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THE ASSEMBLY met at 2:00 p.m.

(THE SPEAKER in the Chair)

PRAYERS

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**MR SPEAKER (MR KEORAPETSE):** Order! Order! Honourable Members, good afternoon. Let us start the business of today with questions.

**MR AARON:** *On a point of procedure.* Ke a leboga Mr Speaker. Ke na le ketsaetsego gongwe e ke neng ke batla o ka e tlhalosa gore ke e tlhaloganye. Ke sale ke tlele mo Ntlong e bogolo jang mo *session* e, dipotso tsa me *do not appear*. E bile gore potso ya me ya maloba *to appear*, ke fela gore ke bo ke ne ke ile go botsa teng kwa gore a potso tsa me ga ba di bone. Golo mo go a ntshwenya ka gore ke setse ke dirilwe a *chair warmer*. Maloba ka *Friday* gape le gone ke ne ka ipoeletsa ka ya go batla go itse gore, a dipotso tsa me ga di bonwe? Ga supega gore gongwe go na le ketsaetsego ya gore ke di kwala ke re, *question to the Minister, instead of oral question*, mme go tlaa baakanngwa. Ke ipotsa gore ke eng go ntse go tswetse? Golo mo go a ntshwenya. Ke a leboga.

**MR SPEAKER:** Mme ga se *procedure*. O ka mpona kwa ofising kana wa bona *Clerk* gore a tlhomamise gore dipotso di a tsena. Ke dumela gore dipotso tsotlhe *are processed* batlotlegi, ga go na le fa e le ope yo o ka ntshiwang ka losolegolo, ga go na mabaka ape a a ka dirang gore go nne jalo. Dipotso tsa lona di tsena ka *first come, first served, but most importantly* ke gone gore fa di le *matured*, di tshwanetse gore di tsene *in the Order Paper*, mme di latelelana *the way they were submitted*. *I am sure the Clerk is listening, he will make a follow-up. I will also direct that I be given an update about your questions when the House adjourns at 6:00 p.m. le gore what is the status ya dipotso.*

Ga ke batle re diega ka bo *point of procedure* le *point of order*, le na le *45 minutes to deal with questions*.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Supplementary.

**MR SPEAKER:** Nnyaa, ga go na *supplementary* Honourable Aaron. Ke rile tla kwa ofising re tle re bue ka dipotso tse.

**MR AARON:** Ke a go kopa mongwame. Fa re simolola fa o ne o kile wa tsaya tshwetso ya gore gongwe o ne o fitlhela mongwe *appearing* gabedi kana *four times*, ba bangwe *without appearing*, mme wa tsaya tshwetso ya gore fa go ntse jaana le fa e ka tswa e le ka tlhomagano, mme motho a le mongwefela *should not appear* gabedi. Ke tsaya gore go ka lebelelwa gore fa motho a setse a arabilwe ga *four*, yo mongwe a ise a arabiwe gangwefela, gongwe e ka nna tsela nngwe ya gore go ka lebelelwa gore a le ene a se ka a nna fela a nna a *chair warmer*. Ke a leboga.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Procedure Mr Speaker.

**MR SPEAKER:** *Hang on Honourable* Phologolo. Honourable Aaron, ka fa go ntseng ka teng ka dipotso, go lebega e le gore go na le Mapalamente ba ka nna botlhano ba ba neng ba tliša dipotso di le dintsi mo nakong, *they then matured*. Jaanong gantsi *when processing* dipotso, go raya gore go tsewa mo go *five* yo. Ba bangwe ba bontsi jwa lona, dipotso tsa lona di a rotha. Jaanong fa motho a tlišitse potso ka *Monday*, o batla gore e re ka Labotlhano kana ka Labone a bo a e bona e le mo Order Paper. E tshwanetse *to mature, after maturing* ke gone jaanong e bo e ka tsena. Jaaka le itse e le tumalano, ke gone gore, dipotso tse di kabakanngwe, go se ka ga nna le Mopalamente wa dipotso tse dintsi mme e le gore tsa ba bangwe di teng, kana *side* e le nngwefela e le gore tsa ba bangwe ke tsone tse di...

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

**MR SPEAKER:** Honourable Aaron, the Standing Orders *that deal* le dipotso di tlaa go kaela. Tsaya fela *from Standing Order 36* o se bale fela sotlhe o wetse dibete motlotlegi, gape o se etse tlhoko thata go ya go tsena kwa go 40. *Notice of questions, contents of questions, numbering of questions, manner of asking questions, Ministers' question time and Leader of the House question*. O tlaa itse gotlhe ka dipotso. *That is dealt with under Standing Order 37*, ke yone e e go tlhalosetsang ka gore go diragala jang ka dipotso. *So motlotlegi, be rest assured* gore dipotso tsa gago di tlaa tsena. Mme *as I say*, ke tlaa sala kgang eo morago ke utlwe gore go diragetse jang.

**MR PHOLOGOLO:** *Thank you Mr Speaker.* Gongwe o e akaretse *because* ga se ene fela, le bangwe ba a amega. *So, o dire a holistic investigation on the matter sir. Thank you very much.*

**MR SPEAKER:** *Ideally* batlotlegi, go tshwanetse gore go nne le *dashboard* fela e e *accessible by everyone*, so that fa o tsentse potso o itse gore mo *process* ya yone gatwe e tsamaya fa kae. *That is what the Clerk is trying to introduce, so that there is fairness, transparency and equity.*

A re yeng kwa dipotsong. Le ele tlhoko gore go na le *addendum* batlotlegi. *The Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs was supposed to give a statement maabane, but re dumalane gore statement seo se tlaa tsena gompieno, hence the addendum.*

## QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

### PRE-SCHOOLS

**DR U. DOW (KGATLENG WEST):** asked the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education if she would agree that many pre-schools are small businesses with a very narrow profit margin and if she agrees:

- (i) would she be willing to consider reviewing and removing requirements that make such businesses expensive to run, such as the requirement for toddler toilets, a spare room for rest and a canvas shade;
- (ii) that holding up a small business such as a pre-school to standards that Government itself is not able to uphold is unfair and anti-business; and
- (iii) that with the high incidence of child abandonment by fathers in this country, high child-care costs disproportionately affect women.

**MR SPEAKER:** Honourable Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education.

...Silence...

**DR DOW:** Mr Speaker, may I say something about that.

**MR SPEAKER:** Ee, gongwe go na le sengwe.

**DR DOW:** Thank you Mr Speaker. About five minutes before this sitting started, the Minister called me to say that, *Rre Hunyepa* would address the House about a problem that they are experiencing about answering this question and I do not see him in the House.

**MR SPEAKER:** *Rre Hunyepa* being what, Acting Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education or the Assistant Minister?

**DR DOW:** Deputy Minister. She was saying she just came from Cabinet, she is busy in the office, but he will address the House about the problem they are experiencing. Can it be later dated? It is really unfortunate Mr Speaker, because this is the third question that is not being answered for me, either because of later date, redirection or accidentally a rerun of an old question. Later date Mr Speaker, that is all I can say.

**MR SPEAKER:** I do not know where the difficulty might be, I do not know if this is the same question that we talked about the possibility of whether this is regulated under... But anyway, I do not want to get into that. I am sure the Assistant Minister will come and explain.

**DR DOW:** The explanation was that she has the answer, she is not happy about the answer. She is working on it, but in the meantime *Rre Hunyepa* will ask for permission from you to put it on the roll to be Number 1 tomorrow. That was the gist of what she was saying, she is answering the question but...(Inaudible)...

Later Date.

### REQUESTS FOR TRANSFER OF LAND OWNERSHIP

**MR T. B. LUCAS (BOBIRWA):** asked the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to state:

- (i) the number of requests for transfer of land ownership and those of Change of Land use that are lying in Land Board offices as of 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2024;
- (ii) the major causes of delay in processing such requests and if such could be remedied in the short to medium term; and
- (iii) if he could propose a turnaround time for processing same.

**ACTING MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE (DR DIKOLOTI):** *Ke a go leboga* Mr Speaker.

Mr Speaker, the number of transfer applications received across the 12 lands boards since 30<sup>th</sup> October 2024 is 15,901. Of these, 13,207 were processed as of 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025, leaving a balance of 2,694. The number of

applications for consent for change of land use received in the same period was 1,991. Of these, 1,579 have been processed leaving a balance of 412.

Mr Speaker, the delays in processing applications is caused by a limitation of resources. The sub land boards which are key delivery structures are not adequately staffed. In most lands boards there is one person per cadre. Moreover, the existing resources are shared by the sub-land boards. The budget, as another resource of facilitating these quasi-judicial bodies is a limiting factor in the frequency of meetings.

These delays are most pronounced regarding the transfer applications under old allocations. This is because the spatial coordinates which show the exact location of the plot are not defined in the Customary Land Grant Certificates. The coordinates are a pre-requisite for the production of land titles through the Land Information System.

To address the delays; in the short-term, the land boards have been directed to set-up land administration committees to process the applications. In the medium term, there will be a need to resource and capacitate the land boards. The issue of needed resources is what I previously presented to this Honourable House, when I was answering Question No. 416 by Honourable Mapulanga of Chobe. I stated that, “we are challenged with funding, but the ministry, working with the Ministry of Finance will do its utmost to ensure that the allocations are done at the earliest”.

The target turnaround time for processing of the applications is 30 days. However, with more resources and capacity, the turnaround turn could be reduced to a shorter period.

I thank you Mr Speaker.

**MR LUCAS:** *Supplementary.* Ke leboge Rre Dikoloti, go a lebega gore go nnile le pharologanyo e ntsi, *as of October 2024* e ne e le 15,000 ba ba emetseng go *transfer* mafatshe a bone, gompiano wa re ke 2,000. Ke leboge seo ka gore go lebega go na le *movement*.

A mme o a lemoga gore fa go na le batho ba le 2,000 ba ba emetseng *to transfer* lefatshe ba le tsenya mo maineng a bone mme go sa diragale, *it locks value* ya lefatshe leo, le e leng gore fa e ne e le gore *it can be*

*unlocked* ka go *transfer*, batho bao ba ne ba ka dira dipe tse di neng di ka tlhabolola itsholelo ya rona?

Fa re tsena mo *change of land use*, batho ba le bantsi ba o bonang ba ikopela *change of land use*, gantsi ba a bo ba batla go dira dikgwebo. A mme o a lemoga gore fa go na le batho ba le 400 ba batla go dira *change of land use* mme e sa diragala, go raya gore go ba emisa go dira dikgwebo tse ba neng ba batla go di dira, go bo go ka kgoreletsa kgolo ya itsholelo e e setseng gompiano re utlwa gore e a gogoba?

Ya bofelo ke ya 30 *days turnaround time*, a mme gone o a tlhomamisa gore e ka nna 30 *days*? Ke tsaya gore batho ba le bantsi fa e le gore seo se a diragala ba ka supa, mme fela ke dumela gore 30 *days* yo o mmuang o kare o bua *something very optimistic*, mme go ka tsaya lebakanyana go feta foo. Le dira jang go tlhomamisa gore, tota go emiwa 30 *days before processing transfers* le *change of land use*? Ke a leboga.

**DR DIKOLOTI:** Ke a go leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke go leboge Mopalamente Lucas. Ke dumalana le wena gore tiego e e baka ketsaetsego e e seng kana ka sepe, ga go na motho yo o ka batlang go fetola tiriso ya lefatshe fela go sena mabaka ape a a mo tlamileng. Ke dumalana le wena gore re tshwanetse go fefogela golo mo, ke sone se o neng o utlwa ke bua le wena gore re ne ra ntsha taelo thata re patilwe ke molao gore ba leke go tlhofofatsa le gore ba fefogele go dira dithulaganyo tsothe tse o boditseng ka tsone.

Ke boammaaruri, re setse re lebile le ditsela tse dingwe tse di farologanyeng, go na le mofuta mongwe wa *geo-spatial development code*, e re santseng re bereka mo go yone. Re dumela gore e tlaa tlhofofatsa, bogolo jang fa go tla go tsena mo dikgannyeng tse tsa *change of land use*, gore re letlelele gore fa o nang le lefatshe teng, o bo o ka kgona go dira dilo dingwe tse di fetang tse re neng re di go neeletse lefatshe leo.

Ke dumalana le wena gore tiego e rra, e baka ditshenyegelo tse di seng kana ka sepe tse di ka bong di *unlock value*. Ga se *value* fela, kana golo mo ke ditiro, ke dilo tse dintsi mo go maswe. Re tlaa leka go tswelera re ba kgotlhokgotsha gore re kgone go fefoga.

Ke ne ke bua gape ke itela ka ditsompelo gore, kana ke tsone gape tse di ka thusang gore go fefoga mo go nne teng. Ke dumela gore jaaka re tlaabo re tla mo Ntlong

e re tla go bua ka lenaneo la ditogamaano le le tlang, le tlaa nthusa gore bontsi jwa madi a ko a ye kwa. Re dumela gore ke gone kwa thuso ya rona e ka tswang teng. Ke a leboga.

### REINSTATEMENT OF SCHOOL SPORTS AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

**MR M. MOALOSI (NKANGE):** asked the Minister of Sports and Arts:

- (i) when his ministry intends to fully resume school sports and co-curricular activities which have been on hold since 2019;
- (ii) what measures are being taken to address the welfare concerns of teachers who serve as coaches, ensuring that they are motivated and adequately supported to manage school sports programmes effectively;
- (iii) to provide clarity on the utilisation of the P55 million allocated to school sports last year and why sports activities were not implemented despite this funding; and
- (iv) if he will consider reallocation of the school sports budget back to the Ministry of Child welfare and Basic Education, where teacher coaches are employed to ensure better coordination, accountability and inclusivity in this programme.

**MINISTER OF SPORTS AND ARTS (MR KELEBENG):** Thank you Mr Speaker.

- (i) Mr Speaker, you will be aware that the new Government have over the past few months since attaining power, asserted their commitment to bringing back school sport. I want to state here and now, that bringing back school sport will also entail bringing back the arts to schools. The tripartite ministries, being the Ministry of Sports and Arts, Child Welfare and Basic Education and Local Government and Traditional Affairs have been engaging with an intention to commence school sport activities in August 2025, thus during the 3<sup>rd</sup> Term of School Calendar inclusive of non-sport co-curricular activities. The resumption of the activities will however, be confined at school level and is expected to gradually grow until it is

fully implemented in the coming Financial Year, 2026-2027.

- (ii) Mr Speaker, the ministry and its partners are working on a long term solution to the implementation of the school sport programme. This solution will ensure a clear demarcation of the functional responsibilities between all the stakeholders involved in co-curricular activities and school sport and benefits thereof. This will also address welfare concerns of teacher coaches as asked by the Honourable Member. I want to assert very strongly that this Government takes the welfare of teachers very seriously. It should be noted that steps have been taken to ensure that welfare of teacher coaches are addressed, this include current review of proposals that have been received from stakeholders, unions and engagement of former school sport associations for guidance.

Mr Speaker, the investment in capacity development of coaches, administrators and technical officials as managers of sport, is also an incentive as it encourages teacher involvement as coaches and organisers for sports and recreation activities at school level.

- (iii) Mr Speaker, an amount of P55, 619, 600 was allocated for the piloting newly established Matlhagolatsela Sport Programme in the Financial Year 2024/2025. Matlhagolatsela was an interim programme meant to re-start school sport, while a permanent solution is still sought for reinstatement of school sport programme. It also served as support programme for selection and preparation of athletes for international competitions such as African Union Sports Council (AUSC) Region 5 competition. This is because there was no other possible means to prepare and select athletes for national teams.

The funds were utilised as follows;

- (a) Procurement of sport equipment; an amount of P2, 741, 668.44 was utilised to purchase sport equipment for basketball, chess, football, netball, softball, tennis and volleyball sporting codes which was distributed to all schools that had registered for the programme across the country.

(b) In addition to the above Mr Speaker, an amount of P12, 675, 156.00 was allocated to the AUSC Under 20 Region 5 games which took place from the 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2025 in Windhoek, Namibia. Botswana has registered a team with total delegation of 259, composed of 118 athletes and 71 officials from following sport codes; athletics for the visual impaired, basketball, boxing, football, judo, netball, swimming, Special Olympics, table tennis, tennis and volleyball. The budget covered the participation fees and operational costs for the team. The majority of athletes that made Team Botswana were participants of the programme.

(c) A total amount of P8, 485,083.42 was utilised on paying allowances for coaches and officials, salaries for coordinators and purchasing of six vehicles for the programme management. The balance for Matlhagolatsela is P28, 936, 692.14.

(iv) Lastly Mr Speaker, engagements are ongoing between various stakeholders with an intent to find a long-term solution and bring sport to public schools. The Ministry of Child Welfare and Basic Education is one of the key stakeholders in this engagement. The long-term solution will ensure that the school sport programme is adequately provided for in terms of financial and human resources through the relevant ministry. I thank you Mr Speaker.

**MR MOALOSI:** *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga Tona wa tsa Metshameko. Ke botse gore le ne le kopane le ba *unions three weeks back*, le bo le dumalana gore le tlaa ba leletsa le ye go dira *meeting* o o tlaa buisanyang *the finer details of the proposals* tsa bone le lona, mme ba re, ga le ise le ba leletse. Wa re *August* fa a tsena jaana, le tlaabo le simolola *school sports* mme le ise le kopane le ba *unions* gore le feleletse *proposal*. A mme o bona go tlaa kgonagala gore le fitlhelele *deadline* eo?

Potso ya bobedi e bo e nna gore, ka go na le dingwaga di ka tshwarwa borataro go sena *school sports*, mabala a medile tlhaga, mesu le sengwe le sengwe, *equipment* e jelwe ke dipeba, a mme o bona o bua nnete *Minister* o re ka *August* fa a tsena jaana, *third term* e simolola, go tlaa simololwa *school sports*? Mabala ga a ise a baakanngwe, *equipment* e ise e rekwe. Go tlaabo go dirwa eng fela se o bonang se ka diragala mo nakong

e khutshwane, mme selo santlha le ise le feleletse go bua le *union to finalise proposal*? Sa bobedi, le ise le baakanye mabala. Ke a leboga.

**MR KELEBENG:** *Thank you Mr Speaker.* *Honourable* Moalosi fa o ka gakologelwa sentle, fa e le gore *information* e gorogile sentle kwa go wena, *our conversation with unions* ga di a simolola *three weeks back*, di sale di simolola ka *February*. Rona le bone, ra dumalana gore *by April*, a bo re feditse. E bile re dumalane gore *way forward* ke eng. Mo dipuisanyong ba bangwe ba nna ba ipaakanya. Re ne ra ba fa tshono ya gore ba ye go ipaakanya, ba tle ka *proposal*. Ra dumalana ka *task force*. Ra ntsha *from our end*, ra ba emela *almost four months* gore ba tle ka *proposal* ya bone. *Finally*, fa re setse re ya go wela kwa go *June*, ba tla ka *proposal* ya bone e e tsileng kwa go rona. Mo *proposal* ya bone, go ne go na le *discussions* tse di leng teng. *Discussions* tse di leng teng ke gore, ba ne ba supa gore *programme* e ka siama, e bile e siame thata *if it is implemented* kwa *Child Welfare and Basic Education*. Dingwe tsa tsone, ba tla ka *proposal* e e tshwanang le e e paledisitseng *school sport*, ka fa go neng go dirwa *incentives* ka teng. E ne e le *almost the same proposal* e e rayang gore *budget* e re nang le yone, re tlaabo re e kgautlhantse mo sebakeng sa *three months* fa e le gore re e tsaya e ntse jalo.

Se se diragalang ke se rraetsho; jaaka o itse gore fa le buisana le mohiri mme go buisanwa ka *welfare* ya bone, dipuisanyo di a tswelela le fa babereki ba theogetse. Se se tlaa diragalang ke gore, *programme* e setse e ya go araba se o se buang, se o ntseng o se mpolelela gore dilo di kgautlhane. *Programme* e a simologa ka gore fa re bua jaana, *the Ministry of Child Welfare and Basic Education* ba setse ba kwaletse dikole le ba *Local Government and Traditional Affairs* gore re simolole lenaneo la go baakanya mabala.

Sengwe sa se re se dirang se le tshwanetseng le se tlhaloganye ke gore, rona *as the Ministry of Sports and Arts*, tiro ya rona *is to enable* kana *to cushion the Ministry of Child Welfare and Basic Education*. Se re se dirang re ya go netefatsa gore se se tlhokiwang, *be it equipment* kana go baakanya mabala, re a se simolola. Ke setse ke tlhalositse gore re ya go simolola ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Re simolola e le gore *school sport* se ya go simologa se diragala *internally* mo dikoleng. Go raya

gore it include process ya procurement of equipment e re e tlhokang gore re simolole. *Conversation* e e amanang le welfare kana incentives, ga e ka ke ya ema, e tlaabo e ntse e tswetse. *Thank you.*

**MR MOALOSI:** *Further supplementary.* Ke a go utlwa Tona. Se ke se botsang ke gore, ka go reka equipment go tsaya nako, a o nthaya o re in the next four weeks le tlaabo le rekile equipment kwa John Nswazwi Community Junior Secondary School (CJSS)? Ke go raya ke re, mabala a kgautlhane. *When we talk about the Ministry of Local Government, fa re tsaya council ya Tutume, they do not even have one grader and they have 39 schools in the district.* Se re se batlang ke gore, fa re tswa fa, Motswana kwa gae a bo a itse gore fa o re go a simologa, mabala a dikole tse 39 for athletics, football and netball, a tlaabo a baakantswe. Fa council e sena le fa e le grader e nngwefela e go ka tweng e senyegile e ka baakanngwa, *do you see that as a feasible date ya four weeks?* Bogolo o re bolelele nnete sir gore nnyaa le simolotse, mme ga o itse gore totatota sengwe le sengwe se tlaa wela sentle leng. *I believe that would be an honest answer.*

**MR KELEBENG:** Mathata a ga Rre Moalosi, o tlaabo a go botsa, a bo a go direla karabo. Ga ke itse mosola wa go botsa potso ke eng ka gore o setse a ikarabile. O bua gore le simolotse, e bile ke arabe ke re. Se re se dirang ke gore, ba *Ministry of Child Welfare* jaaka re tlhalositse, *they should take the lead.* Ba setse ba simolotse and *have engaged Local Government and schools* gore re simolole. *Our officials* di setse di simolotse gore ba ya dikoleng *to assess* se se tlhaelang. Ga re bue ka equipment e e leng gore e nngwe ga e yo. E nngwe e teng, ke go ya go bona gore go tlhaela eng. Nngwe ya equipment e setse e rekilwe mo ngwageng o o fetileng jaaka ke tlhalositse mo karabong. Se ke ka se tlhalosang ke gore, re dumalane ka gore re bereka ka *timeline*, gore *by August* re tlaabo re simolodisa *school sports.*

### SEWERAGE TENDER

**MR P. M. SEGOKGO (TLOKWENG):** asked the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs:

- (i) if he is aware:
  - a. of a sewerage tender that was awarded by the council in Ramfurwa Ward in 2011;

- b. that the company did not complete the work;
  - c. that the P4 million that was budgeted for the tender is still in Government coffers; and
- (ii) if he will consider sending this money to Water Department to continue with the project and help Ramfurwa residents.

### MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS (MR MOTSHEGWA):

Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Karabo ke gore, *sewerage tender* e go buiwang ka yone e e neng e lebagane le *extension of collection of sewer* kwa Ramfurwa ward kwa Tlokweng, e ne ya abiwa ke khansele ya nako eo ya South East District Council ka ngwaga wa 2007 e seng ka 2011. Madi a tiro eo e ne e le P1, 063, 844.10. Kompone ga e a ka ya diragatsa kana ya fetsa tiro mo nakong e e neng e beilwe ya May 2008. Go ne ga okediwa sebaka sa go dira tiro go ya kwa go October 2008, mme kompone ya nna e ntse e retelwa ke go dira tiro mo nakong e e beilweng. Se se ne sa baka gore jaanong go tle mo go kgaoganeng le konteraka ka kgwedi ya Mopitlo 2009. Mo e leng gore ka nako eo seelo sa tiro e e neng e dirilwe e ne e le 11.5 per cent.

Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, go matshwanedi gape gore ke tlhatswe gore yone *project* eo, e ne e bone madi ka fa tlase ga tsamaiso ya Village Water Supply and Sewerage (LG111) e e neng e na le paakanyetso madi a P1, 030, 954.54 e seng P4 million. Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, go maleba gape gore re supe gore mo nakong yone ya go dirwa ga tiro e, rakonteraka o ne a supa gore ditlhwatlhwa di oketsegile mo mehameng ya tirelo ya gagwe tse di farologaneng, mme jalo a kopa phetolo ya madi ka P4 million, kana P4 million variation. Koketsego e ya madi e ne ya feta se e leng gore khansele e ne e na le bokgoni mo go sone, mme se sa felela se baka gore ene rakonteraka jaanong a ikgogele morago mo lefelong la tiro mme sa baka gone gore jaanong go bo go kgaoganwa le ene.

Fa ke tsamaela kwa bokhutlong, Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, mo *Water Sector Transformation*, lenaneo la teng la 2010, tiro e e ne ya neelwa ba Water Utilities Corporation (WUC). E re go ntse jalo, madi a a neng a le ka fa tlase ga LG111 ka nako yone eo, a ne a setse a fedile ka ntata ya tse dingwe tse di neng di amana le tsa kgopho ya metsi ka nako e go neng go neelwa tiro ba

bangwe kana *other operational sewerage works*. Kwa bokhutlong Lephata la Dikgaolo le Merero ya Ngwao le simolotse dipuisanyo le ba Lephata la Metsi le Bonno ka tshekatsheko le maikaelelo a gore tiro e e tle e fele, mme e tle e boele ba Ramfurwa, e leng banni ba kgaolo ya teng. Re dira se ka kutlwisiso le maikaelelo a gore ke tlhabololo e e botlhokwa gore e bo e ka neelwa batho. E re fa go na le tiego, madiadia le matswakabele a a nnileng teng, go botlhokwa gore kwa bofelong go nne le tsamaiso e e wetsang dikgang gore batho ba bone ditlhabololo tse ba neng ba di solofetse mo Pusong ya ditlhabololo. Ke a leboga Mopalamente.

**MR SEGOKGO:** *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga Minister, mme e bile o e tshwere sentle karabo e ka botlalo ka fa e leng gore banni ba Ramfurwa ba e batla ka teng. *Supplementary* yame e mo dipotsong tse pedinyana fela.

Ya ntlha, go a lemogwa gore golo fa go nnile le matsawatsawe kana gongwe boatla jo bo diragetseng mo bodireding jo bo fetileng jwa nako yone eo. A mme Tona ga go na maikaelelo a gore bone ba gongwe ba ka tswang ba dirile one matsawatsawe ao, re tle re ye go ba tseela dikgato kwa morago ka gore jaanong ba tlhokofatsa thata banni ba Ramfurwa ka gore ba a sokola ka yone kgopho ya metsi a a leswe ao?

Ya bobedi e bo e nna gore, a Tona jaaka o tlhalosa, o tlhomamisetsa banni ba Ramfurwa gore re santse re tsentse ditlhogo ka yone thulaganyo eo? Ka le nna ke na le wena mo thulaganyong eo, mme e bile karabo ya teng ka fa o e buang ka teng, ke a itse ka gore re e kopanetse mmogo tiro eo nna le wena le ba Water Utilities. Gore mme gone fa o lebile, gongwe re ka e ipha nako e kae gore re bo re setse re weditse dithulaganyo tsone tseo gore ba se ka ba felela e le gore ba a itlhoboga, ba bo ba itse gore thulaganyo eo re tlaabo re e weditse mo nakong e e kana ka eng? Ke a leboga Tona.

**MR MOTSHEGWA:** Nnyaa, ke a leboga. Ya ntlha e ne e re a re ka tsaya dikgato. Se se tsamaelanang le lephata la rona la Goramente wa Dikgaolo, tota le ene Goramente ka bophara, ke gore fa go tla mo tsamaisong, ya go sa dira dilo sentle (*poor service delivery*) le tsamaiso ya tshenyetso-setšhaba (*corruption*), ke gore re tshwanetse ra bua re menne phatla re kgala sone seo, mme go tsewe dikgato. Ke sone e leng gore kwa lephateng la rona ka tsamaiso ya boeteledipele le ngwao ya tsamaiso lephata, re bua ka *consequence management* gore go tshwanetse

ga nna le ditlamorago tsa go sa dira dilo sentle le ditlamorago tsa tshenyetso-setšhaba. Gone moo, go tlaa ruta go fetola le go betla ngwao ya go dira dilo sentle ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. Ke sone se e leng gore go ya pele, re dumela mo go reng botlhe ba lephata la rona kana *ministry* le dikhansela, ba tshwanetse ba neela Batswana ditirelo kana *projects* ka nako e le tsa tlhwatlhwa jalo le jalo. Ke gore *we must deliver a quality project, delivered on time and within budget for the benefit of the people*. Ka jalo rra, go ya go nna le dikgato. Ke yone tsamaiso ya rona go ya kwa pele e le go ruta ba bangwe gore go nne jalo.

Ya bofelo, jaaka o ne o solofetsa kana o supa, ke selo se e leng gore rona kwa lephateng la rona le wena o le Mopalamente, le ba Metsi le Bonno, re se tshwaraganetse, mme re tlaa tswela re se tshwaraganetse. Se ke neng ke se tlhalosa motlotlegi ke gore, se re se simolotseng ke dipuisanyo le ba Lephata la Metsi le Bonno. Dipuisanyo ga di a tshwanela gore di tseye sebaka; o ne o botsa ka sebaka. Fa re bua ka go elatlhoko nako ya go dira dilo, re tshwanetse gore mo dibekeng tse pedi, go buisanya fela gore go iwa kwa kae, go bo go wetse. Gone kwa puisanyong yone eo, ke yone e tlaa tlhalosang jaanong gore tiro e kana *project* e, e ya go diragadiwa ka tsela e e ntseng jang ka e ama dikgang tsa madi le tse dingwe jalo. Tsholofetso kgolo ke gore e tshwanetse gore e wele kwa bathong e ba boele. Tsholofetso e re ka e fang ke gore go tlaa nna jalo, mme re tlaa buisanya ka dinako rona le wena gore o ye go rolela batho ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. Ke a leboga.

#### STATUS OF ZIBALIANJA AREA

**MR S. O. MAPULANGA (CHOBE):** asked the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to state the status of Zibalianja area; and whether Zibalianja area has been transferred from the Chobe District to the North West District, if so, when the transfer occurred and the justification for such transfer.

**ACTING MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE (DR DIKOLOTI):** *Ke a go leboga* Mr Speaker.

Mr Speaker, Zibalianja is an area situated at the north eastern tip of the North West District. It is a lagoon and a source of Savuti channel. The lagoon attracts a higher population of diverse animal and bird species.

Specifically, it lies between longitude 23° 30 minutes east and longitude 23° 45 minutes east and falls within the Ngamiland. It is at the intersection of NG14, NG15 and NG16 concession areas. It abuts Chobe National Park to the east and Linyanti river to the north and hence falls within the North West District.

Mr Speaker, I would like to inform this Honourable House that the Chobe District was established in 2006. Prior to this date, the current Chobe District was part of the North West District. The Chobe District has a total area of 20, 800 km<sup>2</sup>, and the district boundaries and parameters were described and spelt out during the gazettment of the district boundary in 2006. Zibalianja is not part of the description.

In conclusion, I advise that Zibalianja has therefore, never been transferred from the Chobe District to the North West District. The area was always a part of and remains a part of Ngamiland and the North West District. *Ke na le map, I will share it le mokaulengwe. Ke a go leboga Mr Speaker.*

**MR MAPULANGA:** *Supplementary. Ke a leboga Mr Speaker. Ke a go utlwa motlotlegi mme ke sa itse gore dikarabo tse fa a di neelwa, a ba mo tlhaloseditse gore the meaning of Iziba go tewa eng. Sa ntlha fela gore lefoko leo ka bo lone, o le fitlhela kwa kae.*

Sa bobedi; *there was a commission Mr Speaker, during the separation ya North West le Chobe. Ke batla go itse gore what were the recommendations from the commission? Is the report ready to be shared gore re itse se o se buang le se re se itseng regarding this area?*

Sa boraro; go ntse go tshwarwa ditlhapi mo letamong le *Mr Speaker*, le matlo a *fishermen* a ba neng ba a dirisa from this area before go tla go dirwa demarcation. Go ntse go itsiwe, le leina la Sesubiya le a tlhalosa, le *area* eo le matlotla a teng koo gore a mme *report* eo o ka e amogana ka gore batshwara ditlhapi ba batla go tshwara ditlhapi mo letamong le nneng ba ntse ba di tshwara *all along before this separation. A commission* eo *report* ya teng e *ready*, o e tshwere jaaka o re o tlaa amogana *map?* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

**MR SPEAKER:** Hang on. Honourable Mapulanga, I think what is not helpful is the first part where you said *ga o itse gore a ba mmoleletse gore leina le le raya eng.*

I thought you will assist him and the relevance of that should either the question you are asking or the answer he is giving. That will be very helpful.

**MR MAPULANGA:** *If you allow, I can. Thank you, Mr Speaker. Fa o utlwa ke rialo ke ne ke dumela gore because o ne a neelwa this information, they could have guided him. In simple; fa re re Iziba, re a bo re raya lekadiba kana mogobe wa matswee. Phologolo e gotweng a red leeds, it is a Subiya name. So ga go na ka fa go ka tweng it falls under jurisdiction e o buang ka yone. NG15 e o buang ka yone, it falls within Chobe District, though it is managed in the other side. This is where we are.*

**MR SPEAKER:** That is helpful.

**DR DIKOLOTI:** Mma ke go leboga *Mr Speaker*, ke go leboga mokaulengwe. Ke tsaya gore tse o neng o di mpotsa tseo e le *follow-ups*, e ne e le dipotso tsothle tse disha mme ke lebogela go supa bokgoni le boitseanape jo jwa leina jaaka o ne o ntse o le kgabisitse.

O ne o sa botsa ka kgang ya gore o batla *commission* kana *report* ya yone. Ke gore tse tsothle ke dipotso tse dintsha tse ke bonang gore mme o batla go supa kitso e e tseletseng ya kitso ya lefelo leo. Se ke ka se go bolelelang mokaulengwe ke gore dipalo ga di nke di fosa, ke ne ke go fa *coordinates*, ke bo ke go bolelela ka *the boundary* ya *district*. Ke gore *that alone will show you* gore ke lebogela dikitso tsa gago tsothle, kitso ya maina, batshwari ba ditlhapi le ka fa o supang bokgeleke ka teng jwa lefelo le. Ke tseela gore ba kgaolo ya gago ba go utlwile ka bokgeleke joo mme ya go ba bolelela boammaaruri fela gore dipalo...

**MR SPEAKER:** Honourable Minister, you are trivializing his explanation. What he sought to demonstrate was attaching the name to the geography. *Ke gore o fa sekai gore leina le ga e ka ke ya re e le Sengwato, o bo o re lefelo leo le kwa Gangwaketse.* That is what he is trying to say. I see that you are trivializing that point. I do not think his intention was to demonstrate any knowledge of history or what. What he sought to demonstrate was attaching the name to the geography.

**DR DIKOLOTI:** Ke a go leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ga ke itse gore a o ka tshameka *record* wa utlwa gape gore o ne a botsa a reng.

**MR SPEAKER:** *My hearing is very well. Honourable Minister ke utlwa sentle, ga ke na mathata a kutlo. Ka re se motlotlegi a se buang o leka go go lemotsha gore leina le le tswa mo lefelong leo, jaanong wena o leka gore o nyefole se a se buang. I am not going to allow that.*

**DR DIKOLOTI:** *Mr Speaker, ke a itse gore o motsamaisi wa Ntlo e mme wa mphosetsa, ga ke a nyefola sepe se a se buileng. Ga ke itse, kgotsa ke kgang ya dipuo, kgotsa go nyefola ka wena ka fa ngwaong ya gago ga go tshwane ka fa ngwaong ya rona. Ga ke a nyefola sepe se a se buileng. Ke ne ke mo lebogela go supa kitso ya gagwe, ga ke itse gore go simolotse leng go leboga kitso ya motho go nna go nyefola. Fa gongwe Setswana se kgona go nna dingalo. Ke boa gape ke go bolelela gore o mpoditse, ke a mo araba Mr Speaker. Gore leina o Dithapelo kana Dithapelo kana jang, golo moo ga se kgang Mr Speaker. Ke arabile potso ka coordinates. Dipalo ga nke...*

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

**MR SPEAKER:** Honourable Minister, *kana o kokota ntlo ya matshwenyego fela. Ga ke itse gore maikaelelo a gago ke eng. I have been here and listening to you. We can get the Hansard, the import of what you said was to trivialize his point. That is why I am saying take him seriously because he is trying to attach that name to the geography. What is it that you do not understand about this?*

**DR DIKOLOTI:** *Thank you Mr Speaker. Geography comes with coordinates, my answer was based on coordinates. Ga ke itse gore Mr Speaker, ga o tlhaloganye eng mo o batlang go farologanya the coordinates away from the geography. I have answered my question based on science and facts. Ga ke itse gore mo gongwe Mr Speaker, o batla goreng kgotsa jaanong ke wena o nnyefolang kana jang jaaka fa o ne o dirisa mafoko a o neng o ikgatlha ka one. Ke a go leboga.*

**MR SPEAKER:** Honourable Minister, I am not disputing *karabo e o e e fang* and I am not saying that the Honourable Member is correct. That is not what I am saying. I am only saying that do not ridicule him *ka se a se buang, o mo tseye ka tlhwaafalo...*

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

**MR SPEAKER:** It is appropriate for you to say these are the coordinates, *ga ke itse gore go diragetseng gore leina le...* Order! Honourable Members. *O ne o ka bua fela sentle gore ga o itse gore go ka tswa go diragetse eng gore leina le bo le bidiwa jaana mme e le gore tota ga se leina la that geography because that is his contention. I am not disputing the facts tse o di buang, ga ke re he is right or wrong mme fela ke ne ke re a re tsaane sentle. O reetse the context ya question ya motlotlegi and do not ridicule him. That is the point I am making and it applies to all of you batlotlegi. Ga ke batle dialogue le wena Honourable Dikoloti. We are done with this matter, sit down.*

**DR DIKOLOTI:** Ke kopa o ntshireletse Mr Speaker.

**MR SPEAKER:** Switch off your microphone (mic).

**DR DIKOLOTI:** *Ga e ka ke ya re ke re I am not ridiculing him, o bo o re ke dirile jalo. Eo ga ke dumalana le wena ka yone. Ga ke batle go nna mo Hansard gore I ridiculed the Honourable Member because I have never done that. Se ntsenye mafoko mo ganong Mr Speaker. Se mpopele kgomo ya mmopa, a bo o batla gore e gweele e tle e tsale. Ga ke batle gone moo. Kwa kgaolong kwa ke tswang teng ga ba itse ke le motho yo ba nthomileng gore ke tle go dira jalo. Ke kopa gore o se ka wa ntobela mafoko mo ganong Mr Speaker. Ntsaya sentle jaaka ke arabile motlotlegi sentle, ke ne ke tsepame mo karabong. Se batle gore jaanong e nne wena trivialising golo moo, o bo o dirisa mafoko a mangwe a e leng gore ga ke a a dirisa. Ke a go kopa sir. Thank you.*

**MR SPEAKER:** Honourable Dikoloti, that was the inference from your statement. That is what I inferred from what you said and that is exactly how the Honourable Member feels.

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

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Procedure Mr Speaker.

**MR SPEAKER:** Nnyaa, re e buile Honourable Mapulanga. Honourable Kapinga.

#### IMPLEMENTATION OF ECONOMIC INITIATIVES

**MR K. K. KAPINGA (OKAVANGO WEST):** asked the Minister of Finance to update this Honourable House on what initiatives, if any, his Government has implemented to deal with the following critical issues:

- (i) corruption in procurement, particularly inflation of prices and sub-standard work and whether the adoption of direct appointment in awarding of tenders is not going to exacerbate the problem;
- (ii) cost containment measures and suppression of wasteful spending by Government, councils and parastatals; and
- (iii) resuscitation of the economy.

**MINISTER OF FINANCE (MR GAOLATHE):**

Thank you Mr Speaker. Firstly, Mr Speaker, let me acknowledge Honourable Kapinga's concerns around corruption in procurement in Botswana and the need to curb it, the need to ameliorate it, and the need to completely eliminate it. His concerns about cost containment measures and the resuscitation of the Botswana economy. You will note Mr Speaker, that I am here with an entire corpus magnum and I will not read the it, I will simply summarise.

It is true that for any nation to deal with corruption in its system, there has to be political will. But in addition to the political will, there has to be laws, which laws, there is both the capacity and capabilities to implement and to ensure and enforce those laws.

What I want to assure the Honourable Member is that in the event that they may have been a shortage of political will, I believe that currently there is ample political will, and the existence of that political will Honourable Member, I believe should be the beginning that will take us towards the curbing or the elimination of corruption in our system.

The second has to do with the capacity and capabilities that we have had in the institutions that we have, particularly the institutions responsible. The answer to that is that the capacity and the capabilities, particularly in our Public Procurement Authority, have not been adequate. The technology that has been deployed has not been adequate. What have we moved to begin to work on these capabilities and bring into play these technologies, we have moved on a number of fronts, the first of which we have gone into partnerships, including a partnership with the African Development Bank, which is now assisting us to build capacity, specifically in roadmap to professionalise practitioners, procurement practitioners in the Government system with an end-

view of professionalising procurement and those who deal with procurement in the system.

The second one is capabilities; training. So, there is a grant, in fact, two phases of grants which will enable us to train within the procurement entity itself and hopefully the public at large. So, training is a major component of that.

The third has to do with the deployment of technology, e-procurement technology, that is in motion as well.

In terms of the specifics, the system has been slim or lagging in undertaking procurement audits as prescribed in the law. We are moving a lot more assertively in undertaking procurement audits. The system has been lagging in doing investigations on unethical conduct in the system. We are pressing ahead and doing more in investigations around unethical conduct in public procurement.

Fourthly, the assessment of the procurement system in general, we have not been doing enough. This is being done in consultation with other enforcement agencies. Perhaps, for now, I will leave it at that in terms of what has been done on capacity capabilities. All are hopefully towards taking us to an ecosystem, which is not corrupt or much less corrupt.

You asked if direct appointment would not worsen or exacerbate corruption, as it is, according to the law and preference, it should only be deployed or used under exceptional circumstances. But either way, whether direct appointments or appointments through competitive tenders, there are still gaps and loopholes which we need to work on to ensure that there is no corruption.

Then the cost containment Honourable Member, on a number of fronts, cost containment in the Government system will ensue in a number of phases;

- The first phase has been a cut in travel, both local and international. The hope is that we are able to cut these by up to 50 per cent.

Still on the first phase, it has to do with cuts or more management in the generation of public procurement orders. That is first phase. Still within first phase, it has been demonstrated that there are

uncontrollable overtimes. The first phase also entails the management of uncontrollable overtimes.

- The second phase; we call it second phase because they entail a lot more work. There has been more than one public expenditure reviews. Some were done internally, but one comprehensive one again was done by a partner agency, the African Development Bank.

These public expenditure reviews reveal without a shadow of doubt where the fat is. And one of the fats... 'fats' meaning wastages and meaning things that you can cut without necessarily having to hurt the system. One of the areas, one of the fats has to do with Government fleet and its management, everything from the amount of money that we spend in servicing these. We are spending in tens of thousands per a car for things that we should not even be spending more than P5,000. So, a second phase in the sense that a whole lot of work is being done, and the work is not just about identifying what the fats should be, but also tangibly and in concrete terms, giving the options of how and who will be involved and how will they do it to cut these fats. Specifically, there are actually models that we are already looking at, which are around how to move forward in the way we service our vehicles and how we will manage those vehicles. That would be the second phase. I think it is okay for one and two phases for now, but we envisage that there will be phase 3 as well. Note, I am summarising.

Your concern about resuscitation of the economy, which is a concern of every single citizen. It is clear from the public dialectic and the stakeholder dialectic that there are certain things, there are consensus areas in terms of what our true north should be as a nation. Our true north is informed by a number of things. Our true north is informed by first; the natural sources of competitive advantage that we have as people and as a country. The fact that we have a lot of minerals should count for something. The fact that we have a lot of bright young people who are educated and informed, should count for something. The fact that we are land-linked should count for something. The fact that we have some of the best credit ratings should count for something. These are some of the things that we use, we take into consideration as we think about our true north, that is the first component.

The second component is that we need to consider what megatrends are. Meaning we need to consider what the opportunities are and there are huge opportunities. There is opportunity of trading, investing and interfacing with the rest of Africa. It is very clear that as a country we have been focusing on trading, investing and interfacing with countries outside Africa, and yet there is so much opportunity for Africa. Still with mega trends, it is very clear that there is a huge thirst for power, for electricity in this continent, that is another opportunity for us. It is very clear that for the continent, there is a lot of opportunity for technology enabled, Artificial Intelligence (AI) enabled are services for Africa.

There is also clarity that there is a huge need for food in the rest of Africa. This is what we have been considering in these processes, as things that will inform our true north. What is coming very clear, our true north has to talk about diversifying the economy, everybody has to know about that. True north has to talk about a high-skills economy, job creation for every citizen, digital or technology enabled, inclusiveness, fulfilment for our people, including our culture and creativity.

So, having determined our true north, the work that is being done now and we are going to do it through this rapid transformation programme; have stakeholders, we are going to do a rapid navigating and dealing with bottlenecks, bringing investments, channelling our effort towards these sectors that define our true north.

This is the fourth phase, 12-weeks process at the end of which we will tangibly be able to say this is how we are going to have a partner with the private sector, these are the quantum of investments that are going to come in. These are the quantum of jobs that we are going to make. These are the bottlenecks and timelines. This is how the Government system will repivot in order to be agile and executions to ensure that we go to the next level. Thank you, Mr Speaker.

**MR KAPINGA:** *Supplementary.* Ke tlaa nna mokhutshwane *Mr Speaker*. Ke a leboga *Your Honour the Vice President (VP) for your answer*. A mme *Honourable VP*, mo seemong se re leng mo go sone, o a lemoga gore setšhaba se batla go bona sengwe se tshikinyega, mo ka Sekgoa go bidiwang gotwe *disruption by leadership?* Se batla go bona *disruptive leadership*. Boeteledipele jo bo tsayang dikgato tse di

bonalang gore di batla go siamisa seemo. A ga o lemoge gore setšhaba fa re gatang teng, ba simolola go belaela gore le le Goromente yo o mosha, *do you really have the capability to disrupt and turn around the situation?* A lona fela fa le ntse, le bona fa setšhaba se kgotsofalela dikgato tse le di tsayang le *the urgency with which you are taking those steps* gore borre le bomme ba, ba a lemoga gore itsholelo e wela ka lemena mme e bile ba tsaya dikgato tse di tlhwaafetseng gore ba leke go baakanya seemo, lefatshe le se ka la wela ka lemena? *Do you see yourselves as carrying out disruptive leadership to address the situation?* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

**MR GAOLATHE:** Thank you Mr Speaker. Thank you, Honourable Member. I am confident, in fact, as you speak, the Botswana Meat Commission (BMC) could not even test their meat because the laboratories were dilapidated. The funding, we have already got it. It is USD800 million for an Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) Programme and we are going to do something about those and they will rapidly take our meat export to the next level. We did not have any bilateral agreements with the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Now we have agreements with the DRC to export beef, in fact we have already started to export beef to the DRC, which we have not done before.

We have just signed an agreement for beef uptake in China and we are already on our way there. Botswana Vaccine Institute (BVI), we know that they have the potential of becoming a global player. Same thing... (Inaudible)... we have already got the funding. These things are low hanging fruits for which we have already taken action. We have funding, there is already action. So, we are definite that on multiple fronts, we are not running, we are actually flying. That is not to say that the challenges are not deep, they are deep, some of them will be long term, some of them will be intermediate term, but I can assure you, actions have already been taken.

**MR SPEAKER:** Order! Order! Honourable Members, let us go to tabling of papers. I understand that the Minister of Finance, His Honour the VP has a paper to table.

### TABLING OF PAPERS

The following papers were tabled:

#### STATUTORY INSTRUMENT NO. 152 OF 2024: HYPOTHECATION (AUTHORISED CREDITORS) (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) REGULATIONS, 2024

(Minister of Finance)

#### STATUTORY INSTRUMENT NO. 13 OF 2025: HYPOTHECATION (AUTHORISED CREDITORS) (AMENDMENT) (NO. 1) REGULATIONS, 2025

(Minister of Finance)

#### STATUTORY INSTRUMENT NO. 14 OF 2025: HYPOTHECATION (AUTHORISED CREDITORS) (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) REGULATIONS, 2025

(Minister of Finance)

**MR SPEAKER:** Order! Order! Honourable Members. Remember I drew your attention to the addendum at the start of today's sitting. I understand that Honourable Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs has a statement to make, in terms of Standing Order 41.1.

### STATEMENT

#### RELOCATION OF PRIMARY HEALTH CARE FUNCTIONS TO THE MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS

#### MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS (MR MOTSHEGWA):

Thank you very much Mr Speaker. Before I present the statement on the relocation of Primary Health Care on behalf of the Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Affairs Mr Speaker, allow me to commence by indicating that we have just emerged from the elective congress of one of the partners in the ruling party; being Botswana National Front (BNF), where I contested and so were others. In the spirit of humanity and humbleness, I therefore, wish to congratulate the President, Vice President, Secretary General and the entire new leadership and assure them of my devoted support and commitment. This unity is important for a stable, coherent Government to deliver on the promises to Batswana. It must be understood that magnanimity

in loss is about showing grace, good leadership and a willingness to learn and grow. Lastly, it involves acknowledging the victor without bitterness or resentment and maintaining a positive attitude, grace, generosity, demonstrating noble and courageous spirit. On that part, thank you.

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

**MR MOTSHEGWA:** Mr Speaker, the Ministry of Health structure provides for delivery of Primary Health Care services through both Primary hospitals and clinics. Under the new arrangement, clinics, along with public health and community-based programmes, have been transferred to Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, while Primary Hospitals remain under Ministry of Health.

This repositioning is consistent with the 1978 Declaration of Alma Alta which identifies Primary Health Care as a comprehensive, people-centred approach to health. Primary Health Care encompasses promotive, preventative, curative, rehabilitative and palliative services delivered as close as possible to people's everyday environment.

Mr Speaker, the 76<sup>th</sup> World Health Assembly held in May 2023, resolved to re-orient national health systems towards PHC as a foundation for Universal Health Coverage (UHC) health security and cost efficiency. In alignment with these global priorities, the Government of Botswana has adopted Primary Health Care as the cornerstone of its health strategy, affirming its relevance to community empowerment, equity and sustainability.

**HISTORICAL  
ARRANGEMENTS**

Mr Speaker, Botswana adopted the PHC Strategy in 1978, operationalised jointly through the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Local Government. Before April 2010, the Ministry of Health was solely responsible for national health policy formation and oversight while Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Affairs through District and Town Councils, provided community level health services, employed health workers and developed necessary infrastructure.

Mr Speaker, all clinics, health posts and mobile stops were under Ministry of Local Government and Traditional

Affairs, which also housed the Department of Primary Health Care Services for coordination of services in line with national policies. Thus, the current relocation is re-establishing and streamlining institutional roles in line with Botswana's decentralisation, because in terms of decentralisation we are saying by virtue of proximity to the people, council should be able to take services to the people.

**PRINCIPLES AND CONSENSUS GOVERNING  
THE TRANSFER**

Mr Speaker, to ensure a seamless transition, the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Affairs agreed on key principles including:

- (a) Equitable distribution of resources (financial, human and infrastructural);
- (b) Protection of staff accommodation and office accommodation during the transition period;
- (c) Alignment of budget lines to operational needs;
- (d) Designation of PHC heads as Deputy Council Secretaries or Deputy Town Clerks;
- (e) A phased approach to transfer staff from April 2025 to March 2026;
- (f) Cross ministry career development, promotions and joint recruitment;
- (g) Centralised procurement of medicines through Central Medical Stores (CMS) complemented by local level micro-procurement;
- (h) Outstanding grievances and dispute resolution are to be concluded by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026.

**PROGRESS TO DATE**

**Human Resources**

Mr Speaker, of the 17,838 employees at the Ministry of Health, about 8000 were identified for transfer. As of now, 6225 have received transfer letters. Shared resources such as, doctors and pharmacy personnel will transition in Phase Two, which is re-scheduled to commence in July 2025.

Temporary personnel is currently used to maintain services, especially in critical areas. Plans are underway



to absorb them into the permanent establishment, subject to resources availability and we are hopeful.

To address staff concerns, a Joint Consultative Team has been set up to oversee the closure of outstanding cases which include 19 disciplinary cases, 57 disputes and 329 C Band arrear cases and three court cases by Ministry of Health.

### **Infrastructure**

Mr Speaker, a total of 615 health facilities (98 clinics with maternity, 167 clinics without maternity and 350 health posts) 2, 116 staff houses and 12 District Health Management Team (DHMT) offices have been transferred. An additional 102 undeveloped plots across the country, 74 ongoing projects and 40 leased premises have also been handed over. A condition assessment needs is being undertaken and it includes, addressing widespread bat infestations.

### **Fleet**

Mr Speaker, the Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Affairs has received 584 vehicles and 3 boat ambulances from the Ministry of Health. More than 50 per cent of these vehicles are in need of repair, and that is what we will be embarking on.

### **Budget**

Mr Speaker, an amount of Four Hundred and Ninety-Two Million, Seven Hundred and Sixty-Two Thousand, Two Hundred and Eighty Pula (P492,762,280.00) has been transferred to Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Affairs for operations, and One Hundred and Fifty-Five Million Pula (P155 million) for development projects. However, personnel emoluments for transferred staff are still being paid by Ministry of Health pending finalisation of their transfer.

Mr Speaker, discussions are ongoing regarding equitable sharing of the fuel budget, given that the Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Affairs now manages a significant portion of the fleet and incurs more transport related costs at the local level.

### **Medicine and Supplies**

Mr Speaker, Medicines and Medical Commodities continue to be supplied by Central Medical Stores

(CMS). However, stock-outs and underfunding of the drug vote remain a challenge. Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Affairs has been allocated P2.1 million for emergency procurement, for 2025/2026 Financial Year, an amount which remains inadequate.

### **Stakeholder Engagement**

Consultation with staff and Trade Unions took place from 19<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025, followed by engagements with Council Secretaries, Ntlo ya Dikgosi, District Commissioners and Full Councils during the month of March 2025. We believe in consultation before any decision is made.

### **Outstanding Matters**

Mr Speaker, outstanding matters include:

- (a) Full transfer of PHC programmes and donor funded Memorandum of Understanding;
- (b) Budget allocations associated with programmes and donor funded agreements;
- (c) Budget allocations associated with programme transfers;
- (d) Staff deployment of the above programmes, which is yet to be finalised.

### **Challenges**

Mr Speaker, the transition has not been without its difficulties, and the following are challenges experienced:

- (a) Shortage of medicines;
- (b) Lack of pharmaceutical warehouse in some Districts;
- (c) Staffing gaps and delays in temporary employees' remuneration;
- (d) Building facilities requiring urgent maintenance.

### **Mitigations**

Mr Speaker, to address these challenges, the following measures are being implemented:

- (a) E-pulse rollout, to improve management and logistics of drugs;

(b) Engagement with Directorate of Public Service Management (DPSM) to fill critical positions and regularise temporary employment;

(c) Facility condition assessment to inform infrastructure refurbishment costs and plans.

### Conclusion

In conclusion Mr Speaker, the relocation of Primary Health Care functions to the Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Affairs marks a significant milestone in Botswana's health sector reform and decentralisation agenda. Notable progress has been made in human resource deployment, facility handover, fleet management and budgeting.

However, the success of the transition hinges on addressing remaining bottlenecks, especially the transfer of the remaining personnel, resolution of grievances and adequate funding of essential services. Government remains committed to completing this transition by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026, without compromising the quality of service delivery and the welfare of staff. I wish to make commitment to the nation that as the Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, we are committed to providing quality public health system at primary level. Thank you very much.

**MR SPEAKER:** Order! Honourable Members, in accordance with Standing Order 41.3 as you know, no debate may arise from this statement given by the Minister. I will allow short questions for the purpose of elucidating the statement by the Minister and be mindful of Standing Order 40.3, a question shall not be made a pretext for a debate.

**MR LUCAS:** Ke a leboga Rre Motshegwa, ke bo ke go akgolele gore o bo o sa tshwara wa ga lona ka pelo. Go ntse jalo fa o latlhegetswe, ga re o tseye *loss* ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. Ke latlhegetswe ga *four*, mme ke ntse ke di tsaya sentle.

Sengwe sa dilo tse di neng di thusa thata mo *primary health care* mo nakong e e fetileng, ke mafelo a a neng a bidiwa gotwe *mobile health stops*. A ne a etelwa gangwefela mo kgwedding mo merakeng le mo masimong fela jalo, mme mo bogompionong mafelo ao bontsi jwa one a tswetswe, a kgautlhane. A o na le lenaneo lepe rraetsho go leka go tsosolosa dipatelanyana tse di kwa

masimo le meraka tse di neng di atumetsa botsogo gaufi le kwa batho ba leng teng?

Sa bobedi, go na le *cadres* tse pedi tse di neng di le bothlokwa thata go tsweledisa thulaganyo ya *primary health care*, go isa botsogo kwa moding. Ya ntlha ke ya *family welfare educators*, fa ke gola bo Mma Professor kwa Bobonong le ba a neng a bereka le bone, e ne e le bone ba etelang malwapa ba kgona go lemoga gore bodiphatsa jwa botsogo bo fa kae. *Cadre* e e lebege e kete ga e sa tlhola e bonala gompieno, le *uniform* ya bone fela mo motseng ga o ka ke wa e bona. *Cadre* e ya *family welfare educators*, a o na le thulaganyo ya go e tsosolosa gore jaanong o tle o kgone go isa botsogo kwa bathong?

E nngwe e e latelang ke ya *home based care*, e lebege e kete e dirile tiro e tona thata ka nako ya HIV e santse e ganyaola batho, mme gompieno go lebege le ba latlhetse le le Puso. A mme go na le sepe se o akanyang go se dira, fa o batla go isa botsogo kwa moding, go leka go tsosolosa ba *home based care* le go ba atswa ka tsela e ba ka nonofelang go dira tiro ya bone?

E nngwe ke ya dikoloi, rraetsho go na le pego e e reng ba *Ministry of Health* ka Sekgatla, ba le jabeditse, ba le file dikgoropa fela mo dikoloing. Ga ke itse gore pego e e ka tswa e na le nnete go le kae, mme ke utlwa e kete o a e *confirm* gore *more than half* ya 548 ke e e batlang go baakannngwa. A seemo se ga o ka ke wa boela kwa go Rre Modise ene wa maloba yo, gore a ko ba baakanye seemo seo? Ga ke bone go dira tlhologanyo gore batho ba neele batho dikgoropa, ba bo ba re ba ya go tsosolosa *primary health care*. Ke a leboga motho wetsho.

**MR KEKGONEGILE:** Tanki *Mr Speaker*. Tanki Tona Motshegwa. Ke boammaaruri rra, kwa nna le wena re goletseng teng kwa Botswana Lands Boards Local Authorities and Health Workers Union (BLLAHWU) ke le Tautona wena o le *Secretary General*, *the political teachings have always been that an organisation is bigger than an individual, and the spiritual teachings have always been that*, se Modimo o nkadimileng sone fa o re ke se go busetse, go lokile, go lokile.

Dipotso di ka nna pedi, tharo. Ya ntlha ke yone ya dikoloi gore mo *budget* ele, e o e buang gore o filwe, go ntse jang? Matsana a *maintenance* a a teng mo teng ga 50 *per cent* yo, kana re ye go go thusa kwa dikhanseleng,

le tsone di ntse di sena madi. Bo Ipelegeng ga ba ise ba duele le nako e.

E e latelang ke ya melemo; *in the past, that is the pre 08, 09 era* pele ga *clinics* di tsewa di ya kwa Goromenteng yo motona, dikhansale di ne di kgona gore di nne le *budget* ya melemo. Jaanong CMS e na le ditso tsa go sa kgona gore e ka isa melemo, *to distribute* melemo lefatshe lotlhe ka bophara. Gompieno o bua gore le na le matsana a *emergency procurement* ya melemo, *what is the way going forward?* A re ya go boela kwa morago kwa re neng re bona dikhansale di kgona *to budget* teng gore *at least 50 to 70 per cent* ya melemo, a bo e le gore ba a ithekela, *knowing very well* gore CMS bothata jwa yone ke eng? A o ya *to budget* fela *emergency* e e yang go nna *budget* e e leng gore *within three months*, e tlaabo e fedile CMS e sa tliša sepe?

Ya bofelo ke ya *heads* tsa DHMTs, gore batho ba fa ba le kwa *Central Government*, ba ne ba le mo go E2, *I think but now* fa ba nnile le *transfer* ba isitswe kwa *Local Government*, go raya gore *scale* sa *post* ya teng kwa *Local Government* se a wa. Gompieno ba setse fela ka *protection of rights*. Maikaelelo ke go dira eng go leka gore batho ba ba se ka ba tsamaya mo bogaufing, ba se ka ba nna *demotivated*? Ga se bone fela, le ba bangwe ba e leng gore tota ba isitswe kwa bone ba sa batle go ya teng. *What was the model used in terms of transfers?* A batho ba ne ba re ee, go siame ke a tsamaya, go ne go le *voluntary* kana *involuntary*? *What are you expecting as repercussions of that forceful movement ya staff?* Tanki.

**MR SEGOKGO:** Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke bo ke leboge Tona ka *statement* sa gago. Ke re mme gone fa o lebile *strategy* sa *ministry* wa gago, o dumela gore *this transition* o e wetse mo nakong e e kae? *Is it 12 months, 24 months, 36 months?* Ke gore kwa o tlaa reng jaanong re wetse kwa re batlang teng *in terms of the transition* e re e batlang.

*Transition* e re e bone, mme go fitlhela e le gore le wena kwa *ministry* wa gago, o fitlhela diemo tse e leng gore ga go na *even the accommodation* ya bodiredi jwa gago jwa dikhansale. Jaanong go tla bodiredi jo e leng gore bo bokete, jo bo tswang kwa *Ministry of Health*. Gone golo foo, o ipaakantse jang gore o amogele bodiredi jo gore o ba baakanyetse *in terms of offices and accommodation* ka gore go bokete? *Even* kwa Tlokweng, bana ba kwa Mafitlhakgosi Clinic go bokete ka kgang tse di

tshwanang le tsa *accommodation* jalojalo, le kwa Nkaikela Clinic. Go bokete fela thata mo nakong ya gompieno. Gone golo foo, seemo sa teng Tona, o tlaa se baakanya mo nakong e e kae? Ke a leboga.

**MR LESEDI:** Ke go leboge Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Re leboge Tona. Re mo lebogele bopeloethata jo jwa gagwe. Fa e ne e le nna, ke ka bo ke sa tla. Rraetsho, re a go lebogisa. O itshupile fa o le monnatia.

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

**MR LESEDI:** Tona, mma ke eletse go itse gore mo neelanong e, e o e supang mo nakong e re dumelang gore e thata, jaaka fa motlotlegi a ne a bua ka *mobile stops*, o ya go kgona go le kae go thusa batho go ba atumetsa ditlamelo bogolo jang ba ba kgakala le tsone? Fa re leba *Ministry of Health*, o ne o ntse o sa kgone mo mabakeng a *budget* e re dumelang gore e a bo e le botoka gona le ya gago. E tle e nne dilo dingwe tse o tlaa fetang ka tsone Motlotlegi Tona gore o ikaelela go ya go tokafatsa seemo se jang?

Ntlha ya bobedi e e bileng tota e ngomola pelo ke gore, re bona mo dipatela tsa rona go na le *shortage* e e tsitsibanyang mmele, bogolo jang ya letlhoko la dipilisi le melemo. Ke dintlha dingwe tse tota Batswana ba leng gaufi le go utlwa gore ka gore *clinics* tse o di tsere, go tlaa ya go tokafala ka tsela e e ntseng jang? Mma ke se ka ka ya lololo, ke tseye gore ke tsone tse ke neng ke ka go di botsa mo bokhutshwanyaneng. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

**MR FRENZEL:** Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*. Ke tseye sebaka se ke lebogele *presentation* ya gago *Minister*. Kgang ya me e mo goreng ke itse fa *ministry* wa gago wa *Local Government*, o na le bothata jo bo seng kana ka sepe. Fa ke bua jaana, kwa kgaolong e ke tswang kwa go yone kwa Tonota, ke itse gore le Ipelegeng re hirile fela mme ga go na dituelo. Ga re itse kwa dituelo di yang go tswa teng. Re na le bothata jo bo ntseng bo le teng jwa gore Village Development Committees (VDCs) nako ya tsone ga e a bolo go fela mme gompieno ga go ise go diragale sepe. Re ikokeletsa morwalo wa go tsaya *health posts*, re bo re di tliša kwa *ministry* wa gago. Ba buile ka tsa *mobile stops* gore mo tilhaelong e e kanakana ya bodiredi, ba ba thusang segolobogolo baaki, re ya go dira jang go tlamela seemo sa teng?

Potso e nngwe ke gore, re ya go dira jang ka *health posts* tse di ntseng di sa bule mo malatsing a mafelo a beke, ka *weekends*? Kwa kgaolong e ke tswang kwa go yone, ga go na le fa e le *health post* e e bulang ka *weekend* ka lebaka la tlhalelo ya bodiredi.

Potso ya me e nngwe ke gore *projects* tse gotweng ke tsa Development Manager (DM), tse re neng re itse gore di ya go tswela pele; ke na le kago e e tshwanetseng e ka bo e simolotse kwa Borolong. E nngwe e simolotse kwa Mathangwane ya dikokolwana. Ke batla go itse gore *since* o setse o tsaya boikarabelo johlhe, a ditiro tse tsotlhe tse di tlaa tswela pele ka fa re neng re ntse re solofetse ka teng? Mo nakong e e seng kgakala, re ne re solofetse gore ditiro tsa go nna jalo, di tle di simolole.

*Ministry* wa gago ke bona o na le kgwetlho e ntsi. Gompiano re eme ka Constituency Community Project (CCP), re ipotsa gore a e santse e tlaa nna teng kana re khubame fela? Ke batla ke go tseye *stock* gone fa, ke botse gore a mme CCP ya 2024/2025 e tlaa bonala go fitlhelela mo nakong ya gompiano? Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*.

**MR SPEAKER:** You may disregard his last question.

**MR MONAGENG:** Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Re lebogele gore Rraetsho *Honourable Minister* ka *weekend*, re ne re ile kwa re neng re ile teng, le rona fela jalo jaaka re le bagatammogo, re ne re na le tiro ya mofuta o. Go na le ba ba tlang ba atlegile le ba ba tlang ba sa atlega. Ke one mowa o o siameng go amogela seemo ka fa se ntseng ka teng.

Rraetsho, go molemo gore Matona ba nne ba tla mo Ntlong ba tla go re fa tekodiso jaaka o ntse o re fa tekodiso jaana. Se re se akgelang, ba se tseye tsia. Ke re, le bonye go le botlhokwa gore le tlhokomele *primary health care*, le bona dilo di sa tsamaye sentle kana go tlhalela fale le fale. Jaanong a le eme ka dinao le le *ministry* gore e re *by the end* of yone nako e le ipeetseng ya 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2026, a bo tota dilo di boetse mo mannong. *Quality health care* ke selo se se botlhokwa mo matshelong a rona re le Batswana. Kana ga re re tshela sentle, mme go tshela sentle ke gore ene Goromente a bo a dirile dilo ka fa di tshwanetseng gore di nne ka teng *in terms of the resources* le gotlhe mo go tlhokafalang. Fa gongwe o fitlhela re bona o kare *the resources and services*, o kare fa gongwe go na le *uneven distribution*. Fa gongwe

o kare kwa ditoropong o bona o kare dilo di teng sentle, fa o ya kwa bo Molepolole, Kanye, Serowe e bo o kare go a tlhalela. Jaanong re re *that distribution of resources, staff* le ya sengwe le sengwe, a go lekiwe gore go nne *even*.

Fa ke fetsa rra ke ka go raya ka re, kana tota rona kwa...

**MR SPEAKER:** Short questions for the purpose of elucidating the statement.

**MR MONAGENG:** Nnyaa, mme ke ne ke fetsa fela ka gore, a kwa Molepolole rraetsho, *are you aware* gore tsone *health care facilities* tse, tota ga go na *ambulances* gotlhelele? Maloba Council Secretary (CS) o ne a rekisa tse dingwenyana gore a tle a reke tse pedi tse tharo. *Are you aware* gore go na le *shortage* e tonatona gone kwa Molepolole kwa? *Thank you*.

**MR MOALOSI:** Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*. Yame e khutshwane ka gore ke reetsa *Speaker*.

*Honourable Minister, are you aware that Ministry of Health* ba ne ba na le *issue* le *clinics* tse e leng gore ba ne ba na le *night watchmen*, go raya gore ba sa hira *security companies*. Go raya gore ka gore *night watchmen* ba theogela bosigo ka 6:00 p.m. ya re baoki fa ba tshaisa ka 4:30 p.m. go bo go tlhoka *security* mo dikokelong. Ka *weekends* fa e le gore ba a theogela, ba theogela ba le nosi go sena *security because* go ne go le *night watchmen* fela. Ba *Ministry of Health* e rile re ba botsa, ba bo ba re *challenge* ya bone ke gore fa go fetolwa gore go hirwe *security*, ba ne ba nna le *challenge* ya gore *night watchmen* ba ba isa kae, go bo go raya gore ba emela batho *to retire*, e bo e le gone ba tsayang *clinics* tseo ba di hirela *security company*. A mme seemo se o a se itse, le gone gore maikaelelo a gago ke eng ka gore baoki kwa kgaolong yame, *almost all the clinics* di na le *challenge* yone eo? Go raya gore mooki fa a le *on call*, kana a theogetse ka Matlhatso, o a bo a le nosi mo kokelong go sena *security* se se mo thusang.

Kgang ya bo *night watchmen*, ba na le go ngongorega gore kana bone ba theogela ba katile dikago, ga ba a kata baoki. *Are you aware of that issue, what is your solution or your proposed solution to that issue* ka gore fa motho a ntse kwa kgorong fela *client* e tsene e ile kwa kokelong *nurse* a le nosi, fa a mo kgothakgotha kana a mo tshwenya ka kwa, *security* o a bo a le kgakala?

Le kgang ya gore *there were a lot of people* ba ba neng ba hirwa *on temporary basis*, ke gore a theogela gotwe ke 12 months or three months kana eng, ba ne ba le bantsi thata kwa kgaolong yame. A mme le na le maikaelelo a go hira bone baphepafatsi bao *as permanent staff instead of every 12 months* motho a hirwa a sa bone tiro fela ya sennelaruri?

**BRIG. MOKGWATHI:** Tanki Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke dumedise banni ba kgaolo ya Letlhakeng. Betsho, tsame di tlhano fela mme di dikhutshwane.

Ya ntlha ke gore gone ke...

**MR SPEAKER:** Botsa tse pedi fela.

**BRIG. MOKGWATHI:** Ke botse tse pedi fela?

**MR SPEAKER:** Yes.

**BRIG. MOKGWATHI:** Ke utlwile fa Tona a bega, mme a bua mathata a e leng gore o a bona (*challenges*). Ke re gongwe a bue gore le tsone ditsela ke *challenge* ka gore le tsone dikoloi tse a di filweng, *those that have been transferred from Central Government to Local Government*, di sule. Gantsi fa o ka ela tlhoko mo kgaolong ya rona e ke tswang mo go yone ya Letlhakeng...

**MR SPEAKER:** Ke rile le se ka la *debate*, botsang dipotso fela tse di khutshwane.

**BRIG. MOKGWATHI:** A ga a bona go le botoka gore gongwe batho ba ba tlhokomelang digole kwa dikgaolong ka gore...

**HONOURABLE MEMBERS:** Banalebogole.

**BRIG. MOKGWATHI:** Banalebogole; betsho Setswana se thata. A mme bone batho ba Modimo ba ba tshelang go oka motho a na le bogole a le monnyennyane go fitlheleng gongwe a gola, a batho ba ga re ba ele tlhoko gore a re ka akanya gore re ka ba atswa ka sengwe; (*care givers*)?

*Issue ya Home Based Care*, batho ka bontsi ba santse ba tlhokomela balwetse, mme go lebege o ka tloga wa re dituelo tsa bone di salela kwa morago Tona. Dilo tse, gongwe re ka kgona go bona gore re di tokafatse le bone batho ba ba kgone go thusiwa ka nako e e siameng.

Melemo le yone a go se ka gatwe *one-size-fits-all*, kana rona re tswa mo kgaolong e e humanegileng go di feta tsotlhe. Ke re Tona re a babalelwa, gone mme *shortage* ya melemo fa e ntse e tilhela mo Botswana, a lebelele dikgaolo tse re tswang mo go tsone tse di kwa tennyanteng, Sorilatholo, Diphuduhudu gore melemo e e tsene mo go bone ka dinako tse di siameng. A dilo tse Morena o tlaa di ela tlhoko kante o di etse tlhoko gore re kgone gore le rona re nne le mo gotweng *equitable distribution of health resources*?

Ke sone se ke neng ke batla go se bua. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

**MR MOTSHEGWA:** Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Gone ke ka bo ke di leka le *Honourable* Lucas, ka ke ene *the Shadow Minister of Local Government*, re ne re rerile mmogo. Ka bokhutshwane mma ke lebege ene Rre Lucas le Mapalamente botlhe ba ba boditseng dipotso, ke tlaa di araba, le dikakgelo tsa bone. Tse dingwe re tlaa di tsaya re ya go nonotsha ka fa re le kang go dira ditirelo ka teng.

Mo go akaretsang gotlhe ke gore *Honourable* Frenzel o ne a bua gore *ministry* wa rona, a a fa dikai ka bo CCP le tse dingwe gore ke *ministry* o o nang le tiro e ntsi kana e e bophara. A supa gore ke tiro e ntsi, a re tlaa e kgona jalo le jalo. Dikgwetlho kgolo ke tsone tsa madi, kana re tshwanetse ra lemoga gore re tsamaisa itsholelo le lefatshe le e leng gore le ne le phutlhamo mehameng ka bontsi. Go raya gore kgangkgolo ke yone e e leng gore Goromente o loga moalo wa ditlhabololo wa legato la bolesome le bobedi; National Transformation Programme (NTP) e e tlaabong e alela jaanong gore mehama yotlhe go akaretsa le botsogo, re ya go e tokafatsa ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Gone mo go ageng itsholelo sesha, jaanong go tlaa bulela gore lephata la madi ka fa tlase ga ketelelopele ya ga Rre Gaolathe, jaanong e bo e le gore le ka ema nokeng maikaelelo a rona mo maphateng jaaka gompiano ke bua ka *Local Government*. So, ga se kgang ya rona fela, ke kgang e e ikaegileng gape le gore itsholelo e tsosolosiwa ka tsela e e ntseng jang, ba lephata la madi fa itsholelo e ntse e tllhatloga, ba re thusa ka tsela e e ntseng jang.

Ke go solofetse gore gone re a dumela gore dikgwetlho tsa botsogo kwa legatong le le potlana, le one *ministry* ka bo one o neetswe boikarabelo jo bo tona. Ke sone se ke dumelang gore Tona mongwe le mongwe yo o

teng gone fa, o na le kgaolo. Mopalamente mongwe le mongwe go bo e le Mopalamente, ke gore o na le kgaolo. Go raya gore *Local Government* e gongwe le gongwe kwa go mongwe le mongwe wa lona. Ke gone mo e leng gore re a itse gore batho ba kwa dikgaolong, mme *ministry* o o lebagang le batho gone kwa dikgaolong, ke one wa *Local Government*. *This is the ministry with proximity to the people*, ke one *ministry* o e leng gore fa o sa dira, ditirelo di sa bonala, batho ba utlwa matlhoko le manokonoko a tsone ka tsela e e ntseng jalo.

Se ke ka se solofetsang ke dira *commitment* ke gore, e re ntswa dikgwetlho di ntse jalo, tumelo yame ke gore boeteledipele ga se go boka mathata, re ikemiseditse go tlisa tharabololo, le go tsamaisa lephata le go neela Batswana ditirelo le ditlhabololo. Fa ke setse ke buile jalo, ke tlaa se ke ke di bue ke di araba gore mang one a reng, ke tlaa soboka fela go fa dikarabo ka gore ke tlotlile ka fa le boditseng ka teng, le ka fa le akgetseng ka teng.

Re na le ditogamaano le ditirelo tsa go leka go tokafatsa dikgang tsa *mobile stop coverages*. Dikgwetlho e ne e ntse e le tsone tsa *transport* le madi jalo. *Honourable Lucas*, se ke ka se solofetsang ke gore maikaelelo a rona a tokafatso ke gore go tswelele go ntse jalo ka gore ke gone mo go thusang botsogo botoka, gammogo le yone tlhaela ya bodiredi.

O tlaa lemoga gore fa ke e fa pego ele, go na le fa ke amileng dikgang tsa bodiredi; *human resource, infrastructure, budget* jalo le jalo, di ne di araba gore e re ntswa go na le dikgwetlho, fa re tsamayang teng ke eng. Ka gore golo mo ke *transition*, go raya gore bontsi jwa tsone di tlaa tokafala jaaka go ntse go tsweletse. E bile *transition* re solofela gore e bo e wetse *Honourable Segokgo* ka 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026. Re lemoge gape gore *transition* e re e dira re tshwaragane le ba *Ministry wa Health* ka gore go ya pele mo lefatsheng la Botswana go raya gore dikgang tsa botsogo kwa legatong le le tona ke *Ministry wa Health*, mme kwa legatong le le potlana ke *Ministry wa Local Government*. Tsotlhe dikgwetlho re ya go lebagana le tsone re ntse re buisana le bone. Matona, Bakwaledibagolo ba maphata le bodiredi jo bongwe ba a buisana, re ya go tsamaisa botsogo mmogo mme tshwaragano le popagano ya rona e raya gore re tlaa neela Batswana botsogo jo bo molemo go batla ditharabololo jalo.

*Health Education Assistants* ba santse ba le teng mme palo ya bone e ne e sa lekana ka ntata ya ditsompelo. Maitlamo, maikaelelo le maithomo a rona tebang le dikgang tsa botsogo kwa legatong le le potlana ke gore koketsego ya bone e tlaa nna maleba. Re ikaelela go dira jalo ka gore fa re bua ka botsogo kana le ditirelo dipe fela kwa bathong, kwa dikgaolong ke gone mo re tshwanetseng ra di isa teng.

E tlaa re re ntse re tsweletse, go na le sengwe se re se titielang kwa *Ministry wa Local Government*, fa re yang go bua ka *rural industrialisation* go Iwantsha *rural-urban migration*. Ke gore botshelo bo tshwanetse jwa raya sengwe kwa dikgaolong, nngwe ya tsone ke gore le tse dingwe *social services infrastructure* di nne teng kwa dikgaolong, batho ba lemoge gore botshelo bo teng. *This includes high services* gore botsogo bo nne jalo.

Le Home-Based Care (HBC) *volunteers* le bone ba tsweletse ba ntse ba a thusa. Fa ke ntse ke tsamaya ke buisa diphuthego tsa Kgotla, re kopana le ba le mmalwa ba botsa gore kana lemme le ba le neelwang la boithaopo, le kwa tlase mme tiro ya bone mo setšhabeng le mo botsogong e le kwa godimo. Mo puisanyong ya rona le bone e ne e nna gore ka re sa tswa go tsaya botsogo jwa legato le le le potlana, go raya gore puisanyo ya rona mo *ministry*, tshekatsheko e tlaa nna gore re ye go tokafatsa ka tsela e e ntseng jang gore tiro e ba e dirang, le bone e lebege e tsewa tsia ka gore ke ya go tlamela le go tlhokomela setšhaba.

Ya dikoloi ke ne ke supa gore re setse re bone 50 *per cent* ya tsone mme re santse re buisanya le *Ministry wa Health* mo go tse di setseng. Tse re di tsereng di siame, kana go raya gore di tsweletse di dira tiro. Tse di tlhokang go baakanngwa ke boikarabelo jwa rona go baakanya mme re dumela gore re na le bokgoni ka gore dikhansele ke kwa o fitlhelang le maphata a a baakanyang dikoloi. Go raya gore go ka nna motlhofo ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. Le fa go sa lekana, ke direpudi tse re tlaa nnang re ntse re tokafaletsa mo go tsone.

DHMT *coordinators*; re tsweletse ka tshekatsheko ya *ministry's structure* gore re se tokafatse, re tsaya tsia diphetogo tse di diragetseng tsa go tlisa Primary Health Care (PHC) kwa go rona. Le tse dingwe gore sebaka fa re tsamayang teng se tlama gore re sekaseke *structure* se tsamaelane le nako ya gompiono, *at a time* e re reng *we want to corporatise the public service* gore re tlise

*efficiency, efficacy* le tse dingwe jalo gore re neele Batswana ditirelo. Ya *regrading of DHMT coordinators*, e ne ya dirwa ke ba *Ministry wa Health*.

Tlhaelo ya melemo le dipilisi ke kgwetlho e e teng mo lefatsheng. Jaaka ke ne ke re maikaelelo ga se go boka mathata mme re tshwanetse ra lemoga gore e re ntswa re batla tharabololo, re e batla re tswa mo mathateng kwa kae? Re tshwanetse ra lemoga gore seemo sa gore go bo go na le tlhaelo ya melemo le dipilisi, ga se a siamela batho. Ke nna ke bua puo ya gore thuto le botsogo ke nngwe ya tse di konokono mo lefatsheng, tse di tshwanetseng go tsewa tsia. Fa o ka se ka wa alafa, ba tlhokafala, ga ba na go boa. Le yone thuto fa o ka se ka wa ruta bana sentle fa ba godile, ga ba ka ke ba tlhola ba boela kwa tlase go ya go ithuta gape. Ka jalo, seemo se sa tlhaelo ya melemo le dipilisi, ke ne ke supa gore re neetswe madi a go lebagana le tsa *emergency procurement*. Tsamaiso-kgolo ke gore ba *Ministry wa Health* le lekalana la CMS, ke bone ba santseng ba dira ka gore tse dingwe go na le ditumalano tse di santseng di beilwe monwana gore di ye go wela. E tlaa re fa re sena go kgabaganya ngwaga o wa madi jaaka o ne o supa *Honourable Kekgonegile*, jaanong re bo re tla ka megopolo e re buisaneng kwa *ministry* gore re nne *proactive as early as now* gore jaanong re dira jang ka *decentralisation* gore dikhansele di kgone go tla mo seemong sa go ipatlela melemo bogaufi ka tsela e e rileng. Re buisana le ba *Ministry wa Health* ka gore re tlaabo re tsamaisa botsogo mmogo, bale ga ba ka ke ba akanya kana ba dira ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. Maikaelelo-magolo fela mo go tsothle ke gore melemo le dipilisi di goroge. Go na le maiteko a a setseng a tswetse kwa *Ministry of Health* jaaka re ntse re le mo *transition*.

Kwa bofelelong ya gore ya dinako tsa *clinics* le *health posts*, maikaelelo a ga Goromente ke gore re neele Batswana botsogo jo bo siameng ka nako e wena o batlang thuso. Go raya gore *Honourable Gaolathe* a ntse a titiela itsholelo go e tokafatsa, a ema nokeng maphata ka go farologana le la rona, ditsompelo tsa rona di raya gore re ye go tla kwa sebakeng sa go tsholetsa *health posts* mo dikgaolong *into fully-fledged clinics*. *In fact, we are developing a template* ya gore *clinic* e tshwanetse gore e bo e na le eng le eng go neela batho botsogo jo bo siameng. Go raya gore ke *upgrading* ya *health posts* le *clinics* gore *model template* e tshwanetse gore e bo e ntse jang le jang. Konokono ke gore bodiredi bo bo bo

lekane, ditsompelo di le teng, motho a bona thuso ka nako e a eletsang go bona thuso. Ke sone se mafelo a a tshwanang le bo Gaborone kwa Block 8, ba *Council* ya Gaborone ba mo dipaakanyong tsa go kgaratlhela gore tsa mofuta oo e bo e le gore *they operate 24 hours*. Kgangkgolo ke gore botsogo motho a bone thuso ka nako e a e batlang ka gore fa e kare o tshwanetse go ya sepatela go le bosigo go bo gotwe o tle kamoso go le motshegare kana phakela, gone moo go a bo go sa siama ka gore o a bo o sa rera le bolwetse gore bo name bo go iketletse ka gore ga go ise go bulwe. Motho o tshwanetse gore a neelwe botsogo ka nako e a e tlhokang.

Kwa bofelelong Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke leboge dipotso le dikakgelo tsa Mapalamente. Ke ba solofetse gore re tlaa tswelela re dira ka bojotlhe le ka mo re ka go kgonang mo ditsompeleng tse di tlhaelang. E tlaa re kgabagare fa di lekane, re tlaa dira se se eletsegang. Ke thulaganyo e e maleba go neela batho botsogo jo bo siameng, ke one maikaelelo a Puso ya gompieno. Dikgwetlho re nne re ntse re buisana le go re di lekodisa gore re di tsibogele ka nako e e rileng. Re mmogo mo go tsamaiseng kgang e. Ke a leboga.

**MR SPEAKER:** Order! Order! Honourable Members. Thank you so much Honourable Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs. Let us go to Presentation of Government Bills.

### First Readings

## PRESENTATION OF GOVERNMENT BILLS

The following Bill was presented and read a first time.

### BOTSWANA (GOVERNANCE AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCE SUPPORT PROGRAMME) AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (AfDB) (LOAN AUTHORISATION) BILL, 2025 (NO. 15 OF 2025)

(Minister of Finance)

### MOTION TO PROCEED ON A BILL AS A MATTER OF URGENCY

**MINISTER OF FINANCE (MR GAOLATHE):** Mr Speaker, I beg to move in terms of Standing Order 72.3 that the Bill be proceeded with under a Certificate of Urgency.

**MR SPEAKER:** You may want to motivate the reasons.

**MR GAOLATHE:** Mr Speaker, it is critical for this Bill to be considered today as the country urgently requires funds to finance the 2025/2026 Budget for both Recurrent and Development. The funds required are intended to address the 2025/2026 funding gap projected at P22.12 billion or 7.56 per cent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) as per the financing strategy.

Mr Speaker, the Bill is short of a 30 days maturity period. If the Bill is not assented to and published as an Act expeditiously, the currently fiscal situation will become untenable as Government will fail to honour its financial obligations on account of the tight fiscal constraints. In this regard, revenue generation for this fiscal year will not sufficiently cover Government spending requirements, resulting in liquidity problems in the economy.

So Mr Speaker, in light of the above, I beg to move that this Bill be presented under the Certificate of Urgency. I submit Mr Speaker.

**MR SPEAKER:** Order! Order! Honourable Members, remember that you were briefed about these Bills at the General Assembly. I will put the question.

**MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM (MR MMOLOTSI):** Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke ne ke re ke dumalane le Tona wa Madi gore *Bill* e e tle ka diamaramara re tle re kgone gore re e bue. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

**MR LUCAS (BOBIRWA):** *Mr Speaker*, fa ke sena go utlwa Motlotlegi Gaolathe maabane, ke bo ke mo utlwa gape letsatsi leno, ke bo ke lemoga gore seemo se ntse jang kwa dikgaolong, bo Ipelegeng ga ba duelwe le tse dingwe, ke ikutlwa ke sena ape mafoko, mma ke dumalane gore molao o wa go kopa madi re o tsewedise ka *Certificate of Urgency*. Ke dumalana le *Vice President*. *Thank you very much*.

**MR MONAGENG (MOLEPOLOLE SOUTH):** Tanki *Mr Speaker*. Mma le nna ke ne ke re ka fa seemo se ntseng ka teng, ka fa re se tlhaloseditsweng ka teng, kana fa go le maswe mo lelwapeng, rre o a emaema, jaanong le nna ke dumalana gore o tsene ka bofefo jo bo ka kgonagalang *Mr Speaker*.

**MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION (MR MAELE):** Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke ne ke re le nna ke eme Mothusa Tautona nokeng gore molao o a o tlise ka potlako. Tota ke ne ke lebile sone se a se solofetseng mo go tliseng molao o, e le one madinyana a e leng gore re ka a adima ka sekoloto. Mme e rileng fa ke a lebelela ke fa ke bona gore mme one a ka re isa golo gongwenyana fa e leng gore seemo se re leng mo go sone se se bokete, se se thata se, gongwe re ka kgona gore re fetise mole le mole. Ke sone mo ke reng ke mo ema nokeng Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke a leboga *sir*.

**MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES (MR RAMAOTWANA):** Ke a go leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke ema go ema nokeng molawana wa tshoganetso o o tlang ka Mothusa Tautona, *Minister* wa *Finance*. Ke o ema nokeng ka ke itse seemo sa madi sa lefatshe le gore re tlhokana le madi kwa re ka a bonang teng gore ditlamelo di direge. Ke itse le gore re tswa mo *Cabinet retreat* jaana, re e tshwarela fela mo Gaborone, ga re ye bo Kasane ka sone seemo sa madi gore ga a yo. Re e nwa tee re sa je *lunch*, go supa gore ga a yo tota.

Ka one mabaka a, go raya gore ke ema molao o nokeng gore o tsene ka potlako e e kwa godimodimo gore Batswana ba thusiwe.

Ke bo ke tla ke leboge lekalana la bontlha bongwe jwa phathi e e busang go tshwara *Congress* e e manobonobo e e atlegileng. Ke eleletse *Honourable* Modise, Mohwasa le Tautona Boko gore ba bereke sentle le gore Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC) e ye kwa pele re tle re *win* gape ka 2029. *Thank you very much*.

**MR SPEAKER:** Last one, Honourable Onalepelo Kedikilwe.

**MR KEDIKILWE (SEROWE WEST):** Ke a go leboga e bile ke a go dumedisa *Mr Speaker*. Le nna tota ke emela fela mogopolo gore re tlatse tota go bo go penologe gore re eme Mothusa Tautona nokeng e bile e le *Minister* wa *Finance*. Ka fa seemo se ntseng ka teng, le sefofu tota fa se anapa, se a bona gore o tsaya *office* e jaana sepatšhe se le makgwakgwa. Gore re dibele Batswana gore ba se wele ka motlhubodika, ke gone gore re dire jaaka a dirile jaana. Jaanong ke go ema nokeng *Honourable Minister of Finance*. Ke a leboga.

Question put and **agreed to**.

Second Reading - **Later Today**.

The following Bill was presented and read a first time.

**GOVERNANCE AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCE SUPPORT PROGRAMME, OPEC FUND FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (OFID) (LOAN AUTHORISATION) BILL, 2025 (NO. 16 OF 2025)**

(Minister of Finance)

**MOTION TO PROCEED ON A BILL AS A MATTER OF URGENCY**

**MINISTER OF FINANCE (MR GAOLATHE):**

Thank you Mr Speaker. I beg to move in terms of Standing Order 72.3 that the Bill be proceeded with under a Certificate of Urgency. Mr Speaker, for the sake of time, it is exactly for the same reasons as I have articulated for the African Development Bank Bill, so I move.

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you Your Honour the VP, Minister of Finance.

**MR KAPINGA (OKAVANGO WEST):** Thank you Mr Speaker. I stand to offer my support to the Motion made by His Honour the Vice President (VP). Thank you.

**BRIG. MOKGWATHI (LETLHAKENG):** Tanki *Mr Speaker*. Ka go lebega tota phuduhudu e fapaanye le mahuri, ke tsaya gore Molao-kakanyetso o o tshwanetse gore re o tsenye ka bofefo jo bo gagamatsang. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

**ASSISTANT MINISTER OF CHILD WELFARE AND BASIC EDUCATION (MR HUNYEPA):** Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke eme jaana ke *support Minister wa Finance* ka mogopolo o a tlang ka one ka gore tota re mo bothateng. Ke tseela gore go tlaa re ntsha mo mathateng a re leng mo go one. *I support*.

**MR AARON (NGAMI):** Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke utlwa ke roroma mala ka seemo se re leng mo go sone, mme ka jalo, ke bona go sena tsela epe fela ke gore re itsenye mo sekolotong. Ke a leboga.

**MR MOSANANA (KANYE EAST):** Ke a go leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ka re itse seemo se re iphitlhelang re le mo go sone, ke ema fano ke rotloetsa le nna gore ka fa Mothusa Tautona a kopang ka teng e bile e le *Minister wa Finance*, re mo rebole a tswewepe pele ka fa thulaganyong e a e re beileng pele. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

Question put and **agreed to**.

Second Reading - **Later Today**.

**BUSINESS MOTION**

**MR SPEAKER:** Order! Order! Honourable Members, I am sure you have all seen the Order Paper. Having said that, I understand that Minister Wynter Boipuso Mmolotsi seeks to move a procedural Motion in terms of Order 30.2.

**MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM (MR MMOLOTSI):**

Thank you very much Mr Speaker. I beg to move in terms of Standing Order No. 30.2 a variation to the order of public business of today's Order Paper. In particular Mr Speaker, I am proposing that this Honourable House deals with and disposes of the Bills titled; Botswana (Governance and Economic Resilience Support Programme) African Development Bank (AfDB) (Loan Authorisation) Bill, 2025 (No. 15 of 2025) and Governance and Economic Resilience Support Programme, OPEC Fund for International Development (OFID) (Loan Authorisation) Bill, 2025 (No. 16 of 2025) prior to the Second Reading of the Community Based Natural Resources Management Bill, 2025 (No. 11 of 2025). I thank you and move accordingly Mr Speaker.

**MR SPEAKER:** *Order! Honourable Members*, Tshutiso ya ga *Honourable Mmolotsi* ke gore gakere le rile *Bills* tse pedi tse di tsene ka bofefo. Jaanong a re le Order Paper ya lona e supe jalo gore di tsene ka bofefo e bile le fetse ka tsone pele ga le ka tsena mo tirong e nngwe ya Palamente. Ke yone Tshutiso.

Question put and **agreed to**.

## BILL

**BOTSWANA (GOVERNANCE  
AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCE  
SUPPORT PROGRAMME) AFRICAN  
DEVELOPMENT BANK (AfDB) (LOAN  
AUTHORISATION) BILL, 2025 (NO. 15  
OF 2025)**

**Second Reading**

**MR SPEAKER:** Order! Order Honourable Members, *go raya gore le ya go simolola ka* the AfDB. I will now call upon His Honour the Vice President and Minister of Finance to present.

**MINISTER OF FINANCE (MR GAOLATHE):** Thank you Mr Speaker. I once again have the honour to present the Second Reading of the Botswana (Governance and Economic Resilience Support Programme) African Development Bank (AfDB) (Loan Authorisation) Bill, 2025 (No. 15 of 2025).

Mr Speaker, the Governance and Economic Resilience Support Programme Loan is a general budget support facility to bridge the financing gap for the fiscal year 2025/2026. The total amount of the loan facility is USD 304 million which is equivalent to P4.01 billion.

The 2025/2026 fiscal year presented an environment of tight fiscal constraints which is anticipated to prevail throughout the period. This situation was demonstrated by an unsustainable funding gap projected at P22.12 billion or 7.56 per cent of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP). This means that revenue generation for the year will not sufficiently cover the Government spending requirements. The financing gap therefore, needs to be covered through external and domestic borrowing. In addition to the P22.12 billion budget deficit, a further P17.90 billion shall be required to meet statutory obligations (mainly debt repayments). This will bring the overall financing requirement to P40.02 billion. In line with the financing strategy for the year, the projected funding gap will be jointly covered through raising external loans from a syndicate of Multilateral Development Banks and possibly Bilateral Banks as well as securities from the domestic market.

Mr Speaker, Government resolved to augment the resource envelope by accessing two temporary advances

from the Bank of Botswana in May and June 2025 respectively and securing external financing from the African Development Bank (AfDB).

Mr Speaker, the request to include the Governance and Economic Resilience Support Programme, African Development Loan in the 2025/2026 financing plan was approved by Cabinet through Presidential Directive CAB 19A/2025, dated 10<sup>th</sup> July 2025.

Mr Speaker, the budget support loan offered by the AfDB will be used to finance part of the budget including financing some development projects in general. Typically, a budget support loan is tied to the implementation of an agreed programme of prior actions in the form of policies and reforms. In this case the programme is designed to support economic governance and inclusive growth through improved fiscal performance and greater private sector participation in the economy.

Mr Speaker, the programme outlines priority measures that the AfDB will support to boost Botswana's development agenda during the financial year 2025/2026. The programme is characterised by two mutually reinforcing components being; Strengthening fiscal sustainability and Transparency and Enhancing economic revitalisation for job creation and inclusive growth.

Mr Speaker, under the first component, the programme will support Government authorities to enhance domestic revenue mobilisation and curb illicit financial flows through two prior actions. These are:

- (a) Excise Regulation for the fiscal marking and monitoring solution (Track and Trace) issued by the Minister of Finance and;
- (b) the solution implemented to reduce illicit trade of cigarettes and alcohol. The operation will support the Government's plans to launch a value-added electronic invoicing solution to enhance compliance, efficiency and transparency in tax collection.

The proposed operation will also support Government authorities' efforts to improve public expenditure efficiency, transparency and accountability. Finally, it will support strengthening of the anti-corruption

function by undertaking five corruption audits and six lifestyle audits.

Under the second component, the programme will support Government authorities to enhance the environment for doing business and investment facilitation initiatives. The programme will also support the ongoing work to develop the Public Private Partnerships (PPP) through the enactment of a PPP Act, which will enhance oversight and fiscal risk management of PPP projects.

Mr Speaker, the proposed operation will also support Government initiatives to reinforce economic inclusion. First, there are plans to launch two incubation programmes, with the support of the private sector, that will unlock the potential of Micro and Small Enterprises (MSE)s and foster entrepreneurship, especially among the youth through training and mentorship.

Secondly, the operation will support the preparation of a business plan and roadmap to promote value chain development in Botswana's waste management sector and in turn, unlock job opportunities for the youth while promoting growth in the MSE sector.

Mr Speaker, the Ministry of Finance conducted a thorough analysis of the loan terms and conditions and concluded that the terms are affordable. The terms of the loans are:

- (a) Loan amount of USD304 million which is approximately P4.01 billion;
- (b) A variable interest rate of 5.51 per cent (which is 4.29 per cent benchmark plus a margin of 1.22 per cent);
- (c) A commitment fee of 0.25 per cent charged on the undisbursed loan balance;
- (d) A front-end fee of 0.25 per cent, to be deducted from the loan amount;
- (e) A repayment period of 15 years; and
- (f) A grace period of 5 years.

Mr Speaker, the Stocks, Bonds and Treasury Bills Act, 2005 governs Government borrowing and sets a legal borrowing limit of 40 per cent of GDP. To this end, the preliminary data as at first quarter of 2025 indicates

that total public debt including guarantees stood at 27.86 per cent of GDP. This accounts for external debt including guarantees at 9.07 per cent, while domestic debt including guarantees amounts to 18.79 per cent. Total public debt is projected to rise to 34.64 per cent by the end of the 2025/2026 financial year, after accounting for all planned financing. This remains within, but very close to the statutory limit of 40 per cent of GDP.

In conclusion, Mr Speaker, the Government of Botswana expresses its deep gratitude to African Development Bank. The Bank's continued commitment to the Botswana's development agenda remains instrumental to sustainable growth objectives. To this end, the AfDB has positively indicated that they would be willing to negotiate a project financing in order to further support Botswana economic diversification agenda.

Mr Speaker, I therefore move that the Botswana (Governance and Economic Resilience Support Programme) African Development Bank (AfDB) (Loan Authorisation) Bill, 2025, (No. 15 of 2025) be read for the second time. I thank you Mr Speaker.

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

**MR LUCAS (BOBIRWA):** Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke simolole fela ka go supa gore...

**MR SPEAKER:** Hang on Honourable Lucas, hang on; let us find out something first here. I do not see your Whip, usually him and I have a conversation about who is the lead debater, who is supposed to get the 20 minutes. So, I do not know if it is you or it will be...

**MR KEKGONEGILE:** Ke tshwareletse *Honourable Hikuama*, Rre Lucas ke ene.

**MR SPEAKER:** *Tanki*. Honourable Lucas, you have your 20 minutes.

**MR LUCAS:** Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke go leboge rraetsho gore o bo o laetswe gore ke nna yo ke tlaabong ke eteletse pele puisanyo ya gompiano. Fa o ne o sa laelwa ke ne ke tlaa e tsaya fela le fa go ne go sa nna jalo. Ke re ke simolole fela ka go supa gore re dumalane rraetsho gore madi a...

**ASSISTANT MINISTER OF CHILD WELFARE AND BASIC EDUCATION (MR HUNYEPa):** On a point of procedure. Thank you, Mr Speaker. Is it

procedural *gore* if someone is delegated, can someone further delegate someone?

**MR SPEAKER:** *Honourable* Hunyepa, I think se *Honourable* Kekgonengile a neng a se supa ke jaaka o a tle o bone fa gongwe *Honourable* Digwa (Government Whip) a seyo a bo a laela *Honourable* Bagaisamang. I believe it is the same arrangement.

**MR LUCAS:** Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*: Ba ba tshwanang le bo *Honourable* Hunyepa o ba kope gore ba tlhoafale, golo fa lefatshe le tshonne, ene o batla go tshameka. Ke simolole fela ka go supa gore re dumalane le wena *Vice President and Minister of Finance* gore Molao-kakanyetso o o tsene ka bofefo, ka re lemoga seemo se re leng mo go sone re le lefatshe.

Motho o batla go simolola fela ka go supa gore, sekoloto ka bosone se tshwanetse go re tshwenya sa bo sa re tshosa. Ga se gore fa re re se tshwanetse go tsewa, e bile se tsewe ka bofefo go raya gore re itumelela go nna le sekoloto re le lefatshe. Sekoloto bodiphatsa jwa teng re bo bone mo mafatsheng a mangwe a a neng a simolola go tshwakgolwa ke go kolota, kgantele ya bo ya re kwa morago ga dirwa dithulaganyo tse di bidiwang bo *structural adjustments*. E le gore jaanong lefatshe ga le sa tlhole le itsamaisa, le tsamaisiwa ke dibanka tsa mafatshe a sele, bo World Bank le International Monetary Fund (IMF). Re tshwanetse go itse gore jaaka re tsaya dikoloto jaana, sekoloto se na le bodiphatsa jwa sone. Seo re tshwanetse go se itse, a re se ka ra se itumelela gore re a se tsaya.

Sa bobedi re tshwanetse go itse gore, fa re tsaya sekoloto, re itse gore re jela madi kwa pele, a re ka a dirang re ntse re tseletse. Go raya gore jaanong re ja madi a boswa jwa bana ba rona, go ya kwa pele. E tlaa re mo tsamaong ya nako le sa tlhole le le mo Pusong, sekoloto sa bo se ntse se le teng. Jaanong se kgokgontsha ba ba tlaabong ba busa ka nako eo, e bile se kgokgontsha matshelo a bana ba lefatshe le mo dingwageng tse 10, 15 tse o di buileng. Se re tshwanetse go se itse, jaaka re tlaabo re tsaya sekoloto jaana. Go botlhokwa thata gore e re re tsaya sekoloto re itse gore, moo ke mosekelampeng o re tshwanetseng go o tsaya re itse gore ga se gore go monate go tsaya sekoloto.

Ke e tle ke utlwe VP a re sekoloto se sengwe se botlhokwa, mme nako ya teng o ne a re sekoloto se

se botlhokwa thata ke se o se adimelang ditlhabololo bogolo jang. Se o se adimelang go jela mo ganong, se botlhoko thata ka gore fa gongwe ga go na dipoelo tsa go jela mo ganong tse o ka tlang wa kgona go busa madi ao. A re eleng tlhoko tse pedi tseo, go tlwaela sekoloto le gore re itse gore re ja mosekelampeng, o re tshwanetseng go tla re o duela mo tsamaong ya nako.

Ka jalo rraetsho, re a go *support* gore madi a a ye go adimiwa, re sena go go reetsa sentle maabane o supa gore re mo mathateng a e leng gore fa re ka se ka ra tsaya kgato ka pela, lefatshe le le tlaa nyelela, le nyeletswa ke tlala le letlhoko le le gagamatsang. O letse o buile jalo maabane ra go utlwa, mme ke sone se o utlwang re re, a re di tseye dikoloto tse re se ka ra di tsaya ka go itumela. Re di tseye ka go tlhobaela gore di tlaa re tsenya mo mathateng fa di ka tlopegela.

Re ne re go reeditse o araba potso ya ga Rre Kapinga, e mo dikgannyeng tse dingwe a neng a bua ka *cost containments*. Gore re tshwanetse jaanong ra simolola go fokotsa ka fa re dirisang madi ka teng. Mma ke go bolelele gore le fa ke dumalana le gore o ye go adima madi jaana, mme ga ke a kgotsofalela dikarabo tsa gago tsa gore re fokotsa jang ditiro tse di ka senyang madi, mme di sena mosola. Kwa tshimologong ke kile ka bo ke ne ke tshepha gore fa e le wena, tota o tlaa kgaola mo go utlwalang, mme ga ke a kgotsofala. O adima madi jalo, mme tse di amang go fokotsa tshenyo ga ke utlwe o di bua ka tlhwaafalo e ke neng ke e solofela mo go wena, mme re adima madi e bile re a go letlelela gore o adime madi. Itse gore le fa re go letlelela jalo, mme ga re kgotsofalele ka fa o neng o tlhalosa ka teng gore o tlaa fokotsa tshenyo le tshenyetso-setshaba. Ga re kgotsofale re le ba Botswana Congress Party (BCP).

Re a bona gone gore tshotlego le tlala di dintsi, re a utlwa o re tlhaloseditse mo nakong e e fetileng gore lefatshe la rona le palelwa ke go duela *suppliers*. *Honourable* Furniture Tlhabologo o ne a boditse potso gore, a re kgona go duela *suppliers* tsa Puso, wa supa gore ga re kgone re le lefatshe, re tshwere madi a batho ba ba re diretseng ditiro. Re tshwaretse dikompone madi a tsone, tse dingwe di tlaa wa ka gore ga re kgone go di duela re le Goromente. Gone moo go ka *cause* kutlobotlhoko le tshotlego e e gagamatsang mo dikomponeng tse di tlaa wang, ka gore fa di wa, go raya gore batho ba ba neng ba hirilwe mo go tsone ba tlaabo ba nna le bothata jwa

gore ba ntshiwa mo ditirong, tshotlego le yone e bo e oketsega.

Ra re ee rraetsho, tsamaya o ye go adima madi. Re go eme nokeng, re a bona gore tshotlego e teng. Re a utlwa gore ba bo Ipelegeng mo dikgaolong tsa rona ba emetse go duelwa mo mafelong a mangwe, mme ga ba kgone go bona dituelo tseo. Moo ke gone mo go re rotloetsang gore re go *support* gore o ye go tsaya sekoloto, mme re re tsaya sekoloto seo o na le kitso ya gore ga se a re siamela re le lefatshe. Madi a sekoloto a tshwanetse go dirisiwa ka tshomarelo e kgolo thata. Ga o ka ke wa tsaya madi kwa go machonisa o bo o simolola o taboga ka one o a dirisa botlhaswa, o tshwanetse go itse gore madi a sekoloto a tshwanetse go dirisiwa ka matseseleko a a kwa godimo thata.

E re go ntse jalo, re go letlelela gore o ye go adima madi a, re gagamadiwa gape ke gore lona le le boeteledipele jwa gompiano, UDC *Government*, le ne le dirile ditsholofetso tsa *manifesto*, jaanong le bo le re le ne le di dira le sa itse gore go tlaa nna le mathata a a kanakana, le sa itse gore Domkrag e haladitse sepatšhe. Motho o ne a ka le utlwela botlhoko a re gongwe le ne le sa itse, jaanong se se gagamatsang ke gore re le mo letšhonong le le kanakana, mo sekolong se se kanakana, Kgotla le Kgotla, *President* o tlaabo a bua ditsholofetso tse e nnang e kete re le lefatshe re na le madi a a gagamatsang. A bua ditsholofetso tsa bo *English breakfast* le tse dingwe. O bo o ipotsa gore, ao! batho ba Modimo, o kare gotwe re tšhonne mo go kana, e bo ditsholofetso tsa rona di nna di palama Kgotla le Kgotla?

O se ka wa tshamekela mo lefatsheng le tšhonne wena, ga go a tshwanela gore e bo jaanong ditsholofetso tsa rona di pala letsatsi le letsatsi. Ga di fokotsege, ditsholofetso di tshwanetse go tsamaelana le sepatšhe. Fa e le gore go na le mongwe yo o bonang gore ene o tshwanetse go solofetsa fela le fa sepatšhe re bolelelwa gore se makgwakgwa, mo kgalemeleng, mo tseeleng *microphone*. Fa e le gore o tlile go ba solofetsa ka tsela eo, mme a solofetsa jalo go ntse gotwe sepatšhe se makgwakgwa, gotwe re adime madi, ditsholofetso di ntse di ya magoletsa, *we got to be very careful*. Motho yoo le tshwanetse la mo tseela *microphone*, ka gore jaanong ga go tsamaelane. Wena Rre Gaolathe o re raya o re ga go na madi, sepatšhe se makgwakgwa, ka fa gatwe ke tlaa le tshelela madi. Nnyaa, ga go tsamaelane

rraetsho. Le wena o tshwanetse se o se lemoge, e bile o leke gore fale le fale o kgaleme, gore ga re ka ke ra solofetsa mo go kanakana mo sebakeng se.

**MR FURNITURE:** *Elucidation.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke a leboga *Acting Leader of the Opposition* (LOO). Gone foo ka fa o neng o bua ka teng gore, ditsholofetso tsa Puso e ntšha e, kana go na le puo e e buiwang ya gore batho ba ne ba gakolotswe kwa *Cabinet* gore itsholelo ka fa e ntseng ka teng, e ka kgona go duela madi a bagodi *up to* P1000. Bone ba bo ba *insist to* P1800, go bo go felela go nna le *compromise* ya P1400. O ka reng mo kgannyeng eo, ke ditshwetso tse di ntseng jang tsa boeteledipele?

**MR LUCAS:** Ee rraetsho, e a utlwala e tsamaelana le kgang e ke reng fa o tšhonne, o se ka wa tsamaya o itira e kete o na le madi, o solofetsa, solofetsa mo. O kare mosimane wa kwa Bobirwa yo o tsamayang a solofetsa dinyalo, mme a sena le fa e le madi a bogadi. Ga go a tshwanela Rre Gaolathe, gore e bo e re lefatshe le tšhonne mo go kanakana, ditsholofetso di bo di nna kana.

Ke batla gore Rre Gaolathe ke go kope, gongwe o lemogile gore ke lebege o kare ke a go tshepha, gore e re fa madi a adimilwe jaana, elang tlhoko thata tshenyetso-setšhaba. Ke gore madi a kgona go adimiwa jaana, e bo matlhalerwa a madi a a emetse fa a a emetseng teng, gore fela fa madi a goroga ba a phamola. Ba phamola ka *tenders* tse di *overinflated*. *Tender* e e tshwanetseng gore e ka bo e ja P10 *million*, e nna P30 *million*. Dilo tse o di ele tlhoko *Minister of Finance*. Ga re ka ke ra kgona gore re na le sekoloto, a bo e le gore se gorosiwa ka *inflated tenders*. Ga re ka ke ra ba ra amogela seemo seo Rre Gaolathe. E bile re beile mo go wena ka gore fa o re o a leba, ba bangwe ba...

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** E tshware gone foo.

**MR LUCAS:** Ke e tshwere gone fa. O a itse gore ke ne ke ya kae. Ela tlhoko matlhalerwa a. A emetse madi a gore ba a itirisetse botlhaswa. Re tshwanetse ra lwantsha *corruption* gore madi a se ka a tla a felela mo motlhobodikeng, a felela mo matlhaleng a sekaenyana fela. A felela mo babusing ba sekaenyana fela ba ba tshwerweng ke tlala. Ga re senke seemo seo sa diragala, re adimile madi.

Madi a maadimo, a tshwanetse a dirisiwa ka kelotlhoko e tona. E bile maadimo ga a tshwanela go dirisiwa *madeodeo*. Ga a tshwanela. Madi a teng a tshwanetse gore fa o a dirisa o a adimile, o a dirise o tshogile. O a dirise ka matsetseleko a go itse gore madi a, ke a adimile. Ga se a kamogelo ya beke le beke kgotsa *sitting allowance*. Ke madi a o a adimileng. Ka jalo, o tshwanetse wa a dirisa ka matsetseleko.

*Corruption* re tshwanetse re e ele tlhoko. *Procurement* e e neng e buiwa ke Rre Kapinga, re a utlwa malatsi a go nna go buiwa gore *competitive bid* ga e tlhokafale, re batla *direct appointment*. Dilo tse, ke tsone tse di tlileng go tsoga di jele madi a re a a adimileng, tsa bo *direct appointment* e e senang kelelelo. E o bonang gore *direct appointment* e, go kgotsofadiwa dingwe ditsala. Seemo seo ga re se tlhoke mo mading a re a adimileng. Madi a kadimo a tshwanetse a dirisiwa sentle. Ga o ka ke wa dirisa madi a kadimo, o bo o tsamaya o gataka mo o kare o kwete mme o adimile. Ga re a tshwanela go itira dikwete mme e le gore tota re na le letlhoko le le gakgamatsang re le lefatshe. Madi a, a kadimo wena *Honourable* Modise, re batla go a bona a rekile melemo. Melemo e e ka thusang setšhaba sa ga rona. Ke a go itshwarela Modise. Ke a go itshwarela tempele.

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

**MR LUCAS:** Madi a a kadimo, a tshwanetse re a bone a rekile melemo. Ga re batle go utlwa gotwe melemo e a tlhaela mme re adimile madi. Melemo e tlhaela jang re adimile madi? Jaaka madi a adimiwa jaana, re batla go bona dikole tsa rona di baakantswe. Dikole di makgasa, di *mathatha*, mme madi a a tshwanetse a goroge kwa dikoleng tse. Bana ba rutelwe fa go siameng. Madi a kadimo a, a tshwanetse a goroge mo *projects* tseo. Madi a kadimo ga a tshwanela go felela mo go bo Development Manager (DM) *with inflated tenders*. A bo e le gore gompiano re eme gone fa re emetse gore re *report* leng. Motho o tshwere *report*, o e tsentse mo pateng mme e le gore gone fa, ke one motlhobodika wa madi, fa a yang go felela teng. Re tshwanetse tseo ra di ela tlhoko.

Madi a, a tshwanetse go goroga kwa go ba ba tlhokang thata, *the desperately poor*. Madi a tshwanetse go kgoma matshelo a bone. Madi a, a tshwanetse go kgoma matshelo a bana ba rona ba ba sa berekeng. Madi a, a tshwanetse go kgoma bagwebi ba ba botlana, *informal*

*sector*. Madi a, a tshwanetse go ba kgoma, one a. E se ka ya nna madi fela a a tlaabong a morosiwa ke batho ba ba nang le botsalano le ba ba leng mo go Goromente. Ke tsaya gore o ntheditse. Madi a, a tshwanetse go goroga kwa *farmers* tse di kwa tlase, balemi-barui ba ba kwa tlase. Madi a, a tshwanetse go goroga kwa go bone, ba itshetse. Go botlhokwa thata gore madi a se ka a goroga fela kwa go ba *tenders* ba ditsala, matlhalerwa a a thusang fa gongwe *to finance* ditlhopho. E nna one a a jang madi, batho ba rona ba supula mo leroleng la lehuma. Ga re a tshwanela gore a bo go ntse jalo batho betsho.

Madi a, a tshwanetse go goroga kwa baneng ba rona. A tshwanetse go goroga kwa banalebogoleng ba lefatshe le. Madi a, a tshwanetse go goroga kwa bathong ba ba tshelang le bogole, one madi a. A e se ka ya nna madi a a tlileng go bonwa fela mo babusing, ba lakasela ka dikoloi tse di phatsimang tsa melelo. Ga go a lekana. Ke gore re le mo tlaleng e e ntseng jaana, o ka nna wa utlwa gotwe go rekelwa bangwe dikoloi ba maemo. Nnyaa batho betsho, a ko e re fa re adimile madi, re nne le ditlhong tsa gore madi a kadimo o tshwanetse wa a dirisa ka ditlhong. *Honourable* Tshere o a tshega. O tshega eng?

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

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** O dule mo setlhogong.

**MR LUCAS:** Nnyaa, heela! Re ya go adima madi. Madi a, a dirisiwe sentle. Madi a, a tshwanetse a dirisiwe sentle. Ga e ka ke ya re re adimile madi, a bo re tsaya fela gore a tlele go dirisiwa sentle.

**MR SPEAKER:** Honourable Lucas, address the Speaker.

**MR LUCAS:** Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. O ne a batla go nketsha mo tseleng. Ke re batho betsho, re letlelela seemo sa gore Rraetsho Gaolathe a adime madi. A adime jalo ka kitso ya gore tsholofelo ya rona ke gore madi a, a tlele go dira pharologanyo mo go ba ba tlhokang pharologanyo mo matshelong a bone. Go utlwa botlhoko mo lefatsheng la Botswana ka gore fa madi a nna mantsi jaana, o fitlhela go na le setlhophanyana fela se se a akolang, le one a kadimo tota. Nnyaa, madi a kadimo Batswana ba tshwanetse ba bona a goroga mo go bone. Re kopa seo. E bile ra re jaaka go tlaabo go

dirwa ditiro tsa ditlhabololo jalo, a di dirwe go lebilwe lefatshe lotlhe ka bophara. Go lebilwe dikgaolo thata tse di saletseng kwa morago go feta tse dingwe. Dikgaolo tse di saletseng kwa morago go feta tse dingwe, e tshwanetse e nne tse di lebiwang go gaisa. Re a itse dikgaolo tse di ntseng jalo. Re a di itse dikgaolo tsa bo Ghanzi, Kgalagadi le Okavango. Re a itse gore dikgaolo tseo di saletse kwa morago thata, tsa Boteti, di saletse kwa morago thata.

Madi a kadimo a, a tshwanetse gore fa a dirisiwa, re bua ka National Development Plan (NDP) 12, a bo e le gore go lebilwe thata kwa letlhoko le leng teng. Ke a itse gore kamoso e tlaabo e le gore ditlhabololo di ya kwa gotweng Tona semangmang, o batla ditlhabololo di isiwa gone koo. Nnyaa, re tshwanetse ra tlhomamisa gore ba ba tlhokang thata, ke bone ba ba kgonang go bona ditlhabololo. Ba ba tlhokang metsi ba Molepolole, Dimajwe, Gobojango le Semolale ba ba saleng ba a solofeditse bogologolo. A ditlhabololo di goroge koo, metsi a goroge koo. Re solofela jalo Rre Gaolathe.

Go ka tlabisa ditlhong jang rraetsho gore e re fa re goroga kwa goreng re sekaseka gore madi a a dirisitswe jang, re bo re fitlhela e le gore bontsi jwa one a dirisitswe mo metlaeng, mo metshamekong le *corruption*. Mo o fitlhelang batho ba dirile *tender* gotwe *it exceeded the original amount* ka *over P2 billion*. Go bo go didimalwa fela gotwe a tlaa dirisiwa sentle. Ela tlhoko Rre Gaolathe. Madi a, ke a kadimo.

Ka mafoko a a kalo rraetsho, ke batla gore ke eme gone foo. O itse gore re na le tsholofelo e tona mo go wena. Fa lefatshe le le ka tsena mo diphatseng, madi a kadimo a se ka a dirisiwa sentle, o mongwe wa batho ba ntlha ba re tlaabong re ba lebile. Re solofeditse dilo tse di ntsi thata ka wena, tse e leng gore go fitlhelela gompiano, ga re ise re bone gore a mme o a kgona. Fa e le gore lefatshe le le ka wela ka lemena, o mongwe wa batho ba re tlileng go ba supa ka monwana ba re ba rapelelang dithapelo tse di thata, tsa gore Modimo a tseye ditshwetso ka wena ka gore ga re batle seemo se se ntseng jalo. Ga re senke seemo e o filweng boikarabelo jo bo kana e bo e le gore lefatshe lotlhe le a nyelela.

**MINISTER OF HEALTH (DR MODISE):** Point of order Mr Speaker. Thank you, Mr Speaker. I think the Member is not addressing issues now. He is addressing the Honourable Vice President (VP), is that proper? Can

he just stick to the issues and not address the Honourable VP? Thank you.

**MR SPEAKER:** I indeed asked Honourable Lucas to address the Speaker. *Ke tsaya gore o a fetsa, o utlwile.*

**MR LUCAS:** Ke a fetsa. Ke gore wena o santse o itumeletse go fenywa bo *Secretary General*. Golo fa re bua ka go kolota ga lefatshe. Jaanong gape ene *Honourable Gaolathe* ga a ngongorege, o a bona gore Lucas o mo setlhogong. Wena o ne o le mang gore o re ga ke mo setlhogong? Mothusa Tautona a re, ke mo setlhogong. Rraetsho, re beile mo go ene. Re a dumela gore o tlaa tshegetsatshe sekepe se. Letšhono le la rona, re tlaa tswa mo go lone letsatsi lengwe, mme o tshegeditse sekepe. *Thank you very much.*

**MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INNOVATION (MR TSHERE):** *Thank you Mr Speaker*, ke ne ke re gongwe o mpha 20 minutes. *Mr Speaker*, ke batla go araba Lucas...

**MR SPEAKER:** Are you designated by Leader of the House? I know he is not here.

**MR TSHERE:** He is not here...

**MR SPEAKER:** Are you designated by him to lead the debate?

**MR TSHERE:** *Yes, the VP has authorised it. Thank you, Mr Speaker.*

Ke itumelela thata gore o bo o mphile nako ka gore ke tlaa araba le tse dingwe tse ke neng ke utlwa di buiwa. Kana o ne a bitsa leina lame ka gore ke ne ke bona a ile kwa le kwa a sa bue ka kgang e e mo tafoleng. *Mr Speaker*, kana fa *Leader of the Opposition* a bua, a re madi a kadimo, o ile kgakala a bua thata ka madi a teng. Jaanong kana rona mo Pusong e, ga se gore madi a kadimo re a leba jaaka madi a e leng gore re a dirile fa. Madi a kadimo le a e leng gore re a dirile re le lefatshe, re tshwanetse re a tshware sentle.

Ke sone se a ka bong a wela ka sone gore re tshwanetse re tshware madi sentle fela ka kakaretso, a dirisiwe sentle, re bone gore *every* Pula o re nang le ene, re mo tshwara sentle. Se ke dumalanang le ene fela ke se a neng a re fa a lebeletse *His Honour the Vice President* jaana, o a mo tshepha. Le nna jaanong kana fa gongwe dilo tse tsa madi di a tsietsa *Mr Speaker*, jaanong fa gongwe fa o sa

tlhaloganyane, o lebelele ene motho yo o tlang ka puo kana ka kopo eo, o mo lebe mo matlhong. Fa ke lebeletse Mothusa Tautona, ke utlwa ke mo tshepha gore o itse se a se dirang e bile o tsere lefatshe la Botswana o le beile kwa pele. Ke sone se o bonang a boa a tla ka thulaganyo ya gore a tle ka go kopa madi a a ka thusang.

Ke batla go boela mo *Bill* e a e re beileng pele ya kopo ya madi a a ka tshwarang P4 billion. P4 billion *Mr Speaker*, fa o mo reeditse thata, o ne a bua gore madi a e leng gore a a tlhokafala, a tsamaya kwa go bo P40 billion e seng P4 billion. So, o ka bona gore fa e le gore re tlhoka P40 billion mme re adima P4 billion, tota a mannye thatathata mo e leng gore ga a ka ke a goroga kwa go se re a se batlang, e bile le se e leng gore *Leader of the Opposition* o ne a bua a bala dilo tse dintsintsi.

Ga go molato go solofela, jaaka gompiano jaana Tautona e re fa a tsamaya a bo a tlhalosa dikeletso gore o eletsa gore re ye kae re le lefatshe. O di tlhalositse jalo mo maitlamong a UDC gore re eletsa gore bagolo ba tle ba kgone go bona P1800 e le tandabala. Re dumalana jalo le gompiano jaana, mme jaanong o ka bona gore gompiano jaana madi a a tlhabela, e bile a tlhabela fela ka bokete jo bo kanakana. E bo e re Puso jaanong fa e bona go tlhabela jalo, e bo e felela e feletse mo go P1400. O bo o utlwa gotwe nnyaa, UDC e maaka, ga e diragatse ditsholofetso tsa teng, a kae maP2500 mme re le bolelela gore bonang gore go ntse jang. Jaanong gatwe o tsamaya a dira ditsholofetso *Mr Speaker*. Ke mang Tautona yo o sa direng ditsholofetso? Tsholofetso ga e tlhabise ditlhong ka Setswana, e bile re tshwanetse re nne ka tsholofelo re le Batswana, e bile Batswana ba tshwanetse ba nne ba solofetse mo Pusong e ntsha e, jaaka o bona re dira dithulaganyo tsa go batla madi, e bile re a somarela fa re setse a bone. Ke yone tsholofelo e tona ka gore re solofela gore re tlile go tlhatloga mo seemong se re leng mo go sone. Fa re tlhatlogang teng, rotlhe re tlile go tlhatloga ka boitumelo. Ke sone se e leng gore Tautona o a se bua nako le nako fa a a fa Batswana tsholofelo. Ga ke tseye gore go ka tlhabisang ditlhong gore Tautona e re fa a tsamaya jaana, a bo a solofetsa Batswana. A a tswelile a ba solofetsa ka tumelo ya gagwe gore ene o dumela gore lefatshe la Botswana le tshwanetse gore le bo le le kae.

Lefatshe la Botswana *is not determined by the current status* e e leng gore ga re na madi. Ditshwetso le

dikakanyo tsa rona le kwa re batlang go isa Botswana teng *Mr Speaker, is far above the economic situation* e re iponang re le mo go yone. Ga e ka ke ya re fa e le gore re ne re eletsa gore batsadi kana bagolo re ba neele P1800, e bo e le gore ra re nnyaa, jaanong ga go na madi, jaanong re tswa mo tsholofetsong ya P1800, re tlaa ba neela P400. Nnyaa, re tshwanetse re nne ka tsholofelo eo, e re mo go yone. Re tsepame mo go yone gore fa dilo di tlaabo di tsamaya sentle di wela, re kgone go rekisa *and diversifying the economy* jaaka Mothusa Tautona kgantele fa a bua. Ke utlwile ba didimala ka gore o ne a bua puo e ba neng ba sa e tlhaloganyane ya *Transformative Programme* e e neng e bua ka *the true north* gore re ya kae; fa a araba potso kgantele. Le ne le sa mo utlwe sentle, mme ke gone kwa re yang teng. E tlaa re fa re wela gone foo, ke gone o tlaa kgonang go bona gore nnyaa, mme UDC e ya kae, e isa lefatshe le kwa kae. E bile ga re ka ke fa ra isa maikaelelo a rona kwa tlase ka gore re bona o kare lefatshe ga le madi gone jaana.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Clarification.

**MR TSHERE:** I yield for clarification.

**MR FURNITURE:** *Point of clarification.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke a leboga *Honourable Tshere*. Ke utlwa o bua ka ditsholofetso, ga se gore gongwe *Honourable Tshere*, ditsholofetso tsa gago tse o di dirang gongwe o le phathi kana o le Puso, di tshwanetse gore di tsamaelane le thulaganyo ya *funding*, gore tsone mme ditsholofetso tse, *how are you going to fund them*, gona le gore fa gongwe o bo o tsamaya fela o solofetsa, o solofetsa mme o sena madi kana thulaganyo epe fela ya gore *how are you going to fund?* Kana jaanong e nna o kare re bereka ka seporofiti kana seporofito sa gore go tlaa nna le sennanne, a go nne le diphologolo, diphologolo di bo di nna teng, a go nne le mo, sennane se bo se nna teng.

**MR TSHERE:** Ke a leboga. Nnyaa, ke ne ke ntse ke tlhalosa, go raya gore ga o nkutlwe sentle. Ke ne ke tlhalosa gore ditsholofetso di tshwanetse di nne di le teng, le toro ga o e fetole ka gore o fitlhetse e le gore seemo ga se tshwane le se o neng o se eleditse. *You keep dreaming and then* o bo o tla ka dithulaganyo tse e leng gore di tlaa go gorosa gone koo. Ke gone kwa re buang ka *the new Transformation Programme* e e tlaa tlang. O tlaa tla o e utlwa sentle gore ditsholofetso tsa rona re leba re le kae.

*Mr Speaker*, ke batla gore ke wele ka *Bill* e tota ka gore e a tlhalosa. Ke ne ke e bala mo teng mo, e supa gore madi a a kadimo, a ya go wela mo letloleng la *Development Budget*. Jaanong kana fa gotwe *Development Budget Mr Speaker*, ke nna le tsholofelo le nna kwa Mahalapye ka gore go na le Transitional National Development Plan (TNDP) e e tsweletseng, maikaelelo ke gore e ye go fela ka *October*. E ka tswa le yone e kgopakgopediwa ke seemo sa madi a gompiano, mme ga re a tshwanela go tswa mo tsholofelong eo le batho ba Mahalapye tota.

Re santse re na le tsholofelo *Mr Speaker*, gore madi a le fa a le mannyennyane, bonnyennyane jo bo kana, e tlaa nna madi a a tshwanang le *loaves* tse di kileng tsa lekana matshwititshwiti, Tona Gaolathe a a tshwere jaana. A tlaa lekana gore e nne ditlhapi tse di neng tsa jesa batho ba feta matshwititshwiti, ditlhapi tseo di le di bonnyennyane jo bo kalo.

Re na le tsholofelo le rona kwa Mahalapye gore madi a e tlaa re fa a setse a gorogile, P120 million was storm water drainage kwa motseng wa Mahalapye o re sa bolong go mo solofela, ga re tswa mo tsholofelong e *Honourable Lucas* ka gore seemo se a fetoga. Nnyaa, re santse re ntse re eme gone foo kwa Mahalapye, re eletsa gore go tle P120 million a tle go baakanya storm water drainage mo motseng wa Mahalapye e bile a baakanye le ditsela. Toropo le *mall* wa Mahalapye di lebege, le yone *the storm water drainage* e e leng gore e tsamaya kwa *bus rank* e a buang ka yone, di bonale ka one madi a.

Re eletsa thata gore go nne le *the truck stop* e re e solofetseng kwa motseng wa Mahalapye. Tsholofetso ga e tlhabise ditlhong, e bile re santse re eme gone foo gore re batla a *truck stop* kwa Mahalapye, *it is just a few kilometres before* o tsena mo motseng wa Mahalapye o tswa mo Gaborone. Ke yone tsholofelo ya rona fa re utlwa gotwe madi a a adimiwa a tsena mo *development plan*.

*Mr Speaker*, re santse re solofetse gape kwa Mahalapye Botlhaba, a *primary school*, se se tshwanetseng se agiwe go tla go imolola kwa motseng wa Mahalapye le gone ka fa Mahalapye East/West ka gore bana ba rona ba tsena ka fa le ka fa gore go kgone go nna le *primary school* eo, re fokotse dipalo tsa dikole tsa *primary schools* tse di penologang gompiano jaana mo motseng wa Mahalapye.

Re santse re solofetse gore e tlaa re fa go tsamaya, fa tse di kgonagetse, Tona, *the Vice President* a bone madi a mangwe gore jaanong a age *stadium* kwa motseng wa Mahalapye ka gore ba a lela. Ke tsholofelo ya bone, ka tsholofelo ga e tlhabise ditlhong, gore e tlaa re nako nngwe *stadium* sa Mahalapye se tlaa tla. Dikgantshwane tsa Mahalapye jaanong le tle le di bone sentle di ikatisitse mo *stadium* se se rileng.

Ke tsholofelo yame gape kwa lephateng le ke le eteletse pele jaaka gompiano jaana re tshwaragane le namane e tona ya go oketsa *telecommunication infrastructure* mo lefatsheng leno *Mr Speaker*, mo dikgaolong tse di akaretsang bo Charles Hill, Two Rivers kwa e leng gore ga re na le fa e le *infrastructure of communication*. Re santse re eme, *cable* ya rona ya *ibre optic* e eme kwa Two Rivers, re batla e goroga kwa Charles Hill gore batho ba Ncojane, Charles Hill, Makunda, gotlhe fela kwa *Honourable Motsamai* a tswang teng kwa, le bone ba kgone go akola. E bile re batla gore re dirise gape one madi a fa go kgonagala Tona wa Madi. *These are development plans under the Ministry of Communications and Innovation* gore re tlhabolole le kgoagano ya maranyane mo ditseleng tse di tona tse re tsamayang mo go tsone. Trans-Kalahari Corridor (TKC), tsela e tshwana le A1 jaaka o fitlhela fa gongwe go sena go sena *network* ya *communication* le *internet* tota, ke dilo tse re di eletsang.

Jaanong fa re utlwa gotwe madi a a tsena e le a *Development Budget*, re tla re akanya gore go ka thusa Batswana. Le gone gone kwa Tutume, Maitengwe *area to bring about redundancy* ya *network*. Gompiano jaana *line* e re e dirisang e nngwefela ele, gongwe fela fa e ka kgaoga gone fa bo Francistown, *the whole of that North West will not have internet connection*. Go botlhokwa gore re nne le *an alternative route* e e tlaa tsamayang e re fa go kgaoga jaaka batho ba tla ba epa mesele, fa go kgaolwa *that cable* re kgone *to communicate*, re tswela, dikgwebo di kgone go tswela kwa pele. Ke itumela thata gore dilo tse gongwe di tlaa re fa go diragala mo mading a mannyennyane jaaka o a bua Tona wa Madi, e tlaa re fa o ntse o a lebelela a tlaa ntsifala, a bo a kgona go araba dikopo tse re nang le tsone.

O ne o bua gape gore kana re le lefatshe re ipeetse seelo sa 40 per cent sa GDP, gore sekoloto sa rona se tlaa feta foo. O tlhalosa gore go tsamaela kwa go 27.8 per

cent, gongwe e bile fa re ya go wela ngwaga o o tlang, re tlaabo re tsamaya kwa go 34.6. Re santse re ntse re le kwa tlase ga seelo se re se beileng, ke rata re lemoge gore lefatshe la Botswana, ke gore rona re tshaba sekoloto *generally*. Fa o lebelela mafatshe a re bapileng le one, bo Namibia, South Africa, *they are over 100 per cent of the GDP*. Ba setse ba tsere *loans* fela tse dintsi. Fa e le bo America bone ba feteletse. Jaanong re ka bo re ne re adima madi e bile ka gore re santse re kgona go a adima ka gore re tsaya gore nako e ya gore re aparetsewe ke seru e tlaa feta.

**MR LUCAS:** *Clarification.* O a di leka dikgang rraetsho mme ke ne ke re e re fa o tshwantshanya mafatshe le ka fa a tsayang dikoloto ka teng, lemoga gore *structure* sa *economy* sa mafatshe ga se tshwane. *Structure* sa rona sa *economy we are dependent* mo *one commodity*. Ga re ka ke ra tloga ra tsaya dikoloto jaaka e kete re tsaya gore *economy* ya rona *is diversified*. *That we should take it and put it in mind* fa o ntse o re tshwantshanya le bo America le mafatshe a mangwe.

**MR TSHERE:** Ke a leboga. Fa re ka akanya jalo, kana go raya gore wa re re phuthe re nne gone fa re leng teng. Lefatshe la Botswana ga re ka ke ra le *diversify*, jaanong fa e le gore re tlile go dumela gore re tseyeng go le go nnyennyane a bo re ema gone fa, ga re ka ke ra ya gope, ga re na *potential* ya *to diversify*. Ke ntse ke bua ka *the true north* e nneng Mothusa Tautona a bua ka yone gore re ya kae re le lefatshe, *transformational programme* e UDC e tlang ka yone. *It requires funding and financial investments* tse di tshwanetseng go nna teng go supa kwa re ka yang teng. Fa re ka nna fela re bo re tshaba fela jaana, o foo ke fano. Le ngwaga o o tlang re tlaabo re le fa re ntse re adima. *So re tshwanetse e re dikadimo tse re di dirang di fetlhe ditiro ka gore kwa bofelong jwa dikgang tse ke gore fa e le gore go na le ditiro tse di tlang, go tlaa nna le expenditure e e nnang teng. Go tlaa nna le GDP e tlaa ya kwa godimo, jaanong fa e le gore re tlaa nna fela a bo re tshaba le go tsaya madi re nna under 40 per cent and then we report to the international community that we have under 40 per cent to GDP of our loans. So what? Ba bangwe ba na le over 100 per cent and we can see, they have managed to diversify their economy, ga go reye gore ke selo se re tshwanetseng re ikgatlhe ka sone re bo re re re siame. Ba ba fetileng ba dirile jalo and this is what fa re setseng re le teng. Ka nako eo go ne go kgonagala ka gore diteemane di ne*

di tliša madi, jaanong re ne re itebetse fela re a dirisa. Gompieno ga go na diteemane, jaanong re tshwanetse re tle ka methale e e hutswelang itsholelo ka tsela e e lebaneng. Ke dumalana le wena fa o ne o bua kgantele o re re tshwanetse re dirise madi a kadimo go hutswela itsholelo gore e kgone go dira ditiro, ke gone o tlaa bonang *economy* ya Botswana e ya kwa godimo gape *being diversified*. Gompieno jaana teemane ga di dire madi re eme, jaanong o a bona gore fa re ka tswelela re ntse re tsamaya ka mokgwa o re adimang re berekela go jela mo ganong, go raya gore ga re ka ke ra tlhabologa re le lefatshe. *So we have to take drastic action*. Ke gone mo ke go akanyang gore re kgone go tlhabolola lefatshe la Botswana, re dire dilo tse e leng gore ga di ise di ko di dirwe gotlhelele ka gore ke tsone tse di ka supang kwa re ka yang teng re le lefatshe.

*Mr Speaker*, ke a utlwa e bile ke dumalana le Molao-kakanyetso o o tlang ka *His Honour the Vice President (VP) and Minister of Finance*. Ke a dumela e bile ke a mo rebola gore a ye go baya monwana dipampiri tse di tsamaisanyang le gore madi a a tswe e bile a ye mo *Development Budget*. A bo Mothusa Tautona jaaka fela o mo lebile ka matlho ka o a tshaphafala, a bo a bona gore o ka a kgaoganya jang, gongwe a tle a goroge le kwa Mahalapye. *I therefore support the Bill Mr Speaker. Thank you.*

**MINISTER OF HEALTH (DR MODISE):** *Thank you very much Mr Speaker.* Ke go dumedise, ke dumedise le batlotlegi. Ke a bo ke gakgamala gore batho ba e leng gore botshelo jwa bone jwa sepolotiki bo ikaegile ka ditsholofetso, ba bo ba ka ema mo Ntlong e ba re bolelela gore ditsholofetso. Kana go na le mathata gore re bo re solofeditse Batswana kana e le gore *we are a very ambitious Government? That, we will not back down from, we are a very ambitious Government, we have a lot of dreams and ambitions for our people. We will not fail on this mandate and we will deliver on it.*

*Mr Speaker*, we are dealing with legacy issues currently. Rotlhe mo Ntlong e re a itse gore seemo sa thuto se ntse jang mo lefatsheng la rona jaaka Rre Lucas a ne a tsaya gore o a re tlaopa mme rona re batho ba re nang le kutlwisiso ya gore seemo se ntse jang le gore re dira eng go se fetola. Re bua ka tsa thuto, botsogo, go na le mathata mo mehameng e yotlhe. Re a itse gape gore seemo sa itsholelo se ntse jang, ga e ise e ko e

nne sephiri. E rile re tsena re ne ra supa e le la ntlha gore bothata re bo bona e le eng re le Goromente wa UDC. Ra se ka ra felela foo, Mothusa Tautona o ne a bolelela Ntlo e gore maikaelelo a rona ke go dira eng to stimulate the economy and make sure that we are back up on an upward trajectory. Nako e yotlhe o ntse a tla go re lekodisa gore diteemane ga di dire sentle and in the intermittent period, re tlaa tswelela ka go dira tsone dikadimo tse. A bo a supa gore dikadimo tse ga re di dire ka go tlhoka go tlhaloganya bodiphatsa jwa go tlhoka go babalela madi a sentle fa a setse a gorogile. Ke bua dintlha tse ka gore ga ke tlhaloganye gore Honourable Lucas, what is his point of departure. Bosheng fela jaana Tautona o ne a bitsa Accounting Officers and Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) go tswa mo maphateng otlhe a ga Goromente to come and talk to them about prudent expenditure, this concept of transformation e Rre Lucas a sa e tlhaloganyeng. Go fetola ka fa re dirang dilo ka teng, ka fa re di lebang ka teng ka gore ke sone fela se se ka re thusang go fetola diemo ka fa di ntseng ka teng mo lefatsheng la Botswana.

*We cannot continue to do things as we have been doing them, as we have inherited from the Botswana Democratic Party (BDP) Government and that is why we are going for transformation. Re buile gore there is going to be cuts to Government travel, ka the delegations gore we are going to cut them down. Re buile about other measures that we are putting in place jaaka go fokotsa overtimes le dilo tse dingwe fela jalo, e le go supa gore re Goromente yo o lemogang gore itsholelo e fa kae le gore re tshwanetse re dire sengwe, re se ka ra tswelela fela like it is business as usual. Jaanong bagarona ka kwa are not telling the truth, they are misleading the House and the nation ka go batla go e baya fela e kare re tsweletse fela ga re tsibogele diemo tse, le gore Tautona fa a bua kana ope fela fa a bua wa boeteledipele, o bua jaaka motho yo o sa lemogeng bothata jo.*

Fa ke tsena mo kgannyeng ya corruption, ke boammaaruri rraetsho, ga go na ope yo o sa itseng gore go tswa goo-Lowe, fa go na le dilo tse Domkrag e neng ya re di direla sentle, ke go emeletsa corruption mo lefatsheng la Botswana. Corruption mo lefatsheng la Botswana is in all the ministries. We have identified this and have taken measures tsa go itebaganya le this corruption. We have spoken gore we will make the Directorate on Corruption and Economic Crime (DCEC) independent and other

*institutions to look into issues of corruption. Re buile ka tenders tse o buang ka tsone gore they are over inflated by the middle men ba e leng gore fa o tshwanetse gore o ntshe tender, ba tlaabo ba tsena fa gare ba oketsa prices, o bo o felela o duelela a commodity more than five to 10 times the amount e o ka bong o e duetse.*

Re tsere dikgato tsa gore kwa re kgonang teng, we are going to source these products from the manufacturers go fokotsa madi a e leng gore Goromente spends on tendering. Jaanong ga go ka ke ga buiwa fela jaaka o kare re Goromente yo o itlhomolositse diemo tse tsotlhe, yo e leng gore ga a batle go dira sepe. Ga re ka ke ra rwala matsogo mo tlhogong ra itshopara re le babusi, re tshwanetse go supa gore re kgona go emisana le diemo tse. These challenges are not insurmountable, we will overcome them.

Ga re ka ke ra rwala matsogo mo tlhogong Honourable Lucas ra se ka ra bua ka English breakfast, re tlaa bua ka jone. Ke a bona ga o e tlhaloganye. Re tlaa bua ka breakfast joo ka gore gongwe ga o a ka wa utlwa themelelo ya molaetsa wa this breakfast. Re ne re bua gore bana ba tshwanetse gore ba je a balanced diet. The meal that they have must have all the necessary essential nutrients gore ba kgone ba gole sentle gore le bone kamoso e tsoge e nne batho ba ba rileng mo setshabeng. Gakologelwa Motlotlegi Lucas gore if you want to stunt the growth of a child, o mmolaye ka gone go tlhoka go mo fa dikotla a santse a le dingwaga tse di kwa tlase. Jaanong ga se gone mo e leng gore e ka re fa re bua gore rona re eletsa go bona bana ba Batswana ba a ja dijo tse di ntseng jaana, o bo o emelela o re nnyaa, gone foo, gone moo, ga se gone mo go siameng. Rona Motlotlegi Lucas re ikemiseditse go fetola lefatsheng la Botswana.

**MR SPEAKER:** Honourable Dr Modise, o address Speaker, o se ka wa address the Honourable Member, tswelela.

**DR MODISE:** Ke a leboga Mr Speaker, I was noting the points as he was saying them in order to come and correct the Honourable Member, but I do accept the advice.

The Honourable Vice President (VP) spoke about the transformative process that will align us with the true door of where we are supposed to go as the country,

considering all factors, making sure that all institutions in Government, those that have not been profitable, those that have been haemorrhaging the Government fiscus are dealt with and we align them and optimise them so that we are able to provide for our people. I yield for the clarification.

**MR LUCAS:** *Clarification.* Tota ke ne ke tsena fale mo e a neng a bua ka English *breakfast*, ke re ga se gore gongwe mme re rotloetse gore bana ba je dijo tsa segarona tsa seAfrika tse di supagetseng gore di na le *nutrients* thata? Kana English *breakfast* go tewa *fish oil*, *oil* fela, ga ke itse gore a o a tle o e lemoge sentle fa le ntse le e e ja mo dihoteleng?

**DR MODISE:** Nnyaa, ga go na ka *clarification* fa, ke go tlhoka go utlwisisa fela gore go na le bo *protein*, *carbohydrates* le tse dingwe fela jalo, ke go tlhoka kutlwisiso. Ke kopa go tswelala *Mr Speaker*.

Ke ema fa ke ema nokeng Tshutiso ya ga Mothusa Tautona gore re tsamaye re ye go adima mme re sa adime re lebile gore re a ja fela, re dira tse dingwe tse e leng gore *can help us transform this economy*. Re a tlhaloganya gore re ntse re ikaegile fela ka teemane, mme ga re a ema fela re itshopara, re batla le metlhale e mengwe re ka rekisang teemane ya rona.

Re setse re buile ka *the beef industry* gore re ya go dira jang gore le yone re e *stimulate* re tle re kgone go tsenya letseno mo lefatshe la rona. Go builwe gore go na le *consignments that have already been started to be exported* kwa bo DRC, go buiwa le kwa bo China. Ke dilo tse di ntseng di sa diragale, go supa gore Goromente o a tsiboga, *wants to diversify this economy*. Ke tsaya gore ke dingwe tsa dilo tse e leng gore le bo Motlotlegi Kekgonegile *will benefit from as we open the abattoirs, even in your areas*. Ke raya gore jaanong ga se mo e leng gore go ka tlhobosiwa Goromente fela go bo gotwe Goromente o ke o o batlang go adima fela, a bo a ja, ga go na sepe se a batlang go se dira.

Fa ke tswelala kwa pele *Mr Speaker*, ke ema nokeng Tshutiso e ka gore re le lefatshe la Botswana, go na le dilo tse di ntsi tse re di solofeditseng batho ka *manifesto* wa rona. Ke bua jalo ka gore re ne re buile gore re tlaa oketsa *old age pensions*. Ga re a goroga kwa re neng re batla go ya teng mme re ile ra ema golo gongwe. Ga se boammaaruri dipego tse di reng re ne re gakolotswe

gore re se ka ra oketsa madi a bagodi mme ra tswelala re a oketsa fela *against the advice*. Ga ke itse gore ene dikgang tsa *Cabinet* o ne a di tsaya kae? Re ne re dira jalo rraetsho re lebile seemo sa itsholelo ka nako eo. Kgakololo e re neng re e bona ke gore mme le ka se ka la bona ene P1800, le ka bona *up to* P1400. Re bo re dira fela jalo jaaka re ne re bona kgakololo, e seng kgakololo ya ga Motlotlegi Furniture.

**MR FURNITURE:** *Clarification.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke a leboga *Honourable* Dr Modise. Tota fela kgang yone e o e buang e, e tliša lesokolela le tshwenyego mo boeteledipeleng gore fa e le gore baitseanape le batlhalefi ba itsholelo, le Mothusa Tautona jaaka a ne a supiwa ke Motlotlegi Rre Wynter Mmolotsi gore go tsositse *economies* tsa mafatshe a mangwe, ba bo ba gakolola gore itsholelo ka fa e ntseng ka teng e ka kgona go duela P1000, lona le bo le ngakalala fela le tlobelela le re le batla P1800, le ne le dumela gore o ya go tswa kae?

**DR MODISE:** *Honourable* Furniture, ke ne ke sena le wena *in that Cabinet meeting*. *Cabinet meeting* e o neng o e tsene eo, *I was not there*. E ke neng ke e tsene, ga go a buiwa ka bo P1000 ba o ba buang bao. *We did exactly as we were advised and we moved according to the advice*.

*Mr Speaker, I want to stand in support of the request by the VP in this matter. I thank you.*

**MR SPEAKER:** Can I just find out from Honourable Pule who the lead person is there for them to get their 15 minutes?

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

**MR SPEAKER:** Nnyaa, ke ne ke re ke batla go utlwa ka *Honourable* Pule.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Ee, ke nna *leader*.

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

**MR SPEAKER:** You have the floor.

**MR PULE (KGATLENG EAST):** *Mr Speaker*, ke a leboga.

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

**MR SPEAKER:** Order! Honourable Members, *a ko le mma a bue*.

**MR PULE:** Ke re ke lebogisa *Honourable* Motshegwa gore a bo a amogetse *defeat* e a neng a e *experience* ka *weekend* e. Go a tualo rra, motho fa e le moeteledipele o dira jalo, e bile o bo o sa ipone letsapa la gore o tle go bolelela setšhaba gore o amogetse maduo. Ke selo se se botlhokwa thata.

Ke bo ke leboga *our Honourable Minister of Finance, who is also His Honour the Vice President of the country, for the presentation* e a e dirileng. Kana fa gongwe bagaetsho, re na le mathata a gore *when we have to address matters of serious concern*, re bo re ya kwa le kwa jaaka ke utlwa *Honourable* Dr Modise a ntse a raya ba bangwe a ba raya a re, “*Cabinet* e o neng o e tsene ke efe.” *I think here in Parliament, we should talk about bread and butter issues.* Ga se tlhola ntšha Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente gore Tona wa *Finance* a bo a tla fa go kopa gore a ye go kopa sekoloto ka mathata a a mamereng Puso. Ke ne ke batla go tlhalosa gore le nako ya rona fa re le mo Pusong, golo mo go ne go ntse go diragala, *we have that experience.* Ga ke batle go re tomola o se utlwe ka gore jaanong e tlaa nna o kare ke le polompegela gore le tsere Puso. *But* boammaaruri ke gore fa Tona a tla fa a *present* a kopa gore a kolote, jaaka fa re tshotse *statistics*, ga se gore *statistics* tse Tona a di re neelang ke tse e leng gore ga re na tsone, re na le tsone, *we know how the economy is doing.* Ke ne ke tshwenngwa fela ke mafoko a ga *Honourable* Tshere fa a re diteemane ga di yo. Nna go ya ka kitso ya me, diteemane di teng *but the demand for diamonds has dwindled a little bit and ga re certain ka purchase* ya tsone. *So, the demand for them is fluctuating*, jaanong go se ka gatwe diteemane ga di yo. Ke tsaya gore Tona fa a tla fa, o ne a tlile go re lemosa gore *with the sort of not very clear view* ya gore go diragala eng, *deficit* e re nang le yone e gompiano e supang gore GDP ya rona e gomagomediwa ke gore e bo e kete jaanong dilo dingwe tse e leng gore tota re ka bo re di dira go le *normal*, a bo a tla fa a re baya puo fa pele a re o tlile go kopa gore re mo letlelele gore a ye go tsaya sekoloto.

Ke ratile mafoko a ga *Honourable* Lucas le fa ba bangwe ba a kgala. Ke ne ke mo reeditse fa a bua *from the beginning up to the end*, ke a itse gore o ne a e tla a tswaka. Kana Motlotlegi Lucas a ka se ke a tlhoka go tswaka ka gore o ne a le mo lebaleng le le lengwe a tshameka le lona, o itse mekgwa le dikakanyo tsa lona le sengwe le sengwe se se le dirang, e bile o a itse gore fa a

bua jaana o kgotla mang fa kae. O a itse gore o dira eng, jaanong rona kana ga re ise re nne le lona.

Nna ke emetse phathi ya Domkrag mo letsatsing la gompiano, ke batla go bua ke re ke le moeteledipele wa batho yo o tswang kwa kgaolong ya Kgatleng East, ke dumalana le Tshutiso e e tlisitsweng ke Tona ya gore re mo letlelele a ye go kopa madi. Se re ka se dirang re le Puso... Motlotlegi Lucas o buile kgang ya gore re tshephe Motlotlegi Gaolathe, re itse *credentials* tsa ga Motlotlegi Gaolathe. Dipuo tse dingwe tse di buiwang kwa diphuthengong tsa Dikgotla le kwa go eng, ke a tle ke ipotse gore a Tona o a ba a gakolotse. Gongwe re fatlwa ke kgang ya gore *there will be some promises* tse re di utlwang. Re bo re ipotsa gore mme fa ke kgabile ke le montle ke bofile thai jaaka le le montle jaana, ke bo ke ya kwa go bongwanake ke ba raya ke re sepatšhe se makgwakgwa, a bongwake ba ka ntumela? Ba go bona o kgabile o le montle, papa a kgabile a a ja kwa *restaurants*, mme e bo e le gore o raya bana ba a re ga ke ka ke ka le duelela *school fees* ka gore madi ga a yo. Ke raya gore ke dingwe tse e leng gore di ka gakgamatsa. Jaanong ke ne ke re wena Motlotlegi Mothusa Tautona, dikgang tse o di ele tlhoko, o di kgaleme jaaka re go itse. O di kgaleme, e se ka ya re kgantele ra tloga ra gakgamala gore go diragala eng. Maloba re ne re utlwa Tautona a bua gore ene o tswa mo *competitiveness* ya *tenders*, o tlaabo a dira mo gotweng *direct tendering*. Golo moo go ne ga re gakgamatsa. Ra simolola ra ipotsa gore a mme gone sepatšhe jaaka go buiwa se makgwakgwa, fa e le gore Tautona o tlaabo a na le *that leverage* ya gore a bo a ka ntsha *tenders* ka fa a di ntshang ka teng *because we want competitiveness.* Re batla *businesses* tsa mo Botswana ba dira *tenders*, re batla Batswana ba *benefit even at a very low level.* Rona ba bangwe ka gore re *social workers, we want to see the local entrepreneurs* ba *benefit.*

**MINISTER OF HEALTH (DR MODISE):** Clarification. Thank you, Honourable Member. *Gongwe fa re bua ka yone eo ya tenders motlotlegi ka gore re ne re lemogile rona gore the tender process is rigged in this country, therefore, we end up dealing with inflated and ballooned figures through this rigged process. Ka tebo ya gago, re ne re ka dira jang* without going directly to the manufacturers *fa e le gore go na le this rigged process?* Thank you.

**MR PULE:** *I believe* gore Tautona o tshwanetse gore fa a bua jalo, a bue mafoko ao *with a lot of caution*. Re mo utlwile gore o ne a tlhalosa gore go na le *litigation* e e dirilweng ya *tendering and stuff like that*. Ga a simolola a re nna ga ke na go letlelela *tenders*, ke ya go ntsha *direct tendering*, re tsaya gore o a bo a tshwere fela fa. Jaanong a inola a neela yo a mmatlang. Ke raya gore *that is the interpretation* e re neng ra nna le yone *because* o ne a e bua *in the public* gore o ya go dira jang. Jaanong o ka bo a e tlhalositse ka botlalo gore fa a rialo o raya a dira eng *because direct tendering* ga e ise e ko e batliwe. Le lona ba le mo setilong, bogolo jang Rre Wynter Mmolotsi ka e bile tota ene ke shaushawane...

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

**MR PULE:** ... o ne a ntse gone fa, a tsositse modumo, a bua gore *direct tendering* ga a e batle.

**MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM (MR MMOLOTSI):** *Point of order Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker*, gongwe o mo kgalemele a dirise mafoko a a siameng ka gore ga ke dumele gore mafoko a a dirisang ale a mo siametse. Ke ne ke re ipaakanye ka gore fa ke tswa fa ke a *debate*.

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

**MR SPEAKER:** *Honourable Pule, Honourable Mmolotsi* o a ngongorega a re ga o a mmuisa sentle, mme le nna ke a dumela. O ne o mo tshwantshanya le eng?

**MR PULE:** Ke ne ke re shaushawane.

**MR SPEAKER:** Shaushawane?

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Ke noga.

**MR SPEAKER:** Kana shaushawane ke noga fela e e maswe e e leng gore ga o ka ke wa ba wa e tshwantshanya le motho... (*Interruptions*)... Ke noga fela e e maswe e e leng gore ga go na yo o eletsang le go e bona tota. A ko o *withdraw* mafoko ao *Honourable Pule*. O bo o tswelala le puisanyo ya gago.

**MR PULE:** Ke a le *withdraw*. Ke ne ke ithaya ke re tsala ya me ke motho yo o tlhaloganyang ka fa ke buang ka teng. Kana Sekgatla le Sengwato fa gongwe ga se tshwane. Rona ka Sekgatla shaushawane re raya motho yo o buang thata. Rre Mmolotsi o ne a ntse fa

a bua, mme ke boela mafoko ao morago Motlotlegi Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke ne ke kopa Tona e bile o le Mothusa Tautona wa lefatshe la Botswana, a e re jaaka o kopa *loan* jaana, re tswelele re *finance projects* tse re di dumalaneng re le lefatshe la Botswana tsa bo *climate project, renewable energy*, e gompieno re bonang *project* ya teng e simologile le tsa *water security*.

Ke gakologelwa tsala ya me *Honourable* Motsamai, kana o santse a kolota Bakgatla kwa Kgatleng East, o ne a ba latela a ba raya a re ke tlile *to make sure* gore le na le metsi. Ba go emetse rra Bakgatla ba Kgatleng East gore o tle go ba fa metsi jaaka o ba solofeditse. Jaanong ga se tlholo ntšha bagaetsho gore go bo go na le dikgang tse di ntseng jaana mo teng ka gore rona kwa Kgatleng East, Tona maloba e rile ke bua batho ba bangwe ba bo ba akanya e kete ke a iphetlha, ke re *there is a strategic project* e e ka re berekelang ya go dira *tollgates* mo tseleng ya A1. Jaanong *we construct an alternative route* e e tswang mo Malolwane go ya go tsena kwa Mmaphashalala e e ka bong gone jaanong *Honourable Lucas* a *benefit* mo go yone. *Honourable* Tshere o ka bo a *benefit* mo go yone, *Honourable* Moeti Mohwasa, *Honourable* Bagaisamang, *Honourable* Gobotswang *and others, there are about eight or nine constituencies*, di ka bo di *benefit from that route, not only them, even* ba ba fetelang kwa *north* ka gore ba tlaa *branch* mo Phikwe ba bo ba ya go kopana le A1 kwa Serule.

*These are some of the projects* tse re solofelang gore fa o kopa madi jaaka o a kopa jaana rraetsho, ke utlwile Rre Lucas a tliša mafoko a mantle a re *loan* e dirisiwa ka ditlhong. Le wena kwa lelwapeng fela fa o tsaya sekoloto, kana sekoloto bagaetsho se a tshwakgola, ke a tle ke bone fa ke sena go nna ke tsaya sekoloto, mowa wa me o nna kwa godimo o kare ke na le madi, ke lebetse gore ke ya go se duela. O a bona? O tshotse sekoloto, *your bank account is now bloated and you feel so great. We do not want that kind of situation where the country gets a loan*, e bo e le gore jaanong ba ithaya ba re ba na le madi, a bo e le gore ba bangwe ba ba neng ba... (*Inaudible*)... jaaka matlhalerwa, ba bo ba ya go pota kwa morago Rre Gaolathe, ba ya go dirisa madi ao ka fa ba tlaabong ba a dirisa ka teng.

*I am against that, that is not what we want to do. You know, saying very seriously*, re tlhwaafetse re menne

difatlhego, *we must guard against such kind of people* ba e leng gore *when the loan is here, now they turn the money into something else*. Rona kwa Kgatleng East re batla sekoloto seo rraetsho, *especially* jaaka o re tsenya mo *Development Budget*. Re sale re emetse *project* ya rona ya...*(Inaudible)*...*infrastructure*. Re sale re emetse kgang ele ya maloba ya ga *Minister* Salakae e a neng a re o *review* Development Manager (DM) Model. Re emetse gore re utlwe gore o fetsa leng. *Projects* tsa rona tse di tshwanang le tsa ...*(Inaudible)*...*infrastructure* ya kwa Mmathubudukwane, *clinic* ya kwa Modipane, *police station* ya kwa Dikwididi, re di emetse *and many other projects*.

Jaanong fa e le gore *loan* eo jaaka ke ne ke bua ke re ke a e *support*, e ka dira dilo tseo. Ke ka e *support* go menagane Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Tota ke ne ke sa batle go ya lolololo, ke batla gore ke eme fela ke re *on behalf of myself, my people* kwa Kgatleng East, *and my party*, BDP, re *support* mogopolo oo jaaka ke bua ke re ga se tlholo ntšha. Ke dilo tse re di itseng. Se re se tlhokang fela ke gore *when the money is here, it must be put into good use*. Re a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

**ASSISTANT MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR MOTSAMAI):** Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke tseye nako e gape ke simolole ka go leboga Mothusa Tautona wa rona ka go baya dikgang tsa gagwe ka bokgabane le ka go di dibela. Ke mo itse e le motho yo o dibelang tiriso le ditsompelo tsa morafe. Ke selo se se botlhokwa. Ga se motho yo o kopang, fa a sena go fiwa a bo a itebala gore ke ne ke le mo seemong se se ntseng jaana. Fa a sena go fiwa kana go bona se a se bonang, o dibela fela thata. O a re kgalemela thata ka tiriso ya ditsompelo tsoora Goromente. Ke sone se o bonang mo *workshops* tse dingwe go kgaotswe *lunch*, re kopana le metsi a tee fela, metsi fela a masetlha, a bona gore ga e ka ke ya re go sena melemo kwa *clinics*, re bo re e ja marotho, re dira eng. Golo moo re a go lebogela rraetsho ka tsela e e ntseng jalo.

Ke boe gape ke leboge *Mr Speaker* ka tshono e ke e bone, ke leboge tiragalo e e letseng e diragala kwa Palapye, ya neelano, ya phadisanyo, ya gore bo Rre Modise, Rre Motshegwa, Rre Ramaotwana le Rre Moeti, e bo go raya gore ba bangwe ba a fenywa, ba bangwe ba a latlhegelwa. Ke na le puo e ke ratang go e dirisa gore Batswana kana

motho o go bona sentle gore o moeteledipele wa mofuta mang fa o le mo kutlobotlhokong e e feteletseng, o le mo tiragalong, ke gone a ka go tlhophang a re yo ke ene yo ke ka mo salang morago, e ka nna moeteledipele. Gape motho o bona gore o moeteledipele wa mofuta mang fa o itumetse mo go feteletseng. Ke gone jaanong a ka go supang a re yo ke ka mo tlhophang gore e ka nna moeteledipele. Go gabedi, o itumetse kana o se mo boitumelong gore o motho wa mofuta mang *Mr Speaker*.

**MR MOALOSI:** *Procedure. Mr Speaker*, ke ne ke kopa gore Tona a boele mo setlhogong ka gore re *debate loan* gone fa, ga re *debate* go aga tempele.

**MR SPEAKER:** Nnyaa, o ne a feta fela ka yone jaaka Honourable Leader of the Opposition (LOO) e rile a simolola a dira jalo.

**MR MOTSAMAI:** Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Mo tlogele o a karagana, o santse a tlaa kata. Ke ne ke feta ka yone *Mr Speaker*. Go botlhokwa thata gore Tona a bo a kopa gore re letlelele gore a kope *loans* fale le fale, re tle go intsha mo mathateng a a tlhabisang ditlhong, a a dirilweng ka bomo. A gompieno bangwe ba ba a dirileng ka bomo ba fa, ba bane, ba a ikgakgamatsa. O kile wa bona moloi a le kwa phitlhong a gakgamalela leso la motho, a ne a lala a siana masigo a bolaya motho wa mofuta oo...*(Interruptions)*...

**MR PULE:** *On a point of order. Mr Speaker*, ke a leboga mongwame. Ntlo ya gago e tshwanetse e sireletse *minority from the majority*. Motlotlegi fa a ema fela a bo a re bitsa ka fa a re bitsang ka teng, leina la teng e bile le ntlhabisa ditlhong, a o a mo letlelele mongwame? A ko o kgalemele monna yo a boele lefoko leo morago, a se ka a re bitsa baloi. Gape a tswe mo go rona a buse jaaka a busa. Bona gore o mokgaraga jang, o akotse, melala ya gagwe e setse e le mekgaraga.

**MR SPEAKER:** Honourable Pule, janaong *you have vitiated your point of order completely* fa o feleletsatsa. Se ke neng ke utlwa a se bua o ne a bua ka gore mathata a a tlile ka tsela e e ntseng jang, le gore ba ba a tlhodileng ba a ikgakgamatsa, fela jaaka fa moloi a ka ya kwa phitlhong ya yo a mo loileng a mmolaya. Ga ke tseye gore gone moo o dule mo tseleng. Honourable Motsamai, tswelela.

**MR MOTSAMAI:** Tla ke tswelela *Mr Speaker*. A gorogile, ga ke a bitsa ope ka leina mme le gone ga go

molato. Dikgaolo tse di tshwanang le bo Kgalagadi, Ghanzi, di tlhoka ditsela tse di gagametseng. Go tlhoka gore re dumalane le dikopo tsa madi gore ditsela di ye go dirwa, di tlhoka metsi gore dilo tse di ye go dirwa.

Dikgaolo tse di tshabeletsweng ke lehuma tsa bo Kweneng, Kgalagadi, Ghanzi le Okavango di tlhoka ditsela, dipatela, *clinics* le tlanelo e e rileng ya batho ka sepe se o ka se akanyang. Go tlaabo go se bonolo gore e ka re fa go buiwa jaana, re bo re sa eme re supa gore re kopa gore madi ao fa e ne e le gore go a kgonagala e re re tswela kwa ntle fela molaetsa o bo o tsena, madi a tsene. Re bo re thuthuntsha ka ditlhabololo *Mr Speaker*. Ke seemo se se re utlwisang botlhoko fa o bona re ntse jaana.

*Mr Speaker*, go botlhokwa gore madi a goroge go tsosolosiwe itsholelo le mehama ya kgomo. Kwa bo Ghanzi le Charles Hill re batho ba kgomo. Batho bao ba tlhoka melawana e e tsamaisang theko le thekiso ya kgomo, e rekwe ka seemo se se ka tlhabololang Botswana le kgomo ka sebele, le ditsompelo tse Batswana ba nang le tsone go ba isa kwa pele.

*Mr Speaker*, maabane re ne re bua ka *Motion* wa gore go epelwe Batswana didiba mo dipolaseng le ka maiteko a ba batlang go a dira a a tsamaelanang le *farming*. Mme re ka dira fela jalo fa re tsere *loans* fale le fale. *What I want to stress* ka *loans* *Mr Speaker* ke gore, re tshwanetse re di dirise thata fa madi a ka iphetlhang teng, fa madi a ka fetlhegang teng, ga nna le letseno la go bona gore *loans* re di duela ka tsela e e ntseng jang.

Ke bua jaana *Mr Speaker* ke ya kwa kgannyeng ya *tollgates*. Motlotlegi wa pele wa tsala ya me Rre Molale, o ne a bua se le nna ke neng ka se rata ka nako eo. A bua gore tsela ya Trans-Kalahari go ka nna le gore jaanong e tsenngwe *tollgates* tse go tlaabong go tsamaiwa go phuthiwa matsananyana a a ka tsosolosang itsholelo jalojalo. Go bo go dirwa lenaneo la ditsela *that networks* Ghanzi le Kgalagadi. E re fa e le gore ga o na go kgona go tsamaya o duela mo tseleng eo, go bo go na le tsela e o ka e tsayang e telele, e dikologa, mme o sa duele mo go yone. Ke mangwe a maano a ke akanyang gore fa re tsaya ditshwetso, re di tseye *on these basis* *Mr Speaker*.

Batho ba Charles Hill, go tswa kwa Metsimantsho, Metsimantle go ya go tsena fela kwa bo New Xanagas, fa motho a tshwanetse gore a ntshiwe leino fela le

thuba, o tsamaya 300 *kilometres*. Fa gongwe go se na *ambulance* e senyegile. Motho wa Modimo o tlaa kiba ka bolwetse jo. Nako e tlike ya gore re adime, re age dipatela tse di nang le ditsompelo le bongaka ba ba ka tlanelang balwetse ba mofuta o o ntseng jalo.

Fa Mapalamente mangwe ba tla fa ba lela ka seemo se ba se itseng, se e bileng re ne re ba gakolola ka sone ka nako e ba neng ba le fa, ba re bolelela gore, “re a busa mose!” Ba fetisa dilo. Ke gakologelwa gore la bofelo ba ne ba batla go fetisa madi, go ne go na le kgang fela ya gore fa motlotlegi a tswa e bo e le gore o duelelwa go tswa mo tirong moo, mohumagadi le ene a duelwe madi a a kana, bana, a ke *adopted ones*, a ba 70, ba duelwe madi fela a a tsitsibanyang mmele. O ne o bona gore ba batla go tlhamukela itsholelo ya lefatshe jaaka matlhalerwa a fitlhetse setopo sa tlou. *Mr Speaker*, jaanong go tsene Goromente yo o batlang go kgathala le go dirisa madi ka bonokopila jo bo tseneletseng.

*Mr Speaker*, ke re gongwe re se ka ra bua ka go adima fela, re tshwanetse re tle re fitlhe golo gongwe Mothusa Tautona. Ra go bolelela gore ope yo o dirisang ditsompelo le madi a Puso botlhaswa, a a di game a sa di tlhapela. Go tlaabo go sena mosola gore re tswelele re ntse re adima go na le ba ba senyang le ba ba babalelang.

Jaaka re itse gore go na le bo *knowledge-based economy*, batho ba ba kwa magaeng a rona ba ba nang le boitseanape jwa go dira dingwe ka Setswana, ba kgone *to be sponsored*, ba dire ditiro tseo tsa go leka go itshetsa ka tse ba di tsaletsweng. Ke tsela ya go tsenya madi e ke dumalanang le yone. Tautona o ne a re letsalo la dikgomo le ile kwa tlase. Ga re ka ke ra tsosolosa mohama wa dikgomo, dipodi kana dinku, e le gore ga re adime mme e bile ga re dibeke ka fa re adimileng ka teng *Mr Speaker*. Jaanong go kaone gore go adimiwe madi a kgone gore a dire ditiro tse di ka sologelang setšhaba molemo. Ka mafoko a kalo *Mr Speaker*, ke eme fa.

**MR SPEAKER:** *Order! Honourable Members.* Ke le reeditse thata ka kelotlhoko *Honourable Members*, le dumalana le Tshutiso. Mma ke tlhomamise mo go lona gore a go na le ope yo o gananang le Molao-kakanyetso o?

**MR AARON (NGAMI):** Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Tla le nna ke eme fa ke supe matshwenyego ame mo Molao-kakanyetsong o. Ke bua se bogolo jang ke lebile ditso;

ditso di supa gore, sepe fela se e leng gore se a dirwa, e ka tswa e le madi a tswa golo gongwe go sele jalojalo, kwa Ngamiland ga re bone sepe mo go one. Fa ke re Ngamiland ke raya *all the way* go ema kwa Gudingwa or ke re kwa Okavango.

Ka jalo, ke batla go supa letshwenyego la me *Mr Speaker*, ke tlaa ema fa ke re ke tlatsa molao o mme e re fa madi a tla ke bo ke sena seabe sepe mo go one. Ke bua jaana ka gore go kile ga nna le *Economic Stimulus Package*, le fa e ne e se *loan*, mme e ne e le madi a makata-dimetšhe a *billions* a a neng a ya go tsewa gore a tle go tlhabolola lefatshe. Kgaolo ya me le gompiano e ntse fela jaaka e ne e ntse, *stimulus package* eo ga ke a bona gore e dirile eng mo kgaolong. Letshwenyego la me ke gore *through you Mr Speaker, His Honour* ke eng se ke tlaa emang fa ke tlatsa gore a re tseye *loan* se se tlaa mpoelang? Ke bua jaana ke raya ba kgaolo ya me, ka gore ditsela tsa rona di ntse fela jaaka di ntse, dikole tsa rona motshegare go tsena bana, maitseboa go tsena dipodi ka gore ga go na le fa e le dipati. *Mr Speaker*, ke lone letshwenyego la me, ke bua nnete, phakela mongwe le mongwe bana ba feela kana...

**ASSISTANT MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR MOTSAMAI):** *Procedure. Mr Speaker*, ke tlotla ditshwetso tsa Mopalamente thata. Ke ne ke re gongwe tota fela ka tsamaiso, a wele fela gore gotlhelele o a gana gore go ka ya go baakangwa ditsela mo seemong se di leng mo go tsona. Go ka adimiwa madi ga baakangwa dikole le *clinics* jalojalo, ga kobiwa dipodi jalojalo mo teng. A papamale a bue kgang eo, batho ba kgaolo ba e utlwe.

**MR SPEAKER:** Nnyaa, mme ga se *procedure*, tswela.

**MR AARON:** Ke la ntlha o ntlhabisa ditlhong Rre Motsamai...

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

**MR AARON:** ...se ke se supang ke gore ke eng se se tlaa re boelang rona batho ba Okavango, mo go reng re beye monwana wa gore re dumalana le *loan*, e e sa tleng go re boela? Le lona batho ba Kgalagadi, ke eng se se go boetseng mo *stimulus package*? Ke fa sekai, le fa e ne e se madi a *loan*, *through you Mr Speaker*, ke fa dikai gore *His Honour* a re rurifaletse gore *loan* e ka nnete ka gore re e tsaya jaana e se mosekelampeng, e le *loan* e

e tlaa dirang ditlhabololo. Ke eng se se tlaa re boelang rona ba e leng gore dinako tsotlhe fa dilo di dirwa ga re boelwe ke sepe? Ga re na sepatela le gompiano, *go back into records* o bone gore *clinic* ya Gumare e e bidiwang sepatela e na le dingwaga di le kae e ntse e busetswa morago. A o a re ke dumalane le gore *loan* e tle e bo e tla go tlhabolola, e alela ditsela tsa *south*, tse e reng o di lebelela tse di alelwang gompiano mo kgaolong ya me, di gaisa le tse re di bitsang tsa maemo a a kwa godimo?

Ka jalo, ke na le lesokolela mo go reng ke bo ke ema fa ke re, ke tlatsa mogopolo mme ke sena tsholofelo ya gore a *clinic* ya Gumare e tlaa dirwa sepatela. Ke sena tsholofelo ya gore a tsela ya Nokaneng go ya Gudingwa, re tlaa e bona, or ke ema nokeng *Bill* e, gore e tle go tlhabolola batho bangwe? Go lebaka Botswana yo a ikgatholositse kgaolo ya me, jaanong ke lone letshwenyego legolo le le nkemisang fa, gore ke supe gore le fa mme re utlwa gore *loan* e tlhokega mo go eng, nna e tlaa mpusetša go le kana ka eng le batho ba Okavango?

**MR MONAGENG:** *Clarification. Tanki Speaker.* Ke botse *honourable* gore a gone mme fa a bona seemo sa itsholelo se ntseng ka teng, o raya gore go se ka ga adimiwa madi a go eletswang gore a adimiwe, a a santseng a tlaa adimiwa kwa le kwa? Le gore ke eng a sa nne le tsholofelo, ka gore kana e kare o tshwantshanya Goromente yo le yo o fetileng? Re na le dikgwedi di le *eight* fela re le mo Pusong, a o ka se ke o nne le tsholofelo ya gore madi a a adimiwang a tlaa dirisiwa sentle? Ke eng se se go rayang se re Goromente yo o tlaa adima madi a bo a sa a dirise sentle? Tanki.

**MR AARON:** Ke a leboga. Se se ntlhokisang tsholofelo ke gore, mo *budget* ya 2025/26 fa o ne o ka lebelela dipatela tse di neng di baakangwa, o bo o di tshwantshanya le sepatela sa Gumare, di botoka 10 *times*. Le ne la bona go le botoka gore le tseye madi a, le ye go baakanya dipatela, ke gore le sa *prioritise* gore seemo se maswe ntlheng efe. Ka jalo, ke sone se ke emang fa, ke supa gore re ba re emang go baya menwana, mme e bo e re fa go tla go jewa, re bo re lebalwa. Jaanong ke kopa gore *through you Mr Speaker, His Honour* a ntsholofetse gore ka nnete re tlaa bona ditsela, dipatela, bana ba dikole tsa kgaolo ya me *will not share classrooms* le dipodi. Ke a leboga.

**MR SPEAKER:** Order! Honourable Members. Honourable Members, I shall now invoke Standing Order 56.1, I am convinced that there is sufficient consensus, I shall now call upon His Honour the Vice President to reply to the debate. Before he does that, I understand that Honourable Mmolotsi has a procedural Motion to move.

### BUSINESS MOTION

**MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM (MR MMOLOTSI):** Thank you very much Mr Speaker. Given the urgency of the Bills that we are discussing this afternoon, and the fact that they need to be concluded today, I beg to move in terms of Standing Order 27.1 (b) that today's sitting be extended to go beyond 1800 hours up until we conclude the two financial Bills, and all their stages. I move accordingly Mr Speaker.

Question put and **agreed to.**

**MR SPEAKER:** You may reply to the debate Your Honour the Vice President.

**MR PHOLOGOLO:** Procedure. Thank you, Mr Speaker. May you kindly allow me to wear my cap *ya* Chairman *ya* Finance and Estimates, and ask a question that I think it is very pertinent for *nna gore ke tseye karolo mo go emeng* Bill *e nokeng*?

**MR SPEAKER:** Ga ke go utlwe *Honourable* Phologolo, o a re o...

**MR PHOLOGOLO:** Mr Speaker, may you kindly allow me to wear my cap as Chairman of Finance and Estimates, *ke tle ka go kopa kgakololo nngwe* before the Minister and Vice President *a* reply to the Bill.

**MR SPEAKER:** The train has left the station.

**MINISTER OF FINANCE (MR GAOLATHE):** Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke supe fa ke lebogela dikgakololo tsotlhe, e bile ke lebogela ka fa le emeng nokeng Tshutiso e. Pele fa ke sutisa, gongwe ke le kgwe dikgaba jaaka e le tshwanelo gore re nne re kgwana dikgaba.

*Honourable* OmLuu, ke lebogela dikgakololo tsa gago tse o di fang ka bogolwane, ka botlhale, lerato la gago mo lefatsheng la gago. O bua gore re se ka ra itlwaetsa sekoloto se se ka felelang se re imela re le lefatshe la

Botswana. O bua gore re gomagometsa go goroga teng kwa go 40 *per cent*. Selo se, ga se go tseye sentle. Ke go rurifaletsa gore sekoloto ga se selo se re tshwanetseng re se itlwaetse. E bile ke go rurifaletse gore le e tswa re ntse re oketsa sekoloto sa rona, re dira jalo ka kebelele le kelotlhoko. Fa o lebile sekoloto sa Aferika Borwa, ke setse ke e fa fela dikai; se tsamaya kwa go 75 *per cent* ya GDP. Fa o lebile sekoloto sa Namibia, se tsamaya *over 60 per cent*. Fa o lebile sekoloto sa Zambia, se feta 70 *per cent*. Fa o lebile sekoloto sa America, se feta 124 *per cent*. Fa o lebile sekoloto sa Japan, gongwe le 200 *per cent* se a feta. Ke sa reye gore se re kgothatsa gore re oketse sekoloto sa rona.

Dikgang tse o di buang gore o ne o reeditse thata fa ke ne ke bua gore sekoloto se se siameng ke se se ntseng jang, se se nang le dipoelo, se se agang itsholelo, ke boammaaruri. Sekoloto se se sa siamang, ke se se tselwang go isa mpeng fela. E bile go lebega go tshwenya gore sekoloto se re se tsayang, bontsi ga se remelele mo go ageng itsholelo. Jaanong ke go rurifaletse gape gore go na le go tsaya sekoloto sa go dibela go phuthama. Fa o dibela go phuthama, bana ba bolailwe ke tlaa, fa go ka se ka ga nna le sekoloto seo, le sone se botlhokwa.

Ke supe gape gore wa re ga o a kgotsofala ka dikarabo tse ke di fang gore mme gone re kgaola fa kae, re fokotsa fa kae, re fokotsa tshenyo fa kae. Ke go reye ke re, nnyaa, ga ke a solofela gore o kgotsofale. Ke na le tumelo ya gore letsatsi le tlaa goroga gore o kgotsofale. Ka gore dilo tse di tshwanetseng go go kgotsofatsa, ke maduo. Ga ke solofele gore maduo a tse re di dirang, a ka itshupa gone letsatsi le re simololang go dira, kana dikgwedi tse re simololang. Ka tumelo e e tseletseng, e e sa belaeleng, ke a dumela gore le tlaa goroga. O tlaa tla jaana, le *Speaker* o tlaa ngongorega gore o kgabola kwa o sa tshwanelang go kgabola teng, o tla go supa gore o kgotsofetse. Gompieno ga ke solofele gore o ka kgotsofala. E bile ke ka se ka ka dumela fa *Honourable* OmLuu a ka re o kgotsofetse. Gape o a gakolola ka dikgang di le di ntsi. *Honourable* OmLuu fa a bua, le letswai le nna le goroga ka monate mme le goroga le ka botlhale.

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

**MR GAOLATHE:** Ke re, nna tiro ya me ke go tsaya dikgakololo mo bagolong le mo go ba ba bonang gongwe

tse le nna ke ka se kang ka kgona go di bona. Ka gore ga ke dumele gore ke na le; kana ope o na le 2020. Go na le dilo tse di diragalang gone gompiano jaana fa morago ga me fa, ga ke di itse wena o di lebile. Dikgakololo tsa gago tsotlhe, ke a di amogela. Ke a go rurifaletsa gore re tlaa dira ka bojotlhe, e seng nna fela ke le nosi, ka gore re bereka le ba bangwe. Re bereka re le pope, re le mmogo, mme tsholofelo ke gore, re tlaa dira bojotlhe gore re dibele lefatshe, itsholelo ya lefatshe la rona le matshelo a Batswana botlhe.

O na le dikeletso tse di ntsi tse o di buang gore o eletsang gore di ka dirwa, madi a dirisetswe banalebogole jalojalo. Ke re, nnyaa tseo di itsiwe ke nna dikeletso tsa gago. Ke re, gongwe gompiano re remelele mo sekolotong. Se se botlhokwa, fa o tshotse madi kana o neetswe madi o le ngwana ke batsadi, gotwe tsaya o ye go reka borotho le se, le se, ga o tsamaye o a kgaogantse le dipata o re a ke a Mascom, a ke a se. Go raya gore dipata tsa gago ga di ka ke tsa lekana. Se se botlhokwa fela ke gore, o tsamaye o ye go dirisa madi ka fa a tshwanetseng a dirisiwe ka teng, go sa kgathalesege gore a mo pateng efe. Dipata ga di ka ke tsa tsaya dikarolo tsotlhe tse madi ao, a tshwanetseng go dirisiwa mo go tsone.

Ke feleletse ka go go kgwa dikgaba ka thapelo e ke sa e utlwanng sentle, e o buang gore fa dilo di ka se ka tsa tsamaya sentle, go batlwe dithapelo tse di rileng, tse ke sa utlwanng sentle gore di tshwanetse go feleletsa di reng. Ke re...

**MR LUCAS:** *Clarification Mr Speaker:* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker.* Ke re, fa e le gore o kare ka madi a a kadimo, wa se ka wa tlhomamisa gore a dirisiwa sentle gore a kgome matshelo a batho ba ba a tlhokang, a bo a dirisiwa ke matlhalerwa le magotswana, Batswana ba bolawa ke tlala mme o le teng, gone foo nnyaa, re ka rapela thapelo ya gore Modimo o go otlhae. Ke ne ke rialo.

**MR GAOLATHE:** Ee, e a utlwala motlotlegi. Jaanong lesego la Modimo ke gore, re dumela gore ka sengwe le sengwe se re nang le sone, madi a a ya go dirisetswa se se siameng. Gape ka lesego la Modimo, ba bantsi barapedi ba ba re rapelelang, ba ba nthapelelang dithapelo tse di mashetla mo e leng gore ga go na thapelo epe e e tllileng go fenywa dithapelo tsa tshiamo, tse di siameng, tse di fang botshelo, tse di shafatsang lefatshe la Botswana, tse di shafatsang matshelo a Batswana botlhe.

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

**MR GAOLATHE:** *Fela rra, I want to say, I appreciate you. I appreciate your wisdom. I appreciate your love for this country and nobody must take that away from you.*

Motlotlegi Tshere, le wena rra ke leboga ka fa o alang dikgang tsa gago ka teng, ka fa o tlhalosang ka botlalo gore nnyaa, madi ka bophara, go sa kgathalesege gore ke a a adimiwang kana ke a a sa adimiwang, boikarabelo le maikaelelo a rona ke gore re a dirisetseng tse di tshwanetseng. Le wena motlotlegi, ke utlwile o bua dikeletso tsa gago tse o di eletsang kwa kgaolong ya gago tse re di itseng, e bile tse re di amogelang, e bile tse re tllileng go di emela ka dinao. Gompiano tota re remeletse mo goreng a re tseyeng sekoloto gore re baakanye tse re tshwanetseng go di baakanya.

Le wena Motlotlegi Rre Pule re lebogela kgothatso ya gago mo go tse o di buang. O ne o bua thata ka megopolo e o reng o sale o e kgothatso, o rata thata ya *toll roads*. Ke re e ya *toll roads* e ntse fela jaaka o e bua, re dumela gore di a tlhokafala, mme di tshwanetse gore di dirwe ka botlhale jo bo rileng, mme e bile ba lekgotla ka African Development Bank (ADB) ba setse ba dira ditlhotlhomiso tse di tseneletseng, gore, gore e dirwe sentle, ke fa e dirwa jang, dikgato tse di tshwanetseng go tsewa ke tse di ntseng jang. Jaanong ke re nnyaa, le wena mogopolo wa gago re a o amogela, e bile re mo go yone, ka gore sepe fela se se ka thusang go godisa le go aga Botswana o mosha, re a se leboga.

Motlotlegi Motsamai, fela jaaka Motlotlegi OmLuu, Motlotlegi Motsamai fa a bua le ene letswai ga le nke le nna kgakala le ene, mme dikgang tsa gagwe tsotlhe, ke tse di agang lefatshe la rona. O gakolola bogolo jang a re madi a, e bile o dirisa mafoko a re, bape mo Goromenteng o ba e leng gore madi a ba ya go a dirisa, kana ba leka go a dirisa ka tsela e e sokameng, ba tshwanetse gore ba di game ba sa di tlhapela. Ke re le wena rra, re lebogela kgakololo le kgothatso ya gago, e ke dumelang gore le Motlotlegi Rre Modise le ene o ne a a fa dikgakololo tsa go nna jalo.

*Honourable Aaron* ga a ganane le mogopolo gotlhelele. Se ke se reeditseng mo pelong yame le mo ditsebeng tsame tsa semoya, ke gore *Honourable Aaron* o netswe ke mowa wa boitlhobogo o o tsetsweng ke ka fa go ntseng go tsamaya ka teng mo dikgaolong tsa Okavango kwa e leng gore re le lefatshe la Botswana re ntse re

sa goroge, ka ditlhabololo. Re ntse re sa dirisanye, re ntse re sa ba neele tse go lebegang re di neela mafelo a mangwe mo lefatsheng la Botswana. Ga ke bone gore go na le yo o ka ganetsang dikgang tse. Ke ntse kwa dikgaolong tsele, ke ne ke mmolelela gore e sale ke tswa kwa Tirelo Setšhaba, tsela ele e ntse fela jaaka ke ne ke e tlogetse, ke le *a teenager*. Dilo tse, bontsi jwa tsone di ntse fela jaaka ke ne ke di tlogetse ke le ngwana e le gone ke fetsang sekole. *So*, ke a tshaloganya fa mowa wa gago o le kwa tlase.

Kgakololo yame ke gore, mo botshelong mme, fa o ka letlelela gore dilo tse di digang mowa wa gago, tse di go fang mowa wa boithobogo, fa o ka di tlogela gore di nne mo botshelong jwa gago, o tlaa salela kwa morago, e bile o tlaa sadisa ba o ba eteletseng pele morago. Se ke batlang go go kgothatsa ka sone ke gore, nna le ba ke berekang le bone, maikaelelo a rona ke gore re bereke le wena le ba dikgaolo tse dingwe tse e leng gore re ntse re di sadisitse kwa morago re le tšhaba ya Botswana. Ga ke a re mang kana phathi efe ka gore sengwe le sengwe ke sa rona re le lefatsheng la Botswana. Maikaelelo a rona ke gore re bereke le lona, re bereke le wena fela thata. Ke tswa go bona sepatela sele re le mmogo, re bone dilo di le di ntsi re le mmogo. Re dumalane gore re tlaa bereka mmogo, ke santse ke rialo. Re dumalane gore re tlaa bereka mmogo ka gore go aga lefatsheng la Botswana go raya re aga lefatsheng lotlhe mo Botswana e seng kgaolo ya gore.

Gongwe ka mafoko a a kalo a go le kgwa dikgaba, a go kgwana dikgaba, ke le leboge batlotlegi gore lotlhe le lebega le na le lesedi, le tshwana le tšhaba ele ya Issachar e gotweng e ne e itse tse di tshwanetseng gore di dirwe, di diragale mo dipakeng tse di rileng. Ke le lebogela selo se ka one mafoko a.

*Mr Speaker, I therefore move that the Botswana (Governance and Economic Resilience Support Programme) African Development Bank (AfDB) (Loan Authorisation) Bill, 2025 (No. 15 of 2025) be read for the second time.*

Question put and **agreed to.**

Committee - **Later Today.**

**MR SPEAKER:** *Order! Order! Honourable Members. Ke ntse fa fatshe for four hours, let me take a break jwa 10 minutes, le bo le boetse fa. Jaanong ke kopile*

*Clerk* gore a batle *some snack* gore le nne le ntse le tswa le ya go tshwara legaba le boela mo teng. Tsweetswee batlotlegi, ke lona le dumalaneng gore *Bills* tse di fete ka bofefe. Jaanong ke sone se le nna ke dumalanang le lona gore le nna ke tle go botha fa le lona, *I will take 10 minutes*. Standing Order 26.2; *we adjourn for 10 minutes.*

**PROCEEDINGS SUSPENDED AT 6:10 P.M. FOR APPROXIMATELY 10 MINUTES**

**PROCEEDINGS RESUMED AT 6:20 P.M.**

**GOVERNANCE AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCE SUPPORT PROGRAMME OPEC FUND FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (OFID) (LOAN AUTHORISATION) BILL, 2025 (NO. 16 OF 2025)**

**Second Reading**

**MR SPEAKER:** Order! Honourable Members. Let me call upon the Minister of Finance to present the Bill, His Honour The Vice President (VP).

**MINISTER OF FINANCE (MR GAOLATHE):** Thank you Mr Speaker. I have the honour to present the Second Reading of the Governance and Economic Resilience Support Programme, OPEC Fund for International Development (OFID) (Loan Authorisation) Bill, 2025 (No. 16 of 2025).

Mr Speaker, many of the issues, this is almost a replica of the presentation but I will present only the facts that are unique to this one. Mr Speaker, under the prevailing financial situation, the Government found it necessary in addition to many other steps to raise a loan amounting to 200 million USD, an estimated 2.66 billion at the current exchange rates from OPEC Fund for International Development (OFID) Bank. The proposed loan will be used as budget support for financial year 2025/2026. This amount has been approved by OPEC as a policy-based loan which will co-finance the Governance and Economic Resilience Support Programme with the African Development Bank. So, it is a loan that is actually being pursued in sync with the African Development Bank. So, the terms and conditions from a policy perspective are a replica, they are exactly the same. This budget support loan is tied to the implementation

of an agreed programme policy matrix that specifies a set of measurable and time-bound reform areas which the Government of Botswana has committed to execute as conditions, precedent. The reforms are underpinned by true mutually, complimentary components, namely; strengthening fiscal sustainability and transparency and enhancing economic revitalisation for job creation and inclusive growth.

These are exactly the components as outlined for the African Development Bank Loan. So, everything that we have committed to around transparency, domestic revenue mobilization, curbing illicit financial flows and the launch of a Value Added Tax (VAT) electronic invoicing solution, all of these are exactly lifestyle audits, corruption audits, are exactly what we have committed to under the African Development loan as well.

Mr Speaker, the agreed terms for this specific loan entail an amount of USD200 million estimated at 2.6 billion, a repayment period of 20 years, inclusive of 5-year grace period. A variable exchange rate based on six-months secured overnight reference rate, plus a 1.6 per cent per year, which gives us an effective rate of 5.72 per cent per year. A once off front-end fee of 0.25 per cent of the loan amount and a commitment fee of 0.25 per cent per year charged on committed undisbursed balances.

Mr Speaker, the Stocks, Bonds and Treasury Bills Act, 2005 (CAP 56:07) governs Government borrowing and sets a legal borrowing limit as already indicated of 40 per cent. We have already indicated that given our financing plan, we believe that the total public debt will be projected to just over 34.64 per cent by the end of the 2025/2026.

In conclusion Mr Speaker, the Government of Botswana expresses its deep gratitude to the OPEC Fund. The commitment shown by OPEC Fund to Botswana's development agenda has been very reassuring and they are keen to do even more, including to partner with us to support the country through an initial three-year country partnership framework of USD 800 million, even beyond this loan facility in order to ensure sustainable growth objectives. This three-year framework will focus on priority public sector projects aligned with Botswana's development goals, including

infrastructure, modernisation, renewable energy, digital transformation, quality of life improvements and private sector inspired growth.

Mr Speaker, this concludes my presentation. I therefore move that the request for approval of the Governance and Economic Resilience Support Programme, OPEC Fund for International Development (OFID) Loan amounting to USD 200 million be read for the second time. I thank you Mr Speaker.

**MR SPEAKER:** E mpalele jaaka e ntse *Your Honour*.

**MR GAOLATHE:** I therefore move that the request for approval of the Governance and Economic Resilience Support Programme, OPEC Fund for International Development (OFID) loan amounting to USD 200 million be read for the second time.

**MR SPEAKER:** Order! Order! Honourable Members. The floor is open. Honourable Minister, Wynter Boipuso Mmolotsi.

#### MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM

**(MR MMOLOTSI):** Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Tota fela bakaulengwe jaaka ba ne ba ntse ba *debate Bill* e re tswang mo go yone, ke batla go dumalana gore re mo seemong se e leng gore *it is either we float or sink as a country*. Re mo seemong se e leng gore ka one mabaka ao, re tshwanelwa ke gore re dire sengwe. *Minister* e bong Mothusa Tautona kgantele o ne a bua gore kana re le lefatshe la Botswana, re na le *commitments* tse di tshwanelwang ke go duelwa ka nako e nngwe le e nngwe.

O ne a bua ka madi a a kana ka P17 *billion* a e leng gore ke *statutory commitments* tse e leng gore tota le tsone kana fa di sa duelwe, go raya gore re le lefatshe, re tsena mo mathateng a a seng kana ka sepe a go tlhoka go tshephagala. Kana go nna jalo, go raya gore *moving forward*, fa re ka nna le mathata, ga re ka ke ra kgona go bona dithuso ka lebaka la gore re tlaabo re le lefatshe le le sa tshephagaleng, le e leng gore le palelwa ke go duela dikoloto fa le di tsere.

Re a itse gore mo nakong ya gompieno, *we are ranked* sentle thata re le lefatshe la Botswana, mo go re thusang jalo gore fa re batla *loans*, go nne motlhofo. Go dirwa ke gore bontsi jwa nako kgotsa ka dinako tsotlhe, re a kgona gore fa re tshwanelwa ke gore re duele tseo tse re

di kolotang, dibanka tsa mafatshe a sele le tsa mono re bo re ka kgona go di duela ka nako e e siameng. So, ke nngwe ya dilo tse e leng gore tota ke mabaka a matona a gore re leke ka bojotlhe gore melao e e kgone gore e fete ka bofefo gore madi a tle a tsene, re bo re ka kgona gore re tswelele ka go duela.

Jaaka a ne a bua gape, kana re dumalane ka *budget* e re neng re e fetisa fa mmogo maloba, e e tlhokang gore le yone e nne le madi a go ya go diragatsa ditiro tse e leng gore re a di tlhoka tsa ditlhabololo kwa dikgaolong tsa rona ka go farologana. Fa go ntse jalo kana, jaaka Batswana ba solofetse gore ditiro di tshwanetse gore di goroge kwa go bone, ke sone se go tlhokafalang gore go dirwe jaana gore re kgone gore re ye go fulfil the promises that we made to the people of this republic.

So, ke sone se e leng gore *Mr Speaker*, ke dumela gore bakaulengwe ba e buile ka gore ke *Bill* e e tshwanang, mme le nna tlaa ke e eme e nokeng, ke dumalane le Mothusa Tautona gore mme re go eme nokeng gore a re ye go tsaya madi a kana ka US\$200 million re tle re kgone gore re finance budget ya ngwaga one o. Ke a leboga.

**ASSISTANT MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES (MR NYATANGA):**  
*Good afternoon Mr Speaker.*

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** *Ke good evening.*

**MR NYATANGA:** *Ke good evening? Go raya gore go semeletswe, kana re ntsha maduo.*

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

**MR NYATANGA:** *Good evening Mr Speaker. Le nna ke ne ke re ke batla gore ke tseye sebaka se le nna ke eme ke support His Honour the Vice President (VP) ka these Bills. Ke batla gore ke simolole ke re we know we are at a critical time where we need to do two things, we need to be decisive and be bold. If we are not going to do these things, this country will sink. There is one fact e e teng gape gore we have taken over this country from the predecessors ba e leng gore I think they had shortcomings tse di serious, because as a country, we have not been able to diversify the economy of this country. That is why we are at a period e e leng gore, because of the poor decisions that we took, our diamonds are not selling. It is a fact, it is a fact of life, reality. E*

batla gore fa re e lebelela, fa go na le yo e leng gore o ka gana *this kind of Bill*, e bo e le gore o lebelela gore Batswana kwa gae fa o gana, *what is going to happen?*

*One of the things that characterise us, this new Government, ke gore re na le go bua boammaaruri, and I know sometimes fa o bua boammaaruri, you get attacked. I have got a choice e e leng gore I choose gore ke bue boammaaruri ka gore ga go na mosola wa gore o se ka wa bolelela batho nnete. Le fa ke tsamaya, kana ke kwa Makwate, Dovedale or Kudumatse, I have been telling the people boammaaruri gore bagaetsho, we are at a crisis point where as leaders, we need to take decisions and I think the VP needs our support. This is a country e e leng gore re rile re tle go consult. I think this is consultation e e leng gore re le Members of Parliament, re tlhophilwe ke batho fa, re tlhalosa gore what is the root cause, and the root cause ke gore the way we managed the economy, which was perpetuated by inequalities, re iphitlhela re le fa. Look at the diamond market, it has been in the public domain gore synthetic diamonds are a challenge to our natural diamonds but we did not do enough. Gompieno we are trying to fight a situation which is very difficult and very complex.*

*Corruption and wastage, it is one area e nngwe e e leng gore it has been rampant, we find ourselves here. The only thing that we can do e le rona legislators of now is to have lessons learnt. What is it that we are going to do differently next time, and I take heed of the commitment by the VP a re we are going to have controls to make sure that we do not find ourselves in that situation because we saw it, we looked at our buffers being depleted, and rona as a country e e leng gore re teng re le baeteledipele gompieno, we are not going to allow that.*

*So, maloba fa go buiwa Budget Speech, the VP was very clear gore we are going to be very strict in terms of monitoring and evaluating ka fa re tlaabong re dirisa madi ka teng because we are going to build short interval controls to avoid situation e e leng gore we do not find ourselves e le gore there is a lot of wastage and corruption e e leng gore e teng.*

*So, re batlela eng madi a? Mr Speaker, ke batla gore ke go bolelele gore reality on the ground, fa o tsena kwa kgaolong e tshwana le ya me ya Kudumatse, it is a total breakdown of controls because ga go na madi. Dikole, bana ba rona ga ba tsenele mo mafelong a e leng*

gore a siame. O utlwile gore madi a a ya go *support the budget*. So, re batla gore bana ba rona e re jaaka re ntse re bua jaana, e bo e le gore *they are able to sleep well*, ba tshwanetswe ke gore ba tlhapele fa go siameng teng. Fa o tsena kwa Pekenene, *they are doing very well but they have got serious challenges of books and teaching materials*. I want to believe that this augurs well with most of the areas tse e leng gore re di emetse, and who will be there not to support this Bill? Batho ba e leng gore ba *support* bana ba rona *by providing the necessary accessories like dijo*, dilo tse e leng gore di na le dikotla, *they are currently crying* gore the Government is not paying them. We see, it is reality, factual. You do not need gore o bo o thusiwa gore o itse, every day we hear it, they tell us gore bagaetsho re na le mathata.

Look at the civil servants, they want money. Mr Speaker, badirelapuso ba a bereka, ba ntsha maduo ka bonokopila but they have got problems. Le rona as a Government, we are constrained because we cannot afford to give these people madi. Jaanong fa re fiwa madi a, re tlile go bona gore these ditirelo di ya go goroga kwa bathong. I like the fact that this is going to support our budget because in terms of our manifesto, we are very clear of dilo tse e leng gore re batla gore re di dire, but gompieno we are challenged because we do not have money.

I want to underscore one thing gore madi a kadimo jaaka VP a ne a bua, ga se madi a re tshwanetseng gore re a dirise in liabilities, re ya go a dirisa sentle Mr Speaker.

Ke ema fa, ke batla go *support the VP* gore re letlelele Bill e e fete bana ba ga mme gore re le lefatshe, re kgone gore jaanong le dilo tse re neng re re re a di dira, e bo e le gore di a kgonagala. Le utlwile gore *when you convert US\$200 million to our local currency, it is around P2.6 billion*. It will go a long way in terms of assisting us as a Government. We will have enough time gore re bo re ka kgona gore re age itsholelo ya lefatshe le jaaka re ne re bua. Mr Speaker, I do not want to waste time ka gore fa Bill e ntse jaana, go batla gore o bue o eme. Thank you very much.

**MR KEKGONEGILE (MAUN EAST):** Tanki Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, re mo dikolotong. Kana go lebege Goromente yo re leng mo go ene e le Goromente wa dikoloto. Motho o ka ipotsa gore gone mme fa re leng teng fa, re teng ka tsela efe? Ke eng re le fa? A mme fa re le fa jaana ka itsholelo e e leng gore mongwe le

mongwe o a e bona gore e mo seemong se e leng mo go sone, mme boammaaruri ke gore fa seemo se le maswe, o tshwanelwa ke go ema ka dinao go bona gore o tokafatsa seemo.

Kgang ke gore re ne re le mmogo dingwaga tse tlhano tse di fetileng, re bua thata ka gore tota go tlisa Molao-kakanyetso mo Palamenteng ka *urgency* ga se gone. Go supa tlhoko go ipaakanya. A mme sekoloto se, itsholelo e ka November fa go tsewa Puso, ka December fa go tsenwa mo maamong, a go ne go sa itsiwe gore itsholelo e ntse jaana? E bonwe *as far back as December*. We are in July today. Re tlisa Molao-kakanyetso wa sekoloto ka tshogonetso. Golo moo fela ka bogone go supa tlhoko go ipaakanya.

Mo gongwe e nna gore Honourable Phologolo o ne a eme kgantele a re, ke eteletse pele komiti e e tshwanelwang ke gore Molao-kakanyetso o, o bo o fetile ka yone. Komiti e e tla to support kana e sa support. Re ne re le fa dingwaga tse di fetileng, re bua teme e nngwefela, gore *international standards* ke gore Bill fa e tla mo Palamenteng, re tshwanelwa ke gore re bo re e fetisitse ka komiti ya Palamente. E e sekasekile. E bone gore a mme e siame kana ga e a siama kana e tlhoka tlaleletso. Re fa gompieno, ba re neng re bua jalo mmogo fa Honourable Phologolo a bua, *the train has left the station*.

Kgang ke eng? Kgang ke gore Goromente wa UDC o batla go fetisa melao ka ponyo ya leitlho. Gore fa Palamente e tswalwa, a bo ba ya kwa bathong, re fitisitse melao e e kana. Le e fetisitse ka tsela e e ntseng jang? A go nnile le therisanyo mo phitising ya melao ya lona? Ga e a nna teng. Le batho ba therisanyo, le batho ba ditshwanelo fa le bua ka molomo, mme ditiro tsa lona di bua se sele. Le bagateledi ba ba feteletseng.

Re ne re le mo, re bo re ya ditlhophong, re bua ka ditsholofetso kwa bathong. Go ne go sena phathi epe e le nngwefela e e buang gore ditsholofetso tsa yone mo setšhabeng ke dikoloto after sekoloto. Rona re le BCP re ne re bua re re itsholelo e, ga e mo seemong se e leng sone. E ya go batla gore e baakannwe pele, ke gone re bo re ka diragatsa se re tselang gore se tshwanetse Batswana. Lona le ne le bua gore *come November 30*, le tlaabo le e fa batho sengwe le sengwe. Le fa gompieno, le fa batho dikoloto, le fa setšhaba dikoloto. Ke sone se Honourable Hikuama a reng tota lona le fentse ditlhopho ka tsietso, ikopeng maitshwarelo mo setšhabeng.

Honourable Tshere o bua gore *budget* ya lona e tlhoka P44 billion.

**ASSISTANT MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR MOTSAMAI):** *Point of order. Mr Speaker*, ba bangwe gongwe ba fentse ka tsietso. Nna ga ke ka ke ka letlelela gore e re ke le fa ke bo ke kopanngwa le ba bangwe gotwe re fentse ka tsietso. Ke ne ke re motlotlegi a tsene mo tseleng sentle fela, a se ka a dirisa mafoko a go re kgobotletsa go le kanakana gore re fentse ditlhopho ka tsietso. Ka le ene o fentse, o e fetile fa kae tsietso eo? Go raya gore le ene kwa a tswang teng o tsieditse.

**MR SPEAKER:** *Order! Order! Honourable Members*, mme o e tlhalositse *Honourable Motsamai*. O tlhalositse gore tsietso eo o bua ka ga eng. A re ga le a bua boammaaruri. Jaanong *Honourable Kekgonegile*, *Honourable Motsamai* o ne a re o se ka wa ba sotla thata.

**MR KEKGONEGILE:** Tanki *Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo* tsa Palamente. Ee, re a go utlwa *Honourable Motsamai*. Re a go utlwa motho wa Modimo, kana wena tota le gone kwa *manifesto* ga o a o dirisa, o ne o sa dumele mo go one, ka wena o ne o le fa, o ne o bona gore go diragala eng. Tota o ne o ikopela fela motho wa Modimo o re bale ga ba bue boammaaruri, kana ka fa o neng o ikopela ka teng fela, o ne wa ikopela, *but* kgang e mo phathing, UDC, *not wena per se*.

**ASSISTANT MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE (MR ATAMELANG):** *Clarification*. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke ne ke batla gore *honourable* a re tlhalosetse gore bone e le BCP, *strategy* se se ka *revive economy* se ba se tshwereng *that does not need capital investment* ke sefe? Ba bolelele *this House their proposed ideas* fa e le gore di teng. Ke a leboga.

**MR KEKGONEGILE:** Tanki *Honourable Atamelang*. Ke tlaa go romelela *manifesto* wa BCP *Honourable Atamelang*. *The manifesto* wa BCP o ganeletse thata mo *policy reforms, plans that could build the economy and then implementation of the promises*. O ganeletse gone foo. *Policy* selo sa ntlha fela, re bua gore re le BCP, lona gompiano jaana le tswa mo tumalanong le De Beers. Re ne re le ka kwano rotlhe, re bua ka fa e leng gore Domkrag ga e dire sentle ka teng, gore e dira ditumalano tsa lefatshe le De Beers, e bo e di dira pipamolomo.

Ntshang ditumalano tsa lona le De Beers, Batswana ba bone gore a mme lefatshe ga le a jewa kana De Beers ga e a jewa kana go nnile *fair. That transparent reforms* ke tsone tse BCP e buang ka tsone.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Clarification.

**MR KEKGONEGILE:** *Comrade*, ga re dumalane, o tlaa nna le *chance ya to debate*.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Ke batla go tlhaloganya *sir*.

**MR KEKGONEGILE:** O tlaa nna le *chance ya to debate comrade*, ke tlaa go e fa kwa pele. *I do not have a problem with giving you clarification*. Se se tona ke gore go tsewa dikoloto, di tseelwa lefatshe. Ga le ye go nna mo Pusong go ya go ileng. Ba bangwe ba tlaa tla ba nna mo Pusong. Ba ne ba le gone ka koo. Go ne go na le monna yo mongwe re lebagana le ene jaaka o ntse gone foo, o a mo itse, gompiano ga a yo foo. Gone moo fela ka bogone go raya gore *the democratic process* ka boyone, *it is dependent on the masses, not mo go lona*. Gone moo fela ka bogone go raya gore fa le tsaya dikoloto tse, di tseyeng ka kelelelo. Fa le ya go dirisa madi a, a diriseng ka kelelelo. Dikgang tsa bo gore babereki bangwe (*cadre deployed workers*), *in certain institutions* ba bo ba kgona go leletsa Permanent Secretaries (PS) le *Directors* gore se dire jaana dira jaana, *a person with no Certificate, Diploma and no Degree!* fela ka gore *he or she is close to power*, le tsenya lefatshe mo mathateng. Se direng jalo. Re ne re le ka kwano re bua re re, ba ba dule mo tseleng. Lona *eight months* le setse le potile ba 58 years ka kwa ka tiriso ya madi, ka tshenyetso-setšhaba, ka go tlhoka tsamaiso. Re fa, re adima madi a a welang mo motlhobodikeng wa tlhoko tsamaiso.

**MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INNOVATION (MR TSHERE):** *On a point of procedure. Mr Speaker*, ke utlwa e kare ga ke welane sentle le dikgang tse di buiwang gore re senya madi, re dule mo tsamaisong, e bile re gaisetse ba ba tsereng 58 years mme go se na bosupi jo bo tlišiwang. Fa o bua fela jalo, o mara batho mafoko a a ntšeng jalo mme o sa ntšhe bosupi bope go netefatsa kana go rurifatsa batho ba o ba supang ka monwana, ke bona go se ka fa tlase ga tsamaiso ya Ntlo e. Ga ke itse gore a mokaulengwe o ka ntšha bosupi kana a boele morago mafoko ao. Ke a leboga.

**MR SPEAKER:** *Honourable Kekgonegile*, a re o a ba pateletsa, wa re ba senya fela mo go feteletseng le go dirisa madi botlhaswa go feta e bile le ba ba ntseng 58 years.

**MR KEKGONEGILE:** Tanki *Mr Speaker*. *Mr Speaker*, e rile fa Palamente e e simolola, ke dikgang di le dintsi tsa bo gore ba rekile *furniture* ya P1.3 million mongwe le mongwe wa bone. Dikgang e bo di le teng tsa gore *Ministers* dingwe ba tsentsa *showers* mo diofising tsa bone. Dikgang e bo di le teng tsa gore mesepele e e leng teng e feta ya ba ba neng ba le teng. Re ne re le mmogo mo Palamenteng e *Mr Speaker*, re ne re sanke re bona Palamente fa e tsweletse go ntse jaaka go ntse jaana, go se na ope mo Palamenteng *in the ruling party*. Ba kae gompieno?

**MR TSHERE:** *On a point of procedure*. *Mr Speaker*, o ntse ga a ntshe bosupi. Le fa a re supa ka kwano jaana, ga a bue gore Leader of the Opposition (LOO) le ene o reketswe *furniture* ya P1.3 million ka gore ke ditshwanelo tse di tlang ka Green Book. Le bone ba e tsere, ga ba a e gana. Jaanong bua jalo o bua dilo *balancing them*, re go utlwe sentle.

**MR MOTSAMAI:** *On a point of procedure*. *Mr Speaker*, jo bongwe bosupi bo tlaa pala ka gore fa re supywa fela rotlhe gotwe, lona le rekile *furniture* ya P1.3 million go sena bosupi jo bo tswang, nna yo ke leng fano, ke a betšholola mo go se a se buang.

Ya bobedi *Mr Speaker* ke gore, jo bongwe gape bosupi bo tlaa pala ka gore, e rile fa re tsena mo Palamenteng e ra fitlhela batho ba kganetso ba ne ba kobilwe mo dikomiting le go kganetso go tswela kwa mafatsheng a a kwa ntle mme ra letlelela. Mme go tswela kwa mafatsheng a kwa ntle, ba kganetso ba a tswa, ba dirisa madi ao.

Jo bongwe bosupi bo tlaa pala *Mr Speaker* jwa gore, re le *Ministers* fa re le ka kwano fa, fa re ntse fela mo setilong re sa ye go dira ditiro kwa ofising, Mapalamente ba tla ba lela ba re re tlhophile Puso, ya tlhophi *Ministers* ba ba sa ntsheng maduo kwa diofising. Ke sone se o bonang ditilo tsa rona di nna di tlaa di boa gape palo e ya kwa tlase. Ke sone se se diragalang *Mr Speaker*.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Procedure.

**MR SPEAKER:** Nnyaa, *Honourable Members*, le rile *Bills* di fetisiwe ka bofefo, le dumalane. Ga go na le fa a

le mongwefela yo o ganneng. Jaanong se dieng nako. Fa le sa dumalane le *Honourable Kekgonegile*, le emelele le bue dikgang tse le di buang tseo, e seng le iphitlhile ka *procedure*. Le emelele fela le *debate* le ene.

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

**HONOURABLE MEMBERS:** Procedure.

**MR SPEAKER:** Nnyaa, ga ke letlelele *procedures* jaanong ka gore le dia nako. Fetsang *Bills* tse. *Honourable Kekgonegile*, emelela *and debate*.

**MR KEKGONEGILE:** Ke ne ke eletsa go itse gore ke mang yo o neng a re ke a ba akela ka kwa. Ga ke itse gore a ke *Honourable Ntsima* kana ke *Honourable Nyatanga*?

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Ke belaela Ntsima.

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

**MR KEKGONEGILE:** Ke *Honourable Nyatanga*.

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

**MR KEKGONEGILE:** ... (Laughter!)... Tanki *honourable*. Tanki *Mr Speaker*. Ke a go utlwa *Honourable Motsamai*, *the Speaker has ruled, but let me give you the benefit of the doubt*. Tota wena o kgakalanyana le beng ba dijo. Go rwalwa *watches* tse di fetang bo 20 000, ga o na le fa e le *watch*.

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

**MR KEKGONEGILE:** Fa re tswela *Mr Speaker*, *loans* tse, *like* bakaulengwe ba ntse ba bua gore mathata a teng mo lefatsheng, fa re tsaya madi jaana re ye go a dirisa sentle, go botlhokwa fela thata. Re bona *luxury* e le tsheleng mo go yone. Re tswa *from conferences*, rona owaii! re ne re le mo *community hall* fale, lona le ne le le kae, *who was sponsoring? There is no free lunch*. Motho yo o neng a *sponsor* o ya go tsaya madi a teng ka tsela e e ntseng jang? Re tswa mo *money laundering* e e neng e le kwa godimo fela thata. A ba ba neng ba *sponsor* re ntse re boitse mo *money laundering* ya teng? Re tshwanelwa ke gore fa re dirisa madi a setšhaba, re le *within the corridors of power*, re bo re itse gore *those within proximity are not going to offer us an expensive lunch, because* mo Ntlong e, rona *within political parties* ga re na madi a go duela *that expensive lunch*.

*That expensive lunch e ya go duelwa through the taxes.*

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Correction Mr Speaker.

**MR KEKGONEGILE:** I do not have an obligation to take it, but *mma ke go e fe* comrade.

**ASSISTANT MINISTER OF CHILD WELFARE AND BASIC EDUCATION (MR HUNYEPA):** On a point of correction. Thank you Honourable Kekgonegile. *O bua gore lona le ne le dirisa* community halls and implying *gore* those are public institutions. *Le nna ke itse gore le* these past congresses, *diphathi tse di neng di le koo di ne di dirisa* public institutions, *go ne go se kwa dihoteleng. Ke ne ke re ke baakanye jalo mokaulengwe.*

**MR KEKGONEGILE:** Tanki. Ke a go utlwa *Comrade* Hunyepa. Wena kana motho wa Modimo o iketse panyapanya o ya go batla maemo, ga o itse sepe se se diragalang kwa Botswana National Front (BNF) ka o sale o ile o iketse Botswana People's Party (BPP), o rekiwa ka maemo. Ke bua ka ba ba neng ba tshwere *conferences*, lona le kgakala le go tshwara *conferences*. Le ba le supiwang fela ka monwana jaana gore wena o tsena mo maamong a, wena mo go a...

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

**MR KEKGONEGILE:** *Mr Speaker*, mma re tswelele *to debate* ...

**ASSISTANT MINISTER OF CHILD WELFARE AND BASIC EDUCATION (MR HUNYEPA):** *On a point of order.* Ke ne ke re *we can just have differences* mme *respecting each other*. Ga a kwa diphathing tse a buang ka tsone tse e leng gore *he claims* gore o na le information ya teng. Fa a ne a ka bua ka BCP, *one would appreciate that. I do not have to go to the moon, to talk about the moon*, ke a itse gore Alliance for Progressive (AP) e ne e le *in a community centre*, BNF *was in a community centre, a public institution for that matter*. Jaanong a o tshwanetse go dirisa mafoko a a ntseng jalo a gore motho o rekilwe, *I think you are out of order* mokaulengwe. *Yes, we can speak with respect*, ga go reye gore fa o buela kwa godimo o dira jalo, *then* o tlaa tlhophiwa thata. *Thank you.*

**MR SPEAKER:** Nnyaa, mme ga se *point of order*, tswelela *Honourable Kekgonegile*.

**MR KEKGONEGILE:** Tanki *Mr Speaker: Mr Speaker*, mma re tsene mo dikgannyeng. Mafatshe ka bontsi a a nnileng le *problem* ya itsholelo jaaka re le mo go yone jaana, ba iphitlhetse ba tsaya *loans* ka *pace* e re tsayang *loans* ka yone. Mafatshe a gompiano kwa ba neng ba tsaya *loans* teng, mangwe a mafatshe a *assets* tsa bone e ka nna *mines, airports*, bo eng, *because* ga ba kgone go a duela jaanong ba tsere dilo tseo ke tsa mafatshe a teng. *We need to be cautious of that*, gore a mme fa re tsaya *loans* tse ka motseletsele jaaka re di tsaya jaana, re tlaa kgona go di duela. Fa re sa kgone go di duela, ditlamorago tsa teng ke eng, re tshwanelwa ke go lebelela diemo tse. Le fela gore madi a fa re a tsaya, re tlaa dirisa ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Ke gore lefatshe ka bophara, *more especially in the north* kwa bo Kgalagadi le Ghanzi, re na le kgang ya bo *human-wildlife conflict*, a re tlaa bona seemo sa dituelo tsa tshenyo ya dipologolo se se feteletseng se, a se tla nna botoka? A podi fa e jelwe ke tau, e ntse e duelwa P200 kana jang?

Ke gore fa o ya kwa bo Thamalakane kwa go rona kwa Maun East, kwa bo Daoga, Dikgatlhong, Tatamoga, o ya North East, Northern, Nata-Gweta, o ya go fitlhela diemo tse di ntseng jalo tsa matlhoko a dipologolo tsa naga. O ya kwa Boteti o ya go fitlhela mathata a a ntseng jalo. A madi a fa re a tsaya, a tlaa kgona *to address* diemo? Fa a sa di *address*, gone mme re a tseela gore a ye *to address* eng? Tlhoko ditiro e e kanakana e, *projects* tse di tshwanelwang ke go tswelela tsa Maun Water Project, a jaanong di ya go fela? *Compensations* tsa matlo a batho a a thubilweng, ka ntata ya ditlhabololo e le tshwanelo ya gore go nne jalo, a mme ba a duelwa? Fa ba sa duelwe, *project* e fela batho ba bo ba tsamaya, go raya eng mo go Goromente wa lona wa ditshwanelo? Dilo tse re tshwanelwa ke gore fa re tsaya madi a, re itse gore ke madi a mosekelampeng, a tshwanelwa ke go dira dilo tse a di fetsa.

Re bua kgang ya balemi-barui gore gompiano jaana fa o ya morakeng, *communal agriculture production areas*, meraka le masimo, a mme *infrastructure*, metsi... ke gore kwa kgaolong ya rona le tse dingwe tse dintsi *for example*, metsi a letswai fa motho a re o a a ikepela, mo go rayang gore *the settlement policy* e tshwanelwa ke go fetoga gore Water Utilities Corporation (WUC) fa metsi a leng letswai teng, *pipes* tse di fetang *like pipe* e feta ka Samedupe le Xang, go nne le *branch agriculture production areas*, di kgone go nwa mo teng. Fa re ba

epela didiba ka CCP, metsi a teng a letswai, ga o ka ke wa epa sediba. *That is why* metsi a tsewa kgakalanyana a a *potable, in agriculture production areas*, masimo le meraka. *Food production* ya lefatshe, *then* e tlaa ya kwa godimo.

Dikgang tsa babereki gore a mme fa re tsaya madi a jaana re a tsenya kwa *Consolidated Fund*, e e yang go felela e ya kwa *recurrent*, a kwa babereking jaaka ba ba phepafatsang kwa *clinics* le kwa bo Letsholathebe ba na le dikgwedi tse pedi ba sa duelwe, rona gone fa re ka se ke re nne le fa e le beke e e fetang re sa bone *sitting allowance* ya rona, a mme go siame mo babereking ba? A madi a a tlaa goroga kwa go bone go ba duela? *Security*, ba ba tlhokomelang *offices* tsa ga Goromente, a madi a a tlaa goroga kwa go bone go ba duela? A dikgang tsa DHMT jaaka re di bua gone fa, *we are decentralising* le tsaya *clinics* kwa go Goromente yo motona le di isa kwa *Local Government*, go tswa foo le *demote* batho, le ba *demote* eng? A madi a a tlaa kgona to address these situations? *Delayed progression*, fa o ya kwa *education*, barutabana ga a ise a bo ba duelwe, a ke *leave concessions, allowances*, a madi a a tlaa address dilo tse? Tanki *Mr Speaker*.

**MR SPEAKER:** Honourable Members, let me bring your attention to Standing Order 57.1 that you restrict your observations to the subject under discussion and not to introduce matters irrelevant to this subject. *Le bue ka Bill*.

**MR PHOLOGOLO (KANYE WEST):** Let me thank you Mr Speaker, finally. Thank you so very much sir. From the outset, Your Honour the Vice President, Honourable Minister of Finance through the Honourable Speaker of this House, I want to make it unequivocally clear *gore* I support this loan authorisation Bill. I think reasons have been advanced by various Members of Parliament, and like they were saying, *di tshwana fela le* the previous one. This is meant to address a dire situation that the country finds itself in, and this is meant *go re ogola mo seretseng*.

Mr Speaker, earlier on I asked this House to allow me to wear another cap and speak not just as a Member of Parliament, but as a Chairman of Finance and Estimates. Pose a question that perhaps had we had the opportunity, we would have posed *kwa bothokong*. *Legale ke potso fela, e ke tlaa arabiwang motlhofo*. If

you read the Constitution, Section 117 establishes a Consolidated Fund, and then the Development Fund if I am not mistaken it is established by the Public Finance Management Act. A close reading of the Constitution at 117 *le* the training *e ke neng ke ntse ke e tsena le ba bangwe, e kare e ne e supa thata gore madi otlhe a ga Goromente a tshwanelwa ke go tsena* into the Consolidated Fund. *Ga ke itse mabaka a one a a ka dirang gore a mangwe a seka a feta ka yone. Ke sone se ke neng ke re gongwe fa re ne re nnile le nako ya go tshotlha dikgang tse*, I would not be posing this question. I think that is the only question that I need, *gore re e tlhologanye, gongwe ba bangwe ba a e tlhologanya* but I guess go *bothokwa gore re nne le* opportunities of learning or unlearning the wrong things *fa e le gore re na le sebaka sa go botsa dipotso*.

*E nngwe* in closing, through you Mr Speaker, I was under the impression that Bills especially a Bill of this nature, before it is presented *mo Palamenteng*, is owned by Cabinet. *Fa e le gore go ntse jalo*, I am correct in that, *ke ipotsa gore ka go urgent, a mme go a bo go tlhokafala gore Cabinet e boe e tle go e bua* in this House and deny the rest of us *ba re kopanang le yone gone fela fa sebaka sa gore re tsene mo go yone*. Like I said earlier, these are *questions tse di ka nnang mosola go re ruta go ya pele. Gone ke gatelela kgang ya gore* I support the (Loan Authorisation) Bill presented by the Honourable Minister and His Honour the Vice President (VP). I thank you Mr Speaker.

**ASSISTANT MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE (MR ATAMELANG):** *Thank you Mr Speaker*. Ke ne ke kopa go ema ka Standing Order 55.1. Ke re, re setse re e buile, ba ba ganetsang le ba ba dumalanang re bua dikgang di le dingwefela. Jaanong ke ne ke kopa gore re e wetse gone fa.

**MR SPEAKER:** Order! Order! Honourable Members, Honourable Keoagile Atamelang has moved in accordance with Standing Order 55.1 to truncate the debate that the mover be now called upon to reply. His motivation is that *tota le bua mabaka a le mangwefela ba le leng mo matlhakoreng otlhe*. Jaanong I am compelled to put the question that this Motion be agreed to and that the mover be called to reply to the debate. Order! Order! Honourable Members, the question is that the mover be now called to reply to the debate.

Question put and **agreed to.**

**MINISTER OF FINANCE (MR GAOLATHE):** Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Tota jaaka re sa tswa go lemoga, sengwe le sengwe se se neng se buega mo kadimong ya madi a African Development Bank (AfDB) se tshwana fela le mabaka otlhe a a buegang mo go adimeng madi a OPEC Fund. Tsotlhe tse re di gakolotsweng bogolo jang ke *Honourable OmLuu*, tota di ne di boeletswa go dirisiwa mafoko a sele, go dirisiwa thulaganyo ya diele e e farologanyeng. Ke dumela gore re kgwile sengwe le sengwe dikgaba, se re tshwanetseng go se kgwa dikgaba.

Rre Phologolo, tota ke tshwanetse gore ke mo kope maitshwarelo e le labobedi. Ke mo rurifaletse Rre Phologolo gore ka gore go na le ba ke dirang le bone, re ne ra rulaganya gore go kopanwe le komiti ya gago. Go raya gore golo gongwe, go na le sengwe se se sa tsamayang sentle, mme nna ka sebele, ke ne ke le mo dithulaganyong, e bile ke le kwa pele mo go lekeng gore re rulaganye gore go kopanwe le komiti ya gago. Go raya gore fa dilo di ntse di tsamaya ka bonako, go na le sengwe se se sa tsamayang sentle se ke se kopelang maitshwarelo. Ke go rurifaletse gore phoso eo, ga e ka ke ya diragala gape. Tsotlhe dipotso tse o nang le tsone, le tsone ke go rurifaletse gore sengwe le sengwe se re se dirang se tlile go dirwa ka fa molaong le ka fa Molaomotheong. Ke raya gore eo ke a go rurifaletsa. *Please do forgive me. I know that you are committed to fulfilling your responsibilities and we do not want to be responsible or to be the ones that prohibit you from doing that.*

*Ka one mafoko ao* Mr Speaker, let me say and let me move that the request for the approval of the Governance and Resilience Support Programme, OPEC Fund for International Development (OFID) loan amounting to US\$200 million be read for the second time.

**MR SPEAKER:** Your Honour, *ke batla o bala* the title of the Bill exactly as it appears.

**MR GAOLATHE:** Okay. Well, Mr Speaker, I do move that the Governance and Economic Resilience Support Programme, OPEC Fund for International Development (OFID) (Loan Authorisation) Bill, 2025 (No. 16 of 2025) be read for the second time.

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you Your Honour. Order! Honourable Members.

Question put and **agreed to.**

Committee - **Later Today.**

**ASSEMBLY IN COMMITTEE**

**(CHAIRPERSON in the Chair)**

**BOTSWANA (GOVERNANCE  
AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCE  
SUPPORT PROGRAMME) AFRICAN  
DEVELOPMENT BANK (AfDB) (LOAN  
AUTHORISATION) BILL, 2025 (NO. 15  
OF 2025)**

**MR CHAIRPERSON (MR KEORAPETSE):** Order! Order! Honourable Members, please note that the Botswana (Governance and Economic Resilience Support Programme) African Development Bank (AfDB) (Loan Authorisation) Bill, 2025 (No. 15 of 2025) has six Clauses. No amendments have been noticed. I shall therefore call all the Clauses at once. *Re utlwane gakere* baby of the House?

Clauses 1 - 6 **agreed to.**

**GOVERNANCE AND ECONOMIC  
RESILIENCE SUPPORT PROGRAMME,  
OPEC FUND FOR INTERNATIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT (OFID) (LOAN  
AUTHORISATION) BILL, 2025 (NO. 16  
OF 2025)**

**MR CHAIRPERSON:** Order! Order! Honourable Members, we go to the second Bill. Please note that the Governance and Economic Resilience Support Programme, OPEC Fund for International Development (OFID) (Loan Authorisation) Bill, 2025 (No. 16 of 2025) has six Clauses. No amendments have been noticed, I shall therefore, call all the Clauses at once.

**MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION (MR MAELE):** *Point of procedure. Yes sir, o ne o rile six, di tharo.*

**MR CHAIRPERSON:** Tsa OPEC?

...Silence...

**MR CHAIRPERSON:** You mean for which one?

**MR MAELE:** Nnyaa, go raya gore ke tsamaya kgakala, ke ne ke tsaya gore...

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

**MR CHAIRPERSON:** *Honourable Members*, mme ke di tshwere tsotlhe.

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

**MR CHAIRPERSON:** You are okay Honourable Minister? *Ke bona* six, six.

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

**MR CHAIRPERSON:** Nnyaa, *Honourable Members*, you must appreciate that fa re dira molao o, you must be very, very meticulous. So, fa re tlhagisiwa jalo, re tshwanetse re lebelele gore a mme re mo seporong. Gape appreciate that *Honourable Maele is a very experienced Member of this House*, so, I will give him a moment to just advise on whether...

**MR MAELE:** Nnyaa, *Mr Chairperson*, thank you so much. Tota ke ne ke lebile ka kwa memorandum, kwa memorandum di ne di le three, so ke ne ke tsere gore gongwe re tlaa simolola ka memorandum, but ke bone o setse o tsene ka kwa Bill o sa tsena mo memorandum to also confer. Jaanong tsala yame Rre Kedikilwe o ntlhasetse fela, mme ga a itse gore ke bua ka ga eng.

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

**MR CHAIRPERSON:** Thank you Honourable Minister. Honourable Members, as I have indicated, the Governance and Economic Resilience Support Programme, OPEC Fund for International Development (OFID) (Loan Authorisation) Bill, 2025 (No. 16 of 2025) has six Clauses. No amendments have been noticed, I shall therefore call all the Clauses at once.

Clauses 1 - 6 agreed to.

**BOTSWANA (GOVERNANCE AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCE SUPPORT PROGRAMME)  
AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (AfDB)  
(LOAN AUTHORISATION) BILL, 2025 (NO. 15  
OF 2025)**

Bill reported from Committee **without amendments.**

Third Reading - **Later Today.**

**GOVERNANCE AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCE SUPPORT PROGRAMME, OPEC FUND FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (OFID) (LOAN AUTHORISATION) BILL, 2025 (NO. 16 OF 2025)**

Bill reported from Committee **without amendments.**

Third Reading - **Later Today.**

**Third Readings**

**BOTSWANA (GOVERNANCE AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCE SUPPORT PROGRAMME) AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (AfDB) (LOAN AUTHORISATION) BILL, 2025 (NO. 15 OF 2025)**

(Minister of Finance)

**MR SPEAKER (MR KEORAPETSE):** Honourable Members, the question is that Botswana (Governance and Economic Resilience Support Programme) African Development Bank (AfDB) (Loan Authorisation) Bill, 2025 (No. 15 of 2025) be read a third time.

**MINISTER OF FINANCE (MR GAOLATHE):** Thank you Mr Speaker. I move that the Botswana (Governance and Economic Resilience Support Programme) African Development Bank (AfDB) (Loan Authorisation) Bill, 2025 (No. 15 of 2025) be read a third time and do pass.

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you your Honour. Order! Order! Honourable Members, in accordance with Standing Order 62.1 (c) I shall now order a division, and this division shall be held in the manner prescribed in Standing Order 63.

Question put and **Division Ordered.**

**MR SPEAKER:** Ring the bell for two minutes, at the elapse of two minutes, we shall lock the doors. I shall activate your electronic voting machines here, you will press 1 to indicate that you are present, you will press 2 to vote “yes” or “aye” and 3 for “no” or “nay” and 4 for “abstain.” *Tlhophang.*

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

**MR SPEAKER:** *Le utlwile gakere?* 1 for present, 2 for “yes,” 3 for “no” and 4 for “abstain.” *Le tlhophile lotlhe batlotlegi?*

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

**MR SPEAKER:** Okay, I have deactivated.

Order! Order! Honourable Members. Here are the results of your vote. The Ayes - 25, the Nos - 0 and Abstain - 3. Therefore, the Ayes have it.

Bill read a third time and **passed**.

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

**GOVERNANCE AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCE SUPPORT PROGRAMME, OPEC FUND FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (OFID) (LOAN AUTHORISATION) BILL, 2025 (NO. 16 OF 2025)**

(Minister of Finance)

**MR SPEAKER:** Order! Honourable Members, the question is that Governance and Economic Resilience Support Programme, OPEC Fund for International Development (OFID) (Loan Authorisation) Bill, 2025 (No. 16 of 2025) be read a third time.

**MINISTER OF FINANCE (MR GAOLATHE):**

Thank you Mr Speaker. I move that Governance and Economic Resilience Support Programme, OPEC Fund for International Development (OFID) (Loan Authorisation) Bill, 2025 (No. 16 of 2025) be read a third time and do pass.

**MR SPEAKER:** Order! Honourable Members, the question is that Governance and Economic Resilience Support Programme, OPEC Fund for International Development (OFID) (Loan Authorisation) Bill, 2025 (No. 16 of 2025) be read a third time and do pass.

You know the ritual. In accordance with Standing Order 62.1 (c) I will now order a division and that division will be held in the manner prescribed in Standing Order 63. Ring the bell for two minutes, Sergeant-at-Arms, at the elapse of two minutes, you shall lock the doors.

Question put and **Division Ordered**.

**MR SPEAKER:** I will activate voting. Press 1 to indicate that you are present, press 2 to vote yes, press 3 to vote no, press 4 to indicate that you are abstaining.

...Silence...

**MR SPEAKER:** *Le tlhophile gakere?* Order! Order! Honourable Members. Here are the results of your voting. You are 28 here. The Ayes - 24, the Nos - 0 and Abstain - 3. Therefore, the Ayes have it.

Bill read a third time and **passed**.

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

**MR SPEAKER:** *Order! Honourable Members. Honourable Members, gakere le gakologelwa Tshutiso ya ga Honourable Mmolotsi, gore e ne e itebagantse le Bills tse pedi tse gore le di fetse, jaanong le di feditse.*

*I shall therefore, call upon Honourable Minister, Wynter Boipuso Mmolotsi, to move a motion of adjournment. Ke le leboge gore e bo le dumalana gore le fetise Bills tse. Ke ne ke kopile gore le rekelwe sengwe, le fa gongwe Lucas a sotla a re ke le duela ka dijo. Ke ne ke rile Clerk a le batlele dijo. Honourable Members, ke a le bona bangwe ba lona, Standing Order 58.3 le se fapoga fela thata. Jaanong le se bale le se utlwisise.*

**MOTION**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM**

**(MR MMOLOTSI):** Thank you Mr Speaker. Thank you, Honourable Members. I move that this House do now adjourn.

Question put and **agreed to**.

The Assembly accordingly adjourned at 7:44 p.m. until Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

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