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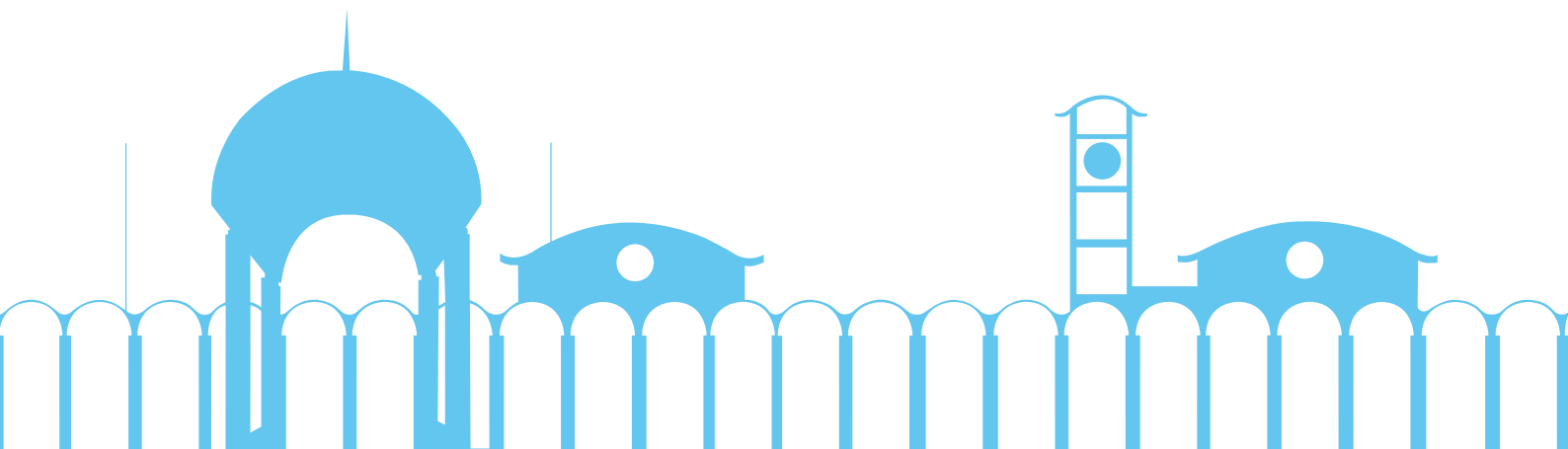
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Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2026

THE ASSEMBLY met at 9:00 a.m.

(THE SPEAKER in the Chair)

**P R A Y E R S**

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**MR SPEAKER (MR KEORAPETSE):** Pray be seated!

...Silence...

**MR SPEAKER:** Order! Honourable Members. Honourable Members, *le a bona gore le jele* the whole five minutes. Good morning Honourable Members, let us start our business of today with Minister's Question.

**MINISTER'S QUESTION TIME**

**MINISTER OF MINERALS AND ENERGY**

**THEME: PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY ON BCL CLOSURE**

Asked the Minister of Minerals and Energy to state:

- (i) the criteria used to select the commissioners;
- (ii) how the commission will ensure transparency and independence in its investigations;
- (iii) the terms of reference, and whether those terms were subjected to any stakeholder input or expert review;
- (iv) how Government will guarantee operational independence of the commission from political influence, particularly given that it will investigate actions of former leaders;
- (v) the total budget allocated for the commission's operation; and
- (vi) arrangements that have been made to ensure witness protection and prevent intimidation or interference during testimony.

**MR R. W. KAIZER (SELEBI PHIKWE WEST):** Tla ke tseye sebaka se ke go dumedise *Mr Speaker*. Le nna fela jaaka mokaulengwe Motlotlegi Lesedi, ke tsamaelwa ke go itlhoboga mo Pusong e ya Umbrella

for Democratic Change (UDC) ka lebaka la gore Puso e go lebega ba sa ithulaganyetsa go araba potso e *Mr Speaker*. Ke beke ya bo *six*, fa e se bo *seven*, potso e e ntse e pala go arabesega. Jaanong le kwa Selebi Phikwe re setse re itlhobogile ka gore jaanong go lebega re ne re bewa bobi matlhong gore go tlaa nna le *Commission of Inquiry*, e e sa nneng teng *Mr Speaker*. Jaanong ke tsamaelwa ke go itlhoboga ka gore potso e ntse e a pala *Mr Speaker*.

**MR SPEAKER:** Ga ke itse gore a ke jaaka o botsa, kana, *let me just check, hang on Honourable Kaizer*.

**MR KAIZER:** Later date Mr Speaker.

**MR SPEAKER:** Later date?

**MR KAIZER:** Yes.

**MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INNOVATION (MR TSHERE):** *Procedure. Mr Speaker, good morning, good morning to the House.*

*Nnyaa procedure* ya me ke gore *Honourable Kaizer* ga a ka ke a bua jalo a re Goromente o a palelwa e bile fa a reng, o a tlhaloganya fela sentle gore potso e e ntse e ile kwa *State President* ka gore o ne a akanya gore *this is a presidential inquiry*. Jaanong go supagetse maabane jaana, nna ke tshwareletse Mme Kenewendo, *so* ke ene e leng gore maabane re letse re bona gore e tlisitswe kwa Lephatheng la Meepo le Kgotetso. Ka jalo, ke ene a neng a kopa, o ka bo a buile fela gore Tona o mo kopile gore a e *later date* ka gore o kwa Angola, o etla, o tlaa feta a e araba ene ka boene. *Honourable* o buile le ene, nna o mpoleletse jalo, jaanong ke gaggamala a batla go tlhobosa sengwe le sengwe fela. Ke a leboga.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Procedure Mr Speaker.

**MR SPEAKER:** *Nnyaa, mma ke rule mo go e.* Honourable Members, how Government has dealt with this question is very, very disappointing, extremely; disappointing in the extreme.

This question, as you may be aware, I think it is coming here for the sixth time, every Friday, at least for more than a month, it has been coming here. The explanation *e ne e le gore* Minister for State President *o tlaa e araba*. At some point, on moments that I recall, was that *ga a yo o tlaa tla a e araba*. Then *ke belaela gore* Honourable Tshere had a radio day somewhere in Tswapong, so,

again there was an apology. Then it came at a time when it was a Fallen Heroes Day, the Minister asked Honourable Kaizer that I cannot answer this question because I am attending the Botswana Defence Force (BDF) commemoration of Fallen Heroes, *go raya gore ga e arabiwe, ke dumela gore e ne e le la bo four*. Then *la bo five*, I got a text in the morning, *ee*, I think I got a text in the morning on Friday, the Minister indicating *gore o tlaabo a seyo* because *o na le* an emergency meeting, so *foo e ne e le la bo five*. So, *ka di 11 March*, then we got a savingram from Permanent Secretary (PS)-Minister for State President, Defence and Security to the Clerk of the National Assembly, 'request for redirection of question two, Ministers' Question Time.' So the re-direction, yes, it is a week old. *Tota le yone e ka bo e rile* when redirected, given that *e sale e botha, gongwe go ka bo go dirilwe gore le yone* redirection *e ba ba* responsible, *ka gore* it is more than a week, *ba tle ba kgone gore ba e arabe*.

So, I share the frustration *ya ga* Honourable Kaizer, and I do not think this is how we should conduct ourselves as Ministers *fa go tla mo dikgannyeng tsa dipotso*. We cannot have a question more than a month, every Friday *e mo* Order Paper, excuse after excuse, then *fa o solofetse gore e arabiwe*, now it is redirected. This is not how I think we should proceed Honourable Members. So, it is not a norm, it is an exception, I am not saying all of you are doing that, *mme tota tsweetswee batlotlegi*, I do not think this is fine.

*Jaanong ga ke batle re omana ka yone batlotlegi, ke batla gore a re e feteng ka tumelo ya gore ka gore* now it has been redirected to Minerals, *e tlaa arabiwa mo bekeng e e tlang, ka tswee-tswee*.

#### MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM

**(MR MMOLOTSI):** *Procedure Mr Speaker. Thank you very much Mr Speaker. Ke ne ke re gongwe go tlaa tlhokafala guidance ya gore who is supposed to know gore o botsa mang. In this particular case, a question was posed by the Honourable Member of Parliament (MP), who did not know gore potso e e tshwanetse gore e ye kwa kae, a ba a e isa kwa State Presidency, e bo e ya go nna koo, e le gore ene o ne a e rometse go sele, as the MP. A mme ga go reye gore re le Mapalamente re tshwanelwa ke gore re itse gore potso e e tshwanelwa ke gore e bodiwe ministry wa gore? Fa e le gore re isa dipotso go sele, who is at fault?*

**MR SPEAKER:** *Gongwe ke ka thusa jaana* Honourable Mmolotsi, let us look at the substance of the question. It is Presidential Commission of Inquiry on BCL closure, *gakere* it is a themed question, so *tota* that is where the focus is. So, when you talk about Presidential Commission of Inquiry, it is regulated under Commissions of Inquiries Act, so it is a matter for State President. So, I do not know where the confusion came in, because let us take (i) for instance, 'the criteria used to select commissioners,' we know that this is under the Commissions of Inquiries Act. Who selects Commissioners; it is the President, who answers matters relating to the President; it is the Minister for State President.

Let us go to (ii), "how the Commission will ensure transparency and independence in its investigations." In terms of the Commissions of Inquiries Act who decides whether the Commission sits in camera or in public; it is the President, who answers; it is the Ministry for State President. (iii) I can go on and on. So, I do not think that Honourable Kaizer was wrong to direct the question to Ministry for State President, but in terms of redirection, it is entirely up to you as Government because you know who is best suited to answer the question. We operate on a notion of collective responsibility, but you also know how to marshal your troops. Sometimes *yo mongwe o tshwarelela yo mongwe, yo mongwe o ka araba botoka* on a particular subject.

*Ya* redirections I have got no qualms with them, my only issue *ke gore potso e bo e bothile* more than a month, *e bo e re* at the tail end when we are expecting it to be answered, *go bo gotwe jaanong* it is redirected. In terms of whether Honourable Kaizer was at fault by directing the question to the Ministry for State President, I disagree. I am looking at the question as I say, at least that is my little understanding, unless I am advised otherwise, which I am amenable to.

**MR MMOLOTSI:** No! No! Mr Speaker, *ditsamaiso tsa Palamente ra reng* with regard to *seemo se se ntseng jaana*, where a question is clearly for a particular ministry and then it is redirected to a ministry *o e leng gore ga se wa yone?* I hear you *fa o re* I can always ask somebody to stand in for me *fa ke seyo*, but in this particular case, we are talking about a question that is specific to a particular ministry. *Sengwe le sengwe* point

to the fact that it has to be answered by that ministry. Can that ministry then redirect it to a ministry irrelevant to that particular question? Is that what the procedures of this House allow?

**MR SPEAKER:** Order! Order! Honourable Members, maybe to respond to the Father of the House, remember that Order 80 establishes the office of the Leader of the House. Leader of the House is Leader of Government Business, he determines arrangement *ya* Government Business in the House. I understand, *le lona kwa* Executive you discuss these questions. The determination of who answers the question cannot come from Parliament, it has to come from the Executive side. It is you who will determine *gore potso e ka arabiwa ke mang fa e le gore go na le* redirection.

In most questions, 99.9 per cent of the time, it is clear that this question *ke ya* agriculture, *e tlaa arabiwa ke bone*. *E ke ya* Home Affairs, *e tlaa arabiwa ke bone* because *go na le overlaps*. As I understand, on this particular issue, it may be a Presidential Commission of Inquiry on BCL closure which deals with commission of inquiry as set out in the Commission of Inquiry's Act. Operationalising the whole thing, it is what now went to the Ministry of Minerals and Energy, which is why I think in the wisdom of the Leader of the House and your advisors, you redirected this question on the 11<sup>th</sup> of March, 2026 to Ministry of Minerals. I do not know if I have been helpful Honourable Father of the House, but my view is that, arrangement of Government Business *ke kgang ya ga* Leader of the House *le* Executive.

On rare cases where there is need to be redirection, again it is a matter that is determined on your side and we are informed.

**MR TSHERE:** *Procedure. Thank you. Mr Speaker*, o opile kgomo lenaka, ke sone se se diragetseng. Ke letse ke bua le *Leader of the House* maabane, a tlhalosa gore kana potso e e re ntswa *commission of inquiry* e dirwa ke Tautona, *the operation aspect of it* ke ya *Ministry of Minerals and Energy*. Ke bone ba e leng gore *budget, supervision* le sengwe le sengwe se kwa go bone. Ke sone se o bonang potso e ne ya tlisiwa kwa *Ministry of Minerals and Energy*. Ke sone se mmotsi wa potso a neng a kopa gore a tle a e arabe beke e e tlang a le teng. O kwa Angola gompieno jaana *on a state visit. I thank you.*

**MR KAIZER:** Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker*, kana phakela ke ne ke bua le baemedi ba ba tswang kwa *Ministry wa Minerals*. Ba ne ba tlhalosa fela sentle gore ba ipotsa gore potso e, e tla jang kwa *ministry* wa bone. Fela jaaka o ntse o tlhalosa foo, sengwe le sengwe se tlhamaletse, se itebagantse le *Ministry wa Presidential*. Ba re ga ba na dikarabo tsa potso e, *that is why* ba ne ba kopa *to be later dated* gore ba tle ba kgone *to engage going forward*.

*Mr Speaker*, fa ke feta ka eo, ke ne ke re ke go kope gore ka gore potso e e na le lebaka le letelele e ntse e bokaboka fa, fa e le gore *Minister* o ka nna *available* gore o ka e araba fa gare ga beke, a ga se gore gongwe e tsenngwe mo Order Paper e kgone go arabiwa, go na le gore e tle e emele *Friday* yo mongwe gape. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

**MR SPEAKER:** *Ke* theme, themes in terms of our rules *di tsena ka bo* Friday *fela*.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Procedure Mr Speaker.

**MR SPEAKER:** Hang on. I just need to check something. It is a theme.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Procedure Mr Speaker.

**MR SPEAKER:** Hang on.

...Silence...

**MR HIKUAMA:** *Procedure. Ke a leboga Mr Speaker*. Ke bona gore o tshwanetse go tsaya tshwetso. Ga re ka ke ra ema *for 30 minutes*, gompieno ke *23 minutes* re *discuss* bokoa le *confusion* ya Puso mo Palamenteng. O tshwanetse go tsaya tshwetso gore re ye kwa dipotsong tse di teng. Bokoa jwa teng re bo bone, ba itshupile gore le bone *they are confused*, ga ba itse gore yo o tshwanetseng go araba ke mang. Re bone bokoa joo, jaanong tsaya tshwetso re tswelole.

**MR SPEAKER:** Nnyaa, mme ga gona *confusion*. Ke tsaya gore ba itlhalositse.

**MR LESEDI:** *Procedure. Mr Speaker*, ke ne ke re ke go dumedise. Tota kgang e o ne o e buile *Mr Speaker*, gore potso ga e ka ke ya tsaya lebaka le le kanakana e sa arabiwe. Se e keteng se a ntshwenya, ke mafoko a a dirisitsweng ke *Honourable* Mmolotsi gore motlotlegi o ne a sa itse gore o isa potso kwa kae. Potso e e na le *six*

*weeks* e ntse e tla fa, ba ba neng ba ntse ba supa gore ba tlaa e araba, a ba ne ba sa kgone go bona gore ga se ya bone? Le bone go raya gore go ne ga nna le *confusion* ya go dumela gore ke bone ba ba ka e arabang.

Mma re se ka ra ya koo *Mr Speaker*, a re dumele gore kgang e ka fa o e buileng ka teng, kopo ya me ke gore fa e le gore go tlhomamisiwa gore *Minister* o tlaa nna teng ka *Friday* go e araba, a a e arabe. Ba ntse ba le teng gone fa bo *Ministers* ba e neng e ba lebagane ba sa e arabe *Mr Speaker*. A ko e re ka *Friday* potso e e arabiwe, re kgaogane le yone. Ga e sa tlhole e na le bo *urgency* mo teng jaaka fa kwa tshimologong e ne e ntse. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

**MR SPEAKER:** A utlwetse tlhe ba Ga-Mmangwato.

## QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

### UNDOCUMENTED MIGRANTS

**MR G. DISHO (OKAVANGO EAST):** asked the Minister of Labour and Home Affairs to update this Honourable House on:

- (i) the legal and policy framework developed or amended to support the President's desire for Affirmative Action by Government to curb illegal immigration and document all undocumented migrants, particularly those from Zimbabwe; and
- (ii) the implementation of these measures, including any operational strategies, stakeholder engagements or cross border coordination efforts undertaken to date.

**MINISTER OF LABOUR AND HOME AFFAIRS (MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE):** *Thank you Mr Speaker and good morning.* Ke sale ke nna le potso e, ke setse ke digela kgwedi ke ntse ke tshotse mme karabo mong wa potso a seyo. Dilo tse di a tshwenya *Mr Speaker*.

**MR SPEAKER:** A ko o arabe *honourable*.

**MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE:** Ke tshwanetse gore ke tlhalose, Batswana ba itse gore o sale a botsa potso a bo a tsamaya a ya go nna kwa. Ke utlwile gore go ne gotwe o a kobiwa kwa phuthegong ya Kgotla ke ntse ke tshotse karabo fa.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Procedure.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Point of order.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Procedure.

**MR SPEAKER:** Iketleng. *General*, se dire jalo... (*Interruptions*)...

**MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE:** O itse gore ke motho yo o nang le *order Mr Speaker*.

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

**MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE:** Ke a boela morago.

**MR SPEAKER:** O a boetse morago, a re tsweleleng.

**MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE:** *Mr Speaker*, melao le melawana e e tsamaisang tsa mesepele fa gare ga mafatshe a mabedi, Immigrations Act e laolwa ke Cap 25:02. Ke yone e re fang tsamaiso, e laola gore ba ba tswang kwa ntle ba tsena jang ka fa molaong.

Go nonotsha molao o wa rona, re ne re tswa ka *policy* e ke dumelang gore re tlaa re e tlisa mo Palamenteng e. Re tlaa tla go e tlhalosa fa gore Palamente e tle e e segofatse. Re a tlhalosa mo go yone gore tota batho ba ba tsenang mo lefatsheng la rona e se ka fa molaong, re ka dira jang ka bone go balelwa le ba ba tlang e le batshabi ba tswa kwa ba tswang teng.

Mongwame o boditse ka ba ba tsenang mo Botswana e se ka fa molaong, segolo jang ba ba tswang mabapi le lefatsheng la Botswana ka fa. Ke batla gore ke e tlhatswe jaana ke re re na le tsamaiso ya gore fa ba tlile ka kwano mo Botswana ba sa tsena sentle re sa rekise, re ba athole, re ba busetse kwa ga bone jaaka re ntse re dira nako le nako. Maloba ka *December* jaana re ne re eme ka dinao, re tswetse melelwane, re ntshitse maphata otlhe a Puso, re phuruphutsha gongwe le gongwe re bona gore ba kae batho ba ba ntseng jalo, re ba tsaya re ba busetsa kwa lefatsheng la ga bone.

Nako e nngwe go fema dilo, re ne re bua le bagarona ba ba gaufi *during Kgotla meetings* ba ba kwa melelwaneng kwa, re ba tlhalosetsa ka bodipatsa jwa go sireletsa kana jwa go amogela batho ba ba tsenang mo Botswana e se ka fa molaong (*illegal immigrants*). Nako e nngwe re a ne re kopana le ba lefatsheng leo le a mangwe a re bapileng le one otlhe fela jaaka re bapile le South Africa, Zimbabwe, Namibia le Zambia, re bua ka kgang e.

Ke ka tlhomamisetsa motlotlegi fa gore maloba re buile ka kgang e ya batho ba ba tsenang ka kwano ka gore nako e nngwe ba a bo ba tla go tla go re senyetsa. Motlotlegi Lucas ke mosupi ka gore le Dikgotla *meetings* ka kwa re ntse re bua re kgalemela kgang e ya ba ba tswang ka kwa gore ga ba dire sentle. Gape ba bangwe ba tla go re utswela dikgomo, ditonki le dipodi. *So*, ke raya gore re teng moo.

O ne wa botsa potso ya gore re dirile eng mo makgethong a le kae?

- Re tshwere Kgotla *meetings* di ka 44 kwa re neng re bua ka kgang e.
- Re dirile *joint patrols* di ka nna 20 le ba lefatshe la Zimbabwe.
- Re bo re nna le 29 *clean-up campaigns*. Foo kana re raya go batla ba ba sa tsenang mo Botswana ka fa molaong (*illegal immigrants*).

Ke yone karabo ka bokhutshwane *Mr Speaker*. Ke a leboga.

**MR DISHO:** *Supplementary*. Ke a leboga *General* le fa o ntshenya leina. Legale gongwe ke dilo tsa *Friday* fela. Ke motho yo ke mo tlotlang thata.

Ke a go utlwa, ke lebogela karabo ya gago. *What are the concrete results tse e leng gore you have achieved so far in reducing illegal immigrants? Do you have the documents tsa batho ba ba tsenang ba sena ditiesetso? Ke batla go utlwa gore le tsamaya fa kae mo go tsona?*

*What are the key challenges fela tse e leng gore di paledisa your implementation, especially kwa melelwaneng kwa ba tsenang teng?*

Kwa bofelong ke re ke ntse ke teng mo Palamenteng, ga ke a ya gope, ke na le wena *General*. Ke a leboga.

**MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE:** *Thank you very much Mr Speaker*. O boditse dipotso tse dintle, ke dipotso tse di tshwenyang Botswana. Kana Botswana nako e nngwe jaaka o itse *Mr Speaker*, fa ba utlwa gotwe Motswana mongwe o senyeditse, o tseetswe dilwana kana o bolailwe mme o bolailwe ke batho ba ba tswang ka kwa, ba a shakgala tota gore re dira eng. Rraetsho, mathata a re nang le one ke gore molelwane wa rona o mo leele thata. Jaaka fa o le mo leele jaana, ga re kgone go e kata

yotlhe, gone go simolola fela kwa bo Okavango go ya go tsena bo Lentswelemoriti e tona, maphata a rona a itshireletso ga ba e kgone. Batho ba ba na le maretshwa a ba a dirang ka gore ba tsena gongwe le gongwe kwa ba itseng gore ga re yo teng. Fa ba sena go nna ba tsena jaana, go thata gore re ba bone ka gore bangwe ba felela kwa merakeng. Fa o tsena kwa merakeng ya mantlheng a bo morena Gobotswang, o tlaa ba fitlhela. Ba bangwe ba a sia ke bale ba ya kwa merakeng e mengwe kwa. Ba bangwe fa o ka ya Mogoditshane, o tlaa fitlhela ba tletse teng koo.

Sengwe se se re paledisang batho ba ke gore re le Botswana re a ba fitlha. Fa re ka ema fela ka dinao ra bona gore batho ba re a ba tshwarisa, re a ba reng, go ka nna botoka, gongwe *crime* e ka ya kwa tlase.

Tota ke ne ke re gongwe re tswe ka tsela e ntsha ya go bona gore *these jobs* tse re dumelang gore Botswana ga ba di batle tse di tshwanang tsa go disa, gore re tle re tle kgone *to document them* sentle, re tswe ke methale ya gore a re ka nna le molao oo pharologanyo wa gore re ka ba dirisa ka tsela e e ntseng jang. *That way, we can document them* sentle. Bone bale ba badisa bale ra ba kwadisa, rona ba re ba hirang re bo re duela gore Goromente le ene a tle a boelwe mo teng.

Mma ke go fe sekai *Mr Speaker*, o tlaa intshwarela fa o bona e kare ke tla nna mo leele jaana. Batho ba re a ba tshwara, fa re sena go nna re ba tshwara, ba berekile ngwaga otlhe mo Botswana e le modisa kana a nna a thusa bangwe a ba tlhatswetsa mo malwapeng, letsatsi le re dirang *clean-up campaign* ka *December*, botlhe ba ema fa thoko ga tsela gore mapodise ba ba bone, ba tsentse madi mo dipateng. Re a ba olela ka Dipula tse ka tsa rona tse ba di bereketseng ngwaga otlhe tse re bo re ba rwala ka koloi ya rona, re ba disitse sentle, ba ntse sentle. Kana dikoloi tsa teng e bile di nale *toilets* mo teng, re ba tlovisa molelwane. O bona gore ba *sure, no one can rob them*. Go raya gore re tsaya madi re bo re a isa kwa. Molao wa re re tshwanetse gore re mmusetse kwa ga bone ka ditsagagwe. Le madi ao ga re ka ke ra a tsaya, a a neng a ntse a a berekela, ga a kgetha. Ke sone se ke reng gongwe re tswe ka tsela nngwe.

Kana koloi e pega batho ba le 48, mongwe le mongwe a bone a tshotse P1 *million* a a bereketseng fela, *that is a lot of money* a re a isang ka kwa ntle. Gongwe re tswe ka tsela e e siameng ya gore batho ba ba berekang kwano

ba re ba kgethise ba duele ka gore fa ba golafala ba le ka kwano re ba isa kwa dipateleng tsa rona ka gore ka molao ga re ka ke ra mo gana. Le fa e ka bo e le *illegal immigrant*, re tshwanetse gore re bone gore re a mo alafa, ke *international law* e re e saenetseng. Jaanong go raya gore re tswe ka tsela e e siameng ya go bona gore *how do we benefit from these illegal immigrants*.

Ke go utlwile mongwame mme ke one mathata a rona ao. Fa ke tlisa Molao-kakanyetso kwano wa gore *how do we benefit from these people and can we tax them*, re tshwanetse re nne mmogo mo kgannyeng e. Ke dumela gore mongwame Hikuama maloba o ne a na le mogopolo oo, re a o rata, ke kopa gore re o godise.

### GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS TO ITS SUPPLIERS

**MR A. K. KHAN (MOLEPOLOLE NORTH):** asked the Minister of Finance to update this Honourable House on the status of Government payments to its suppliers and provide the following particulars;

- (i) the total amount outstanding owing to suppliers, with an age analysis e.g., 0–30 days; 31–90 days; 91–180 days; 181–365 days; >365 days, categorised by each Ministry and/or department;
- (ii) the total Value Added Tax (VAT) charged on the outstanding supplier invoices referenced in (i) above, by Ministry and/or department;
- (iii) the total VAT amount actually received to date from the suppliers i.e., VAT payments collected or paid categorised by Ministry and/or department; and
- (iv) a spreadsheet/department, creditor name, invoice date, invoice amount, outstanding amount, VAT charged and VAT received, together with the Government’s plan and timetable to clear outstanding liabilities.

**ACTING MINISTER OF FINANCE (MR MMOLOTSI):** Mr Speaker, I stand in for His Honour the Vice President. Mr Speaker, before addressing the specific particulars raised by the Honourable Member, it is important to outline the standard operating procedure for Government payments.

Mr Speaker, procurement is decentralised across Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs), which acquire goods, works and services in line with the Public Procurement Act, 2021. However, payment for these procurements is centralised and processed by the Ministry of Finance through the Office of the Accountant General. MDAs submit payment instructions with all required supporting documentation with the Office of the Accountant General users to effect payment to suppliers for goods, works and services already delivered.

Mr Speaker, the statutory payment turnaround time is 10 working days, with eight of the days allocated to MDAs for compilation of the payment instruction and supporting documentation, and the remaining two days allocated to the Ministry of Finance for processing payment. I must inform this Honourable House that Government is currently facing challenges in meeting this standard. This is not due to administrative lapses, but rather to prevailing liquidity constraints and cash-flow pressures. These circumstances have necessitated a shift from a “First-In, First-Out” (FIFO) payment method to a prioritised system guided by available cash balances.

Mr Speaker, in an effort to manage cash balances and ensure that Government meets its obligations to suppliers, the Ministry of Finance has implemented cost-containment measures, including close monitoring of Government Purchase Orders (GPOs) issuance to prevent the accumulation of additional unfunded commitments. As part of these measures, all non-essential expenditure has been suspended. Every Pula spent is now rigorously scrutinised to ensure it fulfils a statutory obligation or supports a critical frontline service.

Mr Speaker, to ensure effective management of outstanding payments, the following additional controls are now in effect:

- Centralised GPO Authorisation: No ministry may issue a GPO unless the Ministry of Finance (MOF) has verified that cash is available to support the payment.
- Daily Liquidity Tracking: The Office of the Accountant General has moved to a real-time cash forecasting model. That is, we no longer wait for

monthly reports; we track our daily cash-at-bank against pending payment instructions.

Mr Speaker, as of 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026, the Ministry of Finance had outstanding payment instructions for 6,614 suppliers, amounting to Three Billion, Six Hundred and Forty-Four Million, Two Hundred and Seventy-One Thousand, Three Hundred and Ninety-Nine and Thirty-One Thebe (P3,644,271,399.31). The breakdown is as follows (Annex I): I guess Mr Speaker, allow me to give the Honourable Member an Appendix A so that he can peruse, unless if we have a lot of time because the spreadsheet is too long.

Mr Speaker, this Payments Age Analysis reflects only the payment instructions and supporting documents submitted to the Ministry of Finance. It does not account for the date on which the suppliers originally submitted their invoices to the respective MDAs. Invoice submission is not automated, there are instances where significant delays occur before an invoice is captured in the system and the payment preparation process can begin.

We acknowledge that some invoices remain at the MDA level and have not yet been submitted to the Ministry of Finance for payment.

Payments Age Analysis	Outstanding Amount (P)	Number of Suppliers
31-90 Days	676,312,091.04	48
0-30 Days	2,967,959,308.27	6,566
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,644,271,399.31</b>	<b>6,614</b>

Mr Speaker, currently we have a total estimate of 1470 invoices amounting to Nine Hundred and Ninety-One Million, Four Hundred and Thirty-Two Thousand, Nine Hundred and Thirty Pula and Thirty-Five Thebe (P991,432,930.35) that remain outstanding from MDAs as per (Annex II).

MDAs are regularly encouraged to submit outstanding invoices payments to the Ministry of Finance for payment to facilitate cash flow planning and avoid delay of payments to suppliers. Mr Speaker, the ministry has issued year-end guidelines to all Accounting Officers to ensure that invoices batches are submitted by the end

of this month which will be marking the close of the current financial year 2025/2026.

Mr Speaker, the ministry is working on an integrated e-Procurement system to ensure ‘end-to-end’ visibility of outstanding creditors from the time an invoice is submitted by a supplier at MDAs.

(ii) Mr Speaker, at the moment, it is not possible to provide the total Value-Added Tax (VAT) charged on outstanding invoices because, where relevant, supplier payments are made on a VAT inclusive basis, and it is the supplier’s responsibility to remit the VAT to the relevant authority. Additionally, some suppliers are not registered for VAT and in other cases the goods, services or works procured are exempted from VAT.

(iii) Mr Speaker, notwithstanding the foregoing, the, Botswana Unified Revenue Service (BURS), occasionally requests information on supplier payments to verify VAT submissions by various supplier of goods, services and works to Government. Ideally, such supplier-payments information should be readily accessible to BURS to enable real time data on expected VAT from Government related transactions. In the absence of this integrated access, I am currently unable to provide with a high degree of accuracy, the amount of VAT actually received from suppliers of Government goods, services and works to date.

In the future, the Ministry of Finance intends to establish an interface between Government payment systems and BURS through integrated digital platforms aimed at strengthening compliance, reducing corruption and improving revenue collection. This digital transformation initiative anchored on Integrated Tax Administration Systems (ITAS) will link taxpayer information with Government transaction data, enabling real-time monitoring of tax liabilities and enhancing audit capabilities.

(iv) Mr Speaker, regarding the request for a detailed spreadsheet identifying individual creditors and specific invoice amounts, I must respectfully inform this Honourable House that the Ministry of Finance is unable to disclose the names of

individual suppliers and their specific financial particulars. This position is informed by;

- (a) Data Protection Act Compliance: Under the provisions of the Data Protection Act, the Government has a legal and fiduciary duty to protect the sensitive commercial and personal data of private entities. Disclosing specific payment histories and outstanding balances of individual businesses in a public forum could infringe upon their right to privacy and potentially prejudice their competitive positions.
- (b) Confidentiality of Contracts: Financial transactions between the Government and private contractors often carry confidentiality expectations regarding the specific terms and outstanding values of their accounts.
- (c) Mr Speaker, in the spirit of transparency and to assist the Honourable Member, the Ministry of Finance has provided a comprehensive summary (Annex I) of these outstanding supplier payments. This ensures that this Honourable House is fully informed of the Government's fiscal obligations while remaining in strict compliance with the data protection laws.

In conclusion Mr Speaker, I am acutely aware that delayed payments strain business liquidity and severe cases may lead to company closures. This is an unacceptable situation which we must admit. To address this, the Ministry of Finance is working tirelessly to restore a sustainable fiscal position and ensure that local contractors and suppliers are paid within the established standards. The ministry is committed to settling the outstanding balance of P3, 644, 271, 399.31 by the 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026. This timeline aligns with the anticipated receipt of SACU Union Revenue and the start of the new financial year. I thank you Mr Speaker.

**MR SALESHANDO:** *Supplementary. Thank you, Mr Speaker.* Ke leboegele karabo, ke na le dipotso tse dikhutshwane di le nne. Ga ke tihaloganye gore go simolola leng gotwe Goromente *keeps secret* ya gore o kolota mang bokae, ka gore *tenders* tsa Puso di ntshiwa phatlalatsa. Mo nakong e e fetileng, *Ministry of Health for example* o kile wa ntsha *list* yotlhe ya dikompone tse ba di kolotang le *amounts* molao wa *data protection* o ntse o le teng. Le simolotse leng gore jaanong le re ke sephiri?

Ya bobedi, go na le *loan* e e neng ya tsewa fa ke gakologelwa sentle ke *the 13<sup>th</sup> Parliament*, ya madi a a neng a tsewa kwa Botswana Public Officers Fund (BPOF) gotwe go ya go duelwa *outstanding invoices*. Ga tsamaya jang gore gompieno re bo re santse re na le dikoloto tse di sa duelwang di feta P3 *billion*?

*The third one* ke gore, kana *it is normal*, fa go tsenwa mo kgwedding ya bofelo ya madi ya ga Goromente, *Government departments rush to spend* madi a a ntseng a le teng. *Some suppliers* gompieno ba bua gore *they are overwhelmed*, ka gore *ministries* di tabogile di a reka di dirisa madi a a neng a ntse a setse gore fa re ka se ka ra a dirisa ngwaga o fela a ya go busiwa. *Why are we doing that* go ntse go na le *centralised* Government Purchase Order (GPO)? *Is the ministry aware* gore golo moo go a diragala?

*Then the last one*, e o e buang o re *first in first out payment system*, are you aware that some suppliers are complaining gore dikompone tse dingwe di duelwa ka bonako *and* beng ba dikompone tseo ba re kana bone ba kgona go ipuelela le Matona gore ba ba thuse gore ba duelwe? *Are you aware of that? If you are not, can you establish* gore a go boammaaruri gore tse dingwe dikompone di duelwa ka bonako, ka gore beng ba tsone ba ikuela kwa Matoneng.

**MR MMOLOTSI:** Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Jaaka ke tthalositse ke ne ka *quote the* Data Protection Act, tota fela le tumalano e e a bong e le ya dikonteraka le Goromente, *Ministry of Finance* o bona go le bokete gore e re fa ba na le tumalano e e ntseng jalo ya sephiri e ba a bong ba na le yone le ba ba dirang kgwebo le bone, ba bo ba ka ntsha *information* eo fela ba e neela setšhaba ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. Ke dumela gore kana go na le *stages* tse *information can always be released, but in this particular case* tota fela ga re bone go tshwanela gore re ka ntsha gore semangmang o kolotiwa bokae jalojalo Motlotlegi Mopalamente.

Ke boammaaruri gore Goromente o ne a tsaya *loan*, ke boammaaruri gore *every week* Goromente o amogela *invoices*. *The number of invoices received* tsa *projects* ka go farologana, ditsela, eng, eng ga di a lekana madi a e neng e le *loan* e e neng e tsewa kwa BPOPF. *Therefore*, re tsweletse mo nakong ya gompieno *on a weekly basis to pay* ba ba kolotiwang ke Goromente. Madi a a neng a tsewa kwa BPOPF, ke madi fela a e leng gore kwa

*banking hall invoices* tse di neng di le koo ka nako eo far exceeded the money that was taken from BPOPF.

*We are not aware* mo nakong ya gompiano gore ministries are rushing go leka to clear madi, ka gore se ke se itseng ke gore re lekile ka bojotlhe go supa gore go rekwe dilo tse e leng gore fa di ka se ke di rekwe *the skies will fall*. Ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, ga ke itse gore fa e le gore *ministries are rushing* go dira *procurement*, maikaelelo ke eng ka lebaka la gore kwa bofelong jwa letsatsi re tlhalositse ka *liquidity issues, that is why GPOs were decentralised*.

Ke a go utlwa gore go na le *suppliers* tse di ngongoregang gore ba bangwe ba a duelwa, ba bangwe ga ba duelwe, ba ba duelwang ke ba ba buelelwang ke Matona. Fa e le gore go ntse jalo, e tlaa nna kgang e re tlaa e sekasekang. Tshwanelo ke gore mongwe le mongwe *who submitted*, madi fa a le teng o tshwanelwa ke gore a duelwe ka nako e a tshwanetseng gore a duelwe ka yone.

**DR DOW:** *Further supplementary.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*, ke a leboga *Minister*. Ke botse gore a ke go utlwa sentle gore wa re, *even though procurement* ya ga Goramente ka gantsi e simolola ka Invitation To Tender (ITT) e le *public*, motho yo o filweng tiro a bo a nna *public by being announced* gore go filwe semangmang, e bile a bolelelwa gore o tlaa dira eng, o tlaa kolotiwa bokae, fa a setse a dirile tiro a kolotiwa e nna sephiri? Le fa e ne e se *an ITT*, go tsewa *quotations* di le tharo, le fa o ile go reka dikopi kana jang. A wa re go reka *is public* ga se sephiri, le madi a a tlleng go duelwang ga se sephiri, mme fa o setse o kolotiwa o dirile tiro e nna sephiri? Ke tlhaloganye.

**MR MMOLOTSI:** *Mr Speaker, ke tlhalositse* gore this position is informed by Data Protection Act compliance. Under the provision of this Data Protection Act; (a) the Government has a legal and fiduciary duty to protect the sensitive commercial and personal data of private entities. Disclosing specific payment histories and outstanding balance of individual business in a public forum, could infringe upon their right to privacy and potentially prejudice their competitive positions. (b) Confidentiality of contract; I am saying financial transaction between the Government and private contractors often carry confidentiality expectations regarding the specific terms and outstanding values of their contract. (c) However, in the spirit of transparency

and to assist the Member *jaaka ke setse ke buile*, we have provided an appendix. This appendix *ga e a tshwara maina a dikompone*, but *e tshwere* invoices per ministry *ya ka fa* transactions *di dirwang ka teng*. *Ke tsaya gore ke arabile jalo*.

**LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION (MR SALESHANDO):** *Point of procedure.* *Mr Speaker, I think it is important* gore re tlhaloganyane go ya kwa pele, ka gore *in the past* Rre Mmolotsi o a itse gore go boditswe ka dikoloto tsa Puso go ntshiwa *on the floor of Parliament* dikompone tsa teng le *amounts*, molao oo o ntse o le teng. *I can give you examples* tsa *Ministry of Health in the 12<sup>th</sup> Parliament*, tse di neng di ntshiwa fa, ga se yone fela. Kana *this answer* e raya gore *in future*, no Member of Parliament (MP) *can ask* gore madi a a duetswe mang kana jang, mme re ne re tsaya gore dilo tsa ga Goramente di direlwa *in public*. *I do not know if* go raya gore re emisa fa, go tswa fa go ya pele jaanong *there are secrets*.

**MR TSHERE:** *Procedure.* *My procedure* ke gore, Data Protection Act e ne e le teng ka *12<sup>th</sup> Parliament*, but *it was commenced* ka 2024. *That is why Honourable Mmolotsi is citing it*, gore ka fa tlase ga Data Protection jaanong re leka go somarela *information* ya motho. Data Protection Act ya re fa o batla *to disclose* o botse motho wa teng pele, ke sone se o bonang *Honourable Minister* a bua jaana. E simolotse ka 2024, jaanong e ne e seyo ka the *12<sup>th</sup> Parliament*. Ke a leboga.

**MR SPEAKER:** Order! Order! *Ke tsaya* gore Honourable Mmolotsi *o e tlhalositse*. This law commenced January 2025, *mme jaaka go buiwa ke molao o o sireletsang data and go raya gore ke one* that informed *ka fa ba arabileng ka teng*. I am tempted to also defer this ruling to reflect further on it. The reason I say so is because, I know that such information will be subpoenaed in committees. I know the committees will call for that evidence in some instances. As I give the ruling I also need to reflect on the implications of this on oversight. *A re nameng re e fetile*.

#### GOVERNMENT'S PROCUREMENT PROCESS

**DR U. DOW (KGATLENG WEST):** asked the Minister of Finance whether he considers transparency, accountability, fairness and open competition to be core principles in the Government's procurement process

and if there are any plans to bring a Bill to Parliament amending the current procurement laws, with a view to:

- (i) granting the President special procurement powers; and
- (ii) abandoning competitive bidding as the default position in the grant of Government tenders and contracts and substituting same with direct appointment

**Later Date.**

#### RE-REGISTRATION OF SOCIETIES

**MR M. BAGAISAMANG (SHOSHONG):** asked the Minister of Labour and Home Affairs to state:

- (i) the number of churches which were registered following the re-registration of societies under a new dispensation;
- (ii) action taken against those that did not register;
- (iii) if all mushrooming churches which occupy open spaces around cities and villages are registered; and
- (iv) if he has made an assessment on them for potential money laundering capabilities, terrorism and financing of radicalisation of citizens; and
- (v) implications this has on Botswana's standing in the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) 2026/2027 evaluation.

**MINISTER OF LABOUR AND HOME AFFAIRS (MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE):** *Good afternoon Mr Speaker. Thank you very much for this question e batho bontsi ba e botsang. Ba botsa ka ikwadiso ya dikereke le ka dikereke tse di tselang mo dikgweng, le gore ba ba setseng ba kwadisitse ba kae. Karabo ka bokhutshwane ke gore, dikereke tse di setseng di kwadisitse ka fa molaong di 1 288. Pelepele di ne di le 2 327. O ka bona gore di le dintsi di ne tsa tlolewa ke nako ya go ikwadisa, to re-register. Mme kana ka fa molaong, Societies Act No. 6 of 2022, Section 32(2), ya re, dikereke tsotlhe tse di paletsweng ke gore di ikwadise sesha, tsotlhe ga di sa tlhole di le ka fa molaong. Re tlaabo re baakanya list, clean it. E tlaa re mo nakong e e sa fediseng pelo we will be gazetting kana re kwala dikereke tsotlhe tse di letleletsweng ka fa molaong mo Government Gazette, gore Batswana ba tle ba di bone.*

Ke batla gore ke re, re a itemogela, e bile gape re a lemoga, gantsinyana dikereke tse di tselang mo dikgweng tse jaanong ka gone go tlaela bodiredi, re ntse re tsamaya le tsone ka bongwe ka bongwe *checking on them*. Dingwe tsa tsone re fitlhetse di kwadisitse sentle ka fa molaong, dingwe tsa tsone re fitlhetse di sa kwadisiwa sentle ka fa molaong, mme ra di tsaya ra di isa fa pele ga molao tsa atholwa ka fa tshwanelong. Ke batla go gakolola Batswana ke re, go dira kereke e sa kwadisiwa, ke molato. E bile ba emise go dira jalo. Ba boe fela ba sale molao morago wa gore, gore o nne le kereke, o e kwadise, mme e bile gape o tsamaye ka ditumalano tsa teng. Bangwe ba a ne ba re ba tshotse *certificates* ka molao mongwe o motona ke gore, o bo o dirile dithuto dingwe tsa boruti. Jaanong go na le bangwe ba ba dirang *courses* tsa boruti tse di seng ka fa molaong. Ga re di letlelele. Fa o re o ikwadisitse o na le *certificate* kana *Diploma* tse tsa boruti re lebelela sekole se o neng o tsena kwa go sone, gore ke se go tweng mang, *is it accredited?* Fa se se *accredited* re a go bolelela, re bo re tswala kereke ya gago.

Jaanong ke kopa gore re eme ka dinao, re dire gore golo mo go se ka ga nna teng, jaaka re ntse re bona Batswana ba dira. E bile gape re a tlhomamisa gore, dikereke tsotlhe re tshwanetse go bona gore ga di tlole molao wa rona wa go sireletsa madi. Mo gotweng *terrorism financing*, gore di dira dibuka ka fa tshwanelong, di nne le dibuka tse di maleba, tse di ka tlhatlhoiwang tse batho botlhe ba ka dumalanang le tsone. Selo se re a se rotloetsa, e bile re kopa gore lotlhe ba le nang le dikereke le tshware madi a dikereke sentle, ka gore ke molato fa e ka re re ya go tlhatlhoba kana o tisa *returns* tsa gago ra fitlhela e le gore o palelwa ke go tlhalosa ka botlalo gore madi a kereke ya gago o a tshwara ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Gape itse sentle gore, le bakereki ba gago ba o nang le bone, ba na le tshwanelo ya go itse gore madi a ba a kolekang a kgapetsakgapetsa mo kerekeng a dirisiwa ka tsela e e ntseng jang, e bile ba ka ikuela kae gore madi a kereke ga a dirisiwe sentle ka fa go ntseng ka teng.

Golo moo go direlwa gone go emisa tshenyetso-setshaba kana go emisa go itirisetsa dikoleke tsa kereke e se ka fa molaong. Jaanong ke a kopa gore, re dire jalo rotlhe le rona batlotlegi ba Ntlo e, gore e re le ntse le tshwara diphuthago tsa Dikgotla jaana bitsang baruti le ba gakolole ka selo se.

To make sure gore baruti ba dikereke kana botsamaisi jwa dikereke tse bo nonofile *Mr Speaker*; re tsaya maina a bone re a isa kwa gore a ye go tlhodumelwa, gore a ga se batho bangwe ba ba nang le *criminal records*, ba e leng gore ga ba ise ba senyetse setšhaba gope, ga ba ise ba senye gope. Ba e leng gore a ke batho ba ba ka tshwarang madi ao kana ba ba ka etelelang dikereke pele. Jaanong a re se ka ra tsaya dikereke jaaka *business* jaaka bangwe ba dira. A re di tseyeng fela jaaka kereke, e le gore ke kwa tumelong ya Morena, Motlotlegi Moalosi. Ke a leboga.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Supplementary.

### BUSINESS MOTION

**MR BARONGWANG:** *Ke a go dumedisa Mr Speaker. Tota I stand in accordance to Standing Order 130.1 so that we suspend Standing Order 40.7 gore re kgone to deal le dipotso tse di leng teng. Ke a leboga.*

**MR SPEAKER:** Order! Order! Honourable Members. Honourable Barongwang has risen in accordance with Standing Order 130.1 to suspend Standing Order 40.7. The import is that questions for today be not constrained within 45 minutes. That is the import of this Motion.

Question put and agreed to.

**MR BAGAISAMANG:** *Supplementary. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke a go leboga Tona ka karabo ya gago, ka fa o e beileng ka teng. Mme ke ne ke utlwa o tilhalosa gore dikereke tse di kwadisitsweng di 1 288, di ne di tswa kwa go 2 327. Ke re ke botse gore, a le le lephata ga le a nna le go ka nna le an amnesty extended to dikereke tse di sa kgonang to comply gore le tsone di tle di iphitlhele di wetse fa re tlhokang teng re le Puso gore ba tle ba kgone go di tsamaisa?*

Sa bobedi ke re, o ne o supa gore batho ba ba tshwanetseng gore e bo e le baruti ba dikereke ba na le thulaganyo ya gore ba bo ba na le dithuto tsa *Diploma* le *theology* ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. Ke re, a mme le yone eo...kana lefatshe la Botswana le ikaegile thata ka tumelo, ka Modimo gore re bo re le gone fa, mme bontsi jwa batho ba e leng gore ba a re fodisa, ba a re reng, re ya kwa go bone gone fa, ke batho fela ba neo ya Modimo. A yone mme thulaganyo e ya ba *Diploma holders* fela, ga le bone e ya go baya bone ba ka fa mosing, gongwe re bo re tloga re iphitlhelha re latlhegetswe? Kana batlotlegi gone fa ba...

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

**MR SPEAKER:** Le se ka la mo itaya tsebe foo. *Honourable* Motshegwa, *Honourable* Ramaotwana, le mo itaya tsebe ka kwa morago ka koo.

**MR BAGAISAMANG:** Kana mathata jaanong ke bua ka diwatšho kwa botlhe ba yang teng fa, jaanong go tshwanetse gore go nne le ketsaetsego.

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

**MR SPEAKER:** Le apere *tunic* lona ba bararo ba le ka koo.

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

**MR BAGAISAMANG:** Ke botse Tona gore, a yone ya baruti ka *qualifications*, ke lebile gore lefatshe la rona jaaka ke ne ke supa, re tswa kwa fela kwa gooLowe Tona re le batho ba re ikaegileng thata ka one Modimo. E bile go na le batho ba e leng gore ba na le neo e e leng yone ba e dirisang go alafa bana. A mme jaanong fa re ya go baya seelo sa *Diploma*, ba ba neo ya Modimo bone re ya go reng ka bone? Ke yone e ke neng ke batla gore gongwe o re fetise mo go yone gore re le Puso gore ra reng? Kana re tloga re fitlhelha re bolaile le ba re yang kwa go bone, re tloga re sa tlhole re bona dithuso go boela ka kwano. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

**MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE:** Tanki *Mr Speaker*. Batlotlegi ba Ntlo e ba a bo ba tlaa nkgakgamatsa. Re na le bana ba le bantsi ba ba senang ditiro mo, le ka bo le aga *factories* le bua ka tsone, le buelela dikereke tse go hirwang moruti a le mongwefela fela? *No*, jaanong...

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

**MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE:** Ee, ba ntheeditse bone baruti ba lona ba le batlang go ba buelelela bao, ke a gana monna.

*Mr Speaker*, exercise e e simologile ka 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023, e ya go felela ka 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025. Fa e le gore mongwe o ne a na le kgatlhego ya go nna moruti a ya go dira kereke, nako e ke nako e telele e, *two years* batho ba ntse ba neetswe *amnesty* e e kopang gore mongwe le mongwe yo o nang le kgatlhego, yo o batlang go dira kereke, a a dire se se maleba. Re dumela gore *two years* yo o siame, o lekane.

Sa bobedi se a reng ba ba neetsweng ke Modimo fela gore ba tle ba fodise batho, go na le lenaneo, fa e le gore Modimo o go neetse gore o alafise, ya kwa dingakeng tsa Setswana. Le bone koo go na le Dingaka Association o ikwadisetse go nna ngaka ya Setswana, go na le lenaneo le o ka le salang morago.

**MR SPEAKER:** Nnyaa General...

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Further supplementary Mr Speaker.

**MR SPEAKER:** Iketleng. Se a se buang kwa morago kwa, ga a bue ka bongaka jwa Setswana, *it is a completely separate matter*. Se a se botsang ke gore, ba e leng gore ga ba na *qualifications* mme ba na le neo ya Modimo, e ka nna ya boporofiti, ya boruti, ya eng, fa o na le neo fela mme gongwe o sa tsena sekole, go dirwa jang.

**MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE:** Mma ke riana pele, kana re tsamaya rotlhe re sala molao wa FATF morago, o o buang ka *Anti-Terrorism Financing*. Jaanong ke sone se e a reng re ntse jaana re dira *consultation*, ra lebaleba ra ba ra dumela gore *the minimum qualification* e ka nna *Diploma*. Ra re botlhe ba e leng gore ba santse ba ka tsena sekole, ba tle ba ye go tsena kwa go *Diploma*, re kgone go ba fa nako eo. Re na le bangwe ba ba tsileng kwa go rona ba ba reng re letlelele moruti ke yo o tsena sekole kwa, mo ngwageng o a aloga, bao re a ba letlelela mongwame, ga re ba gane. Fela gone re tshwanetse gore tota re sale morago molao o o teng gore go tle go nne le tsamaiso e e rileng.

Ke batla gore botsadi bo lemoge gore kana tota mo dikerekeng go na le madi a mantsi a a dirisiwang. Go tswa kwa morago kwa, go ne ga diragala, ga bonagala thata gore dikereke ke dilo dingwe tse di dirisiwang ke batho ba ba dirang *money laundering*, ka gore motho o kgona go tla a tshotse madi fela a tletse kgetsana ka *Sunday* jaana e le madi a *corruption*. Ba ba neng ba ntse ba a ja *bribes* fa. Fa a tsena kwa bankeng, o feta a a kwadisa jaaka koleke ya *Sunday*. Ke sone se o bonang jaanong gotwe a re nneng le tsamaiso ya go bona gore mme re ka tlhotlha jang dilo tse gore ga go nne le tshenyetso-setšhaba e ntsi thata, kana batho ga ba dirise dikereke thata.

Ee, ke a le utlwa le re go na le bangwe batho ba ba nang le neo fela ya go fodisa. Kana neo ya go fodisa ga e tshwane le ya go rera, ya go itse lefoko la Modimo.

Jaaka gone ke utlwile *Mr Speaker*, gotwe ba bangwe ga ba itse Sekgoa, mongwe o ne a tsile kwa go nna a nthaya a re ene o feletse kwa go *Form 3* mme fa a rera fa ka Sekgoa fa, o tlaa re o a se itse. Fa a nna fa fatshe, o re o a mmotsa ga a ka ke a go bolelela gore o ne a reng...

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

**MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE:** Jaanong ke a mo utlwa motlotlegi ka kwa gore...

**MR MOTAOSANE:** *Supplementary*. Tanki *Mr Speaker*. *Honourable Minister* Mokgware, tota *I do not think* o arabile sentle potso ya ga *Honourable* Bagaisamang. O bona kgang ya gore e re re le lefatshe re bo re nna o kare jaanong lefatshe le e tlaa nna la barutegi ba le nosi, ga go na batho ba bangwe gope gape fa ba tsenang teng, *I do not think* re dira *justice to those people*. *I am saying this because Mr Speaker*, gongwe *Honourable* Barongwang o beile kgang e ka tsela e e leng gore e gogetse *Minister* gore a arabe kgang ya *qualifications* ka tsela e o ka reng baruti botlhe ba ba ka tswang ba sena *qualification*, go raya gore ba dira thata boruti jo o ka reng ke bongakanyana. Nnyaa, a re nneng *honest* fela *to ourselves*, gore go na le baruti tota ba e leng gore le wena fa o tsena mo teng ga phuthago a rera, o mo reeditse, o ya go bona gore motho yo ke wa neo ya Modimo ya moya o o boitshepho, e seng ba ba tsietsang. Jaanong ke ne ke re *Honourable* Mokgware, *that Clause* fela yotlhe e tshwanetse go lebalebiwa, e phimolwe, ya *qualification*...

**MR SPEAKER:** Mmotse potso, kana o a *debate*; Standing Order 40.3.

**MR MOTAOSANE:** *Okay, sorry Mr Speaker*. Ke ne ke re *Mr Minister*, *I think we need to relook* fa Mmolotsi a ne a sa go iteye tsebe, kana ke ba ba ilang dikereke.

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

**MR SPEAKER:** Nnyaa, mma ke sireletse *Honourable* Mmolotsi, ke mongwe wa ba ba dumelang thata ka fa ke mo itseng ka teng.

**MR MOTAOSANE:** Ke ne ke ithaya jalo, jaanong ke lemogile gore o a di ila.

**MR SPEAKER:** Nnyaa, *Honourable* Motaosane, ke go bolelela se ke se itseng ka *Honourable* Mmolotsi. Ke a mo sireletsa, ke go sireleditse thata *Father of the House*.

**MR MOTAOSANE:** *Tanki Mr Speaker, withdrawn...*

**MR MMOLOTSI:** Ke ne ke re ke ipuelele thata...

**MR SPEAKER:** Nnyaa, o se ka wa ipuelela...

**MR MMOLOTSI:** ...ka fa ke goletseng mo diagelong ka teng.

**MR MOTAOSANE:** *Withdrawn Honourable Mmolotsi, ke a itse gore o goletse mo diagelong thata.*

Ke ne ke re *Honourable Minister*; tshetlana e tota maikaelelo a yone a go leka go ntsha botsukunape jwa go tlhatswa madi, e le FATF e rialong, tota ga bo a tshwanela go ama ka fa baruti ba dirang dikereke ka teng. Ka re a ko le ye go lebeleba *Clause eo, frame it such that* ga e na go tlogela ope yo o dirang tiro ya Modimo kwa ntle. Bogolo gongwe le akanye gore *treasurers* ba ba mo dikerekeng, e nne bone ba go buiwang ka *qualifications* mo go bone *because* ke bone ba tshwarang madi, ba tshwanelwang ke go dira dibuka *and return to the ministry societies...*

**MR SPEAKER:** E utlwtse *Honourable Motaosane*.

**MR MOTAOSANE:** Jaanong ke a kopa *Minister* gore a ko re sekasekeng kgang e sentle. Gongwe motlotlegi fale o ne a sa e baya sentle gore o kgone go mo araba sentle. Le wena fela fa o ka ya kwa Gabane kwa lentswe le kwadilwe...

**MR SPEAKER:** Nnyaa *Honourable Motaosane*. Honourable Mokgware, e ne e le kgakololo gore o e sekaseke.

**MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE:** *Thank you Mr Speaker*. Nnyaa mme ke a ba utlwa, e bile ba bua sentle. Kana *this amendment was done* ka 2022, gone mo Ntlong e. *I remember, this issue was widely debated*. Gone jaaka le bua le re go na le neo e batho ba tleng ba e neelwe jaaka ba bangwe ba re nang le bone mo Ntlong e ba neetswe jaana. *The reason why* go tsentswe *qualification* go ne go tewa gotwe fa o le moruti, o tshwanetse o bo o kgona go dira dilo dingwe, o rutilwe dilo tse di tshwanang le *counselling*. *Counselling* ke raya go sidila maikutlo, a rutilwe go ruta batho *team building*; go aga setšhaba le *management* wa batho. O ka nna le neo ya go rera, go itse lefoko, go dupa, go ntsha dilo mo bathong mme o bo o tlhoka *that managerial skill*.

Moruti, motsadi e a bo e le motho yo o nang le *managerial skill*. Ke a le utlwa mme ka re a re tsiseng molao fa fa le batla go tla go baakanya, re tle re baakanyeng ka gore rotlhe jaaka re ntse jaana, re a dumela mo go dupeng, re bo re tla go baakanya molao o gone fa. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Further Supplementary Mr Speaker.

#### HUMAN-WILDLIFE CONFLICT

**MR G. KEKGONEGILE (MAUN EAST):** asked the Minister of Environment and Tourism to brief this Honourable House on the protocols in place to alleviate escalating human-wildlife conflict challenges in the North West District, with emphasis on:

- (i) efforts and strategies put in place to help communities to fight human-wildlife conflict;
- (ii) resources in place to help the department to be responsive to reports from communities in terms of transport, staff and others;
- (iii) the number of reports made and efforts being put in place to help Hainaveld farmers troubled by the high number of elephants and lions in their farms; and
- (iv) the number of reports made by Shorobe livestock farmers concerning lions killing their cattle on a weekly basis and efforts made to alleviate the challenge.

#### MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM

**(MR MMOLOTSI):** Mr Speaker, the ministry through the Department of Wildlife and National Parks has efforts and strategies in place to reduce human-wildlife conflict in the North-West District. These efforts include capacitating farmers on livestock/crops protection initiatives such as construction of strong predator proof kraals, *masaka a a strong a e leng gore ga a letlelele go tsena ga predators*. *Ba rotloediwa gape go dirisa dintša tse di disang*, community outreach programmes to raise awareness about co-existence, introduction of hunting quotas in agricultural extension areas. Hunting quotas *tse maikaelelo a tsone e leng go thusa balemi gore ba tle ba kgone go ithusa le bone mo go laoleng seemo se*. The use of technology such as collaring lions

for early warning systems, identification of wildlife corridors for planning land allocations, collaborations with stakeholders in conflict prone areas with a view to minimise human-wildlife conflict, compensation of affected farmers *jaaka re kolota Rre* Hikuama *jaana*. Capturing and translocation and lethal removal of habitual problem animals as per Wildlife Conservation and National Parks Act, *e se mo go neng go buiwa ke* Honourable Lucas *ga maloba*.

In addition, Mr Speaker, through Community Based Natural Resource Management (CBNRM) Programme, the Department of Wildlife and National Parks promotes co-existence at community level by issuing hunting quotas, capacity building and overall upliftment of livelihoods.

Mr Speaker, resources required by the department will never be adequate. The ministry will continue to do its best to resource the Department of Wildlife and National Parks with vehicles and manpower to adequately perform its duties. Currently, Mr Speaker, *lephata le na le dikoloi di le five fela tse e leng gore* they are dedicated to animal control. *Ka lebaka la gore Goromente gompiano o tshonne thata, go raya gore re na le tiegonyana mo go baakanyeng dikoloi tseo. Ke sone se gompiano go nang le boketenyana jwa go thusa.*

Mr Speaker, the ministry through the Department of Wildlife has so far recorded a total number of 35 elephant and 27 lion reports in 2025/2026 respectively. Mr Speaker, capture and translocation of lions have been carried out and repeated offenders are eliminated.

Hainaveld farmers have been encouraged to secure their farms through regular maintenance and electrification of fences to keep elephants away.

Mr Speaker, the department has also allocated elephants and lions hunting quotas to NG39 in the 2026 hunting season, of which proceeds from the sale of these quotas will be invested in projects that mitigates human-wildlife conflict.

The total number of lion reports registered from Shorobe livestock farmers stands so far at 26 in 2025/2026. Efforts were made to capture and translocate problem lions. However, this has not been feasible, resulting in elimination through lethal removal as a last resort. I thank you Mr Speaker.

**MR KEKGONEGILE:** *Supplementary.* Tanki Tona. Re a go utlwa Tona, karabo ya gago ke yone ya ga Mma Kereng ya 2021 go fitlhelela gompiano. O buile ka *hunting quotas* mo masimong le mo merakeng gore e tlaa atswa balemi barui. Ke lenaneo le le simolotseng leng? Naare balemi barui ba ba ntseng jalo, ba a ikgobokanya ba bo ba kopa *quota* kana go diragala jang gore e kgone go ba thusa?

Mo gongwe gape ke gore kana fa o tsaya bo NG35 kwa *agricultural production areas*, go na le *private hunting quota* mme batho ba ba e fiwang, ga ba tsome fa ba tshwanetseng go tsoma teng, ba ya go tsoma gaufi le *wildlife management areas* le *parks* ba latela ditlou koo. Ba tlogela tse re reng di a re tshwenya, tse re tseelang gore mosola ke one o. O dira go le kae go netefatsa gore *for example*; ga go tso miwe gongwe go bapa le Shorobe, go tso miwa kwa bo Dauga, Tatamoga, kwa ditlou di tshwenyang thata teng kana *private hunting quota*?

E nngwe ke ya dikoloi, ditsompelo tse e seng dikoloi fela. Wa re re na le dikoloi tse *five* fa Maun mme tsofhe wa re di sule. *At the same time* wa re ditau tse di tshwenyang kgapetsakgapetsa di a latelwa di ya go bolawa, di latelwa ka eng dikoloi di sule? O dira eng go tso solosa dikoloi tse, le go leka gore botoka o ka nna le *initiative* ya *to access funds* tse dintsintsi tse di mo lephateng la gago? Gongwe go ka nna le dikoloi di ka nna *five* tse di ka yang kwa Maun, kwa Okavango di ya go thusa fa go leng maswe teng.

**MR MMOLOTSI:** Se ke sa dumalaneng le sone ke gore karabo e ke ya ga Mma Kereng ka gore o kare o botsa dilo tse Mma Kereng a ntse a seyo. Ga ke itse gore Mma Kereng o ne a araba dikgang tsa gompiano jang e ne e le Tona wa bogologolo. Mokaulengwe e karabo ke ya gompiano, legale ka o ne o natefisa fela ga gona mathata.

Boammaaruri ke gore *Honourable* Kekgonegile, se se diragalang ke gore ba *wildlife* ba na le thulaganyo ya gore mafelo a diphologolo di tshwenyang teng e le kwa masimong a batho, fa go lemosega, ke gone fa go dirwang mo go bidiwang gotwe *agricultural quotas*. Maikaelelo ke gore ka gore diphologolo di a tshwenya *around those areas*, a re ba neele *quota* go e rekisa gore e tle e kgone go ba thusa go kgona go itshireletsa. E ka nna go tshabola diterata kana jang *but the idea is*, ba tle ba kgone go thusega fa re ba neetse *quota* eo. Mo go

*guide* ke gore a mme mo masimong ao, diphologolo di a tshwenya ka gore *most of the time* fa re ntsha *quota*, re ntsha ya diphologolo tse di tshwenyang gone foo *because those are problem animals*. Fa go na le bangwe ba ba nang le seemo seo, ba ka *approach* lephata go buisanngwe ka gore a mme e ka se ke e re *in the next hunting seasoning* morago ga ditshekatsheko, le bone ba ka thusiwa ka gore mafelo ao a neelwe *agricultural quotas*.

Ke a go utlwa gore wa re batsumi jaanong ba tsemela *very close to protected areas and not much closer to masimo*. Kana kgang ke gore a ke re go raya gore ba a bo ba neetswe *that entire area, so go tswa mo go bone* gore jaanong mo *area* ya bone ba bona diphologolo di le fa kae ba bo ba ka di tsoma.

Re na le *Wildlife* le *Anti-poaching Unit*. Re a ne re leka ka bojotlhe gore fa gongwe fa dikoloi tsa rona di sule kwa re tseye kwa *Anti-poaching Unit*. Ba tle ba kgone go re thusa mo nakwaneng e e ntseng jalo. Le ntswa e le *Wildlife* gotlhe mme maphata a a a farologana. *So*, ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, dikoloi tsa rona di sule mme re a ne re tseyenyana kwa *Anti-poaching* fa ba na le palonyana e e botoka. Ke maikaelelo a rona gore jaaka *financial year* e simolola jaana, re bo re ya go leka go baakanya dikoloi tse ka gore *most of* dikoloi tsa *Wildlife* ke dikgoropa tse di gagamatsang. *For the longest time*, go raya gore *Wildlife* ba ne ba sa reke dikoloi. Go na le nako e go neng go rekwa, go ne ga rekwa *second hand* tse dintsi tse di tsileng di sa bereke di bo di tla di ya kgobokana kwa di kgobokaneng teng. Go na le nako e e leng gore go kile ga tsewa dikgoropa tse di neng di senyegile gotwe di a go lekwa gore bogolo di baakanngwe baakanngwe. *Exercise* ya teng le yone *was just an exercise in futility*. *So*, ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, re na le *backlog* e e gagamatsang ya letlhoko la dikoloi. Go batla gore fa re tshwara matsana e bo e le gore re leka gore re reke dikoloi tsa *Wildlife* ka palo e e botoka.

**MR DISHO:** *Supplementary*. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke a leboga Tona ka karabo eo. Ke ne ke re gongwe ke botse tse pedi, ke tsaya gore Motlotlegi Kekgonengile o di boditse mme mma ke di tlhatswe. Ke utlwa o bua thata ka go nyeletsa diphologolo. *Section 46* e a go *support* gore phologolo fa e sentse e nyelediwe. Ke supe gape gore tse di nyelediwang tse, *based on what he said* gore batsumi ba le ba fileng mo dikgaolong tse *like* bo

NG11 le NG35, ba tsoma kwa khoneng fela kwa ba bo ba tlogela *the mandate of what you gave him* gore a ye go e dira go sireletsa *the farmers within that area*. Ke eng le sa tsenye tse le di nyeletsang?

Ke lebogela lenaneo la lona la *agricultural quota*, ke eng le sa di dire *in each and every concession* morafe o le teng go na le gore batho ba *apply*?

*You know* gore *there is a problem already*, ke eng le sa di dire gore *farmers* di ikgobokanye ba tsenye *this agricultural quota* jaaka le e simolotse mo kgaolong nngwe le nngwe?

Ya bobedi ke ya dikoloi, re a itse gore Goromente ga a na a dikoloi. Mo ke go re baya bobi mo matlhong, ga go ka ke ga diragala.

Gongwe ke go fe *solution* e e leng gore gongwe ga o na go e dumalana. Ga le na dikoloi, *Anti-poaching* ga e na le fa e le dikoloi. Fa o tsena kwa go rona kwa ga di yo e bile ga re itse *Anti-poaching*. Ke eng le sa dire gore *at least* gongwe le *sub-contract* fale le fale go thusa *because* Batswana ba a sotlega, ba a tshwenyega? Ke e eng le sa *sub-contract* ba e leng gore ba na le Hiluxnyana tsa bone go thusa *to patrol, especially* nako e ya temo ka gore ditlou di a re senyetsa? Ga go na sepe se balemi ba se jang kwa go rona, ga ba na sepe se ba se robang, re tshwenngwa ke bo noko. O tsenye bo noko mo *quota* gore *at least* ba tso miwe. Go na le *communities* tse di jang bo noko, *at least* ba tso melwe batho gore ba ba je. Ke a leboga.

**MR MMOLOTSI:** Jaaka ke bua *Mr Speaker*, tota fela fa batho ba tshwenngwa ke diphologolo mo mafelong a masimo ba tla ba supa jalo, go nna le ditshekatsheko tse di dirwang mme e re morago ga tsone e bo e le gore ba a thusiwa. Ga re ka ke ra dira a *wholesome arrangement* e e leng gore re a itse fela gore *in other agricultural areas*, tota ga go na diphologolo gothelele. O tlaa ba neela *quotas* gore ba dire eng diphologolo di seyo kwa go bone, di sa ba tshwenye? *So*, ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, bangwe le bangwe ba ba nang le dikgwetlho, re di *address* re lebile se se leng teng koo jaaka *Honourable* Nkawana a itse e bile a ne a dira jalo.

Kana fa re bua ka letlhoko la madi *Honourable* Disho, ga le *selective*. *If we sub-contract*, go raya gore *we will have to pay those people*. Fa re lela ka fa re lelang ka

teng, tota re tlaa ba duela ka eng? Kgantele jaanong re tlaabo re tsere dikoloi tsa batho ba Modimo tse e leng tsone tsa bofelo, di senyegile mme re sa kgone gore re ba duele. So, ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, ke tsaya gore lephata la rona le a bona gore re na le kgwetlho. *That is why* ke re jaaka *financial year* e simologa jaana, re tlaa nna re leka ka fa re ka leakang ka teng. Le fa e le gore gone go thata mme *we will try the best we can under the circumstances*.

Le gore diphologolo tse di tshwenyang jaaka bo ntlole jalojalo di tsenngwe mo *hunting quota*, re na le *hunting quota ya problem animals*. Fa e le gore *any other animal is problematic*, go na le thulaganyo e e leng gore e teng ya go leka go bona gore di dirwa ka tsela e e ntseng jang.

Ke batla go tlhalosa gore diphologolo ke dilo tse e leng gore ka bojotlhe jo re bo leakang, re tshwanelwa ke gore re di sireletse mme ga re di sireletse *at the expense* ya setšhaba. Ke gore pharologanyo ya rona e gone foo gore rona matshelo a batho re a tsaya ka tlhwaafalo. Ke gore *it is not a situation* e e leng gore o akanya phologolo *before* o akanya motho. *No*, re akanya motho pele ga re akanya phologolo. *That is why we are resolute. According to the Act*, fa e go tseletse e go senyetsa, molao o a go letla gore o bo o ka ithusa ka *lethal removal* mme e se ka fa *Honourable* Lucas a e bayang ka teng gore fa o ka e bona fela e lebile kwa ga gago o bo o e nyeletsa. Nnyaa, *that is a wrong interpretation of the law*.

#### SECOND-HAND VEHICLE DEALERSHIPS IN MOGODITSHANE

**MR L. BARONGWANG (MOGODITSHANE EAST):** asked the Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship to state:

- (i) the number of licensed and unlicensed second-hand vehicle dealerships respectively which currently operate in Mogoditshane, and the existing mechanisms to monitor their activities;
- (ii) the estimated contribution of these dealerships to local employment creation and tax revenue generation; and
- (iii) short and medium-term Government plans and projects in place towards Mogoditshane village, aligned with promoting the ease of doing second-hand vehicle dealership business in the village as well as tax collection and locals' participation.

#### ASSISTANT MINISTER OF TRADE AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (MR MATHOOTHE):

Thank you Mr Speaker. *Mma ke go dumedise ke bo ke dumedise ba* Serowe Bokone, ke *re nnyaa mme ke tsogile*.

- (i) Mr Speaker, the latest profiling conducted in Mogoditshane revealed that there is a total of 120 active imported pre-owned motor dealer operators, of which 62 are licenced by the Mogoditshane-Thamaga District Council while 58 are not licenced and therefore operating illegally. The existing mechanisms to monitor operations of imported pre-owned motor dealers are as follows:
  - a. Each council, through the Bye-Law Office, Environmental Health Office, and the Business Facilitation Office conduct routine inspections to ensure compliance to trading statutes. Businesses that do not comply are accordingly charged and directed to comply.
  - b. Furthermore, joint inspections for motor dealer operators are also conducted in collaboration with other agencies including the Competition and Consumer Authority (CCA), Botswana Unified Revenue Service (BURS), the Department of Labour and Social Security, Department of Immigration and Citizenships and the Botswana Police Service to ensure compliance to tax laws, consumer protection laws, conditions of work and resident permits and other trading statutes.
- (ii) The imported pre-owned motor dealer sector contributes to local economic activity in Mogoditshane through direct and indirect employment. The 120 motor dealer operators in Mogoditshane have currently employed 563 people with 398 employed by licenced entities of which 385 are citizens and 13 are non-citizens.

165 jobs are created by unlicenced motor dealers, comprising of 133 citizens and 32 non-citizens. Of this total 563 employees and 518 are citizen employees whereas 45 are non-citizens. Though I might not have a data on taxes paid, BURS always form part of the monitoring team to ensure compliance to tax laws. Mr Speaker, following the recent motor dealer profiling exercise in Mogoditshane, council has been directed to

address the issue of illegal car dealer operators as a matter of urgency. The Ministry of Labour and Home Affairs has also been engaged to assess work and residence permits issued to non-citizens who were found operating some motor dealer businesses in Mogoditshane.

- (iii) Mr Speaker, in order to improve the easy of doing business and in accordance with the Trade Act of 2019 and the Trade Regulations of 2020, issuance of trade licence and business registration certificate, is done over the counter as applications no longer go through the licencing committees. Therefore, the turnaround time has been reduced to a day. Furthermore, to ensure citizen participation, the imported pre-owned motor dealer industry is reserved actively for citizens of Botswana or companies wholly owned by citizens.

However, it should be noted that some non-citizens obtained motor dealer licence before the reservation of the motor dealer business activity in 2018 and therefore, they continued to operate such businesses as the law is not implemented retrospectively. Thank you Mr Speaker.

**MR BARONGWANG:** *Supplementary.* Ke a go leboga Tona. Tota ke itumelela go bapa le boammaaruri mo o go lekileng. Tsholofelo ya me e ne e le gore gongwe o tlaa nthaya o re ga go na *unlicensed because you do not have records*. So, it is very clear, there are *unlicensed businesses* kwa Mogoditshane. Jaanong re le Puso, ke eng re letleletse batho ba gore ba *operate* go sena *licences*?

Sa bobedi, *what mechanisms are there and what is it that we can do in a short term?* Ke a itse gore batho ba Mogoditshane ba ntheeditse *and* ba a itse gore go na le bothata kwa Mogoditshane. So, o ntshephisa eng Tona ka *businesses* tse di kwa Mogoditshane, tsa di *second hand*, tse di *unlicensed*? Obviously if it is not licenced, kana go raya gore ga ba duele *tax and* re a sokola.

Sa boraro, *this business is only reserved for locals, but the records* di supa gore go na le *employees* tsa batswakwa. Totatota bone ba dira eng? Fa e le gore gongwe ba hirilwe ke Motswana, ba dira eng se e leng gore Motswana ga a kgone go se dira? A ba neetswe *permit* ya go bereka mo Botswana go tla go rekisa

dikoloi, ka gore *business* e, e neetswe Botswana? Bone ba dira eng ba ba 38 ba o buang ka bone?

A o lemogile, *business* ya *second hand cars*, jaanong *over time* has resulted into another *business* ya *scrapyards*? *Scrapyards* tse ke tsone tse re lelang ka tsone Tona, mme di tswa mo *unlicensed business* ya dikoloi. Bothata jo, fa o itebaganya le bone, e bile o itebaganya le Mogoditshane, o tshephisa *Honourable* Barongwang le batho ba Mogoditshane eng mo nakong e khutshwanyane? Ke a leboga.

**MR MATHOOTHE:** *Thank you Mr Speaker.* Mma ke go lebogele dipotso tse o di boditseng. E bile ke bo ke tlhalose gore re arabile potso ka boammaaruri jo bo diragalang *on the ground*. Dilo tse di diragalang, re le Puso e e busang mo nakong ya gompieno, ke dikgang tse re di fitlhelang di ntse di le teng. Gore re di baakanye, re tshwanetse re di tlhalose ka fa di ntseng ka teng, gore paakanyo e tle e nne teng. Ke gone mo o boneng re tsere matsapa a *to profile* le go lebelela gore bothata bo fa kae. Go sukunyetsa tota go bona gore a mme batho ba *tax* ba a e duela. Ke gone mo o bonang Mothusa Tautona maabane a ne a biditse Tax Pitso, gore dingwe tsa dikgang tse di tshwanang le tse, re tle re di ntshe re di beye mo mpaanang, re tle re di baakanye gore re *collect* lekgetho le le lekaneng ka gore itsholelo e ile kwa tlase.

Mo karabong ya me, ke tlhalositse gore jaaka *licences* tse di fiwa ke *Council* ya Mogoditshane-Thamaga, re ba laetse gore mo bokhutshwaneng jo bo rileng, kgang e ba bo ba setse ba e dirile (*attended*), ba e baakantse ka gore ke bone ba ba nang le marapo a a ntseng jalo. Ke gone mo o boneng ke bua ke tlhamaletse gore botlhe le *ministries* tse di amegang, *we have engaged them*, jaaka o ne o utlwa kgantele *Minister* Mokgware a tlhalosa gore dikgang tse ke dingwe tse di teng le kwa go bone. Jaanong *we have engaged them* gore bone ba ba setseng ba bereka fa gongwe e se ka fa molaong, mme e se Botswana, le bone gotwe ba atumetswe jalo go bona gore re ka dira ka tsela e e ntseng jang.

O ne o botsa gore kana *licences* tsone tse, *are reserved for the locals*, mme jaaka ke ne ka tlhalosa, ke rile molao wa *reservation* o tlile ka 2018, *that time*, go raya gore go ne go na le ba bangwe ba batswakwa, ba ba filweng *licences* tse. Jaanong jaaka ke buile gore ke re molao ga o boele kwa morago, o tsamaela kwa pele, ke gone mo o

tlaa iphitlhelang bangwe ba le teng foo e le batswakwa. Go simolola ka 2018 go supafala jaana gore e bo e nna Batswana fela, jaanong ke gone mo o bonang go na le bana ba e leng gore ba *trade* e se ka fa molaong, ke thulaganyo e re tlaabong re tsena re le Goromente yo o mosha gore re baakanye mathata a re a fitlhelang a.

**MR LEKAU:** *Further Supplementary.* Ke a dumedisa. Ke ne ke re ke go dumedise Tona, Rre Mathoothe, e bile ke supe gore jaaka o bona ke apere jaana, ke mo segopotsong sa seru se se le wetseng ka koo...

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

**MR LEKAU:** ...le bo *Honourable* Kedikilwe, le bangwe ka nna. Tona, a mme o a lemoga gore dikgwebo tsa dikoloi kwa Mogoditshane, tsone tse re buang ka tsone, jaanong ga di a tsala *scrapyards* fela, borukutlhi jo bo tsositseng modumo kwa Mogoditshane ke jwa *batteries* tse di utswiwang mo dikoloing letsatsi le letsatsi? Go butswa e nngwe kgwebo e e tsamaelanang le dikoloi, e e *not licenced*, ya *batteries* tse di rekisiwang mo Mogoditshane. Di a utswiwa phakela, ka 11 o ya go fitlhela *battery* ya gago le fa o e tshwaile, o e rekisediwa gape. A ko e re fa le ya go dira, le ye go tsenya seemo se leitlho ka gore ke selo se se diragalang.

Kana *licence* e kwadilwe gotwe *indefinite*, mme e bo e kwalwa gore o tshwanetse *to renew it* kana o supe *renewal* ya yone ka go duela *every year*, mme go supagala gore go na le ba o buang ka bone ba molao o saleng o ba akareditse. Ke eng re sa tsaya *licences* tsa bone ka gore ba ne ba tshwanetse gore ba tle *to renew* re re jaanong lona ga le sa tlhole le *qualify*, *because the whole thing*, fa ba tla *to renew*, ba bo ba tla ba tshotse *compliance*?

Se sengwe se ke batlang gore o se bue o se kgwele mathe ke gore, ditiro tse o reng di a dirwa kwa Mogoditshane, ga se ditiro ke *exploitation* ya bana ba Mogoditshane, *because* le fa o ka emelela fa, ga go na le fa e le konteraka e a hirilweng ka yone, ba tlhola ba bereka go taboga mo *garages* tse fela ka *commission* e e leng gore ga se gore e a bo e le tiro a hirilwe. E nngwe ya bofelo Tona...

**MR SPEAKER:** Standing Order 40.3.

**MR LEKAU:** Ee rra. Potso ya bofelo, ke batla gore o tle o tlhalose fa gore go na le *pawn shops*, tsone tse o reng ke *garages*, di kwadilwe gotwe *pawn shop*, a batho

ba Tona ba dira ka fa go tshwanetseng, ka gore ba rekisa dikoloi, ga se di *pawn shop*? Ke a leboga.

**MR MATHOOTHE:** Ke a leboga Rre Lekau, metsi a tlaa itsheka. Ke tlhalositse gore mathata a a sa bolong go nna kwa Mogoditshane re a bone, re a fitlhetse. Ke gone mo ke reng re le Puso, re setse re tsere kgato ya gore re sukunyolole sengwe le sengwe se se leng teng. Re itemogetse gore babereki ba ba hirwang mo thekisong e ya dikoloi, tse e leng gore ga ba na *licenses*, kana go raya gore le *conditions of service* tsa bone ga di ye go nna sentle ka gore *they are operating illegal businesses*. Fa go ntse jalo, ba ya go gatelela bana ba Batswana. Ke tsone dikgang tse re di fitlhelang, tse Batswana ba sa bolong go sotlega mo go tsone. Jaanong go mo go rona gore re di baakanye jaaka re tswelsetse.

O ne o bua ka *scraps*, gore go tletse di *scrap* gongwe le gongwe. Re setse jaanong re tlelwa ke gore re baakanye le melao, jaaka o itse *scraps* di a farologana, go na le tse di tlwaelesegileng thata tsa Copper tse go senngwang. Re setse re baakanya le molao wa gore botlhe ba ba tlaabong ba rekisa *scraps*, *before* ba ya go rekisa go nne le *a team* e e yang *to inspect* go bona gore dilo tse o di rekisang tse, o tswa go di tsaya kwa kae. E re fa go se na motlhala, re bo re itse gore re go tseela dikgato. Ke one mathata a re a fitlhetseng; a mantsi a mokoakoa, a mangwe a tlaa tsaya lebakanyana ka gore ga a bolo go nna fale ka lebaka le le leele. Ke tsaya gore mo nakong e khutshwane, mathata a re tlaabo re a baakantse.

O buile ka *pawn shops* le *batteries* tse go senngwang, rra re itebagantse le tsone kwa *ministry* wa rona re lomagane thata le dikhansela tse di fang *licences* gore re tle re baakanye mathata a ka ponyo ya leitlho. Ke a leboga.

**MR SPEAKER:** Honourable Leader of the Opposition, Dumelang Saleshando, Member of Maun North.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Ke tlaa mo e tseela.

#### COMBI RANK IN THE MMOPANE-METSIMOTLHABE AREA

**MS H. P. MANYENENG (MMOPANE-METSIMOTLHABE):** asked the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to state:

- (i) if he is aware that there is no designated combi rank in the Mmopane-Metsimotlhabe area, resulting in combi and taxi operators operating from informal open spaces;
- (ii) whether he is aware that the absence of basic facilities, including toilets, at these locations poses public health and safety risks; and
- (iii) what steps he intends to take, in collaboration with the relevant ministry to establish a formal combi rank with adequate facilities.

**Later Date.**

### PROFITABILITY OF AIR BOTSWANA

**MR D. SALESHANDO (MAUN NORTH):** asked the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to state if Air Botswana was operating profitably as at the end of December 2025 as it was declared by the President to the nation; if not, to explain if there had been any strategy adopted by the Board pointing to possible profitability by December 2025.

**ASSISTANT MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE (MR ATAMELANG):** *Ke a leboga Mr Speaker, ke dumedise batho ba kwa Boteti.* Mr Speaker, Air Botswana has not achieved profitability by the end of December 2025. Mr Speaker, the airline immediately identified causes of weak performance and adopted a short-term strategic plan to turn the airline's performance around. The plan aims to improve the airline's revenue generation capability and to clamp down on costs.

To address cost of operation, the airline trimmed its network from August 2025 by suspending all routes that were not able to cover direct operating costs. Routes like Gaborone-Durban, Gaborone-Windhoek and Maun-Windhoek were suspended, saving the airline around P44 million from August to December 2025. Identified cause of low revenue generation is low load factors (seat occupancy), resulting from loss of market share, intensifying competition and loss of confidence on the airline by the travelling public, the root cause of which is unreliable operations. This unreliability is caused by aircraft constraints and crew shortage. The airline's adopted immediate plan is to address these points.

The mandatory maintenance, the Engineers call it C-check, of the ATR72-600 was completed on the 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026. Increasing the number of operational aircraft to three, while the airline maintained a two-aircraft schedule. The availability of a spare aircraft has created redundancy and therefore, strengthened reliability.

Operationalisation the two grounded ERJ145 aircraft commenced with the registration, the five-phase certification process and repatriation of the two aircraft from Namibia to Botswana. The first aircraft is expected in Botswana during the month of April 2026. Crew re-qualification programme is currently being implemented, to create standby crew for all aircraft types by end of April 2026. At the same time, the airline is optimising crew to match the current operation.

Mr Speaker, Air Botswana has deployed and is currently implementing a tactical sales strategy which entail an incentive programme for travel agents, tour management companies and private companies. Interline and codeshare partnerships are being rationalised to offer a seamless travel experience eliminating the need to collect baggage and recheck at all connecting airports, including Johannesburg.

The war in the Middle East is threatening to affect the airline's plans as crew training slots in United Arab Emirates (UAE) are currently cancelled and fuel price in South Africa has increased, affecting ticket affordability. Thank you, Mr Speaker.

**DR GOBOTSWANG:** *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga Mr Speaker. Kana the Head of State declared gore e tlaa re December a fela Air Botswana e bo e le profitable; declared and decreed go beilwe stamp. Ke batla go itse gore, fa declaration e ya ga Tautona e rile fa e tswa, le le ministry le ne le bona e le based mo go eng, ka gore tumelo ya rona ke gore President cannot declare and decree le sa mo fa information e e tletseng ya gore indeed e tlaa re December Air Botswana e bo e le profitable. What was the basis ya declaration and decree ya ga Tautona?

Sa bobedi, jaanong ka gore target ya December ke e e padile Mr Speaker; Tona le le Goromente le le ministry, la re Air Botswana ka fa le bonang ka teng, e ya go nna profitable leng, everything being equal?

Sa bofelo ke gore le le *ministry, do you have a turnaround strategy* ka Air Botswana? Ka fa le bonang ka teng, e ya go nna *profitable* leng?

**MR ATAMELANG:** Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*, ke a leboga *for your question* Dr Gobotswang. *The basis of the declaration*; re le Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC) re dumela gore lefatshe le le na le *potential*, re dumela gore *we can actually turn around* lefatshe le. Go ne go se phoso e bile go sa rone gore re ka dumela gore *by December*, Air Botswana e ka nna le *profitability*.

*Traffic data* e supa gore Botswana *can actually become a logistics hub*, re na le *airports* tsoitlhe tse e leng gore *they are equally capable of that potential*. Ga go tlhabe ditlhong, e bile ga go a tshwanela gore go re tshose gore re dumele gore re ka nna le *a profitability*. *The same goes to all the State-Owned Entities*, kgang fela ke gore, go nnile le *a human factor input*, e re iphitlhelang e le gore *some of these strategies* tse di setseng di beilwe fa pele ga rona *are not realised*. Jaaka o itse gore *historically*, re ne re dumela gore re tlaa tsaya Puso re na le lona, *but because of the human factor* eo, *you decided* go gologa bus...

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

**MR ATAMELANG:** *Jaanong* Air Botswana will be profitable by end of this year. *Le nna* I declare sir on behalf of the President. Thank you.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Further supplementary.

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**MR SPEAKER:** *Nnyaa*, there is a question without notice by Honourable Hikuama.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Procedure Mr Speaker.

**MR SPEAKER:** Ae, ga gona *procedure*.

## QUESTION WITHOUT NOTICE

### PLACEMENT OF LEARNERS

**MR C. K. HIKUAMA (MAUN WEST):** asked the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education:

- (i) to provide a definitive timeline for the placement of thousands of learners who did not meet the cut-off point for admission to senior secondary schools following the 2025 Junior Certificate results;

- (ii) to state the steps and processes to be followed for one to access the Project Bula Buka;

- (iii) to confirm if all satellite centres and partner institutions are fully equipped with the necessary Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) resources and trained personnel to accommodate this influx, given that the first phase is set to begin in March 2026; and

- (iv) what immediate measures her ministry is taking to communicate with the “discarded” learners and their guardians to alleviate the current climate of uncertainty and prevent further social exclusion.

**MR SPEAKER:** *Honourable Members, what I know is that, the substantive Minister has not been well since... ga ke itse gore a ke malatsi a mabedi. She has not been well. Jaanong Honourable Hunyepa le ene ke bone... ga ke itse gore a go na le mongwe yo o e laetsweng batlotlegi?*

**MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INNOVATION (MR TSHERE):** *Mr Speaker*, ke boammaaruri *Honourable Minister* ga a tsoga, jaanong *Honourable Assistant Minister* I just checked on him, o sianetse kwa Mapoka, kwa kgaolong. Ke tsaya gore ke lekwalo le o reng o le bone. Go raya gore ba ne ba sa bona *question without notice*. Ke a leboga.

**MR SPEAKER:** Go raya gore *we are compelled* gore *by Monday* e tsene, kana *it is a question without notice*. Le gone e bile o kare e na le...

**MR HIKUAMA:** *Procedure*. Ke a leboga, e bile ke itumelela tshwetso eo gore ka *Monday* ba e arabe. Gongwe batho ba se ka ba tsaya gore ke *question...* jaaka Tshere, kana Tshere o itsege ka gore *two-third of his submissions* gongwe ga di na boammaaruri, mme ga se gore ke gone e nnang *question without notice*. *It has been a question without notice two weeks back*, ga se mo o kareng ga e a bonwa. Ke re gongwe re tlhatswe moo gore, gone go sa nna le boammaaruri mo go se ka ga go atumelela ruri.

**MR SPEAKER:** E utlwetse.

**MR AARON:** *Procedure*. *Ga ke na thata ya go bua le wena kana ke go tlasela*, mme I feel I am compelled and obliged to say this. I was taking this question on

behalf of Honourable Leader of the Opposition (LOO) and I feel it is so unfair that I asked for supplementary and you never gave me supplementary when I had very crucial questions to put in place with regard to this question.

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

**MR SPEAKER:** O ne a *express* kutlobothoko fela mme. *Honourable Member*, mma ke go lebise Standing Order 40.2, se tlhamaletse fela, ga se na le fa e le matswakabele. *The discretion on supplementary questions* ke tsa ga *Speaker*, jaanong fa *Honourable Gobotswang* a boditse *supplementary* ke bo ke ya kwa potsong e nngwe, mo gongwe ke a bo ke lebile le nako ya lona batlotlegi. Jaanong mme Standing Order 40.2, ke tsaya gore ga re a se tsuolola. *Honourable Members*, nako ya lona ya dipotso e fedile, a re emeng gone fa ka dipotso re yeng kwa *presentation of a petition by Honourable Moalosi, Member for Nkange*.

**DR GOBOTSWANG:** *Procedure*. Ke ema ke kopa ka Standing Order 38.1M gore, kana *temporary* le *freelancers* ba mo seelong se se tona *Mr Speaker*. Maloba ke boditse potso gone fa, *Honourable Minister Mohwasa* a solofetsa gore ba tlaa sekasekelwa *and extend for them*, ga gona jaaka go ka nna le *unfairness*. Jaanong re amogetse selelo sa bone re le bantsi, mme ra dumalana gore *Honourable Kekgonegile* a tsenye *question without notice*. O ne a ntse a re bolelela, e bile a e solofetse gore e ka tsena gompieno, jaanong ga e a tsena. Selelo sa bone ke gore, ba ntse ba le mo *temporary*, mme go tserwe tshwetso ya gore fa *temporary* ya bone e fela ba nna *permanent* ka di 1 tsa ga *April*. Di 1 tsa ga *April* di a tsena, ba mo *temporary*, mme jaanong ba a ntshiwa go ya go hirwa ba bangwe ba sele ka fa ba bonang ka teng. Jaanong selo se se a ba ngongoregisa, e bile ba ne ba setse ba bua gore, ba ka nna ba tla mo Palamenteng. Ke ba reile ke re, nnyaa, le tshwanetse go bua le *Speaker* a le bonne phatlha, le bue le *Minister* gore a o ka tla go amogela *petition*. Gongwe le bo le ya mapodiseng ba bo ba ka le neela tsela ya go tla kwano. Jaanong *Mr Speaker*, ke re gongwe *Minister* re kope *through the Leader of the House* gore, tota kgang e a ko e tlhalosege gore gatweng. Ba ba neng ba solofeditsewe ba itse gore seemo ke eng. Ke a leboga.

**MR SPEAKER:** *Ke tsaya gore ba e utlwile ka kwa go Goromente*, Honourable Tshere please note, 38.1M, for

making a statement. *Ke itse gore* the question without notice I had agreed *le Honourable Kekgonegile gore e tlaa tsena* today, but unfortunately *ba State President ke dumela gore e ne e ya kwa go bone, ba dirile kopo ya gore* they will be not in today. So, relay the message Honourable Minister Tshere. Honourable Moalosi, on the petition I have seen that you have some sort of an annexure, so just stick to the petition and not the extension of annexure.

**PETITION**  
**THE EMPLOYMENT OF ICT**  
**GRADUATES IN BOTSWANA**

**MR MOALOSI (NKANGE):** Thank you Mr Speaker. I am presenting a petition on behalf of unemployed graduates of Botswana. It says, to the Speaker of the National Assembly, all Ministers and Members of Parliament, Petition on the Employment of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Graduates in Botswana. We the unemployed ICT graduates of Botswana respectfully submit this petition to express our deep concern regarding the continued unemployment and unfair treatment of ICT graduates within the public sector.

Despite holding recognised qualifications and having completed Government Internship, many graduates who graduated as far back as 2009 still remain unemployed while Government ICT departments continues to operate with minimal permanent staff and over relies on interns. Botswana's national priorities namely; digital transformation, e-Government modernization, fiber security and innovation driven economic growth, demand a robust local ICT workforce.

Let it be noted that on the 19<sup>th</sup> of January 2025, representatives of the unemployed IT graduates engaged the Minister of Communications and Innovation together with his Permanent Secretary, to present concerns of unemployment and proposed structured solutions. While constructive discussions were held, tangible implementation outcome have yet to materialise. We have attached the minutes from that meeting, I would not go through the minutes.

Statement of the Problem;

- (a) Over reliance on interns; Government ICT departments are largely sustained by interns with

very few permanent IT officers employed to support entire ministries or region.

- (b) Failure to employ graduates despite available vacancies; department formally request ICT officers, yet these posts are not filled leaving qualified graduates unemployed while interns perform full professional duties.
- (c) Gate keeping by the Department of Information Technology (DIT); DIT under the Ministry of Communications and Innovation is mandated to manage ICT staffing for all Government ministries and departments but they have failed equitably place graduates effectively blocking employment opportunities.
- (d) Ineffective job seekers data base at Human Resource Development Council (HRDC); the transferring of the Job Seekers that are based from the Directorate of Public Service Management (DPSM) has resulted in opaque inconsistent and unfair hiring process disadvantaging ICT graduates.
- (e) Inequality across professions; other professions such as teaching, administration, social work to mention a few, benefits from structured and transparent Government hiring system, while ICT graduates do not. We have attached a savingram for your perusal where the Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Affairs facilitate the recruitment of social workers graduates through an official savingram, permanent recruitment for cleaners, gardeners and security guards has also been transparently processed.
- (f) Internal advertisement of positions; we quote the writings of one journalist from a local newspaper which resonates very well with our cry. He wrote, "Botswana's Government has perfected a silent exclusion system called internal advertisement. While thousands of qualified graduates wonder the street with degrees and no hope public sector jobs are quietly circulated within offices and filled before the nation even hears about them. For unemployed graduates outside Government, there is no chance, no competition, no transparency, no mercy. Internal advertisement is not efficiency. It fuels unemployment and deepens inequality."

Outsourcing of ITC services by Government to private companies is preferred over building internal capacity and the Government pays millions in Pula for basic IT support.

Reducing excessive and unnecessary outsourcing would:

- (1) Create employment for local IT graduates.
- (2) Transfer skills meaningfully.
- (3) Reduce Government expenditure.
- (4) Strengthen inhouse IT capacity.

We have attached a record of the bidding opening titled a tender for the renewal of WebEx Licenses for Ministry of Communication and Innovation, Department of Information Technology as evidence of wasteful spending created through unnecessary outsourcing.

#### **SUGGESTED SOLUTIONS TO ICT GRADUATES' UNEMPLOYMENT**

In order to address the prolonged unemployment of ICT graduates and strengthen national digital capacity we respectfully submit the following policy intervention for consideration:

- (1) Remove graduate placement from DIT mandate. Relieve the Department of Information Technology of responsibility related to ICT graduate placement and recruitment and assign this function to an institution with a clear employment mandate and meaningful accountability.
- (2) Reform the job seekers data base. Establish a transparent, fair and accountable alternative system that efficiently serves unemployed graduates.
- (3) Establish a structured ICT recruitment framework. Institute a clear standardized and equitable ICT recruitment framework comparable to those applied to teachers and administrative officers ensuring predictable and merit-based hiring.
- (4) Convert internship into permanent posts. Transform long standing internship positions with public institution into permanent pensionable

posts, trading past interns' terms, current interns to end the prolonged exploitation of skilled graduates.

- (5) Fair consideration of long waiting graduates. Ensure equitable consideration of ICT graduates including those awaiting placement since 2009 through transparent privatization mechanism.
- (6) End internal advertising of entry level positions. Abolish internal advertisement of entry level ICT position. Such posts must either absorb unemployed graduates or be openly advertised to allow fair national competition.
- (7) Reform outsourcing practices. Review government outsourcing policies to ensure outsourcing complements internal capacity development rather than replacing local ICT skills and the employment opportunities.
- (8) Establish national software licensing and digital service centre. Create a centralized national software licensing and digital service centre to reduce procurement costs, strengthen cyber security, oversight and create sustainable ICT employment opportunities for graduates.
- (9) Introduce a national ICT professional certification sponsorship programme. Establish a structured Government's sponsorship programme enabling ICT graduates to obtain international recognized professional certification similar to existing professional pathway such as PGD and BICA to enhance employability, address national skills gaps and strengthen Botswana's digital capacity.

In conclusion, Honourable Speaker and Members of the National Assembly, this petition is not merely a plea from unemployed graduates, it is a call for strategic national alignment between education, public expenditure and economic participation. A nation that sponsors its youth into knowledge must create pathways for that knowledge to serve the republic. The continued exclusion of skilled graduates from meaningful participation risk turning the national investment into national frustration. Imagine what will become of these young unemployed adults in the next coming 20 years when most of them are 60 years, broke, no pension

and any means of survival. What will become of their dependents? We therefore, urge this house to move beyond acknowledgement towards decisive policy action to transform ICT spending into employment, to convert skills into productivity, and to restore hope to a generation ready to build Botswana's digital future. The time for study has passed, the time for structured implementation is now. I thank you Mr Speaker.

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

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you Honourable Moalosi. Order! Honourable Members, before we go to the Motions, as you can see, my deputy is not here today, so I have been sitting since 9 o'clock, and I wish to invoke Standing Order 26.2 for the convenience of the House to take a health break of maximum 15 minutes, but may be less than that. *Jaanong ke a le bona gore dipalo tsa lona ga di nkgotsofatse. Ke le kopa gore tswetswee e se ka ya re mo 15 minutes yo, ga nna le yo o ka ngwegang. Le na le Ditshutiso tse ke tsayang gore le tshwanetse gore le tle le di tsele ditshwetso pele ga re tshaisa.*

**MR MOALOSI:** *Procedure Mr Speaker, maybe before o tsamaya. Ke re gongwe Mr Speaker, ke gakolole Members of this House gore gongwe fa go le Friday re se ka ra nna re kopa gore re atolose nako ya dipotso ka gore Motions tsa rona di sa le di nna mo line lebaka. Jaanong kana Friday is only day available for Motions, gore dipotso ka gore re na le malatsi a mangwe a re ka di kopelang, at least on Friday re netefatse gore Motions di a tsena. Ke a leboga Mr Speaker.*

**MR SPEAKER:** That is fine. Let us adjourn.

**PROCEEDINGS SUSPENDED AT 11:12 A.M. FOR  
APPROXIMATELY 15 MINUTES**

**PROCEEDINGS RESUMED AT 11:34 A.M.**

**MR SPEAKER:** Order! Honourable Members. Honourable Members, let us go to Motions.

**MR DISHO:** *Procedure. Ke a leboga Mr Speaker. Ke ne ke re golo fa ka re na le Tona wa Diphologolo, re tshwenngwa ke monang fa re ntseng teng fa. Ga re itse gore o ka ntshiwa ka tsela e e ntseng jang. A ga se gore re mo reye a tseye monang wa gagwe kana a o tlhokomele? Fa a palelwa ke monang, o tlaa kgona ditlou tota? Tanki.*

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATIONAL SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT HUB AT UNIVERSITY OF BOTSWANA TO DEVELOP GOVERNMENT-WIDE OPEN-SOURCE ERP SYSTEMS**

**Motion  
(Resumed Debate)**

**MR SPEAKER:** Order! Honourable Members. When the House adjourned on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2025, Honourable Moalosi was on the floor responding to the debate. He is left with 17 minutes and 49 seconds. *Ga go tlhoke gore o e feleletse nako eo* Honourable Moalosi.

**MR MOALOSI (NKANGE):** Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke leboge *Business Advisory Committee* gore ba bo ba re thusitse gore *Motion* o o boele mo seemong se e leng gore *originally*, o ne o le mo go sone. Fa *Honourable Members* ba ntse ba *respond especially the other side of the aisle*, ba ne ba bua gore *university is primarily for research and teaching*. Ke ne ke batla go ba gakolole gore *softwares* ka bontsi tse di teng gone jaana, di simolotse mo *universities*. Tse dingwe di simolotse e le *researches*, tse dingwe di simolotse e le gore *they are trying to solve a particular problem and they ended up developing a system* e e feletseng e dirisiwa mo setšhabeng. *For example*; fa re tsaya Google, e simolotse kwa Stanford University ka 1996. Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) *students* Larry Page and Sergey Brin ba ne ba dira *system* e e bidiwang gotwe Backrub, e e leng gore *it was a research project storing mathematical properties of the World Wide Web (www)*. Algorism ya bone ranked pages. Ke yone e e neng ya felela e nna *the base* ya Google search engine.

Mozilla ba ba sa itseng, *it is a web browser*. Le yone e simolotse kwa *the University of the Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*, *developed at the national center for super continuing applications at the university*.

Apache *which is a Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP) server*, le yone e simolotse kwa University of Illinois. *It was a series of patches to the National Commission for Science and Technology (NCST) software* le yone e tswa kwa *university*.

*Operation system* e e tshwanang le Unix, le yone e simolotse kwa University of California, Berkeley. E ne e dirwa le yone e le *a research*. E ne ya feleletsa e nna *the*

*core foundation for mark Open Systems Interconnection (OSI) and free Direct Store Delivery (DSD)*. Go gontsi fela mo go simolotseng.

Fa re tse na kwa Mathematical and Inner Software (MAT LAB), le yone e simolotse e le *project* ya kwa University of Mexico. Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS) e simolotse kwa University of Chicago. Fa re tlolela *border* fela fa South Africa, le gone go na le *softwares* tse di simolotseng mo *universities*.

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

**MR MOALOSI:** Nnyaa, kana wena ga wa tse na kwa *university*, ga o ka ke wa tlhologanya gore fa ke re *university* ke bua ka eng.

**MR SPEAKER:** O se ka wa *address side remarks*.

**MR MOALOSI:** *Sorry Mr Speaker*. Stellenbosch University *has something called University Launch Lab, consistently ranked as one of the top universities led incubators globally*. Go na le *incubators* tse di dirwang mo *universities just across the border*. *That is why* re dumela gore UB e na le bokgoni, kana *this project* e simolotswe ke bone. Ba kwadile *proposal* ba e isa kwa *ministry* e bo e tlhokomologiwa. *That is why we ended up believing* gore a ko re bue le batlotlegi, ba bone botlhokwa jwa gore re dire *this research* kwa UB.

UB ba na le *projects* tse dintsi tse ba di dirileng mo lefatsheng la Botswana. Ka 2003 *they did an online data collection portal for Botswana Communications Regulatory Authority (BOCRA)*. *They did a focus of Africa space and technology for future development project*. Ba dirile *project* ya *high performance computing*, *they did Administration of Justice (AoJ) adding features for accessing judgements online*. Di dirwa ke *lecturers of UB*. Government of Botswana main Content Management System (CMS) *based website and training for Public Relations Officers (PROs) for all ministries*. Go gontsi, gone fa ke tshwere 2017 ga ke ka ke ka di bala tsothle. *There is one development and deployment of planning management system of Lobu small stock farm and training instructors*. Ke dingwe tsa *projects* tse ba di dirileng, fa re ba neetse gore ba dire *this software development hub*, ba na le bokgoni jo bo feteletseng.

Gongwe ke ka tse na ke go bontsha *qualifications* tsa bone, ga ke ka ke ka ba bua ka maina mme ke tlaa go

bolelela gore go na le a *Senior Associate Professor* yo e leng gore *specialisation* sa gagwe ke *software engineering*. Go na le *Senior Lecturer* yo o dirang dilo tsa Artificial Intelligence (AI), *data matching and system software*. Ba bangwe ba dira bo *algorithms and data structures and natural language processing, data science and information retriever*.

### **Health informatics**

*Measurements in software engineering and system software*

### **Computer Networks**

*Computer human interactions and computer programming.*

### **Artificial Intelligence, Cyber Security and Intent of Things**

*Information technology development.* Ke gore re na le *skills* tsotlhe kwa UB. *Why are you not taking advantage of these skills and experience,* tse e leng gore babereki ba ba na le tsona go dira a *software development hub* e ba tlaa dirang Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) systems? *The reason why* re ne re bua ka ERP Mr *Speaker,* ke gore *the Government spends a lot of money* ba duela bo Oracle for an ERP system.

*This financial year* e e felang, *department* e le *one* ya kwa DPSM ba duetse P18 million for license ya Oracle. *Imagine* gore *how many departments* do we have ba ba dirisang Oracle. *Can we not empower* UB gore ba re direle ERP *that is going to be used as an open source system,* e e leng gore *the Government will not be spending anything?*

Fa o ka lebelela *all our parastatals;* bo Water Utilities Corporations (WUC), Motor Vehicle Accident Fund (MVA), *there are over 50 parastatals* and mongwe le mongwe wa bone o duela Oracle. *We are spending close to P200 million every year* if you count all these *parastatals plus Government departments* re duela *companies* tsa kwa America gore ba re direle *software* e e leng gore re ka e e itirela. *All we need is to be empowered.*

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Clarification honourable.

**MR MOALOSI:** Ke tlaa go neela nkgonne. *So, all we need is to be empowered because we have the skills and experience. Some of these people* ba ke buang ka bone *have been in Computer Science.* Yo mongwe o tsero Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) ya gagwe ka 2000, ba bangwe bo 2006. *Some of them were my lecturers* fa ke tsena sekole kwa UB. Ke feditse ka 2004. *So, they are still there, they have all the skills that we need. All they need is to be empowered.* UB *also has the computing power.* Ba na le *computers* tse di tona tse e leng gore *they can process these systems.* So, there is nothing really se e leng gore se ka re emisa. *I understand* gore *argument* ya *my colleagues on the other side* ke gore *let us concentrate* kwa BDIH, re e neele *the resources.*

There are so many *softwares that are there* kwa ga Goromente tse e leng gore *they need to be replaced anyway.* *So why cannot* BDIH *pick* Omang database or any other system and localize it and let UB do the ERP systems, *because there is no way you can say* BDIH *would do all the systems* tse e leng gore Goromente o a di dirisa. *Gompieno you were speaking of 40 systems* tse e leng gore le di dirile gore Batswana ba kgone to access maranyane ba le kwa malwapeng. *So, BDIH can do those. They can do the Omang database like I said. They can do system* ya Transport e e leng gore gompieno jaana ga e berekele Batswana sentle. Batswana ba tlhola ba le mo meleng gotwe system e down. *So BDIH can do those. Let UB do what they have proposed.*

Se sengwe ke gore kana mo Botswana re na le kgang ya gore o tlaa re o dira *proposal* o bo o e isa golo gongwe gore batho ba e okomele, ba bo ba e tsaya ba e neela motho yo mongwe. *We have cried about those things* gore o tlaa isa *project* kwa Citizen Entrepreneurial Development Agency (CEDA), fa ba tswa ba tlaabo ba e neela Motswana yo. O bona motho yo mongwe a e dira wena ba e ganne. *So, are we doing that in this Parliament? Are we taking proposal* ya UB re bo re e gana kgantele re bo re e fetisa ka fa tlase ga tafole re e neela BDIH? *Is that what we are doing?* A mme Batswana ba tlaa re leba sentle fa e le gore re rotloetsa gore motho a tseye *his or her time* a dira *proposal* a bo a ya go e *present* re bo re feleletsa re e tsero re e neetse batho ba bangwe?

Ke dikgang tse re buang ka tsona fa gore *let us empower our people.* Ke ne ke ntse ke bala *petition* fa ya bana ba

e leng gore *they have graduated, they have the skills and they are not working. So, such incubator e e tshwanang le yone e re batlang go e dira kwa UB... because these students will be working these projects, ba tlaabo ba tswa mo laboratory ba bereka mo project e e leng gore it is a practical system e e leng gore e ya go dirisiwa kwa ntle. They are going to graduate ba na le skills tse e leng gore they can work anywhere.*

Kana IT *is borderless, you can work kwa Microsoft or Oracle o le mo Botswana. You can work anywhere in the world o le mo Botswana. So, other universities can actually do the same ba pick a system e ba bonang gore ba ka bereka ka yone.*

*What I want to say also is that gompiano jaana as Botswana, we are just consumers of technology. We are not generating any technology. So, fa o ka lebelela budget e Honourable Tshere a e tshwereng Mr Speaker, almost 90 per cent of it used to source projects outside tse e leng gore re ka di dira. Gompiano re lebeletse ntwaga kwa Iran, we are unable to produce our own drones here. Why can we not do that? We have the lecturers ba ba tseneng kwa Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Batho ba ba dirang these drones ba tsena kwa go tsona. We are just here to be content ka gore o ne o re we will consume technology, ga re na go e dira. Jaanong ke a le kopa bo honourable gore let us try this with UB. Give them five years, let us see what they will do. I am telling you gore if we produce our own ERP, we are going to save this country. At least fa go padile, we are going to save P500 million per financial year across all our parastatals if we are using our own local softwares. I want you to tell me gore lona le siame madi ao le ntse le a neela bo Oracle, ga le a batle gore a ka tsena mo projects tse dingwe tsa Botswana. If you think this would not work at UB, that is what you are saying.*

**MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INNOVATION (MR TSHERE):** *Point of clarification. Thank you very much honourable for yielding. Mma ke tlhalose sengwe ke se gore I have no doubt in my mind gore UB has graduates and has people who can deliver this, no doubt at all. In fact, re bereka le bone. These are my researchers under the innovation part of the ministry's mandate. So, re bereka le bone ka tsela e e ntseng jalo.*

Se ke neng ke batla *clarification* mo go sone ke gore kana *university's core mandate is to teach obviously, and they do part time research* jaaka ba re thusa le rona. Kana gore go nne le kgang yone e o e buang, *you want us to create a special purpose vehicle* ka gore *all other universities that you mentioned, when developing a software, they do not develop it* ka fa tlase ga go ruta, *they develop it under a special vehicle e e leng gore e ya go felela e le commercial.* Kana this *special purpose vehicle* e o buang ka yone e e leng gore wa re ke e tlhame kwa *university, rona we have an ecosystem e e leng gore jaanong e na le Botswana Institute for Technology Research and Innovation (BITRI) e neelana le BDIH and this is how I have been working with them* kwa BITRI. Ba tsena jalo, *they develop e bile ga gona ope yo o e leng gore o kile a tsaya software* ka gore *in most cases when you come to the ministry o tla ka software development or any other prototype or any other solution, e felela e le gore e nale intellectual property. That is how we deal. So, ga gona gore re a e tsaya ra e fa yo mongwe ra reng. A ga o bone gore fa e le gore you want to create this special purpose vehicle for UB, you are duplicating an already existing special purpose vehicle that the ministry is doing? Thank you.*

**MR MOALOSI:** Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker. A special purpose vehicle* eo e dira *an ERP system? Kana golo fa re batla go dira an ERP system* ka gore re lemogile gore *even UB is spending a lot of money on ERP system. That is why they came up with this. Selo sa ntlha ke gore you cannot concentrate everything under one roof. You have to give university than anybody else room to explore and research because researches fa di tla di le dintsi, eventually you are going to get a lot of new innovative products.*

**DR GOBOTSWANG:** *Point of clarification. Mma ke se ka ka go jela nako, gongwe ke fete fela ka gore ke tlhalosetse Honourable Tshere gore UB core business is not teaching and research, ga o bue boammaaruri.*

*Honourable Moalosi, a mme fa o reeditse Honourable Tshere, a o a tlhaloganya se o se buang selo sa ntlha? O ne o bua gore UB e dirile se le se, outfit e a buang ka yone, history ya yone ke eng? E dirile eng le eng se o ka supang gore they can deliver this project? Thank you.*

**MR MOALOSI:** *Ke a leboga Honourable Speaker. UB e tsile ka project e ba e bitsa High Performance Organisation (HPO) ka gore Goromente jaanong o simolotse go ba tima madi. Every year ba fokotsa madi a ba neelang university. Fa e le gore ke a y aka Minister o tlaa tla a bua ka Mosupologo fa a fetola. UB ga e sa tlhole e neelwa madi a e neng e a neelwa bogologolo. Now they have decided gore ba itirele madi. So, every department has been given a mandate to try and generate revenue. It is through such projects that you would generate revenue. I will tell you, projects tse ke neng ke di bua tse di neng di dirwa ke UB, they generated a total of P5, 431, 348.22 through projects tse ba di dirang ba neelwa ditiro ke bone bo Botswana National Sport Commission (BNSC), Botswana Games, Botswana Communication Regulatory Authority (BOCRA) jalojalo.*

Se re se kopang mo go lona bagaetsho ke gore le itse gore Botswana is a big country. So, there is no way we can just concentrate re re sengwe le sengwe se tlaa dirwa ke organisation e le nngwefela. Botswana International University of Science and Technology (BIUST) e e kwa Palapye le bone if they want they come to you and say they want to do a project on mechatronic or something se ba batlang go se dira, let them do that. Do not be the stumbling block...

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Clarification.

**MR MOALOSI:** ...e se ka ya nna wena yo o emisang universities gore ba kgone go tlisa innovations o ntse o re o Minister wa Innovation. What innovation are you talking about fa e le gore o tlaa emisa o re lona le se ka la dira innovation e tlaa dirwa ka fa fela? Let all these universities do whatever they want to do. Let them have freedom of research.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Clarification.

**MR MOALOSI:** ...P231 million yo o reng ke wa Research Funds...

**MR SPEAKER:** You have two seconds, you have to move and read your Motion verbatim.

**MR MOALOSI:** Thank you Mr Speaker. I beg to move that this Honourable House requests Government to create, fully fund, and operationalise a National Software Development Hub at the University of Botswana within the next fiscal year, with the explicit

mandate to develop, implement and maintain open-source Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) systems for Government-wide use, thereby eliminating reliance on costly proprietary software licences and fostering local technological capacity. I move Mr Speaker.

Question put and **Division called for.**

**MR SPEAKER:** I now order the Clerk to ring the bell for two minutes. Sergeant-at-Arms at the elapse of two minutes, you will lock the doors.

...Silence...

**MR SPEAKER:** Order! Honourable Members. Honourable Mapulanga has evoked Standing Order 62.1 (a) calling for a Division and that Division shall be held in the manner prescribed in Standing Order 63.

I am activating voting. Honourable Members, you are activating *koo* by pressing 1. *Ba le reng "ee" tobetsa 2, ba le reng "nyaa" tobetsa 3, ba le "abstain" tobetsa 4.* Tlhophang ka tidimalo.

...Silence...

**MR SPEAKER:** Le tlhophile lotlhe?

**HONOURABLE MEMBERS:** Ee.

**MR SPEAKER:** I will deactivate.

...Silence...

**MR SPEAKER:** Head count you are 40. Yes 14, Noes 26. So, the Noes have it, the "Noes" have it. The Motion is negated.

Question put and **negated.**

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

AMENDMENT OF SECTION 201 (A) OF  
THE PENAL CODE NO. 18 OF 2018

## Motion

## (Resumed Debate)

**MR SPEAKER:** Order! Order! Honourable Members. The debate on this Motion is resuming when the House adjourned on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 Honourable Nelson Ramaotwana was on the floor debating and he is left with 2 minutes and 23 seconds.

**MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES (MR RAMAOTWANA):** Thank you Mr Speaker. *Ke ne ke setse ke ntshitse mabaka* and debated *e le gore ke* motivate amendment in terms of Standing Order 47.1. The amendment that I seek to move Mr Speaker, reads as follows; “any person, found guilty of unlawful possession of human flesh, body parts or human remains commits an offence and shall be sentenced to a minimum of 20 years imprisonment or to a maximum term of life imprisonment and this Honourable Parliament when amended the Penal Code Act 21 the minimum for rape was ... (Inaudible)... and moved to 25 and 30 and life imprisonment so, *yo o fitlhelwang ka dirwe le ene ke tseela gore fa e kare o rape a bo gotwe* minimum ke 25 le 30 e, *e bo e nna* minimum of 10. *Ke sone se ke neng ke bona gore* the law covers the area *ya* murder and everything what we require is stiff penalty. I so move. Thank you Mr Speaker.

**MR SPEAKER:** Romela *amendment* eo kwano. Standing Order se sa re o e tlise kwano.

**MR KAPINGA:** Procedure. The last time we adjourned Mr Speaker, the Minister was specifically asked by the then presiding officer to submit a written proposal of the amendment and he has not complied with that instruction, can he tell this House why he did not do that?

**MR RAMAOTWANA:** *I did not hear that*, go raya gore ga ke a e utlwa sentle ka gore ke ne ke utlwa fela gore *a person holding the floor* o ka dira Tshutiso but *ke tlaa romela Mr Speaker just now. I have just sent Mr Speaker.*

**MR SPEAKER:** Order! Honourable Members, I am going to propose a question on the amendment, so this

is how now the Motion will read, “that this Honourable House requests Government to consider amending Section 201 (A) of the Penal Code No. 18 of 2018 that any person found in unlawful possession of any human flesh, body parts or human remains commits an offence and shall be sentenced to a minimum of 20 years imprisonment,” did you say 20 years or 10 years?

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

**MR SPEAKER:** Yah, “20 years imprisonment or to a maximum term of life imprisonment.” Yah, so “any person found in unlawful possession of any human flesh, body parts or human remains commits an offence and shall be sentenced to a minimum term of 20 years imprisonment or to a maximum term of life imprisonment.” So that is the amendment.

The question is that the amendment be agreed to?

**MR JACOBS (LOBATSE):** I agree to the amendment Mr Speaker.

**MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION (MR MAELE):** Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke supe gore ka fa *amendment* e ntseng ka teng jaanong, ke gone e siameng tota. Ke dumalana le *amendment* gore e tsamaye e ntse jaaka e badilwe *Mr Speaker*. Ke a leboga *sir*.

**MINISTER FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (DR BUTALE):** Ke a go leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Tota kgang kgolo jaaka ke ne ke bua maloba ke gore, mosutisi wa mogopolo o o tshwentswe ke dikgang tsa gore batho ba fitlhelwe ka dirwe tsa batho, mme go lebega e bile go bonala gore ka fa molao o ntseng o ntse ka teng dikathloho di ntse di se *a deterrent. I support this amendment fully and I think we should rally behind it.*

**MR KAPINGA (OKAVANGO WEST):** Thank you Mr Speaker. *Ga ke ganane le* Motion, my issue is just one..., *kana re bua ka* amendment?

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

**MR KAPINGA:** Oh, okay. I will raise my point during the debate of the amended Motion. Thank you Mr Speaker.

**MR MOSANANA (KANYE EAST):** Ke a go leboga *Mr Speaker*. Kgang e e a tshwenya *Mr Speaker*; le nna

ke dumalana le ka fa *amendment* e ntseng ka teng, ka gore go thata gore motho *can be charged* ka *murder* a sa bolaya motho, e le go fitlhelwa fela ka dirwe tsa motho, a ka tswa a di tsera kwa mmoshareng a di neetswe ke mongwe, mme a sa bolaya motho.

**MR SPEAKER:** Order! I put the question, the question is that the amendment be agreed to. As many as are of that opinion say “aye,” on the contrary say “no,” the “ayes” have it, the “ayes” have it.

Amendment **agreed to.**

**MR SPEAKER:** The floor is open.

**MR KAPINGA (OKAVANGO WEST):** Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Kgang ya go tsholwa ga dirwe tsa batho, e bosula thata *Mr Speaker*.

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

**MR SPEAKER:** Order! Honourable Members.

**MR KAPINGA:** Ke kgang e e tshwanetseng gore e kgalemelwe e otlhaiwe ka fa go tshwanetseng ka teng, ka gore mabaka e ka nna gore motho o a ba fa a fitlhelwa ka dirwe tsa motho o a bo a ne a mmolaile kgotsa o ne a ba a romile mongwe gore a ye go mmolaya, kgotsa jaaka mongwe a ne a bua fa gongwe a tswa go utswa dirwe tsa motho kwa mmoshareng, kana a tswa go epolola motho. Re a itse *Mr Speaker* gore, go na le batho ba ba neng ba itsiwe ka go ya go epolola ditopo fa batho ba sena go fitlhiwa.

Jaanong *my only problem with the amended Motion is the provision of a minimum sentence of 20 years*. Ke ne ke bua *just yesterday or two days ago Minister*, ka *sentencing policy*. Ke go gakolola gore, a re tsweng mo *shortcuts*, a re tsweng *from populist approaches* gore nnyaa re tlaa *solve* mathata a go utswiwa ga dirwe tsa batho ka go tsholetsa *sentences* re di baya kwa go 30 *years*, *re provide life imprisonment, that is not a solution*. Ke buile jalo maloba *and I still say the same thing* gore, *it is not a solution*. Jaanong ga ke itse gore fa o tla go tswa ka a *prescribed, a mandatory minimum sentence of 20 years* o ne o lebile eng, o itse fela gore *sentencing policy* ya *courts* tsa rona ya re go atlhola motho go tshwanetse gore e nne *the discretion of the Judge or the presiding officer*. *Why do you think it is necessary* gore o bo o tla ka a *prescribed mandatory sentence*? Ke gone

fela fa ke nang le bothata teng *Honourable Minister*. *I would not mind if you leave it* o re, *it is a maximum of 30 years imprisonment*, go bo go tswa mo *Judge* a lebile mabaka a tsheko gore ke eng, e bo e le ene a ka tsayang tshwetso gore o atlhola motho dingwaga di le kae.

**MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR RAMOGAPI):** *Clarification*.

Ke a leboga *Honourable Kenny Kapinga for yielding*, ka gore o motho yo o kgonang go tlhologanya dilo tse tsa molao, o ntse lepedise ka lebaka le le leele.

Ke ne ke re gongwe o e tshwaraganye le kgang e, ka gore *already* mo lefatsheng la Botswana, go setse go na le molao o e leng gore fa o utswa koloi go na le *mandatory minimum sentence*. Fa o utswa leruo go na le *mandatory minimum sentence*, fela jalo le *rape*. Jaanong gore golo mo go a bo go lebilwe eng, ke kgang ya gore mo molaong go na le mo gotweng *deterrent*, gore nnyaa batho ba leke go tshaba, jaanong le ene o ne a tsamaya ka yone *precedent* e ya molao o o setseng o le teng. Ke botse gore a jaanong ga o bone gore le ene o ne a tsamaya ka *precedent* e ya molao, o gongwe wena *in your opinion* o ka tswang o sa dumalane le yone, mme fela mo lefatsheng la rona la Botswana go setse go le teng ka gore *Judges* ba bangwe ba tlogela motho fela o tswa sekonopampiri, mme molao o le fa pele ga gagwe, a ba a re nnyaa gotlhe *is suspended*. Ke a leboga motlotlegi.

**MR KAPINGA:** Ke go utlwile, e bile ke itsile gore o tlele go ya koo. Mabaka a mapolotiki a a tshwanang le wena jaana, le ba bangwe ba ba fetileng, a ne a tsaya tshwetso ya gore *they prescribe court minimum mandatory sentence*, ke kakanyo ya gore *Judges are irresponsible*, ga ba kgone go lemoga *if molato has become too frequent in the society*, ga ba kgone go lemoga ba bo ba tsholetsa dikatlaholo tsa teng.

Ke le Motlotlegi Kapinga ka re, katlholo ya motho yo o dirileng molato..., le *Judges* ba bangwe ba rialo ba re katlholo ya motho yo o dirileng molato e tshwanetse gore e tlogelelwe *Judge* yo o tshwereng *case*, yo o reeditseng sengwe le sengwe le mabaka otlhe a *case*, a ba a neela mosekisiwa katlholo e e lebaganeng. Ke gore mabaka a mosekisiwa, katlholo e e lebaganeng mabaka a kgang gore kgang e ntse jang le katlholo e e lebaganeng dikeletso, *interest of the community*.

Jaanong fa go ntse jalo, o a bo o sa tseele *Judge* tiro ya gagwe, o le lepolotiki o bo o tseele *Judge or a presiding officer* tiro e e leng ene a e neetsweng gore a athhole batho ba ba sekisiwang.

Fa ke bua jaana bagaetsho, ga ke a re melato e re buang ka yone ga e *serious, but I am talking about a fundamental issue of separation of powers*. Fa o le a *law maker*, jaaka re le *law makers* jaana, o bo o dira molao o bo o ipeela a *minimum mandatory sentence*, o a bo o ipha *power* ya go athhola *indirectly*. O a bo o setse o ikapesitse *power* ya gore o athhole mosekisiwa, pele ga a tla fa pele ga gago. Ke sone se batho ba le bantsi ba sa utlwaneng, *especially those in the legal profession* le *minimum mandatory sentences*.

**MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION (MR MAELE):** *Clarification*. Ke a leboga motlotlegi. Ke ne ke re o e lebe jaana motlotlegi gore, ga o bone gore re tlaa tloga re dira gore go nne le *inconsistency* ya gore kana *Judge* yole fa e le gore ga re a baya *minimum mandatory*, o ka nna a tloga a re *no, five years*, yo mongwe a ba a ya gore *15 years*? O raya gore ga re ka ke ra tloga ra..., Ke bona o kare re tlaa tloga re dira gore go nne le *inconsistency* e ntsi, *but at least we are saying as law makers* o se ka wa dira kwa tlase ga fa. Fa e le gore *they will decide* gore o a go dira 25 rona re rile 20, 21, *at least* o fetile *threshold* e re e beileng. Ke na le mathata gone foo, ke batla gore o *address* kgang ya *inconsistency on the Judges*.

**MR KAPINGA:** Ke buile gore *Judge* ke ene a filweng thata ya go athhola a lebile mosekisiwa, molato, le *the interest of the community*. E bile gatwe *every case is treated on its own merits*. Gompieno jaana fa ke ka botsa *the Honourable Minister* gore fa a tla go goroga mo 20 years, o dirisitse *equation* e gotweng mang, ga a ka ke a re bolelela. *He just decided* fela gore, *I think 20 is deterrent, let me say 20. He cannot even tell us* gore *how did he reach the minimum mandatory sentence of 20 years. It is a whole subjective exercise* gore, ke le *Minister Ramaotwana* ke akanya gore 20 years a ka nna *deterrent*, 10 years ga a ka ke a nna *deterrent*.

**MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES (MR RAMAOTWANA):** *Clarification*. *Honourable Member of Parliament*, ke ne ke e tsaya gore fa o lebeletse *Act*, ga ke itse gore o ne o e bone jang, Penal Code (Amendment) Act 21, e e neng e

fetola *defilement* le *rape*, fa e neng e le bo 10 e dira 25, 25, 30. Ke bo ke tseele gore *that is the arrangement*. Jaanong ke ne ke re, ya *discretion, the Judges* ga ba a tselwa *discretion Honourable Member: If you look at Section 27.4* ya Penal Code, ya re a *litigant can move to be sentenced by Judge below the minimum* fa a na le mabaka...*(inaudible)*...Ga o bone *that one covering* letshwenyego la gago gore, *if you can show...* *(inaudible)*...*certain circumstances* gore *no*, fa molao o re *minimum* ke 25, *I feel because of* mabaka a a ntrisisitseng molato jaana le jaana, *I require you to go below the minimum, in terms of Section 27.4* ya Penal Code. Ga o bone e akaretsa (*cover*) concern ya gago?

**MR KAPINGA:** *I am aware of that section, me and you, we know that it is hardly ever used. Once Parliament prescribes a mandatory minimum sentence, the courts feel obliged to impose the minimum mandatory sentence. That provision is hardly ever... only in one per cent of cases, that I have examined is that sentence ever resorted to.*

Ke ne ke go raya ke re, o se ka wa *quote* ele ya *defilement* ya maloba re e fetisa fale le Mapalamente ba re neng re na le bone bale *in the majority, because they were driven by populism*. Go leka *to impress* setšhaba gore, bagaetsho, le lela ka melato ya petelelo, re ka ...dikatholo ra di pega kwa mankalenkale. *It was a populist exercise. So ke ne ke go gakolola maloba ke re, do not go along that route, mme go lebege e le gore nnyaa, you are willing to just do what your predecessors have been doing. You will not bring any change if you go along that route Honourable Minister. Ke a leboga Mr Speaker.*

**MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INNOVATION (MR TSHERE):** *Thank you very much Mr Speaker. Ke emelela to support* mogopolo o kana Tshutiso e, e e baakantsweng, ya gore motho a gagamaletswa dikatholo yo o ka fitlhelwang ka dirwe tsa batho. Jaanong *notes* tsa me ka gore ke tsa maloba re santse re bua ka one, ke ne ke akanya gape gore, ntswa ke dumalana le *Motion* o, batla gore nako nngwe re ntse re tsamaya mo Palamenteng re tle ka molao o o itebagantseng le boloi, *Witchcraft Bill*, ka gore dikgang tse fa re di bua, fa ke maoko. Re bua maoko ka gore re bua ka dirwe tsa batho. Ke eng se se dirang gore batho ba tseye dirwe tsa batho? Jaanong a re yeng kwa tlase

re ye go bona gore kgang ke eng gone koo. Re tle re dire molao fela wa *Witchcraft Bill*. O bo o tla fa, *and we discuss it*, re bona gore golo fa go ntse jang. Dilo tse tse di neng di diragala mo sephiring di tlaa tswela kwa ntle.

**MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM (MR MMOLOTSI):** *Clarification.* Ke ne ke re ke mo kope motlotlegi gore, e re fa a le gone foo, a se ka a lebala gore gongwe a re thuse thata gone gore, ka re utlwa gotwe boloi bo sephiri, re ya go bo bona jang?

**MR TSHERE:** *Thank you very much.* Ehe! ke gone fa kgang e leng teng. Tota *Mr Speaker*, ke dumela gore kgang e gone foo. Jaanong kgang e, ke gore ke sekaku. Jaanong se re buang ka sone fa ke go se tshasa mafura fela, mme fela boammaaruri jwa kgang ke gore, a re phunyeng sekaku re ye kwa tlase. Re ye go bona gore *the cause* e e dirang gore batho ba felele ba eletsa gore ba tshware dirwe tsa batho ke eng. Jaanong re ka e dira jalo, gape go ka re thusa. *You know, there is positive and negative side towards this*, jaaka e le mo sephiring jaana, *the positive side* ke gore, kwa *innovation* e bile *we are driven knowledge based*, re tsaya gore golo fale go fitlhlwe sengwe se se ka tswang e le *a gold or diamond for Botswana. Indigenous knowledge*, ke yone e ke batlang go e gwetlha, ke gone mo o utlwang ke re, a re tleng ka molao *that will cover* sengwe le sengwe ka gore, ke batla dikitsonyana tse dingwe tsele. Fa e le gore go ne go na le gore o ka kgona go palama nnale o tswa Mahalapye o tla Gaborone, hei! *then it could save me fuel*, ke ka dirisa nnale. Jaanong ke eng re sa bue ra thapolola dikgang tse gore di bonale ka tsela e e ntseng jalo?

**ASSISTANT MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR MOTSAMAI):** *Clarification.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*, mma ke se ka ka diya motlotlegi. Ke tsene fela mo kgannyeng ya gore, a mphetise fa gore, kana mogopolo o fa o bona Motlotlegi Kamal a dule ka one, o leka gore, ka bonako jo bo rileng, diemo tse bahumanegi ba ntseng ba tshelala mo go tsone letsatsi le letsatsi, ba solofetse gore ba ka nyelela kana ba tsewa ba ya go bolawa. Ga a bone gore gongwe fa re ka ya go tsena mo kgannyeng ya boloi, re re re santse re dira ditlhotlhomiso tse dintshintsi tse di tseneletseng, go ka diya golo mo, batho ba tswelala ka go nyelela, jalojalo? Ke a leboga.

**MR TSHERE:** *Thank you Mr Speaker.* Nnyaa, akere ka re, gompieno fa re tsamayang teng, ke a dumalana gore re fetole *Penal Code* gore melato e gagamadiwe. Eo e siame. Re tlaabo re gagamadiwe molato, ke mo ke go tlhalosang gore, ke moka re tshasitseng sekaku mafura, nnyaa se tlaa phatsima fela. Sone e ntse ke sekaku. Jaanong kgang e fa, ke eng se se dirang gore batho ba akanye gore go ka tshwarwa dirwe tsa batho. *Thank you.*

**MR SPEAKER:** Honourable Tshere, I have been seeking guidance from the Parliamentary Counsel (PC). It looks like there is actually a Witchcraft Act of 1927.

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

**MR SPEAKER:** Nnyaa, ke e ke e tshwere batlotlegi. Jaanong ke yone e e mo tirisong. Mme o kare *there is a draft* ya 2014. *You may want to follow that up.* Ke raya gore molao wa boloi ke one o ke o tshwereng o.

**MR TSHERE:** Ke a leboga. Nnyaa, o a utlwa gore *Mr Speaker*, wa re wa 1927? O bua nako e e kgakala thata. Jaanong go batla re o shafatsa, re dire molao wa boloi. Boloi Act, o o tlaa re tlhalosetsang, e bile gongwe go na le tse di tlaa re ungwelwang jaaka ke bua, nna ke *pursue innovation and knowledge-based economy*. Jaanong ke a batla tota gore re itse ka dilo tse. Kana di fitlhiwa ke gore ga re bue ka tsone. Kana molemo wa kgang ke gore re e bue. Jaanong fa re ka e tlisa fa, ke gone re tlaa bonang gore batho ba sireleditswe, ba ba tlaabong ba re fa *information* eo ka fa molaong. Ke sa tshabe gore fa ke go bolelela gore tota mme tsone dirwe tsa motho di bereka jang, e bo e le gore o a ntshwara. *So*, go batla re kgona go tlhaloganya.

Mo gongwe *Mr Speaker* ke ne ke re, molao o le one ke tsaya gore o a tlhaloganya gore, go na le *lawful possession of human remains*. Go na le ka fa molaong ka fa o ka fitlhelwang o tshwere dirwe tsa batho. Re dirisa batho ba ba suleng kwa dipateleng, re dirisa batho ba ba suleng kwa sekoleng. Jaanong foo o a bo o tshwere *the body* ya motho kana dikarolo dingwe tsa motho o di sega foo *lawfully*. Go na le *lawful possession* gape jaaka kwa bogwera le bojale, akere go a kgaolwa, ee, jaanong matlalo a a tletseng sekotele a, *it is lawful possession of human parts*. Jaanong dilo tse a re di lebeng re phuthologile, ga se gore go raya gore go tshwara foo ke molato fela. Nnyaa, go na le gore o ka di tshwara ka fa molaong...

**MR HIKUAMA:** *Clarification.* Ke a leboga. Go raya gore o ne o mpadile tlhaloganyo. Ke ne ke batla go botsa...ka gore o kile *Honourable* Mmolotsi a bua gore, bo *circumcision*, bo eng, batho ba teng le bone ba tshwarwe ba atlholwe. Ke ne ke re ke go botse gore a mme bone bao, fa ba fitlhelwa ka dirwe tsa mofuta oo, ba bangwe fa gongwe e bile ba kgona go reka kwa dipateleng, gongwe a reka letsogonyaa la motho kwa sepateleng...

**MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM (MR MMOLOTSI):** *On a point of order.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker.* Gongwe re tsenye Ntlo mo tseleng ka gore *Honourable* Hikuama o a bo a tshameka ka dilo tse di sa tshamekeng.

Maloba fa *Honourable* Mabeo a *debate*, ke ne ka mo gakolola fela jaaka *Honourable* Tshere a bua gore ga se gore ka dinako tsotlhe fa motho a tshwere *parts* tsa motho, go raya gore motho yoo o a bo a tlhokafetse. Ke ne ka tlhalosa gore go na le kgang ya gore tse dingwe ke tsa bo *circumcision*, fa gongwe *amputation* e le gore motho o ne a lwala leoto le bo le kgaolwa. Fa ngaka e tshwere dilo tseo, ga se *unlawful possession*, fa ramophato a tshwere matlalo a, ga se *unlawful possession*. Jaanong Rre Hikuama ene o a bo a ipuela ga gagwe fela mo ke sa itseng gore o go tsaya kae.

**MR SPEAKER:** Order! *A re yeng go itapolosa.* Honourable Members, *le nne le mafelo a beke a a babalesegileng, le ye go bona batlhophi.*

Honourable Members. *Nako ya lona ya 12:30 p.m. e tshaile.* I will now call upon Honourable Minister of Environment and Tourism to move a Motion of adjournment.

### MOTION

### ADJOURNMENT

**MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM (MR MMOLOTSI):** Thank you very much Mr Speaker. On that note Mr Speaker, I would like to move that this House do now adjourn.

Question put and **agreed to.**

The Assembly accordingly adjourned at 12:30 p.m. until Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.

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