ka gore ga e tlhoke lefatshe. Re na le lefatshe, metsi, motlakase, dipatela, tota sengwe le sengwe, re okeletseng dipalo tsa Toropokgolo ya Francistown gore re beye batho bonno. Re na le *more than 18,000 worth of people on waiting list*. Ke seemo se ke se kopang ke go itse ke go tshapha Motlotlegi Ndaba Gaolathe gore o itse letshwenyego le le kwa Toropongkolo ya Francistown gore golo mo go ka e tlhabolola.

Re na le bana ba ba berekang e le *temporary teachers* kana *temporary employees* mo tsamaisong ya Puso. Puso ya Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC) e ntshitse taelo e e mashetla gore bana ba ba sekasekelwe go bona gore ba ka hirwa. Re bona dikgoreletsi di le teng mo diofising tsa bangwe bahiri. A bahiri ba re ba beyeng lengole go diragatsa maitlamo a Puso e e leng gore banana ba ba saleng ba bereka e le *temporary teachers or temporary employees* mo Pusong, ba hirwe. Mo nakong ya gompiano batho ba utlwaetse gore go tlaa hirwa, jaanong ba tsenya ba masika a bone mo *temporary* gore fa go hirwa, go bo go tsewa bone. A seemo se re se tsibogeleng ka bonako, *the Minister responsible*, a kgaupetse tsamaiso ya gore batho ba tsenngwa ka tsamaiso e e leng gore bana ba bangwe e kete ba ya go batla dipheko kwa dikerekeng le kwa dingakeng, yo mongwe e ne a neela bagabone ka *corruption*. A bosula bo se ka jwa duelwa mo nakong ya gompiano, yo o dirang bosula jo re mo seegele kwa thoko, bana ba lefatshe leno ba hirwe ka tekatekanyo.

Dikgang tse dingwe ke tsa banana mo lefatsheng la gompiano. Ke a kopa ka tsweetswee gore a bomme,

banana, Batswana ka kakaretso, re ba arabeng ka dithulaganyo tse e leng gore fa e sale ka Botswana Democratic Party (BDP) e tswa maloba, e togetse go sena lenaneo la Livestock Management and Infrastructure Development (LIMID) le le thusang batho nako ya gompiano le Nyeletso Lehuma. Chema Chema le ene o ne a tla go tla go reka ditlhopho. A mananeo a rona a re a ipeileng fa pele a, a nne one a re ka thusang batho ba rona go bona gore re diragatsa seemo se se ka tokafatsang pele, jaaka Tautona a boletse a re ba *arts and culture* ba thusiwe...

**MR AARON:** *Procedure.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ga ke itse gore a mme ke tsamaiso gore *Honourable Member of Parliament (MP) and Assistant Minister*, o ka bua jaana ka badirelapuso ba e leng gore ga ba yo gone fa go ka ipuelela. Ke eng a sa tlhomamisetse Batswana gore Puso tsela e e tlaa e tsayang *to absorb* barutabana, ba e leng gore nna le ene re a dumalana...

**MR SPEAKER:** Wa re ke bafe ba a buang ka bone ba ba seyong go ikarabela?

**MR AARON:** A re badirelapuso bangwe ba hira masika a bone.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Nna ga kea utlwa a rialo.

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

**MR AARON:** *No*, o e buile gone jaanong. Jaanong se ke batlang go se itse ke gore a mme ke tsamaiso gore o ka bua ka badirelapuso ba e leng gore ga ba na molomo wa gore ba ka ipuelela bone ba Francistown? Ke eng a sa supe gore tsela e Puso e ka e dirang *to absorb temporary workers*, bogolo jang *temporary teachers* ba botlhe ke efe, gore go se ka ga nna le gore a supe badirelapuso ka monwana? Nnyaa, o e buile fela fa sentle.

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

**MR SPEAKER:** Nnyaa, mme *certainly* ga se *procedure*. *I think this point is similar to what was once raised by Honourable Morolong* ka badiri bangwe, ga ke itse gore a o ne a re ba *land board*. *I think I am inclined to ruling* e e tshwanang le yone eo.

**MR MOSWAANE:** Bagaetsho, tota ke batla gore ke buelele Batswana, fa e le gore Rre Aaron o na le ba a kopang maitshwarelo kwa go bone, o tlaa ya go kopa a le nosi. *I am not apologetic*, ka re a Batswana ba hirwe, ba bone ditiro, a e bile go se ka ga nna le letsogokobong, *corruption* mo khirong, ke se ke se rotloetsang mo nakong ya gompiano. Banana ba ba ntseng ba

tshwere tiro, ba a *complain* ba re latela kwa diofising ba lela gore jaanong o kare se Puso e re se solofetsang se fetogile. Jaanong ke rotloetsa gore tsamaiso e re ba beye lengole ba ba e tshwereng gore e re tsamaele ka fa re batlang ka teng.

Mo dikgannyeng tsa *corruption*, ke batla gore Batswana ba itse gore Puso ya UDC, e ilana le yone, mme e bile ga re na go e baya sebete. Ra re re a itse kwa lefatshe le le tswang teng, itsholelo e ka fa e digilweng ka teng, e digilwe ka *corruption*. *Corruption* e e rileng Dr Matsheka a bua gone fa a re *37 per cent of the budget* e ya kwa *waste* kana *corruption*, a bo a kobiwa mo tirono. *Corruption* e e rileng ke bua ka yone gone fa ka 2021 ke re bagaetsho o ka re e simologa fela kwa *planning stage*, ke bo ke kobiwa le mo phathing, *corruption* e re santse re e ila le mo nakong ya gompiano. Le a itse gore bo Tautona botlhe ba tsere maemo a Botautona go na le madi a a mo Government Investment Account (GIA) a a neng a ka tshwara bo P60 *billion*, e leng bo Rraetsho Mogae, Rraetsho Ian Khama le Rre Masisi, mme ba tlogelela Rre Boko *only P2.9 billion, tshentišhi*. Go supa gore madi a tsene ka lenga la seloko, ka motlhobodika. A jelwe ke kgaupe, kgaupe rona ga re mo rate, e bile ga re ka ke ra mo rata.

Seemo se re a se ila bagaetsho ba Domkrag, ra re tlhalosetsang Batswana, la re le ne le sena boikarabelo jwa go tlogelela UDC madi mo Pusong. Nnyaa, madi ao e ne e se a lona, fa le a jele ka *corruption*, re tšile go le latela. Re a a batla madi ao. E ne e se a Domkrag kana a dipata tsa lona. Fa batho ba dirile tshenyetso-setšhaba, le tshwanetse gore le nne maswabi, *do not promote it by saying*, madi ao le ne le sa itse gore re tšile go a tsaya kae. Ba letse ba go bolelela maabane ba re o tle *to defend* le kwa *caucus* ya gago, ga o ka ke wa kgona.

**MR SPEAKER:** E go tšhaetse *Honourable* Moswaane.

**ASSISTANT MINISTER OF CHILD WELFARE AND BASIC EDUCATION (MR HUNYEPA):** Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*, e bile ke a go dumedisa. Madume kwa Tati West, batho ba ba berekang ka natla le botswapelo. Ke leboga Tona wa Madi ka pego ya gago ya kabo ya madi a setšhaba, a ngwaga wa 2026/2027.

Puso ya UDC e fitlhela mathata a mantsi fela thata, mme re dumela thata gore re tlaa rarabolola mmogo mathata a. Re fitlhela sekoloto se se fetang P15 *billion*, se go kolotiwang bagwebi ba Batswana, re santse re lwantsha sekoloto se *Mr Speaker*. Re fitlhela GIA le yone go sena sepe mo teng, ke mathata a re a fitlhelang a.

Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, re fitlhela dikole di le mo seemong se se maswe, difenstero le mabati go thubegile, *toilet drains* tse di tshologang, matlo a a onetseng a barutabana, baoki, mapodise, babereki ba mo Dikgotleng le babereki ba dikhansele, jalojalo. Re fitlhela go kgautlhane go ntse jalo.

Mo Tati West *Mr Speaker*, re lebagane le mathata a matona fela thata, go gaisa dikgaolo tse dingwe Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Re kopa *Affirmative Action*, go leka go baakanya mathata a a mo Tati West *Mr Speaker*, re thusiwe ka kutlwelobothoko mo maemong a re leng mo go one. *Mr Speaker*, re tswa kgakala Puso ya Domkrag e latlheetse *North East*, bogolo jang Tati West. Ke kopa gore *Ministers* ba simolole *projects* tsa bone tsa NDP 12, ke a le kopa Matona gore le di simolole ka kwa Tati West, e le bontlha bongwe jwa *Affirmative Action*. A ko le re tlhomogele pelo, mathata a rona a matona fela thata, ditsunami tsotlhe di kopanetse kwa Tati West, Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD), merwalela, *cross-border crime*, diphologolo tse di digang diterata, ditsela tse di senyegileng, dikgang tsa boagedi le tsa bo Omang, kabo ya ditsha jalojalo. Ke dikgang tse re lebaganeng le tsone kwa Tati West, ke one mathata a re buang ka one fa o utlwa re re re na le tsunami fela e e seng kana ka sepe gone ka kwa.

FMD e nna teng kgapetsakgapetsa, fa e seyo ke gore ke matshosetsi a yone kwa Tati West. Jaaka re bua, metse ka bontsi jaana kwa Tati West, e amilwe ke FMD, kwa e tshwerweng teng; Jackalas No. 1, Kgari, Masukwane, Mapoka le Mlambakwena. Ke bolwetse jo bo leng teng kwa jaaka re bua jaana, bo tsentse batho tsebetsebe. *Restocking* e ne e dirilwe *just last year*, mme bolwetse ke jo bo gorogile gape. Ke jaaka o utlwa ke kopa gore a ko le lebung kwa go rona, mo go rayang gore jaanong *we are back to zero*.

*Mr Speaker*, re lebogela Puso e e tabogileng fela thata go kenta dikgomo, go leka go fokotsa yone kanamo ya bolwetse jo. Re lebogela bakenti ba e leng gore ga ba robale, ba ba theogetseng go lwantsha bolwetse jo. Ke go leboga Mothusa Tautona le wena motshwarelela Tona wa Temothuo Dr Edwin Dikoloti, go bo le etetse kgaolo ya Tati West le tla go bona seemo se re leng mo go sone, *especially* bolwetse bo sena go tlhomamisiwa mo metseng e ke neng ke ntse ke bua ka yone, *especially* kwa Jackalas No. 1. Re a leboga Tona ka P97 *million* yo o re mo fileng go tla go thusa fela thata go lwantsha bolwetse jo, le fa madi a a sa lekana. *Mr Speaker*, se ke sesupo sa gore Puso e lwantsha bolwetse jo ka mashetla. Go botlhokwa gore re sireletse mmaraka wa rona wa

maemo a a kwa godimo jaaka o bua Tautona, ka Sekgoa o ne o re, “*access to high value market.*”

*Mr Speaker*, mo *Paragraph 10* mo puong ya kabo ya madi, ke dumalana le wena Tona gore re tla fenyha segajaja se, go sireletsa leruo le maemo a rona mo mmarakeng wa mafatshefatshe. Ke nako ya gore Botswana Vaccine Institute (BVI), e tsholetse dinao ka *research* tsa maemo a a kwa godimo, e dire melemo tota e e berekang, e e ka fenyang bolwetse jo, *especially* ka gore bolwetse jo bo tswa kgakala bo ntse bo re tshwenya.

Mathata a mangwe ke tle ke a gatelele *Mr Speaker*, ke kgotlhang ya batho le diphologolo gone kwa kgaolong ele. Diphologolo tse di senyetsang batho *Mr Speaker*, ditlou di nna fela mo metseng ya rona ka kwa. Di diga terata, di senya mo masimo, di tsenya matshelo a batho mo diphatseng.

Mathata a mangwe a a tlaleletsang fela thata a o utlwang ke re ke tsunami, ke merwalela. Maloba fela jaana re ne re bona dipula di nele di se kana ka sepe, dipula tsa maloba tse di sentse ditsela le dijwalo mo masimong. Bangwe ga ba a kgona go lema, e le dipula tse di kanakana. Mo go rayang gore batho jaaka re bua jaana ka kwa Tati West, ba tlaa dika ba sa je sepe, ba sa bona sepe e le tsone dipula tse.

Kwa Tati West go maswe, dinoka tse ditona di simolola kwano *Mr Speaker*, metsi a tsone a senya mo malwapeng *before* a ka fetela kwa matamong. Dinoka tse di tshwanang Tati, Ntshe, Vukwi, Shashe le Ramokgwebana, di simolola kwa Tati West, mme di simolola di senya ditsela, mo malwapeng le mo masimong pele metsi a teng a ka fetela kwa matamong. Ke kopa gore tota ditlhabololo tsa NDP 12, di simolole kwa garona, di tsenye ditsela tse ditona tsa Central Government tse di amilweng ke merwalela e. Re na le tsela ya Kalakamati-Zwenshambe, e e tsenyang metse ya Mbalambi, Gungwe le Gambule, jalojalo. Re bo re nna le tsela ya Gulubane-Letsholathebe, e e tsenyang metse ya bo Masingwaneng, Mambo le Sechele, di senyegile mo di sa tsamaegeng jaaka re bua jaana, ke mathata fela. Ke sone se ke kopang gore NDP 12, Matona, madi a lona le tle le re thuse, le ye go simolola ka kwa kgaolong ka kwa.

*Cross-border crime*; metse ya rona ka bontsi e mo molelwane wa Zimbabwe *Mr Speaker*. Mathata ke one a gore terata ya molelwane o wa Botswana le Zimbabwe, e kgaotswe ke ditlou, leruo le batho. Jaanong ke mathata fela, ke sone se o bonang bolwetse jaanong bo tsene ka

mashetla a a kanakana, ka gore ga go na terata. Jaanong bogodu jwa leruo le dithoto jaaka dikoloi, bo ile kwa godimo. Bogodu jo, bo ama lekgetho la Puso ka kwa Botswana Unified Revenue Service (BURS), ka gore magodu a, ba feta fela kwa go sa kgethiweng teng, go bo go raya gore madi ga a tsene.

*Mr Speaker*, re kopa gore ditlhabololo tsa NDP 12, di simolole gone ka kwa. Puo ya gago ya kabo ya madi a setšhaba Tona Gaolathe, e tsisa tsholofelo e ntsi fela thata mo Batswaneng, go a supa gore *the future is bright*. Khiri ya barutabana e tlaa rarabolola mathata a a mo dikoleng, jaaka o bua mo puong ya gago ya kabo ya madi. Ka bonya ka bonya, itsholelo e tlaa tsoga, re tlaa hira barutabana itsholelo fa e ntse e tsoga jaana. Le madi a o a ntshitseng, re tlaa a dirisa gore barutabana ba hirwe.

*Mr Speaker*, re lebogela P1.85 billion wa *maintenance* go tla go thusa go baakanya dikole, dipatela, dikokelo le ditsela jalojalo. Ke ratile mafoko a gago Tona a gore, madi a se ka a tsewa a dirisiwa ditiro di sele. *Paragraph 13, I quote Mr Speaker.*

**MR SPEAKER:** Please do.

**MR HUNYEP:** “*No virement from maintenance votes be permitted.*” *Mr Speaker*, Puso e e fetileng e ne e dira *endless virements* gape go sa baakangwe sepe. Ke sone se o bonang re le mo mathateng a a kanakana a dikago, dikole di kgautlhane jaana. Rotlhe re tshwanetse ra kopa dithuso mo gae le kwa ntle ka gore, madi a o re a fileng a tlhela. Re lebogela dikompone tse di ikemetseng tse di thusang fela thata go baakanya *classrooms* tsa dikole tsa rona, dipatela le go thusa ka ditsela tse di faphegileng mo dikoleng le maphata a mangwe a Puso. Le lona ke a le kopa bakaulengwe kwa kganetsong gore a re kopeng madi rotlhe, lefatshe le ke la rona rotlhe. Ke bona le supa Puso ya UDC ka menwana mme le sa tle ka ditharabololo. Kopang ditsala tsa lona tsa bahumi di tle di thuse bakaulengwe, re age lefatshe le mmogo. Re ne re dira jalo re le mo kganetsong, re thusa ka megopolo, le go thusa tota re ne re thusa.

*Mr Speaker, Paragraph 48* ya puo ya kabo ya madi ya re, “*tourism is being repositioned to make it attractive.*” Re dumalana le wena Tona, khumo ya bojanala mo Botswana e ntsi fela thata. Re na le mafelo a mantle, dijo le dingwao tse di farologanyeng mo dikgaolong. Mo Tati West re na le Ntimbale Dam, dijo tsa Sekalaka tse di monate, le ngwao e ntle. Domboshaba Ruins ke lefelo le le kgatlheng fela thata. Re na le *trusts* tse di ka

tshwarang 11 Tona, le batho ba rona ba tlhoka thuso e ntsi fela thata go lotlolola khumo e ya bojanala.

*Mr Speaker*, ditsela tsa Kalakamati/Zwenshambe le Gulubane/Letsholathebe, di ka lotlolola bojanala mo kgaolong. Ke kopa di lebelelwe pele go ka iwa go sele. *Mr Speaker*, mo *north east*, e re e bitsang re re *a district of endless opportunities*, re na le marang a letsatsi a mantsi fela thata, *over 80 to 90 per cent and eight hours per day*. Metsi a mantsi fela thata. Matamo a mararo ka kwa *north east*, re na le, Shashe, Ntimbale le Dikgatlhong, le didiba tse di nang le metsi a a seng kana ka sepe. Ke khumo e re nang le yone gone ka kwa nna le *Honourable Furniture*. Re na le dinoka tse di tona tse di rwalang metsi jaaka ke di balolotse, bo Shashe, Ntshe, Tati, jalojalo.

Re na le mmu o o nonneng wa temothuo. Re na le baagisanyi *Mr Speaker* ba ba nang le boitsaanape le bokgoni fela thata mo temothuong go tswa kwa Zimbabwe le Zambia. Jaaka re ne re bua ka *agriculture*, khumo e e kanakana e ka lotlologa. Babereki ba rona kwa Tati West ka kwa ba mashetla, ba ka thusa fela thata mo temothuong le sengwe le sengwe se re ka se dirang, se e leng gore fa re ka fiwa madi a jaaka o bua Tona, re ka tlhabolola lefatshe le. Fa le ka re neela madi a ditsela, *solar energy*, maranyane, le go tsenya *village connectivity*, la re agela *police stations* tse di ka fokotsang borukutlhi, re ka itirela Dubai mo kgaolong ya rona, *a district with endless opportunities*. Itsholelo ya rona e ka phuphuma fela thata Tona Gaolathe, ra tlhama ditiro tse re di batlang.

*Mr Speaker*, le fa go le botlhoko, go siame re tsena seemo se ntse jaana, go sena madi, go le makgasa, makgwakgwa, go le letlhoko le le ntseng jaana, go le botlhoko, ka gore re tlile go baakanya re le Batswana, re le mmogo. Puo e ya kabo ya madi a setšhaba, e tliša ditharabololo tse dintsi. Ba bangwe ba re re boka mathata, ga re tle ka ditharabololo. Botswana Economic Transformation Programme (BETP) ke lenaneo le le tlileng go fetola itsholelo ya Batswana.

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

**MR SPEAKER:** Heelang! *Honourable Members*, kana le itaya Tona Hunyepa tsebe. Le tshwanetse gore le reetse thata Standing Order 58.4 le se ka la mo itaya tsebe, le reetse go fitlhelela a wela.

**MR HUNYEPA:** Re tlile go rarabolola mathata a, re tla ka ditharabololo. BETP le National Development Plan 12 tse di fetisitsweng ke Palamente e, ke ditharabololo

tse di leng teng. Batho fa ba ntse ba botsa gore re dirile eng, ke dingwe tsa dilo tse re di dirileng go rarabolola mathata a lefatshe le *Mr Speaker*.

Tona Gaolathe jaaka o bua mo *Paragraph 59* gore, re tlile go aga itsholelo e e kabakantsweng, mme e le boteng, gape e tliša ditiro tsa sennelaruri, *“building a diversified and inclusive deep economy for sustainable jobs,”* BETP le NDP 12 di tlile go dira fela jalo. Ka bonya ka bonya re tlaa aga itsholelo ya Botswana, re tlaa tsosolosa itsholelo e ya Botswana *Mr Speaker*.

*Mr Speaker*, Botswana Congress Party (BCP) e etla e bua e re re dirile eng, ka gore ra re re Puso ya boammaaruri, ba re ga re a dira sepe. E rile re emetse ditlhopho, ra ntsha ditsholofetso *and we have since delivered on them*. Sekai, *tandabala* ke eo, dikgang jaanong di balwa le ka dipuo tse dingwe; Sekalaka se le mo teng, Seburu jalojalo. Re kgonne go busetsa ditshwanelo tsa Mapalamente le Makhanselara a kganetso go etelela dikomiti, e le gore Domkrag e ne e ba ragetse kwa ntle. Jaanong ba eteletse dikomiti tse dintsi le gone mo Palamenteng mo. Ra oketsa madi a badiragatsi go tswa mo P2 million go ya kwa go P200 million. Ra simolodisa le phiro ya *Special Constables*, gore a ba hirwe jaanong e nne mapodise a sennelaruri. Ke sengwe se re kgonneng go se dira. Re fokotsa metsi le motlakase ka 30 per cent, jalojalo. Ra tla ka mananeo a gore re ya kae re le Batswana. Kgang ya gore re na le NDP le BETP ke tsone tse di tlaa tlang di re isa kwa pele *Mr Speaker*. Ke sengwe se se supang gore, re na le tsela le lesedi la gore re isa Batswana kae. Ke dikgang tse re di rarabolotseng.

*Mr Speaker*, ntetlelele ke gakolole BCP gore e paletswe jang. Ka 2024 ba ne ba re *the magic number* ke 31, mme ga pala. Ba tswa go tla ka dikgaolo kana di le 12 kana 13. Rona re amogetse bagaetsho gore re fitlhetse mathata a le teng, letlhoko le bogodu jwa melemo, melemo *that have expired*. Bagaetsho, re itse gore BCP ke yone e e re tsentseng mo mathateng a re leng mo go one, ke tle ke le bolelele kgang e fela thata. 1998 re bone ba somoga ba tswa mo Botswana National Front (BNF). BNF e ne e tshwanetse go tsaya Puso ka 1999, ra bona le dira jalo maBCP. E bile nako ya teng itsholelo e ne e le kwa godimo, e dira fela sentle. La tswa la emela fale, le bo le dira gore re se ka ra tsaya Puso. Re ka bo re sale re baakantse mathata a a teng a bogologolo. Ra bona gape ka 2014, UDC e ka bo e tsere Puso, BCP jaaka molelo wa thokolosi, ya somoga...

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

**MR HUNYEPA:** Kana yone e tlhagoga gongwe le gongwe fela nako nngwe le nngwe, ya tshuba sengwe le sengwe e bo e nyelela, re sa itse gore e ile kae. Ka 2024 gape BCP ya boa ya dira ditiro tsa boloi gape, melelo ya thokolosi, ya somoga, ya simolola e sa batle re tsaya Puso. Nako eo ka gore re ne re tlhalefile, ra tshela letswai, ra bolaya thokolosi, ra tsaya Puso. *Almost thrice BCP e sa batle go tsaya Puso, itsholelo e eme sentle. Thrice BCP betrayed Batswana.*

Gompiano Batswana ba mo dikolotong e le lona ba le dirileng, ka gore re ka bo re baakantse itsholelo e bogologolo bakaulengwe. Ga ba na ditiro, go tlala, go lehuma, e le lona ba le dirileng, go malwetse a mantsi, go dintsho. Gone mo Botswana dikole di kgautlhane, dituelo tsa babereki di kwa tlase, matlo a babereki ba setšhaba a kgautlhane. Dintsho tse di kanakana BCP e tshwanetse go di arabela ka gore e diile diphetogo *since* 1999 lefatshe le santse le humile. Jaanong BCP re a e bona e lela dikeledi tsa maaka, *crocodile tears*. Le lela dikeledi tse dingwe tse e leng gore...

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

**MR HUNYEPA:** Le mo seelong le mo Palamenteng tota, *and* re bona e bile le kgona go ema ka dinao, *you are very, very insensitive and heartless* bakaulengwe. Go tshwana fela le moloi a tseneletse a bolaya batho, e re a sena go bolaya batho, a bo a ya kwa lesong a feta a lela a bokolela go gaisa bone beng ba lesa; *crying more than the bereaved. This is what you are doing, you have to account* bakaulengwe. Tota le a itse le lona se le se dirileng, sutlhang dikeledi tseo le eme ka dinao le kope maitshwarelo ka gore *you betrayed this particular nation*. E bile ba bangwe o fitlhela ba taboga mo ba re Tautona o senya madi ka go ya kwa mafatsheng jalojalo. Nnyaa, Tautona *has been travelling even before he became the President*, e santse e le ngwana wa sekole. Puso ya UDC fa o bona e ntse jaana, Tautona o ne a tsamaya a ya kwa ntle a ya go kopa dithuso.

Mothusa Tautona, Tona wa Madi, re lebogela kabo ya madi e o e dirileng. O berekile mokaulengwe. Ke a leboga.

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

**MR NKAWANA (SELEBI PHIKWE EAST):** Ke a go leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke batla go simolola puo ya me jaana ke leboge Mothusa Tautona Rre Gaolathe go re baya pego ya madi pele. Se sengwe ke mo leboege gone gore kana ke ne ke bapile le ene, o bona gore ga ke kgakala le fa a leng teng, ke mo lebile ke bona le

dipounama, sengwe le sengwe sa gagwe se supa gore o mo kutlobotlhokong. Tota fela boammaaruri ke gore o ne a putsaputsisa keledi jaaka a ne a bua gore ene ga a ka ke a tlopolo le fa e le sepe mo mading a setšhaba. Le nna ka utlwa go ntsaya jalo, go nketsha bana ba phefo.

Mothusa Tautona, re a go leboga, e bile re na le tshepho mo go wena, re tlaa go ema nokeng fa re ka kgonang teng. Ba ba ka le kang go go ntsha mo tseleng, re tlaa go thusa, mme re eletsa gore o nne o kgaleme fela jalo. Mongwe o kile a dirisa lefoko la gore o boke, o boke ka fa o ka kgonang ka teng, re a itse gore ga go motlhofo go kgona banna le basadi ba ba setseng ba nyetse ba na le malwapa go ba tsenya mo tseleng, o ba rute tsamaiso sesha. Sekgoa sa re *you cannot teach an old dog new tricks*, mme fela re tlaa go ema nokeng fa o tla ka tse di siameng.

Ke eme gape ke leboege botsadi jwa rona kwa Selebi Phikwe, barutabana kwa Selebi Phikwe segolobogolo ka gore tiro e ba e tshwereng ya go ruta bana ba rona ba bo ba pasa jaaka ba pasa jaana, re a pasa kwa Selebi Phikwe, le fa dikole tsa rona di kgautlhane jaaka mongwe le mongwe a itse gore dikole tsa Botswana di kgautlhane. Batsadi ba Selebi Phikwe ka kakaretso ba eme ka dinao, ga ba a emela gore re nne re lele jaaka mongwe a re re lele. Re tlaa leka, Modimo o tlaa re ema nokeng ka dipaka tsotlhe.

Ke supe gape gore ene P1.8 *billion* yo o re mmeileng pele Tona, re a mo nyatsa ka gore o lekane ene Selebi Phikwe yo o pasang a le nosi. Dikole tsa Selebi Phikwe di ka kgonwa ke ene P1.8 *billion*. Tota e bile tshwanelo ke gore re tshwanetse *to reward* yo o dirang botoka, re se ka ra ya *to reward* ba ba palelwang jaaka ba ga *Honourable* Hunyepa yo o bitsang batho baloi. Kwa Selebi Phikwe re batho ba re iketlileng, re dira dilo tsa rona ka iketlo, batsadi ba rona ba tlhoafetse, barutabana ba rona ga ba ineele. Bosigo le motshegare fa gare ga bo mmamanthwane ba ba mo matlong a bone, ba a bereka ba pasisa bana. Re na le matshwenyego a matona Mothusa Tautona ka gore le gompiano jaana fela fa dikole di bulwa, Mapalamente a Selebi Phikwe, nna le Rre Kaizer re amogela megala ya batsadi le bana ba ba tswang mo mafatsheng a mangwe ba kopa gore ba amogelwe mo dikoleng tsa Selebi Phikwe ka gore ke gone kwa go pasiwang teng. Seo ke se re se ikemiseditseng *Mr Speaker*.

Ke batla go tsena mo kgannyeng ya gore, le fa ke galaletsa gore tiro ya gago re a e galaletsa, ke na le go lebelo kwa tlase kgang ya *suspension of GPOs*. E ka

tswa e na le tse e di kgonneng, mme *the largest part* e e ntshwenyang ke gore madi a senyegile a le mantsi thata e bile a tswetse a a senyega. Maloba ka ke tsholwa kwa Bobonong, ke bo ke tsamaya ke ya fa *land board* ke re ke ya go kopa thuso, ka bo ka kopa le yone ntlwana ya boitiketso; e le sekai mme e le se se diragetseng, bodiredi jwa supa fa go sena le fa e le pampitshana e e dirisiwang mo ntlwaneng eo. Ka botsa gore ka lebaka lefe, ba nthaya ba re nnyaa, dilo tseo di tsewa kwa Serowe; pampitshana yone e re e itseng e e bewang mo ntlwaneng ya boitiketso ga e yo koo ka gore ga ba na GPO ya go ithekela. Se se diragalang ke gore, go tswa koloi e kgweediwa ke modirelapuso a patilwe ke yo o letleletsweng go ka amogela dithoto ka melawana ya *procurement*, ba ya Serowe ba ya go tsaya *toilet paper*, fa gongwe ka *cruiser*. Ipotse fela gore tshenyegelo e e kana a re ka ipoka ra re GPO e bolokile madi, *Mr Speaker*? Diofisi tsa Mapalamente bone ga di na tsone didirisiwa tseo...

**MR HIKUAMA:** *Clarification.* Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*, ke a leboga Rre Nkawana. O bua ka kgang e ya *to save* madi ka go sa reka ka GPO, a ko o e tlhatswe sentle, a mme fa o na le dikoloto tse o tshwanetseng go di duela, fa o emisa go ba duela, golo mo o a bo o bolokile madi? Ke raya ka kitso ya gago fela fa e le gore o na le melato e foo ga o duele, dikompone ga di duelwe, *services* ga di dirwe tsa lefatshe wena o eme ga o duele, o a bo o bolokile madi?

**MR NKAWANA:** Ke a go leboga *Honourable Hikuama*. Tota boammaaruri ke gore e bile ba bangwe ba ya kwa *court* ba ya go go sekisa, ba bo ba neelwa *interest on top of that* ka gore o sale o tshwara madi a bone o re ba se ka ba duelwa ka gore *you suspended* GPO.

Ke ne ke santse ke le mo go reng diofisi tsa Mapalamente kwa dikgaolong tsa bone, bontsi jwa dilo tse ba di tlhokang, a ke *ink ya printer*; a ke eng, di tswa mo Gaborone ka gore Molaodi ga a na GPO ya go ba rekela dilo tsa mofuta oo. A mme gone moo la re go *cancel* GPO, koloi e tswa mo Gaborone e isa *toilet paper* kwa Selebi Phikwe, kwa Gantsi, nnyaa, a re akanyeng sentle Mothusa Tautona. Gone mo ke bona e le gore re ne re re a dira mme gongwe re sa lebelela ntlha e nngwe. Go na le pina ke ele ya mongwe o ne a re, “ke lokisa ka mona, go senyega ka mona, ke lokisa baesekele ka re ke tsenya leotwana, go kgaoga *strap* sa baesekele.” Kopo ke gore a re e sekasekeng, re bone gore ke dife tse re ka emisang GPO gore e se ka ya dirisiwa ke mongwe le mongwe. Ke dumalana le wena mme e seng *wholesale*.

Kgang ya me ke gore a re boneng gore tse dingwe tse re di tshwara sentle Mothusa Tautona.

Mma ke tabogele kwa go e nngwe ke e, ditiro tse di tshwanang le tsela yone e re reng re batla go e dira *dual carriage*. Ke santse ke ipotsa gore fa re re re batla go dira tsela e nne *double carriage*, yone ya A1, re palelwa ke... O kae *Honourable Tshere*? O dira ngwaga wa bo *seven* a palelwa ke *bus rank* kwa Mahalapye. Ka re, *Honourable Tshere*, o palelwa ke *bus station* ya Mahalapye. Tsela nngwe le nngwe kwa e rwalang batho teng, e direlwa *bus station* mme go a pala. Kopo ya me, *Honourable Speaker*, a e re fa re dira tsela, go nne le *bus stations* tse di ka sireletsang bapalami, batsamai, mo mathateng a dipula le letsatsi, e seng mo o tlaa fitlhelang ba eme ka fa tlase ga setlhare. Ba emetse *bus* ka fa tlase ga setlhare mme re bua ka go babalela madi a setshaba sa Botswana. Madi a go dira *bus station*, *whether* go dira khansele kana mang, khansele e tsaya madi mo go *Central Government*. Dilo tse, ke tse ke tsayang gore re ka bo re simolola re di tsenya mo teng gore fa re dira tsela, re itse gore batho ba le bantsi ba a *travel*. E bile batho ba le bantsi ba na le tsholofelo ya gore tsela e e magasigasi e, e tshwanetse ya nna e e leng gore kwa ke yang teng, go babalesegile. Fa e le gore ke ya go palama kwa Mahalapye, kana Phikwe, ga re na *bus station* kwa Phikwe. Re nna ka fa tlase ga mathudi a *buildings* tse di mo renkeng. Se re se batlang ke *modern bus station* ya segompieno, e e ka itirelang madi fa e le gore re tlhwaafetse re *plan* re lebile kwa pele, re a e tlhoka kwa Selebi Phikwe.

Ke batla go bua gape ka mmara ka wa *citrus fruits*. Di tlwaelesegile ka gore go na le *citrus* gone kwa Phikwe. Ke tsaya gore e ka tswa e le yone e tona mo Botswana. Ee, ke selo se sentle. *It is a private company led business*, e ke tsayang gore re tswelele pele re le Botswana, re tshwanetse ra *plan* go simolola kwa goreng Batswana ba ba yang go bereka teng, ba tswa kae. Re dikile re bona kompone eo ba lemile. Ke gore mongwe le mongwe fa a lema, o a itse gore fa ke lema ka *December*, ka kgwedi ya gore, re a roba. Ke kgwedi ya thobo re roba mabele, re ntsha mo tshimong. Kompone e kgantele e felela e le gore go roba ke *accident*, e tlile e sa baakanyediwa. Goromente wa rona le ene o dira dilo, a bo a sa *plan* gore ka nako ya thobo, re dira jang. Thobo e re e solofetseng mo *citrus fruits* tsa dipolase tse re tlaabong re di dirile, re thusitse batho gore ba leme dinamune, a re di baakanyeditse gore fa di tswa foo, re dira eng ka tsone? A re baakantse gore ke tse di yang kwa mafatsheng di ntse jalo? A re na le mafelo a e

kareng di ntse jalo, tsa thusa Batswana pele mo gae? Ga ke bone go siame sentle gore re bo re eme ka dinao re lema, re roba mabele, re bo re a romela kwa ntle bana ba letse ka tlala mo gae. A re direng e le mogopolo gore re boka gore re setse re bone dimmaraka kwa ntle. Le rona re mmaraka mo gae, *we are a market*. Ba ba tlaabong ba segofetse, e bile ba thusitswe ke Puso, a ba dire gore dilo tseo mo gae di akolwe ke rona, re ise re di romele kwa ntle.

Gompieno *Mr Speaker* dingwe tsa dilo tse di diragalang ka *citrus fruits*, di romelwa gone koo e ya go tswa kwa e le *squash*. Ga re dire *squash* rona kwano mme re a se reka se tletse mo mabentleleng a rona mo. A re ka palelwa ke go itirela *squash* tlhe bathong, *squash* fela o *dilute* ka metsi?

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Oros.

**MR NKAWANA:** Gone moo, Oros, e tswa Zimbabwe. Le tsotlhe tse di tlaabong di dirwa ka *fruits* tse di tswang mo...

**MR KAIZER:** *Clarification Mr Speaker.* Ke a leboga mokaulengwe. Se ke utlwang o se bua ke gore, *fruits* tse di salang mono, o kare ga di a lekana, ke ka fa o buang ka teng. Ke itse gore o kile wa tsamaela gone ka kwa, wa ya go kopana le bagwebi ba ba tswang kwa dikgaolong tse di pharologanyo, ba tswa kwa Maun, kaekae. Fa o lebile seemo sa 10 *per cent* yo o *reserved for the local market*, o ka reng ka sone, o lebile toropo ya Selebi Phikwe fela, o sa tsenya tse dingwe ditoropo le mafelo a a mo Botswana? Ke a leboga.

**MR NKAWANA:** Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke a go leboga *Honourable* Kaizer. Ke akanya gore jaaka re tlaabo re tsena mo thobong, re bo re na le *plan* ka nako ya temo. Bona gore dinamune fa o di lema, di tsaya *five to 10 years* di ise di robiwe mme go sena *movement*, go sena *plan* ya gore thobo fa e goroga, re ya go dira eng. Gone kwa re neng re le teng kwa, e rile fa go tsena thobo, ke fa gotwe ga go na Motswana yo o itseng go bapala dinamune, jaanong go ya go tsewa batho kwa Zimbabwe, South Africa, kae, kae. O bona fela gore *there was no plan*. O a bona fela gore, ke sa batle go ntsha mogwebi wa rona ka lesa legolo ka re a mo rata. Botswana Government ga e ise e ko e nne *proactive* go baakanyetsa gore dinamune tse, letsatsi le di butswang, re ya go dira eng ka tsone. Kgang ya me ke gore, a re akanyetseng dilo tse go sale nako.

Dikgang tsa me ka gore di tloga di ntshia *Mr Speaker*, ke tsene mo kgannyeng e nngwe ke e *Honourable* Salakae, e le Tona wa Ditsela, Dipalamo, Dikago le di *Taxi*. Ga

ke itse gore le tsamaisa jang. Ke bone tlhakatlhakano *Mr Speaker* gone ka kwa ka gore, ke a tle ke *attend meetings* kwa Phikwe, e le gore go buiwa ka mabala a *fly-machines*, go dirwa ditiro tse di amanang le *fly-machines* le ditsela, Tona wa *fly-machines* *Honourable* Salakae a seyo. Kante go diragala eng golo fa? *Honourable* Salakae, re tshwere *meetings* tsa lebala le le tona le re tlaa le agang kwa Phikwe la *cargo airport*. *I attended meetings* di le di ntsi go sa tsamaisa wena mong wa *fly-machines* le *airports*. Le tsamaisa jang? Re bona Office of the President (OP) e go tsetse tiro. Ga o na seabe mo tirong e, o tla o utlwa *report* fela. O mpolaisa tiro ka gore ke *Shadow Minister* wa gago rraetsho. A re ye kwa, re ye go bua ka *fly-machine*.

E nngwe kgang ke e *Honourable Minister*, ya diterena. Ke gore diterena tsa rona ga ke itse gore gatwe di bolailwe ke mang, go ne go rileng, a akantse eng? Ga di na le fa e le madi a a di tsamaisang. *Honourable* Salakae, a ko o eme ka dinao o se ka wa nna o fetola *board* letsatsi le letsatsi. O eme ka dinao. Re *focus* mo goreng re batla go dira eng ka diterena tsa rona.

Ke batla gore ka gore nako ya me e ntshiile, ke bue ka bojanala. Bontsi jwa rona le bodiredi tota rona, bogogi, re e tla re tsaya gore bojanala ke dilo tse di thata, mo go tsewang dilo kgakala. *Hey! When you sleep away from your house, you are a tourist*. Ga ke itse gore a le a tlhologanya gore ke raya eng? *Sleeping away from your House, your usual place of abode, you are a tourist*.

Se ke lekgang go se bua ke gore, a re se ka ra akanyetsa bojanala, e le kgang ya gore bajaranala ke batho ba ba tswang kwa mafatsheng. A re tlhabololeng bojanala jo bo tlaa akolwang ke Botswana ba rona. *If I decide to sleep away from my house, then call me a tourist*. Ke tlaabo ke le *a tourist* ka tshwanelo, ke bo ke duela fa e le gore go a duelwa. Fa e le gore *service* ya teng e a duelwa, ke bo ke duela.

Ya bofelo *Mr Speaker*, go na le thulaganyo nngwe gone fa re kile ra e bua e le *amendment of the Constitution of Botswana*. Fa gotwe re baakanye molao jaana, gatwe go tsengwa selo gatwe ke Constitutional Court (Con Court). Botswana ga ba amogele golo moo fa e se lona ba le o tsamaisang. Botswana ga ba o amogele, re tsamaya mo Dikgotleng. A re reetseng Botswana, re berekeng le bone sentle, le ye go tswa ka 2029 le utlwile gore Botswana ba reng, le ba diretse mo le ka kgonang go go dira. Go se ka ga nna le fa e le dikgoka dipe le tiitii pote ope. Fa e le gore e tlaa goroga kwa *referendum*, go se ka ga nna le *rigging*.

Se ke batlang gore ke se bue ke gore re supile gore ga re dumalane le *Con Court*. Tlhopho ya me nna e ya go nna “no” mme le Batswana ba ke ba utlwang kwa ntle ba re ba ya go tlhopho “no.” *Mr Speaker*, ke ne ke eleditse gape go supa gore baitseanape ba re *Con Court* e ya go tsaya *millions* tsa madi a a lekanang le ditlhopho tsa 2024.

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

**MR NKAWANA:** Ga tualo. Fa re tswa foo fa le segofetse, le atlegile, re tlaabo re ya kwa ditlhophong tsa botlhe, tsone e bile di ya go feta foo. Tota ke eng re batla gore go nne le tlhopho, kamoso tlhopho? Ke eng re sa dire *Constitutional Review* e re tlaa tlang re ya kwa tlhophong ya yone ka nako e le nngwe fela gangwefela? Tota ke eng fa le pateletsa gore go nne le *Constitutional Court*? Ke eng le batla go e tomola le sa letlelele gore *Constitutional Court* e nne a *product of the Constitutional Review*? Ke eng fa go sa nne jalo? Ke a go leboga *Mr Speaker*.

**ACTING MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE (DR DIKOLOTI):** Mma ke go leboge Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Dumalana le nna mo tshokologong ya letsatsi leno gore ke tsamaye ka motlhodi thero o o reng, “Fa Maru a Pula a Kokoana,” ke tsibogela pego e e fano jaaka motho yo o kwa *the village of Golema Mmidi*, yo sa gagwe e leng tumelo le tsholofelo ka go bona maru a kokoana mo loaping. Ke fano go supa iketleletso le ipaakanyo e motho mang le mang a ka e dirang fa dikopo tsa gagwe di bona dikarabo *Mr Speaker*. *Mr Speaker*, fa maru a pula a kokoana, bomme, borre le bana ba tsaya ditsaga le dinkgwana ba a beeletsa mo maribeleng. Balemi ba dirisa diterekere, ba baakanya megoma ka gore maru a pula a bo a kokoana.

*Mr Speaker*, Tona o nankotse a bo a toloka gore e re maru a pula a phuthega jaana, re santse re engwe pele ke sefemonyana sa seemo sa itsholelo. O supile gore sekoloto sa rona se oketsegile, madi a a fokotsega mme ka jalo, re tlamega go laola ditshenyegelo mo maphateng a rona rotlhe. Ke rapela gore Modimo a mo thuse, a re fitlhe mo diphukeng tsa tshwaro gore setsokotsane se se kgone go feta *Mr Speaker*.

*Mr Speaker*, kwa kgaolong e e nthomileng ya Goodhope-Mmathethe, go na le modumo wa ledimo, setsokotsane se se tshosetsang ledula la morafe; letlhoko la ditiro. Ga ke ka ke ka bua sepe pele ga ke ka bua ka letlhoko la ditiro, segolo jang tsa banana. *Mr Speaker*, fa Tona

wa Madi a re baya pele pego e ya gagwe e, modumo le kgotlhano ya maru a pula ga di papamatse thata gore Rebecca kwa Sedibeng, Sepatšhe kwa Metlobo, Manzana fa Lorwana, Zola kwa Mmathethe le Johnson kwa Papatlo ba fa kae. Ba ipatla tota mme ke dumela gore fa maru a pula a kokoana, le bone ba tlaa beeletsa.

*Mr Speaker*, mo pegong ya madi ya ngogola le ya dingwaga tse di fetileng go simolola ka 2021, go ne go papametse gore go na le tsela ya Mmathethe-Metlobo-Bray-Werda e ke neng ka e bitsa Dr Micus Chimbombi Highway. Tsela e ke karolo nngwe e e leng gore dinkgwana tse di beeleditseng jaaka maru a kokoana jaana...

*Mr Speaker*, go na le *Chief Matenge wa the village of Golema Mmidi* yo o kgoreletsang thata gore ledula le tle le kgone gore le tswelele pele. *Mr Speaker*, mo lekwalong le ke reeletseng pego e yame ka lone, go na le moanelwa yo o bidiwang gotwe Makhaya Maseko le Gilbert Balfour ba go supafalang e le banni ba Mmathethe, Kannngwe, Lokabi, Swaolaphuti, Metlobo, Tsoaneng, Lorolwane le Bray go ya go tsena kwa Werda ba ba reng, “re tsile go beeletsa fela kगतलhanong le diemo le matsutsubu ka gore maru one a ntse a a kokoana.”

*Mr Speaker*, botlhokwa jwa tsela e ga bo na selekanyetso. Tomagano ya mmara wa dikgomo go tswa kwa kgaolong ya ga Modise, dihutshane le mmara wa thobo e e tswang kwa kgaolong ya me, di phirimeletse ke letsatsi. Kgosi Keipeile kwa Metlobo, Kgosi Thabo Mathiba kwa Mmathethe, Kgosi Castro kwa Tsoaneng, Oom J fa Metlobo le merafe yotlhe fela ya bone, ba lebeletse ka tshapho thata mo Pusong e gore a re se ka ra thuba dinkgwana tse tsa bone tse ba sa bolong go beeletsa ka tsone. Re a itse gore sekgwama se makgwakgwa mme le ngwana o a bona gore *the rain clouds are gathering*. Ka jalo, tsholofelo ya rona e nosediwa moso le moso *Mr Speaker*. *Mr Speaker*, tsela e kana go setse go dirilwe dipaakanyo tsa gore e ka dirwa. Maikutlo le tsholofelo ya rona e kwa godimo thata. Motlotlegi Mma Lekalabuswa kwa Metlobo, Motlotlegi Keipeile, Motlotlegi Rasesia le Motlotlegi Utwanang kwa Mmathethe, botlhe ba rapela dithapelo tse di thata tota. Ba setse ba kopa thata, ba ipotsa gore tota gatwe golo fa eng se fapogile fa kae? Kana tsela e ka nosi *Mr Speaker*, e ka thusa thata gore e oketse *profits* tsa Botswana Meat Commission (BMC). Ke dumela gore go ne go buiwa thata gore *kallistori* e dirile bontle jo bo rileng mme ke dumela gore bo ka oketsega go feta

selekanyo fa tsela e ya Dr Micus Chimbombi Highway e ka diragala.

*Mr Speaker, the title of the book “When Rain Clouds Gather,” symbolizes hope, just as rain clouds bring life to dry land, new ideas, fresh strategies and cooperation bring renewal and social change. Ka jalo, pego e presents a hopeful vision of transformation through resilience and shared purpose in the new Botswana. Mr Speaker, pula ya maru a a kokoanang e tshwanetse go nna le tshimologo ya diphetogo. Fa tsotlhe di ka dirwa ka botswerere, mo pepeneng le ka tirisanyo-mmogo, e le tsela ya go nonotsha isago ya Botswana wa rona jaaka re mo supile mo temaneng ya boraro, ke dumela gore tse dintsi di tlaa wela Mr Speaker.*

Sengwe sa dilo tse di itumedisang mo pegong e ke temana ya bo 134 e e supang gore lebaka le tsile jaanong gore barutabana ba nakwana, ba tseye ditsaga le dinkgwana ba beeletse ka gore maru a pula a a kokoana. Bana ba ga ba bolo go itshoka, ga ba bolo go nna le boitetlo mme re lebogela gore tsotlhe di bo di siame. Ke leboga thata segolo jang ba ba gatileng mmu wa kwa Beula kwa Fatshe Lentle *Mr Speaker*.

*Mr Speaker, Tona o buile gape gore dikole di tlaa baakanngwa. Kana o bua ka sekole sa Mmathethe, ke gore ke sekole se e leng gore ga se a kgasa fela jaana, ke mathata. Fa o tsena kwa Montshiwa, ke mathata a a seng kana ka sepe. Kwa Iphutheng e bile bagolo maloba ba ne ba nthaya ba re ga se gore jaanong o tle ka ba botlhe kwa ba tle go bona gore bana ba tshwere bothata jo bo ntseng jang. Kwa Mariba go worse mo e leng gore pelo ya gago le wena Mr Speaker, e ka gamukela botlhoko thata fa o ka bona gore re tshwere bothata jo bo ntseng jang. O tlaa bona gore dikole tse di siilwe ke nako Mr Speaker, dipalo tsa batho di oketsegile thata tota mme dikole tse di saletse kwa morago. Le a bona gore Borobadilepe, Madingwane, Papatlo le Phihetswane go tshwanelwa ke junior school. O kare ke bona Metlojane Community Junior Secondary School e setse e emisitswe gone foo gore e tle e kgone gore e re thuse thata gore bana ba rona ba tle ba bone thuto fela e e duleng diatla.*

*Mr Speaker, dumalana le nna mo tshokologong ya letsatsi leno gore dikgang tsa rona go botlhokwa thata gore jaaka ke ntse ke di balolola, di diragadiwe ka gore fa di ka se ke di diragadiwe, bana ba ba tlaa re botsa nako nngwe gore tota nako e re neng re eteletse pele, ra re ne re dira eng. Kana kwa Nthwalang, ke leboga Motlotlegi Nono, o fitlhetse bana ba tsenela mo dihokong le ka fa tlase ga ditlhare, ngwana e le le *Form**

1 a na le bo *six months* a sa itse monko wa *classroom*. Ke dumela gore dilo tse jaaka di ntse di bodiwa, ba tlaa beeletsa le bone *Mr Speaker*.

Kwa Pitsane ke mathata, Pitsane ke mengwe ya metse e metona mo kgaolong ya me, mme e santse e na le *clinic* e e senang *maternity*. Ke dumela thata gore Bakwena ba ga Kgosi Letshiakoana, morafe wa ga Kgosi Leshomo, motho wa ga Seane le ene kwa Ngwatsau ba na le tsholofelo ya gore bogolo phaposinyana fela ya pelegi fa e ka dirwa foo, sengwe se ka nna botoka thata. Batho bale ba latlheletswe thata e bile ga ba a bolo go latlhelelwa, ke kopa gore dilo tse di baakanngwe. Ke dumela thata gore paakanyo ya kokelo kwa Digawana, Lorwana le Mabule... Kana Mabule le Mogojogojo di ne di le teng, legale ke dumela gore *comrade* Motshegwa, dikgang tse o tlaa re fa a di buisa, a di atolose. Re ne re setse re ipotsa gore a *machine* o paletswe ke *to type* Mogojogojo, mme kana Mogojogojo ke, “M o g o j o g o j o”, e bo e nna Mogojogojo, go tlhamaletse fela jalo *Mr Speaker*. O *type* fela, ke dumela gore bo M, ba teng mo *computer* ba bo ba tsena mo teng, e bo *clinic* e, e kgona gore e nne teng.

*Mr Speaker, kwa fatshe lentle re a beeletsa, re a ipaakanya ka gore modumo wa legodimo wa utlwala, go a bonala e bile go a utlwala gore the National Health Insurance (NHI) e a wela. Judith Kelekwang kwa Mabule, ausi Mmanko Tsamaese kwa Leporong ba tlaa kgona go thusega mo bookelong jo bo ikemetseng. Tsholofelo ya rona e mo marung a re a bonang e bile re a utlwa gore a a kokoana. NHI ke botshabelo jwa rona thata.*

*Mr Speaker, fa maru a pula a kokoana, Mma Maiketso kwa Digawana, ga a tshwanela go sokola ka metsi. Morafe wa ga Kgosi Mathiba kwa Mmathethe, ga o a tshwanela go sokola ka metsi ka gore maru a tliša tsholofelo ya letlotlo la ditlamelo. Ga go na ope yo o tshwanetseng gore a tlole ke letlotlo le. Segolobogolo letlotlo la metsi mo Botswana yo moshana. Kgosi Manyaneng kwa Setupung o reeditse le ene. Maloba kwa Phitsane kwa lefatsheng la ga Kgosi Sekwenyane, ba ne ba nthaya ba re metsi a tla le wena fela *Minister*, fela fa ba utlwa gotwe o etla e bile o tla le Vice President (VP), go raya gore metsi a bo a tla a re setse morago. Re na le dikgwedikgwedi go sena a a tlang. Kwa Metlobo le gone ga re lele fela ka tsela e le nosi, re letetse le metsi. Metsi kana ke botshelo, mme re beile kwa moseja kwa re agetsweng matlo teng.*

*Mr Speaker, jaaka dikgaolo tse dingwe, re santse re lebanwe ke kgwetlho e tona ya Gender Based Violence*

(GBV). Jaaka ke boletse mo malobeng, re itlamile re le kgaolo gore re tlaa lwantsha mmaba yo ka ditsela tsotlhe. Re akareditse bodiragatsi, *stage drama, debate* kana borankana, re dira jalo gore re kgone go lwantsha kgokgontsho e, mme gape e le tsela ya go ribolola talente.

*Mr Speaker*, mo godimo ga moo, re itlamile re tlhakane le Marara le Makhanselara gore *we would donate 60,000 fruit trees*, mme keletso e le gore fa re di neela batsadi jaana, ba di godise le bana, ngwana a gole le setlhare, a bone setlhare ka dipaka gore a itse gore le botshelo bo na le dipaka. Re dumela thata gore fa re ka tswelela ra tshwaragana ka dilo tse, ra gweba ka ditalente, golo mo go tlaa re thusa thata jaaka re ne re bona maloba re na le ...*(Inaudible)*... of fatshe lentle, e re e simolotseng. Ke dumela gore dikgaolo tse dingwe di ka tla go kopisa mo go rona go bona gore re kgonne jang, mme ba tle ba re tlaletse le bone gape gore re tle re kgone go atolosa molaetsa wa rona go feta *Mr Speaker. If we can do that, the rain clouds shall gather and without doubt, Botswana will harvest the rain water. Let us finance educative performing arts from grassroots.*

*Mr Speaker*, ke ne ke bua gore ga se ka bodiragatsi, le gone go aba ditlhare tsa maungo, go ipopa mekgatlho le ditlhapha, go a thusa fela thata. Kwa fatshe lentle, go na le batsadi ba ba ipopileng ba bidiwa Bomme Thari ya Setshaba, ditiro tsa bone ga di balwe, e kare ke ka bo ke na le maleme a a sekete ka ema ka ba galaletsa. Ke batsadi ba re ba tlhokang gore ba emiwe nokeng ka ditlamelo tse ba di batlang gore ba tle ba kgone go re thusa.

*Mr Speaker*, maloba Tona wa Madi, o ne a le kwa kgaolong kwa lefatsheng la ga Molopo. Sefela se ke neng ke se reeditse sentle mo pelong ya ga Kgosi Sekwenyane ke sa bo 130 mo Sione le Bojaki, e e reng, “Ngaka ya tlhoko jwa dibe, ke tsile setlhareng, kgale ke tshwenyega bobbe ka tlhoko jo, bo ntlatsa letshogo le tlalelo, bo ntsentse bogole matlhong, molomo le tsebeng,” e le tsholofelo ya ga Kgosi Sekwenyane gore gare ga kutlobotlhoko e e mahehe e, Motlotlegi Mothusa Tautona e bile e le Tona wa Madi, a bo a ne a gatile kwa.

*Mr Speaker*, ga go na morui ope fela yo o senang letshogo, segolo jang go bapa le melelwane. Re lebogela 182 km wa go tswa kwa Tlhareselele go ya go tsena kwa Mabule, mme re nna ka letshogo, re eme ka dinao. Kana dithata ga di yo, a bo go ka nna molemo thata fa re ka thuthafalelwa go latlhelela baithaopi ba, bogolo jang bone ba ba tlholang kwa gore ba kgone go

tlhwatswa, meloranyana, dijonyana tsa go ja. Maabane jaana Magasula o ne a emeletsa lekoko fela ka dipitse kwa fatshe lentle e le gore ba ya go thusa gore ba tle ba thuse go kata mo terateng e.

*Mr Speaker*, ke lopa mowa wa thuso le thotloetso mo Batswaneng ba ba iketlileng go tsena mo seraleng sa ntwae, kgatlhanong le Bolwetse jwa Tlhako le Molomo. Ke leboga thata le Mapalamente go itetla ga bone, a ba tswelele e nna lekwalo la boammaaruri, ba bua sone se re se boileng ba sa fapose sepe fela ka gore golo mo fa ba ka go dira, e le ruri molemo le one o tlaa ba sala morago.

*Mr Speaker*, kwa fatshe lentle ba re e re dipula tsa tshogofatso di na, le bone di wele mo go bone ka gore ke basupi gore maru a pula a a kokoana. *Mr Speaker*, fa ke tsamaela go digela...

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Clarification.

**DR DIKOLOTI:** Kwa ntleng fela... kgaolo ya me e tona mo go maswe, ya gago e kare ke yone *number two*. *Mr Speaker*, kwa ntleng fela gore Tona wa Madi, ga ke itse kana gongwe *computer* ke dilo tsa gore di ka kgona *to jam*, gore a bo go ne go sa kgona go kwalega tsela ya Mmathethe-Metlobo-Bray-Werda, e ke dumelang gore ke tsela e e rurifatsang thata tlhwaafalo ya rona mo Botswana yo mosha. Ke dumela gore go tlaa baakanngwa.

Pego ya madi e ntlhatswa ngati *Mr Speaker*, ke tlhatswegile marakanamantsi a dikeletso, tsholofelo ya me le tshwetso ya me, dikeletso tsa rona di rurifaditswe. Matshwenyego a rona a fetile jaaka toro, re itumetse thata ka tse dingwe. Tsela ya Digawana go ya kwa Molapowabojang e bo e tswelela jalo e neela dikgaolo tse dingwe le ditsela fela, *the network* ya tsone re a di lebogela *Mr Speaker*. Tota kang e tona ke tsela e ka gore kwa *Agriculture* re beetswe gore e *contribute from 1.7 per cent* gore by 2029/2030 e bo e le 6 to 10 *per cent*, mme kana tsela e e botlhokwa gore e tseye ditswatemong e ye go jesa leruo le le kwa Kgalagadi, e tle ka leruo le le tle ...*(Inaudible)*... *Mr Speaker*. Dilo tse tsotlhe fa o ka di lomaganya, o a bona botlhokwa jwa tsela e, mme e bile gape tsela e go feta selekanyo jaaka re tshogile ka gore kana *Zone 11* ya rona e kana ka lerato la Jeso, e tona mo go maswe. Tsela e go agiwa ga yone go ne go ka re fa le matlhale a gore re dire gore e re thuse go kgaoganya *zone* e. Golo mo fa re ka go tshwaraganya gotlhe, ke dumela gore e le ruri *Mr Speaker*, re tlaa kgona.

*Mr Speaker*, mo lekwalong la ‘Maru a pula a kokoana,’ dikeletso tsa baanelwa e bong Makhaya le Gilbert, di ne di tloeditswe. Di tloeditswe go tokafatsa botshelo kwa *the village of Golema Mmidi*. *Mr Speaker*, go ne go na le *Chief Matenge*, seganka sa Kgosi, e le Kgosi fela yo o hutsegileng yo o kgatlhanong le dikeletso tse dintle. O ne a leka go nna sekgoreletsi le go tliša letshogo mo morafeng. *Mr Speaker*, ba teng bo *Chief Matenge*, a ba se ka ba re kgoba marapo. Fa maru a pula a kokoana, re tshwanetse ra tsaya dinkgwana le diswaki ra beeletsa. Re tshwanetse ra baakanya dikaraki, diege le megoma, ra epa mesele ka tsholofelo e e sa roromeng ya gore pula e namagadi e e tla, e bile e a goroga *Mr Speaker*.

Ke dumela thata *Mr Speaker* fa ke digela gore, kwa kgaolong ya me ba ntse ba phuthegile ba bona maru a a kokoana. Ba dumela thata jaaka ke dumela gore, le fa maru a ka kokoana a nna mantsho, o a itse gore a tlaa nesa pula. Ke sone se e reng fa ke digela *Mr Speaker* ke re, *when rain clouds gather, they present hope, renewal, they symbolise restoration and revival. The sky may look dark, but it is when it is dark that signals abundance of rain.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

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

**MR MOALOSI:** *Procedure.* Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*. *Minister* o ne a e tshwere sentle, mme ga o mo neele 10 minutes-nyana to cover kgaolo ya ga mmaabo, ka gore mmaabo go lebega a seyo?

**MR SPEAKER:** Nnyaa, *Honourable Moalosi*, se dire jalo, o se ka wa rumolana. *Order! Honourable Members*, ke eme ka dinao. Mma *Madam Speaker* a tsene, o tlaa supa yo o tsenang.

#### “EXCHANGE OF SPEAKERSHIP”

**MADAM SPEAKER (MS MANYENENG):** Good afternoon Honourable Members!

**MR MONAGENG (MOLEPOLOLE SOUTH):** *Thank you Madam Speaker.* Ke ne ke re gongwe ka gore bokete jwa maemo le bokete jwa eng, gongwe o tlaa tsenya *Minister*, mme ke a leboga. La ntlha ke gopole bagaetsho ke ba dumedise, ba Lesilakgokong, ba Mmamoagi, ba Mofage, Kotolaname, Mapapeng le botlhe fela ba Kgaolo ya Molepolole South.

Pele fa ke ka tsena mo dikgannyeng, gongwe ke fete ka tse pedi fela. Bagaetsho kwa Molepolole ba itse gore ke ntse ke tsamaya kwa Dikgotleng ke ba tlhola le kwa mafelong a ga Goromente, mme ga ke a fetsa ka gore re boetse kwano. Sa bobedi, bagaetsho fa le bona, a ke

*Minister* kana Mopalamente setilo sa gagwe se sena ope, fa gongwe re tlaabo re ile kwa dikomiting, le se ka la tloga la re re lofa thata.

Sa bofelo pele fa ke tsena mo kgannyeng ya me, go na le lefoko le gotweng “boitshwaro,” go na le lefoko le gotweng “go itlotla.” Mafoko a a botlhokwa thata, ka e bile ke mogolwane mo dingwageng, ke kopa gore Ntlo e a re e tlotleng, a re itshwareng sentle. Fa bogolo jang tiro e tsamaisiwa ke *Mothusa Speaker* fale, e bile e le mme, o kare dilo ga di tsamaye sentle. A re itshwareng bagaetsho, ke fetsa gone foo. Ke sone se a atleng a dirise lefoko a re, e kare dikokwana mo sentlhageng. Jaanong, a re itshwareng sentle. Ke a leboga.

*Madam Speaker, ke lebogela thata ka fa budget e dirilweng ka teng. Go itshupa gore budget e e dirilwe ke mmantswitswidi, monna a tlhaloganya dilo tsa madi.* An economist of note, together with personnel e a berekang le yone. *Bagaetsho*, we are led by the President and his Vice who are God sent, they spend sleepless nights finding ways to improve the lives of Batswana. That is why the President often says, a man cannot sleep when his house is on fire, that is why *re sa robale*.

Ke lebogele tse di dirwang kana tse di yang go dirwa kwa Molepolole, nna le *Honourable Khan* re a di lebogela. Re lebogela tsela ya *bypass* e e yang go dirwa, le fa gone e ka se ke e dirwe gongwe mo ngwageng o wa madi, mme e mo NDP 12, re a e lebogela. Re re fa re e lebogela jalo, re kope gore kana mme ya A12 le yone, e nne e akanyediwe. Re lebogele *bus rank* e e saleng e nna dingwaga tse *nine* e sa dirisiwe, jaanong gompieno e a dirisiwa. Ke lebogele Modulasetilo Rre Rankhibidu le Council Secretary, Rre Mafala. Re lebogele gore kwa Molepolole College of Education (MCE), jaanong go ya go baakanngwa. Re lebogele le *sanitation*.

Le fa a feta fa *Honourable Salakae* ke re re a leboga rra, mme re kopa thatathata gore a ditsela tsa Molepolole-Lesilakgokong le Molepolole-Kotolaname *be tarred* ka gore di ka thusa gore di kopanye Molepolole le Moshaweng. Kwa go ene Tona gape ke re, *we need internal roads*, ditsela tse di tsenang mo magaeng. Re kopa gape gore a dikago tsa ga Goromente di baakanngwe, a re boeleng ka fa tshwanelong kwa *five-year maintenance cycle*. Kago ga e a tshwanela go nna fela e sa baakanngwe.

*Ministry of Water and Human Settlement* re a leboga, jaaka ke setse ke buile gore metsi go ntse go a baakanngwa kwa Molepolole. Re tlaa kopa gore ba ba

dirang konteraka eo, ba bue le Batswana gore ba itse gore mesele e e epiwang e ya go feta fa malwapeng a bone ba tlhalosedibe, ka gore gongwe kwa bofelong malwapa mangwe a ka nna a amega. Ba a ngongorega gore, ba bona mahuti a matonatona fela a diragala. A *projects* tse di tshwanetseng gore di dirwe, di fele ka nako le ka *cost* e e neng e beilwe.

Ke boe gape ke tswelile ke re, ba *Local Government le Traditional Affairs*, tota bone ba a leka kwa dikoleng ka *internal roads*. Kwa *clinics* fa ke setse jaanong ke leba motlotlegi ka fa wa tsa botsogo, ke re *clinics* rra ke di etetse, ga di a siama fela thata. Nna le wena *Honourable Dr Modise* re kile ra ya kwa sepateleng sa Scottish Livingstone, re bone ka fa go ntseng ka teng, *ambulances* ga di yo, a re bone gore go ka dirwa jang. *Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Health, as the accounting officer for the Alcohol Levy Fund*, ke kopa gore a tota *fund* e e itshupe gore e thusa ba ba tlwaetseng nnotagi thata. Ba ba sa hupeng fela jaaka nna jaana, ba ba nwang go bo go ba tsena mo tlhologanyong. Ba le go dirisang diritibatsi ba leng mo go gone thata. Re bona ka fa gongwe batho ba tlhokafalang ka teng, ba itontela dino, ba itontela tsele le tsele, mme re re, a go bonwe gore go ka thusiwa jang ka yone *Alcohol Levy* jalo. Tona wa tsa Botsogo, re na le mathata kwa Scottish jaaka ke setse ke buile, *shortage of equipment* jaaka ba go boletse, *especially* mo *emergency service and kitchens*.

Ba *Lands and Agriculture*; re le ba Molepolole ra re, tota le fa e bile gotweng, kabo ya lefatshe kwa Molepolole go fetile dingwaga di le 20 go sa abelwe le fa e le motho a le mongwefela. *It is a very painful experience for Bakwena. There is need to overhaul and transform land boards, actually* mo lefatsheng lotlhe la Botswana.

Ke batla go feta fa go *economic transformation*. *Indeed, there is an urgent need to diversify our economy through other sectors like tourism*. E tshwanetse gore Goromente wa rona a leke thata gore tota *tourism* e *replace* diteemane kana *minerals*. *Since we are a conservative tourism-based nation, let us explore more ways of making a fortune through our animals and everything that exist there*.

Batswana tota ba a sotlega *Madam Speaker* ka gore, lehuma le le ntsi, ga go na ditiro, bogolo jang mo bananeng. Ke sone se o bonang *the social ills and moral decay* e gaketse mo go kanakana. Maabane *Honourable Kamal Jacobs* e ne o kare o bua mafoko a a siamang, mme re ne re mo utlwa gore a reng. Nna ke le raya ke re,

go na le mathata *Madam Speaker*; ke sone se gompiano go felelang banana ba nna mo ditseleng gore monna mongwe a fete ka bone a ba tsenye mo kololing, ba ye go dirisiwa. Le a nkutlwa gore ke raya jang. Banana ba ga ba itire ka gore fa gongwe motho o mo Gaborone, ga a na le fa e le P1, ga a na le fa e le eng. Wena le nna re le Mapalamente jaana, re e tle re tšhone, mme re amogela, re na le *salaries*, jaanong akanya fela yo o senang *income* gotlhelele. Re le Goromente wa UDC, a re emeng ka dinao re bone gore ditiro di nna teng mo bananeng. E se ka ya re labofelo e bo e le gore *the moral decay, the ills* tse re di bonang, go a oketsega thatathata.

*Let us also explore other options to empower Batswana, for example, the creatives and sports can really help in this*. Banana ba teng mo, *creatives*, banana ba itshupile gore ba a kgona. Ke gore monana fela, a ke Kearoma Rantao, a ke ATI yo o re tlogetseng, fa o akanya ka fa ba neng ba dira ka bokgabane ka teng, mme ba dira go sena thuso epe e ba e bonang mo go Goromente, ka re a Goromente wa UDC a itshupe gore ga a tshwane le wa Domkrag. A banana ba *creatives* ba thusiwe, ka bonako jo o ka bo kgonang *honourable*, tsala ya me.

**MR LESEDI:** *Clarification*. Mma ke go leboge *Madam Speaker*. Ke go leboge motlotlegi. Nnyaa, mme ke se ka ka go senyetsa nako. Mafoko a o neng o a dirisa motlotlegi, ke re gongwe fa e ka nna kgang, a ga se gore o e beye gore, banana bangwe ba ema mo tseleng. Kana fa o re banana fela, o kare gongwe lefoko le le tloga le sa wele sentle. Ke raya fa e le gore ke kgang.

**MR MONAGENG:** O nkgakolola sentle, banana bangwe ba ema mo ditseleng, ba bo ba solofela gore koloi e tlaa feta e ba tsaya, go bo go ya go diragala se se diragalang.

Jaanong ke batla gore ke re, bagaetsho, maloba jaana go ne go na le *Motion* wa gore a *Corporate Social Responsibility*...gore dikompone tse di dirang madi a mantsintsi, di pateletswe go thusa ka fa di ka thusang ka teng, mme mogopolo kana *Motion* o ga o a atla mo Palamenteng. Ke ne ke tlhologanya mabaka a gore ke eng o sa atla, ka gore *we live in a free market economy country*, ga re a tshwanela gore re tshose bagwebi. Mme ka re, *let us encourage* thatathata dikompone tse di dirang madi a mantsintsi, *let us encourage them* thata gore di thuse ka *Corporate Social Responsibility*. Re itse gore...le bone ba gakologelwe dikompone tse gore, gongwe re pelo e e bonolo, banana ba etla, ba tlaabo ba eteletse pele, la bofelo ba ya go sutisa *Motions* tse di ntseng jaana. Banana ka fa ba ntseng ka teng *can*

*sell* Botswana ka talente e ba nang le yone, *because our culture is very popular*. Re na le bo Dipela tsa ga Kobokwe kwa Molepolole. Re na le bone bo Sebotso, ATI ba ba re tlogetseng, a re ba thuseng fela thata bagaetsho. *They are our diamonds actually*, ke bone diteemane tsa rona mo nakong e e tlang. South African *tourism* e a ba thusa kwa Afrika Borwa, le rona a re bone Botswana Tourism Authority e thusa. *Let us encourage cultural exchange* le bo South Africa jaana, ka gore ba kwa pele thatathata.

Fa jaanong ke tsena mo go ya *Foot and Mouth*...

**MR PHOLOGOLO:** *Elucidation. Thank you Honourable Monageng. Ke ne ke utlwa o fa dikai ka banana that have discovered talents tsa bone. Gakere mme tumelo ke gore P200 million o o ntshitsweng o, a ye go leka to unearth raw talent, e e leng gore fa e fela mo Gaborone, e mo dikgaolong ka go farologana? Thank you.*

**MR MONAGENG:** *O e tshwere sentle honourable. You see, to unearth raw talent, it is very important, but what matters is what you do after you have unearthed that talent. Ka jaanong kana ba tshwanetse gore ba ye go gatisa music wa bone, a re a ba thusa re le Goromente. Ba tshwanetse gore re ba hire ba ye go opela, a re a ba thusa re le Goromente. Ke dumalana le wena, mme after unearthing that raw talent, a re boneng gore re ba thusa jang.*

*Bagaetsho, mma ke tswelele ka bonako ke re, ya Foot and Mouth, a re bone gore re ka thusa barui le ba butcheries jang. Tota go tlhoka nama mo lelwapeng ga se selo se se siameng.*

Civil service; the implementation paradox; new wine in old bottles. The primary effect of this Budget is not the maths, it is the personnel Honourable Minister of Finance and my Vice President. The primary defect of this Budget is not in the maths, but it is in the personnel. Wine in an old bottle. We are in a new era of economic transformation, yet the hands of the steering wheel are the same ones that did run our economy into a P26 billion deficit. *A re itšhekeng jaaka go etle go buiwe, bassop!* Mr Speaker, there is what is called systematic failure. As a backbencher, I think I am allowed to be critical of my Government, advise where possible, the checks and balances. My Government has changed its labels, but does not change its gatekeepers. How can we expect the same directors who oversaw 20 years of enclave tourism to suddenly become champions

of community equity? This is food for thought, let us change *jaaka ke bua*.

Bureaucratic inertia; the diagnosis phase has become a permanent state of being in our civil service. We do not need more consultants, we need a purge of *batho ba* career who prioritize their personal over the 38.2 of our youth who are sitting at home without hope.

Decentralization *e siame bagaetsho*, but more funds should have been allocated to Local Government and Traditional Affairs just like *ke eletsa gore le ba* Ministry of Health *ba ka bo ba tsenyeditse madi a mantsinyana*. Urban Councils have hard difficulties with collection of rates. Let us find ways and means of effectively ensuring collection of rates in our urban areas. *Gape e bile le kwa magaeng, a re boneng gore re tsena* into rates. *Rates kana ke gore* each and every property be valued, *go bo go ya go dirwa gore jaanong levies di duelwe*. *Jaanong kwa magaeng, nna ke kopa gore a Goromente a leke gore e thuse dikhansele* to charge rates, *bogolo re simolole ka* commercial and industrial properties. *O ka akanya fela* Mafenyatlala Mall *jaaka o ntse jaana le* malls *tse dingwe kwa Molepolole di sa duele* rates. *A re lebeng jalo bagaetsho*.

*Re a itse gore ba* Local Government and Traditional Affairs *ba santse ba tlile go tsena mo go yone* the welfare programme like allowances for babies, reforming Village Development Committees (VDCs) *le bo* Ikageng, which places immense responsibilities of community development officers and social workers who have been understaffed. Let us ensure that development has to reflect on human capital. Local Government and Traditional Affairs has also inherited primary healthcare, *bagaetsho, a re itseng gore* they have a mammoth task.

*Ba* agriculture and mining; let me touch on the alluvial advantage. *Jaaka re itse*, we sit on the most fertile alluvial soils in the North West, yet we import more than one billion worth of food every year. We must use National Agricultural Research and Development Institute (NARDI) to turn our indigenous knowledge into a commercial engine of seed self-sufficiency. Mining beyond diamonds; we must stop being a raw material nation, transition from 100 per cent capital deduction to amortized ... (Inaudible)... will ensure that new mining projects contribute to our treasury immediately, not a decade from now.

*Ba* health *le fa a tswetse kwa ntle, mme ke boe gape ke*

*boelele gore* Central Medical Stores (CMS) is supposed to be a Government-owned enterprise that procures national well-cared commodities, store and distribute to various sections of the national public health system. Please, overhaul this CMS Mr Minister, through BETP. This will restore efficiency, accountability and all that.

*Ke ka se ke ka fetsa ke sa bua ka Gamodubu landfill. Maloba ke ne ke tswa pelo ke utlwa gotwe Goromente o tsere tshwetso ya gore landfill kwa Mochudi e eme. Le rona lebang landfill ya rona.*

*Ke dumalana le Rre Mmusi ka kgang ya gagwe ya cutting of cost, but go na le fa ke sa dumalaneng teng. Ke dumela gore ba Old Age Pension ba e leng gore gongwe ke bo former Presidents, ba se ka ba e tsaya. Gongwe le rona Mapalamente ba re itseng gore re ya go nna five years, ba re setseng re potile ka kwa, re se ka ra e tsaya.*

*Bagaetsho, fa ke ya kwa pheletsong ke re we are known for culture; Dipela tsa ga Kobokwe, Kwena Madiba le tsone tsotlhe, a re di thuseng. In my conclusion, I call for administrative reform, the true test of wisdom in not in the words but in deeds and laws. This budget e re thusitse ka fa e re thusitseng ka teng, we cannot find the future with the instruments of the past. Until we change the people, we will never change the outcome. I rest my case.*

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

**MR FRENZEL (SHASHE WEST):** Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Tlaa ke tseye sebaka se ke dumedise ba ba ntlisitseng kwano go tswa fela kwa dikgaolong tsa Zezepa, Matsitama, go ya go wela kwa Dimotswe, Mabesekwa. Ke bo ke tsaya *side* e e ka kwa ya Shashe Mooke, dikgaolo tsele tsotlhe go ya go wela kwa Mathangwane. Ke leboge go bo ke lemogile fa ba tsogile le fa gone re sa tsoga mabapi le dipula tse di neleng maloba tsa re tlisetsa matlhotlhapelo, segolobogolo kwa metseng ya Matsitama, Jamataka, Makobo le Natale. Kwa Matsitama re fitlhetse batho ba ba neng ba amiwa ke merwalela ba le 976, kwa Jamataka ba le 112, batho ba wetswe ke matlo ka dipalo tse di kwa godimo. Ke nna ke ntse ke kopa thuso gore Puso e nne e ntse e re lebeletse go bona gore seemo se re bone gore re se thusana ka tsela e e ntseng jang.

Maabane fa ke dule, ke kile ka utlwa gotwe bo Motlotlegi Pule ba ne ba shaba ka nna ba re ke ka kwa gape ke ka kwano. Ke supe gore ee, ba bua nnete, ke ka kwa gape ke ka kwano. Nna fa dilo di tsamaya sentle,

ke tshwanetse gore ke dumalane le tsone, mme tse di sa tsamayeng sentle, ke tlaa supa kgakololo, ke ka fa e leng gore ke bereka ka teng. Gape ke ne ke ipotsa gore ke eng fa ba ne ba bua jalo. Kana nna ke tsaya ke re ke ka kwano, mme jaaka ke supile, ke tshwanetse gore ke lebelele. Maikaelelo ame fa ke le gone fa, ke go tla go thusa ka megopolo gore jaaka gompiano jaaka re *debate budget* ya ga Mothusa Tautona, re leke gore re e thuse ka megopolo, e seng go e kgala *as if* ga go na sepe se se botoka se se diragalang. Dilo tse tsotlhe re tshwanetse re di lebelele.

Mothusa Tautona, mo *Page 5* ke dumalana le wena sentle fa o neng o supa gore go tswa mo dikgweding tsa *July 2025* go ya go tsena mo go *January* wa ngwaga o, madi a gago a a wetseng tlase a *P584 million*, a a ka bong a tsamaile, ga se matshamekwane. Seo ka bo sone re tshwanelwa ke gore re se opele legofi gore mme go na le sengwe se se siameng se o se dirileng. Seo ke a se lebogela. Re tshwanelwa ke go lebogela dilo tse di siameng jaaka dikgang tsa *Special Constables*, *P4000* a a tlaabong a simolola go tsewa *from the 1<sup>st</sup> of April*, le *maP300* a a tlaabong a tsewa ke bana ba *under 12 months*, ke dilo tse di siameng.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Clarification.

**MR FRENZEL:** O a bo o batla *clarification* ya eng jaanong nako yame e tsamaya? Tlaa ke go neele ke tle ke utlwe gore wa reng.

**MR MOTAOSANE:** *On a point of clarification. Thank you, Madam Speaker.* Ba setse ba tsentse Motlotlegi Frenzel mokgwa o o maswe fela wa bogale, ga ke itse gore go rileng.

*Honourable Frenzel*, fa o tshwantshanya *P300* yo o tsewang go fitlhelela ngwana a nna *12 months* le *Tsabana, in terms of malnutrition and the like*, ka fa batho ba tshelang ka teng kwa magaeng, o bona go le botoka eng gona le *that P300?* Ke raya *compare* gore mo go botoka ke eng?

**MR FRENZEL:** Nnyaa, tse tsotlhe di botlhokwa. Fa o bula mo kopelong ya Sione, sefela 258, *stanza* sa bobedi sa re, "le fa ke ka tlisa gauta tsotlhe tsa lefatshe kaofela," ke gore le fa ke ka tla ka digauta tsotlhe tsa lefatshe, ga se botlhe ba ba tlaa dumalanang le tsone.

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

**MR FRENZEL:** Ke dingwe tsa dilo tse o tshwanelwang ke go di itse. Re tshwanelwa ke gore dilo tse di

botlhokwa, re di amogele gore tse di botlhokwa, tse di seng botlhokwa, re bo re re, a re baakanyeng ka tsela e e ntseng jaana. E tlaare ke ntse ke *debate*, ke bo ke nna le fa ke baakanyang teng.

O ne o bua mo *page* 6, le nna ke mongwe wa batho ba e leng gore *projects* tsa Development Manager (DM) di nkamile. E rile fa o di sekaseka wa re, “ke buseditse dingwe tsa *projects* tse morago mme ga se gore di boetse ruri kwa morago. E tlaare ke sena go sekaseka ka lebaka la gore ke ne ka fitlhela go na le *overspending* mo go tsone, ke tlaa tla ke di busa. Mme e le *projects* tse di siameng, tse di tlaabong di le *priced* sentle.” Ke dingwe tsa dilo tse e leng gore fa re fitlhela Puso e jewa ntsoma, re tshwanelwa ke go tsenya letsogo teng. Ke dingwe tsa dilo tse re tshwanelwang ke go di lebelela, re sa boele kwa morago.

**ASSISTANT MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS (MR MOSWAANE):** *Elucidation.* Ke go tlatse, ba se ka ba go tshosetsa ba re, Tsabana o emisitswe. Ka bokhutshwane fela ke gore, Tsabana o ne e le mo *tender*; e bo e nna le ditsietsi tse o di itseng tsa *tenders*. Re emetse gore e tle e abiwe sesha, ga go na Tsabana o o emisitsweng. O tlhomame, e bile o se ka wa tshosediwa. *Thank you so much.*

**MR FRENZEL:** *No*, mokaulengwe o ne a bua mme le nako ya Puso ya bone, e ne e re fa ngwaga o simologa jaana, dijo tsa bana di bo di seyo mo dipateleng. E re fa *tender* e sena go abiwa fela sentle, golo gongwe fa pele fale ngwaga o simologa, Tsabana a bo a le teng.

Mokaulengwe mo *page* 33 o supile sentle gore *the largest share of our budget* e ile kwa *Ministry* wa *State President*. Jaaka bakaulengwe ba ne ba bua, le nna ke tshwanelwa ke go ntsha la me gore madi re a a bona. Tsholofelo ya me ke gore, re leke go sekaseka madi a. Ke utlwile o supa gore e tlaabo e le madi a a isiwang kwa *uniform* ya mapodise ba ba tlaabong ba *join* sepodise sesha le tse dingwe fela jalo. A a yang kwa Directorate of Intelligence and Security (DIS) a re lekeng ka bojotlhe go a fokotsa. Re a fokotse mo go kwa teng. Fa e ne e le gore DIS e dira tiro ya yone gompiano jaana, dikgang tsa *forensic audit* di ka bo di seyo. E ka bo e ile ya tlhodumela, ya bona gore ba ba neng ba ja madi ke ba, mme ga e ise e supe sepe. Sekai sa gore DIS tota e a palelwa; ke itse gore ka nako ya Puso e e fetileng, ba ne ba tsomana le Tautona wa pele yo o neng a le ka kwa. Ke gakologelwa ke utlwa gotwe Tautona o kwa *court*, ba sa itse gore o tsene leng, fa kae, ka tsela

e e ntseng jang. Dilo tse tsotlhe, fa e ne e le gore DIS ya rona e bereka ka fa go tlhomameng, e ka bo e ile ya bona gore go na le sengwe se se diragalang. Tumelo ya me ke gore *budget* ya bone, re ba e neele sentle ka gore madi a ba tsamayang ba a rwele a se *accounted for*, ga se selo se se siameng.

Dingwe tsa dikgang tse DIS re ka reng e di dirile mme e se tsone, ke ya Phase II ya batho ba ba neng ba bolawa ba le bantsi nako e le nngwefela. Fa o re o a lebelela, o ya go fitlhela gore bangwe ba batho ba ba neng ba fulwa, go ne go sa salwa tsamaiso morago. Dilo tsa go tshwana le tse, re tshwanetse go bona gore fa re tsaya madi a rona re a phatlalatsa, re bone re a phatlalatsa ka tsela e e ntseng jang.

Madi a, keletso ya me ke gore a ye kwa *Ministries* tsa *Education* le *Transport*. Tota ke na le tumelo ya gore *Ministry* wa rona wa *Education* le fa o re o a lebelela gompiano jaana *Madam Speaker*, *Minister* wa *Education* maabane o ne a supa gore... Ke na le ngwana yo e leng gore gone jaana o mo Intensive Care Unit (ICU) kwa ga Mompati, wa kwa Dukwi, e le ka lebaka la kiteo e e diragetseng mo sekoleng. Ke kopa gore *Minister*; o tle o sale kgang e morago gore go diragetse jang gore ngwana a bo a felela a le mo dikiteong tseo.

Sengwe sa dingwe tse Mothusa Tautona ke batlang o di lebelela, ke mo dikoleng tse mo nakong ya gompiano jaana di senyegileng go fetelela. Sekole sa me sa Tlhalogang, se ke nnang ke bua kगतlhakgattha ka sone, se senyegile ka tsela e nngwe e o ka utlwang botlhoko. Bana ba Mabesekwa ba ba yang kwa Dukwi, ba tsamaya selekanyo tsa *kilometres* tse di fetang 200 ba latela *junior secondary school*. Bana ba Natale ba tswa kwa Zwenshambe, bona bokgakala jwa teng, go ya kwa Zwenshambe o tswa mo Natale o tsamaya *more than* 150 km. Ke tsaya ke re, re tshwanelwa ke go bona gore re dira ka tsela e e ntseng jang gore re nne le sekole se se gautshwane mo dikgaolong tsa rona. Ke a kopa ka tsweetswee gore kgang e, o e lebelele, o bone gore o neela ba *Ministry* wa *Education* sengwe se se botoka, o bo o neela le ba *Roads*.

*Roads* mathata a teng a matona, fa o re o a tsamaya gompiano jaana, o re o bua le bone *concerning* dikgang tsa *potholes*, ga ba na le fa e le madi mo nakong ya gompiano. Ditsela di tletse ditlhare mme fa o re o bua le bone, ba go supegetsa gore go na le bothata jwa madi. Ke a kopa ka tsweetswee gore *ministry* o ba okeletse sengwenyana gore dikgang tse tsotlhe re di tlamele. Tsela ya me fa o tswa mo Tonota o ya kwa Mabesekwa,

fa e le gore sekonotere go bokete gore se tsene, e ka bo e gopiwa kgapetsakgapetsa mme go a pala. Fa *grader* e ile teng, go nna bokete gore e tle e boe gape. Go riana *last year it graded* tsela ele gangwefela mme ga e tsamaege, e tletse motlhaba. Ke a kopa gore *ministry* o, o sekaseke dikgang tse tsotlhe. Gompiano jaana batho ba Borolong kwa Songochena ba a lela, *combis* ga di tsene mo teng ga motse jaana, *grader* e palelwa ke go tla go gopa *potholes* tse di senyegileng phetelela fa o tsamaya mo ...*(Inaudible)*... le Chadibe. Re a kopa ka tsweetswee gore o neele ba *Ministry* wa *Transport* sengwenyana se se botoka gore ba tlamele dilo tse.

**MR MOALOSI:** *Clarification.* Ke a leboga *Honourable Frenzel*. Ke ne ke re e rile re tsena mo Palamenteng, o kile wa botsa potso ka tsela ele ya Shashe Mooke-Mathangwane, gore e tsamaya fa kae tsela eo rangwane?

**MR FRENZEL:** Ke a leboga. Gompiano potso ya teng ke ntse ke e boditse. Ke tsaya ke re Salakae o tlaa tla a leka go tlhalosa gore go tsamaya fa kae, go solofelwa gore e tlaa fela leng. Fa go ntse jalo, ke tshwanelwa ke go tla ka tharabololo ya gore ke thusa jang mo Pusong ya letsatsi le fa ke ntse ke le moganetsi, Motlotlegi Lucas. O a nkitse ke na le wena ka dinako tsotlhe, le wena Hikuama. Ke moganetsi yo motona mme ke tshwanelwa ke go ithusa, ke thuse Puso gore e tlhabolole...

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

**MR FRENZEL:** Nnyaa, ke moganetsi mme ke tshwanetse go ithusa. Maikaelelo a me mo *projects* tsa gago tsa BETP tse 186, ke kopa ka tsweetswee o tsenye phane *processing*. Ke kopa o e lebelele ka gore ba South Africa ba ja Batswana ntsoma. Ba reka phane ka madi a a kwa tlase. 20 *litres* ba e tsaya ka P500 mme fa ba tsena kwa, ba dira madi a mantsi. Fa re ka direla dilo tse kwano, go ka nna botoka thata.

A re lebelele *introduction* ya *tollgates*, ka 2007 fa *economy* ya Zimbabwe e *collapse*, fa o tsena mo dishopong o ne o fitlhela molora fela le *toilet paper*, go sena le fa e le sepe. Tautona wa pele Robert Gabriel Mugabe le Matona a gagwe ba ne ba simolodisa *tollgates*. Go ne go sa dirisiwe dipe tse di kalo, go ne go dirisiwa *drums* fela e le tsone *tollgates* go latlhelwa madi foo. Rona re ka palelwa ke eng? Bona diteraka jaaka di senya ditsela tsa rona. Ke tseela gore gongwe *it is high time* re lebelele dikgang tse. Gompiano jaana fa o tsamaya kwa Zimbabwe, o ya go fitlhela *tollgates* tse di gaisang le tsone tsa South Africa mme bone ba tlile morago. A re lebeleleleng kgang eo re bone gore re e dira ka tsela e e ntseng jang.

*Informal sector*; ga go na ka fa re ka tshelang ka teng bagwebi ba rona ba ba botlana re sa ba sireletse. Re tshwanelwa ke gore re ba sireletse ka dinako tsotlhe. Gompiano jaana mongwe o ne a mpoletlela maloba a re kana *she has been charged* P1,000.00 fela ka gore o ne a tsentse *packet* ya *chappies* *inside the container* mo semausung sa gagwe go sa supe sepe gore *expiry date* ya tsone ke leng. Ba bo ba tla ba mo *charge* madi a a kana ka P1,000.00. Lebelele dikgang tsa go tshwana le tseo. Ke dingwe tsa dikgang tse re tshwanelwang ke gore re di lebelele re bone gore re di baakanya ka tsela e e ntseng jang, re sireletse bagwebi ba ba botlana. Kana ba a itshetsa ba bo ba direla ba bangwe meberekko.

Fa o tsamaya mo mafelong a mangwe, go na le bo mmaseapei. Bo mmaseapei ba tlaabo ba tewa gotwe ba tshwanelwa ke gore go bonwe gore ba tsaya kae metsi le gone ba a isa kae. A re sireletseng bagwebi ba rona ka lebaka la gore ke bone ba e leng gore *they can boost economy* ya lefatshe la rona ntswa ba le kwa tlase ka lebaka la gore *they are creating employment* ba bo ba ithusa ka bobone.

**DR DOW:** *Elucidation.* Ke a leboga. Tota ke ne ke emela gore ke re o buile kgang e e botlhaletlhale ya gore tota *a tollgate does not have to be expensive*. Jaaka o bua, re tlhola re nna le *roadblocks*. Mo go tlhokafalang *is a point of sale machine, no cash*, o duele o fete. O botlhale jwa botlhaletlhale. Ke a leboga.

**MR FRENZEL:** Ke dumalana le wena. Fa o bona ba ntlohophile jaana, ke jone botlhale jo bo kanakana jo.

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

**MR FRENZEL:** Sengwe sa dilo tse re tshwanelwang ke gore re di lebelele Mothusa Tautona ke mo dikoleng tsa rona. Re ruta bana Setswana le Sekgoa re bo re ba tima *Business Studies*. Tumelo yame ke gore a re rute bana ba gore ba itse gore *Business Studies* e botlhokwa. Le yone fela jaaka *subjects* tse, re e tsenye gone fale ba ithute, ba tshwane le bana ba maZezuru ba e leng gore ba rutiwa go itse gore ba tshwanelwa ke gore ba sikare manoko go tswa kwa bonnyennyaneng. Ngwana wa kwa lefatsheng la China le ene o itse fela gore fa o bua le ene, o tshwanetse gore o bue *business*. Le bone ba re tshwanetse re tle mo seemong seo sa gore re ba rute dilo tsa go tshwana le tsone tse.

Bagwebi ba rona ba ba botlana ba tlaabo ba tewa gotwe ba dire *toilets* tse di sa emeleleng mo dishopong tsa bone, mo dikhanseleng tse tsa rona tse mme fa o re o a tsena kwa bo Game City le Riverwalk, go na le kwa *toilets* di leng teng. Batho ke bone ba ba yang koo. Ga

go na *shop* e gotweng e e na le *toilets* tsa yone, e e na le *toilets* tsa yone, nnyaa. Re tshwanetse gore re dire melao e re sireletse Batswana. *Toilets* di se ka tsa nna 10 mme *shops* di le tharo kana *four* mo *complex*. Kana ke go ja *space* le go tlhoka go sireletsa motho yoo ka gore o ya go *spend* thata go dira *toilets* tseo tse e leng gore gongwe di tlaabo di sena tiriso epe e e kalokalo. Dikgang tse ke tsaya gore re tshwanelwa ke gore re di lebelele, re bone gore re di dira ka tsela e e ntseng jang.

Banana; ga go na ka fa re ka tsholetsang *economy* ka teng re sa ba nonotshe. Re tshwanelwa ke gore re tle ka mananeo a go bona gore banana ba rona re ba thusa ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Mananeo a ka tswa a le mašha a re ka tlang ka one. Ba ba fetileng ba ne ba na le mananeo a re ka a buang ka bontsintsi ka go tlhomagana ga one. Tumelo ke gore le rona re le Puso e ntšha, a re lebelele re bone gore re baakanya ka tsela e e ntseng jang.

Constituency Community Projects (CCPs); ngwaga o o fetileng di ne di seyo. Re a kopa ka tswetswee go itse gore a di e tla kana jang ka gore batho bame ba kwa Stambule, Shashe Mooke le Natale ba batla *culverts* tsa bone. Ba Stambule ba batla go itse ka *clinic* ya bone e re tlaabong re e dira e nnyenyanenyane gone ka koo. Jaanong re a kopa go itse gore gone mme go tsamaya ka tsela e e ntseng jang? A re tlaa bona sengwe se se botoka?

Kwa bofelong ke bo ke wela ke re, maloba ka Labobedi ke ne ke na le *Honourable* Nyatanga kwa motseng wa Mathangwane a tlile go buisa batho *regarding* kgang ya *Con Court*. Sebe sa phiri ke gore batho bale ba ne ba ipuelelela ka fa ba neng ba ipuelelelela ka teng. Kana nna fa ke le fa, ke morongwa wa batho, ke reetsa se e leng gore ba a bo ba se bua. Ba ne ba di bua tsothle go tswa kwa go Kgosi Mathangwane, bo Mme Vinga le bo Jabi Hulela ba bua ba re, “re a e batla, re a e tlhoka mme a re lebelele re tle re bone gore *why* re sa tsenye mo gotlhe mo,” Rre Kapinga. Ba re *why* re sa lebelele *Constitution* yotlheyotlhe? Ke dingwe tsa dikgang tse e leng gore gongwe ba di buile gore re tle re di lebelele, re di sekaseke, re bone gore gone mme fa re di tsaya re di sekaseka, a go ka se ke go re sologele molemo go ya kwa pele.

Ka go rialo *Madam Speaker*; ke tsaya ke re ke gone ka fa ke neng ke bua ka teng. Ke a leboga.

**ASSISTANT MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES (MR NYATANGA):**  
*Good afternoon Madam Speaker.* Ke leboga thata gore

le nna o bo o mphile sebaka se ke latlhele la me le le botlana. Gongwe ke simolole fela ke ba lemoge ba e leng gore ba nthomile. Kana ke na le metse e le *over* 12 e ke e emetseng, ya bo Shakwe, Taupye, Mookane, Mmaphashalala, Mahalapye, Kauleza, Sadi le Palla Road. Ke fano letsatsi leno, ke batla gore le nna ke akgele *Mr President*.

Ke re gongwe le nna ke simolole fela di tloga ke bo ke re...

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

**MR NYATANGA:** *Madam Speaker*, ke kopa gore o ntshireletse. Ke batla go simolola fela ka go lemoga dikole ke ise ke bo ke simolole puo yame. Ke batla go leboga dikole tsa Mahalapye East tse e leng gore *they have done us proud* kwa kgaolong. Fa ke tsena, seemo sa dikole e ne e le se se neng se tlhobaetsa. Le ka fa ba neng ba dirile ka teng, go ne go sa kgotsofatse. Gompiano ke ema fa *Madam Speaker* e le gore Mahalapye East, *both primary* le kwa *secondary*, *they have done extremely well*. Ke batla gore ke rolele barutabana thoro ke ba reye ke re fa o bona ke bua maina a bone jaana ke le mo Palamenteng, go raya gore *I truly associate myself* le bone ka fa ba dirileng ka teng. Ke selo se e leng gore ke a se leboga fela thata.

*Ke batla gore fela fa ke simolola* Madam Speaker, ke bo ke simolola ke re one of the things that I have noted in my professional life and now in politics is that there is a time-honoured principle that I subscribe to. This principle *ke* objectivity, honesty and transparency; that defines me. I must also indicate Madam Speaker *gore* during the deliberations, I was listening with interest to the responses by various colleagues in this House. I must state that there are certain Members who stood firm despite the fact that they are in opposition, who made proper constructive criticism *jaaka bo* Honourable Kapinga *le yo o ntseng a bua*, Rre Frenzel, *ka fa ke neng ke mo utlwa a bua ka teng mme e seng* the last part.

Madam Speaker, I must state that it is so disappointing sometimes that we are witnessing a situation where colleagues deliberately derail the debate as presented by the Vice President and the Minister of Finance. It is my view that a budget must be critiqued and when you critique, it you must show *gore* what are the alternatives. We expect Members from the Opposition to assist because sometimes they are bringing a pair of fresh eyes which can assist the Government, inevitably benefit even Motswana *kwa gae*.

Madam Speaker, it is common knowledge that we are in a difficult fiscal position as a country. This position which we find ourselves in, is a function of the inheritance that we had when we came into power. However, I always choose not to lament on some of these things because we all know it is common knowledge and colleagues have highlighted it. What I subscribe to, is to find solutions. As much as I said that Madam Speaker, I must state that as legislators, we have got a duty of care to make sure that in our discussions, we apply or exercise some restraint when engaging on matters that affect life or social functioning of our people.

I want to draw from the learnings that I learnt from Felix Biestek in his book, Principles of Case Work Relationship where he has identified the fact that sometimes you need to respect a person just because of their inherent ... (Inaudible)... and dignity. He further says; very, very important, that when you relate especially concerning people, you must acknowledge the aspect of confidentiality because no one would want to learn or be heard *gore o lwala eng* in a public forum like Parliament. Lastly, empathy; to put ourselves in the position of the client, and I want to believe that as I say this, Honourable Lucas, Honourable Pule will understand what I am talking to, hence my request generally *gore* we need to apply some restraint when we discuss these issues. Yes, we can highlight what is worrying us, but we need to apply some restraints. Having said that Madam Speaker, *ke batla go tsena mo budget*. This budget has got a theme, "A New Era of Economic Transformation and Fiscal Prudence." As I review it, this theme is not only a coincidence, but it is a function of thoughtful leadership because *go go supegetsa gore* UDC Government sat down to come up with a budget of this magnitude.

...Silence...

**MR NYATANGA:** *Madam Speaker, it is very important* *gore fa re le Goramente, a bo e le gore re na le boikarabelo jo re itseng gore ba ba re tlhophileng ba solofela go le go ntsi go sekegela matshelo a bone. Jaanong ke itumelela gore UDC Government through this presentation ya budget by the Vice President (VP) has considered a number of things. I am not going to take a lot of time ke bua ka dilo tse re di kgonneng, some of the colleagues ba buile ka tsone. Ke tshwanetse ke tlhalose Madam Speaker, gore o bona BETP le NDP 12, mo go nna ka fa ke di lebelelang ka teng, they are creating hope to an ordinary Motswana yo o kwa gae.*

*Ka fa di tlhophilweng ka teng, ke na le tumelo ya gore at the end of the financial year kana financial term, bontsi jwa dilo re tlaabo re di kgonne tse di gaufi le Motswana kwa gae.*

*Madam Speaker, o tlaa gakologelwa gore re tswa from an era e e leng gore e ne e re fela fa o re o a check, o tshwanetse ke gore o bo duelwa o bo o utlwa gotwe Government Accounting and Budgeting System (GABS) e down. That is something that I feel we wronged Batswana because this problem ya madi, ke na le tumelo ya gore babusi ba ba neng e le gore re ne re tsaya mo go bone, ba ne ba ntse ba itse gore go na le bothata. Instead of being bold gore ba re re na le bothata ga go na madi, ya bo e le gore ke GABS is down, e nna o kare it is a problem ya system. Fa e ne e le go ya ka bo nna, ke ne ke tsile go kopa gore they apologise to Batswana gore indeed they misled them. Madam Speaker, we operate on a reality principle, bothata jo re nang le jone has affected us significantly.*

*Jaanong ke batla go bua ka unemployment; unemployment ka fa e ntseng ka teng, we cannot hide behind menwana ya rona Madam Speaker. Go tlhoka tiro go a tshwenya. Fa o tshwana le nna jaana o tswa kwa Mahalapye, fa o feta fa Labour o fitlhela e le gore everyday bana ba rona ba ya kwa, ba bereka go ya go batla ditiro. I think this is something se e leng gore as the ruling party, re se ka ra se itlhokomolosa. I am very much aware gore we are trying very hard gore re tle re bone seemo se e leng gore we are going to create jobs ka gore fa re ka se ke ra bona gore seemo se re a se fetola, dinako tse dingwe re tsile go nna le bothata bana ba re botsa gore re ne re dira eng. Jaaka sengwe sebui se se neng se bua, mme e bile kana the youth gompiano jaana fa o lebelela, an analysis of the past elections, they played a critical role mo go tlhopheng. Jaanong fa ba ka bona gore gongwe ga re na sepe se re se dirang se se tangible, ba ka nna ba felela ba tsere ditshwetso tse e leng gore gongwe ga di ka ke tsa re berekela re le mo go Goramente yo o mo Pusong. Jaanong Madam Speaker, ke dumela gore we need to support this budget, so that re tle re kgone go fitlhelela golo gongwe.*

*I want to talk about the import bill; it is a fact, le jaaka go ne go buiwa gore our import bill is huge. Madam Speaker, ke ne ke batla gore dinako tse dingwe re lebelele closer to home, mo kgaolong e ke tswang kwa go yone kwa Mahalapye, batho ba setse ba supa gore go na le golo gatwe safflower kana moringa. Kgaolo ya Shakwe, Taupye le Mookane ba setse e bile ba kile ba*

tshwara *workshops* tse di neng di ba supegetsa gore *they can benefit*. So, ke na le tumelo ya gore *we must support them*, re dire ditiro tse di ka thusang batho. Gongwe gape selo se sengwe se re tshwanetseng go se lebelela, *I think this is high time* e re sireletsang Batswana ba ba *very productive*. Fa o tsena mo magaeng a rona, o fitlhela ke ngomoga pelo ka gore *businesses* tse di ka bo e ne e le gore ke tsa Batswana, ga di dirwe ke Batswana. Kwa khanseleng go tswelletswe go fiwa *permits to* batho ba.

Ke na le tumelo *Madam Speaker*, ya gore bothata jo bongwe jo bo tonatona o kare re dirisa *template* ya *the previous Government*. Ke batla gore re itshegele tsela, re lebelele dilo tse. Dilo tse di tshwanang le bo *brick molding* ga di a tshwanela gore di bo di tsamaisiwa ke ope fela. *Butcheries, businesses, hired salons*, ngwana yo o kwa gae o tshwanetse gore o ka bo a ne a tsamaisa dilo tse. Fa o re o a tsena mo teng, o fitlhela e le gore bontsi jwa tsone *are run by foreigners*, mme le rona fa re tsena go tswelletswe go fiwa *permits*. *I think we have got a duty* re le babusi go bona gore seemo se re a se fetola.

Ke batla go bua ka *manufacturing and agro-tourism*. Fa o tsaya temothuo, bothata jo bongwe jo bo teng, *after 59 years* e le gore re ntse re busiwa ke ba ba fetileng, re santse re le mo seemong se e leng gore ga re kgone go dira le fa e le sepe se re se lemanang. Bothata tumelo ya me ke gore ke ka fa re dirang dilo ka teng. Gompieno jaana go na le monana mongwe yo o bidiwang gotwe S'tlaaganeng Sabone. O itse gore monana yo o dira morogo wa Setswana a bo a o *package*, mme *it is at a small scale*. Ke ne ke lebeletse ke bo ke re, mme kana batho ba, re a ba tlhoka. Kwa bo Mahalapye re na le bo Mmaphaletšhe ba ba tswang kgakala ba lema, ba sela merogo, mme ga re ka ke ra kgona gore re bo re ba thusa. Kgang e ke na le tumelo ya gore re tshwanetse gore re le Puso, re bone gore re tlhofofatsa dilo.

Ke kile ka ya kwa Ethiopia maloba, ke lebelela gore Ethiopia e ntse jang. Ethiopia ba simolotse fela ka 2004, mme ga re ka ke ra itshwantshanya le bone, mme bothata jwa rona o kare gatwe *we are over-regulated*, jaanong re tshwanetse go bona gore se re a se fetola. Ke na le tumelo e ka dirwa botoka, fa o tsaya phane *for example*, ke ne ke bala Trade Forward Southern Africa Report, e supa gore re le Batswana re romela phane kwa South Africa, phane gatwe e dira *between P39 million and P100 million annually*, mme mathata a teng ke gore ba tsaya phane *almost cheap* mo Batswaneng. Mo Botswana fa o re o a lebelela, o fitlhela melao e le thata, fa motho a re o ya go sela phane, bo Mma Seruelo, o tshwanetse *to fill forms* tse dintsi. *I think we are*

*over-regulating ourselves*, a re lekeng *to make sure that we simplify* dilo tse, gore Batswana ba tle ba *benefit*.

Go na le kgang ya motlakase, re na le *opportunity* bagaetsho ya go dira motlakase wa letsatsi le wa magala. Keletso ya rona ke gore kwa Mahalapye East, re tshwanetse re bone golo mo go tsa ditiro, go se ka ga tla batho ba ba tswang kwa ntle go tla go dira ditiro tse. Fa re dira jalo, re tsile go hira banana ba bantsintsi. Gompieno re na le matshwenyego a go ipelaetswang gore *companies* fa di tswa kwa ntle, ba tla le ka *labourers* go tla go bereka, mme bana ba le teng mo kgaolong. Jaanong dilo tse, fa re ka se ka ra di ela tlhoko, di tlaa re kokonela.

Jaanong ke batla go bua fela ka mo ke go bitsang ke re *lessons learnt*. Fa Vice President (VP) a *present Budget*, go ne go supa gore go na le bothata jwa tiriso ya madi. Ke dumalana le seo ka gore fa o lebelela dikole le diterata jaaka gompieno re na le FMD, dilo tsa rona tsotlhe ke makgasa. Fa o re o lebelela gore bothata ke eng, ke gore mme madi ngwaga le ngwaga re le Goromente re a a tsenya. *Mr Vice President*, ke na le tumelo ya gore, *there is something that we need to do in terms of accountability and holding people to account, consequence management*. Bontsi jwa batho bangwe *who have done this*, ba dule mo gotweng *scot-free*. Le madinyana a rona a re yang go a bona, *if we do not have proper guts to make sure* gore re a a sireletsa, re tsile go nna le seemo se ba tsileng go dira *the same thing*. *By now we should have witnessed some disciplinary interventions, gore those who wronged should account*.

*The other thing Mr Speaker, that I want to talk about is lack of productivity and general accountability*. E ke e bua ke lebeletse *budgets* tse re neng re ntse re di bua maloba. O lebelele tsela ya Shakwe-Makwate-Parrshalt. *I think* e boelela *more than five times*, mme o ipotsa gore ke eng e re nako le nako o utlwa gotwe e a tsena, go tsweng foo fa o re o a lebelela *at the end of the year*, e tlaabo e seyo. Ke kope *Madam Speaker* gore, *this time around*, a ko re tsenyeng tsela e *because it has great potential in terms of bringing finances to this country*.

*Lastly*, se re tshwanetseng gore re se lebelele ke dikgang tsa *land boards*. Ke na le tumelo ya gore *land board* ga re e lebelele sentle, *because to me this is a national crisis*. Fa o re o tsena kwa Mmaphashalala, bana ba go raya ba re ga re a bolo *to apply*, kwa Palla Road, ga re a bolo *to apply*. *Land boards* tsa rona *for consistently between 10 and 15 years have not done anything, but they always have something to explain. I think we really*

*need to be very bold and decisive. We need to challenge re bone gore gatwe bothata ke eng kwa land board. Re dismantle some of these forums, fa e le gore go ne go na le bothata jo ba bo lebeleletseng in the previous, re tshwanetse ke gore re bo lebelele because our manifesto is very simple. Mo manifesto wa rona re rile, re tsile go le neela ditsha, and people are going to judge us ka dikgang tse.*

Ke na le tumelo ya gore golo mo go tshwanang le lefatshe, *because I have been on the ground, lefatshe le teng. Bothata jo bo tona ke processes, which at the end of the day they bite us. Ke batla gore ke kope Madam Speaker gore, a this year re boneng re ya go fa batho bonno. Mosadimogolo mongwe o ne a mpolelela a very touching story kwa Mmaphashalala, a re o nna le bana ba bana. Ngwana wa ngwana wa gagwe le ene o bone tsala ya gagwe, jaanong nako le nako ba a kubetsana ka gore ba lwela jarata. I do not think it is fair, especially when we pride ourselves as a human rights centric Government. Ke na le tumelo ya gore e ya lefatshe, we really need to break it down, challenge the traditional orthodoxies, re e tsenye through BTEP, re boneng gore gatwe bothata bo fa kae and solve it.*

Ke batla go feleletsa ka *Arts Madam Speaker*, rona re tsweletse kwa kgaolong ya rona kwa Mahalapye. Ke itumelela gore *as a Government we are continuing to say*, re ya go lebelela badiragatsi ba rona. *We have a Cultural Festival which brings together experienced and upcoming artists. Go tlaa nna monate jaaka ke ne ke reeditse Minister maabane, gore jaanong they are recognized, ba atswiwa ka tsela nngwe. Re batla gore e re Goromente a ba engage, e bo tota ba atswiwa gore ba gole, because that is talent that must be protected. Fa re dira jalo re le Botswana, re tlaa itsiwe mo lefatsheng ka bophara.*

*Madam Speaker*, ke lebogela gore o bo o ne o mphile sebaka, ke a itse gore ga go na nako. Ke batla gore *Trusts* kwa kgaolong ya rona ba ofisi ya ga Molaodi ba *make sure* gore le bone *the lessen and simplify the process, because there is a lot that the community can benefit ka Trusts. Bothata jo bo teng previously ke too much restriction, mme I am quite confident gore this time around as a Government, we would do better. Thank you very much Madam Speaker.*

**MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE (MR SALAKAE):** *Madam Speaker*, ke a leboga. Mma le nna ke go lebogele metsotso e e masome mabedi, e o e mphileng gore le

nna ke ntshe la mmotlana. Ke dire jalo ka go lemoga le go ema Rre Gaolathe nokeng, mo pegong ya gagwe ya kabakanyo ya madi a setšhaba ya ngwaga wa 2026/2027. Ke dumedisa Batswana lefatshe ka bophara, segolobogolo ba Kgaolo ya Ghanzi go simolola fela ka Central Kalahari Game Reserve (CKGR) go ya go tsena ka Kuke. E ne e rile ditsala tsa ga Rre Lucas ba re *they cripple me* kante di a nkgakatsa, e bo go raya gore ba phatlalatsa kgaolo ya me go tswa kwa Kuke go ya go tsena kwa Grootlaagte, go ya go tsena kwa Kagae, a 300 km *distance span*. Ke ba dumedise, ke ba leboge batho ba Kgaolo ya Ghanzi.

Ke lemoge Rre Kapinga, golo fale e ne ya re fa o emelela le nna wa ntemoga. Ke go leboge Mopalamente, nna le wena ke a lemoga gore go na le fa re tsamaisanang teng, o ntumedisetse Kgosi ya Shakawe, o re ke mo tlhwaafaletse thata. Ke go leboge fela thata, o na le puo fela e o fitlhelang ke kgalhegela go e reetsa. Ke go utlwile fa o bua mafoko a ke sa itseng gore bo Rre Hikuama ba ne ba a reeditse, fa o ne o supa gore re duba thankga ya Domkrag. Dikgang tse ke tse Rre Hikuama a sa batleng go utlwa ope a bua ka tsone. Fa e ne e le batho ba ka bo ba re leboga gore lefuti le le kwa teng le, re a le leka re a le katela. Ke go leboge thata gore, ga o tsiediwe ke kgang ya gore gongwe re farologana ka mebala, fa go na le boammaaruri o tsepama mo go jone.

Fa ke sena go dira jalo *Madam Speaker*, boammaaruri jo bo sa jelweng pheko ke gore Rre Gaolathe, thomo o e diragaditse. O begile pego ya Madi a Setšhaba fela jaaka Goromente a ne a e mo e romile, ga a tlaletsa gope e bile ga a fokotsa gope. O e begile ka tlotlo, ka bonokopila, ka bokgabane le botswerere jo ba rotlhe re mo itseng ka jone. Mo go mokgweng dikgaba, ke tlaa leka ka bojotlhe go itebaganya le tse ke tshwanetseng go itebaganya le tsone. *The principles of the Budget*, jaaka *our Standing Orders* di supa. Konokono ya dikgang ke tlaa tsena mo go tsone *during the Committee Stage*, fa Matona ka bongwe ka bongwe re tlaabo re tliša dipego tsa maphata a rona. Le nna fela jalo ke tlaa tliša pego ya Lephata la me la Ditsela le Maharatlhatla a Dikago.

Fa ke tsena mo dikakgelong tsa me, sa ntlha ke re gongwe ke gakolole Batlotlegi Mapalamente gore, dikakgelo tsa rona di tshwanetse tsa ganelela thata mo go reng, re na le bokae mo sepatšheng, re na le bokae Rre Taolo Lucas. Rre Gaolathe o re beile fa pele madi a a kana ka P77.22 *billion*, e le madi a e leng gore maakanya a rona otlhe a tshwanetse a kgalhegela go bona gore re tsepama mo P77.22 *billion*, e seng jalo re dira gone mo re sa go rateng mo ga *budget deficit*. Jaaka

a supile gore, fa a re reeditse mo dikopong tsa rona, ene a na le P77.22 billion fela, a re dikopo tsa rona amount to P103 billion. Kana fa e ne e le nna e bile gongwe ke ka bo ke kgaphetse kwa thoko ya ga Rre Lucas kana Rre Kapinga, gore go se ka ga nna le budget deficit. Bona motho yo wa ga Rre Gaolathe, o a letlelela gore mongwe le mongwe, Rre Pule le Rre Frenzel dikakanyo tsa bone a di tsiboge, ga bo go raya gore the expenditure of the budget goes to P103 billion. The budget deficit ya P23 billion thereabout, P26.35 billion.

E bile gape o supile motho wa ga Gaolathe, ke kgatlhela puo ya gagwe mo go paragraph 162. Fa o ka ntetlelela Madam Speaker to quote.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Please do.

**MR SALAKAE:** A re, “*Mr Speaker, this Government chooses integrity, we choose accountability and we choose transparency.*” Mo go rayang gore sepe fela se a tshwanetseng go se begela Palamente e...le fa ke ne ke utlwa Rre Lucas a supa gore o na le dikgang dingwe tse Rre Gaolathe a di fitlhang, ke dumela gore tota ke monna yo o transparent, jaaka a supile gore ene P77.22 billion o o dirwa ke madi a re a tsayang kwa Southern African Customs Union (SACU) a a kana ka P26.79 billion. A re a tsayang mo non-mineral income tax a e leng P19.76 billion, mo Value Added Tax (VAT) a e leng P15.1 billion le a ditswammung, a a fokotsegileng fela thata go tla mo nakong ya bo Rre Motaosane ya P24 billion. Gompiano re kgobokanya madi a a kana ka P12.21 billion. Mme re kgona gore maakanya a bo Rre Lucas Taolo le Rre Kekgonegile, fa ba tla ka dikakanyo tsa gore re ka dira ditsela le diporo kwa go bone re ba reetse, bothata fa re sena go ba reetsa ba re omanyetsa gore jaanong go raya gore dikopo tsa rona have charged Goromente thata. Bona fela batho ba ba senang tanki e le ruri...

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

**MR SALAKAE:** Fa o utlwa batlotlegi Madam Speaker ba ntse ba bua ka bo deficit jaana, ba bua ka bo gore go na le deficit ya P26.3 billion, ke gone gore ke ne ka dumalana le gore tsela ya Gumare, Shakawe, di dirwe, e le ditsela tse ke fitlhetseng bo Rre Motaosane ba di tladitse ka lefatshe le. O bo o ipotsa gore kante go ne gotwe madi a ya go tsewa kae. Lefatshe le lotlhe go ne go dirilwe dikonteraka e le gore batho ba solofeditse gore fa go ka fennngwa ditlhopho go na le kwa madi a ka tsewang teng. Fa re tsena re re re a botsa, ga go na ope yo o re fang dikarabo tsa gore tota madi e ne e le gore a

ya go tsewa kae. Re kopana fela le dikomang tsa bo Rre Hikuama gore ga re a tshwanela go omanyana Domkrag thata ka ga go supe sepe, e bile ga go supe gore a re tlhoafatse go baakanya dikgang.

Ke re ke supe Madam Speaker gore, fa ke tlhodumela Standing Orders, di ntshupegetsa gore ke bue jalo. Ke lekile go reetsa bakaulengwe fa ba ntse ba re kgala jaaka ba re kgala jaana. Nngwe ya dikgang tse ba tlang ka tsone ke gore re ganelela thata mo kgannyeng ya Constitutional Court, ba bua ka dikgang tsa melemo. Mme fa o ba reetsa, ka ke ne ke tseela gore gongwe ke batho ba ba tshwanetseng go re fa megopolo, ga ba tle ka mogopolo ope gore gone mme ba ne ba ka re gakolola gore madi re a tseye kae go reka melemo e e kanakana e. Fa ba tswa fa kgang ya bone ke P275 million, mme boammaaruri e le gore, Rre Modise le team ya gagwe jaaka re bua jaana, ba tswetse ba tlisa melemo, ba reka melemo go tlisa mo lefatsheng le. I challenge one of you gore re ye go nna very objective, re bo re tsaya statistics, re bo re lebelela nako e Domkrag e neng e le mo Pusong, re bo re bona gore melemo e mentsi mo nakong efe. I have done that in Ghanzi and realised that ka 2023 going down, melemo e mentsi mo nakong ya gompiano.

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

**MR SALAKAE:** Le Constitutional Court you cannot mortgage justice, le fa re batla melemo le education, you cannot say we do not need justice. What about ka nako nngwe fa re ka nna le Tautona yo o busang ka seroophate, fa re tshwanetse gore re ikuele re ya go ikuela kwa go mang? Re tshwanetse ra kgatlhegela go bona gore ga re tlhoke go emisa thuto go reka melemo, mme e bile ga re tlhoke go emisa justice go tlamela tse dingwe tse di tlhokang gore re di tlamele. Ke dumela gore ga re a ka ra kgatlhegela ... (Interruptions)... thata, ga re a ka ra kgatlhegela se. Ke re ke go leboqe Rre Modise. I have been following this issue, ke a itse gore wena le Tautona Boko le Rre Sehurutsho le thinkgetse. I would not be saying that if that was not true. Maybe le fa go na le ope yo o nkganetsang, a re tsewele kwa ntle re bo re ya go senka statistics, you would realise that this Government is doing a lot go bona gore re a baakanya.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Ke kopa tlhaloso.

**MR SALAKAE:** Mathata ke nako ya 11, o bolailwe ke Rre Taolo Lucas, ke ene a neng a gana gore re tlise di clarity, ke ka bo ke go neela clarity. Jaanong a re ga go letlelelwe go tlisa clarity. Rre Gaolathe fa a ne a le teng,

ke ne ke tle go mo lebogela thata *priorities* tse a re di beileng fa pele, e le tsone tse e leng gore Goromente yo o akanya gore lehuti le, thankga e e dirilweng ke Domkrag e, re a e baakanya. O ntshitse dintlha di le nne, *Madam Speaker* ntlha ya ntlha ke ya gore, Goromente o akanya gore re nne le *an export-led growth*. O akantse gore re nne le a *modernised infrastructure* le *transformation* ya ditsela. A bua ka *digital innovation*, *human capital development*, ke re ke di atolose...

**MR MOSWAANE:** *Elucidation.* Ke ne ke re ke go tlatse mokaulengwe *Honourable* Salakae gore, kana Motlotlegi Dr Modise o ne a lwa ntwana e tona a fitlhela e le gore *private pharmacies* ka botsone fela *are supplied by* melemo gore di ye *to supply clients* tsa ga Goromente, *charging fee* ya go neela motho pilisi ke P60, o o ka bong re sa duela fa go ne go abile sepatela sa ga Goromente. Go humisiwa baikhumisi ba ba nang le *pharmacies*, tse e neng e le tsa beng ba tiro ba ba neng ba le mo Domkrag, wa reng ka seo? *Thank you.*

**MR SALAKAE:** Ke a go leboga Rre Moswaane, ba go reeditse. Ke ne ke re *Madam Speaker*, ke leke go atolosa dintlha tse nne tse, tse e leng gore Motlotlegi Rre Gaolathe mo puong ya gagwe o di beile Palamente e pele. Kgang ya *export-led growth*, kana o reela gore jaaka *the buffers*, jaaka madi a seyo mo matloleng a kwa ntle, re tshwanetse ra bona gore re kgalhegela gore re nne le *products that will be able to compete globally*, gakere gore re di rekise kwa ntle re tle re kgone go bona letseno la *foreign exchange*. Jaaka o ne o mmona a ne a tabogile a na le diphuthego mo a leka go bona gore kgang e ya FMD ga e fokotse maiteko a rona a go bona gore nama e nna nngwe ya *products* tseo tse re tsweleng re di rekisa kwa ntle. Jaaka go setse go supagetse gore ene le Rre Dikoloti, ba kgonne go duela *farmers*, mme e bile ba kgonne *to realise revenue of P1.03 billion in a year*. Ba kgonne go duela *the arrears* tse di tlogetsweng ke bo Rre Motaosane le Rre Pule.

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

**MR FURNITURE Procedure Madam Speaker.** *Madam Speaker*, ke re kana Standing Orders di tlhamaletse gore *Member* o tshwanetse gore a nne fa a nngang teng, jaanong ga ke itse gore *Honourable* Ntsima o simolotse go nna Motlotlegi Dr Dikoloti leng?

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nnyaa, mme fa a sa bue sepe fela a le fale a ile go dira se a se dirang, *I think* ga go molato. *Honourable* Ntsima, a ko o ye kwa setilong le wena, emelela.

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

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Le wena o busitswe?

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

**MR SALAKAE:** Ke ne ke re ke tle ke atolose *point* ya bobedi *Madam Speaker*...

**MR MOTAOSANE:** *Point of order.* *Madam Speaker*, Motlotlegi Rre Salakae *is out of order*, on a very serious note. Ka nako ya Puso ya ga Domkrag, ga go ise go ke go tewe molwetse ope gotwe, tsamaya o ye go ithekela *cement* o tle go tsenngwa *cement*. Ga go ise go ke go tewe ope gotwe, tsamaya o ye go reka ditlhale re tle go go roka. Jaanong motlotlegi a ikgatlhe fela ka tse a ikgatlang ka tsone, a tlogele go bolelela Batswana ba ba itseng gore go ne go diragala eng kwa morago, gompiano go diragala eng. A a ipoke fela ka melemo e e kwa Ghanzi. Rona re e utlwalela kwa Ghanzi, kwa garona kwa Thamaga ga go na melemo. Jaanong ke dumela gore o bua jaana ka gore gongwe bone Batlotlegi Matona, gongwe kwa dikgaolong tsa bone ba a ineela, kwa dikgaolong tsa rona *backbench*, ga re neelwe.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nnyaa, mme *Honourable* Motaosane, o a *debate* jaanong.

**MR MOTAOSANE:** Jaanong ke kopa gore a a tlogele go re mara ka dipuo tse e seng boammaaruri.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Ee.

**MR MOTAOSANE:** O a itse le ene gore ga a bue boammaaruri.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Jaanong o senya ka go *debate* *Honourable* Motaosane.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Batho ba ne ba nna *four months* ba emetse go ya kwa Mahalapye gone kwa go dirwang *operations* teng.

**MR SALAKAE:** Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Nna motho yo...

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nnyaa, ema pele. *Honourable* Moswaane, o rata go tshuba *mic* mme o se mo *floor*. Ke nna fela ke go timela.

*Honourable* Salakae, kgang e *Honourable* Motaosane a e buang, ga ke e utlwe sentle gore a wa re Domkrag fa e busa, a e ne e dira jaaka lona gompiano, melemo e ne e rekwa. Ke raya gore ngongorego e a reng o *out of order*, o buile eng?

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

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Ga ke botse lona. Le araba eng? Le a ntlhodia.

**MR SALAKAE:** Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Rre Motaosane ke motho ke mo rata e bile ke mo flotla, mme gompiano o a imphetlhela, o tshwanetse a bo a tshabela *Honourable* Moswaane mo go nna. Ga ke ise ke bue ka *pharmacies*, ga ke ise ke bue ka sepe. Ke ene a dirileng *elucidation* e gompiano o e nkgalelang. Ga ke utlwe gore wa re molato wa me ke eng. Ga ke kgone go go tshwara. Wa re ke rile semente se rileng? Ga ke ise ke bue ka semente, e ne e le Rre Moswaane. Tlaa ke tswelele. Nna ga ke mo utlwe gore a reng.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Tswelela Honourable Salakae.

**MR MOTAOSANE:** Correction Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nnyaa, *Honourable* Motaosane, ke gore se ke se utlwileng a se bua, a re *from 2023* go ya kwa, melemo e ne e tlhela thata. Ga ke ise ke utlwe a bua gore go ne go na le mathata a bo go ithekela melemo. Jaanong e o mo e lebagantseng, le nna ga ke a e utlwa tota.

**MR MOTAOSANE:** Nnyaa, *Madam Speaker*, you are not being fair on me. A ko ntle fela ke tlhalose gore *Honourable* Salakae se se nkemisang ke eng.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nnyaa, re feditse, re fetile ka eo. Tswelela. Le simolola yone kgang e le nnang le e bua.

**MR MOTAOSANE:** Jaanong *Madam Speaker* ga go fair mo go nna fa o rialo.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** O a bo o ka simolola.

**MR MOTAOSANE:** Gakere o a bona!

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nnyaa, ke buile, o ntse o a tswelala.

**MR MOTAOSANE:** Madam Speaker, on a point of procedure. *Ke kopa gore...*

**MR SALAKAE:** Ga se gore o ntshireletse ke bue?

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Kana ke rile o tswelala, jaanong o a bua *Honourable* Motaosane.

**MR SALAKAE:** Rre Motaosane, nna e bile ke ne ke santse ke re ke tlile go go buelela motho wa me. Kana batho ba ba ka koo ba a go jesa. Ke bone ba maabane ba bua fela gore bone ga ba na mathata a gore ba bo

ba sa tlogelela UDC sepe; go bua Rre Mmusi. A re le bone ba fitlhetse go le mo legoeleleng. Go ne go sena madi a melemo, le rona re tsene fela jalo go sena madi a melemo. Ga ke itse gore jaanong o omanela eng. Le Rre Gare a bo a supa gore yone kgang ya gore re bo re okeleditse bagodi madi e, lona le le Domkrag ga le e beye sebete. Ka ba ka belaela gore fa le ne le neetswe bo 30 *minutes*, le ne le ya go kgala e ya gore jaanong go dirisiwa diteme tse di farologaneng mo *radio*, ka lona e kete sepe fela se e leng gore se tla ka rona, le fa Batswana ba se eletsa go le kae, le a kgala. Ga le batle bagodi ba neelwa madi, ga le batle batho ba bua dipuo mo *radio*, e bile ga le na sepe le gore ga go na madi mo go Goromente gompiano.

**MR MOTAOSANE:** On a point of order.

**MR SALAKAE:** Ke bua le Rre Mmusi le Rre Gare.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** *Honourable* Salakae, o tswelutse ka *debate* kana jaanong o fetola mang?

**MR SALAKAE:** Rre Mmusi le Rre Gare.

**MR MOTAOSANE:** *Point of order. Madam Speaker, Honourable* Salakae *deliberately* o tswa mo tseleng, e bile a sa mpuise sentle. Ga go na motho ope yo o kileng a *debate* a tshwana le Rre Gare a re batho ga ba a tshwanela go neelwa madi. A re *if the economy does not allow...*

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Madam Speaker, it is a waste of time.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Wena Moswaane, o tsena ka eng jaanong?

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Ke go reeditse *Honourable* Motaosane gore o wela o reng.

**MR MOTAOSANE:** Ee, jaanong *Honourable* Salakae, dikgang tse a di buang tse, ga di na boammaaruri ka gore tsone diteme tse di buiwang mo *radio* tsele, BDP *trained the people* ba e leng gore gone gompiano ke bone ba dirang diteme tse. *It is a product of* BDP gore go bo go buiwa diteme tse mo *radio*. Batho ba ba rutilwe ke BDP gore ba ye go dira jalo.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** *Honourable* Motaosane, ke kopa gore o nne o bua *order* o e kgaola. Jaanong wena fa o tswa fa, o tsaya nako *debating*. Maphakela re ne re bua mo General Assembly gore re senya nako. E ne e le lona le neng le bua maphakela, jaanong le boetse kwa morago gape, le dira *the same thing* se se neng se buiwa maphakela. Tsweetswee.

**MR SALAKAE:** Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Nna tota ke kगतlhegela neelano ya me le Rre Motaosane. Se ke se kgalang thata, ke kgalela Rre Taolo Lucas go bo ba ne ba ganne go re okeletsa nako, gongwe nna le Rre Motaosane re ka bo gongwe e le gore puisano ya rona e tsaya nakonyana e telele. Jaanong ba ikopetse gore bone ga ba batle mo ga bo 30 minutes, ga go na sepe se ba ka se buang, ba ipatlela 20 minutes fela. Nna le Rre Motaosane re batho re itsane, go tswa fa dikgang tsa rona di ya go tswelela kwa ntle.

Ke ne ke re ke tswelela ke leboga Mothusa Tautona wa lefatshe le, Tona wa Madi, nako tsele re ne re bitsa re re madi le ditogamaano tsa ditlhabololo. A re o ya go nkema nokeng go bona gore maitlamo a UDC a a diragadiwa; a *to modernise and transform infrastructure*. Jaaka maikaelelo a rona e le go bona gore ditsela tse di tshwanang le tsa bo Ramatlabama-Ramokgwebana, re tsenya *tollgates* jaaka Batswana ba supa. Ke tsere nako go dira jalo gore ke kgone go itekodisa Batswana. Ke ba utlwe gore a mme re a dumalana. Ke kgona go rurifatsa gore Batswana lefatshe ka bophara le Rre Taolo Lucas a le mo teng, ba a dumalana gore nako e gorogile ya gore re tsenye *tollgates* mo ditseleng tsa rona fa go fetang diteraka teng, gore re tle re kgone go nna le dipoelo.

Rre Gaolathe o buile gape ka bo *digital innovation*. Re a lemoga gore nngwe ya ditsela tse e leng gore gongwe re direla lefatshe madi ka tsone, ke tsone tsa makgetho. Re itemogetse gore ba bangwe ba ba nang le bokgoni jwa gore ba ka duela makgetho, ga ba dire jalo. Jaanong re akanya go dirisa maranyane re le Goromente wa UDC jaaka re ne re romile Rre Gaolathe. Re ya go dira jalo re leka go kgobokanya madi gore tsela ya Shakawe le Gumare di kgone go dirwa. Rre Saleshando, le Maun Airport, re tle re kgone go e dira. Fa re dira jaana re kgobokanya *taxes*, ke na le kगतlhego ya gore jaaka nna le wena re ne re bua, Maun Airport, re bone gore re dira sengwe ka yone, e tsene mo seemong se e leng gore e ka kगतlha bajanala.

Kgang ya bofelo ke ya Human Capital Development (HCD), e ke e rata segolobogolo le go feta, kana e bua le ka *productivity*. Nngwe ya *issues* tse e leng gore re bua ka tsone kana batlhalefi ba itsholelo ba di supa e le a *weakness of our economy*, ke gone gore e kete *we are not productive enough*. Rre Gaolathe *is prioritising* HCD. Ke mo leboga fela thata, mme e bile ke mo solofetse gore melao-kakanyetso e a akanyang go tla ka yone mo Palamenteng e, e tshwana le *VAT Bill, Income Tax Bill, Customs Amendment Bill, le Tax Administration Bill*, ke

tlile go mo ema nokeng ka e bile di tsamaelana thata le *our True North*, e e buang gore *we want a high income Botswana that is digitally enabled, export driven and economically diversified, where every citizen is employed, empowered and fulfilled*.

Fa o bona re le mo bothateng jaana, ke gone gore Goromente wa tsala ya me Rre Motaosane, o ne a tsaya lebaka go itse gore itsholelo e tshwanetse *to be diversified*, ga o ka ke wa nna *for 58 years* o ntse o itumelela fela gore o epa sengwe ka fa tlase ga lefatshe, o sa kgone go tsibogela gore se ka nna sa fela. Jaanong dikgang tse re di tsibogetse mo ngwageng wa ntlha go bona gore re tshwanetse ra bona gore re itlhaganelela *to diversify*. Rre Motaosane, fa o ne o na le nako, nna le wena re ne re ya go kगतlhegela dikgang tse ka gore ke a itse gore o na le bokgoni jwa go di buisa. Bothata ke bo majesa ba ba ka koo, ba o fitlhelang ba bua dilo, fa ba sena go tsamaya, o sala o le nosi jaanong o bo o di arabela. Ke go rata thata motho wa me.

**MR PULE:** *Point of order*. Tsala ya me o a bo a batla go senya botsala. Ke kopa gore a *debate*, a seka a re bitsa bo majesa. A a *debate* fela a busetse lefoko la bo majesa kwa morago. Kana go phaketse go kgalemiwa gotwe go batliwa kagiso. Jaanong a a tlogele go bua bo majesa, rona ga re bo majesa.

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

**MR PULE:** Ee, ga go na yo a kileng a araba gakere le ne le dumela gore le matlhalerwa.

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

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nna fa fatshe *Honourable Pule*. Tswelela *Honourable Salakae*.

**MR SALAKAE:** Nnyaa, tota ene Rre Pule le Rre Motaosane ga ba na molato ope, batho ba ba buileng dilo ke ba babedi ba ba ka fa ba. Le tsena mo dikgannyeng tse e seng tsa lona. Ga go na sepe se le se buileng batho ba me.

Ke supe fa gore fa re sena go lebelela kang e ya *tax*, batho ba Kuke, fa Rre Mokgware a ne a le teng, Rre Mokgware, ba re ba leboga fela thata gore *this Government is thinking about inclusivity* gore mongwe le mongwe a hirwe. Ba re, go na le *mine* o o bapileng le bone o bidiwa Sandfire, o kगतlhegele gore o ba kgotatse ba kgone go ba hira, ba ba neele dituelo tse di botoka, ba baakanye mabaka a tiro. Ba a lela fela thata. Ga ke ise ke ye teng mme ke belaela gore ga ba ka ke ba

ipuela fela. Ba a kopa gore o atumele Sandfire, fa o ka ntsaya o ya teng, ke ka leboga fela thata.

Dikgang tsa Air Botswana le Botswana Railways, *I am going to respond to them* fa ke tla ka pego ya *Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure* Rre Taolo Lucas. Batho ba Statistics, ke bone ba re neelang dikgang tsa Gross Domestic Product (GDP) le tsotlhe tsa *trade dividend*. Ba leka go araba dikgang tsa Botswana Railways gore fa o le motho, o bo o ipeela *prediction* e tshwana le ya *December*, le fa o ka fosa ka dikgwedi tse tharo, *you are within normal*. Fa e le gore o ipeetse *December; January, February, March, you still can be within the boundary*. Golo ga teng ba go bitsa ba re, *normal distribution curve, within standard deviation* tse tharo o a bo o le *normal*. Jaanong mpotsa gape ka Botswana Railways le Air Botswana ka *April, I will be able to give you an answer*.

Mo bogomprienong jaana *Madam Speaker*, ke supe gore nngwe ya ditoro tsa me tse ke eletsang di ka diragala ke santse ke tshela ke gore, *Africa must unite*. Nna le molekane wa me wa Namibia, re setse re le mo legatong la ntlha Rre Taolo Lucas, go bona gore a ga re ka re ra tlhama *a national airline* kana *a company* e e leng gore nna le ene, re ka e dirisa go ka...

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

**MR SALAKAE:** Ke a itse gore le ya go boa gape le kgala kgang eo. *You want Africa to unite and when Africa unites, go nna le kgang gape. We want to ensure that we establish a joint company* e e ka re thusang to *manage* Namibian Airline and Botswana Airline. Re setse re na le *a joint task force* e e simolotseng tiro ya go bona gore golo mo, re ka go fitlhelela ka tsela e e ntseng jang.

Botswana Railways by *April, I am going to give you a better statistic*. Ba setse ba na le *revenues* tse di botoka. Re setse re na le ba ba re solofeditseng gore *the rolling stock will come*. Re setse re buile le Botswana Soda Ash, Botswana Corporation, Botswana Oil, ba ya go tlisa dilo tse di ka re thusang go gweba re le Botswana Railways. Ke ipotsa gore fa go ya go siama, le ya go bua ka eng jaanong?

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

**MR SALAKAE:** Le yone eo letsatsi lengwe ke tlile go e araba, e bo le felelwa.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** *Honourable Salakae, are you debating* kana o fetola *side remarks*?

**MR SALAKAE:** *I am debating. 30 seconds* yo o setseng *Madam Speaker*, ke eletsa gore fa Rre Gaolathe a ne a le teng, mafoko ale a a neng a buiwa ke Dr Koma mo *Pamphlet Number One*, gore re ganelela thata mo temothuong, re simolole go rotloetsa Batswana gore go na le kgomo le temo gape. E tsaya *three months* fela, e bo e go neela bogadi. *How I wish that we can divert* to temo jaaka *Pamphlet Number One* e re rutila nna le Caterpillar Hikuama. Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*.

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

**MR HIKUAMA (MAUN WEST):** Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Re bua ka kabo ya madi a lefatshe, mme pele fa ke tsena mo dikgannyeng tsa me, ke simolole ke tlhalose se kabo ya madi a lefatshe, e leng sone. *Madam Speaker*, puo ya go aba madi a lefatshe, ga se ya dinomore le madi a gasiwa fela e kete ga go buiwe ka selo se se ka berekang. Kabo madi go tewa e le lenaneo le le le kang go diragatsa tse e nnileng ditsholofetso le dikeletso tsa Batswana tsa ditlhopho.

*Madam Speaker*, fa re bua ka kabo madi a setšhaba, re ka e simolola ka go e golaganya le ditlhopho, *more especially election manifesto*. Ke mo ka e le *commodity that we are selling; it is the social contract like you are saying*. Fa o tlhophiwa, motho o reka ka tlhopho. Fa a sena go reka *manifesto, budget* ke *receipt* e e supang gore go duetswe jang. *A budget is an action plan of your manifesto. It is a political action* e e supang gore re ya go tsamaisa jang ditsholofetso le dikeletso tsa lona.

*Madam Speaker, manifesto* ga o a tshwanela gore o fetoge go nna ditsholofetso, gape ga o a tshwanela go nna tshidilo maikutlo e re e utlwileng e bewa pele Palamente. Se re se boneng se diragala maloba, e ne e le tshidilo maikutlo ya lefatshe, e ntshiwa ke Vice President (VP) yo o neng a tshwareletse Tautona. Moo ga se *budget, budget* ga se tshidilo maikutlo, ke lenaneo la go diragatsa. *Unfortunately*, se re se utlwileng maloba, re bone tshidilo maikutlo le dipuo tse di rethefaditsweng tse re di tlwaetseng, mo re di bitsang *political rhetoric* ya gale le gale. Ke gone mo re neng re go bona go diragala maloba. Ke ne ke solofetse gore Tona wa Madi, e bile e le Mothusa Tautona, o ntsha mo gotweng *Government pronouncements and priorities*, a supa *commitments* e seng go ntsha dipuo tse di sa felelang tse motho a sa itseng gore o bua a reng.

*Madam Speaker*, fa o ka ntetlelela gore ke nople dingwe tsa di *statements* tse di supang gore Mothusa Tautona o ne a sa itse gore o bua ka ga eng, e bile ga a neela ba ba

neng ba mo reeditse tsholofelo ya sepe. Mma ke nopole ka tetla ya gago.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Yes, quote.

**MR HIKUAMA:** *Madam Speaker, paragraph 134 “the ministry is encouraged to consider absorbing the temporary teachers to ensure continuity and stability in the affected schools.” No commitment, no clarity of purpose, ke statement fela se se tsietsang ba ba reeditse. Madam Speaker, budget e tshwanetse e supe gore re ntshitse bokana gore ministry o ye go hira batho ba. E seng mo gotweng “we encourage,” re roloetsa gore fa le batla e bile le eletsa, fa le sena go dira tshekatsheko, ke tshekatsheko ya eng ka gore budget e tla morago ga tshekatsheko. Go dirile tshekatsheko e yotlhe now committing gore ke ya go dira se. Ke sone se ke reng puo e, e ne e le dipuo fela tsa gale le gale tse re di utlwang, tse re di tlwaetseng.*

*Madam Speaker, when framing the spending ya Puso, o tshwanetse wa netefatsa gore tse o di tseetseng kwa godimo e le tsa lefatshe, ke eng gore o tle o arabe tse batho ba di solofetseng. Ke sone se o tshwanetseng o se dire, unfortunately Mothusa Tautona o ne a bona go tshwanela gore a tsene mo tshidilong maikutlo le dipuo fela tse re sa tlhologanyeng gore di batla go re isa kae.*

Ke simolole puo ya me ka thuto; thuto e ke tlaa e baya ka setlhogonyana se se reng, ‘*The Crisis of Misplaced Priorities.*’ *Madam Speaker, budget ya 2026 e supa se BCP e neng e ntse e se belatse gore ke Puso e e batlang go patch fela e sena lenaneo le le tsepameng. Ke ya go patch, patch fela e tsaya fale e tikela kwa, e tsaya e tikela kwa go sena a clear plan of what it is intending to do. Ke supa jalo ka gore fa o ka lebelela budget ya thuto ka boyone, Ministry of Child Welfare and Basic Education o filwe P11.83 billion mme wa Higher Education o filwe P7.37 billion. Fa o ka lebelela dilo tse, ke koketsego fela ya 1.3 per cent mo budget e e fetileng. Mathata a re a boneng mo dikoleng a a amanang le thuto le tsone dialogane tota, gompiano ga di kgone ditlathobho tsa bone, ba kgaoletse ke Tona Maele, a mme dilo tse le raya gore di ka ema ka budget e e okeditsweng ka 1.3 per cent?*

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Go bo gotwe transformation.

**MR HIKUAMA:** Go bo gotwe transformation. *Madam Speaker, go beeletsa mo thutong ya bana ba rona, ga go a tshwanela go nna selo sa go kgotsofatsa tsamaiso. E tshwanetse go nna an economic strategy, more so that re*

batla go tlhabolola lefatshe la rona re beile mo dikitsong tsa bana ba rona. *We have to invest heavily mo thutong fa re batla go aga itsholelo ya rona. Ga re ka ke ra dirisa dikitso tsa bana ka foundation e e robegileng. A mme o ka ruta bana mo ditilong tse di robegileng? A o ka ruta bana mo dikoleng tse di senang dibuka, ditilo le ditafole? A mme o ka invest mo go bone mo seemong sone se se ntseng jalo? Ke sone se ke bonang gore golo mo ke mathata.*

Go kgautlhana ga ditsompelo ga dikole le dikago...

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

*Clarification. Ke a leboga Madam Speaker. Mma ke se ka ka mo senyetsa nako e ntsi. Ke mmotse gore fa e ne e le gore ka bolesego batho ba ne ba ka reetsa BCP ba e tlhopho, fa ba fitlhela dikole di kgautlhane, ditafole di robegile, go sena ditilo, a ba ne ba tlele go tswala dikole for three to five years ba santse ba reka ditilo, ba bona gore diteemane di rekisiwa kae? Ke yone e ke batlang gore a e tlhalose.*

**MR HIKUAMA:** Ke tlaa e bona fa ke na le nako. Se ke batlang go se bua, dikole tsa rona e setse e le matlotla. Le dipego tse di tswang mo makgotleng a barutabana di a supa gore almost 100 per cent of our public schools are struggling, ga di na dikago, ga di na tse di nang le sone, bogolo jang tsa dikgaolo tse di tshwanang le tsa bo Kareng, Bodibeng le Thamalakane. Le ne la bona mo maranyaneng gore ba ruta mo diemong tse di ntseng jang. Le tsone tsa Charles Hill tota, di mo diemong tse di ntseng jalo. Bana ba rona ba nna on the cold floor go sena ditilo. Ke dilo tse di tlhokang go tsibogelwa. Budget e ka bo e itshupile gore e ya go di araba jang.

Rona re le ba BCP, re gwetlha gore go nne mo gotweng *Infrastructure Emergency Fund* e e tlaa itebaganyang le dilo tsa go bakaanya ditilo le tsotlhe tse di senyegileng. *We need a direct massive injection of capital to refurbish schools, build toilets and provide the basic dignity...*

**ASSISTANT MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS (MR MOSWAANE):**

*Point of order. Madam Speaker, ke ne ke re ke botse gore fa Mopalamente Hikuama a mislead setšhaba, a latola gore priorities tsa UDC Government ga di yo mme di kwadilwe di papametse, a di badile, a batla go ikgotsofatsa, a sa bue nnete, a re ka dirisa point of order? Ke raya sekai fa re lebeletse gore...*

**MADAM SPEAKER:** *Nnyaa*, Honourable Moswaane, *ga go na point of order, kopa elucidation kana correction.*

**MR MOSWAANE:** *No, elucidation*, ke tlaabo ke mo tlaleletsa mo go tlhokeng nnete.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** *Nnyaa, ga se point of order.*

**MR MOSWAANE:** Mme o a *mislead*, ga a bue nnete.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** *Honourable Moswaane, nna fa fatshe!*

**MR MOSWAANE:** Thank you very much *mme o mmolelele gore o a mislead.*

**MR HIKUAMA:** *Madam Speaker*, ke tswelela ka tlhalelo ya dibuka le didirisiwa mo dikoleng. Ke matlhabisaditlhong gore mo pakeng e re mo go yone ya 2026, re setse re bona bana ba dikole ba *share* buka go sena se ba kwalelang mo go sone. Go dirisiwa *photocopiers* go ka *produce materials* tsa bana. Dilo tse di utlwiswa botlhoko mo nakong ya segompiano.

*Digital transformation is useless if a child does not have a physical book to learn to read.* Bona madi a mantsi a a kana ka bo P662 million a dirisiwa mo *digital thing* mme a *basic thing like a book* e seyo. A *digital transformation* e ka tlisa mosola mo dikoleng tsa rona?

*The graduate unemployment*; re a itse gore gompiano dialogane ba tletse mo ba ba nang le *Degree* le ditlankana tse di farologanyeng. Dipalo tse re di utlwanng ke gore *about 70, 000* ba dialogane tseo, ga ba a hirwa, ba tletse mo mebileng. BCP e dumela gore *we need skills to market alignment. Education reform* e a tlhokafala gompiano ka bonako gore dilo tse di buiwang tsa bo Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) le Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET), di tsene mo tirisong gore re alafe bolwetse jwa go tlhoka ditiro ga bana ba rona...

**MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE (MR SALAKAE):** *Clarification.* Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*, ke a leboga Rre Hikuama. Ke go reeditse sentle ka botlalo motho wa me. Ka ke itse gore o motho wa thuto, ke ipotsa gore a ke go utlwa sentle o re mo Pusong ya lona, kgang e ya *digital innovation* le ne le ya go e tsibogela fela fa le sena go reka dibuka? Ke botsa fela sentle gore a e tlhoka gore dikole tsoitlhe di nne le dibuka ke gone re bo re e tsibogela?

**MR HIKUAMA:** Ga e ka ke ya re o sena setlhako o bo o re o ka reka *flying machine*. O sena baesekele o bo re o ya go reka *flying machine*? Ke dilo fela tsa batho ba sa itseng se ba se dirang. *Madam Speaker*, re le ba BCP ra re Puso e ya ditshwanelo tsa batho, e *invest* thata mo bathong gona le dilo tse ba di buang.

Gompiano jaana *we are talking about the State-Owned Enterprises (SOEs) transformation*. A mme o ka bua ka tsone dilo tse re itseng gore gompiano ke tsone tse madi a Puso a dutlang kwa go tsone, o bo o *neglect* thuto ya bana? Re tshwanetse gore re ye gone koo.

*As the BCP, we demand furniture and book audit*, go bo go tswa *report* e e *transparent* e e tlaa supang gore tlhalelo ya dilo tse e kae, *basics* di kwa kae, re tle re ise dilo tse kwa di tlhokafalang teng. *We need a Graduate Internship overhaul which is converting this allowance-based internship into high impact curriculum aligned junior roles in the public and private sectors.* Re batla gape gore go nne le *maintenance* wa dikole by TVET. *Use our TVET students and unemployed artisans to fix the dilapidated schools immediately, creating jobs while improving infrastructure.*

Re eletsa gape gore go nne le *establishment of the district maintenance centres*. *Already* re na le batho ba re ba bitsang *craftsmen, we should now change the way we use them, create maintenance centres* ka bone batho ba. Ga o tlhoke madi ape *Honourable Motsamai. It is just to realign them* gore ba kgone *to maintain these dilapidated chairs, desks*, ba le golo go le gongwefela o ntse o ba dirisa, ka gore ba na le dikitso tse di farologaneng. *Madam Speaker, fa Puso e palelwa ke to equip its schools, it is a Government that is planning for its own economic obsolescence.*

Re tshwanetse gape re bue ka botsogo. Mma ke siane ka botsogo ka nako ke e e a re sia e bile Rre Modise o teng. *Madam Speaker*, re bua ka dikgang tse di borai, mo ke tlaa go bitsang *a danger to national life*. Botsogo jwa rona bo mo diphatseng fela thata, e bile fa o lebelela *budget* ya teng, e fokoditswe ka *16.4 per cent while our constituents are still being told there is no medicines at dispensary windows. This is a betrayal of the highest order.* Gompiano jaana batho ba a bua mo dipateleng tse di farologaneng, bo Nyangabgwe, go na le *reports* tse di supang gore motho fela gore a *ye to be operated*, o tshwanetse gore a ye go ithekela tlhale, *spirit* kgotsa sengwe le sengwe se se tlhokafalang. *Minister*, o fa o bolelela batho gore sengwe le sengwe *is in order*. Bona dilo tse a di buang, ke tsone tse di supang gore Puso e ga e a tlhoafalela go baakanya lefatshe la rona.

**MINISTER OF HEALTH (DR S. MODISE):** Point of order Madam Speaker. The Honourable Member is misleading this House. I have never stood here and said everything is in order. I have never done that. So, he must not misrepresent me. Can you please just be factual in your debate? No need to be sensational.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Continue.

**MR HIKUAMA:** Gatwe ga o a bua sepe rra. Ke tsone tse o tlholang o di bolelela batho, e bile o roga batho mo diromamoweng mo fa ba ka bua...

**DR S. MODISE:** Point of order Madam Speaker. Are you going to allow him to say this? *Ke roga batho!* He must withdraw that. Otherwise, *a bue gore ke rogile mang.* Are you going to allow that? Hikuama, can you stick to your debate please. If you have nothing just sit down!

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

**MADAM SPEAKER:** *Honourable* Hikuama, nnyaa, lesa go tlhasela...

**MR HIKUAMA:** *Nonsense* ke thapa. O ne o bua o re, *nonsense.*

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

**MADAM SPEAKER:** *Honourable Members,* ke tlaa bua jang jaanong? Le a bua ga ke itse gore jaanong ke reng. Ke le letele le fetse? *Debate* fela o tswe mo go tseo.

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

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Hei, batho ba Modimo! Ke kopa gore o dire fela jaaka o itse gore o tshwanetse go dira jang. Se dire gore go nne *chaos.*

**MR HIKUAMA:** Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker.* Ke sianele kwa...

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

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Ke kopa gore le reetseng. *Every time* fela fa go na le *debate,* ga go nke go tlhoka gore mongwe a tlhasela yo mongwe. Fa motho a tlhaselwa ke motho yo mongwe jaaka wena o ne o ngongorega, ke kopile Rre Hikuama gore a se ka a dira jalo. Jaanong ke kopa gore fa motho a ngongorega, ke bua le yo a neng a bua, le se ka la tswelidisa kgang. Go raya gore jaanong ga ke na mosola gore ke bo ke le neetse gore o supe se o se ngongoregelang.

Maphakela re ne re le fa mo General Assembly, lona ba le neng le le teng le utlwile gore re tshwanetse go dira jang mo Ntlong e. Jaanong fa e le gore le ne le seyo le sa utlwa, ga ke dumalane le gore e re fa ke kgalema o bo o nyatsa kgalemo ya me *Honourable* Modise. Ke gore o a bua, fa ke santse ke re ke a bua ka fa, le ntsena ganong. Tota la re ke dire jang? Ke kopa gore le emise *points of order* tse dingwe tse di diyang nako. *This morning* le bontshitswe gore le dia nako ka *points of orders,* le ya go fetsa *to debate* ka bo di 25 le ntse le dira fela jalo.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Point of order Madam Speaker.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Procedure Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nnyaa.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** On a matter of procedure, a very serious one.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Ga ke na go go supela sepe sa *point of order* *Honourable* Moswaane.

**MR MOSWAANE:** Kana jaanong Ntlo e o e tsenya mo mathateng. Rre Hikuama o sentse motho leina, ga o mo reye o re *withdraw*...

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

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Honourable Kekgonegile.

**MR MOSWAANE:** He must withdraw. Withdrawal is very important...

**MR KEKGONEGILE:** Tanki *Madam Speaker.* General, se dire jalo. *Madam Speaker,* kana fa gongwe re le Mapalamente le Matona, fa re le kwa ntle dipuo tse re di buang, ke tsone tse di dirang gore jaanong fa re le fa, fa batho ba bua gore kana mme o a riana, a bo e nna o kare batho ba a go tlhasela, mme ba sa go tlhasela. *Honourable* Modise *is on record* a buisa *Press Conference,* batho ba ngongoregile gore ga go na melemo, *then he said people are talking hogwash and nonsense.* Ga e ka ke ya re *Honourable* Hikuama a bua boammaaruri jwa *Press Conference* ya gago *Honourable* Modise, wa bo o re *Honourable* Hikuama *is out of order. Out of order for what?* Ipaakanye *Honourable* Modise.

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

**MR BAGAISAMANG:** *Procedure* Madam Speaker. Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, mma ke go leboge. Ke dumela gore re tlaabo re dira *a very wrong*

*precedent*. Rre Hikuama, ga re ka ke ra tla go letlelela gore fa e le gore Rre Modise o buile ka fa a buileng ka teng, a bo Rre Hikuama a tla go dirisa thulaganyo eo go mo tlhasela, o bo o dira *ruling* gore a *withdraw* a bo a sa *withdraw*, a bo a tswelela. *This thing on its own* fa re ya go e letlelela e nna jaana *Madam Speaker*; e ya go paledisa gore Ntlo e re e tsamaisa ka gore mongwe le mongwe o ya go nna a dira *a reference to what has transpired* kwa morago. Rre Hikuama o a itse le ene gore *he is purely imputing an improper motive* mo go Rre Modise. *Hence why* go ne go tsoga modumo o o kana. *So*, mokaulengwe fela jaaka e le motho yo re mo tlotlang a tshwanetse gore a re rute Palamente, *he must do the honourable thing by adhering* mo go se o se buang re bo re tswelela pele. E seng jalo go tlile go nna modumo o o utlwang o o bua o. *He has imputed an improper motive* mo go Rre Modise. *He has to bounce back and defend himself*. Ke a leboga.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** *Honourable* Hikuama, ke go reile ka re a ko o dire fela jaaka o itse gore o tshwanetse go dira eng mo Palamenteng...*(Interruptions)*...Ke kopile gore o itse gore fela jaaka motho a ngongoregile jaana, o buile jaaka...Tota o tshega eng? A ko o boele mafoko a morago o lese go tshega *Honourable* Hikuama.

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

**MR HIKUAMA:** Mma re tswelela *Madam Speaker*.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** *Honourable* Hikuama, a ko o *withdraw* mafoko o tswelela. *Honourable* Hikuama, a ko o dire *the right thing* fela o tswelela.

**MR HIKUAMA:** A mme o kile wa dira *ruling* gore ke *withdraw*?

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Ke rile dira fela se o tshwanetseng gore o se dire se o se itseng. Ke buile fela jalo.

**MR HIKUAMA:** *For the sake of progress* le fa re itse gore monna yo o raya batho bo *hogwash/nonsense* mme re...

**MADAM SPEAKER:** O a le boelela gape...

**MR HIKUAMA:** ...mme ke a boele morago re tswelela, dikgang di dintsi.

**MR MONAGENG:** *Point of order Madam Speaker*. Tota fela jaaka o re *for the sake of progress*, ikope maitshwarelo go tswe mo Hansard re tswelela. *You know sometimes we cannot always pick what is written*

*in newspapers*, re bo re tsaya gore ke boammaaruri. *Sometimes we quote people out of context, for progress* a ko fela o re ke boela lefoko leo morago. Batho ba re reeditse kwa ntle kwa.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Go siame *Uncle Shima*, re e utlwile. *Honourable* Hikuama.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Point of order.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nnyaa, iketle pele *Honourable* Modise, a ko o iketle pele. *Honourable* Hikuama, ga ke a go utlwa gore wa reng. Tswelela.

**MR HIKUAMA:** *Madam Speaker*, ke ne ke re siane ke bue ka temothuo le lefatshe. Kana rona kwa bo Ngamiland go buiwa ka bo 26 BETP *projects* le *citrus exports*. Mo bontlheng bongwe jwa lefatshe le...

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Procedure *Madam Speaker*.

**ASSISTANT MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR MOTSAMAI):** *Point of procedure. Madam Speaker*, kana Hikuama ke motho yo ke tsayang gore o na le kutlwisiso e e tseeneletseng ya go bua ya dipolotiki jalojalo. Ke motho yo o botho, e tlaabo e le kgang fela ya gore motho o etle a welwe ke dihawa, jaaka di mo wetse jaana. Ke ne ke re a papamale fela a boele mafoko a a buisitseng yo mongwe...

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nnyaa, *Honourable* Motsamai, o a boetse morago, *he said I withdraw*.

**MR MOTSAMAI:** O ne a sa tobetsa *microphone*...

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Mma?

**MR MOTSAMAI:** O ne a sa tobetsa *microphone*...

**MADAM SPEAKER:** O ne a tobeditse tlhe batho.

**MR MOTSAMAI:** Ga a a tobetsa.

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

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Le a itse gore ke eng?

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Procedure.

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

**MADAM SPEAKER:** *Honourable* Kgafela, ke tloga ke go ntshetsa kwa ntle. Golo fa ke tsamaisa Palamente gakere? Ke boeletse fa ke botsa *Honourable* Hikuama gore ga ke a go utlwa gore o ne o reng. O buile a re, *I withdraw*.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** On a matter of procedure Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nnyaa, wena ga o tsene mo teng. Re ya go tshaisa fela wena o sa bua sepe sa *point of order*.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Ka goreng?

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Continue Honourable Hikuama.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Jaanong wena le Hikuama le bereka jang?

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

**MR HIKUAMA:** Ke ne ke re *Madam Speaker*, rona kwa Kgaolong ya Ngamiland ke moka re lebetsweng fa go buiwa ka dikgang tse tsa temothuo le lefatshe. Rona *Madam Speaker*, fa lefatshe la Botswana le *prioritise* bo *high technology* le go lemiwa ga metokwane, rona barui ba rona ba santse ba lwa le dikgang tse ditona tsa go jelwa leruo la bone ke dibatana le diphologolo tsa naga le malwetse a matonatona. Se re se eletsang re le batho ba North West ke gore go nne le mo re go bitsang North West Agriculture Recovery Fund, *that addresses these challenges of the Okavango basin, not just generic national schemes*. Golo mo go dirwang mo e leng *one-size-fits-all*, ga go re berekele. Fa re ka nna le thulaganyo e e tlaa itebaganyang le North West le dikgwetlho tsa yone, go ka nna bonolo fela thata. Re na le *human/wildlife conflict* e malatsi a e bidiwang bo *co-existence* le FMD e le malwetse a a re farafarileng. *These national emergency operation funds*, di ka re thusa go itebaganya le diemo tse.

Gompiano jaana re eletsang gore *buffalo fences* tsa rona di neelwe madi gore di baakanngwe. Ke gore ga re ka ke ra re re ka lwantsha FMD re sena *buffalo fences* tse di berekang di na le boleng, di thibela dinare le tsotlhe diphologolo tse di anamisang bolwetse jo. *The P1.85 billion infrastructure maintenance funds should explicitly prioritise the maintenance of buffalo fence, to prevent the mix of buffalo and cattle*, ke tsone tse re di buang. Ga o ka ke wa bua ka *prosperity for all, when a farmer in* Tsutsubega, Sexaxa le Etsha ba jelwa masimo a bone ke ditlou tse e leng gore ga ba na se ba ka di dirang go di kganela gore di se ka tsa ba feleletsang. Re batla tsamaiso e e tseneletsang ya go itebaganya le diemo tse re le batho ba Ngamiland.

*Madam Speaker*, re batla thulaganyo e e tlaa dirang gore lefatshe la rona la thuo le temo le farologangwe, go nne le tsamaiso e e tlaa itsang *the mining* gore mafatshe

a mangwe ke a leruo, a beelwe (*reserve*) leruo, ka gore ke sennelaruri. *You cannot replace* leruo ka mekoti e e felang, o bo o bolaya botshelo jwa batho o sa ba phimole keledi (*compensate*) o sa ba direle sepe se se botoka. *There should be a no-go area for agricultural land*. Ke gone re ka sireletsang bokamoso jwa rona, e seng gompiano fa gotwe o ka tseela batho dipolase tsa bone di le *six*, go bo go sena sepe se o ka se dirang. Dilo tse *budget* e tshwanetse gore e di dire.

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

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Procedure Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Procedure Honourable Mosanana.

**MR MOSANANA:** *Point of procedure*. Ke a go leboga *Madam Speaker*. *Madam Speaker*, kana phakela re ne re le fa mo General Assembly, mme ke utlwa bangwe ba re nako e atolosedibe kwa go 7:00 p.m. Ke ne ke ntse ke itse gore mathata a ke one a re tlileng go lala re lebagane le one, *that is why* ke ne ka gana.

Jaanong *Madam Speaker*, keletso ya me e ne e ka nna gore o nne o tsena *before and Speaker* a bo a tla kwa morago. Palamente e *Madam Speaker*, ga ke itse gore e go leba jang, ga ke tlhologanye. Ke wela ka gore bagaetsho, a re itseyeng jaaka bagolo, *otherwise* re ijela nako ka bo rona fa re dira jalo. Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Ee rra, *noted*. Honourable Butale.

**MINISTER FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (DR BUTALE):** Ke a go leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke supe jaana betsho gore ke itumeletse *budget* e, e bile *budget* e go e itumelela ga me, go tsamaisana le...

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

**DR BUTALE:** A o ne o ka nthusang gore bakaulengwe ba reetse ka gore...

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Ga ke itse gore ba kgatlhilwe ke eng, reetsang motho o a bua.

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

**DR BUTALE:** Nnyaa, Furniture ene o tshwanetse a didimale, ka gore fa a ka *baesa* re tlaa mo ntsha kwa gae kwa.

Ke tlhalose gore *budget* e nna ke e itumelela ka gore e supa ponelopele le kwa re yang teng. Ke batla gore ka bofefo mo metsotswaneng e e setseng e, ke tlhalose gore ke dumela gore fa re dira *budget, it has to be a moment of non-partisanship and that of patriotism. I am disappointed because* fa o reeditse Hikuama, o ka ipotsa gore a o ne a le teng fa *budget* e balwa. Go na le *page* fela *dedicated to priorities*, a re ga a a e bona. Jaanong nna o fitlhela ke sa itse gore a tota re tlhwaafetse, mme ke leboge...

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Point of procedure Madam Speaker.

**DR BUTALE:** Nnyaa, ga go na *procedure*. Metsotso ya me ga e yo...

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Procedure Honourable Hikuama.

**MR HIKUAMA:** *Point of procedure*. Ke a leboga Madam Speaker. O ne o gakolola... ke itse gore ke Mokwaledimogolo wa Alliance for Progressives (AP). A gakololwe gore *it is the Speaker who is addressed and then respond to the budget*. O mo gakolole fela jalo, ke a itse gore *he is a senior person at the party, but a gakololwe*.

**DR BUTALE:** Madam Speaker, go na le sengwe se o tshwanetseng gore o se dire, go na le batho fela ba ba bolong go nna mo Palamenteng e ba ba itseng tsamaiso, mme ba e senya. Ke ne ke re ke leboge Rre Kapinga mo motsotsong o o setseng, rra re a go leboga. Re go lebogela gore *you rejected this whole political grand gesturing and stunts that we see on the other side*. Re go lebogela seo, a Modimo a go thuse. Ke tlaa tla ke tswelela mo nakong e e tlang.

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

### MOTION

### ADJOURNMENT

**ACTING LEADER OF THE HOUSE (MR MMOLOTSI):** Thank you very much Madam Speaker. Thank you very much Honourable Members for the lively debates. Now that it is 6:30 p.m. I wish to move that this House do now adjourn.

Question put and **agreed to**.

The Assembly accordingly adjourned at 6:30 p.m. until Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

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