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Monday 23rd March, 2026

THE ASSEMBLY met at 2:00 p.m.

(THE SPEAKER in the Chair)

P R A Y E R S

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

REVIEW OF THE NATIONAL POLICY ON
DESTITUTE PERSONS

MR G. LEKAU (MOGODITSHANE WEST): asked the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to state:

- (i) when the National Policy on Destitute Persons was last reviewed; and
- (ii) if there are plans to review the policy; and if so, when.

MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS (MR MOTSHEGWA): Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, yo o tlotlegang fela thata.

Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke rata go lemoga le go leboga potso e ka gore e thusa go atolosa dikgang tsa ditlhabololo tsa Mogoditshane Bophirima kana Mogoditshane ka kakaretso fela otlhe. Ke supe gore Lenaneo la Setšhaba la ba ba Dikobo Dikhutshwane le ne la sekasekwa labofelo ka ngwaga wa 2002, morago ga lenaneo la ngwaga wa 1980. Tshekatsheko ya lenaneo le le tlhabolotsweng la 2002 le ntse le tswelitse e le karolo ya maiteko a Puso ya gompiano a go tsosolosa kana le go oketsa se e leng tsamaiso ya tshireletse gore e tswelile go tshegetsang batho le ba malwapa a bone a a dikobo dikhutshwane ka tsela e e maleba le maemo a segompiano.

Re dira tshekatsheko e gore batho ba ba mo lenaneong le la ba ba dikobo dikhutshwane, gongwe ba se ka ba tsaya lebaka le le telele, go tsaya dingwaga di ka nna 10 ba le mo teng go sena phetogo epe. Re mo goreng lenaneo le le tokafaletswe gore go nne le dikitso dingwe tse ba di neelwang. Go nne le tshetso nngwe ya matshelo e ba e neelwang gore ba aloge fa ba leng teng ka gore go tlaabo go sa siama gore o nne yo o dikobo dikhutshwane o tlhokomelwa ke Puso o le *destitute*, bana le bana ba bana ba gago ba bo ba tsena mo teng le bone. Re dumela gore puo e e reng gatwe botlhoki ga bo tlhapiwe, e a bo e se yone. Re tshwanetse ra nna le tsamaiso e re tsamaelang kwa go yone ya gore re tokafatse.

Ka ntlha ya bogolo le botlhokwa jwa tiro e, tshekatsheko e e tlaa tswelile go fitlha mo ngwageng wa madi wa 2026/2027, mme re tlaa dira maiteko fa go kgonega, gongwe go fefosa le gore re fetse pele ga nako e rona re e ipeetseng. Botlhokwa jo bogolo ke gore tshekatsheko e e tlaa thusa go tlhama lenaneo le le akaretsang la tshireletsego ya matshelo a batho la Botswana, le le tlaa tokafatsang kgokagano, bokgoni le boikarabelo mo go abiweng ga mananeo a matshelo a batho.

Kwa bofelong ka bophara, re sekaseka *all social benefits programmes* tsa ga Goramente kwa Lephateng la *Local Government* gore e nne a a atolosang matshelo a batho, e seng a a dirang gore batho ba ikaege ka one fela ba bo ba ka koama mo go one, mme e nne a a tshetso batho ba aloga mo go one. Ke a leboga.

MR LEKAU: Supplementary. Ke a leboga Minister. O kare go ka bo go na le bo *ministry* jwa Setswana, wa nna o araba ka Setswana fela jaana.

Minister, kana le fa karabo e ntse jalo, le fa re setse re tlaa *review this policy*, go na le seemo se o fitlhelang mo mabakeng mangwe go na le motlhoki yo o tlhokang go le *urgent*. Jaaka *cases* tsa rona, o fitlhela e le gore motsadi o ntshediswe kwa ntle fela ka gore o na le *tile*, e e neng e le gore mo *policy* ya bogologolo fa o na le yone, ga o *qualify*. Ga a kgone go ka thusiwa ka tsa botlhoki, mme gone tota a tlhoka. O bo o fitlhela bommaboipelego ba lela ka selelo sa gore fa ba dira *special dispensations* tsa tlhoko eo, o kare ba tshwarwa ke *audit queries* gore ba a tlhapolosa *or something*.

Seemo sa mofuta o o ntseng jaana, o dira jang ka gore re iphitlhela ka sone mo Mogoditshane? E bile gape o kgona go fitlhela e le gore go na le motho yo e leng gore le ka tebo ya matlho le maikutlo a rona a Sekeresete, a ke dumelang gore o dumela mo go one go farologana thata le Rre Hikuama, fa gongwe motho a sa bone, o ka se ke wa mo isa Ipelegeng. Motho wa seemo se se ntseng jaana o le *Minister*, wa re re mo thusa ka sebopego se se ntseng jang fa re santse re emetse *policy* e e ntseng jaana? Ke a leboga.

MR MOTSHEGWA: Ke a leboga Mopalamente. Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Go boammaaruri rra ke Mokeresete.

Ya bobedi ke ne ke re ke supe gore o mo boammaaruring, mme e se kwa Mogoditshane fela. Ditshekatsheko di supa gore lefatshe lotlhe la Botswana ka bophara, Batswana ba santse ba babaletswe thata ke kgang ya letlhoko la ditiro le khumanego. Fa go na le mananeo a Puso a a

tshwanang le la *Destitute Programme*, e re ntswa *policy* ya 2002 e sekwasekwa gore e fetolwe, go raya gore go na le ditlhaelo dingwe mo go yone. Se o se buang ke gore fa ditlhaelo tse di lemogilwe go santse go emetswe gore di fapisiwe ka paakanyo ya *policy*, go raya gore go tlaa nna le ba ba tlaa tsweleng ba le mo mathateng ka ntata ya tlhaelo ya *policy* e. Wa re re dira jang ka bone? Karabo ke gore potso ya gago ya tlaleletso e nnile thuto le nosetso mo go rona gore a e re mo bekeng e, re ntshe *Savingram* e e dirang *transition* ya gore fa re santse re emetse *comprehensive review* ya *policy*, *in the interim* re thusa batho ka tsela e e ntseng jang? Re tlaa tsibogela seo mo bekeng go tlisa *direction* ya tshwetso-tsamaiso ya motshelakgabo gore mo nakong ya gompiano, re tlaa dira jang gore go se nne ope yo o tlaa kgaphelwang ntle ka gore *policy* e santse e sa letle.

Policy kwa bofelong jwa yone gore re e bope sentle, ke gore re tseye matshwenyego a lona. Ke one a re a kopang mo go lona. Le fa le ka fitlhela diemo tse e leng gore ba *ministry* le bodiredi jwa rona gongwe re fapogile mo *policy* kana re tlhela go thusa batho, le tshwanetse go re gakolola. Ke aga ke re kwa bofelong fa re dirile *policies* le ditsamaiso, tota di direlwa go thusa batho. Ga di a tshwanela go kgoreletsa go thusa batho.

Fa ke wela, fa o tsaya batho ba kwa Sowa mme gongwe le dikgaolo tse dingwe, go na le batho ba ba kwa Sepako, ba gaufi le Sowa, mme gatwe ba fete Sowa ba ye go tsaya dithuso kwa Tutume. Go na le ba ba mo Sese le dikgaolo tse dingwe, gatwe ba fete Jwaneng ba ye kwa Mabutsane. Gone moo go bo go sa siama gore batho ba latele dithuso kgakala. Tsamaiso ya rona ke gore re ise dithuso gaufi le batho, *policies* tsa rona re di dirise ka tsela e di thusang batho. Re a amogela, re tlaa dira jalo.

MR MOTAOSANE: *Supplementary. Thank you, Madam Speaker, good afternoon. Honourable Motshegwa, ke leboga ka fa o arabileng potso ka teng. Ke a tle ke tsietsege ka gore these policies o fitlhela di dirwa, jaaka gompiano go fetogile Puso jaana, this policy go sa le gotwe e a sekasekwa, e bile e tloga e tlisiwa mo Palamenteng ka 2022, re ntse re bua ka yone. A o raya gore o fitlhela go sena sepe se se dirwang ka this Destitute Policy? Jaaka honourable a bua, tota go utlwise botlhoko, the old policy e ne e santse e bua ka bo P130 le dikgomo tse four and the like, but gompiano ka fa seemo sa botshelo se ntseng ka teng, re tshwere bothata kwa dikgaolong ka batho ba ba letswang ke gore e nna e ba kgaphela kwa ntle.*

In the interim, ga o akanye gore go botoka gore o ntshe mokwalo fela o o papametseng go ya kwa dikgaolong gore ba boipelego ba se ka ba tshaba go thusa batho ba ba dikobo dikhutshwane ka mabaka a *policy*? *In the meantime*, go nne le sengwe se ba itshwarelang ka sone *to avoid audit queries* jaaka *honourable* a ne a bua. Ke yone potso yame eo mongwame.

MR MOTSHEGWA: Ke a leboga, ke potso e e botlhale thata. Ke itse gore o motho yo o gaufi thata le dikgang tse tsa tiro ya *social workers*, ga ke itse gore a ke go bapa le Rre Mabuse Pule.

Kana se o se buang ke gore *social workers* ba se ka ba tloga ba tshaba le bone ba re *policy* ke yone e e ba kganelang, a re se ka ra thusa batho, ba bo ba sa thuse batho. Se o se buang ke gore fa re santse re emetse go e baakanya, re ntshe mokwalo o o tlaa ba fang thata e le *social workers* gore batho ba *policy* e ba kgaphelang kwa ntle, ba thusege. Ke a dumalana. Fa re bua ka *efficiency* kana bofefo, re tshwanetse gore mo bekeng yone e re bo re ntshitse mokwalo o o ntseng jalo. Eo e araba potso ya gago ya ntlha e o neng o re go kgona go buiwa ka lebaka le le telele gotwe *policies* di a fetolwa mme di sa fetolwe. Ke a tle ke belaele gore kwa ntle ga gore gongwe go na le mathata a a neng Domkrag e na le one, fa gongwe go na le mananeo a mantle a e neng e na le one mme se se neng sa pala ke go nna bofefo mo go a diragatseng. Golo mo go ka diragalela le yone Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC); go tla ka mananeo a mantle, mathata e bo e nna *execution and implementation*. Ke sone se o se tlhalosang.

Ke tsaya gore go sa kgathalesege gore ke Mopalamente ofe wa *party* efe, re tshwanetse ra dumalana gore re nne bofefo go thusa Batswana, bogolo jang ba ba dikobo dikhutshwane. Ke tlaa kopa bogakolodi jwa gago thata Rre Motaosane le Rre Lekau le ba bangwe fela gore mokwalo o fa re o baakanya, o se ka wa tlhela se e leng maikaelelo, re tlaa o kgaogana le lona.

NATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY FRAMEWORK

MR G. DISHO (OKAVANGO EAST): asked the Minister of Environment and Tourism to state:

- (i) when Government intends to establish a National Sustainability Framework to guide environmental, social and economic governance;
- (ii) whether Government acknowledges that the continued absence of such a framework has placed Botswana at a disadvantage relative to

comparable countries in the region, weakened compliance with international green and climate finance requirements, and resulted in missed or foregone opportunities to access green finance and sustainability-linked funding; and

- (iii) immediate corrective measures that are being instituted to avert further financial and developmental loss arising from the gap.

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM (MR MMOLOTSI): Thank you very much Madam Speaker. I think Honourable Disho *o boleletswe gore* the question has been redirected.

MR DISHO: *On a point of procedure. Madam Speaker,* ga ke itse, ke gone ke utlwang ka Tona, ga go na yo o nteleditseng. Gongwe a re tlhalosetse gore e ile kae?

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

MR DISHO: Finance, okay.

BOTSWANA RAILWAYS CONTRACT

MR K. NKAWANA (SELEBI PHIKWE EAST): asked the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to state whether a multi-million Pula contract was awarded by Botswana Railways; and if so, to state:

- (i) the contract amount and how the contract was awarded, and the level of involvement of the project office at Office of the President;
- (ii) the reasons for the secrecy of the deal and sidelining of both the Board and the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure;
- (iii) who ordered the project office to ensure that the company is contracted;
- (iv) if there are any letters of complaints to the Minister or to any Government officials about the deal;
- (v) the nature of such complaints and what actions have been taken; and
- (vi) whether there is a policy shift diverting Public Private Partnership (PPPs) project proposals from the Ministry of Finance to the Office of the President.

MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE (MR SALAKAE): Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ke a leboga Motlotlegi Nkawana.

Ke eletsa go araba potso e ka boripana ke riana *Madam Speaker* gore lekalana la Botswana Railways ga le ise ka nako e ke leng mo go yone e, le nkitsise ka kompone epe fela e e leng gore gongwe ba ka tswa ba e neetse madi a motlotlegi a buang ka one. Kana *issues* tse tsa *procurement* kwa Botswana Railways, ga se tsa rona ka kwano. Botswana Railways *is an autonomous body*, e lebelela *procurements* tsa yone e bo e re morago fa e sena go nna le *outcome* kana tshwetso e ba e tsayang, ke gone ba re bolelele. Mo nakong ya gompiano ga ke itse le fa e le epe ka e bile motlotlegi ga a thuse ka leina la kompone e a buang ka yone. Ga ke itse gore ke ka e araba ka tsela e e ntseng jang kwa ntle fela ga gore dikgang tse di tshwanang le tse gongwe di ka botswa ba Botswana Railways *because* ga ba ise ba mphe leina ka nako e re leng mo go yone.

I think going forward, fa motlotlegi a ka mpha leina la kompone e a botsang ka yone, I can simply go back to Botswana Railways ke kope information ka the particular company. I thank you Madam Speaker.

MR NKAWANA: *On a point of procedure.* Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Le lefatshe le gagametse gore a Botswana Railways e e ka fa tlase ga gagwe, a bo a re ga a itse sepe ka ditiragalo tsa gore ba dira eng. Ke bone ba ba neng ba *announce* gore go tlaa nna le *profits* kwa Railways. Ke kopa gore a tlhoafale a arabe potso. Fa e le gore ga a na karabo a ye go ba botsa gore potso e e ntseng jaana le itse eng ka yone, a se ka a re raya a re ga a itse.

MR SALAKAE: Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ke ne ke re ke tlotle motlotlegi ka go sa balolola dipotso tsa gagwe, le ene o ne a ka lemoga gore ga a na potso. Potso ya gagwe fela o ne a re a ke itse gore go na le kompone nngwe kwa Botswana Railways e e leng gore e abetswe *tender* ya madimadi; *I do not know*. Fa o ka ya go bala Botswana Railways Act Motlotlegi Mopalamente, tiro yame kwa Botswana Railways ke go thusa go tlhoma Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) le go tlhoma *board*. *Any issue relating to procurement* ke ya Botswana Railways. Ke ne ke tseela gore ke dirile tlhompho le tlotlo gore mo nakong e ke leng mo go yone, ga ba ise ba mphe leina lepe. Fa e le gore go na le se o se itseng, ke tlaa tla ke ba botsa. Gongwe o ne o ka thusa go mpha leina la kompone, *I think they deal* ka dikompone tse dintshintsi, *everyday* go na le dikompone tse di ntsintsi tse di batlang go thusa Botswana Railways ka ditirelo tsa tsone. Jaanong ga ke itse gore mo go tsone jaaka di le 20 jaana, *which one do you refer to?* Ke sone se ke reng, fa o ne o ntshusitse ka leina, ke ne ke ya go dira botho jwa go boela kwa Botswana Railways ka tota e se tsame.

You know gore re laolwa ke Act, ga e ntetlelele gore ke ye go nna fa fatshe ke bo ke lebelela gore go hirwa mang ga go hirwe mang, *I wait for* Botswana Railways go mpolelela, go ntsibosa gore dikompone tse e leng gore ba setse ba di kgethile ke dife. *I will not know before they tell me.* Ke yone tlotlo fela e ke neng ke eletsa gore ke go arabe ka yone motlotlegi.

MR MOTAOSANE: *On a point of procedure.* O tlaa ntsenya mo tseleng fa ke dule mo tseleng. *Madam Speaker,* ke utlwa *Honourable Minister* ka fa a buang ka teng mme ke a tshwenyega ka gore fa potso e dule e ya kwa lephateng, Tona o ka bo a boditse ba Botswana Railways ka potso fa jaaka e boditswe jaana fa e le gore e ama Railways. Ke a tshwenyega fa e le gore *Minister* o kare o nna kgakala le ditsamaiso tsa Botswana Railways *when the question comes in.* Ke raya gore o re thuse *Madam Speaker* because ke tsaya gore fa re boditse potso fa, ga se gore ba na le dikarabo tsa sengwe le sengwe, ke gore ba tsamaye ba botse kwa potso e botsang teng gore go diragala eng ka koo. Ba bo ba tla go re fa karabo e e papametseng.

MR SALAKAE: Gongwe ga ke tlhalose ka Setswana se se tlhologanyesegang. Botswana Railways *is an autonomous body, it is right* Mopalamamente a botse ka fa a boditseng ka teng. Potso ya re a go na le *tender* nngwe e e leng gore Botswana Railways e e abile? Ga ke itse, ga ba ise ba mpolelele. *They are busy doing their procurement, I cannot come here* gore kamoso le bo le nthaya le re, janaong ke nna ke laolang *procurement* ya Botswana Railways, *I wait for them to finish their procurement process and they tell me. Where we are, they are still busy with deciding on the names tsa companies* tse di ka thusang Botswana Railways. Ke sone se ke reng, fa motlotlegi a ne a na le leina, ke ne ke tlaa re ke ya kwa go bone, ke bo ke tla ka leina. *What I know* ke gore *there are more than 19 companies* tse di supileng kgatlhego ya gore di thuse Botswana Railways. *They are busy on it.* Ga ke itse gore a go na le fa ke supileng gore ga ke itse gore *they are busy on it. The only thing that I know* ke gore *I should allow them to exercise their independence in so far as the company that they are going to procure to assist* Botswana Railways *in whatever assistance that it seeks from them.* Ga go na sepe se ke ka se buang *until* ba nneela. Ga ke itse gore a nako ya Domkrag bone ba ne ba nna fa fatshe le Botswana Railways *and then decide* gore go tsaya yo, go tsaya yo.

MR LESEDI: *On a point of procedure.* Mma ke go leboge, ke go dumedise *Madam Speaker.* Mo karabong ya ga Tona, ke utlwile a supa gore gongwe motlotlegi o ka bo a ne a ipolelitse ba Railways. Ke batla go utlwisisa fa go le mo tsamaisong, o botsa ba Railways ka tsela e e ntseng jang ka gore nna tumelo yame ke gore o ba botsa *through Minister?* Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker.*

MADAM SPEAKER (MS MANYENENG): Ke kopa *supplementary* e tsene.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Point of order.

MADAM SPEAKER: *Honourable* Lekau, ema pele because ke batla go bua sengwe, *but I want to give Honourable* Leader of the Opposition (LOO) gore a wele.

MR SALESHANDO: Mo *supplementary* ke ne ke kopa go botsa Tona gore ka potso e bua ka *project* e e neng ya abiwa go na le *involvement* ya *project officer* kwa Office of the President (OP), *have we enquired* kwa OP gore a ba na le *project* nngwe e ba nnileng *involved* mo go yone kwa Railways *or* o botsa Railways gore a le na le *tender* e e abilweng *which was decided by* OP? *Did you try to get that information?*

MR SALAKAE: Thank you very much LOO. I obviously did my assignment and *karabo* ke gore the project advisor *kwa* OP who is responsible for infrastructure is part of the Board *ya* Botswana Railways. *Tsamaiso* ke gore Botswana Railways management *fa ba sena* to choose whoever *yo ba yang go mo tlhoph*a, the Board then carries oversight. Where we are now, the management is seized with the matter *ya go bona* gore e *tlhoph*a dikompone dife *fa gare ga tse di supileng* kgatlhego. Only then after the Board exercised their oversight, will they give me the outcome of their discussions. *Fa ba santse e le gore* they are deciding *gore ke mang yo o tshwanetseng go neelwa eng,* I cannot get in. But I can confirm that the advisor *wa* infrastructure *kwa* OP, I appointed him to be part of the Board *kwa* Botswana Railways, so to that extent he is involved, not OP.

The advisor at OP is part of the Board that will carry oversight on the decision that will be taken by management of Botswana Railways on any matter related to procurement. Before that, *ga ke ka ke ka ithuna dinta mo teng batho ba santse ba buisana,* gore kamoso le bo le tla go botsa potso le re, *gatwe maabane e rile ba santse ba tswelitse ba le mo* procurement, *o ne wa botsa* Minister *gore* ba tlhoph a mang. I will not do that until they finish the exercise.

MADAM SPEAKER: *Order! Honourable Members. I feel you as the Minister, sa ntlha fa o araba Honourable Nkawana, ga o a ka wa nna clear gore ga ke itse, go santse go tsamaya fa kae, re santse re emetse gore go wele, for now ga go na information epe e ke e boneng. O ne o e baya jaaka o kare ga o itse sepe fela and le nna fela ke ne ke ipotsa o kare ga o mo teng. Jaaka o tlhalosa through procedures le supplementary, ke gone jaanong motho a ka reng o a go tlhaloganya gore o tsamaya fa kae. La ntlha you were so brief, that is why ba ne ba ipelaetsa gore you are not answering Mopalamente. Jaanong o tlaa dira jang ka gore ene o boditse potso, o akanya gore o tlaa dira jang ka yone, o mo raya o reng?*

MR SALAKAE: *Thank you very much Madam Speaker. Gongwe dingwe tsa dipotso tse ke neng ke sa di tsibogela ke tsa ga Rre Lesedi. Ke tsaya gore o ne a boditse potso e ntle ya gore, ga se gore Mopalamente o tshwanetse go botsa through yourself, it is true, mme go na le gore o ka ikela kwa Botswana Railways for anything. He is an oversight office on himself, he is right through Parliament go mpotsa, but gore a ye kwa Botswana Railways, he does not seek permission from me. Ke ne ke batla go e baya ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, he is right to ask me and use any other avenue go bona gore he carries his oversight. E tlaabo e sa lekana fa e le gore to carry oversight ga gagwe o go dira through me.*

To answer the one ya ga Madam Speaker, what I thought was very clear and sanctity ke gore ke ya go boela kwa go bone morago ga ba sena go fetsa their procurement process. I know they are seized with the matters as we speak, so I cannot go to them ke ya go ba raya ke re, kana Mopalamente o batla karabo. E ya gore ba sena go nneela karabo, that I think I have told them gore by the end of this week, ba bo ba setse ba e nneetse, the Member of Parliament (MP) will decide whether I give him kwa ntle kana I come to Parliament ke tlaa go mo e neela. This week the answer will be ready mo dikomponeng tse di tlhophilweng go thusa Botswana Railways.

MR LEKAU: *Point of order. Madam Speaker, nako e nngwe ga re re display some seriousness, fa potso e botswa ka mokgwa e e boditsweng ka one, e bo e fiwa dikarabo, e bo o kare re thetsa podi e e batlang go husa gore e re fe maši, nnyaa, ga ke ka ke ka...*

MADAM SPEAKER: *Nnyaa, Honourable Lekau, I have ruled...*

MR LEKAU: *Nnyaa, tla ke wele gore ka reng...*

MADAM SPEAKER: *Nnyaa, nna fa fatshe, re feditse ka potso eo...*

MR LEKAU: *Ke eme ka order Madam Speaker, ga ke ise ke bo ke wele mo point of order...*

MADAM SPEAKER: *Ka re I have ruled ka kgang eo...*

MR LEKAU: *Madam Speaker, o ka bo o ntetlelela ke wela o utlwa gore ke bua ka eng.*

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

MADAM SPEAKER: *I have ruled gore Minister o ne a sa arabe sentle fela jaaka o batla gore wa re go thetsa pudi. Setswana se o se buang se ke sone se ke neng ke se bua gore batho ba boditse gantsinyana go fitlhelela a tlhalosa. Jaanong ke tsaya gore ke e weditse, a bo a solofetsa gore o tlaa tla go araba. La ntlha o ne a sa araba sentle, he was very brief, ke e buile jalo Honourable Lekau. Ke kopa gore re tsweleng.*

PASSENGER PERMITS

MR M. M. PULE (KGATLENG EAST): asked the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure how many public transport permits have been issued for the Malolwane-Oliphants Drift, Malolwane-Mochudi, and Modipane-Mabalane roads; and to further state:

- (i) the number of permits, the permit holders (owners), and whether these permits are currently active;
- (ii) and whether Government intends to increase the permit quota for operations on these roads; and if so, when the increased quota will be implemented so that people can apply.

MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE (MR SALAKAE): Thank you Madam Speaker.

- (i) Madam Speaker, we can confirm that 12 passenger permits have been approved and issued to 10 permit holders for Mochudi-Malolwane route of which five have since elapsed. However, no permits have yet been issued for Malolwane-Oliphant's Drift and Modipane-Mabalane route, as we have not yet received any applications for them. These would therefore constitute this as new routes.

(ii) Lastly, Madam Speaker, the ministry stands ready to receive applications for the mentioned routes as well as others should there be public interest in operating them. We wish to note that, we have received 22 applications for Mochudi-Malolwane route alone. Following adjudication, these applications will result in an increase to the existing quota. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

MR PULE: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga Motlotlegi Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. *With all due respect,* ke lebogile thata ka fa o arabileng ka teng Tona. Ke simolole fela ka e o neng o bua ka *permits that have elapsed.* *Do we not have any intention of maybe* fa e le gore ga di neelwe *the same persons, reallocate those permits to* batho ba e leng gore gongwe ba ka tswa ba di tlhoka? Ke utlwa o bua gore ga go na *applications,* mme fa ke tsamaya mo kgaolong, ba supa gore *they have applied,* ba a gana *because* go na le *quotas.* *Are you aware of the quota system ya permits* fa e le gore e teng?

Sa bobedi *Minister,* e le go leka go thusa *passengers* ba kgaolo ya me, *is there intention by the Minister to do an empirical research that will assess passenger demand* mo routes tsa rona? *Especially* nako ya *peak times* ka gore re itemogetse gore mo kgaolong ya rona o kare batho ba ba tsamaisang *transport,* ba bereka fela thata ka *peak times,* mme fa go le *ordinary during the week,* o kare ba goga dinao. *Gongwe you might want to do an assessment, an empirical research around that area with a view ya to improve service* kwa kgaolong ya Kgatleng East.

Mo *permits that are issued* Madam Speaker, mo routes tse Tona a ntseng a bua ka tsone, *I think partly you have answered that ya gore some are active and some are not.* *How many are active on a daily basis?* Kana *active* ya gago *Minister* e ka nna ya raya motho a tshotse *permit,* mme a sena *bus,* mo *system* e bo e *appear* e kete e *active* kante *it is not.* Ke raya gore *how many are literally active* tse o ka di pakang gore tseo di a bereka e bile re itse...

MADAM SPEAKER: E utlwetse *honourable,* o e tsaya ka sebaka le wena jaanong *supplementary.*

MR PULE: Ga ke itse ka gore ke ne ke batla go botsa e nngwe ya bofelo Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente...

MADAM SPEAKER: Ee, botsa potso o wele *honourable.*

MR PULE: Ee, ke a leboga mongwame. Kana ke mothonyana yo mogolwane, jaanong o nne o inketlela Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. *Would the Minister consider publishing routes specific data on permits issued?* Ke gore go nne *live* gore re itse gore *buses* tse di *active* ke dife, tse di seng *active* ke dife, *for our own consumption as road users.* *I thank you Madam Speaker.*

MR SALAKAE: Ke a leboga Madam Speaker. Ke a leboga motlotlegi. Ke go leboegele dipotso tse dintle tseo, tse di supang motho a emetse kgaolo ya gagwe ka tlhwaafalo. Ke supe fa gore gakere motlotlegi *through you Madam Speaker,* o a itse gore tse pedi ditsela Malolwane-Oliphants Drift le ya Modipane-Mabalane *are new routes.* E rile fa ke botsa go lebega go sena *applications* dipe tsa *permits* mo go tsone tse pedi. *Therefore, the only route* e e lebegang e na le kgatlhego ya gore go ka kopiwa *permits,* ke ya Malolwane/Mochudi, e ke supang gore go ntile le 12 *passenger permits* tse di kopilweng ke batho ba le 10. Ba le babedi ke *two, two,* ba bangwe *one, one.*

Ke dumalane le wena gore le nna ke tshwenngwa ke kgang ya gore, go na le ba ba tshotseng *permits* mme ba sena dikoloi, *combis,* ba sena eng. Molao o o tshwanetseng wa salwa morago e bile *without fail* ke gore, fa motho a tshotse *permit for three months* go sena bosupi jwa gore o na le koloi, *it should be revoked.* *People must report,* mo gongwe mo o fitlhelang ke go bona mo setšhabeng ke gore fa motlotlegi a itse kwa a itseng teng kwa a sa bega kwa go nna, o na le go belaela gore gongwe ke a itse gore go na le mongwe yo o tshotseng *permit for more than three months* mme a sena *combi.* *I can assure you* gore *if that can come to my attention, that permit will be revoked.*

Kgang ya *quotas;* tsamaiso ke gore kana *the policy posture* ke gore go tshwanetse ga nna le *combi* morago ga oura nngwe le nngwe. *Therefore, the quotas are per* dinako tse. Fa e le gore ga go na ope yo o nang le *permit* ya 8 *o'clock,* *it is part of the quota,* go raya gore batho ba ka e kopa, 9 *o'clock,* 10 *o'clock* fela jalo. Ga go na jaaka go ka ganwa *applications* fa e le gore go na le dinako tse e leng gore ga go na ope yo o kgweetsang *combis* ka dinako tsa tsone. Ke go tlhomamisetse gore nna le wena *we can work around this one,* o mphe *information* e o nang le yone gore ka nako ya gore ba *office* ya gago ba gana go neela *permits,* mme ga go na *combi* e e tsamayang. *That I will not know without you reporting to me. I can assure you that if you report, we will act accordingly. Thank you very much.*

BOTSWANA POLICE SAVINGS AND LOAN GUARANTEE SCHEME

MR T. FURNITURE (TATI EAST): asked the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to apprise this Honourable House on Botswana Police Savings and Loan Guarantee Scheme for the year ended 2025; and to further state:

- (i) from which year these dividends were declared,
- (ii) what happened to the dividends declared from the scheme since its inception in 1999; and
- (iii) the criteria used to select officers who have retired from active service as it seems that some officers who are no longer members of the scheme benefitted while others were left out.

Later Date.

NATIONAL FUEL SECURITY

MR D. SALESHANDO (MAUN NORTH): asked the Minister of Minerals and Energy to update this Honourable House on the current state of fuel supply and national fuel security in Botswana, in light of recent public statements and concerns regarding the adequacy of national fuel reserves; and to specifically state:

- (i) the current volume of fuel stocks available in Botswana, including both commercial stocks held by oil marketing companies and Government strategic reserves;
- (ii) the number of days of national fuel cover currently available based on Botswana's average daily consumption;
- (iii) the maximum strategic fuel storage capacity available in the country and whether Government has plans to expand this capacity to meet internationally recommended benchmarks for energy security;
- (iv) measures Government has put in place to mitigate potential disruptions to fuel supply, particularly in light of ongoing geopolitical tensions in the Middle East that may affect global fuel supply chains; and
- (v) whether the country is at risk of totally running out of supply as warned by the President.

ACTING MINISTER OF MINERALS AND ENERGY (MR TSHERE): Thank you very much Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I wish to preface my response *gore* the figures I have are as of Friday 20th March, so a lot might have changed since then. However, I wish to update this Honourable House on the status of fuel supply and national energy security in Botswana and to address the specific questions as follows:

(i) CURRENT VOLUME OF FUEL STOCKS

Madam Speaker, currently; Government has a total of 62.5 million litres of strategic storage capacity for petroleum strategic stocks. This translates to about 18.9 days of the prevailing consumption equivalent (3.3 million litres per day). The Francistown depot is being expanded by 60 million litres and another new strategic storage depot being constructed at Ghanzi with 30 million litres of storage capacity. Completion of these two additional storage capacities will bring the national strategic storage cover to 152.5 million litres equivalent to 46.2 days with the average of 3.3 million litres per day. However, there are plans to develop the Tshele Hills strategic storage with a capacity of 187 million litres. Once completed, the three strategic storage facilities will deliver a national strategic stock cover to 102 days.

Madam Speaker, the current volume of fuel stocks held by importers and wholesalers is 46.8 million litres (diesel 31.99 million litres and petrol 14.82 million litres). Additionally, 18.2 million litres (diesel 9.40 million litres and 8.86 litres of petrol) are in transit to Botswana. These volumes do not include products held at retail sites. Product held by Botswana Oil Limited alone stands at 36.8 million litres, comprising of 9.5 million litres of ULP 95 and 27.3 million litres of Diesel. This figure includes Government strategic reserves. Citizen owned companies alone have 10 million litres which translates to about 6.5 days cover. The 10 million litres held by the citizen owned companies comprise of 4.69 million litres of diesel and 5.3 million litres of petrol.

(ii) DAYS OF NATIONAL FUEL COVER

Madam Speaker, as I stated this date is at 20th March 2026; the national fuel strategic stocks stood at 10 days while the commercial stocks stood at 20.8 days of the prevailing consumption equivalent (3.3 million litres).

(iii) MAXIMUM STRATEGIC FUEL STORAGE CAPACITY AVAILABLE

Madam Speaker, the current maximum strategic storage capacity available is 62.5 million litres made up of 24 million litres in Gaborone Depot and 38.5 million litres in Francistown Depot which translates to 15 days of prevailing consumption equivalent.

Government has embarked on an expansion programme to align with international energy security benchmarks of 90 days cover for land-linked countries. The ongoing projects to be completed in 2026 are as follows:

- (a) Expansion of Francistown Depot by 60 million litres,
- (b) Construction of a new depot in Ghanzi with 30 million litres capacity

These initiatives will significantly enhance both inland and coastal storage capability and improve supply chain flexibility. Upon completion of these projects, our national fuel days cover will increase from 15 days to 55 days cover.

Other ongoing projects to further enhance our country's fuel security are:

- (a) Development of Tshele Hills storage facility with capacity of 187 million litres, and;
- (b) Development of coastal storage facilities with capacity of 100 million litres.

Upon completion of the Francistown, Ghanzi and Tshele Hills projects, Botswana's fuel cover is projected to exceed 90 days, which will surpass the internationally recommended benchmark for energy security.

(iv) MEASURES TO MITIGATE SUPPLY DISRUPTIONS

Madam Speaker, Government has implemented several measures to mitigate potential supply disruptions, including:

- (a) Proactive supplier engagement and strengthened supply planning processes;
- (b) Expedited leasing of coastal storage facilities in Mozambique and Namibia to diversify supply routes;
- (c) Increasing monthly procurement volumes to build buffer stocks; and

- (d) Continuous monitoring of global supply dynamics to enable early intervention.

These measures are designed to enhance resilience against external shocks, including logistical and geopolitical disruptions.

(v) RISK OF SUPPLY DISRUPTIONS

Madam Speaker, Botswana, like many import-dependent countries, remains exposed to global supply risks, particularly in the context of ongoing geopolitical tensions affecting key maritime routes and international fuel supply chains.

However, Government continues to actively manage this risk through:

- (a) Strategic stockholding;
- (b) Supply diversification; and
- (c) Fuel storage capacity expansion programmes (infrastructure and leasing).

Accordingly, while risk exists, the country is not in an immediate fuel supply crisis, and Government remains confident in its ability to maintain continuity of fuel supply while strengthening long-term energy security. I thank you Madam Speaker.

MR SALESHANDO: *Supplementary.* Ke a go leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke botse Tona gore, fa Tautona a ne a lekodisa setšhaba kwa Francistown gore re setse ka *fuel* ya malatsi a le *nine*, e bile fa e sa goroge dikoloi tsotlhe di a ema, a o ne a sa gakololwa gore *nine* yo re ntseng re tshela ka ene ka gore ga re na *capacity* e kalokalo, re ntse re tshela ka ene *between nine and possibly at the most two weeks?* A ga le a bona bodiphatsa jwa gore Tautona a bo a sa gakololwe sentle? Batho ba bo ba taboga ba ya go reka leokwane le le fetang le ba le tlhokang mo nakong eo, ka letshogo la gore Tautona o rile dikoloi di tloga di ema. Mme e re *two days* a sena go bua, re bo re bona Tona a patelesega go tla go bua gore, nnyaa, re na le *stable supply outlook for much.* Ba Botswana Energy Regulatory Authority (BERA) le bone ba tla ba tabogile le bone ba re, nnyaa, *supply* e siame, *effectively* le bone ba ganetsa se se neng Tautona a se bua. Mo nakong e e tlang le tla dira jang gore le gakolole Tautona botoka le se ka la iphitlhela le le mo mathateng a?

Ya bobedi ke gore... *I am sure Honourable Tshere o a itse gore in the last Parliament, kgang e ya gore we are developing kwa Tshele le Ghanzi, e ne e ntse e buiwa. Mathata ke eng? What are the completion dates?*

MR TSHERE: Thank you very much Honourable Leader of the Opposition. I do not think the President was misadvised when he referred to nine days of supply. He was referring to the fuel held by Government, he was not speaking to the fuel held by private sector at that time. So, should you have asked further, maybe he would have explained himself, but he was stating as I stated in this response, the amount of supply held by Government in its strategic reserve which ranges around 10 days. The President was advised appropriately in my view.

The second question, the Tshele and Ghanzi Project; I think in the answer it says, the project is going to start...I do not have the completion date, I will look for it. As for the Tshele, as you might be aware, we are doing it with the investment from the investor from Oman, that is what we are going to do... the reserve at Tshele and will be held as such for the Government. Thank you very much.

MR SALESHANDO: Further supplementary. *A mme ga o dumalane gore fa Tautona a raya setšhaba a re fa fuel e sa goroge in nine days dikoloi tsothe tsalona di a ema, golo moo go raya gore there is supply insecurity? Ke sone se a se buang. Wena mme se le se buang le Tona ke gore, there has always been a positive supply outlook even for the month of March. Golo moo ga o bone gore go dira gore go nne le panic buying by members of the public ba ba utlwang gotwe dikoloi di ka nna tsa ema?*

Given these geopolitical tensions *kwa leokwane le tswang teng ka bontsi, a ga le akanye gore le name le letleletse* some of the multinational companies *tse re nang le tsone mo Botswana* gore they can import fuel? I think *o a gakologelwa gore Palamente e e fetileng ya bo 12, e ne ya di kganela,* now given that we are in a dilemma, *ba na le international network,* is it something that the ministry would consider?

MR TSHERE: Thank you very much. On the nine days; I think *ke gore fela* sometimes we do not understand when the President says some of these things. The President was merely stating that the reserve that we have as Government, is at about nine days. That speaks to us as Government, ensuring that we have more or we increase our capacity and this is what the answer of the question is pointing to. The President was emphasizing the need to expand our capacity, so that is beyond nine days. I have stated in the answer that the internationally recognised storage capacity for a country *e e fa gare,*

landlocked like ours *e tsamaya kwa go* 90 days and we are far below, and that is what the President was emphasizing, *gore re kwa tlaselase thata.* We have a nine days storage facility as Government, not as private sector and I think that is very clear. As per the recommendation *ya gore,* we should possibly engage the private sector to help under the Botswana Oil to expand, let me take that *e le mofago.* I thank you Madam Speaker.

MAINTENANCE OF NATA SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL

MR S. O. MAPULANGA (CHOBE): asked the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education to state progress made in the maintenance of Nata Senior Secondary School; and further state:

- (i) the amount of damage incurred in terms of value; and
- (ii) when her ministry will complete the maintenance works to normalise the school operations.

MINISTER OF CHILD WELFARE AND BASIC EDUCATION (MS KGAFELA-MOKOKA): Thank you Madam Speaker. *Ke bo ke lebogele Ntlo e gore ba bo ba ne ba ntse ba nkeleletsa botsogo fa ke ntse ke wetse tlase. Mme ke tsogile bagaetsho.*

Madam Speaker, let me first acknowledge that my ministry is aware of the maintenance needs at Nata Senior Secondary School and plans that were previously made for this maintenance but never materialised due to inadequate funds as hostels got burnt in sequence. However, during the financial year 2026/2027, our ministry plans to maintain the burnt hostel environment at Nata Senior Secondary School; refurbish mechanical and electrical installations and desalinate the hard water, which failed the hot water systems to work at the school.

Madam Speaker, the amount of damage at the school in terms of value can be assessed in two ways:

- (i) Firstly, the burnt environment of hostel with occupancy space of 900 students is estimated to cost P40 million to restore their functionality including the services.
- (ii) Secondly, the dilapidation from aging assets, wear and tear of the school amounts to P105 million.

Madam Speaker, our ministry therefore plans to complete the proposed maintenance works of burnt environment at Nata Senior School during the second quarter of the financial year 2026/2027. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

MR MAPULANGA: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga Tona, ke go eleletse botsogo jo bo tla tsamayang bo siame. Ke utlwa o re *second quarter* le tlaabo le wetsa, mme *so far*, a go na le se se setseng se simolotswe mo sekoleng se *in terms of maintenance*?

Gongwe ya bobedi e bo e nna kgang ya gore, o thusa go le kae bana ba sekole ba ba tswang mo dikgaolong tse di kgakala jaaka Chobe, ba batsadi ba bone ba kokonelwang ke go ba isa kwa Shashe, Mater Spei College, Masunga le McConnell? Le thusa go le kae go bona gore batsadi bao ba se ka ba imelwa thata?

Long-term plan ya lona ya go aga *senior secondary school* re e solofele leng kwa Chobe ka gore 600 kilometres (km) o montsi go ya go kopa sekole? Le ya go re agela *senior school* kwa Chobe leng? Ke a leboga.

MS KGAFELA-MOKOKA: Ke a leboga *Honourable Mapulanga*. Tona, mo bo jaanong ga re ise re simolole *sir*, mme jaaka re solofetsa, re tlaa simolola ka *the second quarter*. Tota kana re kgopakgopediwa ke gone go tlhoka *funds at this point in time*, but re tsaya gore ka *the second quarter*, go na le kwa re ka anyang sengwe teng gore re bone gore re a simolola.

Mabapi le bana ba ba tswang kwa bo Chobe ba ya bo Shashe, McConnell, Mater Spei gore a ba ka se ka ba thusiwa, go le gantsi bana ba dikole ba a sekasekiwa, go na le ba gotweng ba *vulnerable*, ba ba tswang mo diemong kana malwapa a e leng gore itsholelo e kwa tlasetlase. Bone bao ke ba o fitlhelang ba ntse ba thusiwa jalo ke ba boipelego, mme ga ke ise ke itse ka lenaneo le le setseng le ka thusa mongwe le mongwe. Legale rraetsho kana ke yone kgakololo e ntle e o e re neelang, e e ka re thusang gore bana ba bantsi ba kgone *to access without difficulty*.

O bo o re *long-term plan; like I said*, mo mading a re ntseng re a solofela go tswa mo *budget* ya rona, ga re ka ke ra aga dikole tse di fetang bo *six in terms of expansion of senior secondary schools*. Jaaka ke ntse ke bua gore re sale re buile gore go na le matsana a mangwe a re a emetseng gore ke a tsise gone fa, a a tswang kwa bo World Bank jaana, ba bua ka *expansion of senior secondary schools*, le gone go aga dikole tseo.

Ke tsaya gore fa go na le letlhoko le le re patikang jaaka lone la Chobe le tsone di *long distance*, gongwe re ka kgona gore re akanye. A re se ka ra itlhobogela ruri, mme o nne o nkgakolola gantsinyana. Ke a leboga Mopalamente. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Members, *re ya kwa* questions without notice, according to Standing Order 37.4.

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

PLACEMENT OF LEARNERS

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

- (i) to provide a definitive timeline for the placement of thousands of learners who did not meet the cut-off point for admission to senior secondary schools following the 2025 Junior Certificate results;
- (ii) to state the steps and processes to be followed for one to access the Project Bula Buka;
- (iii) to confirm if all satellite centres and partner institutions are fully equipped with the necessary Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) resources and trained personnel to accommodate this influx, given that the first phase is set to begin in March 2026; and
- (iv) what immediate measures her ministry is taking to communicate with the “discarded” learners and their guardians to alleviate the current climate of uncertainty and prevent further social exclusion.

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

Madam Speaker, currently registration closed on 11th March, 2026 and will be followed by learner profiling and placement. Our first classes for Bula Buka will commence on the 13th April, 2026. This will be learners who are supplementing their Junior Certificate Examination (JCE). The next batch which is the skills development sections will be on the 4th May, 2026.

- (i) Registration was also done online from home through the ministry application. It is also available through Choppies stores, Kgotla and

Education centres. Our Out of School Education and Training (OSET) officers are also available across the country to facilitate where there may be challenges with connectivity.

- (ii) Madam Speaker, STEAM is not yet rolled out to our institutions, hence Project Bula Buka will commence within the existing resources.
- (iii) Communication about Project Bula Buka has been ongoing through the Ministry of Child Welfare and Basic Education Facebook page. There was a media release through Botswana Television (Btv) and radio. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

MR HIKUAMA: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga Madam Speaker. Ke a leboga Tona, e bile ke leboga gore o bo o kgonne go sidilega o boetse mo tirong.

Madam Speaker, ke botse dipotsonyana di sekaenyana tsa motlaleletsa. E nngwe o e kgomile le fa ke sa e utlwa sentle, ya *parity of access*, bogolo jang fa re lebile bana ba nna kgakala le ditlamelo *compared to* ba ba nnang mo ditropong. Tota fa o re *your officers are all over the country* go leka go thusa, gongwe fa o ka e tlhatswa go feta foo, gore *all over the country* ba tsamaya mo mafelong a a farologaneng mo batho ba ka tswang ba le teng, go tsaya maina le ba ba tlhokang go ka tsenelela thulaganyo e e lebegang e ka nna ntle eo. Fa o ka tlhatswa yone eo.

Ya bobedi potso ya motlaleletsa ke gore, a yone *project* e ya Bula Buka, e tlaabo e dirisa *facilities* tsa dikole tse di leng teng kana *after hours*, kana go na le *dedicated open schooling hubs* tse e leng gore *you are establishing*, kana e ya go dirisa *format* ya mofuta ofe gore batho ba e ipaakanyetse botoka?

Ya boraro ke e ya *specific skills* e e tlaa simololang ka di 4th April, gore a mme fa e ntse jaana, le a ipaakanya *to identify specific skills areas* tse e leng gore *you wish our kids* gore ba di akole? *Are you liaising with the private sector*, go bona se se tlhokafalang mo *market* wa rona le go bona gore le di loga sentle?

Ya bofelo, re ne re bala maloba mo *social media* le dipampiri gore e kete go na le kgogakgogano fa gare ga lona le le ba *ministry* le ba Botswana Open University, le mongwe yo o lebegang e le ene mong wa *idea* yo le neng le tseneletse dipuisanyo le ene, le bo le kgaogana mo tseleng le ba phuganya, le tswela ka *programme* ya lona bone ba setse ba bofeletse mabogo kwa morago. Ga ba itse gore a le tlaa boela kwa go bone, a ke gone jaaka le ba kgwile lona le tswela? Gongwe fa o ka re tlhatswetsa dintlha tseo Tona. Ke a leboga.

MS KGAFELA-MOKOKA: Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Mma ke simolole fela ka ya gago ya ntlha rraetsho, ya *access of remote area centres*. Ke ka go tlhomamisetse gore *ministry* o ntse o na le *centres* tsa OSET; *I am told* di feta bo 10 *across the country*. E tlaabo e le mafelo mangwe a a tllileng go dirisiwa. E nngwe ke gatisa gore, *apart from online registration* jaaka ke buile le ka Dikgotla le bo Choppies le bo eng, boammaaruri ke gore fa re ntsha ba ba yang go kwadisa kwa go sa gorogiweng kwa go tsone tse, re ba isa *specifically to areas* tse re lemogileng gore ga ba kgone go fitlhelela tsone Dikgotla tse ka mabaka a gore ba nna kgakala le *connectivity*. Ke tsaya gore ke e arabile mo karabong e ke sa tswang go e neela.

Ke sutelele mo go ya Project Bula Buka, gore nnyaa mongwame, Project Bula Buka e tllile go dirisa *resources* tse di leng teng *as I have already alluded to*. E tllile go tsena *after hours as you have said, remember* re bua ka baithuti ba e leng gore ga ba simolole *syllabus* sesha, *so*, ke ba e leng gore ba tlaa rutuntshiwa fela jalo *after hours* ba rutiwa *this time around* gore ba kgone *to pursue* dithuto tse ba di tlhokang, ba di tokafatse jaaka re simolola ka bana *who are supplementing*.

Gongwe ke bo ke tshologela kwa go yone ya *specific skills*. Gongwe re re *skills development* fela re se ka ra nna *specific*. Fa go ntse jaana ga re ka ke ra isa bana kwa *institutions* tse e leng gore ga di *accredited* ke bo Botswana Qualifications Authority (BQA). *We are very careful*. Fa re riana, *we are trying* go lebelela *sir*, re setse re nopotse tse dingwe mme ga re ka ke ra di bua gone fa ka gore ke tle ke re fa pitsana e santse e apeywa, gongwe re nne re lesa re e tsenya *spices* tse di siameng go fitlhelela e butswa, re bo re kgona go e tshola. Ke tsaya kgakololo ya gago rraetsho gore re potlakele kgang eo ya go leka *to identify* tse di fetang tse re setseng re di supile gompiono.

Ke tsene mo go ya bo Botswana Open University (BOU) le bangwe ba o sa ba buang ka maina. Rraetsho, dikgang tse dingwe tse di ntseng jaana tse o di balang kwa *media* o bo o di tsaya o di tsisa kwano, o bo o solofela gore ke di tlhomamise, *I will not do that*. Fa e le gore go na le kgang e e neng e le mabarebare, ke ka eletsa gore e nne fela jalo go fitlhelela e tla go goroga mo tafoleng ya me kwa *ministry*, *then I will deal with it accordingly*. Ke a leboga *sir*.

MR HIKUAMA: *Procedure.* O lekile go araba, *procedure* ya me e fa Madam Speaker. Ke ne ke boditse gore kana fa re bona re na le *a gap*, ke dumela gore fa o

bona bana ba rona gongwe ba sa hirwe, ke gore ga ba na *relevant skills, maybe* tse di tlhokwang ke *market*. Ke ne ke botsa gore a mme ba a ikgolaganya, ke ne ke sa bue ka *accreditation ya institutions. I was talking about identified skills that are needed by our labour market* gore fa bana ba tswa ba kgone go hirwa. *That is what I was asking.*

Ya bofelo; ke ne ke botsa gore a o a itse gore go na le dikgang tsa go nna jalo gore bangwe ba a ipelaetsa gore ba ntse ba bua le bone ba ba phuagantse? Fa e se gone, o ka supa gore ga ba itse sepe ka tsone kana ba a itse. *That is what I was asking.*

MS KGAFELA-MOKOKA: Ke arabe ka ya go ba *prepare for the market*; fa re le fa *Honourable Madam Speaker*, re bua ka bana ba maForm 3. Fa re re re a ba *profile and place them*, re raya re lebetse *strengths* tsa bone; *is it academic or* ba *strong* kwa Design and Technology (D&T) *or* kwa kae, re bo re ba isa gone foo. Re ba tsamaisa jalo, ga re ka ke ra baya mo go reng e tlaa re ba tswa foo ba bo ba tsena mo *market*, re ba baakanyetsa gore ka *basics* tse di siameng tse di tlaa ba kgontshang *a seamless transition into* Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) ya ga Rre Maele. Ga re batle bana ba fetsa fela foo ba bo ba ema, a ba tswelile fela ka *skills* tse re di jwalang gone foo, ba ye go feletsa ba na le Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) tsa *skills* tseo.

MADAM SPEAKER: *Honourable Member*, iketle pele. Fa ke reeditse potso e ya re *have you identified skills* tse bana ba yang go di tlhoka *to get into the market*?

MS KGAFELA-MOKOKA: Ke e araba jalo *Madam Speaker*, ke re *at Junior Certificate (JC)*, *it is too soon* gore o ka re ngwana o ka mo tsaya a fetsa *skill* sa Form 3, a bo o mo tsenya mo *market*. Kgang ya rona ke *continual education, where you prepare these kids on basics so that they transit to TVET*, ba ikoketse. Ke e araba fela jalo. Ke a leboga.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Supplementary.

MADAM SPEAKER: O se ka wa diega *honourable*, e tšhaile. Kana re na le *Committee of Supply*.

DR GOBOTSWANG: *Supplementary*. Ke ne ke batla go botsa *Honourable Minister*, kana re leletswa ke batsadi ba re o ne o solofeditse gore ba ba tsereng D, ba ya *to progress to Form 4*. Kgang e a ko o e tlhatswe sentle gore gatwe e tswa fa kae?

Ya bobedi ke gore fa le bua ka *profiling* gompieno jaana, ke tsaya gore ngwana fela fa a simolola ka Form 1 a ya go tsena Form 3, sekole le barutabana ba setse ba itse gore yo ke wa mabelo, yo ke wa *music*. Ke ipotsa gore la re le *profile* eng? Ke eng le sa botse dikole ba le neela bana ba le *categorised* ka gore ba tshwanetse ba bo ba itse gore bana ba bone *strength* sa bone se fa kae? Ke a leboga.

MS KGAFELA-MOKOKA: Ke a leboga Mopalamente yo o tlotlegang. *Profiling is very important because* ga o ka ke wa *rely* mo go sepe, o kgona gore o re ngwana o ya go pasa, a bo a sa pase. Re tshwanetse go inetefaletsa mme re bereka le dikole. *We use the very profile that we already have and also look at the results* tsa ngwana gore re kgone go bona gore a se a neng a tla gotwe o sone, *at that point in time* ke sone.

Mma ke boele kwa go ya D le fa e ne e se fa. Ke ne ka bua jalo *when releasing Form 3 results* gore re tsile go tsaya bana ba bo D. Ga ke boele kgang eo morago *Madam Speaker*, ke ka go tlhalosetsa gore *so far* re kgonne ka *resources* tse re nang le tsone go tsaya bana ba botlhe ba bo D, go bo go sala 3,000 kwa ntle *because we also have to look at issues of teacher-student ratio*. Fa re lebelela *student-teacher ratio*, re bone gore re felele golo gongwe, re bo re salelwa ke 3,000 fela. *That 3,000 we are going to push it through skills development because when we push them into mainstream*, re ne re sa ba gogobe fela jalo. Re ne re lebeletse gore ba ba dirileng botoka mo go ba bangwe ke bafe, a bo re simolola ka bone bao. Ba ba salang ba re tlaa ba tsenya mo *skills development*, re ba baakanyetsa *for TVET*. Ke a leboga.

GOVERNMENT INSOURCING

MR G. KEKGONEGILE (MAUN EAST): asked the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to brief this Honourable House on the implementation process of the upcoming insourcing of security, cleaning and gardening services within the public sector effective 1st April 2026 with emphasis on:

- (i) the target number of workers to be employed per category;
- (ii) the recruitment process in terms of whether it will involve open advertisement and former temporary workers, or target only current temporary workers;
- (iii) how the ministry will ensure transparency and fairness within the recruitment process; and
- (iv) which ministries, local authorities and parastatals will be affected.

MR KEKGONEGILE: Dumela *Madam Speaker*. Kana dikgang tsa Palamente di mefuta, ke sa ntlha ke utlwa gotwe *urgent question is later dated*. O a bo a seyo bagaetsho, gatwe o tshwaregile golo gongwe. A re o kopa *later date*. *You will guide me Madam Speaker*, gore a ke e ka tsenang kamoso kana jang. A re o tlaabo a le teng kamoso. Ke la ntlha ke utlwa go kopiwa *later date*. Fa e ka tsena kamoso, e tlaabo e siame *Madam Speaker*.

MADAM SPEAKER: Later date, we will discuss it with the Clerks.

Later Date.

ASSEMBLY IN COMMITTEE

(CHAIRPERSON in the Chair)

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

ORGANISATION 3300 - MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION

MADAM CHAIRPERSON (MS MANYENENG): Order! Honourable Members. We are now in Committee of Supply. Please note that two hours 10 minutes has been allocated to this Organisation. I shall call upon the Honourable Minister to reply at 16:35 hours and the question will be put at 5:05 p.m.

MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION (MR MAELE): *Ke a leboga Madam Chairperson*. Thank you so much Honourable Members. We have actually circulated our document, 118 paragraphs but I am not going to go through the whole of it, I am just going to go through some salient paragraphs therein.

Madam Chair, I have the honour to present to this Honourable House, the Ministry of Higher Education (MoHE) budget proposals for the 2026/2027 financial year under Organisation 3300. My budget request, as shown in the estimates, is ambitious, though it is not sufficient to address the main or the much needed Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) and maintenance of educational facilities requirements. The budget estimates reflect our desire, and indeed our commitment and responsibility to transform our country from a resource-based to a knowledge-based economy through educational transformation, in particular revitalisation of TVET. My ministry places human capital development at the

centre of Botswana's economic transformation agenda, recognising higher education, technical training, and skills development as critical enablers of productivity, innovation and sustainable job creation.

Madam Chair, Botswana has made notable strides in terms of the vision of having an educated and informed nation. However, there has been stagnation in the production of skills demanded by the economy, hence the need for a transformative and supportive higher education and skills development system that is relevant, responsive, inclusive, and globally competitive.

Madam Chair, my ministry continues to prioritise the revitalisation of TVET and industry partnership, curriculum and assessment modernisation, optimisation and development of multidisciplinary centres of excellence, enhancement of the national education blueprint, transformation of teacher education, upgrading and rationalisation of Institute of Health Sciences (IHS), industry-led upskilling, and staff welfare. These initiatives directly support National Development Plan (NDP) 12 objectives of addressing skills mismatch, enhancing employability and prompting economic diversification.

In line with the NDP 12's emphasis on fiscal consolidation, my ministry is also implementing measures to enhance cost containment, promote third-stream income generation and ensure value for money in the utilisation of public resources.

Madam Chair, in order to achieve a transformative agenda, it is paramount that we reform our learning institutions and transform the quality of education through Brigades; Technical Colleges, Institute of Health Sciences, Colleges of Education and Universities.

Madam Chair, allow me now to speak to the work on the ground by my ministry in an effort to realise our mandate. To start with, a key priority of my ministry is the revitalisation of TVET to address skills mismatch and youth unemployment.

In this regard, Government has transformed the Construction Industry Trust Fund (CITF) into the Rapid Skills Development Centre (RSDC) through legislative reforms in order to align the institution with the national priority of revitalising TVET.

This transformation expands the mandate of the institution from focusing mainly on construction trades to skills development access across multiple sectors of

the economy. At the same time, the RSDC footprint is being expanded across the country to strengthen rural economies and help reduce rural-urban migration by creating sustainable livelihoods opportunities.

Madam Chair, as at December 2025, the RSDC had enrolled 3,440 trainees across the training centres, including 2,053 beneficiaries under the Ikageng Public Works Programme.

Through collaboration with the Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, RSDC continues to support the re-engineered Ikageng Programme where trainees gain practical experience through Government infrastructure project such as staff houses, classroom blocks, Kgotla shelters, market shelters and road paving.

During the 2025/2026 financial year, 522 facilitators were engaged in 87 projects, transferring practical skills in the areas such as Bricklaying, Carpentry, Electrical Installation, Plumbing and Tiling. Successful trainees received National Credit and Qualification Framework (NCQF) Level 3 certification.

Madam Chair, RSDC is also implementing an Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system to automate its processes and improve service delivery in line with the SmartBots Digital Transformation Strategy. The system is expected to be completed by the end of the 2026/2027 financial year.

Looking ahead, Government will construct three new RSDC Satellite Centres in Kazungula, Seronga and Bokspits while expanding existing centres in Thamaga, Chadibe and Moreomaoto to increase training capacity and improve access to skills development opportunities across the country.

Madam Chair, Government has also prioritised the maintenance and revitalisation of tertiary education facilities, including Universities, Technical Colleges, Brigades and Institutes of Health Sciences (IHS).

As part of the cost-containment strategy, trainees from technical institutions will be engaged to undertake selected maintenance works under the training with production approach, thereby strengthening practical learning, while reducing maintenance costs.

Madam Chair, coherent and well aligned policies in human resource development are fundamental to national transformation. Our policies must demonstrate

both vertical and horizontal alignment because the ultimate objective of our development agenda is in the empowerment of our people. During the 2026-2027 financial year, my ministry will undertake a comprehensive review of its policies with a view to assessing and aligning them across the human resource development continuum. This exercise will ensure that our interventions remain relevant and responsive to the aspirations of Vision 2036, NDP 12 and the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme (BETP).

Madam Chair, the Human Resource Development Council (HRDC) continues to generate critical intelligence on labour market trends through its annual reports on priority occupations and skills demand. These reports guide strategic planning, inform decision-making and support career guidance. In order to strengthen the work, HRDC will in 2026/2027 develop a Human Resource Development Forecasting Model which will provide robust projections of priority occupations and future skills demand.

As part of building skills for environmental sustainability and community livelihoods, my ministry, through HRDC has secured a two-year grant from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) amounting to Forty-Nine Thousand, Nine Hundred and Four US Dollars (US\$49,904) for the Community Led Capacity Development for Panhandle Communities project. The initiative will equip communities with the environmental conservation skills to support sustainable livelihoods and responsible natural resource management.

Madam Chair, HRDC will also pilot an industry-led upskilling programme in the Textile and Leather sector during the 2026/2027 financial year. The project seeks to address youth unemployment by retooling young people with industry relevant skills for both employment and entrepreneurship. Importantly, the intervention will be demand driven, ensuring that training responds directly to employer identified skills gaps and facilitates immediate entry into the labour market.

Madam Chair, I am pleased to inform this Honourable House that Phase I of the Botswana Labour Market Information System (LMIS) has now been successfully completed. While implementation experienced delay due to external system integration challenges, extensive stakeholder engagement requirements and technical deployment processes, the system is now fully operational.

Madam Chair, key integrations have already been completed with the National Identification System, the Companies and Intellectual Property Authority, the 1Gov SM Gateway and the Immigration and Citizenship System, while integration with the Work Permit System is ongoing. Quality Assurance has confirmed system readiness, with a 98 per cent pass rate as at December 2025.

Upon completion, key LMIS modules will be handed over to the Ministry of Labour and Home Affairs (MLHA) and the Directorate of Public Service Management (DPSM) to support employment service delivery, labour administration and public service recruitment through a consolidated national jobseeker database and advanced job matching tools.

BOTSWANA QUALIFICATIONS AUTHORITY (BQA)

Madam Chairperson, Botswana Qualifications Authority (BQA) continues to make significant progress in strengthening quality assurance with our education and training system. As at March 2026, 1153 qualifications have been registered on the National Credit and Qualification Framework, up from 991 in March 2025. Accredited Learning Programmes have increased to 1185 from 948, while Evaluated Qualifications now stands at 8446 compared to 7583 in 2025. In addition, the authority has registered and accredited 128 TVET Education and Training Providers (ETPs) up from 91 last year while Higher Education Providers increased to 62 from 59. Consultancies Training Providers have also grown from 739 to 836 reflecting increasing participation of the industry and private providers in schools' development.

Madam Chairperson, in support of National Development Plan (NDP) 12's priority of Enhancing Human Capital Development, the Authority has developed the Policy on Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL). This policy allows workers and community learners to have their informal, nonformal and experiential learning assessed and formally recognised. It will open new pathways for career progression and employability, particularly for TVET graduates, artisans and workers in emerging occupations.

The Authority has also developed a Policy on Credit Accumulation and Transfer System (CATS). This policy will enable learners to accumulate and transfer credits across institutions and education subsystems, thereby

strengthening articulation between programmes and supporting lifelong learning, both the RPL and CATS policies have been approved and their rollout to stakeholders commenced in February 2026.

Madam Chairperson, BQA has also completed the development of Norms and Standards of Higher Education and TVET which will be rolled out during the first quarter of 2026/27 financial year. These standards will further strengthen quality assurance and ensure that training institutions deliver programmes that meet national and international benchmarks.

TERTIARY EDUCATION FINANCING

Madam Chairperson, my ministry has been on a continuous effort to facilitate access to finances for our students to study in Botswana and abroad. Currently, a total of 44 506 students are being sponsored, with 11 761 benefiting during the financial year 2025/2026. Out of the 44 506 students, 43 732 are enrolled in local institutions while 774 are in external institutions.

Madam Chairperson, 11 761 new students included 10 794 new students under Department Of Tertiary Education Financing (DTEF), 1424 of these students are under the Orphans and Vulnerable Children, Remote Area Dwellers and Special Education Needs (OVC/RAD/SEN) category, 62 are under the Top Achievers Programme and 967 are distributed across the four colleges of the Department of Teacher Training (TT&TE) Technical Colleges; Gaborone Technical College (GTC), Oodi College of Applied Arts and Technology (OCAAT), Botswana College of Engineering and Technology (BCET) and Francistown College of Technical and Vocational Education (FCTVE). It is also worth noting that out of the 10 794 new students, 8 464 or 78 per cent were placed in the Health, Science and Technology, Business and Financial Services and Education and Engineering Programmes. During 2025, a total of 4160 students graduated from local institutions against an anticipated 6680, which is 64 per cent graduation rate.

Madam Chairperson, for the financial year 2025/2026, my ministry had budgeted to collect P20 million Pula as student loan recoveries. As at December 2025, collection stood at Six Million, Nine Hundred and Forty-Three Thousand, One Hundred and Twenty-Three Pula and Six Thebe (P6 943 123. 06) or 34 per cent against the annual target of P20 million. This under collection of student loans is due to high unemployment rate and challenges experienced in tracking and tracing of beneficiaries, particularly those employed in the private sector.

Madam Chairperson, to alleviate this huge challenge, my ministry intends to develop a Department of Tertiary Education Financing Policy aimed at better facilitating sponsorships, improve sustainability and cost recovery. The current sponsorship dispensation was meant to be a revolving fund, however due to poor loans recovery, the sponsorship system has become costly to Government and needs to be reviewed urgently to develop a Tertiary Education Financing Policy aimed at ensuring sustainability, improve loan recovery and equitable access to higher education. My ministry had initially planned to increase allowances for students to P2500 in April 2026. However, this has not been possible due to the prevailing budgetary constraints, these fiscal limitations have also affected the ministry's ability to extend sponsorship for progression and re-sponsorships. Notwithstanding these challenges, the ministry is working tirelessly to increase student allowances this financial year as soon as the funds are sourced.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Applause!)

MR MAELE: INSTITUTE OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Madam Chairperson, the Institute of Health Sciences (IHS) continues to play a pivotal role in developing Human Resource for the health sector, particularly in Nursing and Allied Professions. The institution remains a training provider of choice, delivering transformative...

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Honourable Minister, be mindful of time and your paragraphs.

MR MAELE: Okay. I will do it in two minutes. I will skip the other paragraphs and go to the paragraphs that matter. Let me start with this one first on the universities.

UNIVERSITIES OF BOTSWANA

Our universities continue to play a critical role in advancing research, innovation and entrepreneurship. The institutions such as the University of Botswana (UB), Botswana University of Agriculture and Natural Resources (BUAN), Botswana International University of Science and Technology (BIUST) and Botswana Open University (BOU) continue to strengthen programmes in Science, Technology, Agriculture and Digital Innovation while supporting National Economic Transformation.

In addition, the transformation of Botswana Accountancy College (BAC) into the Botswana School of Business Sciences (BSBS), represent an important milestone in strengthening Botswana Higher Education landscape and expanding opportunities in Business Applied Sciences and Entrepreneurship.

BUDGET PROPOSALS FOR 2026/2027 FINANCIAL YEAR

Madam Chairperson, allow me to present the budget proposal under my ministry for the financial year 2026/27. The proposed budget for the financial year amounts to Seven Billion, Five Hundred and Twenty Million, Two Hundred and Fourteen Thousand, Eight Hundred and Fifty Pula (P7,520,214,850.00), of which Seven Billion, Three Hundred and Sixty-Six Million, Four Hundred and Sixty-Nine Thousand, Eight Hundred and Fifty Pula (P7,366,469,850) is under Recurrent Budget and One Hundred and Fifty-Three Million, Seven Hundred and Forty-Five Thousand Pula (P153,745,000) is under Development Budget.

CONCLUSION

Madam Chairperson, this concludes my presentation of the 2026/27 Recurrent and Development Budget request for my ministry. I therefore move that the sum of Seven Billion, Three Hundred and Sixty-Six Million, Four Hundred and Sixty-Nine Thousand, Eight Hundred and Fifty Pula (P7,366,469,850) under the Recurrent Budget and One Hundred and Fifty-Three Million, Seven Hundred and Forty-Five Thousand Pula (P153,745,000) under Development Budget be approved and stand as part of the Schedule of the 2026/2027 Appropriation Bill (No.1 of 2026) for Head 3300 in the Development Fund Estimates. I thank you Madam Chairperson.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Applause!)

MR HIKUAMA (MAUN WEST): Ke a leboga *Madam Chairperson*. Pele fa ke akgela mo puong e e monate ya ga Tona Maele, ke kopa motsotso o le mongwefela, o se ka wa ntseela *floor*, ke akgole *Ministry of Child Welfare and Basic Education*. Ke akgole mo go sa tlwaelesegang gore, ke utlwa gore kwa dikgaolong mo dikoleng fa ba sena go amogela maForm 3, ba ba amogetse ba leka go ba phatlalatsa mo dikoleng tsa lefatshe la Botswana mo go farologanyeng. *I support that move*, e le go leka go lwantsha botlhokatsebe ga bana, ka gore fa bana ba tswa mo segopeng se le sengwefela sa sekole o bo o ba tsenya go le *one*, ba tswela ka botlhokatsebe jwa bone. *I like that move*.

Gone ke a lemoga gore batsadi ba humanegile, ga ba na madi, mme *I think it is a commendable effort*. Re ka leka go bona gore re dire jang gore re thuse batsadi gore ba kgone go isa bana kwa ba amogetsweng teng. Fa ke buisana le batsadi, ba bangwe ba ne ba ngongorega gore bana ba bone ba tseetswe kgakala. Ke ne ke ba raya ke re, *it is a good move, it is a pain* e re tshwanetseng to endure it gompiano for the betterment of our kids. Ke leboge seo *Madam chairperson*.

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

MR HIKUAMA: Ke tsene mo puong e e teng gompiano ya ga Tona Maele, e a neng a e bua ka botswerere, bo Rre Ramogapi ke fa ba opa diatla le fa ba fapaana le se a se opelang. O buile ka *revitalization of TVET*, e le maikaelelo magolo a *ministry* wa gago. Ke dumalana le maikaelelo ao, e bile ke a ema nokeng. Sebe sa phiri o supile gape mo puong ya gago gore, madi a re a filweng ga a na go go letlelela gore o dire sengwe le sengwe se o se eleditseng, le nna ke a bona gore a kgakala le gore re fitlhelele seo. *Honourable Maele*, fa o bona lefatshe la rona le farafarilwe ke letlhoko la ditiro, lehuma le bana ba ba alogang ba sa bereke, ke go nna le thuto e e sa itebaganyeng le se se tlhokiwang ke *market* wa rona. *Like I said in the general principles, we are training for the world that does not exist*. Ga re ruthuntshe bana ba rona mo lefatsheng le re le bonang la boammaaruri. Seo se tlaa dira bana ba rona *to always toyi-toyi*, ba tla ka *petitions* fa ba supa ka fa ba sa hirweng ka teng, ka gore thuto e re tsweleng re ba e neela, ga se e e tsamaelanang le se se tlhokiwang ke *market* wa lefatshe la rona. Ke sone se ke kopang gore, a re tlhwaafaleleng le go potlakela *the transformation process* ya *curriculum* ya lefatshe la rona, bogolo jang fa re tla mo *the TVET*. E se ka ya nna puo e re e dirisang go itshupa e kete re dira sengwe, a re diragatseng, re nne le *some tangible steps that are being carried out to ensure* gore at the end of the year, at least go na le motlhala gore go diragetse se, re fa, re tsamaela fa.

Moving to tertiary sponsorship and the forgotten students; re na le bothata jwa *sponsorship*. Ke dumela gore gompiano *we have shifted* kwa kgannyeng ya gore, *there is partial sponsorship* ya *courses* tse re tsayang gore di botlhokwa re bona di siame. A re ipotse gore re le lefatshe fa e le gore *we are sponsoring* mo go tse re bonang gore di botlhokwa, *what about those kids* ba re sa kgoneng to sponsor them? Re lemoge gore ga se rotlhe ba re ka kgonang go isa bana ba rona kwa dikoleng, mme ga se bana botlhe ba ba ka eletsang gore ba tsene mo *courses* tse gongwe re akanyang gore ke

priority ya *sponsorship*. Jaanong ba ba senang bokgoni, e tlaa felela e le ba ba lebetsweng, ba bo ba felela e nna batho ba ba sokolang mo botshelong jwa bone. Ke selo se re tshwanetseng re se ele tlhoko, re se lebelele. *I think we can address that by paying attention to how we sponsor* le gore bana ba re ya go ba dira jang. *Over and above, the relativization of TVET* ke yone gongwe e ka felelang e re ntsha mo mathateng a.

Mo *sponsorship* o bua ka *equitable access to tertiary education, which is a good vision*. A re lebelele jaana *Honourable Maele*, *we sponsor* bana ba BIUST, ba tsena sekole, mo ngwageng wa bone *they fail a module*, ra re *we do not sponsor retake*. Lebelela madi a lefatshe *that you have wasted investing* mo ngwaneng yoo, o bo o re fa a tla mo ngwageng wa bone o a mo kgwa, ka gore o paletswe ke *course* e bile ga o ka ke wa *sponsor retake, it is waste of Government money*. *We should find a way* *Honourable Maele*, ya gore *how are we going to deal with this issue*. *Otherwise*, ga go ka ke ga bereka, e bile re tlaabo re tshamekisa madi a Puso, *invest and then* mo ngwageng wa bofelo o a latlha. O ya go dira eng? O ya go a busa jang? *How is that person going to be productive* mo lefatsheng la rona, fa e le gore re mo kgwele ka tsela e e ntseng jalo? Ke kgang e re tshwanetseng re e lebe thata *Honourable Maele*, e utlwiswa botlhoko. Bana bale ba ne ba sa iphetlhe, ba o neng o ba tshosetsa o bo o ya go ba dira dilo.

Ya bobedi *Honourable Maele* ke e, re na le bana ba DDT College of Medicine. Fa o bona le wena o se phuagantse o supile gore ga o sa tlhole o isa bana kwa go bone, go a supafala gore ga se sekole se se nang le boleng. Fa o bona o ntshitse le dilo mo teng, ba bangwe wa re tsamayang le ye go feleletsatsa, ba feleletsatsa fa kae fa go tlaa ba thusang ka teng? *Be serious about this one, do not force people to go back to something* se o se tlhobogileng o bo o re ba boele teng. Ke moka o ba atlholelang leso.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF CHILD WELFARE AND BASIC EDUCATION (MR HUNYEPYA): *On a point of clarification*. Ke a leboga Mopalamente, o re tlhalosetse gore Tona Maele o tswa go tshosetsa bana ka eng, jang? Gore re tle re baakanye mokaulengwe le ene a baakanye, a tlhaloganye gore ke eng a tshosetsa bana ba.

MR HIKUAMA: *I wasted my time*. Ke ne ke tsetse gore o tlaa *clarify* sengwe se se utlwalang. Ene o itse gore o tswa go ba dira jang, ga go tlhokafale gore ke mo tlhalosetse. Hei! *you have wasted* motsotso wa me tota *honourable*, o ka dira jaana? Ke utlwile botlhoko mo go maswe.

A re bue ka *student*...

MINISTER OF HEALTH (DR S. MODISE): Point of elucidation. I know *gore* you are one of the members who went to see this institution *ya DDT nako nngwe o le kwa*. *Seemo sa teng wena o ne wa bona se ntse jang fela?* Maybe you can share with us. Thank you.

MR HIKUAMA: *Very good*. Seemo sa teng o a se itse le ene Tona, ke sone se a se tlhobogileng, o a itse *gore ga go na sepe*. *Everybody knows* *gore ke seemo se se ntseng jang*, *Government knows* *gore ke seemo se se ntseng jang*, bana le batsadi ba a itse, ga go tlhokafale *gore re bua thata ka sone*.

Mo motsotsong wa bofelo ke bue ka *student allowance*. Tona ke lebogela *gore o bo o kgonne go tsholetsa madi a bana botlhe to P1900*. Kana ga re a goroga kwa go P2500, le ne le buile *gore morago ga ditlhopho le tlaa diragatsa mo*. Fa le tswa fa le bo le re *budget e le tlaa diragatsa*, gompiano *you are pushing* mo bo Ramogapi ba opang diatla ba sa itse *gore ba di opela eng*. O a re gongwe fa le ka sela sengwe mo dingwageng tse di tlang, golo mo go neele tsholofelo.

Seemo le manokonoko a botshelo a kokonela bana, *we should work hard to try to address this one*. Ke dikgang tse di batlang o di potlakela, ka *gore bana ba le ne le ba solofeditse*, ba bo ba le tlhopha ka *you promised* *gore le tlaa tsholetsa immediately after* ditlhopho. Ke kgang e o tshwanetseng go e potlakela.

Mo *seconds* tse di setseng, TVET and Ikageng programme, tota ke lenaneo le le siameng *gore Ikageng a nne le batho ba ba nang le skills*. Ka *gore Ikageng e mo lefatsheng lotlhe ka bophara le kwa go senang dikole teng*, *find a way* *gore in those areas, how are you going to train those people*.

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: E go tshwere *honourable*.

MR BAGAISAMANG (SHOSHONG): Ke a leboga Modulasetilo. Ke leboge nako e o e mphileng, ke bo ke dumedise bathlophi ba Kgaolo ya Shoshong. Ke tseye nako e go ema Tona Rre Maele nokeng mo kopong ya madi a *Organisation 3300, Ministry of Higher Education*.

Tona, ke emetse Kgaolo ya Shoshong jaaka o itse, mme ke ne ke utlwa o bua ka *to expand institutions* tsa gago. Ke ne ke le fa mo ngwageng o o fetileng Tona ke tlile *to support another budget of your ministry*. Ke ne ka tlisa kopo mo go yone rraetsho *gore*, kana fa ke tsena ke fitlhetse go na le *a satellite brigade* ya Shoshong, *which is operating under* Mahalapye Brigade. Le gompiano

ke santse ke tla fano rra ke kopa *gore brigade* jo jaaka ke utlwa o supa *gore o ya go aga tse dingwe tse di sha*, tse dingwe o bo o di atolosa, ke batla ke eme fa ke kope *gore brigade* jwa Shoshong bo setse bo siilwe ke nako *gore bo ka bo bo santse bo operate e le satellite*. E bile bo setse bo tlisa dikgogakogano kwa kgaolong mo e leng *gore fa o re ke satellite* ya Mahalapye, go raya *gore fa bana ba ba kwa Madiba ba ja rice*, le ba ba kwa Shoshong ba solofelwa *gore ba je rice*. Mme ba ba kwa Shoshong go kgona *gore ba nne ba sena koloi*, ba sa kgone go thusiwa ke *brigade* jwa Mahalapye, koloi e le gone koo. Jaanong ke dumela *gore mo go tse o di fang tshekatsheko ya go bona* *gore o a di atolosa*, tsenya matlho o bone *gore brigade* jwa Shoshong bo tshwanetse bo atolosiwe bo tswe mo *satellite form*, bo nne *a fully-fledged brigade*. Bo tle bo kgone *to accommodate* bana. Gompiano ke jone *that accommodates* bana botlhe go tswa kwa Moralane go tla go ema mo Poloka, ba ba sa kgoneng *to be accommodated* kwa Mahalapye ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. Jaanong ke tsaya *gore gone moo*, ga re ka ke ra tsamaya ka *template* ya bogologolo re le Goromente yo moša. Go tlaa re gone mo re go fetole re tle re go beye mo dinakong, le ka fa re tsamayang re bua le batho ka teng. Ke gone mo ke go kopang fela rraetsho *gore, brigade* jwa Shoshong jaaka o ne o bua *gore you are going to engage the brigades* *gore di ye go dira maintenance, brigade* jwa Shoshong bo na le *course*, e le *a major course* e bo e dirang ya *Bricklaying and Plastering*. Re tshwanetse go bo dira a *hub* ya thulaganyo e, re bo re bona *gore we accommodate* le bana ba bantsi ba ba tsenang koo ba ba tswang mo dikgaolong tse di tlhokileng lesego. Ke bua ka dikgaolo tsa bo Poloka, Moralane, Mosolotshane, Kodibeleng, Mokgenene le Otse. Bana ba ke bone ba ba ka bong ba tsena gone kwa, mme re kopa *gore a ko le tsholetse brigade* jo, le bo le oketse le dipalo tsa go ba tsaya gone ka fale.

Ke ya go bua ka *tertiary financing* Tona, o supa *gore o na le bana ba le 11, 761*, mme mo go bone *only 1, 424, that is 0.121 per cent*, ke ya ba *remote areas dwellers, orphans and vulnerable children*. Gone mo fela ka bogone go le nosi Tona, go supa *gore batho ba re ba beile ka fa mosing re le lephata*. E bile ga re batle go ba bona ba fitlhelela golo gongwe mo dithutong tsa bone, *we are making them to compete against students* ba ba senang diemo tse di dirileng *gore ba bo ba tlhalosiwa ka tsela e e ntseng jaana*. Fa o tsaya motho yo o tswang kwa Moralane, Mokgenene, Otse, Manxotai, Sepako, Makunda, o bo o re a ye *to compete* le motho yo o tswang mo Gaborone, *when they apply for* diphatlha...

(*Inaudible*)... go supa gore golo mo ka bogone ga go a nna sentle. Go tlaa raya gore gone foo Tona, re bone gore golo mo re go tsenya leitlho. Ke kopa gore mo ngwageng o o dire *a deliberate consideration* ya gore re ye go oketsa seelo sa bana ba re ba tsayang ba mothale o.

Ke digela ka kgang e e amanang le *welfare* ya badiri ba dikole tsa gago rraetsho. *Lecturers* mo *brigades* kwa Shoshong, Madiba, Palapye, Serowe, *all temporary lecturers* le ka nako ya gompiano rraetsho jaana, ba kokota kwa diofising tsa Mapalamente ba kopa thuso. Ke kopa go itse gore, Tona, le ya go ba thusa le ba duela leng gore ba tle ba bone gore ba duela *rent* le tse di maleba tse di ka ba thusang? Go tsaya lebaka, ga go beye rona re le Puso sentle, jaanong e nna o kare Puso ya UDC ga e kgathale ka ditshwanelo tsa babereki. Ke a leboga Modulasetilo.

MR LEKAU (MOGODITSHANE WEST): *Thank you very much.* Ke eme fa gompiano *to support* Tona ka *budget* e. Ke supe gore fa o lebelela *the direction* e a batlang go e tsaya le dikeletso tsa gagwe, madinyana a o kare a manyennyane thata Tona. E ka bo e le madi a a okeditsweng fa o lebeletse gore letlhoko la rona tota mo *industry* e go raya eng. Ke na le keletso e tona thata Tona gore... kana o a itse gore golo fa Mogoditshane, kgantele e tloga e re ke bua e bo e le gore jaanong re kgobeletse dilo tsotlhe mo Mogoditshane. Ke supe gore go botlhokwa gore dilo di ye kwa Mogoditshane, mme gompiano *I will suggest* gore e re fa e le gore o ntima *brigade* kwa Mogoditshane, a ko tlhe o bo ise Mmopane. O bo ise Mmopane ka gore le batho ba re nnang mo Mogoditshane re simolola go tshologela kwa Mmopane. Tota lebaka legolo la gore fa *brigade* bo ile fale ke eng, ke go supegetsa gore *last year* ke kile ka bua gore *brigade* jo ke bo bonetse lefelo kwa Diremogolo, kwa Mogoditshane, mme ka se ka ka nna le phetolo e e nonofileng. Jaanong ke boa ke leka la bobedi gore, a mme o ka se ke o bo bapise le nna fa Mmopane. Gongwe fa o ka bo bapisa fa Mmopane, jaanong Tona, o tlaa itse gore go na le batho ba re sa leng re tlhalefa *who were promising* seporo gore, ke tlaa go rekela terena, seporo ke tlaa se kolota. Mme go tla go tseneng jaana mo Botswana, ga go na gope fa re kileng ra bona gore batho ba ba reng ba ya go kolota seporo ba ba ka ithuta kae go dira seporo sa terena, le go dira diterena tse ba di solofeditseng batho. Jaanong ke re, gongwe gompiano a ko o tsenye leitlho gore melao e e teng mo Botswana e nna nngwe ya *red tapes* tse di itsang gore go nne le *institutions* tse di rutang bana ka terena.

Ke buisiwa se ke gore, ke batla gore *brigade* joo... re le Mogoditshane, re eletsa go nna *a logistic hub*. Ke gore motho gope kwa a leng teng a itse gore Mogoditshane fa o bua ka *transport*, dikole tsa TVET, o di fitlhela kwa Mogoditshane/Mmopane, kana mo *Constituency* ya Mogoditshane, ke gone kwa re solofelang gore dilo tse di nne teng. Re lemoge gore...

MR MOALOSI: *Clarification.* Ke a leboga *Honourable* Lekau. Ka gore Mogoditshane ke *hub* ya dikoloi, ke eng o sa bue le gore *brigade* jwa teng fa e le gore bo tlaa nna teng, bo baakanye dikoloi, *panel beating, spray painting, air conditioners*? Gore masika ba ba tletseng kwa Mogoditshane ba tsamaye, bana ba Mogoditshane ba baakanye dikoloi.

MR LEKAU: *Thank you very much,* mme go lebega re sa *waste* madi a rona thata mo go wena, o kgona go akanya dinako dingwe. Go botlhokwa gore re dire jalo. E bile ke a kopa Tona gore, jaaka re bua ka Mogoditshane, ke bua ka gore le *renewable energy*, gone ga di *solar*, a o raya gore re ka palelwa ke go dira *solar panels* fela ka *brigade* jo re tla bo dirang kwa Mogoditshane? A re ka palelwa ke go dira *cables* tsa dikoloi? Kana gompiano fa o ya fa Kgale fale, go dirwa *cables* tsa dikoloi, mme bontsi jwa nako go tshandisiwa fela, ga re na bana ba re ba rutileng go dira megalanyana eo.

O tlaa gopola sentle gore *project* e ya *renewable energy, solar* tse gotweng di a dirwa ke *ministries* gore go dirwe metlakase, e ka bo *solar panels* tse di tswa mo go rona. Ke a lela gore a ko tlhe Tona o lebelele gore dikoloi tsa motlakase, *batteries* fa go ka nna le *brigade* fela jo bo lebaganeng le tsone tseo mo kgaolong ya Mogoditshane, go ka nna molemo. Kana gompiano fa o ya kwa Mogoditshane, motho o tsaya *battery* ya gago fela a bo a ya go reka *acid*, a bo a tshela a re o go baakanyeditse *battery*. Ke bonye gore *battery* e dirwa motlhofo, fa re ne re na le bana ba ba ithutileng tiro eo, o ne o ka lemoga gore le rona kamoso re ne re tlaa *manufacture batteries* re sa di tseye fela mo batswakweng.

Jaanong Tona ke wele ka gore, *launch campaign* yone e o e buang e ya *to revitalize* TVET, e tsene mo Motswaneng mongwe le mongwe, a itse gore TVET jaanong ga se kwa re latlhelang teng. Ke kwa e leng gore golo koo re batla go ntsha *products* tse di tlaa tsayang Puso e di e isa golo gongwe. *Launch campaign* e e leng gore fa re tswa fa re tlaabo e bile re nna le *ambassador* yo o buang ka TVET gongwe le gongwe gore ngwana yo o kwa *Form 5 target* ya gagwe e se ka

ya nna go batla UB. *Target* ya gagwe a re nna ke batla go ya go tsena kwa *brigade* jwa Mogoditshane jo bo eteletsweng pele ke *Honourable* Lekau, gore le nna ke ye go dira megala ya dikoloi. Jaanong fa o ka dira jalo Tona, ke tsaya gore nna le wena re tlaa utlwana go ya go tsena kwa bokhutong jwa lefatshe. Ke a leboga.

MR MOROLONG (KGATLENG CENTRAL): Ke a leboga Modulasetilo. Ke supe fela gore ke amogela kopo ya Tona wa rona yo o dirang ka natla. Ke gore fela fa pele ga gagwe ke madi a a seyong. Re a go lebogisa rra, re bona ditiro tsa gago.

Ke mo kope gore lantlha a leke bojotlhe re santse re le fa re ise re phatlalale gore a fedise leina le gotweng “*brigade*” ka gore leina le fa o ka le sala morago, le patapatilwe ke gore ke batho ba ba paletsweng kwa sekoleng, le na le *that stigma*. Leina le la *brigade* Tona, a ko o ntshe mokwalo fela o o reng le fedisitse ka ponyo ya leitho. Re a itse gore batho bogologolo fa le simolola, go ne go ya bana ba ba ntseng jang, mme gone moo gompiano, re tsaya gore fa motho a tsena kwa teng, o a nyenywa mme thuto ya teng e na le boleng fela jo bo kwa godimo.

Ke supe gore kwa ke tswang teng kwa Mochudi Tona, re na le *brigades* tse pedi, re na le *brigade* fa e neng e le teng lantlha, re bo re nna le *brigade* jo bosha jo o neng wa bo etela, ke go leboga rra ka seo. Mathata a re a lemogang ke gore, *brigade* jo bogologolo jo, dikago tse di foo Kgabo ga di dirisiwe, *they are highly underutilized*. Re na le more than 20 years or so e le gore seemo se ntse fela jalo. Ke ne ke kopa Tona tlhe gore a Goromente a se ka a nna le dithoto fela jalo di nna di sa dirisiwe. Go na le ditsela tse di ntsi tse dithoto kante dikago tse di ka dirisiwang ka tsone. Nngwe ya dilo tsa ntlha ke go fa bontlha bongwe, kana golo fale ke *campus* tse pedi, di kgaoganngwa ke sekonotere. Dikago tse dingwe di ka fa botlhabatsatsi, tse dingwe di ka fa bophirimatsatsi. Se se ka dirwang Tona, tse di ka fa botlhabatsatsi di tshwaragane le sekole sa *junior* sa Lentswe. Re ne re kopa re le Bakgatla gore le fa morero ke itse gore o ka o simolola wa o dira, morero o e leng gore re kopela go oketsa sekole sa Lentswe Junior go se godisetsa mo *campus* yone e e ka fa botlhabatsatsi. Ka gore Lentswe le ene o pitlagane thata fa a leng teng, ga a na boatologo kwa ntleng fela ga gore o ka re tlhomogela pelo ra mo godisetsa gone foo. *Last week* ke ne ke na le bokopano le bone ba sekole, le bone ke fa ba gatelela ntlha e.

Lentswe Junior e tsena bana ba e leng gore ke batlhokapono. Le maloba fa go le merwalela e ne e le *disaster* fela. Jaanong fa Lentswe Junior a leng teng, *is strategically placed* ka gore o tsaya bana ba ba tswang mo pelong ya Mochudi. Ke sone sekole fela se se ka tsayang mo pelong ya Mochudi e le *junior* gone fale. Re ne re kopa jalo motlotlegi Tona.

E bile se sengwe se se hutsafatsang ke gore, *brigade* jo bogologolo jo, batho ba akola *network* ya mahala foo. O ka bona go fodilwe fa thoko ga terata go akolwa maranyane Tona. Kwa *brigade* ya gago e ntšha gone ga go na maranyane, *next door* ka fa Lentswe Junior ga go na maranyane. Jaanong Tona go a re gakgamatsa gore aol e kare golo go sa dirisiwe ka bokete jo bo kalo, ke eng go na le maranyane, kwa re ka bong re tsaya gore maranyane a ka nna teng kwa *brigade* jo mosha gone go sena maranyane.

Kwa Kgatleng, *brigade* bo na le lefatshe le le seng kana ka sepe Tona, le e leng gore gotlhelele ga le dirisiwe, ke bua ka naga fela e e leng gore fa o batla go aga sekole, o ka tla kwa Kgatleng. Jaanong re ne re kopa gore mafatshe a a gago mongwame, a dirise. Go na le makalana a mantsi a a tlhokang lefatshe e le a Puso. Banana le mekgatlho ba tlhoka lefatshe Tona, neela batho lefatshe ka ditumelano tse o ka di dirang le bone.

Le tsone dikago tse ke reng ga di dirisiwe tse, o ka di neela bagwebi. O ka neela bagwebi lefatshe leo la *brigade* la dikago tse di sa dirisiwang kgotsa wa le neela banana, kana bangwe ba ba batlang go ruta, ba batla *to establish* dikole mo go lone. O ka sekaseka mabaka a Tona.

E ke sa itseng gore e a go ama, ke e e amanang le *private schools* tsa *higher education* mo lefatsheng la Botswana tse e leng gore di tletse batswakwa. Ke dumela gore re na le Botswana fela ba ba nang le dithutego gompiano, ba *qualifications* tse e leng gore batswakwa bao ba na le tsone. Ke tsaya gore nako e tsile bagaetsho *to relieve* bagarona, ba re thusitse, ba re tataisitse, *at least* go ema fa re leng teng re tsenye benggae. Ga ke a fetsa go bua, mme ka ntlha ya gore jaanong nako e ile, nte ke eme gone fa. Ke a leboga.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF TRADE AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (MR MATHOOTHE):

Ke a leboga Modulasetilo. Ke dumalane thata le *presentation* ya motlotlegi. E bile gape a bo a tlhalositse gore nako e gorogile ya gore re fetole ka fa thuto ya rona e ntseng e dirwa ka teng mo lefatsheng la

Botswana, e tsamaelane le ka fa e leng gore Botswana e ikemiseditse ka teng go tlhabolola lefatshe le *under* Botswana Economic Transformation Programme (BETP). Re tshwanetse ra lebelela *brigades* tsa rona, e bile ke dumalane thata le Rre Morolong gore leina le la *brigades* le fetolwe le tle le re fe bokao jo bo rileng, bogolo jang fa re tsena mo *transformation* yone ya *brigades*. Ke dumalana le ene thata.

Fa o ka tsaya kwa dikgaolong tse tsa bo Kasane kwa e leng gore go na le ditlhare dingwe tse di dirisiwang thata mo kgannyeng ya go dira dipolanka, re tshwanetse ra lebelela gore *brigades* tse di leng ka koo, bana ba e leng gore ba tsena ka koo, re ba ruta go menagane thata gore go tsamaelane thata le mo kgaolong e ba mo go yone. Fa o bua ka lephata la *carpentry* mo *brigades*, gore re bone lefatshe la Botswana le ntsha *furniture* tse di rileng, tse di lebegang. Re se ka ra iphitlhela e le gore re tsaya kwa mafatsheng a sele. Ke raya gore ke dumalana le ene thata fa a bua ka *to transform these learning institutions*.

E nngwe e re tshwanetseng re e lebelele thata, fa o tsaya *departments* ka bontsi kwa *brigades*, ke gone kwa ke batlang gore ke bue thata teng, ka gore ke gone kwa go nang le botshelo, mo e leng gore bana ba ka nna le botshelo jo bo botoka. Fa o lebelela *departments* di tshwana le tsa bo *metal and fabrication*, mo o fitlhelang e le gore megoma e gompiano batho ba lemang ka yone, ke e e tlang e rekilwe e tswa kwa mafatsheng a sele, mme bana ba fa ba filwe thuto e e rileng, dilo tse tsothle tse di tshwanang *farming implements*, re ka iphitlhela e le gore di dirwa ke bana bone ba, kana fa ba feditse ba tswa foo, ba kgone gore ba dire dilo tsa go nna jaana ka gore re lefatshe la temo. Fa re bua ka *transformation of the economy*, ra re re tsamaela gone ka koo. *Agriculture* ke dingwe tsa *sectors* tse e leng gore ke gone kwa re tlaabong re lebile thata. Jaanong fa re *align* dikole tsa rona, o fitlhela go le bothokwa thata gore a bo le rona re itepatepanya jaana.

Fa ke lebeletse malobanyana fale, fa o tsaya bana ba ba ithutang ka tsa *auto mechanics*, o fitlhela fa gongwe ba dirisa thuto ya bogologolo; dikoloi tsa teng ke tsele tsa bogologolo tsa bo Stout le bo Points. Thuto e e tshwanetse go tsamaelana le *level* le *market* gore fa ngwana a fetsa koo, o itse gore o ka kgona go ya go *service* dikoloi kwa go bo Naledi Motors. E se ka ya re fa ba tswa koo, e bo e le gore *market* o o teng, o bo o sa kgone go ba tsaya. Re tshwanetse ra itepatepanya fa o bua ka go tsosolosa le go tsenya dithuto tseo. Go raya gore bana fa ba fetsa koo, ba tlaabo ba kgona go tsewa.

Ke dumalane thata le kgang e e neng e buiwa ke Mopalamente Morolong. Fa a ne a bua gore *brigades* di na le ditsha tse e leng gore go tsweng bogologolong di nnile foo di le *unused*. Fa o ya kwa Serowe kwa Farmer's Brigade kwa bana ba rutwang ka temo le dikgomo, go na le lefatshe le le tona le le sa bolong go nna foo. Fa Puso e ntse e sa le dirise, e bo e le neela ba ba ithutang kwa *brigades* gore ba ka dira sengwe gone fa, ba ka kgona gore ba ithute gape mo *farm* e e bapileng le bone. E tlaa re ka nako e ba batlang go le dirisa, ba re re ne re le tshwarisitse, tlišang kwano. Ke dumalana le kgang e e ntseng jalo. Ke dikgang tse Rre Maele o dumelang thata mo go tsone ka e bile re kile ra mmiletsa kwa Serowe gore a tle a bone. Ene o *ready* fela gore ba ba ikopelang, ba bo ba ka kgona gore ba dirise lefatshe la go nna jalo.

Re tshwanetse ra dikologa bodiba jo bo kileng jwa wela barwarraarona mo teng ka gore nako ya *discovery of diamonds* re ne ra palelwa ke gore mo *learning institutions* tsa rona, re tlhamalatse gore bana ba ithute ka *sorting of* teemane. Fa re ne re sa le re dirile jalo ka nako eo, gompiano re ka bo re na le batho ba le bantsi ba ba nang le dikitso. Ke dumalana thata rra gore re go letlelele re go neele madi a, o ye go nonotsha *learning institutions* tsa rona mo lefatsheng la Botswana.

MR MOALOSI (NKANGE): Ke a go leboga *Madam Chairperson*. Ke dumedise batlotlegi ba Ntlo e, ke dumedise batho ba Kgaolo ya me ya Nkange. Ke dumedise le bo mmampudulele kwa ba leng teng.

Madam Chairperson, I am very passionate about this issue ya high education. Honourable Maele o tlaa itse gore ke buile le ene gantsi ka dikgang tse di tsamaelanang le tsone tse. Ke tswa kwa Kgaolong ya Nkange e e leng gore it is the only constituency with five brigades. Mma ke re four, e nngwe ba e tsere ba bo ba e dira CITF mme re kopa gore e boelele gape e nne brigade.

Madam Chairperson, go na le bana ba le bantsi ba ba kwa malwapeng ba ba duleng mo sekoleng either ka Form 3 kana Form 5. Ke ne ke kopa Tona gore gongwe a kopane le Tona wa Youth ba bone gore Lenaneo le la Tirelo Sechaba (TSP) le le kwa youth, ba le transform into a national apprenticeship programme. Ke gore ga a na go tlhoka madi gore a dire jalo, o ya go tsaya one a bana ba a duelwang gore ba tlhole ba dira ditee, e le messengers. A bo a tsaya ngwana a re kompone e e nang le tiro, ke manufacturing kana ba baakanya dikoloi, penal beating or spray painting, tsayang ngwana yo for

three years, ke tlaa nna ke ntse ke mo neela stipend, lona le mo rute tiro. After three years re tlaabo re mo tsaya re mo isa kwa madirelong a ya go tlhatlhoiwa go bona gore a mme skill se o neng o ntse o se mo ruta for three years, a o pasitse go ka ikemela mo a ka fiwang certificate sa gore o itse tiro eo.

Ke kopo ya me gore *instead of* bana ba bo ba nna mo diofising ba rongwa ditee, ba tsenye mo *workshops* ba ithute tiro ya diatla. Ke dumela gore batho ba *workshops will appreciate because* ba tlaa bona motho yo ba tlaa kgonang go mo ruta tiro. Fa e le gore o bereka ka mashetla, ba felela ba mo hira e nna mmereki wa bone yo ba mo ithutetseng. Ke ne ke kopa gore o dire jalo *Honourable Maele*.

MR MAPULANGA: *Elucidation.* Ke a leboga *Madam Chairperson*. Mma ke go leboge motlotlegi. Kana lenaneo le o le tlhalosang le ke leke go le tlhalosa jaana gore kgang ya *internship* kana maTirelo Sechaba e simolotse kwa Chobe. Ka ditirelo tse re neng re di lemoga gore re na le *lodges* mme bana fa ba tswa foo, ba tsenngwa mo ditirong ba sa rutega. Re bo re simolola re ba *attach* kwa *brigade training them*, bo *career dreams* di simolola go fitlhela gompiano jaanong e le *programme* e e *national* e e ba isang kwa ba santse ba na le *skill*. Ke mogopolo o o utlwalang *comrade*.

MR MOALOSI: Ke a leboga *Honourable Mapulanga*. Ke ne ke kopa jalo Tona gore bana ba re ba rute *skills* tse di ka ba sologelang molemo.

Fa o bala *Budget Speech* sa ga Mothusa Tautona jaaka a ne a e *present*, go ne go supa gore lefatshe la Botswana le na le keletso ya go *transform economy* ka go tla ka dilo tse disha tse dintsi. Fa o lebelela *budget* ya ga Rre Maele ya *P153 million* ya *Development Budget*, *it is not enough to support the dreams, the aspiration or the poetry* e nneng *Honourable Vice President (VP)* a tla ka yone. Go na le *skills* tse dingwe tse di yang go tlhokafala fa e le gore *we are going to transform the economy. We are going to need high technology skills* tsa bo Artificial Intelligence (AI) e *Honourable Hikuama* a e ratang thata. *Coding and software development, data analysis, cyber security, are we training those? Are we agile enough* gore fa go na le *opportunities* tse disha tse di tlang, *we change our curriculum* gore re nne le *courses* tseo?

Re bua ka *modern agriculture, precision farming and agro-technology, agro-processing and value addition*, a mme go na le dikole tse re rutang bana go bereka ka *machines* tse di yang go *process* dilo tsa *agriculture*?

Industrial hemp; re buile gore *you have approved industrial hemp* le neetse batho *licences*, a go na le sekole kana *brigade* nngwe e le beileng *courses* gore bana ba tle ba ithute *industrial* ka yone? Gore e lengwa jang, *processing* ya teng e ntse jang gore fa batho ba ka tsaya *licences* tsa *industrial hemp*, ba kgonang go bona batho ba ba ka berekang mo *industry* eo.

Climate, smart irrigation and management; when we talk about green energy and sustainable infrastructure, *Honourable Lekau* o ne a bua gore bana ba rutiwe go dira *solar panels*. *We should have those things in our brigade*. Ke gore re sa emele gore bontsi jwa *solar panel installation* tse re nang le tsone le kwa *our farms*, di dirwa ke batho ba ba tswang kwa lefatsheng la *Zimbabwe and other countries*. Mo *brigades* tsa gago *Honourable Maele* tse 29 kana di 34, *is there anyone* e e leng gore ngwana fa a le kwa Nshakazhogwe a batla go ithuta *to install solar panels, batteries* tsa teng le *investors* tsa teng o ka ya kwa go yone?

Go gontsi *Honourable Maele*, *let us try to be agile if we are dreaming of building a railway from here to wherever it is. Are we training kids* ba ba ka berekang mo *industry* eo? Kana bone go raya gore ba tlaa tla ba nna *labourers*, go bo go hirwa *company* e e tswang kwa China e tla ka *technicians and engineers*, ba rona e le ba difosholo hela. *Is that what you want?*

Ke kopa gore gongwe ngwaga o o tlang fa o kopa madi *Honourable Maele*, ke gore fa ba go neela madi a, o a gane. O ba reye o re *you cannot give me P153 million, you are exposing me. I have aspirations, I want to change this country but the money that you are giving me is small. You cannot do anything with P153 million.* A mannyennyane thatathata. Kana fa o tsaya *workshop* e le nngwefela ya *auto mechanics*, go raya gore o ya go dira e le nngwefela kana di le pedi. *When you look at brigades* tse di kwa kgaolong ya me, *they are underutilised*. Kwa Nswazwi Brigade go na le bana, ga ba fete 70 *across all the levels*.

Go na le kgang e o neng o e bua thata, ga ke a utlwa o e bua gone jaana, ya gore *you want to rationalise*, ga ke e rate. Ke batla gore sekole sengwe le sengwe, fa o tsaya *brigade* jwa Tutume *for example*; gompiano e na le *auto mechanics* mme ga e na *spray painting and panel beating*.

Ke gore e tshwanetse go ruta ngwana sengwe le sengwe ka koloi. Ke gore fa e le gore koloi e tla *for maintenance*, e kgone go dirwa *panel beating* fa e le gore e ne e thudile, e bo e dirwa *spray painting*, go bo go baakangwa metlakase ya yone. Ke gore *everything to do with the car*.

Re na le *brigade* ya Nswazwi le ya Tutume, ba dira *bricklaying and carpentry* mme ga go na *plumbing*. Ga go na motlakase wa matlo. *How are you going to build a house if you do not have a plumber? So, let us try to put as many courses as we can. Right now, mo Botswana there is only one brigade across the country, e e nang le course ya refrigeration mme fridges di tletse mo malwapeng a rona. Kwa kgaolong ya rona o bona fela motho a re “ndo gadzela ma-fridge” because ga re na ba rona ba ba baakanyang fridges.*

MR AARON: *Elucidation.* O e tshwere sentle motlotlegi. *Minister*, fa re bua ka *underutilization*, o ka bua ka *brigade* ya Ngethu e e kwa Gumare. A o a itse gore gompiano *courses* tsotlhe tse e neng e di *offer* di ntshitswe, go setse *computer studies* le *welding*? Ke gore *only two*, go tlhabisa ditlhong. Bo *auto mechanic* ba ba neng ba le teng le jalojalo, o dira jang gore o baakanye dilo tse motlotlegi? Ke a leboga.

MR MOALOSI: Ke a leboga *Honourable Aaron*. Ke dumela gore *our brigades should have thousands of students and if you do that, they are going to transform even the villages that host them. If you put thousands of students* kwa Marapong, go raya gore *economy* ya Marapong e ya go tokafala.

Ke wele ka go bua gore *brigades* tsame ka bo *four* jwa tsone *Honourable Maele*, go na le selelo se se tona sa babereki. Go na le *temporary workers* e bile ga go na *promotions*. *Brigades* ka fa di dirilweng ka teng, ga go na *structure* se o ka reng fa o tsena kwa *brigade* ya Palapye wa fitlhela se tshwana le *structure* sa kwa Zwenshambe kana Nkange. Nako ya *brigades* e le tsa *communities*, di ne di tsamaisiwa *separately*, nngwe le nngwe ba itirela. E rile di tsewa ke Goromente a bo go sa dirwe *structure* fela se se siameng se se supang gore di na le *management* kana babereki ba ba ntseng jaana.

Re bo re nna le kgang ya gore Marapong e bo e le *under* Marobela le Tutume, e le *under* Nswazwi. Dira gore *brigades* tseo di ikemele ka gore fa *Principal* a le kwa Nswazwi a tshwanetse gore a ye kwa Tutume, ga go tsamaelane *Honourable Maele*. Ke a leboga *Madam Chairperson*.

MR KHAN (MOLEPOLOLE NORTH): Tanki. Mma ke tseye sebaka se ke dumedise Bakwena ba Molepolole Bokone. Ke ema jaana go ema nokeng kopo e e tlang ka *Minister Maele*. Ke re sa ntlha fela ke kope gore a okeletswe madi. Ke dumela gore madi a a neetsweng a mannyennyane thata, bogolo jang fa o leba dikgang

tsa rona kwa Molepolole Bokone kwa ke tswang teng kwa re nang le sekole sa Kweneng Rural Development Association (KRDA). Kopo yame Tona ke gore a sekole se sa *brigade* se *turn into a fully-fledged vocational training institution*. Gone jaana sekole sele ga se thuse ope ka sepe. Mme kana KRDA e na le *classrooms* le sengwe le sengwe. Gongwe ke nako ya gore re tseye tshono e re e atolose gore banana ba rona ba Molepolole ba Bakwena, ba ba tlhokang ditiro mo go kanakana, ba ka ya go simolola go ya go ithutela ditiro teng kwa ka re dumela thata mo tirong ya diatla.

MR DIGWA: *Elucidation.* O e tshwere sentle mokaulengwe e bile o tsamaelana le maikutlo a me. Ke ne ke re Tona, kgang e e buiwang fa e botlhokwa thata mme ga re o bule matlho, o tsene kwa Boteti ka kwa. Boteti e na le CITF kwa Moreomaoto. E ruta *carpentry, bricklaying* le *thatching* fela. Kana kgaolo ele e mo *tourism area*. So, fa o ne o ka akanya go tsenya *courses* tse dingwe tse di botlhokwa jaaka tsa *tourism*, di ka atolosa itsholelo ya lefelo lele. Gape go botlhokwa gore CITF e e godisiwe e tle *at vocational level* gore e kgone *to cater for other programmes*. Ke a leboga mokaulengwe.

MR KHAN: O e tshwere sentle thata ka go bua ka dikgang tsa Boteti tse di tshwaraganeng thata le mathata a re lebagang le one a Molepolole. *Brigade* jo ke buang ka jone Matona, re kopa gore le bo atolose ka gore bo mo kgaolong ya Molepolole Bokone. Gompiano o kare ba ruta *subjects* tse pedi fela kwa KRDA. Ke dumalana le kgang e nnake a neng a ntse a bua ka yone ka kwa ya gore *brigades* tse dingwe di ruta *subjects* di le pedi. Fa re ka ya go dira *vocational training* gore bana ba rona ba ye go rutiwa ka bo *plumbing* le *mechanics*, re ka dira gore dikoloi tse dintsi tsa Puso tse di senyegileng tsele tsa kwa Molepolole, di ka isiwa kwa KRDA. Re ne re gola re fitlhela kwa KRDA go baakanngwa dikoloi e bile baagi ba teng ba thusa mo dikgaolong. Jaanong o kare e saletse kwa morago. Fa le santse le le mo maikaelelong a gore gongwe le ka e tsaya la e tsholetsa, gongwe le ka ntsha sephatlo sa madi la ya go e *renovate*. Go na le bo *20 years not being renovated*. Fa o re o tsena kwa kwa matlong a borutelo, gotlhe fela le mo teng, go lebega go sa nna sentle. Kopo ke gore o re thuse ka *renovation*. Ke dumela gore fa o ka re thusa jalo, re ka tsaya motse wa rona wa Molepolole wa re thusa thata mo letlhokong la ditiro. Ka go bua jalo, ke go ema nokeng thata. Ke kopa gore o okeletswe madi. Ke kopa gore o ye go dira dikgang tse ke di buileng gore o *transform* KRDA. Fa o sa ye go di dira, go raya gore *budget* e e tlaabo e go siametse. Tanki.

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

MR LEKUTLANE (KGALAGADI NORTH): Mma ke go leboge *Madam Chairperson*. Ke leboge *Honourable Minister* ka pego e a re e bayang fa pele ya lephata la gagwe. Ke simolole fela jaana *Honourable Minister* ke re tota fa ke lebile jaaka bakaulengwe ba rona, ke bonye gore tota madi a o a filweng tota ga a lekane, re lebile letlhoko le le leng teng mo teng ga dikgaolo tsa rona, *especially* rona ba *the rural dwellers* ba e leng gore tota re ne re lebetswe thata e bile re santse re lebetswe. Ke go kope *Honourable Minister* gore a ko le wena o *change system*, o se ka wa re lebala, o re tsenye mo dikakanyong.

Go na le sengwe se ke se etseng tlhoko *Honourable Minister* fa o ntse o bua ke lebile *report* ya gago. Ke lebogela ka fa o neng o e *present* ka teng. *There are some skills* tse ke di boneng di saletse kwa morago thata e bile gape o supa gore le setse le na le tumalano le ba Lephata la *Local Government* go ya go leka go tokafatsa Ikageng. Fa o tokafatsa Ikageng, go na le *ministry* mongwe o ke o bonang gore o o tlogetse kwa morago thata. Ke kopa gore le bone o tsene mo go bone, ke *Ministry* wa *Transport and Infrastructure*.

O ne o nankola *courses* tse lephata la gago le di dirang *in transformation* ya lephata le re neng re le tlwaetse thata mme gompiano o le bitsa ka Sekgoa wa re Rapid Skills Development Centre. Ka tsweetswee, a ko o ye go dira e nngwe kwa Ngwatle. *It is about 40 kilometres (km) from Hukuntsi and then 120 km go tswa Ncojane*. Fa o ka ya go e dira koo, e ya go re thusa *because we have about five villages* tse di saletseng kwa morago koo thata. Bothata jwa rona ke gore ka segarona, *we are very conservative people*, ga se gantsi re tsenatsena mo bathong. Fa o ka ya go re direla eo ya rona, e tlaa re fa re ya go tsena mo bathong, a bo re setse re tlwaetse gore go tshela le batho go ntse jang.

Sengwe se ke neng ke re ke se supe gore o se tlogetse kwa morago thata *Honourable Minister*, ke gore o ne o bua ka go aga, go nna *plumber and all those* Rapid Skills Development Centres.

Ka re le *brigades* ka tsweetswee, fa o tsena kwa go tsone ke kopa gore o simolodise *courses* tsa *road maintenance*, di saletse kwa morago tota mo go utlwisang botlhoko, *but* lephata la gago la bo HRDC le BQA *have already accredited some of the courses* tsa ditsela. *I would like to see the pothole patching* di le teng, *signage repairs* di rutiwa mo dinnetlaneng tse, *culvert*

repairs, road markings le bo *road fencing* di bonala di le teng di rutiwa. *More especially* kwa bo Kang Brigade le bo Lehututu Brigade *because* re kgakala le ditlamelo *Honourable Minister*, dilo tse dingwe tse o fitlhela di re utlwisana botlhoko, le fa re na le bothata jwa *potholes*, go nna thata gore batho ba rona go ka bonwa *company* e e ka tlang go dira foo. *If these skills* o ka di tsenya o bo o di kopanya le *courses* tsa ga Rre Motshegwa tse a neng a di bua gone foo, di ka re berekela.

MR BARONGWANG: *Elucidation*. Ke a go utlwa le fa o re *you are a rural dweller*. *I am not a rural dweller*, mme fela mathata kana kgang e ke tlang ka yone e a tsamaelana. Se ke se akanyang ke gore gongwe *brigades* tsa rona di phatlaetse thata, kana tse dingwe di kwa, mme fa o re o lebelela *capacity* kana ka fa di dirisiwang ka teng, *they are underutilised*. Gongwe fa di ka kopanngwa ya nna selo se le sengwe fela, jaaka o bua kwa o tswang teng, ga rutiwa sengwe le sengwe fela, mme gape re bo re oketsa bana ba ba tsenang sekole gone koo. Se sengwe gape gongwe *to partner* le *the private sector* gore re thuse go rotloetsa gore bana ba tsene sekole. Ke a leboga.

MR LEKUTLANE: Tanki mokaulengwe, o e tshwere sentle. Ke ne ke re o tlaa tswa mo tseleng jaaka Furniture, mme ke lemogile gore o e tshwere sentle. Mma ke feleletse jaana, dingwe tse ke neng ke re ke supe mo go wena ke tsone tseo, ke ne ke re o *partner* le *Minister of Transport* le *the private sector* *because we have* ba *private sector* ba ba setseng ba na le *courses* tse ke sa tswang go di bua, *they have been accredited*. Ke ne ke re a ko o tsene fa Kang Brigade fale, go na le *computers* tse o saleng o di rekile *about* bo 15 years *back*, di gone fela foo, gore o tle o kgone go...

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: E go tshwere *Honourable* Lekutlane.

MR LEKUTLANE: Tanki *Madam Chairperson*.

BRIG. MOKGWATHI (LETLHAKENG): Dumelang mo tshokologong eno. E re lantlha fela ke supe gore ke ema Tona nokeng. Ke bo ke tsene le ba bangwe ke re ka gore Botswana o motona, mme e bile gape re ntse re a tshola mo Botswana, re tshwanetse ra ipakanyetsa isago, gore e re kamoso lefatshe la rona le bo le le kwa pele. Fa re bua re re thuto ga se fela go ruta motho go ntsha mabaka, ke go ruta motho gore o mo sidila tlhologanyo gore a kgone go fetola kakanyo kgotsa go akanyetsa kwa pele.

Ke bua jaana ka gore maloba ke kile ka botsa Tona potso ke re o akantse eng ka kgaolo ya me ka thuto go ya pele. A nthaya a re ga a na sepe, mme ke ne ka lemoga gore go raya gore o ne a se ka a utlwa potso ya me sentle. A bue gore tota fela fa a lebelela thuto mo Botswana, a e tsenya kwa Kgaolong ya Letlhakeng, o ka e tlela ka eng? Ka o ne a sena sepe, ka nako eo, ke tsaya gore fa ke sena go nna ke bua letsatsi leno, ke bua le ene kgotsa ke bua le Ntlo e, o tlaa bona gore go bothokwa gore Letlhakeng District e nne le TVET. Ke bua jaana ka gore ke na le sekole se sengwe se se gologolo se gotweng Old Mphuthe Junior Secondary School, dikago tsa teng di ija fela. Ke na le tumelo ya gore fa re bua lantlha fela ka TVET gore re ye go dira gore go nne le *products* teng tse di tshwanang le bo makhenekhe ba ba farologaneng ba motlakase, ba *the body system, engines le refrigeration and air conditioning*, di ka nna gone koo. Re ka nna le gone mo gotweng *carpentry all in general*. *Carpentry* ke bua ka *interior carpentry, roofing, tiling and many other things*.

Re bue gape ka kgaolo eo ka gore yo mongwe o ne a bua gore bagaetsho, go tshwanetse re nne le *affirmative action*, tota re le Batswana re itse gore re dikgaolo tse di neng di ntse di saletse kwa morago. Matona *should not work in silos, but* ba bereke botlhe ba bone gore a dikgaolo tse di neng di le kwa morago, a di fiwa dilo tse di tshwanetseng tse e leng gore Batswana ba bangwe ga ba a bolo go di akola. Ke bua jaana ka gore *most of the time* fa re batla gore re nne le batho ba batlang go ithuta dilo, gantsi re tla kwa ditoropong. Dilo tse kwa kgaolong ya rona ke batla di nne teng. Fa o lebelela kgaolo ya rona, ke yone e e humileng dikgomo mo kgaolong e e ka kwano.

Ke na le tumelo e e tletseng gore dikole tse fa re dirile TVET, e tsenye *leather works*, e e kgonang gore e dire ditlhako tse di rwalwang e seng fela kwa dikoleng. Kana fa re dirile ditlhako kwa kgaolong ele, ka matlalo a; kana golo fa re aga itsholelo, re itse gore dikole tse tsotlhe tsa Botswana di tlaabo di reka mo go rona. Re tlaa dira le *polish* ka madi a dikgomo, mo e tlaareng kamoso re bo re ntse re itse gore itsholelo ya lefatshe la Botswana, kgotsa itsholelo ya Letlhakeng Constituency le yone e na le gore e dire gore e nne le seabe sa gore e age itsholelo mo lefatsheng le.

Ke bua dilo tse ke re moithuti mongwe o kile a bua jaana a re, *“education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today.”* Ke na le tumelo ya gore Tona fa a utlwa ke bua dilo tse, leba kwa kgaolong ele e e sa bolong go nna kwa

morago motho wetsho, o dire gore Letlhakeng ka ke yone *capital city* ya Letlhakeng District, *leave your legacy* Tona. *Legacy* e e reng fa re e lebelela kamoso, re re go kile ga feta mogaka fa gotwe Tona Maele. Fa ke go bona jaana, ke bona gore o...

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

BRIG. MOKGWATHI: Ke tshwanetse ke lopele ka gore ke lemogile gore fa o sa lopele bogolo jang o le Mokgalagadi, o nna le mathata...*(Interruptions)*... jaanong ga re ke lopele ke re mongwame a ko o lebe kwano, dilo tse ke di kopileng tse di nne tsone. *Civil engineering*, ga re na ditsela gotlhelele, bana ba rutiwe kwa TVET gore kamoso ba dire ditsela tse di yang kwa masimong, metlaaganeng le gongwe le gongwe. Ke a leboga.

MR BOGATSU (LENTSWELETAU-LEPHEPHE): Tanki *Madam Chairperson*. Tona o buile ka *enhancing employability*, ke bo ke re *the case of the* Macheng area. Go sale go nna le sekole kwa rra, se ke santseng ke eme go utlwa o nthaya o re se simologile sa TVET. Ke ne ke re fa re dira jalo ka yone *vocational training* ya teng, a re lebelele *the area as it is, what it offers, what actually exists in that area*. Ba ye go rutiwa ka bo merama, sengaparile le marula a ba nang le one. *Let us actually* re rute ka tse ba nang le tsone ka gore maikaelelo ke jaaka o bua o re *to curb rural-urban migration. You can only curb rural-urban migration* fa re ka lebelele *what the environment offers*. Re bo re ganelela mo go sone se e leng gore *environment* ya kwa e a se fa.

Re buile ka Ikageng, tse e yang go di *offer*, le wena o setse o buile gore le wena o ya go bereka le Ikageng, gakere matsogo a a tlhapisana, go raya gore mme tema e tlaa tswa. Ke a rata rra ka fa o ntseng o bua ka teng, wa bua gore *education is about empowering our people*. Seo ke dumalana le wena mo go sone, *but if it is all about empowering people*, a re ye go lebelele gore mme *the Macheng area* e na le eng. Re bo re ya kwa sekoleng sa ga *Honourable Khan* sa Molepolole, ba Kopong ba tlaa tsena kwa go sone sa KRDA. *It offered bo auto mechanics, carpentry le bricklaying*. Jaanong fa o ka boela kwa go sone, ra leba, bana ba Kopong le Lentsweletau, ba tlaa ya go tsena gone koo. E ke e ratileng gape rra ke e o buang gore jaanong *prior skills* tse batho ba nang le tsone *would be looked into, reassessed and then be recognised. I believe they will be certificated*. Kana jaanong o tsenya le bo thobega mo teng gone foo, gore jaanong dilo tseo di ye go...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Elucidation.

MR BOGATSU: Yo mongwe wa Mogoditshane ke yo o a ntilola, mma ke mo neele a feleletse.

MR BARONGWANG: *Elucidation.* Ke a go leboga, kana re mo Kweneng mmogo, le fa ba le bantsi dinako tse dintsi ba tsaya gore o ka re rona re mo toropong, mme tota re mo Kweneng.

Tona se ke ka se kopang mo go wena ke gore, gongwe o lebelele gore *region*-nyana e ya Kweneng e nne le *university*. Re bua gore *we want to transform from a mineral resource-based economy to a skill-based economy, so re bua human capital development*, re raya o tlhabolola motho ka thuto kana o mo tlhabolola ka se a nang le sone. *It is very important* gore *these regions or districts* di nne le *universities*-nyana tse e leng gore jaaka re bua gompiano, gongwe di ganelele mo tirong ya diatla. Re a go utlwa gore wa re ga o na madi, re a tlhologanya, mme kakanyo ya me ke gore leka go *partner* le *the private sector*. Gatelela gore *every business or every entity* e e dirang *certain amount of profits*, o e pateletse gore e nne le *a research and development unit* le *training*, gore kwa bofelelong bana ba ba felele le bone ba kgone go nna le *on-the-job training*, e e ka reng a tswa foo a bo a le *certificated*, e bile a kgone go ya go senka tiro go sele.

Re a itse gore *there is a serious skills mismatch*, fa o leng teng o na le *all the tools to make sure that you do all the research*, o tlise *courses* tse di tshwanetseng, re se ka ra dira *courses* tse di ka se keng tsa re busetsa sepe. *It is very important* gore *probably TVET* kana *brigades* tse re nang le tsone, gongwe tse dingwe re di *convert* e nne *centres of excellence*. Ke gore go nne le se e leng gore totatota ele e itebaganya le sone, *because there is going to be an element of specialisation*, mo kgantele re yang go ntsha bomankge *in that particular area*.

Se sengwe, lefatshe *is moving towards ICT, so skills*-nyana tse re nang le tsone tse tsa go baakanya dikoloji *and refrigeration, try to integrate* maranyane mo go tsone. *Then let us engage the communities* mo *vocational schools* tsa rona, a e nne gongwe bone ba di tsamaisang, bone ba itse gore ba tlhela eng thata.

Kwa bofelelong fa ke wela ke re, kana *the quality of debate* mo Ntlong e *is highly influenced by your ministry*. So o nne pelokhufa ka go tlhoka madi. Nte ke go busetse, ke a leboga.

MR BOGATSU: Ke a leboga wa ga mma. Kwa bofelelong rra o buile ka *improving rural economies, we have everything in our area*. Fa thuto ya rona e ka ya *along those lines* ya leka gore e ye go tsaya tseo tse re nang le tsone mo dikgaolong tsa rona, ya di tsenya *into use*. Re na le matsha a go ruta ka *tourism, agro-tourism and everything*. Go go ntsintsi fela mo go ka dirwang mo kgaolong e. Modulasetilo, ke a leboga.

MR MOTAOSANE (THAMAGAKUMAKWANE): Tanki Modulasetilo. Yo Barongwang le se ka la nna le mo ela tlhoko, e nngwe e dule kolojwane.

Ke go leboge Modulasetilo, ke bo ke leboge Tona go re neela pego kana kopo ya gagwe. Ke re rra, ga go na jaaka re ka tlhoka go ema kopo ya gago nokeng. Selo se sengwe fela se se utlwisang botlhoko, ke ntse ke reeditse batlotlegi barwarraago segolobogolo e le bone ba lelang ka madi, gore o filwe madi a mannyennyane. Maloba fa re *debate the general principles* tsa *budget*, ka ema fa ke ikopela gore ga ke eletse gore *budget* e e fete e ntse jaaka e ntse jaana. Ke na le tumelo ya gore madi a re a ntshang a, re a neela maphata ka go farologana, go na le maphata mangwe a a sa tlhokeng madi a jaaka a mangwe. Sekai, ke ne ke supa lona ba Thuto le *Agriculture* gore le tlhoka madi segolobogolo.

Ka ikuela gore go na le madi mangwe a go lebegang o kare a tlaa dirisiwa fa go sa tlhokafaleng teng. Ke sa re gongwe se ba neng ba eletsa go se dira ka one se molato kana ga se tlhokafale, ke bua gore *the priority* ya gompiano ga se go dira *the Constitutional Court*. *It is not a priority, because the skies will not fall* fa re sa e dira gone jaana. Ke re re tseye *that P275 million estimated for that project*, a ye kwa go ba *Agriculture* le Thuto. *I still maintain* gore ke gone mo re tshwanetseng go go dira, fa e ne e le gore barwarraago ka koo... e tlaa re jaaka re ntse... kana ke gore gompiano ke bona ba ipuela fela, ka gore fa re setse re fetisitse *the overall budget* re bo re bua jaaka re bua re ntse re re o tlhalelwa ke madi, ke bona re opela fela, ga ke itse gore re bua eng. Re ka bo re itlhoboga fela, ka gore re a itse gore madi a ile koo, ba dumetse gore a ye koo, ba a batla koo, kwa go senang le fa e le bofefo bope jo bo tlhokafalang teng. Jaanong utlwa, ba a lela ba ntse ba re o ka bo o neetswe madi a gore o reng, o ka bo o neetswe madi, *exactly what I was saying last time*. *Here we are* fa re bua gore letlolle la Puso le lengwe fela, le fa *ministries* di dira *budget* ka fa di e dirang ka teng, ra re moo e ne e se *priority*. Jaanong ga ke itse gore go lelelwa eng, ba tlaa go thusa ka eng motho wa ga Maele. Ke utlwa botlhoko, ka gore ba go dumetse fela ka gore gatwe go na le golo go bidiwa *majority rule*.

Paragraph nine ya *speech* sa gago, ke batla go bua ke papametse ka CITF. Ke gore o a itse gore go fetolafetola dilo mo re go dirang mo, *sometimes* ga go re berekele. Fa o ka lebelela gore *brigades* kwa tshimologong *operated* ka tsela e e ntseng jang, di ntsha maduo a a ntseng jang ka nako ya di tsamaisiwa ke *communities*, le wena o kgona go bona gore ka nako eo... Fa ke tsaya *brigades* tse di tshwanang le Tswelelopele Brigade kwa Ga-Malete, tsa Kgatleng tse go ntseng go buiwa ka tsone le KRDA ka nako ya yone, go ne go na le maduo fela a a nonofileng. *The fact that* di tserwe ka fa di bo di isiwa ka fa Pusong, jaanong di kwa ga tlebebe fela ga di sa tlhole di na le mosola, e bile *no one wants to take responsibility* ya gore ke eng *brigades* di ole.

MR MONAGENG: *Elucidation.* Ke dumalana le wena thata foo rra, *I still maintain* gore *brigades* ka fa di neng di dira ka teng, ka gore ke kile ka nna modulasetilo wa *brigade* nako e telele, go ne go siame fela sentle, e ne e le *to improve* go se kaenyana.

Ke go thuse re botse Tona, ka *brigades* di tserwe, e ne e le dilo tse morafe o neng o itiretse *brigades*. Goromente a di tsaya *with intention* ya gore a di fetolele mo Vocational Training Colleges (VTCs), go ya go tsaya nako e kae, ka gore go setse go fetile 15 years? Go ya tsaya nako e e kae gore di fetolelwe to VTCs, di se ka tsa dira jaaka di santse e le *brigades* jaana?

MR MOTAOSANE: *Thank you.* Nte ke go gakolole, ga se 15 years, mme fela go botlhokwa. *The intention or the concept* e nneng Goromente a batla go tsaya *brigades* mo *communities*, ke ne ke tsaya gore Goromente o batla go ya go tokafatsa. Ga ke bone tokafalo, ke bona poelomorago fela e e seng kana ka sepe. Bagaetsho, ke ntse ke utlwa bangwe ba re re tswa mo lefokong "*brigade*," ga go na jaaka re ka tswa mo go lone. *We need to align courses* tse tsotlhe tse re di dirang kwa *brigades*, *vocational schools* tse di tshwanang le jaaka re na le Gaborone Technical College le Palapye Technical College, di teng di dintsintsi, di dira eng? A re farologanye *courses* tse go ya ka *the level of training*, gompiano fa ke go fa sekai, re kile ra bo re na le bo ATTS e gompiano e leng TVET *programme* ya UB. Fa o lebelela ka fa e dirang ka teng gompiano *as opposed to* nako eo, ke gore le wena o a ipotsa potso gore a mme *university* e nonofetse gore e bo e tshwere seemo se e se tshwereng kwa ATTS. Jaaka bangwe ba ntse ba bua gore go santse go dirisiwa dikoloi tsa *points* le eng le eng, *that should not be the case*, di tshwanetse di ka bo di godisitse seemo sa ATTS ka *Degree level*. Jaanong ke gore o kare ba e bolaile le go feta, ba e sutlhile gotlhelele.

Honourable Minister, let me tell you this, bogologolo batho ba ba neng ba dira bo National Craft Certificate (NCC) sa City and Guilds, e bo ba tsena ba ya go dira *the technical level*, batho bao *if you compare them* le batho ba e leng gore gompiano *are Degree holders*, o a itse gore *they do not match them*, le fa e le go le go nnyennyane. Potso ke gore, ga senyega eng? *What are you doing at the higher-level when you train* batho ba *as opposed to* ba simolola kwa *basic*?

Jaanong ke batla go go kopa gore...kwa Thamaga CITF, go na le *courses* di le tharo fela *being offered*. Ka gore e rile fa se simolola, go tulwe go tlaa nna le *nine courses*, go pala eng *for courses* tse dingwe *to take off*? Ke etla ke belaela *Mr Minister* ka gore, fa gongwe le ipolaya ka gore le tlaabo le tsena kwa go tsone *training centres* tse le bo le re le batla batho ba *Degree holders* ke bone ba ye go ruta koo, le tlogela batho ba totatota *practically* ba itseng gore go diragala eng mo *these vocational schools*. Lona le bo le re le batla motho yo o nang le *Degree*. Heelang, bagaetsho! go tshola setlankana ga se botlhale. *So, let these people* ba ba neng ba ntse ba ruta ba na le bo *Diploma* go ya kwa tlase, ba na le *certificate*, ba ruta *these practical subjects, let them do the job*. Le tsaya bone ba ba yang go nna gotwe *Degree*, motho o tlhola a kgogeditse (*hang*) baki fa a ile morakeng wa gagwe ka Labotlhano, a tlogela sekole se sena barutabana. *A lot of times...*gompiano re na le dikole tsa *brigades* ga di na barutabana ka gore, le fetile la ntsha ba ba neng ba le teng le re ga ba *qualified*. Ke ipotsa potso gore, ba se *qualified* mo go eng, ba na le ditlankana tsa *certificate, Diploma* le *Degree*? Gompiano bana *are idling* mo mekgwatlheng, mme ga ba isiwe gone koo, mme *still* le ntse la re le a baakanya. *For how long are you going to be doing this?* A ko le ele dilo tse tlhoko.

Roads Training Centre e e ka fa Maruapula, gatwe molato wa yone ke eng? Ke eng e sa tsosolosiwe fela bana ba ithuta go dira ka ditsela, jaaka *the programme* e ne e dirilwe kwa tshimologong? Kana re ipolaya ka gore fa gongwe fa re tswa go kopa dilo kwa mafatsheng a mangwe, fa re tsena fa re batla go taboga re re re dira jalo, mme re sena boitseanape le bokgoni jwa go dira jalo. Ke eng re sa tswelile ra nna ra tsaya bana ba ra ya *to train them* kwa mafatsheng fela jaaka ba ne ba ntse ba dirwa *up to Diploma level*, re bo re ba tsaya ba ya go dira *Degree* tseo kwa mafatsheng a mangwe? *Honourable Minister*, ke ne ke kopa gore golo mo o go ele tlhoko.

BQA; ke nngwe ya bothata, *a lot of higher learning institutions* o fitlhela e le gore *courses* tse di kwa go bone *are not accredited*, mme ba le teng go pala fela gore go dirwe tiro. Ke eng jaaka gompiano go ntse go buiwa ka bo DTEF...

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: E go tshwere *honourable*.

MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR RAMOGAPI): Ke a leboga *Madam Chair*. Ke simolole ka go leboga Rre Maele fela thata ka tiro e e molemo e a e dirang mo *higher education, more especially* mo *vocational training*. O simolotse go le thata, go le bokete, a dira gore bana ba *vocational schools allowance* ya bone e tswe kwa go P300, e ye kwa go P1900. Golo mo o ne a go dira ka bomo, gore le bone ka ba a nyadiwa, ba itemoge e le gore Puso e e a ba lemoga. Ke golo mo e leng gore Rre Maele, bana ba sekole, ba *vocational schools* ga ba kitla ba lebala se o se dirileng.

Ke batla ke tsene mo kgannyeng ya *brigades* gore, tota tshwanelo ke gore re eme ka dinao, jaaka o eme ka dinao, re tsosolose *brigades* go gaisa jaaka di ntse jaana. Mathata a rona a matona mo *brigades* e ne e le dilo tse di farologaneng, ke gore e le gore, *allowance* ya bana ba sekole e tshwanetse gore e nne kwa tlase, bagokgo ba ba tsamaisang *brigades* e le gore ga go na ope *who is trained*, ke gore e tshwanetse e bo e le gore ke mongwe yo o tswang mo lephateng la *academics*. A sa tswe mo lephateng la *either carpentry* kana motlakase, kana ba eng fela, gotwe nnyaa, e tshwanetse ya bo e le bangwe ba ba rileng. *Vocational school* ka tumelo ya me e tshwanetse e tsamaisiwe ke motho yo o dirileng *vocational training*. Ga o ka ke wa tsaya motho wa *vocational training* o bo o re a ye go tsamaisa sekole sa *junior secondary school*. Jaanong mo go neng ga tloga ga fetoga, e ne e le gore batho ba ba tswang kwa *education*, ba ba dirileng dithuto tsa *secondary school*, ke bone ba ba tsamaisang *brigades*. Golo moo go ne ga tsenya *brigades* ka sekgwa rraetsho.

Ke batla ke tsene mo kgannyeng ya BIUST. Sekole se se emeng ka dinao ba dira dilo tse di tshwanang *drones*. Ke re kgang ya bone e tona, kopo ya bone e tona ke gore, jaaka ba dira *drones* jaana, a re le Puso re ba eme nokeng, le bone e re fa go batlega *drones*, re reke mo go bone, ka ke gone mo re go batlang gore re tsamaisa itsholelo ka tsela e e leng gore thuto e tsamaisa itsholelo. Ke gore fa bana ba kgona go dira *drones* le diroboto, a re di rekeng, re di tsenye mo tirisong go bona gore, mme di ka tswelela, gona le gore e bo e le gore jaanong re tlaabo re ya kwa *tenders*.

Kgang e tona rra e o e buileng, ke batla gore ke go leboge ka yone, gore, nnyaa, o eme ka dinao, go thata, go bokete, ya *student allowances*, wa re go bokete, go thata... Mme le fa go le lefifi, go le bokete, go palamela, dipula di na ka sefako, le fa go ntse jang, *allowances* tsa bana ba sekole o lwa bosigo le motshegare go bona gore sengwenyana bana ba ba a se bona. Bagaetsho, se rraetsho re a se go lebogela, ka gore go tsere lebaka bana ba ba Modimo ba sa kgone go bona dikokeletso tsa *allowances*.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Elucidation.

MR RAMOGAPI: Mo go *five minutes* what can you *elucidate* tota motho wa Modimo? Jaanong ke ka moo re reng, le fa go ntse jalo, le fa go le thata jang, wena maikaelelo a a gago, puo e ya gago ka fa re go itseng ka teng, ga o nke o bua fela go kgatlha batho o bo o sa dire sepe. Re go bone rraetsho le nako e o neng o santse o le kwa *lands*, e ne e re fa o tshwere o bo o tshwere. Jaanong le gompiano mo *education*... re a bona ditiro tsa gago gore ga go na madi, ba rotlhe ga re na madi, mme fa re tshwere re tshwere gore, maikaelelo a teng, re ka tswa re fitlhela sekgwama ba ba se kgarithhileng ba se kgarithhile, mme fela gone re tlaa tswelela. Fa ba sena go nna ba se kgarithha batho ba teng, e le bone ba ba fetotseng *brigades*, ba a tla gape ba re, nnyaa go fetotswe *brigades*. Di fetotswe ke mang? Ke lona ba nako e le neng le busa la di ntsha mo *community* la re, nnyaa jaanong di tsewe ke Puso. Rona re amogetse, jaanong se itatoleng ditiro tse le di dirileng gore ke lona ba le fetotseng *brigade*, Puso e ne e le gore e di neetse *community*. Jaanong ka letsatsi la gompiano mokoko o ise o lele, lekapi la motsotsojane le kokometswa rona gore, nnyaa, le fetotse *brigades* di ne di siame. Ka nako e ba neng ba busa o ne o ka se ke o utlwe ba rialo, ba ne ba rile tuu! Nnyaa, sengwe le sengwe se tsamaya sentle, le se ka la re itsa go busa. Letsatsi leno jaanong ba kaname ba garona. Ke re, nnyaa, re a itse gore re ya kae, mme kwa re yang reng re tlaa goroga. Ke a leboga.

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: E go tshwere *honourable*. *Honourable* Mosanana, o setse ka *two minutes* fela, latswa fela re fetse.

MR MOSANANA (KANYE EAST): Ke a go leboga *Madam Chair*. Ke leboge le *Minister* ka se a se re beileng pele e bong kopo ya madi. Mme ke re, ka gore ke fa nakonyana ya me gatwe e nnyennyane thata, ke tsene fela mo go e pele. *Minister*, go na le bothata, go na le bana ba ba kwa dikoleng, ke itse ba le bararo ba ba dirang *doctorate* kwa dikoleng, *medical doctors*,

who were not sponsored by Goromente, mme jaanong fa go tla kwa goreng Goromente re thuse, re lekile fa re lekileng teng, ga go kgonagale. Golo foo ke mathata fela a matona, o fitlhela e le gore motho wa Modimo o rekisitse matlo, dikgomo, *plots*, ga fela, jaanong tota fela ke kutlobotlhoko. Ke ka bua a le mongwefela wa molekane wa me o bidiwa Rabei Segomotso, ke raya gore seemo se bagaetsho se botlhoko mo go maswe. Ngwana a setse a dira *fourth year* motsadi a re, “ke feletswe! ke feletswe! ga go na se ke ka tlholang ke se itira,” ke dikgang tse di botlhoko mo go maswe. A golo fa re go lebeng thata. E re go ntse go ntse jalo, o bo o fitlhela e le gore mo gongwe go na le *ghost students* ba e leng gore madi a a tswa *for them whereas* ba seyo, gongwe e bile ba setse ba feditse kana ba tlogetse sekole. Golo moo ke diemo fela tse di botlhoko tota *Madam Chairperson*.

Minister, go na le motse o gotweng Molapowabojang, ke motse fela o motona o o *adjacent to* Lobatse. Fa go ne go ka dirwa *brigade* koo e e neng e ka *cater for* metse e e tshwanang bo Digawana, Ntlhantlhe, Mogojogojo, Mmathethe, go ne go ka fokotsa ...

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: *E go tshwere* honourable. Order! Honourable Members, I now call upon the Honourable Minister to reply to the debate.

MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION (MR MAELE): Ke a leboga *Madam Chairperson*. Modulasetilo, go buile Mapalamente ba le lesome le boraro (13), *but* ke batla go simolola fela ka go supa gore *I am really humbled at the manner in which they actually took this debate*. Ba tsere *debate* ya *Ministry of Higher Education to a higher level*. Ka fa ba neng ba bua ka teng, tota ke bone gore ba tlhoka nako ka gore tse dingwe le nna tse ba di buang, ke tse e leng gore ke ithuta mo go tsone. Ke dumela gore ba bua dilo tse di ka re sologelang molemo kwa *Ministry of Higher Education*. *Therefore*, ke batla gore ke simolole ka go leboga *all the Members of Parliament who spoke brilliantly for that matter*, ba nkgakolola ka fa ba neng ba nkgakolola ka teng.

Ke kopa go simolola ka Rre Hikuama yo ke itseng gore *subjects* tse tsa *education* di bapile le pelo ya gagwe thata. Ke re kgang e ya *revitalisation of TVET* kana ya go leka go oketsa serodumo sa TVET, tota ga go na gore re ka tswa jang mo go yone. Le nna fela *at a personal level*, lerato le e leng gore malatsi a ke na le lone mo dikgannyeng tse tsa bo TVET tse, le kitso e e leng gore malatsi a le nna le ntse le nthuta ke itse, e

dirile gore jaanong e re fa ke lebelela TVET jaana, ke bo ke bona gore *it is the in-thing*.

Ke a tle ke reye bangwe bakaulengwe bame ke re, e rile fa ke tsere *benchmarking trip* nako e ke neng ke ntse ke tsamaya ke batla go bona gore ba bangwe ba dira jang, ke ne ka bona gore mafatshe a mangwe a tshela ka TVET. Kwa lefatsheng le lengwe gatwe Romania, ke fa ba mpoletela gore *bring 1000 TVET students right now* kana *TVET graduates, we will employ all of them at the same time*. Ga re tlhole re re kamoso, *as long as* a dirile TVET. *Therefore*, kgang e ya *revitalisation of TVET* motlotlegi, ke dumalana le wena thata tota gore *we have to do it*.

What is it that we can do, kana jaaka o ne o bua, re tshwanetse *to focus* mo dikgannyeng tsa *curriculum*; a se re se rutang ke se e leng gore *industry* e a se batla. *What have we done*; malatsi a motho wetsho, re leka gore re atumele *industry* gore re ba re ye re re bagaetsho, re atumeleng gore e se ka ya tloga ya re kamoso re bo re ruta *courses* tse e leng gore ga le di batle. Re dira thata gore re bo re tsaya bana ba rona re ba raya re re, ya go ithuta kwa bonnane, *industry* kana *factory* ya gore go nne botokanyana gore se e leng gore o a se batla, e bo e le se o se dirileng *practically*.

Let me give you an example, Botswana Power Corporation (BPC), ba agile *their lines* kwa Francistown Technical College. Fa ba sena go nna ba di aga, ba rutela bana gone foo ka *real lines*. Gone mo ba go dirang kwa ntle, ke gone mo ba go dirang kwa Francistown Technical College, *and* ke gone mo re reng *industries must do that*.

Malatsi a re rotloetsa *industries* gore fa e le gore gongwe o na le tiro e o e dirang o le *industry*, fa e le gore o ka kgona go ya go dira sengwenyana kana wa aga a *laboratory in one of our brigades or our technical college, there is not problem*. *What happens* is bana ba o ba rutileng *in that laboratory, most of the time*, jaaka ke ne ke bona kwa mafatsheng a mangwe, *automatically* ba a hirwa. O a ba tsaya *because* o ne o ba ruta ka dilo tse e leng tsone tse o di dirisang kwa *factory* ya gago. *That curriculum* e botlhokwa thata.

Mo gongwe mo go leng teng fela *is to rebrand the brigade*. Mongwe motlotlegi o ne a bua gore *we have to change the names of brigades* re ntshe *stigma, I agree, and that is one of the things that we have been doing shortly*. Kgang e tona ke gore, rona kwa *Ministry of Higher Education* re dumela gore re tshwanetse re dire

morero, ga re ka ke ra fetola fela re re ka gore go na le *brigade* kwa Tlokweng, ke fetole leina la Tlokweng, ke e fa sekai fela, ke bo ke re Tlokweng Vocational Centre. Re ne re bona go le botoka gore re boele kwa setšhabeng re ye go rera, re ba reye re re keletso ya rona ke gore re fetole maina, re ba bolelele gore ke eng re batla go dira jalo. Re dumela gore ga ba na go nna le mathata a a kalokalo.

Mo gongwe gape mo re go dirang *in terms of revitalisation* ya TVET *is that we want to capacitate lecturers. We believe* gore ga e ka ke ya re re dira dilo tse dintle tse di kanakana, e bo e le gore barutabana bone re ba tlogela kwa thoko. *We want to capacitate lecturers so that they can fit the current TVET trends* tse re mo go tsone. Mo gongwe ke gone fela ga gore dikago tse e leng gore bana ba mo go tsone, tsa *brigades*, ke mathata fela. Le tsone re batla gore re bo re leka go bona gore re dira jang gore di nne botokanyana, di nne mo *standard* se e ka tswang e le sone.

Mo gongwe jaaka le itse, fa re *revitalise* TVET, re ne ra oketsa madi a bana *from P300 to P1900* jaaka Motlotlegi Ramogapi a ne a e bua ka botswerere jo bo kanakana. Ke batla go le bolelela batlotlegi gore *ever since we increased this allowance, we are seeing now the numbers of applications* di ya kwa godimodimo mo go fetang selekanyo. Bana ba ikopela mo *brigades* ka dipalo tse di kwa godimodimo, mo e leng gore re setse re bona gore bana ba ntse ba dirwa ke one mathata one a ...*(Interruptions)...* *this is the way to go.*

MR KEKGONEGILE: *On a point of clarification.*

Tanki Tona, re lebogela ditlhaloso. Tona, fa o santse o le mo TVET jalo, mo nakong e e fetileng, go nnile le gore bana ba tsewe ba le bantsi ba bo ba tla go kgobokannngwa mo *brigades and technical colleges*, ba bo ba tswa ba sa tsewe ka sepe. O dira go le kae go bona gore bana ba ba a boa ba tswa ka sengwe?

Ya bobedi ke bua gape ka TVET, kana e kile ya bo e le *localised*. Gompiano e *open*, ngwana o kgona go tswa fa a ya go dira *course* kwa Maun, *but* o ya go fitlhela e le gore Maun Technical College, Maun Brigade, bana ba ba tsenang mo teng, *80 per cent* ke e tswang kwa ntle ga Maun, *locally* ga go na bape. O *localise* go le kae? Tanki.

MR MAELE: Ke a leboga *sir*. Tota *to be honest with you*, ke dumela gore fa re ka ipolelela fela gore re tlaa tla re re *80 per cent* ya bana ba e leng gore ba tswa kwa Maun e nne bone ba ba tsenang foo, re tlaabo re sa dire

gone, basically because se re se akanyang kwa *Ministry of Higher Education* ke mo gotweng *clustering*. Ke utlwile Motlotlegi Moalosi a re ga a dumalane le kgang ya *clustering*. *What we are saying is that because* Maun ke *hub* ya *tourism and hospitality*, *why can we not concentrate* kwa Maun go leka go tokafatsa dikgang tsa *tourism and hospitality* so that *whoever*, le fa a ka tswa a le kwa Gantsi, a le kwa kae, mme a batla go ya kwa Maun go ya go ithuta, a ye teng koo a ye go ithuta *hospitality*. *We are saying* fa e le gore gongwe kwa Gantsi *for instance*, ke dilo tsa *beef*, *why can we not cluster* gore e nne yone *centre of excellence* ya *beef*. Fa re ka tloga jaanong re re *we localise*, e ka tla ya nna mathata *because* re tlaabo re na le fa e leng gore gongwe re dira dilo tsa *mining*. *Let me give you an example*; gongwe re baya *brigade* ya Jwaneng e le yone *that deals* le dilo tsa *mining*, kana jaanong re raya gore ngwana yo o tswang kwa Maun a palelwe ke go ya kwa Jwaneng.

What we are saying is that we really want to see to it that we at least cluster. Re bo re dira *centre of excellences* *because the problem* ke gore *the resources* di setse di le *strained*, mme fa re ka tloga ra re *brigade* nngwe le nngwe e nne le *all the courses*, *let us say* gongwe di le *10 each*, re ya go bona kae barutabana, re ya go bona kae madi a go reka *tools and so forth and so forth*? *So, clustering is the way to go*. *In fact, that is what they do elsewhere* fa ke ntse ke bona ka fa e leng gore ba dira ka teng fa re *benchmark*, *they cluster*. Ba a go bolelela gore *here we specialise* ka mo, mo ke *centre of excellence*, jaana le jaana.

Mo gongwe ke mo le neng le re re ya go dira jang gore re bone gore bana ba ya go tswa ka eng mo *brigades*, *because* re kile ra ba tlatsa mo *brigades*. Re leka *to transform* motlotlegi. *Just give me chance* go sekaenyana o tle o bone maduo a se re se dirang *in terms of revitalising* TVET.

Tlaa ke siane, ke ne ke santse ke le mo go Rre Hikuama. O ne a bua ka gore fa re dira ka dilo tsa *tertiary sponsorship*, a re direng gore go nne le *priority*, re se ka ra lebala ba bangwe. A re go na le bangwe ba re ba lebetse. *Yes, I know what he is talking about, he is basically saying* kana le tsaya bana *maybe from 36 upwards*, *what about* ba 32 le ba bangwenyana ba bo 28, a bone ga go na fa re ka ba tsenyang teng? Mathata ke madi motlotlegi, *give me money I will sponsor all the students* fa e leng gore diphatlha di ka nna teng. *The problem is money*. Kana le gone mo ga 36, re go dirisa fela *just to be able to say*, nnyaa, a re fokotseng dipalo,

ga se kgang ya gore bana ba bangwe ba e leng gore ba na le bo 31, 30, 28 ga ba na sepe se ba ka se dirang, *there is, but problem* fela ke matsananyana a re ka kgonang gore re bo re ka *sponsor* bana ka one.

BIUST *not sponsoring retakes, why should we not sponsor them?* Nnyaa mme go teng, bana ba ba neng gongwe ba go fa ngongorego, o ka bo o ba reile o re, *let me see what is called* Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) gore re kwadile eng mo teng. Mo MoA ya rona *it is clear, retake* o a ituelela. Ga ke itse gore mathata a tlaabo a dule fa kae ka gore kwa BIUST re ne re dira se se mo MoA gore fa o feitse, go raya gore...

MR HIKUAMA: *Clarification. I am not saying the university was implementing an illegal thing, I am calling on Government to consider that* e se selo se se siametseng Pusong le lefatshe. Fa bana ba palelwa ke go *sponsor retake* a bo a tswela ruri mo sekoleng, wa re o dirile eng o le Pusong?

MR MAELE: Ke go utlwile, o ne o re ntswa gone o itse gore go teng mo MoA o o tseneng mo go one le ngwana wa sekole, mme fela *maybe we have to relook at it. That is what you are saying. Look at the other side of the point,* go na le bana ba re ba romelang kwa dikoleng and fa ba tsena kwa sa bone ke go tshameka, *drugs,* ke mathata fela. *You must also consider that* o di bapise, re se ka ra tloga ra lebelela fela gore ngwana fa e le *retake* re a mo duelela *because some of them are not serious at school. Therefore,* ke bone ba ba iphitlhelang ba le mo diemong, ba bangwe *of course* a e bo e le mathata fela a e leng gore fa gongwe a a bo a padile, thuto, go itse *and so forth and so forth.*

Student allowances; o ne o bua gore bana ba mo manokonokong, go itse nna. Fa ke ka go balela dikwalo tse ba di nkwaletseng, Student Representative Council (SRC) *Presidents,* ba bua ka gore kana ba mo manokonokong, go itse nna. Ba mpoleletse *suggestions* tse gongwe re ka di dirang *in order for us to be able to get around this thing. As you know* jaaka e bile ke kile ka go bolelela, *we have established* kwa *Ministry of Higher Education a forum* ya SRCs e re kopanang le bone *from time to time. I think we should be meeting them probably this month or next month to discuss* mathata a ba nang le one ka gore re dumela gore re tshwanetse to *consult them. What I am saying* ka dikgang tsa *allowances* is that gone jaana re na le matsana a mannyennyane a e leng gore fa re ka re re a ba okeletsa *at this point in time,* go go nnyennyane. Jaanong ka re ntetlang gore ke batlebatle mo ke ka go batlang, ke oketse mo ke nang le

gone. Definitely we will be able to increase allowances tsa bana. Se ke se buang ke gore mo ke nang le gone *at this point in time,* go go nnyennyane *to be able to confirm right now* gore re tlaa oketsa ka bokana. Fa go padile, *the little that I have* ke yone e ke tlaabong ke e kgaoganya bana gore re tle re bone gore re ka dira ka tsela e e ntseng jang. *I have actually done spreadsheets* go supa gore bana botlhe, kana *remember* le ba TVET ba mo teng. Fa e le gore re ba okeletsa madi re a isa kwa go P2500, *how much money do I need?* Ke madi fela a mantsi a ke sa itseng gore re tlaa dira ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Eo ke yone ya *allowances* ka fa o neng o batlile go e itse ka teng.

Ya TVET le Ikageng, Mothusa Tautona Motlotlegi Rre Gaolathe o dirile gore go nne le sengwe se a se eteletseng se se tsenyang *Minister wa Local Government,* wa *Transport* le *Minister wa Higher Education.* Re leka go bona gore fa re le *team* e e ntseng jaana, re ka leka jang go tokafatsa dilo tse, re baakanye dikoloi, ka kwa re dire Ikageng ba tseye bana kwa go nna re bone gore re dira ka tsela e e ntseng jang. *There is a Ministerial Committee* e e dirilweng ke Motlotlegi Mothusa Tautona, *it deals* le dikgang tsa TVET, Ikageng, *auto mechanics and so forth.* Re bona dikoloi tsa ga Goromente di tletse gongwe le gongwe go sena sepe se se dirwang ka tsone.

Mr Bagaisamang, satellite ya gago e e kwa Shoshong o ne o re re tshwanetse go e *expand.* Kana motlotlegi *as we speak,* kwa Shoshong *there are only 87 students.* Ba le *six* ba dira *course* ya *crop production,* ba bangwe ba bo ba dira... *only 87.* Fa gongwe fa re ntse re re re *expand* mme e le gore bana ga ba bantsi teng kwa, o fitlhela ke sa itse gore ke tlaa dira ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Jaaka ke kile ka bua le wena, ke tlaa ya teng ke ya go bona gore ka gore wa re o na le *space* se se tona, go tlaa dirwa ka tsela e e ntseng jang.

E nngwe ke e o neng o bua ka *tertiary financing* gore bana ba bangwe ba Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) *and so forth,* o kare ga re ba tseye ka letsogo le le siameng. Nnyaa, ke ne ke batla gore motlotlegi a itse gore fa re *sponsor* bana *for instance,* bana botlhe *cut-off* ke 36 mme OVCs re a re *minus five points,* re ba simolola ka 31. Ke gore re a supa gore *we are for* bana ba OVCs. *If I can tell you* motlotlegi, nako le nako re tsaya bana kwa *Ministry of Local Government,* ke bone ba re bolelelang gore bana ba ke OVCs. Rona ga re na sekale se re ka se dirisang sa go itse gore yo ke OVC kana ga se ene. *If I can tell you, normally* re nna re *target for* dipalo tse di kwa godimo. Ka 2023/2022 *we targeted* 1200, 2024/2023 *we targeted for* 1200 but bana ba ba

tlang e nna *around that number* ya bo 1200. Le gone *last year we targeted for 1500 students* ba OVCs but re ne ra kgona go bona bana ba le 1400. Bana ba ke ba re fiwang maina ke ba *Local Government*. Rona ga re na bokgoni le boitseanape jwa go bona gore yo ke OVC kgotsa jang.

E nngwe e ne e le *welfare ya lecturers* gore gongwe re tshwanetse go e lebelela. O ne a ngongoregela gore o kare ga ba tsewe sentle, ga ba dirwe sentle *and so forth*. Ke tsaya gore ke e utlwile, *it has been noted*.

Rre Lekau, ke itumelela mafoko a o neng o a bua tota rra a gore madi a ke a filweng a mannyennyane, o kare ke ka okelediwa. *Basically*, kgang e tona e o e buileng Rre Lekau ke e o neng o re malatsing a batho ba tshwanetse gore e re ba lebelela *brigades*, ba se ka ba di tsaya e le gone kwa e reng ngwana a paletswe, a bo a isiwa teng. Malatsing a le rona *we want* bana ba ba botlhale. *Let me tell you*; re dira *robotics* malatsing a *and* go batla ngwana yo o botlhale go di dira. Re dira dilo tse dingwe tse di tshwanang le *data science* jaaka motlotlegi a ne a bua kgantele, go batla bana ba ba botlhale. Malatsing a dikgang tsa gore *brigades* go tsewa bana ba ba paletsweng; nnyaa, ga e sa tlhola e le moo. Re dira *courses* tse di tseletseng bo *mechatronics*, tse di batlang bana ba ba botlhale. Ke dumalana le wena tota Rre Lekau.

Le yone ya Mogoditshane gore *otherwise* re ise *brigade* kwa Mmopane, ke utlwile motlotlegi. Jaaka ke ne ke bua maloba, ga re mo go reng re age *brigades* tse disha, re mo go reng re tokafatse tse di leng teng *because* seemo se di mo go sone ke mathata. Ke utlwile tsothle tse di ka dirwang kwa Mogoditshane tse di tsamaelanang le dikgang tsa dikoloi.

Rre Morolong, *thank you so much for your presentation, it was also brilliant*. Ke utlwile kgang ya gore *maybe we should change the names* tsa *brigades* re dire *vocational training centres*. *I agree and it is one of those* e e mo *strategy* sa rona gore re fetole maina. *Like I was saying*, kgang e tona ke morero le lona, ga re batle go dira fela re sa rera le lona. Batho ba utlwa fela go setse gotwe kwa Kweneng re e bitsa re re Kweneng Vocational Centre re sa bua le Bakwena kana ba Molepolole.

E nngwe e ne e le ya gore *brigades are not utilised, most of them are not utilised*. O fitlhela e le gore ga gongwe ke bana ba le 80, fale ke 90, fale ke *hundred and something*. O fitlhela bana ba se bantsi mo go kae jaaka o ne o bua, ke dumalana le wena, *they are*

underutilised. Jaaka o ne o bua gore Linchwe Junior e okelediwe gongwe e dirwe *brigade*, ke tsaya gore ke dikgang tse re ka di buang motho wetsho. Se ke ka go se go bolelelang ke gore *we have received proposals* tsa *some investors* gore tlaa re le ageleng kwa *brigade* ya lona e tona e e kwa kgaolong ya gago, le re neele fa. Ke tsaya gore *proposal* eo re e bone, mme kana e batla re e dira le lona *local leadership*. Re se ka ra tloga ra dira re le nosi, e ka tloga ya nna mathata. Le yone ya *internet* gore kwa *old brigade* e teng, ka kwa *brigades* tse dingwe ga e yo, ke tsaya gore ke e utlwile.

E ya *private schools* motho wetsho ya gore go tletse batswakwa, ga ke ka ke ka kgona go e arabela. Ke dumela gore go na le ba ba ka e arabelang, gongwe ke Rre Mokgware. Tota ke mo *public institutions* tse re ka dirang ka tsone.

Honourable Mathoothe le ene o ne a bua ka dikgang tsa go fetola maina, re a dumalana. Ga go na le fa e le mathata ape, nna le ene re na le bone. E nngwe ke ya *brigades* tse di nang le ditsha tse ditonatonatona. *I have said to all of them* gore fa e le gore setsha sa lona se se tona jaaka sa kwa Serowe kana Mochudi gore *do not hesitate to rent out a portion so that they can also make money for themselves*. Le yone ya *to rent out* lefatshe, *there is nothing wrong with doing that, as long as* re ka dira *within the precincts* tsa *procurement* ya rona.

Rre Moalosi *spoke passionately about* dikgang tsa *brigades*. Ke dikgang tse a di itseng thata tse e leng gore fa re di bua fa gongwe ga re nke re ema go bua. Ke lebogile ka fa a buileng ka teng. O ne a nkopa gore gongwe ke bue le Madam Chombo re bone gore a bana ba ba Tirelo Setshaba ba ka se ke ba isiwe kwa *brigades* kana ba ka se ithute *courses* tse e leng gore gongwe ke *skills* gona le gore jaaka a ne a bua, a re ba dira tee. Ke tsaya gore go tswa fa go tsena Madam Chombo, o tlaa e tlhalosa. Rona ga re na *problem* fa e le gore re ka nna le kwa re ka ba isang teng gore ba ye go dira *skills* tse.

Dikgang tse dingwe tse a neng a bua ka tsone tsa bo *coding, data analysis, cyber security* le *robotics*, ke dikgang tse e leng gore *I have gone to see some of the private TVET schools* ba e leng gore ba dira dilo tse. *At the end of the day, we want to be able to send* bana ba rona, re ba *sponsor* gone koo ba ye go dira dikgang tse *because that is where the world is going*. Ga re ka ke ra nna fela ra dira dilo tsa bogologolo re bo re tsaya gore...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Elucidation.

MR MAELE: *Gentlemen, I will not take any elucidation or clarification because nako e ile, I need to wind-up. Ke dumalana le ene ka fa a neng a re gakolola ka teng ka dikgang tse a neng a di bua. Ke dumela gore tse dingwe tsa bo Tutume le Nswazwi ka fa a neng a di bua ka teng gore gongwe bana ba bo 70, ga ba bantsi, ba bannyennyane, ke tsaya gore ke mo utlwile. Re tlaa bona gore re tlaa dira jang gore re tle re kgone go bona gore they are put to good use.*

Mo gongwe ke mo a neng a re *maybe put as much courses as possible*. Ga a dumalane le kgang ya gore re dire *clusters le centres of excellence*. A re *brigades* jaaka di le kana mo Botswana, fa e le gore *courses* tse le di rutang di 15, *rutang courses* tse 15 *across all the brigades*. *I do not think that is the way to go. I think the way to go is to cluster and* fa re dira jalo, re bo re itse gore kwa *brigade* ya bonnanne ke *centre of excellence in a particular trade*. Ke gone go ka nngang botoka. *Otherwise*, ga re ka ke ra kgona *because* re ya go tlhabela ba ba rutang, *tools* le dilo tse dintsintsi tse e leng gore ga ke dumele gore re ka nna le tsone mo nakong e khutshwanyane. Ke sone mo ke reng, re tlaa tshwanelwa ke gore re bone gore re ka dira ka tsela e e ntseng jang gore re dire *centres of excellence rather than* gore re bo re ruta *course* nngwe le nngwe gongwe le gongwe.

Honourable Khan o ne a bua ka dikgang tsa gore re *expand* KRDA. Ke batla gore ke mmolelele gore KRDA ke nngwe tsa e leng gore tota *they are also close to my heart*. Ke mo gakolole fela kana ke mo itsise gore *last year* KRDA ba ne ba *service* dikoloi tsa ga Goramente di le 64. Ke ne ke utlwa ba ntse ba gakologelwa gore bogologolo go ne go dirwa ka tsela e e ntseng jang. *Even now, they are still doing that. Last year they did that.* Ke nngwe ya tse e leng gore tota *we are prioritising to expand them for Government fleet maintenance* gore re tle re kgone go di dira jalo. A se ka a tshoga thata, *I am aware of capabilities* tse di teng koo. Mathata ke gore o ne a bua gore okeletsang KRDA madi, ke gone fela ba ka go okeletsang le wena. Jaanong foo ke gone fa ke neng ke bona gore ga e tsamaye sentle teng.

Honourable Lekutlane le ene o buile ka botswere a bua ka motse wa kwa Ngwatle gore *rapid skills* re e ise teng. Kana gone kwa Ngwatle go bapile le kwa re isitseng CITF teng kwa motseng wa ga Rre Motsamai. Re ne re tsaya gore gongwe fa re dirile jalo, go ka nna botokanyana gore ba ka dira teng.

Road maintenance; introduce these courses. Motlotlegi, ke tsaya gore o tlaa itse gore *since* re tsaya boikarabelo, *Roads Training Centre* e ne ya tlisiwa kwa go rona. O tlaa gakologelwa gore *last year* ke ne ka e emela ka dinao, e tsogile *sir* e bile *they have accredited some courses* kwa BQA. Malatsi a *Roads Training Centre* e a bereka tota, *seriously*. Ke nna ke ya go ba lekola. Fa o ka ya teng nako nngwe wa ba etela, o tlaa bona dilo tse dintsintsi tse re di tokafaditseng gone koo. Ampore e e swa *but* ke ne ka fitlhela e le gore e santse e thenyathanya, ra bo re e tsosa. E tsogile totatota malatsi a. *I think* e bile nako e ke neng ke le kwa, re ne ra dira *inauguration last year* ya bana ba le 30 ba e neng e le gore ke bone *first intake* ya rona ya bana ba *Roads*. E teng motlotlegi.

Include the private sector; o ne o re re ba atumetse thata. Re a ba tlhoka, ke bone ba e leng gore ba bonya mme tota rona re batla gore re ba atumetse kwa go rona.

Kang Brigade; gatwe go na le *computers* kwa, ke batla go go etela motlotlegi. Re tlaa tshwanelwa ke gore re rulaganye ke tle ke ye go bona gore *computers* tse o tlholang o bua ka tsone tse gatwe tota mathata a tsone ke eng.

Rre Mokgwathi, *philosophical as always. I am sorry sir* fa e le gore potso ya gago ga ke a e araba sentle maloba. E ne e se ka lepe fela, go raya gore ga ke a e tlhologanya. *Most of the time, I know* gore *you are very philosophical* fa o bua dikgang tse di ntseng jaana. Fa gongwe go raya gore e rile Sekgoa sa gago se riana, nna ke bo ke utlwa ka go sele.

Affirmative action; ke buile ka yone ntate. Ke tlhalositse gore re dira jalo. Malatsi a ke batla gore re nne le *affirmative action* even mo TVET *because right now* re ntse re dira fela mo *mainstream*. *I think we should do it* mo TVET *and so forth and so forth*. O ne o wela ka lefoko le o reng leba kwano kwa go rona. Ke utlwile motho wa garona.

Rre Bogatsu, ke go agetse TVET *school* kwa Sojwe. Ke tsaya gore o ne o botsa gore go tsamaya tsamaya jang kwa Sojwe? Ke tsaya gore jaaka ke kile ka go bolelela, ke tsaya gore o utlwile motho wetsho gore re ntse re mo tseleng ya go baakanya gore go tle go nne *up and running*. E ne ya re re ntse re bua jalo, mongwe a bo a go tseela a bo a bua gore *universities* kwa Kweneng Region, jaanong ga ke itse gore ke araba wena kana ke araba ene. Go utlwetse.

Dikgang tsa *skills mismatch*; re batla gore *curriculum* ya rona e nne se e leng gore batho ba a se dira kwa ntle ka go atumetsa *industry and so forth*. *Let us engage the communities*, ga re ka ke ra kgona gore re bo re sa dire jalo.

Rre Motaosane o ne a bua thata ka gore ga a bone tokafatso mo go tseyeng *brigades from communities*. A bo a bua gore *courses* tsa CITF kwa Thamaga di tharo fela *instead of nine*. Nnyaa, re ne re rile *eight, not nine*. So, re santse re tlaa mo direla tsone tse *eight* tse re neng re bua ka tsone re re re tlaa mo di direla. Ya *Roads Training Centre*; ke tsaya gore ke buile ka yone ya ga Rre Motaosane.

Ramogapi o buile ka botswapelo a lebogela thata kgang e ya *explanation* ya *allowances and so forth*. Se a neng a se bua bogolosegolo ke gore a re, *let us support* batho ba ba tshwanang bo BIUST ba ba dirang *drones and so forth and so forth*. Re na le Satellite 1 kwa BIUST *for instance, please go and harvest information, whatever you want, but we are selling it*, ga re e fe mahala. *We are right now trying to talk* le Rre Tshere gore re bone gore re ka dira Satellite 2. Ke dikgang tse e leng gore Rre Ramogapi o ne a leka *to emphasise* gore bana ba *are producing* dilo tse di tshwanang le tsone tse mme fa ba sena go di ntsha, *let us consume them because otherwise*, re tlaabo re sa itirele sentle fa re ka se ke re dirise dilo tse.

Le yone ya *allowances* motlotlegi; *thank you so much for explaining it*. Ke tsaya gore bangwe kgantele ba ne o kare ba a go tlopa ba re ga o a utlwa mme o ne o utlwile go feta bone jaaka o ne o bua gore nnyaa, bonnyennyane jo re bo boneng, kgang e tona ke gore gongwe re batla gore re bo oketse, re bone gore re ka dira ka tsela e e ntseng jang. *I must confess, we are going to increase allowances* tsa bana ba sekole *this financial year*. *But* kgang fela ke gore mo ke go tshwereng jaaka ke ne ke bua, go go nnyennyanyana mme ke batla gore ke go oketse. Ga ke batle gore ke ba neele mo ke go tshwereng ka gore go go nnyennyane. *I am still trying to look for funds elsewhere* gore re tle re kgone gore re ba tokafatse *allowances* tsa teng. *In terms of whether or not is given, we are going to do something*. *At worst* ke tlaa dira gone mo e leng gore ke go tshwere fa e le gore ke paletse ke go bona madi kwa ke a bonang teng.

Rre Mosanana; batsadi ba e leng gore ba *train* bana ba bone *and then* ba bo ba batla mo gotweng *pickup*. Rre Mosanana ke batla go bua *in no uncertain terms* gore tota *pickups* ga re di letlelele e bile ga re ka ke ra di letlelele *because people are overtaking* ba bangwe fela *just because* rraagwe ke Rre Mosanana, ke

Mopalamente o na le madi. *Look at this*, yo mongwe o na le *36 points*, ngwana wa ga Rre Mosanana ene o na le *30 points and just because* Rre Mosanana o na le madi, o a mo tsaya at *30 points* a bo a ya go mo *sponsor*, e bo e re a tsena mo ngwageng wa boraro a bo a re *takeover*. *Remember* o na le *30 points*. Yole yo o nang le *36 points* mme ka gore mmaagwe ga a na sepe se a nang le sone, re mo tlogetse. *So, people* ba tlola *line because* ba *sponsor two years* ba bo ba re mo tseye. Ba mo tsere e le gore *points* tsa gagwe di kwa tlase. Rre Mosanana, tota *pickups* tsone ga re di dire. *I want this thing* gore Batswana ba se tlhaloganye, ba se utlwe sentle, ga re dire *pickups because* batho ba tlola bana ba bangwe *just because* batsadi ba bone ba a bo ba setse sengwenyana se ba se setseng ka gore ba na le ka fa e leng gore ba ka *raise* madi ka teng. Jaanong e bo e le gore o fitlhela e le gore ga go na *fairness*, ga go na *equity*. Tota ga re e tseye. Fa o simolotse o le motsadi o *sponsor* ngwana wa gago, jaanong feleletsa fela. *Unless* e le gore ngwana wa gago e tlaare re setse re mo lebelela *in terms of qualifications*, re bo re bona a fit.

Madam Chairperson, this concludes my presentation. I therefore, move that the sum of Seven Billion, Three Hundred and Sixty-Six Million, Four Hundred and Sixty-Nine Thousand, Eight Hundred and Fifty Pula (P7,366,469,850) under the Recurrent Budget and One Hundred and Fifty-Three Million, Seven Hundred and Forty-Five Thousand Pula (P153,745,000) under Development Budget be approved and stand as part of the Schedule of the 2026/2027 Appropriation Bill (No.1 of 2026) for Head 3300 in the Development Fund Estimates. I thank you Madam Chairperson.

Question put and **agreed to**.

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Order! Honourable Members. I would like to evoke Standing Order 26.2 for a health break for 10 minutes.

PROCEEDINGS SUSPENDED AT 5:23 P.M. FOR APPROXIMATELY 15 MINUTES

PROCEEDINGS RESUMED AT 5:37 P.M.

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Order! Honourable Members. Pray be seated.

...Silence...

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Order! Honourable Members. Back to business. We are now going to the next ministry which is Ministry of Youth and Gender Affairs. Please note that 2 hours 10 minutes has been allocated but since we had so many changes, let me clarify the times tomorrow.

**ORGANISATION 2200 - MINISTRY OF
YOUTH AND GENDER AFFAIRS**

MINISTER OF YOUTH AND GENDER AFFAIRS (MS CHOMBO): I thank you Madam Speaker for this opportunity and I thank you today in your capacity as Chairperson. It is my pleasure to present the 2026/2027 budget proposals for the Ministry of Youth and Gender Affairs, Organisation 2200 for consideration by this committee.

Madam Chairperson, as espoused in the recently approved National Development Plan (NDP) 12, the ministry is prioritising the promotion of gender equality and women empowerment as well as youth development. The ministry specifically aims to create an inclusive environment, where women, men and the young people of Botswana are active participants and beneficiaries in socio-economic, cultural and political development.

Madam Chairperson, let me express my sincere gratitude for the resourcing of the ministry with 19 positions of District Coordinators to head district offices across the country. This will improve service delivery and ensure that the needs of the people are met. Let me further express my trust that proper resourcing of this ministry through creation of more positions by Directorate of Public Service Management (DPSM) will be a priority to realise the desired impact on the youth, women and other vulnerable groups.

Madam Chairperson, allow me to briefly highlight on the ministry's performance during the 2025/2026 financial year.

2025 /2026 BUDGET EXECUTION

Madam Chairperson, for the 2025/2026 financial year, the sum of Seven Hundred and Seven Million, Six Hundred and Fifty-Six Thousand, Six Hundred and Sixty Pula (P707, 656, 660.00) was approved for the Recurrent Budget, while the sum of Ten Million, Five Hundred and Twenty-Seven Thousand, Seven Hundred and Thirty-Nine Pula (P10, 527, 739.00) for the Development Budget.

Madam Chairperson, as at 20th March 2026, the utilisation rate for the Recurrent Budget was Three Hundred and Fifty-Three Million, Five Hundred and Eighty-Seven Thousand, Six Hundred and Ninety-Five Pula (P353,587,695) which is 50 per cent of the

approved budget. The expenditure on the Development Budget amounts to Three Hundred and Seventy-Nine Thousand, Nine Hundred and Eighty Pula (P379,980.00) denoting 3 per cent.

Madam Chairperson, I wish to highlight that, for the most part, the reason for the low Recurrent Budget expenditure is because of the implementation of the austerity measures that were instituted by the Government last year in July.

**REVIEW OF 2025/2026 MINISTERIAL
PERFORMANCE AND STRATEGIES FOR
2026/2027****Youth Development**

Madam Chairperson, the Ministry of Youth and Gender Affairs has instituted a plan to strengthen its mandate to coordinate all sectors in an effort to strengthen youth mainstreaming, thus ensuring that youth development is factored in the sectoral legislation, programme and policy design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation. This will be done through the Revised Youth Policy and Implementation Plan which will oversee the development and operationalisation of youth sectoral interventions towards youth inclusion.

Moreover, with regards to job creation, the Youth Employment Strategy, once completed, will have tools that create a cohesive ecosystem where Government and strategic partners can work efficiently to support young people's economic development whilst also strengthening accountability.

Madam Chairperson, in recognition of the challenges that the youth face in accessing start-up capital as well as sustaining their enterprises, the ministry is in the process of remodelling the Youth Development Fund (YDF) in partnership with United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) to make it sustainable and efficient. It is considered that once remodelled, the programme will improve financial and operational sustainability, automation, strengthen governance and accountability. The programme is expected to create decent employment for young people coupled with consistent mentorship, post funding support and facilitation to access markets.

Furthermore, the ministry commenced the review of the Botswana National Service Programme (BNSP) in an effort to enhance the employability and upskilling of youth whilst improving private sector involvement in

the sustenance of the programme and also improving the employability of the participants. I believe this is aligned with some of the comments as raised by the Honourable Members in this House.

Madam Chairperson, the ministry continues to appreciate the support of strategic partners who have been instrumental in assisting the ministry to fulfil its mandate in various capacities. These include: the United Nations (UN) Family, the European Union (EU), the American Government, Business Botswana (BB), Lucara Botswana, De Beers, Botswana Exporters and Manufacturing Association (BEMA) and Civil Society. The working relationship is at different levels and on specific areas such as policy and programme development, delivery and mentorship on building excellent business acumen, et cetera. Madam Chairperson, the ministry continues to implement tangible interventions aimed at addressing youth-related challenges and rolling out initiatives designed to empower young people across the country through its subsidiary body, the Botswana National Youth Council (BNYC). Which empowers young people through a comprehensive approach that includes skills training and employability support, health and life-skills education, leadership development, advocacy and civic engagement, recognition, networking and resource mobilisation, as well as the provision of community spaces and youth centres.

On the matter of youth centres, I am pleased to report that significant strides have been made in engaging and mobilising the private sector to support the renovation and upgrading of existing youth centres such as Ghanzi, as well as the establishment of new centre in Molepolole in partnership with Lucara and Diacore. Youth centres play a pivotal role in providing educational support, recreational activities, platforms for community dialogue, as well as digital and life-skills development. These centres serve as all-inclusive hubs where young people can gather to learn, innovate, and build sustainable networks that meaningfully contribute to national development.

Gender and Development

Madam Chairperson, the Government remains committed to building a just, equitable and prosperous society for all. The promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls is a foundational driver of sustainable development, economic growth and national stability, as well as the peace of our

beloved Botswana. The Gender portfolio is strategically anchored on two pivotal frameworks, being; the National Policy on Gender and Development and the National Strategy Towards Ending Gender-Based Violence. Recognising the evolving landscape of our society, both instruments are currently under comprehensive review to ensure they remain robust and responsive to contemporary challenges. Consultations for the reviews are ongoing, while finalisation is planned for August 2026. Madam Chairperson, to further solidify our legal architecture, Cabinet has approved the drafting of a transformative Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Legislation. Preliminary stakeholder consultations for the GBV Legislation have been completed. Drafting instructions to the Attorney General Chambers for this Legislation were submitted in February 2026. This Legislation will close the identified gaps in the national GBV management system, it will be a legal framework that will strengthen the existing legal provisions and it will usher in an inclusive, preventative, survivor centred and multi-sectoral approach.

Madam Chairperson, despite our collective strides in the fight against GBV, it remains persistent and a devastating scourge. According to the 2018 National Relationship Study, 37 per cent of women and 21 per cent of men indicated that they had suffered some form of violence once in their lifetime. In the year 2024, the Botswana Police Service recorded 31,975 cases related to offences against the person. Of these cases Madam Chairperson, 10,747 were offences related to GBV. These include; murder, rape, defilement, violence against children, including murder of children by their parents. These are indeed devastating. These trends reported by the Botswana Police Service are a sobering reminder that violence against women and girls continues to undermine the fabric of our community. In direct response, over and beyond the legal and policy frameworks, the ministry has also re-energised our grassroots engagement, working hand-in-hand with communities to inculcate a sense of responsibility, build local capacity and co-create targeted solutions to eliminate GBV and in all its forms and manifestations at community level. We continue to work with the local authorities, Dikgosi, religious community and Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) to transform social norms that perpetuate violence.

Madam Chairperson, to bridge the critical gap between reporting violence and accessing justice, the ministry is part of a multi-sectoral team advancing the establishment

of One-Stop Service Centres for GBV. This initiative represents a decisive shift towards a comprehensive, survivor-centred response, where victims can access integrated medical, legal, counselling and psychosocial support in one location amongst other things. This model is essential for a coordinated national response, ensuring no survivor is left to navigate a fragmented system alone.

Madam Chairperson, we recognise that women economic empowerment is a critical shield against vulnerability and quite frankly a critical shield against violence. To address the complex link between economic disempowerment and GBV, we are accelerating women's economic participation through initiatives such as the EntreprenHER Programme. A significant milestone in this endeavour is the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between the Government of Botswana and Stanbic Bank. This partnership is designed to dismantle financial barriers as well as to provide dedicated business development support for women-owned enterprises, fostering greater financial independence and decision-making power.

The Ministry of Youth and Gender Affairs (MYGA) observed further an imbalance in programming between women and men and has accordingly incorporated the men's sector into its mandate. While this shift was not accompanied by a dedicated personnel or even a budget provision in the current financial year, these will be catered for in the upcoming financial year. The ministry will therefore take a deliberate and structured approach to ensure that programming is inclusive and responsive to the needs of both genders, both women and men.

Madam Chairperson, integrating a gender perspective across sectors of Government and society is not an option, but it is a strategic imperative for effective governance and sustainable development. To institutionalise this approach, the GBV Legislation will be instrumental, together with the revitalisation of the Inter-ministerial Committee on GBV, the strengthening of the National Gender Commission as well as institutionalising gender responsive budgeting across all sectors. We continue to enhance our work to mainstream youth and gender issues across sectors guiding various ministries on how to inculcate gender and youth responsive programmes, policies and legislation to ensure effective systemic inclusion.

Budget Proposals

Madam Chairperson, I now move to present the ministry's 2026/2027 budget proposals. I will begin by outlining the Recurrent Budget estimates. I request Madam Chairperson the sum of Six Hundred and Eighty-Six Million, Six Hundred and Forty-Nine Thousand, Nine Hundred and Seventy Pula only (P686, 649, 970) for the Recurrent Budget. The requested amount is allocated as follows:

Headquarters

At the sum of One Hundred and Twenty-Eight Million, Eighty-Seven Thousand, Six Hundred and Seventy Pula (P128, 087, 670) and the largest share of the department's budget, which is Thirty-Five Million, Sixty-Three Thousand, Three Hundred and Twenty Pula (P35, 063,320) is for staff salaries. The next largest share of the budget is for rental of offices at Thirty-Five Million, Twenty-One Thousand, One Hundred and Thirty Pula (P35,021,130), whilst service charges take the third largest share of the budget at Nine Million, Six Hundred Fifty-Seven Thousand, Six Hundred and Forty Pula only (P9,657,640).

Gender Affairs Department - P100,324,880

A budget provision of One Hundred Million, Three Hundred and Twenty-Four Thousand, Eight Hundred and Eighty Pula (P100,324,880) is requested for the Gender Affairs Department. The largest share of the department's budget, which is Twenty-Five Million, Three Hundred and Twenty-Five Thousand, Eight Hundred and Seventy Pula (P25,325,870) is to cover gender mainstreaming activities. Twenty-Two Million, Three Hundred and Ninety-Two Thousand and Five Hundred Pula (P22,392,500) will be for the department's salaries and we will also have the women's voluntary organisations supported by a budget of Sixteen Million and Fifty Thousand Pula (P16,050,000).

I take this time Madam Chairperson to pause and say that this is the very first time ever if not in a while that the ministry has made deliberate efforts to fund our civil society organisations. We have been funding our shelters, our GBV shelters across the country, but we have noted that our civil society does deserve support following external funding and therefore these funds Madam Chairperson which are for Women's Voluntary Organisations will go towards supporting our civil society.

I also request an amount for the Annual National Women's Expositions and Gender Based Violence votes to receive Five Million Pula (P5,000,000) and Four Million Pula (P4,000,000.00) respectively to round up the department's top five budget items.

Department of Youth Affairs - P458,237,420.00

I request the sum of Four Hundred and Fifty-Eight Million, Two Hundred and Twenty-Seven Thousand, Four Hundred and Twenty Pula (P458,237,420.00) which is requested for the Department of Youth...

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Honourable Member, you made a mistake again, go to Department of Youth Affairs, and then read the money again.

MS CHOMBO: Pardon me Madam Chair, thank you. For the Department of Youth Affairs, I request the amount of Four Hundred and Fifty-Eight million, Two Hundred and Thirty-Seven thousand, Four Hundred and Twenty Pula (P458,237,420.00). The largest share of this budget provision, which is One Hundred and Fifty-Four Million, Two Hundred Thousand Pula (P154,200,000) goes towards the payment of allowances for Tirelo Sechaba participants or Botswana National Service Programme and the second largest share of One Hundred and Twenty Million, Six Hundred Thousand Pula (P120,600,000.00) is requested for the Youth Programme which we commonly know as the Youth Development Fund (YDF). The department's third largest share of its recurrent budget amounting to Seventy-Five Million, Four Hundred and Sixteen Thousand, Two Hundred and Forty Pula (P75,416,240.00) is requested for the salaries whilst service charges vote comes fourth at Fifteen Million, Three Hundred and Seventy-Nine Thousand, Six Hundred and Thirty Pula (P15,379,630).

I now conclude Madam Chairperson and request the sum of Five Million Pula (P5,000,000) for the Development Budget. This is to fund the ongoing Development of Information Technology (IT) Infrastructure.

CONCLUSION

Madam Chairperson this concludes my presentation on the 2026/2027 Recurrent and Development Budget proposals for the Ministry of Youth and Gender Affairs. I therefore request that the sum of Six Hundred and Eighty-Six Million, Six Hundred and Forty-Nine Thousand, Nine Hundred and Seventy Pula (P686,649,970.00) under the Recurrent Budget

for Organisation 2200 be approved and stand part of the Schedule of the Appropriation (2026/2027) Bill, of 2026 and that the sum of Five Million Pula (P5,000,000) for the Development Budget for Organisation 2200 be approved and stand part of the estimates for the Financial Year 2026/2027. I therefore, move accordingly. I thank you Madam Chairperson.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Applause!)

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Thank you Honourable Minister. The floor is open.

MR FURNITURE (TATI EAST): Ke a leboga *Madam Chairperson*. Ke dumedise Ntlo e e tlotlegang, le Batswana botlhe ka kakaretso. Ke lebogele sebaka se o se mphileng gore ke akgele mo *this sector*. Ke batla go simolola ka go supa gore, rotlhe mo Ntlong e le Batswana ka kakaretso, ke dumela re itse gore banana ke bontlha bongwe jwa lefatshe la Botswana ba e leng gore *population* ya bone e kwa godimo.

MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION (MR MAELE): *On a point of order*. Ke ne ke re le rute *Honourable Pule* gore *he has crossed* fa a dirile jaaka a dirile jaana. *He has crossed*, so a boele kwa a nnang teng.

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

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Continue Honourable Furniture. Honourable Members, *reetsang, a ko le reetseng*.

MR FURNITURE: Ke a leboga *Madam Chair*. Ke ne ke santse ke supa gore banana ke bone ba e leng gore dipalo tsa bone di kwa godimo, ke bone bokamoso jwa lefatshe le, e bile ke bone baeteledipele ba gompiano le kamoso. Go a tshwenya *Madam Chairperson* gore fa o lebile ntlha e e tshwanang ya letlhoko la ditiro, la bofelo fa ke bua fa e ne e tsamaya kwa go 82,000 ya *graduates* tsa banana ba e leng gore gongwe ga ba bereke. Gompiano e oketsegile e tsamaya mo go 88,000. Sone se se raya gore, lephata le ka fa le ntseng ka teng le le eteletsweng pele ke *Honourable* Lesego Chombo, le tshwanetse la tlhatlosa dinao go bona gore banana ba ka thusiwa ka tsela e ntseng jang. Lephata le, *it cuts across all ministries*, mo e leng gore lephata la ga Mme Chombo le tshwanetse go nna le dipalo tsa banana ba ba lekaneng mo maphateng otlhe a Puso, gore re kgone go bona gore banana ba a tsena mo ditirong tsa Puso, le gone go dira ditiro tsa Puso ka tsela e e ntseng jalo.

Re utlwile maloba go buiwa ka gore, *they will absorb* ba gongwe ba thapilweng ka nakwana e leng ma *cleaner, gardeners* le *night watchmen* ka palo ya 470. Go ne go bua ba DPSM. Go na le letshwenyego le le tona thata kwa ntle gore, go lebega palo ya batho ba e feta 470 yo o builweng. Jaanong ba ipotsa dipotso tsa gore, go ya go diragala jang, bone ba e leng gore gongwe ba tlaa se ke ba kgone go bona diphatlha, ba ya go thusiwa ka tsela e e ntseng jang? Ba tlaabo ba ntse ba lebile mo go wena *Honourable Lesego Chombo*, ka gore kwa pheleletsong ga o na *to be judged* ka gore o buile mafoko a le kae, *you are going to be judged* ka gore ke banana ba le kae ba ba boneng diphatlha tsa meberekho, e bile matshele a bone a fetogile ka motlha wa bofelo.

Se sengwe se ke batlang go se bua ke gore, fa o lebile mo go yone ya ditiro, UDC *promised* ditiro di le 500 000 mo dingwageng tse *five*, potso e nna e ntse e ipoeletsa mo bananeng gore, a ditiro re tlaa di bona? Re bona banana ba tla kwano ba bo Information Technology (IT) ba tlisa *petitions*, ba supa ka fa e leng gore gongwe ga ba a itumela ka teng. Sebui se sengwe, ke a mo utlwa o a ngunanguna, o kile a bua gone fa a bolelela ba ba neng ba busa mo Ntlong e nako nngwe, gore, “ope fela yo e leng monana a se ka a ipona a re *is campaigning for* Domkrag, a fodile *line* ka letsatsi la ditlhopho a sa bereke.” Letsatsi la gompiano jaanong ke lebagane le bone ke ba bolelela mafoko ao gore, fa go na le monana ope yo o mo maranyaneng a Facebook, a se ka a ipona fela a re o bapatsa UDC ka gore ga a bereke, go fitlhela ...*(Interruptions!)*...le tlisa ditiro tseo, tse ba di le solofeditseng mo lefatsheng la Botswana.

MR PULE: *Elucidation.* O e tshwere sentle motlotlegi. Ke eng o sa bue fela gore motho yoo ke *Honourable Wynter Mmolotsi*, ke ene a neng a rialo kana. Ke bona e kete o a mmapisetsa.

MR FURNITURE: Ke a leboga *Madam Chairperson*. Ke a leboga *Honourable Pule*. Tota fela ke sale ke bona a ngongola ka utlwa gore jaanong go raya gore ke ngwaya gone fa go babang teng. Ke kang e ke buang ka yone e gore...

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM (MR MMOLOTSI): *On a point of order.* *Madam Chair*, ke re gongwe o ka tswelala fela ka *to debate* ba tlogela go ntsenya mo dikganyeng tsa bone, ka go a gagamatsa gore *Honourable Furniture* yo gompiano a ntseng ka fa tlase ga *party* e nngeng e busa *for 58 years* e re tsenya mo mathateng a re leng mo go one, re na le ngwaga a bo a re re paletswe ke go dira ditiro re ntshiwe

mo Pusong, *he is out of order.*

Fa e le gore o feletswe, o ka nna fa fatshe. Motlotlegi Mabuse Pule ene a didimale, re mo seemong se ka lebaka la mathata a ba re a baketseng.

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: *Honourable Furniture*, *I wanted to say* lefoko la bo ‘go ngongola’ ke lone le nna ke sa le itumeleleng. A ko o *debate* fela, tswaya mo ‘go ngongola.’

MR FURNITURE: Ke a leboga *Madam Chair*.

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Nnyaa, ga o ka ke wa leboga, ntsha ‘go ngongola.’

MR FURNITURE: Lefoko la go ngongola nte ke le boele kwa morago, ke re la go ngongola...*(Laughter!)*... ke re go ngongorega ka gore mong wa kang o ne a utlwa gore jaanong ke ngwaya gone fa go babang teng.

Tota fela boammaaruri jo bo teng ke gore, ba a itse gore...

MR MOROLONG: *Point of order.* Modulasetilo, ke kopa gore o nthuse fa, kana re tswa kwa malwapeng a a farologaneng, a mme go siame gore motlotlegi o ka bua mo Ntlong e a raya ntataagwe a re o ngwaya fa go babang, ke raya fela mo Setswaneng fela, a golo moo go a letlelesega?

MR FURNITURE: Ke a leboga *Madam Chair*. Tota go raya gore dikakanyo di fedile ka kwa baagisanyeng, mme go raya gore ke tle ke tswelale. 100 000 *jobs* re ntse re a mmatla mo UDC *in one year*. Ke ne ke le bolelela *statistics* tsa dipalo gore *unemployment of graduates only* di tsamaya mo go 88,000. Go raya gore fa le tlisa 100,000 *jobs* gompiano, go raya gore re tlaabo re na le ditiro tse e leng gore di ka lekana palo ya banana ba ba sa berekeng mo nakong ya gompiano.

Se sengwe gape, le ele tlhoko gore kana le solofeditse gore le ya go fokotsa...

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND HOME AFFAIRS (MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE): *Point of order.* *Thank you, Madam Chairperson.* Ga ke senyetse mokaulengwe, mme ke tseela gore *he will be out of order* fa a ka se ke a re bolelela kwa a tsereng teng dipalo tse a di buang tsele, *so that we can refer to those*, di se ka tsa nna dipalo fela tsa 88. Ke gore a *quote* gore o di tsere kae. Ke a leboga.

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: *Honourable Furniture*, gatwe o tsaya kae dipalo?

MR FURNITURE: Ke a leboga *Madam Chair*. Ke ne ke tsaya gore gongwe o tlaa kopa *clarification*, a se ka a re *point of order*. Go kwadilwe le mo metsweding ya dikgang. Go kwadilwe *Honourable Mokgware* gore dipalo tsa banana ba ba sa berekeng di tsamaya fa kae, Molete. Jaanong gongwe go tlaa re o nne o ntse o bala dipampiri gore le wena o nne o itse ka gore o Tona wa tsone tsa pereko.

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: *Honourable Furniture*, wa re dipampiri dife?

MR FURNITURE: Ke ne ke re mo metsweding ya dikgang. Fa e le gore gongwe ba batla bosupi, ke tlaa bo tsisa mo Ntlong e kamoso.

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

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: A ko le reetseng. Gakere mme o a itse *Honourable Furniture* gore le *Speaker* o tlhola a bua gore masupi a dipampiri tse re sa itseng gore ke dife, re se ka ra tlhola re a tsisa, re se ka ra tlhola re bua ka tsone? Jaanong o ele tlhoko tsone *newspapers* tseo.

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

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: *Honourable Disho*, o tloga o tswela kwa ntle gone jaana, ga ke bue le wena.

Jaanong o ele tlhoko gore o ya go tla ka masupi afe. Araba *debate* ya gago sentle fela gore o tsaya kae *the numbers*, but *newspapers* tsone le a itse gore ga re di letlelele.

MR FURNITURE: Ke a leboga *Madam Chair*. Ke tsaya ke re ke buile gore dipalo tse ke di tsaya kae, e bile go supa gore...

DR GOBOTSWANG: *On a point of order. Madam Chairperson*, kgang eo re e buile gantsi gone fa, ra ba ra welana. E bile ke gakolola *Mr Speaker*. Wena *as an academic*, o a itse gore *newspapers*, *websites* are quoted in *Parliament*, and he agreed.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: No!

DR GOBOTSWANG: *Yes, it is there in the Hansard, the Speaker has ruled*. Ga go na ka fa o ka tlhokang to quote newspaper ka teng, *newspapers*, *websites*.

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Ke eme ka dinao *honourable*.

DR GOBOTSWANG: Ke a le bolelela ka re *Speaker* o dumalane gore di a letlelelwa, jaanong *Madam Chairperson*, ke utlwa a re *newspapers* ga di nopolwe mo Palamenteng.

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

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Nnyaa, ke eme ka dinao.

DR GOBOTSWANG: Ke a go bona *Madam Chairperson*.

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: *Honourable Members*, kgang ya *newspapers Honourable Dr Gobotswang*, e ne e buiwa gore fa o sa tle fela ka gore o bua ka ga eng se se neng se tswa kae, *quoting that piece* e o e buang eo *from that newspaper*, e seng o re mo *newspapers* fela, ga go a nna jalo.

MR MONAGENG: *Procedure*. Nnyaa, mme ke rata fa gongwe re palama boammaaruri, a boammaaruri jo bo a re *favour* re le mo go Goromente kante nnyaa, but boammaaruri ke boammaaruri. *As* motho yo o bothhale, *procedure* ke gore *I checked* Artificial Intelligence (AI), ya re, “*the number of unemployed graduates in Botswana is estimated to be around 70 to 80,000. This is according to the Human Resource Development Council (HRDC)*.”

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

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: *Honourable Monageng*, nna fa fatshe. Ga re ise re go kope gore o tle ka masupi. O ne o re *point of procedure*, jaanong ga o bue yone. *Honourable Furniture*, ke santse ke le mo go wena ka kgang eo gore o wela o reng.

MR FURNITURE: Ee, *Madam Chair*, ke a leboga. Ke dumela gore tota kgang e e tlhamaletse. Fa o tsena mo *website* ya HRDC, e tlaa go bolelela gore *unemployment rate* is 21 cent ya *population* ya lefatshe la Botswana. Fa dipalo tsa teng o di dira, di go neela yone palo e ke neng ke e bua. Jaanong ga ke dumele gore re tshwanetse re tle fa go tlhola re nganga ka gore banana ga ba bereke. Ke dumela gore banana ba reeditse gore bo *Honourable Mokgware* le bo Motlotlegi Mmolotsi ba re dipalo tse ga di na boammaaruri, banana ba a bereka. Nna ke leka go supa gore dipalo tsa banana ba ba sa berekeng di kwa godimo. Ga ke batle go dia nako, re buile ka *points of order* tse di ntsintsi...

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: *Honourable Furniture*, nna fa fatshe, there is a point of order.

MR FURNITURE: Nnyaa, ke tserere *more than five* tsa points of order Madam Chairperson, my debate cannot be disturbed ka...

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Honourable Furniture, I will still take the floor, ah-ah! Kante ke eng o fitlhele e re fa motho a bua le bo le nnela go fetola le reng, ke eng, ke lenyatso? Ah! ke tlaa tsaya floor eo.

MR FURNITURE: Ee mma.

MR MMOLOTSI: Point of order. Thank you, Madam Chairperson. Honourable Furniture, re eletsa gore re utlwe dikakanyo tsa gago, jaanong ke ne ke kopa gore se re mare ka dikgang tsa bo gore re rile bana ba a bereka re ise re rialo. So, ke kopa gore o boele morago statement seo ka gore o dule mo tseleng gotlhelele ka dikgang tse di senang boammaaruri. So withdraw, o bo o tswelera re go letlelela o itoma diteme.

MR PULE: Procedure Madam Chairperson. Nte re go thuse. Madam Chairperson, tota mo Palamenteng re tshwanetse re go thuse gore o kgone go tsamaisa Palamente. Jaanong fa batho ba tshwana le bo Rre Wynter Mmolotsi a bo a ema ka point of order, a itse gore ga se point of order...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ke yone.

MR PULE: Ga se point of order se a se buang. Gape ke raya gore fela fa a batla go bolelela Madam Chairperson gore a tseye kgato efe, it is not really okay, ke ene a leng out of order. Jaanong ga ke itse gore a o etse tlhoko Madam Chairperson, Motlotlegi Rre Mmolotsi fela fa o mo ngata golo gongwe fa go botlhoko, o ema ka point of order a ba a correct. He does this all the time.

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Ke utlwile. Honourable Members, ntheetseng, ke bua la bofelo, Honourable Furniture, ke kopa gore o debate, o lese go kgotlakgotla batho. Fa e le gore o batla to debate, tlhoafala to debate o lese go kgotlakgotla batho, fa o feletswe, neela ba bangwe because ke wena o dirang gore go nne le point of order, o a kgotlakgotla. A ko o debate fela o lese go bitsabitsa maina a batho, please, debate fela re fetse. Kana ke tlhola ke bua gore all the time fela fa nako e tsamaya fa, nna ga ke itse gore le a bo le ile go dira eng kwa ntle.

Honourable Members, ga go na point of order e ke tliileng go e tsaya fa a sa bue sepe fela se se phoso. Ke a leboga.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ke kopa procedure.

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Nnyaa.

MR FURNITURE: Ke a leboga Madam Chairperson. Ke ne ke re kgang e nngwe e ke batlang go feta ka yone ke gore, kana Phathi ya UDC e ne e solofeditse gore e tlaa fokotsa dingwaga tsa old age from 65 to 60. E bo go raya gore go neela tshono ya gore batho ba tswe mo tirong, banana ba hirwe. Fa o lebelela gompiano, maloba fa re amogetse banana gone fa, go ne go supafala gore ba bangwe ba hirwa ba setse ba fetile dingwaga tse 45. Gone moo kana ke bothata ka gore fa o sena go nna o hirwa mo ga Goramente, o nna fa gongwe ngwaga kana dingwaga tse pedi to be confirmed, go bo go tsaya lebaka le le leele. O ya go simolola go tsaya loan leng e o ka ithekelang ntlo kana koloi?

Ba bangwe maloba they were absorbed ke ba sepodise, ba ne ba le 57, ba ba 58. O ya go bereka only two years, go bo go ile fela jalo. He does not even qualify for lepako, ga a reng. Re batla go utlwa gore UDC la reng ka gore ke kgang ya moruthutha, re tshwanetse ra e tsibogela.

GBV e tswelotse, e ntse e golela pele mme fa o re o reetsa the commitment e e dirwang ke Lephata la Youth and Gender, ga e kalokalo go leka go e lwantsha mo lefatsheng la Botswana. Ke selo se se tshwenyang.

Madam Chairperson, ke batla go bua gape ka kgang ya YDF, e Puso e tlaabong e fund dikgwebo tse banana ba ba tshwanetseng gongwe go itshetsa ka tsone. Re ipotsa gore lenaneo le fa o lebile madi a o a dirisang Honourable Lesego Chombo, le se e tlang gongwe e le dipoelo, a mme go a tsamaelana? Re tshwenngwa ke misalignment e e teng mo budget ya gago le matshelo a banana kwa ntle ka gore ba tshwaragane le bothata jo bo seng kana ka sepe jaaka ke ne ke tlhalosa. Dikgwetlho tsa bone di dintsi, ba bangwe ba setse e bile ba tletswe ke boitlhobogo jwa gore a mme ba tlaa tlhola ba bona ditiro ka gore ba ya dikoleng, ba leka dikgwebo, ka fa Goramente le ene fa a tshwanetse gore ema nokeng dikgwebo tsa banana, o emisa Government Purchase Orders (GPOs), go raya gore ga go na sepe se ba se bonang. Le ntse le itse gore the biggest employer, the biggest client mo lefatsheng la Botswana, mo economy e is the Government. That is a fact. Fa e le gore Goramente ga a leke go thusa go ema nokeng dikgwebo tsa banana, tsa Batswana mo lefatsheng la Botswana, e tlaabo e le lefela la lefela. Re rotloetsa banana gore ba huralale Phathi ya UDC mo ditlhophong tsa 2029. Ke a leboga Madam Chairperson.

MINISTER OF TRADE AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (MR NTSIMA):

Mma ke go leboge *Madam Chairperson*. Ke leboegele *presentation* ya ga *Minister* gore o emetse banana ka bokgabane. *You could have said a lot but because of time*, ga o a bua tse dintsi. Gape ke go leboegele go farologana thata le Puso e re tswang kwa go yone, e ke dumelang gore ke e *Honourable Furniture* a sa tswang go e tlhalosa. Ke gore o bona fa le dipalo di pala fela o re *21 per cent of the population*, o bo o bua palo e e kgakala, *if we are 2.5 million, 21 per cent is far from the 88* yo a buang ka ene. Ke *mentality* o o tshwanang le wa Puso e re tswang kwa go yone.

Gape ke go leboegele gore o buile ka gore *you are going to reform YDF*, e *Honourable Furniture* a sa tswang go bua ka yone. O bua gore o ya go e baakanyetsa; tota dintlha tse a ntseng a bua ka tsone tsa gore *Goromente has been funding young people outside the economy*, wena o batla go tla ka dikgang tsa gore *you must fit them into the economy*. Go bothokwa gore o diragatse ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, o tsenye banana mo itsholelong.

Ke leboegele thata tiro e o e dirang e e fatlhosang le banana. Re ntse re tsaya banana *and put them into programmes but we do not budget for graduation, which is critical for young people to be coming out of programmes. Instead of focusing just on welfare, we prepare* le gore re ba tokafatsa ka tsela e e ntseng jang gore ba gole. Gape le dikgwebo tsa banana, ga re a tshwanela *to relegate them to businesses tsa bo saloon, haircut*, tse e leng gore *they do not contribute much in the economy*. Re tshwanetse go lebelela gore banana ba tsena mo dikgwebong tse e leng gore *they come in at scale*, di ditonatona, re bona di dirwa ke banana ba mafatshe a sele. *That is what you are preaching and advocating for*.

Ke go itumelele gore o bua dikgang tse di siameng thata, tse banana e reng fa ba go reeditse ka kelotlhoko, ba go farologanye thata le *Shadow Minister* ka dikgang tsa gagwe tse a di buang. O akanya gore banana Goromente a ba hire e le *cleaners, gatekeepers*, dilo tseo ga se tse banana ba di eletsang tseo. *No young person wants to be a gatekeeper or a cleaner anywhere else*. Banana ba batla ditiro tsa sennelaruri, ditiro tse di ka ba tshetsang, tse di ba fang seriti. Ke dumalana le wena thata fa o buelela banana *to be recognised* ka gore e bile ke bone ba re dumelang gore *they are leaders of today*. Ga go sa tlhole gotwe *leaders of tomorrow*, ke bone ba e leng gore ba teng.

Gape o lebeletse le kgang ya gore ke bone ba ba tshwanelwang ke go dira dilo tsa bone...

DR S. MODISE: *Elucidation. Thank you very much.* O e tshwere sentle *Honourable Minister*. Ke ne ke re fa o bua ka banana gore ba batla ditiro tse di nang le boleng jo bo rileng, o bulela le ba Tati East gakere? O ba tsentse mo teng le bone, kwa *Honourable Furniture* a tswang teng. Tanki.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Laughter!)

MR NTSIMA: Ke bulela thata bone ba Tati East ka gore ga ba na kemedi. Tota ke emetse fa go bulela banana botlhe ba North East, bogolo thata kwa go teng bo *honourable*...

MR FURNITURE: *Point of order.* Ke a leboga *Madam Chairperson*. Ke dumela gore *Honourable Member* o dule mo tseleng, le moetsane wa gagwe yo o neng a mo thusa. Ke tlhophilwe ke batho ba Tati East ba le 4500, go supa gore ba na le tshepo e e seng kana ka sepe mo go nna. Kgang ya gore *Honourable Ntsima* a bo a re ga ba na kemedi, o dule mo tseleng gotlhelele. A a *withdraw* mafoko ao, a tsepame mo *debate* ya gagwe a tlogele go bua di sele.

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: *Honourable Members, Honourable Ntsima*, a ko le leseng go kgotlakgotlana *please!* A ko le *debate*, le lese go kgotlakgotlana.

MR NTSIMA: Ke a leboga *Madam Chairperson*. Tota ka gore *Minister* o akaretsa lefatshe lotlhe, ke ne ke raya *from that*. Fa o e leba gore *Minister* fa a re o emetse, o a bo a raya gore *all sectors, all constituencies* ke di emetse.

Ke itumelela gape *Minister Chombo* gore *you are moving away from recycling young people in programmes and transition them into playing a critical part in the economy. Programmes* tsa bogologolo ke tse go neng go ntse go susumetswa banana thata gore tsena mo go e, fa o tswa mo go e mme go sena *a way out*, ke dilo tse di neng di re busetsa kwa morago.

Gompiano banana *should be key players in creating employment*. Ga se mo e ka bong e le gore re tla fa re tla go bua dipalo tsa banana gore ba batla ditiro ka dipalo tse di kae, re ka bo re bua ka banana ba ba tlhamang ditiro, ba santse ba di tlhama *because you are creating an enabling environment for young people to play a critical role* mo *economy* ya Botswana.

Ke itumelela gore o tshwere dilo tse ka manontlhotlho *Honourable Minister*, e bile gape ga go lebege o kare o tlaa palelwa ke tiro ya gago. Ke itumelela thata gore o ema ka mafatlha e bile o supa gore ke tiro e o e itseng, banana ke batho ba o ba tlhaloganyang botoka, o itse gore ba batla eng, ga ba batle eng. Ke a leboga *Madam Chairperson*.

MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR RAMOGAPI): Ke a leboga *Madam Chairperson*. Mma ke eme fa ke eme nokeng Mme Lesego Chombo ka fa a beileng *budget* ya gagwe ka teng ka botswerere jo bo kwa godimo thata. A supa dikgang tse di amang setšhaba, segolobogolo jang *population* ya banana.

Madam, ke batla go go lebogela gore mo dikgannyeng tsa gago, ga o a fitlha, o supile gore letlhoko la ditiro le teng, o bo o supa gore o tlaa le *address* jang. O bo o supa gore ka YDF e e leng teng, maikaelelo a gago a matona ke gore o dire mo gotweng ke *decent jobs* tse batho ba tlaa di akolang. Bagaetsho, ga se sephiri, re fitlhetse bana ba se na ditiro ba le bantsintsi ka dipalo tse di kwa godimo. Ga se sephiri, re solofeditse batho gore re tlaa dira ditiro di le 100 000 mo ngwageng wa ntlha mme fa re tsena re fitlhela madubadube a, re tsweletse. Re simolotse ka go dira melao ya *hemp* e e neng e seyo. *Hemp* e tlaa kgona go fetola itsholelo e mo go bonalang.

Ke simolotse le nna ka fa Bonno ke a kgakgamotsa mme se se botlhokwa ke gore mo lephateng wa gago le wena mmaetsho, o eme ka dinao wa re ga o boele kwa morago, o batla gore YDF e e hire batho e bo e dire ditiro tsa sennelaruri tse di bonalang. Bana ba kgone gore ba iphire ba bo ba hire ba bangwe. Jaanong mathata a YDF ke gore ka fa e kileng ya bo e tsamaisiwa ka teng, motho o ne a e fiwa go bo gotwe o tlaa ipona koo. Fa gotwe o tlaa ipona koo, o duela *rent* e e gagkamatsang, ngwana ga a ye gope, o a phuthlhamo. Ka fa o e baakanyang ka teng wa re ngwana fa a filwe YDF, a dirwe tonto tshipidi go ya kwa pele, a kgone go bona tiro mo Pusong kana fale le fale a kgone go tswela. E seng gore o tsere madi o tlaa ipona, o tlaa di bona.

MR NKAWANA: *On a point of clarification.* Ke a leboga *Madam Chairperson* le Tona Ramogapi. Ke re ka bokhutshwanyane fela kana o ne o bua ka dipalo gore le ne le solofeditse 100 000 mme e rile le tla la tla la dira dipalo, ke ne ke batla gore o mphitise gone foo gore le dirile di le kae mo ngwageng wa ntlha? Dipalo fela, o se ka wa bua mo gontsi.

MR RAMOGAPI: Ke a leboga. Ke tlaa go di tlela sentle ka botswerere, ke a di baakanya, ga ke na le fa e le bothata. Ke tlaa simolola ka tsame tsa Bonno. Le matlo a teng le a a bona, le kwa Maun ba a a bona gore ke a a a giwa.

Madam Chairperson, mma ke eme fa ke kgothatse Motlotlegi Chombo gore go botlhokwa gore fa re ntse re baakanya lefatshe jaana, go na le bana ba ba bitswang gotwe *Top Achievers* ba Puso e e fetileng e neng e ba tsaya e ba isa kwa mme fa ba tswa kwa e a ba latlha. A re batleng bana bao, ke teemane ya lefatshe, ba na le dikitsokitso. Re bone gore re ba tsaya re ba baya golo gongwe re ba ruta *up to PhD level*. Fa ba tswa gone foo e bo e nna bone ba ba ka re tshetsang ka boranyane ka gore *they are the Top Achievers*. Gompiano fa o ka botsa gore Domkrag e ba latlhetse kae, ga re itse le kwa bana ba leng teng. Tota fa re ne re ka simolola ka bone bao, re ka ya golo gongwe.

Go na le dilo tse e leng gore ke *low-hanging fruits*. *Board* fela ya *board*, re fitlhela e le gore ka fa Domkrag e beileng *standards* ka teng, monana ga a ka ke a tsena mo *board*. Fa a tshwanetse go tsena gatwe *experience* e e kana. Fa monana a tshwanetse gore a hirwe mo tirono fela e e motlhofo, o tlaa fitlhela *framework* e e leng gore e dirilwe foo, go dirilwe *advert*, gatwe a bo a na le 30 *years experience* mme a na le dingwaga di le 30. Dilo tse Domkrag e di dirileng bagaetsho di botlhoko. Ga re ka bofefo re fetole dilo tseo tse e neng e le mananeo a gore...

MR PULE: *On a point of procedure.* O tlaa nkgakolola fa ke tswa mo tseleng Modulasetilo. Ga se sephiri gore Rre Ramogapi o ne a bolelelwa ke *Honourable Mabeo* gore *suits* tse a di aparang tse di matšakatsšaka tse a di apole, e bile o fetogile. Ka gore o emisitse go apara *suits* tseo, a a emise go bua ka Domkrag.

MR RAMOGAPI: *Madam Chairperson*, kana Motlotlegi Pule o ikopetse *counselling* mme ga o ise o ba e neele. A ko o mo neele *counselling* gore a sidilege maikutlo, e re fa re bua a itse gore ga a lore, go busa UDC, go fetogile.

Mma ke siane ka bonako; *Gender-Based Violence*. Bagaetsho, le fitlhela lefatshe le bodile e le gore motho fa a bona motho wa mme o bona sengwe fela, o tshwanetse gore a mo tlhabe ka thipa, a mmetse, a reng, ke dilo fela tse di gagkamatsang. Bagaetsho, a re thusanang mo kgannyeng e rotlhe re le Mapalamente, re le lefatshe. Ke a leboga.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS (MR MOSWAANE): *Thank you Madam Chairperson.*

Mma ke leboge ke re ke amogele kopo e e beilweng ke Tona fa pele. Ke mo utlwile sentle mme ke batla gore ke nne sebetse se molangwana ka P150 million wa allowance ya Tirelo Sechaba. Ke kopa gore re ko re lebe programme e ya Tirelo Sechaba sentle; ngwana o kgona go e tsena for five years, no certificate, nothing. A re fetoleng golo mo gore bana fa ba le mo Tirelo Sechaba, ba ye go nna le go ithuta skill se ba kgonang gore kamoso ba batle ditiro. *We are wasting time* ka go ba isa kwa Tirelo Sechaba, a re ba iseng kwa brigades ka madi a a Tirelo Sechaba fela jaaka re dirile ka bo Ikageng le bo Ipelegeng, di ne di kgona go isa ngwana kwa training. Bana ba Tirelo Sechaba e re ba ntse ba tswetse mo Tirelo Sechaba, ba ithute go dira ditiro.

YDF; P120 million le ene o monnye fela thatathata. Population ya banana mo lefatsheng leno is almost 60 per cent mme bontsi jwa bone ga ba bereke. Ke sone se ke kopang gore madi a a tlhoka gore a ka boa a okediwa tota gore a tle a cover go ba direla tiro ka seemo se se kgotsofatsang.

E nngwe ke ya P6 million...

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Order! Order!
Honourable Member.

...Silence...

MADAM SPEAKER (MS MANYENENG): Honourable Members, let me remind you of the General Assembly kamoso; 10:00 a.m. gone fa re leng teng fa. It is now 6:30 p.m. I now call upon Minister Wynter Mmolotsi to move a Motion of adjournment.

MOTION

ADJOURNMENT

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM (MR MMOLOTSI): Ke a leboga Madam Speaker.

Jaaka re gorogile mo bokhutlong jwa tiro ya rona ya letsatsi la gompiano, ke ne ke kopa gore re eme fa go fitlhelela letsatsi le le latelang.

Question put and **agreed to.**

The Assembly accordingly adjourned at 6:30 p.m. until Tuesday 24th March, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.

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