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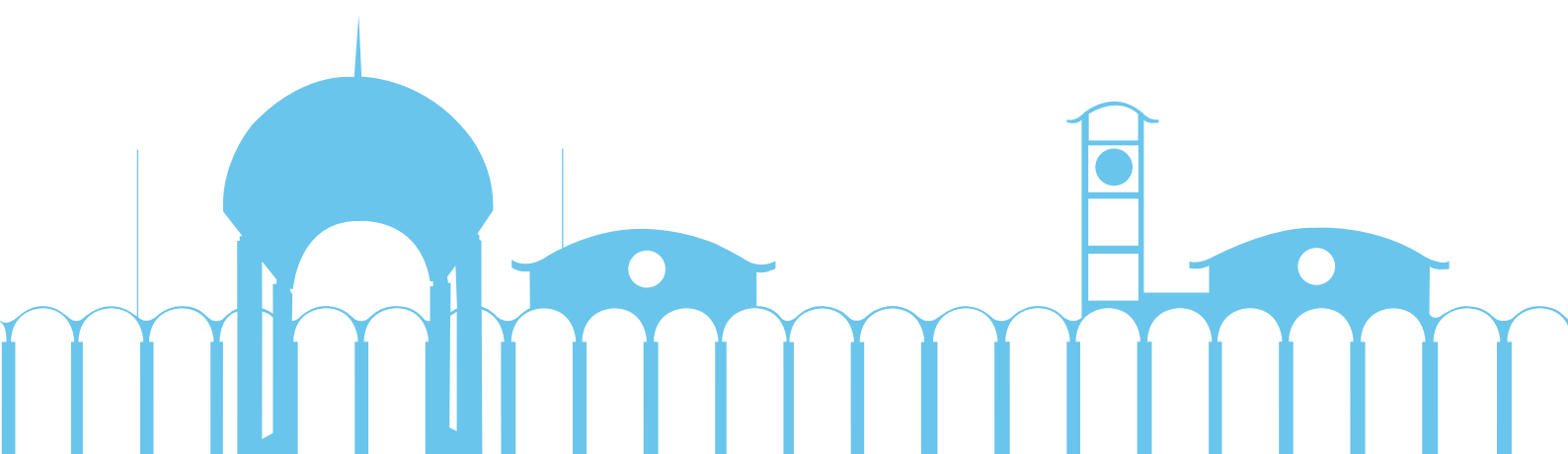
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Friday 21st March, 2025

THE ASSEMBLY met at 9:00 a.m.

(THE SPEAKER in the Chair)

PRAYERS

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MR SPEAKER (MR KEORAPETSE): Amen, pray be seated!

...Silence...

MR SPEAKER: *Letsa bell e e manual, e e electronic ga e bereke.* I hope you had a restful night. *Le a bona gore le jele metsotsonyana.* Honourable Members, let us start the business of today with questions.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

MAHALAPYE, MAKWATE, PARRSHALT ROAD

MR M. BAGAISAMANG (SHOSHONG): asked the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to update this Honourable House about the Mahalapye, Makwate, Parrshalt road; in particular:

- (i) if he is aware of the potential of the road in terms of economic value to Botswana;
- (ii) delays that affect the construction of a tarred road; and
- (iii) if there are plans to tar the road in the near future and if so, when.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE (MR ATAMELANG): *Ke a leboga* Mr Speaker, *ke a leboga* Honourable Bagaisamang. Mr Speaker, Mahalapye-Makwate-Parrshalt Road comprises of tarred section road from Mahalapye to Makwate turnoff near Shakwe, which is 25 kilometres and the untarred Makwate turn-off, Makwate-Parrshalt Border Post *e e leng gore ke* 46 km is also gravel/earth road.

The Shakwe, which is Makwate turn-off, Makwate and Parrshalt Border Post Road section was designed to...

MR SPEAKER: Heela! gatwe ga o utlwale, o lebile go sele, *microphone* o go sele.

MR ATAMELANG: *Gakere last time* e ne e re ke inama o bo o nthaya o re ke se ka ka inama.

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

MR ATAMELANG: *So* jaanong ke tlhamaletse, wa re ke iname.

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

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable* Atamelang, *microphones* tse *the way they were designed*, fa o nna kgakala le one jaaka o ne o lebile kwa, o tlaabo o sa utlwale kwa *recording*, sengwe le sengwe se le se buang se a gatisiwa. Gape fa o le gautshwane thatathata le one *it interferes* le *recording*. *So* o a bona gore ke o beile jang, o leke go o baya fela jalo.

MR ATAMELANG: Kana ke tswa kwa Boteti *sir*; ke mo leele mo go maswe. Mme ke a ikoba. Ke a utlwala?

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: Ee.

MR ATAMELANG: Alright, thank you. *Ke ne ke re tsela ya* the Shakwe, Makwate turn-off, to Makwate and Parrshalt Border Post Road section was designed to bitumen standard under the National Development Plan (NDP) 9 ka 2008.

However, the design was shelved due to unavailability of funds, and could not proceed to construction phase. As indicated in the SONA and the Budget Speech, the ministry recognises the importance of infrastructure development and stimulating economy and improving the quality of life *ya* Batswana.

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

MR ATAMELANG: Ke kopa gore o intshireletse *Mr Speaker*.

MR SPEAKER: Mo reetseng fela thata ka gore le tlaabo le tla le mmotsa dipotso. Mo reetseng.

MR ATAMELANG: *Ke a leboga* Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, the ministry is aware of the potential of Mahalapye-Makwate-Parrshalt road in terms of economic value to the country and the communities in the vicinity since it would stimulate movement of goods between South Africa and Botswana through the border post, while at the same time linking communities to the potential domestic markets. *Tsela e re lemoga bothokwa jwa yone sir, mme re tlaa netefatsa* gore going forward *re tlaa e tsenya mo ditogamaanong tsa* NDP 12.

As aforementioned, the tarring of the unsurfaced Shakwe/Makwate turn-off, Makwate-Parrshalt Border Post section has been delayed primarily due to *letlhoko la madi*.



The current Transitional Development Plan does not include the construction *ya tsela e go e tshela sekonotere, mme re dumela gore re tlaa e tsenya mo NDP 12 le go ya kwa pele. O setse o itse gore re mo letsholong la gore re tsamaye re tlhodumela ditsela* and reprioritise all our national roads, and we believe *gore ke nngwe tsela e e botlhokwa mo go maswe, re lebile gore e gaufi le border posts and all that. Ke a leboga Mr Speaker.*

MR BAGAISAMANG: *Supplementary. Ke a leboga Minister ka karabo ya gago. Mme ke ne ke batla go tlhaloganya fa, from your answer o supa gore design was done at NDP 9 and it was shelved because of lack of funds, we are now going into NDP 12. I think you need to address Roman figure III, I want you to come out clear on that one. Ke ne ke botsa gore, are there any plans more so that o supa gore e ne e tswa kwa morago, what plans do you have with regard gore tsela e e tshelwe sekonotere ka mabaka a o a buang, on how it can boost the economy? Tota kgang ya rona e gone foo, I want that to be clear gore, gone foo wa reng Tona? Ke a leboga.*

MR ATAMELANG: *Honourable Bagaisamang, ke ne ke go arabile kana. Ke ne ke rile...*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: *Mo arabe gape comrade.*

MR ATAMELANG: *Nnyaa, ke rile NDP 12 re tshwanetse go e sekaseka, re lebile the importance ya tsela e, gore e gaufi le border. E bile e ka tlisa economic benefit to the area, not just the area ya gago, le Botswana ka kakaretso, gore dithoto di kgone go feta. E tshwanetse go tsena mo NDP 12, ke dumalana le wena. Mme ke ne ke go arabile Sir. Ke a leboga.*

MMOPANE CLINIC

MS H. P. MANYENENG (MMOPANE-METSIMOTLHABE): asked the Minister of Health if he is aware that:

- (i) Mmopane Clinic needs a complete refurbishment as the building is old including additional staff; and
- (ii) Pharmacy Technicians are employed on temporary basis (three months in a year) which leads to a problem when such employees' contracts are awaiting renewal; if so, why can they not be employed on a permanent basis.

...Silence...

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Minister of Health, Honourable Minister of Health! *Tima* microphone Honourable Deputy Speaker. Leader of the House, *ba kae ba botsogo?*

MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT (MR MOHWASA): *Ga ke itse gore ba kae Mr Speaker, they have not communicated their absence to me.*

MR SPEAKER: *Fa o ka ba bona o ba omanyane thata. O ba omanyane thata Leader of the House.*

MR MOHWASA: I will do Mr Speaker.

BCL LIQUIDATOR'S WORK

MR K. NKAWANA (SELEBI PHIKWE EAST): asked the Minister of Minerals and Energy to apprise this Honourable House on the BCL Liquidator's work as it relates to the pumping out of water from the mine to avoid tremors occasioned by flooding of the mine. The Minister should further state:

- (i) if she is aware of the Liquidator's plans to discontinue pumping out water from the mine;
- (ii) the impact and implications of such a move by the Liquidator;
- (iii) plans by the ministry to mitigate the impact of possible flooding of the mine caused by discontinuation of pumping out of water from the mine; and
- (iv) how the ministry intends to assist those whose properties were damaged by tremors caused by mine flooding.

MINISTER OF MINERALS AND ENERGY (MS KENEWENDO): Thank you Mr Speaker. Let me thank Honourable Nkawana for asking this question once again. I believe it is more of a follow-up from potential developments coming out of the Liquidator. As I answered this question earlier this year, we had secured some funds to ensure that we continue pumping water out of Shaft 3 and particularly the south east extension.

Mr Speaker and Honourable Member, I can assure you that we continue to look for the resources to ensure that our plans continue, and that the Liquidator does not discontinue pumping water from the mine.

We have to date found resources that will carry us for the next couple of months, so for March until May we will continue to do so. We have set up a task team as I had



said last time we were here, that we will ensure that we are working with a more stable plan that will stabilise the shafts that need closure. This task team will look at all the aspects associated with pumping, monitoring systemic activities and their effects, as I had mentioned when this question was also asked earlier this year.

As it pertains to the impact and implications of such a move, once again that move will not happen, but we do recognise that it would trigger more tremors to happen in Selebi Phikwe. The intent to assist those houses, as I mentioned last time, BGI had done a study that said that they did not think the systemic effects caused some of the damage to the houses, but this task team will go back and review the extent of damage and if it is associated with the tremors as has consistently been brought by the Honourable Member, from there we will take the recommendations that will be put to us. Thank you.

MR NKAJANA: *Supplementary.* Ke a go leboga *Mr Speaker*. Mma ke lebohe Tona, ke a itse gore o kile wa re hantshetsa dikgang tse. Matshwenyego a me a matonatona le fa letshogo la gore go roroma ga lefatshe ga go robatse batho, kgang e tona ke e go santseng gotwe go na le bangwe batho ba ba sa dumeleng gore matlo a a thubegang le a a thubegileng ga a amane gope le go roroma ga lefatshe. Re ka ipotsa gore dingwaga tse di kanakana tse *Honourable Minister* go sa diragale jalo, e bo e re fela letsatsi le lefatshe le loromisiwang ke moepo matlo a bo a thubega, a mme le santse le tshwere foo gore batho ba ba tlaa ipona, sa lona ke gore baitseanape ba re ga go amane gope, mme re ntse re itse gore go diragetse eng *immediately after the tremor started*. Ke a lebohe.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Minister, *kana* you would agree with me that the supplementary question asked by the Honourable Member, it has been asked before by him and Honourable Kaizer. *O ka ba araba, mme* I am mindful of Standing Order 38.1.

MS KENEWENDO: Jaaka o bua *Mr Speaker*, ke setse ke kile ka araba potso e. Ke tlhalose jalo gore jaaka ke buile, re kopantse *a task team that is going to do a thorough review of this*. Thank you *Mr Speaker*.

MR MONAGENG: *Supplementary.* Thank you *Mr Speaker*. Tota *issues* tsa BCL di a tshwenya, e bile di sale di nna di tsamaya lebaka le le leele *regarding liquidation of this mine*. Ke tsaya gore *liquidator* yo o leng teng, *is either* e le wa bobedi kana wa boraro. *If you could check the fees* tse *these liquidators* ba di duelwang, di dintsi

fela thata. Jaanong ke botsa gore mme go fela leng, *I know* gongwe *Minister may not be able to answer now, but I am concerned* gore go fela leng, gore dilo tsa BCL di fele, fa e rekisiwa e rekisiwe, fa go pala go pale?

Sa bobedi, a ga se gore gongwe *liquidators* le tsone fela di tsweledisa *this process* ya go rekisa ka bomolo, gore ba nne ba bone madi? Le *qualifications* tsa bone, ba tlhophiwa jang? Thank you.

MS KENEWENDO: Thank you *Mr Speaker*. Honourable Member, *tota mma ke e arabe fela ke re* as announced by the President yesterday, we are launching a Commission of Inquiry. If there has been any impropriety in relation to the liquidation or closure of the mine, or any failure of the assets associated with the BCL and all its subsidiaries, this will come out from there.

As for when the liquidation process will end, *tota* that is based on the assets, how and when they are disposed of. We will continue engaging, but hopefully this commission as outlined by the President will take care of some of those questions. Thank you.

STATE OF ROADS IN NGAMI CONSTITUENCY

MR P. AARON (NGAMI): asked the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure:

- (i) to state the number of accidents that occurred on the A3 (Sehithwa-Shakawe) due to the bad state of the road in the past 20 years and to further state the number of fatalities and injured persons from those accidents;
- (ii) if he is aware of the state of the road from Nokaneng to Shakawe and the sub-standard work currently being carried out on it and also that its condition cannot be addressed through refurbishment;
- (iii) to give an update of the progress of the road and the expected dates of completion stating the reasons that led to the delay;
- (iv) if he has criteria for construction and rehabilitation of the roads infrastructure and if there are no criteria, does the ministry consider it necessary so that road infrastructure is prioritised; and
- (v) does the ministry have plans to grade and maintain major access roads and border roads in the Ngami constituency that are not tarred, that is, roads to Habu, Tubu, Dhanega, Qangwa/Xaixai and Dhobe international border.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE (MR ATAMELANG): Mr Speaker, *ke batla go simolola pele ka gore tsela e ga se A3, ke A35. Ke bo ke bua gape gore, re kgonne go bona records tsa 15 years, which is go simolola ka 2009, re dirisa the Micro-accident Analysis Programme fa e setse e simolola. Ke bue gape ke re re ka se ke re re ditsela ke tsone tse di dirang accidents, go na le botlhoka tsebe, over speeding, go lapa ga motho a kgweetsa le diphologolo fela jalo.*

- (i) Mr Speaker, 675 accidents were recorded mo A35 (Sehithwa-Shakawe) between 2009 go filhelela 2024. A total number of 46 people lost their lives, while 123 sustained serious injuries and 308 sustained minor injuries.
- (ii) Mr Speaker, I am aware of the bad state of the road *e e tswang mo* Nokaneng to Shakawe. However, *tiro e e dirwang go dirwa go lebilwe standards kana* designs as per the tender. *Go dirisiwa* the Botswana Road Design Manual (BRDM), Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Works (SSRBW) and the Botswana Road Maintenance Manual (BRMM).

Mr Speaker, the ministry took a decision to rehabilitate the Gumare-Mohembo Road *ka* 2021 instead of reconstruction, because of lack of funds. The reconstruction of this road will be considered alongside other development projects for future funding.

Le a itse gore re ne re ntse re le mo letsholong, re tsamaya re tlhodomela ditsela tse. Ka maikaelelo a to prioritise tsotlhe ditsela tse re dumelang gore Puso e e fetileng e ne e sa bone botlhokwa jwa tsone, ka gore ba ka bo ba setse ba di dirile ka nako e. Jaanong we want to reprioritise and see gore the road that deserve to be tarred, e tlaa tshelwa sekonotere.

- (iii) The reconstruction of Nokaneng-Gumare road, which is within the Nokaneng-Shakawe Road was planned to be done under the Development Manager (DM) Model, which is still under review. Report *ya teng e tshwanetse e tswe. E tlaa ntsha gore re tsaya tshwetso efe* going forward. I need to indicate that two contractors were awarded to rehabilitate two sections, being Gumare-Sepopa and Sepopa-Mohembo, which are within the Gumare-Mohembo section of the road.

- Progress on the Gumare-Sepopa road section is at 25 per cent against the planned 99 per cent, with a contractual completion date of February 2025.

- Progress on the Sepopa-Mohembo section is at 19 per cent against the planned 99 per cent and the contractual completion date is February 2025.

The delays for the two road sections are mainly attributable to the shortage of gravel material in the area and delays emanating from the change of project scope to include the construction of shoulders to widen the road and the use of cold-recycling technology for the construction of bad sections of the road.

- (iv) There is an existing criterion to determine whether a road needs construction, reconstruction or rehabilitation, which emanates from the Road Condition Survey carried out every three years. The criteria is primarily based on the existing condition of the road, traffic volume and design life. These are evaluated against the availability of budget to determine the appropriate intervention. The last Road Condition Survey carried out was in 2022 and it recommended the reconstruction of the Nokaneng-Shakawe Road from 2024.

Ke boa gape ke ipoeletsa e bile this time around ke re, ke maswabi gore for the past 58 years, Puso e, e ntse e sa bone botlhokwa jwa tsele e. Go latlhegelwa ke botshelo jwa motho a le mongwefela kana le go tlhoka itsholelo e e golang ka lebaka la tsela ee leng gore ga e a siama, ke go tlhoka boikarabelo o le Puso, o netefatsa Batho ba kwa Ngami, Boteti, Kgalagadi le North East ba tshwanetse ke gore ba nne le ditsela. It is quite unfortunate gore they were not prioritized for the longest time. Seo ga se re ye gore re nne fela. Ke boa gape ke ipoeletsa ka letsholo la rona le re tsamayang ditsela tse re di sekaseka and we are going to reprioritise them re bona gore tsela e e tswang from Sehithwa all the way to Mohembo, Mohembo-Gudigwa, Gudigwa to Khwai, all the way to Kasane fa di ka dirwa di ka godisa itsholelo ya rona.

- (v) Mr Speaker, due to budgetary constraints, the ministry currently has no plans to grade and maintain the roads to borders in Ngami constituency. *Se sengwe se re se lemogileng ke gore graders di pedi fela kwa kgaolong ya lona. Go nna dingalo gore maintenance schedule se salwe morago gape grader tse di dikgologolo mme seo ga se reye gore ra re kgaolo ya lona* will not be considered. National Development Plan (NDP) 12 *e e tla* and it is conclusive. *Batswana ba tshwanetse to contribute mo go yone. Re dumela gore ditsela tse re tlaa di neela attention e e tlhokafalang.*



The roads to Tubu and Dhanega are under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Affairs. Thank you, Mr Speaker. *Ke tshotse dipalo tsa casualties that were recorded gone mo A35 go tswa kwa go 2009 go fitlhelela kwa go 2024. Ke ka go di go di bontsha motlotlegi fa o di batla. Ke a leboga Mr Speaker.*

MR HIKUAMA: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker.* Ke a leboga Tona go leka go araba. O ne o leka go ikgomotsa ka dikarabo tsa gago. Ke batla o e tlhatswe sentle; lantlha o rile ga o dumele gore seemo sa ditsela tse di maswe, ke sone se se bakang dikotsi. O ka tlhomamisa gore ga se sone ka dipalo le eng.

Ya bobedi o bua gore le santse le sekaseka. O ka re e tlhatswetsa le Batswana ka kakaretso. Le ne le solofeditse *by the 20th February* fa e le gore *I got the Minister* sentle, le tlaabo le feditse ka *review* ya DM. Ke ne ke solofetse gore gompiano le tlaa re bolelela gore *review* e fa kae? Ga ke dumele gore re ka iphitlha ka *review from December up to now.* Re ntse re mo *review* mme le re file *timeline* ya di 20 tsa ga *February*? Ga ke dumele gore le tswetsetse le batla go dira sengwe.

Go lebega le sena *plans* ka puo ya gago ya bofelo wa re ga o na *plan* ya go dira sepe ka ditsela tse go buiwang ka tsone tse. Se o se buang ke gore, batho ba dikgaolo tseo ba lebale ka lona, ba lebale ka ditsela tse, ga le na le fa e le *plan*. A ke yone karabo ya gago o re ga le na *plan*? La re, batho ba ba itlhoboge, ba tlhoboge sepe fela sa lona.

MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES (MR RAMAOTWANA): On a point of order. Mr Speaker, Honourable Member is debating *gape* he is distorting the answer. *Go tulwe* we are going to prioritise *ditsela*. *Di ne di se yo ka Puso e e duleng.* *Jaanong a re, ga re na sepe, ga re na eng.* It is a distortion and he is out of order.

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable Hikuama* o se ka wa *debate*, o botse potso fela o tlhamaletse. Fa e le gore *he is distorting* se a se buang, *Minister* o santse a tlile go emelela a araba. Fetsa *Honourable Hikuama*.

MR HIKUAMA: Ga go na *debate*, o rile ga ba na *plan* ya ditsela tse di builweng tsa Dhanega. Ke ene a neng a bua jalo ga se nna.

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

MR HIKUAMA: Ke batla yo o sa itseng *point of order*

yo, yo o tshwenngwang ke go tlhoka *plan* ya go dira ditsela, a reetse *Minister* fa a bua. O rile ga a na *plan*. Fa e le gore o utlwile, potso ke gore a batho ba dikgaolo tse ba itlhoboge ka gore ga le na *plan*? A go na le sengwe se le ka se ba bolelelang gore le ya go se dira, go netefatsa gore ditsela tsa bone di nna botoka, di ka tsamaega, di ba ntsha mo seemong se ba leng mo go sone? Ke a leboga.

MR ATAMELANG: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker.* Ke a leboga Rre Ramaotwana. *Listening is a skill. It is quite unfortunate* gore o bo o le mo Ntlong e, mme *skill* seo se tlhela. Ga go a tshwanela gore go bo go ntse jalo.

MR HIKUAMA: *On a point of order. The Minister is out of order;* ke mo utlwile sentle, ke reeditse sentle, *I have a listening skill* gongwe go gaisa sa gago, gongwe ke ene a sa utlwang sentle. Jaanong fa e le gore ga a utlwe sentle, le se a se buang a sa utlwe gore sa reng, ga se bothata jwa me. Ga se mo a ka nthayang a re *listening is a skill*, e bile go a gagamatsa gore ke bo ke le mo Ntlong e. Nnyaa, ga se ga gagwe moo. Sa gagwe ke go araba dipotso tse di tlang ka Mapalamente. Ke tlhophilwe ke batho ba re ke botse dipotso tsone tse, e bile ba ne ba nkutlwa, ke ba utlwa. Ga ke tlisiwe ke ene, e bile ga ke fa go mo kgotsofatsa.

MR SPEAKER: Batlotlegi, a ko go nne le kagiso mo Ntlong e tswetswee, tlogelang go tlhabana ka mafoko. Go Labotlhano, le tshwanetse gore fa le tswa fa le ye go itapolosa, nako ya rona ya Labotlhano ga e ntsi, *it is three hours 30 minutes only. Use that time productively, please, please. Honourable Minister;* a ko o arabe fela o wetse dibete o se ka wa ba tsobera, le lona le se ka la mo tsobera.

MR ATAMELANG: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker.* O tlaa intshwarela fa ke gatile menwana ya gago *sir*; kana mme o ne o botsa dilo tse ke neng ke setse ke di arabile. Potso e ne e bua ka batho ba ba latlhegetsweng ke botshelo mo tseleng yone e, ke ne ke buela mo go reng *those are the lives that are tied to that specific road.* Ga ke ise ke re tsela ga e na seabe kana *any other attributes like* bo go lapa ga motho, diphologolo. Ga ke ise ke re tsela ke yone fela e e bakang *accidents*, kana mabaka a ke sa tswang go a bua ke one a bakang *accidents*.

Ya review, we announced gore *review takes 40 days*, e tshwanetse gore fa e fetswa, e bo e isiwa *officially to the ministry le the relevant authorities and get published.* Ga e ka ke ya re *report* e ntshiwa ka *Monday*, gone foo fela e bo e setse e gasamisiwa. *It will come, just be patient.*

Ya bofelo e o neng o bua ka *plan* gore batho ba itlhuboge, go nnete, o ne o *distort* se ke se buileng. *That is why* ke ne ke bua gore *listening is a skill*, gore fa o ne o reeditse, o ne o ka bo o sa bua jalo. Ke rile re tlhologanya gore *graders* di pedi kwa kgaolong ya lona, o di *share* le Rre Disho. *Problem* ya gore go bo go sena *maintenance plan* e salwa morago dinako tsotlhe, ke gore *graders* di pedi, gape di dikgologolo, di a mpheta ka dingwaga; *over 30 years graders*, so di tshabelelwa ke go senyega, mme ga go reye gore batho ba itlhuboge. Ke bo ke boa gape ke bua gore re mo letsholong la *to re-prioritise*, re lebelela ditsela tse e leng gore *they have been neglected by the previous regime so that* re kgone go di tsenya mo NDP 12. *That is what I said*. O a bona gore ke a bua *and you are not even listening*, go tswa fa o tlaabo o senya nako gape o bua gore...

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ... (Laughter!)

MR ATAMELANG: No, Mr Speaker, this is not right. Members of Parliament are wasting time, *re a araba*, then the next thing *ba botsa* the very same thing that was said literally a minute ago. You need to guard us against that. *O boditse potso* now you are chatting, how do you expect *gore ke tle*...

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

MR ATAMELANG: Nnyaa, nnyaa.

STATUS OF SCHOOLS AT SHASHE WEST

MR J. J. FRENZEL (SHASHE WEST): asked the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education if she is aware of the status of schools at Tlhalogang, Zwenshambe, John Nswazwi and Dukwi Junior Secondary Schools and when these rather gruesome problems will be addressed; in particular:

- (i) unconducive and inhumane student accommodation status, example; sleeping on the actual floor;
- (ii) dysfunctional lights in dormitories;
- (iii) constant and continuous malfunction of cooking pots;
- (iv) use of already full pit latrines as well as those that ought to be considered out of use; and
- (v) unavailability of lockers for students.

ACTING MINISTER OF CHILD WELFARE AND BASIC EDUCATION (MR MAELE):

(i) Mr Speaker, I am aware of the challenges faced by students at boarding hostels due to oversubscription and shortage of beds. Dukwi JSS which has a boarding capacity of 480, has 548 learners with 68 learners without beds but having only mattresses. All boarding students at Zwenshambe have bunk beds for use, even though we are in shortage of mattresses, that will be procured in the coming financial year.

(ii) Mr Speaker, there is frequent disruption of electricity in the hostels mainly due to vandalism and power cuts by excessive rains. The issue of dysfunctional lights at Tlhalogang and John Nswazwi JSS will be addressed once funds become available as quotations have already been evaluated. At Zwenshambe JSS, the lights were repaired and now working very well except for those at the boys' and girls' hostels which need extra funds. *Fa re bona madi fela* in the next financial year, *kana go tewa beke e e tlang*, we would be able to sort it out.

(iii) Mr Speaker, I am aware of the challenges posed by cooking pots in the schools. This disturbs feeding of learners, and teams are doing their best to fix them. However, lack of funds remains a challenge to address all the issues pertaining to pots which I must admit affects a lot of schools countrywide.

At Zwenshambe JSS, pots at the kitchen were also all replaced, but currently one gas pot out of the four is working. Also frying pans are down. Due to funds, we have not been able to attend to them, but they will be assisted in April 2025.

(iv) Mr Speaker, Tlhalogang has one block of six bay water borne toilets for use by students at the academic area. However, due to oversubscription, there is still continued use of pit latrines. During the heavy rains, these pit latrines were almost full but could not be desludged due to muddy ground as the sewage truck could not have accessibility. At Dukwi JSS there has been a challenge of funds, and this will be addressed as soon as funds are available.

At Zwenshambe JSS, when replacing pit latrines with water-borne systems, a block of pit latrine was left out at the academic area for contingency in the event the school does not have water. All others were converted to water systems. We are observing the sustainability of



running water, that when constant, the remaining block will also be converted to a water-system.

- (v) Mr Speaker, I am alive to the status of lockers in the school. There is a lot of vandalism and theft by learners. In any case, Tlhalogang was last issued with 90 lockers and I certainly understand that this is not enough given the high numbers of enrolment in the school and the rest of the schools. At Zwenshambe JSS, the lockers were repaired; however, they are truly not adequate for all learners at hostels. *Ke a leboga* Mr Speaker.

MR FRENZEL: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*; ke a leboga ka karabo eo *Honourable Maele*. Seemo sa dikole tsa rona ke bothata, mme ke tlaa lebagana le sa kwa Tlhalogang CJSS. Mo nakong ya gompiano bana ba dirisa *pit latrines* tse o supileng gore di tletse, teraka e ne e sa tsene. Ke batla go itse gore *toilets* tsa segompiano tsa *water system* di ya go dirwa leng kwa sekoleng seo? Sa bobedi e bo e nna gore, jaaka dipitsa tse di apayang tsa kwa Tlhalogang tse di sa bereke mo nakong ya gompiano ba dirisa dikgong tsa molelo, mme maloba ka nako ya dipula go raya gore diteraka di ne di sa kgone go tsena, re ya go bona di baakanngwa leng kwa sekoleng seo?

Sa bofelo, ke batla go go bontsha gore re tlhokana le *junior* e nngwe mo kgaolong e e bidiwang gotwe Majana, e e tlaabong e tsaya bana ba Matsitama, Mabesekwa, le dikgaolo tsa Makobo, Jamataka, Natale, go imolola dikole tse di fa. A ga o bone jaanong re setse re le mo seemong se re tshwanelwang ke go nna le sekole sa bobedi go imolola dikole tse? Sa bofelo e bo e nna gore, a mme o a itse gore go tsena ga bana ba dikgaolo tsa me kgakala jaaka kwa bo Dukwi, Zwenshambe, Tlhalogang, John Nswazwi, go dira gore bana ba nne mo bothateng? Fa ke bua jaana, maabane fela jaana, *Boarding Master* wa kwa Dukwi CJSS *appeared* kwa *court* ka dikgang tse e neng e se tsone mo baneng. A o utlwile ka dikgang tsa go tshwana tseo; e le kgang ya go isa bana kwa dikgaolong tse di kgakala, *more than 23 kids*? E bile gompiano ke utlwa gotwe ba setse ba le bo 30 ba ba setseng ba begile gore ba ne ba supa gore ba ne ba phorwaphorwa. Go ba isa kgakala, a o a itse ka seemo seo?

MR SPEAKER: A o a itse Tona?

MR MAELE: *Mr Speaker, supplementaries* tsa ga motlotlegi di *four*. Ke tlaa di araba tsotlhe ka bongwefela jwa tsone. Tsa *toilets* le tsa dipoto gore re

ya go di emisetsa leng; maloba e rile fa le fetisa matsana a le neng le a fetisa, go na le ka fa re neng re akanya gore gongwe re ka nna ra tlopolatlopola ra ya go bona gore re ka thusa ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Jaaka ke ne ke araba mo potsong, ke tsaya gore o nkutlwile gore ke rile bothata jo tota ke moka bo anameng le dikole tsotlhe mo lefatsheng la Botswana. *Therefore*, re tlaa nna re ntse re tlopolatlopola re bona gore re thusa kwa re thusang teng ka le re file matsana maloba gone ka *Committee of Supply*.

Kgang ya gore gongwe le tlhoka sekole se sengwe, ke dumalana le wena ka gore ke ntse ke tlhalosa fa gore *capacity* ya dikole tse dingwe ke bokana mme bana ba a feta. *Then obviously* kana go raya gore fa e le gore *the school is oversubscribed, it is necessary that* go raya gore go bonwe gore *consideration* e ka dirwa *to be able to establish another school*. *I think* ka fa o buang ka teng ke boammaaruri, *but obviously because I am just the Acting Minister, I am just going to present this to the substantive Minister. Personally* ke dumela gore *it is a candidate* e e ka lebelelwang, *what you are actually talking about*.

Ya gore a ke itse gore *Boarding Master* o rileng bana, o phoraphorile bana, ke bonye mo dipampiring, ga ke batle go fa bosupi bope. Ke ne ke bala fela mo dipampiring, jaanong ke tshaba go tloga ke ikgolega ka gore *it has not been reported to the office* ya me e ke e tshwareletseng *officially*. Gone ke bone mo dipampiring. Ga ke gane se o se buang ka o Mopalamente wa bone o a itse. O ne o re kana selo se se dirwa ke gore bana ba ba tsamaya bo 23 km ba ya kgakala. *Boarding Master* fa a na le mogopolo o o tshwanang le o gotweng yole o na le one, le fa sekole bana ba sa tswa kgakala, mogopolo oo o ntse o nna teng. Le fa e ne e le gore ke 5 km, mogopolo oo o nna teng.

Se ke batlang go se *address* ke se o buang ka gore bana ba ba kgakala ba 23 km *away from* kwa ba yang dikoleng teng. *That one is a very important point*. Kgang ke gore kana le fa re setse re bitsa batsadi re re bo Parents Teachers Associations (PTA), go nna dingalo bo 23 km gore ba ye go reetsa mathata a re a bong re bua le bana ka one gore ba re thuse bana. *I agree with you, it is far but I do not agree with you* fa o re bokgakala jo ke jone jo bo dirang gore fa gongwe bo *Boarding Masters* jaanong ba bo ba akanya dikakanyo tse e leng gore ga di a siama. Foo ke gone fa re sa dumalaneng. *In terms of* gore sekole gore se bo se le kgakala se le 23 km le metse e bana ba tswang mo go yone and golo moo go sa siama, *yes in terms of* gore bana ba ka nna *productive* ba dira sentle, foo *I agree with you*. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.



MR JACOBS: Supplementary. Thank you Mr Speaker. *Tona ke batla go gatelela mo kgannyeng ya pit latrines. Kana mo dingwageng tse* I do not think *bana ba sekole* should actually be using pit latrines because we are promoting diseases *jaaka* smallpox, tuberculosis and such things. Already we have a problem *mo dipateleng tsa rona* where we have hospitals overcrowded because of diseases of this sort. *Jaanong ke re kana jaaka le le mo Botswana yo moshale, le le mo Pusong ya Umbrella* for Democratic Change (UDC), is it not time to eradicate these pit latrines and try and save our kids from such diseases? I thank you Mr Speaker.

MR MAELE: I entirely agree with *motlotlegi*. *Tota* pit latrines *di setse di fetilwe ke nako*. The problem that we are facing gone *kwa ke neng ke bua teng ke gore mathata a metsi*. *Kana* for us to be able to convert all these to water system, *akere go tshwanetse gore go bo go na le reliability ya metsi*. *Kgang e ya pit latrines e a bo e le fela mo gotweng ka re na le mathata a metsi*, what can we do for the time being. I agree with you, pit latrines have passed the sell by date. They should not have any place in the new Botswana. Where you have a problem with water, you do not have much choice. *Ke gone fela gore o bo o kare bogolo* as a contingency *fela, e bo re ka dirisa* pit latrines. I cannot agree more. I agree with you more than you ever think. *Le nna tota* pit latrine I would not like *gore ngwanake o ka e dirisa kwa sekoleng*. When there is no water, what else is left for you? *Ke gone fela gore o bo o re bogolo* in the meantime *re santse re lwa le dikgang tsa metsi, le tlaa nama le ntse le ipotetsa ka koo*. *Fela ke dumalana le wena* sir. Thank you Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Disho for Honourable Dr Gobotswang.

E2 SCALE OFFICERS

DR K. GOBOTSWANG (TSWAPONG SOUTH): asked the Minister for State President to update this Honourable House on the number of officers who are on E2 scale and above who are supposed to be registered by professional bodies but are not registered as required by the existing legislation. The Minister should specifically state:

- (i) how many among the officers are paid Scarce Skills Allowance and reasons given; and
- (ii) whether he will consider terminating this allowance for these officers since they are not entitled to the dispensation.

MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT (MR MOHWASA): Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, dipalo tsa badiredi ba ba mo *scale* sa E2 le go feta e bile ba na le tshiamelo ya gore ba ka itshwaraganya le makgotla a badiredi; *professional bodies*, ke palo ya 484. Mo go bone, 453 ba duelwa *Scarce Skills Allowance*. Palo ya batho botlhe ba ba ikwadisitseng le makgotla a ke buang ka one ke 283, fa ba le 201 ba sa ikwadisa. Fa gare ga ba e leng gore ga ba ikwadisa ba ba 190 ba duelwa *Scarce Skills Allowance*.

Re tshwanetse go lemoga gape gore motho gore a kgone go neelwa *Scarce Skills Allowance* ga go laolwe ke gore a o ikwadisetse le makgotla a badiredi mme go beilwe mo goreng *qualifications*, bokgoni jwa gagwe le gore a o dira *professional duties*. Mo go reelang gore ba ka ikopela gore ba duelwe *Scarce Skills Allowance* nako le nako. Botlhe ba ba mo A2 le go ya kwa godimo ba amogela *Scarce Skills Allowance*, ga ba patelesege gore ba ka ikwadisa le *professional bodies*.

Mr Speaker, badiredi ba go buiwang ka bone ba ba mo tshiamelong ya gore ba ka fiwa *Scarce Skills Allowance* go lebeletswe *qualifications* tsa bone le bokgoni jwa bone, go diragala jaana ka Directive No. 2 ya 2008. Mo go reelang gore *the allowance can only be terminated subject to a holistic study to determine the eligibility of the allowance*. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Kamal Jacobs for Honourable Arafat Khan.

NATIONAL ARTS COUNCIL BOARD AND BNSC

MR A. K. KHAN (MOLEPOLOLE NORTH): asked the Minister of Sports and Arts:

- (i) how the National Arts Council Board was elected and which Act was followed;
- (ii) how the immediate former Chief Executive Officer (CEO) was fired from her job and if proper procedures were followed;
- (iii) how many bank accounts the Botswana National Sport Commission (BNSC) has, the balances in each account and what the funds were being used for;
- (iv) if the former Minister had access to any bank account and if it is an account that BNSC had fixed funds from Government;
- (v) to give a breakdown of the amount used for the



legends football game which was held during the independence holiday; and

- (vi) how much each player was paid as appearance fees.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Minister for Sports and Arts.

...Silence...

MR SPEAKER: Kana o ne a kile a re ga a tsoga. Ga ke itse gore a jaanong o... *Let us go to Honourable Kaizer for Honourable Moalosi.*

ALLOCATION OF INFILLS

MR M. MOALOSI (NKANGE): asked the Minister of Lands and Agriculture:

- (i) why his ministry is not allocating infills in Nkange village and other villages in the Nkange Constituency; and
- (ii) whether the infills would not provide a lot of plots in areas already serviced.

ACTING MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE (DR DIKOLOTI): *Nte ke go leboge* Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, Nkange village and the whole country have been declared planning areas. Any available space must be planned, surveyed and allocated either in line with waiting list or advertised if it is non-residential. The allocation of infill plots was stopped to allow for planning of the available spaces which is ongoing in Nkange and some villages in the constituency *le kwa* Digawana.

Mr Speaker, infill layouts have the potential to provide a lot of plots as realised in Maitengwe in 2024 where 646 plots were allocated from pockets of infill layouts and an additional 390 infill plots are planned for survey in June 2025. In preparing plots within buildup areas, there are some impediments like existing underground services which need to be identified and relocated at a cost. Some existing plots have to be realigned including changes to their access to align with the new layout. Furthermore, there are unresolved issues of inheritance and undeveloped plots which affect the timely delivery of plots.

Mr Speaker, infill layouts for pockets of land with a combined area of 273 hectares for Nkange, 188 for Senete and 95 for Changate respectively are at a detailed

layout stage. The number of plots to be realised from these sectors would be determined once the allocated plots and service areas have been subtracted from the designs. Mr Speaker, additionally Makuta and Matobo infills are at base mapping stages. Consultation with village leadership are ongoing and expected to be completed in April of 2025. I thank you Mr Speaker.

QUESTION WITHOUT NOTICE

PSYCHOMETRIC TESTS FOR ARMY OFFICERS

MR P. M. SEGOKGO (TLOKWENG): asked the Minister for State President to state the number of army officers who have been involved in murder cases, Gender Based Violence and sexual violence since 2020 and further:

- (i) if the BDF runs psychometric tests before employing and trusting them with lethal weapons; if so,
- (ii) how often they run the tests; and if not
- (iii) whether it is not necessary for the tests to be introduced as a matter of urgency as the officers are now a threat to themselves and a security threat to the nation.

Later Date.

MR SPEAKER: Order! Order! Honourable Members, *nako ya dipotso e fedile.* Let us go to Motions.

INSTITUTING A PARLIAMENTARY SELECT COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE STATUS OF MADIRELO TRAINING AND TESTING CENTRE (MTTC)

Motion

(Resumed Debate)

MR SPEAKER: Order! Order! Honourable Members, the debate on this Motion is resuming. When the House adjourned on Friday the 13th December 2024, Honourable Galenawabo Lekau was on the floor presenting and he is left with 24 minutes and 14 seconds. I would now call upon the Honourable Member to continue with his presentation of the Motion.

MR LEKAU (MOGODITSHANE WEST): Ke a leboga. *Finally, kana Motion o Mr Speaker, Friday fa o*



bona re ne re tsena ka *sections*, o ne o sale o simolotse ka *December*. Ke tsaya gore ka lesego la Modimo o tsene ke santse ke tshela. Pele fa ke ka simolola *Mr Speaker*, ke bue gore e rile maloba ga nna le kgotlakgotlano ya gore ke eng ke ne ke bua jalo. Ke supe gore ke eletsa gore Mapalamente ba ba mo Ntlong e, ba lebelele mogopolo o ba phuthologile e bile ba sa kgopakgopediwe ke sepe.

Ke bo ke supe gore fa ke bua ke ne ke ka re ke seba *Honourable* Maele a le kwa mafatsheng, jaanong ke e tlhatswe fela pele ga ke tswela gore ope fela yo o iponang kana e le modirelapuso a samasamane le go feretlha nna kana ba lelwa la me, ke selo se re sa se eletseng. E bile badirelapuso bao, ke ba *warn* mo Ntlong e gore ga ke yo ke tlelwang jalo ka mokgwa o ba neng ba tsile ka one. Go tlaa se ke go nne go ntle ka gore ke tlaa bua dikgang tsa bone ke di papamatsa, ka gore ke ba itse *in and out*. Jaanong ba se ka ba leka go dira sebopego sa mofuta oo.

E bile ke tlaa dumela Mma Dow le Rre Segokgo gore *amongst* diofisi tsa rona re setse re na le maDomkrag mo teng, ba e leng gore ga ba eletse gore UDC e ka *succeed*. Ke sone se o bonang ba dira dilo tse e leng gore ga di a nna sentle. Re ne re di itse di le ka kwa Domkrag, e seng kwa go rona. Jaanong ke kopa *Minister* gore e tseye mofago jaaka ke kile ka go bolelela o ye go kgalema gore tswayang mo dikgannyeng tsa Palamente, golo kwa go buiwa *issues*. Ke sireletse gape gore go na le Teseletso kwa Madirelo, go na le Morgan yo o isitsweng kwa Botswana Examinations Council (BEC), go na le Mogopa yo o neng a le kwa Madirelo, a bana ba tshela. Ga se Mma Lekau fela, ka re a bana ba tshela. A go se nne le yo o ka...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Point of order comrade.

MR LEKAU: ...ka dikgang tse.

MR BAGAISAMANG: *Point of order. Thank you, Honourable Speaker.* Mokaulengwe, ke kopa gore...

MR LEKAU: Ga le a emisa nako *Mr Speaker*.

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable* Lekau, ele ya *television* o kare e na le mathata a motlakase. Jaanong o se ka wa tshwenyega, nako ya gago *is managed* fela sentle thata ka kwano.

MR BAGAISAMANG: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Mokaulengwe ke a utlwa gore o na le dikgang tse a di tshwereng, mme o kare o bua ka batho ba e leng gore bone ga ba ka ke ba kgona go tla go ikarabela fa. *Maybe*

you should focus mo go beyeng Ntlo mogopolo pele re tle re tsene mo go one. *If anything, this House will determine* gore tsela pedi go tsewa efe. *So*, ke kopa gore gongwe o fokotse go bua ka batho ba gotweng ga ba ka ke ba ipuelela mo Ntlong. Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: Go lebega a sa ba nankola ka maina, ke utlwile fela a bua ka Mma Lekau, mme le ene jaaka o bua, ga a fa go ka ikarabela. Jaanong Standing Order 57.6 *is very clear* gore badirelapuso, *you cannot question conduct* ya bone *unless* e le gore *there is a substantive Motion which must be supported by not less than a third of members of the Assembly*. Ke go *caution* ka yone gore o itse, mme jaaka ke bua, tota o ne a sa bua ope ka leina mo a mo ntshang ka loso legolo. Ke mo reeditse thata *and I accept that he must be cautioned*.

MR LEKAU: Ee rra, mme e bile mo Ntlong e fa o bua ka motho o mmua bolemo jwa gagwe, ga go na molato, gongwe fa o mmua ka bosula. Ke wela ka gore a bana ba tshela, ba sirelediwe bone ba ke neng ke bua maina a bone, jaanong tlaya ke tsene mo *issues*.

Bagaetsho, ke batla go le baya pele fa gore le tle le tlhaloganye gore ke eng ke re go nne le komiti e e yang go lebelela gore Madirelo go diragala eng e bile go batla go dirwa eng. Ke lekgetho la bo *five* mo Botswana e sale Madirelo e tlhamiwa go lekiwa gore go bolawe Madirelo. Lekgetho lantlha go ne ga tsisiwa Botswana Technical Education Programme (BTEP) e ke neng ka nna *part of it* go supa gore BTEP ga e na go boloka bana ba Botswana. *I was there validating that course and cancelled it* kwa Jwaneng le kwa Maun gore mo re tsenya thuto ya rona mo sekgweng. E le nna yo ke neng ke dira jalo. Sa bobedi ya ntshiwa gotwe *it is being transferred* e isiwa kwa *Ministry of Labour*. Sa boraro go ne gatwe go tlisiwa *the National Credit and Qualifications Framework (NCQF) way back*, le yone ra e nnela fa fatshe ra supa gore golo mo ga go na go boloka bana ba Botswana. 2017 ga tswa *savingram* gotwe e *merge* le Construction Industry Trust Fund (CITF) e re buang gore fa batho ba tlogela tiro ka bogodi fa ba batla go tshela, ba *create Trust* gore go ye go jewa koo, go bo gotwe Madirelo e ye go kopana le *Trust*. *It faded*, lekgetho la bo *five* ke la gompiano le ke buang ka lone...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR LEKAU: ...le go batliwang go bolawa Madirelo le *brigades* ka NCQF.

MR HIKUAMA: *Point of clarification.* Ke a leboga *Honourable* Lekau. *You draw my interest* fa o bua ka



Trust ya batho ba ba tlogelang tiro ka bogodi gore ba ye go itirela khumo le matshelo teng, a wa re CITEF ga se lekalana le le nonofileng, ke kwa go intshiwang bodutu teng le go itirela matshelo a batho ba ba *retired*? A ke sone se o batlang gore re se tlhologanye?

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable* Lekau, *before* o tsena, nako ya gago, o bona nako e e kwa tlase ele, ga kere go na le e e reng 10:05 le e e kwa tlase ele ya 19:22, ke yone nako ya gago e e setseng, o tle o gadima yone.

MR LEKAU: *Okay*. Ke ne ke re o bua sentle. Tla ke go fe *picture* e e botoka go feta e ke neng ke go e file. CITEF e dirisitse e le *a tool* ya Domkrag e e neng e *campaign* ka yone. O e lebelele gore e *established* kae, gotlhe kwa dikgaolong tse e leng gore e ne e le *opposition* teng, ke gone kwa e neng ya dirwa teng ka lepotlapotla. Sekai, Phitshane Molopo, 100 *per cent* e tswetswe, fa o ba botsa gatwe ga go na madi a *operation*. Sojwe e fedile, e tswetswe, ga go na madi a *operation*. E ne e le fela go batla go ja. Ncojane *same story*, Chadibe *same story*. Fa o tsaya Shakawe ke *disaster*, Tsau, *disaster*. Ke *mention* mafelo a CITEF. Gompiano ba *busy* gone jaana ba reka ditena ba aga kwa Ncojane, mme o ka ba botsa gore le tswelela le aga eng le ntse le re ga le na *operation*, tse dingwe di sa bereke? Jaanong legale dilo tse dingwe o ka ipotsa gore go diragala eng, o ipotse ka Senyawwe le Nkange gore di neetswe CITEF, mme ga di *operate*. O tseye Phitshane, 100 *per cent* e bile e reketswe le koloi e kwadilwe gotwe “Phitshane,” e tswetswe, e lotletswe, e le gore ba ne ba batla go ja Beula ka yone.

Fa o ka tsaya gone mo re leng teng mo toropong, re na le Naledi Brigade e re neng re itse gore e bile e *train* bana *computers* le eng, e tswetswe e bile *it is has been leased*, go tsene motho yo o dirang *peanut butter*. Ipotse gore a o raya gore re ka ntsha bana mo sekoleng re bo re tsenya *company* ya *peanut butter* gore e *rent classrooms*? A mme re direla bana sentle batho ba Modimo?

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR LEKAU: Ke raya gore a bana ba re ba direla sentle ka dikgang tse di ntseng jalo?

Ke ne ke batla gore ke le supegetse sengwe bakaulengwe. NCQF e go tweng e direlwa bana ba, o foo ke fano, fa re ka e *debate* re bo re baya *interests* tsa rona kwa pele re sa beye tsa lefatshe le, bana ba e tla a re *five years* ba ya go tlhophisa *and* ba ya go re ntsha *because* NCQF e *train* ngwana gore e nne *a helper*, go bolaiwa *trades* tse re neng re itse gore ngwana yo o dirang Trade C fela fa a fetsa sekole kwa *brigade* o kgona go emeletsa *one*

room. NCQF ga e ka ke ya emeletsa *one room*, o foo ke fano. Rona re ne re itse *trade* gore ngwana o tsaya *three months* a le kwa sekoleng le *three months* a le kwa *projects*. Mo NCQF yone e, *three months* kwa sekoleng, *nine months* a le kwa *industry*. Ya gompiano e, *it is vice versa*, e bile ngwana wa teng o botswa fela gotwe golo mo ke eng, a bo gotwe ke *spanner No. 10*, ga a se dirise *at basic level*.

Tla ke go supegetse sengwe, ya kwa Serowe kwa go Kedikilwe, ba na le 500 *hectares* wa *plot, forestry* e na le barutabana ba le *seven*, go tla go tsena gompiano, *no intake*. *Welding* kwa Serowe, *seven lecturers, no intake*, gotwe go emetswe NCQF *for two years*, go duelwa babereki fela, ga go na bana. Ya kwa Ramotswa, o kae wa Ramotswa, *Auto Mechanics* ga go na *intake*. Ya kwa Shakawe, *first year* le *second year* ga ba yo, ke gone gotweng go simololwa NCQF.

Brigades di bolawa ka mokgwa o e leng gore re ipotsa gore a re batla go di nyeletsa. Mme ra re re kopa mo Germany. Tla ke go supegetse gore mo Germany fa ngwana fela a fatlhoga, o farologanya *between academic* le *vocational*.

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

MR LEKAU: Kwa Germany.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Tswelela *comrade*.

MR LEKAU: Mme ngwana fa a itlhophela gore o tsaya *vocational* kana o tsaya eng, rona gompiano re batla go fetola *brigades* re di dira *academics*.

Go bolailwe *apprenticeship*. Tla ke go bolelele gore go ne go diragala eng ka *apprenticeship*, dikompone di ne di tswa koo, di tla mo Madirelo kana mo *brigades* go tsaya bana gore fa ba tswala sekole ba bo ba le kwa go bone. Ngwana yoo fela jaaka a fetsa kwa sekoleng, *obvious* re ne re itse gore o bone phatlha kana tiro kwa boketeketse fa e le gore o a *perform, they have killed that*.

Mo *region* o tseye Namibia, jaanong ba a re *overtake* ka *vocational*. Fa o ka ya go tsaya Namibia wa go lebelele *quality* ya tiro e e koo, o tlaa bona gore e kwa godimo thata. Fa o ka ya go tsaya Zimbabwe kana Zambia, *they are far in the region*.

Tla ke go bolelele seemo se e leng gore se a diragala gone jaana, o foo ke fano Rre Nyatanga, maloba re ne re bua re re batho ba kwa *prisons should be trained* gore ba tle ba tswa koo ba na le *qualifications*. *We have 21 people* ba *prison as we speak now*, ba e leng gore nkabo

ba rutuntshiwa kwa Madirelo ba tlhatlhabiwa, ga go kgonege. O botse *Minister* gore ke eng go sa kgonege gore batho ba *prison* ba nkabo ba ile *to serve extra-mural because* ba feditse kwa Madirelo. *So, we have stuck people* kwa Village ka gore ga ba na gope kwa ba ka yang go tlhatlhabiwa teng, go bo gotwe re batla go tsaya *testing* re e fa Botswana Examinations Council (BEC), e e leng gore e mo Intensive Care Unit (ICU), e palelwa ke *course* ya French, go duela batho ba French *from last year to date*. Ga ba itse gore a ke ba eng kana ke ba eng, gatwe ga ba ba duele, o bo o re o ka e fa *vocational* e le mo ICU, *that is a disaster*. Fa re ka se ke re ele tlhoko gore bana ba...

Ke batla go go supegetsa sengwe, mo *Manifesto* wa rona wa UDC le mo *budgets* tsa rona mo *page 28*, *we have allocated about P88.5 million* re bua ka go tla go *enhance vocational education*. Fa e le gore nkile ya re nako nngwe wa phadimoswa bosigo o robetse o lora Development Model (DM), NCQF ke DM ya bobedi. Fela fa re ka e letlelela gore e dirwe jalo, re itse gore re tsentse DM yo mongwe, e tlaa re ngwaga o o tlang batho a bo ba re *condemn* gore le ne le nyatsa DM a bo le tla ka NCQF. *This thing should stop with immediate effect* ka gore re ya go tsenya bana ba rona mo dikgoberegong. Ga e ka ke ya re ngwana a paletswe kwa go *Form Five* a supile gore ga kgone *academics*, a bo o tla ka *Model* o o mmusetsang gone kwa a paletsweng teng, re tlaabo re se *fair* mo baneng.

Ga ke bue ka *staff* gore go diragala eng, ke bua ka bana ba ba tshwanetseng gore ba ye kwa *Technical Colleges*, *we need to bring something* se se *tangible*. Mo ga gore motho o tserwe kwa a tla fa... Gape re eleng tlhoko gore batho ba ba itseng *vocational* re ba letlelele gore ba *lead vocational education*. *Yo do not bring somebody* a tswa kwa *hospitality* kana a tswa go dira *Degree in Social what* o bo o tla o mmaya o re a etelele *vocational*, tsela e ya go tsena mo sekgweng.

Mapalamente, ke ka bo ke bua fa *Honourable* Faka Pressure a ne a le teng ka gore o tswa go iponela ka matlho.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Honourable Moalosi!

MR LEKAU: *Honourable* Moalosi, o tswa go bona a ile gore go diragala eng. Dilo tse ke bua ka tsone ka gore Mapalamente e tlaa re kamoso e bo e re re tshwanetwa ke gore re bue dilo tse a bo re iphitlha ka menwana. Jaanong bana ba rona ba tshwanetse gore ba fiwe thuto e e tlhabologileng, ga ke bue ka *equipment*, ke bua ka

course content. *Syllabus* e, *there is no accreditation*, go tla go tsena jaana, *it has not been validated*, ke tsone tse re di neelang bana. Ke itse gore fa molemo o lekeletswa o lekeletswa mo dipebeng, a re se ka ra lekeletsa thuto ya rona ka bana.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES (MR NYATANGA):

Elucidation. *Thank you very much Mr Speaker*. Mokaulengwe, o e tshwere sentle. Kana o ne o ntsibosa fale o bua ka *prison*, ke ne ke re ke go tlhalosetse gape gore go diragala eng kwa *prisons* jaaka o bua ka tiro ya diatla. Madirelo Training Centre, nako ya fa e santse e ikutlwa, e ne e dira tiro e ntle thata. Gompieno go na le bothata mo e leng gore bana ba ba ntsi ba re ba rutang kwa dikgolegolong, ga go na *where they can train for these vocational skills*. Mme kana *from a societal perspective that is a challenge, because these are the people* ba ba neng ba tswa ba isitswe kwa gore re ye go ba ruta, fa ba tswa kwa go sena *certificate* se motho a nang le sone, *chances are very high that when they get back*, ba a go boela kwa. *Honourable* Kaizer o ka go bolelela, maloba re ne re le kwa Selebi Phikwe ke na le ene, re bone bana ba ba tshwerweng ba ba dirile tsela, sekonotere *comrade*, ke dumalana le wena.

MR MONAGENG: *Further elucidation*. *Member of Parliament* o e tshwere sentle, tota *brigades* le *these institutions* ga di tsamaye sentle gotlhelele. Mme ke re gongwe a gakologelwe kana *he must take into account* gore kana molao wa *Trusts* has been revised, go na le o mosha-mosha, o e leng gore *when I went through it* e ka re *is taking care of most of his concerns*, gongwe a tle a o lebelele.

MR LEKAU: Ke a leboga. *There is a lot of disconnect between the industry and brigade*. *There is a lot of disconnect*, ke tlaa go fa sekai, Palapye Brigade e na le bana ba *plumbing, bricklaying, electrical* le *carpentry*, *they would go into the village* ya Palapye gotwe go na le *project* ya motho, *individual*, ba a go mo tsenyetsa *plumbing* koo. Ngwana yo a tle go dira *the real work, the real practical*. Fa o mo tsaya mo Phitshane a dirile *the real practical*, fa o mo raya o re tlaa o mpaakanyetse *tap* e a dutla, ga go mo tseye *five minutes*. Ditiro tse re lela ka tsone ka di tsewa ke batswakwa, *because* ba rona bana jaanong *they cannot perform, yet they were supposed to perform*. *We form* batho ba ba ntseng jang? *We should be highly...*

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



a leboga. Motlotlegi, kana kgang e o e tshwere sentle ka botswerere jo bo kwa godimo fela thata, jo e leng gore ga ke itse gore a batlotlegi ba a itse gore fa National Craft Certificate e sena go nna e dirwa morago ga lebaka ka go ne go ema fela ka Trade Test A, ga bo gotwe e nne *equivalent to Diploma*. Le fa go tulwe e nne *equivalent to Diploma*, mo diofising ba santse ba tsietsega gore, a mme tota golo mo *is a Diploma level* kana *Certificate level*, mo ba bangwe ba setseng ba itsheka, Puso e gana *to upgrade them to Diploma*. Ke a leboga.

MR LEKAU: O e tshwere sentle. Tla ke go supegetse gore Puso e e neng e tswa e ne e le setlhogo jang Rre Ramogapi, ba Botswana Defence Force (BDF) ba itsheka *and won* gore golo mo *is a Diploma*, kwa Central Transport Organisation (CTO) ba itsheka ga supafala gore golo mo *is a Diploma*, ba ntse ba ngakaletse le ba kwa Serowe. Gompiano jaaka re bua, ba *brigades* ba ikokoantse ba seka gore National Craft Certificate (NCC) ke *Diploma*. MaDomkrag ba santse ba le teng fa, fa re ka ba ntsha re tlaa tlhologanya gore golo mo ke *Diploma*, jaanong go tlhokafala gore re ba ntshe. Fela fa re ka ba ntsha re tlaa bona gore dilo di nna sentle.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR LEKAU: Ke tlaa go fa motsotso. Ke ne ke re jaanong ka go setse *six minutes* ke supe gore, le lona bakaulengwe *brigades* ga di a tswala, tsamayang le ye go tsena kwa *brigades* le bone *disaster*. *Brigades* ga di a tswala, fa o ka tsena *every brigade*, le fa e le yone e e fa Gabane o ya go fitlhela go tletse barutabana, ga re itse gore a go rutwa bone kana eng. Ya kwa go ya Kumakwane, *same story*, ga go na batho mo teng. Ya kwa Madirelo, tla ke go fe *cartoon*, e kile ya re kwa Madirelo gotwe Mma Tautona o e tla, ga bo go a go tsewa batho fa Bontleng *to come and parade* gotwe ba supegetse gore go na le batho mo Madirelo. Tla ke go supegetse gore go diragetse eng gape se o utlwang ke go raya ke re maDomkrag ba teng fa gare ga rona, *this year* go dule *savingram* e laletsa batho ba CITF gotwe *Minister* o e tla ka labokana, le ipaakanye, e bile le supe gore le a bereka. Batho ga ba tlhoke go bolelelwa gore le itshupe.

Mme sa bofelo ke go supa gore, gone kwa Madirelo ba tswa go emisa *Minister* wa me yo ke mo ratang kgakala tota, ba mo raya ba re, o a bona gore go sekgwa, go tswetswe, go sale go tswalwa ka 2017. So ga go na mosola wa gore Rre Lekau a bue ka kgang eo ka gore e sale e tswetswe. Ke go supegetse gore *November 17th*, 2018 o ye go bala Daily News ya teng, go ne go

buiwa mo Palamenteng go supa gore Madirelo *there is no intention to close*, gompiano ba boetse kwa ba re, “nnyaa, Daily News e ne e sa bua sentle, re ne re sale re rile re a tswala ka 2018.” Ga re a tshwanela go itimokanya jalo re bua ka thuto ya bana, ka gore re tloga re e tsaya lolea.

Jaanong bakaulengwe ke ema fa ke le kopa gore, e kgang e e feta dikgang tsotlhe tse o ka di akanyang, ka gore re agile *brigades* tse dintle, di tserwe mo *Trusts*, mme jaanong kante ba ne ba di tseela go tla go di bolaya. Fa o ka ipotsa gore Polytechnic ka nako e e neng e tsalwa morago ga yone go dirilwe eng se se botoka go feta Polytechnic le Automotive Trades Technical College (ATTC) fa? Mpotse gore go dirilwe eng se se botoka go feta gone moo? So Madirelo le yone re batla go e bolaya jaaka bo Polytechnic? Jaanong re a go bolaya *our education system* mo e leng gore ngwana *has failed*, o go supegeditse gore ga ke kgone...re bolaya thuto ya diatla. Nnyaa bakaulengwe, a ko re rekegeleng bana ba tsebe, ga se rona, rona re fetile. Jaanong fa o ka ya go lebelela *page 89, 21 le 90*, e galaletsa gore ka UDC re ya go dira thuto e e botlhokwa, e e leng gore bana *will be producing* eng kwa *agriculture*, ba reng kwa. Ba na le mashi kwa Serowe, *forestry closed*, mme re duela babereki, *seven of them*. *We should be acting* mo dilong tsa mofuta o o ntseng jaana.

Mr Speaker, e re ke wela ke ikobe mo Mapalamenteng gore, *industries* ga di ka ke tsa re tsaya tsia fa re ka tsaya *route* eo. *We have* Jwaneng Mine, e ne e tsaya bana ba le ba ntsi. *We have* Botash kwa Sowa kwa go neng go tsewa bana teng ba le ba ntsi, le babereki ba ba tletseng mo mekgwatlheng ga ba kgone gore ba ka ya go dira... Ke gore fa e le gore o bereka kwa Botswana Power Corporation (BPC) o setse o itse motlakase, ga o ka ke wa ya *to be tested* kwa Madirelo, ka gore ga go na Madirelo, mme batho ba teng mo *industry*, gongwe o ka bo a tsaya Trade C a bo a okeletswa *salary*-nyana, gotwe jaanong o *tradesman* ka o sale o nnile *helper*. So motho wa Modimo o a go tswa mo tirong, *retiring*, a sa dira sepe ka gore, ga go na ditlankana. Ga go na ditlankana, *and we should be serious with that*. *We would condemn a lot of people*, le ba ba kwa dikgolegelong ka gore fa a tswa a tshotse setlankana *the society would accept this person*. Le wena o a itse gore ngwana wa gago fa a le mo lelwapeng bogolo a na le *certificate*, fa kompone ya maChina e ka tshokane e tlile, o mo raya o re, ga o tseye dipampiri wa tsena fale, *but* fa ba sena sepe...

Jaanong ka nako e tšhaile mongwame, ke ne ke re e re ke wela ke kope *to amend* gore, mo therong ya me e

re supe gore “to institute a Select Committee to review the course outline syllabus of Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) and Madirelo Training and Testing Centre (MTTC).” Ke re ke kope to amend gore komiti e e a go lebelela, e bo e tlhodumele le course content, outline, syllabus ya trade and also MTTC, gore yone re e enhance to a better position. Ga go na sepe, MTTC ke sekgaptha...

MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION (MR MAELE): Point of order Mr Speaker. Ke ne ke re the amendment does not fit in, in terms of the Standing Order. I think as you know, when you amend, you cannot put so many words in a Motion. Ke re gongwe fa e le gore o santse a batla to amend ka o saletswe ke one minute, he should correct, it does not fit in the Standing Order in terms of the...

MR SPEAKER: Ema pele I froze the clock. Honourable Lekau, your Motion ka fa o ntseng ka teng in light of the amendment, akere wa re, you want “the Government to institute, Parliamentary Select Committee to review the status of Madirelo Training and Testing Centre (MTTC)”. Jaanong your amendment, you want additionally go nne le syllabus? Is that what you said?

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

MR SPEAKER: Gore in addition e nne le syllabus. Jaanong fa ke lebeletse, there are two ways to look at it and I hope you will agree with me. When you say that the Select Committee to review the status of Madirelo, subsumed in the status could also encompass... gakere there would be terms of reference, and then when you draft the terms of reference, that could be included and I am sure you will be involved in drafting the terms of reference. I think it is okay as it is.

The only amendment for me would be, you must be clear on whether Parliament must resolve itself to institute or to setup a Parliament Select Committee. It cannot be Government instituting a Parliamentary Select Committee, you get my point. So the only amendment for me which will be workable is to have the Motion read; “That this Honourable House resolves to set up a Parliamentary Select Committee...” I am not moving an amendment, because the Standing Orders do not allow. I am just advising you, you can take the advice or you can reject it.

MR LEKAU: My learned friend, I take the advice Mr Speaker. Bagaetsho, ke ne ke setse ke re ke wela ka go supa gore, when we go to Madirelo as we speak now, indeed e sekgaptha.

To amend that, “this Honourable House institute a Parliamentary Select Committee to review the status of Madirelo Training and Testing Centre (MTTC) as a national examining body for trades as it is currently disbanded and not fully performing its mandate.” I therefore move.

MR SPEAKER: Hang on, you still have 30 seconds, I will have to put the amendment to a vote. Honourable Members, an amendment has been moved in accordance with Standing Order 47, “that this Honourable House institute a Parliamentary Select Committee to review the status of Madirelo Training and Testing Centre (MTTC) as a national examining body for trades as it is currently disbanded and not fully performing its mandate.”

Question put and agreed to.

MR SPEAKER: You will then in the 30 seconds move.

MR LEKAU: Mr Speaker, I therefore move. Thank you very much.

MR SPEAKER: Order! Order! Honourable Members, the floor is open.

MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION (MR MAELE): Mr Speaker, ke a leboga gore ke bo ke filwe sebaka sa gore le nna ke bo ke ka akgela mo Motion o. Ke batla go supa fela from the word go gore, tse dingwe dikgang tse di neng di buiwa fa go simololwa Motion ga ke na go tsena mo go tsone, ka gore ke tsa bone. Ke dumela gore bone ke ka fa ba di itseng ka teng, tsa gore kana bana bangwe kwa ofising ya me ba buile ka fa ba buileng ka teng, ga ke di itse. Rre Lekau o ne a di bua le nna, ka ya kwa ofising ka ya go bua le bana, ka ba botsa gore tse dikgang tse ke di utlwang tse gotweng le a tshwenya, jaanong le di tsaya kae. Go bo go raya gore ga gona ope yo o itseng ka dikgang tseo, but ke gone mo ke reng ga ke batle go di tsena, ka gore ga ke batle go supa sepe. Gone ke tsaya gore ke di gorositse kwa baneng ba rona, fa e le gore ke tsone di tlaabo di sa siama.

The other thing that I also want to start off with sa bobedi ke gore, I think fa re bua dikgang tsa Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET), go batla re dirisa lefoko la Sekgoa le gotweng honesty becomes a virtue, and again re bo re sa leke to sensationalise, because if we do so...

MR SPEAKER: Hang on Honourable Maele. Honourable Member, you cannot go out, re na le mathata a quorum. Bell ya rona ga e bereke, go batla e letswa manually. Tswelela Honourable Maele.



MR MAELE: *Ee rra. Ke ne ke bua ka point ya bobedi, e ke neng ke batla gore e re before ke simolola presentation ya me ke bo ke tlhalosa jalo, gore I think we must be brutally honest fa re discuss issues tsa TVET, re bo re sa sensationalise, because otherwise di ka tloga tsa dira gore batho ba se ka ba thusa bana mo mathateng a re lebaganeng le one, a re tshwanetseng gore re thuse bana.*

Sa boraro ke batla gore ke tlhalosetse Palamente gore, I have discussed this Motion le Rre Lekau since last year. Re gakololana, re supegetsana ditsela and even as far back as last week, re ne re ntse re bua ka Motion o ke mmolelela ka fa rona re ikutlwang ka teng. The fact of the matter Mr Speaker, nna le Honourable Lekau we have agreed to disagree. I was actually saying to Honourable Lekau, the Motion is in principle redundant. It is redundant in the sense that MTTC, ke moka e seyong jaaka le ene a bua mo Motion wa gagwe. There has been a series of Presidential Directives, tse di neng di emisa kana di fetsa botshelo jwa yone. Fela jaaka a ne a bua gore go ne go tlile mo, ga tla mo, o bua boammaaruri. There has been a series of Presidential Directives, tse di neng di fetola Madirelo to the extent that even le kwa go neng go tsewa tiro e e dirwang ke MTTC go isiwa teng, which is BEC, go ne ga ba ga baakanngwa le Act in 2019.

What I am trying to say to Parliament is that, I do not have a problem *fa e le gore* we want to do this exercise, we can do it, but then you must go back and look at some of these Acts. *Kana go raya gore jaanong re ya to amend gape bo BEC*, because the issue *ya examinations and assessment e isitswe kwa BEC, e e ntseng e dirwa ke Madirelo.*

In principle what I am trying to say is that, *gore go bo go sena batho kwa Madirelo*, it is not by accident, it is by design. What was actually agreed *ka Presidential Directive ya 2017* was that, Madirelo should now merge with CITF. They merge *jaana le CITF, e le gore* they are now called Rapid Skills Development Centre (RSDC). As I am speaking to you now, *re tswa mo leineng la CITF re ya kwa leineng la Rapid Skills Development Centre.* Just to correct something, CITF was actually established by a Statutory Instrument *sa 1991.*

I think what Honourable Monageng said earlier on *a leka go gakolola*, it is very critical because we are now not talking about an institution that has been established by Statutory Instrument. We are talking about institutions which are now being established by the Acts *jaaka ke ne*

ke bua gore go ne ga baakanngwa ke Act ya BEC. We are opposed to the Motion as the ministry and we want to be very clear and upfront about it because *re bona gore* it is redundant. It is just going to be waste of resources and time. *Fa e le gore Palamente e dumela gore* besides this advice they want to continue, there is no problem. But they must understand that they are going to have to look at a number of Acts *tse ba tshwanetseng ba di fetole.* They have to go to BEC and change it again because the function *ya Madirelo* has now been taken to BEC. Now, if we are going to say we are going to institute a Parliamentary Select Committee on a dead institution, on an institution which is not there if you like, what are we saying? It is not there.

MR MONAGENG: *On a point of clarification. Mr Speaker, Minister o tlhalosa ka botlalo ka fa ene a akanyang gore go ka dirwa ka teng. Honourable Lekau o rile he has met the Minister on these matters. I would like to know from the Minister gore tse a re di tlhalosetsang, did he have the opportunity to explain that to the Honourable Member of Parliament (MP) gore Madirelo no longer exists? Go na le Act e ntsha e e tlhokometseng tse tsotlhe. Did he explain that to him and go diragetse eng ka puisanyo tsa bone?*

MR MAELE: I did and that is why *le ne le utswa a ne a nopola* the Presidential Directives *tse bo 2017 jaaka a ne a bua tsa bo 2009*, I did. *Ke kile ka nna Mopalamente, ke a tlhaloganya gore fa o le Mopalamente o emetse batho, dilo tse dingwe di a go patika kwa kgaolong gore o di bue.* I even offered him *gore lets us go to my office o kopane le staff re bue*, I did so. That is why *ke re...*

MR LEKAU: *On a point of procedure. Mr Speaker, fa re apaya re tsenya sengwe le sengwe gore go nne gone. Rre Maele fa a simolola o ne a re, re bue nnete gakere, re tlhalose dilo di le nnete. He did invite me to his office mme provided a condition ya gore batho kwa ofising ba re, ga ba go batle ka gore you are conflicted. He is not mentioning that, that would distort gore ke ka re ke ganne go ya kwa ofising. Ke bone ba office ba rileng ba re, you are conflicted and I wanted to establish from him gore gatwe ke conflicted fa kae ka ke bua Motion? Thank you.*

MR SPEAKER: *It is difficult gore re ka itse gore gatwe le buile eng, le dumalane eng. Mme legale ka o tlhalositse.*

MR MAELE: Mr Speaker, Honourable Lekau is someone who is close to my heart. That is why I did not

want to come here and tell Parliament that this Motion is redundant but I did talk to him, we spoke. I explained a lot of things to him. Last week I said to him, “son, let us agree that we disagree.” *Re ne re ra dumalana* gore okay, let us go to Parliament and agree that we disagree. Now I have a duty to now guide Parliament because as leading the ministry, *ga ke batle gore kamoso le bo le re*, why did you not advise us. Now I am saying if you have money, if you have time, it is fine, you can do it but you are doing in on an organisation that is defunct. This is what I am saying. I do not think we want to do that.

Anyway, *fa ke tswelela* Mr Speaker, so that at least Parliament is abreast with some of these issues, *Motlotlegi Lekau, monna yo ke mo ratang thata, o buile ka dikgang tsa NCQF versus NCC*. Mr Speaker, the world is going the NCQF route. This is how Botswana Qualifications Authority (BQA) is actually doing the assessments *tsa* trade le course *tsa rona* and so forth.

Maloba a maabane fa ke bega Committee of Supply *ya rona, ke ne ka bua gore bana ba bangwe ba rona ba ba trained ka NCQF ba le babedi, ba bereka kwa Germany*. If you want their names, I can give you their names. The world is going NCQF because is universal, NCC is not. NCQF is universal because *ngwana yo o dirileng mo Botswana, o ka hirwa kwa Germany and Europe*, that is why we are going that route.

Let me acknowledge Mr Speaker, that we have not been able to do this thing properly. That one I am not to take away from him. *Ga e a dirwa sentle fa e simolola, ga re a tsenya sentle, ga re a e baya sentle. Ba ba neng ba e simolola, ga ba e baya sentle*. NCQF has got levels. These levels *di a supa gore* at this level *ke* certificate, at this level *ke* Diploma, at this level *ke* Degree because what we are saying is that *ngwana yo o kwa Vocational Centre yo o dirang TVET* must actually progress like *ngwana wa Degree. Go ne go dirisiwa bo NCC*, the world is saying, let us use NCQF so that now we can use levels, *re bo re re ngwana yo o nang le level 10*, for instance, because level 10 is Degree. *Ngwana yo o nang le level 10 o na le Degree mme ene a tsamaya ka path ele ya vocational training, a sa tsamaye ka the conventional...*

MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR RAMOGAPI): *On a point of clarification. Honourable Maele, tlhalosa fa; fa re bua ka NCQF re bua ka National Qualification Framework e e leng gore NCC le yone e mo teng. All the certificates di tsena mo NCQF ka gore ke golo mo go dumalanwang*

mo Southern African Development Community (SADC) le mafatshefatshe go ya kwa pele. Ke bone o kare gongwe re tlaa tsietsega gore NCQF e botoka *as opposed to NCC*. NCC is *just a certificate like Diploma* tse e leng gore tsotlhe di tsena mo NCQF. Ke a leboga sir.

MR MAELE: *Ke kopa gore o ntheetse thata Honourable Ramogapi fa ke bua. O se ka wa tsaya fale le fale* because you will be very confused. It took me a long time to understand these things *tsa bo* NCQF and all those. *Wa re, NCQF e bua ka National Qualification Framework*, no, I am not saying that. I am saying it means NCQF, we credit these courses *le yone* NCC you credit it, *o bo o bona gore e mo level efe mo NCQF*, this is what I am saying. I am saying why do we want to stick in what we call legacy programmes *tsa bogologolo bo* NCC, *e e leng gore* that particular person that you have trained, cannot get a job in Germany. I am saying *re dira gore re tsamaye ka NCQF, jaaka o bua o re e mo SADC, e e leng gore ngwana wa rona o ka bereka kwa South Africa and Namibia with this qualification*. This what I am saying. So, why do we want to stick to the legacy programmes *tsa bogologolo, re ntse re bona gore* this is where the world is going?

Mr Speaker, as the ministry, we are opposed to the Motion.

MR LEKUTLANE: *On a point of clarification. Tanki Mr Speaker. Honourable Minister, mphitise fa ka gore ke batla go tlhaloganya botoka gore le rona e tle e re re tsibogela kgang eo, re bo itse gore go diragala eng. My question Honourable Minister ke gore, NCQF a o raya gore lephata la rona la BEC le na le examiners tsa teng? Fa e le gore ba teng, ba setse ba dirile go le kae courses tseo? Tanki.*

MR MAELE: Well, unfortunately BEC reports to Basic Education but what I can say *ke gore*, in terms of the Act that was amended in 2019, it has now mandated BEC to do exactly what Madirelo Trade and Testing Centre (MTTC) was doing. Therefore, I had a meeting with them because now we want to rollout these things, I told them that *kana jaanong re tshwanetse go simolola*, where are you, *mathata a lona a fa kae re le thuse fa re le thusang teng?* Can we second *bana ba rona ba MTTC ba tle go le thusa* or what? What they said is that of course capacity *ya bone ga e ise e nne kaekae*, but there are people who have been seconded to BEC to do this kind of job.



In short Mr Speaker, what we are saying *kwa* ministry *ke gore* we are opposed to the Motion, *ga re itse gore fa e le gore le batla go re thusa* in terms of having a Select Committee *ya Palamente e e ka le kang go re thusa dikgang tsa TVET, le ka re thusa ka tsela e e ntseng jang*. We advise Parliament that if you are going this route, you are wasting money and time. Do something else *le re thusa kwa TVET* because we need you, but *fa e le gore le batla go tsamaya* this route *ya go ya go leka gore le bo le* investigate an organisation that is not there, you are wasting money. In the first place *fa le nthaya le re re ya kwa* Madirelo, I am going to say to you, it is not there, where are you going to get some of these things *tse e leng gore gongwe...*

MR HIKUAMA: Procedure. Mr Speaker, *tsamaiso e ke e kopang mo go wena gore o tle o re guide mo go yone ke e*, I was experiencing some difficulties in understanding the Motion. *Ke gore ke bitsa procedure fela* before he concludes *gore ke tle ke tlhloganye* because I was failing to follow exactly what we requested to do.

If you look at the way the Motion has been framed *ya re*, “That this Honourable House requests Government to institute a Parliamentary Select Committee to review the status of Madirelo Training and Testing Centre (MTTC) as a national examining body for trades as it is currently disbanded and not fully performing its mandate.” *Fa o bona ke ne ke nna le bothata jwa* to follow, *ke gore* the thing is no longer in existence, it has been disbanded, how do we expect it to follow its mandate now? *Ke gore se ke batlang go se tlhloganya le procedure, o bona gore* Motion *one tota ka fa o beilweng ka teng, ga o supe botshelo. Ga ke itse gore* Setswana *sa me ke sone sentle kana jang, ke gore ga o supe gore re dira eng*. The thing is disbanded, even the mover is acknowledging that it has been disbanded. *Se a se buang*, is it calling for its revival and reconstitution? That is where I have a problem. Contents *le eng*, I reserve my views for the moment, but I have a problem of understanding what we are requested to do. *A ke go ya go e exhume*; that is where I have a problem. *O ka re thusa ka procedure...*

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

MR HIKUAMA: No, it is not review, we are reviewing something that is operational, in my little understanding. *Ke gore* you review something that is operational, and it is running. You cannot review something that is buried.

MR MONAGENG: Procedure. Tanki Mr Speaker. *I think it is very important* *gore fa gongwe fa re gakololwa,*

re tseye advice. I may have a view, I may have a position but when a Learned Judge a nkgakolola, Dr Dow, very experienced, ke tshwanetse gore ke reetse. Here is a Minister kwa a nnileng fa fatshe le bodiredi ba leba Motion o, bodiredi ba gakolola bo rutetswe tiro e bo itse gore jang, jang. I would request and implore my fellow colleagues to really take heed of what the Minister is saying. Thank you. You cannot flog a dead horse. Ke gore fa gotwe these institutions do not exist anymore, really! Thank you.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Members, we are presented with a difficulty here, as you can see the Learned Parliamentary Counsel and the Clerks are also looking at it. I am also looking at the Standing Orders in light of the quagmire that we find ourselves in. The Motion as you are debating right now is that “the House institute a Parliamentary Select Committee to review the status of Madirelo Training and Testing Centre (MTTC) as a national examining body for trades as it is currently disbanded,” and as Honourable Hikuama was saying, its death is acknowledged by being disbanded, and then it is not fully performing its mandate consequent to the death, I would assume. That is where the question is whether the quest for the Member is to exhume MTTC, and as the Minister is saying this House and the Executive have passed the legislation in terms of amendments and subsidiary legislation to kill and bury MTTC, the MTTC that is now being debated. Is your aspiration Honourable Member that Madirelo be exhumed or to investigate its death?

MR LEKAU: Mo court go etle gotwe *technical knockout*. Rre Maele kgantele fa a emelela fale, *he was privy to the fact ya gore Motion o re batla gore go nne jang. The desire, that is why when we said we wanted to amend, a bo a emelela a kganela that amendment because amendment was clear now that the Motion ke gore Madirelo be revived go duwe kwa BEC go boelwe back to Madirelo. That was the desire, so that Madirelo e tle e kgone to perform its duties e seng jaaka e bolailwe...*

MR SPEAKER: Sorry, *gongwe* I have missed you, but Honourable Lekau, remember that Honourable Maele *o ne a sa leke go kganela* any amendment. What he was trying to advise was that in terms of Standing Order 47, on amendments, you cannot introduce too many words, you cannot distort the initial intended objective of the Motion. It must be an incremental or a tweak to the Motion. That is what he was advising on, and he was perfectly in order.

Jaanong tla ke go utlwe, kana ke ne ke go botsa dipotso tsa gore by your very own admission, you are acknowledging that MTTC is dead and buried, so my question to you is that, do you want the House to institute a Select Committee with a view to exhume it, so that it rises from the dead? Or you want its death to be investigated?

MR LEKAU: Mongwame, ga ke batle go tlhotlhomisa leso la Madirelo, ke eletsa gore Madirelo e ye go tsosiwa kwa e leng teng e tle go dira tiro e e neng e ntse e e nnetse. Tumelo ya me ke gore fa re na le Madirelo, go tlaabo go tsamaelana thata le dithutego tsa vocational schools.

MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR RAMOGAPI): *Procedure. Mr Speaker,* ga ke itse gore re tsiediwa ke eng. Kana ka tsamaiso Honourable Maele fa a sena go nna a gakolola Ntlo e e tlotlegang e, ke gore jaanong re bo re debate Motion re bona gore a re a o amogela kana ga re o amogele. Ga ke bone gope fa e leng gore Honourable Lekau o dule teng mo tseleng. Motion o o tlhamaletse fela, le kwa court fa o tlisa case a bo o re Judge e sekaseke case e ne e fedile, e a sekasekiwa. Lekau a re a re sekaseke, re bone gore a mme se se neng se diragala se diragetse sentle.

Sekai se sengwe se se leng teng gompiano jaana go tserwe tshwetso gore moepo wa BCL *be liquidated*. Tautona a re re dire Commission of Inquiry re sekaseke, re bone gore a mme golo mole go ne go dirilwe sentle. Ke kgang e e leng gore *it is for this House now to debate*. Jaanong le batla go tswala Rre Lekau molomo fela. Goreng, ga ke itse. A Lekau a tlogelwe a debate, re tlogelwe re debate. Le tlaa bona re le tsenya mo tseleng, *we have in-depth knowledge about this programme ya MTTC than any other person*. Ke rona mo Botswana le bo Rre Kim Kabeche, Mahama le Paledi ba e leng gore fa go ka buiwa ka vocational, go ka botswa rona. Jaanong lona ba bangwe ga ke itse gore la re le ya kae. *We will give the direction* fa go tlhokafalang teng. Ke a leboga sir. *We are going to give you.*

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Minister, you are not being helpful in the sense that Motion *ka fa o kwalegileng ka teng* as I say, in its original form was to request Government to institute a Parliamentary Select Committee which in itself it is problematic. That has been dealt with following my advice that it is either the House resolves to itself institute a Parliamentary Select Committee. Now the Motion acknowledges the

death of MTTC but the same Motion requests that its status be reviewed. Can its status be reviewed when it is no longer there? That is the question that is creating confusion in terms of whether the Member... but he has now clarified that his wish is to exhume MTTC from the dead. Is that what the Motion says?

MR RAMOGAPI: *Clarification. Kana Mr Speaker, status se Madirelo e leng mo go sone a se sekasekiwe. Gone fa se leng teng fa re sekaseke gore a go siame, go tserwe tshwetso e e siameng. I see no confusion mo go se Honourable Member a se buang. Re tlogeleng re debate re le tsenya mo tseleng. Ke a leboga.*

MR MAELE: Point of order. Sometimes like I always say, if you do not understand some of these things, *go botoka fela fa gongwe motho a itidimalela*. Mr Ramogapi is way out, he does not understand the issue here, and *o batla go isa Ntlo e go sele*. When an entity ceases to exist *o bo o re* you can say *jaanong o ya go tlhotlhomisa, o ya go tlhotlhomisa eng?* It has ceased to exist. I have shown Presidential Directives. *Fa e ne e le gore* the issue is to...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Point of order.

MR SPEAKER: *O eme ka point of order.*

MR MAELE: *Ke eme ka point of order sir.*

Fa e ne e le gore gongwe *the idea* ke gore gongwe Motion o dirwe sentle *to rescind Presidential Orders* tse di neng di e bolaya, *then I would understand. What bo Rre Ramogapi are saying*, ba batla go dira gore a good friend of mine a nne embarrassed ka Motion o because *it is redundant*. Ke a leboga Mr Speaker.

DR DOW: Point of order. *Ke a leboga Mr Speaker. Le nna mme ke latlhele la me. Ke re kana fa o bala Motion o jaaka le ntse le bua, selo sa ntlha mosutisi a re go sekasekiwe the status gore go ntse jang. O re bolelela gape mo teng gore the status is, "it has been disbanded, it does not exist."* So we must review the fact that it does not exist. Then *a re* and not fully performing its mandate. So *o raya gore* it is actually partly performing its mandate. Obviously, there is a contradiction there because if it does not exist, clearly it is not performing any mandate at all. Even within the four corners of the Motion itself, there is contradiction. *Fa e le gore go na le keletso e ntšha ya go ya go sekasekiwa gore ke eng e ne e...* I think it is a new Motion. I am not sure we can actually amend this Motion to fit now *dikeletso tse di supiwang ke Rre Ramogapi le mosutisi. Boammaaruri*



ke gore within its language itself there is a contradiction. “Review the status. I know the status is that it is dead. I know that even though it is dead, it is actually not fully performing.” *O raya gore* it is partially performing. Therefore, there is contradiction even there. *Tota fela ke re fa gongwe ka maitseo fela ke gore* my intention did not come out in the Motion, I will come up with a new Motion *o jaanong ke o baakantse o supa maikaelelo a me ka gore o tota ga o supe maikaelelo a gore ke lebelele gore ke eng* this entity *e sule*. *Ke a leboga* Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Lekau, the only way that I see out is a further amendment for the House to rescind the decision to kill MTTC or review the decision taken to disband it. I do not have anything guiding me in terms of a way out *ka gore* Motion *ka fa o ntseng ka teng*, *o problematic*. Let us all agree. If you were to ask for a review of the decision to disband or that the decision be simply rescinded, however way that is done. I think it can fit well *mo* Standing Order 47.2, “that a Motion may be amended subject to the approval of the House and no amendment to a Motion shall be permitted if it introduces a new matter or seeks to achieve a different objective than the original Motion.” So from me listening to you, it will not be introducing a new matter or departing from the original objective of the Motion. Think about it because if we continue like this, then from me we will not be being productive and I will have to intervene. Honourable Lekau, that is the advice.

MR LEKAU: Ga ke ise ke ko ke tsamaye ke go gane Honourable Speaker, *ka gore le mo debate ya me le advice, I truly accept that amendment*. Le fa o reeditse *debate e bua sone se ke neng ke se eleditse*. So, *I will take the amendment to review the decision to disband MTTC*.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Members, so, the Motion will read this way, and just so that we understand each other Honourable Lekau, *go raya gore* the Parliamentary Select Committee falls off, now is the Government reviewing. The resolution of the House will be that the Government review the decision. So, I just want to confer with you whether that will be appropriate.

MR LEKAU: Thank you Mr Speaker. I think that will still be appropriate to do it that way. Thank you.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Members, the amendment is “that this Honourable requests Government to review the decision to disband Madirelo Training and Testing Centre (MTTC).”

MR MAELE: *Point of order*. Ke botse Mr Speaker *ka gore le nna ke ntse ke lebile the provisions tsa amendment of a Motion*. *Is this a new Motion kana re a amend because in terms of the provisions tsa the Standing Orders here, you have taken out more than one word, but I want Rre Lekau to help me investigate gore gatwe go tswetswe go rileng so that we can find out*. *Let us do the right thing because what we are doing now, we are putting in a completely new Motion*, fa e le gore re a dumalana gore e nne a new Motion, Palamente e mmeye kwa pele, a a o beye kwa pele e le a new Motion.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Maele, the advice I am getting from the Learned Parliamentary Counsel which I verily accept, is that the new amendment does not depart from the original objective of the Motion. So, the wording will just entangle us and it is something that we will not be able to get out of. No amendment to a Motion shall be permitted if it introduces a new matter. My considered view is that the amendment has not introduced a new matter. It may not be permitted if it seeks to achieve different objectives than the original Motion. Again it is not intending to achieve a completely different objective. So, the amendment is in order, provided you agree to the amendment because it has to be adopted by the House.

Question put and agreed to.

REVIEW OF THE DECISION TO DISBAND MADIRELO TRAINING AND TESTING CENTRE (MTTC)

Motion

MR SPEAKER: Conclude your debate Honourable Minister Maele.

MR MAELE: Ke siame.

MR SPEAKER: The floor is open.

MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR RAMOGAPI): Ke a itumela *ka gore Motion wa rona o baakantswe*. Kgang ya *redundancy now falls off*, ga ke ka ke ka tsena mo go yone. Dikgang tsa bo *to merge*...

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Minister, I understand that we spent a lot of time in the opposition, a very long time, but you must always remember the notion of collective responsibility. *Fa o emelela o re* Motion *wa lona o baakantswe*, in clear contradiction of what the Minister is saying and you are in Government, I



get worried because you must understand the notion of collective responsibility unless you have resigned as Minister this morning. I have not seen anything to that effect. Always understand that. Do you understand me Honourable Ramogapi?

MR RAMOGAPI: Ke go utlwa sentle. Ke ne ke raya *Motion* wa rona gore o tla ka mokaulengwe wa rona ka kwano, ke sa reye ka tsela epe fela... (*Interruptions*)... mme ke tsere kgakololo ya gago *Honourable Minister* gore o raya jang, nna ke ne ke raya jang. *Mr Speaker*, ke batla gore ke tsene mo *ditabeng* ka sebelebele.

Mr Speaker, ke eme nokeng mokaulengwe Lekau ka sengwe le sengwe. Ke itse manokonoko a MTTC. Ke a itse go tswa le go tsena. E diretswe mo matlhong a me, re bangwe ba batho ba re itseng gore e dirilwe jang. E tlike MTTC ka *sponsorship* sa *grant* se se tswang kwa Germany gore a bo e le teng mo lefatsheng la Botswana. Germany e re ga re ka ke ra nna re sena le fa e le *qualification* e le nngwefela mo Botswana, e le gore *by then we were using* City and Guilds tse e neng e le tsa ga Mmamosadinyana. Germany a bo e re thusa gore re nne le *qualification* e e mo lefatsheng la Botswana, a bo e dira gore e bile *qualification* e, e goge up to NCC. Jaanong gompiano jaana fa re leng teng ntwaga *Mr Speaker*, ga e ise e nne motlhofo, go bo go raya gore go nna le *two centres of power*, ba British ba le ka fa ka City and Guilds ya bone ba re re batla gore e tswelale. *It was offered* kwa bo Polytechnic, MTTC yone e re we are offering ya rona, e bile *it is equivalent to Diploma* e le gore *it is tested by* MTTC. *Now the role of* MTTC e ne e dirilwe ka bomme e le gore *it tests vocational education*, e le yone fela e le nosi. Go bo go rutiwa batho gore *for you test this vocational system* e ntse jaana. NCC e go buiwang ka yone e le *qualification* ya bofelo e ba neng ba e tlhatlhoba. Go ne go na le *sponsorships* tsa bo Debswana, BCL gore ba ba neng ba dira NCC ba ya kwa moepong ba a boa ba ya kwa *attachment*. *This was the best and this still remains the best qualification* mo lefatsheng la Botswana. *Then go bo go tla jaanong* ka ntwaga yone e fa o bona gore...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification...

MR RAMOGAPI: ...e paletswa.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR RAMOGAPI: Ke a go e neela tsala ya me.

MR HIKUAMA: *Point of clarification.* O *debate* sentle. Ke batla go tlhaloganya fela gore a mme the

disbandment of the MTTC e bolaile le *qualification or the qualifications and testing modalities and processes are not incorporated into the new suggested structure?* Ke sone fela gore o ntlhalosetse gone foo fela.

MR RAMOGAPI: Ke ya go tla gone koo, o nthakile. Jaanong go bo go raya gore fa ba bona ba palelwa ke go bolaya *this system*, go bo go raya gore dikgang tse di a tswelale, go tla e nngwe gatwe ke BTEP, e le gore gatwe e tshwanetse *to replace* ya *qualification* ya NCC. Go bo go raya gore BTEP e a palelwa, fa e sena go nna e palelwa, go bo gotwe jaanong ke gore go dirwe jang. Go bo go nna go tswelale gotwe mme *institution* e e tshwanelwa ke gore e felele e le *disband*. Ke bua se *Mr Speaker*, batho ba le bantsi kana ga re itsanye gone fa, *I served as a lecturer and manager in the brigades. I was one of the people* ba ba neng ba thusa gore MTTC e nne teng. Gone go na le Rre Kim Kabecha gone mo Palamenteng, *we served together*. Ke itse bothata jo bo leng teng le fa e le gore re ka farologana le mokaulengwe wa me Rre Maele a tsaya gore ga ke tlhaloganye sentle, ke kgakala jang. Bagaetsho re bua ka gore re baakanye jang. Dibe tsa Domkrag ga se dibe tsa rona, re tshwanelwa ke go di itlhotlhora. Ga e ka ke ya re batho ba dirile phoso re e bona, re bo re re nnyaa, a re tsamayeng fela ka yone phoso eo. Ke itumelela gore Lekau o feletse a re ee, mme a re baakanyeng, re fetoge tshwetso ele ya gore MTTC *should be disbanded*.

MR LEKAU: *Clarification.* Rre Ramogapi, fa e le gore ka *December* go ne go kwalwa Trade Test B and Trade Test C a bo di ya go tlhatlhobiwa a bo di tshwaiwa (*mark*) kwa Madirelo, mme le gompiano gotwe go na le ba *Prisons* ba e leng gore ba tshwanetse gore ba ye kwa Madirelo, a ntse wa re Madirelo e sule?

MR RAMOGAPI: Rraetsho, Puso e na le mathata jaaka re bua jaana. Ga go na ope kwa BEC yo o *qualified to validate these things*. *Exam* ka tsela ya yone fa e sena go nna e dirwa e a rulaganyediwa gore e tshwaiwa ke bo mang, go tsweng foo fa e sena go nna e tshwaiwa, *it is validated* gore a mme golo mo go dirilwe sentle ke *those professionals and I was part of the people* ba ba kileng ba tsena mo *validation*. So, gompiano lefatsheng la Botswana le na le bothata ka gore le fa ba rile go phatlaladiwe, ba a ne ba bitswa gotwe tlang le re thuseng, golo fa re na le bothata.

So, ke mathata a a teng, ga re ka ke ra tsaya *vocational education* re bo re re e ye go tlhatlhobiwa kwa go tlhatlhobiwang ma *Form 5* teng. Kana golo kwa BEC ke ma *Standard 7*, Junior Certificate (JC) le *Form 5*, re



bo re re ba isa koo, re tlaabo re timetse la bofelo. Ke gore re tsaya...

MR HIKUAMA: *Procedure.* Ntlo e e tlaa tswa mo tseleng ka go tlhalosetsa batho dikgang tse di sa nnang sentle. *I think there is a difference between a structure and professionals on their own individual capacities. I do not want to believe what was being used is Madirelo as it has been disbanded, ga e yo. The people ga se Madirelo, ke batho ba ba nang le dikitso ba le mo Botswana. That is why I asked even Ramogapi gore a mme wa re the testing process is not yet incorporated into the current systems? Jaanong gore batho ba ntse ba ya go tlhatlhabiwa kwa Madirelo, I do not think it is in order; I think is a procedural matter that we have to deal with.*

Madirelo fa re bua jaana, ga e yo, e sule. Se se ka tswang se le teng ke batho ba ba kileng ba bereka kwa Madirelo. *Those people are not structures, ga se Madirelo, you cannot refer to them...*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Point of order Mr Speaker!

MR SPEAKER: O eme ka yone mme ga ke itse gore a mme tota ke *point of procedure*.

MR RAMOGAPI: *Mr Speaker,* batho ba *brigades* ka ba nkitse ka bontsi ba nthomelela melaetsa, ba leboga thata, ba leboga Rre Lekau thata, ba re tsela e re e tsayang e re ngangang ka yone e, ke yone e e siameng.

Mr Speaker, re tshwanelwa ke gore re boele tshwetso e kwa morago ka gore ditshwetso di tserwe di le dintsi ke Puso e e fetileng. Tse dingwe di ne di sa siama. *So,* re tshwanelwa ke gore re nne fa fatshe re di sekaseke e bile ga ke a tshwanela gore fa ke le fa, ke bo ke ikgolega ke re nnyaa, kana ke *Minister,* jaanong go raya gore tshwetso ya Domkrag e a nkgolega, ga e ntlame, ke ya Domkrag, ga se yame. Re tshwanelwa ke gore re *review.* Fa bakaulengwe ba rona ba Botswana Congress Party (BCP) ba tla ka megopolo e e ka re thusang, a re e amogeleng. Re se ka ra re nnyaa, kana Puso ya re, Puso ya re. Ga re ise re simolole sepe se sešha se e leng gore re ka palelwa ke gore fa gotwe a re baakanyeng fa, re bo re ngakalala re re nnyaa, ga se gone.

Go builwe ka bo NCQF e ke sa batleng go tsena mo go yone. *Mr Speaker,* ke itse thata ka bo NCQF ka gore dilo tseo di direletse mo go nna, e le nna ke thusang. Sekole sa me *was the first school to be registered under Botswana Training Authority (BOTA).* Re ne re rutiwa

ke mosadi o ne a bitswa Maria Overeem. O ne a re ruta borutabana. Re ne re dira NCQF *programme* gore e dirwa jang, e dira *unit standards.* *So,* re bua ka dilo tse re di itseng. NCQF ke *framework* ya lefatshe lotlhe, *even universities and technical colleges* di tsena mo teng. *Certificate, Diploma* kana *Degree* di tsena mo teng.

So, ga ke batle go tsena thata mo go yone ka gore kgang e tona ke gore re *review this decision* re bo re e boela kwa morago gore a bo e phatlaladitse Madirelo ka gore tota *vocational school* le fa go ka nna jang, ga e ka ke ya bo ya pataganngwa le *Form 3* le *Form 5* re bo re re di ye go tlhatlhabiwa golo go le gongwefela. *That is why* e le gore *universities* di koo di tlhatlhabelwa koo, e seng gore le tsone kgantele a bo re re di tlaa ya kwa BEC. Nnyaa, *vocational education* e mo *level* ya *universities.*

Fa re bua ka *technical colleges that offers NCC,* ke *Diploma. Diploma* e mo *level* ya *university* e bo re e isa kwa go tlhatlhabiwang ma *Form 5, Mr Speaker,* gone moo fela ka bogone, go go raya gore golo fa Puso e ne e timetse. A re tsweng mo dibeng tsa Domkrag bagaetsho, *I am sorry* mme ka re a re kgaoganeng le moo, re tseye tshwetso e e siameng, re ipaakanyetse gore nnyaa, re batla gore re baakanye re ye kwa pele.

Mr Speaker, ke tshwanelo gore sengwe le sengwe se se kileng sa dirwa re tle re tlhodumela re bone gore a go boammaaruri kana ga go boammaaruri. Tshwetso e re reng go sekasekiwe e, e tlaa re fa *informed decision* le go bona gore mme kwa pele re ka ya kae.

Mr Speaker, I therefore support this Motion 100 per cent, and I request all of you gore le *support* mokaulengwe wa rona ka gore se a se buang ga se sepe, ke boammaaruri fela. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker.*

MR SPEAKER: Batlotlegi, ga le mmogo gotlhelele, go a pala tota gore le nne mmogo. Ga ke reye mo kgannyeng e, ke raya dipalo tsa lona mo Ntlong e. Go thata gore le nne mmogo. Ga le mmogo mo e leng gore le tlaa felela le phatlaletse ka fa ke bonang ka teng pele ga nako.

...Silence...

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND HOME AFFAIRS (MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE): *Thank you very much Speaker.* Le nna mma ke dumedise bakaulengwe. Mma ke eme fa ke papametse ke sa iphitlhe ke *support* mogopolo o wa mokaulengwe wa gore ke nako ya gore jaanong re baakanyetse bana ba rona ditiro, bogolo jang tse tsa diatla tse ka gore fa o ka lebelela, ke gone kwa di rutiwang teng.



Gongwe re ithute ba rotlhe. Mongwe le mongwe wa rona fa e ka re a tswa fa a bo a ya go tsena kwa malwapeng a rona kana kwa magaeng otlhe a rona, fa o re o batla *bricklayer*; motho wa motlakase, *plumber*; *carpenter* kana yo o ka rulelang ntlo, o fitlhela e le motswakwa. Re ne re bua fa maloba re re ga re gole, itsholelo ya rona ga e gole. Ga e godisiwe ke gore madi a rona a re a fang batho ba go dira ditiro a tswela kwa ntle ga Botswana, batho ba ga ba duele lekgetho. Fa o ka tsena mo wa tsamaya le metse yotlhe ya rona, wa tsena kwa bo Gabane, Metsimotlhabe le Mogoditshane, bo makhenekhe (*mechanic*) botlhe mo dijabateng ke batswakwa. Kana ke re gone mo Gaborone jaana, fa re ka tsamaya rotlhe ka tsela e e kwa Gaborone West Phase 1 ka fa ra lebelela, o fitlhela batho ba ba dirang *welding* koo, botlhe ke batswakwa. Kana go raya gore *the economy is bleeding*, madi a tswa a ya kwa ntle. Go ya go nna jang? Fa re ka tswela ka tsela e e ntseng jaana e bana ba rona ba ya go tlhoka ditiro. Jaanong ke sone se ba bangwe ba reng, re tle ka melao e e gagametseng e re reng, batswakwa ba se ka ba neelwa ditiro tse di ntseng jaana. Mme ene yo o go rayang jalo, fa o tswa fa o a go fitlhela *plumber* e a e hirileng kwa ntlong kwa e le motswakwa. Jaanong o bo o ipotsa gore, o bua jang, o bua ka eng?

Dikole tse re di agileng tse bogologolo di ne di le teng, o ne o fitlhela e le gore re ne re na le *courses* tse. Ke sone re buang re re, gompiano jaaka re ne re lebeletse mogopolo o mosha wa go leka go fokotsa letlhoko la ditiro, gore bana ba ba rona fa o ka bona *that were dropped* mo go *Form 2* ba sa ya go ya go dira *Form 4*, o bona gore ba kae, gotwe *they have failed, when we have set* mmara ka re o beile kgakala re re bana ba kana. O bo o lebelela bana *that failed Form 5* ba sa kgone go ya kwa *tertiary* gore ba kae. *This is a whole generation lost*. Ke *generation* jaanong e e jang dikatse, (methcathinone) (CAT) *that is owned by* dikatse, re tshwanetse go baakanya seemo se. Re tshwanetse gore re busetse gape *brigades* tse di tlhabolotsweng, tse re tlaabong re tla re di bitsa, jaaka bogologolo re ne re ntse re simolotse go di bitsa ka leina le la MTTC, *where now* re kopanya go ruta motho tiro le go e dira. Ka batho ba ne ba tsamaya ba ya *courses* tse tsa bo *three months*, a rutwa *bricklaying*, motlakase, *basic mechanic*, jalojalo. Ke sone se ke kopang gore, a re boeleng koo.

Fa re ka dira jalo mo go one ngwaga o, o o tlang o wa madi o o simologang o wa 2025, ra tsamaya, bana ba re tsamaya ka dikgaolo, o ya go fitlhela e le gore e tlile gore ngwaga ono fa o fela *at least* fa re tsena mo teng

ga malwapa batho ba ba agang malwapa mo dijabateng, re ya go fitlhela e le bana ba rona ba Batswana, ba dule kwa ditlhareng jaanong. Ba le mo malwapeng, e le bone ba ba agang. Re ya go fitlhela e le gore bana jaanong ba ba dirang *welding* e le bana ba Batswana, ba boile kwa ditlhareng, e le bone ba ba re direlang mekoro le *anything which has to do with welding*. Ba... (*Inaudible*)...*mechanic*...and golo mo kana fa re ka ikela tlhoko ke gore *supply and demand* ga e tshwane, ke sone se o bonang *prices* di le kwa godimo. Fa re ka nna le bana ba rona ba ba ithutetseng ditiro tse, golo moo go tlaa busetsa *prices* kwa tlase. Ke sone se ke kopang Puso e ya rona e ntle ke re, a re lebelelang maikano a rona le maikemisetsa a re neng re a beile gore re ya go tlhama ditiro *for* bana ba rona. Mme e ke nngwe ya tsela e re yang go e dira *that will create* ditiro *for* bana ba. Ke selo se re tshwanetseng go se dira ka ponyo ya leitlho. Bana bale *that have failed Form 2* ba sa ya go dira *Form 4*, re bone gore ba ka tsena mo dithutong tse. Bana bale ba ba sa bonang go ya kwa *tertiary*, ba ka tsena mo go yone thuto e. Fa re ka dira jalo dikgaolo tsotlhe, e bile ga go batle re di tsaya re di baya golo go le gongwe fela dilo tse. Re ntshe mo re dire mo gotweng ke *roving classes*, batho ba tsamaye ka dikgaolo ka ga re na madi a gore re ka batlela batho ba boroko fa re ba kgobokantse golo go le gongwe fela. Fa re ka dira gore dikgaolo...go bo gotwe kgaolo ya gore go tlaa rutwa nako ya gore, kgaolo ya gore go tlaa rutwa, *we have enough instructors to go out there within the country* go ya go ruta bana ba rona *the basic jobs*. E tlaa re *within no time* mo Botswana mo mongwe le mongwe a bo a kgona go iphira yo o sa boneng tiro. Re bo re sena ope ngwana kana monana yo o nnang fela kwa lelwapeng a re ga go na sepe se a ka se dirang.

Mo motseng mongwe le mongwe go a agiwa *everyday*, go na le dikoloi di a senyega *everyday*. Mo motseng mongwe le mongwe *pipes* tsa metsi di a dutla, batho ba ke bone ba ba ka di baakanyang. Batho ba ke bone ba ba ka tlisang pharologanyo, ke bone ba ba ka tlisang botshelo mo malwapeng. E bile ga ba ga dira gore jaanong re kgaole le batho ba ba batlang *social allowances*, ba ba batlang go neelwa madi. Le kgang e ya gore gongwe bangwe ba neelwe *allowances* ka gore ga ba bereke e ka ema. Ke sone se ke le kopang se bakaulengwe, le lona ba ba maleba ba *ministry* o, ba bo *Labour and Home Affairs* ke le raya ke re, emang ka dinao mogopolo ke o o o ka ntshang bana mo lehumeng. Mogopolo ke o o o ka direlang bana ditiro. Jaanong ke le kopa ke re, a re o amogeleng ba rotlhe ka bongwefela jwa pelo. Ke a leboga.



MR KEDIKILWE (SEROWE WEST): Mma ke go leboge Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke bo ke go dumedise mosong wa gompiano, ke dumedise le ba kwa kgaolong e e nthomileng gone fa. Jaanong Motswana a re... ke ne ke reeditse *Minister* a bua fale a re, mogopolo o kana MTTC go na le *series of Presidential Directives* tse di neng di leka go o bolaya, mme, Motswana a re, “suping go a boelwa, go sa boelweng ke maleng.” Fa e le gore mogopolo re a o sekaseka, re bona gore mme mogopolo o ke one o ka re ntshang fa re leng teng, gongwe ba ba neng ba lebile ba ne ba sa leba sentle, ga o...*(Inaudible)*... re busetse seemo kwa re bonang gore go ka re tswela mosola. Ka re bona gore gompiano jaana, jaaka motlotlegi a ne a nna fa fatshe a supa gore, bana ba le ba ntsi ba mo mebileng ba e leng gore mme... kana fa gongwe o ka fitlhela o kare lefatshe le ga le na beng ba lone, ke gore o fitlhela e le gore...e bile tse dingwe di lebagane le *ministry* wa gagwe jaaka a ne a nna fa fatshe jaana, o fitlhela e le gore, ke gore batho ba ba tswang kwa ntle ba kgona go dira tiro mo lebaleng ba sena le fa e le *permit*, ba sa iphitlhe, ka gore re ithaya re re re a ba tlhoka, *we do not report them*.

Fa o fitlhela motho *welding*, a sena *permit* ya go dira tiro eo, a tseela bana ba Botswana tiro, *we do not report them*, ka re tsaya gore re a ba tlhoka. Ka re tsaya gore ba rona ga ba *qualified* jaaka ba ba tswang kwa ntle. Jaanong mme ga re ka ke ra bolaya madirelo a e leng gore ke a a tlaabong a neela bana ba rona *skill* se re se tlhokang. Gompiano fa o batla *plumber*, bontsi o ya go fitlhela e le batho ba ba tswang kwa ntle. Fa o batla bontsi jwa batho ba tiro ya diatla, mo Botswana, ga ke itse gore a ke gore le rona kana Goramente yo o neng a tswa o ne a lebetse tiro ya diatla kwa tlase, ke gone mo gongwe a neng a sa bone go tlhokafala gore a nonotshe MTTC, gore bana ba e re jaaka ba bangwe ba kgona go ithuta kwa ba ithutang teng, mme gore ba nne *qualified*, go supa gore ba ka itse tiro ya diatla, ba ne ba kgona go ya *to be tested*. Ke ne ke na le *workshop* ya *welding*, ke gakologelwa jalo, mme ke ne ke kgona go romela bana kwa MTTC ba a go tsaya *certificates*, *they were tested* kwa MTTC. A bo go supafala gore bana ba ba ka kgona *to weld*, ba dira tiro e e lebegang. Ke ne ke kgona go ba romela teng, ba kgona go tsaya *certificates* gone kwa. Le ba gongwe ba ba berekang kwa *companies* tse di tona jaaka kwa bo Orapa, ba ne ba kgona go a go bona ditiro koo ka *certificates* tse ba neng ba di tsaya kwa MTTC, mme ba ne ba tswa kwa *workshop* ya me kwa Serowe. Ke bona gore ka tiro e tlaa fela mo go nna, bana ba jaanong ba tlaa ya kae, gape ba le ba ntsi, ka bona

gore ba fa ke sa kgone go ba hira, *absorb them* botlhe, mma ke ba ise ba ye go tsaya *certificates*. Jaanong ke raya gore ga ke dumalane le mogopolo o...re ka dumela re le Palamente gore mogopolo o setse o le *redundant*. Ke dumalana le Motlotlegi Lekau jaaka a ne a bua gore, a re tsoseng MTTC, a re boneng gore...re se ka ra bolaya *institutions* tse di ka tsogang di solegela bana ba rona molemo, e bo jaanong kwa bofelong bana ba rona *just idle in the streets* fela, ke ba ba jang katse fela. Ka le katse e ga o ka ke wa itse gore e tswa kae, ka ga re e leme mono yone, gatwe *hemp* ke yone ...*(Inaudible)*... Jaanong ke gone mo ke reng, ke dumalana le motlotlegi thata 100 per cent. *Let me yield* a tsenye *elucidation*.

MR RAMOGAPI: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. *Honourable* o e tshwere sentle. O itse gore go bolaya Madirelo, gompiano *syllabus* e e dirisiwang, e e neng e dirisiwa ele ya Madirelo ga di sa tlhole di tshwana? Bana ba palelwa ke go tsenya *lock* ka ya gompiano *syllabus*. Ke gore ke mathata fela. Ke a leboga.

MR KEDIKILWE: Ke a go leboga motlotlegi. Ke sone o utlwang ke re, ke belaela gore Goramente yo o neng a tswa o ne a lebelatiro e ya diatla kwa tlase. Gore bana ba kgone gore e re fa ba tswa fa ba kgone *to be absorbed by companies* tse di kgonang go ba hira, ke gore ba bo ba tswa fa ba le *more qualified* gore le go ipereka ba ipereka. Ga go reye gore fa o neetswe tiro ya diatla, o ka tshela ka go bereka fela. O ka ipereka gape, ka gore *you have skill* sa gore o ka ipereka wa ba wa hira le ba bangwe. Jaanong mo go le nosi fela, ke tlatla motlotlegi gore mogopolo wa gago ke o ema nokeng rra, gore a re tsoseng kgang e ya Madirelo, gore re kgone go godisa batho ba ba nang le *skill* mo ditirong ka go farologana ga tsone.

Maloba ke ne ke fitlhela bana ba bangwe, fa o utlwa ke re tse dingwe di ama *ministry* wa ga *Honourable* Mokgware. O tla fitlhela bana ba rona ka bonnyennyane jo ba bo lekanang go itirela, gongwe ba beile tafole fale ba baakanya *cellphones* ba tsenya le *screens*. Kamoso o bona yo o gaisanang le ene e se Motswana, le ene a beile tafole fale a baakanya *cellphones*, o bo o ipotsa gore ke gore motho o kgona go tla fa pele ga Poso ya Serowe a baya tafole, a kobile bana ba ba ka bong ba ne ba berekela foo fa matlhong a batho, bone ba berekela go sele fela jaanong ba tshabile maZimbabwe. Kooteng le bone ba tsaya gore ga re yo. Ke raya gore ba bone ke tlaa bolelela Motlotlegi Mokgware, kana ofisi e e lemanyeng kwa Serowe gore ke kopa gore le ntshe batho bale fale. Tse ke ditiro tse e leng gore fa re sa ba hira rona, ba kgona go ithekela phaletšhe, mme fa re ka se ka

ra ba sireletsa mo *competition*, ke jaaka o bona ba setse ba berekela kwa ntle ba tshaba batho ba fa go ka bong gotwe go botoka.

MR LEKAU: *Clarification.* O e tshwere sentle mokaulengwe. A mme o a itse gore kwa Madirelo, go ne go na le lephata la *electronics* le le baakanyang ditshitswana tse di tshesane, *cellphones* le *radios*?

MR KEDIKILWE: Ke a leboga *sir*. Ke sone se o utlwang ke re, le fa e le gore *skill*-nyana seo ba a se ipapaletsa, gongwe jaanong ga re le rona re le Goromente re ba sireletse mo *competition* e. Ke gore bana ba se ka ba re mo ba ka bong ba ka itshetsa ka gone, go bo go raya gore jaanong ba felela ba fetoga magotswana, ka gore jaanong ba *compete* le batho ba re sa itseng kwa gabone. Ke ipotsa gore a Motswana o ka ya go baya tafole fela kwa Zimbabwe a bo a bereka fela, a le mo lebaleng fela. A o ka bonwa fela a lemile morogo a rekisa kwa Zimbabwe, a go ka kgonagala?

Ke rotloetsa Goromente gore a re sireletseng bana ba rona kana bagwebi ba ba botlana ba rona, gore e se ka ya tla ya re jaaka gompiano Madirelo fa e le gore e ka dumelesega ya tsoga, e se ka ya re kamoso fa a bula *workshop* fale a re o dira *burglar doors*, e bo e le gore yo mongwe wa motswakwa le ene o eme fale le ene o dira *burglar doors*. Go tlaabo go raya gore ka gore bale ba rona bone ba tlaa felela ba duela le makgetho, ba kana ga ba duele makgetho. O tlaa fitlhela e le gore kwa bofelong, jaanong le *prices* o isa kwa tlase kabomo ka gore ene o a itse gore ga a tle go duela makgetho. Le go hira e bile ga a tlhokane le gore a hire batho ba bantsi, fa gongwe ke ene fela le bagabone, ba kgobokanetse gone foo, ba dira madi a gore e re fa ba tswa fa ba bo ba sikara ba tswa ba tsamaya ba ya gae.

Jaanong ga re re ba sireletse mo *businesses*, fa ba sena go fatlhoga mo ditirong tsa diatla. Go nne le ditiro tse di faphegileng, gore tse di direletswe Batswana fela. Ga o ka ke wa bonwa fela o tla go baya tafole o re o tsenya *screens* tsa *cellphone* and *screen protectors*, o le mo mmolong fela o bona gore jaanong batho ba ba kwa gabone. Ba tshabile kwa ga bone, go raya gore kwa gabone gongwe ga go a gololesega jaana. Ke sone se ke reng ke ema motlotlegi nokeng 100 *per cent*, gore bana ba re ba bonang ba a ja katse ba, e re ba re ba *apply* kwa gotwe go tletse, a re o *apply* kwa gotwe nnyaa, ga re a go amogela, fela ka gore *points* di isitswe kwa godimo. A ba jaanong ba ba tlaabo ba ithuta tiro ya diatla, a re iseng *requirements* kwa tlase gore ba kgone go tsena.

DR DOW: *Clarification.* Ke a leboga. A o itse gore gompiano jaana jaaka re bua, fa o ka tsena mo maranyaneng o kgona *to apply* kwa MTTC? Ke gore e sule, mme e a tshela, jaanong ga re itse gore e fa kae. Ke raya gore le gompiano fa ngwana a go reeditse jaana a re ke batla go itse gore golo mo ke eng, o kgone go tobetsa, go bo gotwe *application form*, *actually opens* ka 2025. Ke thakatlhakano ya eng gone moo?

MR MONAGENG: *Point of order.* Ga ke itse gore a mme ke *point of order* kana ke eng, mme ntetlelela *Mr Speaker*, *you will advise*. Ke gore go a bo go tswa dikgakololo le *suggestions regarding this issue*, but *unfortunately the Minister is not here*. So re bua le mang jaaka re riana?

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa, o ka tswa gongwe a seyo *physically* fa, mme gakologelwa gore kana o setse a akgetse, dikakanyo tsa gagwe le di utlwile. Fa e le gore o ka di fetola, mafoko a lona batlotlegi a a gatisiwa. Go na le bukana e bidiwa Hansard, e go gatisiwang sepe se le buisanang ka sone fa. Se sengwe ke gore kgatiso e mo maranyaneng, gongwe le fa re bua jaana o le reeditse mo maranyaneng. Jaanong a re e beye fela jalo mokaulengwe, gore ga se gore ga a nke a le utlwe. Le maloko a mangwe a Khuduthamaga a teng gone fa.

MR KEDIKILWE: Tanki *sir*. Jaanong mma ke wele ke re, fela jaaka bana ba bangwe mo *institutions* tse dingwe tse Goromente yo o neng a feta a di tsaya tsia, *allowance* ya bone e botokanyana, a le ba ba *brigades* go tlaa re Tona a ba itlhaganele. Gore le bone ka ba hirisa matlo, ba tshele fa bale ba tshelang teng ba *institutions* tse dingwe. *Inflation* e go buiwang ka yone, e a ba ama jaaka le bale ba amiwa ke ditlhwatlhwa tsa dithoto. Ba *rent* matlo a batho. Le bone ba kgone go tsenelela dithuto tsa bone sentle, ba sa kgopakgopediwe ke sepe gore batho ba matlo ba a ba koba mo teng.

Allowance ya bone e goroge fela kwa go ba bangwe, gone ke itumela ka gore maloba fa a bua, o ne a bua gore o tlaa simolola ka bone. Re mo rotloetse gore a fefogeke kgang ya teng ka bonako, ka gore re bua seemo se se tsweletseng, bana gompiano ga ba ithute sentle ka gore ga gona fa ba nnang teng ba phuthologile. E a re kgwedi e tsamaela gore mong wa ntlo a ba raya a re tlisang kwano, ba bo ba sala ka go *panic* fela ba tshogile gore re ya go mo raya re reng mmasemangmang letsatsi leno kana rrasemangmang. Ke ema nokeng *Motion* o thata *Mr Speaker*.

MR LEKUTLANE (KGALAGADI NORTH): Tanki *Mr Speaker*. Ke go leboge gore ba ba leng maoto a



kgonang go tlola ka bonako bo Beula ba re ba a re feta, o bo o kgona go re tsibogela rona bannabagolo.

Mr Speaker, mma le nna eme nokeng Tshutiso ya ga mokaulengwe. Ke supe gore fa ke e ema nokeng jaana, ke mongwe wa ba ba amegang thata mo kgannyeng e, e bile ka utlwisiwa botlhoko ke gore MTTC e bo e tswetswe. Ke nngwe ya *institutions* tse e rileng ke le fa Polytechnic, ke ne ke na le bakaulengwe ba bangwe ba ba neng ba le teng. Le bontsi jwa *colleagues* tsa me, ba re neng re kgaogana le bone ba ya go dira *apprentice* kwa Sowa, *the Government benefited a lot from that*. MTTC e ne e *produce heavy plant mechanics*, ba gompiano jaaka ke bua le wena ba tletseng mo sesoleng sa Botswana le mo dikomponeng tse di leng teng. Ba bangwe ba e neng e le *boiler manufacturers and boil welders*, ba tletse kwa Jwaneng Mine le kwa BCL e ise e thubiwe ke Domkrag.

Courses tse tsa *Trade Test Courses*, bomolemo jwa tsone ke gore *they were industrial based*. Se se diragalang ke gore, go tsewa megopolo ya dikonteraka le ba *companies* tse di kwa ntle, di bo di kgona go...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR LEKUTLANE: Ke santse ke tsere mowa *comrade*, ke tloga ke lebala. Se se neng se diragala, Batswana ba le bantsi ba ba neng ba sena *formal education*, ba ne ba kgona mo teng. Ke berekile mo Murray and Roberts, ka ya go bereka kwa Botswana Agricultural College. Re ne re na le bo *tradesman* ba ba neng ba ithuta tiro gone foo. Re bo re ba tsaya re ba isa kwa MTTC gore ba ye go tsaya *certificates* tse e tlaareng kamoso, ba bo ba kgona go ipatlela ditiro. Gompiano jaana re utlwa gotwe MTTC e tswetswe. Ke ipotsa gore e tswetswe jang ka gore le gompiano fa ke bua le wena jaana, ke ema nokeng se *Honourable Dow* a neng a se bua gore o kgona *to apply*, ga se gone fela *Honourable Dow*. Le gompiano jaana *as I am talking to you*, MTTC *produces certificates*. Se ke se bonang ke gore, go anyisiwa ngwana mmaagwe a sule ke ba ba leng teng. Ke tsaya golo mo Pusong ya rona ya gompiano ya UDC, re tlaa go fetola gore go nne boammaaruri, MTTC e boele le *brigades* di dire tiro ya tsone sentle.

Sengwe se ke se etseng tlhoko ke gore, *our trade courses* di ne di direla Batswana tota ka gore bontsi jwa batho ba rona; *technicians, plumbers, carpenters*, re ne re ba tsaya gone kwa Automotive Trades Technical College (ATTC) re ba hira mo dikonterakeng ba bereka tiro e e bonalang. Fa ba se na *certificates* re a ba isa. Motho a

tsamaya fela ka *level* e e koo, a bo a ya go dira NCC. Gompiano *lecturers* tse dingwe tsa bone, ke tsone tse di neng di tsena kwa MTTC le ATTC. Ke sone se ke emang mogopolo o nokeng ke phuthologile, ke sa o dikologe. A re boeleng kwa marakanelong a ditsela jaaka maDomkrag ba e tle ba bue. Gompiano ke dumalana le lona *Honourable Motaosane* gore dilo le di bua di siame. Le dirile sentle le le Domkrag, le bo le boa gape le tla le senya dikgang ka go emisa MTTC le *brigade*. Le ne le e tshwere sentle. le bo le tla le latlhegelwa ke *torch* golo gongwe. Ga ke koo mokaulengwe.

Sengwe se ke se lemogileng ka *these new courses that are introduced*; ke tsaya gore *it is prematurely conceived*. Kgang ya me ke gore, ga go na *the lecturers* tse di e itseng jaaka gompiano jaana gotwe ba rutwe *courses* tseo. O ipotsa gore ba ruta *course* jang ba e ithutela bone. *Material* wa teng ga o yo, ga go na *examiners* tsa *courses* tseo. Fa gotwe di isitswe kwa BEC le fa re ka emelela fa ra ya go tsena teng, gongwe re ya go fitlhela motho a le mongwefela yo o *seconded from* Madirelo a isiwa koo. A ba boe re tsewelele pele, go bo go tla go nna le *transition* e e bonalang sentle ya gore *if you want to move from the current system* e re e dirisang, go bo go le gone sentle. Golo mo go tshwanetse go tsewe maikutlo a Batswana pele, le rona ba ne reng re ntse re le *the beneficiaries* tsa *brigades* le MTTC.

Honourable Speaker, fa ke ntse tsewetse ke ema mokaulengwe nokeng ke supe gore ...

MR LEKAU: *On a point of clarification*. O e tshwere sentle mokaulengwe. *Are you aware* gore Madirelo *to date*, ke yone e neng e na le *heavy plant*? Madirelo e ne e se *testing* fela, jaaka o utlwa gotwe *training* ya *heavy plant* ya *operators* tsa *mine* whether ke wa Jwaneng kana ke wa kae, *they were trained and examined* kwa Madirelo *only*, e seng gope gape. Dikole tse di *private* di ne di sena *heavy plant*.

MR LEKUTLANE: O gakolola sentle mokaulengwe, kgang eo e itsiwe ke nna. Dikompone tse di tshwanang le Murray and Roberts, e ne e re o tla o le *engineer* o simolola, o kgweetsa *grader* pele fa o supa gore o *engineer*. *Practical* tsa dilo tse di ne di direlwa gone kwa MTTC. Ga go na sekole sepe se se neng se ruta *heavy plant mechanic* kwa ntleng ga MTTC, ba bo ba tlhatlhoba batho ba teng. Gompiano jaana ba ba kgweetsang dikoloi tseo, ke ba ba builweng ke *Honourable Kedikilwe* ba ba tletseng fa ba kgweetsa dikatakata, *roller* ka gore *we have denied* bana ba rona *chance* gore ba ka bo ba tsena gone koo. *Mechanics* ba ba tletseng fa, ke bone

ba maloba ba buiwa ke *Honourable* Kedikilwe. Go batla re boela kwa marakanelong a ditsela, re kgone go ikgakologelwa. Re ikgakologetswe fa o bona re setse re tsentsa Puso e ntšha jaana ka gore ele e ne e tla e itebala.

Mr Speaker, a re boneng gore re busetsa MTTC le *brigades* kwa di neng di le teng gore bana ba rona ba nne le *certificate* le *skills* tse di maleba, di le *industry based*. Bomolemo jwa teng o ne o kgona gore e re fela o fetsa Form 5, kompone e bo e go tsaya go isa gone koo, o bo o ya *to train* o nna *bricklayer* fa o tswa koo o ya go theogela. Gompiano jaana ga re na dilo tse di ntseng jalo mo lefatsheng la rona.

This college ke ne ke e tshwantshanya le ya Roads Training Centre jaaka ke ne ke bua maabane ke re, ke ne ke utlwiwa botlhoko ke ka fa ke neng ke e swa leso la MTTC. *The technicians* tse di berekang mo ditseleng tsa Botswana, tse e leng gore gompiano *went up to be engineers, they are no longer there*. Dilo tse di tshwanang le tse, a re di lebeleleleng fela jaaka *Minister* a letse a supa gore ba tsere boikarabelo jwa gore ba tseye Roads Training Centre, ba busetse *courses* tse di neng di ntse di dirwa gore Batswana ba *benefit*. A re dire fela jalo ka MTTC. Ka a le kalo *Mr Speaker*, mme ke somarele nako tanki.

MR HIKUAMA (MAUN WEST): Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*. Ke a leboga *Honourable* Lekau gore o bo o tlisitse mogopolo o fa pele ga Palamente. E re bontshitse tse re neng re sa kgone go di bona. E re bontshitse gore *Executive* ya *party* e e busang ya UDC e kgaogane go le kae mo go tlhaloganyeng dilo tsa yone. Ga re kgone go tlhaloganya gore *status* sa MTTC tota ke eng mme o dirile sentle mokaulengwe, mme ke go phophothe legetla.

Mo *experience* e ke nang le yone, ke dumela gore Tona fa a akgela, o tsiboga e le lentswe la Khuduthamaga gore e bona dilo jang, a bo a e emela *by responding*. Ka fa a akgetseng ka teng, ke bo ke bona Tona yo mongwe a ema gape a *respond* a farologana le ene, go mpontsha gore go santse gone le tsela e telele e re tla e tsamayang gore dilo tsa rona di goroge kwa re batlang di goroga teng. Ga ke itse gore fa go ntse jaana, le yone e re e bayang Palamente pele, e ya go wela mo mmung o o ntseng jang. *That is the main worry* e ke nang le yone gompiano gore fa e le gore *Executive* e a supa ka fa e farologanyeng ka teng, ka fa e buang ka teng, re mo diatleng tsa Modimo, tsa ga Rara.

Honourable Ramogapi ka fa a emeng ka teng, a bua dilo ka fa a neng a bua ka teng, a ganetsa Tona yo o

lebaganeng le dilo tse ka teng, le wena ka fa ke go boneng o bua ka teng *Honourable* Mokgware, o bua o ganetsana le Tona e le nnang lotlhe mo Khuduthamageng, ke bona gore dikgolo di santse di tlile go tla.

MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INNOVATION (MR TSHERE): *Procedure*. Nnyaa, *honourable* o batla go latlha Ntlo fela. Tona o ne a tla a ipakanyeditse *Motion* o o neng o le fa pele, ene a tlhalosa seemo ka fa se ntseng ka teng. Rona re mo tlhalogantse jalo. Bakaulengwe ba ne ba re le fa seemo se ntse jalo, rona a re *change* jaanong re boele ditshwetso tsotlhe ka fa seemo o se bonang ka teng o le Tona, re batla go se fetola re le Palamente. Ke utlwile ba rialo, ke sone se Ramogapi a neng a se emelela ka dinao. E rile fa se sena go fetolwa jalo, rotlhe re bo re dumalana le ene, le nna tota ke dumalana le ene le fa o bona ke ise ke emelele jaana. Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Hikuama, I am sure you will recall when I cautioned Minister Ramogapi, I think the Honourable Opposition Whip's comments are in line with what Honourable Ramogapi said earlier.

MR HIKUAMA: *Mr Speaker*, ke tsaya tiro ya Palamente ka tlhoafalo, ke sale ke tsena mo Palamenteng ke tsaya tiro ya Palamente ka tlhoafalo. Ke reetsa mongwe le mongwe ka tlhoafalo. Fa ke botsa, ke a bo ke batla go tlhaloganya gore fa ke akgela, ke bo ke tlhalogantse. Ga ke akgele jaaka bo *Honourable* Tshere ba ba kgonang go akgela fela *from their gut reactions*, ba bo ba bua gore go na le bo IHS kwa Maun, go sena dilo tseo. Ga ke akgele jalo nna...

MR TSHERE: O se ka wa ntlhasela...

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Whip, *jaanong* you are imputing.

MR HIKUAMA: Nnyaa, *I withdraw*, ke motho yo ke mo tlotlang, mme ke raya gore ke tsaya tiro ya me ka tlhoafalo, ke akgela ke le *informed* tota. *I listen as a teacher, for that matter, I listen, and listening is what I am trained to do*. Fa o utlwa ke bua selo, e a bo e le sone se ke se utlwileng, e bile go tualo. Le monna yo mongwe kgantele o ne a bua gore ga ba na *plan* ya go dira ditsela tsa rona, ene a bo a re ga ke a mo utlwa, mme ke mo utlwile. Ke reetsa fela thata. Jaanong fa o utlwa ke bua jaana, ke batla go le bontsha gore gompiano gatwe go na le *disbanded* MTTC, mme fa o ka lebelela se se diragalang *on the ground* le mekwalo, go lebelega e se *disbanded*. Mma ke go nankolele sengwe, *with your permission* *Mr Speaker*.



MR SPEAKER: Please do.

MR HIKUAMA: *A Press Release* e e duleng ka di 23 tsa ga December 2024, ke tlaa bala setlhogo fela sa yone, “2024 Madirelo Training and Testing Centre (MTTC) Examination Results Released.” Ka fa e sule, ka fa e release results. What I want to call the Government to do gompiano re ise re debate Motion, e tshwanetse go re tlhalosetsa gore ka kitso ya bone, Madirelo Training Centre e fa kae, e mo seemong sefe? A e a tshela, a e fitlhlwe, kana e idibetse, *they should tell us the status of MTTC as a Government*, gore position ya bone ke eng? That is when we can debate freely, re tlhatswegile dipelo re itse gore re debate seemo se se ntseng jang.

MR DISHO: *Elucidation.* Tanki, o e tshwere sentle mokaulengwe Hikuama. Ke ne ke re ke elucidate mo kgannyeng e o neng o e quote, o raya yone e e nang le 890 candidates ka nako eo, e gotweng e sule ka 2024? Tanki.

MR HIKUAMA: Ee, ke yone eo mokaulengwe, ga ke itse gore Matona a, bo Rre Ramogapi, Rre Mokgware wa tsala ya me, dilo tse ba di tlhaloganya jang. Ke mo gotweng letsogo la moja ga le itse se letsogo la molema le se dirang...

MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR RAMOGAPI): *Point of order.* Mr Speaker, ke a leboga. Nnyaa, motlotlegi o tswa mo tseleng. Go tswa goo Lowe fa re le mo Palamenteng debating, re ka debate ka fa re ka batlang ka teng. E bile gape more so policy e se ya rona re e fitlhela e le ya Domkrag. Tautona le ene o buile gore bagaetsho, mathata a Domkrag ga se a rona, jaanong ke ipotsa gore ene fa a batla go re tsaya a bo a re pataganya fela a re re farologana ...*(Interruptions)*... go raya gore ke mathata, ga re na mathata. Rona ga re kotelwe gore buang jaana lotlhe, akanyang jaana, jaaka maDomkrag a ne a dirwa. Ke seo re kgonang go amogela megopolo ya lona e le ya kganetso. Jaanong amogela fela gore mo botshelong batho ba a farologana, fa gongwe ke kgona go ema fa ke le phoso, mme e tlaa re kamoso ke bo ke re batho ba Modimo, intshwareleng golo fale o kare ke ne ke sa akanya sentle, ke phoso. Ga go a tshwanela go nkitsa go akanya le go farologana le batho, *that is how democracy is.* Jaanong wena ga ke itse gore wa reng motlotlegi.

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa, mme Honourable Ramogapi, ga o dumalane le ene, ga se procedure.

MR MOTAOSANE: *Procedure.* Thank you Mr Speaker, my lovely Speaker of the National Assembly. The procedure I am standing with Mr Speaker ke gore, fa motho a re reeditse re bua, a whole Minister a leka go tsenngwa mo tseleng ya gore the way he debated go lebega e se position ya ga Goromente wa gagwe, e le Cabinet ba a farologana, Honourable Ramogapi a re ba se ka ba lemotshiwa tsela e, re tlaa dumela eng? Is he saying ministry mongwe le mongwe o berekela kwa o mongwe kwa, it is not a Cabinet consensus? Ke ne ke re a baakanye ka gore fa a riana o tlaa tlhabisa Puso ditlhong ka gore ga go a tshwanela go nna jalo. We expect Ministers to be in line with se ba dumelang mo go sone, se ba se dumalaneng at the Cabinet. Not that debate ga yagwe, go ka se ke go netle, they have to support the Minister yo o lebaneng, e seng gore a bo a bua kgatthanong le Minister wa gagwe. Thank you sir.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Members, I think I made this ruling earlier on, I cautioned Honourable Ramogapi. Fa le le fa Honourable Members, le na le ditshwanelo jaaka le le Mapalamente, mme we know the system that we are following as a country. It is a hybrid system where we have presidentialism, but at the same time, the Westminster style, in which there is executive legislative fusion. It is very important to understand the notion of collective responsibility. Eo ke tlaabo ke ntse ke le itse tlhoko thata, ke sone se o bonang ke ne ke caution ba bangwe bo Minister, motho a re o a ema o botsa dipotso, a re o a ema o debate mo chapter e e tswang kwa lephateng la gagwe e tla ka Minister, ene e le Assistant. Ke tlaa tswela ke ntse ke le gakolola batlotlegi gore go na le that notion of collective responsibility. So a balancing exercise must be created between your rights as a Member of Parliament, with those rights to debate and to vote on a particular matter, at the same time knowing that you are a Member of the Executive. Fa re ka letlelela gore e kare Goromente a bua sele, e bo e le gore jaanong Tona wa ga Goromente ene o tswa jaana o bua sele, it is a recipe for disaster.

Jaanong I have made myself very clear, you are just making me to be unnecessarily repetitive. I do not want to go back to that point, I can see that Honourable Mokgware o a fisega o batla go emelela, but it would not be on this point.

MR HIKUAMA: Ee, it is a disaster indeed Mr Speaker.

Mr Speaker, gape go batla go mpontsha gore e kete le yone Cabinet go raya gore ga e nke e kopana, e nkisa gone koo gore ke dumele jalo. Honourable Ramogapi ...*(Interruptions)*... they could have debated...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa, ga go na *procedure*, tswelela...

MR RAMOGAPI: Nnyaa, o tswa mo tseleng *Mr Speaker*, ga a tshwanela go re phara ka mafoko o bo o mo sireletsa.

MR HIKUAMA: Nna ka re e nkisa koo fa e le gore *this is how Honourable Ramogapi want us to believe* gore le go bontshiwa dilo tse le go di bua kwa *Cabinet* ga ba a di bua. Ke tsaya gore *structure* sengwe le sengwe se na le ka fa se buang ka teng. Ba a bua, ba gakololana, ba neelana maele, ba bontshana gore mme fa ga go a swa, fa go sule. E seng Matona a Puso a tla a mpontsha gore ba bangwe ba re se sule, ba bangwe ba re ga se a swa. Aa! *This is a disaster. Ministers, it is a disaster.* Ke ne ke batla gore o dumele gore *it is a disaster.*

A re tsweleleng le *Motion*, o siame. Fa e le gore *the structures in existence Honourable Speaker, like gotwe the mandate of MTTC has been transferred to the mandate* wa BEC, o ile gone kwa. Ke yone e e tlhokomelang mme go sa lemosege, go sena le fa e le a *structure or even the incorporation* ya teng e sa kgone go lemosega, *then it is a recipe for disaster. We should also know* Tona gore fa e le gore BEC *is taking care of this, what is it that has been created* e e leng gore *it is taking care of this thing* e e dirwang ke MTTC? *We should see vividly with our eyes* gore *what is going on*, go na le eng. Re tshwanetse go lemoga selo se, re se bone, o se beye pele ga Palamente, le bone ba bone gore le fa ba lelela MTTC *rightly so* mme gone go na le sengwe *instead of it*, se se dirang tiro e e neng e se dira. Re tshwanetse ra bona. BEC *in the current form* ga go supafale e na le sepe se e se dirang se se emang nokeng *vocational training, and it is a void. We cannot leave it like that, otherwise* bana ba rona ba ya go jela mo kgobedung.

MR LEKAU: *Clarification.* Rre Hikuama, *from the top of your head, would you say* fa e le gore gone jaana ke tshwere *copy* ya *certificate* se se *printed* beke e sa MTTC e bile se sa kwalwa BEC, *would you say* go tswetswe, go sule?

MR HIKUAMA: Nnyaa, ke ka se ke ke rialo. La ntlha fa o bona ke ne ke bua thata gore *Motion* o wa reng tota, ke ne ke batla gore ke tle ke itse gore fa ke ema ke *debate*, ke *debate* eng se ke se tlhaloganyang, se ke se bonang mo lefatsheng la Botswana. Ke lemogile gore ga re lemoge gore go na le eng, ga gona eng re le Puso. Ke sone fela se setona fela se ke se lemogileng gore re le

Puso ga re itse gore go na le eng. *Yes, I do understand* re magorogo masha *but it is very important* gore fa o tsena mo ntlong, o kgone go itse gore go na le eng. *Otherwise* o tloga o longwa ke dinoga tse o sa kgoneng go di bona. O tshwanetse gore o bone, fa o sa bone o tlaa robala le dinoga mo ntlong, a bo o tloga o re tlisetsa mathata a a seng kana ka sepe.

I do wholly support an idea of creating a national testing centre ya vocational training. Whether we adopt it re e tsweledisa e le Madirelo Training Centre or whatever name that you call it, as long as there is such a structure se se kgaremetang mandate wa vocational training se le well equipped, se le teng in place, then you have my support. Why should we oppose it?

The Motion is calling for establishment le to exhume ka gore fa e le gore re ya to exhume se se setseng se fitlhlilwe mme ke lemoga gore ga gona se se fitlhlilweng, ga gona se se setseng se fitlhlilwe. Ke gore gongwe we were having a nice way of shifting away from what we have been doing to something else, mme go sena sepe se re yang kwa go sone se se clear. Then if you can make it clear gore this is what we want to have in place, then it is fine. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable Members, unless* jaanong le batla go intsha bodutu. Le nthetse thata, Standing Order 56.1 ke gagabela gone koo. Ke batla go bona gore jaaka fa le ntse jaana go na le yo o ganang, a itaya fa fatshe ka tlhogo. Ke batla go mmona. Fa a seyo, *I will now invoke* Standing Order 56.1 gore *debate* e felela fa. *Honourable Lekau a fetole debate*, le bo le tlhophela Tshutiso e pele ga 12:30 p.m.

MR LEKAU (MOGODITSHANE WEST): Ke a leboga. Ke solofela gore ke tseye metsotso e ka nna metlhano fela mongwame ka gore botlhe ba ba buileng fa le ba ba sa buang, fa o lebelela Beula mo pelong ya gagwe se a se gopotseng ke se ke se itseng, boammaaruri jo bo mo pelong ya gagwe. Ke tsaya gore Modimo o tlaa mmabalela le fa a sa bua. Fa go ntse jalo, botlhe ba ba akgetseng ke a itumela ka gore fa gongwe dilo di diragala re sa itse, a bo re tewa puo e sele kante *on the ground* go diragala se sele. Golo mo fa e ne e le gore ke bosupi jo bo ntshiwang, fa o ka bona *messages* tse di tsenang fa gore golo moo fela ka bogone go tlaabo go bolokile Batswana. Ga se Batswana fela ba ba tlaabong ba bolokilwe ke kgang e, le yone phathi ya rona re tlaa busa go fitlheleleng le nna ke tsamaya ka legong ke ntse ke le mo Palamenteng le botlhe ba ba buileng.



Ka mafoko a le kalo ke itumelela botlhe ba ba kgonneng go latlhela le ba ba neng ba romela *messages* ba le ka kwa morago. Ke a leboga. Ke batla go leboga Mopalamente wa me wa kwa Palapye, Rre Ramogapi ka gore e bile le nako e ke neng ke ruta kwa *brigade*, ene o ne a gaisanya le nna a dira sekole ka kwa. Dilo tse di supa gore o itse se a buang ka sone. Ke bo ke eleletse gore e kare nako nngwe Modimo o ka tlhola le Rre Nyatanga a mo fa tsela ya gore batho ba ba eteletseng pele kwa dikgolegolong, e re ka letsatsi lengwe ba bone ditlankana tsa Madirelo, ba ye go tshela a bo ba boke leina la gagwe le mo Dipaselema. Ka mafoko a le kalo, ke khutlile. Pele fa ke nna ke a sutisa mongwame gore go amogelwe *Motion* o. Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: Order! Honourable Members, remember that there were two amendments.

Question put and **agreed to.**

MR SPEAKER: Order! Order! Honourable Members, we go to the next Motion.

CREATION OF A NATIONAL CHILDREN'S BUDGET

Motion

MR SPEAKER: This Motion is by Honourable Mabuse Pule and he is not here. *Go raya gore re ye kwa go o mongwe.*

Motion-Deferred.

SETTING UP OF A PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

Motion

MR SPEAKER: Again, this one is by Honourable Leader of the Opposition (LOO). Honourable LOO is away on official duty. This Motion will not lose its spot. As you know, I have a letter from him. *A re yeng kwa Tshutisong e nngwe.*

Motion-Deferred.

MR MOTAOSANE: *Clarification. Thank you. Honourable Mabuse Pule o tabogetse fa ngakeng. O ne a lebile nako ya Motion gore gongwe o tlile go tsaya lebaka le le kae. A o tlaa tsena kana gongwe go ile fela jalo ka one?*

MR SPEAKER: Owaii! Ga ke itse kwa a teng, ga a ntaela. Jaanong go raya gore *the rules will apply accordingly.*

MR MOTAOSANE: Ke a supa gore o ile sepatela *as the whip Mr Speaker.*

MR SPEAKER: Ke go utlwa sentle e bile ga ke go ganetse.

MR MOTAOSANE: Ee rra.

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

MR MOTAOSANE: Ee, ke...

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa, *Honourable Motaosane* ke go utlwile.

MR MOTAOSANE: *Ee rra.* Thank you sir.

DEVELOPMENT OF A PROGRAMME AIMED AT ABSORBING ALL GRADUATES INTO THE JOB MARKET

Motion

MR SPEAKER: Mong wa one le ene ga a yo fa.

Motion-Deferred.

GOVERNMENT TO CONDUCT A SOCIAL JUSTICE AUDIT

Motion

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Lucas is also not here. Next one.

MR NKAWANA: Point of clarification. Thank you Mr Speaker. *Kana Honourable Lucas o mo official trip kwa Bobonong le Minister Mmolotsi, and I thought they had notified you.*

MR SPEAKER: They have, *bao ba siame.*

MR NKAWANA: So, he will not lose the slot.

Motion-Deferred.

LOCAL PAYMENT OF HOTELS AND ACTIVITIES IN THE DELTA

Motion

MR SPEAKER: I have an apology from Honourable Minister Mmolotsi, *jaanong ga ke itse gore ga a yo fa, kana ke ene a respond.* Let me just check if there is anyone acting for him, but I know he is attending a Kgotla meeting *kwa Bobonong.* Honourable Ramogapi, *go na le yo o emetseng Honourable Mmolotsi?*



MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR RAMOGAPI): Nnyaa, o laetse fela *Mr Speaker*, o ne a sa solofela gore o ka tsena.

MR SPEAKER: Gone o ne a ka se ke a nne le tsholofelo eo ka gore ke *number six*.

Motion-Deferred.

ESTABLISHMENT OF A CONSTITUTIONAL COURT

Motion

MR SPEAKER: Order! Order! Honourable Members. This Motion is by Honourable Maribe Mpho Morolong. Honourable Member, you may present your Motion.

MR MOROLONG (KGATLENG CENTRAL): Ke a leboga Motlotlegi Motsamaisa Dipuisanyotsa Palamente. Motlotlegi, ke gakolotswe ke Matona a a maleba gore kgang e ba ne ba e tshwere kwa Khuduthamageng, mme go na le se ba setseng ba tsamaetse kwa pele ka sone mabapi le kgang e. Fa o ka gakologelwa *Motion* o ke sale ke o tsenya *last year*, jaanong gone mo go bo go ba tshikinya gore ba dire sengwe. Ke a leboga Motlotlegi Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Fa ke fositseng teng o tlaa tsamaya o nkgakolola, mme go na le se sentle se ba setseng ba se bopile go diragatsa temana e. Jaanong e tlaabo e le go diya nako ya Palamente go *debate Motion* o Khuduthamaga e setseng e o tseetse kwa pele. Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you Honourable Mpho Morolong. You may invoke Standing Order 48 and withdraw the Motion.

MR MOROLONG: Ka tshetlana e o e buang eo ya Standing Order 48 ke boela kwa morago Tshutiso e ntle e ka gore Goromente wa me o setse a e diragatsa. Ke a leboga.

...Silence...

MR SPEAKER: So, Honourable Morolong, that has to be with the leave of the Assembly.

Motion-Withdrawn.

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

Motion

MR SPEAKER: Order! Order! Honourable Members,

the Motion is by Honourable Reuben Wame Kaizer.

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

MR RAMOGAPI: *Sorry Mr Speaker*, o ne a ntse a le fa a bo a re o boa fa kokelong. Le ene o ne a sa solofela gore o tlaa boa...

MR SPEAKER: Ke mang?

MR RAMOGAPI: Mmaetsho Kenewendo, a bo a re o boa fa kokelong, o ne a sa akanye gore o ka tsena, ke raya gore o ntaetse fela jalo. Tota o ne a sa ntaele ka *Motion*, o ne a ntaela gore o boa fa kokelong fela.

MR SPEAKER: Ga go na yo o ka mo reeletsang? *Leader of the House*, o ne o kare o batla go gakolola.

LEADER OF THE HOUSE (MR MOHWASA): *Ke ne ke re the Minister, Honourable House, there is an issue that involves a Bill that is supposed to be presented if possible next week on urgency basis, because go na le a crisis nngwe that involves Botswana Power Corporation (BPC). Ke koporase ya lona, we cannot hide and as far as I know, the Minister is attending to the matter, mme ke tsaya gore kgang re ka e mo reeletsa so that we proceed with the Motion. Ke raya gore if she was here, Honourable Kaizer, you will agree with me gore at a meeting that was held kwa... Gongwe re kope Rre Kaizer gore before presenting, a nne le a conversation with the Minister because at the meeting that was held with former employees, the Minister had actually made an undertaking that she will revert to former employees in April. You are aware that there is something that is being done in that regard. I am just appealing to ene fela the Member of Parliament (MP) ka process e ke tsayang gore le ene he is aware of and he was party to. Thank you.*

MR SPEAKER: Mma re utlwe Honourable Kaizer.

MR KAIZER (SELEBI PHIKWE WEST): *Thank you Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, gongwe ke itsese Ntlo e gore ba ofisi ya ga Minister ba kile ba ntshwara with regard to this Motion, ba o bona o le mo Order Paper. That was when the Minister was still away, e le gore ba leka gore gongwe re tle go kopana. Jaanong ga re ise re kopane le mo nakong ya gompiano. Ke akanyetsa gore o ne a batla gore re tle go bua ka Motion o. Gongwe ke mo neele tshono ya gore re tle re kopane ke utlwe gore o ne a batla goreng instead of gore gongwe ke tswelele gompiano. Mr Speaker, ke a leboga.*



MR SPEAKER: Okay, the Motion is deferred.

MR KAIZER: *Point of procedure.* Ke re ke tlhaloganye Mr Speaker, ke utlwa o re *when deferring*, go raya gore *it would be on the account that you will be waiting to hear the response of the meeting* wa me le Minister kana jang?

MR SPEAKER: *Well, Honourable Kaizer, ga ke itse gore a ke wena o reng you are deferring the Motion, kana ke dumalana le se o se buang, gore are you deferring kante o a tswelela o a debate? So, fa o o defer, go raya o tswelela mme o le mo maemong one a. What it means is that wa gago o tlaabo o ya kwa godimo because tsa batho ba re sa itseng kwa ba teng would have fallen down, di tlaabo di ya kwa laeneng e kwa morago.*

MR KAIZER: Thank you Mr Speaker, *ke defer Motion.*

MR SPEAKER: Okay, Motion deferred.

Motion-Deferred.

INTRODUCTION OF 26 DAYS MONTH PAY MODEL FOR TEACHERS IN BOTSWANA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Motion

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Members, this Motion is by the Opposition Whip, Honourable Kainangura Caterpillar Hikuama, Member of Parliament for Maun West. You may present your Motion. I know that Honourable Maele is acting for Honourable Kgafela-Mokoka, let me just confirm if that is still the case. Minister Maele!

ACTING MINISTER OF CHILD WELFARE AND BASIC EDUCATION (MR MAELE): I am the Acting Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education. So, *fa e le gore o a present, o ka dira jalo and I will give the substantive Minister notes.*

MR HIKUAMA (MAUN WEST): Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Mma ke lebogetse gore a bo o mphile sebaka se gore ke beye Ntlo e pele Tshutiso e e kopang Ntlo e gore re kope Puso gore e simolole go duelela barutabana ba lefatshe la Botswana...

MR MOTAOSANE: Procedure. Honourable Speaker, I am a little confused, I need some clarification on this Motion *gore a mme gone o ya kwa* Ministry of Basic Education or Directorate of Public Service Management

(DPSM)? I am a bit confused because *go ya ka nna*, the Public Service Act *ga e ame* Ministry *wa* Education. Thank you.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Mo gakolole, ga a itse.

MR MOTAOSANE: *Nnyaa, ene a re* Government. I was saying this on the point that *go ne gotwe* Minister Maele *a emele* Minister of Basic Education, but to my understanding, this should be something that is either DPSM *ka gore e kwa* Office of the President (OP), *e tshwanetse gore e ye ka koo.* Thank you.

MR SPEAKER: Indeed. Honourable Motaosane, the Motion for all intends and purposes is about Basic Education, Botswana Public Schools, meaning primary schools, junior secondary schools and senior secondary schools but the way Government is structured, the Conditions of Service are with the DPSM housed in the Ministry for State President. So, this therefore means that this Motion *o tshwanetse gore o bo o arabiwa ke ba* DPSM. I believe that they will confer with the Ministry of Basic Education. Honourable Hikuama, *o tlaa tsweledisa beke e e tlang.*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ga o a wela.

MR SPEAKER: *Ehe, ga ke a wela, go raya gore go tlaa* respond Ministry for State President because it has to do with the Conditions of Service. *Le gore* Teachers are regulated under the Public Service Act.

As it is now 12:30 p.m. I shall now call the Leader of the House, acting President, Honourable Minister Moeti Caesar Mohwasa to move a Motion of adjournment.

MOTION

ADJOURNMENT

LEADER OF THE HOUSE (MR MOHWASA): Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke ne ke kopa go sutisa gore Ntlo e, e emise dipuisanyo tsa yone tsa letsatsi mo nakong e. Ke a leboga.

Question put and **agreed to.**

The Assembly accordingly adjourned at 12:30 p.m. until Monday 24th March, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.



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